



ANTIOCH
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Making Healthy Churches

January '21 Newsletter

We would like to welcome you to the first Antioch Baptist Church Planters (ABCP) newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to share updates and prayer needs within our ministry. More importantly, to be praying for the churches we encounter. For more information about us please visit our website at www.abcplanters.org.

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Acts 14:26:

*And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence **they** had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which **they** fulfilled.*

Ministry Related

ABCP is currently comprised of three different families that are sent out of their respective churches coming together to help churches become healthy - the Luman family, the Roa family and the Doty family. Each family is considered to be a missionary to the United States of America and each is supported individually. ABCP will also be having an annual support fund for overhead items such as printing material, website, etc. To support one or all of our families or for any contributions, please send support to the IBFI Missions office.

Current Work:



As of January 3rd ABCP has come along side Gospel Light Baptist Church in Roanoke, TX. This church was planted in 2008 by Pastor Doug Ellis. As everyone is aware, the year 2020 was a difficult time during the global pandemic. Gospel Light Baptist Church was no exception. At the beginning of 2020, the church was averaging in the 40's for the Sunday morning services. Amidst the uncharted territories of Covid-19 they are now averaging 15. We are partnering with Gospel Light in a cooperative effort to further the ministries that have been hindered during the COVID-19 crisis. ABCP is excited to see what God has in store at Gospel Light Baptist Church.

Pastor Doug Ellis says: "Have you ever noticed, if you ask a pastor 'How is the church doing?' that almost 100% will say 'We are doing great.' I think for a church to be helped that the pastor needs to recognize the truth, that everything is not going great. Again, and I will keep saying it, I am so happy that ABC Planters have come to be a help."

Prayer Needs:

- Gospel Light Baptist Church in Roanoke, TX and Pastor Doug Ellis
- Santa Fe Baptist Church, Weatherford TX and Pastor Tony Thomas
- Heath Van Zandt – church planter
- Washington St. Baptist Church, Stephenville TX – currently without pastor
- Guidance and strength for ABCP as we move forward.
- Ministry funds for ABCP overhead
- Individual support for each ABCP missionary

Future Work:



Later in 2021 we will be partnering with pastor Tony Thomas and Santa Fe Baptist Church. Their current youth pastor, Heath Van Zandt, feels called to plant a church in Rhome, Texas. ABCP plans to join with Heath later this year in the work of planting Antioch Baptist Church. We are excited for the opportunity to come along side Pastor Thomas in the ever-important task of starting churches out of churches. Santa Fe Baptist Church will also be partnering with Baptist Church Planting Ministry (BCPM) for guidance and counsel for the church plant. With God's help, we are praying for a strong and healthy church to be planted.

Helping Other Churches

- **Washington St. Baptist Church** (Stephenville, TX) – Gave resources on setting up pulpit committee, contacts to colleges, and spreading the word about the need of a pastor.
- **Harvest Baptist Church** (Allen, TX) - Bro. Tony Roa will be preaching on Jan. 24th. This will allow J.D. Leake, the church planter, to present his ministry elsewhere that day.