Membership Handbook

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Welcome Message

To All New Members:

Greetings in the Blessed Name of Jesus Christ, The Great Head of the Church, and to the presence of the Holy Spirit! Jesus said, “Upon this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18). It is in the Spirit of love that we, the Pastor, Officers, and Members of Majority Missionary Baptist Church (MMBC) open our hearts and minds to all people. We are so thankful that God has placed upon your heart to become a faithful member of His church.

As Pastor of MMBC, I along with all the officers extend to you the right hand of fellowship and welcome you to God’s church. We look forward to growing in our faith together as we strive for Christian perfection.

Because of Christ,

Dr. Alfonso Porter, Pastor

Philosophy of Ministry

We believe there is one living and true God, everlasting, without body or parts, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness; the maker and preserver of all things, both visible and invisible. In unity of this Godhead, there are three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. The Son, who is the living Word of God took on the nature of man through the immaculate conception of the blessed Virgin Mary, became the deity of the Godhead. As a result, the two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and Manhood, were joined together in one person, never to be divided. Whereof is one Christ, very
God and very Man who truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile his Father to us and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for actual sins of men.

At Majority Missionary Baptist Church, we believe that all people are individuals of worth in the sight of God and through obedience to God every person in the church has been given gifts that are responsible for effective ministry. I Corinthians 12 speaks of the diversities of gifts; therefore, we do not hire ministers to do the work of ministry. We hire staff to train and encourage our congregations to contribute in the ministry of the church. Based upon the biblical principles, the church must ecumenically and inclusively minister to the church universal. We must never lose sight of the Apostle Paul's instructions concerning apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers exists for the "equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body Christ" (Ephesians 4:12). The work of the pastor is to equip the congregation for the active involvement God has called each of them to do.

Majority Missionary Baptist church stands continually in need of doctrinal reinvigoration for the sake of authentic renewal, fruitful evangelism, and ecumenical dialogue. In this light, the recovery and updating of our distinctive doctrinal heritage-catholic, evangelical, and reformed-is essential.

This task calls for the repossession of our traditions as well as the promotion of theological inquiry both within the denomination and in our ecumenical efforts. All are invited to share in this endeavor to stimulate an active interest in doctrinal understanding in order to claim our legacy and to share that legacy for the Church we aspire to be.

We find the center point of our worship in the person of Jesus, His work on the Cross and His resurrection (Philippians 2:5-11). We realize that our worship is a declaration of war against Satan (Revelations 12:10-12). We worship with our songs, prayers, acts of mercy, stewardship, outreach and inner-life (Amos 5:21-24; Micah 6:6-8; Matthew 6:24). We worship as individuals and as a community to build another up in the faith (Colossians 3:15-17; Hebrews 10:25). We help all people to mature in personal relationships that exhort, challenge, care and encourage what it means to live as a Christian among adults, students and children (Romans 12:4-16). We actively pursue honesty, forgiveness, reconciliation, resolving conflict, bearing one another's burdens, and confession (Galatians 6:1-2; Ephesians 4:30-32). We simplify life from the world's many distractions to live as a community intended for God's purposes (1 Timothy. 6:6-12; 2 Timothy 2:4). We actively pursue understanding and using the spiritual gifts with which we have been endowed (1 Corinthians 12:7-14; Ephesians 4:11-16). We celebrate together the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion as symbols of our unity with Christ and with each other (Matthew 3:13-17; 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-24).

We teach the Bible as God's Divine Word (2 Timothy 3:14-17). We equip adults, students, and children to study the Bible for themselves and to learn how to apply its teachings to conform thoughts, motives, deeds and goals to better serve Jesus (Psalm 19:7-9; Hebrews 4-12). We study the Word of God to become equipped for relationships, ministry and worship (Psalm 1:1-3). We encounter God Himself as the Holy Spirit opens up God's Word to us through preaching, teaching or group study of the Bible (1 Corinthians 2:10-13). We employ the spiritual disciplines (e.g. fasting, solitude, silence, etc.) to grow in our submission to the Holy Spirit's work in our lives (1 Timothy 4:7-8). We develop contemplative habits so that we can learn to
recognize the voice and movement of the Spirit of God (Hebrews 5:14). We embrace the Spirit of Christian virtue and character of biblical disciplines of the Holy scriptures through Bible Study, missional living, prayer and worship (1 Corinthians 9:23-27). We live out the Great Commission of making worshipping disciples on local, national and global levels (Acts 1:8; 2 Timothy 2:2).

We commit the stewardship of time, money and energy through outreach with compassion ecumenically (Deuteronomy 15:7-8; Micah 6:8; Luke 4:17-21).

Majority Missionary Baptist Church embraces the sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for Salvation, which contains all things necessary for the redemptive Work of God.

Vision

The vision of MMBC is to serve this present age One Lord, One Faith, and One Baptism.

Mission

Our mission statement is “It takes a village to raise a child and the church to raise the village.” The diagram indicates how the mission is accomplished.
Church History

Reverend Dr. Oscar Eugene & First Lady Virginia Jackson

In 1961, a young Baptist country preacher from Saint Beulah Baptist Church located in Florence, South Carolina saw the light on the corner of Coit and Sumter Street. In a little wooden building, Dr. Oscar Eugene (O. E.) Jackson saw Fireside Baptize where services were held every first and third Sunday morning. Through obedience and faith, the followers from Saint Beulah helped to purchase Fireside Baptize with assistance from Mrs. Walker for their church home.

Majority Baptist Church

The first church meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Viola Sumter. Upon the first opening of the church doors, approximately 75 followers joined that Sunday. In 1961, Dr. O.E. Jackson decided that the church needed a name and stated that the great church should be named Majority Baptist Church because the majority of the members followed him to Fireside Baptize. The congregation was invaded by pigeons in the attic, and it was decided to move services to the Masonic Hall until construction for the new Majority Baptist Church was completed. Before demolishing the structure, Deacon Jimmy Charles removed over 400 pigeons from the attic. While on the tedious journey, Jesus walked with the dedicated followers. The congregants knew that the Heavenly Father said in His Holy Word that He would never leave His children alone. The members continued to live and believe, and things started to take form. Church improvement projects included the Dr. O.E. Jackson Fellowship Hall that was constructed in 1981 and the purchase of the house next door (the first parsonage).

Founder

Reverend Dr. Oscar Eugene Jackson was born in John’s Island, South Carolina. He was the adopted son of Reverend and Mrs. J. S. Collins. His early education was achieved in various schools in Charleston and Orangeburg counties, and he graduated from Summerville High School in 1936. In pursuit of many of his aspirations, Dr. Jackson was called to preach the gospel of Christ; subsequently, he accepted his first pastorate at the age of sixteen.

Feeling the need to improve his ability to rightly divide the word of truth, Dr. Jackson entered and graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity (B.Div.) Degree from Bishop Cummings Theological Seminary located in Summerville, South Carolina. Dr. Jackson continued his preparation for his calling by entering and graduating from Morris College with a Bachelor of Theology (B. Th.) Degree in 1955. Together with all of his other studies, Dr. Jackson enrolled in a correspondence course from the Baltimore School of the Bible and received his first Honorary Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) Degree while serving as the pastor of Majority and Southside Baptist Churches. Dr. Jackson was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) Degree from Morris College located in Sumter, South Carolina.
While traveling and serving as an evangelist, Dr. Jackson met and married Miss Virginia Evelyn Wilson on April 29, 1939. After marriage, they became residents of Pamplico, South Carolina, and Mrs. Jackson was employed at Gibbs Elementary School. In 1997, Dr. Jackson received a letter from the House of Representative and President Bill Clinton for his years of dedication.

Associate ministers who served with Dr. Jackson included the following:
Reverend Ulysses Alford  Reverend James Madison
Reverend Frank Butler   Reverend Elmer Moore
Evangelist Rebecca Graham Reverend H. K. Phillips
Reverend Frenchie King   Reverend Lewis Scott
Reverend Dr. C. A. McKinney Assistant Pastor Reverend Cohen Singletary

Former Pastors

On March 29, 1991, Reverend Bernard Alston was appointed Pastor of Majority Baptist Church. Under Reverend Alston’s tenure, the congregation grew to 400 members. At that time, organizational accounts were combined into one treasure. The first computer and new copier were purchased, and the mortgage on the parsonage was paid in full.

In 1993, Reverend Cohen Singletary, a faithful and loyal member, was appointed interim pastor of Majority Baptist Church until August 7, 1994. Reverend Joseph Drakeford became pastor and ended his tenure in 1996.

On the first Sunday in September 1996, Reverend Dr. William Edward Chaney was appointed as the fifth Pastor of Majority Missionary Baptist Church. Under Reverend Dr. Chaney’s leadership, the church was blessed with the means to purchase a van in September 1996, the old Muslim Building, one lot, and the house on the corner of Coit and Marion Street.

On December 27, 2000, the congregation moved to Carver Community Center for church renovation. Associate Ministers who served with Dr. Chaney included the following:
Minister Julia Capers Reverend John Claiborne
Reverend Donald Chaney Minister Earlena Harrison
Reverend Joseph Chestnut Reverend Delen McRae

Pastors and Associate Ministers


Associate Ministers - Reverend Cohen Singletary Assistant Pastor, Reverend Elmer Moore, Reverend H.K. Phillips, Reverend Frenchie King, Reverend Dr. C.A. McKinney, Reverend Ulysses Alford, Reverend Frank Butler, Reverend Lewis Scott, Reverend James Madison, and Evangelist Rebecca Graham

Reverend Cohen Singletary, Interim

Associate Ministers - Rev. Tory White


Rev. Dr. William Edward (W. E.) Chaney, 1996 - 2008

Associate Ministers - Rev. Donald Chaney, Rev. Joseph Chestnut, Rev. Delen McRae, Rev. John Claiborne, Minister Julia Simmons Capers, and Minister Earlena Harrison

Dr. Alfonso Porter, 2009 - present

Associate Ministers - Minister Herman Burgess, Minister Otis Burke, Minister Allen Moses, Evangelist Vera Gregg, and Evangelist Debra Giles

**Present Pastor**

**Dr. Alfonso and First Lady Lois D. Porter**

In March 2009, Dr. Alfonso Porter walked through the doors of Majority Missionary Baptist Church as the sixth Pastor of Majority Baptist Church. This ministerial leadership initiated the start of a new era. His motto is, “It takes a village to raise a child and a church to raise a village.” Pastor Porter lives up to this belief, and he strives to live and study to show himself approved of God, as a faithful servant of Jesus Christ through teaching, and building new and relevant ministries by "meeting people at their point of growth."

Pastor Porter is a native of South Carolina, the first son of ten children born to the late Albert and Vera Brown Porter. He received his primary and secondary education from New Jersey Public School System, and his Associates Degree in Electronics from RETS Electronic Institution, Nutley, New Jersey. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion and Philosophy from Claflin University, Orangeburg, SC; completed the United Methodist Candidacy Studies for Ordained Ministry from Chandler Theological Seminary, at Emory University; and earned his Master of Divinity Degree from Erskine Theological Seminary, Due West, S.C. Reverend Porter is a member of Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society; received the Collegiate Minority Leadership Award; and served in the United States Army and the New Jersey National Guard. In 2014, Reverend Porter earned his Doctoral Degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

In 1984, Dr. Porter received his calling into ministry, and his first pastoral appointment was at Shiloh Baptist Church, Newark New Jersey. During his tenure at Shiloh, he served as President of the Primitive Baptist Union Meeting Association of New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, Inc.

In 1992, Dr. Porter joined the South Carolina United Methodist Conference and was a Probationary Elder. He served as pastor of Salem and Wesley United Methodist Churches on the
Florence East Charge. Also, Pastor Porter served as the pastor of the Summerville Parish, which included Campbell Hill Murray, and Wesley United Methodist Churches in the Charleston District.

Pastor Porter further believes the heart of his ministry is trusting in Jesus Christ and the Love of God for all humanity according to John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life”. Through all of these efforts, Pastor Porter works faithfully to ensure that his congregants receive effective, comprehensive, and inclusive ministry to fulfill the vision and mission of the church.

Some of Reverend Porter's church and community affiliations include the following: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); Honorary Member of the South Carolina Sheriff's Association Chaplaincy Program; the Summerville Ministerial Association; Hospital Chaplain at Roper-St. Francis Hospital; a Minority Advisory Committee Member of the Second Congressional District (108th Congress under the Leadership of Congressman Joe Wilson) of South Carolina.

First Lady Lois D. Porter

Pastor Porter is married to the lovely Lois D. Dixon Porter, his best friend and most influential person in his life for more than four decades. Their ministerial partnership is focused on comforting the broken hearted and providing holistic ministry for all of God’s people. First Lady Porter is a native of Paterson, New Jersey and a faithful woman of God. Additionally, she is a Certified Lay speaker and is always ready to witness to others of the goodness of God. It is First Lady Porter’s desire to assist those who are seeking a true relationship with the Master.

First Lady Porter has over 21 years of Retail/Human Resource experience, serves as a certified tax preparer, possesses expertise in certified computer technology, and is currently the Attendance Secretary at Fort Dorchester High School, North Charleston, SC (lporter@dorchester2.k12.sc.us).

Pastor and First Lady Porter are blessed with five children: Tyrra, Kerry, Maurice, Latoya, and Stephanie, and they are proud grandparents.

Accomplishments

MMBC has experienced tremendous growth under the leadership of Dr. Porter. Associate Ministers who assist with the expansion of the ministry include the following:

Minister Herman Burgess
Minister Otis Burke
Minister Julia Capers
Reverend Joseph Chestnut
Evangelist Debra Giles
Evangelist Vera Gregg
Minister Earlena Harrison
Reverend Dr. C. A. McKinney
Minister Allen Moses
Reverend Tory White
2009 – Present

• Re-incorporated the church as a non-profit organization
• Established the following ministries:
  o Finance Ministry
  o Two worship services - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
  o Community Programs
    ➢ Harvest Hope Program - distributes groceries to indigent families
    ➢ Summer Feeding Program - provides nutritious meals to the community
    ➢ Kids Cafè - provides tutoring, mentoring, and meals after school
    ➢ Sistas Program - educates women on health issues
• Acquired and demolished various properties to prepare for the new sanctuary
• Published a book, *The Genealogy of Jesus Christ*
• Established the weekly radio ministry
• Implemented the Tribal Ministry

Pastor Porter strives for continuous improvement and active participation in the ministry; therefore, he welcomes new ideas that lead to the advancement of God’s kingdom. Individuals are encouraged to schedule an appointment with the Pastor to discuss the initiative. Please be aware that a written proposal may be required. If needed, the proposal must include, but not limited to: 1) topic, 2) purpose, 3) description, 4) implementation process, 5) outcome, 6) leadership support, and 7) preferred method of contact.
Our Salvation (Lesson One)

**Step 1**

**God's Purpose: Peace and Life**

God loves you and wants you to experience peace and life - abundant and eternal.

*Bible says... Romans 5:1*

*John 3:16*

*John 10:10*

Why don't most people have this peace and abundant life that God planned for us to have?

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**Step 2**

**The Problem: Our Separation**

God created us in His own image to have an abundant life. He did not make us as robots to automatically love and obey Him. God gave us a will and a freedom of choice. We chose to disobey God and go our own willful way. We still make this choice today. This results in separation from God.

*Bible says...Romans 3:23*

*Romans 6:23*

People have tried in many ways to bridge this gap between themselves and God.

*Bible says...Proverbs 14:12*

*Isaiah 59:2*

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**Step 3**

**God's Bridge: the Cross**

No bridge reaches God...except one. Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave. He paid the penalty for our sin and bridged the gap between God and people.

*Bible says...1 Timothy 2:5*

*1 Peter 3:18*

*Romans 5:8*

God has provided the only way. Each person must make a choice.

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**Step 4**

**Our Response: Receive Christ**

We must trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and receive Him by personal invitation.

*Bible says...Rev. 3:20*

*John 1:12*

*Romans 10:9*

1. Admit your need...(I am a sinner.)
2. Be willing to turn from your sins...(Repent)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the Cross and rose from the grave.
4. In prayer, invite Jesus to come in and control your life thru the Holy Spirit.

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**Steps to Peace with God**

*Jeremiah 29:1*
Articles of Faith

I. The Scriptures
We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions shall be tried (Peter 1:19-21; John 10:35).

II. The True God
We believe the Scriptures teach that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven: and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:21-22; John 17:3).

III. The Fall of Man
We believe the Scriptures teach that Man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgressions fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse (Genesis 1:26; 2:7; 3:1-19; 9:6; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Psalm 51:5, 58:3; Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:10-23; 5:12, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; James 3:9).

IV. The Way of Salvation
We believe that the Scriptures teach that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God; who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Savior (John 3:1-8, 33; Romans 6:2; Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 9:24-25; 10:19, 12:24; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 1:5).

V. Justification
We believe the Scriptures teach that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in him is justification; that justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity (Acts 13:3-9; 2 Corinthians 5:18-25; Romans 5:1, 8-11; Ephesians 1:17).
VI. The Freeness of Salvation
We believe that the Scriptures teach that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by cordial, penitent and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own determined depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 9:24-25; 10:19).

VII. Regeneration
We believe that the Scriptures teach that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith, and newness of life (John 3:1-8, 33; Romans 6:23, 2 Corinthians 5:19; Ephesians 2:1-9; Colossians 2:13; Titus 3:5; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:3).

VIII. Repentance and Faith
We believe the Scriptures teach that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our prophet, priest and king, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior (Matthew 3:8, 11; 9:13; Mark 1:3; Romans 2:4; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Habakkuk 2:4; Matthew 6:30, 8:26, 9:22; Luke 7:9, 50; 17:5).

IX. God’s Purpose of Grace
We believe the Scriptures teach that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the Gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence (Romans 9:11, 11:5; 1 Thessalonians 1:4; 2 Peter 1:10).

X. Sanctification
We believe the Scriptures teach that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means especially the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer (Romans 8:29; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Hebrews 10:14; Ephesians 1:3-4, 4:11-13; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; Philippians 1:6, 3:21; 1 John 3:2).
XI. Perseverance of Saints
We believe the Scriptures teach that such only are real believers as endure to the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation (John 10:27-28; Romans 8:28-39; Ephesians 4:30; Philippians 1:6; 2 Timothy 1:12).

XII. The Law and Gospel
We believe the Scriptures teach that the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arise entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy Law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible church (Mark 16:15; Ephesians 1:13; Colossians 1:5).

XIII. A Gospel Church
We believe the Scriptures teach that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word; that its only scriptural officers are Bishops or Pastors, and Deacons whose Qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus (Acts 2:38; 4:1-47; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; Ephesians 1:1-2, 4:11-46).

XIV. Baptism and the Lord's Supper
We believe the Scriptures teach that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior, with its effect, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination (Baptism - Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38, 41; Romans 6:3; 1 Corinthians 1:13, 15; Lord’s Supper - Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:17-20; 1 Corinthians 1:13,15).

XV. The Christian Sabbath
We believe the Scriptures teach that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations, by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for the rest that remained for the people of God (Exodus 20:8; Leviticus 23:3).

XVI. Civil Government
We believe the Scriptures teach that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the Kings of the earth (Isaiah 9:6, 22-21; 1 Corinthians 12:28).
XVII. Righteous and Wicked
We believe the Scriptures teach that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death (Genesis 18:23; Isaiah 5:20; Jeremiah 15:19; Malachi 3:18; Luke 16:25; John 8:21-24).

XVIII. The World to Come
We believe the Scriptures teach that the end of the world is approaching; that at the last day, Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave for final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness (Matthew 24:35; Mark 9: 43-48; Luke 14:14; John 4:36; Acts 1:11; Romans 6:32; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; 1 John 2:28, 4:17; Revelations 1:7, 20:11-12).

Church Covenant (Lesson Two)

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 expense 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 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.
Christian Education

There are two important ordinances of the Baptist church. We believe the Scriptures teach that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior. The second ordinance is the Lord’s Supper in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

- **Ordinances**
  - **Baptism**

  Baptism is one of two important and distinctive beliefs in the Baptist church. Believers follow the profession of personal faith and complete immersion in water.

  **What is the Meaning of Baptism?**

  - **A ceremony that symbolizes a believer's new relationship with Christ.**
    - *Acts 18:8*
  - **Illustrates our New Life as a Christian; pledge to live a Godly life.**
    - *2 Corinthians 5:17*
  - **Illustrates Christ's death and resurrection.**
    - *1 Corinthians 15:3-4*
  - **Christian's union with God.**
    - *Matthew 28:19-20*
  - **Christian's cleansing from sin.**
    - *Acts 22:16*
Frequently Asked Questions

When should I be baptized?
Baptism should follow a belief in Christ (Acts 2:41).

Is it appropriate for children to be baptized?
Yes, it very appropriate for children to be baptized. In following Jesus’ example, we are to allow children who desire to come to Him to do so. (Mark 10:13-14).

Why is immersion required for baptism?

“baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”
- Matthew 28:19
After baptism, do changes in the new convert’s life happen instantaneously? This answer depends on the person. Paul’s conversion on Damascus road happened quickly (Acts 9). The convert must build his/her spiritual journey by praying, reading the Bible, attending church regularly, and surrounding themselves with fellow Christians.

Communion

Communion is one of two important and distinctive beliefs in the Baptist Church. The observance signifies the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The bread represents the body of Jesus Christ, and the wine represents His blood.

What is the Lord’s Supper?
(1 Cor. 11:23-26)
Frequently Asked Questions

Who should take the Lord’s Supper?
Only those who are believers should take the Lord’s Supper (Mark 14:22-26; 2 Corinthians 11:29).

How do I prepare myself for the Lord’s Supper?
Believers must prepare themselves by self-examination. The information in this section outlines the self-examination process.

Self-Examination
"Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord." ~1 Corinthians 11:27

Confessing my Sins
"If you confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." ~1 John 1:9

Recommitment
"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." ~Romans 12:1

Restore Relationships
"Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." ~Matthew 5:23-24

Tithes and Offerings
By giving to Majority Missionary Baptist Church, you are planting good seed in good soil, and we believe that God will bless you according to your obedience as recorded in scripture (Malachi 3:8-10). For your convenience, tithes and offerings may be paid through our website or mobile app.
Frequently Asked Questions

Who is tithing?
The tithe is 10% of a person’s income that is given to the church.

What scriptures support tithing?
The following are a few scriptures that support tithing: Leviticus 27:30, Proverbs 3:9, Malachi 3:8-10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

What We Value

1. Live Godly (1 Peter 1:16)
2. Regularly attend worship (Hebrews 10:25)
3. Give tithes and offerings (Malachi 3:8-10; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

1. Refuse to gossip (Ephesians 4:29)
2. Follow leadership (Hebrews 13:17)
3. Act in love to all (1 Peter 1:22)

1. Pray for church growth (1 Thessalonians 1:1-2)
2. Invite the un-churched to church (Luke 14:23)
3. Warmly welcome guests (Romans 15:7)

1. Discover you ministry
2. Be equipped through teaching (Ephesians 4:11-12)
3. Have servant’s heart (Philippians 2:3-4,7)
# Church Leadership and Staff (Lesson Three)

**Pastor**
- Dr. Alfonso Porter

**Ministers**
- Minister Otis Birk
- Minister Maurice Bailey
- Minister Herman Burgess
- Minister Julia Capers
- Reverend Joseph Chestnut
- Evangelist Debra Giles
- Evangelist Vera Gregg
- Minister Earlena Harrison
- Reverend Dr. C. A. McKinney
- Minister Charles Moses
- Reverend Tory White

**Deacons**
- Deacon Jerome Brooks
- Council on Ministry
- 843-616-1414
- Deacon Errick Bryant
- 843-409-4568
- Deacon Harry Epps
- 843-673-7091
- Deacon Charlie Gamble
- 843-317-9315
- Deacon Dwight Giles
- 843-413-1447
- Deacon Melvin Hardy
- 843-346-0060
- Deacon Daniel Harrison
- 843-661-6818
Deacon Robert Johnson
843-773-8039

Deacon Anthony Jordan
843-373-0139

Deacon Luther McElveen
843-393-0445
Deacon Marshall Rainey
843-669-8607

Deacon Ronald Simon
843-615-7668

Deacon Ernest White
Chair
843-669-5660

Deacon Johnny Wilds
843-665-1636

Trustees

Trustee Ernest Addison

Trustee Ernestine Bacote

Trustee Clay Brown

Trustee Willie Eaddy

Trustee Jeanette Givens

Trustee Russell Godbolt

Trustee Willie Hemingway

Trustee Glen Johnson

Trustee Bernard McCall

Trustee Fred Pringle

Trustee Joan Pringle

Trustee Claude Williams

Trustee Lonnie Wright
The above diagram illustrates expectations for church leadership. At MMBC, it is essential that church leaders adhere to the Word of God, work continually toward their spiritual growth, share the good news, and use their spiritual gifts in ministry to serve Christ and the church. The following organizational chart illustrates the structure of MMBC:
Leadership Overview – Organizational Chart

Jesus Christ
*Colossians 1:18*

Pastor
Dr. Alfonso Porter
*Jeremiah 3:15; Acts 6:4; 1 Timothy 3:1-7*

Deacon Board
Deacon Ernest White, Chairman
*Acts 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:8-13*

Deaconess Ministry
*1 Timothy 3:8-13*

MMBC Baptist Church
Congregation
*Matthew 16:18*

Associate Ministers

Staff

Deacon Board

Trustees Ministry
*Luke 12:48; 1 Cor. 4:2*

Budget & Finance Committee
*Luke 14:28*

Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

Assistant Ministers

Staff

Church Clerk

Assistant Church Clerk

Christian Education

Church School Superintendent

Ministries

Advisory Board

Audit Committee

Nominating Committee

Special Committees

MMBC conducts Quarterly Meetings with all ministry leaders to address the objectives, strategies, activities, and budgets of their respective ministries. The presentations are made to the Pastor, Council on Ministries, and members. At that time, church members are permitted to
provide input and ask questions for clarification. Furthermore, Joint Administrative Board Meetings, comprised of the Pastor Deacons, and Trustees, are held every 60 days to receive updates from the Council on Ministry. Members are permitted to attend; however, questions from members are not permitted.

MMBC Ministries (Lesson Four)

Discipleship Ministries

Bible Study.......................................................... Wednesday, 12 noon and 6:30 p.m.

Children’s Church... Sunday, 10:30 a.m. (Dismiss during morning offering to Children’s Church)

Morning Worship......................................................... Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10 a.m.

New Members Orientation.............................. Sunday, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School ........................................................... Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

*Please refer to the monthly calendar, which is distributed on the 4th Sunday of each month, or the church’s website for meeting dates and times for various ministries.*

Music Ministries

The Music Ministries, under the direction of Brother Alphonso Montgomery, teach the importance and power that music plays in the church worship experience through structured teaching in choir rehearsals and workshops. The music ministries work in unity to enhance the service and prepare congregants for the Word of God. The Music Department offers a variety of musical experiences and extends an invitation for participation.

Gospel Choir

Our purpose is to make a joyful noise to the rock of our Salvation, sing praises to God, edify and lift men, draw people to Christ, enhance the service with suitable hymns and songs, and set the tone for the word of God every first Sunday of the month. When invited, the choir assists the pastor on outings and fellowship with area churches during revival and anniversaries. If you love the Lord, love good ole gospel singing and have a song in your heart, then the Gospel Choir wants you.”

Male Chorus

The mission of the Male Chorus is to sing praises to God and foster an environment that is conducive for worship on fifth Sundays. The group utilizes music to help win souls to Christ.
The Male Chorus accompanies the pastor in church fellowship activities. The group desires that all males will become an active member.

**Mass Choir**

The mission of the Mass Choir is to 1) lead the congregation in worship by providing meaningful and inspirational music during worship services, 2) set a standard of excellence, 3) provide common ground of musical fellowship, and 4) promote spiritual growth through songs. The accomplishment of each equally important aspect of the mission depends on the commitment of the choir members. Our combined commitment and concern will result in the most effective worship experience. As indicated in Colossians 3:23-24, the admonition of excellence is a requirement for each member.

This vibrant ministry extends choir membership to anyone who wants to join, and there is no audition. Although no formal church membership is required, each choir member must attend MMBC on a regular basis. Our doors are always open to new members.

**Senior Choir**

The mission of the Senior Choir is to worship our heavenly father through songs and to set the example on how to love one another. Choir members work together to achieve the ultimate goal of gaining a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Youth Choir**

The purpose of the Youth Choir is to provide opportunities for young people to become active participants in worship services through music and to help develop their Christian faith.

**Praise Dancers**

Our mission is to Minister God’s Word through dance and to allow the Holy Spirit to use our gifts, talents, and abilities to glorify His name and edify the body of Christ.

Our goals are:

1. To minister rather than perform, a performer seeks to gain recognition from people but instead we minister;
2. To give our youth a way out, letting them know the church is here for them;
3. To share our God-given gift in worship and praise for the honor and glory of our heavenly Father;
4. To minister to individuals under the anointing of the Holy Spirit; and,
5. To reach for Christ those who may not be reached in any other way.

**Praise Team**

The mission of the Praise Team Ministry is to magnify Christ and engage the congregation through songs that usher the presence of the Holy Spirit.
Mission Ministries

Brotherhood

The mission of the Brotherhood Ministry is to fellowship with one another, be servants in the community and church, and help each male grow spiritually.

My Brother’s Keeper

The mission of the My Brother’s Keeper Ministry is to assist young boys in their spiritual growth and development as well as help them to become productive citizens in their communities.

Senior Missionary

Our mission is to do the work of God through which the gospel of Jesus Christ is extended in words and deeds to all people by remembering others, helping the needy and be willing to share and take God’s message everywhere. Our scripture theme is the great commission (Matthew 28:19-20) and the great commandment (Matthew 22:37-40). Our five purposes are found in these two scriptures. They are as follows:

- **Worship** - Love the Lord your God with all your heart
- **Ministry** - Love your neighbor as yourself
- **Evangelism** - Go and make disciples
- **Fellowship** - Baptizing them
- **Discipleship** - Teaching them to obey

**This is our Mission.**

“If you love the Lord and love helping people, then this ministry wants you.”

Young Woman’s Auxiliary (YWA)

The YWA is a group of women in the church who strives to serve our church and community. The age range for individuals who desire to hold an office is from 18 - 45 years old. However, membership is extended to individuals through age 55. Our mission is to engage the young women of the church in areas of mission, inside and outside the walls of the church. The YWA strives to encourage, inspire and influence the women through scripture, life experiences, and Christian fellowship.

The women who join the YWA Ministry are seeking an outlet to serve the church and community in spirit and truth. These women have busy lives (work, children, home, etc.), but they make the sacrifice to serve God. They are openly thankful for the blessings God has allowed them to experience. In this, they hope to inspire individuals to acknowledge God.

Our fellowship is among ourselves on the 3rd or 4th Saturday and the District on the 1st Tuesday of each month at various churches in the Pee Dee Area at 7 p.m.
Youth Missionary

The mission of Majority Missionary Baptist Church Junior Missionary includes the following:

1) To teach, train and prepare boys and girls between the ages of 6-17 for working in the church and for missions;
2) To teach that giving and praying are important parts of our responsibility to missions; and
3) To lead boys and girls to the place where they will say from their hearts, “Here am I, send me.”

Service and Support Ministries (Lesson Five)

Children’s Church

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
Proverbs 22:6 KJV

For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’”
Acts 13:47 ESV

The mission of Majority Missionary Baptist Church Children's Church is to teach children the Word of God so they can be on F.I.R.E. for Christ.

FAITHFUL in service
INVOLVED in Kingdom building
RESPONSIBLE Christians
EMPOWERED by the Holy Spirit

In order to reach children, we must teach them at their point of growth. Just as you would not feed a newborn baby rice and beans, you would not expect a child to fully comprehend Sunday morning sermons that are directed at adult lives and adult problems. This worship opportunity mimics the Vacation Bible School (VBS) structure to encourage regular church attendance. Teachers meet children at their point of growth and give them a strong foundation for when they are ready to transition to adult life with a mature relationship with Christ.
Schedule for Sunday mornings

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<td>10:40-11:45</td>
<td>Engaging lesson to include scriptural reading and discussion, games, role play, projects, crafts, and/or interactive activities</td>
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<td>Snack/break</td>
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<td>12:05-12:30</td>
<td>Lesson review, closings songs, prayer, parents pick up children</td>
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Education Sunday
- Include community members such as teachers, business owners, people in leadership positions as inspirational speakers
- Children in Sanctuary to participate in Education/Youth Sunday
- Includes special talent such as musical instrument, dance art, spoken word, poetry, martial arts demo

Deacon

The mission of the Deacon Ministry is to serve the Pastor, help members connect with Christ, aid with individual needs, and assist with the spiritual growth of the ministry. This ministry requires pastoral appointment.

With the tremendous growth over the past several years, it is essential that the organizational structure provides care, outreach, and support to enrich the lives of the congregants. As a result, MMBC has a Tribal Ministry, which is based on the Twelve Tribes of Israel found in Genesis 35:23-26, led by Deacons. Ministers, Deacons, Deaconesses, and Trustees along with their spouses are accountable for responsibilities related to their respective ministries.
Members are assigned to a tribe based on the first letter of their last names. The chart indicates the assignments.

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Supplementary information pertaining to the Tribal Ministry is located on page 28.
Deaconess

The Deaconess Ministry is blessed by our service and dedication to God and His church. To be an effective deaconess, one must be chosen by God. Membership in this ministry requires pastoral appointment based on biblical prerequisites. The Deaconess Ministry is required to a) assist the Deacons Ministry in service, b) possess a Christ-like deportment, c) be charitable, and d) display good will toward others. Moreover, the Deaconess Ministry plays an active role during worship services on the 1st Sunday for Holy Communion observance. Besides church activities, Deaconess participates in district level activities as required.

Food Bank

The mission of the Food Bank is to improve lives through food assistance and nutrition education to create a hunger-free community.

Grief and Bereavement

The Grief and Bereavement Ministry serve families who have experienced death. The members of the ministry provide comfort and support to the grieving families of the MMBC community by giving them our time, hearing their thoughts and sharing their tears. MMBC desires your talent and time to assist with families during their difficult times. For additional information, refer to Bereavement on page 31.

Health and Welfare (Sick and Shut in)

The Sick and Shut-In Ministry's purpose is to help meet the spiritual needs of the members of MMBC and its community who are unable to attend Sunday services or activities. Members of this ministry make visitations or telephone calls designed to comfort and encourage ill members through words, deeds, and prayers. The ministry desires brothers and sisters who have spiritual gifts in the area of service.

Hospitality

The purpose of the Hospitality Ministry is to welcome our guests to MMBC in a warm and spiritual manner before each worship service. Members of this ministry ensure that the Pastor is aware of all guests who worship in the congregation.

Kitchen

The Kitchen Ministry plans, purchases, prepares, and serves meals as well as coordinates the set up and break down of area(s) where meals are served with Godly love and respect. Meals may be served at church and community events to include, but not limited to, Bible Study, congregational meetings, church anniversaries, funerals, ministry meetings, weddings, etc. Additionally, this ministry serves for the Pee Dee Baptist Association.
Media

The purpose of the Media Ministry is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a world that is increasingly technologically and visually-driven. The ministry produces quality visual material that complements and reflects vision for MMBC. Likewise, the ministry provides access to church services for individuals who are incapable of attending worship opportunities.

Newsletter

The goal of the Newsletter Ministry is to reflect the Pastor’s vision and enlighten members of current church and community events. Newsletter members attend activities and develop news articles. Ministry opportunities exist in the areas of reporter, writers, editors and distribution team.

Nurse’s Aide

The ministry provides services to congregants who need medical assistance during worship services. Other ministry involvement includes wellness activities and information to promote a healthy lifestyle.

Pastor’s Aide

The Pastor’s Aid Ministry provides support needed to the Pastor and his family in the form of prayer, words of encouragement, or actions that show their love and gratitude to the pastoral family. Members must be prepared to assist by caring for the pastor’s belongings and ministerial needs. In addition, the ministry members plan recognitions and celebratory events to acknowledge the pastoral family.

Public Relations

The mission of Public Relations is to create awareness of church activities for both the general public and church members by promoting church-wide events through bulletin announcements, website, and other supplementary promotions.

Summer Feeding Program

The Summer Food Service Program ensures that individuals in the surrounding community receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Registration is not a requirement, and the program benefits and provides services are available to all children without regard to race, religion, color, sex, disability, age or national origin.

Teen

The Teen Ministry encourages teenagers to develop a personal relationship with God, shares the gospel of Christ with their non-believing peers, and demonstrates Christian mannerisms in all setting.
Transportation

The Lord said unto the servant, go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in that my house may be filled (Luke 14:23). As a result, “Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

This ministry transports individuals who do not have adequate transportation but desire to attend worship services. Beyond church activities at MMBC, the Transportation Ministry assists with travel accommodations to fellowship services or events at other churches.

Tribal

The Tribal Ministry serves as a way to establish relationships and encourage strong physical and spiritual connections between the members and leadership. In MMBC’s tribal system, membership care is coordinated through assignment of all members to one of the Twelve Tribes that are mentioned in many scriptures: Genesis 35:23-36, Exodus 1:2-5, Numbers 1:20-43, 1 Chronicles 2:2, and Revelation 7:5-8. The twelve sons of Israel (also known as Jacob) make up the ancestors of the twelve tribes. The sons are named Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulum, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, and Joseph.

Please refer to pages 24-25 to obtain specific information regarding tribal assignments in the section designated for the Deacon Ministry.

Trustee

The Trustee Ministry works with the Pastor in the management of all properties belonging to God and the congregation. The ministry assists the Pastor with investments as well as the financial and legal affairs of the church to support the mission and vision of MMBC.

Usher

The mission statement of the Usher Ministry is, “I rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than dwell in the tents of the wickedness.” Would you like to meet people at their points of need? If so, this ministry needs you; therefore, please contact the ministry president for more information.

Ways and Means

In love, faith and hope, the Ways and Means Ministry provides services and recommendations on behalf of improving the quality of life available to the poor, powerless, and persecuted. Ephesians 2:10 states, “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” The Ways and Means Ministry encourages you to use your God-given gifts to join and work with us to the raise the village.
Youth

The mission of the Youth Ministry is to provide education, entertainment, and fellowship that will foster Christian-minded youth who will become future leaders. To foster civic-minded youth, this ministry encourages community outreach opportunities that will improve surrounding areas. This ministry invites all individuals with a will and desire to walk in your God-given gifts and graces. There are numerous opportunities for advisors for the Junior Missionaries, My Brother’s Keeper, Junior Ushers, Choir, Praise Dancers, Wednesday Night Bible Study, and My Green Thumb Programs. Please help to prepare the MMBC youth, voices of the future.

Policies and Procedures

Announcements

Announcements are shared during worship services each Sunday. Announcements must be typed and submitted to Kim Chaney, Church Secretary. The deadline for Sunday announcements is Wednesday by 3p.m. All announcements are subject to pastoral approval.

Bereavement

Upon the death of your loved one, please contact Deaconess Willie Jane White (843-669-5660), Grief and Bereavement Chairperson by leaving a message at the church or completing the form located on the church’s website. Deaconess White will make contact with the appropriate church officials to assist with funeral preparations.

Church Etiquette

Etiquette is defined as the rules of conduct, action, or practice that is binding on members of the family of God as Christians, especially in their relationship with one another. The most sacred area of the church is the sanctuary, which includes the pulpit and choir areas. However, one must recognize that the entire building and grounds are sacred. The church is the place where we build up, promote spiritual growth and development, which is to edify (1 Corinthians 14:12). Let all things be done decently and in order (1 Corinthians 14:40). At all times, please remember that the church is the Lord’s house in which congregants offer adoration, praise, thanks and worship.

To preserve the sacredness of the building and worship experience, please observe the following:

- Arrive early to assist if needed in preparation of services;
- Never enter the aisle or talk during reading of scripture, prayer, or any reading to include announcements;
- Be thoughtful of the comfort of parishioners and not selfish and have persons stepping over for a seat. Please move down toward the center of the pew;
- Be devout and refrain from talking in every aspect of worship services to include but not limited to ordinances of the church, offerings, etc.;
- Treat all visitors cordially and make them feel welcome to the church.
• Refrain from eating, drinking, or chewing gum during worship services;
• Remove trash and debris; and,
• Allow the ushers to assist with seating upon late arrival.

Dedications of Babies

The baby dedication is an opportunity for parents/guardians to publicly thank God for the gift of life and to express their commitment to rear the baby in accordance to Holy Scriptures. Under the direction of the Pastor, the parents/guardians vow to maintain a Christian home, which nurtures the baby and teaches biblical principles. Furthermore, the parents commits to love and nurture the baby to grow spiritually in adherence to the Word of God. The church promises to pray for the family and assist as needed with the upbringing of the baby. The Baby Dedication ceremony is conducted on the first Sunday of each month for children from the ages of birth to 5 years old.

New Members Orientation

Each new member of Majority Missionary Baptist Church is invited and encouraged to attend orientation classes facilitated by the New Member Orientation Team. The orientation classes provide important information regarding ministry opportunities at MMBC. More importantly, new members learn how they can become involved in various ministries. The sessions allow members to interact with church leaders and recent new members to form positive relationships.

Wedding Planning

God has ordained the home. Therefore, marriage is a sacred institution that is not taken lightly. If a couple desires the services of the Pastor, premarital counselor is a prerequisite. The Pastor reserves the right to determine the number of counseling sessions required based on interactions with the couple. Most importantly, the Pastor reserves the right to determine if he will officiate the wedding ceremony.

A request for the facility should be made to the Wedding Coordinator at the earliest possible time. The Wedding Coordinator will meet with the couple to determine arrangements and specific needs. Therefore, the DATE and TIME of the WEDDING, REHEARSAL and RECEPTION (where applicable) should not be announced publicly in any format prior to written confirmation. Please allow 2-3 weeks to process the facility request. The Facility Use Agreement Weddings/Funerals Form is located on the church’s website under the Resources Tab.

Use of Facility

MMBC serves as an ecumenical and inclusive Christian congregational church. MMBC welcomes all members and non-members to enjoy the facilities; however, the Facilities Use Agreement Weddings/Funerals Form must be completed and approved by the church Trustees Committee. Individuals may retrieve the form from the church’s website under the Resources Tab.
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