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A Church Family where Everybody is Somebody and JESUS is Lord!

2017 Theme: My Year of Open Heavens

Deuteronomy 28:12 (NIV) "The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none."

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S will meet THIS Sunday, May 7, immediately after service.

MINISTER'S SEMINAR: NEXT Saturday, May 13th at 10:00 A.M.

MOTHER'S DAY: NEXT Sunday, May 14th. Please invite mothers and their families to worship together here at A.I.C.M. We have gifts to honor our mothers.

AFRICAN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP EXPERIENCE: We thank the Lord for the ministrations and support offered by Rev. Dr. Yemi Adeogun, the Worship Pastor of Molete Baptist Church in Ibadan Nigeria during his short visit. We pray that God be with him as he returns home this weekend.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORIAL: Agape International Foundation plans to embark on an after school tutorial for our students. The start day will be sometime in June. In the meantime, we want to do a NEED ASSESSMENT. Please, fill out the need assessment when you receive one and return it to the AIM FOUNDATION.

VOLUNTEERS FOR AFTER SCHOOL TUTORIAL—We need volunteers for after school tutorial. If you will like to volunteer to teach a subject let Pastor John know soon.

WHATSAPP: Pastor John requests that members that are on Whatsap let him know. He is planning to setup our church communication group on that medium. Please keep Pastor John posted soon.

SERMON SERIES: Pastor John continues the new sermon series on Partnership THIS Sunday. Please be a part of it and invite someone to be a part of it.

CELL GROUP MINISTRY: All AICM members belong to a cell group. See the flyer for and identify the group you belong to. If your name is not on the list, let Pastor John know or just join a group of your choice on

Sunday. The cell group meeting will start by 9.30am every Sunday. Please share the flyer and invite others into the group.

ISRAEL HOLY LAND TRAVEL: We have 8 people who are ready to go to the Israel Holy Land Trip. We need more people. The trip is planned for February 17-26, 2018. The cost is \$1998 for LAND ONLY. Everyone will purchase their flight ticket themselves which may run from \$500 to \$1000 per person. A deposit is expected when you sign up and the rest can be paid by installments. For more information talk to Pastor John.

BEREAVEMENT: The family of Papa Nelson Nwachukwu, age 84, are planning a wake keeping service for him on May 27 2017. Location and time will be announced later. The family can be contacted through his son-in-law and his daughter at the following numbers: Moore Okeh 925-783-8259 or Irene Okeh 925-303-3853. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mama Keziah and the rest of his family at this time.

RESCUE MISSION MINISTRY: The next one will be Monday, May 22nd at 7 P.M. Minister Daniel Carothers will be the speaker. The address is 183 MacDonald Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801. Please pray for the work of the Mission, the people there and our ministry to them. We need more volunteers. If you would like to be involved in this important work, please see Pastor John. Please also pray for the following individuals that requested prayer during our last visit.

Dana Shaw & family	R. Collins	LaQuita Miller & family
Tainla Shepherd	Rose Williams	LaDanuya Hyatte & family
Jedidiah Joseph Shepherd	Angela Kennedy	Ruby Capricio & family
Tammie Darletta Oliver & family	Claudia Villalpando	Demetrius Davis & sons

A.I.C.M. TEE SHIRTS: available for purchase \$15 each. See Sis Lesa Hampton-Torrey or Sis Gale.

California State University, East Bay is offering “Reading Skills and Speed Reading Programs for Children and Adults” in Concord and Pleasant Hill this summer. Please see Bulletin Board for specifics.

CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY offers an undergraduate degree in Worship Arts and Ministry. Scholarships are available. Please see Bulletin Board for more information.

SOUTHERN WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY: OneLife gap year program for 18-21 year olds who want to invest in their faith, experience genuine community serve others and travel. Please see notice on bulletin board or Sis Gale for a copy.

CHURCH APP: The church app is now active at the iTune and Google Play stores. We encourage every member to download it as it will enhance our communication. If you have any question about the church app please ask brother George Mills.

SAVE THE DATE: MEN'S RETREAT - - May 5-7; The NorCal Wesleyan 2017 Men's Conference with speaker Pastor Lawrence VanHook. The theme is "Let's Go!!". The cost to register is \$140 or \$180, depending on your lodging selection. More information coming soon.

VOLUNTEER STUDENTS NEEDED—We need students who will help us with some social media and streaming of programs in the church. Regular church attendance is required. If interested talk to Pastor John or Brother Dan.

MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays 7:30 - 9 P.M. If you would like to participate in leading prayer, let Pastor John know soon. Pastor John is teaching on the book of Acts of Apostles every Wednesday night. Please plan to be there.

DATE	BIBLE LESSON	PRAYER LEADER
May 3	DOMINION PRAYER ASSEMBLY	
May 10	Pastor John	Tayo Thomas
May 17	Pastor John	James White
May 24	Pastor John	Gwen Trotter
May 31	Pastor John	Robert Wilson
June 7	DOMINION PRAYER ASSEMBLY	
June 14	Pastor John	Tutu Baina
June 21	Pastor John	Daniel Carothers
June 28	Pastor John	Alice Ojewole

FOOD PANTRY: Pastor John is asking for volunteers to serve in the Food Pantry. We need volunteers for the 8:00 – 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. times. You can commit to just one or twice a month. If interested let Pastor John know soon. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers with the Ushers.

AFRICA 2018: Next year we shall go on mission trip to the African countries that are represented in our ministry. Date to be announced. If interested, let Pastor John know by end of June this year so that we can start planning.

AGAPE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES FOUNDATION needs a volunteer to serve on its board. Anyone who is not serving in another ministry position at AICM is welcome. If interested, see Pastor John.

GENERAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: When you come to know Jesus Christ, You Believe, You Become and You Belong. All AICM members are encouraged to belong to the fellowship. That can be done by being in regular attendance at church services and by belonging to a church small group.

SUBSCRIPTION TO CHURCH EMAIL GROUP by sending email to agapecomch-subscribe@yahoo.com

NEWCOMERS CLASS: This is a class meant for introducing the church and what she stands for to new members. Anyone who wants to be a covenant member is required to take the class. There is an ongoing class Sunday mornings 9:30-10:25AM in the Pastor's office. Classes can also be scheduled on a Saturday from 10-2PM. A complimentary lunch at a local restaurant is included in the Saturday session.

BAPTISM: If you have believed in Jesus Christ for salvation and would like to be baptized, please meet with Pastor John soon.

CHURCH GROWTH INITIATIVE: We need the participation of all members in growing this church. This can be done by all the faithful members attending church services regularly, inviting our immediate families to church, each member planning on inviting 2 people to church each Sunday, passing out the church postcards to our friends and family and all of us praying regularly for growth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you would like to make any announcements or personally share any information during church services, please talk to Pastor John and get clearance ahead of time so that you can be included on the program. Preferably, the information should reach Pastor John by Wednesday before that Sunday.

GENERAL CHURCH CLEANING: We need volunteers to come and help clean our church on Saturdays. This is our place of worship and we want it to reflect an inviting and loving appearance to our family and our guests.

WEDDINGS: Pastor John requires premarital counseling prior to any wedding that he will perform. If you would like to be married at AICM please schedule your counseling appointments with Pastor John at least

three months ahead of time and do not select a date until you talk to him. He can be reached at 925-848-6240.

CHURCH FACILITY AND OTHER RENTALS: Please see Brother George Mills to schedule and make arrangements for any rentals. Payment for rental of the facility should be made at least 2 weeks before the date.

SANCTUARY ETIQUETTE: While in the service, nothing should be more important than our worship of our God.

- ♥ Please turn off all electronic equipment (cell phones, pagers, games, etc. during the worship).
- ♥ No food or drink is allowed in the Sanctuary. Please dispose of all candy, gum, water bottles and food prior to entering the Sanctuary.
- ♥ Please do not walk or move about during Prayer, Scripture Reading, the Sermon, or the Offering
- ♥ Please do not leave trash or disposable items behind. Clean up after yourself. Everyone should endeavor to keep our sanctuary clean at all times.
- ♥ Unwanted or unused bulletins and offering envelopes may be left for recycling in the back of the Sanctuary.

SERMON CD's: CDs of each sermon is available immediately after service for a donation of \$2.50. First time guests will receive a free complimentary copy.

GOOD NEIGHBOR: Let us be mindful of our behavior toward the laundromat next door. They are our tenants. We should leave at least 3 parking spaces every Sunday to allow their customers to have a place to park. Let us be neighborly and God will bless us all. Also, we must vacate the building no later than 1:45pm every Sunday to allow the Hispanic church to have their service.

HELP NEEDED: we are still looking for more members to join the Praise Team. We need musicians and singers. If interested, see Brother Daniel Carothers.

MINISTRY THROUGH PERISCOPE: Our church has a live ministry broadcast through Periscope. You can follow on TWITTER and PERISCOPE @agapebfm.

RIDE TO CHURCH: If anyone in the immediate area needs a ride to church, please call the church (925-709-4424) before 6pm Saturday. We are also looking for volunteer drivers. If interested, please let Pastor John know.

HOW TO REACH PASTOR JOHN: you can reach Pastor John through the Pastor's office anytime all day on Fridays, Saturdays, and afternoons on Sundays. He may also be in his office every week day nights Monday-Thursday. You can reach him for pastoral counseling, marital counseling or consultation. Additionally, you can reach him anytime by phone or text at 925-848-6240 or by email at agapebfm@gmail.com

OUTREACH: Everyone should invite at least 2 people to church next Sunday. We implore all members to be in the habit of inviting people to the church services.

RADIO MINISTRY: Our radio program, "Know the Truth" is broadcast on KDIA 1640AM every Sunday between 7:00-7:30am. Anyone who does not have the coverage in their area could listen to it online at www.kdia.com. Please pray for this endeavor and spread the word about it to your friends and families. Anyone who feels led could contribute towards the funding for the broadcast by designating such donation to radio ministry on your offering envelope.

GIVING - For your convenience, there are several ways to your contribution:

CHECKS made payable to: **“Agape International Church & Ministry”**
 or **“Agape International Church”**
 or **“AICM”**

ONLINE at: **<https://e-giving.org/agapebfm>**

CREDIT / DEBIT CARD: **You may make your transaction with the Counting Committee following service in the Church Office.**