

# St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

## LIFE IN THE WORD

09 August Vol. VI – We are blessed and thankful to have you. - St. Paul cannot grow without you.

**Educate the mind, Feed on the Word, Commit your life to Christ and Fulfill your purpose!**

*Are you prepared for your breakthrough?*

Getting a better job  
in today's economy.  
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The Lord never stops  
providing and making  
provisions... Pg. 2

Put God first and  
what you need will be  
added unto you Pg. 3

What breakthrough  
do I prepare for  
when I lost my job  
and can't find a new  
one?



Sometimes moving  
forward means  
correcting what we  
are doing that is not  
in the Word.

Our Lord, Jesus is  
the true redeemer.  
At times He must  
remove the obstacles  
preventing us from  
moving forward in  
His Name.

This may be painful  
yet necessary for us  
to move forward, but  
we cannot keep doing  
the same thing and  
expect a different  
outcome.

*River Jordan*

7)....There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

8) I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

# THANK YOU JESUS

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# Pressing Forward

By Nicole Whitehead

In March of this year I sat in a meeting at work and listened as my Director advised us that no one at the company would be receiving a salary increase this year. It was now my job to explain to my Supervisors and Associates the same information. I remember thinking, "This past year was one of my best years, as well as many others at the company, and how could they not reward any of us when we had more profit this year than the last.... However, it is a blessing we didn't get laid off." I listened to many Associates and co-workers in despair, most posing the same question to me, how will I pay my bills now; I was counting on that raise? I answered them all the same and encouraged myself in the process to.....Press Forward.

A few weeks ago, my husband called me at work to advise that he just left a meeting and everyone's salary would be cut, his hours would be reduced, and he was informed that most of his department functions would be outsourced in the next two years. He asked me what I thought and for a quick moment I recalled our bills and the vision we had been working on and I was concerned. My response to him, in an attempt to encourage myself as well once again was.....We will Press Forward.

Philippians 3:13-15 says, *Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.* Many today are faced with downsizing and layoffs and instead of being in despair; this passage is telling us to Press Forward, looking to the Lord to reveal his plan to us. While waiting on the Lord's plan to be revealed to me, I remember a familiar bible verse, " *Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? (Luke 12:24).* This passage serves as a reminder that the Lord never stops providing and making provisions for us; this includes every area of our lives. God's idea of provision is oftentimes different than ours though. For example, my husband has been talking to me about having more time to work on the vision for our family and possibly go back to school for his MBA. With the changes on his job, he now works 4 days a week, giving him more time to spend with our boys and pursue our vision/schooling. I wanted to work closer to home to spend more time with my son in the evening; I was then laid off from my job and received a job closer to home with an increase in salary.

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**The reason you are getting the wrong answers  
is because you are asking the wrong questions.**

### **What I didn't Ask**

I didn't have to ask why I lost my job, I knew why.  
I didn't need to ask how I ended in divorce, I knew how  
I never had to seek understanding why others were trying to kill me,  
I understood  
And no, I certainly did not wonder how I came to be homeless for the answers to all  
Of these questions starred at me from my reflection.

### **What I did Ask**

I asked how could all of this happen when I was trying to do the right thing.  
I wondered why my life was getting worse when I am trying to get my life  
right with God  
And I just knew I would never in a million years understand why The Lord wanted  
Me to help those who tried to destroy me.

### **What the Lord Did**

The Lord healed me through His Word and the Touch of His Hand on my Life.  
Everything I did according to His Will, He magnified and multiplied beyond  
What I could have thought to do for myself.  
And I knew for every scar engraved in my soul that it was not a symbol of pain.  
But one of testimony of how the Lord in every instance healed and made me whole again.

**The reason we ask the wrong questions is  
because seeking what we want separates us  
from what the Lord wants for us.**

## First of all...

In today's economy, professional representation is vital. Many times we short change ourselves because we do not know how to adequately communicate our skill set in resumes and cover letters. The samples next page are templates from MS Word.

In addition to your job responsibilities, you can also include accomplishments you were involved in. The examples should be brief and answer three questions: What was the problem? What did you do? What was the results? Usually you want to indicate how you helped productivity or the company save money.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, don't hesitate to let us know.

## Cover Letter

This is where you want to demonstrate your interest in working specifically for this company. Do not attempt to rewrite your resume in the cover letter. Many postings and ads not only indicate you to include a cover letter, but also what to put in it. Make sure you include what is being requested of you. Adding some keywords is permissible; just don't overdo it.

Keep it light and to the point. Despite your situation, you want to communicate yourself as a strong candidate best suited for the job instead of a desperate job seeker.

There are some resources listed below but many more online and in the libraries.

# *Are you prepared for your breakthrough?*

## Resume

Due to the high number of resumes being submitted on a daily, many companies use resume scanning software. This software is used to scan for keywords. If the software does not locate the minimum keywords set, your resume will never be seen.

Although it may easier and quicker to use one resume to apply to different positions, you may be easing your way out of an opportunity. Review the keywords in the employment posting / add. The criteria and skill set they are looking for are probably the basis for majority of the keywords they search for within a resume. Take time to customize your resume to fit the position you are applying for. This will increase your chances.

## FAQs

1. How do I get experience?  
A) You may want to consider volunteering part time in an area you are trying to improve upon. Be sure to treat this opportunity as you would a job. You never know what the Lord will bless you with.
2. How do I get a better job?  
A) Research the skills that are being asked of the job you want to get. Start asking to be trained or help out in these areas. Sometimes it will mean more work but you will take this knowledge with you wherever you go.
3. I am not being recognized for my ideas and effort. What do I do?  
A) Document your ideas, develop yourself / pray to the Lord in how you may use them.

## Resources

[www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com)

[www.job.com](http://www.job.com)

[www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com)

[www.careerbuilder.com](http://www.careerbuilder.com)

[www.computerjobs.com](http://www.computerjobs.com)

[www.sample-resume.org](http://www.sample-resume.org)

[www.hotjobs.com](http://www.hotjobs.com)

[www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)

[www.careerjournal.com](http://www.careerjournal.com)

The aforementioned information and following resume examples are for informational purposes only. No warranty / guarantee / claim of results from use of herein is expressed or implied.

# Max Benson

**Objective** [Click here and type objective]

**Experience**

1990–1994 Arbor Shoe South Ridge, SC  
**National Sales Manager**

- Increased sales from \$50 million to \$100 million.
- Doubled sales per representative from \$5 million to \$10 million.
- Suggested new products that increased earnings by 23%.

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**District Sales Manager**

- Increased regional sales from \$25 million to \$350 million.
- Managed 250 sales representatives in 10 Western states.
- Implemented training course for new recruits — speeding profitability.

1980–1984 Duffy Vineyards South Ridge, SC  
**Senior Sales Representative**

- Expanded sales team from 50 to 100 representatives.
- Tripled division revenues for each sales associate.
- Expanded sales to include mass-market accounts.

1975–1980 Lit Ware, Inc. South Ridge, SC  
**Sales Representative**

- Expanded territorial sales by 400%.
- Received company's highest sales award four years in a row.
- Developed Excellence in Sales training course.

**Education**

1971–1975 South Ridge State University South Ridge, SC

- B.A., Business Administration and Computer Science.
- Graduated *summa cum laude*.

**Interests**

SR Board of Directors, running, gardening, carpentry, computers.

**Tips**

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[Your Name]  
 [Street Address]  
 [City, ST ZIP Code]  
 August 7, 2009

[Recipient Name]  
 [Title]  
 [Company Name]  
 [Street Address]  
 [City, ST ZIP Code]

Dear [Recipient Name]:

I could not be more eager to join forces with you! If hired as the new leader of your sales team, I will use and foster effective sales skills and follow through until the deal is closed.

That's why I'm writing you again—to remind you of the uncommon benefits I will provide as your sales manager:

- The advantage of existing profitable relationships with decision makers at top retailers in all major markets.
- Unusual strength in perceiving industry trends and challenges, and translating them into sales opportunities—well before others do.
- Proven ability to put these advantages to work for you from day one.

As you know Ms. Stahl, I am very excited about working with you. Please let me know if I can help you make your selection by providing any further information or coming in for another interview. Feel free to call me at work or at home.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Name] [phone]  
 [Street Address], [City, ST Zip Code] [e-mail]

## Professional Profile

[Briefly describe your professional background and education relevant to this position.]

- [Relevant skill]
- [Relevant skill]
- [Relevant skill]
- [Relevant skill]
- [Relevant skill]
- [Relevant skill]

## Professional Accomplishments

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## Work History

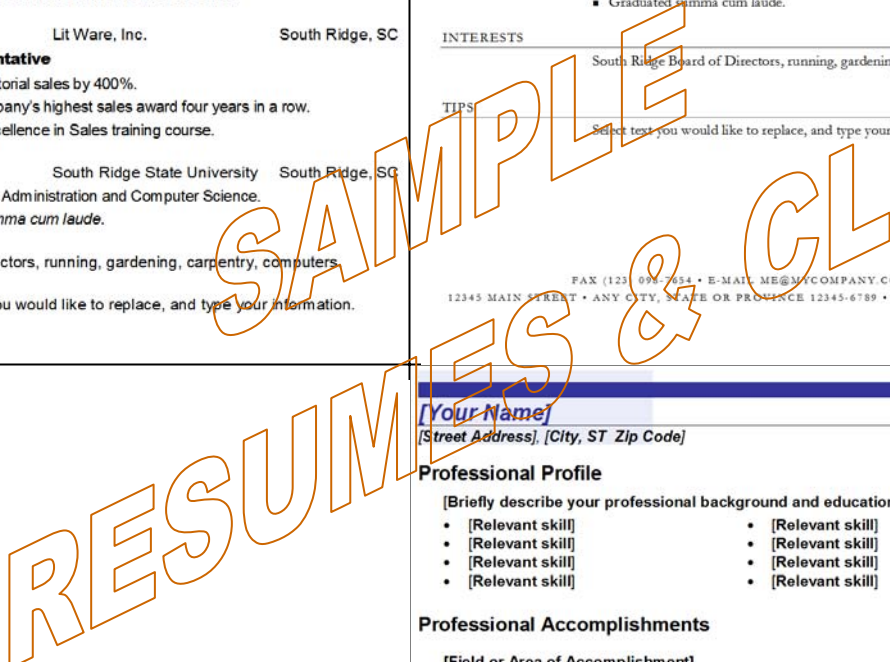
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## Education

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## References

References are available upon request.



We have also begun to realize this is an opportunity to continually assess what is important and what isn't. Taking a look at ourselves to ensure we remain on the Lord's path. I don't know whether we have weeks, months, or perhaps even years more in our current roles at work but when I dwell on all God *has already* provided my family, I find the answers to questions I didn't know to ask. It's clear how God's provided for us so far, I will continue to trust him for tomorrow. It doesn't mean I won't ever get nervous or afraid, just that now I'm giving my fears to God.

I know that wealth has nothing to do with our salary, job, car, or our house.

Wealth is being surrounded by those you love, secure in your future not because of a bank balance, but because the Lord views our value as priceless.

## TAKE THE BIBLE QUIZ FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$25

### Would you like a chance to win \$25?

The Media Team would like to test your knowledge of the bible and give you a chance to do exactly that! Complete the below questions on another sheet of paper with at least 8 out of 10 correct and your name will be entered into a drawing to receive \$25. The drawing is open to youth ages 9-16 years old, it is ok to work with your parent! The (2) winners will be announced no later than 8/23/09

### Daniel In The Lion's Den Quiz (short answers please)

- 1.) Who plotted to kill Daniel? See: Daniel 6:1-5
- 2.) What led to Daniel's being thrown into the lion's den? See: Daniel 6:1-5
- 3.) What was the reason that Daniel was thrown into the lion's den? See: Daniel 6:12
- 4.) Which king had Daniel thrown into the lion's den? See: Daniel 6:8,9
- 5.) What did the king say to Daniel as they threw him into the den? See: Daniel 6:16
- 6.) How was the den sealed after Daniel was thrown in? See: Daniel 6:17
- 7.) What did the king do that night? See: Daniel 6:18
- 8.) Who shut the mouth of the lions? See: Daniel 6:22
- 9.) Why was Daniel not hurt? See: Daniel 6:22
- 10.) What was done to Daniel's accusers? See: Daniel 6:24



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