

# **Sun and Shield Baptist Church**

## **Missions Policy**

Just previous to His ascension into Heaven, in Acts one, our Lord told His disciples that they would be witnesses unto Him in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth. We believe this command to be incumbent upon the local church today women reach those fields of service. This may be accomplished through a local church missions program. For this reason, Sun and Shield Baptist Church has developed its Faith Promise Missions program. As a part of this ministry we have adopted the following missions policy.

### **I. Missionary Candidates**

- A. The candidate being considered for support must meet the following criteria:
  - 1. Must be an active member of a local, Baptist church which is also their sending church (Acts 13:1-3). They may also be sent by a mission board in addition to their local church
  - 2. Must meet the spiritual qualifications of church leaders as found in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1.
  - 3. Must have submitted a doctrinal statement for approval.
  - 4. Must have presented their missionary burden before the congregation and met with the pastor.
  - 5. Must submit a statement of Christian experience/resume.
  - 6. Must agree to correspond at least quarterly if taken on for support.

### **II. Missions Support Agreement**

- A. All missionary projects supported shall be given a “support renewal/termination date.”
  - 1. Each missionary shall come up for a renewal/termination at the end of each four year term.
  - 2. Each missionary must have an interview with the pastor/church during the renewal/termination time, preferably in person.
  - 3. Termination will be at the end of furlough (foreign missions) unless the missionary has been approved and support has been renewed.
  - 4. Additional information may be requested from the missionary as well as a personal interview.
- B. The Mission Support Agreement may become void when the ministry of the missionary alters significantly such as:
  - 1. Change in doctrinal position of missionary
  - 2. Change in field of ministry
  - 3. Changing mission boards or leaving mission board to work independently
  - 4. Accepting outside employment not related to ministry
  - 5. Problems of a moral/ethical nature
  - 6. Failure to correspond with Sun and Shield on a regular basis

### **III. Missionary Financial Support**

- A. Missionaries taken on, by faith, for support will have support continue for one four year term unless they are short term missionaries. They will then be reviewed for support renewal or termination.
  
- B. Support level will be determined by faith in the following manner: **(See Amendment 2)**
  - 1. Church family missionaries—to be determined at the discretion of the pastor and deacons with the approval of the congregation—currently a base amount of \$100.00 per month
  - 2. Foreign missionaries—currently a base amount of \$25.00 per month with increases as the Lord allows up to \$50.00 per month
  - 3. Home missionaries—currently a base amount of \$20.00 per month with increases as the Lord allows up to \$35.00 per month
  
- C. The church may not drop the monthly support of a missionary while they are on the field unless there is a violation of the missionary support agreement. See Section 2, article B. dropping a missionary for support may be done only by a 75% vote of the congregation present at a business meeting.

### **Amendments**

#### **Amendment 1**

*Amendment passed March 17, 2005 for Article II, Section B, Number 7 is amended as follows:*

Missionary church planters in the United States will only be supported for a four year term at the same church. At that time they will no longer be considered a missionary but a pastor. (This item does not apply to missionaries who are working cross-culturally.)

#### **Amendment 2**

*Amendment passed March 17, 2005 for Article III, Section B is amended as follows:*

- Item 1. Church family missionaries—new current base support amount is \$200.00 per month.
- Item 2. Foreign missionaries—new current base support amount is \$50.00 per month with increases, as the Lord allows, up to a ceiling amount of \$75.00 per month.
- Item 3. Home missionaries—new current base support amount is \$35.00 per month with increases, as the Lord allows, up to a ceiling amount of \$50.00 per month.