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Dear New Member,

Welcome to the Jackson Memorial Baptist Church Family. The most decisive moment in your life has just occurred—receiving Christ as your Savior or reacquainting yourself with Christ.

An incredible change has just take place: “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”.

(2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV))

The decision that you have made however, should not stop here there is a lifelong process that you must take on. “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.” *Colossians 2:6,7 (KJV)*

This packet has been prepared to help you continue to live in Christ and to acquaint you with some facts about this church family, it’s worship services and ministries.

You shall remain in my prayers always,

Reverend Dr. Gregory A. Sutton

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Senior Pastor

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a bible based, spirit led and anointed ministry.

Appointed to proclaim the word of the Lord, to deliver the gospel of freedom to those held captive, spread the spirit of healing to those hurting, and receive and nurture all who come to Christ.

We do this in order for there to be Christ-Like Individuals, a Christ-Like Church, a Christ-Like Community and a Christ-Like World.

WHY?

Because, *"NOW IS THE TIME"*

Jeremiah 7:2
Matthew 24:14
Ephesians 6:4

MISSION STATEMENT
Of
NEW MEMBERS' ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

We will strive to support the mission of the church by:

- *Receiving and nurturing* all who come to Christ.
- *Welcoming new members into the body of Christ* and into the body of believers at Jackson Memorial Baptist Church.
- *Proclaiming the word of the Lord*, so that new members become more Christ-Like individuals.
- *Delivering the gospel of freedom*, so that new members become active participants in our Christ-Like Church.
- *Spreading the spirit of Christ*, so that new members become witnesses for Christ to help build a more Christ-Like Community and a more Christ-Like World.

Why do we do this?

Because..... *Now is the time!*

CHURCH COVENANT

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

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge and holiness; 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 devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

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

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

BASIS OF THE COVENANT

The church covenant is a voluntary agreement that members of a Baptist church promise to use as a guide to conduct their lives. A better understanding of the church's covenant may be obtained from the study of the following scripture.

SALVATION by Faith

John 1:12-13

John 3: 14-17

Romans 8:14

Romans 10:9

I John 4:15

BAPTISM

Ephesians 4:5

DUTIES to the Church

One body in Christ

First Corinthians 12:12-14

Ephesians 4:3-5

To walk together in Christian love

John 13:34

To strive for the advancement of the church

Psalms 122:6-9

Luke 1:73-75

Second Timothy 2:15

Second Corinthians 7:1

Ephesians 4:14-16

Second Peter 3:11-18

To sustain its worship, ordinances

Psalms 84:10

Psalms 122:1-4

Matthew 28:19

Acts 2:42-47

Acts 11:19-21

Acts 18:24-28

To give it a place in our affection...

Matthew 6:33

To contribute cheerfully....

First Chronicles 16:2

First Chronicles 29:3-9

Second Corinthians 9:6-7

To maintain an active church membership

Acts 11:19-21

Acts 18: 24-28

Duties in Christian Living

To maintain family and secret devotion

Genesis 18:19

Deuteronomy 4:9-10

Deuteronomy 6:7

Acts 17:11

First Thessalonians 5:17-18

To religiously educate children

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Psalms 78:4-8

Colossians 4:21

Second Timothy 3:15

To seek the salvation of the lost

Proverbs 11:30

Matthew 4:19

Acts 1:8

To walk circumspectly in the world

Exodus 23:13

Matthew 5:13

Ephesians 5:15

Ephesians 6:5

Philippians 2:14-15

First Peter 2:11-12

Duties in Christ Living

Avoid gossip and excessive anger

Matthew 7:12

Romans 15:1-2

Ephesians 4:31

Colossians 3:8

First Peter 2:21

James 3:1-2

To abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink

Habakkuk 2:15

Romans 14:21

Galatians 5:19-21

To be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom

Titus 2:14

Duties to Fellow Members

To watch over one another in love

First Peter 1:22

To pray for one another

James 5:16

To cultivate sympathy and courtesy in speech

First Peter 3:8

To be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation

Ephesians 4:30-32

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN

The word Christian comes from two words, Christ and man.
 Christ living in a man; man living in Christ; a dynamic relationship.
 To be a Christian then, is to be in relationship with Jesus Christ.
 This is a relationship that should influence every aspect of your life.

To be a Christian is not a self-effort program whereby we attempt to turn over a new leaf and seek to live morally pure. It's impossible to for you to try to be a Christian.
 It is in trusting, not trying, that we are saved.

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, event to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of man, but of God.” John 1:12-13

The New Testament uses several words to explain what it means to be a Christian:

| As A Christian | Explanation | Scriptural Test |
|-------------------|---|--|
| We are justified | This is a legal term meaning to pardon guilt and declare a person righteous. This is what happened when Christ took on our sins and died for us on Calvary and freely gave us his righteousness | Romans 5:1-3 Second Corinthians 5:21 |
| We are reconciled | This means we have peace with God. We are restored to full fellowship with Him. The barrier of sin that previously separated us from God has been removed. | Romans 8:14-17 Ephesians 2:13-18 Hebrews 4:14-16 |
| We are redeemed | To redeem is to purchase something back by paying a price. Christ purchased us with His life, so that we might be free to serve Him forever. | Hebrews 4:14-16 Revelations 1:5-6 Revelations 5:9-10 |
| We are sanctified | To be sanctified means to be cleansed, purified and made holy. We are not simply “sinners saved by grace”, but “saints” made holy by the cleansing power of Christ. | Hebrews 13:12 First Corinthians 1&2-30 |
| We are saved | This means we are delivered and set free from the guilt and control of sin. | Luke 19:10 Romans 1:16 Ephesians 2:8-9 |

WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE

We believe in the Bible as God's only inspired, and authoritative revelation of Himself to man in written form. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

We believe in One God, externally existing in three persons: (1 John 5:7)

- God the Father
- God the Son
- God the Holy Spirit

We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ: (John 1:1)

His virgin birth (Matthew 1:18)

His sinless life (2 Corinthians 5:21)

His death on the cross (1 John 2:2)

His bodily resurrection (Luke 24:39)

His ascension to the Father (Hebrews 4:14)

The establishment of the kingdom of God upon the earth (Revelations 20:6)

We believe in the divine healing for the total man, spirit, mind and body and that this healing accomplished in the redemptive work of Christ on the cross.

(Isaiah 53:5 Matthew 8:17 I Peter 2:24 James 5:13-15)

We believe in the process of the spiritual development (sanctification) accomplished by the believer yielding to the Holy Spirit and being obedient to Christ's word.

We believe in the sacraments of the church, established by Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26-30) (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Baptism by immersion in water (Matthew 28:19) (I Peter 3:20-22)

We believe in the resurrection from the dead

(Daniel 12:2 John 5:28-29 Revelations 20: 4-6, 11-15)

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Spiritual growth takes place through the process of discipleship. A disciple is a learner, follower and imitator of Jesus Christ. There are seven basic disciplines of discipleship. Following is a brief comment about each one.

1. FELLOWSHIP

Building relationships with fellow believers.

2. GIVING

Christians give their financial resources to support the ministry of the church. Giving is achieved through tithes, offerings and alms (or sowing seeds).

3. PRAYER

“Prayer is the expression of the human heart in conversation with God. Prayer is a dialogue between two persons who love each other”.

Rosalind Rinker Prayer is simply talking and listening to God.

4. SERVICE

Christian service takes place both within the church and in the world. Every believer is called to serve Christ by serving His people.

5. TEACHING

Spiritual instruction comes from both personal Bible study and receiving God’s Word through the teaching ministry of the church.

6. WITNESSING

Sharing the love of Christ with another person.

7. WORSHIP

Worship whether private or public, brings a believer into the presence of God.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

WHAT IS PRAYER

Prayer is the divine communication between man and God, through His son, Jesus Christ.

- Christian life cannot be sustained without prayer
- Jesus tells us, “that men ought to always pray” (Luke 18:11)
- Prayer is the gateway God has provided for us to communicate with Him.

THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER

- To praise God
- To thank God
- To pray for others
- To request forgiveness of sins
- To make a specific request of God
- To honor God

HOW TO PRAY

The Lord’s Prayer, as we call it, provides a model prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

SOME REASONS FOR UNANSWERED PRAYERS

- Because we do not ask (James 4:2)
- We ask with the wrong motives (not in the will of God) (James 4:3)
- Because of sin in our lives (Isaiah 59:1-4)
- Because of an unforgiving spirit (Matthew 5:23-24)
- Because we do not wait on God (Psalm 40:1-3)
- Because we lack faith (Hebrews 11:1,3,6)
- Because we do not pray in the name of Jesus (Philippians 4-6) (John 16:23-24)
- Because of Satan (Daniel 10:12-13)
- Because of stinginess (II Corinthians 9:6-8)
- Because we pray against God’s Will (I John 5:14-15)
- Because of unbelief (March 11:21-24)
- Because of idols in our hearts (Ezekiel 14:1-3)

TITHING AND GIVING

*Will a man rob God?
Yet ye have robbed me.
But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee?
In tithes and offerings Malachi 3:8*

WHAT IS A TITHE?

A tithe is 1/10th of a person's income, or simply 10 cents out of every dollar you earn.

WHY SHOULD YOU TITHE?

In Malachi 3:10, God's word commands:

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

HOW SHOULD YOU TITHE?

God wants us to be cheerful givers. He wants us to give freely without complaining.

In 2nd Corinthians 9:7. God's word commands:

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

WHAT IS GIVING?

Giving is your offering or other financial support of the church and its ministries that are over and above your tithes.

BAPTISM

(Romans 6:4-6)

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

For if we have planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection.

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Baptism Defined

Baptism is an act of faith which symbolizes the Baptist belief, in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Symbolically, Baptism is the outward show of a Christian's inward belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It is the death of the believers "old man" or sinful nature.

Immersion in water is symbolic of Christ's burial in the tomb and depicts the burial of the believers "old man" or sinful nature.

Being raised from the water is symbolic of Christ's resurrection and it depicts our new life in Jesus Christ, where old things have passed away and behold now, all things have become new.

Our sin has been buried and now we walk in the righteousness of Christ.

BAPTISMAL ATTIRE

FEMALES

- Long white gown or robe (preferably high neck)
- White socks
- All undergarments (required)
- Swimming cap or plastic cap to cover hair
- Large white towel
- Removal of all make-up and jewelry

MALES

- White pants
- White tee shirt
- White socks
- Undergarments (required)
- Large White Towel

SPECIAL NOTES:

Remove all make-up and jewelry

- Bring all necessary clothes for after baptism, including undergarments.
- You may desire to wear baptism clothing to church and bring your Sunday Attire to put on after baptism.
- It is not necessary to purchase special attire for baptism. If you do not have white attire, please bring the light colored garments that you have and the church will provide a baptismal robe.

REMINDERS:

- Please assemble in the Chapel by 9:00 a.m.
- Baptismal Services will begin at 9:45 a.m.

COMMUNION

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. (1 Corinthians 11:24-25 King James Version (KJV))

COMMUNION DEFINED

A symbolic participation in the last supper that Jesus shared with his disciples, before his crucifixion.

- The bread symbolizes the body of Jesus which was broken for us, through his death on the cross.
- The wine symbolizes the blood of Jesus which was shed, through his death on the cross.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

27 So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

(1 Corinthians 11:27)

- Those who have been “saved” through believing that Jesus was raised from the dead and having confessed the Lord Jesus by mouth.
- Those who have been baptized.

HOW SHOULD WE PREPARE FOR COMMUNION

28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. 29 For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. (1 Corinthians 11:28-29)

- Through prayer requesting that our sins be forgiven.

CHURCH ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT

A Baptist church is a self-governing body whose members have equal rights, privileges, and duties. The Baptist Church recognizes only two scriptural officers which date back to the beginning of the New Testament and apostolic time. The two recognized offices are that of the Pastor and Deacon. The scriptural reference for the office of a deacon can be found in *I Timothy 3:8-13*.

The office of the Pastor has a scriptural reference which can be found in *I Timothy 3:1-7*. The pastoral office is that of an overseer. The overseer has the responsibility for oversight of the flock and performs the work of a shepherd in spiritual concerns. The shepherd and flock relationship signifies that the Pastor is responsible for sustaining the church by leading, feeding, guiding, and guarding the flock committed to his care.

The Pastor is also called a Minister. Minister and Pastor are used interchangeably and are often applied to the same person, but these titles are not identical. A Pastor is a Minister, but a Minister is not necessarily a Pastor. A minister is one who preaches the gospel and proclaims glad tidings. A Pastor is one who feeds, leads, and cares for the flock. A Pastor cares for the church, where a Minister is a Preacher and may not have the care of the church.

The Pastor is called by divine appointment from God to pursue the objectives set for the church by Jesus Christ. It is important that the local congregation must be in support of him whom the Lord has sent lead. Full support of the Pastor means whatever is necessary for the comfort and well being of the Pastor and his family, such as salary, housing, and other such benefits that may relieve him of temporal concerns. Support is also necessary for the participation of activities that are intended to enhance his growth and advance the church.

The church has progressed; other offices have been added to meet the needs of the church.

A Member's Duties to the Pastor

Receive him as a gift

Ephesians 4:11-12

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

Know your Pastor

I Thessalonians 5:12-13

12 Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

Submit to Godly Leadership

I Hebrews 13:17

17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Esteem him Highly

I Thessalonians 5:13

13and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be a peace among yourselves.

Pray for Him

II Thessalonians 3:1-2

1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, 2 and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith

Rebuke not an Elder

I Timothy 5:1

Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, 2 older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

JACKSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY

*“In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God”
(John 1:1)*

Such is the history of Jackson Memorial Baptist Church. From the beginning, God has orchestrated the movement of our church. In 83 years, God has shown us the beauty of His love and we have felt His presence in us and through us. Though we know that we have only just begun, and that there is still a lot to be done, we are proud of our history and of where we have come.

What we know as Jackson Memorial Baptist Church began in 1934 as Shady Grove Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Shady Grove was founded in May 1934 with Reverend Huell Jerome Jackson, of Detroit, Michigan, as Pastor.

The first church conference was held on June 2, 1934. By August 1934, the congregation stood 60 members strong. In June 1935, the following organizations had been formed: Nurses Guild, I Will Society, Blue Circle Club, Deacons Club and Finance Board.

The First Anniversary of Shady Grove Baptist church was on January 21 through February 1, 1936. Shady Grove changed its name to McDaniel Street Baptist Church on April 8, 1936 during the church conference. Upon recommendation by Pastor Jackson, McDaniel Street Baptist Church became Greater Elm Street Baptist Church on December 27, 1937 during the church conference.

Between 1938 and 1960, Greater Elm Street Baptist Church served as a devoted and respected place of worship in the Atlanta community, promoting the general welfare of the citizens of Atlanta. In 1960, the City of Atlanta's Urban Renewal Program, in addition to the inadequacy of the Elm Street facility, forced Pastor Jackson and the congregation to seek another site. Blacks were moving into the previously all white Adamsville community. Pastor Jackson, the Deacons and Trustees negotiated the perfect site in Adamsville on the corner of Fairburn Road and Thompson Drive to build a new edifice. Pastor Jackson and the Elm Street congregation brought the same spirit, faith and togetherness to the new site that was exemplified from the very beginning at Shady Grove.

On the evening of Thursday, September 26, 1963 Dr. Huell Jackson answered the call from heaven after 29 untiring and faithful years of servitude to the Lord and to the Elm Street members who loved him dearly. Oftentimes, a membership without a Pastor is like a flock without a shepherd, but not this Elm Street membership.

They searched and searched until they found Rev. James L. Green who remained Pastor from January 30, 1964 until 1970. On January 8, 1966 Greater Elm Street Baptist Church was renamed Jackson Memorial Baptist Church in memory of Dr. Huell Jerome Jackson.

In December 1970, the Lord called Gregory Anthony Sutton; age eighteen, to the pastorate of Jackson Memorial Baptist Church. On the first Sunday in January 1971, Rev. Sutton began pastoral duties with approximately 85 members and \$300 in the church treasury. Knowledge of this young anointed minister soon became widespread and the church membership grew tremendously. When Jackson Memorial could not adequately hold its members, the idea was born to build a larger church. After raising \$100,000 to demonstrate its borrowing worth, Jackson Memorial was ready to begin construction of a new building.

On the second Sunday in May 1977, we marched out of the old church building to make way for a new one. After several bids, R. A. Banks construction Company was chosen to build the new church. Worship services were being held in the Harper High School Auditorium. By the Grace of God, souls were still being saved, and soon the auditorium could not seat the growing membership. On the fifth Sunday in May 1977, worship service was moved to the Seventh-Day Adventist Church at the corner of Hightower and Collier Drive. One year and three months later on the second Sunday in August 1978, Rev. Sutton led members, officers and friends in a motorcade from the Seventh-Day Adventist Church to the New Jackson Memorial Baptist Church, marching to our adopted theme *"We've Come This Far by Faith"*.

Rev. Sutton encouraged all members to strive to pay off the existing church mortgage and this goal was accomplished with a Mortgage burning Ceremony held on February 9, 1986 (seven years before the due date of the loan). In December 1986, Rev. Sutton shared his vision for a new edifice that would be a beacon of light for the Atlanta community. By February 1987, a pledge

committee was in place and members raised \$250,000.00 to demonstrate our purchasing power. On April 6, 1987, the congregation voted to purchase property at the corner of Collier Drive and Fairburn Road. On Sunday, May 31, 1987, the church began holding 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services as a remedy for the overflowing crowds. On June 16, 1987, the purchase was made and in August 1988, the property mortgage was burned.

By February 20, 1989, Rev. Sutton, along with members of the Deacon Board and the Trustee Board traveled to Tyler, Texas to survey a church model under consideration. On March 12, 1989, the staff of Paul and Associates, a management firm from Tyler, presented a slide presentation to Rev. Sutton and the membership. It was voted that Paul and Associates would construct the new edifice and the congregation stepped out on faith once again. The ground breaking ceremony took place on June 10, 1990 at the corner of Collier Drive and Fairburn Road.

The edifice at 269 Fairburn Road was sold to Fuller Memorial Tabernacle Fire Baptized Holiness Church of God on September 28, 1990 under an agreement that both churches would jointly occupy the building during the erection of the new Jackson Memorial. The construction team began work on the new site on Monday, November 6, 1990.

On February 2, 1992, we embarked upon a new destiny led by an anointed Rev. Gregory A. Sutton, and marched into the new facility located at 534 Fairburn Road knowing we had come this far by faith. Jackson Memorial's heritage is a fruitful one. For the past decade, many of our pioneers' dreams have been realized.

Listed below are Jackson Memorial Ministries organized under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Gregory Anthony Sutton:

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ministerial Ministry | Trustee Ministry |
| Deacon Ministry | Deaconess Ministry |
| Mother Ministry | Missionary Ministry |
| Sunday School Ministry | Nurses' Ministry |
| Outreach Ministry | Courtesy Guild Ministry |
| Junior Courtesy Guild Ministry | Women of Helping Hands Ministry |
| Media Ministry | Men in Action Ministry |
| H.Y.P.E. Youth Ministry | Spiritual Dancers of Praise Ministry |

Gregory Sutton Usher Ministry
M. P. Saxton Usher Ministry
Male Usher Ministry
Gregory Sutton Youth Choir
Outreach Choir
Male Chorus

Unity Usher Ministry
Grace Stewart Usher Ministry
Gladys Sutton Seasoned Saints Choir
Gail Sutton Chosen Warriors
Unity Choir

In June of 2003, our visionary and overseer, Pastor Sutton, led the congregation to Berean Seventh Day Adventist church on Hamilton E. Holmes Drive where we worshipped for 12 months, while our beloved edifice was being renovated and expanded in preparation for God's promise of greater works and growth.

Leading a motorcade procession, Pastor Sutton led his congregation back to Jackson Memorial on May 2, 2004. With jubilant hearts and shouts of praise the ribbon was cut and the congregation marched into the sanctuary singing, "We've Come This Far by Faith." On May 16, 2004, a dedication ceremony was held where church leaders, contractors, project managers, and architects were recognized and honored for their individual and collective contributions.

Today, our newly renovated church has increased overall sanctuary seating capacity to 1800. In addition, we have added an atrium, increased our multi-media ability with streaming video on two large screens in the sanctuary and several monitors throughout the main and third floors, extended the balcony, and added additional parking.

Jackson Memorial Baptist Church has become one of the leading churches in the Atlanta community, as well as in the United States. As we look ahead, let us examine our faith, for the time brings a new generation of minds with new challenges and new goals to achieve.

Jackson Memorial's heritage is a fruitful one and we have learned to forever give God the praises, for giving us the knowledge, wisdom and understanding of His Word and for allowing us to celebrate 83 years of existence, "The glory of God in the New Jerusalem will light the earth" *Revelation 21: 24-57*. Reverend Sutton, our dynamic Pastor, continues to preach the Word of God to an overflowing congregation Sunday after Sunday. Jackson Memorial Baptist Church continues to echo our ever-popular theme "***We've Come This Far by Faith.***"

NEW MEMBERS' ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

Sis. Janice Brown

Katherine D. Eberhart

Rev. Cheryl Harvey

Deacon Willie Ivey

Sis. LaGail Lyons

Mother Edith Madlock

Sis. Chantee' Sneed

Bro. Curtis Wiley

Deacon Sam Godwin, Chairman

EXECUTIVE BOARD

DEACONS

Deacon Sam Godwin, Chairman

Deacon Charles Swan, Co- Chairman

TRUSTEES

Deacon Cedric Gibson, Chairman

Deacon Floyd Lawson, Co-Chairman

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Elbetha Martin

ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Elizabeth Wilkey

TREASURER

Deacon Lindsey S. Jordan, Sr.

Deacon Chris Seward, Assistant Treasurer

CHURCH CLERK

Arretta Benton- Gilbert

Reverend Dr. Gregory A. Sutton, Senior Pastor

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School

Bible Study

Men's Ministry

Women's Ministry

Leadership Meeting

Evangelism Outreach Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL

| CLASS | AGE | ROOM |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Beginners | 4 to 6 | 245 |
| Primary | 7 to 9 | 241 |
| Juniors | 10 to 12 | 240 |
| Intermediate | 13 to 14 | 238 |
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MINISTRIES
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Pastor

Associate Ministers

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Deacons

Mother Rossie E. Jordan Mothers'

Deaconess

Junior Deacons

Young Adults

Youth

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Holy Altar Children

Missionary

Nurse's Guild

Courtesy Guild

Women of Help Hands

USHER MINISTRIES

Unity

M. P. Saxton

Grace Stewart

Gregory Sutton Youth

MINISTRY OF SONG

Unity

Outreach

Gregory Sutton Youth

Gail Sutton God's Chosen Warriors

Male Chorus

Gladys Sutton Seasoned Saints

MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS ENJOYMENT

Spiritual Dancers of Praise

Foris Webb G PHI G Steppers

Drama Ministry

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Audio

PUBLIC MINISTRIES

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Saturday 8:30 p.m. Channel 57 WATC

WORSHIP SERVICES

7:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M.

Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.

Bible Study

Noon Day – Tuesday – 12:00 noon

Wednesday Night in the Word Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

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