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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."

THIS MONTH at A.I.C.M.:

Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr.: THIS Sunday, January, 21st

Men's and Women's Ministry: THIS Sunday, January 21st .

Prayer Vigil: Friday, January 26th at 8 P.M. Beginning this month, we want to be taking our prayer vigil seriously. Every last Friday of the month at 8pm is our prayer vigil. It will be a time of worship and ministrations. Please join us this Friday. The flyer will be out soon. Minister Matthew Jorgbo will be ministering.

Rescue Mission Ministry: THIS Monday, January 22nd at 7P.M. Minister Tayo Thomas will be the speaker. The address is 183 MacDonal 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.

Katyra Brill & family	Angela Peterson & family	Simone Price
Anonymous Siater	Danci S. & family	Maria Pitchocka-Kwit
Sister S.	Sylvia Smith & daughter	Theresa Marshall & daughter
Dwana Jackson & sons	Constance J.	Anonymous
Mechelle Barnett & family		

Church Music Workshop: Saturday, January 27th 8am – 4pm.

Annual Church Business Meeting: NEXT Sunday, January 28th The service will be brief and the business meeting will be incorporated to the service. Everyone will receive a copy of the budget and the annual financial report this Sunday. Please

review it before next Sunday. We shall be electing trustees at the business meeting also.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: We are asking for your input on Christian movies you would like to see during our monthly movie night. Please submit your titles of movies to the church office within the next 2 weeks.

YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM: Effective next month we will be having monthly youth program/events for our church youths. Please be on the lookout for the next announcement. We want all parents of our youths to be involved. Refreshments will be provided. Stay tuned....

SANCTUARY ETIQUETTE: Please put your phone on silent or in vibration mode the moment you enter the church premises. Let us respect God and be mindful of other worshippers. God deserves our full attention and our honor.

BEREAVEMENT: Mother Sarah Mills and Brother Bowah Roberts' sister passed away in Washington DC recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

BEREAVEMENT: Sister Kim Green-Grey's aunt passed away in Minneapolis recently. Let us continue to pray for her and her family.

VOLUNTEER SECURITY PERSONNEL: We want to continue to keep our church safe. Please if you have background in military, law enforcement or security guard please let Pastor John know soon.

WESLEY SEMINARY: Ministers and other people that wanted to become more educated in ministry should consider enrolling with Wesley Seminary MA program that starts in Oakland in the Spring. You can study at your pace and you don't need to quit your job. Those intending to explore ordination can enroll also. If interested, let pastor John know of your intent soon.

HELP NEEDED: We need more volunteers on Thursdays for the Food Pantry. We need backup drivers for the truck and other volunteers to support in the morning and afternoons on Thursdays. We also need more volunteers during the week. If interested let Pastor John or Sister Lilian know.

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 a 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.

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 or just join a group of your choice on Sunday. The cell group meeting will start by 9.30am every Sunday.

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. Pastor John is teaching on the book of Acts of Apostles every Wednesday night. If you would like to participate in leading prayer, let Pastor John know. Please plan to be there.

DATE	BIBLE LESSON	PRAYER LEADER
Jan 3	DOMINION PRAYER ASSEMBLY	
Jan 10	Pastor John	Robert Wilson
Jan 17	Pastor John	James White
Jan 24	Pastor John	Gwen Trotter
Jan 31	Tayo Thomas	Isaiah Ibitokun

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@yahoogle.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.

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://giving.ncsservices.org/dl/?uid=ncs-2516>

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