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Member Orientation

I. Church History

The church, then Bammel Baptist, voted on February 6, 1963 to purchase 6.147 acres from the Union Association at Highway 75 and FM 1960 for \$11,763.

On February 6, 1966 ground breaking ceremonies were held for a new church plant on the new property. This building was completed September 16, 1966 and dedicated on October 9, 1966 at a cost of \$87,000.

The Church Split over the issue of Jesus being Head of the Church, October 1984.

Wednesday night business meeting January 1, 1986 the church adopted a change in government departing from a committee rule to an Elder rule. The Administrative Manual and By-Laws were adopted. Richard Shearer, Jim Bell, Kenneth Farenick and Henri P. Marion were installed as Elders.

On May 20, 1989 a word was given that we were out of the geographic will of the Lord as far as the church was concerned and would be moving from 106.

Solemn Assembly December 16, 1989.

Boundaries/Occupy The Land Journey began Jan. 1994.

May 9, 1999 Brother Shearer was commissioned as Minister at Large and Brother Henri P. Marion became Senior Pastor.

Property @ 106 Bammel Westfield was put up for sale on August 29, 2003. Plans are to relocate north of the intersection of FM 2920 and Kuykendahl.

Chapel and Office Complex (2.2 acres) sold September 1, 2005 to Dr. Ray McLendon netting \$612,000.00.

The Sanctuary and Educational Building (69,750 sq. ft.) sold March 19, 2007 to Dr. Ray McLendon netting \$950,000.00.

The northwest corner of the parking lot (31,694 sq. ft.) sold to Panda Express netting \$700,000. on June 14, 2007.

July 29, 2007 the congregation affirmed the Elders decision to:

- ❖ Change our incorporated name from Bammel Baptist Church to New Haven Fellowship.
- ❖ Register the name New Haven House of Prayer on a State wide level.
- ❖ Purchase the Creekside Park church site in the Woodlands, Texas for the purpose of developing it for the activities of New Haven Fellowship and the New Haven House of Prayer.

December 11, 2007 purchased 5.06 acres in Creekside Park, The Woodlands, Texas for \$573,630.31. Had the groundbreaking service April 6, 2008, the dedication of the building was held April 5, 2009.

II. The Stones of Remembrance

1. Day Care
 - ❖ Opened June 1973 / Closed June 1993
2. Jesus Head of The Church
 - ❖ Dallas Texas
 - ❖ Evangelism Conference Jan 1983
 - ❖ Are you ready for Me to be Head of the Church?
 - ❖ Jackie confirmed the Word of the Lord
3. Discipleship
 - ❖ February 1983
4. Revival
 - ❖ May 1983
 - ❖ 80 decisions total
 - ❖ 40 at the area revival
 - ❖ 40 at Bammel the next Sunday
5. Share Groups
 - ❖ June 1983
6. Praise Music
 - ❖ Scripture Songs learned from Pete Sanchez
7. Spiritual Gifts
 - ❖ Taught, learned and practiced
8. Prayer
 - ❖ October 1984 started with prayer before the evening service 6-7 PM
 - ❖ Grew to include T & TH 5-7 AM for approx. 3 ½ years
9. Government
 - ❖ Spring & Summer 1985 changed from committees to delegated spiritual authority
10. Solemn Assembly
 - ❖ December 16, 1989
11. Cell Ministry
 - ❖ March 1, 1991
 - ❖ Doing Cells correctly
 - ❖ We cleared the decks!
 - ❖ Jack Taylor / Ralph Neighbor
12. Boundaries
 - ❖ December 1993
13. Intercessory Worship
 - ❖ March 4, 2001 - Returned from Kansas City Conference and did IW in Sunday morning service.
14. Relocation
 - ❖ April 5, 2009 we dedicated the New Haven facility culminating an amazing journey and fulfilling a prophetic word given to us in May 1989.

III. Vision of New Haven Fellowship

Our vision is foremost to love the Lord with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with our entire mind (Matthew 22:37) and to encourage and equip others to do the same. Secondly, to discover and fulfill our destiny, thus living the abundant life of Christ.

Strategy

We will accomplish this vision by:

- ❖ Being people of prayer and presence
- ❖ Making disciples
- ❖ Training each believer to know the will of God
- ❖ Teaching Biblical truth and practicing the daily application of scripture
- ❖ Being a Family of Faith that practices hospitality

Words That Describe Activities That We Engage In

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| Fast | Focus on spiritual things, not on yourself |
| Pray | High priority on dialogue with God |
| Listen | His mandates are more important than my ideas |
| Study | Discover the character and ways of God, Biblical truth |
| Coach | Encourage and exhort others to righteous living |
| Mentor | Invest yourself in the lives of others, make disciples |
| Model | Live an example of radical Christianity |
| Teach | Impart Biblical truth to others |
| Train | Apprentice others in the work of ministry and faith |
| Delegate | Deputize individuals, giving them a part to fulfill |
| Empower | Release authority with the responsibility |
| Entrust | Display confidence in another person to be responsible |
| Assess | Judge how things went or how they are going |
| Appraise | Share your opinion |
| Evaluate | Consider the positives and the negatives |
| Review | Examine and make needed course corrections |

The Doorway to Destiny

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| Discover | Gifting, callings and anointing. Find God's heart for yourself. |
| Develop | Mature in your gift package and character for success. |
| Deploy | Leave your comfort zone and start doing the work of ministry. |

IV. The House of Prayer

New Haven Fellowship is to be the care-taker of the New Haven House of Prayer.

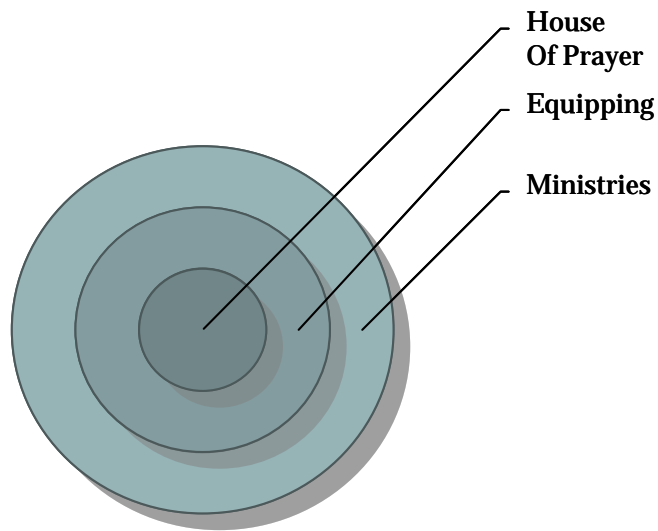
Mandate:

To establish a Prayer Center and Missions Base. This will be accomplished by 24/7 intercessory worship, teaching, connecting and unifying of the body of Christ in the Spring/Klein, Tomball and Woodlands communities.

Strategic Initiatives Focused Toward Building the House of Prayer:

1. Train singers, musicians and prayer leaders in a model of enjoyable prayer that is sustainable over long periods of time
2. Identify prayer leaders and intercessors in each community and develop relationships
3. Initiate pastors prayer gatherings for The Woodlands, Tomball and Spring Christian Churches
4. Help congregations build an effective congregational prayer ministry and encourage their participation in community prayer as well
5. Fuel the worship and intercession in the prayer room with teaching on the Beauty of Jesus, Bridal Intimacy and the End Time Scenario
6. Hold "Schools of Prayer" to raise the level of prayer in the community
7. Identify then encourage people of influence to implement "Prayer Cells" in the marketplace
8. Initiate Community Intercessory Nights of Worship with participating congregations
9. Offer a ministry of "Divine Appointments" where individuals schedule times to receive prayer with a trained team of individuals for their specific need

Presence Based Vision

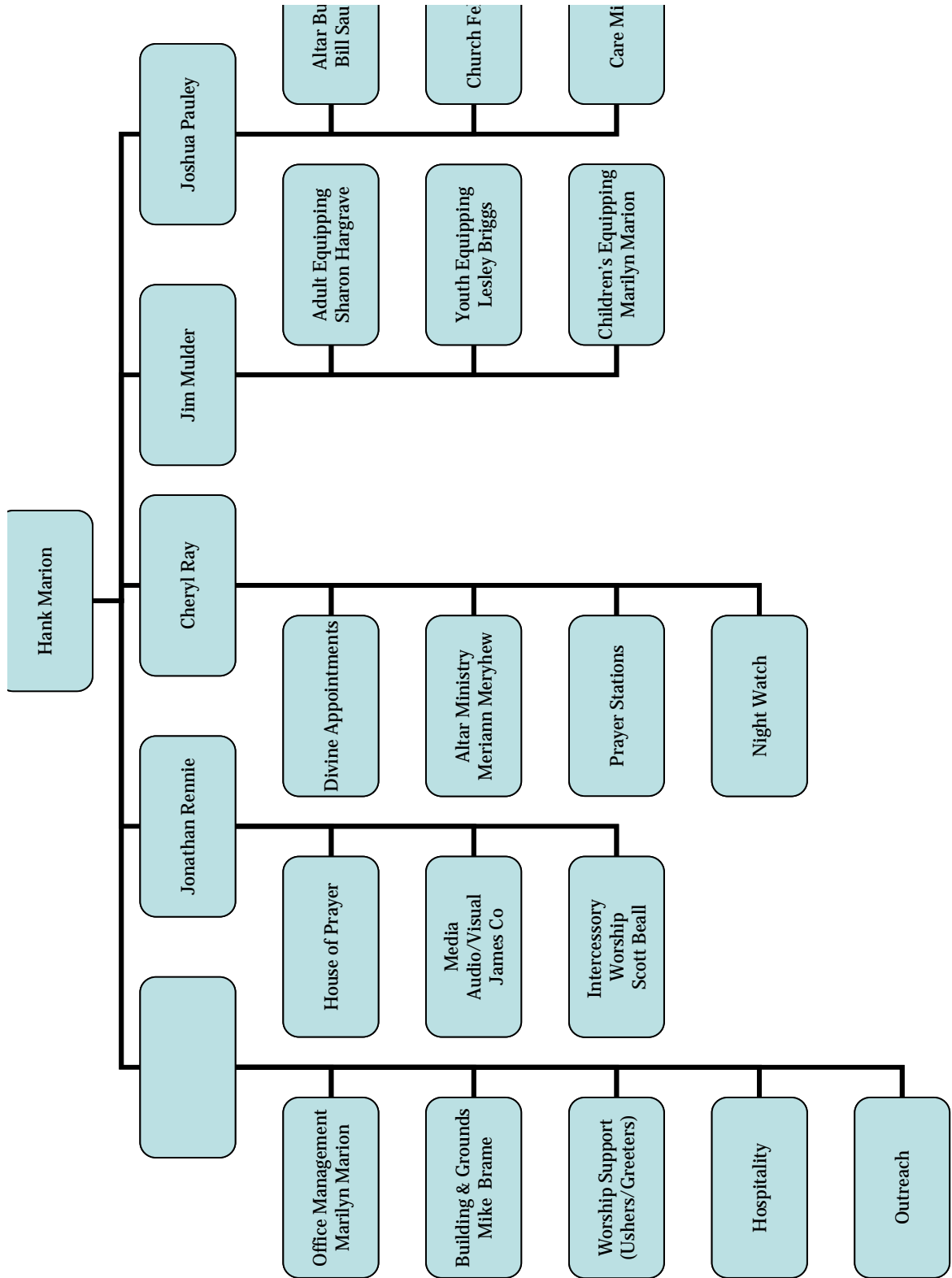


Members List

- ❖ Handout

Pastor Fund

- ❖ Benevolence
- ❖ Financially we are a miracle!



V. Church Leadership Organization

Administration – Marilyn Marion

To manage the day to day operations of New Haven

- ❖ Business Office
- ❖ Church Finances
- ❖ Staff Management
- ❖ Event Coordinator – Maggie Rennie

Worship Arts – Jonathan Rennie

Development of all the worship arts. To train and develop the gifts of the congregation in worship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- ❖ Media Department – James Colvin
 - Audio Media – Todd Anslinger
 - Visual Media – Mary Beth Colvin
- ❖ IW Coordinator – Scott Beall
 - To equip people to discover and fulfill their destiny in ministering to the Lord Jesus Christ through sustained prayer and worship in a 24/7 House of Prayer. Strategy:*
 - Train team members
 - Encourage the use of gifts
 - Coach the Harp and Bowl principles
 - Mentor new leaders
 - Develop skill sets
 - Cooperate with other ministries
- ❖ Sunday Worship - *To lead the congregation in praise and worship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Prayer Ministry – Cheryl Ray

Is. 56:7 “For my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples. To develop group prayer and intercessory prayer within the facility. Prayer walks, prayer journeys , personal prayer and prayer events outside the facilities.”

- ❖ Prophetic Intercession – Sharon Hargrave
- ❖ Divine Appointments – Jennifer Neuberger
- ❖ Altar Ministry –Meriann Meryhew
- ❖ Family Life
- ❖ Ministry Teams

Equipping Ministry – Jim Mulder

To increase the body of Christ in wisdom and stature; for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. All ages newborn through senior adult. Strategy: To provide quality Bible study with an emphasis on discipleship and training of leadership.

- ❖ Teach from Biblical revelation

- ❖ Reach prospects
- ❖ Lead members to witness daily
- ❖ Lead members to worship daily
- ❖ Provide opportunities for personal ministry

Adult Equipping Courses include:

1. NHF Orientation and the "Survival Kit" - 8 weeks
2. Old Testament Survey - 16 weeks
3. New Testament Survey - 16 weeks
4. Commands of Christ - 16 weeks
5. Song of Solomon - 16 weeks
6. Daniel - 16 weeks
7. Omega Course - 16 weeks
8. Spiritual Gifts - 16 weeks

Pastoral Ministries – Josh Pauley

- ❖ Altar Builders – Bill Saunders
To be the church in the community. To bless, fellowship with, care for and disciple each other and our neighbors and friends. To build an Altar around worship, fellowship or prayer at every meeting. The pastoral (nurturing) ministry of the church.
 - Ron Gatchel
 - Todd Anslinger
 - Joshua Pauley
 - Sharon Hargrave
 - Ruth Pearce
- ❖ Fellowships
To provide the members of BBC with opportunity to further develop their relationships with one another. Men's, women's, and corporate church body events.
 - Men's Ministry – Josh Pauley
To promote a brotherhood of integrity and purity, and to nurture a sincere love for other brothers in the fellowship that expresses my growing love for the Lord while embracing the vulnerability and responsibility that each has for the other in seeking victories for their lives.
 - Women's Ministry – Cheryl Ray
 - Congregational – Kathy Purvis
To strengthen and support relationships among the men of New Haven Fellowship. To encourage and help other men in the fellowship live more intimately with God. To help other men effectively minister with their gifts and in their callings.
- ❖ Care Ministry
To show the love of Jesus by meeting the physical and emotional needs of individuals.
- ❖ Mission Trips – John Paulding
To involve the membership of New Haven in missions' activities.

Building and Grounds – Mike Brame

To maintain proper stewardship of the facilities that God has entrusted to us. Thus providing buildings and lands that are clean, safe, and beautiful for the use of the congregation and its ministry to the community.

- ❖ Greeters/Hospitality – Florence Dearman
- ❖ Ushers – Bill Boughey

The Greeter and Usher ministries are to bring the love of Jesus to all who enter our doors and to provide grace and mercy to prepare hearts for worship, the Word, and fellowship with others. Greeters and Ushers represent the ‘face of New Haven’. They offer that initial spirit of warmth and welcome to members and are the first link in our welcoming process for visitors and/or newcomers.

- Cause members, visitors and newcomers feel *wanted*, not just welcomed
- Provide an atmosphere that is *secure* (and that feels secure)
- Create a *comfortable* environment
- Ensure people are *informed*
- *Involve* the entire congregation in making the visitor’s experience a positive one.

- ❖ Outreach

Seek to reach others with the gospel of the Kingdom. To insure that the people of the community know our church name, where we are located and that we are known as a congregation that loves God welcoming everyone in the community to worship Him.