

1. I AM GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT FAMILY CRISIS IN MY LIFE, DOES THE CHURCH HAVE COUNSELING AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES?

Our Minister of Families is Derrick Gipson. Derrick is currently working as a driver for UPS. He is our primary contact as it relates to family conflict and biblical resolutions. You can contact him to schedule an appointment at Derrick_Gipson@sbcglobal.com

2. WHAT IS PASTOR'S PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY? Pastor Bell has a four-fold emphasis to preach, teach, cast vision, and set the overall direction of the church. With an increased membership and busy itinerant preaching schedule, all other matters are delegated to responsible church leadership.

3. I AM IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, CAN I STOP BY AND SEE PASTOR BELL? Sure. Pastor Bell loves to meet with his parishioners and people in general. However, your visit may have to be limited due to his complex schedule and prior commitments. The best way to ensure a visit is to schedule an appointment through his Administrative Assistant by calling the office at [214-637-1019](tel:214-637-1019).

4. TELL ME ABOUT PASTOR BELL AND HIS FAMILY

Pastor B. L. Bell, Sr. is originally from Fort Worth, Texas (32 miles west of Dallas, Texas). He is married to his sweetheart -- Sarah - who serves as Executive Director of Senior Citizens Ministry. Between the two of them they are the proud parents of six wonderful children and eight grandchildren. Pastor Bell and our First Lady reside in Duncanville.

5. WHAT ARE OUR CHURCH'S WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES? 8:00 a.m. on Sundays -- all preaching is led by Pastor Bell unless an unforeseen occurrence or extremely rare pre-scheduled appearance will have him out of his pulpit on Sundays. 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays is our F.U.E.L (Families Unleashing Enthusiastic Love) Night. -- This is a non-traditional systematic approach to empowering lives, through small group study. There are normally 5-7 Classes held during each semester period. Feel free to ask questions, laugh, and join in for one hour on Wednesdays.

6. WHAT IS THE CHURCH'S POSITION ON TITHES AND

OFFERINGS? The scriptural treasures of the Holy Word, foundation of the church, and the teachings of Pastor Bell instruct us to be a totally tithes and free will offerings ministry. At New Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, we give because it is right to give! Selling, raffling, baking, and collecting dues

are improper methods to finance kingdom operations. However, whenever a ministry desires to promote a certain project unrelated to the maintenance of the church on-going operations of the church, it is perfectly fine to use any of the above. For we understand that in God's eyes, when our faith is raised -- the funds are raised.

7. HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT THE CHURCH'S SPONSORED EVENTS AT THE CHURCH?

Due to time restraints, verbal announcements are limited. However, if you will watch and read the video screen -- it will give you the most up to date information about the happenings at the church. You can also sign up for the church email list.

8. WHO DO I CONTACT IN CASE OF DEATH IN MY FAMILY? Please contact the church office at [214-637-1019](tel:214-637-1019). A deacon or the church office will alert Pastor Bell who will respond to you personally. We will ensure that you receive a Funeral Brochure and will interact with Pastor Bell before any decisions are finalized concerning the services.

9. WHO DO I CONTACT IF I AM GETTING MARRIED? You will want to contact our church office at [214-637-1019](tel:214-637-1019). You will need to schedule 3 counseling sessions (mandatory if Pastor Bell will be performing the nuptials) with Pastor or his designee, confirm date and location and make sure Pastor and all said parties have that date cleared on their personal calendars.

10. HOW DO I GET A COPY OF TODAY'S SERMONS? Our visitors receive a free copy of today's sermon complimentary from the church each week. We have upgraded our software so that you can pick up your order right after worship service each week. If you are in a hurry after the benediction, you can order digital video disks by calling the church and leaving a message in the voice mailbox.

11. WHAT ARE THE DOCTRINAL POSITIONS OF NEW PILGRIM REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH?

We believe the Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is truth without any mixture of error. Second Timothy 3:16, Second Peter 1:20-21.

We believe God is the creator of the heavens and the earth. GOD, The Self-Existent One, has existed eternally in three personalities: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. He rules over and cares for everyone. Matthew 23:9, John 1:3

We believe Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity, was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. He is the Redeemer who came and died, in order to bring mankind into fellowship with God, and reconciled the lost through his bodily resurrection. He is the only way to God. John 14:6, John 19:10

We believe the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, guides people into a right relationship with God, convicts the world of sin, and provides the Christian with power for living above and beyond mediocrity. He lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation and gives every believer a spiritual gift. Second Corinthians 3:17, John 16:7-13, John 14:16-17, I Corinthians 12:7 11 ,Galatians 5:25

We believe salvation is a gift from God, received by faith, and purchased through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.Romans 5:15, 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:9-10

We believe in Eternal Security - Once saved, always saved. John 3:14-18, John 10:28-31, Romans 8:1 Romans 8:33-39, Hebrews 11:13, 32-33.

We believe the church is the body of Jesus Christ made up of persons who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The church is to exalt God, evangelize the lost, and edify the saints. Matthew 28:19-20

We believe in water baptism and the observance of the Lord's Supper. These are acts of obedience and by no means offer any hope of salvation alone. Acts 8:39, Mark 1:5, 10, Romans 6:3-5, First Corinthians 11:23-26

We believe that those who have accepted Jesus Christ are given at least one spiritual gift by the Holy Spirit. They are God-empowered abilities which enable the believer to serve Christ. First Corinthians 12:7, 11

We believe Satan is a real, living and an active being, who is the enemy of God and the deceiver of mankind. First Peter 5:8, Ephesians 6:11, First Thessalonians 2:18

We believe in the second coming of Jesus Christ, the rapture of the saints, and the bodily resurrection of the dead. After the judgment, mankind will live in heaven or hell. Acts 1:11, First Corinthians 15:44, Matthew 25:41-46, Matthew 25:34-36

We believe people are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude that separates people from God and causes many problems in life. Genesis 1:27, Psalms 8:3-6, Isaiah 53:6, Romans 3:23, Isaiah 59:1-2

12. HOW DO I JOIN NEW PILGRIM REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST

CHURCH? There are two ways to join New Pilgrim Rest. First, there is a point in every worship service (The Open Door) when the pastor will ask you to pray. Once God speaks to a person's heart, it is then that person's total responsibility to respond to the voice of God by leaving his/her seat and walking towards the altar. For unsaved people, this is a step towards accepting Christ as their personal Savior. For saved yet unchurched people (you do not have any active membership in a local church), this is a step towards reuniting with the church. Persons are not required to speak before the church. Secondly, there is a form inside the morning program or inside your guest package. If your desire is unite with our church you can do so by filling out the form and signing it, and handing it to an Usher or by placing it in the offering basket. You will be contacted within 24h hours.

13. WHAT IS 3BI MIDDAY BIBLE STUDY? Midday Bible Study is held each Tuesday between the hours of 11:00 AM- 12NOON. Members who are retired or are off in the day time are asked to attend. This ministry will normally go through one of the books of the bible