



OPEN

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WELCOME!

We are so glad you chose to join us today at Open House, and we hope you feel at home at Prince!

If you have any questions after attending Open House, don't hesitate to contact the church offices at **678.753.3100** or send us an email at **info@pabc.org**.

SUNDAYS

WORSHIP SERVICES AT 8:15AM, 9:45AM, & 11:15AM

COMMUNITY GROUPS AT 9:45AM & 11:15AM

WEDNESDAYS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL AT 5PM

MIDWEEK CLASSES AT 6:15PM

STAY UP-TO-DATE AT PRINCE

We have a lot happening at Prince, and we want to make sure you stay up-to-date with all that is going on.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER

The best way to stay informed is to subscribe to our weekly Wednesday email that includes updates and details for upcoming events. Sign up at **pabc.org/newsletter**

THE CHURCH WEBSITE

You can always find the most recent updates by checking the **This Week** page at **pabc.org/updates** on the church website.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Another great way to keep informed is to follow us on Instagram and Facebook.



@prince.church



@pabcathens

MISSION

PHILIPPIANS 1:12–18

Jesus did not create a mission for His church—**He created a church for His mission.** That mission is clarified in Matthew 28:18-20, and it is universal and unchanging for every local church. The mission is holistic, beginning with leading people to trust and follow Jesus initially through Gospel proclamation and then leading them to continue to trust and follow Jesus through the process of discipleship. Our own paraphrase for the Great Commission is the mission statement for our church. **Our mission statement clarifies WHAT the church is called to do.**

OUR MISSION

LEADING PEOPLE TO **TRUST** AND **FOLLOW** JESUS

OUR VISION

OUR VISION IS TO BE THE **VISIBLE PRESENCE OF JESUS IN OUR COMMUNITY, A HEALTHY AND GROWING FAMILY OF FAITH THAT IS PASSIONATE ABOUT EXPERIENCING, ENJOYING, AND EXPANDING GOD'S PRESENCE TO EVERY NEIGHBOR AND EVERY NATION.**

MOVEMENT

PHILIPPIANS 1:19–26

Our vision is to see people—both as individuals and as a corporate body—experiencing, enjoying, and expanding God’s Presence.

Wherever you are experiencing God right now, we want to see you **MOVE to a deeper circle**. If you are only attending worship services, we would love to see you commit to a Community Group. If you’re already in a Community Group, we would love to see you take the next step and join a D-Group. On top of this, personal time with God is vital in the life of a believer!



CORPORATE WORSHIP

SUNDAYS AT 8:15AM, 9:45AM, & 11:15AM

God has called every believer to not only partner with a local church but also gather regularly to hear His word, sing His praises, declare His glory, and encourage one another. It is here that we are learning how to respond to the revelation of God.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

SUNDAYS AT 9:45AM & 11:15AM

Community Groups are our small groups (based on life stages) that meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45am and 11:15am on campus and offer Biblical study and discussion.

These groups are the best environments for relational connection where meaningful relationships, spiritual encouragement, and practical care occur.

Find a list of Community Groups at pabc.org/groups

D-GROUPS

MEET THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

A D-Group (discipleship group) consists of three to five men or women, gender-specific, who are committed to growing together spiritually for a period of 12-18 months for accelerated spiritual transformation.

At the end of the year, we hope to see each member start their own D-Group and replicate the group experience by inviting others to take the same discipleship journey with them. **Find out more at pabc.org/d-groups.**

MEMBERSHIP

PHILIPPIANS 1:27–30

The Bible describes life within the church as a **partnership**. Churches are made up of an identifiable group of Christians who partner together to fulfill the mission of Jesus and to hold one another accountable to their commitment to follow Jesus. **Becoming a member of Prince means that you are committing to this partnership with the members and pastors of the church.** It also means that our church family is committing to you: **to shepherd, encourage, admonish, pray for, and equip you for the work of the ministry.**

The Bible is clear—**every** believer must be a member of a local church. The church is the means by which God is fulfilling His mission in the world, and it is the primary environment where Christian growth occurs. Without an identifiable membership, it is impossible for the pastors to faithfully shepherd and watch over people. The church is the bride and body of Christ and should not be taken lightly—**God created His church for your good and for His glory.**

PARTNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- **Be a follower of Jesus**
- **Be baptized as a Believer**
- **Complete the Open House Membership Class**
- **Affirm the Prince Partnership Agreements**
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MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION:

Membership may be terminated by any of the following:

- **Death**
- **Transfer to another church**
- **By request of a member desiring his or her termination**
- **Exclusion by action of the church (Biblical church discipline)**
- **Removal of inactive members:** If contact with a member has been lost and the contact information of the member becomes unknown, the church staff shall make a diligent search to locate the member to determine his or her intentions toward membership. If contact has been lost for at least six months, and the search has been unsuccessful, the person will be removed from church membership.

WHAT ABOUT CHILDREN AND MEMBERSHIP?

If your child is not yet a professing follower of Christ, they will be listed as “**Child of Prince Partners**” as a part of your family unit. You will be members of Prince (Prince Partners), but, at this point, your children will not.

Children under the age of eighteen, who are baptized by immersion after a profession of faith are welcomed into a “**Fellowship Membership**” status with Prince Avenue Baptist Church.

The “Fellowship Membership” status assumes that a child, with the help of his parents, will seek a place to serve the church, continue to be disciplined by his parents, and will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church. The “Fellowship Membership” does not allow a child to vote nor receive church discipline. Parents are encouraged to continue to exercise their God-given responsibilities by disciplining their child.

CHILD AND COVENANT MEMBERSHIP

Following the 18th birthday of a child, he must attend Open House to pursue **Covenant Membership at Prince Avenue**.

Any child who does not begin the Covenant Membership process will be removed from Fellowship Membership status upon graduation from high school.

SERVING

VOLUNTEERING AND SERVING AT PRINCE

We look most like Jesus when we serve others! At Prince, we believe that it's important for every Prince Partner to serve—not only to make everything run smoothly at Prince on Sundays and Wednesdays but also to foster a life of service like Jesus!

We currently have more than 40 different volunteering opportunities across our different ministry areas at Prince.

Find descriptions of each of our
volunteer positions at pabc.org/serve

NOT SURE WHERE YOU'RE GIFTED TO SERVE?

God has given each of us special abilities and opportunities to serve Him and others, and we want to help you discover those giftings. We have a Spiritual Gifts survey available at pabc.org/serve to help you discover your giftings.

After completing the survey, one of our pastors will assist you in finding an area of service at Prince. Whether you are gifted in teaching, hospitality, administration, or something else, there is a place for you here.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

We partner with many local organizations that provide specialized services for those in our community. If you're looking for a place to serve in Oconee, Clarke, and surrounding counties, start with one of our partners.

Find a list of our current local partnerships at pabc.org/missions

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

We are honored to partner with missionaries across the globe who are helping lead people to trust and follow Jesus! Make it a regular habit to pray for our global partnerships. We would love for you to reach out and let our partners know you're praying for them and their ministries using the contact information on the website.

Find a list of our current global partnerships at pabc.org/missions

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

Throughout the year, we provide many opportunities to serve on short-term mission trips with our global partners. One of the benefits of becoming a Prince Partner is that **Prince will cover half the cost of your trip!**

Find a list of our current short-term trips at pabc.org/missions

GIVING

Prince Avenue Baptist Church is a community of believers who are committed to leading people to trust and follow Jesus. We are able to pursue this mission because of our congregation's financial support of the church's ministries.

FOUR WAYS TO GIVE AT PRINCE

1. DURING WORSHIP

Place a **giving envelope** (found in the back of Worship Center seats) into one of the giving boxes located at each Worship Center exit.

2. ONLINE

Set up a recurring gift or make a one-time gift at **pabc.org/give**

3. TEXT

Text **PABC** to **73256**

Standard text message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

4. MAIL OR DROP-OFF

Mail gifts or use the secure drop boxes located in the main church hallway or at the church offices.

Mailing Address: **2131 Ruth Jackson Rd, Bogart, GA 30622**

THE MORE INITIATIVE

In the fall of 2022, Pastor Josh shared a new vision for Prince including **a goal of raising \$15 million** to expand our buildings to better equip future church planters and missionaries as well as create more space for our community to attend Prince and experience God!

Find out how you can participate at **pabc.org/MORE**

PRINCE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

In obedience to God's Word, by God's grace, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, all Partners at Prince Avenue Baptist Church agree to:

1. Choose by faith to trust and follow Jesus on a daily basis.
2. Proactively strive together to lead other people to trust and follow Jesus.
3. Engage in the Discipleship Pathway in order to pursue personal holiness and spiritual growth.
 - Pursue living a life of worship by attending weekly Sunday morning worship, pursuing intimacy with Jesus through Bible reading and prayer, and responding in obedience to God's Word.
 - Pursue living a life in community with others by engaging sacrificially in a Community Group, giving generously and consistently to the church, serving in the church, and praying faithfully for the church.
 - Pursue living a life on mission by supporting, praying for, and participating in our local and global ministry efforts as well as those sent out by Prince.
4. Maintain the unity of the body by refusing to gossip, refraining from speaking or acting in a way that hinders unity, and dealing with conflict in a Biblical manner.
5. Submit to the care and direction of the pastoral leadership, knowing that they are charged by God, and will give an account of leading, feeding, and protecting the members of the body.

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