Building Disciples to Win the World for Christ!

Alfred Street Baptist Church Welcomes You

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Welcome

TO ALFRED STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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Greetings in the name of our risen Savior and reigning Lord, Jesus our Christ. It is with the greatest of joy and excitement that I join in with the Disciples of Christ here at the Alfred Street Baptist Church in welcoming you to this branch of the body of Christ. We are excited to welcome you because your joining is a move of God’s Holy Spirit and we know that you have been called and gifted for such a time as this to join with us in our mission to Build Disciples Who Win the World for Jesus Christ. It is my prayer that today will be the beginning of a beautiful and rewarding journey into the benefits of believing in Christ and belonging to His church. As part of that journey we are asking that you fully commit yourself to your new member orientation as a tool to expose you to who we are, what we believe, what we expect, and what you will receive as a member of Alfred Street Baptist Church.

I am even more excited for those of you who may be confessing Jesus Christ into your life as Lord and Savior for the very first time, or recommitting yourself to your relationship with Him. It is our great joy and responsibility to share with you the road to salvation and all that it means to say yes to Jesus in preparation for your baptism.

Soon you will receive the Right Hand of Fellowship formally welcoming you into our church family as a member with all the rights and privileges afforded to all our members. That is when the joyful journey and the prayerful struggle begins. It will be my honor to serve as your pastor along with our deacons, and other ministry leaders. We will do all that we can to care for you, to help nurture you, and stand with you in your struggles and your celebrations. As a faithful steward, however, we remind you that membership is a two way street—you will get out as much as you put in. Please do more than just attend worship services because there are so many more wonderful and beautiful benefits to church than what you get in the sanctuary over the weekend. Become active in the discipleship group you will be assigned to, commit to a Sunday School class, join us in one of our many Bible study experiences, find a ministry that is relevant to you, and most importantly never hesitate to speak to your deacon about any concerns or questions you may have. Our commitment is to be as caring for you as you will allow us to be.

I look forward to God’s opportunity for us to get to know each other as more than pastor and members, but as brothers and sisters in Christ. Until then, enjoy the journey of discipleship and into membership. Again welcome.

Your Brother and His Servant,

Pastor Wesley
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Understanding the Worship Experience at Alfred Street Baptist Church

**Introduction**

We enter the Lord’s House with reverence, humility and awe for who God is. We enter with an attitude for worship. We should enter quietly being mindful that “worship” signifies attributing worth or respect to someone and that someone is God.

There are many components of worship but in its broadest sense “worship is the meeting between God and God’s people. It is the meeting of the One who gives meaning and purpose to life.” The heart of worship evolves from the power of the Holy Spirit who enables the congregation to offer self to God; and self through praise and thanksgiving for who God is.

Worship requires a commitment to a life lived according to the content of the worship experience. We act out our worship according to a certain order of service and/or tradition. Our senses of sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell are engaged in what we do. Worship can be either private or public. (You can worship God alone or with others).

The central focus of Christian worship is the work of Jesus Christ. The event that informs and gives shape to the content and form of Christian worship is the birth, death, resurrection and consummation of Jesus Christ.
Basic Components of the ASBC Worship

**Preparation** – We should begin before we enter the sanctuary. We should prayerfully ask God to prepare our heart for entering into His presence for worship. (Psalm 100)

**Praise and Worship through Music** – We sing hymns and songs of Zion that give adoration, thanksgiving and praise to the majesty of God our Creator, Jesus our Savior and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

**Call to Worship** – Is an invitation for the congregation to turn their attention toward worship. It consists of greetings/thoughts/scriptures to bring the congregation together, of one mind on the Triune God, for worship. We assemble to meet God and encounter others who have come to worship Him also.

**Invocation** – Means to invoke or call upon or to make a plea through prayer as we call upon God to make Himself present with us. Our worship experience cannot be enacted in our own power, but by the power of God through the Holy Spirit.

**Passing of the Peace** – This is a gesture that communicates peace with God and peace with each other.

**Hymn of Praise** – Generally is our opening congregational song with words of praise, adoration, or thanksgiving.

**Baptism** – It is an outward sign of inward spiritual renewal and rebirth. It symbolizes death, burial and resurrection. It is also a declaration to the world that they have died with Christ and have been raised with Him in the newness of life. (Takes place on the Saturday before the first Sunday of the month at the 6pm service.) (I Corinthians 5:17; Acts 10:47–48; Rom. 6:4)
Holy Communion – This is the Lord’s Supper. (Our Communion takes place on Saturday before the second Sunday at the 6:00 p.m. service, and the Second Sunday of the month at all Sunday services). In the Bible Jesus commands us to “Do this in Remembrance of Him.” We remember why God sent His Son into the world so that human beings may be saved. Symbolically, the sacraments, the bread represents Christ’s broken body and the cup, His spilled blood on Calvary’s Cross.

Tithes & Offerings – The giving of our tithes and offerings are an expression of worship as we respond to God’s claim on our lives; thus giving Him a portion of what He has in fact given us. A “tithe” means tenth. In Malachi 3:10 the Lord commands that we give a tithe of all He has blessed us with. An offering is any amount we give after we have given our tithe. Our tithes and offerings are used to support our church and the work of God’s kingdom here on earth. When we tithe, we demonstrate our desire to be good stewards over all that which God has entrusted in our care.

Doxology – Is an expression of praise to God; especially a short hymn sung as part of the worship service. We sing the “doxology” after receiving the tithes and offerings.
The Altar Prayer – The pastor or a member of the clergy invites congregants to come to the altar for prayer. A clergy member offers the prayer (communicating with God) on behalf of those who have come to the altar or may be standing in the congregation. Prayer is simply a way of communicating with God.

The Choral Selection or Musical Offering – A musical selection performed by a mixed choir of men and women, children, teens, or by a male chorus or women’s choir. Musical genres include classical anthems, spirituals, hymn arrangements, Christian contemporary and traditional/contemporary gospel music.

The Reading of Scripture – We stand when the scripture is being read in reverence to God and His Word. Generally a passage from the Bible is read based on and to support the sermon being preached for that day.
The Sermon – A message based on scripture references; and it may be on a religious or moral subject. More importantly the gospel message should identify with the cross or of Christ crucified. The sermon should always have some “good news and hope” for the lives of the worshipers. The sermon is preached by the pastor, a member of the clergy of the church or special guest.

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship – A clarion call extended to anyone in the congregation who has never been baptized (new believers) and these are they who come forth making a public profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9), believing that He died for their sins and desiring to be baptized. It is also for those who have Christian experience, coming from another church or denomination and/or having a relationship with Christ. It also includes those who may have strayed from the church for a period of time and desire to reunite with the church. Whosoever will let them come.

The Right Hand of Fellowship – Is extended on the Saturday before the second Sunday of each month at the 6pm service. The pastor, other clergy, and/or official leaders of the church may extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to recent members who have joined; which signifies a person is a member of the church and has all rights and privileges as a member of the church. The member may vote and hold office in the church, etc.

Welcome & Prayer for Joining Disciples – The Pastor/minister takes this time to express with great joy a “welcome” to all those who have joined with Christ, either as new believers (candidates for baptism) or by Christian experience or by Watchcare and then offers a prayer of encouragement for them unto the Lord.

Choral Closing – Signifies “going out from.” (A final amen and alleluia to the Lord). Amen—meaning so be it; a concluding act or word; or an approval of Alleluia-means praise ye the Lord.

Benediction – The benediction is a pronouncement of blessing. The blessing comes from God and is communicated through His servants, i.e., pastors/ministers.
The Alfred Street Baptist Church Path to Discipleship

A new member receives initial intake and orientation in Board Room, and is assigned a Shepherd.

Joining Candidate for Baptism

- Adult Pre-Baptism Class
  Thursday at 7:00pm or Saturday at 4pm (per schedule)

- Teenage (ages 13-17) Pre-Baptism Class
  During the Sunday School Hour in Room 326

Joining by Christian Experience

- New Member Orientation Class (NMO)
  Thursday at 7pm or Saturdays at 4:00pm

Joining Young New Members ages 5-12

- Combined Pre-Baptism & New Member Orientation
  Offered During the Sunday School Hour in Room 315

Baptism

- Saturday before 1st Sunday 6pm service
  Report to Room 201 at 4:45pm

Right Hand of Fellowship

- (For baptized members who completed NMO)
  Saturday before 2nd Sunday at 6pm Service
  Report to multipurpose room at 4:30pm

ASBC DISCIPLE

- Assigned to a Discipleship Group

- Right Hand of Fellowship
  Saturday before 2nd Sunday, 6pm service
Receive and share the Word of Jesus Christ through your Ministry
The AGAPE ministry assists the church with clinical counseling needs and helps dispel the myth that people in need of mental health services are somehow out of the will of God. Through intake and referral services to local clinicians and life/executive coaches as well educational seminars on clinical issues and life development, this ministry offers services to the members of the church and community who are in need.

AWANA
Awana is a children and youth Bible study ministry. The Awana name is taken from 2 Timothy 2:15 and stands for “Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed!” Each week, more than 2.8 million kids ages 2–18 take part in Awana through more than 38,000 churches in 113 countries. Centered on the gospel, Awana uses scripture memory in a fun, exciting environment to teach children and youth to know, love and serve Christ locally and globally.

Bikers For Christ
ASBC Bikers for Christ is a unified, purposeful family of like-minded followers of Jesus who enjoy riding motorcycles, ministering to each other and ministering to others.

Boy Scouts
Boys – Grades 7–12 (ages 10.5–18)
Third and fourth Friday, 7–9 p.m.
The mission of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is to prepare young boys to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law, and to help them develop into honorable men. Boy Scout Troop: A boy can be a Scout if he has completed the fifth grade and is at least 10 years old or is age 11, or has earned the Arrow of Light Award and is at least 10 years old, but has NOT reached age 18.

Cancer Care & Awareness
The Cancer Care & Awareness Ministry seeks to educate and instill hope in the lives of the members of the Alfred Street Baptist Church who have been touched by cancer, by providing information, empowerment, and peer support. Our goal is to serve as an advocate for our congregation during any stage of the cancer life cycle, from preventative measures, diagnosis information, treatment, and/or remission stages. Our members are cancer survivors, caregivers, and family and friends of people affected by cancer. Our motto is: “No one should have to face cancer alone. Your ASBC family is here for you!”
Brother’s Keeper

The Brother’s Keeper Ministry (BKM) supports under-served families in the local community and the metro Alexandria area. It provides guidance and direction to the under-served community to meet their present and future needs, primarily in areas such as education, health and wellness, economic, and spiritual matters. The major focus is to equip under-served children with the supplies for a successful school year.
CAYA – Come As You Are

Come As You Are (CAYA) is a unique worship experience that focuses on the issues, concerns and struggles we encounter daily. While service is relevant for individuals in their twenties and thirties, CAYA is for everyone! Attendees need not be a member of Alfred Street Baptist Church or any other church — simply Come As You Are. Worship and God’s Word come alive with Pastor Wesley, a band, and the CAYA Praise Team. Come early for food and fellowship, then stay to nourish your spirit with worship!
Career Development
First Saturdays, 8:30 am, Room 325
The Career Development Ministry (CDM), is composed of recruiting and human resources professionals who provide career development information and support to individuals seeking employment or a career change. The general public is welcome to attend our events. The CDM desires to encourage, equip and empower participants to land the right job that complements their background and experience. We provide tools through workshops that focus on on-line job searches, resume development, networking, pay negotiations, and interviewing techniques for private and federal sector jobs. We encourage the sharing of employment information, ideas and resources.

Christian Education
Christian Education offers classes throughout the church calendar year that are biblically based, real and relevant in meeting the needs of the congregants to mature in their relationship with God and with others. The goal is to “Build Disciples to Win the World for Christ.”

Cub Scouts
(Boys – Grades 1-5: ages 6–10.5)
Cub Scouts is a fun and educational program where boys learn the basic principles of scouting. The Cub Scouts program provides a positive place where boys can enjoy safe, wholesome activities, focusing on building personal character, improving physical fitness, learning practical skills, and developing a spirit of community service.

Culinary
The purpose of the Culinary Ministry is to provide food services to the Alfred Street church family and guests. It is the aim of the ministry to abide by Safe-Serve food regulations and maintain an atmosphere of Christian hospitality for approved church functions and served in a Christian hospitable environment. The ministry is scripturally guided by Romans 12:9–13 “Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, extend hospitality to strangers.”

Decorations
The Decorating Ministry is responsible for decorating the church for the seasons, holidays and other special occasions to create a warm and welcoming church atmosphere. Flowers and displays erected over the baptism pool, window vestments, and other displays convey the season or event. We use specific colors to adorn the sanctuary to let worshippers know what season or festival on the church calendar is being celebrated: black cloths represent death and mourning; white cloth reflects the miracle of renewed life; red symbolizes the blood of Jesus, and green symbolizes eternal life.
Divorcecare and Divorcecare 4Kids
DivorceCare is a recovery support group for adults to find hope and healing as they journey through one of life’s most difficult experiences—the breakup of a marriage. Running concurrently is DivorceCare 4Kids, which helps children deal with the pain caused by the separation and/or divorce of their parents by providing a safe and nurturing space to recognize and learn to share their feelings. Confidentiality is an important and respected part of the DivorceCare Ministry and DivorceCare 4Kids. Participants honor a covenant agreement to ensure that when we gather we are doing so in safe and sacred space.

Drama
The Drama Ministry serves the Lord by presenting His Word in a creative way. If we can draw one more soul to Christ, then we are doing His bidding.

Entrepreneurship
The mission of the Entrepreneurship Ministry (EM) is to connect church members interested in starting their own business or taking their existing business to the next level with other church members and individuals who have had success with self-employment. The primary goal of the ministry is to have the successful entrepreneurs mentor others on how to launch and perpetuate successful ventures. In addition, the ministry provides a general forum for Christian entrepreneurs to fellowship, form meaningful business relationships, and share experiences with one another on how to create and sustain their businesses.

Evangelism
The mission of the Evangelism Ministry is to prepare ASBC members to become spirit-led witnesses of the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ. The objective is to infuse evangelism into the life of the church—connecting all members of the congregation. The ministry provides regular training to equip members with biblical principles and practical tools for sharing their faith. It also serves as a resource to all ministries and discipleship groups through a network of evangelism coordinators, promoting various evangelism styles using each individual’s personality to witness when opportunities arise, including the church’s missions activities and community outreach events.

Family Services
BB & Family Services Ministry donates time and resources to those facilities and organizations in the DC area that help improve the situations of boarder babies, at-risk expectant mothers, and families with infants and children in need. The ministry’s purpose is to continuously demonstrate God’s grace, mercy and compassion through our actions and our ministry; to make a positive impact on the community through the donation of our time, resources and finances to those facilities who need it; to increase awareness among our members and in our community of boarder babies and families in need through our involvement, commitment and volunteering.
Financial Peace

The Financial Peace Ministry presents Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University (FPU). Financial Peace University teaches God’s ways of handling money through video instruction, class discussions and interactive small group activities. FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where God intended. FPU is not a traditional “money class”; there are valuable information and resources to assist you no matter where you are in your financial journey. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, spend and save wisely, manage your money, and so much more!

Food Closet

The Food Closet helps members and people in the community when financial struggles have left them in an emergency situation. This ministry provides food to children and seniors in our surrounding neighborhood to help bridge a gap that can occur during difficult times. The ASBC Food Closet assists individuals/families struggling with socioeconomic hardships with emergency food security. The outreach efforts are to remove the household insecurity of having insufficient or depleted food resources, primarily for children and seniors.

Girl Scouts

The mission of the Girl Scouts is to provide a well-rounded program that will help each girl grow through the realization of four main program areas: 1. Developing girls to achieve their full, individual potential; 2. Relating to others with increasing understanding, skill and respect; 3. Developing values to guide each girl’s actions and to provide the foundation for sound decision making; and 4. Contributing to the improvement of society through the use of their abilities and leadership skills.
Going Green
The Going Green Ministry is dedicated to Community Stewardship Awareness. It is our mission to help those in our church family and community understand the importance of having a sustainable environment through education and outreach efforts. The Going Green Ministry is more than just about recycling; we hope to help each one of our church family members understand the relationship we have with maintaining a balance with God and nature, so that our home is here for future generations.

Greeters
The ASBC Greeters & Hospitality Ministries ensure parishioners witness and experience God’s unconditional love in the Body of Christ at ASBC. The biblical reference Hebrews 13:2: “Don’t forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it” {NLT} truly reflects their purpose. Greeters, who serve during all ASBC worship and funeral services and special events, are the first point-of-contact with the congregation and wholeheartedly serve in the spirit of love! Greeters help visitors form a positive first impression by providing the “Alfred Street Sweet, Sweet, Spirit” to all who attend and visit.

Griefshare
GriefShare is a recovery support group designed to provide biblically based help and healing to move from mourning to joy after the death of a loved one. The ministry consists of two separate components for the purpose of providing support to both adults and children.

Health-Wellness
The Health-Wellness Ministry assists the membership in keeping the “temple” of God healthy for service to God by promoting an ongoing awareness of the importance of good health care through screening and other preventive measures (e.g., educational awareness and preventive programs, health fairs and seminars.)

HBCU College Festival
The annual Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) festival features recruiters from more than 60 colleges and universities with some schools conducting on-site admissions interviews and waiving application fees. In recent years the festival even began offering band auditions for certain schools. Community, fraternal, and nonprofit organizations are also present offering scholarship and other opportunities to the festival participants. The festival also includes seminars for students, parents, and guardians on topics ranging from financial aid, sports, arts, internships, to college survival as a Christian and HBCU Sunday services that highlights one of the nation’s HBCUs.

HIV/AIDS
Established in April 2001, the mission of the ministry is to educate, comfort and provide spiritual support (mind, body and soul) to disciples of Alfred Street Baptist Church and the community with regards to HIV/AIDS through participation in community, national and worldwide initiatives, testing conferences, meetings, and prayer vigils.
Graduate Luncheon

The Graduate Luncheon is a church-supported activity that has a long-standing tradition of recognizing graduates from pre-school through doctoral. This annual event has nurtured both the spiritual and educational development of its congregation since 1973. The luncheon represents ASBC’s commitment to encourage, support, and recognize the academic and scholastic achievements of its membership through the awarding of scholarships and public acknowledgement (June each year).
Intercessory Prayer

The ASBC Intercessory Prayer ministry is committed to fostering a greater emphasis on personal and corporate prayer in the life of every believer and our church through education, training and prayer opportunities. Personal prayer and intercession are an integral part of discipleship that should undergird every aspect of who we are and what we do, our church ministries, staff, missions’ efforts and church family. We invite anyone to join us each Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday morning as we pray for our church, our community, state, nation and our world. There are also evening telephone prayer opportunities with various emphases.
The Jail & Prison Ministry
The Jail & Prison Ministry shares a transforming gospel with those who are incarcerated so as to present an opportunity for the power of God to effect a change in their lives.

John O. Peterson Library
Dedicated in September 2001, the John O. Peterson Library is named for Alfred Street Baptist Church’s 7th pastor, John Otis Peterson. The mission of the Library is to provide resources that enhance ministries, discipleship, fellowship and worship for church members. The collection includes commentaries, books on prayer and daily devotions, biblical reference sources, children’s books, and religious history. Materials on African American history and culture as well as resources about grief, marriage, divorce, parenting, and money management are just some of the subjects covered in the Library.

Junior Youth
The purpose of the Junior Youth Ministry is to provide an age appropriate spiritual and recreational program that meets the needs of children ages 8–12. This ministry is actively involved in encouraging youth to know and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. JYM also offers discipleship training and promotes spiritual and personal growth. It offers children in the upper elementary and early middle school age groups the opportunity to fellowship and build Christian character. Our theme is “We are building FAITH in Christ through FUN while enjoying FELLOWSHIP with one another.”

Kids’ Street (Children’s Church)
Location: 325 S. Patrick Street - Multipurpose room
“Kids’ Street” provides age appropriate worship services for children ages 4–12. The mission is to make available opportunities for children to praise and worship God as well as learn about God and come to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. In addition, fellowship opportunities are provided along with follow-up sermon and mission outreach activities, that are designed to promote spiritual growth of children. Children are encouraged to participate in all worship service components, including, but not limited to: music, dance, scripture reading, prayers, and ushering. Services are held the first, third, fourth, and fifth Sundays (September–June).

Legal Resource
The Legal Resources Ministry provides legal advice and guidance to the ASBC family and surrounding communities. Ministry members collaborate with ASBC ministries and other community legal entities on community matters. Attorney Referral Program enables members to connect to a licensed professional who can assist or point them in the right direction. Legal Clinics allow members to register for a 15-minute free consultation with a licensed attorney. Alfred Street Side Bars connect members with our ministry for answers to their legal concerns. Alfred Street Side Bars provide networking, continuing legal education, professional development and provides needed spiritual, emotional, and professional support.
**Liturgical Dance**
The Liturgical Dance Ministry serves as an integral part of the Performing Arts Ministry and is instrumental in interpreting the Word through movement with a focus on praise and worship, warfare, deliverance, edification, and healing. This ministry strives to equip men, women and children with the knowledge and understanding of God’s purpose for dance in the worship experience as they fulfill the Lord’s Great Commission using dance as their tool.

**Marriage**
The purpose of the Alfred Street Baptist Church Marriage Ministry is to enrich the lives of couples and those engaged to be married to bring them to a closer and more intimate relationship with God and their spouse through biblical education, workshops, retreats, conferences, seminars, and recreational activities.

**Media/AV**
The Media/AV Ministry documents all worship services and special programs through video and audio tape reproductions for archiving and distribution.

**Men**
The purpose of the Men’s mission is to fellowship and unite the men of the church to serve as positive role models in the community, especially for potentially wayward youth.

**Military**
The Military Ministry provides opportunities for military members, veterans, or civilians to serve deployed soldiers and their families. We provide service to the local military community of veterans, and provide opportunities for fellowship.

**Music & Worship Arts**
The Music Ministry is made up of eight distinct choirs for the purpose of providing a ministry for all worship services of the church and other services outside of the physical boundaries of the church, as needed.

**Choirs Rehearsal Schedule**
The Gospel Inspirers (ages 13–18) .................................. Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.
The Handbell Choir ......................................................... Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
The Voices of Triumph........................................................ Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
The King’s Kids & Jr. Gospel Inspirers (ages 4–12) ....... Thursdays, 6:00 p.m.
The Male Chorus.............................................................. Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.
The Psalms of Praise Choir.................................................... Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.
The Trinity Choir .............................................................. Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
The Sanctified Symphony ..................................................... Fridays, 7:00 p.m.
The Royal Priesthood Choir ............................................. Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.

**Nursery**
The nursery serves children ages 18 months to 4 years of age, providing them with activities and experiences based on Christian teachings during the all worship services and by special request by certain ministries.
Pastor’s Aid Ministry

Pastor’s Aide Ministry provides and/or assists the pastor with whatever he needs or requests to carry out God’s mission of shepherding His people. The ministry also supports the pastor spiritually and emotionally through a variety of activities and services that enhance the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This ministry supports the church’s efforts in celebrating the pastor’s anniversary, birthday, and other special occasions. Overall, the Pastor’s Aide Ministry extends spiritual care to the “angel” God sent to Alfred Street Baptist Church.
Recovery Ministry
Getting Real – Recovery on the Southside – The Recovery Ministry offers a safe, welcoming, and confidential environment where people can get honest about the issues that are interfering with their lives. We provide Christ-centered peer support groups that are similar to the 12-step model of AA, and actively work to encourage spiritual development through the practical application of Biblical principles and disciplines. Our members are pursuing recovery from a variety of issues including but not limited to: alcoholism, drug addiction, compulsive eating, compulsive spending and codependency.

Safety and Security Ministry
The ASBC Safety and Security Ministry is dedicated to ensuring a safe and secure environment for all worship services, ministry programs, activities and events held at and by Alfred Street Baptist Church. This ministry’s mission is to develop security measures, evacuation policies, procedures and training for all ASBC facilities and off-site facilities where any ASBC ministries, programs, activities and events are held. The ministry trains staff, church members, ministry leaders, volunteers and guests on how to implement these policies during any emergency at ASBC.

Scholarship Committee
The committee gives scholarships to high school seniors who have been a member of ASBC for a minimum of two years and have participated in youth activities on a regular basis during the last two years of high school. The committee also assists undergraduate students who are having financial difficulties.

Seasoned Saints - Seniors Ministry
The purpose of the Seniors Ministry is to identify and address the spiritual, educational, personal, health, safety and social support needs of our senior members and to reach out to seniors in the community and invite them to experience Christian fellowship at the Alfred Street Baptist Church.

Senior Youth Higher Ground
The mission of the Senior Youth Higher Ground Ministry is to reach out to the youth of the church and community to help bring them closer to Christ. Through outreach programs, regular meetings, retreats, church services and other activities, the Youth Department’s primary objectives are that each youth will: 1. accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; 2. commit to serving the Lord with his or her God-given talents; 3. grow spiritually, socially, culturally and academically; and 4. gain greater self-esteem and awareness of community needs.
Missions

The Missions Ministry strives to fulfill and perform the duties of Matthew 25:35–36 with commitment, prayer, service, and dedication through community outreach within the church, local community and state, while developing national and international partnerships. Missions is committed to Building Disciples to Win the World through the four core values of ASBC: Evangelism, Excellence, Relationships, and Stewardship. The Missions Ministry is the legs of social justice. Domestic violence, human trafficking, and elder care are some of the issues that affect us all; therefore, we urge you to come together to work for the common good—locally, nationally, and internationally.
Singles
The ASBC Singles Ministry strives to create a spiritually collaborative environment for all singles ages 18 to 118, including those who have never married, single parents, and those who are widowed or divorced. It is our objective to provide opportunities to further their spiritual walk with God through seminars, prayer partnering, missions outreach and fellowship with like minded Christians. Throughout the year we will build solid partnerships with the ministries at Alfred Street Baptist Church and in the Alexandria community.

Social Justice
The Social Justice Ministry seeks to identify biblically based solutions to expose and eliminate social ills and systemic oppression, which fail to uphold the imago dei (image of God) in all people and inhibit our community from accessing justice and freedom. The ministry serves as a convener and catalyst to advance social justice in five critical areas: voting rights, criminal justice reform, education equity, economic justice, and racial justice and reconciliation.

See The Gospel Outreach
The mission of the See the Gospel Outreach Ministry (SGOM) is to win souls for Christ through outreach to the hearing impaired community and to share God’s Word through American Sign Language (ASL). It is also the desire of the ministry to prepare the disciples of the church through classes and workshops to welcome our hearing impaired brothers and sisters into the family of God.
Social Media
The Social Media Ministry represents a new era of communications, virtual technology and acts as a catalyst agent to being the “social voice” that connects the “PEOPLE” of Alfred Street & surrounding communities. Our mission is to promote good Christian stewardship and spread the great news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We embody creative ways to broadcast church events and help build dynamic disciples of Christ with the use of social platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Podcasts, Website, E-Blasts and our Mobile App.

Sports
The Sports Ministry promotes fitness, health, and Christian fellowship for members, friends, and our community. Our mission comes from the book of 1 John 1:7 “…. Fellowship With One Another …. “ The Sports Ministry provides an opportunity for competitive fellowship within our church membership as well as among local area churches. Sports Ministry is expanding events and activities to fit the congregation’s demand.

Sunday School
Saturday and Sunday School classes give all ages the opportunity to study and discuss God’s Word. Join other disciples to learn and grow through His word.

Undergraduate College Student Outreach
The purpose of the Undergraduate College Student Outreach Ministry’s (UCSOM) is to serve undergraduate college students (ages 17–25) who are actively enrolled in the current academic school year (August–May). The ministry seeks to encourage and strengthen students’ spiritual growth and relationship with God while in college. UCSOM serves as a resource to further deepen their faith by focusing on fellowship and community outreach.

Vacation Bible School
Vacation Bible School meets the spiritual needs of the church through week-long programming, which provides worship, evangelism, and equips and edifies the young and seasoned within our congregation. Vacation Bible School offers a unique approach to learning the Bible and cultivating and understanding Godly principles. During the summer, volunteers, children, and adults gather for activities that include: high-energy praise and worship, interactive messages and skits, Bible study and devotion, recreation and game time, music class, arts & crafts. Sessions are tailored for adult and young adult attendees.

Volunteer Ministry
The Volunteer Ministry serves as a support group for the office staff and for community-based projects for shelters, nonprofit agencies, and service-oriented programs.

Wedding Coordination
The Wedding Coordination Ministry of Alfred Street Baptist Church (ASBC) is dedicated to making each wedding a religious ceremony in which a man and a woman evoke the blessings of God. The goal of the ASBC Wedding Coordination Ministry is to make each wedding ceremony a beautiful experience. Services include consultation, premarital counseling, wedding rehearsal and wedding ceremony.
Women
The Women’s Ministry is committed to inspiring each other in the faith through fellowship, building a better relationship and connection with God through His Word, and supporting the spiritual growth and personal development of every woman we meet through prayer as we strive to Make Disciples to Win the World for Christ through unity and sisterly love. Amos 3:3

Young Adult
The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) serves men and women ages 21–39. This ministry seeks to encourage and equip young adults to grow and strengthen their relationship with God as well as to help create and grow connections of young adults to the body of Christ. YAM serves as a resource for young adults to deepen their faith through practice by focusing on fellowship, community outreach, spiritual growth, and personal/professional development.

Tutorial
The purpose of the Tutorial Ministry is to assist youth of the Alfred Street Baptist Church and surrounding communities in enhancing self-esteem, motivation, study habits, and to encourage students to take responsibility for “learning,” which is commensurate with their ability to perform in academic settings. We incorporate the motto of Pray, Prepare and Perform through weekly student-led devotional. Participants must attend every Monday in accordance with the Alexandria School calendar for the entire academic calendar year October–June.
Ushers

The Ushers’ primary purpose is to SERVE. The cornerstone of ushering is COMMITMENT. Our goal is to exemplify Christ and our church through our service. Our duties are simple but important and include welcoming the members of the congregation, assisting in seating, collecting and presenting the offerings, helping in emergency situations involving safety, and assisting in the service upon request. The ushers also distribute bulletins and clean up the church pews at the end of each service. Junior Ushers, ages 6–13, serve during Children’s Church and in the sanctuary on fifth Sundays with the women and men ushers.
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