

Newsletter

Good News, Inspiration and Information

ORDER OF SERVICE - SUNDAY, JUNE 25 UNITED MEN'S SUNDAY

ALLEN TEMPLE
BAPTIST CHURCH
Building Beloved Community
Matthew 6:9-13
Luke 4:16-20
Luke 17:20-21

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Call to Worship
Choir & Clergy Processional and Opening Hymn
Praise and Worship
Opening Scripture and Prayer
The Word Sung
Baptism (11:15am Worship)
Welcome and Pastoral Greetings
Children Dismissed to The Nursery at Allen Temple
and ATKidz' Children's Church
The Word Sung
Altar Prayer
Worship through Giving
The Word Preached
8:00 AM & 11:15 AM - Senior Pastor J. Alfred Smith, Jr.
Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Recessional and Benediction

SPIRITUAL LIFE NOTE FROM REV. INEDA ADESANYA ALLEN TEMPLE MINISTER OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

Tell The Truth

Dear Allen Temple Family and Friends,

This is what the Lord Almighty says: Just as I had determined to bring disaster upon you and showed no pity when your fathers angered me," says the Lord Almighty, "so now I have determined to do good again to Jerusalem and Judah. Do not be afraid. These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts; do not plot evil against your neighbor, and do not love to swear falsely. I hate all this," declares the Lord.
Zechariah 8:14-17 NIV

Last week, I was deeply moved to ponder the impact of lies on our lives and the lives of others. Our current White House administration has made "alternative facts" a thing. I came across a blog a few weeks ago that seemed to question the harm in lying, implying that lying is natural. I scrolled on without finishing the piece at the time as it had struck a negative cord with me from the beginning. Is ours a culture of lies? One of the first books I was required to read in seminary was *Caring for Words in a Culture of Lies* by Marilyn Chandler

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Mission Statement

In obedience to the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20, given to us by the founder of the Church, Allen Temple Baptist Church seeks excellence in the ministry of Jesus by evangelizing all persons to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, by educating all Christians to grow into the moral and spiritual likeness of Jesus Christ through the aid of the Holy Spirit, and by enlisting all Allen Temple members in personally extending the message and mission of God's love in Christ, throughout the world.



Sunday Worship

8:00 am and 11:15 am
Both worship services live
streamed in their entirety on
Allen-Temple.org

Sunday School

Classes available for every age
and stage of life at 10:15am
in the Family Life Center!

The Nursery at Allen Temple

Children from 6 months to 5 years
can be nurtured with the love
of Christ in a safe environment
during Sunday worship in the
Family Life Center Head Start
Facility (First Floor). You may take
your child to the Nursery when
you arrive on campus or during
the Children's Dismissal period.

AT Kidz' Children's Church

Children from 5 to 11 years of
age are invited to worship in a
service just for them! Listen for
the Children's Dismissal period
when children are escorted to the
J. Alfred Smith, Sr. Fellowship Hall
(across from the Sanctuary).

Bible Study

Tuesday Teleconference with
Rev. Pamela Wilson at 7:00pm
(605) 475-3200 Code 562221#

Youth Bible Study
First and Fourth Wednesdays
at 5:30 pm
in the Family Life Center

Thursday Daytime with
Senior Pastor J. Alfred Smith, Jr at
12 Noon in the Family Life Center
Mary Morris Room

Thursday Evening with
Senior Pastor J. Alfred Smith, Jr at
7:30 pm in the Family Life Center
Mary Morris Room

Women's Bible Study
with Rev. Pamela Wilson
Saturdays (twice monthly)
at 10:00 am
in the Family Life Center
Prayer Room

Prayer Warriors

Tuesdays from 11:30 am to
12:30 pm in the Family Life Center

SPIRITUAL LIFE NOTE FROM REV. INEDA ADESANYA (CONTINUED)

McEntyre. The book was used to prepare us future ministers, preachers
and teachers to focus more explicitly, intentionally, and caringly on
our written and spoken words; to notice not only what is included but
what is excluded, for instance.

Jesus declares in John 14 that he is the way and the truth and life, and
that no one comes to the Father except through him! Later in the text,
we find one of Jesus' promises to bring us into the fold.

"If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the
Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you
forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it
neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with
you and will be in you." **John 14:15-17 NIV**

Especially today, we may live in a culture of both covert and overt
lies. But let us not contribute to the life of that culture. Let us instead
embrace the Spirit of truth who lives with us and in us.

...and the truth will set you free. **John 8:32 NIV**

Rev. Ineda P. Adesanya, Minister of Spiritual Life

***If you would like information on one-on-one consultations,
spiritual direction, have Spiritual Life questions, or are interested in
participating in the annual August Companions Spiritual Retreat
in South Lake Tahoe (scholarships available),
please contact Rev. Ineda Adesanya, Minister of Spiritual Life,
at (510) 544-8930 or iadesanya@allen-temple.org***

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Did you know that there are five ways that you can worship through
giving at Allen Temple? You're welcome to use one or all of the
following methods!

1. Online via Allen-Temple.org/Giving;
2. Via the ATBC Community on Allen-Temple.org;
3. Via the Allen Temple Mobile App (*free for Apple & Android devices*);
4. Via Text to Give (*see page 3 for instructions*).
5. By using a giving envelope (located in the pews or from the
Ushers)

STRATEGIES FOR GOD'S MISSION

***For additional announcements & details on ministry and
community events, as well as opportunities to serve, subscribe to
the weekly e-newsletter, and visit us on the internet at
Allen-Temple.org, Twitter, Facebook, & Instagram!***

**Today - 9:45am to 10:45am - Sunday Morning Mobile Farmers
Market (Courtyard):** Visit the Mobile Farmers Market by Fresh
Approach at Allen Temple, which features local California produce,
low prices, fresh fruit, heirloom vegetables and tasty prepared
meals by Soul Oakland! Get 50% off when you pay with a Calfresh
EBT card or show a recent SSI benefits deposit. Get up to \$20 in
free fruits and vegetables! Pay \$5, get an extra \$5 free. Pay \$20,
and get an extra \$20 free.

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Join the 40th Annual Holistic Health Fair Volunteer Team!

Deadline To Sign Up Friday, June 30: On Saturday, August 12, Allen Temple Baptist Church and the Health Education Committee are hosting the 40th Annual Holistic Health Fair in collaboration with over ninety community organizations. The theme for this year's event is "Building a Healthy, Beloved Community." Our goal is to provide health fair participants and guests with tools and activities to maintain a healthy body from birth and beyond. We invite you to participate in this 40th year tradition of celebrating health and healing as we endeavor to reach approximately 2,000 people in the East Oakland, Elmhurst and Brookfield communities. With your help we will be successful! Please give your time and talents by volunteering to work at the Health Fair. Register your commitment by visiting the Health Education Ministry page on the Church website (*Ministries/Education/Health Education Ministry*) and completing the online form.

Friday, June 30 is the deadline to apply for the Allen Temple Scholarship! The application is available on the Church website (*Ministries/Education/Scholarship Committee*). Please review the application requirements and guidelines. *The application must be submitted by email only to scholarship@allen-temple.org. College students who are currently funded do not need to re-apply.*

Friday, June 30 is the deadline to apply for the Lavern Holmes Memorial Scholarship! Applicants must be active members of Allen Temple for at least one year and an active Youth Usher for at least two years prior to applying. Applications may be obtained from and returned to the Usher Ministry office in the Narthex.

Saturday, July 8 - 10:30am - Health Education Ministry July Forum – New Frontiers in the Understanding and Treatment of Cancer (FLC Johnson Dance Studio): The community is invited to our July forum presented by Marjorie Hamner, MSN, FNP, PMHNP, Professor, Samuel Merritt University! For more information, contact Sis. Carla Gilbert-Keener at cgkeener@gmail.com, Sis. Mattie Dismuke at mattie.dismuke@yahoo.com, or healthed@allen-temple.org

Wednesday, July 12 - 6:30pm - Second Quarter Advisory Board Meeting (JASSR Fellowship Hall): All Advisory Board Members and Ministry Leaders are asked to be present! Lend your ear, voice and presence to the life of our Church!

Friday, July 21 – 6pm – Public Ministry July Town Hall Meeting - Update on Assisting the Homeless Population and Stopping Illegal Dumping (JASSR Fellowship Hall): The entire community is invited to join us as we engage and receive updates from public officials and community activists in ongoing work to assess, assist and serve Oakland's homeless population as well as cleaning up and stopping illegal dumping. Hear from Oakland City Councilperson Larry Reid, Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, Venus Johnson, Director of Public Safety, Office of the Mayor of Oakland, and Mark Shotwell, Director of Alameda County Healthcare for the Homeless. Refreshments will be served.

General Information

Prayer Requests: Need prayer? Would you like for us to agree with you? There are two ways you may submit your prayer request: 1) Obtain a prayer request card from the ushers (return to the Prayer Bowls at either end of the altar); 2) Email prayer@allen-temple.org

Worship Through Giving: You may give your gifts multiple ways: 1) online via Allen-Temple.org/Giving; 2) via the ATBC Community on Allen-Temple.org; 3) Mobile App; or 4); via Text to Give (*send a text to 30131, include the shortcode of the fund to which you are giving {General Offering: atbc1; Special Offering: atbc2} and the numerical dollar amount (i.e., atbc1 \$25). You will receive text confirmation and receipt;* 5) by using a giving envelope (located in the pews).

Weekly E-Mail Newsletter: Visit Allen-Temple.org and sign up by clicking on the newsletter icon on the top right of the homepage and stay abreast of events and information at Allen Temple and in our community above and beyond those listed in the print newsletter!

Multimedia Store (JASSR Fellowship Hall): Feed your spirit during the week with CDs and DVDs of worship services! The store accepts major credit and debit cards for your convenience!

Bookstore (FLC Lobby Room D-111): Purchase Bibles and books between services!

Prayer Room (FLC First Floor Room D-103): Need a sacred place of solitude where you can connect with our Heavenly Parent and find restoration and renewal for your spirit? The Prayer Room is open to you! Ask a Custodian for entrance to the Prayer Room!

Print & Electronic Newsletters Available Online Via Smartphone & Tablet: Did you know that you can access the weekly newsletters online on your smartphone or tablet by going to Allen-Temple.org's mobile version and clicking bulletin? Help us to be a good steward of our environment and save paper by using the online newsletters!

STRATEGIES FOR GOD'S MISSION (CONTINUED)

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Saturday, July 22 - 10am - Second Quarter Church Business Meeting (JASSR Fellowship Hall): All Church Members are asked to be present. Lend your ear, voice and presence to the life of our Church!

Sunday, July 23 - 3pm - 63rd Annual Women's Mission Society International Tea - "See! O Taste and See That The Lord Is Good!" (Sanctuary & FLC Auditorium): The Allen Temple Women's Mission Society cordially invites everyone to an afternoon filled with praise, worship, celebration, fellowship and fine international dining at their 64th Annual International Tea! We will begin in the Sanctuary with our worship celebration featuring the ministry of music by the Allen Temple Women's Chorus, the ministry of dance, the spoken Word by Allen Temple's own Rev. Charlotte Williams, and informative and inspiring presentations on our special projects! Immediately following the program, please join us in the Family Life Center Auditorium for our Signature Banquet of International Cuisine where you may partake in and enjoy a variety of dishes and desserts from various countries and cultures! There is no charge to enjoy the banquet! Everyone is welcome! We look forward to enjoying the afternoon with you!

Registration will open shortly for Family Vacation Bible School, Monday, July 24 through Friday, July 28, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM each evening! Be nourished by dinner in the Family Life Center followed by praise & worship and Bible Study classes for all ages - Kindergarten through adults! Look for the Family Vacation Bible School/Christian Education table in the Family Life Center Lobby and Courtyard shortly!

Global Ministries thanks Allen Temple for your support of the bathroom construction project at WW Brown Church and Nursery in Kliptown, South Africa. The children and women now have access to clean and sanitary restroom facilities because of your generosity and continued support. To God be the Glory!

Calling all Young Adults who enjoy playing softball! Join the Allen Temple Young Adult Softball Team! Summer League play will be held on Thursdays in late June or early July. Games will be held on Thursday evenings at 7, 8 or 9 pm at either Owen Jones Field (5000 Redwood Rd., Oakland) or Allendale Field (3711 Suter St., Oakland). Practices will be held on Sunday afternoons at 2pm at Concordia Park, 2901 - 64th Avenue in Oakland. For more information and to join us, contact Bro. Arvon Perteet at (510) 772-6709 or ajperteet@gmail.com

Support Allen Temple by Using AmazonSmile: AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way to support Allen Temple each time you shop. At no cost to you, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price of eligible items to Allen Temple. To shop at AmazonSmile, simply click on the yellow AmazonSmile button at the bottom of the Allen Temple home page (Allen-Temple.org). Your account at AmazonSmile is the same as your Amazon.com account.

Allen Temple Family Members of all ages are invited to join the Ushers Ministry! Young Adult Ushers meet on the Wednesday prior to the second Sunday at 6PM, Senior Ushers meet on the second Tuesday at 7PM, Youth and Junior Ushers meet on the Saturday prior to the third Sunday at 11AM. All meetings take place in the Sanctuary.

The Streets Disciples thanks Allen Temple Family and Friends for their generous donations! We are no longer in need of toiletries but are joyfully accepting donations of women's clean & gently used spring/summer clothing. The For Sisters Only Ministry welcomes persons who have social services, writing/journalism, program management, tech/social media experience as well as men to provide security. Donations may be brought to the Family Life Center Lobby Information Booth marked to the attention of the Streets Disciples. To sign up as a team member, contact any member of the Streets Disciples or Sis. Mattie Johnson at (510) 459-0425. Volunteer sign up forms are available at the Narthex Information Station.

Are you in need of a job or know someone who is? Visit the Online Job Information Center! View and be redirected to applications for Bay Area jobs as well as information on local job fairs! Visit the Church website and select Job Information Center at the bottom of the page!