

SESSION THREE

THE OAK HILL BAPTIST STRATEGY

(Paul) "... to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win the Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; to those who are without law, as without law ... that I might win those who are without law; to the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men that I might by all means save some."

WHO ARE WE TRYING TO REACH? Oak Hill Baptist is a family-oriented, multi-generational church and we offer a wide range of ministries for all ages. However, we also recognize that young families with children are the future of Oak Hill Baptist. Therefore, our model of ministry, as a practical necessity, is weighted in favor of that demographic.

THE OAK HILL BAPTIST TARGET GROUP

Understands commitment to Christ in terms of "causes"
Motivated to give by causes
Loyalty to causes
Prefers issue-oriented Bible study
Ministers from sense of community
Preaching-Issue oriented
When a guest – prefers to be anonymous
Worship style – Blended

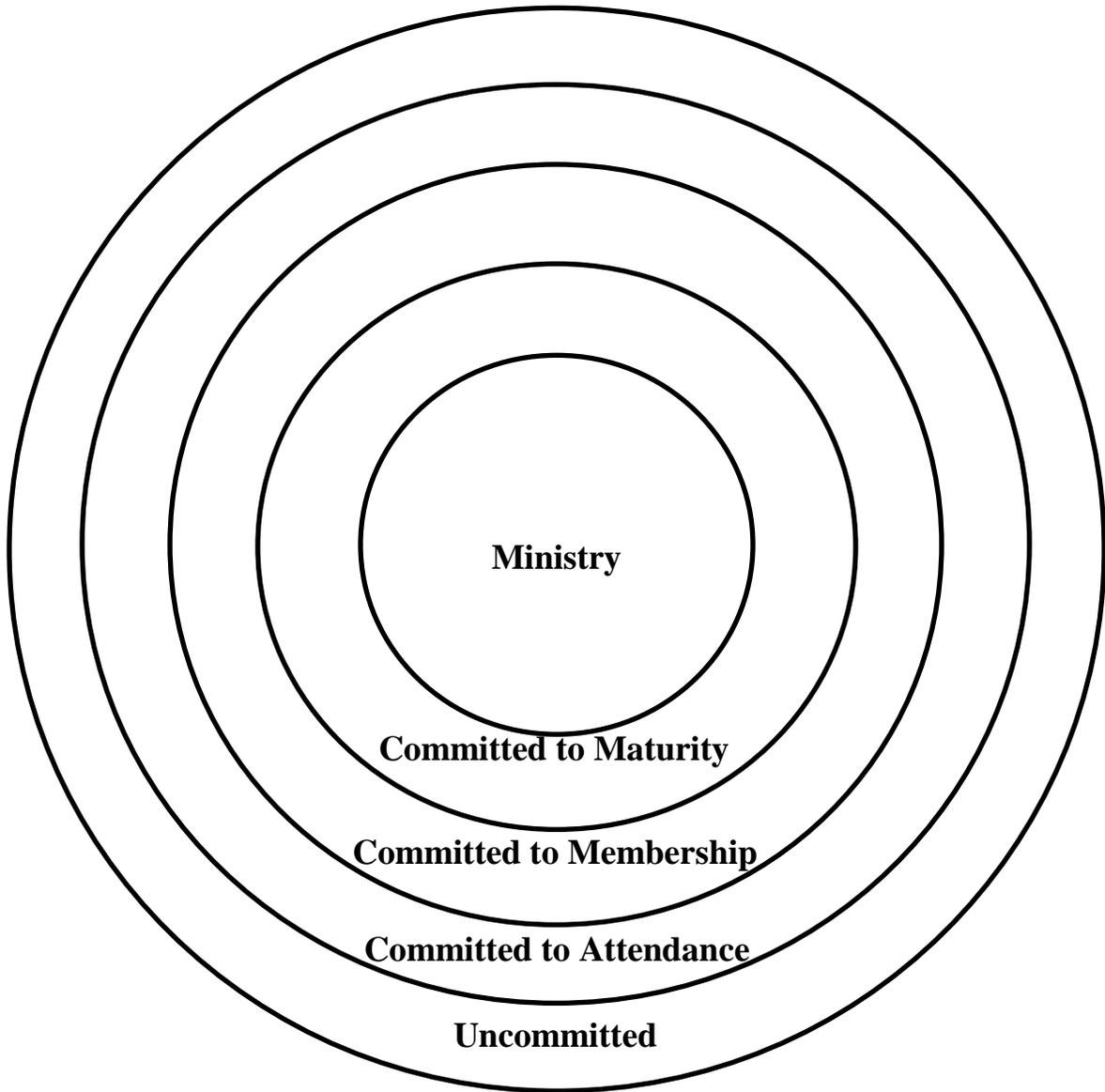
Grew up with:

Cable tv/videos
Sesame Street
High Tech PC
Persian Gulf
Space shuttle
Variable economy
Tianamen Square
Upbeat and jazzy tunes

Is now:

33 years old
Drives 1.7 vehicles
Average family income \$32,000
High school graduate
Blue collar worker
Over-extended in both time and money
Prefers casual and informal over formal
Monthly credit card balance of \$6,000

5 CIRCLES



OF COMMITMENT

THE FOUR OAK HILL COVENANTS

Oak Hill Baptist Church’s objective is to keep moving people toward the center by encouraging personal spiritual commitments. Specifically, we call people to four basic commitments:

1. THE MEMBERSHIP COVENANT...

IS A COMMITMENT TO _____ AND _____.

“Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.” Eph. 2:19

“For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.
Rom. 12:4-5

2. THE MATURITY COVENANT...

IS A COMMITMENT TO _____ NECESSARY FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

“... but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” Peter 3:18

“... train yourself to be godly.” 1 Tim. 4:7

3. THE MINISTRY COVENANT...

IS A COMMITMENT TO DISCOVERING AND USING MY GOD-GIVEN GIFTS AND ABILITIES IN _____ GOD AND OTHERS.

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” 1 Pet. 4:10

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” 1 Cor. 12:27

4. THE MISSIONS COVENANT...

IS A COMMITMENT TO _____ THE GOOD NEWS WITH OTHERS.

“...and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do it with gentleness and respect...” 1 Peter 3:15

WHY DO WE HAVE THESE COVENANTS?

WE BECOME WHAT WE ARE _____.