

SALT – STATE OF THE CHURCH
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OUR VISION FOR ABT IS SIMPLE. WE EXIST TO BRING REAL HOPE TO REAL PEOPLE LIVING IN A REAL WORLD. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT WE WILL BRING GLORY TO GOD AS WE FOLLOW OUR VISION.

REAL HOPE

OUR HOPE IS BASED ON A FAITH IN A LIVING GOD WHO CANNOT LIE. (TITUS 1:2)

THIS HOPE IS REAL BECAUSE OUR GOD IS REAL. WE BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS WIRED US TO EXPERIENCE REAL HOPE AND INTIMACY WITH HIM THROUGH WORSHIP. IT IS ONLY THROUGH AN AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REAL GOD OF THE UNIVERSE THAT ANYONE CAN FIND PURPOSE AND MEANING IN LIFE. WE EXIST TO BRING GLORY TO GOD AND SHARE THIS VERY REAL HOPE.

REAL PEOPLE

JESUS TAUGHT US TO BE REAL; HE HARSHLY CONDEMNED THOSE WHO WERE HYPOCRITES. LUKE 6:42

WE BELIEVE THAT THOSE WHO ARE REAL AND LIVE HONESTLY BEFORE GOD AND OTHERS BEST REPRESENTS THE IDEALS OF CHRISTIANITY. THEREFORE WE SEEK TO BE HONEST AND REAL ADMITTING OUR STRUGGLES AND FAILURES. WE BELIEVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS ONE OF CONSTANT GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT. WE ARE THEREFORE FOCUSED ON PROVIDING BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES AND BIBLE BASED DISCIPLESHIP THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO REAL PEOPLE LIVING IN THE REAL WORLD.

REAL WORLD

ADDRESSING REAL WORLD ISSUES AND PROBLEMS IS THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH. (MATTHEW 6:2)

WE BELIEVE GOD HAS CALLED THE CHURCH TO ADDRESS THE HURTS AND NEEDS OF THE REAL WORLD. WE SEEK TO PROVIDE AN EXCITING AND GOD-HONORING REAL WORLD ENVIRONMENT FOR CHURCH. OUR RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF THE REAL WORLD IS SET FORTH IN THE GREAT COMMISSION. (MATTHEW 28:18-20) WE REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO ARE OUTSIDE THE FAMILY OF GOD. WE REACH IN TO THOSE WITHIN THE CHURCH AND EQUIP THEM SPIRITUALLY TO LIVE MEANINGFUL LIVES OF FAITH IN THE REAL WORLD.