

St. Stephen's Missionary Baptist Church

Member Orientation 101

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ST. STEPHENS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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SALVATION

A. Being Saved

(Romans 10:9, 10)

B. Symbols of Salvation

Obedience to Baptism

(Romans 6: 1-11)

C. Remembrance in Communion

(1 Corinthians 11: 23-24)

OUR STATEMENTS

OUR PURPOSE

What are the purposes of the church?

- Glorify God (*Romans 15: 6*)
- Keep God's laws (*John 14:15, Romans 6:16, 2Thessalonians 1:6-8*)
- Lead others to Christ (*2 Corinthians 5:18*)
- Help those who need help when we can (*Matthew 25: 34-40*)

MISSION STATEMENT
TO BECOME A FAMILY OF BELIEVERS WHO SEEK A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, AND STRIVE TO LEAD OTHERS TO JESUS THE CHRIST.

VISION STATEMENT
TO BECOME A REFLECTOR OF GOD'S LOVE AND GOD'S WORD TO THE WORLD, SO THAT THE LOST WILL COME TO CHRIST, THE SAVED WILL BE EDIFIED AND GOD WILL BE GLORIFIED.

THE CHURCH

What is a church?

- A body gathered before the Lord God. (*Acts 7:37-38*)
- It is the “ekklesia*” (ek-klay-see’-ah)
“ek”- out
“kaleo”- to call (kal-eh’-o)

Meaning ----- The called out ones.

- It is those who believe and confess, (*Romans 10:9-10*) and come together touching and agreeing on a common cause. (*Philippians 2:2*)
- The church is the body of believers, called to be followers, of the Lord Jesus Christ. This group makes up the Body of Christ. (*Ephesians 1:23*)

*Greek ;ekklesia 1577, ek1537, kaleo, 2564
THE NEW STRONGS DICTIONARY OF BIBLE WORDS

CHURCH HISTORY

The St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church was organized in 1887 by a small group of community-minded Christians. This was just ten short years after Reconstruction. Some of the present members of the congregation recall grandparents and other church members who were slaves. The church was organized at a time when freedom for blacks was a way of life.

Some of the original members had worshiped in a small one room wood-framed building, approximately, one mile west of the old site at 3605 Adelphi Lane were part of Duval Road until 1986, when the city of Austin rerouted Duval Road, and changed the name of the section of the roadway on which the old church building is located, to Adelphi Lane.

After the church officially organized in 1887, Brother Anderson Peoples and his wife donated the land in which the old church building is located, for the construction of a church and school. In the early years, the building years the building was used for worship services and as a school for the community of Waters Park and other surrounding communities, such as Round Rock and Pflugerville. Several church members and area residents remember attending St. Stephens School. Sister Lillian Robinson, the daughter of one of the earliest members and who served as the Church Mother, told about the school, "The school was one large room that could hold about 40 or 50 students. We had one teacher who taught all the students up to the eighth grade." The school day was from 8 am to 4 pm. The school year usually ran from October to April, depending on crop planting and harvesting time.

Worship services at St. Stephens have changed considerably in the last one hundred and twenty-six years. Service was held only twice a month during some of the early years. Those two Sundays were spent in serious all-day services. There was Sunday school, then worship at 11 am, followed by lunch and a recess. Afternoon service at 3 pm, and sometimes ended after 5 pm.

There were no musical instruments during the early years. The congregation sang old hymns, prayed and shouted, as the Spirit led them.

Mrs. Sallie M. Williams, a former member who lived in San Francisco, recalled the means of transportation used when she was a member, back in 1925. She said she either walked, went by wagon, or horse and buggy. For many members, the walk to church was a long one, but the need to gather in God's house made the journey easier.

The first pastor of the Church was Reverend Stephen Smith. The second pastor was Reverend James Daniels, who was known as Father Daniels. Father Daniels become an evangelist and was away from home for many days at a time. The third pastor was Reverend Shackles. Several others, who served for short periods of time, followed these pastors.

After the one-room church burned, services were held in Sister Lillian Robinsons' home for many years. In 1966, Reverend Ira Mullins Jr., was called to pastor St. Stephens. It was under new leadership that the original structure of the old church was constructed and dedicated in March of 1978.

Families who have contributed memorable services to the church are those of Reverend James Daniels, Arch Adams, Orange Hancock, Callie Harris, P.D. Organ, Will Robinson, George Manor,

Ben Shepard, and Deacon Simon Daniels, Sr. In the early 80's there were four generations of the descendants of Deacon Daniels, attending St. Stephens.

On November 22, 1983, Burnell Johnnie Earl McQueen was called to pastor St. Stephens. Under his leadership, we have gained many members and made additions to the old church building. Several houses have been purchased as well as a new site and construction of a new building for the church, on the new site.

Over the years, the church population has fluctuated. Sister A.J. Williams commented, "In 1977 we had a pastor two deacons, and twenty-six members. The sanctuary was 36'x50'. We had wooden pews and donated choir robes." Prior to the church split in February 2001, the membership was approximately 1300+. Currently we have approximately 300 active members.

Some Accomplishments during the Leadership of Pastor McQueen

- † Establish a Finance Ministry
- † Charitable contribution at 10%+ of tithe and offerings
- † Established a Food Pantry
- † Established a Women's Ministry
- † Established regular Bible Study
- † Provided opportunity for questions concerning Sunday's sermon during Bible Study
- † Added four (4) classrooms; a pastor's study, finance room, baptistery and four (4) bathrooms to the old church building
- † Remodeled the sanctuary and added a vestibule in the old church building
- † Purchased four (4) houses west of the old church building
- † Established St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church as an historical church
- † Established a Housing Ministry
- † Purchased the site at 12300 Amherst, for a new facility
- † Increased income approximately 30 times what it was in 1983
- † Established the Lillian Robinson Scholarship, which is given to all students who attend college and complete their first semester successfully. The Jacob Fontaine Memorial Scholarship; which is a full scholarship awarded to one worthy student each year
- † Established a Prison Ministry
- † Established the Technology Ministry
- † Established a Culinary Ministry
- † Established Dance Teams
- † Established a Drama Ministry
- † Established a Civic Awareness Ministry
- † Established a Drill Team
- † Established a Community Services Ministry
- † Established and implemented an external audit process
- † Established the SSBC Ministries Corporation and the Waters Park Community Development Corporation

Church Ministry Organization

ST. STEPHENS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Associate Ministers	Kevin James, Susan McQueen, Andre and Katie Washington, Tony Richardson, Ambres and Catherine Kearney, Joel Franklin
Children's Church (12 and Under)	OPEN
Church Administrator	Ambres Kearney
Civic Awareness	OPEN
Community Services	OPEN
Culinary	Jackie Bell
Deaconess	<i>Coordinator-</i> Brenda Lucas, Sarah Henderson, Hattie Bolden, Vonda Williams, Tana Peterson, Crystal Senegal, Janie Spears
Deacons	<i>Coordinator-</i> John W. Henderson, Randy Bolden, Royal Lucas, Sr., Zimmery Williams, Ronnie Spears, Randal Anders, Carl Senegal, Bret Peterson
Directory	OPEN
Drama	OPEN
Education ‡ Church School ‡ Tutorial ‡ Family Life	<i>Coordinator-</i> Kevin James
Financial	<i>Coordinator-</i> Randy Bolden
Hospitality ‡ Greeters ‡ Ushers ‡ Healthcare/Nurses	Lettie Manor
Housing	Ambres Kearney
Media	William Flores
Member Orientation	Pastor Burnell McQueen
Men's	Coordinator- Lawrence Bell, Patrick Simmons
Music	Andre Washington
Nursing Homes	OPEN
Pastor	Pastor Burnell Johnie Earl McQueen
Prison	OPEN
Sick and Shut In	Royal and Brenda Lucas
SSMBC Corporation	John W. Henderson
VAN (Transportation)	Flex Gray
Women's	Susan McQueen
Youth	Lula Holmes

CHURCH AFFILIATIONS

District

- † Baptist Ministries Union of Austin
- † Austin Baptist Association
- † St. John Regular Baptist Association

State

- † Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas
- † Baptist General Convention of Texas

National

- † National Baptist Convention of America
- † Southern Baptist Convention

St. Stephens Membership Commitment

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with St. Stephen's Statements, Strategy, and Structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the St. Stephen's Missionary Baptist Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following: (*Philips- Translation)

1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- † By acting in love toward other members
- † By refusing to gossip
- † By following the leaders

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony and on the growth of our fellowship together." (*Romans 14: 19 Philips**)

"Having a sincere love for other believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart."
(*1 Peter 1: 22*)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs." (*Ephesians 4:29*)

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be joy, not a burden, for that would be not advantage to you." (*Hebrews 13: 17*)

2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

- † By praying for its growth
- † By inviting the un-churched to attend
- † By warmly welcoming those who visit

"To the church....We always thank God for you and pray for you constantly."
(*1 Thessalonians 1: 1-2*)

The master said to the servant, "go out to the roads and country lanes, and urge the people there to come so my house will be full." (*Luke 14: 23*)

"So warmly welcome each other into the church just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." (*Roman 15: 7*)

3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

- † By discovering my gifts and talents
- † By being equipped to serve by my Pastor
- † By developing a servant's heart

“Serve one another with particular gifts God has given each of you.” (*1Peter 4: 10 Philips**)

“[GOD] gave..... some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.” (*Ephesians 1: 11-12*)

“Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also to the interest of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who..... {took on} the very nature of a servant.” (*Philippians 2: 3-4, 7*)

4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

- † By attending faithfully
- † By living a Godly life
- † By giving regularly

“Let us not give up meeting together.. but let us encourage one another.” (*Hebrews 10: 24-25*)

“Whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ.” (*Philippians 1: 27 Philips**)

“Each one of you on the first day of each week should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering.” (*1 Corinthians 16: 2*)

“A tenth of (all your produce... is the Lord's and is holy.” (*Leviticus 27: 30*) (*Matthew 23:23*)

5. I WILL HANDLE MY DISAGREEMENTS IN A CHRISTIAN MANNER

- † By talking directly to the one with whom I disagree
- † By working toward an agreeable end with others involved, if necessary
- † By agreeing to arbitration, if I cannot reach an agreeable end with the church

“Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone. If he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.” (*Matthew 18: 15*)

“But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two or more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglects to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.” (*Matthew 18: 16, 17*)

“Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest of matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life? If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church.
(*1 Corinthians 6: 1, 4*)

Print Name

Signature

Date

Pastor's Signature

Date

OUR PASTOR

Pastor B.J.E. McQueen

Burnell Johnnie Earl McQueen is a native of Chester, Texas. Reverend McQueen is currently the Pastor of the St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church of Austin, Texas. He has held this position for over 30, and has been in the Ministry for a total of over 36 years. He has 8 sons and 3 daughters in the Ministry.

Reverend McQueen is married to the former Susan J. Davis of Lufkin, Texas and the father of one son, Burnell Ivan Scott and one daughter, Sharian Janae'.

Educationally, Pastor McQueen holds an Associate Degree from Texas State Technical College in Waco, Texas; a Bachelor's Degree from Houston Tillotson College in Austin, Texas; a Master's of Divinity Degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas, and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Houston Graduate School of Theology.

He is an actively involved member of the following local and state organizations:

- † Baptist Ministers' Union of Austin
- † Austin Baptist Association
- † St. John Regular Baptist Association
- † Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas
- † Baptist General Convention of Texas
- † National Baptist Convention of America
- † Southern Baptist Convention
- † Epsilon Delta Pi Honor Society
- † Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society

ARTICLES OF FAITH

The Article of Faith which should be adopted by Baptist churches at all times of organization.

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 material 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.

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 Spirit; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

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, with defense or excuse.

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 compassionate and an all-sufficient Savior.

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.

VI. 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 ordinance 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, Pastors and Deacons whose qualifications claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

VII. BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe the Scriptures teach the Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Spirit; 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 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.