



BEULAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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My Beloved Beulah

The history pages of the Beulah Missionary Baptist Church reflect some contrasting times – some good, some bad; some happy, some sad. Yet, through it all, the joy of the Lord has been our strength. In the life of this church, we have gone from vision to victory, from test to testimony. Christ, the solid rock, has been our firm foundation. His unchanging hand has remained on the people of Beulah from generation to generation, and as a result, this church has been blessed to experience His favor for over 120 years. The church of our living God is alive and well.

Beulah Missionary Baptist Church is a vibrant ministry that houses a worship center and a family center. In addition to our two full Sunday morning worship services, Beulah offers extensive spiritual development through our Christian Education department that expands beyond our weekly Sunday School and Bible Study classes. Our Christian Leadership School provides members with an opportunity to earn a diploma in Christian Education. The work of Beulah extends beyond the walls of our church through our Mission Ministry, and our Day of Service unites the entire church to serve the community. Beulah is indeed the “Help Station,” Helping You Get Where God Wants You to Be.”

Beulah, with a ministry for all ages and all sects of the church, blends the traditional and contemporary to ensure each and every member encounters the Beulah experience. With all of Beulah ministries and activities, I pray that each and every member embrace the Beulah experience to get to their destiny, the *space* God has ordained for you. God has more than a place but a space as well for you in the Kingdom of God. All that we do at Beulah is for Kingdom business.

I welcome each new member to become actively involved in this work. I encourage each member to remain faithful to the work. As Kingdom seekers and builders, I challenge you to be steadfast unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord.

This official Handbook of Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, based upon the Word of God, is your guide to what we believe and what we do – our values, our mission, and our objectives. I trust this handbook is a source of inspiration and information in your Christian walk.

I am proud to serve as your pastor. My constant prayers are with and for you as I always avail myself to help you get where God wants you to be.

Your Servant-Leader

Reverend Jerry D. Black, Pastor

3 CHURCH HISTORY

"All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again." Ecclesiastes. 1:7

A river starts as a tiny trickle on a slope. Rainfall, snowfall, a spring or the melting of glacier ice may be its source. As it flows downhill, it is joined by other trickles to make a brook. Other brooks, add their waters to form a stream which broadens into a creek. As the waters continue its downward journey, it gains in volume and becomes a river.

The Beulah River began as a small trickle as Reverend W. F. Paschall, Elbert Lofton, Sandy Thomas, Easter Williams, Eliza Gaither, Will Rucker, Lou Reese and Lizzie Goldsmith gathered in Deacon Charlie Oliver's grocery store on Mayson Avenue in the northeast section of Atlanta, Georgia, in June of 1896. Prayers began to be said and regular prayer meetings were started. Out of the fellowship, seeds of faith sprouted, initiating the organization of a church and Beulah became a Brook. It was in November of 1896 that Rev. W. F. Paschall formerly proposed the organization of the

Beulah Baptist Church. The following ministers were present; Rev. T. A. Seals, Rev. Dorsey Gordon, Rev. Sam Barnes. Rev. Henry White and Rev. Paul Scruggs and Beulah became a Stream. Sis. Lizzie Allen became the first baptized member and Sis. Lizzie Goldsmith was the first mother of the church. The Women's Home Mission Society, headed by Sis. Lula Paschall and the Sunday School were the earliest auxiliaries formed at Beulah.

Goals, new ideas and challenges were accepted by the congregation. Land was purchased for \$100.00 at the corner of Wesley Avenue and Hardee Street. While waiting on the construction of the wooden structure, believers were added and the congregation grew as they worshipped under a Brush Arbor. As the membership continued to increase, the need for a larger and more stable edifice was needed. At this time the wood structure was enlarged and bricked and the Beulah Stream became a River. Rev. Paschall continued his powerful preaching and faithful leadership for 33 years and the Beulah River kept on rolling along. Rev. E. M. Johnson, a dynamic leader and an eloquent speaker was called to Pastor from 1929 to 1935. He was succeeded by Rev. R. J. Hawk from 1935 to 1936. Rev. C. A. Moore served as Pastor from 1937 to 1942. Rev. B. R. Watts was the Pastor from 1942 to 1948.

After the death of Rev. Watts, Reverend E. D. Thomas was called as Pastor in 1948. He was a powerful and dynamic leader. The church continued to grow and prosper. His progressive thinking had been instilled in the mind of the congregation. A building fund was established as the church took on the task of building a seventy-six thousand dollar educational annex. Under his leadership, the first organ was purchased, new pews and carpet installed, the first scholarships were given to college freshmen and additional property was acquired and Beulah became the MIGHTY Beulah River.

We thank God for Rev. Thomas and his twenty-six years of leadership as a humble and beloved Pastor. In January of 1975, the church was able to retire him with a pension so that he could enjoy his later years until his death in January of 1978. The hearts of many cherish the memory of this mighty man of God.



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At various points a river changes its course as it flows to its final destination. In 1975 the Beulah river changed its course. On the first Sunday in June the congregation moved from 1536 Hardee Street to 2046 Sage Lane, in a beautiful edifice located in the southeast section of Atlanta, Georgia. It was a glorious occasion long to be remembered by many. The location of 1536 Hardee Street will always be a cherished memory.

Rev. Littleton Price was the Pastor for a brief time and Rev. Jennie Jones served as interim Pastor after his departure. In 1978, Reverend Jimmie L. Smith, a youthful and dynamic preacher, was called. He was a modern and progressive leader. He reinstated prayer services, bible study, tutoring classes for young people, new member classes and counseling, four vans and two buses were purchased. The church's outreach into the community was evident by the organization of the Boy and Girl Scout troops, as well as many sport programs. Several auxiliaries and departments were formed and the church parking lot was completed. One of the great highlights was the burning of the church mortgage on January 27, 1985.

Reverend Zeddie Scott served as interim pastor from 1990 until 1991. In August of 1991, the Reverend Jerry D. Black was called to pastor of Beulah Baptist Church. He was officially installed in February of 1992 and this man of God, the former "Arkansas Hurricane", arrived with sleeves rolled up, an earnest commitment to God and a humble servant spirit. The charismatic leadership of the Reverend Jerry D. Black has led to additional auxiliaries being added to the church, the formation of many Christ-centered organizations, the establishment of a Department of Christian Education and growth in the Mission Department.

After much prayer and direction from the Lord, Reverend Black shared with the congregation his vision to construct a new edifice which would again change the course of the Mighty Beulah River. The congregation wholeheartedly embraced his vision and the work began to make the vision a reality.

Blessings were showered down on the Beulah family, land was found, financing obtained and perhaps much quicker than expected, a buyer for the Beulah Lane location was identified. With the sale of this location in December of 1996, the Beulah family moved to the interim location of 3653 Memorial Drive. While in the interim location, various tributaries began to flow into the Mighty Beulah River causing many souls to be saved, the church to grow spiritually, numerically and financially.

The tiny trickle that began in 1896, the Mighty Beulah River once again will change its course as it moves to its third location in 103 years, to 2340 Clifton Springs Road on October 31, 1999. It is the same River with the same destination, the Mighty Beulah River that flows to the throne of God.



4 OVERVIEW

Beulah [Missionary] Baptist Church (Beulah) has been serving the community within Atlanta and now Decatur, Georgia for over 120 years. Under the current leadership of Pastor Jerry D. Black, Beulah is still a strong pillar throughout the metropolitan Atlanta area, the DeKalb County community, statewide, nationally and internationally. The church has a growing membership of approximately 7,500 to 8,000 parishioners. The church's motto of "Helping You Get Where God Wants You To Be" is designed to align with the mission and vision of the church to meet the needs of its members. The overall mission of Beulah is to win souls for the glory of God by the teaching and preaching of God's Word through worship services, bible study, evangelism, mission work and Christian education. This is accomplished by using the resources of the various ministries, auxiliaries and organizations of the church coupled with reaching out beyond the walls of the church into the community to benefit mankind.

5 MOTTO

"Helping You Get Where God Wants You To Be"

6 VISION

"A church with a Holistic Ministry that meets the needs of the total person, physically, mentally, and spiritually."

7 MISSION

Led by the Holy Spirit, and following and embracing the Baptist doctrine, the mission of Beulah Missionary Baptist Church is to win souls for the glory of God by the teaching and preaching of God's word through worship services, bible study, evangelism, mission work and Christian education in a highly spiritual environment and atmosphere for parishioners to come and worship the Lord. We will also endeavor to ensure that, in all that we do, we are Bible-based, Christ-led and mission-bound.

8 CORE PRINCIPLES

We Believe In:

Baptism and Communion (the Ordinances of the Church)

Eternal Life

Understanding the Scriptures

Loving Lifting and Leading others to Christ (Evangelism / Missionary)

Articles of Faith

Hope in the Holy and True God



9 WELCOME LETTER FROM MINISTER OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Welcome to Beulah Baptist Church And Foundations for Christian Growth

We welcome you to the Beulah Baptist Church Family and pray that God’s blessings of Spiritual growth and development will be realized through these classes for you, our newest family member. This booklet contains all the information that you will need for the classes of “Foundations for Christian Growth.” After completing each class, please be certain that the instructor initials the box for the particular class that has been completed that day. This will allow you to see the progress that you have made, as well as keep track of the classes completed. After the completion of all seven classes, please inform the instructor or the Director of New Members, Sis. Deborah Marshall, and we will award you your certificate of Membership, also, after completing your classes several things should happen:

You should ask your instructor or the Director of New Members for a recommendation as to which Sunday School Class you may become a part of for continued spiritual growth and development.

1. If you haven't already, you (and your family) should begin regular attendance at our mid-week bible study on Wednesday's beginning at 6:45PM. It should also be noted that there are separate programs of ministry for both children and teenagers.
2. Begin your walk as an active part of the ministry here at Beulah Baptist Church by exercising your spiritual gifts. If you are not sure what your spiritual gift(s) is (are), then we invite you to attend our class on spiritual gifts. For the next start date, please contact the Minister of Christian Education, Rev. Mark A. Seals in the church office.

For those who are candidates for baptism, your certificates will be given to you on the Sunday following your baptism. It is our prayer that Beulah will be blessing to you, as we believe that you will be a blessing to Beulah and the work of the Lord that is taking place here.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Mark A. Seals
Minister of Christian Education



10 NEW MEMBERS CLASS ITINERARY

YOUR FOUNDATIONAL CLASSES ARE:

	Class Title	Completion Date	Initials	Page
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Birth/Salvation			37 - 38
<input type="checkbox"/>	Church Covenant			39 - 40
<input type="checkbox"/>	Church Organizational Structure			19 - 31
<input type="checkbox"/>	Church Policies and Procedures			32 - 36
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tithing			41 - 43
<input type="checkbox"/>	Baptism of the Holy Spirit			44 - 50
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prayer			51 - 52
<input type="checkbox"/>	Faith			53 - 54



11 ARTICLES OF FAITH (WHAT BAPTIST BELIEVE)

11.1 OF 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 should be tried.

II Timothy 3:16-17; II Timothy 3:16-17; Proverbs 30:5-6

11.2 OF THE TRUE GOD

We believe that there is one and only one living and true God; An intelligent, spiritual and personal Being, the Creator, the Preserver and Ruler of the universe, infinite in holiness and all other perfections to whom we owe the highest love, reverence and obedience. He is revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, each with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence or being.

John 4:24; Psalm 147:5; Psalm 83:18; Exodus 15:11; Mark 12:30; Revelation 4:11

11.3 OF THE FALL OF MAN

We believe that man was created by the special act of God, as recorded in Genesis. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female he created he them" Genesis 1:27. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life: and man became a living soul" Genesis 2:7

He was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but through the temptation of Satan he transgressed the command of God and fell from his original holiness and righteousness: whereby his posterity inherit a nature corrupt and in bondage to sin, are under condemnation and as soon as they are capable of moral action, become actual transgressors.

Genesis 1:27; Genesis 1:31; Genesis 3:6, 24



11.4 OF THE WAY OF SALVATION

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who by the Holy Spirit was born of the Virgin Mary and took upon him our nature. Yet without sin honored the divine law by his personal obedience and made atonement for our sins by his death. Being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in Heaven, and united in his person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is in every way qualified to be a compassionate and all-sufficient Saviour.

Ephesians 2:8; John 3:16; Philippians 2:6-7

11.5 OF JUSTIFICATION

We believe that justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of righteousness of all sinners who believe in Christ. This blessing is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but through the redemption that is in and through Jesus Christ. It brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God and secures every other needed blessing.

John 1:16; Acts 13:39; Romans 5:9; Romans 5:17

11.6 OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION

We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all the Gospel. It is the duty of all to accept them by penitent and obedient faith. Nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner except his own voluntary refusal to accept Jesus Christ as Teacher, Savior and Lord.

Isaiah 55:1; Romans 16:25-26; John 5:40; John 3:19

11.7 OF GRACE IN REGENERATION

We believe that regeneration or the new birth is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit, whereby we become partakers of the divine nature and a holy disposition is given, leading to the love and practice of righteousness. It is a work of God's free grace conditioned upon faith in Christ and made manifest by the fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

John 3:3; II Corinthians 5: 17; John 3:8; John 1:13; James 1:16-18



11.8 OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH

We believe 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 through 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 Saviour.

Mark 1:15; Acts 11:18; Ephesians 2:8; I John 5:1; John 16:8; Acts 2:37-38

11.9 OF GOD'S PURPOSE AND GRACE

We believe that election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners. It is perfectly consistent with the free agency of man and in no way interferes with the salvation of any individual. It is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility. It encourages the use of means in the highest degree.

II Timothy 1:8-9

11.10 OF SANCTIFICATION

We believe that sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are 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.

I Thessalonians 4:3; I Thessalonians 5:23; Proverbs 4:18

11.11 OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS

We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto 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 that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

John 8:31; I John 2:19

11.12 OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL

We believe 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 arises 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.

Romans 3:31; Romans 7:12; Romans 8:7-8

11.13 OF A GOSPEL CHURCH

We believe 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 of Timothy and Titus.

I Corinthians 1:1-13; Acts 2:41-42; II Corinthians 8:5

11.14 BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Saviour with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is a 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.

Acts 8:36-39

11.15 OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH

We believe 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 that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

Acts 20:7; Exodus 28:8; Revelation 1:10; Psalm 118:24



11.16 OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interests 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.

Romans 13:1-7; Matthew 22:21

11.17 OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked. Those only who are justified through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and sanctified by the Holy Spirit are truly righteous in His sight. Those who continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and are under condemnation. This distinction between the righteous and the wicked holds in and after death, and will be made manifest at the judgment when final and everlasting awards are made to all men.

Malachi 3:18

11.18 OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We believe that Christianity is the religion of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is therefore a part of our Christian heritage. The new birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge. An adequate system of schools is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people. The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is coordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence. and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches.

Proverbs 10:14



11.19 OF SOCIAL SERVICE

We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his We believe that every Christian is under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ regnant in his own life and in human society; to oppose in the Spirit of Christ every form of greed, selfishness and vice; to provide for the orphaned, the aged, the helpless, and the sick; to seek to bring industry, government and society as a whole under the laws of the principles of righteousness, truth and brotherly love: to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and his truth. All means and methods used in social service for the amelioration of society and the establishment of righteousness among men must finally depend on the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 25:35-36

11.20 OF STEWARDSHIP

We believe that God is the sources of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to him. We have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in our possessions. We are therefore under obligation to serve him with our time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to us to use for the glory of God and helping others. Christians should cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately and liberally contribute of their means to advancing the Redeemer's cause on earth.

I Peter 4:10

11.21 EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS

We believe that it is the duty of every Christian man and woman, and the duty of every church of Christ to seek to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thusly upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life. It is also expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by personal effort and by all other methods sanctioned by the gospel of Christ.

Matthew 28:19-20



11.22 OF THE RESURRECTION

We believe that the Scriptures clearly teach that Jesus rose from the dead. His grace was emptied of its contents. He appeared to the disciples after his resurrection in many convincing manifestations. He now exists in his glorified body at God's right hand. There will be a resurrection of the righteous and the wicked. The bodies of the righteous will confirm to the glorious spiritual body of Jesus.

Matthew 28: 1-6

11.23 OF THE RETURN OF THE LORD

We believe that the New Testament teaches in many places the visible and personal return of Jesus to this earth. "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." The time of his coming is not revealed. "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of Heaven, but my Father only" (Matthew 24:36). It is the duty of all believers to live in readiness for his coming and by diligence in good works to make manifest to all men the reality and power of their hope in Christ.

Acts 1:11

11.24 OF THE WORLD TO COME

We believe 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 to final retribution; that solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgement will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

I Peter 4:7

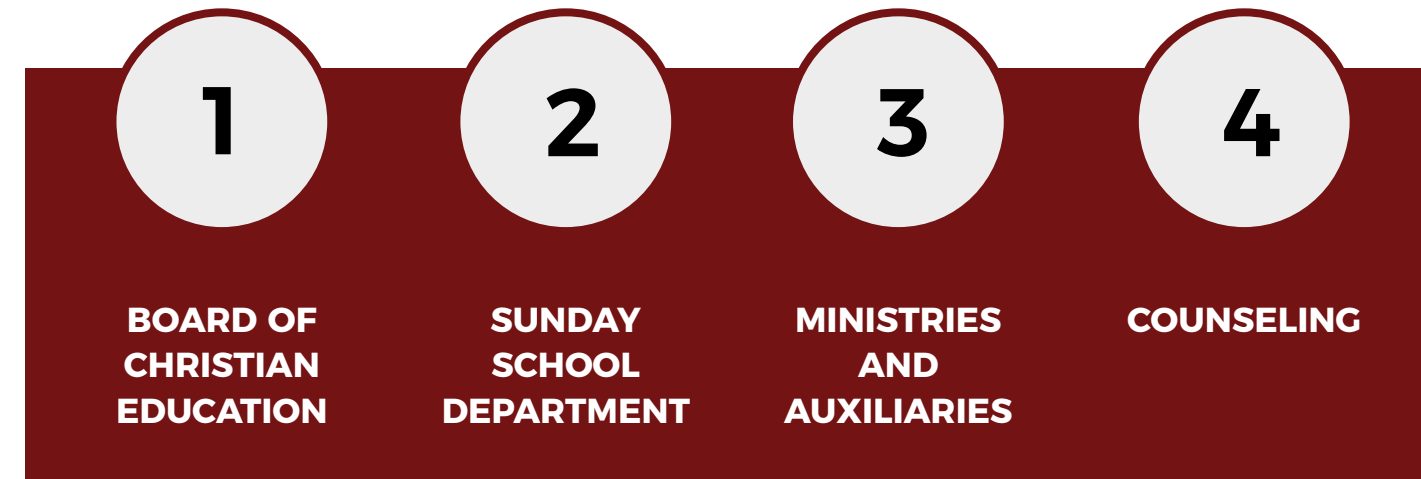


12 CHURCH ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The structure of the church is based on the relationship of the pastor with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit communicates and provide guidance to the church through the pastor.

The foundational organization chart noted on the next pate is intended to display this relationship. You will notice that the matters of the church are broken down to two categories; spiritual matters and temporal matters.

Spiritual Matters includes the teaching and preaching of God's word through sermons, bible study, workshops, and evangelism. It also includes how members of the church should conduct themselves in fellowship and the resolutions of issues based on biblical concepts. Spiritual Matters are handle through the pastor and the following organizations:



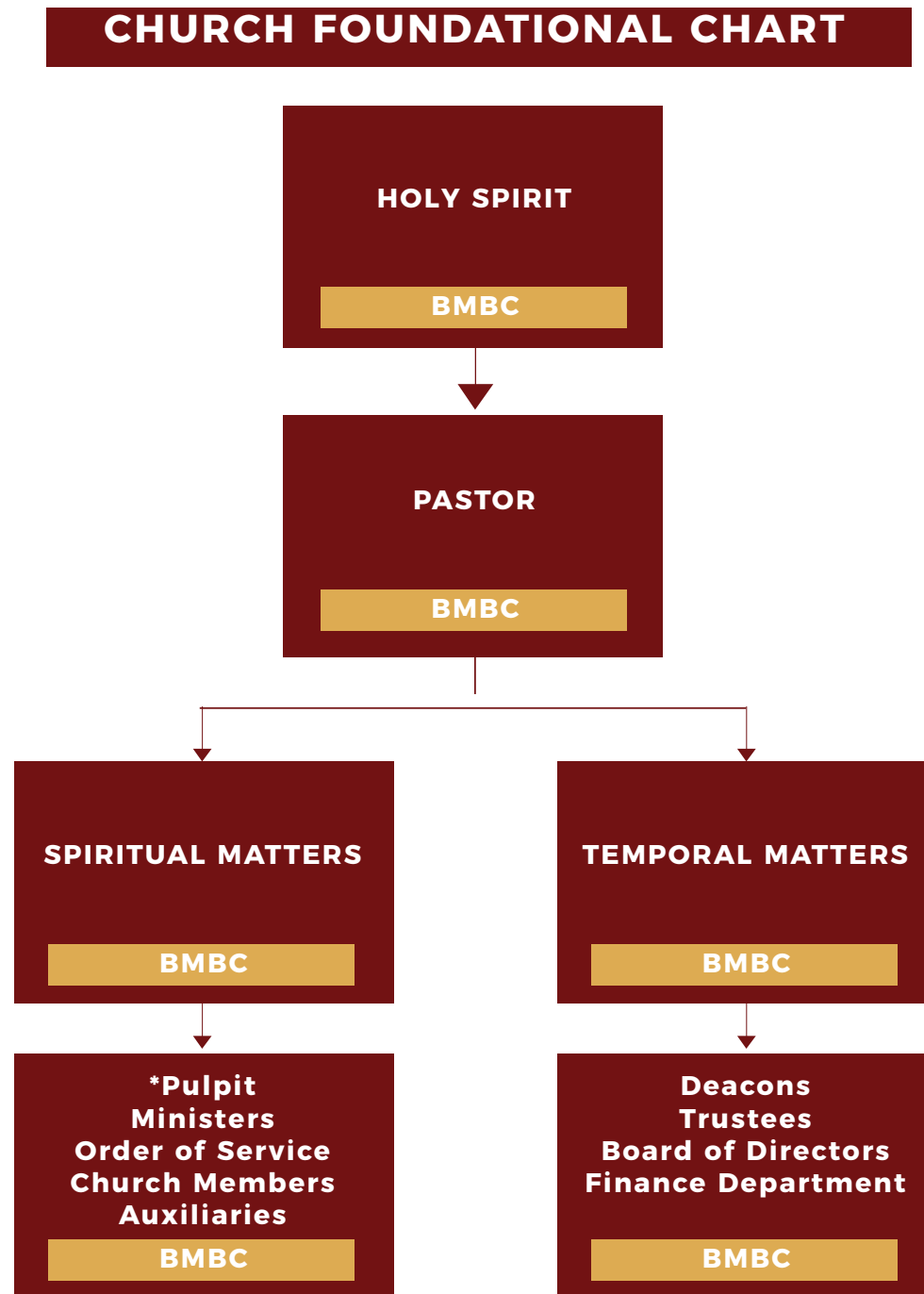
Temporal Matters (secular, not spiritual or ecclesiastical) pertains primarily to conducting the business of the church. The business of the church is conducted through the organizations represented on the temporal matters' chart.

Please note that the pastor and deacon are the only two biblical officer in the church.

If the church is in the midst of calling a pastor or the pastor is unable to perform his duty for any reason, the board of deacons will be in charge of the pulpit.



13 CHURCH FOUNDATION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Note: The Pastor and Deacons are the only biblical officers in the church.

1. The Pastor is called for an indefinite period.
2. The responsibilities of the Deacons are spiritual.
3. The Deacons are ordained for life, but serve at the pleasure of the Church conference.

*Should the church be in the midst of calling a new Pastor or the Pastor is unable to fulfill his duties for any reason, the Deacon Board will be responsible for the pulpit



14 SPIRITUAL MATTERS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

As indicated previously, the pastor is one of two biblical officers noted in the bible. The pastor is called for an indefinite period of time and serves at the pleasure of the church conference. The pastor also serves as an Ex Officio of all organizations within the church, both spiritual and temporal.

Traditionally, when a church is in need of a pastor, a "Pulpit Committee" is formed to manage the selection process. The pulpit committee is typically composed of church officers and members of the congregation and reports to the Church Conference. The committee is wholly dependent on God to lead and advise them as they perform the duties of the committee.

The committee may identify several candidates to fill the pastor's position. Subsequent to the completion of a vetting process, the candidates will be invited to preach on a selected Sunday. This will allow the congregation to experience the preaching style of the candidate(s).

After much prayer, the committee will present their recommendation to the church conference for approval. If the conference approves the recommendation, the committee will negotiate the calling of the pastor to the pulpit.

It should be noted that the church conference is has the authority to dismiss the pastor should it becomes necessary to take such action.

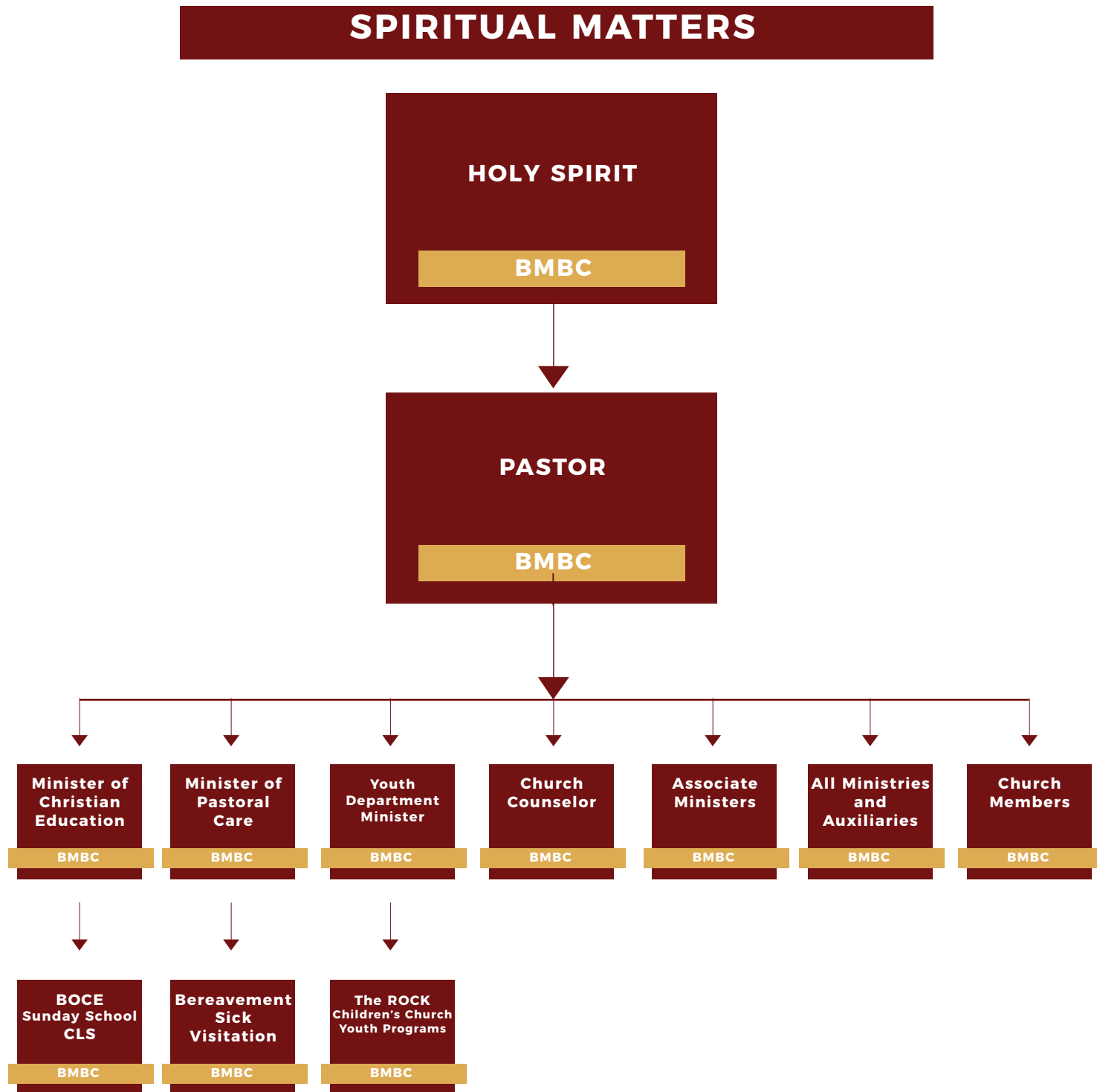
The pastor is responsible for the selection of individuals to fill the various position listed on the spiritual organization chart. The associated ministers are required to complete a process that leads to their ordination.

Collectively they are responsible for the teaching and preaching of God's word to the church body. This includes:

1. **The Board of Christian Education**
 - a. Sunday School
 - b. CLS classes
 - c. All religious teaching material and programs
2. **The ROCK (teen church)**
3. **Youth programs and activities**
4. **Bereavement and sick visitation**
5. **Christian counseling**
6. **The selection and management, and assignment of all associate ministers**
7. **The management of all church ministries and auxiliaries**
8. **And the general wellbeing of the church body**



15 SPIRITUAL MATTERS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



16 TEMPORAL MATTERS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Contrary to the spiritual matters, temporal matters deal with the day to day operations of the church. This work is accomplished through the following core organizations.

DEACON BOARD

Early it was mentioned that the pastor is one of only two offices listed in the bible. The other officer is the deacon.

Deacon candidates are selected by the pastor and the board of deacons. A prerequisite for selection is that they must be active within the church and meet the requirements of a deacon listed in the bible.

Candidates are subject to a vetting process to determine which ones will be set aside and go through a one-year training program. Successful completion of the training program will ultimately lead to the ordination of the candidates.

Candidates that are ordained are presented to the church conference for approval to serve as a deacon of the church. It should be noted that once ordained, a deacon is a deacon for life, however, they serve the church at the pleasure of the church conference.

The temporal matters of the church are managed by the following core organizations:

1. Board of Deacons
2. Board of Directors
3. Trustee Board
4. Finance Department



17 ELECTION OF ORGANIZATIONAL OFFICERS

Like the Baptist Church, each organization within the church is considered autonomous as it relates to their slate of officers and term of office. Because there is not standard for either, you will find no consistency across the various organizations within the church.

The only exception to this rule is the Board of Directors (BOD). By law they must have a certain officer structure. Recommendations to become a member of the BOD are submitted to the corporate body of the church instead of the church conference. It should be noted that the corporate body is composed of the members of the church.

All temporal organizations must submit their slate of officers to the church conference for approval, with the exception of the BOD. The selections are due in the fourth quarter of each year to allow approval before the beginning of the new year.

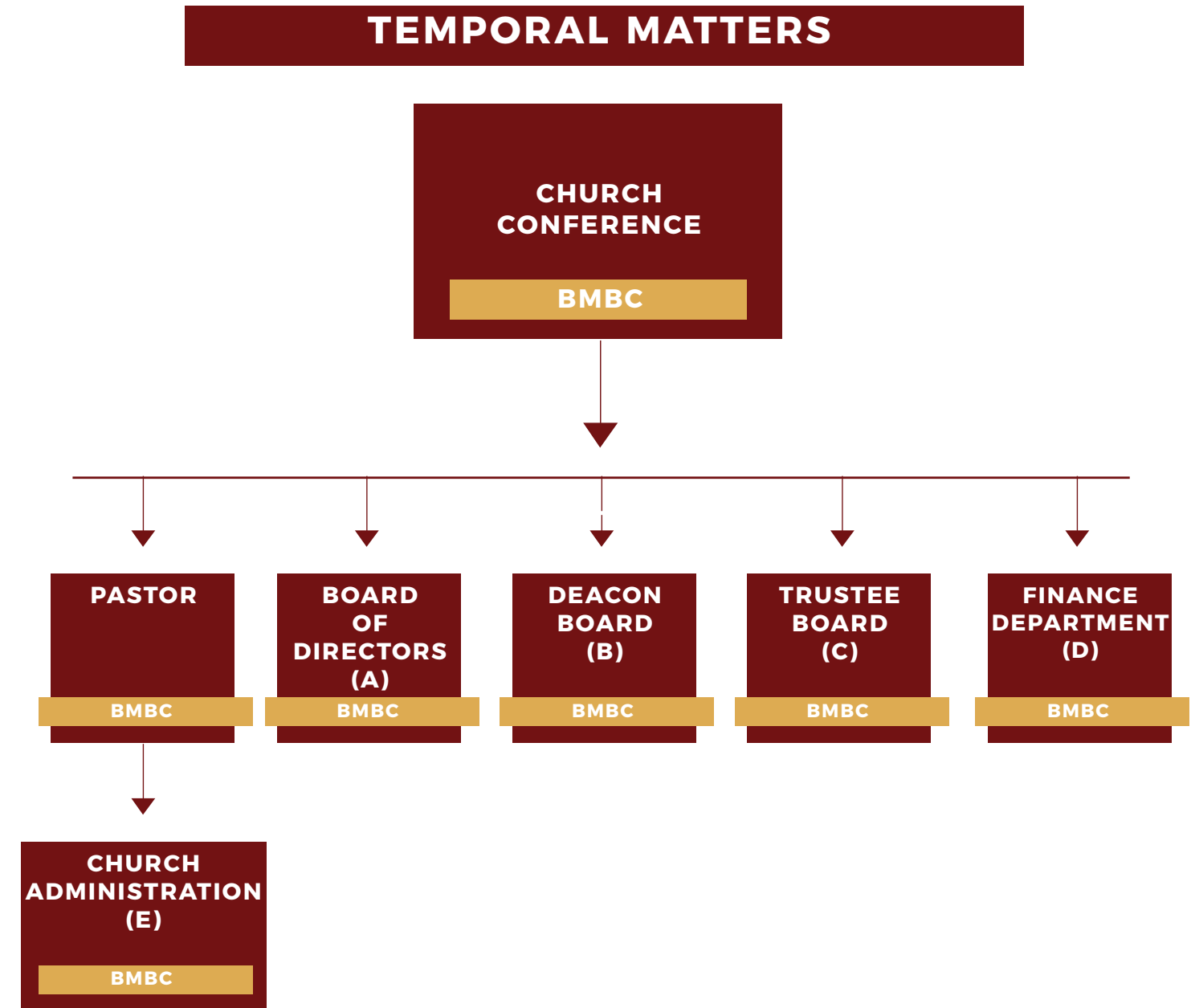
When the recommendations are submitted to the church conference for approval, the conference has the authority to:

1. Approve the slate of officers as presented
2. To add additional members to the organization from the floor of the conference
3. To reject a member (s) from the floor of the conference

With the exception of the deacon board, members who may wish to become a member of an organization should make it know to the head of the respective organization.



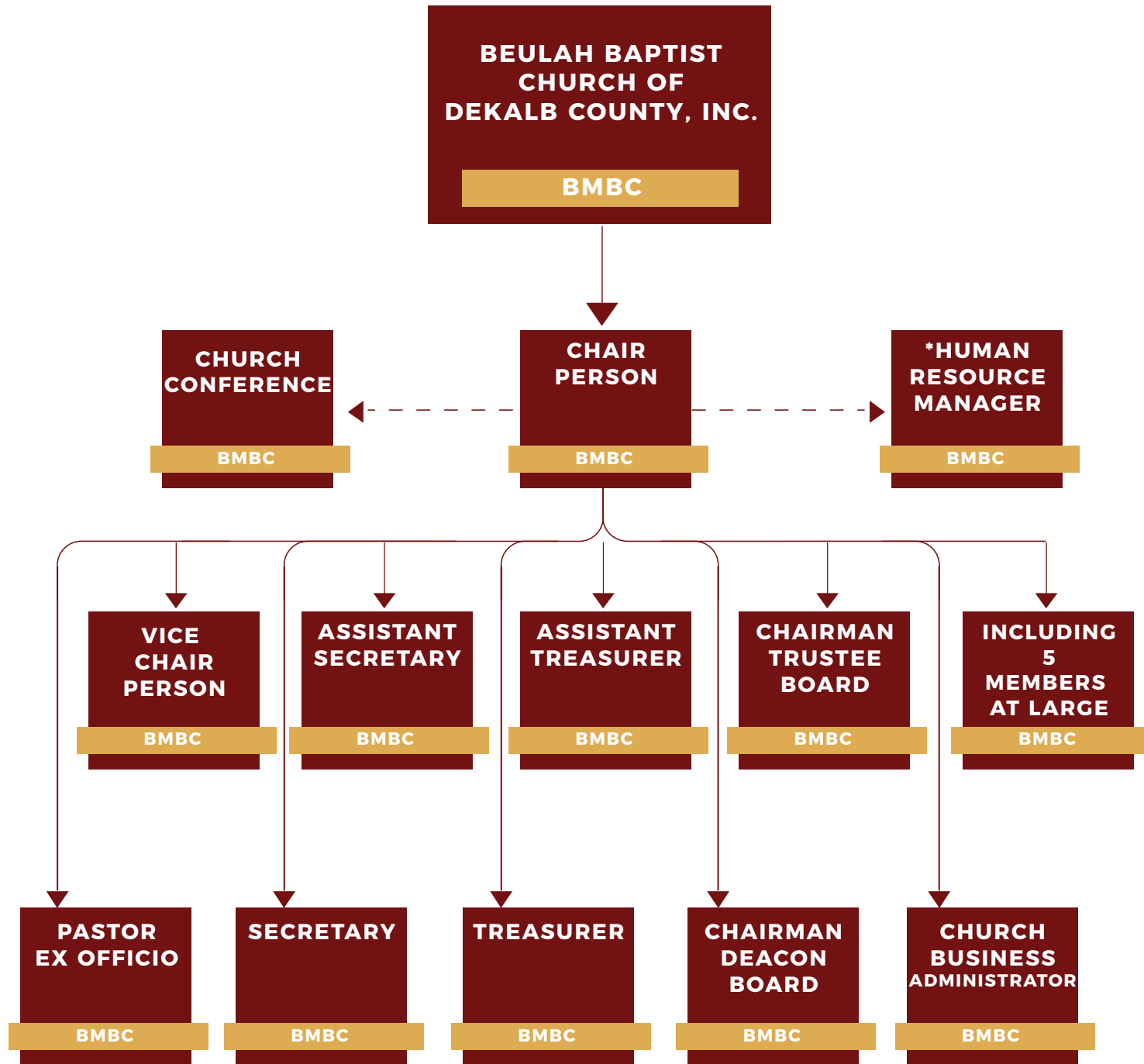
18 TEMPORAL ORGANIZATION CHART





19 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

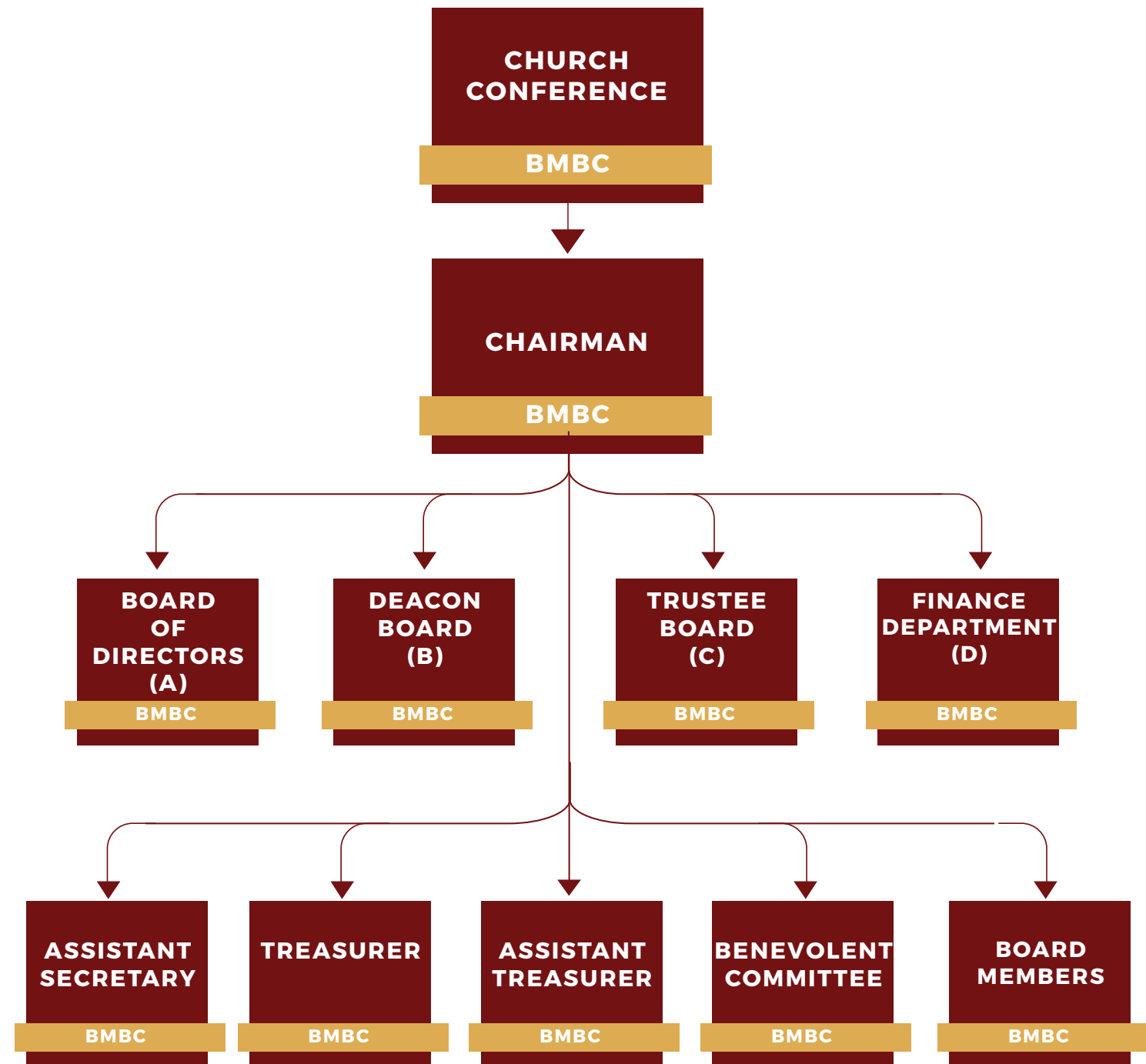
(A): BOARD OF DIRECTORS



*Please note that the "Human Resource Manager" reports to the Board of Directors, however, the position is not considered a member of the Board.

20 BOARD OF DEACONS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

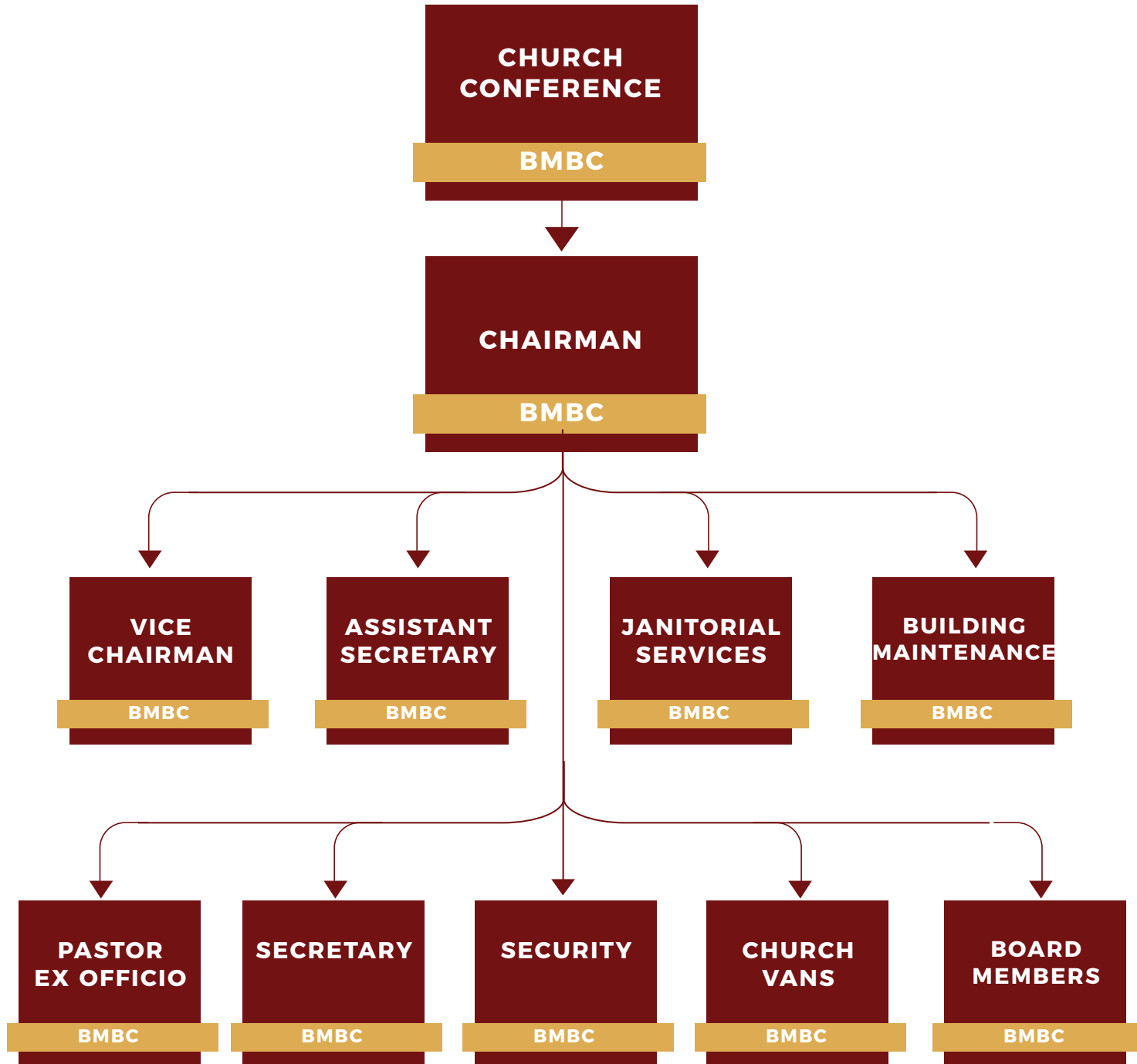
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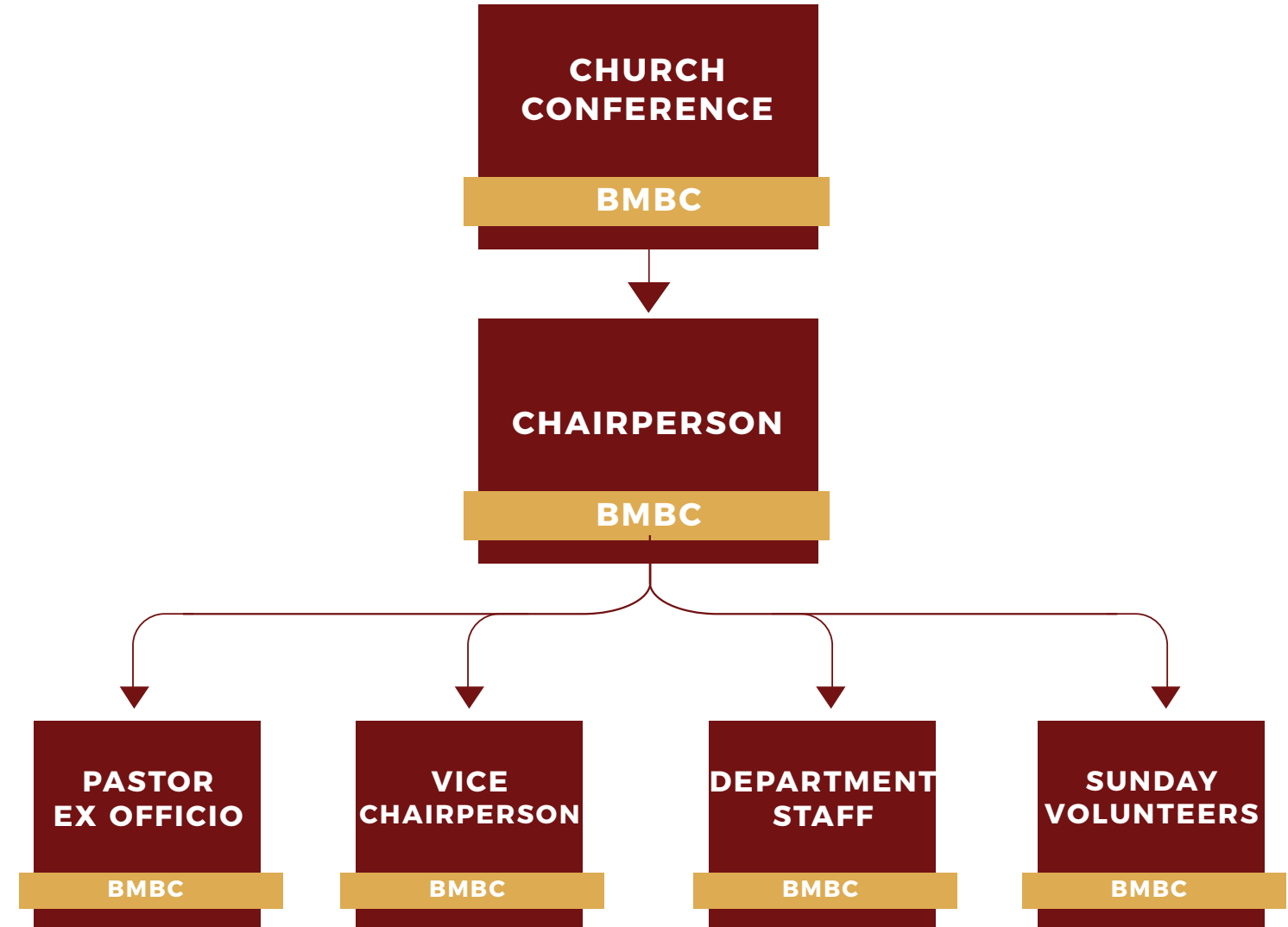
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22 FINANCE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

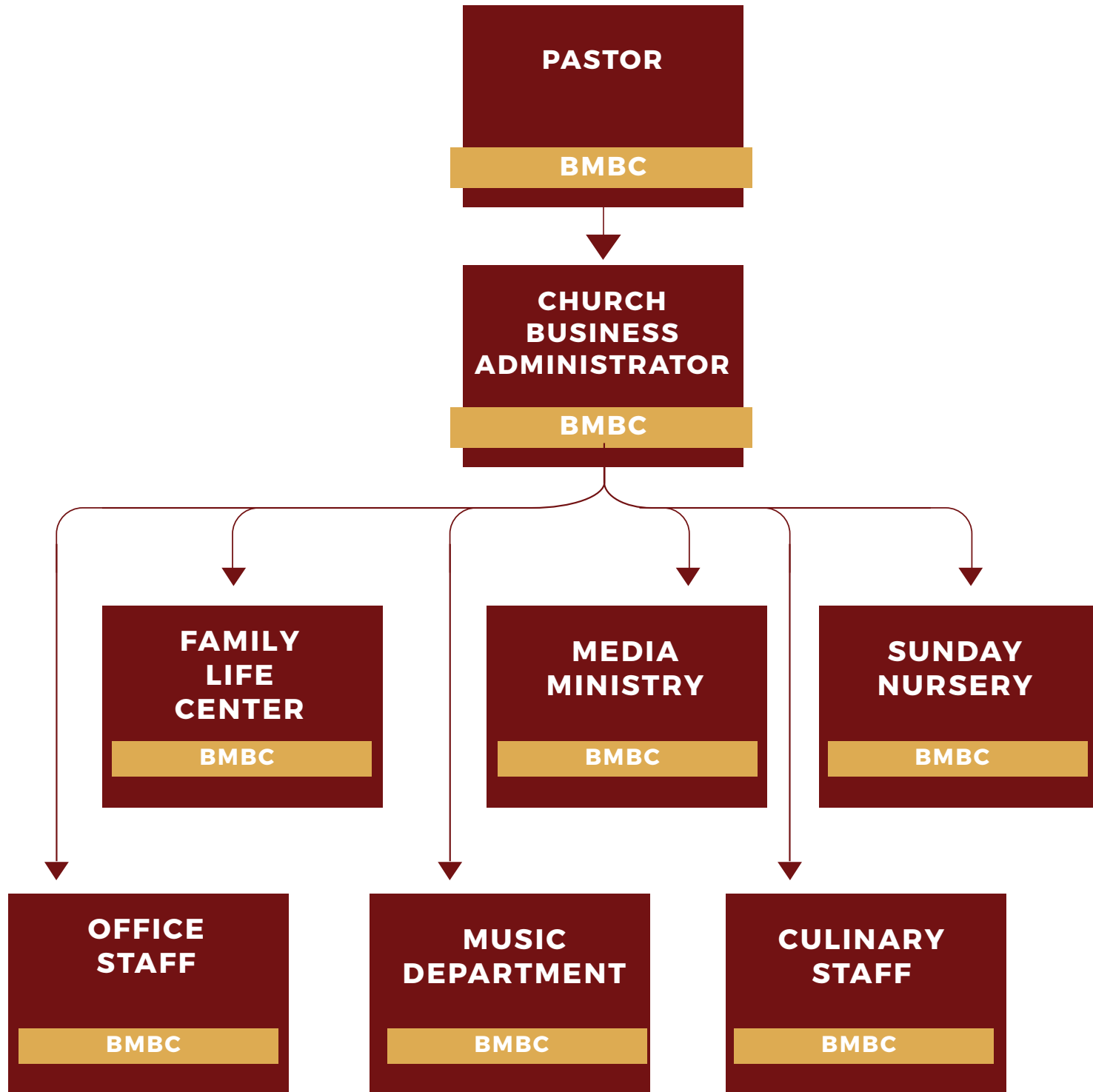
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23 CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION



24 CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

The administrative staff has the responsibility of the day to day operation of the church.

This includes but is not limited to:

- Answering and routing all incoming phone calls
- Setting up appointments with the pastoral staff
- Reservation of meeting rooms in the Worship Center
- Preparation of all printed material for the church
- Reserving the church for weddings
- Coordinating funeral arrangements
- Running standard reports for the church staff and ministries

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday

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Website:	www.beulahbaptist.org
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Minister of Pastoral Care	404-241-3307 x1225
Youth Minister	404-241-3307 x1252
Media Ministry	404-241-3307 x1235
Business Administrator	404-241-3307 x1221
Counselor	404-241-3307 x1244



CHURCH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

24.1 ACCEPTING MEMBER

- a. **Baptism** – Confession of Faith
- b. **Letter** – From another church
- c. **Experience** – From another church
- d. **Watch Care** - interim church for members in Metro Atlanta area (e.g. college students)

24.2 EXTENDING THE RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

(Formality granting all rights and privileges of any other member)

24.2 DISMISSING MEMBER

1. **Letter** – To another church
2. **Exclusion** – To withdraw right hand of fellowship for reasons Matthew 18:15-17
3. **Death**

24.4 RESTORATION

To be admitted again to fellowship, an excluded member must acknowledge the justice of his exclusion, and give evidence of his repentance by assurance of discontinuance of his offense, and having thus vindicated the church's action may apply for restoration to membership. The church should always be willing and even anxious to forgive and restore an excluded member who has repented (Galatians 6:1).

24.5 DUTY OF THE CHURCH

The church should consider that each member is a soul entrusted to it for protection, development, and preparation for the Kingdom of Heaven. The church, therefore, is in duty bound to furnish the best possible public instruction in the gospel, and the best training for service; to exercise a tender, loving, patient watch care over the member, and to use the utmost diligence and effort for his enlightenment, sanctification and usefulness, with the view that he attain perfection in Christ Jesus. If it should happen that a member departs from the faith of the church, or violates the New Testament standard of conduct, it is both the privilege and the duty of the church to place him under discipline and deal with him according to the laws Christ has given in the New Testament.



Sufficient proof of guilt having been given, the church may admonish him, or withdraw the hand of fellowship from him.

24.6 DUTY OF THE MEMBER

Every member is required to fulfill, to the extent of his ability, all of the covenanted obligations he assumed on becoming a member. The church, thereby, is entitled to the service thus promised, together with every member's good will, sympathy, influence, and finances for the advancement of the cause of Christ within the local body of Baptized believers known as Beulah Baptist Church.

24.7 CHURCH CONFERENCE

- The "Church Conference" is composed of the members of the church, including the pastor and church officers.
- The conference has sovereign power (final decision on temporal matters (Secular, not spiritual or ecclesiastical).
- the hand of fellowship from him.

24.8 BOARD OF DEACONS

- a. All proposals and recommendations to the church conference must be submitted to the board of deacons for input and / or review prior to the scheduled meeting of the church conference, except those from the Trustees, the Finance Department or Board of Directors.
- b. The board is responsible for working to promote peace, unity, teamwork and cooperation among church groups and members
- c. The board administers the benevolent funds of the church (Missionary Offering)
- d. The board is responsible for visiting as well as commune the sick and shut-in on a monthly basis
- e. The board oversee the needs of the ministries of the church by serving as liaisons to the various ministries.

24.9 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- a. The Board of Trustees is responsible for maintaining and the management all church's property and the supervision of the Maintenance Supervisor.
- b. Supervise all purchases and supplies, except those delegated to the Board of Directors.
- c. Sets policy on decorum in the church building.

24.10 FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- a. Receives and disburses all church finances.
- b. Prepares the budget.
- c. Administers all vouchers.



24.11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a. Perform all corporate matters subject to state and federal statutes or other function delegated to it by the conference.
- b. Responsible for mortgaging and selling all real and/personal property of the church
- c. Responsible for ensuring that the church adheres to and complies with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future US Internal Revenue law.
- d. Oversees the operation of the Family Life Center

24.12 ILLNESS

Beulah is a caring church, concerned about all of our members including those who are sick. Please notify the church office when you are ill. You will be lifted in prayer and receive visitation.

Please note that the church office can only accept information from relatives of the sick member.

24.13 DEATH

The death of a church member or the death of a member of the immediate family of the church should be quickly brought to the attention of the church office. The Pastor, Deacons and Bereavement ministry will be promptly notified. Pastoral contact will follow.

Please note that the church office can only accept notification from relatives of the deceased.

24.14 MEETINGS

All meetings requiring church accommodations must be cleared through the church office and / or the calendar committee. This will enable us to prepare the area needed for your meeting and have the necessary doors unlocked.

24.14 SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS

The church planning council's calendar committee must approve the dates for all activities and programs.



24.16 GRIEVANCES AND CONCERNS

Grievances and other church related concerns should be brought to the Board of Deacons. All conference agenda items must also be presented to the Board of Deacons.

24.17 CHURCH HANDBOOK

All members are encouraged to obtain a copy of the official Beulah Baptist Church Handbook by contacting the church office.



24.18 CHURCH DECORUM - WORSHIP DO'S AND DON'TS

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

Psalms 96:9



- **DO** share your Bible, hymnal
- **DO** greet fellow worshippers in Christian love
- **DO** acknowledge your gratitude for any courteous act or expression
- **DO** refrain from chatting, distracting behavior, note-passing
- **DO** bow your head and close your eyes during prayer
- **DO** sit in an attitude of reverence during scripture reading and prayer
- **DO** raise your finger to eye level to get the attention of an usher or officer on duty
- **DO** graciously follow the instructions of the church ushers or officers
- **DO** refrain from leaving the worship service before the benediction has been pronounced
- **DO** leave church pews, choir stand and church alter neat and orderly
- **DO** make every effort possible to allow others to sit on your pew
- **DO** let the TV cameras be a reminder of the television ministry but not a distraction from worship
- **DO** remember that it is the responsibility of the media ministry to make any adjustments to the lighting or sound equipment
- **DO** turn off your mobile phone prior to entering the sanctuary for worship services



- **DON'T** chew gum while on duty or while worshipping in the sanctuary
- **DON'T** distract others from the spirit of worshipping in the sanctuary
- **DON'T** distract others from the spirit of worship by unnecessary walking
- **DON'T** make your own change from the offering plate
- **DON'T** wave currency in the air to signify the need for change or assistance
- **DON'T** walk, tiptoe or move about during prayer, communion, baptism, scripture reading or baby dedication
- **DON'T** stare or interfere with someone who is outwardly moved by the Holy Spirit
- **DON'T** partake of the communion elements except in an attitude of reverence
- **DON'T** take photographs or videos during the worship service
- **DON'T** use the sanctuary except for worship or preparation for worship
- **DON'T** disrespect the sanctuary or allow children to play on the alter, chancel or pulpit areas
- **DON'T** walk upon the pulpit area
- **DON'T** eat or drink in the sanctuary
- **DON'T** forget that Jesus said, *"My house shall be called of all nations, a house of prayer"* Mark 11:17

25 NEW BIRTH/SALVATION

The most important decision that a person can make in life, is to accept Jesus Christ, the son of God, as one's personal Savior and Lord. In the event that this has taken place in your life, what does it all mean and what is its significance. To have accepted Jesus Christ as your savior means that there is a newness of life, a new birth. It also means that there is deliverance, salvation. The former (New birth) concerns itself principally with the necessity, source and nature of the spiritual life all men need from God: the latter (Salvation) emphasizes the delivering effects and scope of God's provision in Christ.

I. Salvation

To lose money, job, health, eyesight, hearing, etc. are great losses but a person's most valued possession is his or her soul. (Matthew 16:26)

A. Who Needs Salvation?

Romans 3:12 – There is none that doeth good...

Romans 3:23 – All have sinned...

Isaiah 64:6 – We are all as an unclean thing...

Notes: _____

B. Why Do We Need Salvation?

Hebrews 9:27 – Judgment of God

Romans 14:10-12 – Judgment of God

Notes: _____

C. Characteristics And Destiny Of The Unsaved

Galatians 5: 19-21

Romans 1:29-31

Revelation 21:8

Notes: _____

D. Who Can Be Saved ?

2 Peter 3:9 – All

John 3:16 – Whosoever

Notes: _____



E. Can We Earn Salvation?

Romans 6:23 – It’s a gift
Ephesians 2: 8, 9 – Gift of God
Titus 3:5 - His mercy

Notes: _____

F. How Can we Be Saved?

Romans 10:9 – Confession and Belief
Hebrews 7:25
Act 2:21

Notes: _____

II. New Birth

John 3:5-8 (Born Again)

Being “born of water” is physical birth, a definite time of coming from darkness into light and newness of life. The “spiritual birth” is just a definite, coming from the “darkness of sin” in the “light of the glorious gospel.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 (New Creature)
Romans 8:16. 17
Ephesians 2:19

Notes: _____

ARE YOU SAVED?

BE SAVED TODAY!

26 CHURCH COVENANT

Having been lead, 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 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;ro 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 dealing, 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 drinks 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.



27 BASIS OF COVENANT

The obligations of church membership outlined in the covenant are all scriptural, as may be seen from the following study:

I. Salvation and Baptism (John 1:11-12; Matthew 28:19-20)

Notes: _____

II. Duties to the Church

1. To walk together in Christian love (John 13:34-35)
2. To strive for the advancement of the church and promote its prosperity and spirituality (Phil. 1:27; 2 Tim. 2:15; 2Cor. 7:1; 2 Peter 3:11).
3. To sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrine (Heb. 10:25; Matt.28:19;1Cor.11:23-26;Jude3)

Notes: _____

III. Duties in Personal Christian Living

1. To maintain family and secret devotions (I Thes. 5:17-18; Acts 17:11).
2. To religiously educate the children (2 Tim. 3:15; Deut. 6:4-7).
3. To seek the salvation of the lost (Acts 1:8; Matt. 4:19; Psalm 126:5-6; Prov. 11:30)
4. To walk circumspectly in the world, and to be just in our dealings (Eph. 5: 15; Phil. 2: 14-15; I Peter 2: 11-12).
5. To avoid gossip and excessive anger (Eph. 4: 31; 1 Peter 2: 21; Col. 3: 8;
6. To abstain from sale or use of liquors (Eh. 5: 18; Heb. 2: 15).
7. To be zealous in our efforts for Christ (Titus 2: 14).

Notes: _____

IV. Duties to Fellow Members

1. To watch over one another in love (1 Peter 1: 22).
2. To pray for one another (James 5: 16).
3. To aid in sickness and distress (Gal. 6:2; James 2: 14-17).
4. To cultivate sympathy and courtesy (1 Peter 3: 8)
5. To be slow to take offense, always ready to reconciliation (Eph. 4: 30-32)

Notes: _____



28 TITHING

The Christian steward is a joyous giver. Just as God is a giving Being and Christ is a self-giving Savior, so his followers give to express their new nature and life in Christ and to provide the means for fulfilling Christian purposes. The give of both self and possessions.

How much should one give? The Old Testament tithe law required then percent of animal and agricultural produce. The giving of alms, first fruits, sacrifices, and vow and freewill offerings was also prominent in the Old Testament.

Giving reaches its noblest expression, however, in the life that centers in Christ, following the spirit of giving that He taught and exemplified. As one guiding principle, Paul called for giving measured by how one has prospered (1 Cor. 16: 1-3). Certainly the Old Testament guideline in the minimum. The New Testament calls for giving that is regular, generous, worshipful, and growing as one grows in Christian love and grace.

A. Merriam – Webster: Tithe-**verb tense 1.** *To pay or give a tenth part of, especially to the church.* **2.** *To tax to the amount of a tenth.*

Noun 1. A tenth part or, loosely a small part. 2. a tenth (or now often, a smaller) Part of one's income, produce or the like, paid as a tax or contribution to church or Charity, hence, any small tax or levy.

Biblical Practices of Giving

1. Tithe – means a tenth. Here we see the examples of Abraham a Jacob giving God their tithe even before God established the Tithe as part of the Old Testament heritage of required tithes and offerings enriches the Christian understanding of giving.

Gen. 14: 20-24; 28:22 _____

Num. 18:21-32; Deut. 12: 6-18; 14: 22-29 _____

Mal 3: 6-12 _____

Mt 23: 23-24; Luke 11: 42 _____

Luke 18: 12; Heb. 7:1-10 _____



TITHE - What – First fruit offering
Lev. 27:30-33; Deuteronomy 26:2; Proverbs 3:9; Romans 11:16.

WHEN -When you come into the Lord’s Promise
Deuteronomy 26:1; John 1:12, 13; 1 Peter 2:9-10.

WHERE -Where the Lord’s name is.
Genesis 28:22; Deuteronomy 26:2; Malachi 3:10

HOW - With a sincere heart
Deuteronomy 26:13; Matthew 10:8; Luke 18:9-14; 2 Corinthians 9:7

WHY - Obedience
Malachi 3:7; 1 Samuel 15:22
Thankfulness Genesis 14:20
Because of His many benefits: Psalms 103; Malachi 3:10-12

NEW TESTAMENT GIVING
Shared wealth, all things common: Matthew 19:21; Acts 2:44, 45
Reaps great benefit: Proverbs 3:9 -10; Luke 6:33

TITHING

29 REWARDS FOR FAITHFUL TITHING AND STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is not an attempt to bribe god and ensure our own wealth. It is a committed response to the god who never forgets the needs of His people. Greatest reward to the faithful giver is the joy of participating in Christ’s Ministry and seeing the results. Christ taught that rewards are gifts from God. They cannot be earned and are primarily spiritual rather than material.

Good stewardship shown in care for the needy also demonstrates devotion to God. God promises to reward His faithful servants (Pr 3:9-10), but rewards and wealth must not become our major concern in life. Possessing little and being faithful is greater than wealth without devotion to God.

Gen. 14: 20-24; 28:22_____

Num. 18:21-32; Deut. 12: 6-18; 14: 22-29_____

Mal 3: 6-12_____

Mt 23: 23-24; Luke 11: 42_____

Luke 18: 12; Heb. 7:1-10_____

The Lord loveth a cheerful giver!!!
2 Corinthians 9:7

YOUR TITHE UNTO THE LORD

- If you earned **\$100** your tithe unto the Lord is **\$10**
- If you earned **\$200** your tithe unto the Lord is **\$20**
- If you earned **\$300** your tithe unto the Lord is **\$30**
- If you earned **\$400** your tithe unto the Lord is **\$40**
- If you earned **\$500** your tithe unto the Lord is **\$50**
- If you earned **\$600** your tithe unto the Lord is **\$60**
- If you earned **\$700** your tithe unto the Lord is **\$70**
- If you earned **\$800** your tithe unto the Lord is **\$80**
- If you earned **\$900** your tithe unto the Lord is **\$90**
- If you earned **\$1000** your tithe unto the Lord is **\$100**



30 BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:22-23

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, Faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

Q: How does this fruit come into being?

A: When we become new creatures in Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Q: Why do we need this fruit?

A: We've been commanded to have it (Colossians 3:12)

Notes: _____

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

LOVE John 3; 16 (God shows His love) 1 John 4: 7-11 (God is love) and John 13:34.

JOY Romans 15:13 (God and joy) 1 Peter 1:8 (Ultimate Joy), and James 1:1-3.

PEACE Romans 5:1 (Peace with God, 2 Timothy 2:22 (follow peace), John 16:33 God vs. World.

LONG SUFFERING (Patience or Endurance) – Colossians 1:11; 2 Timothy 4:1-2 (Exhort with long-suffering).

GENTLENESS (Kindness or Gracious) 2 Timothy 2:22, Ephesians 4:32. Forgiving one another.

FAITH (Faithfulness) Trusted or Reliable – 1 John 1:9 He is faithful, 1 Corinthians 1:9 God Is Faith.

GOODNESS (Gentle) Goodness is action- Ephesians 6:8 Doing good, Galatians 6:10 & Romans 12:9, 21 (continue to do good)

MEEKNESS (see God not Us) 1 Timothy 6:11, 12 Follow Meekness

TEMPERANCE (Self Control) 2 Peter 1:5-9 Add knowledge, Patience, Godliness

Notes: _____

31 THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

SPIRITUAL GIFTS - I CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

1. REVELATION GIFTS

Word of Wisdom, Word of knowledge, Discerning of Spirits.

2. VOCAL GIFTS

Prophecy, Divers kinds of Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues.

3. POWER GIFTS

Faith (special Faith Working of Miracles, Gifts of Healing.

When do these gifts operate and who are they for?

1 Corinthians 12:7, 8 – By the Holy Spirit.

Why do we have these gifts?

1 Corinthians 14:22, 23 – A Sign or Demonstration of God's Power.

Notes: _____



32 THE HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

We are living in the age of the Holy Spirit. God has designed that everything in the Church be done by the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The outpouring of the Spirit in the last days was foretold by the Old Testament prophets. (Isaiah 28:11, 12; Joel 2:28, 29; Ezekiel 11:19, 20; 36:26, 27)

WHAT ARE THE BIBLE PROOFS OF THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

(Ephesians 5)

- a. The Holy spirit is a personality, not a mere influence of power. The Holy spirit is spoken of as "He." (John 16:13, 14)
- b. Attributes of personality ascribed to Him:
 - (1) Knowledge – 1 Corinthians 2:9-11
 - (2) Will – (1 Corinthians 12:11)
 - (3) Mind – (Romans 8:27)
 - (4) Love – (Romans 15:30)
 - (5) Intelligence – (Nehemiah 9:20)
 - (6) Grief – (Ephesians 4:30)

Notes: _____

WHAT ARE SOME BIBLE SYMBOLS FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Symbols are used to describe various operations of the Spirit:

- (1) Fire – (Isaiah 4:4, Acts 2:4; Matthew 3:11)
- (2) Wind – (John 3:8, Acts 2: 2, 3)
- (3) Water – John 7:38, 39; 1 Corinthians 10:4)
- (4) Oil – (Matthew 25:3; Psalms 89:20; 1 John 2:27)
- (5) Dove – Matthew 3:16

Notes: _____



HOW IS THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT SEEN IN THE LIFE OF THE LORD JESUS, THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH?

CHRIST / THE HEAD	THE CHURCH/THE BODY
a. Born of the Spirit - Luke 1:35	John 3:1-5; I Peter 1:22, 23
b. Filled with the Spirit - John 3:35	Acts 1:8; 2:4; Ephesians 3:19
c. Led of the Spirit - Matthew 4:11	Romans 8:14
d. Ministry of preaching by the Spirit - Luke 4:18	1 Peter 1:11, 12
e. Cast out devils - Matthew 12:28	Acts 8:5-7
f. Anointing - Acts 10:38	II Corinthians 1:21; 1 John 2:27
g. Crucifixion by Spirit - Hebrews 9:14	Romans 12: 1,2
h. Resurrection - Romans 8:11	Romans 8:2, 13
i. Commandments by Spirit - Acts	Acts 15:28, 29

Notes: _____

WHAT IS THE INITIAL EVIDENCE OF RECEIVING THE BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT?

The evidence in the book of Acts of receiving the Holy Spirit was speaking with other tongues.

- a. The Day of Pentecost – (Acts 2: 1-4; Acts 1: 5, 8; John 1:30-33) Spoke with tongues.
- b. The Samaritan converts – (Acts 8: 5-24) What did Simon see?
- c. The Apostle Paul – (Acts 9:17-19; I Corinthians 14:18)
- d. The Gentiles – (Acts 10:44-48; Acts 11:15-17 "They spoke with tongues.")
- e. The Corinthians – (Acts 18:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12: 13, 14)
- f. The Ephesians – (Acts 19: 1-7; Ephesians 1:13) They spoke with tongues and prophesied.

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HOW DO WE RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- a. We must simply receive the gifts of God. (Romans 10:17) *Then only would I learn of you. Received you the Spirit by the words of the law, or by the hearing of faith?* (Galatians 3: 2 see also v. 14)
- b. A believer must come to the absolute conclusion that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is:
 - (1) Biblical. (Acts 1:5, 8; Acts 8:17) And they were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave the utterance. (Acts :4)
 - (2) Necessary. (Ephesians 5:17, 18)
 - (3) Applicable for today. (Mark 16:17; Acts 2:38)
 - (4) Is an experience after salvation. (Acts 8:12; Acts 14-17; Acts 19:6)
 - (5) Is evidenced in several ways, one being speaking in tongues. (Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 19:6; mark 16:17) another by prophesy/ Proclamation of the word of God (Acts 4:31).
 - (6) Beneficial. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. (Romans 8: 26, 27); I Corinthians 14: 2: 18:22
- c. We receive the Holy Spirit by:
 - (1) heart preparation – repentance (Acts 2:38)
 - (2) hearing – a scriptural understanding of god’s promise. (Luke 11:13).
 - (3) hunger – a great desire to receive for, he that hungereth shall be filled (Matthew 5:6) Draw nigh unto god and He will drew nigh unto you (James 4:8)
 - (4) asking to receive. (Luke 11:13)
 - (5) asking to receive – As hands are laid upon you, allow the Spirit to enter fully into your being. (Acts 19; 6)
 - (6) An act of faith (Acts 2:4; John 7:38, 39)
- d. Whenever an honest, hungry seeker comes to God to receive the gift of the Holy spirit, he has never to fear receiving less than God’s promise. (Luke 11:110-13)
- e. Relax in God’s presence. You do not have to work up an emotion. Just yield to the will of God. Emotions come later.

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33 HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

I. WHAT IS THE HOLY GHOST?

First of all, He (The Holy Ghost) is not an “it.” He is the third person in the Trinity The Father, The son and the Holy Ghost. I Corinthians 12:4-6 defines the work of The Divine Trinity as gifts by the Holy Spirit administration by Jesus; and operations by God the Father.

II. WHAT DOES THE HOLY GHOST?

Acts 1:8 says, *“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; And ye shall be witnesses unto me.”* The scripture *“ye shall be witness unto me”* is saying that with the power of the Holy Ghost you will be able to live in line with God’s Word. You will be able to let the love of Jesus Christ show in your life. Because of the Holy Ghost, you will not be ashamed of Jesus Christ regardless of where you are of who you are with. Your life will always be a witness for Jesus Christ. Matt. 10:32-33 says: *“If you will not confess me before me, I will not confess you before my Father...”* It is impossible for you be an effective witness for Christ without the power of the Holy Ghost.

III THE HOLY GHOST IS A PROMISE FROM GOD

1. Acts 1:4-5 Jesus gave instructions to His disciples, saying *“Wait for the promise of the Father, which said he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.”* John 1:4: 25-56, Jesus says, *“These things have I spoken unto you, being ye present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost whom the Father will send in my name, He shall Teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”*

2. Luke 11: 11-13 Jesus says, *“if a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? Or if heshall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall you heavenly Father gives the Holy spirit to them that ask Him?”*

3. Acts 2:33 says *“Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.”* Act 2: 38-39 states *“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”*

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IV. UNDERSTANDING SPEAKING IN TONGUES

The gift of speaking in tongues, just like the gift of salvation is given freely by God. You can't work for it. You cannot earn it, you do not have to tarry or wait for Him. Acts 2:1-4 tells us that when the day of Pentecost was fully come; the Apostles all With one accord were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

V. BENEFIT OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES

1. According to Romans 8:26-27, we find that when the Spirit prays, He makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered. And He (Christ) that searcheth the heart knoweth what is the mind of the spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will (or Word) of God. In other words, when your spirit prays, you pray the perfect prayer.

2. I Corinthians 14:2 the Word of God tells us *"for he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto me, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries."* When you speak in an unknown tongue, you speak directly to God. Satan cannot understand or interfere with this prayer. An example of Satan interfering is while praying your prayer would be interrupted with crazy thoughts and you quickly forget what you are praying for or what you are praying about. Your unknown tongue is your personal way of communicating with God

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34 PRAYER

In the life of every believer, there should exist certain basic practices that allow them to grow, and to get to know God better. Getting to know God better requires becoming intimate with Him, and one of the best ways to become more intimate with God is through the practice of Prayer. Prayer is essential and necessary for a child of God who desires the spiritual fulfillment and satisfaction of having an intimate relationship with their Heavenly Father.

Definition:

- n.** In a general sense, the act of asking for a favor, and particularly with earnestness.
- 2.** In worship, a solemn address to the Supreme Being, consisting of adoration, or an expression of our sense of God's glorious perfection, confession of our sin, supplication for mercy and forgiveness, intercession for blessings on others, and thanksgiving, or an expression of gratitude to God for his mercies and benefits. A prayer, however, may consist of a single petition, and it may be extemporaneous, written or printed.

'Noah Webster's First Edition of An American Dictionary of the English Language'
The "Living" Word In Your Mouth -Word Ministries, Inc. Harrison House - Tulsa, OK. Vol. 1, 1989

Your communication with God.

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A. Kinds of Prayer

- 1. **Prayer of Petition of Prayer of Faith** - The prayer of change things (Mt.21:22, Mk 11:24) based on God' revealed will in his Word, never contains "if"
- 2. **Prayer of Consecration** - Consecration and dedication of our lives for God's use to go anywhere and do anything. "If it be thy will" Luke 22:42.
- 3. **Prayer of Commitment** - Casting your cares upon the Lord in prayer. 1 Peter 5:7
- 4. **Prayer of Worship** - Luke 24:52 &53; Acts 13: 1-4
- 5. **Prayer of Agreement** - Matthew 18: 18-20
- 6. **Prayer of Spirit/Tongues** - 1 Corinthians 14:15
- 7. **United Prayer** - Acts 4:23 - 31
- 8. **Prayer of Supplication**- requests made of the Lord. Philippians 4:6, humble entreaty.
- 9. **Prayer of Intercession** - standing in the gap; on someone else's behalf. Gen. 18-Abram; Exodus 17.



35 PRAYER PROMISES OF GOD

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1. Ask and it shall be given you; Seek, and ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth (Matt. 7:7, 8)
2. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. (Matt 21:22)
3. He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry, when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. (Isaiah 30:19)
4. And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, he heareth us. And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have that petition that we desired of Him (1 John 5:14, 15)
5. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. (Jeremiah 29:12)
6. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer: and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. (Isaiah 65:24)
7. Whatsoever ye shall ask the father in my name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. (John 16:23-24)
8. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much (James 5:16).
9. Be not ye, therefore like unto them; for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him (Matthew 6:8)
10. And whatsoever we ask, we Receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight (1 John 3:22)
11. Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and might things, which thou knowest not. (Jeremiah 33:3)
12. Therefore, I say unto you, what things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. (Mark 11:24)



36 FAITH

INTRODUCTION

Faith is fundamental to the Christian's creed and conduct. We are saved by faith (Eph. 2:8). As Christ conversed with people and healed them, He looked for the characteristic of faith in each one. For example, the blind man showed an earnest faith (Mark 10:51). Faith is that one item central to Christianity that we cannot see, touch, smell, or hear. However, without it, we have no basis to which we can claim to please God, nor to have the salvation that is offered through the belief that Jesus Christ is the son of the living God.

DEFINITION:

Dictionary: Faith is belief, trust, fidelity, or loyalty to a creed or religion. Christian faith may be called a gift of God as wrought in the heart by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, and the grace of Jesus Christ. Faith in its full meaning is a personal and spiritual union with the savior through which we are one with Him as he is one with the Father.

IMPORTANCE OF FAITH

The importance of faith can be seen in and through the lives of the well known bible personalities listed in Hebrews - Chapter 11.

Abel	Enoch	Noah	Abraham	Jacob	Moses
Israel	Rehab	Gideon	Barak	Samson	Jephthah
David	Samuel				

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SALVATION THROUGH FAITH

Ephesians 2:8
Romans 10:9 & 10

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A LIFESTYLE OF FAITH

Romans 10:17
2 Corinthians 5:7 & 8

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