



Membership Class Handbook

Welcome Note

Dear Member

Welcome to Arukah House of Restoration Church. We are glad you have made the decision to become a member. The church founded by Pastors Mmoloki Mogokgwane and Gcinekile Sharon Mogokgwane in 2022. At its first meeting on the 7th August 2022 at Rainbow High School in Gaborone, Botswana and was officially registered on the 9th August 2023.



About the Church

Vision

To restore mankind to their God given identity so that they fulfill their purpose.

The Name

- In Hebrew, "Arukah" embodies the holistic nature of healing, reflecting our belief in the interconnectedness of the human experience and the divine touch of restoration. representing a deep-rooted commitment to complete healing and restoration in all aspects of life—physical, mental, and spiritual.



Mission

1. To equip people to be restored to who they were created to be.
2. Make disciples who will bring others to a place of restoration in Christ.
3. Train people to live out their God given mandate in their sphere of influence.
4. Train an army for the end of time revival



Values

At Arukah House of Restoration, we have seven core values which guide the direction of our church. Our core values explain the structure for how our church is to function in order to fulfil its God-given mission. They are the blueprint that God has already communicated in His Word.

LOVE

“Whoever does not love does not know, because God is love.” 1 John 4:8 NIV

FREE WILL

“And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.””
Genesis 2:16-17 NIV

UNITY

How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron’s beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.” Psalms 133:1-3

FREEDOM

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” Galatians 5:1

COMPASSION

“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”
Matthew 9:36

PASSION

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” 1 John 4:10

EMPATHY

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2



Key Beliefs

Jesus Christ

We believe Jesus is the Son of God, fully human and divine, who came to save humanity.
John 1:1-5,14

The Trinity

We believe in one God who exists in three person; the Father (Creator), the Son (Jesus, the Redeemer), and the Holy Spirit (the Sanctifier).
Matthew 28:19

Salvation

Through faith in Jesus Christ, his death, and resurrection, we believe they can have their sins forgiven and receive eternal life.
Romans 10:9-11

Resurrection

We believe that Jesus resurrected from the dead. This is a foundational belief, as it demonstrates his victory over sin and death and offers hope for believers.

The Bible

We consider the Holy Bible as the scripture that reveals God's Word, contains Jesus' teachings, and guides Christians on how to live.



Salvation

- Salvation is deliverance from danger or suffering. To save is to deliver or protect.
- The word carries the idea of victory, health, or preservation. Sometimes, the Bible uses the words saved or salvation to refer to temporal, physical deliverance, such as Paul's deliverance from prison ([Philippians 1:19](#)).
- More often, the word salvation concerns an eternal, spiritual deliverance.
- When Paul told the Philippian jailer what he must do to be saved, he was referring to the jailer's eternal destiny ([Acts 16:30-31](#)).
- Jesus equated being saved with entering the kingdom of God ([Matthew 19:24-25](#)).

What are we saved from?

- **In the Christian doctrine of salvation, we are saved from “wrath,” that is, from God’s judgment of sin ([Romans 5:9](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:9](#)). Our sin has separated us from God, and the consequence of sin is death ([Romans 6:23](#)). Biblical salvation refers to our deliverance from the consequence of sin and therefore involves the removal of sin. We are saved from both the power and penalty of sin. Who does the saving? Only God can remove sin and deliver us from sin’s penalty ([2 Timothy 1:9](#); [Titus 3:5](#)).**
- **How does God save? In the Christian doctrine of salvation, God has rescued us through Jesus Christ ([John 3:17](#)). Specifically, it was Jesus’ death on the cross and subsequent resurrection that achieved our salvation ([Romans 5:10](#); [Ephesians 1:7](#)). Scripture is clear that salvation is the gracious, undeserved gift of God ([Ephesians 2:5, 8](#)) and is only available through faith in Jesus Christ ([Acts 4:12](#)).**

How Do We Receive Salvation?

- We are saved by faith. First, we must hear the gospel—the good news of Jesus’ death and resurrection ([Ephesians 1:13](#)).
- Then, we must believe—fully trust the Lord Jesus ([Romans 1:16](#)).
- This involves repentance, a changing of mind about sin and Christ ([Acts 3:19](#)), and calling on the name of the Lord ([Romans 10:9-10, 13](#)).
- A definition of the Christian doctrine of salvation would be “the deliverance, by the grace of God, from eternal punishment for sin that is granted to those who accept by faith God’s conditions of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus.”
- Salvation is available in Jesus alone ([John 14:6](#); [Acts 4:12](#)) and is dependent on God alone for provision and assurance.



Baptism

Christian baptism is one of two ordinances that Jesus instituted for the church. Just before His ascension, Jesus said, “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 28:19–20). These instructions specify that the church is responsible to teach Jesus’ word, make disciples, and baptize them. These things are to be done everywhere (“all nations”) until “the very end of the age.” So, if for no other reason, baptism has importance because Jesus commanded it.

Baptism is to be done in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit—this is what makes it “Christian” baptism. When we are saved, we are “baptized” by the Spirit into the Body of Christ, which is the universal church. First Corinthians 12:13 says, “We were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.” Baptism by water, what is normally meant by the term Christian baptism, is a “reenactment” of the baptism by the Spirit. Christian baptism is the means by which a person makes a public profession of faith and discipleship. In the waters of baptism, a person says, wordlessly, “I confess faith in Christ; Jesus has cleansed my soul from sin, and I now have a new life of sanctification.”

What Baptism Illustrates

Christian baptism illustrates, in dramatic style, the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. At the same time, it also illustrates our death to sin and new life in Christ. As the sinner confesses the Lord Jesus, he dies to sin (Romans 6:11) and is raised to a brand-new life (Colossians 2:12). Being submerged in the water represents death to sin, and emerging from the water represents the cleansed, holy life that follows salvation. Romans 6:4 puts it this way: “We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

- Water baptism is an outward testimony of the inward change in a believer’s life.
- Christian baptism is an act of obedience to the Lord after salvation; although baptism is closely associated with salvation, it is not a requirement to be saved.
- The Bible shows in many places that the order of events is 1) a person believes in the Lord Jesus and 2) he is baptized. This sequence is seen in Acts 2:41.
- A new believer in Jesus Christ should desire to be baptized as soon as possible Acts 8:35-36
- Baptism illustrates a believer’s identification with Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection. Everywhere the gospel is preached and people are drawn to faith in Christ, they are to be baptized.

Sanctification/Restoration

At Arukah House of Restoration we believe that everyone ought rediscover their true identity and healing from life's deepest wounds.

Understand Your Design

Discover that you are spirit, soul and body - fearfully and wonderfully made with purpose.

Key Verses

- “The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?” Jeremiah 17:9 NKJV
- “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:2 NKJV

Recognise Your Wounds

Identify the childhood knots and painful experiences that shaped your false identity.

Walk in Freedom

Replace lies with truth, heal from the inside out and live as your authentic self.

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thessalonians 5:23 NKJV

Serving

One of the great joys of having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is the opportunity to serve in His church. While the idea of serving is often looked down upon in our society, Christians view serving God and others as a high and holy privilege. Knowing Jesus Christ puts servanthood in its proper perspective. He is the One who “emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant” ([Philippians 2:7](#)). He is the One who said “whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant” ([Matthew 20:26](#)) This is such an important Biblical theme that God’s Word exhorts us to

“Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing” ([Psalm 100:2](#)). Even heaven is described as a place where “there shall no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His bondservants shall serve Him” ([Revelation 22:3](#)).



Service in the Bible

Many people involved in the foundation of the church were commended for the way they served, including Paul ([Acts 20:19](#)), Timothy ([Philippians 2:22](#)), Epaphrus ([Colossians 1:7](#)), Tychicus ([Colossians 4:7](#)), Appollos ([1 Corint. 3:5](#)), and John ([Revelation 19:10](#)).

The Importance of Service

- Many people think of a servant as a person with little ambition, intelligence, giftedness, or skills. In other words, he is a servant because he can’t be anything better. However, in the Word of God, being a servant is at “the top of the totem pole”!
- Servant is from diakonos, from which the term deacon is derived. The original Greek word was purely secular, referring to a person who did menial labor, such as house cleaning or serving tables. It was not necessarily a term of dishonor but simply described the lowest level of hired help, who needed little training or skill.
- But Christ elevated diakonos to a place of great significance, using it to describe His most faithful and favored disciples. He could have chosen any number of more noble words to characterize obedient discipleship, but He chose this one because it best reflects the selfless, humble life that He honors. It is also the life that He Himself exemplified, as He would go on to say ([Matthew 20:28](#)).

Opportunities For Service

Any person who seeks to serve Jesus Christ can find plenty of opportunities at Arukah House of Restoration. Our church is what it is today to a large degree, humanly speaking, because of faithful people who love to sacrificially serve Christ.



Informal Opportunities

Many ministry opportunities at our church are informal in nature. These would include things like:

- taking a meal to someone who is ill.
- being friendly to a guest at church.
- inviting a friend to a special church event.
- praying for those in need.
- thanking someone for serving in church.

Prayer

Ushering & Hospitality

Evangelism

Counseling & Welfare

Media, Sound & IT

Discipleship

Projects & Investments

Treasury

Formal Opportunities

Arukah Kids Ministry

Men of Valor

Commissioned Women

Arukah Youth

Music & Arts

Couples Ministry

Home Cells

Serving, requires church membership so that we are being responsible to investigate a person's testimony prior to their serving.

Home Cells/Churches

- Home cell groups are essential to a church's health, fostering intimate community, personal discipleship, and numerical growth beyond Sunday services.
- They provide a supportive, and safe environment for Bible study, pastoral care, and fellowship, helping members build lasting relationships and grow in spiritual maturity.
- These groups ensure that every member is known, cared for and actively involved in ministry.

Spiritual Growth & Discipleship

Cell groups facilitate the application of biblical teachings to daily life, offering, accountability and fostering Christ-likeness.

Pastoral Care & Support

They serve as the primary unit for care, offering, encouragement,, practical support during, tough times, and prayer

Leadership & Development

Cell groups are training grounds, allowing potential leaders to be identified, nurtured, and mentored.

Effective Evangelism

They provide a less intimidating, informal setting for non-believers to experience Christian community and hear the gospel.

Spiritual Atmosphere

Regular prayer within these groups impacts the community and strengthens the overall spiritual health of the church.

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Gaborone North	Lorato Molelowatladi 74349661	Kweneng	Bashe Mookotsane 71510619
Gaborone Central	Sibusiso Sabata 71342262	Gaborone Bonnington	Lucia Masole 75113887
Gaborone South	Oshinka Tsiang 74015014	Gaborone East	Booyesen Lesedi 71510905
Tlokweng	Molefhi Abotseng	Ramotswa	Olebogeng Masoko 71996057

Giving

Jesus declares that our attitude toward money is indicative of the focus of our hearts: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” ([Matthew 6:21](#)). Our love for God and His work will show up in how we give our money away.

The Bible gives some helpful principles to guide us in how we think about and how we give our money:

1. God owns everything and gives His things, including money, to whom He chooses. [Psalm 24:1](#),

2. How we spend and give away God’s money is a fundamental aspect of worship. [Colossians 3:17](#)

3. Giving to the church and the ministry of the gospel is commanded by God. [First Corinthians 16:1-2](#)

4. Giving is to be done with thoughtfulness, sacrifice, generosity, and joy. We are to thoughtfully consider how much to give based upon our income ([1 Corinthians 16:2](#)), 2 Cor. 9:6-7, 2 Cor. 8:1-9

5. Our giving is to be done quietly. Jesus warned us against giving with fanfare or in a manner that would draw attention to ourselves. He told us, “Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing” ([Matthew 6:3-4](#))

6. As we give for God’s glory, sacrificially, generously, and joyfully, God promises blessing. The one who gives generously also reaps generously. 2 Cor. 9:6, Prov. 22:9, Luke 6:38.

In [Philippians 4:18](#), Paul describes the Philippians’ financial gifts to him as “a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.” The church’s practical help of Paul’s ministry was noticed by God and pleasing to Him. We, too, can be faithful stewards of God’s gifts in our giving.

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