

THE AIMS AND GOAL OF GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

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1. PURPOSE STATEMENT

Preamble

The Gateway Baptist Church (Community of Grace) exists to fulfil the Great Commandment and the great Commission.

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with your soul and with your mind and love your neighbours as yourself. All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments." [Matthew 22:37-40]. Also He tells His disciples thus, "Go and make disciples of all nation baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you," [Matthew 28:9-20].

The Purpose of Gateway Baptist Church

For the above reasons, Gateway Baptist Church exists and aims to fulfil the purpose. Therefore, we are:

- 1. To organise and maintain the following programmes and departments.*
 - (a) Sunday School*
 - (b) Church Training Programme*
 - (c) Women Missionary Union (Sunbeam, G.A, Lydia and Women)*
 - (d) Men Missionary Union (R.A, and Men)*

- (e) House Fellowship/cell groups
 - (f) Youth Forum
 - (g) Family Forum
 - (h) And any other programmes and departments as may be approved by the Nigerian Baptist Convention.
2. To encourage group activities for enhancing the growth of the church.
 3. To establish and maintain school(s) where children shall be educated under Christian influence.
 4. To co-operate with the Emmanuel Baptist Association, Ibadan Oyo West Baptist Conference, and the Nigeria Baptist Convention in carrying out their aims and objectives as set-out in their respective constitution and bye-laws.
 5. To carry out the financial duties laid down in the "Accounting Regulations and Procedure" as may be formulated for the church.
 6. To worship God in Spirit and truth.
 7. To observe the ordinances of Baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper.
 8. To observe all other functions as lays down by the Nigerian Baptist Convention.
 9. To do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

2. AIMS AND GOALS

MATTHEW 28:19-20 NLT

Jesus gave the church the job of taking the gospel message of salvation, by grace through faith, out into the world. To bring the loss to Jesus Christ and then teaching them what God has promised and what God expects of us. The New Testament church carries out the command Jesus gave through five different functions: Evangelize, Discipleship, Fellowship, Worship and Ministry.

A. WE ARE FOCUSING ON EVANGELIZING THE NATIONS AS OBEDIENT FOLLOWER OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. JESUS SAID:

- Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations – Matt. 28:19.
- Go into the entire world and preach the good news to everyone, everywhere – Matt. 28:19.
- In Jesus' last recorded conversation here on Earth he gave the church an instruction to take the gospel, the good news (that Jesus saves) to everyone.
- As the father sent me so I send you – John 20:21 NLT.
- But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and tell people about me everywhere – Acts 1:8 NLT.
- Jesus made the command to go personal. The Bible is God's personal message to us the disciples. As we receive the message of salvation we are commanded to go and share that message.

- List some personality you need to share the message with

(1) _____ (2) _____

(3) _____ (4) _____

B. WE ARE EMBARK TO DISCIPLE NEW CONVERT AND EDIFY BELIEVER

- Matt. 28:20. Teaching them to observe all things what so ever I have commanded you.
- The command to educate is not an option for a church or a believer, the church which does not educate its people is not a New Testament Church.
- Col. 1:28 NLT. So everywhere we go we must tell everyone about Christ. We must warn them, and teach them with all the wisdom God has given us. For we want to present them perfect in their relationship to Christ.
- The goal of a New Testament Church is that everyone they baptize will become more like Christ in every area of their life.
- This process of becoming more like Christ in our thought, feelings, and actions is called discipleship. It is to begin at the point of salvation and continues until death

C. WE ARE DEVOTED TO CORDIAL FELLOWSHIP AS WE MANDATED - Eph. 2:19 LB.

- We are members of God's very own family you belong in God's household with every other Christian

- As Christians we are called to belong, not just to believe. There is no such thing as God's plan as Lone Ranger Christianity.
- The church is to provide one family. The New Testament picture of the church is that of a family. There is larger family as well as small family gathering. House fellowship is matter most that each should belong to. 1 Cor. 12:12-27
- 1 Peter 1:3 LB. He has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God's very own family.
- As a family we have responsibilities to each other.
 - A. 1 Sam 20:1-9. To watch out for each other
 - B. 1 Tim. 1:2. To warn each other of danger
 - C. 1 Kings 19:16. Embark on the development of young converts
 - D. Luke 24:13-21. To answer life's confusing questions.
 - E. John 21:19. To provide encouragement in hard times.

D. WE ARE TRUE WORSHIPERS

- You must love the Lord your God with all your heart and your mind. Worship is expressing our love to God. It is an outward expression of an inward conviction. An outward act that expresses how we feel about God Matt. 22:37 NLT
- Throughout scripture we are commanded to celebrate God's presence by magnifying the Lord (Psalms 34:3 NASB)
- Jesus said, you must worship the Lord before you are qualified or fit for service. Matt 4:10. Thou shalt worship the

Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve. Therefore, we are to worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24).

In our worship, we come together, deliberately seeking to approach reality at its deepest level by encountering God in and through Jesus Christ and by responding to this awareness.

E. WE ARE TAKING THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE SERVICE AS OBLIGATION

- *Matt. 23:39. Thou shalt love the neighbour as thyself.*
- *Welfare Service is demonstrating God's love to others by meeting their needs and healing their hurts in the name of Jesus*
- *John 15:12-13 NLT. I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you and here is how you measure it, the greatest love is shown when people lay down their lives for their friends.*
- *Jesus says that our love for him is not measured by how often we come to church, how much money we give or how loud we shout, but rather by how faithful we are to meet the physical, financial, emotional and spiritual needs of those around us. Moreover, how are we relate to others in term of service, conversation, interaction, dealing with others morally, financially and physically.*
- *Luke 16:19-25. Rich man and Lazarus*
- *If we live a life of luxury and wastefulness and refuse to meet anyone else's needs God says we don't love him.*

- *Matt. 10:42 NLT. And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers you will surely be rewarded.*
- *A reward shall be given for welfare acts done out of love for Jesus, no matter how small or insignificant they may appear to us. Matt. 25:31ff*
- *List some welfare acts you could perform.*

F. WE ARE ROBBING MIND TOGETHER

The journey to heaven is not a lone ranger matter. Therefore, we must move together and share burden in order to make it lighter. Do not over burden yourself and never let anxiety cut short your life span. When you are confused, do not let that weight you down, call the counsellor's number who will be of a great help to you. You can book an appointment with them. If your situation can not be handled by them you are assured of referrer. Surely, you have no problem anymore.

- Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls for my yoke is easy and my burden is light Matt 11:28-30.
- Moses answered him, "Because the people come to me to seek God's will. 16 Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and laws." Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. 18 You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. 19 Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. 20 Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform ... If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied." Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said Ex 18:15-25
- Absalom said to Ahithophel, "Give us your advice. What should we do?"... Now in those days the advice Ahithophel gave was like that of one who inquires of God. That was how both David and Absalom regarded all of Ahithophel's advice 2 Sam 16:20-23.
- Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a

teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." John 3:1-2

The burden at your shoulder has lightened worry no more.

G. WE ARE ONE COMPOUND FAMILY –

- Having full knowledge of belonging to the church of God in Jesus Christ, (Gateway Baptist Church), which the Holy Spirit is piloting to the bridegroom. The requirements for membership in Gateway Baptist Church are very simple. We have only two requirements.
- Rom. 10:9. That if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved
- Each must believe on Christ (Be saved) and be willing to publicly confess Christ as Lord of your life, we will take you at your word. Seeing we do not have the ability to judge whether or not have been saved.
- Acts 2:38. Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Each must be spiritually baptized in the name of the father, the son and Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:19 and be immersed in (Put under) water. Matt. 3:16
- We also accept people from other churches by letter from your former church, if that is possible or by statement, if a letter is not available. In either case we must be assured you have met the two requirements mentioned above.

OUR EXPECTATIONS FROM CHURCH MEMBERS

When you chose Gateway Baptist Church as your home, there are certain things you expect from us. The church also has certain expectations from you. These things are in reality not our expectations from you alone, but God's expectation from you.

- Live a life worthy of the name Christian you bear - Acts 2:42..
- Witness to the lost verbally and morally -Matt. 28:19-20.
- Be a servant of God and serve others - Gal. 6:10.
- Give and support the work of the church every time - Luke 6:38
- Be in church when you have opportunity and enrol in one particular house fellowship - Heb. 10:25.
- Promote unity - no gossiping/backbiting, fighting, rebellious, libel, slander. Be your brother/sister's keeper - Acts 2:1
- Grow and mature in Spirit and attitude - Col. 1:10
- Maintain brotherly love every time - Rom. 12:10; 1 Thess. 4:9; Heb. 13:1; 2 Peter. 1:7.
- Be faithful in all the duties essential to Christian Life - Phi.4:4-9; Eph. 4: 17 - 6:20.
- Be a member of at least one of the organisations in the church.
- Participate in the various organized and approved programmes of the church.
- Attend punctually, habitually and spiritually the worship services of the church - Acts 2:42.

- Support the church financially by way of tithes, pledges, contributions and donations – Nehemiah 3: 1-31.
- Show love, respect and concern to one another – Romans 12:10.
- Maintain the purity of the church everywhere – 2 Cor. 6:6; 1 Tim. 4:12; 5:2;.
- Be involved in group evangelism by belonging to a house fellowship Matthew 10:1ff; Luke 9: 1-4; 10: 1 -12.
- Pursue three stages toward perfection: form, transform and conform to Christ lifestyle.
- Pursue sinless life

CHURCH ORDINANCES

Ordinances are the outward rites which Christ has appointed to be administered in His church as visible signs of the saving truth of the gospel until His coming again. These are:

- 1. Baptism by immersion*
- 2. The Lord's Supper*

Therefore, membership of the church is open to all believers in Jesus Christ without discrimination of race, tribe, sex or political convictions. Believers must however share the beliefs of the Nigeria Baptist Convention. An ordinance literally means an order or a law. We believe Christ gave the church two ordinances. Baptism and the Lords' Supper

BAPTISM

Matt. 28:19 Go ye therefore..... Baptizing them inChrist commanded the church to baptize all those who become disciples (followers) of Christ.

1. WHY SHOULD ONE BE BAPTIZED

- It is to imitate Jesus Christ the author and finisher of our faith Matthew 3:13-17
- It is an act of obedience to God. Until you are baptized you are rebelling against God's will Matthew 3: 5-10; Luke 3:3 - 9; Acts 2:38; 8:36; 19:5; 22:16; Galatians 3:27.
- It is an Answer of a good conscience toward God. You will never be completely satisfied nor will you have the full joy of your salvation until you observe baptism. To refuse baptism is to give the devil a weapon against you 1 Peter 3:21.
- For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism and just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the father now we also may live new lives Rom 6:4 NLT.
- Baptism is the symbolic death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through baptism we are identifying ourselves with Christ and telling the world that the old person is dead and I am now a new person in Christ Romans 6:8; Colossians 2:20; 2 Timothy 2:11.

2. G.B.C. PROCEDURE FOR BAPTISM

- A. Confess publicly
- B. Undergo Enquirer class

- C. Follow the instruction as the teacher gives
- D. Satisfy by the teacher
- E. Be presented and accepted by the church
- F. No person who has not been baptised in accordance with the Nigerian Baptist doctrine shall be eligible to be a church member or to partake in the Lord's Supper.
- G. No member(s) of secret society(ies) can be member(s) to a house fellowship

THE LORD'S SUPPER AS MANDATE

1 Cor. 1:24-26 – And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you, this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, the cup is the New Testament in my blood: this do ye, as often as ye drink it in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he comes.

Jesus never asked his disciples to remember his birth. But he did instruct them to remember his death and resurrection. We do this through not only baptism, but also The Lord's Supper. Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper on Thursday night just prior to his crucifixion on Good Friday.

I. PURPOSE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- That we would remember the terrible pain and suffering Jesus went through at Calvary – 1 Cor. 11:24
- Remind us that Christ's blood that He shed paid completely our sin price – 1 Cor. 11:25
- Remind us and proclaims to the world that Jesus' death was real – 1 Cor. 11:26

II. WHO SHOULD TAKE THE LORD'S SUPPER

- So if anyone eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthy that person is guilty of sinning against the body and the blood of the Lord. That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking from the cup. For if you eat the bread or drink from the cup unworthy, not honouring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgement upon yourself 1 Cor. 11:27-29 NLT.
- Only Christians whose heart is right with God should partake of the Lord's Supper. If a Christian has bitterness, jealousy, unforgiveness etc. in their life, they should repent and get their heart right with God before they partake.

III. HOW OFTEN SHOULD WE DO THIS

The bible does not specify how often. Doing it too often may cause this special occasion to lose its significance and become a meaningless ritual.

IV. Tithing

- A tithe is one-tenth of our income – Heb. 7:1-4
Lev. 27:32

- The tithe is to be based on the amount of income you receive before you pay your bills. For example if you receive an income of ₦250 your tithe is ₦25. You do not pay your bills and then tithe what is left. Deut. 14:22; Prov. 3:9-10
- You cannot give an offering until you have first given the tithe. Mal. 3:8
- Jesus encouraged tithing. Matt. 23:23; Luke 11:42
- The tithe is to be brought to the church which you regularly attend. Mal. 3:10
- Tithing is God's plan to finance the work of the church. Rummage sales are not god's plan. God's work is to be financed by God's people. Mal. 3:10
- Tithing is not for God's benefit, but for our benefit. Mal. 3:10; Luke 6:38
- Tithing has nothing to do with salvation or entrance into Heaven. Neither is it a requirement to belong to GBC.

Apart of tithing there are others rites presents in the scripture which is the ladder to receive God's blessing. Among many are; fruits (Pro 3: 9 – 10), Pledge as God leads and other offerings – harvesting or thanksgiving.

3. NIGERIAN BAPTIST CONVENTION

One major advantage of being affiliated with the NBC is that it allows us to participate in the largest missionary organization in the world. Through the NBC "Cooperative Program" we help

support several missionaries in many countries. This allows us to be a part of “Go ye into all the world”.

4. WHO ARE WE

- i. We are a Missionary Baptist Church. We are completely independent. There is no denominational control over us, as there are in many denominations. We are self-governed and make our own decisions. We are autonomous. By this privilege:
- We choose our own pastor and staff.
 - We own our building and grounds.
 - We choose our own programs.
 - We determine God’s direction for us.
 - No one tells us what to preach or teach.
 - No one tells us how to spend our money.

But we must guide ourselves not to misuse the autonomy.

Autonomy here, according to Duke K. McCall, who posits that “early Baptist saw religious liberty as an instrument of God’s freedom and not something intrinsic to human nature.”¹ Their view in one way is that each local church should function as the church of God without intervention of Bishops or presbyters, synods or associations. In other way they view it as a synonymy for competence of the congregation to be the church.²

Again, they view it as a means to act together. Here they further declared the churches to be by all means convenient to have counsel and help one another in all needful affairs of the church, as members of one body in the common faith under Christ their only head. They did not see it as a battle flag to be waved against other congregations, or a battle cry to shut

¹ Duke K. McCall, “is Absolute Autonomy Desirable?” *Search* Winter 1971, 12.

² Ibid, 13.

off the admonishing witness of other churches as to the proper way for a church of Christ to believe and act. Within the church the priesthood of believers imposes responsibilities for decision making, ministry, and witness.

At the point of decision making, the church is not a democracy; for each Christian must seek to express the mind of Christ and not his own opinion. Here, if anyone seeks to be independent of the mind of Christ at the point of the decision making process of the church, he not only should be ignored but is subject to church discipline. However, even if one's sincere representation of the mind of Christ is subject to church to the understanding of the larger fellowship within the church, thus, it is not one member's assertion that this is the will of God which controls but, rather, the majority of the fellowship which prevails.

The autonomy must base on the will and mind of God in any decision making. If a local congregation fails to operate according to the mind of God she should be subject to rebuke.³ Among us, each church is autonomous, that is, it governs itself and does not keep hierarchical submission to any other church or leadership body. However, voluntarily, church and missionary are joined with other similar congregations to manifest the Christian fraternity, to keep to the care of sound doctrine and biblical ethics, and to unify their efforts in fulfilling the great commission. That is, within this autonomy. The Churches keep among themselves a commitment:

Doctrinal (Acts 15: 1-23, 16: 4-5).

Ethical-Moral (Acts 15:29)

Organizational (Acts 15:36, 16:15, Titus 1: 5-9).

Economic (Acts 16: 1-4, Romans 15: 25-27).

Missionary (Acts 13: 1-3, Romans 15: 22-24)

³ Ibid, 14.

This can be refer to the **Equality of All members – The Priesthood of Every Believer**

There is no "elite" among us, all members are equal, and you have the same spiritual ability to function in the body of Christ (2 Cor 12:13). All members are "MINISTERS" that God has trained to do the work of the ministry (1 Peter 4:10, Eph. 4: 11-12). Pastors are "Official Ministers" and each member is a general minister. The certainty is that there is still **Pastoral Authority** whereby the pastor in our churches has an authority delegated to him by the local church, so his leadership is not hierarchical, but a function, an educational, exemplary and service leadership. Authority is in the development of its work rather than a position (Heb 13: 7).

ii. **FINANCE**

The work of Gateway Baptist church is financed completely by the freewill tithes and offerings given by those who attend. We receive no financial support from any denominational or charitable organization. We cheerfully support the “Cooperative Program” by giving 35% of all gifts we receive.

iii. **GBC EXPENSES**

Salaries _____

Benevolence fund _____

Emmanuel Baptist Association Due (7%) _____

Ibadan Conference due 8%)_____

NBC due 20%)_____

Utilities _____

Vehicle Maintenance _____

Church Programs _____

Evangelism and Revival sponsor _____

iv. THE LEADERSHIP

Gateway Baptist Church will be led primarily by an all volunteer's staff. All pastors and departmental leaders are elected in a business meeting that is open to all the church. The pastor is a part of any committee that is formed to serve and work for God.

Church leaders have four aspect of ministry to minister to members' life, such as; teaching, prayer, visitation and interaction. To begin consider the following.

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Your word is a light for my feet, ever shining on my way. Psalm 119:105.

Be sure that the book of the law is always read in your worship. Study it day and night and make sure you obey everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. JOSHUA 1:8.

You cannot practice Christianity effectively if you are an ailing to the scripture. When we pray, we speak to God when we study and meditate upon His word, He speaks to us. Therefore, take the following seriously:

- **READ MEDITATIVELY** – Ask God what He is trying to teach you to believe, to be and to do. Only those who love God and

have love in their heart for others will understand what they read in God's word

- **READ THE BIBLE IMAGINATIVELY**

Picture the biblical situation as vividly as possible. A bible dictionary, commentary, and one or more modern translations of the Bible will be helpful to you.

- **READ THE BIBLE THOUGHTFULLY**

Ask the Lord what He is trying to teach you to believe, to be and to do. Only those who love God and have love in their hearts for others will understand what they read in God's word.

- **READ IT EXPECTEDLY**

Expect to be rebuked as well as reassured. Expect to receive guidance and inspiration to live a more Christ – like life. Expect God not only to inform you but to also transform you. Do not focus on the promise of blessing alone but every aspect of the scripture.

- **READ IT REGULARLY**

Regardless of your time or feelings, read your bible daily. Have a definite place and plan Bible reading. The Bible is daily food meant for daily needs.

Surely, without any argument reading the word of God will lead you to God (Gordon H. Schroader).

HOW TO PRAY AN EFFECTIVE PRAYER

Jesus said, “and whatever request you make in my name, that I will do....” John 14:13

When you are praying remember to:

- **PRAY WITH THANKSGIVING**

Thank God for your blessings: Blessing of Christ – the son of God: blessing of Holy Spirit–the comforter; Blessing of life, blessing of children and materials; Blessing of good health, peace and environment. Thank God for the blessing of life, peaceful and joyful family. Thank god for nature, good weather, and conducive atmosphere and bearable whether. Thank God for peace in the town and nation.

- **PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS**

Acknowledge that sin hinder God’s blessing, avoid it as possible you can. Earnestly seek God’s help in overcoming sinful thoughts and habits. We need to have our lives right with God. Christian needs to live his/her life right with God.

- **PRAY FOR OTHERS**

Pray for needs of the world, government leaders as well as spiritual leaders, your family, friends, those at top position, the need and the weak physically and spiritually. Pray that God’s will may be done everywhere on earth. Promise God to follow His will as He reveals it to you, pray for the spirit of faithfulness and righteousness in your relationship with others. Set a time each day to be alone with God. Read a portion of God’s word, and after a

period of silent meditation, pray audibly, making use of your prayer list and the suggestion given above.

There is no limit to what a man can do if he does not limit God.

- **PRAY FOR YOURSELF**

Pray for your own needs, especially for spiritual understanding and growth. Pray for awareness of God's presence and for his guidance in every area of life. Make a promise to follow God's will as he reveals it to you. Ask for the endowment of faithfulness and righteousness in your relationship with all humanity.

Please set a time each day to be alone with God. Read a passage as Holy Spirit leads or use a particular daily devotional book and after a period of silent meditation, pray audibly, making use of your prayer list and suggestions given.

THERE IS NO LIMIT TO WHAT A MAN CAN DO IF HE DOES NOT LIMIT GOD. AMEN TO YOUR PRAYERS.

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YOUR PRAYER LIST

1. The sick, feeble, handicap – physically and spiritually
2. Children all over the world-their spiritual, moral academic, protection and caring life.

3. Government- locally, state, national and international leaders for wisdom, directive by God's spirit, protection and ability to lead effectively especially the president, governors, house of representative and senators with minister. Then for peace to reign in every nation of the world.
4. Church – pastor and other church leaders and all church members.
5. Christians of all denominations throughout the world.
6. Muslims and pagans to see the light and live for God.
7. Friends and relatives (who are not Christian – name them) and all who do not know Christ.
8. Your personal needs –especially spiritual needs.

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Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving of your requests be known to God.

Philippians 4:6

Prayer is the key that unlock everything.

Prayer changes things.

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HELP FROM THE BIBLE

The passage to turn to in the time of needs:

<i>In doubt about God</i>	<i>-Acts 17:22-28; 1 John 4:7-12</i>
<i>Concerned about your life</i>	<i>-Matthew 25:14-30; 6:25-34</i>
<i>Uncertain about your future</i>	<i>-Romans 8:31-39</i>
<i>Fearful and lonely</i>	<i>-John 14:15-18</i>
<i>Thirst for wisdom</i>	<i>-Psalm 119:1-176</i>
<i>Fear of insecurity</i>	<i>-Psalm 212:1-7; 91:1</i>
<i>When undergo a suffering</i>	<i>-Psalm 38:1-22</i>
<i>Suffering from an insult</i>	<i>-1 Corinthians 13</i>
<i>Discouraged or worried</i>	<i>-Psalm 3; 42; 43; 46</i>
<i>Discouraged or depressed</i>	<i>-Psalm 91; 34</i>
<i>Forsaken by friends</i>	<i>-Psalm 27</i>
<i>Bereaved or fear of death</i>	<i>-1 Cor. 15; 1 Thess. 4:13-18</i>
<i>Tempted to do wrong</i>	<i>-Psalm 15, 19, 139</i>
<i>In need of forgiveness</i>	<i>-Luke 15; John 3</i>
<i>In need of peace</i>	<i>-John 14; Romans 8</i>
<i>If you want to know where these are</i>	

The Ten Commandments.....	Exodus 20
The Beatitude.....	Matthew 5:1-12
The Lords prayer	Matthew 6:5-15
The Golden Rule	Matthew 7:12
The Great Commandment	Matthew 22:34-40
The Great Commission	Matthew 28:16-20
The Prodigal Son	Luke 15
The Good Samaritan	Luke 10
The out pouring of the Holy Spirit.....	Acts 2
The Love Chapter	1 Corinthians 13
The Teaching about family	Col. 3:12-25; Eph. 5:21, 6:9
<i>Reading the word of God will lead you to God and heavenward and prayer will fuel your life to journey without weariness.</i>	

The Advance hand Book for the member is Baptist Belief and Practices. This is for the member that wants to know more on the Baptist in general.

*You are Welcome to: GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH (GEN. 28:17
ISV) SANGO, IBADAN.*

INSTRUCTIONS

Cut the following pages after filling and submit it to the secretary's office.

Thank you for taking time to read and complete this simple information paper, when you have completed the information below, please return it to Gateway, give it to anybody you find.

*Gateway Baptist Church,
Alongside Rail-line, Sango,
Isopako Street,
P.O BOX 4054 U.I Ibadan.
E. Ade Adedeji, Pastor.*

Family Name

Address

Phone Number

If you were looking for a church, what kind of things would you look for?

Please pick any aspect you'd like information on:

- How to become a Christian
- Adult Bible Studies
- Children Education
- Single Activities
- Spiritual Growth
- Gateway Baptist Church
- Please place me on your prayer list

We, Gateway Baptist Church care about you and our community.

Would you let us know how we can help you?

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You are freed to Comments, Requests for Prayer or needs. It is our duty to Visit you according to your request and pray for you. Moreover, you are freed to embark on interaction with us as leaders.

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE ENLISTMENT CARD

(Information for Church Office Only)

Name _____ Birthday _____

Month Day

Address _____

Number _____ Street _____

Occupation: _____ Phone _____

Where employed _____ Phone _____

Church offices held (past and present) _____

Previous occupations _____

Hobbies: _____

(Turn over and pick where you can serve)

Please, mark the box, which indicates your status

Date:.....

Dr/Revd/Mr/Mrs/Miss.....

Phone:.....Address:.....

City:.....State.....Email.....

Marital Status: Married ☐ Single ☐

Occupation/Profession: Business Man ☐ Civil Servant ☐ ☐

Student

Is this your: ☐ First Time ☐ Second Time ☐ Third
Time ☐ Regular Attendee ☐ Member

You are a guest of

Present Church Membership.....

Names of Children living with you.....

Name of your spouse and address.....

Name of your parents if not living with them.....

Parents phone number

I would like to -() Commit my life to Christ

() Renew my commitment to Christ

() Be Baptized

() Become a member

() Be enrolled in next membership class

() Help where needed

() Enrolled in Sunday School

I'd like information on:

() How to become a Christian

() Next Membership class

- () Spiritual growth
- () Teacher Training
- () Missions
- () Adult Bible Study
- () Music Activities

I'd like the Church to pray for me on

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MY CHRISTIAN SERVICE ENLISTMENT

EVERY MEMBER WORKING –NO MEMBER OVERWORKING

Since Jesus Christ has done so much for me, I am willing to serve him in one or more of the following ways as the need arises.

EDUCATION

Teach class.....H I D
 Age preferred.....
 Assistant teacher.....H I D
 Vacation church school.....H I D
 Youth counsellorH I D
 ScoutingH I D
 Teach crafts.....H I D
 Teach leadership class.....H I D
 Serve as pianistH I D
 Assist with visual aids.....H I D
 Visit absentees.....H I D

Help in nursery.....H I D
 Help in library.....H I D
 Plan programs.....H I D
 Give talks.....H I D
 Working.....Students

VISITATION

Sick and shut-tinsH I D
 MembershipH I D
 NewcomersH I D
 EvangelisticH I D
 Cell groupH I D

MANUAL WORK

PaintingH I D

CarpentryH I D

Church groundsH I D

P.A equipmentH I D

Electric work..... H I D

Cleaning churchH I D

GENERAL SERVICE

Arrange flowersH I D

Provide autoH I D

Decorate churchH I D

TRAINED DOCTOR

Trained nurseH I D

Social plannerH I D

Help with recreationH I

D

Make postersH I D

Serve as usher.....H I D

Care for bulletin boardH I D

Care for literature rackH I

D

Help sick and shut-ins.....H I D

Member of prayer group ...H I

D

Take picturesH I D

CODE

H – Have done

D – Doing

Community serviceH I D

Family enrichment group...H I
D

CLERICAL

TypingH I D

ICTH I D

Finance DepartmentH I D

Mimeographing..... H I D

EditingH I D

WritingH I D

MUSIC

Choir memberH I D

Part.....H I D

Pianist/organistH I D

InstrumentalistH I D

WhichH I D

Lead singingH I D

DRAMATICS

ActingH I D

DirectingH I D

CostumingH I D

Lighting effectsH I D

PropertiesH I D

ReadingsH I D

1 – Interest in doing