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Welcome to the Kingdom Baptist International Church Family, a place building the Kingdom of God. We are delighted that you've decided to join us. We understand that this is one of the most important steps that one takes in life and as your new family member, we want to make this process as smooth as possible. In this booklet, you will find the following:

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OUR BELIEF

We believe in the Holy Bible

We Preach, Teach and live Holy Bible. The Holy Bible is God's word to all of us. It was God-breathed and written by authors under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. By the God-inspired Holy Bible, we are trained on living daily its truth without a mixture of earth's errors.

We believe in the Trinity

God has existed in three persons since the foundations of the world:

God the Father— God is Sovereign. He is all-powerful, all-knowing, and present everywhere. He is above all, a Spirit and Holy.

God the Son— born into humanity but ultimately God. He is the Son of God that paved the way back to God. His life was offered as the substitutionary atonement for all of mankind. He was victorious over death so that we could live.

God the Holy Spirit— the Holy Comforter and Governor of the earth sent by God and requested by Christ. He is our guide to truth, the power to our gifts, the dweller in us, and the helper to us. Each of them serves different functions, but they each exist equally in power and authority.

Salvation

The payment CHRIST made with His blood on the Cross of Calvary for our sins to give us eternal life. Belief in His resurrection by confession and conversion of Romans 10:9 is the invitation to transforming faith. We declare it as our passport for citizenship in the Kingdom of God.

1- WE ARE BORN AGAIN BACK INTO THE KINGDOM

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (John 3:3,5 NKJV)

2- WE ARE CALLED TO BE BELIEVERS OF HIS KINGDOM

And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever." (Daniel 2:44 MSG).

3- WE ARE CALLED TO BE BUILDERS OF THE KINGDOM

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:3-10 NRSV).

4- WE ARE COMMISSIONED BEARERS OF THE KINGDOM

And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come (Matthew 24:14-14 NRSV).

5- WE ARE THE BLESSING OF THE KINGDOM

Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe (Hebrews 12:28 ESV).

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR



Grace and Peace to you!

On behalf of the Kingdom Church Family, I welcome you as a new disciple of our church family. The decision you made to become one of us is a conscious choice not to be taken lightly. We believe that God's word is nourishment to the body of the individual and the body of the church.

We at KBI look at church discipleship as one of our most important resources. Without you, there would be no church family. That's the reason we place emphasis on the importance of biblical training so you can become a productive disciple to our family and the kingdom.

It is also why you deserve to be well-informed about God's beliefs, practices, and policies that our church believes in. In short, we cannot accomplish God's will for our church without the understanding and support of our church family and the disciples of this ministry.

Therefore, it is our request that you complete our New Disciples Orientation Class. We think it's important that you experience all the total kingdom discipleship courses. All our training sessions are productive and very realistic. You are welcome and encouraged to bring your family and friends. They will also gain insight into the workings of our church.

Again, welcome to the KBI family! I look forward to seeing you grow in Ministry and as a Christian while pursuing God's will for your life.

In His Service,

Pastor Timothy Sharod Starks, Senior Pastor

THE CAUSE

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The body of believers that assemble at the Kingdom Baptist International Church do so to give glory to God. When meeting, we attempt to learn and grow in the culture of the Kingdom that we may share in a capacity that will enhance the spiritual life of the believer and build their purpose on earth. Through singing, praise, worship, preaching and teaching, exhorting, and sharing, we extend the family and body of Christ from the people locally and throughout the world. We purpose to love people for who they are and not what they have; accept their differences, and not ostracize them; lock arms with them, be their support, and not walk away in their time of need; above all, we desire to “do good to all people, especially those who are of the household of faith. (**Galatians 6:10b**)

COVENANT

As a body of believers for the kingdom, we are dedicated to God through Christ Jesus, to assemble to create an atmosphere for worship, praise, evangelism, discipleship, and fellowship. By assembling with believers of like precious faith from all walks of life in accordance with the Holy Scripture, we attempt to make a mark in the lives of one another that is reflective of good Christian character. We accept people for who they are and for their unique difference which makes our family a diverse community in the kingdom that is representative of what we believe Heaven will resemble.

Being in the Kingdom family brings great privileges as well as responsibilities. Each disciple plays an integral role in the advancement of the church family and community. Thusly, we seek participation from each disciple in accordance with what is reasonable to be expected from each. We further desire to have each disciple share his or her own personal creativity and uniqueness that will allow our desire for diversity to be manifested within the confines of the church body. This then will require that the individual unselfishly and willingly submit to leadership, support the laity, and give as the Lord has given to them.

Therefore, we will purpose to attend worship regularly and fellowship with the brothers and sisters of the Kingdom Baptist International Church on a consistent basis sharing in the joy that comes with fellowship and worship. We commit to our covenant with God our Father and the manifestation of the body of Christ called the Church in the giving of our tithes, offerings, and sacrificial gifts to help the ministry carry out the duties of the mission, vision, and scriptural values. Finally, we willingly submit to the leadership that God has placed in the church as Shepherd; who will feed us with wisdom and knowledge and help us with guidance. We will esteem our leader highly for their work's sake. We will deliberately and intentionally be a blessing to our leader as we are instructed to be in the Word of God. We will bring glory to God through our desire to be an example to the world and show them Christ in every way, every day.

CHURCH MISSION

We are a Kingdom-centered church, designed to cultivate and colonize a habitat where all people are changed for life, connected to love, and conformed to live a kingdom lifestyle.

CHURCH VISION

Our vision is to reconcile a nation of people back to the Kingdom of God. We strive to build the Kingdom of God on earth locally and globally through Christ, transforming for the sake of others.

CHURCH VALUES

The church of Jesus Christ is an organism that lives by impeccable standards set forth by the Word of God holding us accountable as Christians. It is the desire of this church to abide by the standards of the Word of God and adhere to them in the spirit of excellence by which we are called. The standards by no means replace any other portion of scripture, however, we endeavor to epitomize those things that Jesus put a priority on.

Fellowship is one of the primary functions of the believer. **Hebrews 10:25 (NKJV)** says, “...**not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as in the manner of some, and so much the more as you see the day approaching.**” I believe with all my heart that we grow as a ministry when we share good things with others. But we grow as a family when we show up and support one another. The purpose of any gathering at our church is to educate, empower, encourage, and equip. No church I can think of desires the rivers of fellowship to flow like KBI. Fellowship is such a paramount order that as with your other priorities, it should be scheduled and attended. Without you, there can never be an us.

Discipleship is another item in our value system that makes our church complete. In **II Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)**, it says, “**Study to show yourselves approved unto God, a workman that needs no to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.**” The best life is a word-centered life. When we make it a priority to study the Word of God, we find the roadmap to the possibilities that God has given us. It is an exciting journey once you have the directions to destiny! Finding new things in the Word of God is exhilarating! Putting them into action is simply rewarding. Our church is a Bible based, Bible believing and Bible preaching ministry.

Stewardship is key to the growth of any Christian. We at KBI put a priority on the training and practicing of stewardship. Stewardship means more than money; it most nearly means the management of all assets of an owner including your life. In **Psalms 24:1**, we discover that, “**The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein.**” We believe that everything that we have belongs to God and that we are simply managing it. **Malachi 3:10** tells us, “**Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in Mine house and prove me now this says the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open up the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.**” And in the book of **Luke 6:38** it says, “**Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over shall men give unto your bosom.**”

The truth of the matter is that even though we are in control of what God owns, there is a natural human tendency to hoard, finagle and keep. This goes against the teachings of Jesus and the Bible. We tithe, give offerings, sacrificial gifts, and what we call seeds. A “**tithe**”, is a tenth, or ten percent of your gross income to God through His storehouse or commonly known today as the church. That is His requirement! An “**offering**” is anything above your tithe. God seeks offerings to deter people from doing the minimum out of obligation, not sincerity. A “**sacrificial gift**” or “**sacrificial offering**” is an offering that you give in appreciation and love for God that is done out of total submission, loyalty, and revelation. Then finally, Jesus speaks of the farmer who sows “**seeds**” that are planted from a genuine heart in glorified soil for a great harvest.

Evangelism is the motor that keeps ministry fresh and growing. In **Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV)**, we discover Jesus’ message on evangelism in these words, “**Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, (v. 20) teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**” Amen. The Christian manifesto is neatly discussed in this message from the enunciator of evangelism Himself. Our duty is to witness, share, and discuss our faith and experiences with others to encourage them to seek our Christ and become a citizen of His kingdom. Not merely from the theological point, but from the experiential as well. Christ is the center of all joy for us, and we express Him not only as the Christ of the Bible, but as the happiness, help, and hope of our lives.

The main part of evangelism is the **“going”** part. It is not evangelism if it is in the comfortable confines of our church. We are called to share and then share not only from the Bible but also from the heart. Apostle Peter said in **I Peter 3:15b**, **“...always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear...”**. Thusly, our challenge is to give people a reason why we have hope in Jesus. We live in a world that is very weak and very wicked. Many people are hurting right in our own families and need to know the healing, salvation, and message of Jesus Christ. We are the light, we are the salt, and we are the city set on a hill. If we will just shine, season, and stay, others will see our good works and worship Christ.

Creativity is the mother of a skillful, successful, and strong ministry. In **Ephesians 3:30 (NKJV)**, we get the privilege to peek into a new power source that makes ministry happen. It reads, **“Now to Him Who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.”** God has released the talent, giftedness, innate ability, and skills within us to do all that we have been challenged by Him to do in the vision. We have access that we never had before, we have leadership that is more daring and faith conscious than ever before, and we have tenacious people willing to submit and follow more than ever before. What then is lacking? It is the creative edge to do the unthinkable.

I don't believe God intended for us to be a **“feeder church”**, or better said, a church that is always looking up to others. I believe that even as we have mentors in our personal lives, so will our church. But there comes a time when the mentor and protégée become peers. That is the vision of our congregation. We are a gathering of people that stand together, to pool our knowledge, resources, experience, wisdom, abilities, and strengths to build a bigger, brighter, better Kingdom Baptist International Church. The exciting part for me is that this scripture tells me of God's ability to do it and the impetus for Him doing it is already locked up within us!

Leadership is the tool that takes the big picture and makes it digestible and realistic. John Maxwell says, “Everything rises and falls on leadership.” I agree! Apostle Paul says in **II Thessalonians 3:9b**, **“...but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us.”** Leadership is a principal ingredient to the success of anything. Our church is dedicated to godly leadership that leads from the front and not from the rear. You will see that the leadership of our church will be a harmonious team of Christians dedicated to managing ministries, motivating people, and making an impact on the lives of the disciples. We are dedicated to the position that training and continuous education are essential from the pastor to all staff. It will be our endeavor to keep up with the latest information as well as be creative, developing ministry tools that will aid in the pursuit of the vision of the house. We will as well, always be seeking leaders to help keep the ministry fresh and thriving.

Commitment is the adhesive that holds the ministry together. Success has a greater possibility of manifestation when commitment is present. Jesus said in **Revelations 2:10c(NKJV)**, **“...be faithful until death...”**. What a powerful message coming to us from Christ. The job of a church disciple has vastly changed over the years. We live in a time that people are called on to be more than pew holders and fan wavers. We have a job to do! All too often churches lose their vitality and fervor because Christians are committed only for a short time. Unfortunately, they tend to be the most committed when things are going well and less committed when they are not going well. For commitment to have a true interpretation, there must be consistency as well. If commitment is the chassis, then consistency is the body; they go together. More than ever before, the church needs committed individuals that are in a tri-fold arrangement. The tri-fold arrangement is: 1) committed and submitted to God; 2) committed and submitted to leadership; 3) committed and submitted to the church body. This is an all-weather commitment! We are committed to each other in good times, bad times, and anytime. Our maxim is– our church, our community, and our responsibility.

Organization is the impetus that helps our ministry operate smoothly. The summation of any undertaking should be equal to the organization to which it is/was managed. Super organization, super results. Poor organization, poor results. Apostle Paul says this to us in **1 Corinthians 14:40**, ***“Let all things be done in decently and in order.”*** There is a premium that we need to put on organization to do ministry. Ministry is meeting the needs of the people. Throughout the Old and New Testaments, there were calls and challenges for men and women to be organized so that effective ministry could be carried out. This is a call and challenge for the leadership and laity alike to be organized and intentional. God desires the best from us. We are to display God in every facet of our ministry. We bring no glory to God when we are not operating smoothly and intentionally. God will not dwell in the midst of confusion. So then, it is safe to say that God does not abide in an unorganized house. Through the aid of technology, creativity, leadership, and vision, we will have an organized ministry that will bring glory to God and help the people.

Service is our work for God to enhance the ministry of our local congregation and the Kingdom of God at large. In **Nehemiah 4:6** we learn, ***“So we built the wall...for the people had a mind to work.”*** The ministry needs hands that are willing to put their skills and abilities to use for the betterment of the ministry. This is often overlooked and forgotten. Everybody thinks that someone else can or will do it. The truth is that everybody has a duty and an obligation to work in the ministry. Apostle Paul tells us in **Romans 12:4-5**, ***“For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office, so we being many are one in the body of Christ, and every one member one of another.”*** The truth of the matter is this, we need every willing person to work with their hands, hearts, and abilities to maintain and improve the church and ministry.

When we the diversified body of Christ bring our talents together we are now operating as a well-oiled machine focused, deliberate, and intentional to do whatever it takes for the body of Christ. The plan of action to do this is five-fold: 1) each person shares their giftedness to help make the church better; 2) be willing to learn and use the acquired skills to promote excellence amongst the disciples; 3) encouraging others to freely donate their services and the services of their company, business, or trade for the benefit of the ministry; 4) look for areas of opportunity or improvement to intend to fix it, organize to fix it, and do it in an expeditious way; 5) help create an environment that recruits and empowers disciples to do their best, and excel in everything producing excellence.

Worship is the channel by which we culminate all of our values together. We have all of the other values, and they are preparatory values, in that they help us get ready to do this one value called worship. Worship is an essential part of our gathering each week, and one that ought to be taken very seriously. In **John 4:23-24** we note, ***“But the hour has come and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshippers. (v.24) God is a spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.” (NASB)*** So then one of the focal points of our gathering is to worship God. At KBI, we have exercised freedom and liberation that is ramped in our worship.

We sing, lift our hands, dance before the Lord, celebrate, rejoice, cry, run, meditate, pray, praise, clap our hands, shout with loud voices, and the like as we worship our great God. **Psalm 34** tells us to ***“Bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.”*** I am thankful; therefore, I worship. We, by no means, suggest that this is the only way to worship. Worship can be just as multifaceted and diverse, as it can be simple and serene. We do believe, however, that real worship will escape the bounds of one's true soul and fill the atmosphere with others seeking to do the same thing. When we do this, we extend and expand God! **Philippians 3:3** says, ***“For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit...”*** We are the praying, praising church! We are happy and excited about Christ and the power we have with God through the essence and presence of the Holy Spirit!

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

The first verses that you will memorize and study in orientation are the assurance of salvation. How can you defeat the devil? The answer is God's Word, the Bible. The Bible says you can know for sure that you have eternal life. Remember, assurance of salvation comes from faith in what God has said in His Word, not from feelings. Feelings will come and go and therefore are not reliable. God's Word is reliable!

Begin now to memorize and apply **I John 5:11-12**. Memorizing and applying these verses will enable you to be assured of your salvation.

EXPLORING I JOHN 5:11-12

Who gives eternal life?

Where is eternal life found?

Who has eternal life?

Who does not have eternal life?

Assurance of salvation: The assurance of believers is based upon the certain knowledge of God revealed in creation and his mighty acts in history, upon the certainty of his promises, the vindication and resurrection of Christ, and the inward testimony and outward demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit.

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

ASSURANCE IS BASED ON:	SCRIPTURE REFERENCES
The knowledge of God through creation	Rom. 1:19-20; Ps. 19: 1-4; Acts 14:17
God's Word	John 17:8; 1 John 5:9-10
God's Oath	Heb. 6:17; Gen. 50:24; Deut. 4:31; 7:7-9; Acts 2: 30; Heb. 7:21
God's Promise	Josh. 1:9; Rom. 4:20 – 21; 23:10,14; 2 Sa. 7:25-26; 1 Ch.17:23-24; 1 Ki 8:56; Ps. 145:13; Is. 33:6; Heb. 13:5; Jas 1:12; 2:5
Vindication of Jesus Christ	ACTS 2:32; 17:31; ACTS 1:3,22;10:39-41; 13:30-31; RO 1:4;1 COR.15: 3-7; 1 PE 1:3
The miracles of Jesus Christ	Matt. 11:2-6; Lk 7:18-23; Jhn. 4:48; 10:38; 14:11; 20:30-31
Holy Spirit-outward demonstration	Heb. 2:4; Mk 16:17-18; 2 Co 3:2-3; 1 Th 1:5
Holy Spirit-inward conviction	1 John 4:13; Jhn 15:26; 16:8-11; Acts 5:32; Gal 4:6
Sealing the promise to believers via Holy Spirit	Eph. 1:13-14; Acts 15:8; Rom. 5:5; 2 Co. 1:22; 5:5; Eph. 4:30; 1 Jhn. 3:24
Testimony of eyewitnesses	2 Pe. 1:16-19; Ex. 10:2; 1 Kgs. 1:2-4; Jhn. 1:32-34; 15:27; 19:35; Acts 1:22; 4:20; 1 Pe. 5:1
The testimony of the Apostles	Acts 22:14-15; 1 Cor. 1:16; 2:1; 1 Th. 2:13; 1 Ti 2:5-7; Rev 1:2
Godly living	1 Jhn. 2:3-5; 1 Jhn. 2:23; 1 Jhn. 2:29; 1 Jhn. 3:9; 5:18; 1 Jhn. 3:14-20; 1 Jhn. 5:1

GROWING AS A MEMBER

As a member we want you to grow with the congregation. Life is better when we serve together and connect with others. Part of our growth as a church is to get to know you better. As a member, you can serve in one of our ministries. We want you to know us as we get to know you with the love of Christ. Your growth is a very “big deal” to us as we desire to see the manifestation of what God has for you. God himself practices and models for us a form of membership. And God continues to establish the practice of congregational membership until the church is instituted to come by Christ.

Being a member of a local church does not get you into heaven automatically. According to scripture, some people will go to church all their life and still won't make it into the kingdom (**Matthew 7:21**). But in **Matthew 16:18** Keys to the kingdom are given by Jesus to the church, giving the early church the power to externally affirm or deny the orthodoxy of the gospel proclaimed as a congregation and the genuineness of the Kingdoms language.

Your membership signifies your commitment to believe and live in a biblical, God-honoring way. Standing in agreement as a member signifies that others can count on you to live according to the commitments specified in a church covenant—living a holistic life, attending our services, praying for your fellow church members, serving them, loving them, supporting the church's discipline and attending its ordinances (baptism and the Lord's Supper), growing in truth and love, evangelizing your unsaved friends, giving financially to support the ministry and needs of the church, etc.

As members we together choose to grow bearing one another's burdens, spurring one another on to love and with good deeds, and consider each other more important than yourselves. It is the people who sit next to you, rows behind you, three rows up, or across from you—the local people—that are the most likely beneficiaries of your love. Local church membership says, I love my church, and with them shall I build the Kingdom from the community to the country.

GROWING AS A CHRISTIAN

There are two things that God would like from every human being: The first is that they would become a Christian, and the second is that they will grow as Christians. Becoming a Christian is a one-time occurrence, but growing as a Christian is a continuous process. Since you are already a Christian, God now wants you to grow in Him.

When you received Christ, you were born into God's family, and you received everything you needed to live a victorious Christian life. Yet, that does not mean that you are as spiritually mature as someone who has walked with Christ for many years. You have begun as a spiritual baby and now you need to grow up to mature in Christ. Just as physical life requires food, rest, and exercise, so does spiritual life require certain things for growth and development. This lesson deals with five principles of growth. If they are followed, you can know that you will grow toward spiritual maturity in Christ.

GROWING AS A CHRISTIAN

PRINCIPLE ONE: YOU MUST READ THE BIBLE.

1) Where should you keep God's Word according to Psalm 119:11?

2) Why should we keep it there according to Psalm 119:11?

Read Psalm 19:7-8 and fill in the chart below.

>What God's Word Is

>What His Word Does

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GROWING AS A CHRISTIAN

PRINCIPLE TWO: YOU MUST PRAY.

1) When should we pray according to Luke 18:1?

2) In whose name should we pray according to John 16:24?

3) What are the results of prayer according to John 16:24?

Four Important Areas of Prayer:

ADORATION: Reflecting on God himself. Praise him for his love, his power, majesty and his wonderful gift of Christ.

CONFESSION: Admitting your sins to God. Be honest and humble. Remember he knows you and loves you still.

THANKSGIVING: Telling God how grateful you are for everything he has given, even the unpleasant things. Your thankfulness will help you see His purpose.

SUPPLICATION: Making specific request, both for others and or yourself.

PRINCIPLE THREE: YOU MUST HAVE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP.

1) How did the Psalmist feel about going to church according to Psalm 122:1?

2) How did the Psalmist go to church according to Psalm 100:4?

3) What should we not do about Church according to Hebrews 10:25?

4) What should we do for other Christians according to Hebrews 10:25? ific request, both for others and or yourself.

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PRINCIPLE FOUR: YOU MUST WITNESS FOR CHRIST

1) Why does God give us power according to Acts 1:8?

2) What should we tell others about God according to Mark 5:19?

3) Why was Paul not afraid to witness according to Romans 1:16?

4) What does God say we are according to II Corinthians 5:20?

GROWING AS A CHRISTIAN

PRINCIPLE FIVE: YOU MUST OBEY GOD.

1) How do we show we love God according to John 14:15?

2) What did Peter say about obedience according to Acts 5:29?

3) Read James I 22-25. Describe the person who forgets what they see in God's word.

4. How did James say we should respond to the Bible?

Growing as a Christian: The process of development and maturing, used to refer to the progress of the kingdom of God and the spiritual development of believers. Scriptures uses images of growth (such as seeds, plants, and infants) to stress the dynamic nature of personal faith and the kingdom of God.

GROWING AS A CHRISTIAN

Images of growth	Eph. 4:13-15; 1 Cor. 3:1-2; 13:11; 14:20; Heb. 5:12-14; 1 Pe. 2:2
Seeds & plants describing growth	Lk. 8:14-15; Matt. 13:22-23; Mk. 4:19-20; 2 Cor. 9:10
Work & prayer for the growth of the believer	2 Cor. 13:9; Col. 1:28; 4:12
Dimension of spiritual growth (in faith)	2 Cor. 10:15-16 2 Th. 1:3
Dimension of spiritual growth (in knowledge)	2 Pe. 3:18; Eph.1:17 -18;3:16-19; Col. 1:10; 2 Pe. 1:3,6
Dimension of spiritual growth (in love)	1 Th. 4:10; Phil. 1:9; 1 Th. 3:12; 2 Pe. 1:7-8
Growth comes from God	Col. 2:19; 1 Cor. 3:6-7; 2 Cor. 9:10; Phil. 1:6
Growth comes from discipleship (putting away the sinful self)	1 Pe. 2:1; Rom. 8:13-14; 2 Cor. 7:1; Gal. 5:24; Eph. 4:22-24; Col. 3:5-10
Growth comes from discipleship (moving on from basic teaching)	Heb. 6:1-2; Heb. 5:11-14
Growth comes from discipleship (maturing in thinking)	1 Cor. 14:20; Rom. 12:1
Growth comes through discipleship (persevering in faith)	Jas 1:4 Phil. 2:12; 3:12; 2 Pe. 1:5-8
Growth comes through discipleship (contributing to growth in the church by exercising gifts)	Eph. 4:11-12; 1 Cor. 14:1-5; Eph. 4:13-16
Examples of spiritual growth in some of God's servants	1 Sa. 2:26; Lk. 2:52; Lk. 1:80; Acts 9:22
The growth of the kingdom of God (promise that the kingdom will grow)	Col 1:16; Matt. 13:31-33; Mk. 4:30-32; Lk. 13:18-21; Mk 4:26-29
The growth of the kingdom of God (the early church experienced rapid growth)	Acts 4:4; Acts 2:41, 47; 5:14; 6:7; 9:31; 11:21; 14:1; 16:5

THE KINGDOM CHURCH

A church is known not only by its history but also by its doctrine. The doctrine of Jesus' churches seeks to follow the pattern of Christ's Church in the New Testament. The Church thus believes that its history began with Christ, His followers, and the Holy Bible.

In this lesson, we will give you a brief outline of the ordinances of the Lord's church: Baptism and the Lord's Supper and officers: Pastor and deacons of Kingdom Baptist International Church. This lesson will show how Kingdom may, be different than to your previous church.

I. ORDINANCES

A. Baptism

1) According to Matthew 3:13-16, who baptized Jesus, and how was it done?

2) Colossians 2:12 says what is happening when one is going down in and coming up out of the water.

3) Acts 8:12,16:31-33 and 18:8 teaches that baptism is for who?

Although Baptism is an ordinance of the Baptist Church, it is not a prerequisite for Salvation. It is an acceptance of Kingdom citizenship and a symbol of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. It is an outward sign of inward grace.

Baptism: washing with water, which symbolizes the acceptance of doctrine, cleansing of believers from the stain and dirt of sin through the grace of God. Baptism is your official cleansing your walk with Jesus is the work required to stay cleansed. Jesus Christ had no sins that needed to be washed but He submitted to baptism as an example to believers but more importantly, to fall under the doctrine of John the Baptist who was preaching the Gospel of the kingdom of God. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, baptism is linked in union with the risen Jesus Christ. In the Gospels, baptizing is based on the symbolic practice in the Old Testament and Judaism of cleansing with water.

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Washing as a means of achieving ritual purity	Ex 30:19-20
Sprinkling with water symbolizes spiritual cleansing	Ez. 36:25; Zech. 13:1; Heb. 10:22
Being baptized by John was a confession that cleansing was needed	Matt. 3:6,11; Mk 1:4-5; Lk. 3:3; Acts 19:1-4
John promised that the Messiah would cleanse with the baptism of the Holy Spirit	Matt. 3:11; Mk 1:8; Lk. 3:16; Is. 44:3; Ez. 36:25-26
Baptism involves both water and the Holy Spirit	Jhn. 3:5
The disciples of Jesus Christ baptized like John:	Jhn 3:22-23; 4:1
Baptism ordained by Jesus	Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 9:11-18
Baptism linked with repentance	Acts 2:38
Baptism in the name of God or Jesus	Acts 19:5 Acts 2:38; 8:16; 10:48
Baptism in the name of the Trinity	Matthew 28: 18-20
Baptism apparently negating infant baptism	Acts 2:38-41 (infants can not repent and believe)
Baptism a symbol of unity:	Ephesians 4:5

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B. The Lord's Supper

1) Whose Supper is it according to I Corinthians 11:20?

2) What is the purpose according to I Corinthians 11:24-26?

3) When should this Supper be served in order to remember Christ according to I Corinthians 11:25?

4) Who is this Supper for according to Acts 2:41-42?

II. OFFICERS

Kingdom is a self-governing body whose members have equal rights, privileges and duties. The PASTOR is the chief officer, who is called by God to preach the gospel, and called by the church to serve as its leader. The office of DEACON is traced back to the first church in Jerusalem (Acts 6:3-7).

In accordance with the definition of the New Testament, deacons are to be servants of the church and assisters to the Pastor. Their responsibilities include caring for the discipleship, visiting and ministering to the sick, widows and orphans, and sharing /spreading the Gospel.

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A. Pastor

1) Read Jeremiah 3:15 and answer the following questions:

a. Who gives the church Pastors?

b. What is the job of the Pastor?

2) Read I Timothy 3:1-2 and answer the following questions:

a. How does verse one describes the office of a Pastor?

b. List three characteristics of a pastor according to verse two.

B. Deacons

1.) According to Acts 6:7, what were the results when the apostles appointed deacons to assist them?

2) Read I Timothy 3:8, 10, 12 and list at least three characteristics of deacons.?

STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

Your discipleship here at Kingdom requires that you be a steward in all things. The Bible defines a steward, as one who has been put in charge over something that is not theirs. Given that definition, all Christians are stewards. God owns everything and he has given everyone something that they can do or give for the upbuilding of His Kingdom. It is our duty as Christians to serve God by giving him time, talents, treasures, and ourselves.

This lesson is designed to emphasize the importance of basing you're giving upon God's word and giving willingly. To enjoy God's blessings, whatever you give must be done willingly. When you willingly, consistently, and sacrificially give to God your time, talents, and treasures, you can be assured of God manifold blessings.

GOD WANTS YOUR TIME

1) According to Matthew 6:33, what does God require us to do?

2) Read Luke 9:23. What is the first thing God asks of His followers?

3) According to Romans 12:1, what must we give to God?

GOD WANTS YOUR TALENTS

1) According to Matthew 25:20-21, what happens to those who use their talents for Kingdom building?

2. According to Matthew 25:28-29, what happens to those who do not use their talents for Kingdom building?

GOD WANTS YOUR TREASURES

1) Read Malachi 3:8-10 and answer the following questions:

a. How do we rob God?

b. Where should your tithes go, and what is the result of bringing them there?

2) Read I Corinthians 16:2 and answer the following questions:

a. How often should we give, and how should we give?

3. According to II Corinthians 9:7 what attitudes toward giving are pleasing to God, and what attitudes should we avoid?

The church is to be financed through tithes and offerings. There are three types of giving listed below:






1. Required Giving (Tithes)
2. Sacrificial Giving
3. Free Will Giving

Remember the church needs money in order to operate and to do the works of the ministry.

Stewardship- The careful use of; control and management of the possessions of another that have been entrusted to one. The term is also used to refer to the responsible use of wealth and possessions by Christians.

Individuals Acting as stewards (Adam and Eve Garden of Eden)	Gen. 2:15
Individuals Acting as stewards (Joseph in Potiphar's house)	Gen. 39:4-6
Individuals Acting as stewards (Daniel as administrator in Babylon)	Dan. 6:1-3
Groups Acting as stewards (priest serving in the tabernacles)	Lev. 22:9; 1 Sa. 2:15
Groups Acting as stewards (the seven chosen by Jerusalem church)	Acts 6:1-6
Jesus teaching on stewardship (using parables to emphasize accountability)	Lk. 16:1-12; Matt. 25:14-30; Lk. 19:12-27
Jesus teaching on stewardship (emphasizing responsibility)	Lk. 12:48; Matt. 12:36
Apostles teaching on stewardship	Rom. 14:12; 1 Pe. 4:4-5
Good steward is an honorable thing	1 Tim. 3:13; Pe. 27:18
Christians entrusted with the stewardship of the gospel	1 Cor. 4:1-2; 1 Cor. 9:17; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; Gal. 1:15-16; 2:7; 1 Th. 2:4; 1 Tim. 1:11; 4:14; 6:20; 2 Tim. 1:14; Tit 1:3,7
Christians to be wise stewards of their God- given gifts	1 Cor. 4:7
Christians to use their gifts to benefit others	1 Pe. 4:10-11
Christians to develop their gifts	1 Tim. 4:14-15
Christian are to care for their bodies	1 Corinthians 6:18-20
Christians are to be wise stewards of their material possessions	Deut. 8:17-18

Jesus teaching on sharing possessions	Deut. 8:17-18
Sharing of possessions among the first church	Acts 4:32; 2 Co 8:1-5
The Apostle Paul's teaching on sharing possessions	Acts 20:35; 2 Cor. 9:6-11

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This area falls under stewardship. It is each disciple's responsibility to not only tithe (1/10th of your gross income) giving back to God that which he has given you, but to sow seed offerings and sow into the life of the man and woman whom God has placed over you. In being good stewards of your finances with tithes and offerings, KBI provides you with an accurate financial statement at year-end and/or upon request. In doing this, these are the requirements:

1. Correctly complete your envelope (see example above) by using your full name or labels provided to you, filling out appropriate spaces provided for proper credit of all contributions made. If contributions are made by check please indicate the check number in the space provided on the envelope.
2. If you have attended this church prior to becoming a disciple, please contact the Director of Finance to verify any names that you may have used previously (e.g. Mr. & Mrs. J. Doe & Family, The Doe Family, or John & Jane Doe). This could be the same person but three different families have been created and credited based on the information provided.
3. When making cash contributions, always complete and seal your envelope before placing it in the offering receptacle. This is for your protection. When finances are counted and reconciled for the day, the Finance Ministry reconciles the amount written on the outside of the envelope with what is placed on the inside or by check numbers and amounts posted. Envelopes without proper identification and loose cash placed in the offering receptacle cannot be properly identified or credited to their giver. The Finance ministry totals the "None Identifiable" cash envelopes and the loose cash together as one unit (envelope) and gives it the identity of (NO NAME) for recording purposes.
4. When making a credit card contribution with a non-credit card enclosed, please provide the following information on your envelope example:
CC# (1234-5678-9012-345), Address # (1234), Zip (30064) and the Expiration Date (07/13).

Financial Statements:

All disciples will be given a copy of their financial statements at the beginning of each New Year or upon request.

DISCIPLESHIP ORIENTATION COMPLETION PROCESS

Below is the process to receive the Lord's Supper, the right hand of fellowship, and new disciples' completion certificates. This occurs every first Sunday that a new disciple has successfully completed his coursework.

After completion of all training courses and workshop requirements, you become eligible for the serving of communion by the officiating director of this service. After the directing officials serve you communion you will be presented with your certificate immediately after the completion of communion. Following the certificates of completion, you will be extended the right hand of fellowship.

Congratulations, you are a new disciple with all the rights of other disciples. You are expected to immediately become active in the ministries necessary to support the vision of the church. Here is something to keep in mind as you mature in your new church home. We are a church of practical Christianity that will educate, equip, and empower you to be successful spiritually and naturally. We look for you to hit your goal of being a great disciple of:

- **The Kingdom**
- **Your time (a good manager/steward)**
- **Talents and treasures organized in your church, home, and place of employment**
- **Creative in your quest to take this church and your ministry to new levels.**

Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!

Notes

OUR MINISTRIES

Daughters of the Kingdom

Membership Care

Greeters

Ministerial Staff

Kingdom Intercessors

New Members

Kingdom Kids

Outreach

Kingdom Men

Ushers

Media & Marketing

Volunteer

Worship & Arts

FACILITY POLICIES

Facility usage at Kingdom Baptist International is governed by _____.

Active and non-active members can make a request to use the annex, sanctuary, or ground of the church through the facility rental forms. Details are listed on the form for charges that apply and limitations for non-members and for members.

HOW TO DISCOVER YOUR GIFTS

God is a God of variety, in the world and in his church. Each Christian has been given several gifts of the Spirit, which are meant to build up other believers in the Body of Christ. As each believer employs his gifts, the church is edified. Although you may believe that you have been given one or more gifts, knowing what it is – and using it – may be harder. How to go about discovering your spiritual capacities:

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