# YOU NEED ANY HELP?

Contact the Cathedral Office for all necessary information and the Office will direct you to the appropriate persons to help. Below are the Contact Persons.

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#### C. For Cathedral Societies

The Dean; The Society Chaplains; Presidents & Secretaries of Societies

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#### G. For the Children Ministry

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#### H. For The Youth Ministry

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# **DIOCESE OF LAGOS WEST**

(Anglican Communion)



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Our Vision:

"CHRIST FOR ALL NATIONS"

Our 2019 Mission:

"GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH"
Psalm 46:1a.

A GOOD INDICATOR OF YOUR SPIRITUAL TEMPERATURE IS YOUR EAGERNESS TO COME TO THE CHURCH (PS 122:1). NEVER ALLOW YOUR SEAT TO BE EMPTY FOR AN EMPTY SEAT IS AN EMPTY HEAD AND IN HIS PRESENCE ONLY ARE FULLNESS OF JOY AND PLEASURES.

# **WEEKLY BULLETIN**

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> January - Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 EPIPHANY 3

**Theme:** God's Promised Presence

Colour: Green

Mr. Adetunji Adekoya Cathedral Warden Mr. Charles Ojo Cathedral Warden

The Ven. Adegoke O. Agara The Dean of the Cathedral

The Rt. Rev. Dr. James O. Odedeji The Bishop, Diocese of Lagos West

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Support God's Mission through the Covenant Seed Be A Diocesan Covenant Seeder

# 1. SERVICES FOR SUNDAY $-20^{TH}$ JAN.

### A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Diocesan

O.T. Reading: Layreader Olufunmilayo Alo

The Epistle: Layreader Dele Ajala
The Gospel: The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem

Preacher: The Diocesan

Intercession: The Rev. Dayo Bamigbola

Processional Hymn: CH 602

Praises & Worship 10mins. (Judges 1:1-2, Ps 100vs 4,

Ps 95 vs 2)

❖ Preparation to Penitence – The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin

❖ O.T Reading: Exodus 33:12-End

❖ Psalm
 ❖ Epistle:
 ❖ Gradual Hymn:
 ❖ The Gospel:
 Matthew 8:11-13

Sermon

Nicene Creed & Intercession

❖ The Peace (Let there be peace – page 5)

The Offerings: Choruses

(a) First Fruit (b) Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering

The Eucharistic Prayers

**❖** The Administration: CH 198, 453, 452, 447, 528

❖ The Ablution: CH 578

Post Communion Prayer

# Thanksgiving

i. Family Altar Thanksgiving

ii. The Churching of Dr. (Mrs) Somtochukwu Akunne for the gift of a baby boy and God's numerous blessings.

- iii. Birthday Thanksgiving of Dame Elizabeth Omene & God's numerous blessings.
- iv. Mr & Mrs Samuel Ajudua thanking God for safety from fire outbreak and God's numerous blessings.
- v. Fountain of Hope 10NG thanking God for Fountain of Hope International Day (FOH1).
- vi. Thanksgiving after the successful burial of Mazi Christian Udoye (Father of Engr. Vincent Udoye ) and journey mercies.
- Doxology & Benediction
- Notices
- Diocesan Anthem

Withdrawal Hymn: CH 595

#### TIMES AND SEASONS - Eccl. 3:1

We are already in the time and season of FIRST FRUIT. Avail yourself of the inherent blessings by approaching the ALTAR of God in faith, and dropping your first fruit with expectation of UNCOMMON BLESSINGS.

# **B. 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION**

# LADIES CHRISTIAN CIRCLE ANNIVERSARY

Celebrant: The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem
O.T. Reading: Ladies Christian Circle
The Epistle: Ladies Christian Circle
The Gospel: The Ven. James Adekanye
Preacher: The Rev. Canon Benson Odude
Intercession: The Rev. Dayo Bamigbola

Processional Hymn: CH 485

# D. <u>HISTORY OF THE CATHEDRAL</u>

Anyone that has helpful information regarding the History of AVMCC especially the beginning to please send it to: avmcchc18@gmail.com.

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# E. COMMITTEE'S & MINISTRIES REPORTS

This is to inform the above that the next Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019. Kindly send the report of your activities for the year 2018 to the Cathedral Office on or before 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

# F. NAMES OF CURRENT PRESIDENT & SECRETARIES & THEIR PHONE NUMBERS

This is to inform all Societies that the Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019. Kindly send the names of your current Presidents, Secretaries & their phone numbers to the Cathedral Office to enable us update the 2018 Vestry Report.

# G. BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Avail yourself of this plan. Read the BIBLE in one year and be blessed - **Rev. 1:3** 

Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	-	Exod. 14-17
Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Monday	-	Exod. 18-20
Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday	-	Exod. 21-24
Jan. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday	-	Exod. 25-27
Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	-	Exod. 28-31
Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	-	Exod. 32-34
Jan. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	-	Exod. 35-37
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# H. REVIVAL

Revival is ordained to terminate our affliction and turn around our situations from pitiable state to an enviable state. It is accompanied by evident change of level. Therefore desire REVIVAL.

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# CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR GESTURES OUR PROFOUND GRATUTUDE

This is to express on behalf of the Diocesan and the entire Clergy workforce in AVMCC our sincerely profound and heartfelt appreciation to all well meaning and well spirited members of this Cathedral for the hand of fellowship extended to us by way of gifts during the recent festive periods.

While thanking God for the priviledge of serving in your midst, we appreciate the sustained magnanimity which is undoubtedly a Godly custom moreso in the light of the prevailing economic challenges, thus fulfilling the scripture in 1 Cor. 9:11 "IF WE HAVE SOWN UNTO YOU SPIRITUAL THINGS, IS IT A GREAT THING IF WE SHALL REAP YOUR CARNAL THINGS?

Having therefore sown into us it is our prayer that the one who gives seed to the sower will never allow you to lack good things of life. Nothing good and glorious shall be withheld from you. Be replenished, refilled and abundantly refreshed in 2019 in Jesus name even as God continually remains our REFUGE and our STRENGTH TOGETHER IN AVMCC GOD BLESS YOU.

#### **B. VESTRY ELECTION 2019**

This year's Vestry Meeting and Elections will hold on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 after 10.00am Service. The following Offices will be contested for:

- i. Cathedral Warden (1)
- ii. Standing Committee Members (10)

# Notes:

- (a) Each Society to nominate only ONE Candidate.
- (b) Ministries are not eligible to nominate any candidate.
- (c) The FORM must be signed by the President & Secretary of the Society and one other member.
- (d) The form for nomination is available in the Cathedral Office.
- (e) Nomination closes by 2.00pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2019.

Interested persons may wish to collect **Nomination Form** from the Cathedral Office as from today, Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. Only **FINANCIAL & REGISTERED MEMBERS** of AVMCC can vote or be voted for. You must have paid your **Annual Dues (N5000)** as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2018.

# C. AVMCC CHURCH NEEDS

Dear Parishioners,

Be encouraged to pick one or more of the items listed below to mark your birthday, wedding anniversary and other occasions of joy. Do endeavour to get in touch with the WARDENS for specifications or monetization.

Tables for the Halls
Chairs for the Halls
Mercury Stabilizer 10 KVA
N 250,000
N 4,100 per one
N1,600 per one
N 250,000

Development of our landed properties Painting of the Church and our halls 3 Pcs Handsfree Table Microphones Praises & Worship 10mins. (Judges 1:1-2, Ps 100vs 4, Ps 95 vs 2)

❖ Preparation to Penitence – *Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin* 

❖ O.T Reading: Exodus 33:12-End

❖ Psalm
 ❖ Epistle:
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Sermon

Nicene Creed & Intercession

❖ The Peace (Let there be peace - page 5)

The Offerings: Choruses

(a) First Fruit (b) Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering

The Eucharistic Prayers

The Administration: CH 198, 453, 452, 447, 528

The Ablution: CH 454

Post Communion Prayer

**\*** The Anniversary:

i. Ladies Christian Circle Anthem

ii. Rededication of Members

iii. LCC Members, Patrons/Patronesses & the Church

# **Thanksgiving**

i. Family Altar Thanksgiving

ii. The Churching of Mrs Chisom Ohuabunwa for the gift of a baby girl and God's numerous blessings.

iii. 50<sup>th</sup> birthday thanksgiving of Mrs Abimbola Omotoso, successful pilgrimage to Jerusalem and God's numerous blessings.

iv. 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving of Mrs Anike Olubayode Ojo and God's numerous blessings.

v. 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving of Mrs Bisi Osifeso today, also for the recovery of a member of her family after a successful operation from a major accident & God's numerous blessings.

vi. Band of Mercy Society thanking God for sponsored and successful operation of Semilore Aregbesola a child with a hole in the heart in India.

vii. Fountain of Hope 10NG thanking God for Fountain of Hope International Day (FOH1).

Doxology & Benediction

Notices

Diocesan Anthem

❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CH 614

# C. 3.00P.M – DIOCESAN REDEDICATION SERVICE FOR ROYAL VESSELS & GEMS, BOYS/GIRLS AND LADIES GUILD

# D EVENTS AHEAD

1. January Cathedral Vigil: Praise that Raises jointly sponsored by Band of Faith, Christian Friends & Fountain of Hope – Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 10.00pm.

2. Sunday School Teachers Rededication Service – Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2019 at AVMCC by 10.00am

3. Anglican Communion Brigades Rededication Service – Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

4. Prisons and Hospital Ministry – Diocesan Rededication – Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2019 at 10.00am

5. Women's Rededication, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2019 at 3.00pm.

- 6. VESTRY MEETING Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 after 10.00a.m service
- 7. ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at 6.00pm
- 8. Enrolment Service: Mothers Union 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at AVMCC by 3.00p.m

  Registration is on now with any of the Clergy wives.

  Class resumes in January

# G. FIRST FRUITS – LEV. 23:10-11; DEUT. 26:1-10

- 1. Your first salary on a new job.
- 2. The first profit from a new line of business
- 3. For those already working, it is the first salary in the year.
- 4. When promoted to another level, the difference between your former salary and the new one.
- 5. To the aged with no pension, it is your first allowance from your children.
- 6. For Landlords and Landladies, the rent for the first month in the year is your first fruit.
- 7. For students, the poor, the jobless, it is your first gift in the year.
- 8. For those with multiple sources of income or salary, the best or the highest of all is ideal as first fruit.

TEST GOD WITH IT, TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD – Mal. 3:10, Ps. 34:8
Acct NO - STANBIC IBTC - 9200212515- First Fruits

# G. AVMCC SPONSORSHP OF 2019 EVENSONG BY SOCIETIES

1. Sunday Jan. 20, 2019-	Christian Brothers
2. Sunday Jan. 27, 2019-	Band of Light
3. Sunday Feb. 3, 2019 -	Good Shepherd
4. Sunday Feb. 10, 2019-	Anglican Fellowship
5. Sunday Feb. 17, 2019-	Band of Peace
6. Sunday Feb. 24, 2019-	Cathedral Youth
7 Sunday Mar 3 2019 -	Christian Morning Star

# G. YOUTH SERVICE

7.00a.m 10.00am

Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Dean

Theme: Finding and Doing the will of God

♦ Opening Hymn: CH 18 CH 161

The Preparation to penitence

Rotimi Coker-Towry Mr Diran Areo

The Epistle: 1 Thess. 4:1-12

Praises

**❖** The Gospel: Mark 14:32-42

Hymn before Sermon VSH 246 VSH 135

**❖** Bible Teaching (Pgs 16-17)

Nicene, Creed & Intercession

Olumide Adubi Ifesinachi Eze

The Peace

❖ The Offerings: Choruses

(a) First Fruit (b) Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering

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The Eucharistic Prayers

❖ The Administration: Choir Ministration

❖ Post Communion Prayer

# 2019 CONFESSION

THIS YEAR 2019 I STAND IN THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST AND LAY CLAIM TO HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS WITH THANKSGIVING FOR WHAT THE LORD HE HAS DONE, FOR WHAT HE IS DOING AND FOR WHAT I AM TRUSTING HIM TO DO FOR ME, BY ME, THROUGH ME, IN ME AND WITH ME IN 2019. I DECLARE THAT THE LORD MY GOD IS MY **REFUGE** AND MY **STRENGTH,** THEREFORE SHALL I ENJOY DIVINE PROTECTION FROM DANGER AND TROUBLE EVERY DAY OF THIS YEAR AND I SHALL BE STRONG AND DO EXPLOIT TO THE GLORY OF GOD'S NAME.

I SHALL ENJOY MY DAILY ALLOCATION OF DIVINE BENEFITS BY GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY AND OVERCOME EVERY TROUBLE, TRIBULATION, TEMPTATION AND TRIAL THAT EACH DAY MAY BRING MY WAY.

I RECEIVE THE GRACE FROM ABOVE TO RESIST AND OVERCOME THE DEVIL, THEREFORE CONCERNING ME THERE SHALL BE NO KILLING, NO STEALING AND NO DESTRUCTION. I REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM OF SATANIC AGENDA AND THE SPIRIT OF WASTER SHALL NOT PREVAIL UPON ME.

I SET THE LORD BEFORE ME, THE LORD MY GOD SHALL ALWAYS BE AT MY RIGHT HAND THEREFORE I SHALL NOT BE MOVED. THE VOICE OF THE MOST HIGH GOD SHALL DIRECT ME. MY DESTINY SHALL ATTRACT DIVINE ATTENTION AND GOD WILL GIVE DIRECTION TO MY ENDEAVOURS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR 2019.

THIS YEAR AND BEYOND, AS THE LORD LIVETH AND AS HIS SOUL LIVETH, I WILL NOT TOIL IN VAIN, I WILL NOT EXPERIENCE ABANDON PROJECTS. I RECEIVE GRACE TO FINISH ALL MY GOOD AND GODLY ENTERPRISE AND ENDEAVOUR. THE LORD ON DAILY BASIS SHALL ANOINT MY HEAD AFRESH AND I SHALL NOT BE DISGRACED NOR FALL FROM GRACE TO GRASS.

THE LORD SHALL LIFT ME BEYOND MY EXPECTATIONS AND BEAUTIFY MY LIFE WITH HIS GLORY. HE WILL SCATTER EVERY GANG UP OF THE WICKED AGAINST MY RISING. I SHALL WALK THROUGH THE DAYS AND NIGHTS OF 2019 UNHURT AND MY LIFE SHALL BE SECURE BY THE POWER IN THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST.

BECAUSE THE LORD IS MY REFUGE, I AM EXEMPTED FROM CALAMITIES, DISASTERS, SORROW, LAMENTATIONS, FAILURES AND ALL FORMS OF EVIL. BECAUSE THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH, I AM MORE THAN A CONQUEROR. I SHALL NOT BE WOUNDED ON THE BATTLE FIELD. I SHALL NOT WALK NAKED AND I SHALL BE BOLD AND STRONG ENOUGH TO POSSESS MY POSSESSION. I AM A GIANT IN THE LORD, I AM AN EAGLE, I SHALL FLOURISH LIKE A PALM TREE, I RECEIVE WISDOM FROM ABOVE AND THE GRACE OF GENTILITY LIKE A DOVE SHALL BE MIGHTY UPON ME, I AM THE SALT OF THE EARTH, MY LIGHT SHALL SHINE FOR ALL TO SEE. I RECEIVE GRACE AND ANOINTING TO WALK THROUGH THE 365 DAYS OF 2019 WITHOUT FAINTING AND AS I CONTINUE MY CHRISTIAN RACE I SHALL NOT GROW WEARY. WHATEVER HAPPENS ON EARTH IN 2019 BY GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY I SHALL NOT LIVE IN FEAR, WHATEVER THE ROARING OF THE SEA, I SHALL REMAIN COOL, CALM AND COLLECTED. GLADNESS AND JOY SHALL BE MY PORTION EVERYDAY OF THIS YEAR. THE LORD OF HOST SHALL TAKE OVER MY BATTLES AND MAKE ME A WINNER ON ALL SIDES AND GOD'S NAME SHALL BE EXALTED IN MY LIFE.

MY STRENGTH IS RENEWED PER SECONDS UNTO GREATER EXPLOITS, LATTER GLORIES AND A MORE ENVIABLE HEIGHTS IN JESUS NAME. AMEN.

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#### 15. CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

- i. All women prayer meeting {Cathedral Deanery} Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month. <u>Venue</u>: The AVMCC Auditorium. <u>Time</u>: 5.00pm-6.00pm.
- ii. Bible Study for Christian Mothers Every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 5.00pm.
- iii. Fasting & Prayer for Christian Mothers Every last Monday of the month at 5.00pm.
- iv. **Adult Education Programme**: This course is for young and old every Monday & Wednesday by 3.30pm at the Vining Hall.

#### 16. INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

# A. Obituaries

 We announce the passing into glory of our Father Prof. Michael Akintayo Bankole of Torchbearers Society). Aged:85years. Burial arrangements are as follows:

<u>Service of Songs:</u> On Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 at AVMCC Vining Hall by 4.00pm <u>Commendation Service:</u> On Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 by 9am.

<u>Funeral Service</u>: On Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2019 at St. Thomas Anglican Church, Isikan, Akure, Ondo State by 11.00am.

- ii. We announce the passing into glory of our Mother Mrs Modupeola Uthman). Aged:71years. Burial arrangements will be announced later.
- iv. We announce the passing into glory of our Father Prince Samuel Oyinlola (Father of Mr Adeolu Oyinlola and father-in-law of Mrs Oluyemi Oyinlola). Aged: 88years. Burial arrangements are as follows:

**Service of Songs:** On Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 at No. 1, Koko Close, off Imuleke Road, behind Odo-Otin Grammar School, Okuku, Odo-Otin LGA, Osun State by 4.00pm.

**Burial Service:** On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at Cathedral of st. Michael Church, Okuku, Odo-Otin LGA. Osun State by 10.00am.

v. We announce the passing into glory of our Father Pa Sunday Solaja of Ambassadors of Christ).

Aged: 84years. Burial arrangements are as follows:

<u>Christian Wake Keep:</u> On Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 at No. 7, Babs Kassim Street, Obanikoro behind Falemi House, Lagos by 5.00pm.

<u>Burial Service:</u> On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at AVMCC by 10.00am.

- Thanksgiving (if any)
- ❖ Youth Anthem
- The Notices Secretariat
- Prayer & Benediction
- Withdrawal Hymn: VSH 63.

**VSH** 10

# (VSH TO BE PROJECTED)

# H. 6.00 pm. EVENSONG

Cantor: The Rev. Canon Benson Odude Preacher: The Ven. James Adekanye Sponsor: Christian Brothers Society Organist: Dr. Chinedu Osinigwe

- Processional Hymn: CH 56
- Call to Worship
- Praise Worship
- **❖** Lesson: John 6:1-21 − **Christian Brothers**

# **Society**

- **❖** Hymn: CH 155
- Short Exhortation & Prayer
- Offerings Choruses
  - (a) First Fruit (b Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering
- Thanksgiving
- Closing Prayer
- Withdrawal Hymn: CH 44

# 2. SENTENCES FOR EPIPHANY 3

# **Introductory Sentence**

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the Gospel. **Mark 1:15.** 

# **Collect for the Week:**

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles, the wonders of Your saving love; renew Your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weaknesses, sustain us by Your might power through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Post Communion Sentence**

Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs. **Acts 2:22.** 

3. LET THERE BE PEACE (ADAPTED)
Let there be PEACE shared among us
Let there be Peace in our eyes
May NOW your Peace sweep this church
Cause us O Lord to Arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Of Brotherly Peace that is Real
Let there be Peace shared among us

#### 4. ANIMA CHRISTI

1. Soul of my Saviour, Sanctify my breast Body of Christ, be Thou my saving guest Blood of my Saviour, Bathe me in Thy tide Wash me with water flowing from Thy side.

Let there be Peace.

- 2. Strength and protection may Thy passion be O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me Deep in Thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me So shall I never, never part from Thee.
- 3. Guard and defend me from the foe malign
  In death's dread moments, make me only Thine
  Call me and bid me come to Thee on high
  When I may praise Thee with Thy Saints for aye. Amen

# 4. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY – SUNDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2019

# A. Prayers for the Anglican Communion and for Christian Denominations and Organizations

- Pray for Nicholas our Primate, Olusina, Our Archbishop and Olusola our Bishop that the Church of God committed to their charge will be united unto exploits and testimony.
- ii. For the Rt. Rev. Isaac O. Olubowale, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ekiti-Oke.

# B. Prayers for Nigeria & the World

- i. That Nigeria's economy will experience divine visitation again.
- ii. That God will preserve and frustrate every satanic agenda in the forth coming election.
- iii. Every negative prophecy concerning our Nation, World and the Church universal will not see the light of the day.

# **C.** Prayers for AVMCC Members

- i. Evil visitors chosen to visit our homes for evil shall lose their bearing.
- ii. Let God break the heads of all destiny killers who are working against our joy.
- iii. Every power crippling our destiny shall be arrested.
- iv. For God to preserve all our pregnant women unto safe delivery.

# D. Prayers for all our members who are having their Birthdays and/or other Anniversaries today:

- For Mrs Bisi Osifeso, Engr. Obi Anadu, Mrs Onyinyechi Mbaeru, Mr Oluwamayowa Abejide, Miss Ngozichukwuka Mbonu, Mr Godwin Olowu, Mr Temidayo Soyinka, Mrs Amina Zang and others who are celebrating their birthdays today.
- ii. For those having their Wedding Anniversaries or any other positive Anniversaries today.

# E. Prayers for individual Families within the AVMCC Household

Bamtefa Family, Bankole Family, Bartels Family, Bayode Family, Beckley Family, Bejide Family, Belolise Family, Benjamin Family, Bielonwu Family, Blue-Jack Family.

MY WORDS GO BEFORE ME IN SECURING MY DIVINE HEALTH AND HEALING.

I WILL NOT BE SICK TODAY; I WILL NOT BE SAD TODAY; I WILL NOT BE BROKE TODAY; I WILL NOT BE CONFUSED TODAY.

I HAVE HEALTH TODAY; I WILL NOT BE SAD TODAY; I HAVE ALL THE MONEY I NEED IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

MY STEPS ARE ORDERED BY THE LORD ... (PSALM 37:23)

I HAVE A COVENANT WITH GOD AND BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS I RELEASE MY DIVINE PROTECTION AND DIVINE PROVISION

MY ANGELS ARE CARRYING OUT THE WORD OF GOD ON MY BEHALF.

I HAVE SUPERNATURAL STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD AND MY ANGELS. ANGELS CARRY OUT THE WORD OF GOD AND EVERY WORD THAT I SPEAK THAT LINES UP WITH THE WORD OF GOD IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY ANGELS, EVEN NOW AS I SPEAK (PSALM 103:20).

I EXPECT TO HAVE DIVINE APPOINTMENTS TODAY, TO RUN INTO THE RIGHT PEOPLE, AND TO BE DELIVERED FROM THE WRONG PEOPLE. BREAKTHROUGHS SHALL BE MY PORTION IN ALL MY ENDEAVOURS. I SHALL NEVER EXPERIENCE BREAKDOWNS IN JESUS NAME.

ANY ADVERSITY, ATTACK, ACCIDENTS AND TRAGEDIES THAT MAY BE HEADING MY WAY ARE DIVERTED RIGHT NOW IN JESUS' NAME.

I SPEAK TO THE RAGING WATERS IN MY LIFE: PEACE, BE STILL

I SPEAK TO MY EMOTIONS, PEACE, BE STILL

I SPEAK TO MY MIND, PEACE, BE STILL

I SPEAK TO MY BODY, PEACE, BE STILL

I SPEAK TO MY HOME, PEACE, BE STILL

I SPEAK TO MY FAMILY, PEACE, BE STILL

NOW I SPEAK TO:

EVERY MOUNTAIN OF FEAR

EVERY MOUNTAIN OF DISCOURAGEMENT

**EVERY MOUNTAIN OF STRESS** 

EVERY MOUNTAIN OF DEPRESSION

EVERY MOUNTAIN OF LACK AND INSUFFICIENCY

AND I'L SAY, "BE REMOVED AND CAST INTO THE SEA IN JESUS NAME" (MARK 11:23)

I EXPECT THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE SPIRITUALLY, EMOTIONALLY, RELATIONALLY AND FINANCIALLY TODAY IN JESUS NAME. AMEN.

# **DAILY CONFESSION**

I SET THE COURSE OF MY LIFE TODAY WITH GOD'S WORD

I DECLARE TODAY THAT I WILL NOT BE DEFEATED, DISCOURAGED, DEPRESSED OR DISAPPOINTED TODAY

I AM THE HEAD, I HAVE INSIGHT, I HAVE WISDOM, I HAVE IDEAS, I HAVE AUTHORITY.

I EXERCISE MY AUTHORITY TODAY WITH GOD'S WORDS AND I DECREE A THING AND IT IS SO. GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN ME THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD (1 JOHN 4:4) THE SAME SPIRIT THAT RAISED JESUS FROM DEAD, LIVES IN ME... (ROMANS 8:11).

AS I SPEAK WORDS TODAY, THEY COME TO PASS (JOB 22:28); THEY GO BEFORE ME, THEY BRING THE THINGS TO PASS THAT I DESIRE; AND THEY STOP ALL ATTACKS, ASSAULTS, OPPRESSION, AND FEAR FROM COMING TO MY LIFE.

GOD IS ON MY SIDE TODAY AND THEREFORE I CANNOT BE DEFEATED.

HIS FAVOUR SURROUNDS ME TODAY AS A SHIELD (PSALM 5:12) I EXPECT FAVOUR FROM HEAVEN AND FROM THE EARTH.

JESUS HAD FAVOUR WITH GOD AND MAN (LUKE 2:52) AND AS HE IS SO AM I ON THIS EARTH (I JOHN 4:17). THEREFORE, I HAVE FAVOUR TODAY WITH GOD AND MAN.

I EXPECT AND RECEIVE FAVOUR IN MY HOME, FAVOUR IN MY JOB, FAVOUR IN MY BUSINESS, FAVOUR IN MY MINISTRY, FAVOUR IN MY FINANCES, FAVOUR IN EVERY DEAL I AM INVOLVED IN TODAY AND ALWAYS.

I HAVE THE WISDOM OF GOD TODAY, I WILL THINK THE RIGHT THOUGHTS, SAY THE RIGHT WORDS AND MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION IN EVERY SITUATION I FACE TODAY.

MY MOUTH SPEAKS WISDOM AND MY HEART IS FILLED WITH UNDERSTANDING (PSALM 49:3). I ASK FOR, AND RECEIVE AN ABUNDANT SUPPLY OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING TODAY FROM GOD (JAMES 1:5).. WISDOM FROM ABOVE, WISDOM THAT IS PURE, PEACEABLE, GENTLE, UNWAVERING, WILLING TO YIELD, WITHOUT HYPOCRISY.

WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING ARE BETTER THAT SILVER AND GOLD AND NOTHING I DESIRE CAN COMPARE WITH THEM; THEREFORE I MAKE IT MY AMBITION AND DESIRE TO HAVE UNDERSTANDING AND WISDOM; THEREFORE I KNOW I WILL HAVE ALL OF THE OTHER DESIRES OF MY HEART (PROVERBS 8:10-11).

- F. Prayers for the following people: The Rt. Rev. Dr. P. A. Adebiyi, Engr. & Mrs. Odedairo, Mrs. Beatrice Akinola, Mrs. David-West, Justice S.O. Ilori, Mrs M.I. Ilori, Mrs Lydia Metu, Mr. B. Sorinmade, Mrs M.M. Aruofor, Mrs Esther Babalola, Mrs Roseline Anyadikwa, Mrs. Ronke Famuyide, Mr Samuel Chukwudum.
- **G. Prayers For:** The barren, the pregnant, spinsters, bachelors, the jobless and the homeless among us that God will open a book of remembrance covering them all and help them speedily to the shame of the devil, removing their reproaches.
- **H.** Pray that God will send HELP to us from ABOVE to facilitate the development of our lands that are fallow.

# 5. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK SUNDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2019 THEME: GOD'S PROMISED PRESENCE READINGS: EXODUS 33:12-END; PSALM 27:1-8; I JOHN 1:1-7; MATTHEW 8:1-13.

#### A. Introduction

In a Bible Study session somewhere, the Teacher made a statement that God is everywhere, even in 'hell'! An elderly man rose up and queried, how can you say God is in 'hell'?! He continued, God won't be where sinners would burn forever?! God is not where sin is. In fact, he is of a purer eyes than to behold evil and cannot look on iniquity. Yes, the elderly man is right; likewise the Teacher. God's presence is everywhere, to the exception of none. That he created hell doesn't mean hell has power over him. He sees the secrets of secrets. No one hides from him. He is the omnipresent which makes him to be everywhere at the same time. His omnipresence makes him omniscient. His omniscience makes him omnipotent. He is who he is. He is God. When he promises, he keeps it. Our duty is to ensure we attract and keep his promised presence. Nothing good exists outside of it. The Psalmist says in Psalm 16:2 "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.

#### **B.** His Presence

There is a difference between saying "God is everywhere," and saying "God is here." The former is the default, the generic. We talk about God's presence being unavoidable and that he is "everywhere present" (Ps 139:5-12). God can see the wicked perpetuate their acts. God can see those embezzling the money of this country. God knows those who pray and intercede for others. God sees the thoughts of every heart. God knows those troubling the peace of Nigeria but GOD IS NOT WITH THEM. We are more concerned with his manifest presence. In other words, we want his focused attention. While he is everywhere, he chooses to devote attention on certain people, places and situations. That is why we have churches, otherwise people will sit at home and not bother to gather. Matthew 18:19-20 "Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them". John 4 tells us about Jesus interaction with the Samaritan woman who contested on the authorized place of worship. It is here in Mount Gerizm, she said, because our

fathers worshipped here but you Jews said in Jerusalem. Jesus clarified, woman, believe me, the hour comes, when you shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. However, the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship him. The promised presence of God is for those who are ready to worship him in spirit and truth.

### C. When God Says, "I AM WITH YOU"

When God makes this statement, he means, he is in his capacity as God with you. That is huge! He told Moses, tell them "I AM" sent you. "I AM WHO I AM" - In my vastness, my bigness, my inexplicableness, my infallibleness, my unquestionableness, my unchangeableness and my might, I am with you. It is emphatic, definite, concise and precise. No ambiguity. HE IS WITH US and when he is, no one can stand against us. Every promise of God is ye and amen in Jesus (2Cor 1:20). When he says he is with us, he is definitely with us. The implication of this statement is "YOU DON'T NEED ANYTHING OR ANYONE IN MY PLACE. I AM ALL YOU NEED AND CAN EVER NEED". How do we know he is with

By his name we know that he is with us: Immanuel is "God with us" – (Matthew 1:22-23)

By his words we know he is with us: Jesus says, "I am with you always" – (Matt. 28:20)

By testimonials, we know he is with us: Paul says, "Nothing can separate us" – (Rom. 8:38-39)

By faith, we know he is with us: Psalm 46:7&11, The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Why don't we believe? Why do we worry? Why do we fret? Why are we anxious? Why do we behave as if God is far away?

#### D. Benefits Of God's Presence

- 1. Safety is Guaranteed. Psalm 16:8, I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Isn't that beautiful? Once God devotes his attention to anyone, the person is safe. Nothing can move him. Lately, the Bishop has been emphatic about the FOURTH MAN IN THE FIRE. Jesus appeared in the fire to register his presence in the lives of the three Hebrew men and to establish his authority over everything; including fire. Fire here represents torments or difficult situations we face. If we trust God and stay faithful, he will wade in and turn pain to gain. The interesting thing in this story is that, they didn't feel the fire at all. Isaiah 43:2 "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee"
- 2. Hope is Revived: Psalm 16:9,Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. God's presence restores hope. Hope brightens the face. Those who stay in God's presence don't lose hope. When Martha and Mary saw Jesus, they said, Lord if you have been

# F. PREREQUISITES FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE TO ESTABLISHING GOD'S WILL

- 1. We must TRUST in the Lord Ps. 37:3, Ps. 32:8.
- 2. We must DELIGHT ourselves in the Lord Ps. 37:4, Isaiah 40:8
- 3. We must commit our way unto the Lord Ps. 37:5
- 4. We must REST in the Lord.
- 5. We must WAIT patiently for the Lord Ps. 37:7
- 6. We must surrender to the will of God.
- 7. We must be willing to obey the will of God Rm. 12:1-2
- 8. We must be separated from the world.
- 9. We must run away from sin.
- 10. We must be spiritually minded with a commitment to the renewal while eschewing carnality.

# G. HOW GUIDANCE DIVINE UNTO HIS WILL SOME OF THE WAYS TO AS CERTAIN GOD'S WILL (This is not exhaustible)

- 1. There is no set pattern
- God deals with us differently and personally. Do not look at another man's watch to determine your time and divine purpose.
- 3. God moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform.
- God often guides through verses of the scripture speaking loudly to us. He brings portions of the Bible to our minds. God's will is never contrary to the Bible.
- 5. God guides us through INNER CONVICTION Rm. 8:16.
- 6. God guide through AUDIBLE voice Acts 13:2.
- 7. God guides into His will through CIRCUMSTANCES 2 Sam. 5:22-25; 1 Cor. 16:9.
- 8. God guides through VISIONS Acts 16:9-10, Acts 10:9-11.
- God guides through DREAMS AND REVELATIONS Num. 12:6, Jer. 23:28.
- 10. God guides through PROPHETS and PROPHECY Acts 13:1-2, 1 Cor. 12:28.
- 11. We can be guided by putting out a FLEECE Judge 6:37-39. Case study of Abraham's servant in choosing a wife for Isaac Gen. 24:9-24.
- 12. By seeking counsel from those who know the Lord and His word Pr. 11:14.
- 13. Godly parents can be instrument of guide.
- H. There are certain BUS STOPS in life wherein we must watch it carefully to ascertain God's will. These include among many others. Choice of school, choice of carrier, locations and places of abode marital choices etc. Ruth1; Gen. 26:1-15; Jugs 14:1-3.

#### I. CONCLUSION

As the events of 2019 unfolds, we need to submit our will to God's will. Expectedly we must have our plans, daily, weekly, monthly, and for the year. This plan must cut across all spheres of our human endeavours, spiritual, financial, moral, academic, marital etc. We can never afford to live our lives just taking whatever comes our way. We must ascertain the will, purpose and agenda of God for our lives so that we do not become part of the wasted generation. His thought for us is GOOD and not evil – Jer. 29:11.

It is in doing God's will that we live forever -1 Jh. 2:17. The will of God is supreme.

# BIBLE TEACHING OUTLINE FINDING AND DOING THE WILL OF GOD

Text: 1 Thess. 4:1-12, Isaiah 40:8

#### A. INTRODUCTION

One of the greatest challenged that every Christian will have to contend with in life is how to **FIND AND DO THE WILL OF GOD.** This is because, nobody who is SELF WILLED can claim to be a true Christian. A Christian is that man, woman, boy, girl, young or old who has RENOUNCED his/her own will and submits to the will of God for his/her life in all spheres of HUMAN ENDEAVOURS.

God's will are **HIS PLAN, PURPOSE, AGENDA, BLUEPRINT, MANDATE,** etc for our lives. The life of Jesus Christ on earth during His earthly ministry is a perfect illustration of absolute conformity to the will of God – Heb. 10:7, Mark 14; Jh. 17:4. Just like Jesus was assigned to specific tasks to perform on earth, so each Christian is similarly assigned a special task. It is therefore the responsibility of each and everyone of us to learn from the Lord His plan and purposes for our lives and do HIS WILL.

# B. FACTS ABOUT GOD'S PLAN

- 1. There is a divine blueprint for each one of God's people.
- 2. The plans of God for each of us is suited to: (a) Our personalities (b) Talents (c) Needs (d) Potentialities (e) Environment.
- 3. He created us unto GOOD WORKS Eph. 2:10, Acts 10:38.
- 4. We have specific tasks to carry out Heb. 12:1.
- 5. We are running different RACES.
- 6. We must desire to finish the course assigned to us as an individual 2 Tim. 4:7.
- 7. God's plan for each of us is PERSONAL Ps. 32:8.
- 8. God's plan is DETAILED Ps. 37:23.
- 9. God's plan is CONTINOUS Isaiah 58:11.
- 10. God's plan is DEFINITE
- 11. God's plan is specific Isaiah 30:21
- 12. God's plan must be SOUGHT for Ps. 143:8

#### C. FEATURES OF GOD'S WILL - Rm 12:2

- 1. It is perfect
- 2. It is good
- 3. It is acceptable
- 4. It entails separation from  $\sin 1$  Thess. 4:3
- 5. It entails Prayer and thanksgiving 1 Thess. 5:16-18
- 6. It mandates good deeds 1 Peter 2:15.
- 7. It is wisdom to know and do God's will Eph. 5:17.

#### D. TWO SIDES TO GOD'S WILL

- 1. The perfect will
- 2. The permissive will of God
- (a) Numbers 22:23 Balaam Num. 22:12-34
- (b) King Hezekiah Isaiah 38:1-6

#### E. DANGER OF SELF WILL - 2 Kgs. 20:1-21, 21, 1-7.

This is disastrous as it is always ever at variance with God's will. Selfishness, stubbornness and the desire to please self as evident in the case study of Samson is a tragic mistake that must be avoided. They are documented for our learning - Jer. 10:23.

- here, our brother wouldn't have died. They had hoped Jesus would come in time to heal Lazarus. Even at that, Jesus stepped in and changed the narrative.
- 3. <u>Joy is Assured:</u> Psalm 16:11, Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. Joy, Joy and Joy in fullness is obtainable in God's presence. When the Angel appeared to the Shepherd, he said, I bring you a good news of great joy, which shall be for all people...... His presence sacks sadness and sorrow. Even when it is an ordained trial that should naturally bring discouragement, the presence of God makes a man to 'Count it all Joy'
- 4. **Peace is Relished:** John 14:26-27, But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid. God's peace is assured and enjoyed with God's presence.
- 5. <u>Stress is Dismissed:</u> Cast all your burdens upon him, for he cares for you. Jesus showed up in the lives of the man at the pool of Bethsaida, he healed him. In the Gospel we read today, the leprous man was made clean and the paralyzed servant of the Centurion was healed. God's presence dissolves stress and loads. What trouble can survive in his presence?
- 6. Progress Happens: When Potiphar discovered that God was with Joseph, he made him overseer over his house. That was very smart of Potiphar. Gen 39:2-4 And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand. And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. Pharaoh himself, when he saw the presence of God is Joseph's life, he said, "Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou"
- 7. **Status is Changed:** The popular saying goes, "one with God is with majority". Daniel and Joseph became Prime Ministers in a foreign land because they carry the presence of God. They were captives or better put, slaves, yet, they were not limited.
- 8. **Rest is Obtained:** And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:14. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil. For thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me"

# E. Conclusion:

Though God's presence is everywhere, His special presence is in certain locations such as in designated places of his worship and where two or three are gathered in his name. Today, God's Spirit lives within those who believe in Him (John 14:23). We do not need to run helter skelter looking for His presence, but are called to worship Him and live guided by His Spirit that lives within us.

# 9. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

January 13 – January 19

Junuary 10 Junuary 19	
7.00 am Holy Communion	1,034
10.00 am Youth Service	230
7.00 am Sunday School	374
10.00 am Mattins	810
10.00 am Youth Service	184
10.00 am Sunday School	226
6.00 pm Service	36
Tuesday Bible Study	128
Wednesday Holy Communion	214
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	176

#### 10. MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- ➤ The following Societies will meet immediately in the Church after Service
  - **♣** Ladies Christian Circle
  - **♣** Christian Unity Band Society
  - ♣ Band of Grace Society
  - ♣ Band of Mercy Society
  - **♣** Band of Light Society
  - **★** Ladies Progressive League
  - Good Shepherd Society
  - **♣** Fountain of Hope Society
  - **♣** The Lord Vessel Society
  - **♣** Band of Glory Society
  - **♣** Lords Labourers Fellowship
- Men & Women of Grace meeting comes up on **Thursday**, **24**<sup>th</sup> **January**, **2019** at the front of the Church by 11.00am.

#### 11. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

#### A. Cathedral Health Centre

 i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2019
 7.00a.m-10.00a.m: Dr. Makinde Akinlemibola, Pharm. Deji Osinoiki, Pharm (Mrs) Yomi Osinoiki, Dr. Oliver Akinola.

**10.00am-2.00pm:** Dr. Femi Olaleye, Pharm. Ranti Adedeji, Mrs Bola Awobiyi, Ms Adenike Adefila.

ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2019
 7.00a.m-10.00a.m: Dr. Makinde Akinlemibola,
 Pharm. Ifeanyi Uchefuna, Mrs Gina Okolo, Pharm.
 Ezenwaji Amaka, Pharm. Chinwe Eze.

**10.00am-2.00pm:** Dr. (Mrs) Frances Ajose, Mrs Chinelo Emenike, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Dr. Nike Odusina.

# **B.** Security & Traffic Control

i. Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. - Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2019 Segun Openiyi (Captain), Nwaorgu Chinedu (Assistant Captain), Odanye Moji (Mrs.), Ayo Tetede, Ogunleye Adeboboye, Mbaekwe Augustine, Dare Sigbeku, Jones Bassey, George A. Adeyemi, Juliet Chimezie, Omotola Onakoya, Akinniran O. Temidayo, Bolaji Dania. Rita Osibodu. 11. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY Epiphany 4 January 27

Theme: Worshipping God in Spirit and Truth

Colour: Green

7.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Ven. James Adekanye

O.T. Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-30

Layreader Tunde Sotuminu

Epistle: 1 Cor. 1:18-25

Layreader G.A. Olawoyin

Gospel: John 4:18-25

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Okere

Address: The Dean

#### THE YOUTH SERVICE:

Venue: The Adetiloye House

Cantor: The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin Preacher: The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin

**10.00am: MATTINS** 

Cantor: The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Okere

*O.T. Reading:* I Kings 8:22-30

Layreader Teju Akindolire

*N.T. Reading:* John 4:18-25

Layreader Kike Akinyemi

Address: The Dean

6.00pm: EVENSONG

Cantor: The Rev. Dayo Bamigbola

Psalm 50

Lesson: Heb. 12:14-End

Preacher: The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin

### 12. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We publish the Banns of Marriage between the persons under-listed: If anyone knows any just cause in law why the persons listed may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, he should declare it immediately.

# 2<sup>ND</sup> NOTICE:

- 1. Mr. Afolabi Adesesan & Miss Tutu Adeboye
- 2. Mr. Ezechukwu Stanley & Miss Gloria

# **1<sup>ST</sup> NOTICE:**

1. Engr. Afolabi Oluwo & Miss Christiana Olavemi

#### 13. NOTICES

# A. Visitors and New Comers

We welcome Visitors and New Comers to Archbishop Vining Memorial Church Cathedral, Ikeja. We pray that the joy of the Lord will be yours today and always. You are requested to please move to the Lady's Chapel after the service where our Evangelical Team is waiting to attend to you.

# B. Library:

The Cathedral Library opens daily:

Monday – Friday 9.00am to 6.00pm Sundays 1.00pm to 3.00pm We request everyone to make use of this opportunity

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Friday, January 25, 2019 Colour: White

The Conversion of St. Paul 7.00 am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Benson Odude Epistle: Acts 9:1-22 - Lay. O. Abimbola

Gospel: Matthew 19:27-30 Hymns: CH 646, VSH 5, CH 537 Preacher: The Ven. Gbenga Oniye

Collect: Almighty God, who caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of Your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to Your truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Yusuf I. Lumu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Dutse.
- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Miss Gift Akpomiemie, Mrs Grace Mayaki-Ogunbe, Mr Cornelius Faniyi, Mrs Clara Ifeobu, Mr David Igunma, Mr Sunday Okudo, Mr Caleb Olorunsola, Mrs Comfort Ubosi.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Chukwudolie Family, Chukwudozie Family, Chukwudum Family, Chukwuemeka Family, Chukwuemela Family, Chukwuere Family, Chukwujioke Family, Chukwuka Family, Chukwukelu Family, Chukwuma Family.

6.00pm EFAC Meeting

10.00pm Monthly Vigil – jointly sponsored by Band of Faith, Fountain of Hope and Christian Friends THEME: PRAISE AND RAISES

Saturday, January 26, 2019 Colour: White

Timothy & Titus: Companions of St. Paul

7.00 am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Okere

Epistle: II Timothy 1:1-8 - Lay. Gloria Okeke

**Gospel:** *Mark 16:14-20* 

Hymns: CH 3, VSH 99, CH 472 Preacher: The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin

Collect: Heavenly Father, who sent Your Apostle Paul to preach the Gospel and gave him Timothy and Titus to be his companions in faith; grant that our fellowship in the Holy Spirit may bear witness to the name of Jesus, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

# **Prayer Points:**

- For the Most Rev. Dr. Ali Buba Lamido, his family and all members of the Diocese of Wusasa.
- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Miss Chinenye Ajagu, Mr Chukwuka Anibuali, Mr Olumayowa Caulcrick, Miss Christiana Obinwa, Mrs Ifeyinwa Onubogu, Mr Obioma Uzoigwe, Miss Olamayowa Oroge, Mss Oluwatosin Shodunke, Mr Olushola Okunromade, Miss Oluwafunmilayo Lateef.

#### 10.00am. Wedding

Mr. Ikechukwu Anigbo & Miss Adaobi Mbamalu

14.

4.00 pm Youth Fellowship

4.00pm Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade

4.00 pm Baptism

ii. Sunday 27th Jan. - Saturday, 2nd Feb., 2019

Olupitan E. Bola (**Captain**), Oyebanji Toba (**Assistant Captain**), Funso Omole, Bukade Olaniyi, Segun Adeniji, Helen Arhagba, Chioma Obi, Caroline Omowhara, Juliet Chimezie, Funso Fagbuyiro, Kene Obimma, Chukwuemeka Osaka, Funmi Ladele, Ekwegh Lilian, Michael Enujioke.

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#### **EEP Newstrack**

**January 2019 Credit Facilities:** Parishioners who need funds to start or grow their businesses are invited to pick up application forms from the EEP office. Deadline for the receipt of completed loan application forms is January 27, 2019.

**8** Week Intensive Fashion Design Course: The EEP in collaboration with Athlone Mofanny's Fashion School is offering a beginners course in Pattern Drafting and Garment Construction. Space is limited to 20 participants. The course fee is N25,000. For further enquiries, send an email to avmcc\_eep@yahoo.com.

Mobile: 08186134769, 08023234012, 08035793870.

Registration closes on January 31, 2019. Classes commence in February 2019.

#### To Partner with The EEP:

- You may give Milestone Birthday Gifts (40, 50, 60, 70, 80) to EEP;
- Volunteer your talents as facilitators, mentors, and resource persons on our programs;
- Sponsor Programmes in Full, Part or Joint;
- Provide us with a one-off gift;
- Partner with EEP as a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program
- Sponsor applicants to attend our workshops;
- Provide Defined Purpose or General Purpose Grants;
- Prayer Partners Commit our work to prayer

We look forward to your support.

**Enquiries:** For further enquiries on all EEP programs and activities, call 08186134769. You may also contact us by e-mail at avmcc eep@yahoo.com. Parishioners are advised to kindly visit the EEP office located on the 2nd Floor, Adetiloye House for more information, better interaction and a deeper understanding of our rich offerings. The EEP office is open Monday to Friday 8am - 5pm and on Sunday from 10am - 2pm.

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### **FAITH INSPIRING TESTIMONIES OF THE WEEK**

- 1. For God's goodness and protection in 2018 and for a glorious emergence of 2019.
- 2. For journey mercies throughout the festive season and safe return back to base.
- For grace to be at the first prayer meeting after a long time while trusting God for grace to sustain same.
- 4. For divine intervention after promotion was delayed for over 3 years, now rewarded with double promotion.
- 5. For successful surgery without complications.
- 6. For His goodness in the lives of our children for safe return to school.

### 10. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 21, 2019 Colour: Green

7.00 am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Okere Epistle: Eph. 4:1-16- Lay F. Okey-Ogbu

**Gospel:** *Mark 3:7-19* 

Hymns: *CH 12, CH 447, CH 17*Preacher: *The Rev. Dayo Bamigbola*Prayer Points:

- For the Rt. Rev. F. Idowu Olugbemi, his family and all members of Diocese of Ilaje.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Abel Ajibodu, his family and all members of Diocese of Ile-Oluji.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Ikechukwu Chiobi, Mr Chidi Okpara, Mr Adeyemi Aladesawe, Miss Awele Okeke, Mrs Christiana Famuyide, Mr Goodluck Idele, Mr Ikechukwu Chiobi, Mr Oluwadamilola Famodimu, Miss Chioma Igwe, Mr Salvation Onwuha, Master Obaloluwami Odukomaiya.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Boboye Family, Bolaji Family, Bola Ifeghale Family, Bolarinwa-Oye Family, Bonojo Family, Botu Family, Braimah Family, Brodricks Family, Bruce Family, Buolu Family.

5.30 pm Family/Marriage Counselling Meeting 6.30 pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 Colour: Green

7.00 am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Ven Gbenga Oniye

Epistle: Eph. 4:17-32 - Lay. O. Onabolu

**Gospel:** *Mark 3:19b-35* 

Hymns: *CH 18, VSH 63, CH 373*Preacher: *The Ven. James Adekanye*Praver Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Ezekiel B. Dahunsi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Idoani.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Timothy Yahaya, his family and all members of the Diocese of Kaduna.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Joel Akinware, Mr Olusegun Balogun, Mrs Nelly Obla, Arc. Owodunni Opayemi, Miss Adesola Sanya, Mrs Florence Okonkwo.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Caulcrick Family, Chibueze Family, Chibuzor Family, Chidi Family, Chiedozie Family, Chieji Family, Chiemelie Family, Chigbo Family, Chigbu Family, Chika Family.

11.00 am – 3.00 pm - Senior Citizens Clinic & Fellowship

5.00pm – 6.00pm Intercessory Prayer

5.00pm – 6.00pm BIBLE STUDY PREVIEW

6.00 pm Bible Study - MARK 15

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Wednesday, January 23, 2019 Colour: Green

7.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Rev. Dayo Bamigbola

Epistle: Eph. 5:1-14 - Lay. Funmilayo Alo

**Gospel** *Mark 4:1-20* 

Hymns: *CH VI, VSH 248, VSH 14,* 

Anima Christ, CH XVII

Preacher: The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Zakka Lale Nyam, his family and all members of the Diocese of Kano.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Jonathan Sani Bamaiyi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Katsina.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Chike Umeh, Mrs Olubukunola Odutola, Miss Princess Izuagba, Engr. Adedotun Adeyemo, Mr Adedoyin Ashogbon, Miss Chisom Ohazurume, Mr Babatunde Olorunhundo, Mr Adebayo Olusegun-Adeyanju, Mrs Camilia Okey-Ilo.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Chike Family, Chikezie Family, Chima Family, Chimelie Family, Chimelu Family, Chimezie Family, Chinakwe Family, Chine Family, Chinemelu Family, Chinwoke Family.
- **❖** For Mrs Olubukunola Odutola on her 84<sup>th</sup> birthday today.

8.00am Vining Intercessor's Visitation

6.00pm PRAYER MEETING – TAKE OVER MY BATTLE O LORD – PS. 35:1

Thursday, January 24, 2019 Colour: Green

7.00 am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem

Epistle: Eph. 5:15-33 - Lay. Funmi Tetede

**Gospel:** *Mark 4:21-34* 

Hymns: CH 5, VSH 255, CH 577

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Benson Odude

**Prayer Points** 

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Dr. Augustine Omole, his family and all members of the Diocese of Sokoto.
- ❖ For the Most. Rev. Edmund Akanya, his family and all members of the Diocese of Kebbi.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Tini Idris, Mrs Unity Otoighile Mr Olusanya Jegede, Mr Obinna Okoli, Mrs Oluyemisi Oduba, Mr Ugochukwu Echendu, Miss Yewande Owolabi, Chief (Mrs) Margaret Owosina, Mrs Christiana Aleyideino.
- For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Chinwokwu Family, Chinwuba Family, Chinwuko Family, Chiobi Family, Chioke Family, Chisom-Nze Family, Chivor Family, Christian Family, Christopher Family, Chukwu Family.
- **❖** For the family of Late Ven (Engr) Olapeju Oyefuga who departed this world 13<sup>th</sup> years ago.

11.00 am - Meeting of Men & Women of Grace