

# The Paul

Monthly Newsletter of the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

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Future Site of the Vision Center



Our Senior Pastor and First Lady  
Rev. Shawn L. & Mrs. Rosalind G. Buckhanan

## Our 2017 Church Theme: A Pastor & People:

"Moving Forward by Finishing What We've Started

People, Priorities, & Physical Plans"

Our Future is built on Faith, Fasting & Fellowship

Scriptural Foundation: Jeremiah 29:11; Proverbs 3:5-6; Deuteronomy 2:11; Job 17:9 and 1 Corinthians 16:13 (KJV/NLT)

**Congratulations St. Paul—Celebrating  
The 24th Pastoral and 34th Church Anniversaries  
1993—2017 & 1983—2017**

**2018 Co-Chairs for the 25th and 35th  
Deacon Frank E. Dove & Deaconess Jean A. Daughtry**



**WELCOME TO  
OUR CHURCH**

**Givelify**

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Email: [office@spmbscv.com](mailto:office@spmbscv.com)  
Web: [www.spmbscv.com](http://www.spmbscv.com)  
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### Our Mission Statement Matthew 28:18-20

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, a community of called, born again, and baptized followers of Jesus Christ, stands on the Word of God and proclaims God's truth through ministry, education, fellowship, and worship in order to build the Kingdom of God.

### Our Vision Statement Habakkuk 2:1-4 & Romans 12: 1-2

To spiritually educate, evangelize, and expand individuals, families, and communities in a holistic manner.

### Church Business Office Hours

Wednesday/Thursday - 9:30 AM—2:30 PM

**Business Office Closed Monday, Tuesday, and Friday**

*\*Office skilled Volunteers needed on Tuesday*

**Pastoral Counseling/Advisement Appointments**

Wednesday between 10:30 AM—1:00 PM

Thursday between 10:30 AM—1:00 PM

### Benevolence Fund (Assistance) Requests

**Community-At-Large** are received Wednesday and Thursday between 10 AM – 2PM with approved **Distributions will be on the following Wednesday.**

**Membership** request are received 24/7 by calling the church office or speaking directly to your Deacon for further instruction.

## The Bible

WE ALL NEED GRACE!

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

2 Corinthians 12:9A (NIV)

## Next BAPTISM TIME!

Sunday, November 12, 2017

“Come Celebrate with the  
New and Renewed Believers in Christ!”



Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.—**Acts 2:38**

All baptism candidates are required to complete their Baptism class no later than one full week prior to their desired time of baptism.

Any questions or concerns call the church office at 458-5809.

Blessings,

Deacon Frank Dove, &  
Deaconess Jean Daughtry, Baptism Coordinators

### Monthly Financial Stewardship Report for: September 2017

II Corinthians 9:7 & Malachi 3:8-10

Monthly Budget Amount—\$8,400.00

Actual Amount Received—\$4,835.00

Tithe or First Fruits—It's all biblical! How do *you* give?  
**Give as you have prospered**

Information provided by Church Treasurer - Bro. Jeff Baker

**Finance Team:** SPMBC is *looking for volunteers* who would like to join the finance team by starting out as an once a month collections counter. Come out and become a part of the solution. If interested please contact the church office.

**Luke 6:38** Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

On Line giving is available and the Mobil App is quick and easy. Thank you for giving to support the ministry.

<https://giv.li/m1u4wz>

**Givelify**

**Come Let Us Worship the Lord, Our Maker!**

## Order of Worship Services

10 AM

**\*Call to Worship – Psalm 150**

### **\*Congregational Reading(s)**

Our Mission and Vision Statements or  
Reading of the Church Covenant  
every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday (Communion Sunday)—in Unison

### **Congregational Hymn**

(see back cover)

Call for Prayer Requests

### **Praise and Worship Service**

Songs, Testimony Period, Scripture Reading, & Prayer  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Deacon's Ministry/Praise & Worship  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Deacon's Ministry/Praise & Worship  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Children, Youth, & Young Adult Ministry  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Men's Ministry  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Women's Ministry

\*schedule subject to change based on special events, etc.

### **Welcome Our First-Time Visitors & Weekly Ministry Emphasis & Announcements**

Sis. Sharetha or J'Kayla Davis

### **Worship through Giving**

Luke 6:38 Ushers/Deacons

Purple=Tithe/Offering; Box=KBM; Jug=Change/4Change;  
Gold=Benevolence and Red=Special

### **Children's Church—2nd Floor (except 3rd Sunday)**

### **Worship through Music & Dance**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Praise and Worship Team  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Dance Ministry & Praise and Worship Team  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Youth Choir  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Male Chorus  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Women's Chorus

\*schedule subject to change based on special events, etc.

### **Worship through the Spoken Word**

Pastor Shawn L. Buckhanan

Guest or Associate In Ministry

### **Invitation to Accept Christ/Membership**

Associate in Ministry

### **Observations/Benediction**

Please no unnecessary walking during the worship services. Please help us create an atmosphere for worship.

Please silence your **cell phone**, if you haven't already done so. Also, **water fountain** and **restrooms** are located in the rear of the Sanctuary and on the 2nd floor. Our Ushers are available to assist you as needed.

**Welcome to The Paul!**

## CHURCH COVENANT (to be read on first Sunday in lieu of Mission & Vision Statement)

**Leader:** 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 Ghost, 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.

**Congregation:** 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, holiness, and comfort; to promote it's prosperity and spirituality; to sustain it's worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; 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.

**Leader:** We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements; and exemplarity 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.

**Congregation:** 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.

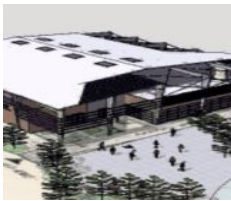
**Leader:** We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and the principles of God's Word.

**All:** And now unto Him who brought again from the dead, Our Lord Jesus, be the Power and Glory forever. Amen

### Thinking About My Purpose

#### Today!

"I'm convinced that one of the best things God does for us is to keep us from knowing what will happen beyond today."



#### Senior Pastor talks about the Vision Center Progress

**"Dreams occur in our sleep. Visions occur while you are wide awake." Let's roll out.**

**This is your update on the Vision Center, as concise as I can make it for all of us:**

1. **Request: Prayer on Land!** This will take place each Sunday following worship beginning on Sunday, April 3. Usually 3-5 minutes, once we make our circle. **Update:** Prayer walks on the land after church each Sunday was re-established by Bro. Stefanov and he has been consistent. He invites me and others to share in this ministry of prayer to conquer the land following Church on Sunday. Thank you Bro. Stefanov. Deacon Dove invites you to join him or lead out on Saturdays following the 7-8 AM prayer.
2. **Review and send out update notices. Pledgees need to know** about their pledge balances due and/or if they are paid in full before we begin the next fund raising campaign. **Update:** Our treasurer has identified a financial system that I believe will be able to address some of our immediate and long term financial notifications being requested by leadership and membership. Let me set a suspense date of November 1 to get an update for us.
3. **Identify new Vision Center team members.** We are requesting that any member of St. Paul interested in volunteering their time, talents, and treasury, in the day to

day efforts of communicating the vision and constructing the center simultaneously—You are welcome to call the office to join the team. We need you! **Update:** We have had 1 new volunteer and 3 inquiry from existing KBM (Kingdom Building Ministry) members about what will the committee be doing different at this point than previous. Answer: Developing system to track contributions for KBM; scheduling congregation updates from existing construction professionals and architects in completing a phase of the project to get construction started; update members on city permit costs, etc., and the current status and timeframe available for the Baptist Builders to re-commit and come assist SPMBC with construction.

4. **Prepare to build the Lobby portion. Update:** This portion of the phase of the Vision Center must be re-evaluated for current cost and item #3 will provide the estimated start date for this phase. We've missed the last two projected dates. Watch God Provide! We are 3 years behind on the original date, or are we? Watch God Provide!

**Vision Center Updates** will be provided on a monthly basis. The same information in greater detail may be shared in our Church Business Meetings. Our next opportunity for that is Saturday, October 28 at 5 PM.

**Vision Center (VC) Description**—The VC will be located at 333 N. Carmichael Ave, Sierra Vista, AZ and is a community based multi-purpose facility that will provide activities and mentorship to children, youth, young & senior adults of the community particularly in the economically challenged West-End.

## Our Few Housekeeping & Church Etiquette things for our visitors, and reminders for our members:

In respect to the House of God, our Senior Pastor request that there be

- **Parking of your vehicle**—In order to prevent vehicle accidents before, during, or after service, we ask that you *do not parallel park* behind another vehicle, and please adhere to the “**no parking zone**” at all times;
- **No cell phone calls or text messaging** sounds during worship. Please place on silent or turn-off;
- **No food, drink** (including bottled water), gum chewing, or eating in the Sanctuary. A water fountain and, both men and women’s restrooms, is located in the rear of the church and may be accessed at *your* convenience. Water is provided for those speaking,
- **Babies.** Parents please make sure used diapers are properly disposed. A changing table is located at the Women’s bathroom at the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience.

Lastly, our Ushers’ Ministry is here to assist; please let them know if you need anything while in this House of Worship.

Questions, Comments, and Thoughts about how to create a better atmosphere for worship are always welcomed and may be submitted through the church office at [office@spmbcsv.com](mailto:office@spmbcsv.com). *Romans 12:11*

## CURRENT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### **OCTOBER** Calendar of Events (According to the Church Office)

Day	Date	Ministry Opportunities	Room/Loc.	Time
SUN	OCT 1	SDA 1st Quarterly Communion Service	St. Paul	5:00P
MON	OCT 2	Women’s Ministry Fellowship & Study	St. Paul Sanctuary	6:30P
SAT	OCT 14	SDA 1st quarterly Business Meeting	Trinity MBC, Tucson	9:30A
TUE	OCT 24	Father of Lights Prayer Walk	Len Roberts Park	7:00P
WED-FRI	OCT 25-27	Candy Packing Father of Lights Festival	St. Paul Sanctuary	6:00P
SAT	OCT 28	St. Paul 3rd Quarterly Business Meeting	St. Paul Sanctuary	5:00P
TUE	OCT 31	Father of Lights Festival (Volunteers needed)	Len Roberts Park	6-8 P

Day	Weekly Ministry Opportunities	Room/Loc.	Time
MON	Narcotics Anonymous Group	FH/2nd Floor	6:30P
THU	Narcotics Anonymous Group	FH/2nd Floor	5:30P
TUE	Forerunners Outreach Ministry Bible Lesson	Sanctuary	4:00P

### **PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

TUE	Evening Prayer	Sanctuary	6:30P
	Bible Study (Combined)	Sanctuary	7:00P
SAT	Intercessory Prayer	Sanctuary	7:00A

Anyone in need of prayer, send your email request to [office@spmbcsv.com](mailto:office@spmbcsv.com)  
Minister Joyce Dove will contact you or you may join the Saturday Morning Intercessory Prayer Group at 7:00 a.m.  
Prayer still works—II Chronicles 7:14



### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAY’S**

Come celebrate your birthday with us:  
Holiday Clubhouse, 3353 Bryce Canyon Court—Sierra Vista

See Sis. Vivian Lowery or Sis. Chrystal Jouett for more Information today. Plans are being made just for you!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



St. Paul Church usher is a volunteer who acts as a greeter and guide in the church. An usher is often the first representative of the congregation whom visitors encounter when entering a church, and he/she is responsible for conveying the best first impression to people assembling for worship.  
See Sis Felicia Simpson for more information.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- 3—Sunday School Teachers
- 3—Sunday Morning Children’s Church Teachers
- 2—Youth and Young Adult Leaders

If you are gifted to work with Children between the ages of 3-11; or 12-17, then your gifts are needed in our Sunday School and Children's Church Ministry (See Pastor Michele Cotton for details)

St. Paul Members do you feel a call from God to teach. We’ll train you, let’s go!

For more Information, please see Pastor Michele Cotton for Children’s Church and/or Sis. Vera Butler for Sunday School.



**ST. PAUL FOOD PANTRY DRIVE**  
**HELP feed the Hungry via the St. Paul Food Pantry**  
**Open Wednesday—Thursday 10 AM—2 PM**

**“For I was hungry, and you fed me....**

**Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you? And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’**  
**Matthew 25:35-40(NLT)**

**It is suggested, as a family ministry, to remember those less fortunate than you, by purchasing an item or two to contribute to the food pantry when you do your grocery shopping. Also, gift cards for \$10 or less for a local grocery store are great items for families needing milk, eggs, meat, etc.**

**We are looking for a few good volunteers to help keep the food pantry clean, current dates on contributions, etc.**

**If you have 1 day a month, please volunteer to maintain the food pantry. For information contact the church office**

**As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good, stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4:10 (KJV)**

**Next: 5th Sunday, October 29th—All Day**

**What’s so special about 5th Sunday’s at The Paul?**

Our Minister of Prayer Ministry, Rev. Joyce D. Dove, has designed, gifted, and requested, that every 5th Sunday we wear our Prayer Ministry T-Shirts to church.

Why? So we can learn together how to promote, embrace, and understand the power of prayer in our Christian walk at Church and throughout our Community and Country.

**Prayer changes things, still..... II Chronicles 7:14**

**Shirts, based on availability of size, are \$15 each**

Every new member receives their 1st T-Shirt as a free gift from the Intercessory Prayer Ministry Team—  
Thank you , Prayer Ministry Team



# thanksgiving

## Food Basket Drive

**Hey St. Paul!** Its that time of year again where families celebrate Thanksgiving Day with a meal featuring some traditional items. We want to provide some of those things for families this year and to start their season of Thanksgiving off right!

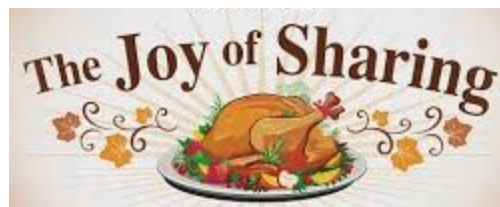
**Member & Community applications** *will be* made available during the drive dates listed below. Persons may apply by calling 458-5809 or visiting our website at [www.spmbcsv.com](http://www.spmbcsv.com).

A completed application is required prior to our deadline, no exceptions will be made to ensure our commitments are met.

All applicants will be notified if they have been approved for a box no later than Sunday, November 19.

**Application Deadline: 11/16/17**

Join Us! Get connected in this ministry opportunity by bringing items you know people love to eat during this special season. Frozen Turkey, Ham, and Chicken is needed, along with non-perishable items and canned goods.



**When: Beginning: Sunday, October 29th—8:45 AM**  
**Ending: Sunday, November 19, 2017— Noon**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR BLESSINGS AND PLACE THEM IN THE MARKED BOX IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. GOD BLESS & THNAK YOU IN ADVANCE.**

Great Opportunity to serve is during the assembling of the boxes as well. Schedule will be posted in the November Edition of The Paul Newsletter, feel free to come and participate in the final process to be a blessing to others.



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH at 5:00 PM**

Location: Sanctuary, First Floor

**Agenda**

- ◆ Ministry Leader's Reports
- ◆ Church Administrator Report
- ◆ Deacon's & Deaconess Report
- ◆ Missions & Disaster Relief Report
  - ◆ Pastoral Vision Casting
  - ◆ Church Financial Report



**JAIL & PRISON  
MINISTRY**

**HELP NEEDED!**

*Matthew 25:39 (NKJV)*

"Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?"

Jail & Prison Ministry volunteers needed. Training and Certification is easy and the time spent with the incarcerated community is well worth the time spent and is biblically rewarding.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call the church office. If you do not get a confirmation of your call and inquiry, please call again or speak to the Senior Pastor.

We need more help!

**God Bless,  
Pastor Shawn L. Buckhanan**

"For nothing is impossible with God"  
**Luke 1:37**



St. Paul  
Decorating Committee  
Project & Fundraiser

**I Am Light! John 8:12**

I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

**Help us relight the sanctuary!!!**

Starting in April— we are asking for donations toward the purchase of 15 of the above lights at \$130.00 each. We are asking that each person examine themselves to make the best contribution that they can afford. Make checks payable to St. Paul MBC and memo line to decorating committee or lighting.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

**Cochise County Reentry Coalition**

**Our Mission**

CCRC aims to bring together a broad coalition of stakeholders within and around the surrounding community in order to promote the successful reintegration of Cochise County ex-offenders returning to the community; reduce crime, increase the safety of the community, and reduce recidivism. We provide a network of resources to help individuals and their families reconnect and establish healthy, positive relationships and social ties through community resource connections.

<http://www.ccreentry.com/>



**UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS**



The Amazing Journey of a **Shoebox Gift** Begins with You and Results in Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication.

**2017 Drive—Led by the Women's Ministry of St. Paul, Director Sis. Rosalind Buckhanan and Team.** Please see a member of the Women's Ministry for more information.



Well over one hundred years ago, a single missionary named Lottie Moon, serving in China, began writing letters challenging the church back here to send and support more workers to go there. After her death on the field, her challenge was heeded in the formalization of an offering in her name. Even if you're not a Southern Baptist who has given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, her life is a reminder of why we must give to send and support missionaries serving among unreached peoples in unreached places

**More information to come**

Welcome to your Meeting Place - Current Narcotic Anonymous Meeting Schedules for SV & Vicinity

All Meetings at St. Paul—2nd Floor—Fellowship Hall


- **Monday - 6:30 PM at St. Paul ([www.spmbcsv.com](http://www.spmbcsv.com))**
- Tuesday - 12 Noon - St. Andrew - website: [office@standrewsv.org](mailto:office@standrewsv.org)
- Tuesday - 7:30 PM - Good Neighbor Alliance Meeting Room - website: [admin@shelter.org](mailto:admin@shelter.org)
- Wednesday - 7:00 PM— Oscar Yrun Center - must go to center and sign up
- **Thursday - 5:30 PM at St. Paul**
- Friday - 7:30 PM (Closed Meeting) - St. Andrew Catholic Church
- Saturday - 7:30 PM (Closed Meeting) - St. Andrew Catholic Church
- **Saturday—6 PM (Unofficial—Open Men's Bible based NA Meeting) at St. Paul**
- Sunday - 3:00 PM - St. Andrew



We care about your recovery and God's desire for you to live and not die. Choose a meeting and enjoy your life one day at a time.

*"We Do Recover!" Jeremiah 29:11*

**Take a Stand Against Domestic Violence**



**Thursday, October 26, 2017**  
5:00 pm - 7:00pm

**Len Roberts Park 101 E. Theater Dr. Sierra Vista, AZ 85635**

Join us for a candle light vigil to honor victims and to encourage survivors to take the next positive step towards recovery.

domestic violence resources available • free refreshments served



**Questions?**  
Call Annick Price  
520-515-4444  
[aprice.cfac@gmail.com](mailto:aprice.cfac@gmail.com)  
Visit <http://cchci.org>

## *"Echoes of the Reformation"* You are invited to join the Hymn Festival Choir

If you love sacred music and love to sing in a choir, come lift your voice in praise to God and join the Hymn Festival Choir for the

### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Hymn Festival**

**Date: Sunday, October 22, 2017**

**Time: 2pm**

**Place: St. Andrew's Church  
800 Taylor Dr. Sierra Vista, AZ**

**Directed by: Maestro Roger Bayes**

The choir will sing two special anthems:

*"A Festival of Psalms"* by John Ness Beck

*"O, Magnify the Lord"* by Melodie and Dick Tunney,  
arranged by Mark Hayes.

(Anthem rehearsals will be Sat Oct 14 and Sat Oct 21 at 10am)

For additional information on being part of the choir, and to order the anthem music (\$5 for both pieces)

Contact: Maryann Hockstad at 456-5555 or [maryann.h@cox.net](mailto:maryann.h@cox.net)



## **"Connecting People To God"**

Celebrations of Pastor Willie Coleman and Leading Lady Shirley Coleman and Victory Christian Church 4th Anniversaries

Theme: "We Have Come This Far By Faith Together" and our theme scripture, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7.

Our celebration will be held November 12, 2017, 4:00pm at the Apache Middle School located at 3335 East Frye Boulevard, Sierra Vista. The guest church will be Grace Temple Baptist Church and Pastor D. Grady Scott will be the speaker.

For more information contact Sis. Denise Hudson at 520-255-6934 or e-mail [marylanddenise@mail.com](mailto:marylanddenise@mail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE**



Greater Huachuca Area Branch  
NAACP

**FREEDOM FUND GALA**

Mark your calendar to join us for our Annual Fundraiser on  
Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 6 pm to 9 pm at the  
Thunder Mountain Activity Centre,  
Pr Humana, AZ  
Tickets are \$60 and will go on sale August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.



**Southern Arizona Missionary Baptist District Association—Moderator D. Grady Scott**

This is a reminder that the First Quarterly Board Meeting for the year 2017-2018 will be held at Trinity Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona at 9:30 on October 14, 2017.

A movie poster for Transformers: Armageddon. On the left, Optimus Prime is shown in his robot form, holding a sword. The background features a desert landscape with saguaro cacti and mountains under a cloudy sky.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S AUXILIARY OF THE  
PARADISE MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF ARIZONA, INC. PRESENT

# TRANSFORMERS

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS**  
*"...put on the whole armor of God"*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017**  
hosted at Rising Star Baptist Church  
2800 East 36th Street, Tucson, Arizona



**AGE APPROPRIATE WORSHIP, BIBLE STUDY, FELLOWSHIP AND  
MORE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS**

**Registration \$10 per person**  
(includes materials, continental breakfast and lunch)

Churches are responsible for transportation & chaperones - Registration closes November 1, 2017  
Visit [www.pmbscaz.org/annualsession](http://www.pmbscaz.org/annualsession) to register - Contact The Rev. Karen E. Stewart, YPA President  
at (602) 258-1998 ext. 2211 or [kstewart@fibcaz.org](mailto:kstewart@fibcaz.org)



(Above) Dr. Martin Luther King March staging area at the old K-Mart Parking lot in January 2017. Mark your calendars now for the 2018 MLK March - Sierra Vista on Saturday, January 13, 2018.



The March begins at the old K-Mart Plaza and proceeds to the MLK Blvd. Memorial Statue and then into the Veterans Memorial Park for a day of activities that commemorate the life and times of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

(Left) 2017 Paradise Baptist State Youth Camp Smares Time with Pastor Michele Cotton and children. Emilia Jiminez looks on from a distance, but with a marshmallow in her hand.



## Miracles still happen.

Sis. Denita Riley, who has not been able to physically sit up on her own for over a year, managed, by the grace and mercy of God, to “get up, sit up, and praise up!” She wanted her Church family to know that loves and thanks us for all the prayers. She gives credit for her recovering progress to the power of prayer and a loving Church & God. Keep praying. She’ll be back in our worship service sooner than we know. Go Nita!!!

Philippians 4:19

“But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”



**“Only God knows”  
He’s Got this, still!**

**2 Peter 3:4**

“They will say, “What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created.”

What happens when tragedy occurs in the magnitude that we are witnessing these days? In our lifetime! What happens when time seems to sit still for no one yet time seems for ever for every one involved in the tragic situations happening in our beloved United States of America and Abroad? What happens when we pray to God and the answer is another violent situation or outcome before we get to deal with the last one? Anybody else asks these questions but me?

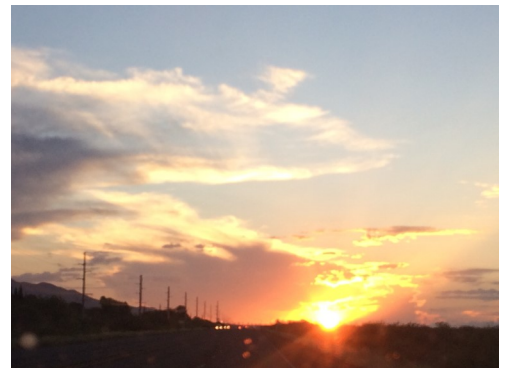
**“Only God knows”**

I’m so glad the only answer I’ve ever heard or seen points back to God being sovereign—Numero Uno! God alone makes the calls that create the balance of the world even when we don’t recognize what He’s doing amongst us. He’s Sovereign. That means even before the beginning of time He was. We have no man made system to say when God began and when He ends and what His plans are in between His coming, going, and returning, through His Son Jesus Christ. With that being said, we need to hear from Him more often and expect to get an answer that pleases our disappointments and concerns for the current times in our universe. True? Of course it is.

If you were honest, you would agree, or at least understand, perhaps you don’t question things because it hasn’t hit home yet? Well, I got news for you today, keep living. We are of one blood line and descendants of many of the same forefathers, and what hurts one should hurt one another. It’s not about race, creed, color, gender, age, and absolutely *not* political party, but God’s people as a body.

Think about how God responds to us, keeps us calm in the time of a storm, and then reminds us He always has everything under control, even when we don’t.

“They will say, “What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created.” - 2 Peter 3:4 **He’s Got this, still!**



**“God, thank you for this Day”**



You awake in the morning to see a new sunrise or prepare for the evening to close and you see the sunset—and you do what with the day ahead or the day gone by?

You thank God you had the opportunity to even know you were in the land of the living and He chose to let you see another day.

Enjoy what time you have knowing that eventually your time runs out. And no one, I mean no one, knows when time ends for them.

**Love. Live. Laugh. In Christ Jesus!**  
Lamentations 3:22-23

THE PARADISE MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF ARIZONA, INC. PRESENTS



# 2017 ANNUAL SESSION *and Congress of Christian Education* **GETTING CONNECTED**

ACTS 2 : 41 - 47

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

**HOSTED AT RISING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH, 2800 EAST 36TH STREET, TUCSON**

**WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY:** Congress of Christian Education Course Offerings

**THURSDAY:** Women & Laymen **FRIDAY:** Memorial Service, Luncheon & President's Address

**SATURDAY:** Young People's Auxiliary

For registration forms & payment, complete schedule of events and more visit **[PMBSCAZ.ORG/ANNUALSESSION](http://PMBSCAZ.ORG/ANNUALSESSION)**

## Strategic Planning Session – Purpose of our Convention Friday, November 11, 2016

### Some Assumptions and Givens

*The Bible is our foundation and provides our perspective and understanding*

*We are a Baptist organization*

### Purpose of our Convention

Foster relationships between individuals and churches (*build strong relationships between churches*)

Raise funds on a larger level to support convention and local church efforts

Be salt and light within the communities in which we live (*evangelistic element and where convention meets*)

A time of refreshing and encouraging those who come

A celebration of the year's accomplishments

Offer leadership development and training

Conduit for churches to tap into resources other churches may have. It is a reciprocal relationship convention to church, church to convention

A visible voice within local community and state on political and religious issues

Collaborative in both community and with other conventions and organizations (*ie. General Baptist and Southern Baptist Conventions*)

An Evaluative Opportunity: Those in attendance were broken into groups to do a brief assess of the activities of the convention and its auxiliaries. The convention officers from 2016 were purposefully grouped together. Below are comments regarding each of the convention events:

**State Camp Evaluation; Board Meetings; Laymen/Women/Ushers/YA; Annual Session;**

**What didn't work; Unanswered Questions, & Congress of Christian Education classes and much more.—See you at the Board. Get connected. Stay Connected.**

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**Paradise Missionary Baptist State Convention of AZ, Inc.**  
 Unified Registration Form – 97th Annual Session & 69th State Congress of Christian Education  
 Reverend Amos L. Lewis, President  
**November 8-11, 2017 - Host: Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church**  
 2800 E. 36th Street, Tucson, AZ 85713 - Rev. Amos L. Lewis, Host Pastor

Please print information and complete all applicable sections.

Registration for ( ) Personal – Part A      ( ) Church – Part B      ( ) Both – Parts A & B

**Part A: Personal Info (Auxiliary Delegates only):**

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ( ) Parent Body Officer | ( ) Usher's Auxiliary               | ( ) Queen/Scholarship |
| ( ) Pastors/Ministers   | ( ) Evangelism Auxiliary            | ( ) Congress          |
| ( ) Laymen Auxiliary    | ( ) Youth & Children                |                       |
| ( ) Women's Auxiliary   | ( ) Congress of Christian Education |                       |

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 Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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<b>Category</b>	<b>Registration Amount</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
Church Representation	Varies	\$ _____
Pastors and Ministers	\$ 20.00	\$ _____
Auxiliary/Parent Body Officers	\$ 15.00	\$ _____
Church Presidents/Leaders	\$ 15.00	\$ _____
Individual Delegate	\$ 10.00	\$ _____
Youth/Children (18 & Under)	\$ 10.00	\$ _____
District Scholarship Fund		\$ _____
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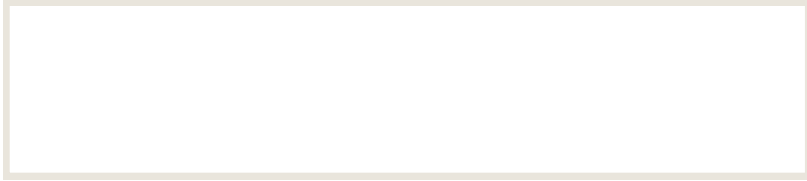
First Time Attendee Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Method of Payment ( ) Check – Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash  
 Checks Payable To: Paradise Missionary Baptist State Convention (PSC) (2012 PSC\_Registration)

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Every temptation is an opportunity to do good. "God blesses the people who patiently endure testing. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him." *James 1:12 (NLT)*



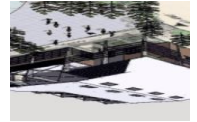
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## THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS

KBM - The building of the Vision Center is an on-going efforts to erect a multi-community building to meet the spiritual, social and the Sierra Vista Community. We are currently accepting donations to support the building of this new facility. Please place your contribution in the Wooden Box located at the front of the church, during the morning collection.

We made it easier for you to find us now at:  
The Vision Center SV

The Paul  
227 N. Carmichael Avenue  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635



## Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

<sup>26</sup> Behold, God is great, and we know him not, neither can the number of his years be searched out." Job 36:26

Pass me not, O gentle Savior,  
hear my humble cry;  
while on others thou art calling,  
do not pass me by.

Refrain:  
Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;  
while on others thou art calling,  
do not pass me by.

Let me at thy throne of mercy  
find a sweet relief,  
kneeling there in deep contrition;  
help my unbelief.

Refrain  
Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;  
while on others thou art calling,  
do not pass me by.

Trusting only in thy merit,  
would I seek thy face;  
heal my wounded, broken spirit,  
save me by thy grace.

Refrain  
Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;  
while on others thou art calling,  
do not pass me by.

Thou the spring of all my comfort,  
more than life to me,  
whom have I on earth beside thee?  
Whom in heaven but thee?

Refrain  
Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;  
while on others thou art calling,  
do not pass me by.

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