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Our *New*
Members

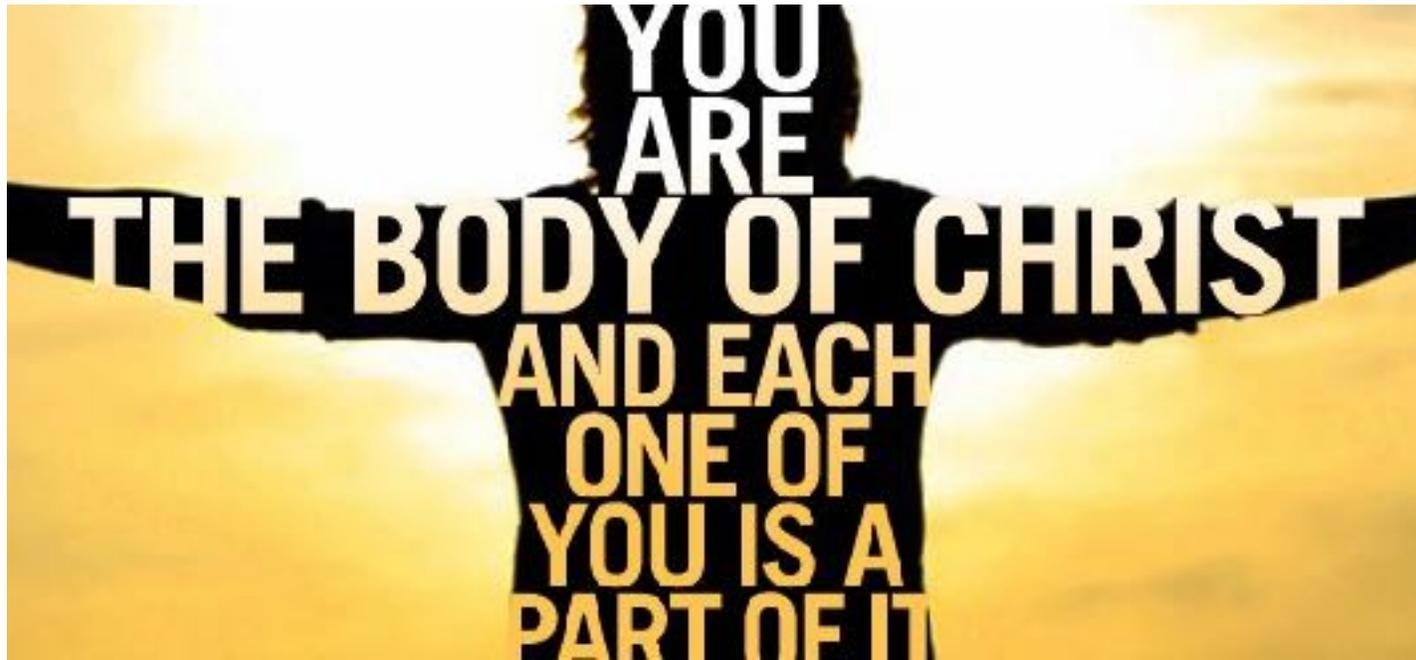
Embrace the Transition

Morning Star Baptist Church
Bishop Dwayne C. Debnam

New Members' Orientation Classes

The “Embrace the Transition” Tour

- ▶ Introducing the transition
- ▶ Exploring the transition, the transformer, and the transformee
- ▶ The transition to the Morning Star Baptist Church



Introducing the transition

Our NEW Vision

Morning Star is an experience committed to the mission of Jesus Christ resulting in transformed lives, effective disciples, empowered communities and authentic worship.

Our Mission

Morning Star strives to be a forward-thinking church that plays a vital part in the spiritual growth of our community by connecting, discipling, giving, partnering, reaching, seeking and serving.

Morning Star Baptist Church is a Church that is Serious about Salvation.

With a membership of some 3,000 persons, we are committed to the spiritual growth of men, women and young people. MSBC believes in the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. We have accepted the call to become Disciples of Christ and operate with sensitivity to God's Will and a sensitivity toward the people of God.

Introducing the transition

“The Secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.”

-SOCRATES

Introducing the transition

- ▶ What is transitioning and transforming
 - ▶ Trans-means to move or movement
 - ▶ A transformer is something or someone who can change from one form or state to another form or state without changing its original make-up or DNA.

In your Christian life you will be transformed. This is necessary in the Christian growth and maturity of each saint.

We are transformed through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit.

Sanctification simply means to be set apart for a purpose. The more we are sanctified the more we mature in the learning and understanding of the Word of God, the works of God, serving God, and giving to God.

On the outside you may appear to be the same but you will be transformed daily if you allow God to transform you daily.

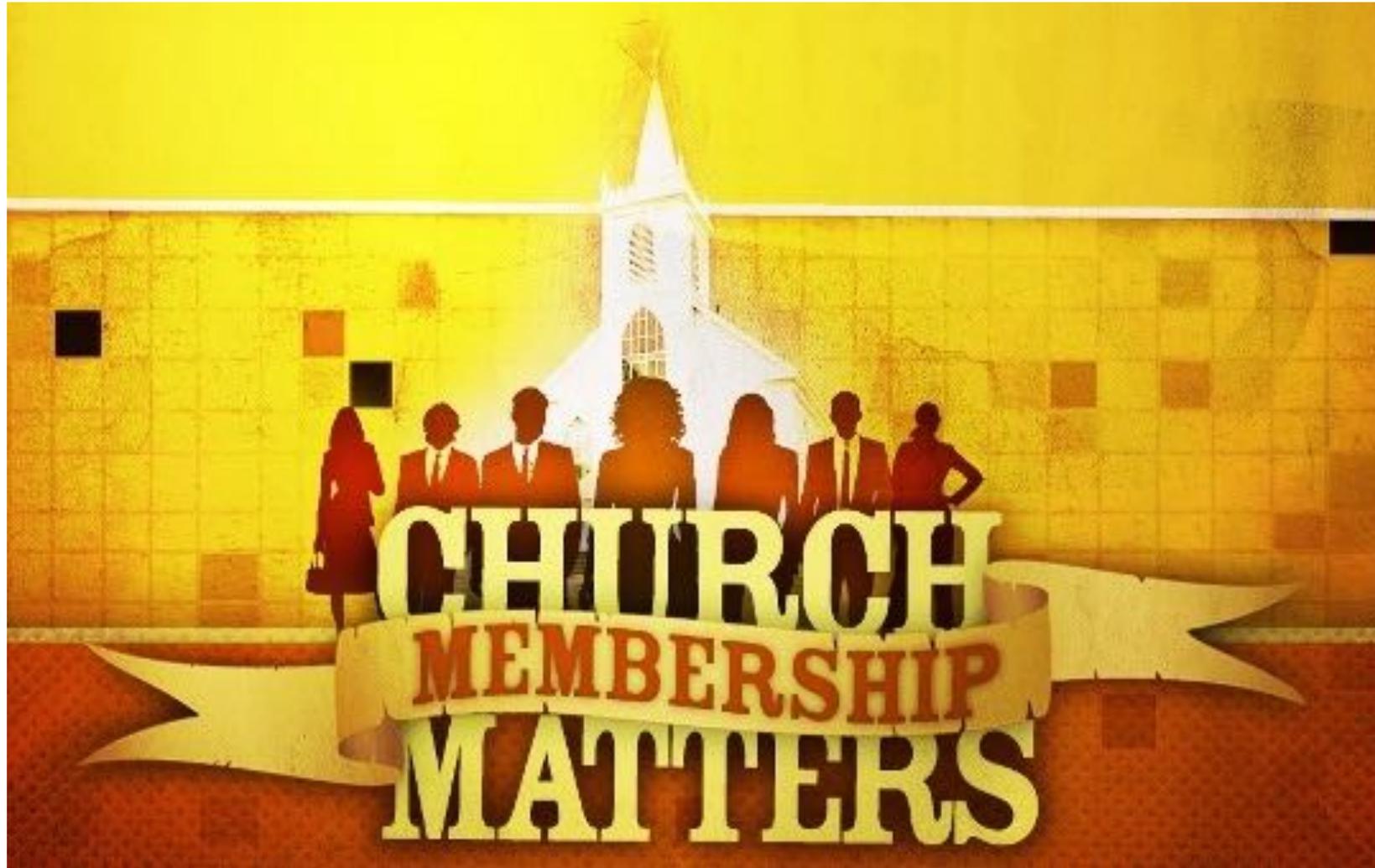
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How do I transition?

THE ANSWER CENTERS AROUND YOU!

- ▶ At MSBC, we are committed to seeking the best for God's people through **DISCIPLESHIP, STEWARDSHIP, RELATIONSHIP, AND FELLOWSHIP.**

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► In return we will:

1. Teach people how to apply the Word of God to their lives in a practical way
2. Make confident Christians
3. Evangelize intentionally in the pews and beyond
4. Model Christian behavior
5. Demonstrate authentic worship
6. Encourage strict obedience to the Word of God
7. Offer relevant ministry that will encourage, empower and equip persons to discover and fulfill his/her God determined purpose

► **Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord**, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, **neither shall cease from yielding fruit.**

Jeremiah 17:7-8 KJV

Exploring the transition, the transformer, and the transformee

- ▶ So, who is the transformer and who is the transformee
- ▶ TRANSFORMER: GOD
- ▶ TRANSFORMEE: WE ARE

2 Corinthians 5:17 New International Version (NIV)

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:^[a] The old has gone, the new is here!

Exploring the transition, the transformer, and the transformee

Romans 12:1-3 New International Version (NIV)

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- ▶ So how do we keep that hometown feel in a church this size?
- ▶ How do you stay connected to the saints at MSBC?
- ▶ How do I continue to grow at MSBC?

The Star serves all and attempts to meet the needs of all the saints. Admittedly, much of the outreach to our membership is digital and at the same time we retain access to many members the traditional way.

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► Where Do I Start?

Depend on God for Everything

Serving God with joy and enthusiasm comes with being right where God wants you to be and that begins with being plugged into three essential connections:

1. Being connected with God
2. Being connected with others
3. Being connected with God's purpose
4. Depend on God for Everything

Pray to God for Everything

Prayer is not merely a time to clear your mind or to retreat from being too busy. Prayer is connecting with God. It is a retreat into a special relationship with God that provides spiritual direction, comfort, power, and strength.

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Don't try to overhaul your life overnight.

Instead, focus on making one small change at a time.

Over time, those small changes will add up to big transformation.

Don't give up!

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▶ **So Now What?**

▶ **Learn how to get and stay connected:**

- ▶ The MSBC Website
- ▶ MSBC Fellowship One Application
- ▶ MSBC In Fellowship Application
- ▶ Tithing (Paper and Electronic)

▶ **Ministry List**

▶ **Ministry Leadership Contact Information**

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▶ Don't forget that...

- ▶ The next Right Hand of Fellowship will be_____.
- ▶ The next Communion Service will be_____.
- ▶ The next Baptism will be_____.

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- ▶ **Let's make some connections:**
- ▶ **Church phone number: 410-747-3417**
- ▶ **Congregational POC (Deac. Lisa Nettles)**
 - ▶ **410747-3417 ext. 126**
- ▶ **Website: www.msbcministries.org**

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QUESTIONS?