



Transformational *Sunday School*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT**

OF THE

**MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST
CONVENTION BOARD**

TIMELINE

Enlist

STEP 1: Presentations made to Pastors and Sunday School leaders with the intention of enlisting participation from churches.

STEP 2: Pastor reads the Transformational Church and the church enlists their Planning Team. Teams consists of: Pastor, Sunday School Director, Nominating Committee Chairperson, Chairman of Deacons, and a key leader from each of the following age groups ministries: adult, youth, children and preschool.

STEP 3: Churches enlists "Praying Up Your Sunday School" leaders for church and Sunday School classes.

Equip

STEP 4: Consultation/Coaching 1—Church conducts "Praying Up Your Sunday School". Review Transformational Church process, progress report to date, assign Sunday School checkup, address form, and complete demographic request. Consultant sets the date/time to lead the Planning Team through the Transformational Church book. Consultant and church leaders set date to review The Transformational Church.

STEP 5: Church promotes and conducts Transformational Church Assessment Tool (TCAT) online to be completed by age 16 through adults. Allow two weeks for completion.

STEP 6: Consultation/Coaching 2 —Meet with Pastor to review results of TCAT. Review 10-year history and identity cathartic moments. Set date for TCAT Discovery Retreat to be led by Consultant.

STEP 7: Sunday School Planning Team Training—MBCB trainer meets with Consultant and Planning Team to go through "Building Powerful Ministry Teams".

STEP 8: Consultation/Coaching 3— TCAT Discovery Retreat – Consultant leads Planning Team in review of TCAT using discovery conversation to develop TCAT impressions, develop summary statements, and identify priorities.

At this point the Planning Team will determine direction of further Consultations.

Empower

STEP 9: Consultation/Coaching 4 — Consultant walks with the Planning Team through the church facilities to consider space for future growth. Consultant leads Planning Team in a Dream session to develop actions plans from priorities established on TCAT Retreat to meet needs discovered in the church and community. Set goals to establish new Bible study units and ministry opportunities as needed. Assign Planning Team responsibility of developing job descriptions for new Bible Study units and ministry opportunities.

STEP 10: Consultation/Coaching 5 — Consultant works with Planning Team to finalize job descriptions. Team discusses potential new worker possibilities. All workers must be from list of church members without present church responsibilities. Planning Team schedules members of Planning Team to meet with new workers.

STEP 11: Consultant does phone consultation to check on progress of enlistment.

STEP 12: Transformational Sunday School Training – Training for ALL Sunday School workers (newly enlisted and present leaders) led by MBCB trainers and provided in your area.

Encourage

STEP 13: Consultation/Coaching 6 – MBCB trainer meets with Consultant and Planning Team to lead them through Strategic Planning for Sunday School/Small Group/ministry opportunities development for next two years.

STEP 14: Consultant available on as need basis.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Transformational Sunday School is a plan to help churches become better organized in each of the areas listed in the Great Commission. We believe the Great Commission does its best work when the church captures a vision for Sunday School.

The Transformational Church/Transformational Sunday School is a mentoring process that links individual churches with a consultant in a 12 month working relationship.

God's mission for His church is fulfilled when the church engages in work of the Great Commission: to Go, to Baptize, and to Teach.

The Transformational Church/Transformational Sunday School will help your church's Sunday School better understand its work by:

- * Working with proper committees to enlist Sunday School leadership.
- * Helping the leadership understand their task, their purpose, and their vision.
- * Helping develop Great Commission Sunday School goals.
- * Helping the leadership enlist and train others for the work of the Sunday School.
- * Providing resources and training to allow all teachers and leaders to be adequately prepared for their tasks.
- * Offering insights into proper enlistment of leaders and that the goals for Sunday School must be based on the five functions of the church:

Worship, Evangelism, Discipleship, Ministry, Fellowship and Prayer.

Integrated into this strategy is the development of an annual plan. It has been said, "First you must have a plan, and then second, work the plan."

Sunday School's foundational strategy is to lead (GO) people to faith in Jesus Christ, and apply (TEACH) the truth's of God's Word, and assimilate (BAPTIZE) them into the life of the church through

Worship, Evangelism, Discipleship, Ministry, Fellowship and Prayer.

Then Jesus came to them and said,

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore GO and make disciples of all nations, BAPTIZING them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and TEACHING them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28: 18-20, NIV

COMMITMENT FROM:

... the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board:
MBCB will provide a consultant for each participating church, as well as produce all materials needed, including three planning notebooks and a demographic study.

... the Associational Mission Director (AMD):
The AMD will assist to enlist at least four churches in their association to participate. The AMD will support each church throughout the year, as well as plan and promote training sessions. The AMD will consult with the pastors to plan quarterly celebrations and evaluation sessions.

... the Transformational Sunday School Consultant:
Consultants will be actively involved in planning the consulting meetings with the church.

... the Pastor:
The pastor must approve and support this plan by affirming it with the church, promoting it throughout the year, and meeting with the Planning Team and consultant.

... the Sunday School Teachers and Leaders:
Leaders must approve the Transformational Sunday School and be willing to follow the recommendations set out by the Sunday School Planning Team.

COST:
\$400 PER CHURCH WHICH INCLUDES:
NOTEBOOKS, MATERIALS, TCAT SUR-
VEY, AND CONSULTATIONS.

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