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.

Newsletter

Sunday, March 8, 2020
Second Sunday of Lent
Children’s and Youth Sunday

The Word Preached
8:00 AM - Senior Pastor Dr. Jacqueline A. Thompson
11:15 AM - Reverend Derron Jenkins
Worship Through Giving

There are four ways to worship through giving at Allen Temple:

**Giving Envelope**
Available in the pews or from the Ushers

**Online**
Via Allen-Temple.org/Giving

**Text to Give**
Send a text to 510-737-0078 with the numerical dollar amount (i.e., $25)

**Mobile App**
Free for Apple & Android devices

This Week at Allen Temple

**Registration open and Advertisements Accepted for our 11th Annual Senior Recognition Sunday Celebration**
After Both Worship Services
**Family Life Center Lobby and Courtyard**

The Allen Temple Senior Ministry and the Allen Temple Community Seniors invite all Seniors 62 and older to sign up for our 11th Annual Senior Recognition Sunday Celebration, to be held on Sunday, May 17! Registration is open now through Sunday, April 19 in the Family Life Center Lobby (after 8am worship) and the Courtyard (after 11:15am worship). Advertisements may be placed in the souvenir booklet; please inquire at the Senior Ministry table. Honorees 88 years and older are invited to have their picture taken by Sister Anne Chatman in the Family Life Center Courtyard between Sunday worship services now through April 19.

**Lenten Journey to the Cross**
Weekly Reflections Available on Website and via Email

Allen Temple Family and Friends are invited to join us on our Lenten Journey to the Cross by meditating on weekly reflections! Visit Allen-Temple.org to view, or, have the reflections delivered straight to your email as soon as they are published by subscribing to our e-newsletter at Allen-Temple.org (select the e-newsletter tab)!

**Monday, March 9 - 6:00 PM**
**Monday Night Jazz**
**J. Alfred Smith, Sr Fellowship Hall**

Join us for delicious food and an evening of cool jazz featuring the Allen Temple Connection Band! Proceeds benefit the Betty D Gadling Fine Arts Academy. Doors and dinner concessions open at 6:00 PM; session begins at 7:00 PM. Admission $10 for adults, $5 for children; food and beverages may be purchased for an additional cost. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

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Reverend Derron Jenkins

Of his call to ministry, **Reverend Derron Jenkins** states: “In the summer of 1984 while singing in the youth choir at Mount Tabor Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles, California, the Spirit of the Lord came upon me while singing, “For God So Loved the World.” That day, I knew without any doubt that I was saved. Baptized soon afterwards, I had an unmatched fire within that raged for justice, peace, and equality and began speaking at juvenile halls, and community events advocating against gang violence from the mid 80’s to early 90’s with numerous organizations and churches in the Los Angeles area.”

Rev. Jenkins was licensed to preach the Gospel in 1993 at Christ Community Baptist Church in Los Angeles where he also served as Youth Minister and assisted the Minister of Music with the Youth and Young Adult choirs. In 1994, he was ordained by the Metropolitan Spiritual Churches of Christ. On May 19, 2019 he was ordained as a Baptist minister at Christ Community Missionary Baptist Church by Founder and Pastor Clarence Herron.

Rev. Jenkins is a member of the Allen Temple Baptist Church (Oakland, California) where he serves as an Associate Minister and with the Music Department.
Enjoy a delicious crab dinner, entertainment, raffle and silent auction on Saturday, March 21! Doors open at 4:30pm! Tickets $55 in advance; $60 at door. Proceeds benefit the Leadership Institute at Allen Temple. To purchase yours, visit the Family Life Center Lobby after Sunday worship or call (510) 544-3362.

Saturday, March 21 - 4:30 PM
Sixth Annual Leadership Institute at Allen Temple Crab Feed
Family Life Center Auditorium

Do you need assistance with current or prior year taxes? Allen Temple’s long tenured Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) program is here to serve you! Our VITA site is open Wednesdays from 3pm to 7pm and Saturdays from 9am to 4pm. No appointment necessary, first come, first served! For more information, call (510) 544-8971.

Monday, March 16 - 6:30 PM
Reverend Dr. William Barber Lecture
“With Liberty and Justice for All: Preparing Moral Leaders for Action”
American Baptist Seminary of the West Berkeley

On Monday, March 16 at 6:30pm, Allen Temple Family and Friends are invited to join our valued Faith Partner the American Baptist Seminary of the West as they welcome Reverend Dr. William Barber, president and senior lecturer of Repairers of the Breach and Pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church for a timely lecture – “With Liberty and Justice for All: Preparing Moral Leaders for Action”. RSVP by Friday, March 13 to ensure seating by visiting ABSW.edu, emailing cmatthews@absw.edu (include your title, full name, phone number and number of attendees in your email), or by calling ABSW partner The Church Online at (412) 349-0049 ext. 500. American Baptist Seminary of the West is located at 2606 Dwight Way in Berkeley.

Friday, March 20 - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Friday Night Live Presented by the Children’s & Youth Ministries
Family Life Center

Calling all Young People age 6 to 16! Come out for Friday Night Live on Friday, March 20 from 6pm to 8pm presented by the Children’s and Youth Ministries! Enjoy games, arts, crafts, food and fellowship! Invite your friends to have fun with us!

This Week at Allen Temple (continued)

Wednesday, March 11 - 6:30 PM
Children’s & Youth Bible Study
Family Life Center Mary Morris Room

Young people are invited to join us for Children’s and Youth Study, held the Second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center Mary Morris Room! Classes are held for children ages 5 to 11 and youth ages 12 to 17! Bring the young people in your life to learn and grow in The Word!

Lenten Bible Study
Thursdays - 12 Noon and 7:00 PM
Family Life Center Mary Morris Room

Join us on our Lenten Journey to the Cross at Lenten focused Bible studies on Thursdays at 12 Noon and 7:00 PM in the Family Life Center Mary Morris Room!

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
Available Wednesdays & Saturdays
Family Life Center

Looking Ahead
Opportunities to Serve and Good Information to Know

**Auxiliary Parking Available**
Highland School Parking Lot

The Highland School Parking Lot at 86th Avenue and J Alfred Smith Sr Way is open every Sunday! We recommend that you park your vehicle at this location as opposed to street parking.

**ATKidz’ Children’s Church**

ATKidz’ Children’s Church is seeking those with a heart to minister to children to join them! For more information, contact Dea. Yolonda Greenwell-Reese at (510) 544-8910 or ygrees@allen-temple.org.

**Evangelism & Outreach Ministry**

Join the Evangelism and Outreach Ministry! We meet on the Second and Fourth Saturdays of each month at 12 Noon in the Family Life Center Library! For more information, call Rev. Donald Paul Miller or Bro. Ben Darden via the Church Office at (510) 544-8910.

**Audio, Video and Tech Team**

Training Available

Would you like to work with audio, video, worship projection/technology or in the Multimedia Store? The Multimedia and Worship Projection Ministries welcome you to join them! One service/one Sunday per month! Training available! All skill levels welcomed! Please contact Rev. Charlotte Williams, Minister & Director of Communications, at cwilliams@allen-temple.org or (510) 604-5242.

**Streets Disciples Ministry**

The Streets Disciples cannot accept any more clothes until further notice. Our small Closet is full. Thank you for your tremendous generosity. Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers.

**US Census Bureau Census Takers**

Hiring Now

Are you looking for ways to help your community? The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring now for the 2020 Census. Census Takers (Enumerators) will start work in the Spring, and the position is temporary, flexible, and pays $25 per hour in Alameda County. These positions provide the perfect opportunity to earn some extra income while helping your community! To learn more and apply, visit 2020Census.gov and select jobs.

**Cub and Boy Scouts**

Adult Leaders Needed

The Allen Temple Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop invite you to join them as leaders for our boys and young men! Women and men are invited to serve in the following capacities: Cub Scout Pack 409 is in need of two men or women to serve as Den Leaders, and one man or woman to serve as Cub Master; Boy Scout Troop 409 is in need of two men or women to serve as Assistant Scout Master. For more information and to join their team, contact Scout Master Donald Smith at dsmith@pacbell.net

**Census 2020 at Allen Temple**

Seeking Seniors to serve as Ambassadors

Census Questionnaire Assistance Center

Seeking Staff Member

Center Opens Wednesday, March 18

The Allen Temple Census 2020 Working Committee welcomes Seniors to join them in conducting workshops for their peers at senior housing, ministries, organizations, and other senior-focused locations. Training and stipend provided. We are also seeking a team member who will staff our on-campus Census Questionnaire Assistance Center on Wednesdays from 3pm-7pm and on Saturdays from 11am – 3pm starting March 18th. For more info and to join us, please contact Sis. Gloria Crowell at gcrowell@allen-temple.org or call (510) 544-8947 or Simone Thelemaque at sthelemaque@gmail.com

**New Members’ Ministry**

Team Members Needed

The New Members’ Ministry welcomes those with a cheerful and servant heart to join us in welcoming and engaging the newest members of our Church family into Allen Temple life and activities. This is a twice per month commitment supporting our New Members administration between Sunday worship services. For more information, please stop by Family Life Center Room D-104 between services or email newmembers@allen-temple.org
MEMORANDUM

FROM: Deacon Walter Johnson, Sr.
DATE: March 5, 2020
SUBJECT: Coronavirus Precautions

Please be advised that effective immediately, the following protocols for Allen Temple Baptist Church pertaining to the Coronavirus have been put in place:

- "Please Wash Your Hands/Cover Your Cough" signs have been placed in public areas and in restrooms

- Janitors have been instructed to keep all soap dispensers filled

- Janitors will sanitize all handrails, doorknobs/handles, elevators, and all public surfaces every two hours during operation

- Additional hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed throughout the campus

- Additional portable hand sanitizers have been placed in the Narthex and other locations
Share Facts About COVID-19

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

**FACT 1**
Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

People of Asian descent, including Chinese Americans, are not more likely to get COVID-19 than any other American. Help stop fear by letting people know that being of Asian descent does not increase the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19.

**FACT 2**
The risk of getting COVID-19 in the U.S. is currently low.

Some people who live in or have recently traveled to places where many people have gotten sick with COVID-19 may be monitored by health officials to protect their health and the health of other people in the community.

**FACT 3**
Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC’s coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

**FACT 4**
You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Seek medical advice if you:
- Develop symptoms
- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

**FACT 5**
There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)