

Welcome To The “K”



*KaDesh Baptist Church
Member Information Package*

Dear New Kadesh Family Member,

Our hearts are overjoyed that you have taken the step of faith which led you to either confess and accept **J**esus **C**hrist as your **L**ord and **S**avior for the first time, or to renew your relationship with **H**im. We are excited that you have chosen to become a member of the Kadesh Baptist Church family and we thank **G**od for you! Take comfort and joy in knowing that before you chose us, **G**od had already chosen you to become a part of **H**is family. (Romans 8:29-30)

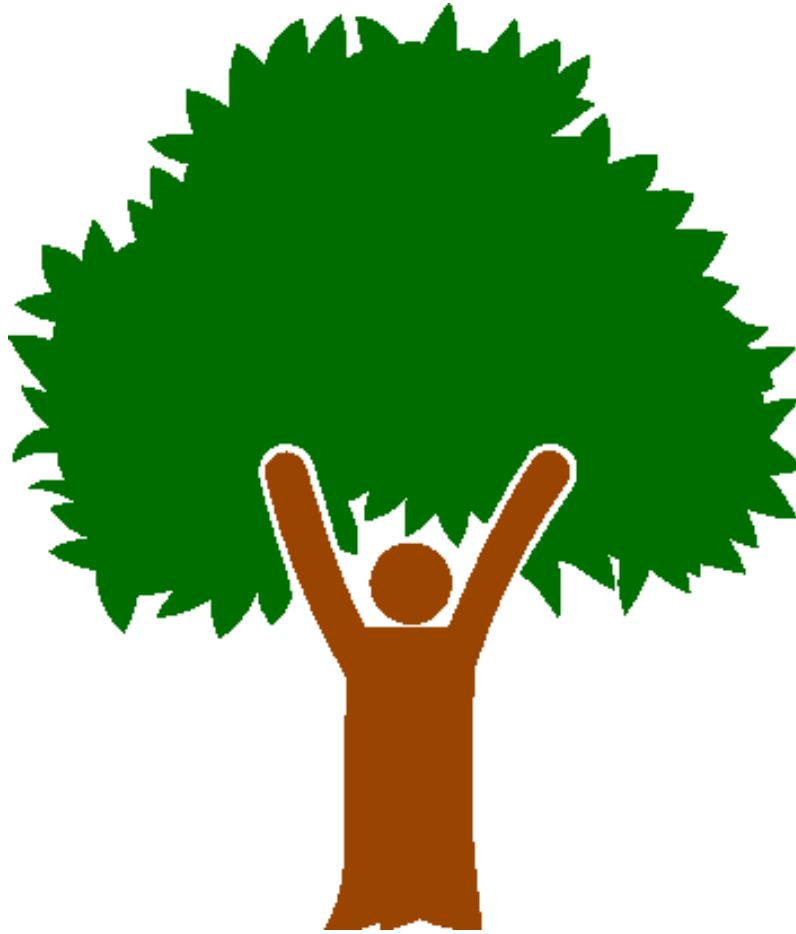
As you are being introduced to our church family today, we are including this note in your new member information packet to express our love to you and to offer our support to help you become a healthy, vital member of the Kadesh family.

We are the “father and mother” of your spiritual family and are here to preach and teach the **W**ord of **G**od, to counsel you in times of need, and to consistently pray for you and your family. Our pastoral staff, ministers and deacons are also spiritual leaders called by **G**od and/or appointed by us to help us reach out to you and meet your needs. We are all here to serve you. (Ephesians 4:11-16)

We pray that you will consider the information which is included in this packet carefully. Please begin your new member classes, read and consider our Statement of Faith, become involved in Kadesh’s worship, Christian education and ministry opportunities; and most importantly, please open your heart to the love and leading of our **L**ord and **S**avior, **J**esus **C**hrist.

Our prayer is that this will be the first day of your life as a committed member of the Kadesh Baptist Church family. Welcome home!

With All Our Love,
Bishop Gregory L. and Phyllis E. Foster, Senior Pastors
Rev. Gregory L. Foster II, Co-Pastor



Growing In Faith

Kadesh Baptist Church
New Members' Academy Schedule

Module No.	Module Subject
I	Introduction and Overview/Spiritual Protocol
II	Salvation/Water Baptism and Holy Communion
III	The Holy Spirit
IV	Spiritual Gifts and Employment
V	Prayer and Fasting
VI	Techniques for Effective Study of the Word
VII	God's Financial Plan for the Church
VIII	Worship and Praise

New Member's Academy takes place on Sundays at 9:30am during the Sunday School period with the exception of the First Sunday of each month. On that Sunday, there is General Sunday School, when all classes assemble together for one session.

The Modules I-VIII are continuously repeated. You can begin when either module is being taught; however, you should complete all eight.

HOW DO I BEGIN MY NEW LIFE IN CHRIST?

Let us help you! All new members should begin by attending New Members' Academy. This is an eight-week course of study in which you will learn:

- Who we are
- What we believe
- How we operate, and
- Where you fit in

Another great benefit of New Members' Academy is the opportunity to learn how to listen to and be led by **God**. **Jesus** saved us so we could enjoy a relationship with **Him** now!

New Members' Academy is held each Sunday at 9:30 am in the rear area of the Fellowship Hall. Keep the following truths in mind as you begin your relationship with **Jesus Christ**.

You Are Saved!

Now that you have taken a public stand and confessed your faith in the Lord **Jesus Christ** (Romans 10:8-10), you are a member of **God's** family and a prime target for Satan (John 10:10). The enemy will bring circumstances into your life that will test your trust in **God**. Please do not be moved by what you see, what you hear or what you feel, but only by the fact that salvation is the gift of **God** through which you have inherited eternal life (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9). The word salvation is translated from the Greek word 'soteria' which means deliverance, safety, preservation, soundness, and healing. When we receive Jesus as the **Lord** of our lives, we receive **God's** total package of love! Take the time to review these scriptural references: John 1:12; Acts 4:12; Romans 1:16; and Galatians 2:19-20.

Jesus Commanded Water Baptism

After you confess **Christ**, you are baptized as **Christ** commanded (Matthew 28:18-20). Baptism is an outward sign of the inward grace (gift) of salvation. To be baptized is to be submerged or placed into water. It represents that you have died to sin and self, and now live a new life in and through **Christ**. When you are placed into the water you identify with **His** death and when you come up out of the water you identify with **His**

resurrection. Water symbolizes the **Word of God** – water cleanses dirt like the **Word of God** cleanses sin. See John 6:63, 15:3 and Romans 6:3-5.

You Are Not The Same Anymore!

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, *“Therefore, if anyone is in **Christ**, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”* You will begin to experience this newness in an intense desire to study and understand **God’s Word**, to associate with other Christians, to avoid committing sin, and to do the work that **God** has specifically planned for you to perform. Our New Members’ Academy will help acquaint you with ministries in which you can fulfill your **God-given** purposes. See 1 Peter 2:2 and 1 John.

You Should Begin to Pray and Read the Bible Daily

Daily prayer is communicating with the **God** of creation, your **Heavenly Father**, and is essential to your Christian walk. As you begin to seek **God** daily, asking **Him** to reveal **His** will for your life, **He** will reward you through understanding **His Word** and **His Will** for you, and will provide you with the comfort and peace of **His** Holy presence. **He** wants you to get to know **Him** in a personal way through prayer, so your communication should be open and honest, and you should take the time to sit quietly before **Him** to receive **His** instructions. Our prayers should always include praise, honor, thanksgiving, confession of sin, and request for forgiveness and cleansing before we begin to make our requests known to **Him**. Prayer is also praying **God’s Word** over the circumstances of your life, putting **God** in remembrance of what **He** has said about your life. Therefore, in order to pray accurately, you must know what **God’s Word** says – daily Bible reading and meditation are essential. Review Psalms 1; Psalms 119; Matthew 6:5-13, 7:7; Ephesians 6:18-19; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Hebrews 4:16; James 5:16; and 1 John 1:9-10.



*How to Help Implement The
Mission and Vision*

Kadesh Mission Statement

The Mission of Kadesh Baptist Church is to be a Holy Place where the complete **W**ord of **G**od is taught to all people, affording them the opportunity to accept **J**esus **C**hrist as **L**ORD and **S**avior, and serve as a community of worship and fellowship that impacts our city, our nation and our world through the presence and love of **J**esus **C**hrist.

Kadesh Vision Statement

The Kadesh Baptist Church, as a Holy Place of **G**od, pledges to be:

- † *a center of Christian Education.* We will equip every believer for ministry by teaching the unadulterated truth of **C**hrist's saving power; and while doing so, help both the young and old discover and apply the gifts and talents **G**od has entrusted to them.
- † *a center of Civil Outreach.* We will reach our city, our nation and our world with dignified outreach; providing a safe haven where the hurting and disenfranchised can find forgiveness, support, and wise counsel.
- † *a center of Evangelism.* We will share the Gospel of **J**esus **C**hrist humbly, boldly and passionately with the lost through **G**od's wisdom and strength to advance the Kingdom of our **S**avior.
- † *a center of Worship.* We will be a welcoming community that values diversity while offering a dynamic, life-changing worship and praise experience.

How To Be A Member In Good Standing

Church membership affords certain privileges and opportunities, but also includes certain responsibilities. In order to receive the benefits of being a member, you must be a Member In Good Standing.

In order to be a Member in Good Standing you should:

- Have a credible testimony of faith in **C**hrist (1 Peter 3:15; Romans 10:9-10).
- Be registered as a member.
- Be regular in attendance.
- Be regular in your financial support of the church.
- Seek to serve the church in some practical way.

Five Areas of Involvement

Consistent Givers are those who give regularly and sacrificially to the church by being dependable even when absent; "to give cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations"

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 *But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.*

Ministry Workers are those who give their time and talents faithfully to serve as an usher, as a choir member, as a youth worker, etc. . .

Philippians 2:12-13 *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.*

Consistent Worshippers are those who are loyal and devoted in their attendance.

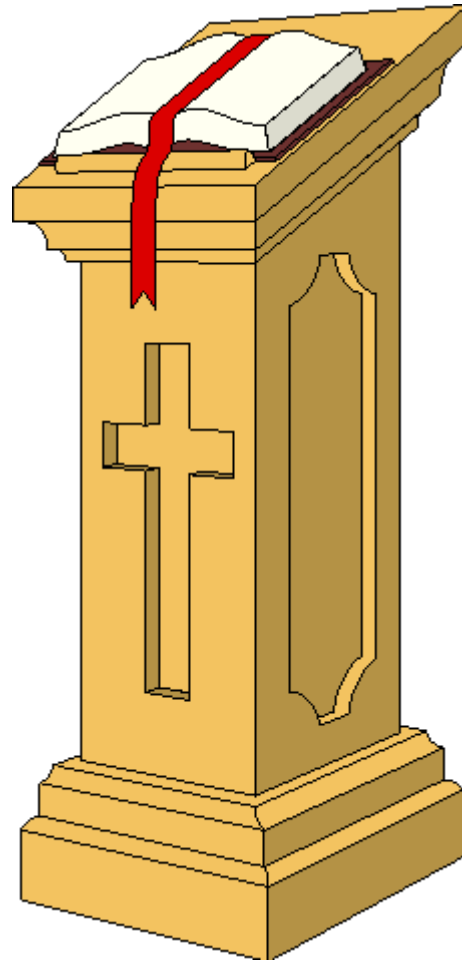
John 4:23 *But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.*

Lifelong Learners are those who are dedicated to furthering their Christian Education by attending Sunday school, Bible class, Greater Excellence Ministry School (GEMS), etc.

2 Timothy 2:15 *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Soul Winners are those who are zealous in their efforts to advance the Kingdom of our **Savior** by evangelizing their families, friends, and the lost.

Matthew 28:18-20 *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 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.*



What We Believe

Kadesh Statement of Faith

About the Bible

We Believe the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament and the twenty-seven books of the New Testament to be the inspired **W**ord of **G**od. We believe that these books are written without error in the original writings and that they are the complete revelation of **G**od's **W**ill for the salvation of men, and are the Divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.

*2 Timothy 1:13; 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Psalm 12:6; 119:105, 160;
Proverbs 20:5*

About God

We Believe in one **G**od **W**ho is the Creator of all things.

We Believe that **G**od is infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons. **F**ather, **S**on, and **H**oly **S**pirit.

*Genesis 1:1, 26-27; 3:22; Deuteronomy 6:4; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19;
1 Peter 1:2*

About Jesus

We Believe that **J**esus is true **G**od and true man.

We Believe that **H**e was conceived of the **H**oly **G**host and born of the Virgin Mary.

We Believe that **H**e died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins, according to the Scriptures. Further, that **H**e arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where at the right hand of the **M**ajesty on High, **H**e is now our **H**igh **P**riest and **A**dvocate.

*Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5; 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14-15;
1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13*

About the Holy Spirit

We Believe that the ministry of the **H**oly **S**pirit is to glorify the **L**ORD **J**esus **C**hrist, and during this age to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.

*2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12;
Ephesians 1:13; 5:18; Galatians 5:25*

About Man

We Believe that man was created in the image of **God** but fell into sin and is therefore lost and only through regeneration by the **Holy Spirit** can salvation, and spiritual life be obtained.

*Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; 139:13-16; Isaiah 53:6a; 59:1-2;
Romans 3:23; Titus 3:5; John 3:3-8ff*

About Salvation

We Believe that the blood of **Jesus Christ** and **His** resurrection provide the only grounds for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive **Jesus Christ** are born of the **Holy Spirit**, and thus become the children of **God**.

*Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-10; John 1:12; 3:16; Galatians 3:26;
Romans 5:1*

About Communion & Baptism

We believe that water baptism and the **Lord's** Supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as means for salvation.

Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:3-7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

About the Church

We Believe that the true Church is composed of all such persons who through saving faith in **Jesus Christ** have been regenerated by the **Holy Spirit** and are united together in the body of **Christ**.

Acts 2; Ephesians 5:22-26; Colossians 1:18, 24; Matthew 6:18

About Jesus' Return

We Believe in the personal, pre-millennial, and imminent coming of our **LORD Jesus Christ** and that this 'blessed **Hope**' has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.

*Matthew 24:35-42; Mark 8:35-38; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:6-11;
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 19:11—22:16*

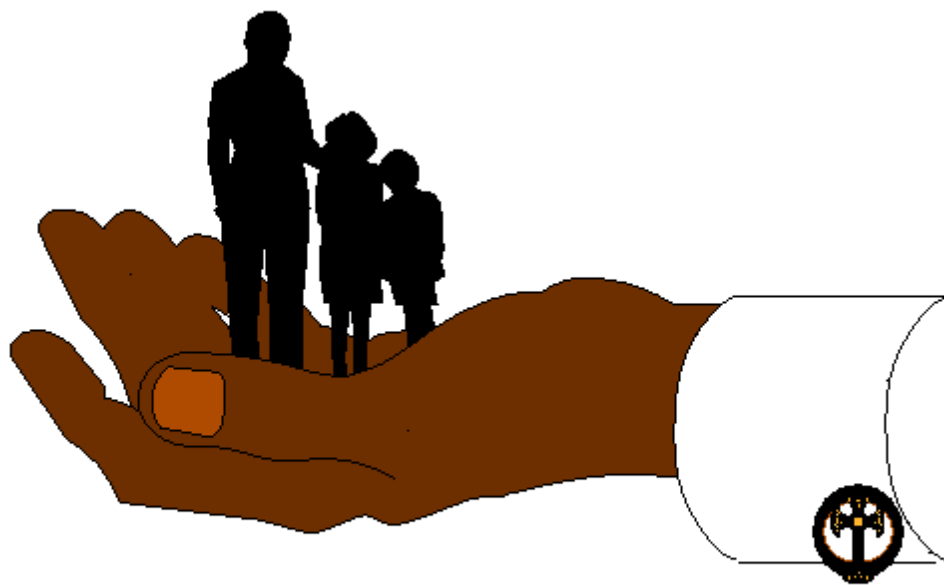
About Eternity

We Believe in the rapture of the extant church and the bodily resurrection of the dead. We believe in the judgment of the unbeliever and his consignment to everlasting conscious punishment.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; 1 Corinthians 15; 2 Corinthians 5:1-8; Matthew 25:31-32, 41; John 5:25-29; Revelation 20:11-15

KADESH'S MOTTO:
KNOW God intimately, **GROW** in faith and obedience, and **GO** share **God's** life-changing love with others!

HANDY LITTLE CHART <i>God has a positive answer:</i>		
YOU SAY:	GOD SAYS:	BIBLE VERSES:
'It's impossible'	All things are possible	Luke 18:27
'I'm too tired'	I will give you rest	Matthew 11:28-30
'Nobody really loves me'	I love you	John 3:16 & John 3:34
'I can't go on'	MY grace is sufficient	2 Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15
'I can't figure things out'	I will direct your steps	Proverbs 3:5-6
'I can't do it'	You can do all things	Philippians 4:13
'I'm not able'	I am able	2 Corinthians 9:8
'It's not worth it'	It will be worth it	Roman 8:28
'I can't forgive myself'	I Forgive you	1 John 1:9 & Romans 8:1
'I can't manage'	I will supply all your needs	Philippians 4:19
'I'm afraid'	I have not given you a spirit of fear	2 Timothy 1:7
'I'm always worried and frustrated'	Cast all your cares on ME	1 Peter 5:7
'I'm not smart enough'	I give you wisdom	1 Corinthians 1:30
'I feel all alone'	I will never leave you nor forsake you	Hebrews 13:5



When Help Is Needed

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Your pastors, Ministerial Alliance, and Deacons Ministry are here to serve you. This is an abbreviated list of contacts. These leaders can also direct you to other leaders as your need arises.

- If you need to schedule an appointment for spiritual counseling:

Bishop Gregory L. Foster, Senior Pastor
Telephone: (313) 402-0759
Email: pastorgfoster@msn.com
Bishopfoster@kadeshbc.com

- If you have questions about our worship services, ministry opportunities, or any administrative questions or needs:

Rev. Phyllis E. Foster
Church Office: (313) 272-7887 x21
Email: Pfoster@kadeshbc.com

- If you have questions about our youth department ministries:

Rev. Gregory L. Foster II
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- If you need the services of a minister:

Rev. Haywood Glenn, Pastor of Ministerial Alliance
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- If you need the services of a Deacon:

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