

BIBLE BAPTIST COLLEGE FOR THE DEAF

Information Packet

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HELPING YOU SERVE GOD

Learn the Deaf way...

Deaf people are not like hearing people. How? Hearing people learn through a spoken language. Deaf people learn through a visual language. Principles of learning are the same, but the language of communication and instruction is not. Bible Baptist College for the Deaf is a ministry of the Bible Baptist Church of the Deaf.

Our church is different from a “hearing” church in that all services are in Sign Language: the language of the Deaf. A Deaf church is simply a church that uses Sign Language as its language of communication; much the same as a Xhosa church, a Korean church, or any other church. Going to a Deaf church is different in that everything learned is through the Eyes instead of the Ears.

Bible Baptist Church of the Deaf was established in 1996 and through our outreach many people have been led to faith in Christ.

Why a Deaf Church?

Jesus said, **“Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations...”** Matthew 28:19



Sunday morning worship at
Bible Baptist Church of the Deaf

The word “nations” means “*tribe or people group.*” Because God created all languages (Genesis 11), He wants all language groups to know the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A Deaf church is simply a church that reaches the people group that uses Sign Language. If Sign Language is your method of communication, then a Deaf church is for YOU!

A Biblical Approach

Most church outreach to the Deaf depends upon hearing interpreters to interpret the sermon from a spoken language to a visual language. This can be helpful, but is not the best means for the Deaf to learn. In any setting, the best learning takes place when the language of teaching is the same used by the students who look to their instructors as role models. Jesus commanded us to make disciples of all nations. We are to establish churches for those disciples, not “ministries.” Therefore, the Deaf church is the Biblical approach to reaching the Deaf community.

A Bible College

The Bible College has grown out of the need to train men and women for ministry. If you are Deaf and want to learn to serve the Lord, then BBCD is the place for you. If you are hearing and want to learn to reach the Deaf, then BBCD is the place for you. A clear focus on God’s Word, a growing and Biblical New Testament Church, and encouragement to grow for Christ are all reasons to come to Bible Baptist College for the Deaf. Contact us today!

MAKING GOALS...

What are your goals for your life?



Do you have an interest to learn God's Word? Bible Baptist College for the Deaf will help you prepare yourself for Christian service. God's Word command us to **"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.** 2 Timothy 2:15. We are living in a time when false doctrine and false churches are everywhere proclaiming their teachings. Are YOU prepared to know if they are teaching right or wrong? Do YOU know God's Word? If not, then perhaps you need to consider Bible Baptist College for the Deaf. Our one year Bible Program will equip you to know what you believe about God's Word and help you stand for Christ in a sinful world. God's Word says, **"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."** Ephesians 6:10 – 11

CALLED TO CHRISTIAN SERVICE



If you feel called to Christian ministry, then Bible Baptist College for the Deaf is the place for you. Our classes will give you the right foundation for a life of Christian service. Each class is rooted in God's Word and will help prepare you for ministry. The Word of God is our text book and will equip us to face the many battles of the Christian life. David said, **"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."** Psalms 119:105. God's Word is the answer for the problems people face in life. If we know God's Word, then we are equipped to help people find Christ and find hope.

NOT SURE?

If you are unsure about what God wants for your life, then Bible Baptist College for the Deaf is the place for you. Our classes will help you become strong in your walk with the Lord and will be a foundation for wherever God may lead you.

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Rules and Guidelines –

It is important to understand that we are a Christian College that follows Biblical principles for Christian living. The College operates under the Statement of Faith of the Bible Baptist Church of the Deaf. (Please read the Statement of Faith in this Information Booklet.) Therefore, we do not follow cultural ways. We strive to follow the Word of God in every area of Life. God's Word is our guide for faith and life. We will not enter into argument about cultural issues as they are not important to the Christian servant of God. We are to conform to the Word of God, not culture.

(Romans 12:1 – 2).

Any student must agree to abide by our Rules and Guidelines. Failure to do so will result in that student being sent home, no longer to be a student of the College. **Attending Bible Baptist College for the Deaf is a privilege, not your right. Therefore, we maintain the right to expel any student who fails to abide by our Rules and Guidelines.**

1. Each student must give an explanation of how they trusted Jesus as their personal Saviour.
2. Each student must agree to abide by the Statement of Faith of the Bible Baptist Church for the Deaf. The College will not allow the teaching of false doctrine.
3. Each student must agree to live in a distinctly Christian way:
 - a. No drinking of alcoholic drinks at College or away from College. If student is found drinking at any time, whether at or away from College, they will be expelled from College immediately.
 - b. No consulting with the Sangoma, sacrifice to ancestors, all night funerals to appease the ancestors.
 - c. No sex between unmarried persons at College or away from College. If student is found involved with sexual sin they will be immediately sent out of the College.
 - d. No arguing, complaining, criticizing is permitted. God's Word teaches us to encourage one another and to be thankful for all things.
 - e. No dancing or sinful parties involving sex and drinking, drugs or use of pornographic magazines or internet, naked DVDs or movies. If a student is found involved in doing these things they will be expelled from college immediately.
 - f. Students must dress in a modest way.
 - i. For women: dresses for all classes. Out of classes women may wear loose fitting pants, loose shorts, or capries. Tight pants are not permitted. Low tops, spaghetti tops, tight tops or short skirts are not allowed. Shorts must be knee-length. No T-shirts with worldly writing or pictures are allowed. The Dean of Women will resolve any questions regarding dress.

- ii. For men: Dress shirt with dress pants for all classes. Out of classes men may wear casual clothes. No T-shirts with worldly writing or pictures is allowed. Men are to be clean shaved at all times. Shorts must be knee-length. The Dean of Men will resolve any questions regarding dress.
- g. Students are required to have a daily devotion time of Bible study and prayer. Having a right heart with the Lord will resolve many day to day problems people face.
- h. Students are required to be involved in the ministry of Bible Baptist Church of the Deaf or its various new works that it is starting (Pretoria or Katlehong). This will prepare you for future ministry in other areas.
- i. Students are required to obey the Dormitory Rules. These are given to each student upon acceptance by the College.
- j. No DVDs or movies may be watched in the rooms without permission.
- k. Ladies staying in the Church must be in rooms and Church alarm on by 10:00 pm.
- l. Men must be in their room and alarm on by 10:00 pm.
- m. When class is finished at 7:30 pm visiting time between men and women is finished. Any person who is outside talking (through window or other way) will receive demerits. The 7:30 pm time is for everyday of the week.

*NOTE: Other rules may be added in future. They will be explained to students as they are added.

College Costs –

There are no tuition charges at Bible Baptist College for the Deaf. Our teachers are men and women of God involved in full-time ministry. They volunteer their time to train you in God's Word. Therefore, there is no charge for class time.

Room and Board is chargeable to you, the student. At present, students will be housed in the Church in the designated areas for Men and Women. At no time are the men allowed to enter the ladies' area and at no time can the ladies enter the men's area. Due to electricity, water, and other costs we must charge each student the following amount:

R550 per month (resident)
R200 per month (non-resident)

This does not include any meals. At present, we are unable to provide meals. Students are permitted to use the kitchen in their area. Most books are covered by this fee. Some books will be charged extra.

Room and Board may be paid in cash, bank transfer, or bank deposit to the College bank account by the 5th of each month.

Bank Information:

Account name – BBCD – College
Account number: 1779046715
Bank: Nedbank (Carlswald Branch)

There is a R150 deposit required of each student before classes may begin. A key deposit may be required, as well. Failure to pay monthly Room and Board will result in student being sent out of the College. There is NO CREDIT given to any student.

Bible Baptist College for the Deaf

Application for Enrollment – (Please complete, remove from booklet, and return.)

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Gender: Male Female

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Province: _____

Postal Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

ID Number: _____ (Please give photocopy of ID)

Birth Date: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Citizenship: _____

Are you Married or Single? _____

If single, do you have any children? _____

I, _____, have read the Rules & Guidelines and the Statement of Faith of the College and Church. I agree to obey the Rules of the College and to follow the Statement of Faith. I understand that if I break the rules or the Statement of Faith I may be sent out of the College. I understand that there will be additional rules for living in the dormitory. I will receive these once I am an accepted student of the College.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

*Application **MUST** be accompanied with the following:

R50 non-refundable application fee

Two passport size photos

Photo copy of your ID book

Signed agreement for Rules and Guidelines and Statement of Faith

Please note: Your application will not be processed until all items are given.

Class Information and Schedule

BBCD offers two different kinds of diplomas. The first is a one-year Certificate of Biblical Studies. A total of 32 credit hours are required for this certificate. The second is a two-year Associates Degree of Biblical Studies. A total of 64 credit hours are required for this diploma.

Credit Hours

Each class attended and passed will result in the learner receiving credit hours for that particular class. If the learner fails a class then he/she must take the class again. Credit hours are as follows:

The college year totals 36 weeks of class.

1 credit hour = 1 week of class

1 credit class module = 1 week of class (Tuesday to Friday)

2 credits class module = 2 weeks of class (Tuesday to Friday)

3 credits class module = 3 weeks of class (Tuesday to Friday)

Typical day of class (3.5 +/- hours of lecture per day):

4:30 pm to 5:30 pm – Class

5:30 pm to 5:50 pm – Break

5:50 pm to 7:30+ pm - Class

Practical Application – 3 hours service on Sunday, 3 hours personal service (tracts or witnessing) during the week.

One credit hour equals, at a minimum, 15 classroom hours of lecture per week, 8 hours of lab or personal study time per week, and 9 hours of practical application per week. The formula for calculating the number of credit hours for each course is:

$$(\text{hours of lecture}/15) + (\text{hours of lab}/8) + (\text{hours of practical application}/9) = 1 \text{ credit hour}$$

Example:

GB-01 Introduction to the Bible (three week course) = 3 credit hours

EM-02 Personal Evangelism (two week course) = 2 credit hours

*NOTE: Students are expected to help with church cleaning every Saturday and mowing the grass and keeping the property clean and tidy.

Curriculum

General Bible Courses

GB-01 Introduction to the Bible (3 credit hours)

This course is an overall view of Scripture in a horizontal format; looking at the major events and stories of the Word of God. At the completion of this course the student should understand the plan of God to redeem sinful man through providing His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

GB-02 Bible Doctrines I (2 credit hours)

The major Bible Doctrines of Scripture have been divided into two separate classes. Bible Doctrines I & II will cover the fundamentals of our Faith.

GB-03 Bible Doctrines II (2 credit hours)

(See Bible Doctrines I.)

GB-04 Cults I (2 credit hours)

Cults I covers Jehovah's Witnesses, Roman Catholicism, Islam.

GB-05 The Tabernacle (3 credit hours)

Learn the true meaning of Moses' Tabernacle as fulfilled in Jesus Christ. An in-depth look at the reason God gave the command to build the Tabernacle in the wilderness.

Pastoral Ministry

PM-01 Preaching, Pure and Simple (2 credit hours)

Every pastor, missionary, or evangelist needs to understand how to prepare a sermon. This class covers the basics of sermon and lesson preparation.

PM-02 Principles of Leadership (2 credit hours)

The principles of leadership are found in the Word of God. This course will help the man of God become a leader for God.

PM-03 Pastoral Theology (2 credit hours)

The work of a pastor is discussed in this course.

Ladies Ministry

LM-01 Becoming a Woman of God (2 credit hours)

This course will help young women learn the principles of Scripture to become women of God, ready to serve in the local Church.

LM-02 Women of the Bible (2 credit hours)

Women of Scripture, both good and bad, and the lessons we can learn from them.

LM-03 Motherhood & Housewife (2 credit hours)

Providing the Biblical principles to enable the Christian young woman to be the kind of mother and wife God would have her to be is the goal of this course.

Evangelism and Missions

EM-01 Missionary Methods (2 credit hours)

How to reach the world for Christ through local church missions is taught in this course.

EM-02 Personal Evangelism (2 credit hours)

The main work of every Christian is to share the Gospel of Christ. This course takes an in-depth look at how to share the Gospel.

EM-03 Understanding the Gospel (3 credit hours)

What is the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Why do we need to be saved? Is there only ONE way to Heaven? These questions and more are answered in this course that looks at the Gospel.

EM-04 Expression & Body Language in Biblical Teaching (1 credit hour)

Learn how to use facial expression and body language as tools to help your students understand the Bible lesson.

Christian Counseling

CC-01 Introduction to Biblical Counseling (2 credit hours)

Providing Bible-based answers to the problems in the world is the goal of this course.

Christian Life

CL-01 Discovering God's Way of Handling Money – Christian Finances (2 credit hours)

New Testament Survey – verse by verse instruction

NTS-01 Harmony of the Gospels (2 credit hours)

NTS-02 Acts I (2 credit hours)

NTS-03 Acts II (2 credit hours)

NTS-04 Romans I (2 credit hours)

NTS-05 Romans II (2 credit hours)

NTS-06 1 Corinthians (2 credit hours)

NTS-07 2 Corinthians (2 credit hours)

NTS-08 Galatians (2 credit hours)

NTS-10 Prison Epistles II (2 credit hours)

NTS-11 1 & 2 Thessalonians (2 credit hours)

NTS-12 Pastoral Epistles (2 credit hours)

NTS-13 Hebrews (3 credit hours)

NTS-14 1 & 2 Peter (2 credit hours)

NTS-15 James & Jude (2 credit hours)

NTS-16 1, 2, & 3 John (2 credit hours)

NTS-17 Revelation I (2 credit hours)

NTS-09 Prison Epistles I (2 credit hours)
First Year Courses –

NTS-18 Revelation II (2 credit hours)

GB-01 Introduction to the Bible
GB-02 Bible Doctrines I
GB-03 Bible Doctrines II
GB-05 The Tabernacle
EM-02 Personal Evangelism
EM-03 Understanding the Gospel
NTS-02 Acts I
NTS-03 Acts II
NTS-06 1 Corinthians
NTS-07 2 Corinthians
NTS-11 1 & 2 Thessalonians
NTS-16 1, 2, & 3 John
CL-01 Discovering God's Way of Handling Money – Christian Finances

Second Year Courses –

CC-01 Introduction to Biblical Counseling
PM-02 Principles of Leadership
PM-03 Pastoral Theology
LM-01 Becoming a Woman of God
LM-03 Motherhood & Housewife
EM-01 Missionary Methods
EM-04 Expression & Body Language in Biblical Teaching
NTS-01 Harmony of the Gospels
NTS-04 Romans I
NTS-05 Romans II
NTS-08 Galatians
NTS-09 Prison Epistles I
NTS-10 Prison Epistles II
NTS-12 Pastoral Epistles
NTS-13 Hebrews
NTS-14 1 & 2 Peter
NTS-15 James & Jude
NTS-17 Revelation I
NTS-18 Revelation II

*Note: courses beginning with PM and LM are taught separately, men having the PM classes and ladies having the LM classes.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church	No Class	Class 4:30 to 7:30	Class 4:30 to 7:30	Class 4:30 to 7:30	Class 4:30 to 7:30	Christian Ministry

***You must read the following. Please sign the application that you have read and agree with this doctrinal statement.**

Statement of Faith from the Trust Deed & Constitution of Bible Baptist Church of the Deaf

Section 1 - STATEMENT OF FAITH

(A) The Holy Scriptures

We believe the Holy Scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God. The Scriptures are perfect, without mistakes, God-breathed, and are the final authority for faith and life. The sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments are the complete and divine revelation of God to man. Because the newer versions of the Bible (NIV, RSV, Living Bible, etc.) have mistakes in their translation, the King James Version of the Bible shall be the official and only English translation used by the Church. The Church may use translations in other languages provided that people are warned of the mistakes in translation (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

(B) God

We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each eternal in life, the same in nature, equal in power and glory, and having the same qualities and perfections (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; John 14:10, 26; 1 John 5:7)

(C) The Person and Work of Jesus Christ

- (1) We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, while being God became man, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary so that He could reveal God and redeem sinful men (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-2, 14; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; Galatians 4:4-5; Philippians 2:5-8).

(2) We believe that our redemption is possible because the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross in place, taking the punishment of our sins upon himself and paying our debt to sin; and, that our salvation is made sure by His resurrection from the dead (Acts 2:18-36; Romans 3:24-25; 1 Peter 2:24; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:3-5).

(3) We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ went back to Heaven and is now seated at the right hand of God where He represents us before the Father and intercedes for us (Acts 1:9-10; Hebrews 7:25; 9:24; Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1-2).

(D) The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

(1) We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and that He is active in the new birth, placing all believers into the body of Christ, lives in us, and seals or keeps us until the day of redemption (John 16:8-11; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Ephesians 1:13-14).

(2) We believe that He is the Divine Teacher Who helps believers understand and learn to love the Scriptures and that it is the joy and duty of all saved people to be filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:17-18; 5:18; 1 John 2:20, 27).

(D) The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit - continued

(3) We believe that God gives spiritual gifts or abilities to every believer to work within the Church. God gives evangelists, pastors, and teachers to help the believers grow in Christ so that they can do the work of the ministry (Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 28; Ephesians 4:7-12).

(4) We believe that speaking in other languages, as explained in the book of Acts and 1 Corinthians, as well as miracle healings, were for a sign to the unbelieving Jews of the New Testament time. They were temporary and were never used as a sign that someone was filled with the Holy Spirit. We believe that God can and does heal people, but only as He chooses. We do not believe in or accept modern day speaking in tongues or healings by placing on of hands (1 Corinthians 1:22; 13:8; 14:21-11).

(E) The Sinfulness of Man

We believe that man was created in the image of God, but because Adam sinned, the human race fell from that perfect place, received a sinful nature, and became separated from God; and that man is totally sinful (body, soul, and spirit), and can do nothing to save himself (Genesis 2:26-27; Romans 3:22-23; 5:12; 6:23; Ephesians 2:1-3; 4:17-19).

(F) Salvation

(1) We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. His blood was shed on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. The way of salvation is to believe that Jesus died and arose from the dead, repent of sin, and ask the Lord Jesus Christ to save us (Romans 10:9-13; John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-10; 1 Peter 1:18-19).

(2) We believe that once saved, we are kept by God's power and are safe in Christ and are saved forever (John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Romans 8:1,29-39; 1 Corinthians 1:4-8; 1 Peter 1:4-5).

(3) We believe that a person who is eternally saved has no right to live in sin. The Bible is clear that we cannot use our freedom in Christ as an opportunity to live a sinful life (Romans 13:13-14; Galatians 5:13; Titus 2:11-15).

(G) The Church

(1) We believe that the local church is the body and bride of Christ and is made up of only born-again people (1 Corinthians 1:2; 12:12-14; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:25-27; Galatians 1:2).

(2) We believe that the local church is not controlled by any outside group or organization. We are independent, Bible believing Christians of historic Baptist doctrine, free of any other control or governing council (Acts 13:1-4; 15:19-31; 20:28; Romans 16:1-4; 1 Corinthians 3:9, 16; 5:4-7, 13; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Acts 5:29).

(3) We believe that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only Scriptural ordinances for the Church. Water baptism, completely dipping in water, is required to have been performed by this Church or by another church of the same faith to become a member. The Lord's Supper shall be served to born again baptized believers by the Pastor or person assigned by the Church. Because the Lord's Supper is an ordinance of the Church, it shall only be served to members of this local Church. (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34).

(H) Separation from Sin and Sinful Living

We believe that all saved people should live their lives in a way that does not hurt the name or work of the Lord Jesus Christ; and that they should avoid all "churches" that teach false doctrine, all sinful pleasures, practices, and fellowship because it is commanded by God (Romans 12:1-2; 14:13; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 1 John 2:15-17; 2 John 9-11).

(I) The Second Coming of Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ will return again as promised in the Scriptures. We believe that the second coming of Christ is in two parts; the first being the rapture of the saved and the second being the return of Christ at the close of the tribulation in order to establish the millennial kingdom (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:13; Revelation 3:10; 1 Corinthians 15:52-54).

(J) Eternal Life and Eternal Death

(1) We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life, the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment in Hell. (Matthew 25:46; John 5:28, 29; 11:25, 26; Revelation 20:5-6, 12-13).

(2) We believe that when a saved person dies their soul goes to be with the Lord until the first resurrection; when spirit, soul, and body are reunited to be glorified forever with the Lord (Luke 23:43; 2 Corinthians 5:6-8; Philippians 1:23; 3:21; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Revelation 20:4-6).

(3) We believe that when an unbeliever dies their soul goes to a real place called Hell. In punishment and pain they will wait until the second resurrection, when with soul and body they shall appear at the Great White Throne Judgment of God and will be cast into the Lake of Fire. In the Lake of Fire they will suffer in everlasting punishment and judgment because they refused God's gift of Salvation through Jesus Christ and chose to pay for sin themselves (Matthew 25:41-46; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-26; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Jude 6-7; Revelation 20:11-15).

(K) The Person of Satan

We believe that Satan is a person, the first to sin, the tempter of man; that he is the enemy of God and man; and that he shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire (Job 1:6-7; Isaiah 14:12-17; Matthew 4:2-11; 25:41; Revelation 20:10; Ezekiel 28:11-19).

(L) Creation

We believe that God created everything in six 24-hour days. We do not accept that man developed from lower animals. The Scriptures are clear that man was created by the hand of God and given life by God's breath (Genesis 1:2; Exodus 20:11).

(M) Government of State

We believe that God has established and created all authority in three basic areas: the home, the Church, and the State. These three authorities must answer to God and obey His Word. Every person is under the authority of these three. God has given each one certain responsibilities and each one has no right to take the responsibility of the other. The home, the Church, and the State are equal and responsible for their God given areas of authority (Romans 13:1-7; Ephesians 5:22-24; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 2:13-14).

(N) Human Sexuality

We believe that God has commanded that no sexual activity is permitted outside of marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that all kinds of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, sex with animals, incest, adultery, fornication, and pornography are sinful and destroy the beauty of God's gift of marriage and sex (Genesis 2:24; 19:5, 13; 25:8-9; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; 1 Corinthians 5:1; 6:9, 15-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4).

(O) Divorce

We believe that God hates divorce and wants marriage to last until one of the partners dies. Divorced persons may join as members, hold positions of service in the Church and be greatly used of God for Christian service, however they will not be considered for the position of Pastor or a deacon (Malachi 2:14-17; Matthew 19:3-12; Romans 7:1-3; 1 Timothy 3:2, 12; Titus 1:6).

(P) Abortion

We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human person. Abortion is the taking of the life of the unborn person. Abortion is murder. We believe that there is no acceptable reason for abortion; there can never be any acceptable reason for murder (Job 3:15; Psalms 51:5; 139:14-16; Isaiah 44:29; 49:1, 5; Jeremiah 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44).

(Q) Missionary Work

We believe that God has given the Church the work of taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people in every nation, race, tribe, and language so that they may have the opportunity to accept or reject salvation. As servants of the Lord, we must use any way possible to take the Gospel to the world. We cannot wait for the world to come to us (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:20).

(R) Giving

We believe that every Christian is responsible for the portion of God's wealth that has been trusted to them and is required to support their local church with their giving. We believe that God has set the tithe (one tenth) as the beginning point for giving and that every Christian should give to the Lord's work in a cheerful way, to those who have need, and for the spread of the Gospel. We believe that when a Christian gives his tithe and offering to the Lord it is no longer theirs and they have no more rights to the use of their gifts (Genesis 14:20; Proverbs 3:9-10; Acts 4:34-37; 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; Galatians 6:6; Ephesians 4:28; 1 Timothy 5:17-18; 1 John 3:17).

Section 2 - AUTHORITY OF STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Statement of Faith does not include everything we believe. The Bible itself is the only and final source of all that we believe. We do believe, however, that the previous Statement of Faith represents the teaching of the Bible and all members of this Church must agree with it.

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