

Southdale Bible Chapel - Code of Conduct

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God's word directs us to live out our ministry roles with integrity, enthusiasm, compassion and patience. (2 Tim 4:2, 2 Tim 4:5, Eph 2:10). This code is an expression of these directives from the Bible.

Southdale Bible Chapel (SBC) requires that those in ministry understand Southdale Bible Chapel's (SBC) statement of faith. If there are areas of disagreement these should be discussed with one of the elders. See <http://sbclondon.com/about/>.

a. We will minister out of a relationship with God by:

- joining regularly in the life and ministry of SBC
- studying the Scriptures in private and in groups
- praying regularly in private and in fellowship with others at SBC
- giving of our time and finances as an expression of our gratitude to God

b. We will serve others in the context of healthy relationships by:

- loving and caring for our families and paying attention to the effect of ministry on them
- treating others with respect; teach and exercise authority respectfully
- upholding confidential information, unless required by law to divulge for safety reasons
- being a team player with others involved in the ministry
- using words that build up others in the ministry
- understanding and adhering to all SBC policies including abuse policies, transportation and social media policies

c. As Christian servants we will:

- be accountable to others, caring for each other and protecting other's integrity
- follow 'never alone' approach to ministry with children, young people and other adults
- communicate with integrity, including accountable and wise use of all electronic and social media platforms
- understand that we are ambassadors of Christ and representatives of SBC and we need to do so in a God honoring fashion
- obey the law, other than any law that is contrary to the Scriptures
- not take property belonging to others, including intellectual property
- not engage in bullying, harassment, physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse or spiritual abuse
- not act violently or intentionally provoke violence when engaged in civil disobedience
- be responsible in our use of addictive substances (e.g. prescriptions/alcohol)
- act with sexual purity and upholding the Biblical definition of marriage
 - see Ephesians 5:3, Hebrews 13:4, 1 Corinthians 6:9, 18, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5
- act with financial integrity
- ensure accountability and transparency in SBC financial matters
- disclose to SBC elders if you have been or are being investigated for any criminal offence

d. As we serve publicly in the church, we will abide by the following:

- The Bible directs men and women to dress modestly, with preference for others over ourselves (Phil. 2:3-4, Romans 15:1-2, 1 Tim 2:9). Unfortunately, what we wear can have the impact of directing people's focus away from the Lord and to ourselves.
- A good "rule of thumb" is to dress business casual when serving within the church. Distracting clothing will not be permitted, for example; tight clothing, shorts, revealing clothing, t-shirts with graphics and spaghetti straps.

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Dresses and skirts should be close to, or below, the knees. Dressier jeans are acceptable, providing they aren't ripped, frayed or skin tight.

Electronic or Printed Signature

Please indicate your agreement with either an electronic or hardcopy signature.

Electronic Signature:

Click the following link to indicate your agreement to the policy. [CLICK HERE](#) (or go to <https://sbclondon.com/policy-signoff>)

Hardcopy Signature:

I've read, understood and will adhere to the above code of conduct.

Date: _____

Signed by: _____

Printed name: _____

Please print and provide hardcopy to the chair of the elders.