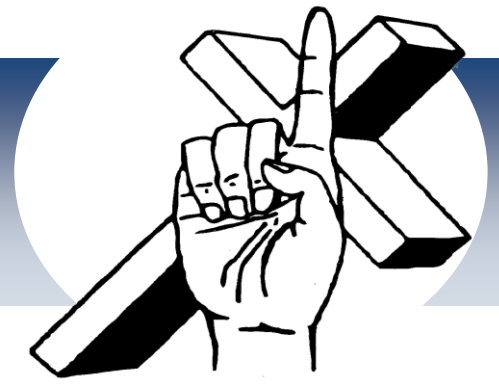


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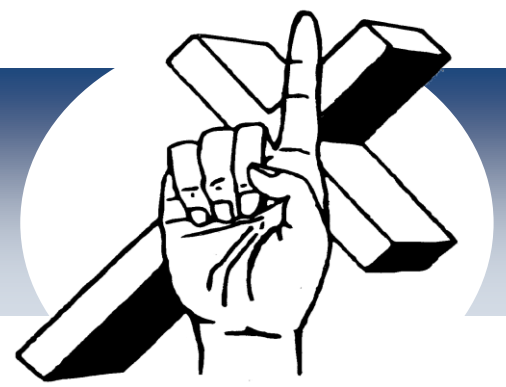


## 10 O.A.F.C. PRINCIPLES

1. **BELIEVING** the Bible is the absolute Truth of God is basic to the Christian faith. His story is the true story. An ambassador is confident that Jesus has won the victory in the past and that His promises of a future home in heaven are certain. As our Savior, Jesus lived the perfect life for us. He suffered and died on the cross for our sins and rose from the grave in triumph. Because He lives we shall live also! Because we believe, we speak of His love!
  2. O AFC helps youth find **RIGHT MOTIVATION** for serving the Lord. They want to live for Him in love.
  3. O AFC encourages youth to live a **CHRIST-CENTERED LIFE**. Youth are encouraged to pray, to have personal Bible study each day, to attend church and Bible class regularly, to commune frequently, and to share Jesus with others. In everything a Christian does he asks "Jesus, what do you want me to do?" (and does it!)
  4. O AFC is a **CHRIST-CENTERED ORGANIZATION**. Because many people do not know the way to heaven, O AFC is specifically Christ-centered so that in everything it does, the way to heaven is clear.
  5. O AFC challenges youth to **BE THE CHURCH NOW**. It gives them the opportunity to do the most important work of the church: spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It helps involve youth in an atmosphere where they can learn to share their faith and the things they have been taught. Many find new meaning and joy in their Christian lives as their faith grows through the Gospel.
  6. O AFC is a **DISCIPLINED MINISTRY**. Youth who are serious about the ministry become frustrated with other youth who attend for the wrong reasons, and they may drop out. When a clear line is drawn between high and low standards, non-committed youth then have to make a choice to either leave the group or to cross over the line and join the dedicated youth. Together they can build a strong group dedicated to serving God.
  7. O AFC believes that **POSITIVE PEER PRESSURE** can be a reality among youth. O AFC offers a positive group of people and positive activities that center on Christ. It is Christ who gives them power to resist the negative crowd and negative influences. As youth become involved and challenged in sharing Christ, they begin to develop new personal and group goals. Living in God's love, youth strive to live a godly life and encourage each other to do the same.
  8. O AFC has outlined **10 BASIC CONCEPTS** to help individuals in their spiritual growth. These concepts are Biblical references which show how our lives are abundant, peaceful, thankful, truthful, powerful, purposeful, wholesome, orderly, serving, and giving. (see next page)
  9. O AFC offers opportunities for renewal of **COMMITMENT TO GOD**. Youth and adults who want to dedicate themselves to the work of Christ's church through O AFC may be commissioned as Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ. When commissioned they pledge to strive to live out their Christian lives in a godly way at home and among friends and with an active church life. They are given an opportunity to renew this commitment to God through the Baptismal Renewal Bible Study. Commissioning is for a one year period and should be renewed annually.
- O AFC is designed to be a **MULTIPLYING MINISTRY**. The ministry multiplies when youth and adults are trained and then they in turn train others, who in turn train others, who then also pass on their training.

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## 10 BASIC CONCEPTS OF LIFE

These concepts are written that you might better understand why and how things are done in O AFC. They are practical principles of scripture confirmed through experience. They can be shared with Ambassadors through Bible study topics, paragraphs in the monthly newsletters, themes for weekends, time between activities during weekends, etc.

1. **ABUNDANT LIFE** – John 10:10 “I have come that you might have life and have it abundantly!”
2. **PEACEFUL LIFE** – Romans 8:28 “All things work together for good to them that love God.”
3. **THANKFUL LIFE** – Psalm 118:1 “Thank the Lord because He is good and loves us forever.”
4. **TRUTHFUL LIFE** – John 17:17 “Thy word is truth.”
5. **POWERFUL LIFE** – Philippians 4:13 “I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.”
6. **PURPOSEFUL LIFE** – 1 Corinthians 6:19 “He bought you with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”
7. **WHOLESOME LIFE** – Philippians 4:8 “Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things!”
8. **ORDERLY LIFE** – Romans 13:1 “Everyone must obey the state authorities; for no authority exists without God’s permission, and the existing authorities have been put there by God.”
9. **SERVING LIFE** – Romans 1:1 “I came not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.”
10. **GIVING LIFE** – 1 John 3:16 “Jesus Christ laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.”