

Seaton Memorial AME Church
Rev. Ronald Boykin, Pastor
New Members Orientation Class

WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!

To God be the glory for the great things He is doing at Seaton Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church of Manassas by sending you to join our family. We are excited and praising God for you.

Seaton Memorial is one of the most loving and caring congregations. We strive to love one another as commanded by God. Prayerfully you have already encountered this love.

It is our prayer that all members of the Seaton family are disciples of God. We are the Church and God's vehicles to display who He is and His love to this world. Thank you for joining Seaton Memorial.

INTRODUCTION

The Seaton Memorial New Members Orientation Class is designed:

- ✚ to encourage you to be a child of God
- ✚ to encourage you to live as a child of God
- ✚ to encourage you to be a good steward of all that God has given to you to manage – time, talents, gifts and money/resources
- ✚ to encourage you to be active in the universal church (God's body/family), and active in the local church, Seaton.

To be received into full membership you must complete the New Member Orientation class. New members are presented to the Seaton Memorial congregation for full membership during the 11 AM Worship Service on 4th Sundays.

Session One: Salvation Part I – Becoming a Child of God

Objective: Present the plan of salvation so that all will know without a shadow of doubt that they are a member of God's family. Pray the prayer of salvation with those who are not sure.

Session Two: Salvation Part II – Living as a Child of God

Objective: Present how to live as a child of God so that all can be a living testimony of their Father.

Session Three: Stewardship Part I – Stewardship

Objective: Present God's plan for His children managing their money/resources, time, gifts and talents.

Session Four: Stewardship Part II – Tithing

Objective: Present God's plan for His children tithing of their money, time, gifts and talents

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Session Five: History and Doctrine of the AME Church

Objective: Present the history, doctrine and organizational structure of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church.

Session Six: Local Ministries of Seaton Memorial

Objective: To encourage all new members to become active in at least one ministry at Seaton.

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New Members Orientation Class Schedule

Sundays, 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

(No Classes on the 1st and 5th Sundays)

Class is held in the Room.

Session One: Salvation Part 1 - Becoming a Child of God	date	date	date	date	
Session Two: Salvation Part 2 - Living as a Child of God	date	date	date	date	
Session Three: Stewardship Part 1 - Stewardship	date	date	date	date	
Session Four: Stewardship Part 2 - Tithing	date	date	date	date	
Session Five: History and Doctrine of the AME Church	date	date	date	date	
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Preparation Assignments

Please answer the following questions for the session prior to attending it. We want you to be prepared for each session.

Session One: Becoming a Child of God

1. What is salvation?
2. Is salvation and church membership the same? Why or why not?
3. Are you saved – a child of God? How do you know?
4. When and how did you become saved – a child of God?

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Sessions Two: Living as a Child of God

1. What has God provided for His children that will help us to grow and mature in His family?
2. Why do you want to join a church?
3. What can we do if we commit a sin as a child of God?
4. Do you pray? If yes, how often? If no, why not?
5. Do you read and study the Bible? If yes, how often? If no, why not?
6. Do you regularly attend Church School and/or a Bible Study class? If yes, where? If no, why not?

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Session Three: Stewardship

1. What is stewardship and its purpose?
2. Why should God's children be good stewards?
3. What is the difference between stewardship, tithing and offering?

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Session Four: Tithing

1. What is tithing and its purpose?
2. Why should God's children tithe?
3. What should God's children tithe?

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Session Five: History and Doctrine of the AME Church

1. Who is the founder of the AME Church?
2. Share three things that you know about the AME church.
3. What is the Apostle's Creed? Why do we affirm/recite it every Sunday?

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Session Six: Local Ministries of Seaton Memorial

1. Why do you want to join Seaton?
2. What is it that you expect as a member of Seaton?
3. What ministry(s) do you plan to join at Seaton? Why?