

**Boy Scouts of America
Troop 317**

“To Lead and to Serve”



**Perimeter Church
Troop Charter**

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do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving
thanks to God the Father through him.”***

Colossians 3:17

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Welcome

In 2003, Perimeter Church approved the launch of a new Boy Scout Troop—Troop 317. Perimeter recently celebrated its 25th anniversary, and this new ministry reflected the church’s desire to “build bridges to the community,” “give itself away,” and “reach out to the least and the lost.” In short, the leaders of the church embraced the idea that boys could be trained and equipped to be mature and impactful disciples of Jesus Christ through the vehicle of Scouting.

The Boy Scouts of America have long held, through the Scout Oath and the Scout Law, a requirement that Scouts pledge their “duty to God” and to be “reverent.” Also, the Boy Scouts of America offer great latitude to the Chartered Organization to conduct Scouting in a way that is consistent with the values of their organization. Accordingly, Troop 317 of Perimeter Church is committed to Scouting to the glory of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. While this mission does not add additional requirements for earning merit badges or rank advancement, it does underscore a commitment to conduct Scouting with a biblical world and life view. For example, when Troop 317 conducts a worship service during a weekend outing, we will worship God through prayer, reading Scripture, and songs of praise. When we explore the wilderness, we will embrace it as God’s creation. Adults assigned as Assistant Scoutmasters who serve as Patrol Guides will not only help the boys with leadership and skills development, but they will also help the boys through prayer and discipleship.

While Troop 317 is unabashedly committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it is absolutely open to non-Christians. Troop 317 is not a “Covenant” Troop in the sense of requiring the boys and/or their parents to be Christians. It is our hope and prayer that God would use this troop to showcase Christ’s love and grace to non-believers and that many people would become followers of Christ through this troop. In the end, Troop 317 seeks to provide an environment that fosters growth for Christian and non-Christian boys alike. Our troop number, 317, is a reference to Colossians 3:17 which reads, *“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”* As we will share in the pages that follow, we believe this passage of Scripture resonates with our commitment to the Lordship of Christ and the ideals contained in the Scout Oath and Law.

Thank you for your interest. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

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Preface

In the pages that follow, we will provide an overview of the Boy Scouts of America in general and in Troop 317 in particular. We will begin with words in plain text to indicate materials taken verbatim from BSA literature. Next, in *italics*, we will provide Troop 317's perspectives on the item. Scripture references are from the New International Version (NIV). Also, we believe the adults in Troop 317 are called to lead by example by embracing and demonstrating the ideals of Scouting.

The Aims of Scouting: Character, Citizenship, and Fitness

CHARACTER

Boy Scouting works toward three aims. One is growth in *moral strength and character*. We may define this as what the boy is himself: his personal qualities, his values, his outlook.

In Troop 317, we will underscore how God's Word calls for the highest standards of moral strength and character. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." In response to receiving Christ's righteousness, we will encourage the Scouts to:

1. *see themselves as people of infinite worth because they are made in God's image*

Genesis 1:27 says, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

2. *see themselves as people called to glorify God in all they say and do*

Colossians 3:17 says, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

3. *and live life with a positive outlook because God has a great plan for them.*

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

CITIZENSHIP

A second aim is *participating citizenship*. Used broadly, citizenship means the boy's relationship to others. He comes to learn of his obligations to other people, to the society he lives in, to the government that presides over that society.

Romans 13:1-2 says, "¹Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ²Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves." Accordingly, through the Patrol Method, the Citizenship in the Community, Nation, and World merit badges and other opportunities we will encourage the Scouts to submit to those in authority while working as agents of positive change.

FITNESS

A third aim of Boy Scouting is *development of physical, mental, and emotional fitness*. Fitness includes the body (well-tuned and healthy), the mind (able to think and solve problems), and the emotions (self-control, courage, and self respect).

I Corinthians 6:19-20 says, “¹⁹Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body.” Accordingly, in Troop 317, we will challenge Scouts to embrace a healthy commitment to diet, exercise, and rest.

Likewise, we will teach Scouts to think creatively and critically based on 2 Peter 3:18 which says, “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

Lastly, 2 Timothy 1:7 says, “For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self discipline.” Therefore, we will encourage Scouts to demonstrate self-control & self-discipline: mental, verbal, emotional and physical.

The Ideals of Scouting: The Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan

THE SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

(Note: BSA portions taken from the Boy Scout Handbook, pp. 45-46, 11th edition, 1998.)

The principles of the Boy Scouts of America are found in the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan. You will be expected to live by these standards while you are a Boy Scout. They will also help guide you throughout all of your life.

On my honor . . .

By giving your word, you are promising to be guided by the ideals of the Scout Oath.

Numbers 30:2 says, “When a man makes a vow to the LORD or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said.”

. . . I will do my best . . .

Try hard to live up to the points of the Scout Oath. Measure your achievements against your own high standards and don't be influenced by peer pressure or what other people do.

2 Timothy 2:15 says, “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

. . . To do my duty to God . . .

Your family and religious leaders teach you about God and the ways you can serve. You do your duty to God by following the wisdom of those teachings every day and by respecting and defending the rights of others to practice their own beliefs.

Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

. . . and my country . . .

Help keep the United States a strong and fair nation by learning about our system of government and your responsibilities as a citizen and future voter. America is made up of countless families and communities. When you work to improve your community and your home, you are serving your country. Natural resources are another important part of America's heritage worthy of your efforts to understand, protect, and use wisely. What you do can make a real difference.

1 Peter 2:13-16 says, "¹³Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. ¹⁶Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God."

. . . and to obey the Scout Law; . . .

The twelve points of the Scout Law are guidelines that can lead you toward wise choices. When you obey the Scout Law, other people will respect you for the way you live, and you will respect yourself.

Psalm 119:33-35 says:

*³³ Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;
then I will keep them to the end.*

*³⁴ Give me understanding, and I will keep your law
and obey it with all my heart.*

*³⁵ Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.*

. . . To help other people at all times; . . .

There are many people who need you. Your cheerful smile and helping hand will ease the burden of many who need assistance. By helping out whenever possible, you are doing your part to make this a better world.

Matthew 25: 35-36 says, "³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

. . . To keep myself physically strong, . . .

Take care of your body so that it will serve you well for an entire lifetime. That means eating nutritious foods, getting enough sleep, and exercising regularly to build strength and endurance.

It also means avoiding harmful drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and anything else that can harm your health.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 says, “¹⁹Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.”

. . . mentally awake, . . .

Develop your mind both in the classroom and outside of school. Be curious about everything around you, and work hard to make the most of your abilities. With an inquiring attitude and the willingness to ask questions, you can learn much about the exciting world around you and your role in it.

Romans 12:2 says, “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

. . . and morally straight.

To be a person of strong character, your relationships with others should be honest and open. You should respect and defend the rights of all people. Be clean in your speech and actions, and remain faithful in your religious beliefs. The values you practice as a Scout will help you shape a life of virtue and self-reliance.

Psalm 15 says,

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary?

Who may live on your holy hill?

*² He whose walk is blameless
and who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from his heart*

*³ and has no slander on his tongue,
who does his neighbor no wrong
and casts no slur on his fellowman,*

*⁴ who despises a vile man
but honors those who fear the LORD,
who keeps his oath*

even when it hurts,

*⁵ who lends his money without usury
and does not accept a bribe against the innocent.*

*He who does these things
will never be shaken.*

THE SCOUT LAW: A Scout is...

TRUSTWORTHY

A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.

Daniel 6:4 says, "At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent."

LOYAL

A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation.

1 Chronicles 29:18 says, "O LORD, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep this desire in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you."

HELPFUL

A Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward.

Galatians 6:9-10 says, "⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

FRIENDLY

A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 says, "⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: ¹⁰If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!"

COURTEOUS

A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

Psalms 112:4-5 says, "⁴Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man. ⁵Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice."

KIND

A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

Colossians 3:12-13 says, "¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

OBEDIENT

A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

Hebrews 13:17 says, "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."

CHEERFUL

A Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

Proverbs 15:15 says, "All the days of the oppressed are wretched, but the cheerful heart has a continual feast."

THRIFTY

A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

Matthew 25:20-21 says, " ²⁰The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' ²¹"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

BRAVE

A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at or threaten him.

Deuteronomy 31:6 says, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

CLEAN

A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

1 Timothy 4:12 says, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

REVERENT

A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

Daniel 6:10 says, "Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before."

SCOUT MOTTO: “Be Prepared”

In Matthew 25, Jesus illustrates the importance of being prepared through several parables. Verse 13, for example, says, “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.” Accordingly, in Troop 317, we will underscore to the Scouts their responsibility to be prepared—as individuals and as a team.

SCOUT SLOGAN: “Do a good turn daily.”

A “good turn” is essentially an act of love—it’s doing something to benefit someone else without the expectation of a quid pro quo. Jesus emphasized this principle in John 13:34-35, “³⁴A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

The Methods of Scouting

IDEALS

The ideals of Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, Law, motto, and slogan. The Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve. The goals are high, and as he reaches for them he has some control over what he becomes. “Show Scout spirit,” a requirement for rank achievement, means living up to these ideals.

Troop 317’s perspectives on the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan have been spelled out in the previous section (The Ideals of Scouting).

PATROLS

The patrol method gives Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship. It places a certain amount of responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to act in small groups where they can easily relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through their elected representatives.

At Troop 317, we will determine the ideal number of Patrols based on ~8 boys in each. New Patrol Leaders will be elected by the boys twice a year to maximize opportunities for the boys to practice and demonstrate leadership. As much as possible, the mix of boys in a given Patrol will remain constant throughout the Scout Year in order to foster friendship, teamwork, and community.

We will disciple the boys—not through additional materials/homework—but through the course of Scouting by...

- *Using the Patrol Method to encourage one another (Hebrews 10:24-25 says, “²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”)*
- *Having a Patrol Advisor (an Assistant Scoutmaster) for each Patrol who will disciple the boys in his Patrol by offering insights from God’s Word in the course of Scouting, modeling a solid walk with Christ, holding them accountable, reaching out to the least and the lost in and outside the Troop, and praying for them regularly.*

OUTDOORS

Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoors that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with each other. It is here that skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose.

Being close to nature helps Scouts gain an appreciation for God's handiwork and humankind's place in it. The outdoors is the laboratory for Scouts to learn ecology and practice conservation of nature's resources.

Troop 317 will have a monthly overnight outdoor activity planned for 10 of the 12 months each year.

Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." These verses and many others reflect Troop 317's passion to celebrate God's glory through his creation. We will teach our Scouts to embrace our world as God's creation and our responsibility to be good stewards of it.

We will honor the Lord on our outings by praying before meals, planning and offering a genuine worship service on Sunday morning, and welcoming Scouts or Adult Leaders to present a brief devotion at appropriate times.

ADVANCEMENT

Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps to overcome them through the advancement method. The Scout plans his advancement and, by participating in the troop program, progresses as he overcomes each challenge. The Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help him grow in self-reliance and the ability to help others.

Luke 12:48 says, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted much, much more will be asked." This passage and others (e.g. the parable of the talents in Matthew 25) illustrate our obligation to make the most of the talents and resources God has given us. In Troop 317, the Advancement Program will be conducted with this biblical principle in mind.

We will strive by all means to help all new Scouts earn the rank of First Class within their first year of joining Boy Scouting. We will provide all older Scouts the necessary resources to continue in advancement leading up to Eagle Scout.

ADULT ASSOCIATION

Boys learn from the example set by their adult leaders. Troop leadership may be male or female, and association with adults of high character is encouraged at this stage of a young man's developments.

At Troop 317, both male and female adult leaders are welcome. We will fill key positions of responsibility with adults who demonstrate genuine faith, Christian maturity and spiritual discipline. Whenever possible, faithful followers of Jesus Christ will serve in Troop and Troop Committee leadership positions, but that is a requirement for the Scoutmaster and any Assistant Scoutmaster serving as a Patrol Guide. Also, based on biblical principles, for example "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17), we strongly prefer that men serve in the positions of Scoutmaster (SM) and Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) when the ASM is

servicing in the role of Patrol Guide. Lastly, the Troop Committee Chairman and Scoutmaster are required to be members in good standing at Perimeter Church.

PERSONAL GROWTH

As Scouts plan their activity and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth. The Good Turn concept is a major part of the personal growth method of Scouting. Boys grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others. There probably is no device so successful in developing a basis for personal growth as the daily Good Turn.

The religious emblems program is also a large part of the personal growth method. Frequent conferences with his Scoutmaster help each Scout determine his growth toward Scouting's aims.

Troop 317 is passionate about the personal growth of each Scout. 2 Peter 1:5-8 says, “⁵For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” In Troop 317 we are to make every effort to encourage personal growth in multiple dimensions - spiritually, mentally, physically and relationally.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Boy Scouting encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership roles of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.

The Boy Scouts of America is the premier leadership development program for youth in the United States. In Troop 317, we will practice and promote “servant leadership” as modeled to us by Jesus Christ. Mark 10:42-45 says, “⁴²Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”” Jesus Christ personifies servant leadership (and infinitely more), and He led his disciples by example. We will strive to do likewise in Troop 317. Our tagline, “To Lead and to Serve” reflects this commitment.

We will elect new leaders twice a year and concentrate on leadership development. Adult leaders will be mentors and coaches while the Troop will be led by boy leaders elected by the boys.

UNIFORM

The uniform makes the Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Boy Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals.

The uniform is practical attire for Scout activities, and provides a way for Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.

At Troop 317 we will hold high standards for having the correct uniform elements and wearing them properly. In short, there are 2 uniforms required for Scouting: Class A and Class B. Class A is the traditional BSA uniform: Scout shirt, Scout shorts/pants, and Scout socks. It is worn at weekly Scout meetings, to/from Scout outings, and at other times. The Class B matches Class A with the exception that the Scout T-shirt will be worn instead of the traditional Scout shirt. At times, Scouts will be asked to wear "civies" (e.g. non-Scouting attire) appropriate for the activity.

Troop 317 Purpose, Vision, & Mission

TROOP 317'S PURPOSE

Troop 317's purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

1 Corinthians 10:31 says, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

TROOP 317'S VISION

At all times and in every way, Troop 317 will strive to be a place where...

1. Boys become mature and impactful disciples of Christ,

2 Peter 3: 18 says, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

Matthew 28:18-20 says, "¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.""

2. Boys become outstanding Scouts who demonstrate the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law,

Mark 12:30 says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

Colossians 3:23 says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,"

3. Parents develop a closer relationship with their boys,

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 says, "⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

Ephesians 6:4 says, "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

4. Adult volunteers serve in the areas of their giftedness and are affirmed for their support,

Romans 12:4-8 says, "⁴Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."

5. Perimeter Church benefits from our faithful stewardship of its facilities and collaboration with its ministries.

Luke 12:48b says, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

Hebrews 13:17 says, "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."

TROOP 317'S MISSION

We plan to accomplish our vision of helping boys become mature and impactful disciples of Christ through:

Truth: Presenting the challenges of Scouting from a Biblical perspective,

Equipping: Modeling Christian behavior and enabling them to follow,

Accountability: Holding them accountable as followers of Christ (as appropriate)

Missions: Encouraging them to pray for, and reach out to, non-believers (as appropriate)

Supplication: Praying for them regularly.

We plan to accomplish our vision of helping boys become outstanding Scouts by:

Emphasizing and modeling the ideals in the Scout Oath and Law,

Practicing the methods of Scouting with excellence,

Promoting advancement for every Scout and challenging each Scout to do his best.

We plan to accomplish our vision of helping parents develop a closer relationship with their boys by:

Honoring the parent's ultimate responsibility for raising their boys and supporting their efforts through Scouting,

Engaging parents with regular loving, helpful feedback on their boy's growth and development,

Illustrating the benefits that accrue to both the parents and the boys when both participate in Scouting, and

Encouraging parents to participate in the Troop to the fullest extent possible and providing meaningful opportunities for them to enjoy Scouting with their boys.

We plan to accomplish our vision of helping adult volunteers serve and be affirmed by:

Encouraging the contribution of at least one parent of every Scout to help the Troop in some way,

Providing a variety of serving options in terms of skill, time, location, duration, frequency, etc.

Practicing a biblical model of communication with parents and other adult volunteers.

We plan to accomplish our vision of helping Perimeter through facility stewardship and ministry collaboration by:

Practicing “No Trace Left” principles when using Perimeter facilities (e.g. meeting rooms, the pavilion, etc.),

Operating the Troop on a “self-sustaining” basis and not requiring the financial support of Perimeter,

Conducting our financial affairs with absolute integrity and full accountability,

Collaborating with Perimeter’s ministries by supporting their goals through Scouting activities (e.g. Service Projects), and

Communicating our goals and plans to Perimeter—and our thanks for their support of Troop 317.