

CHURCH PROFILE



Alexandria Baptist Church
94 West Main Street
Alexandria, OH 43001

WHAT ARE WE ABOUT?

What the Alexandria Baptist Church is about is best stated by the Purpose in our church's Constitution.

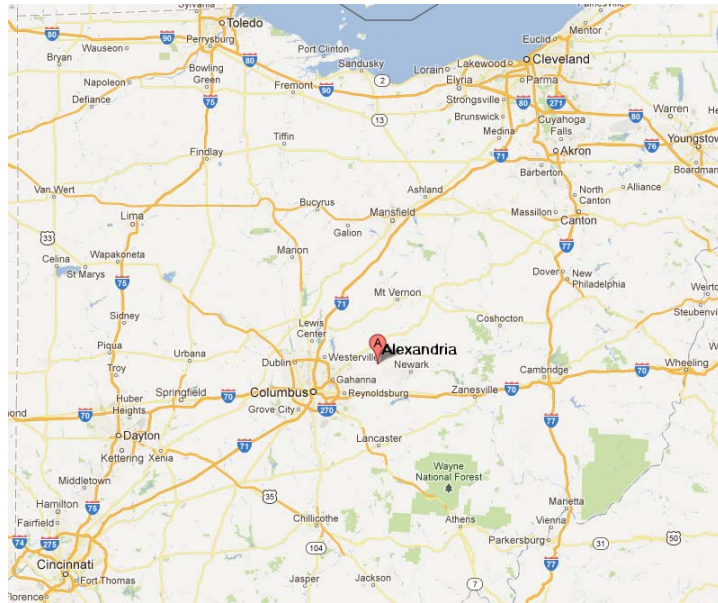
“The purpose of this church shall be the advancement of the Kingdom of God, through His Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It shall seek to attain this end through public worship of God, the preaching of the Gospel, consistent Christian living by its members, personal evangelism, missionary endeavor and Christian education.

The church congregation would be considered conservative with traditional Baptist beliefs. Our beliefs have as a foundation the one true word of God, the Bible. All preaching and teaching must be grounded in the Word. Any beliefs that the Bible is not applicable today are unacceptable. The Bible is the final authority in all things relating to faith and practice.

WHO ARE WE?

Setting:

The Alexandria Baptist Church is a small town church in central Ohio. Alexandria is a town with a population of about 500 people. The gently rolling land provides farming for some and residential homes for those who work in surrounding cities. The people have a choice among a Baptist, a Methodist or a non-denominational church within Alexandria and a number of denominations in other small nearby towns. Children from Alexandria attend school at Northridge, a consolidated



school system made up of students from small towns in the area. The Northridge-Alexandria school is located directly behind our church. At this time, this school building houses grades K-3. The intermediate grades 4 -5, middle school, grades 6-8, and high school are located about 7 miles away in a central location between the three towns. The current high school was built within the last fifteen years. Northridge graduates on average 100 students. Another important asset of Alexandria is its library and its 32,000 volumes of books. The local museum, post office, food shops and fire department are some of the features on Main Street Alexandria.

Alexandria and the surrounding area of St. Albans Township are located in Licking County in central Ohio (see maps on page 17). The village is about halfway between the towns of Granville and Johnstown on State Route 37. It is located within a 30-minute drive of Columbus. Columbus is a large city with all of the benefits associated with a city of its size. Alexandria has quick and easy access to Columbus with the completion of state route 161. Also, we are within a 15-minute drive of Newark. Newark is a small city with a population of about 42,000. The closest hospital is located in Newark, however there are several well-known hospitals in Columbus, including The Ohio State University Hospital. Also there are several universities and technical colleges in central Ohio, including Denison University in Granville and the Ohio State University in Newark and Columbus.

Our Church Life:

Over the last five years, church attendance has averaged about 105. Our Worship Service is at 9:30 am with Sunday School following. We have Sunday School classes for all ages. Our Sunday School attendance has averaged around 45 over the past five years. We have provided two midweek Bible study classes, one on Wednesday morning and one Thursday evening. We are currently using curriculum from Answers in Genesis. It is being taught in nearly every Sunday School class, from tots to adults. “Answers Bible Curriculum is a full-featured, chronological, 3-year Sunday school program. Its 156 lessons are synchronized across age groups from preschool to adults. Each group covers Genesis through Revelation and learns the same material—but at different levels of depth—empowering exciting and easy discussion for the entire family!”

An area of ministry that we are constantly focused on is our youth. One ministry to reach the young children of the area is our preschool, which currently has 40 to 50 three, four and five year olds enrolled. Our preschool has received a 2 Star rating in the Step Up to Quality program within Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. In addition, we have Jr/Sr High, PRE-TEEN and Middlers BYF organizations, as well as Kids for Christ group. The Pre-Teens and Middlers attend JR. JAM at Cedarville University. The older kids go to Cedarmania. We make use of a number of Church camps in the state of Ohio. For the last three years we have provided the Primary Camp Director, Camp Pastor and six to eight Camp Counselors to Camp Koinania near Geneva, Ohio.

One of our biggest events of the year is Vacation Bible School. We have about 100 children in attendance for the 5 days of VBS. Fifty to sixty workers turn out to help make the week an amazing experience for the children. We have been using VBS materials from Answers in Genesis for the last five years. In the past, we

VBS – Pastor Larry & Mike Sharrock



have offered a ministry similar to Sunday school called Adventure Club to the children at the Northridge-Alexandria Elementary School. The children from the elementary school walk over after school and are treated to a snack and a Bible lesson for 2 hours once a week. Due to a restructuring of the grade levels at the school, we are considering reducing Afternoon Adventure Club to two special occasions this school year, possibly around Christmas and Easter.

Puppets



Our puppet ministry began more than 8 years ago. It is called the “Hands of Faith.” The Hands of Faith ministry is made up of children and adults willing to use their talents to share the Gospel of Jesus through song and puppet shows. The puppets have performed for our church during worship services, our VBS, at worship services of other churches and numerous other special services and mission outreaches.

We provide minor support to the ABC Missions, such as the One Great Hour of Sharing and Retired Ministers and Missionaries. Our passion is the local missions. Over the last few years we have provided financial support to the Licking County Jail Ministries, Central Ohio Youth for Christ, the LookUp Center, Families Helping Families Christmas Thanksgiving baskets to our shut-ins, baskets to those servicing in the US military abroad and a number of other smaller missions. Additionally, we provide financial support to Campus Crusade for Christ, specifically a group in Macedonia. It all started with the Burkey family. Adam and Amy were graduates of Northridge High School and our church connected with them. We have continued to grow in our support of the ministry in Macedonia, providing financial support to the Temelkov and Jakimovski families as well.

The Burkey Family –
Missionaries to Macedonia

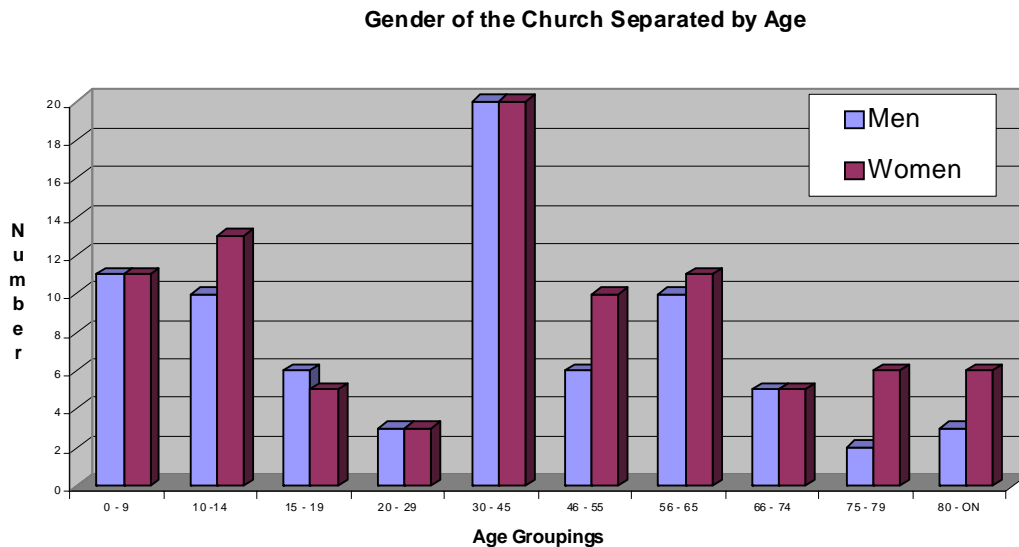


At the Alexandria Baptist Church, we offer ministry in music. Our music is meant to glorify God and to move the congregation to a more spiritual worship experience. We offer an adult vocal choir, adult bell choir and a youth bell choir from September to June. We have Christmas and Easter cantatas utilizing the gifts of an adult and youth vocal

choir, as well as our adult bell choir. We provide an opportunity for any one in the congregation to perform as special music. Nearly every Sunday we are blessed by special music provided by children through adults. Our Worship service incorporates praise music, as well as traditional hymns.

Size

The bar chart below shows the age ranges of the church population.



	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>
a.	0 - 9	11	11	22
b.	10 - 14	10	13	23
c.	15 - 19	6	5	11
d.	20 - 29	3	3	6
e.	30 - 45	20	20	40
f.	46 - 55	6	10	16
g.	56 - 65	10	11	21
h.	66 - 74	5	5	10
i.	75 - 79	2	6	8
j.	80 - ON	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>
Total		76	87	166

We have had special occasions this year where we had high attendance, Easter and the final service/retirement with Pastor Larry Stewart.

On the next page is a pie chart showing the household data for our church. Most of families in the church are headed by married parents. As you can see from the graph there are a number of families with children in our congregation. We have a few away attending college.

Church Households

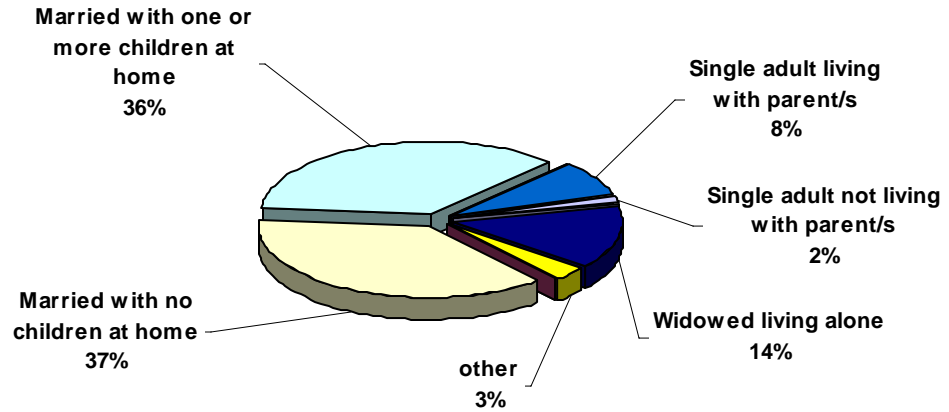


Table 2
Approximate Number of Households in Each Category

a.	0	Single female parent with one or more children at home
b.	0	Single male parent with one or more children at home
c.	24	Married with no children at home
d.	23	Married with one or more children at home
e.	0	Separated/divorced with no children at home
f.	0	Separated/divorced living alone
g.	5	Single adult living with parent/s
h.	1	Single adult not living with parent/s
i.	9	Widowed living alone
j.	0	Widowed with one or more children at home

Church Officers:

The church is governed by the church council. The church council is made up of the officers listed below. In addition, there are various boards and committees.

CHURCH OFFICERS

1. Moderator
2. Church Clerk
3. Benevolence Treasurer
4. Financial Secretary
5. Sunday School Superintendent
6. Sunday School Clerk
7. Chairman of the Board of Deacons
8. Chairman of the Board of Trustees
9. Chairman of the Board of Christian Education
10. Church Treasurer

Included in this profile is a flow diagram that shows the structure of the church.

Alexandria Baptist Church - Core Values

- 1. We Worship the One True God.** We believe in the God of the Bible, who exists eternally as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe that since the fall of Adam, all men are dead in their sin and are separated eternally from God. The only salvation for man exists in the perfect life, sacrificial death and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is no salvation by any other way, except by the shed blood of Christ. God Himself provided the means for our salvation, which is by His grace, through faith in Christ, and we can contribute nothing to our own redemption. Upon hearing the gospel and being moved by the Holy Spirit, if a person believes in his heart and confesses with his mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord, he will be saved. Being restored to the Father as sons, we will live with Him forever. Our desire as a church is to be faithfully doing the work that God asks us to do until Jesus returns.
- 2. The Power, Authority and Sufficiency of Scripture.** We believe that the Bible is God's holy, inerrant and complete Word to man. All scripture is God-Breathed and is to be diligently studied, preached and taught for the salvation of all that would hear. The Bible is for the edification and spiritual growth of its members, for instruction in righteous living, and for wisdom and truth to be a light to a lost world. The Gospel message is powerful to save the lost and to transform the lives of believers. It is the central tenant of our faith, and we believe that from beginning to end, the Bible reveals Gods plan for man through Jesus Christ. As a body of believers, we share a love for God's Word, and a desire to hear it and share it with others. The Bible in its entirety is sufficient for all teaching and understanding of spiritual truth. We believe in the authority of the Bible in all matters of life. Our congregation believes that the Word of God should be preached and taught with clear interpretation and understanding (exegesis), with an expository approach, relying of the power and truth of God's Word to transform lives.
- 3. We are a Church Family.** We are a close-knit family of believers who love one another with the love of Christ. Even though we are a small congregation with close ties to one another, we have open doors and a warm, welcoming atmosphere. We value the fellowship of believers, and show it by sincerity, friendship and caring for one another. We have many multi-generational families in our congregation, and we nurture and support the family in our ministry.
- 4. Ministry and Mission.** Our desire is to minister to every member of our church family, and then to our neighbors both far and near. Prayer is an important part of our ministry, praying for others both corporately and individually. Our youth are of primary importance, and we recognize both the responsibility of passing on the faith to the next generation, and the challenges that face us in our culture as we faithfully engage in the battle for the hearts and minds of our children. We invest much prayer, money, time and energy into Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, a Preschool, Youth Groups for ages K-12, camps, and other youth ministries. We also minister to others with Adult Educational Seminars, local mission/service projects, our Puppet Ministry, nursing home services, and our support of local and worldwide missions.

- 5. Created to Worship.** We believe that worship is the response of a grateful people to the ever-growing realization of the Almighty God that we serve. We believe that worship takes many forms; praying, learning, serving, as well as private and public singing and praise. Our congregation values music that lends to worshipful atmosphere, and therefore our primary singing as a congregation is from a hymnal. We have many dedicated people that use their talents to participate in a vocal choir, a bell choir, as well as individuals that sing on a regular basis. We have a common mindset that our use of these talents is for worship and praise of God and not primarily for the entertainment of the hearers.

What would we like to see in our future? As a church, we would like to be known as faithful workers, helping those in need, being salt and light in our community and being better equipped to reach people with the good news of Jesus Christ. We hope to further develop our youth ministry, add ministries for other segments of our congregation, and pursue mission opportunities. We want to stay true to the Bible, to be able to discern truth and recognize false teaching in a society with so many pressures to compromise and so many ambiguous messages. We want to be known for our love of others and especially our love of the Lord, making His name great!

ALEXANDRIA BAPTIST CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We confess that our Lord, Savior Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.
2. We believe in the Bible as the divinely inspired record of God's actions in history, and we believe it is trustworthy and authoritative.
3. We believe that we are all in need of a Savior because we have sinned and fall short of the word of God.
4. We believe that Jesus died upon a cross to save us from our sins and was resurrected on the third day.
5. We baptize believers by immersion as a symbol of death to the old life and resurrection to the new life.
6. We celebrate the Lord's Supper in memory of the sufferings of Christ.
7. We believe that all Christians, laity and clergy empowered by the Holy Spirit, are called together to be a family of disciples witnessing at home and throughout the world.
8. We believe in the sanctity of Biblical marriage between one man and one woman.

**Alexandria Baptist Church
2012 Budget**

Church Upkeep:	
Custodian	4,500.00
Janitor Supplies & Trash	1,700.00
Church Gas	3,500.00
Church Electric	2,200.00
Telephone	1,600.00
Church Water	1,000.00
Property Taxes	1,900.00
Insurance	5,500.00
Repair & Maintenance	1,500.00
Parsonage Upkeep	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL Church Upkeep	23,900.00

Educational:	
SS Materials	1,000.00
Vacation Bible School	2,000.00
BYF Sr. Hi.	500.00
Teaching Publications	150.00
BYF Jr. Hi.	500.00
Christian Education Misc.	400.00
BYF Middler & PreTeen	750.00
Puppets	500.00
Adventure Club (after school)	400.00
Mission Education	150.00
Mission Outreach	400.00
Kids 4 Christ	<u>250.00</u>
TOTAL Educational	7,000.00

Operations:	
Bulletins	500.00
Choir Music	1,000.00
Pianist	1,560.00
Special Programs	1,500.00
Kitchen Expenses	600.00
Inhouse office	3,000.00
Postage	200.00
Assoc Dues	60.00
Lay Convention	25.00
Worship Misc	100.00
Pulpit Supply	400.00
Pastor Discretion	200.00
Secretary	2,040.00
Membership Benevolence	150.00
Treasurer	<u>3,000.00</u>
TOTAL Operations	14,335.00

Pastor Costs:	
Pastor Salary	30,000.00
Parsonage Water & Sewer	1,200.00
Parsonage Gas	1,500.00
Parsonage Elect	1,200.00
M&M Retirement	5,700.00
Medical	16,000.00
Social Security Allowance	1,000.00
Parsonage Telephone	450.00
Other Pastor Costs, Cell & Internet	<u>4,520.00</u>
TOTAL Pastor Costs	\$ 61,570.00

TOTAL OUTFLOWS \$ 106,805.00

Missions:

Four Quarterly Missions:

Burkey's - Crusade for Christ Int'l

LookUp Center (Newark, OH)

Temelkov's - Crusade for Christ Int'l

Youth for Christ (Licking Co.)

Jakimovski's - Crusade for Christ Int'l

Mini-Missions

Licking Co. Jail Ministry

ABC Bibles

Local Food Banks

LookUp Center Supplies

ABC Shut Ins

Military Packages

Koinonia Camp

VBS

Holy Family Soup Kitchen

Families Helping Families Christmas

ABC/World Missions

ABC/Ohio

One Great Hour of Sharing

Alexandria Baptist Church Parsonage



The Parsonage is on Main Street, just a few houses from the church.

1 st Floor		2 nd Floor	
Living Room	19' x 15' 10"	Bedroom 1	14' 10" x 10' 9"
Dining Room	15' 1" x 12' 2"	Bedroom 2	13' 10" x 11' 7"
Kitchen	12' 1" x 11' 6"	Bedroom 3	12' 2" x 11' 6"
Utility Room		Bedroom 4	12' x 9' 10"
½ Bath		Bathroom	7' 8" x 4' 10"
Front Porch			
Back Porch			
2 Car Garage (unattached)			
¼ Acre Lot			

CONGREGATIONAL STYLE INDICATOR

◆ Tends VERY strongly ■ = Definitely Tends ● = Somewhat Tends

Following are 11 continuums.

Please mark **ONCE** on each line indicating which way your church tends.

1. Our church expects our pastor to take leadership. Pulpit Com Deacons	◆ 2 1	■ 2 1	● 2	● 2	■ 2	◆ 2 2	1. Our church expects the pastor to share in leadership.
2. Our church makes use of conflict and confrontation. Pulpit Com Deacons	◆ 1	■ 1	● 2 1	● 1	■ 3 1	◆ 1 3	2. Our church seeks to avoid conflict and confrontation.
3. Our church is influenced by history and tradition. Pulpit Com Deacons	◆ 3 1	■ 2 3	● 1 2	● 2	■ 1	◆ 1	3. Our church is influenced by contemporary ideas and trends.
4. Our church's approach to social issues is basically educational, leaving any action to individual conscience. Pulpit Com Deacons	◆ 2 2	■ 2 1	● 1 1	● 2 2	■ 1	◆ 1 1	4. Our church's approach to issues is decidedly activist. We have a proven history of taking a stand on social issues as a congregation.
5. Our church feels ethical decisions should be based on absolute standards. Pulpit Com Deacons	◆ 1 2	■ 4 2	● 1	● 1 1	■ 1	◆ 1	5. Our church feels ethical decisions should be made in light of circumstances.
6. Our church emphasizes ABC relationships locally, nationally and internationally. Pulpit Com Deacons	◆ 1	■ 1	● 2 1	● 1 2	■ 2 3	◆ 1	6. Our church minimizes ABC relationships locally, nationally and internationally.
7. Our church is often involved in community affairs. Pulpit Com Deacons	◆ 2	■ 2	● 6 4	● 4	■ 1	◆ 1	7. Our church is seldom involved in community affairs.
8. Our church's ideas and plans are made by an informal network. Pulpit Com Deacons	◆ 2	■ 1	● 1	● 1 1	■ 2 2	◆ 2 2	8. Our church's ideas and plans are made by the responsible board, committee or task force.
9. In making decisions our church is governed by boards. Pulpit Com Deacons	◆ 2 2	■ 1 2	● 1	● 1 1	■ 2 1	◆ 2 2	9. In making decisions our church is governed by the congregation.
10. Decisions are communicated formally through worship, bulletins and newsletter. Pulpit Deacons	◆ 2 2	■ 4 3	● 1	● 1	■ 1	◆ 1	10. Decisions are communicated informally by bulletin boards, posters, grapevine or other informal network.
11. Our church places much emphasis on giving to ABC national and world mission Pulpit Deacons	◆ 1 1	■ 3 1	● 1 2	● 2 2	■ 1	◆ 3 3	11. Our church places little emphasis on giving to ABC national and world mission.

OUR WORSHIP LIFE

WORSHIP is the major focus of life together in the church; it gathers the people of God together regularly. Use the following list to help describe the worship experience of your Congregation. You can simply check the ones that apply to your church situation or you can mark each one according to the following criteria:

A	=	Always Happens
R	=	Regularly Happens (note monthly, yearly, etc.)
M	=	Most of the Time Happens
O	=	Occasionally happens
N	=	Never Occurs
S	=	Someday Soon We Would Like to Try This

CONGREGATION:

<u> N </u>	Worship committee plans our worship
<u> O </u>	Children participate in worship
<u> A </u>	Lay Leaders participate:
<u> M </u>	Make announcements
<u> A </u>	Pray
<u> O </u>	Preach
<u> N </u>	Tell Children's Story
<u> N </u>	Church Covenant is read
<u> O </u>	People greet each other as part of worship
<u> A </u>	Prayer concerns come from the people
<u> A </u>	Verbally
<u> O </u>	Written form
<u> O </u>	Responsive Readings/Litanies are used
<u> O </u>	Unison Prayers are used
<u> N </u>	Unison Bible Readings are included
<u> A </u>	Communion Served by Minister (monthly)
<u> A </u>	Invitation is extended to make a decision to join church or make public decision for Christ
<u> </u>	Other: _____

MUSIC:

	Choirs participate
<u> O </u>	Children's Choir
<u> O </u>	Youth Choir
<u> R </u>	Adult Choir
<u> </u>	Other: _____
<u> O </u>	Handbell Choir participates

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OUR WORSHIP LIFE

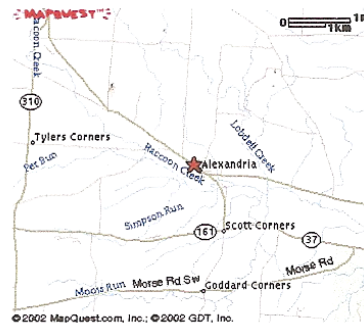
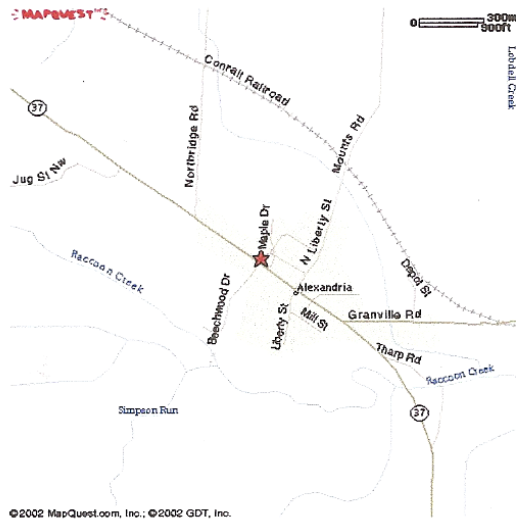
MUSIC: (continued)

- Congregation participates in singing
- A Praise Songs/Choruses
 - A Familiar Hymns
 - O New Songs
 - O Gospel Songs
 - N Songs with inclusive language are used
 - O Other: Sign language for songs
- N A Worship Team leads congregational singing
- A A Song Leader leads congregational singing
- R Soloists participate
- N An organ is played. (Organ available. No organist at this time.)
- A A piano is played
- O Other instruments are played
- O Guitar
 - Drums
 - O Other: Violin or Fiddle, Brass instruments
- S We use computer generated music accompaniment

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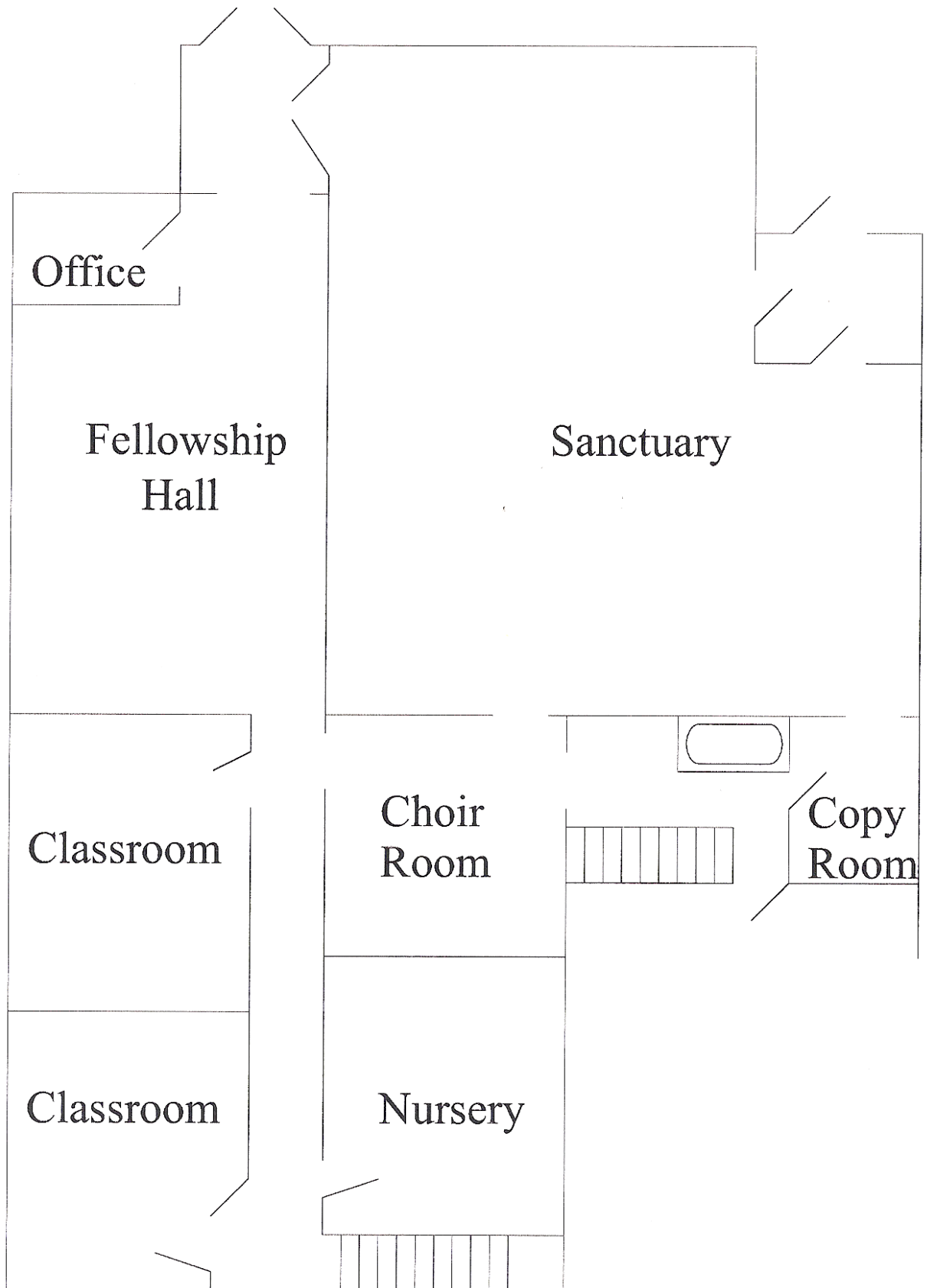
- N Be the only worship leader
- O Mention all prayer concerns in the pastoral prayer
- A Preach sermons with a Biblical focus
- O Preach sermons on evangelism
- O Preach sermons on social issues
- O Preach sermons on stewardship
- A Share leadership of worship with laity
- N Share leadership of worship with other staff/Associate Pastor
- N Share leadership of worship with students in ministry
- S Tell the children's 'story
- O Use input from the Worship Committee
- N Encourage use of charismatic gifts
- O Use a variety of worship styles
- N Wear a robe/stole
- Other: _____

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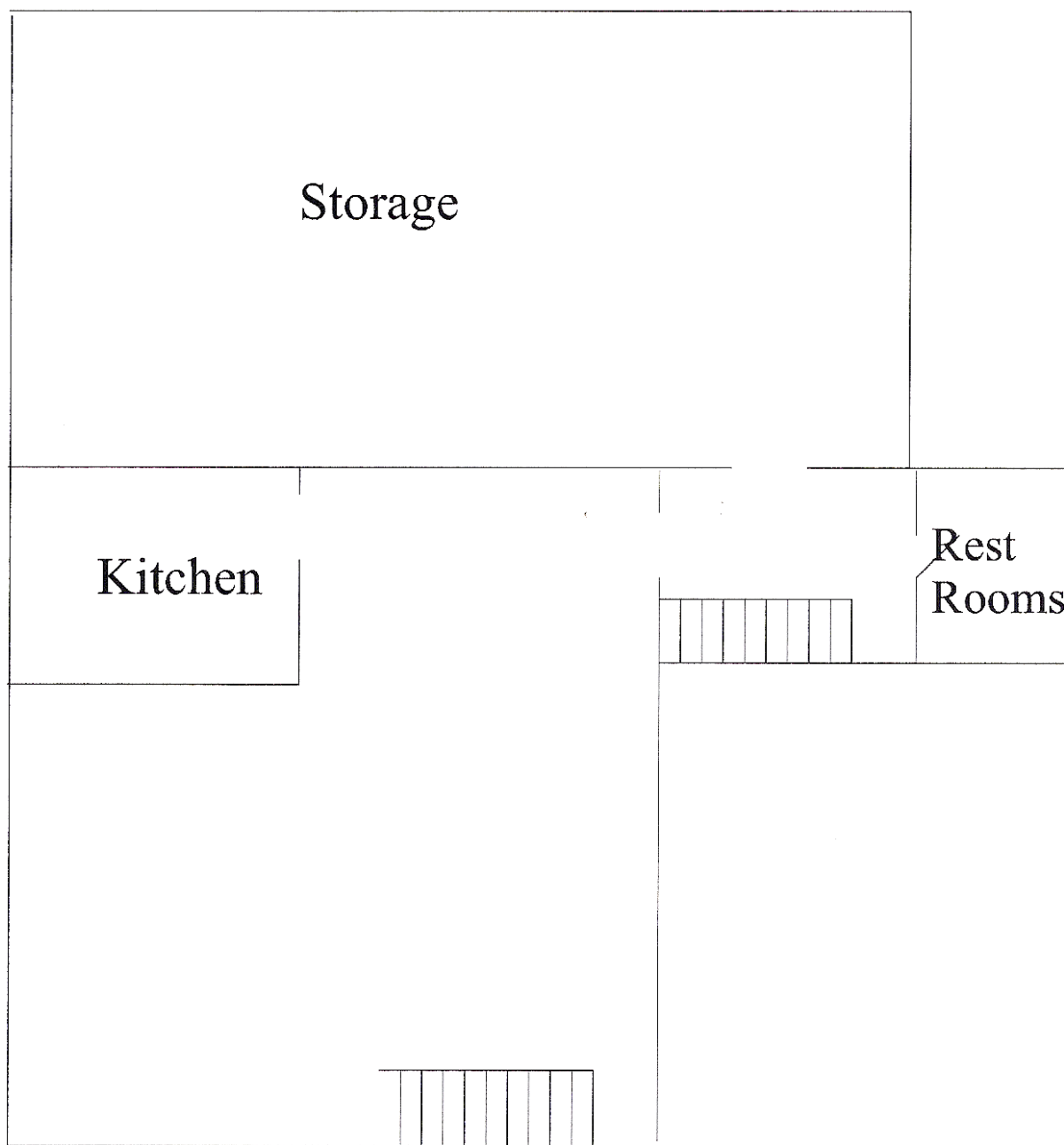
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Floor Plan (1st Floor)



Alexandria Baptist Church

Floor Plan (Basement)





Decorating for Christmas at Alexandria Baptist Church



Sunday School



Board of Deacons



Board of Trustees



Board of Christian Educ.



Treasurer Financial Secretary



Adult Choir



Secretary



Preschool Board

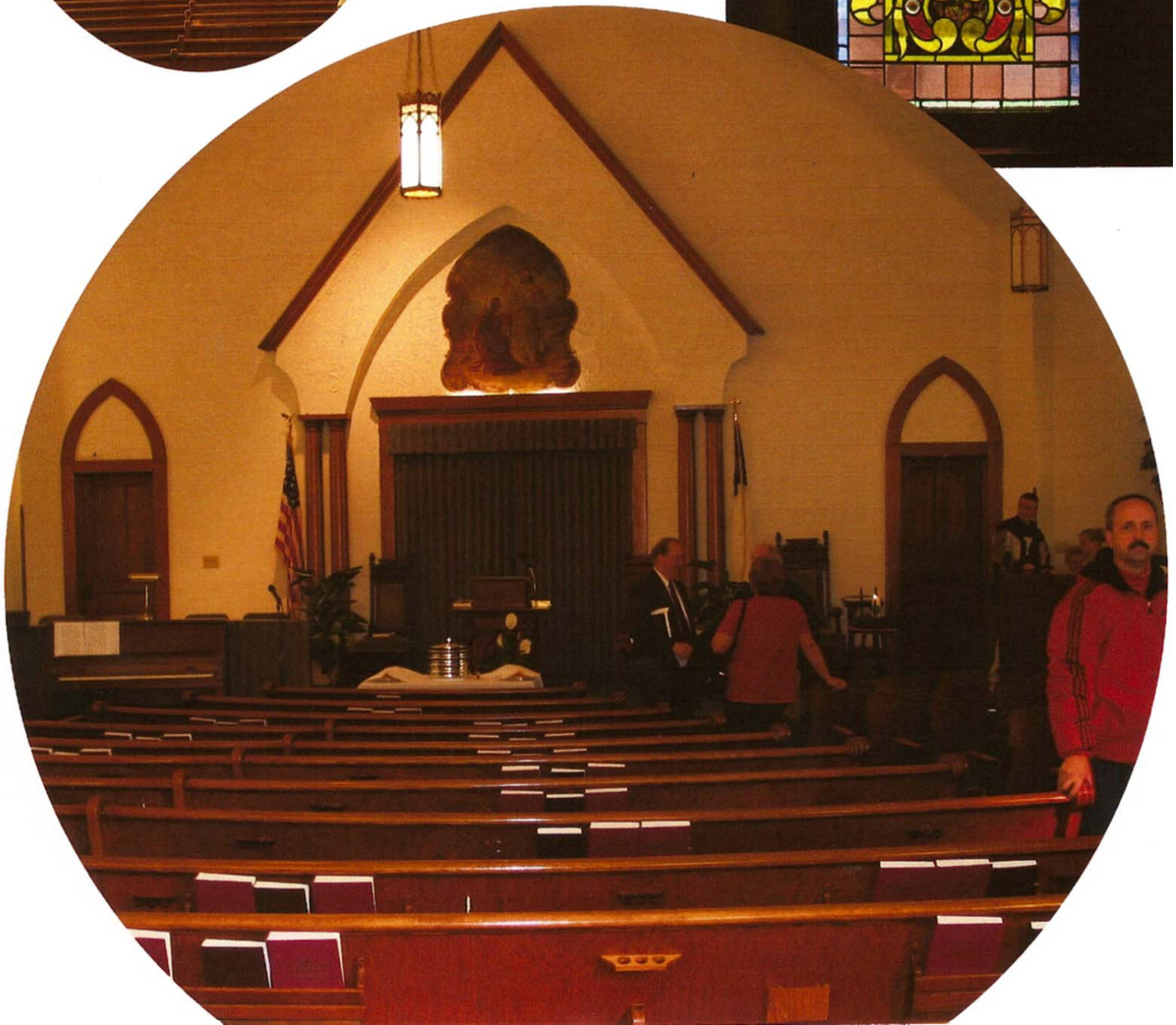
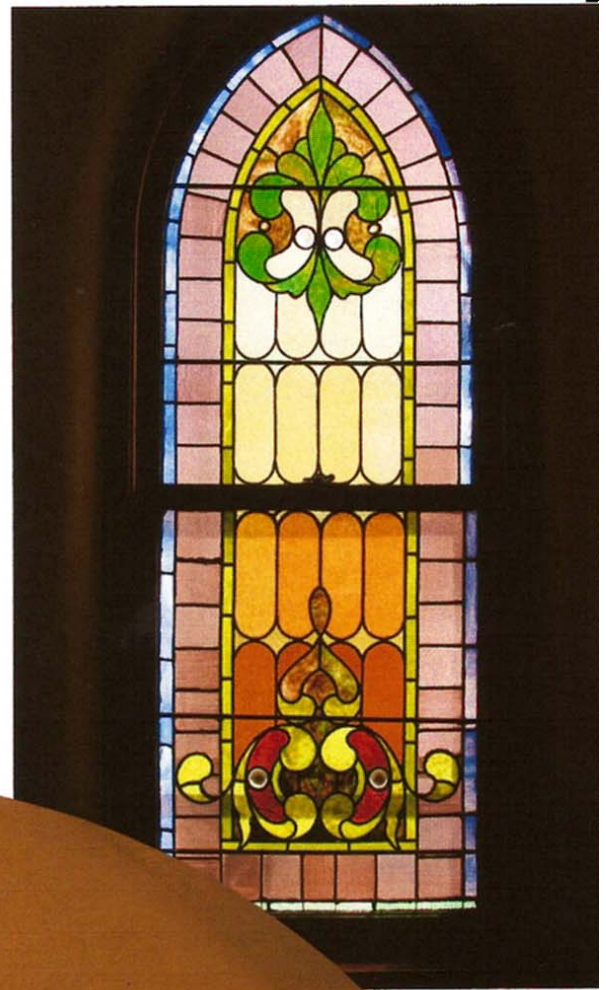
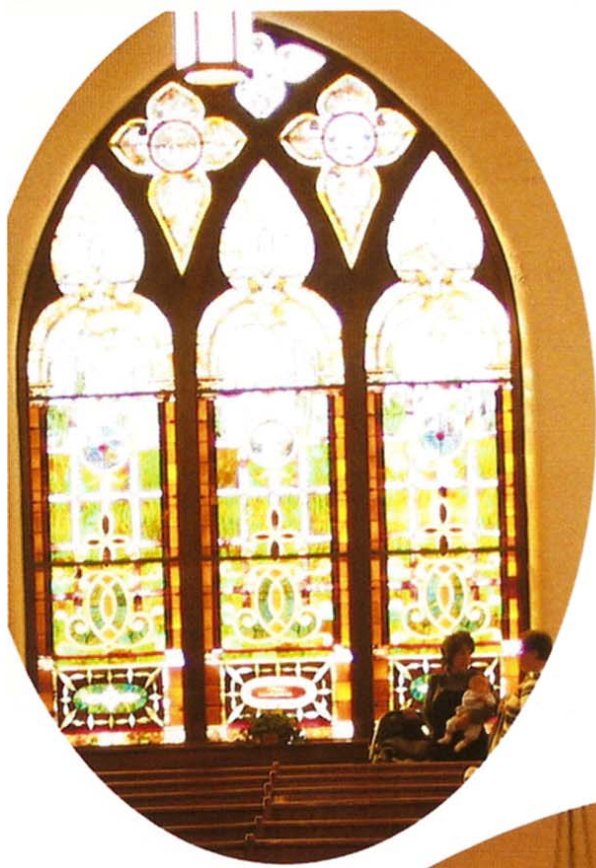


2013 Valentine's Dinner



We like to Fellowship!







Alexandria BAPTIST CHURCH

Our Family Reaching Out to Your Family

WORSHIP 9:30AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00AM

**BE AN ORGAN DONOR
GIVE YOUR HEART TO JESUS**