

**MEMBERS
ORIENTATION
HANDBOOK**

**MACEDONIA MISSIONARY
Baptist Church**

Come Grow With Us For

A Life Changing Experience!

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Church Covenant

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God 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 devotions; 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, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of, and use of, destructive drugs or intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to shun pornography to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, 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.

Our Mission

**“On Mission with God”
Living God’s purpose for his Glory!
Romans 11:36**



Our Statement

**God isn’t interested in just giving
Christians A Mission Experience.**

**He is interested in Christian’s
Being on a Mission with him.**

Romans 11:36

By giving his Son Jesus Christ to die for me while I was still a sinner.

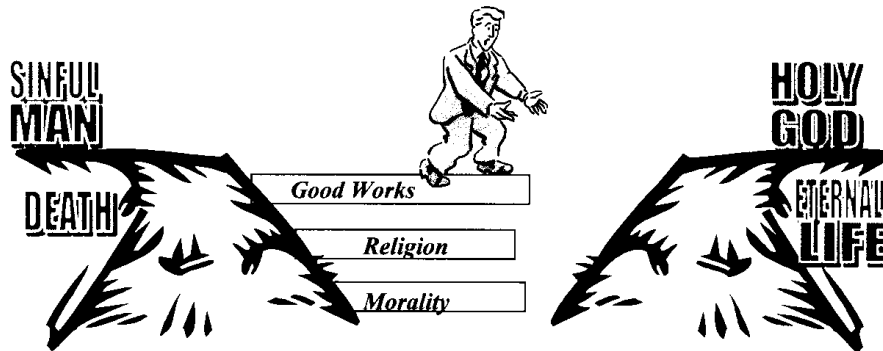
3. What results of man's sinfulness are listed in Isaiah 59:2?

1. Man separated from God.
2. Sins have hidden God's face from me.
3. God will not hear me.



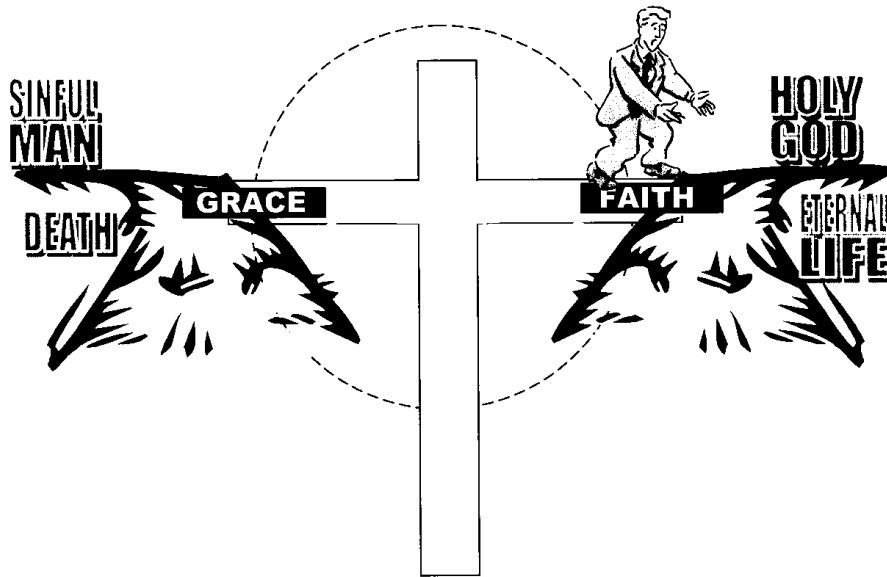
4. Read Ephesians 2:8-9. Why do human efforts always fail to reach God?

Human efforts cannot merit salvation, works are not what saves man, but God saves man based on his (God's) mercy alone. Salvation is a gift from God to man. It must be obtained by faith.



5. In 1 Peter 3:18 how did Peter explain what God has done to bring men to himself?

He gave Jesus Christ to suffer and die (in flesh, made alive in spirit) for sins once that we might be reconciled to himself. Jesus bridges the gap between God and man.



6. How did John say a person receives the gift of salvation in John 1:12?
By receiving and believing in the name of his son Jesus Christ. (Faith)

“HE WHO HAS THE SON HAS LIFE”

7. According to John 5:24, what three things are the result of hearing and believing?

PRESENT – *Have everlasting Life.*

FUTURE – *Shall not be condemned.*

PAST – *Passed from death to life.*

8. What did Jesus promise his followers in John 10:27-29?

1. *He knows Us.*
2. *He gives us eternal life.*
3. *We shall never perish.*
4. *No one shall snatch us out of his hand.*
5. *No one can snatch us out of God's hand.*

9. What takes place when a person becomes a Christian, as described in 2 Corinthians 5:17?

He becomes a new creation; old things are passed away, all things become new.

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ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

MEMORIZE 1 JOHN 5:11-12

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 5:11-12

The five verses you will memorize and study in Lessons on Assurance will equip you for your first encounters with the enemy. His first approach is often to cast doubt on the work God has done in your heart. Although you won't hear his audible voice, he will whisper this in your mind:

"You don't think you are saved and your sins forgiven just by believing and receiving Christ? Surely that is not enough!"

What will your answer be? Your only hope of successfully resisting such an attack is to resort to God's word. What does God say about the matter? That is the important thing for you to know.

On the basis of this "testimony"-God's written word-you can be convinced you have the Lord Jesus Christ, and with him eternal life. You can thus overcome in this first test of your faith. The attack may recur, but you can meet it with the word of God in your heart.

EXPLORING 1 JOHN 5:11-12

Who gives eternal life?

God.

Where is eternal life found?

In God's Son (Jesus Christ)

Who has eternal life

Individuals who have God's Son, Jesus Christ.

"THIS IS THE TESTIMONY"

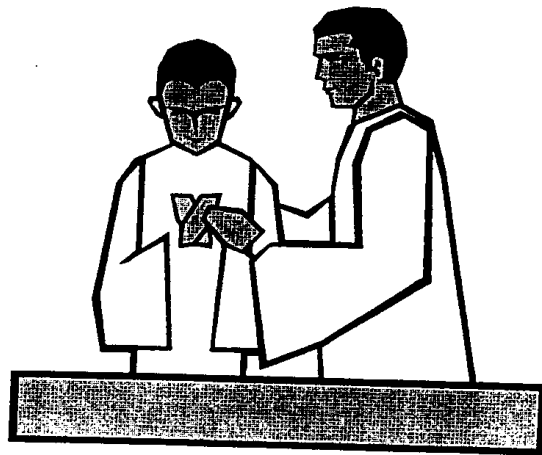
1. What did John say in John 20:31 about why he wrote this book?

That the reader might believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and thus obtain life.

"GOD HAS GIVEN US ETERNAL LIFE"

2. According to Romans 5:8, how has God shown that he loves you?

BAPTISM



LESSON 2

BAPTISM

Baptism is the symbolic burial and resurrection of believers by immersion in water. It is a testimony of the complete spiritual change in the believer's life from the rule of sin and death to the rule of God bringing eternal life.

Baptism is not a means of receiving forgiveness or salvation. John baptized Jesus, who never sinned.

The Importance of Being Baptized

1. Why Should I Be Baptized?
(Mark 1:9)

1. To Follow the example set by _____
2. Because Christ _____ it
3. It demonstrates that I'm a _____

2. What Is The Meaning Of Baptism? It does two things
(1Cor. 15:3-4), (2Cor. 5:17)

1. It illustrates Christ's _____ *and* _____
2. Baptism illustrates my _____ as a Christian

Baptism doesn't make you a believer - it shows that you already believe. Baptism does not "save" you, only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring - it's the outward symbol of the commitment.

3. Why Should I Be Baptized By Immersion? Four reasons

1. Because _____ was baptized that way.
2. Every baptism in the Bible was by _____
3. The word "Baptize" means _____
4. It best symbolizes a _____ and _____

Page 2 Baptism

4. Who Should Be Baptized?
(Acts 2:41)

1. Those who _____ and _____ His message were baptized.

5. Baptism Is In The Name Of?

1. The _____ 2. The _____ 3. And the _____

Some churches practice a "baptism of confirmation" for children. This ceremony is intended to be a covenant between the parents and God on the behalf of the child. The parents promise to raise their child in the faith until the child is old enough to make his own personal confession of Christ.

6. John The Baptist Baptized With?
(Matt. 3:11)

1. I indeed baptize you with _____ unto repentance.

7. Jesus Will Baptize You With.
(Matt. 3:11)

1. Baptize you with the _____, and with _____.

8. Serve The Lord.
(John 9:4)

1. We must always be about the Fathers _____

Activity: Read Romans 6:3-4. Fill in the blanks, using the words from the following list:
resurrection life death sin

1. When a believer is put under the water, he is symbolizing Jesus' _____.
2. Through baptism believers picture their death to _____.
3. When a believer is raised out of the water, he symbolizes Jesus' _____.
4. Through baptism believers picture being raised to new _____ in Christ.

(Matt. 28:19-20) K.J.V. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

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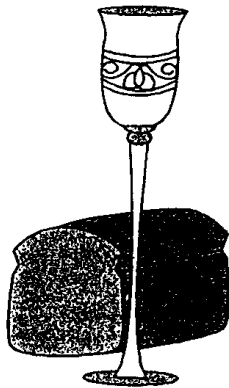
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COMMUNION



LESSON 3

COMMUNION

During the time of Passover in Jerusalem Jesus and His disciples ate the Passover meal together. Jesus used the occasion to identify Himself as the sacrifice by which believers would be set free from sin and death.

The Meaning of Communion

1. Why Do We Take Communion?
(Luke 22:19)

1. We do it in remembrance of _____
2. Faith - you proclaim the Lord's _____ until He comes back.

2. What Is Communion?
(1Cor. 11:23-26)

1. The breaking of _____ represents Jesus body
2. The drinking from the cup represents the new covenant of his _____

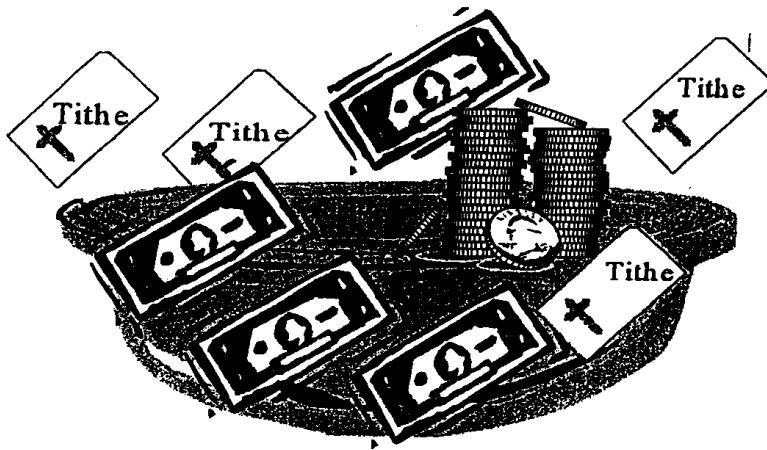
3. How Should We Prepare Ourselves For Communion? four ways
(1Cor. 11-27-28)

1. _____ (1Cor. 11:27)
2. _____ our sins (1John 1:9)
3. _____ (Rom. 12:1)
4. Reconciled _____ (Matt. 5:23-24)

4. Where Did Jesus Eat The Passover With His Disciples?
(Mark 14:13-15)

1. Upstairs in a _____ of a house.

TITHING



LESSON 4

5. The Lord's Offering?
(Numbers 18:26)

1. What did the Lord say they should give a _____ of that tithe.

6. What Did Jesus Say About Spiritual Treasure And Material Wealth?
(Matt. 6:19-21)

1. Spiritual Treasure _____

2. Material Wealth _____

The Meaning Of Giving

7. What Will Happen When You Give?
(Luke 6:38)

1. It will be _____ to you

2. A _____ measure

3. _____

4. _____ & _____

8. What Did Jesus Say About Giving?
(Acts 20:35)

1. It is more blessed to _____ than to receive

Everything you have is from God. You can show your gratitude to God by generously giving yourself - your time, your possessions, your talents, and your money - to those who have need.

The Meaning Of Offering

9. What Is An Offering.
(Deuteronomy 12:6)

1. It is when you give a _____ gift.

10. Give As He Is Able.
(Deuteronomy 16:17).

1. Our gift should be _____ to the way the Lord has blessed us.

11. What Was Poured On His Head?
(Mark 14:3)

1. The woman poured a very expensive _____ on His head.

After you've given your tithe, the second level of giving is offering. This is above the tithe, given to meet specific needs and sacrificial giving is giving up things we want because we see that other have greater needs.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT

To be a **Believer** in the Lord Jesus Christ.

To be **Baptized** it is a symbolic burial and resurrection of believers by immersion in water.

To be **Faithful** in supporting your church and by attending regularly.

To **Participate** in worship, revivals, leadership conference, ministries and other programs.

To be a **Witness** of the saving grace of Jesus Christ to all who are lost.

To be a **Servant** humble yourself and wait for God to exalt you.

To be a **Steward** committed to faithfulness for all that God gives to you.

ORDINANCES

Baptism

We believe that the ordinance of baptism is immersion of the believer in Water as it sets forth the essential facts in redemption — the death and resurrection of Christ and the essential resurrection to newness of life. (Romans 6:4; Acts 8:26-39)

General Church Guidelines

- 1. Announcements: All announcements are made by the church clerk on Sunday's. Any information to be included in the announcements should be given to the church secretary.**
 - 2. Tape Ministry: Audiotapes of Sunday worship services will be available after service. Please see Deacon Taylor for audio tape purchases.**
 - 3. Baby Dedication: Prior arrangements for baby dedications must be made in advance by contacting the church secretary.**
 - 4. Sick, Shut-In and Death Reports: Contacts, Sis. Kim Sis. Coleman or Sis Woods.**
 - 5. Weddings: Contact wedding coordinator Sis. Kim to reserve church facilities for weddings.**
 - 6. Baptism: Dates are scheduled by the Pastor (when the date has been set please give the church secretary all of your personal information (such as name, address, telephone number and date of birth for our records).**
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Benevolence Guidelines

To Whom It May Concern,

These are the guidelines that the ~~Mount~~ Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church

Church will use to determine whom the Benevolence Funds will be used for in the case of Sickness or Death.

In the event of Sickness if you are hospitalized please contact or have some one contact the Benevolence Committee as soon as possible.

In the event of Death "immediate family" is defined as consisting of: Wife, husband, son, daughter, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, mother, father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister, brother, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, grandmother, grandfather, grandson, granddaughter, step-mother, step-father, step-son, stepdaughter.

The Benevolence Committee consists of the following persons:

Deacon Woods

~~Sis. Coleman~~

Sis. Kim Hillard

Deacon Taylor

If you are unable to contact either of the above mentioned members, please call the church and leave a message at 214 502-1922

Please Bless us to be a Blessing.

Fredrick D. Norris Sr.

Pastor

Which of the following changes have you experienced in your life? (Check appropriate ones.)

- Inner peace
- New awareness of sin
- Victory over sin
- New love for God
- Desire to read the Bible
- Attitude changes
- Sense of forgiveness
- New concern for others

WRITE OUT 1 JOHN 5:11-12 FROM MEMORY

APPLYING 1 JOHN 5:11-12

Mediate on 1John 5:11-12 and consider how to apply it to your life.

How do you know that you have eternal life?

Now take a few moments to thank God for all he has given you in Jesus Christ.

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EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION INFORMATION

MEMBER NAME _____
PERSON(S) TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

NAME:
TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ **ALTERNATE** _____

NAME:
TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ **ALTERNATE** _____

OPTIONAL

PHYSICIAN'S NAME _____
TELEPHONE NUMBER _____
HOSPITAL PREFERENCE -
SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR ALLERGIES _____

OTHER COMMENTS

**THIS INFORMATION WILL BE MAINTAINED (IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE)
AND
RELEASED ONLY IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. YOUR PROVIDING TUE
OPTIONAL INFORMATION IS STRICTLY VOLUNTARY.**

DATE: _____

THIS FORM SHOULD RE UPDATED AS CHANGES OCCUR

Notes:

Lined area for notes, consisting of approximately 30 horizontal lines.