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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."**

**THE SERMON SERIES: "Stewardship: Putting God First" continues THIS Sunday, September 10. Please invite your friends to come and be a part of it.**

**NEWCOMERS CLASS: THIS Saturday, September 16 from 10am-2pm. A complimentary lunch is provided by the church. Please let Pastor John know if you would like to enroll. Those who have not attended the class before should register for the class.**

**MEN'S AND WOMEN'S MINISTRY: meets THIS Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

**MEN VS WOMEN CONTEST: Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 P.M. Mark your calendar. See attached flyer.**

**FRIENDS & FAMILY / UNLIMITED PRAISE & TESTIMONIES: Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Bring a potluck dish and a friend to church.**

**T-SHIRT DAY: Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Wear your T-shirt. Let's show our AICM pride.**

**REHOBOTH 2017: Our church and pastor's anniversary will be celebrated on November 26, 2017 at 4pm. The theme of this year's event is: CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS. The theme verse is Joshua 21:45. The guest preacher is Pastor Maurice Bates of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Pittsburg. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to be here.**

**AICM LIFE INSTITUTE: Beginning in October, we will have an invited guest come to talk to us for a couple of hours on a Saturday on different topics interest like life insurance, investment, mortgage, First time home buyers, law, immigration etc. The first one will be "InvestmentOpportunities" by Idowu Akinleye on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10 A.M.**

**BOOK EDITORS:** Pastor John has some manuscripts for publication and he needs editors and proofreaders. If you think you may be able to do this, please let him know.

**HANDYMEN:** Are you an handyman [or handywoman] who is willing to donate your time to the work of the Lord in this church? If you are, please let Pastor John know soon. Your church needs you.

**INVITATIONS:**

- **New Covenant Church Fellowship 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dr. Hubert Garnett on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 P.M.**
- **El Shaddai World Evangelism Ministries 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Apostle MacDonald Jaa on September 22 @ 7P.M.**
- **Second Baptist Church Martinez, October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30P.M.**
- **Victory Christian International Ministries, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, October 29<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00P.M. 5230 Ehrhardt Ave, Sacramento, CA 95823**

**PRAYER REVIVAL:** Now that the prayer revival has concluded, let us continue in the spirit of prayer by being in regular attendance at the weekly prayer meetings, Dominion prayer assembly and monthly prayer vigil. The miraculous happens when people pray.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Mark your calendar, September 29-Oct 1, 2017 at Zephyr Point, NV. Cost: \$160-200.a \$30 deposit is due at the time of registration to secure your spot, and the balance is due on or before September 15.

**AFTER SCHOOL TUTORIAL:** Agape International Foundation plans to embark on an after school tutorial for our students. In the meantime, we want to do a **NEEDS ASSESSMENT**. Please, fill out the needs 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 Whatsapp let him know. He is planning to setup our church communication group on that medium. Please keep Pastor John posted soon.

**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.**

**RESCUE MISSION MINISTRY: The next one will be Monday, September 25th at 7 P.M. Sister Tutu Baina 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.**

Theresa Nikita Butler	Renee Holly Marie Lee	Duron Keith Lee, Jr.
Duron Keith Lee, Sr.	Gwendolyn Simps & family	Jewel Desiree
Anne	Erin Wilkerson	Eva Briones
Helen	Shawntella Latrice Williams & family	Anonymous
	Claudia Villalpando & family	

**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.**

**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
Sept 6	DOMINION PRAYER ASSEMBLY	
Sep 13	Pastor John	Gwendolyn Trotter
Sep 20	Pastor John	James White
Sep 27	Pastor John	Robert Wilson
October 4	DOMINION PRAYER ASSEMBLY	

**HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE ITINERARY: October 16-26, 2018. Please check the bulletin board for itinerary. Please let Pastor John or Sister Gale know if you will like to go.**

**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.**

**We are now accepting donations of non-perishable food items. You may bring your donations and leave them in the Food Pantry Barrel in the vestibule. Thank you.**

**AFRICA 2019: Because we have seen limited interest, the trip will be postponed to 2019. If interested let Pastor John know.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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.**