

Truevine Missionary Baptist Church

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Membership Handbook

Our Mission Statement:

“Becoming Christ-Centered With A World-Wide Vision”

Our Motto:

“To Reach, To Keep, To Grow “



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As pastor, I would like to welcome you to the Truevine Church Family, a church family whose mission is to be Christ-Centered with a World-Wide Vision. Our theme scripture is *“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”* Phil. 2:5.

Our motto is to reach, keep and grow those who are lost, wounded, down trodden, and individuals who have strayed from the church. Luke 19:10 says, *“For the son of man is come to seek and save that which is lost.”* The second part of our motto is to keep (preserve), Matthew 5:13 says, *“Ye are the salt of the earth; But if the salt have lost his savour, where with shall it be salted? It is therefore good for nothing, but to cast out, and trodden under the foot of men.”* Thus, we preserve to:

1. As a church family, we must preserve what God has so richly blessed us with.
2. We must protect the sacredness of the Christian marriage, and the Christian family as it relates to the Word of God.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church

Must agree with the Baptist Covenant

Must be in good standing with the church

Must be able to relate and communicate with members

Must attend Sunday School

Must attend Mid-week Worship

Must attend Leadership School

Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To serve as a monitor for the Youth

To coordinate all youth activities with appropriate youth workers

To make sure youth are serving in every ministry in the church through feedback from church leaders

To present a report on youth organization to each regular business meeting

To provide gifts and encouragement to those youth that is actively involved in Sunday School

To provide recreational activities and blessings for youth that is not involved through evangelistic ministry to youth

To oversee the youth church on third Sunday's

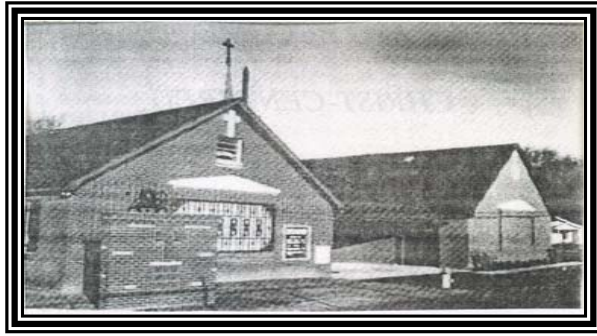
To organize youth leaders for mid-week worship in the nursery

3. We must preserve the teachings of Christ, and the discipline of Christian family.
4. We must protect our desire to see people saved.
5. We must preserve our friendship and fellowship that allow us to grow together in Christ.
6. We must protect the work of the Holy Spirit in our church family.

The third part of our motto is to “grow.” It is the goal of the Truevine Church Family not to become a revolving door. I Corinthians 3:7 say, *“So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.”* The focus of outgrowth is spiritual, physical and financial, so the kingdom of God may accomplish its mission.

The purpose of this book is to equip the Saints for the ministries and for edifying the body of Christ. It is with great joy that my family and I welcome you into the Truevine Church Family, where **“EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY AND EVERYBODY IS SPECIAL.”** It is our prayer that this book will be a blessing to you and your families as you continue to walk with God and His church.

Reverend Claude E. Tucker Sr.



CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportments, to avoid all tattling,

WILLING WORKERS MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
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Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To work close with the Missionary Society President in achieving the goals set by the ministry
To preside over all Willing Workers Ministry meetings
To make sure that the budget have been turn in to the budget committee
To make sure that all events have been submitted to the church calendar

WEDDING MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
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Must be in good standing with the church
Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
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Responsibilities

To schedule an appointment with the Pastor to set up counseling
To schedule a time to meet and discuss the dos and don'ts of the church and the Pastor
To ask overall questions or concerns dealing with the plans of the wedding, decorations, deposits/fees, security, deposits for clean up, etc.
To make couples aware of what can and cannot be done at Truevine

backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of, and use of, intoxicating drinks as a beverage, to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

**PICTURE IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE OLD
TRUEVINE CHURCH BUILDING**

THE PLAN OF SALVATION

The Bible says there is only one way to Heaven

Jesus said: *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me.” (John 14:6)*

Trust Jesus Christ today! Here’s what you must do:

Admit you are a sinner

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

Be willing to turn from sin (repent)

Jesus said: *“I tell you, No; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” (Luke 13:5)*

Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried, and rose from the dead.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

Through prayer, invite Jesus into your life to become your personal Saviour.

“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Romans 10:10)

WHAT TO PRAY:

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Saviour.

- e. Record the number of people in attendance in a record book
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- f. Help pass the offering plates
- g. Maintain the proper temperature during Worship Service

GREETERS

- a. To greet people at sanctuary doors starting ten minutes prior to service and after service has started when people come in
- b. To make sure guest feel welcome and at home in our house
- c. To have a smile on your face, (keep in mind your face is the first face they see)
- d. Must have a love for people, know how to welcome all people
- e. To prepare people to be ushered to their seats

USHER/GREETERS MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
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Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
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Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

USHERS

To secure persons to serve as ushers and put their names on the volunteer list
To schedule ushers to serve at Sunday Worship Services, revivals, and other special services
Must see to the ushers:
a. Seating people according to their wishes or as seats are available
b. Be attentive to the needs of persons during the services
c. Give direction and answer questions as needed
d. Count number of people in attendance at each Worship Service and prepare the count report to be given at each regular business meeting and when ever requested by Pastor

Truevine Missionary Baptist Church History

The First 25 Years “The Auxiliaries That Started It All”

1942-1967

The history of my church proves that God can and will make a way. For Matthews 16:18 says, “And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

It started in the early 1940’s when downtown Jackson was the main through fare for shopping centers, banks, and hotels. People came from all over the state of Mississippi to see the emergencies of our capital...Jackson.

Among those citizens was a man who they called “Preacher.” James C. Matthews came from Bolton, Mississippi and established employment with the Illinois Railroad Company. During his tenure with this company, he established a link with the community through God. It was this association in the summer of 1942 with L.C. Cross, Georgia Nunnery, Rosie Harris and Fannie Gibbs, which led to the birth of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church.

It was unclear which group started a ministry that has lasted for 58 years, but it wasn’t easy. A project of this magnitude was going to take money. So for several years Reverend James C. Matthews preached without pay. His earnings from the railroad, membership dues, quartet singing events, fish dinners, and numerous fundraisers financed the church’s effort.

The first day of worship was on a hot day in the summer of 1942 on the second Sunday in the month of June. The place was in an old apartment building that Rev. James C. Matthews purchased from Mr. Joe Howard. The worship started with Sunday School. Brother L.C. Cross was the first and only

Superintendent for the first twenty–five years of Truevine’s history.

After Sunday School commenced, the devotion started with Brother L.C. Cross who was the first chairman of the Deacon Board. Lloyd McGowan and Jim McGowan later followed him. The trustee board included Reb Washington, Henry Pikes, William Walker, and Elizabeth Pikes.

Now no service was complete without a choir. Rev. James C. Matthews, Ozella Cox, and Betty Smith organized the choir. Betty Smith, who has the longest membership at Truevine, also served as the choir’s first president. Sara Taylor organized the first children’s choir. Ozella Cox was the first musician. Robert Ervin and Josie Pearl Williams later followed her lead. Rev. James C. Matthews and Ms. Williams kept the choir on the move. “I didn’t realize how many people could fit in my car. It must have been ten or more. We went everywhere, Memphis, Arkansas, etc” said Rev. Matthews. It was this spirit that caused other auxiliaries to form.

Dessie Crane headed the Missionary Society up. Carrie Berry as the first president led the Deaconess. Queenie Battle, Georgia Green and Clara Evans followed her lead.

Annie Bell Johnson with Eddie Mae Mance serving as president organized the first usher board. Katie Mae McGowan also reigned as president during the first 25 years. Elizabeth Pikes was the only president that headed the Willing Workers during this time.

We cannot forget the Sisterhood Club. Betty Smith is the founder and president of this prestigious organization.

Ten organizations were developed during the first 25 years with a membership of this magnitude steadily growing. Truevine had to find a place to accommodate its growing needs.

TUTORIAL MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
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Must be in good standing with the church
Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To establish a chairperson to prepare a schedule for tutorial classes to be held
To assist students both children and adults with learning assignments as needed
To assist in getting materials needed for their individual learning
To work with the Christian Education Ministry as needed

TRUSTEE MINISTRY

Qualifications

- Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
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- Must be in good standing with the church
- Must be able to relate and communicate with members
- Must attend Sunday School
- Must attend Mid-week Worship
- Must attend Leadership School
- Must be a tither

Responsibilities

- To hold in trust the church property
- To have the power to buy, sell, mortgage, lease or transfer any church property, upon the authority of the church
- To sign legal documents involving the sell of, the mortgage, or the rental of property when needed
- To sign other legal documents per church approval

The apartment building didn't provide enough space, so they decided to tear out the walls and renovate. This renovation prompted the move across the track to a Lutheran Church behind Southland Oil Mill on Short Farish Street where services continued.

When the apartment building was completed, Truevine moved back this time for the last time they thought. It was later discovered the apartment building had so many repaired that needed to be done, so they decided to tear the apartment building down and build a wooden frame church from the ground. While this was being done they continued to worship in Ship's Old Grocery Store on Bell Street.

When the wooden frame was completed, services resumed until 1951. Then a fire erupted that consumed the church but this didn't stop them. They just used Ship's Old Grocery Store, regrouped, praised the Lord and went on. The wooden frame was remodeled and later bricked in 1962. Then thereafter the blessings overflowed. On that note...this concludes the first half of the church's history.

The Second 34 Years

**"The Auxiliaries of the Future"
1968 - June 2001**

Back in the late 1960's, the pastor's pulpit stopped at the deacon's benches. This prompted the first addition to our church. This area was extended to include more elbowroom for the pastor and visiting clergymen. This renovation also included a two-sided choir loft and a baptismal pool.

Our newest addition, constructed in 1993, includes the fellowship hall and the educational building. The church has also been enhanced with a tall, black triple cross bearing the name of its organizer, Dr. James C. Matthews.

Auxiliaries also flourished in the period. Our past and present leaders of these organizations are the strengths our church was built on.

The Sunday School gave us superintendents like James Brown and Marie White, who also was our church secretary. Later, Delilah Porter became the church secretary. Our present Sunday School leaders are Superintendent Brother J.T. Mance and Assistant Superintendent Mary Williams.

The Deacon Board has led our prayer service faithfully through the years. Our present Chairman of the Board is Brother Nash Madison. The Deaconess gave us great warriors like Georgia Green and Clara Evans. Our present day president is Sister Mary Madison.

Brother P. J. Anderson leads the trustees. Sister Lula Westfield heads the Missionary Society.

The Usher Board is another auxiliary that has literally stood the test of time with Presidents like Magnolia Franklin and our present-day President Brother George Carter. Sister Martha Gardner has been more than willing to do God's will as she heads up the Willing Workers.

The music department gave us a host of talented musicians, such as: Dan Williams, John Brandon, Edna Stewart, and Carl Brown. Now we are fortunate to have Edna Canada, Reginald Stewart, and Stan Jones with Malcolm Dodd as the Sunday School musician.

Sister Velma Carter is the senior choir's president. She also assists Gloria Sykes, the youth director of our children's choir. The male chorus had great vocalist like O.C. Kennedy, Gerald Mance, and Nash Madison.

The Sisterhood Club is still going on strong with Betty Smith as their president.

Youth Superintendent

To be totally responsible for the Youth Sunday School

To make sure Youth Sunday School is ran according to the opening assembly guidelines

To be in attendance for Morning Prayer each Sunday at 8:45 a.m.

To make sure the youth staff is in place and on time

To make sure supplies are given to staff when requested

To make classroom observations

To periodically check enrollment book to make sure teachers are following procedures

Must be able to supervise and get along with the Sunday School staff

Must attend weekly teacher's meeting and monthly staff meeting

Must communicate with the General Superintendent each week

Must be able to work with children and their parents

Must notify the General Superintendent in plenty of time (if possible) when you are going to be absent from Sunday School

Keep in close contact with orientation teachers so students can be placed in proper classes when orientation is over

Must attend weekly teacher's meeting and monthly staff meeting

The General Superintendent is totally responsible for the entire Sunday School Ministry

Adult Superintendent

- To handle all duties for the Adult Sunday School
- To make sure Adult Sunday School is ran according to the opening assembly guidelines
- Must be in attendance for Morning Prayer each Sunday at 8:45 a.m.
- To make sure the adult staff is in place and on time
- To make sure all supplies are given to staff when requested
- Must make classroom observations
- Periodically check enrollment book to make sure teachers are following procedures
- Must be able to supervise and get along with the Sunday School staff
- Must attend weekly teacher's meeting and monthly staff meeting
- Must communicate with the General Superintendent each week

Must notify the General Superintendent in plenty of time (if possible) when you are going to be absent from Sunday School

The second 34 years also brought some new auxiliaries with it, such as: the Finance Committee Marie White, Dorothy Foster, and Margie Johnson. The Junior Mission, the Baptist Training Union, and the Youth Mission are all under the umbrella of the Youth Department, which was organized by Clara Evans, Blanch Brown, Lula Holliman, Eula Bishop, and Dr. James C. Matthews. LaRonda Coleman, Sharon Purvis, and Delilah Porter led the Junior Mission. Marie White led the Youth Department. The Baptist Training Union's president is Sister Alfredia Fairley.

The expanded kitchen needed a great person with excellent kitchen skills. Thus, Reverend Matthews tasted Sister Helen Taliaferro's coconut cake and the rest is history. She now serves as this department's top chef.

The decorating committee headed by Sister Blanche Brown and the Pastor's Aide Club leader, Velma Carter, work hand in hand to keep the pastor and the church in tip-top shape.

We also had group captains who were instrumental in raising funds. J.T. Mance, Betty Smith, Elnora Benton, Joe Henderson and Jessie Burse just to name a few.

As Truevine leaps forward into the technological stage of the millennium, our newly purchased computer from Gateway is a welcomed addition. The Church has also purchased a Van to transport members to church functions.

Truevine visualizes other things to come as we look into the future: a multi-purpose gymnasium, an inspirational choir, and a layman's board. In 2001, groundbreaking ceremonies were held for Dr. James C. Matthews' vision of a multi-purpose gymnasium for the Youths. Work is also underway to organize

an inspirational choir and to strengthen our existing church choirs.

On May 9, 2001, our Pastor, Dr. James C. Matthews passed away. With God's hand of providence, he has brought us over a span of five decades and nine years on this spot of Holy Ground that God has blessed us for a place of worship known as Truevine Missionary Baptist Church. His legacy will forever be remembered at Truevine.

Dr. Matthews served here fifty-nine years as Pastor and Organizer of this Church. It wasn't always easy, but through the Grace of God, we have made it thus far.

As stated by Dr James C. Matthews, "When we look back and think of all the trials, pains, and heartaches, through it all I learned to lean and depend on God, because better days are ahead, I have always done my best for God and His people, there's a golden chain of memories that binds a Church together, a chain so strong that it holds its members fast through fair or stormy weather."

As you can see the vine is steadily growing and all have remained true to the church's goals and God's will – and that my friends spell "**TRUEVINE**".

April 21, 2002 – Present

In April 2002, Truevine installed a new leader, Pastor Claude E. Tucker, Sr. to build up the foundation of Truevine. Our First Lady, Sister Harriet Tucker accompanied him. Our first family includes three children: Claude Edward, Jr., Craig Eugene, and Chemeeka Evette. They have been blessed to add to their family two daughter-in laws and two granddaughters.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY

Qualifications

- Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
- Must agree with the Baptist Covenant
- Must be in good standing with the church
- Must be able to relate and communicate with members
- Must be a tither
- Must be able to lead
- Must be able to teach
- Must attend Sunday School
- Must attend Mid-week Worship
- Must attend leadership school

Responsibilities

General Superintendent

- To supervise, plan, promote, and enlist workers for the Sunday School
- To conduct Morning Prayer each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. or designate a person to do this
- To make sure the adult and youth Sunday School is ran properly
- To make sure all staff is in their proper places and on time
- To make sure all duties are carried out properly
- To make sure all supplies and materials are given to staff in a timely manner

SINGLES MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
Must agree with the Baptist Covenant
Must be in good standing with the church
Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To work with the Pastor in developing ministries that will help them in their spiritual growth
To provide leadership in teaching and in planning activities that will enhance the single's ministry
To preside over all single's ministry meeting
To make sure that the budget have been submitted to the budget committee
To make sure all events have been submitted to the church calendar

Since his first sermon March 9, 2002, our pastor has created many additions to our history. Pastor Tucker renamed all the boards and auxiliaries. These organizations are now called ministries.

The Pastor made some historical marks in our music ministry by joining in and singing with the Male choir at various times. Sister Harriett Tucker has also joined the Inspirational Choir.

Truevine journeyed on our first official trip with Pastor Tucker to Springhill Missionary Baptist Church in Alabama on April 26, 2002.

During the years from 2003-2004, Truevine ministries grew on all levels. Evangelist Minnie McFarland was our first daughter of the house. Our first son of the house was Minister Ronnie Wooten. Minister Wooten was called under the leadership of Pastor Claude E. Tucker, Sr. Minister Wooten preached his first sermon on March 14, 2002. Other sons of the house under Pastor Tucker's leadership are: Minister Gerald Mance, Minister Tommie Linson, Minister Lester Yancy, and Minister Claude E. Tucker, Jr. and Evangelist Tracey Jones.

There was an increase in the number of members who attended the Christian Leadership School.

Pastor Tucker established powerful leadership conferences to help in building the direction the church should go in.

Many delegates traveled to the Baptist conventions annually.

We were blessed with inspiring testimonies during mid-week worship services and most of all the Spirit of God was moving in Truevine.

When the Spirit is moving, God is ready to move Truevine higher.

On Easter Eve, April 10, 2004, two historical Easter events took place. The First Lady's Easter Egg Hunt and The

Children's Easter Program and they were very successful; however they were the last activities before an electrical fire ignited from lightning about 12 midnight. The building we hid the eggs around was completely destroyed and the sanctuary was damaged by smoke. Truevine's members came to the Church and watched with sadness and despair.

The Scripture say, "The sun will shine in the morning." Truevine did not conduct services on Easter, April 11, 2004 at 1133 Pleasant Avenue, but members still carried the Church along with them to worship elsewhere. Worshipping in other churches was not God's plan. The People Funeral Home's angels contacted us and it became our temporary home for of our most spirit-filled worship experiences. The Sunday School made some adjustments. The Youth Department was in the lobby and offices. The adults studied in the chapel. The circle of prayer among the choir, ushers, and deacons was formed.

Other adjustments we made were:

- The use of Reverend Matthews's home for mid-week worship, the pastor's study, the library, finance office, and ministry meetings.
- Revival at Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church.
- Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church was used to perform a wedding.
- Minister Gerald Mance gave his 1st sermon at New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church.
- Junior Matron Ministry met with New Mt. Zion's Missionary society.
- Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church was used for early morning worship on 1st Sundays, business meetings, watch night meeting and choir rehearsal.

Truevine was everywhere praising the Lord.

SENIORS MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
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Must attend Sunday School
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Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To bring seniors together in a Christian fellowship to study the word of God
To create activities where seniors can exercise their talent and ability
To create a program that will help keep seniors in good health, physically, spiritual and mentally

SECURITY MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
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Responsibilities

To work close with the deacons
To make sure security is present every Sunday and during the week for activities as scheduled
To make sure all members are gone before they leave the church

The sanctuary was remodeled with purple interior for flooring and pews. A purple cross was displayed at window. On February 20, 2005 we came back home. We had to make adjustments again but this time we were at home. The Adult Sunday School Department spread out in the sanctuary for classes. At 9:00 a.m. The Youth Sunday School Department accented the purple scheme with purple shirts and opened the Sunday School. The sunlight beamed through a white bold cross in the purple background windows. The purple flowers greeted us as they drooped out of the maroon, pottery vases as we enter the chandelier-roofed vestibule. We felt like WE were in God's royalty. We felt like we were in Truevine. We were at home. We give God all the Glory and the Honor, because the path to royalty is a path that Truevine will never forget. We thank God for the ups and downs, because through it all, members joined, the choirs still sang until Heaven got the news, and Pastor Tucker prayed and preached GOD IS!!!

We dedicated the sanctuary, sound room, men and women bathrooms, and steeple back to God on March 6, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. with a word from Dr. Horace Buckley of Cade Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. We preceded this event with a motorcade from where our journey started: People's Funeral Home on Farish Street to Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church on Ridgeway Street, and then to Truevine Missionary Baptist Church at 1133 Pleasant Avenue. A three-day ministry of dedication followed this event.

God has not only blessed us with a sanctuary, but plans have been made to increase our structure. The Pastor, Deacon Ministry, and Trustee Ministry are planning the groundwork for Phase III, a Family Life Center, which will enhance our resources to minister. It will include a full-size gymnasium, six classrooms, a chapel, conference room, office space, nursery, storage space, nurse's station, and a commercial kitchen.

NURSES GUILD MINISTRY

Truevine's ministry is not only moving, but it is growing. Our orientation is preparing new members to help build upon the foundation. Our Layman's Ministry is preparing our young men to lead. Our mid-week worship and Sunday School are fasting, praying, learning, and most of all, having a hallelujah good time. The Sunday School has an assembly for the adults and for the youths. The Adult Assembly is reviving and uplifting the hearts of the seniors. The Youth Assembly is opening, shaping and molding the minds of the youth for the future Truevine.

Other new Sons of the house are: Rev. Eric Thomas, Rev. Eddie McBride, Rev. John Reed, Rev. Walter Jackson, and Rev. Curtis Baugh.

We are living the future of Truevine today. We hope to establish a church directory, an after-school care program for the community, and most of all, create the most-welcomed environment in the City of Jackson.

Pastor Tucker is working closely with each ministry to achieve our mission statement "**Becoming Christ Centered With A World Wide Vision**". He has also given us a motto: "**To Keep, To Reach, and To Grow**".

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Responsibilities

- To make sure a Nurse is on duty every Sunday
- To plan a yearly Health Fair
- To provide first aid care as needed
- To care for suddenly ill or injured persons while attending church services
- To work closely with the Usher Ministry
- To work closely with the Pastor and Deacons

NURSERY MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
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Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To make sure a scheduled staff is there to meet and greet the children each Sunday
To make sure all items needed to run the nursery are in ample supply
To have a scheduled plan for the children each Sunday
To make sure all children have been picked up before staff person leaves
The nursery chairperson should work close with Christian Education Director

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

PASTOR

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ASSOCIATE MINISTERS

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Gerald Mance
Tommy Linson
Eric Thomas
Eddie McBride

Lester Yancy
John Reed
Walter Jackson
Curtis Baugh
Claude Tucker, Jr.

EVANGELIST

Minnie McFarland

Tracy Jones

DEACON'S MINISTRY

Nash Madison (Chairman) 601-981-9779

J. T. Mance
Joshua Fairley
Lorenzo Madison

Thomas Johnson
Paxton Green, Sr.
O. C. Kennedy

James McField

MOTHER'S MINISTRY

Lillian Travis
Suzanna Jenkins
Mendora Steward
Annie Steverson
Mary Ann Benton

CHURCH MINISTRIES

Bus
Christian Education
Couples
Dance
Deacon
Deaconess
Decorating
Evangelistic
Financial
Funeral
Junior Matron
Kitchen
Laymen
Library
Missionary Society
Music
Newsletter
Nursery
Nurses Guild
Security
Seniors
Singles
Sunday School
Trustee
Tutorial
Usher/Greeters
Wedding
Willing Workers
Youth Department

NEWSLETTER MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
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Must be in good standing with the church
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Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To gather information from the members and ministries so that it can be placed into the church newsletter
To organize staff
To make sure newsletters are published at scheduled times

MUSIC MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must agree with the Baptist Covenant
Must be in good standing with the church
Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To work close with the Pastor in preparing music for church worship
To prepare church choirs for worship
To supervise all choir rehearsals
To make sure that the music ministry budget have been submitted to the budget committee
To make sure all events have been submitted to the church calendar

CHURCH MINISTRIES

BUS MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
Must agree with the Baptist Covenant
Must be in good standing with the church
Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To know what time Sunday School starts. With this in mind please note that Sunday School starts at **9:15 a.m.** so you will need to schedule your trips with this time in mind. It's imperative that the students arrive on time. **Keep in mind Christian learning is very important.**

If for any reason you cannot drive on a given Sunday, notify an assistant in plenty of time to take your place in time the get people to Sunday School on time.

Notify the church office of how many people you are scheduled to pick up and their names. You can call the office and leave the message on the church voice mail.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
Must agree with the Baptist Covenant
Must be in good standing with the church
Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To give consistency and cohesiveness to the other church ministries
To combat spiritual ignorance
To be obedient to God's Word in both the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 6:7) and the New Testament (Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:15; Acts 1:8)
To assure believers that our Christianity is not about a feeling, but about a true and living God, and the sacrifice made on the cross by his Son, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins
To produce well-rounded Christians who will faithfully engage in Christian discipleship
To stabilize the membership in its faith
To promote spiritual growth
To promote unity within the church
To keep ministries operating within the mission of the church

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
Must agree with the Baptist Covenant
Must be in good standing with the church
Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To assist the Pastor in helping to develop Christian Women become Disciples of Christ
To preside over all meetings
To make sure that teaching and training is done in the ministry
To oversee those ministries that falls under the Missionary Society
To make sure that all programs and events are on the Church calendar
To make sure that the budget for the Missionary Society alone with the other ministries have been turn in to the budget committee
To provide strong leadership in leading the ministry in reaching its goal
To work close with the Pastor and Deacons in achieving the goals of the church

LIBRARY MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
Must agree with the Baptist Covenant
Must be in good standing with the church
Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To help and maintain the Church Library
To make sure it is open at posted times
To make sure it is staffed at all times
To make sure it is kept clean and neat
To make sure books and material is ordered on time To make
sure all new books, magazines, and newsletters are process on
time
To make sure material is available for checking out to members
To assist patrons with reference questions and concerns as
needed
To assist members in making use of the facility
To work closely with the Christian Education Ministry

COUPLE'S MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
Must agree with the Baptist Covenant
Must be in good standing with the church
Must be able to understand and relate to couples
Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To work with the Pastor in developing ministries that will help
to develop a strong couple's ministry in our church, there by
strengthen the families of our church
To provide leadership in teaching and in planning activities
that will enhance the couple's ministry
To preside over all couple's ministry meeting
To make sure that the budget have been submitted to the
budget committee
To make sure all events have been submitted to the church
calendar

DANCE MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
Must agree with the Baptist Covenant
Must be in good standing with the church
Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To choose song selections appropriate for Worship Service
To Ministry through dance
To worship and praise God through Praise Dance

LAYMEN MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
Must agree with the Baptist Covenant
Must be in good standing with the church
Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To oversee the Laymen movement by helping to organize and develop ministries that will help to meet the needs of Christian men in our church
To organize and develop a Junior Laymen Program
To organize and develop mentors, role models for young men
To help provide Christian counseling for our youth
To make sure that our Laymen Ministry represent in the local, state, and national laymen movement
To preside over all Laymen meetings
To work close with the Pastor in developing the vision for Laymen Ministry

KITCHEN MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
Must agree with the Baptist Covenant
Must be in good standing with the church
Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To supervision of the kitchen supplies, equipment and use of the church kitchen
To suggest rules and regulations pertaining to the church as deem necessary
To enforce policies necessary to properly maintain the kitchen in a clean, orderly, and acceptable condition
To establish a schedule for kitchen staff for functions

DEACON MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
Must agree with the Baptist Covenant
Must be in good standing with the church
Must be of mature judgment, unquestioned Christian character
Must be a man in full communion with the church
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To be loyal to the Lord Jesus Christ and meeting the qualifications of Acts 6: 1-7; I Tim. 3 8-13
To be involved in caring for the church members and other persons in the community
To lead the church in performing its task
To assist the Pastor in preparing and observing the Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper

DEACONESS MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
Must agree with the Baptist Covenant
Must be in good standing with the church
Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To care for the temporal needs of members
To attend to the accommodations for public worship
To encourage and support those who need help

JUNIOR MATRONS MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
Must agree with the Baptist Covenant
Must be in good standing with the church
Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To work close with the Missionary Society President in achieving the goals set by the ministry
To work with the Young Women in helping them to become more committed to Christ through the ministry
To preside over all Junior Matrons meetings
To make sure that the budget have been turned in to the budget committee
To make sure that all events have been submitted to the church calendar

FUNERAL MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
Must agree with the Baptist Covenant
Must be in good standing with the church
Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To meet with the families and assist them with the funeral programs
To be in prayer with and for the family
To help provide assistance wherever needed
To do follow-up with the family after a period of time (one or two months) or more if needed

DECORATING MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
Must agree with the Baptist Covenant
Must be in good standing with the church
Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To decorate the church for programs that is given by different ministries
To decorate the church for Christmas, Easter and any other holiday throughout the year
To provide art & craft lessons for the seniors Bible Class at scheduled Wednesday morning meetings

EVANGELISTIC MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
Must agree with the Baptist Covenant
Must be in good standing with the church
Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To coordinate Church visitation and Sunday School and Missions Outreach
To maintain a list of Sunday School, Women's Missionary and Brotherhood prospects
To help with all outreach activities in the Church
To present a report on the state of their organization at the regular business meetings
To assist the Church in planning and preparing for Revivals and Evangelistic emphasis on special occasions
To form an outreach committee for community visitation, Bible study in homes, offices, place of work, and prisons
To plan training events for soul winning
To have meeting with Christian Education Director for securing proper evangelistic printed materials to be used by the church

FINANCIAL MINISTRY

Qualifications

Must be a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church
Must agree with the Baptist Covenant
Must be in good standing with the church
Must be able to relate and communicate with members
Must attend Sunday School
Must attend Mid-week Worship
Must attend Leadership School
Must be a tither

Responsibilities

To have oversight over all church finances, preparation of records to support such receipts, issuance of checks/funds to pay for church expenses, accounting for all church notes, mortgages and church liabilities
To have custody of and accounting of all church receipts
To have custody of all church financial records and receipts
To supply church with reports and documents of all church receipts and expenditures
To reconcile all church bank statements monthly
To maintain all church ministries funds to include but not limited to benevolent and Sunday School fund receipts and records
To prepare financial statements no less than quarterly or by request of the Pastor of relevant financial information
To retain custody of deposit keys, deposit bags, etc.

