




**BE
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NEW**



“In its place you’ve been given a brand-new nature that is continually being renewed.”

COLOSSIANS 3:10 NLT96



“Forget about what’s happened; don’t keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand-new. It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it?”

ISAIAH 43:18-19 MSG

The Brand New Story

Pastor Shannon and Cindy O'Dell dreamed of planting a church with a simple goal: **to share God's Word relevantly and creatively, and to Welcome Our World—specifically, communities that don't have options for church excellence.**

Beginning in South Lead Hill, Arkansas (population 88) the initial dream began, culminating into Brand New Church on April 16, 2006 at the Bergman High School Gym in Bergman, Arkansas. From the beginning, Brand New Church has focused on reaching those who do not know God personally and building relationships through Sunday

services, volunteers teams, next generation ministry, and Uniteds—our life groups.

The life-giving message of the Gospel, the passion and joy of Sunday services, and the simple style of Brand New Church brought immediate growth. Within our first year, the church grew and continues to thrive. Today, hundreds of people attend Brand New Church at multiple campuses within the state of Arkansas. We invite you to see for yourself how exciting church can be when the focus is simple and the people are free to seek God with passion.

Our Prayer For You:

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people."
- **Ephesians 1:17–18 NIV**

"I ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing Him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is He is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life He has for His followers." - **Ephesians 1:17-19 MSG**

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Our Vision:

WE EXIST TO

**Share The Word and
Welcome Our World**

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Our Mission: S.T.O.R.Y. Telling

Smile

Tune In

Obey

Refreshment

You

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Our Values:

Vision

Attitude

Leadership

Understanding

Excellence

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Our Non-Negotiables:

- 1. Sunday**
- 2. Volunteers**
- 3. The Next Generation**
- 4. Community**

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How to be effective in the church:



Head

Making a mental decision to attend and prioritize church.



Heart

Transformation of the heart because of the church.



Hand

Growing and serving the church.

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Finances

Giving is one of the central themes in the Bible. Jesus talked more about this subject than Heaven, Hell, or prayer. To understand what it means to be a Christ-follower, we must also understand what it means to be a giver.

Tithe: The tithe, or “first fruits” of our labor/ income, belongs to God. We find this principle all through God’s Word. Tithing—giving God the first 10% of our income to the local church—is the primary, practical way we acknowledge that God is first (Proverbs 3:9–10).

Offerings: An offering is giving over and above the tithe. The Bible says that by giving generously, we are able to “take hold of the life that is truly life.” You aren’t really living unless you are freely giving (1 Timothy 6:18–19).

The Gift of Giving: The gift of giving is a spiritual gift that God gives to some people (Romans 12:8). It is a Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by giving of your material resources, far beyond the tithe, to further the work of God. Many people love to give to God, and as they do, they want to feel confident

in the organization through which they give. At Brand New Church, we want people to understand they are giving to God through the church, not to the church. As we openly share the honesty, integrity, and spiritual values that guide the financial practices of Brand New Church, we believe people can focus on what God is calling them to give and trust that He is leading our church to steward it well.

The giving of tithes and offerings is worship to Jesus and an expression of the relationship between the individual giver and the Lord. This is why we don’t have people fill out pledge cards or make faith promises. Funds are not “income only,” they are worship and are not considered to be a business transaction but an expression of gratitude towards God.

“Every Sunday each of you make an offering and put it in safekeeping. Be as generous as you can. When I get there you’ll have it ready, and I won’t have to make a special appeal.” - 1 Corinthians 16:1–4 MSG

At Brand New Church, we practice tithing for the support of Christ’s body—the church—as God commands. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard for giving.

“Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year.”
Deuteronomy 14:22–26

“‘Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,’ says the Lord Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.’” **Malachi 3:10**



The App: Tap “Give” at the bottom

Text: Send a dollar amount to 84321

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Discover Your Purpose

Be Brand New exists to help you discover/develop your purpose and live the full life God created for you. It is made up of four steps which will guide you through next steps in your journey to know God, find freedom, discover purpose, and make a difference.

“Let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity.” **Hebrews 6:1**

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” **John 10:10**

Purpose is found in knowing Christ: If you want to be a great church member, you need the confidence in knowing that you’re a member of God’s family.

Most people live their entire lives without ever knowing, “why?” They exist year after year with no idea of why they live or God’s purpose for their lives. The most basic question a person can ask is, “What is the meaning of life?”

Everyone wants to be happy. People try many ways:

- Some look for happiness by acquiring possessions.
- Some look for happiness by experiencing pleasure.
- Some look for happiness by gaining prestige & power.

But real happiness comes from understanding my purpose in life.

What does God want me to do?

1. **Admit** _____ that God has not been first place in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from every wrong.” **1 John 1:9**

“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” **Romans 3:23**

2. **Believe** _____ that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that he rose again on Easter, and is alive today.

"If you confess that Jesus is your Lord, and you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." **Romans 10:9**

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name (Jesus) by which we must be saved." **Acts 4:12**

3. **Accept** God's free gift of salvation. Don't try to earn it.

"For it is by grace you are saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." **Ephesians 2:8,9**

Our relationship to God is not restored by anything we do, but on the basis of what Jesus already did for us!

4. **Invite** Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the director ("Lord") of your life.

"To all who receive Him, He gives the right to become children of God. All we need to do is to trust Him to save us. All those who believe this are reborn!—not a physical rebirth...but from the will of God!" **John 1:12-13**

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." **Romans 6:23**

You can take these steps by praying a simple prayer of commitment to God:

God, I believe you love me & I want you to be my boss & rescuer. I admit I've sinned, I repent of my sin that separates me from you. Thank you, Jesus, for dying on the cross for my sins & bridging the gap. Thank you for saving me, Jesus. Amen.

"Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." **Romans 10:13**

The Importance of Being Baptized

Why should I be baptized?

1. To follow the example set by

Jesus

“At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river.” **Mark 1:9**

2. Because Christ commands it.

“Jesus said, ‘Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and then teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.’” **Matthew 28:19-20**

3. It demonstrates that I really am a believer.

“...many of the people who heard Him believed and were baptized.” **Acts 18:8**

“We know that we have come to know Him, if we obey His commands.”

1 John 2:3

What is the meaning of baptism?

1. It illustrates Christ's death and resurrection.

“Christ died for our sins... He was buried...and He rose again.” **1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

“For when you are baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ. **Colossians 2:12**

2. It illustrates my Brand New Life as a christian.

“When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!” **2 Corinthians 5:17**

“By our baptism then, we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead...so also we may live a new life!” **Romans 6:4**

Baptism doesn't make you a believer — it shows that you already believe. Baptism does not “save” you, only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring — it's the outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith...it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.” **Ephesians 2:8-9**

Why be baptized by immersion?

1. Because _____ **Jesus** _____ was baptized that way.

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water.” **Matthew 3:16**

2. Every baptism in the _____ **Bible** _____ was by immersion.

(Example) “...then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water...” **Acts 8:38-39**

3. The word “baptize” (baptizo in Greek) means to _____ **dip** _____ **under** _____ water.

Who should be baptized?

1. Every person who has _____ **believed** _____ in Christ.

“Those who believed and accepted His message were baptized...” **Acts 2:41**

“Simon himself believed and was baptized...” **Acts 8:13**

“But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News...and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.” **Acts 8:12**

Becoming A Member

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior, and being in agreement with the values and ideas presented in this Be Brand New booklet, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Brand New Church family. In doing so, I make the following commitment to God and my fellow church members:

I will protect the unity of my church by:

- Acting in love toward other members
- Refusing to gossip
- Following the leaders

I will share the responsibility of my church by:

- Praying for its growth and health
- Inviting the unchurched to attend
- Warmly welcoming those who visit

I will serve the ministry of my church by:

- Discovering my gifts and talents
- Using my God-given gifts to make a difference in the lives of others
- Developing a servant's heart

I will support the testimony of my church by:


- Attending church faithfully
- Living a Godly life
- Giving regularly

Membership Covenant Card

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As a member of Brand New Church, I agree to the following:

- 1. I will protect the unity of my church.**
- 2. I will share the responsibility of my church.**
- 3. I will serve the ministry of my church.**
- 4. I will support the testimony of my church.**

**BY SIGNING THIS CARD, I AGREE TO THE
STATEMENTS ABOVE.**



MY DECISION TODAY

I have decided to follow Jesus

I want to be baptized

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