



# MEMBER HANDBOOK

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Building homes God's way

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**MISSION:** We are a ministry whose mission is to Supplement home education and to Equip and Encourage homeschool moms.

We believe education should be experienced, the Bible is our guide for life, and life is to be lived in community.

Our vision is that families live Wisely and Abundantly to impact our community for God's glory.

**THEOLOGY (STATEMENT OF FAITH):** We have set up this ministry because we believe:

The Bible is the inerrant Word of God and the Supreme Authority of Truth. It is our tool and means for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

God exists in three distinct, equal, and unified persons, the Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. God created all things in a literal, six day creation. Genesis 1

Man is sinful and separated from God. Salvation is God's gift through the work of Jesus Christ. Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8.

Jesus Christ is both God and man. He lived, ministered, and died for our sins. Then rose again to conquer death and extend eternal life to all. Colossians 1:15-20

The family is the social structure that God established to raise children. Parents are the most important educators and disciplers of their children. Deuteronomy 6:7, Proverbs 1:8-9

The church was established to be the witness of Jesus Christ in the world after His ascension. The Holy Spirit lives in believers to do His work. The purpose of the church is to glorify God, equip the saints (parents) for the work of service, provide community among believers, and make disciples of all nations. Its head is Jesus Christ. Ephesians 2:10, 4:11-12

God desires for all to be saved, to live in abundance, and to walk wisely. John 10:10

We are a Bible-based ministry and welcome all to our group. Our classes are taught from a biblical worldview meaning we look at the Bible as our lense and compare every subject to it. We include prayer and Scripture in our classes. All our welcome no matter your faith. The following are the values that we operate by and ask all our members and teachers to abide by. In all our interactions, words, and actions we desire and ask you to equip, encourage, edify and/or educate. We want to do it all in excellence and good stewardship to honor God and His provision. Finally, we do it to show the love of Jesus so that others may know Him.

**VALUES-** In all of our actions and interactions we will strive to accomplish these things:

**EQUIP-** to give practical tools

**ENCOURAGE-** to give each other the courage to live out God's ways

**EDIFY-** to build one another up in community through our words and deeds.

**EDUCATE-** to supplement the education of children especially with opportunities for social interaction and experiential learning. To educate in Biblical worldview.

**EXCELLENCE (EXALT GOD):** because we do all for God's glory to give our best effort, do things well, efficiently, and with high standards. We will seek solutions to problems, restoration of relationships and continual improvements.

**STEWARD WELL-** To take care of all materials well as if they belong to God.

**EVANGELIZE-** to share truth and love with the community around us

## POLICY AND GUIDELINES

These policies come from our values. We ask that all families participating in Abundant Homes abide by the following. Please check and initial by each of the following or acknowledge online.

- Statement of Faith/Theology*
- Values. All behavior should fall under the values of Equip, Edify, Encourage, Educate, Excellence, and Steward. No gossip, slander, disrespect or behavior towards others that is not Equipping, Edifying, Encouraging will be tolerated. All members are expected to steward the building and materials well. (Students must sign Student Policy and Moms the DG Policy)
- All Students Registered:* On Thursday Family Days all students over 18 months must be registered for class. Only infants under 18 months or nursing may be present in mom time.
- Not A Drop off program:* On Thursday Family Days the parent or responsible guardian is expected to remain in the building and take an active participant role.
- Weekly Wednesday classes will also require a parent or guardian to stay on campus unless the student can drive themselves.
- When not in classes students and families must remain in common areas where AH personnel are present (rotunda, foyer, game room, sanctuary.) No play or wandering in hallways, upstairs, empty classrooms or closed off areas.
- Non-parent policy:* Grandparents or another member family may bring students of another parent if that parent is not able to attend. Grandparent or member friend is fully responsible for students and must remain on the premises for the full length of the class time or event. Guardianship form must be signed, AH personnel and the teacher notified.
- Field Trips:* AH does not legally cover liability for field trips. You attend at your own risk.
- Safety Guidelines: Name tags must be worn at all times. Please sign out any child under 12 yourself from the teacher. Anyone over 18 working with children is background checked and must attend a safety meeting.
- All fees are non-refundable.

# STUDENT CONDUCT GUIDELINES

1. LISTEN Proverbs 19:20- Listen to counsel and accept discipline, That you may be wise the rest of your days.
2. BE SUBMISSIVE TO AUTHORITY Titus 3:1 Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed.
3. BE KIND Ephesians 4: 32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.
4. BE A GOOD STEWARD Psalm 24:1, The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it. Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men. This includes things like dress code. Dress should be modest.
5. KNOW OUR PURPOSE- LEARNING & FELLOWSHIP  
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## STUDENT CONDUCT PROCEDURE

Teacher will make guidelines clear at the beginning of each class.  
Mom will go over guidelines before class with student.

### Process for infractions:

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

**Teaching:** Clearly teach students expectations at the beginning of each class.

**1st infraction- Reproof:** Student will be told which guideline they are not abiding by and given a reminder on how to meet expectation and mom will be told at the end of class

**2nd infraction - Correct:** Above steps will be repeated and teacher coordinator/director along with mom will be called to meet with student and explain behavior expectations again.

Self-evaluation checklist will be given to student at the end of class period to help them remember expectations.

**3rd infraction- Train:** Above steps will be repeated and student and mom may be asked to withdraw from class until more training and teaching is done and student is ready to abide by guidelines. Option to meet with the director and/or other staff to work on a training to restore the child back to guidelines.

**Behavior that is cause for immediate dismissal of program for the semester:** Outright disrespect, violent behavior towards others, going into private/closed off areas, drug use, inappropriate sexual behavior.

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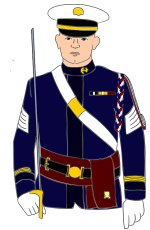
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### ADULT DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

- During our Talks and Tips session we will be sharing personal struggles, and circumstances. Please refrain from judgement, attack, or behavior not becoming of our purpose to equip (give each other tools), encourage (give each other courage), edify (to build up) one another, extol (praise enthusiastically) God, evangelize (reach out) to others.
- Stick to the Topic and Text.
- Application to each person may be different, the Holy Spirit works in each of us and we may be at different levels and places in that work. So, please do not judge others in where they are in relationship to the Holy Spirit.
- Be a good conversationalist by staying on topic and timely in your comments.
- Be kind in word, voice, tone, and expression.
- Prayer request are just that requests, not invitation for comment or advice.
- Keep what is said confidential, but also have discernment about sharing. Not everything is to be shared in a group.
- If you have been offended or hurt by another please use the process in Matthew 18:15-17 to resolve that conflict by handling it privately first.
- Gossip, Slander, and outright disrespect for others will not be tolerated.
- Criticism and complaining will not be tolerated. We ask for constructive ideas that will Edify and make the group more Excellent. We ask that if you see a problem you be a part of the solution.