

“Project Paul : A Leadership Mentoring Program
for Aspiring Primitive Baptist Leaders”
2 Timothy 3: 14- 15

As Paul reaches the end of his life, he could look back and know he had been faithful to God’s call. Now it was time to pass the torch to the next generation, preparing leaders to take his place so that many would continue to hear the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. So it is to be within the Primitive Baptist Church. We will strive to prepare the next generation of Primitive Baptist to carry on the works of this denomination through practice and example.

Mission Statement: We will continue to prepare the next generation of Primitive Baptist to become effective leaders and office holders at all levels within the denomination. This will be accomplished through mentorships and practical training opportunities.

Project Goal: As a result of this program, aspiring leaders will know the duties and responsibilities of the leaders and officers in the Primitive Baptist Church and therefore will be more prepared to assume such positions in the future as so desired. One (1) candidate will be selected annually from each of the seven (7) associations across the State.

How the Program will Operate

1. District Moderators and District Presidents will identify and recommend emerging leaders between ages twenty-one (21) and thirty-five (35) to participate in this year long (1 yr.) training project (May 1st to April 30th).
2. Each candidate will complete an application and questionnaire that will be used by a selection committee in choosing potential participants and in developing an individual training plan for each.
3. All leadership candidates may be required to complete a three (3) step mentoring plan that may begin within their church district, the FSPB Convention, and the NPB Convention.
4. Each candidate will be required to maintain a journal and or portfolio of experiences during the course of the project (1 yr.).
5. Each candidate will be expected to read books and articles selected from a list of works provided by the selection committee and or mentor.
6. Candidates will attend and / or assist with the planning of at least one district, state or national Primitive Baptist meeting.
7. Upon completion of the project year, each participating candidate and mentor will be honored by the FSPB Convention President during an awards ceremony in April.

Who Can Participate As A Candidate

1. Candidates will be members of a Florida Primitive Baptist Convention Church who aspire to become more knowledgeable and involved in the operations and leadership of the denomination and is committed to continuing its legacy.
2. Must twenty-one (21) when starting the program and no older than thirty-five (35) upon completion.

Who May Serve as a Mentor

1. District Moderators, Church School Presidents, Women Congress Presidents, Union Presidents
2. State President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Congress Presidents
3. National President and Vice President, Regional Presidents, Congress Presidents

Financial Responsibilities

The cost for this project should be minimal and will be the responsibility of the candidate and the recommending entity. However, a candidate or recommending source may apply for a “one time” grant up to \$1,000 annually from the FSPB Foundation for expenses that may be incurred when the candidate is participating in training activities at the State and National Primitive Baptist levels. It is suggested that Associations that sponsor scholarships will consider assisting their candidate as well.

The Florida State Primitive Baptist Leadership Mentoring Program

Instructions

This is the application for the Florida State Primitive Baptist Leadership Mentoring Program. Please read all pages of this application.

1. All applicants must submit a completed application packet ON or BEFORE:

June 30, 2011

A completed packet includes:

- **State Primitive Baptist Leadership Mentoring Program Application**
 - Current Resume
 - One page resume
 - Two Letters of Recommendation
 - *Please make sure the recommender includes contact information on the letter of recommendation. We may follow up with additional questions. Recommendations must come from a District Moderator, Church school president, Union President (Moderator), or Congress President.*
 - *One must serve as the “primary recommending source” as listed above and the second must be your church pastor*
 - An Essay
 - Answer should be between 200-300 words in length as to why you want to participate in this program and what specific areas of leadership training are you most interested in learning about in the Primitive Baptist Church.
 - High School or GED and or college transcript/grades
2. **To be eligible an applicant must be:**
 - 21 years of age and not older than 35 years.
 - Current member of a Florida State Primitive Baptist Church
 - Interested in becoming a “future” officer or leader in the Primitive Baptist Church
 3. **The Florida State Primitive Baptist Leadership Mentoring Program is unpaid**
 - Candidates will be expected to participate for one (1) year at their own expense
 - Complete at least one experience on each the district, state, and national levels of the Church as described in participants individual training plan.
 - Applicants are encouraged to contact their district educational source and the Florida State Primitive Baptist Educational Foundation for funding when necessary
 4. **The application packet must be submitted by mail.**
 - A complete application packet is to be sent to the chairman of the selection committee by the designated date. Confirmation of the receipt of your completed application will come via e-mail 1-3 days after it has been received.

(Note: Name and mailing address of the Selection Committee Chairman is: Mrs. Minnie Likely; 316 Avenue B; Port St. Joe, FL 32456)

Application Cover Letter – *this is your application cover letter. You do not need to write an additional cover letter.*

Personal Information

Last Name:
First Name:
Middle Name:
Date of Birth:
Cell Phone:
Secondary Phone:
Email address:

Membership Church:
Street Address:
City: State: Zip:
Pastor's Name:
District Moderator:
Mailing Address: Street Address State: Zip:
City:

How did you hear about the Florida State Primitive Baptist Leadership Mentor Program?

Are you a member of a Primitive Baptist Church in the Florida Convention ? Y/N

Do you currently serve in a leadership position or as an officer? Y/N What position?

Have you ever been arrested or convicted as a felon ? Y/N If yes, please explain. (Use an additional page if necessary)

Interests

Favorite place to visit:
Favorite song:
Favorite sports team:

Hobbies:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Education:

1.High School Graduation Date:_____ City:_____ State_____

2. College Attended:_____ Degree(s)Earned_____

Offices of Interest (See attached list)

Please list, in order of preference, the five offices in which you would like to shadow. Effort is made to accommodate preference, but we do not guarantee placement in your preference.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Essay Topic (Please respond in 200-300 words for essay. Do not exceed the word limit.)

Please attach the essay in one document and send with your application.

- 1. Explain why you want to participate in this leadership mentoring program, how it will impact the future of the Primitive Baptist Church, and what you expect to gain by doing so.

Certification

My statements on this form and any attachments are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that falsification of any of my answers will lead to the rejection of my application and/or immediate dismissal from the program.

Date:

Candidate's Signature

**Completed Application should be mailed to the selection committee chairman as listed below with a postmark no later than June 1, 2011. Mrs. Minnie J. Likely
316 Avenue B
Port St. Joe, FL 32456**

List of Offices or Leadership Positions to be Mentored

1. District Moderator
 - A. Congresses, Departments, and Auxiliaries
2. District Unions
 - A. Auxiliaries
- 3 District Church School
 - A.. Congresses and Departments
4. District Women Congresses
 - A. Auxiliaries & Departments
5. Florida Primitive Baptist Convention
 - A. General President and Cabinet
 1. Congresses & Departments : Ushers, Laymen
 - 2.. Women Congress and Cabinet
 - (a.) Auxiliaries
 - B. Youth Convention
 1. President and Cabinet
 2. Planning Staff
6. National Primitive Baptist Convention
 - A. General President and Cabinet
 1. Regional President
 2. Church School Department
 - 3 Women Congress
 4. Ushers Congress
 5. Laymen