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# JOIN OUR FAMILY

Explore the ministry of Abundant  
and find out how to connect  
in our community.

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# WHAT TO EXPECT

The Abundant Growth Track guides you,  
empowering you to discover your  
redemptive purpose and live the life  
God created for you.

Growth Track is made up of  
four simple steps.

- 01. Know Jesus**
- 02. Join our Family**
- 03. Discover Purpose**
- 04. Make a Difference**

**Pro Tip**  
Join in at any time!

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1st  
**SUNDAY**  
of the  
month



2nd  
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3rd  
**SUNDAY**  
of the  
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4th  
**SUNDAY**  
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### StepOne: Know Jesus

Learn about the abundant life God has for you by getting to know Jesus.



### StepTwo: Join Our Family

Explore the Abundant ministry and find out how to connect in our community.



### StepThree: Discover Purpose

Discover your personality, gifts and recognize your divine purpose in life.



### StepFour: Make a Difference

Connect to the opportunities at Abundant to fully live out your purpose and use your gift to serve others.

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# THE ABUNDANT LIFE

We believe the Abundant Life is the ongoing process of submitting to God's Word and Spirit to complete the development of Christ's character in us.

This life is not about perfection, it is about progression. It is the Holy Spirit's continued work in us to be more like him. God is the one who does the work of making us more like Christ. We participate in that work by a life of continually turning away from sin and demonstrating our faith in Christ by obeying God's commands.

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**“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”**

**Philippians 1:6**

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# OUR PRAYER FOR YOU

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better.

“I ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers.”

Ephesians 1:17-18 Message

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# THE ABUNDANT STORY

Our pastors, Charles, Shannon and Jared Nieman have a heart to teach people how to live a better life through applying God's Word, and to make a difference in our community.

They believe church should be a place where people of all backgrounds can gather and worship God freely, grow in knowledge of God's Word, be encouraged in their faith, develop positive relationships and be empowered to share God's love with others.

The Abundant vision is simple: Teach people how to enjoy the life that Jesus came to give us.

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# OUR MISSION

Our mission is to introduce you to  
Jesus and His love for you,  
empowering you to live a life of faith  
and purpose to make a difference in  
your community.



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# ESTABLISH VALUES

Our core values are not just what we  
do—they are part of our DNA.  
They are who we are.  
These values are non-negotiable for us.

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# OUR VALUES:

**01**

### **Live by Faith**

The foundation of our church is faith! We believe that our daily faith is the victory that overcomes all things. Our faith is seen in our believing and speaking. Believing is shown through our confident trust in Jesus and His Word. Our speaking is heard by the words we speak and the actions we take.

**02**

### **Love God and Love People**

Our heart is for ALL people. All people are loved by Jesus. We make no apologies for being specifically focused on reaching those far away from God. We desire to bring the broken home at all costs. We believe that our light is best seen through our unconditional love for people.

**03**

### **Extreme Generosity**

Generosity is about giving more than what is required. We see generosity as a privilege. We're generous with our time, talents and treasure. We go first in our giving. God has given richly towards us, it's our honor to give back to Him.

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# OUR VALUES:

**04**

### **Pursue Excellence**

We are going to always do the best with what we have. We're on time, engaged and prepared. We don't do things half way. If we're going to do it, it's to the best of our ability.

**05**

### **Blessed to be a Blessing**

If you're too big to serve then you are too small to lead. We believe the greatest leadership is being a blessing to those around us. Our expectation is not only for God to bless us, but to also bless others through us.

**06**

### **Choose Joy**

We command our soul, emotions and attitudes. No matter the circumstance, we believe that the joy of the Lord is our strength. It's our spirit, and our choice... we choose joy.

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# HOW TO SHARE CHRIST WITH OTHERS:

One of our primary purposes is to reach people far from God.  
Every one of us can do our part by following these four principles:

**01** Accept the personal

**02** Build a personal

**03** Share your personal

**04** Give a personal

**We share Christ in our city, our nation and our world.**

Jesus gave His Church a mandate to reach the world.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:19

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# HOW YOU CAN JOIN US:

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Pray for each of these areas that we might reach people  
with the Good News of Jesus.

“Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’”

Matthew 9:37-38

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# HOW YOU CAN JOIN US:

02

Give your time and resources to  
reach people for Christ.

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.... if it is giving, then give generously...”

Romans 12:6-8

We believe in honoring God with our tithe.  
To tithe mean giving the first TENTH or 10% of income  
weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly.

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 3:10-11

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”

Luke 6:38

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# HOW YOU CAN JOIN US:

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Serve others and show them God's love.

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’  
And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’  
He said, ‘Go and tell this people...’”

Isaiah 6:8-9

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## 02. LIVE FREE

We believe real life change happens in the context of authentic relationships, which is why we are a church made up of small groups. In the Bible, they worshiped in the temple, life change happened in the context of small groups.

“That day about three thousand took him at his word, were baptized and were signed up. They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers”

Acts 2:41-42 MSG



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# ABUNDANT GROUPS PROVIDE THREE THINGS:

One of our primary purposes is to reach people far from God.  
Every one of us can do our part by following these four principles:

**01** A place to  with others.

“Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.”  
1 Corinthians 9:22 TLB

**02** A place to  each other.

“We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us.  
So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.”  
1 John 3:16 NLT

**03** A place to  together.

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”  
Proverbs 27:17

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# HOW ABUNDANT GROUPS WORK:

An Abundant Group is an intentional gathering of people who meet regularly.

Since God designed us for relationships, we believe it is through the connections made in small groups that God will help us grow.

Abundant Groups are gatherings online or in person (with groups no larger than ten people observing COVID social distancing rules) in various times and venues throughout El Paso to share life, share a meal and or share a common interest.

Abundant Groups are where prayer and support for one another happens. We would love for you to review the Abundant Groups on the APP or online, and check out their schedules and even sign-up.

**Visit [abundant.org/groups](https://abundant.org/groups)**

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# NEXT STEPS

**01** Join the Abundant Family  
Being part of our church family is not about adding your name to a roster, it's about connecting with the people and the vision of the church.

**02** Join an Abundant Group  
Browse our online directory of Abundant Groups at

[abundant.org/groups](https://abundant.org/groups)

Find the Abundant Group for you, contact the leader and make plans to try it out.

**03** Complete all four steps of Growth Track.

StepOne: **Know Jesus**

StepTwo: **Join Our Family**

StepThree: **Discover Purpose**

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# ABUNDANT STATEMENT OF FAITH:

### **Holy Bible**

The Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all doctrinal truths.

In its original writing, it is inspired, infallible and inerrant.

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5; Romans 16:25-26

### **Trinity**

There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three are coequal and co-eternal.

I John 5:7; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 9:6;

Hebrews 3:7-11

### **Jesus Christ**

Jesus Christ is God the Son, the second person of the Trinity.

On earth, Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. He is the only man

ever to have lived a sinless life. He was born of a virgin,

performed miracles, died on the cross for mankind and thus,

atoned for our sins through the shedding of His blood.

He rose from the dead on the third day according to the Scriptures,

ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will return again

in power and glory.

John 1:1,14, 20:28; I Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 2:5-6; I Timothy 2:5

### **Virgin Birth**

Jesus Christ was conceived by God the Father, through the Holy Spirit

(the third person of the Trinity) in the virgin Mary's womb; therefore,

He is the Son of God.

Matthew 1:18, 25; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:27-35

### **Redemption**

Man was created good and upright, but by voluntary transgression he fell;

his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Gen. 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21

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### **Regeneration**

For anyone to know God, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

John 6:44, 65; Matthew 19:28; Titus 3:5

### **Salvation**

We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ: His death, burial, and resurrection. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works or of any human efforts. Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16, 3:8; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 9:22

### **Repentance**

Repentance is the commitment to turn away from sin in every area of our lives and to follow Christ, which allows us to receive His redemption and to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Thus, through repentance we receive forgiveness of sins and appropriate salvation. Acts 2:21, 3:19; I John 1:9

### **Sanctification**

Sanctification is the ongoing process of submitting to God's Word and His Spirit in order to complete the development of Christ's character in us. It is through the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life. I Thessalonians 4:3, 5:23; II Corinthians 3:18, 6:14-18, II Thessalonians 2:1-3, Romans 8:29, 12:1-2, Hebrews 2:11

### **Jesus' Blood**

The Blood that Jesus Christ shed on the Cross of Calvary was sinless and is 100% sufficient to cleanse mankind of all sin. Jesus allowed Himself to be punished for both our sinfulness and our sins, enabling all those who believe to be free from the penalty of sin, which is death. I John 1:7; Revelation 1:5, 5:9; Colossians 1:20; Romans 3:10-12, 23, 5:9; John 1:29

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### **Jesus Christ Indwells All Believers**

Christians are people who have invited the Lord Jesus Christ to come and live inside them by His Holy Spirit. They relinquish the authority of their lives over to him thus making Jesus the Lord of their life as well as Savior. They put their trust in what Jesus accomplished for them when He died, was buried, and rose again from the dead.

John 1:12; John 14:17, 23; John 15:4; Romans 8:11; Revelation 3:20

### **Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

Given at Pentecost, it is the promise of the Father, sent by Jesus after His Ascension, to empower the Church to preach the Gospel throughout the whole earth.

Joel 2:28-29; Matthew 3:11; Mark 16:17; Acts 1:5 ,2:1-4, 17, 38-39, 8:14-17, 10:38, 44-47, 11:15-17, 19:1-6

### **The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is manifested through a variety of spiritual gifts to build and sanctify the church, demonstrate the validity of the resurrection, and confirm the power of the Gospel. The Bible lists of these gifts are not necessarily exhaustive, and the gifts may occur in various combinations. All believers are commanded to earnestly desire the manifestation of the gifts in their lives. These gifts always operate in harmony with the Scriptures and should never be used in violation of Biblical parameters.

Hebrews 2:4; Romans 1:11, 12 :4-8; Ephesians 4:16; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6-7; I Corinthians 12:1-31, 14:1-40; I Peter 4:10

### **The Church**

The church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of Jesus' Great Commission.

Every person who is born of the Spirit is an integral part of the church as a member of the body of believers.

There is a spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23; John 17:11, 20-23

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### **Sacraments**

#### **Water Baptism**

Following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the new convert is commanded by the Word of God to be baptized in water in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 36-38; 10:47-48

#### **The Lord's Supper**

A unique time of communion in the presence of God when the elements of bread and grape juice (the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ) are taken in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross.  
Matthew 26:26-29; I Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-25

#### **Marriage**

We believe marriage is defined in the Bible as a covenant, a sacred bond between one man and one woman, instituted by and publicly entered into before God.  
Matthew 19:4-6

#### **Healing of The Sick**

Healing of the sick is illustrated in the life and ministry of Jesus, and included in the commission of Jesus to His disciples. It is given as a sign, which is to follow believers. It is also a part of Jesus' work on the Cross and one of the gifts of the Spirit.  
Psalm 103:2-3; Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16:17-18; Acts 8:6-7; James 5:14-16; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28; Romans 11:29

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### **God's Will For Provision**

It is the Father's will for believers to become whole, healthy and successful in all areas of life. But because of the fall, many may not receive the full benefits of God's will while on Earth. That fact, though, should never prevent all believers from seeking the full benefits of Christ's provision in order to better serve others.

#### **Spiritual**

John 3:3-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10

#### **Mental and Emotional**

2 Timothy 1:7, 2:11; Philippians 4:7-8; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3

#### **Physical**

Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:17; I Peter 2:24

#### **Financial**

Joshua 1:8; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Psalm 34:10, 84:11; Philippians 4:19

#### **Resurrection**

Jesus Christ was physically resurrected from the dead in a glorified body three days after His death on the cross. In addition, both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; those that are saved to the resurrection of life and those that are lost to the resurrection of eternal separation.

Luke 24:16, 36, 39; John 2:19-21, 20:26-28, 21:4; Acts 24:15;

I Corinthians 15:42, 44; Philippians 1:21-23, 3:21



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### **Heaven**

Heaven is the eternal dwelling place for all believers  
in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5:3, 12, 20, 6:20, 19:21, 25:34; John 17:24; 2 Corinthians 5:1;  
Hebrews 11:16; I Peter 1:4

### **Hell**

After living one life on earth, the unbelievers will be judged by God  
and sent to Hell where they will be eternally separated from God.

Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:43-48; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 14:9-11, 20:12-15,  
21:8

### **Second Coming**

Jesus Christ will physically and visibly return to earth for the  
second time to establish His Kingdom.

This will occur at a date undisclosed by the Scriptures.

Matthew 24:30, 26:63-64; Acts 1:9-11; I Thessalonians 4:15-17;  
2 Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 1:7

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YOU  
DID IT!

Let's stay connected!

Download the Abundant app and check the calendar  
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