

Find Your Place in the Body



The Green Acres Guide
to Opportunities in Ministry
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Committees & Ministry Teams

Committees

A Committee is a group whose members are nominated by the Committee on Committees and elected by the Church for a prescribed period of time to perform supervisory, administrative and budgetary oversight for a specific segment of the church's operations.

Church membership is a requirement for service on these committees, and some committee positions may be subject to specific guidelines or qualifications. Committee members are selected annually by the Green Acres Baptist Church Committee on Committees. If you are interested in serving on a committee contact Ken Warren, Senior Associate Pastor. kenw@mail.gabc.org.

- Benevolence
- Broadcast
- Building, Equipment & Grounds
- Children's Ministry
- Committee on Committees
- Deacon Selection
- Early Education
- Elder Care
- Finance
- Foundation Board of Directors
- Hope for 100
- Insurance
- Missions
- Personnel
- Recreation
- Retreat Center
- Scholarship
- Student Ministry
- Transportation
- Trustees
- Worship

Ministry Teams

Ministry Teams are groups whose primary function relates to the provision of a service or specialized ministry. Membership in Ministry Teams is open to all members who have a desire and ability to serve in that area and is not limited by a prescribed length of term of service.

Ministry Team opportunities, and the staff member who works with that team, currently include, but are not limited to,

- Baptism – Candy Renfro
- Bethesda Clinic – Dale Pond
- Blood & Organ Donor – Kevin Burdette

- Commitment Advisors – Tim Roberts
- Intercessory Prayer – Jennifer Dickson
- Food Service – Eddy Espinoza
- Lord's Supper – David Dykes
- Missionary Home – Dale Pond
- New Member Shepherding Ministry – Linda Lesniewski
- Pastor's Discovery Dinner – Candy Renfro
- Security – Brett Cavett
- Ushers – Buddy Holland
- Welcome Center Hosts – Ken Warren
- Women's Advisory Council – Linda Lesniewski
- Worship Hosts – Buddy Holland

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study

Contact Tim Roberts or Pam Rose 903-525-3249
timr@mail.gabc.org or pamr@mail.gabc.org

- Sunday Morning Greeters—serve once a month (any building 8:15 or 9:45 a.m.)
- SMBS Teacher
- SMBS Substitute or Apprentice Teacher
- SMBS Class Director
- SMBS Care Leader
- SMBS Class Records Keeper
- SMBS Class Outreach Coordinator
- SMBS Growth Group Facilitator
- SMBS Class Prayer Leader
- SMBS Class Social Coordinator
- SMBS Class Missions & Service Coordinator
- Volunteer(s) to distribute curriculum materials to classes—once a month
- Volunteer(s) to collect outdated curriculum materials from classes—once a quarter
- SMBS Coffee Bar Volunteers in the Lighthouse (serves only once a quarter)
- Volunteers to help with mailing and other office tasks in the Adult Education office

Adult Impact Ministry (AIM)

Contact Kevin Burdette or Autumn Hanson
903-525-1186

kevinb@mail.gabc.org or autumnh@mail.gabc.org

Ministry to Baby Boomer Generation

While AIM works with adults of all ages, the main focus of this ministry are those adults who are in the "prime of life" - the Baby Boomer generation. This group of adults is characterized by a high degree of activity, mobility and a desire to make a difference. AIM is providing opportunities and creating awareness for these adults to get involved in ministry and missions within the church, community and the

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world - especially as they consider retirement from their careers. You may have spent your life preparing financially for retirement but haven't considered how you will invest in your ministry during retirement. AIM can help you plan for this very important part of your retirement. If you are looking for the right place to use your gifts, talents and abilities in ministry - contact the Adult Impact Ministry office.

New Ministry Opportunities

AIM will assist GABC members who see a need or ministry opportunity to create a platform from which to launch a new ministry. If you have an idea, we can help you with the "nuts and bolts" of making it a reality.

Partners in Community Service (PiCS)

GABC has partnered with over 25 local Tyler Community Service & Non-Profit organizations to not only meet the needs of GABC members, but to provide volunteers and resources for these organizations. We continue to explore new partnership possibilities. Check out www.gabc.org/aim for the latest information on PiCS.

High Capacity Volunteers (HCV)

This is a group of people who are skilled and available to spend several hours each week working with the church staff to accomplish a multitude of important tasks that require specific skills. There can be set hours or flex hours for each HCV.

Current Ministry Opportunities

- Military Ministry; serving active Military Personnel and their families; providing pre- & post-deployment preparedness seminars, "Adopt-A-Soldier" program, PTSD training, special event coordination.
- Hope for 100; encouraging GABC families to consider adoption and foster care for children who need loving, Christian homes. This leadership team is involved in all aspects of education and encouragement in the process of adoption and foster care. Hope for 100 is also working with many other churches to help them begin their own adoption/orphan ministry. www.HopeFor100.org
- WIN Ministry; providing qualified volunteers to help with "honey-do's" for the widows and senior single women of GABC. We need carpenters, electricians, plumbers and handy-men of all types. We also need people to help with transportation for doctor appointments. You can volunteer your time and abilities to help in a variety of ways from team leadership and organization to providing services to the widows and senior single women

of our church. Call the WIN hotline for more information: 903-525-3290.

- Cancer Care Ministry; providing prayer support, encouragement and education for individuals and families who are dealing with cancer. We work with individual SMBS Classes on ways to minister to their classmates who are dealing with the issue of cancer.
- Career Network Connections; providing encouragement, training, assistance, and education support for those who are unemployed, looking for a job or desiring a career change. We offer bi-weekly support luncheons and an annual Jobs Conference. We also keep a jobs board on the GABC web-site and the Career Network Connections Facebook page. This ministry is a partnership of several churches, businesses and local civic and government organizations.
- Foundations of Faith; is a program to help adults better understand their Christian heritage in order to live out their faith more effectively. In addition to learning opportunities in a classroom setting there are travel opportunities to fully explore what is being studied. There are volunteers needed to assist with teaching, planning and organizing these events.
- Social Events for all Adults, Families, SMBS Classes & Friends are held throughout the year. There are "Family Fun Nights," Valentines Banquet, Boomer Bashes and others offered throughout the year. There are multiple areas of volunteer leadership needed to facilitate these fun fellowship events.

Bookstore & Library

The Bookstore & Library serves an average of 2,000 people per month. We need your help!

Contact Katie Ethridge 903-525-1138

katiee@mail.gabc.org

Hours to Volunteer:

Sunday	7:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Monday	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

We need your help in the following areas:

Customer Service

(If you are willing to assist people and if others view you as friendly and outgoing, this opportunity is for you.)

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- Greeters – We would like for each person who enters to feel welcome and feel as if they are getting one on one attention.
- Sackers – We need people to assist the cashiers in the bookstore by sacking the merchandise as it is rung up as well as assisting the Library checkout by doing the same.
- Floaters – We need people to assist customers by helping them locate the merchandise they are looking for and get boxes for gift items, etc.
- Seasonal Help – Fall, Winter and Spring seasons are our busiest times and it's crucial for our customer service to be at its highest level. We need extra help at these times.

Special Project Work

(If you are a detail-oriented person and love short-term projects, this opportunity is for you.)

- Re-cover Books for Library Checkout
- Re-categorize Material within Library
- Annual Inventory for both the Bookstore and Library
- Category Maintenance for both the Bookstore and Library
- Library Membership Drive
- Shelf Returned Material in Library
- General Light Cleaning

Office Work

- Library - Data Entry
- Library - Memorial Bookplate Coordinator

Broadcast Ministry

Contact Laurie Kirkley 903-525-1106

lauriek@mail.gabc.org

- Experienced videographers
- Camera operators/trainees to volunteer during worship services
- Prayer partners to pray for and write those who call into the TV ministry

Bulletin Preparation Ministry

Contact Paula Ayers 903-525-1166

Volunteers to insert information and the sermon guide into the weekly worship folders. All ages welcome, 8:15 a.m. Fridays in the Worship Center Foyer in front of the Bookstore.

Children's Ministry

Contact Lanette James in the Children's Ministry Office 903-525-1122 Children@mail.gabc.org

Sunday Mornings

- Bible Study Teachers and Outreach Leaders (Birth-5th grade)
- Special Needs Ministry Teachers and Assistants
- Music Leaders (3rd - 5th grades)
- Greeters

Vacation Bible School

- Grade Level Coordinators
- Teachers and Assistants
- Recreation Leaders
- Craft Leaders
- Music Leaders

AWANA/Grapple

- Lead Teachers and Teachers
- Listeners
- Bible Study Leaders
- Record keepers
- Music Leaders
- Recreation Leaders
- Special Event Volunteers: Grand Prix

Camps/Retreats

- Camp Counselors
- Bible Study Leaders
- Recreation Leaders
- Music Leaders
- Jr. Counselors (must be in at least 9th grade)
- Nurses

Other

Volunteers for Checkpoint Store, Gameroom and Main Welcome Desk (Sunday AM, Sunday PM and Wednesday PM)

V.I.P. (Volunteers in Preschool)

- Volunteers who will serve with babies – 4 year olds once a quarter at 9:45 or 11:15

Miscellaneous Children's Ministry/EEC volunteers

- Volunteer Office Assistants
- Resource Room Volunteers: Organize and restock supplies and help with Sunday morning buckets; 2-3 hours per week.
- Guest Volunteers: Write our guests and visitors. Postcards, letters, and mailing are provided.

Seasonal Activities

Volunteers and chaperones are needed to assist in all activities

Employed Childcare Teachers

- Employed teachers care for our children at various childcare activities. We are always looking for those who love children to be part of our team! This is a paid position.

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College Ministry

Contact Ellen Winegeart 903-525-3256
ellenw@mail.gabc.org

- Financial assistance for mission trips
- Sponsoring Trips
- Leaders/Assistants for Bible Study Groups
- Male & Female Mentors
- Career Advisement
- Tutors
- Opening homes for fellowships
- Small Group Bible Study Leaders
- Transportation for students on Sunday morning
- Letter writing to students
- Prayer support for students

Forerunner Ministry

Contact Jennifer Dickson
903-525-1165
jend@mail.gabc.org

- CARE (Homebound) Ministry visitor
- Assist with Forerunner Ministry mail outs
- Meals on Wheels
- Provide transportation to/from church
- Provide transportation to/from doctors' appointments, errands, etc.

Stephen Ministry

Contact Jennifer Dickson
903-525-1165
jend@mail.gabc.org

- Enlist for training to serve as Stephen Minister
- Refer friends, neighbors, co-workers, family who need a Stephen Minister

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Contact Jennifer Dickson
903-525-1165
jend@mail.gabc.org

- Prayer Intercessors in Upper Room Prayer Center
- Intercessory Prayer Center volunteer
- Prayer Team Intercessor
- Special Events Intercessor
- Prayer Intercessors from home

Food Service Ministry

Contact Eddy Espinoza, CrossWalk Events
Coordinator 903-525-1136 or
903-525-1137
eddye@mail.gabc.org

- Kitchen Ministry Team Members
- Crosswalk Conference Center volunteer support
- Computer experience for office work few hours monthly

GraceWorks Marriage & Family

Call 903-533-1817 graceworks@mail.gabc.org

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

- If you have 12-step recovery experience, you are needed for service and leadership. Meetings are held every Monday night from 6:00-9:00 p.m. (even holidays), and we need individuals who want to train to lead or co-lead focus groups, help with hospitality needs, and meet/greet newcomers. The need is especially great for those who have this experience who would be willing to help with a future teen group OR those with a heart for children who want to work in the children's "pre-recovery" program. Training is provided.

BIBLE STUDY LEADERS

- GraceWorks presents Bible studies throughout the year in specific areas of need such as codependency, depression, abuse recovery, anger management, and more. These groups are especially effective when facilitated by someone who has overcome struggles in those particular areas. Materials are available; all we need are individuals who are willing to make themselves available to shepherd a small group.

Missions Ministry

Unless otherwise noted, please contact the Missions Office at 903-525-1112 or missions@mail.gabc.org

Good Samaritan Ministry – Outreach Center

Contact: Carol Buchanan 903-592-0868 or
carolb@mail.gabc.org

- Clothes Closet Ministry volunteers Monday-Thursday during the day
- Soup Kitchen Ministry volunteers Monday-Friday evening

English as a Second Language

Contact: Alfredo Salvatore (903) 283-2963

- Teaching English primarily to Spanish speakers, Monday & Thursday 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Restorative Justice Ministry – Outreach Center

Contact: Judy Turner 903-593-8827

judyt@mail.gabc.org

- Mentoring – in prisons or with those on parole
- Teaching "Master Life" and "Experiencing God: Bible Studies in Prison"
- Making cookies for KAIROS
- Sports Reach: Taking basketball & softball into prisons
- Visit local jails – men & women
- Work with faith-based dorms in prison – men & women
- "Celebrate Recovery" in prison – men & women

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- Story Book Project
- Prison Crusades
- Office help, writing letters, filing, etc.

Gospel Village

Contact: Jason Smith: 903-525-1111

jasons@mail.gabc.org

- Mentor a child, support a teacher and classroom, help with events

Volunteer Christian Builders

Contact: Steve Dowell, 903-617-8582

- Assisting with local, day-to-day needs within the church (no experience necessary)
- Volunteering for week long (or longer) construction trips (having an RV is a plus, but not necessary)

Missions Ministry General

Contact: Andria Horton 903-525-1112

andriah@mail.gabc.org

- Van Drivers – Drive mission groups to and from the airport
- Volunteers to pick up people who want to attend church and Bible Study

International Missions

Contact: Dale Pond: 903-525-1110

dalep@mail.gabc.org

- Become a part of one of a number of teams being created to go around the world
- Be a Mission Support Team member to stay in contact with missionaries around the world

International Friendship Ministry (local)

Contact: Sarah Caton 903-258-1801

- Volunteers to assist with a Thursday morning English class
- Building friendships with international students

Sports Missions

Contact: Jason Smith: 903-525-1111

jasons@mail.gabc.org

We are looking for coaches and athletes to share Christ around the world. All levels welcome. Join our Softball & Basketball teams that minister in local prisons.

Medical Missions

Contact Jason Smith: 903-525-1111

jasons@mail.gabc.org

Join our network of doctors and nurses who would like to know about medical mission opportunities

Outreach

Contact Tim Roberts 903-525-3248 or Gina Jones 903-525-3252

ginaj@mail.gabc.org

- SINGLES Visitation Team Members
- YOUNG ADULTS Visitation Team Members

- MEDIAN ADULTS Visitation Team Members
- ADULTS 60+ Visitation Team Members
- Promotional materials preparation volunteer
- Volunteer data entry assistant

Pastoral Ministry

Contact Arlene Huckaby 903-525-1118

arlene@mail.gabc.org

- Worship Host (greet worshipers; take offering)
- Office Volunteer
- Guest Reception Host/Hostess (after Sunday morning services)
- Lord's Supper Preparation (4-5 times a year)
- Hospitality Volunteer (for special guests)

Recreation Ministry

Family Life Center

Contact Buddy Holland 903-525-1116

buddy@mail.gabc.org

- Scripture verses (track & fitness center)
- Control Desk (VIC-Volunteer in Charge)
 - Once a month 7:00 – 9:00 PM
 - During the day – various times
- Craft & hobby demonstrations
- Boling alley supervisor
- Fitness Room supervisor
- Upward Sports Volunteers
 - Coaches, Officials, Coordinators, & Prayer Partners
- Autumn Festival Volunteers - October 31st
- Foyer Information Table Volunteer

Lake Tyler Retreat Center

Contact Woody Edmiston 903-566-2515 or 903-216-3115

- Monitor Picnic area Monday, Tuesday & Thursday nights, Saturday 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., and Sunday Noon-5:00 p.m. Volunteer in the Snak Shack to make snow cones, sell snacks and drinks, rent paddle boats and canoes
- Landscape designers who could assist in identifying beneficial species, noxious plant removal – mowing, weed eating, etc.
- Planting and upkeep of flowers – persons or groups to “adopt” a flower bed.
- Hauling brush, cutting & trimming vines (We have a major infestation of non-native invasive species threatening some of our century old trees.)
- A person interested in holding Tai Chi classes or low impact aerobics. Use facilities to recruit those interested, manage classes and teach.

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- Finish Carpenters or a group of men with deck building skills to finish up some changes to the fishing dock, cabin decks, and some bridge building.
- The Fraternity – a social group for men who have lost children. Group meets Tuesday night, 6:00 pm. Beginning March 20, 2012. Retreat Director will act as leader and arrange for special guests with specific expertise to share with the group.

South Recreation Outreach Complex (ROC)

Contact Kyle Cox 903-839-7000

- Upward Soccer & Flag Football Coaches, Officials, Coordinators & Prayer partners
- Grand Slam T-Ball Coaches & Prayer partners
- Once a week in Welcome Center;
Monday – Saturday 8am-12pm, 12-5pm, 5-9pm
Sunday 1-6pm
- Mowing ball fields and other areas
- Ground beautification - Adopt a flower bed
- Programmed activities

Single Adult Ministry

Contact Bryan Grant, Singles Minister 903-525-1155,
Jim Storms, Minister to Young Singles 903-525-3257
Sherry Hatcher, Singles Assistant 903-525-1123
bryan@mail.gabc.org, jims@mail.gabc.org,
or sherry@mail.gabc.org

Singles Opportunities (All Ages)

Divorce Recovery

- Assistance with Facilitating

Single Parents:

- Construction work on homes of single moms
- Financial Consulting
- Tutoring children
- Teaching work skills
- Single Parent Network team

Missions:

- Assist with fund raisers
- Drive vans to/from mission sites or airports
- Collect supplies for mission trips
- Prayer teams
- Organizing food pantry
- Prayer Walking
- Prepare care packages for team members

Men's and Women's Bible Studies:

- Bible Study facilitators
- Hosting home studies
- Outreach/In-reach
- Planning Fellowships
- Prayer Teams

Additional Opportunities:

- Helping singles move in/out of homes
- Answering telephone while assistant is away/sick
- Running Errands
- Decorate for activities/fellowships
- Organizing supplies in closets

WIRED MINISTRY (Young Single Adults)

Bible Studies

- Facilitators
- Assistant Facilitators

Sunday Morning Bible Studies

- Facilitators
- Directors
- Hospitality
- Outreach
- Praise Team
- A/V Team
- Activities Team
- Outreach
- Set-up Tear-down

REAL LIFE MINISTRY (Singles 35+)

Sunday Morning Bible Study:

- Teachers
- Directors
- Sunday Morning Set-up
- Fellowship preparation
- Greeters
- Outreach/Inreach
- Prayer Team
- Helping the disabled
- In-reach
- Web design

Reality Bible Study

- Set-up/tear-down
- Music
- Calling visitors
- Food preparation
- Greeters

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Student Ministry

Contact the Student Ministry for the following opportunities: 903-525-1190

- Sunday Morning Youth Bible Study (SMYBS) small group leaders and directors
- Seasonal administrative support: stuff envelopes, affix address labels, etc.
- Decision counselors for various events
- Short-term Mission Project Facilitator
- Construction projects for special events
- Food Preparation Coordinators for short-term events
- Mission Trip sponsors
- Hosts/Greeters for Wednesday and Sunday night activities (at the Student Center)
- Host homes for special events
- Drivers for various local events and ministries
- High School or Middle School Camp sponsors
- Boat drivers with boats for events at the lake
- Female volunteers for "Girls only" events

South Campus

Contact Shirley Sloan 903-839-7232 office; 903-530-0869 cell

Gabc.south@mail.gabc.org

- Nursery workers
- Children's and Pre-School Sunday Morning Bible Study Teachers
- Persons gifted with musical abilities to work with the Music Ministry
- VBS workers
- Any "missions-minded" individuals or families interested in helping grow a new work

Welcome Center

Contact Ken Warren or Debbie Fisher 903-525-1126 kenw@mail.gabc.org, debbie@mail.gabc.org

Serve as a greeter in the Worship Center Foyer Welcome Center on Sunday morning.

- Welcome newcomers
- Answer questions & provide directions
- Distribute Ministry information
- Direct/Escort newcomers to SMBS classes

Women's Ministry

Contact Mavita Markle 903-525-1141 mavita@mail.gabc.org

- Leadership for Tuesday morning and Wednesday and Sunday evening Bible studies
- Sewing Ministry

- Fall Hispanic Women's Conference hospitality
- Teach Conversational English
- Provide welcome baskets to Arabic speaking refugees
- Jewelry making for mission projects
- Contact new GABC women members through New Member Shepherding
- MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) mentoring for new mothers
 - MOPS Sewing group
- Decorating for Women's Events
- Hospitality for Tuesday Morning Bible Study
- Review and evaluate Bible study material
- Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC)
 - Teaching women who are entering or reentering the workforce
 - Mentoring
 - Providing lunches
 - Taking CWJC students on Friday field trip
- Assist with mailings and other tasks in Women's Office
- Writing devotionals for www.encouraging.com
- Assist with the needs of Single Mothers
 - Redesign makeover team
 - Food pantry
 - School supplies

Worship Ministry

Contact Vickie Johnson 903-525-1182 vickie@mail.gabc.org

- Catalog & Organize storage areas
- Sing in Celebration Choir
- Serve backstage for seasonal programs (I Love America, Christmas, etc.)
- Decoration/Props

CrossWalk Worship

Contact Rob LaLiberte 903-525-3272 robl@mail.gabc.org

- Invitation advisor
- Hospitality team
- Usher
- CrossWalk tech
- Pro Presenter operator
- Camera operator

Student Music

Contact Pam Toulouse 903-525-1114 pamt@mail.gabc.org

- Performance Opportunities
 - Middle School Choir
 - High School Choir
 - Vertical Praise Middle School Ensemble (auditioned ensemble)

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- Alpha Chi High School Ensemble (auditioned ensemble)
- Mission Tours

Student Music Leadership

- Student Choir / Tour Sponsors (interview required)
- Office Assistants (e-mails, mail-outs, computer data input, etc.)
- Pianists for ensembles, choirs, instrumental groups

Music Library

Contact Renee Barton 903-525-3205

reeneb@mail.gabc.org

- Choir Robe Maintenance
- Sorting and cataloging music
- Assemble folders
- Equipment Library Instrument & Equipment Maintenance

Highest Praise

Contact Pam Toulouse 903-525-1114

pamt@mail.gabc.org

- Sing in Highest Praise Choir (50+)

Kidz Praise

Contact Angie Smith 903-525-1146

angies@mail.gabc.org

- Preschool Music Teachers
- Parent Helpers
- Art Instructors
- Instrument Instructors
- Drama Instructors
- Sign Language Instructors
- Dance Instructors
- Vocal Instructors
- Craft Preparation
- Sewing Costumes
- Set Construction & Design
- Registration Volunteers

Instrumental Ministry

Contact Pam Toulouse 903-525-1114

pamt@mail.gabc.org

- Play or serve in the . . .
 - Celebration Orchestra (Adult)
 - Praise Band/Big Band

Banner Ministry

Contact Joan Pyron 903-593-1204 or the Worship Ministry Office 903-525-1182

- Banner Construction/Design
- Banner Carriers
- Set up & Return
- Banner Maintenance



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