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# Welcome New Member



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Greetings,

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you as a new member of the South Phoenix Missionary Baptist Church, a church where everybody is somebody. As a new member, you are entitled to all rights and privileges of this church.

In order to learn about our beliefs, policies, etc., I encourage you to read the material in this pamphlet. This information will assist you in quickly learning about our church services, auxiliaries, activities, etc. I also encourage you to get familiar with, and then join one of our church auxiliaries. I have learned over the years that if you find something to do in church, you will stay in church.

If you have questions about this material or about any of the auxiliaries or functions of our church, please do not hesitate to contact one of the New Member Committee members listed below.

Again, welcome to South Phoenix Missionary Baptist Church. We are happy to have you as a member of our church family.

Sincerely,

*Rev. Bernard Black*

Rev. Bernard Black

Pastor

**New Member Committee Members:**

**Sis. Jaila Nero and Sis. Lillian Black**

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# How to Know That Christ Is in Your Life

## **When We Receive Christ, We Experience a New Birth** (Read John 3:1-8)

The bible promises eternal life to all who receive Christ. Receiving Christ involves turning to God from self (repentance) and trusting Christ to come into our lives to forgive our sins and to make us what He wants us to be. We receive Jesus Christ by faith.

God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son of God has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:11-13).

Thank God often that Christ is in your life and that He will never leave you (Heb. 13:5). You can know on the basis of His promise that Christ lives in you and that you have eternal life from the very moment you invite Him in. He will not deceive you.

## **Now that You Have Received Christ**

The moment you received Christ by faith, as an act of the will, many things happened, including the following:

- ✿ Christ came into your life (revelation 3:20, Col 1:27).
- ✿ Your sins were forgiven (Col. 1:14).
- ✿ You became a child of God (John 1:12).
- ✿ You received eternal life (John 5:24).
- ✿ You began the great adventure for which God created you (John 10:10); II Cor 5:17; I Thess. 5:18).

## Suggestions for Christian Growth:

Spiritual growth results from trusting Jesus Christ. “The righteous man shall live by faith” (Gal. 3:11). A life of faith will enable you to trust God increasingly with every detail of your life. To enjoy your new Christian life to the fullest, practice the following:

- ✿ Go to God in prayer daily (John 15:7).
- ✿ Read God’s Word daily (Acts 17:11); begin with the Gospel of John.
- ✿ Obey God moment by moment (John 14:21).
- ✿ Witness for Christ by your life and words (Matt. 4:19; John 15:8).
- ✿ Trust God for every detail of your life (1 Peter 5:7).
- ✿ Holy Spirit – allow Him to control and empower your daily life and witness (Gal. 5:16, 17; Acts 1:8).

God’s Word instructs us not to forsake “the assembling of ourselves together” (Heb. 10:25). Several logs burn brightly together, but put one aside on the cold hearth and the fire goes out. So it is with your relationship with other Christians.

Now that you have joined South Phoenix Baptist Church, make plans to attend regularly.

# Church Covenant

**HAVING** been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

**WE ENGAGE THEREFORE**, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

**WE ALSO ENGAGE** to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

**WE FURTHER ENGAGE** to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

**WE MOREOVER ENGAGE** that, when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

And now unto Him, who brought again from the dead, Our Lord Jesus, be Power and Glory forever. Amen.

# DOCTRINE

**WE BELIEVE** in one God, Jehovah.

**WE BELIEVE** Jesus is the Savior of the world.

**WE BELIEVE** in the Trinity (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost).

**WE BELIEVE** in Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

**WE BELIEVE** that the church is the body of Christ and that Christ is the Head of the church.

**WE BELIEVE** the Lord's Supper unites us in fellowship with the burial of Christ.

**WE BELIEVE** in baptism, which signifies new life in Christ.

**WE BELIEVE** in heaven and in hell.

**WE BELIEVE** he who believes in Jesus will escape everlasting punishment.

**WE BELIEVE** man is a born sinner who needs to be saved.

**WE BELIEVE** if one is to be saved, he must accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

**WE BELIEVE** every man is appointed to die, and then cometh judgment.

**WE BELIEVE** man will be judged for his sins and his salvation is secured by his belief and faith in Jesus.

**WE BELIEVE** God gave His only begotten son so that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

# Church Policies

- . The Pastor is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the church.
- . Licensed Ministers are the Pastor's associates, and function at the direction of the Pastor.
- . Deacons assist, and perform duties in the church as requested by the Pastor. They are also primarily responsible for opening devotional services.
- . The pulpit is a sacred area; only licensed ministers (Male) are allowed in the pulpit.
- . All church announcements and/or publications must be pre-approved by the Pastor.
- . All church engagements, outings, activities, etc. must be pre-approved by the Pastor.
- . Use of the church sanctuary, annex, and other facilities for wedding rehearsals and ceremonies, funeral services, celebrations, and other non-regularly-scheduled church functions must be coordinated with the church Calendar and Facilities Administrator, Sis. Delores Buckner, (602-268-8459). All scheduled events must be on her Church Events Calendar.
- . We request that female worshipers not wear pants in the church sanctuary.
- . Shorts, skorts, and koullocks are not to be worn in the church sanctuary (by male or female worshippers).
- . No food, drink, or gum is allowed in the church sanctuary.

# Annual Days

January	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Ushers Day
February	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Church Anniversary/ Revival (Odd Years)
March	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Old Fashion Day (Mission II)
April	TBA	Choir Day
May	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Pastor's Anniversary
June	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Scholarship Day
July	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun. (but floats)	Men's Day
August	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Mission Day
September	TBA	Youth Day
October	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Women's Day
December	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Fellowship Day

# Weekly Services

Sunday School	Sunday	9:00 – 10:25 am
Morning Worship	Sunday	10:30 am
1-Hour Exercise	Mon-Wed-Fri	10:00 – 11:00 am
Noon-Day Prayer	Wednesday	12:00 Noon
Mid Week Service	Wednesday	7:30 pm
Bible Study	Wednesday	8:00 pm
Teacher's Meetings	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	6:00 pm
Choir Practices	See "Auxiliaries" Page	
Other Auxiliary Mtgs.	See "Auxiliaries" Page	
Food Box Distribution	Thursdays . . .	
	Drop Off Your Box	8:00-9:30 am
	Pick Up Your Box	11:00 -12 Noon
Mobile Pantry	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues. of Month	7:00 am – 9:00 am
Hot Breakfast	Saturdays	7:30 am



*“People Who Work in the Church Stay in the Church”*

# Auxiliaries

<u>Auxiliary</u>	<u>Chairman/President</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Meeting Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Administrative Assistant	Willard Rodgers	623 846 8413		
Brotherhood	John Flynn	602 268 6522	Thursday	7:00 pm
BTU	Izella Taylor		Sunday Night	6:30 pm
Building Maintenance	Gary Black/Jerry Center/Louis Scott/Prentiss Dawson Sr.			
Bus Ministry	John Flynn	602 909 3395		
Clerk (Church)	Mel Young	602 574 0147		
Courtesy Committee	Tolona Tyler	602 881 9097	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Service	
Deacon Board Chairman	Willard Rodgers	623 846 8413	Sat before 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	6:00 pm
Deaconess Board Chairman	Lucille Fanniel	602 276 2227	Sat before 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	10:00 am
Finance Committee	Michael Smiley	623 441 0287		
General Mission	Willie Mae Reagan	602 276 1769	Thurs. before 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	7:30 pm
Senior Mission I	Willie Mae Reagan	602 276 1769		
Esther Circle	Jean Jefferson	602 323 9593	Thursday	7:00 pm
Naomi Circle	Darlene Jordan		Thursday	7:00 pm
Ruth Circle	Annette Simmons	480 394 1583	Saturday	9:30 am
Senior Mission II	Johnnie M Stevenson	602 276 4876		
Faith Circle	Ola Andrews	602 276 5386	Thursday	7:00 pm
Junior Mission			Thursday (Except b/f 1st Sun)	6:30 pm
Lorraine Thompson Circle	Johnnie M Stevenson	602 276 4876	Saturday	1:00 pm
Sunshine Band	Johnnie M. Stevenson	602 276 4876	Friday	7:30 pm
Kitchen Committee Chairmen	Julia Rodgers/Willie Mae Reagan	623 846 8413 / 602 276 1769		
MidWeek (Prayer) Service/Bible Study	Betty Jones	623 872 1798	Wednesday	7:30 pm
Music Ministry Director	Stanley Smith	602 254 8085		
Bernard Black VFC	Deidre Hale	602 268 4472	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm
Gospel Chorus	Laura Flemons	623 203 6477	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	7:00 pm
Male Chorus	Jimmie Andrews	602 276 5386	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	6:30 pm
Mass Choir	Delores Buckner	602 268 8459	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	7:30 pm
Senior Choir	Bobbie Weathers	602 326 2276	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7:30 pm
Youth Choir	Shalomon Wright		Sat before 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	12:00 Noon
Angel Choir	Ann English	602 268 4544	Saturday	10:00 am
New Member Committee	Jaila Nero			
Noon-Day Prayer Service	Marva Lightfoot	602 575 4182	Wednesday	12:00 Noon
Nurses	Mary Anderson		Wed before 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	8:00 pm
Pastor's Aide	Deirdre Hale	602 748 9114		
Scholarship Committee	Augus Hall	480 659 0307		
Secretary (Church)	Keisha Weathers	602 268 2512	Mon-Fri	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sick Committee	Peggy Scott	602 486 6768		
Sunday School	Evelyn Dawson	602 363 1101	Sunday Mornings	9:15 am
Sunday School Teacher's Mtg.			2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.	6:00 pm
Senior Ministry Director	Georgia Bullock	602 276 1494	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of Month	11:00 am
Trustees	Gary Black	602 243 9540		
Usher Board Directors	Julia Rodgers/John Flynn	623 846 8413 / 602 268 6522		
Senior Ushers	Evola Akins	602 268 0318	Mon before 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	6:00 pm
Young Adult Ushers	Susanna Bell		Sat before 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun	7:00 pm
Youth & Junior Ushers	Jaila Nero		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Service	8:00 am
Youth Dept. Director	Luwana Foxie Black	602 486 8868	Sat before 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	2:00 pm

# Offerings

Offerings are monies collected to support the church and its outreach ministries.

*Deut. 16:17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee.*

II Cor 9:6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

II Cor 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

During regular church services, two offerings are taken:

Benevolent – Used to help the less fortunate of our church and community

Free Will – Used to pay church expenses – lights, heating, cooling, telephone, etc.

Building Fund – A special collection is taken every fourth Sunday of the month to collect monies for the Building Fund. Monies collected for the Building Fund are not used for any other purpose.

The church Finance Committee handles all finances of the South Phoenix Missionary Baptist Church.

# TITHING

Tithing is giving back to God 10 percent of what you earn to the source of your spiritual teachings, the church. When you lovingly donate in this way, the abundance starts to come to you in many ways. When you commit to tithing, something inside you works differently from that day forward. Conditions may or may not immediately change in the physical self, but inside, it can work wonders.

## **When did tithing begin?**

When Abraham was blessed and gave King Melchizedek a tenth of everything, a spiritual covenant was set up for our time, whereby humankind is to give a tenth of its increase (what a person receives that belongs to him or her) back to God. (Genesis 14:18-20).

**Malachi 3:8** asks, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. When God's covenant is broken, that is robbing God. In the same chapter, (Malachi 3:10) says "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

## **Q: Why should I tithe?**

Tithing opens up a channel of greater abundance for you. The abundance comes through Spirit and takes many forms. Tithing helps the church, but it also helps you develop your own spiritual growth and upliftment.

## OK, so this is The Deal

### Heaven or Hell, which one for you?

God gives every man the following choice: “*For the wages of sin is **death**; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*” (Romans 6:23).

#### The negative aspects of the deal

1. The Bible states that **you** are a sinner. “*For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.*” (Ecclesiastes. 7:20). “*As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*” (Romans 3:10).
2. The price of sin is to be separated from God and to spend all eternity in hell. “*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned;*” (Romans 5:12). “*And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*” (Rev. 20:14-15).

#### The positive aspects of the deal

1. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has paid the penalty for your sin. “*...without shedding of blood is no remission.*” (Hebrews 9:22). “*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*” (Romans 5:8). “*For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.*” (Leviticus. 17:11).
2. Salvation is a **gift**, and cannot be earned. “*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast.*” (Eph. 2:8-9). “*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us.* (Tit. 3:5)

#### The terms of the deal

“*...Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...*” (Acts 16:30-31) “*Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*” (Acts 4:12). “*He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*” (John 3:36).

Are you willing to accept God’s deal? If you are, admit to God that you are a guilty sinner and that you desire to be delivered from your sinful condition. “*...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*” (Luke 13:3).

God gives you this promise: “*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*” (Romans 10:9-10). If you will accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour, please pray this prayer or one similar to it: Dear God, I admit I am a sinner going to hell. I know that I cannot save myself. I repent of my sins and put my faith in the blood that you shed for me on the cross to pay for all my sins. I now accept you as my Saviour and trust you to take me to heaven. Thank you for saving me.

Amen.