

ADULTS

Class Shepherds & Apprentices

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH
EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES
SHEPHERD'S COVENANT

Objective

As a servant of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have been asked to serve in the Educational Ministry of Canaan Baptist Church. Understanding the importance of this area, it is our goal to assure our objective is being achieved in this covenant with our teachers in this area.

- 1) I will pray for my pastor and church leaders. I will support the vision of the pastor and other leaders under the direction of the Holy Spirit. I will communicate information that will support the emphasis of the church. I will be a peacemaker when there are concerns.
- 2) I will grow closer to God through a daily quiet time of Bible reading and prayer. Direction and strength for service comes from our quiet time.
- 3) I will strive to set an example by living according to the principles of the New Testament.
- 4) I will depend on the work of the Holy Spirit to fulfill the ministry.
- 5) I will be teachable and willing to learn.

REACHING

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (HCSB)

- a.) I will organize my class for reaching, teaching, caring, and multiplying.
- b.) I will be involved in reaching the unchurched and ministering to those who are already a part of the church.
- c.) I will participate on a regular basis in the on-going outreach ministry of the church and avail myself to the outreach training opportunities provided.

TEACHING

“Now go! I will help you speak and I will teach you what to say.” Ex 4:12 (HCSB)

- a) I will be faithful to be punctual and prepared to lead in meaningful Bible Study for my age group and lead my class to participate in training and planning opportunities to increase the effectiveness of the team..
- b) I will be prepared for my ministry on Sunday morning and during the week.
- c) I will be regular and punctual in attendance (at least 15 minutes before class) and use approved substitutes. I will inform Sunday School Director and Department Director in timely fashion when I will not be in my place of service and who will be teaching.
- d) I will actively seek to enroll new people in Sunday School. Being a member of the church IS NOT a requirement for being enrolled in Sunday School. Enroll anyone, anytime, anywhere, if they agree. Do not drop people from the Sunday School roll who have not attended recently. Seek to see each name as a person for ministry.
- e) I will use every opportunity to invite people to Sunday School. I will meet them at the church or bring them to Sunday School to make it easier.

CARING

“For I have no one else like-minded who will genuinely care about your interests.” Phil 2:20 (HCSB)

- a) I will contact the members of my class on a regular basis (preferably weekly) and lead my class to minister to the needs that arise in our families.
- b) I will encourage families to be involved in ministry opportunities of the church.
- c) I will mentor others to serve in my area under the guidelines of the church.
EXAMPLE: An adult teacher may mentor a future teacher and allow him to occasionally lead in Bible Study.
- d) I will lead my class to have regular fellowship opportunities to enhance our own sense of community.

MULTIPLYING

“And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved”. Acts 2:47 (KJV)

- a) I will prepare my class to multiply as it grows and encourage adult members to serve in the life of our church.
- b) I will invite prospective teachers to assist in the class.
- c) I will be sensitive to teacher/student ratio and encourage opportunities to multiply.
- d) I will keep an open relationship with Department Director, Sunday School Director, and Ministerial Staff.
- e) I will be cooperative in starting new classes. Churches that do not start new classes will not grow. Each new class is a mission point to reach others.

CONCLUSION

I have read and agreed to be the Class Shepherd I need to be in the area which I am leading. I understand the role I serve is a great witness of who Christ is in my life to the class I lead. At anytime, I feel unable to be a positive witness to my class I will discuss this with the Sunday School Director and/or Associate Pastor of Education.

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