

# Newsletter

Good News, Inspiration and Information

ORDER OF SERVICE - SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018  
L.Y.F.E. YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY

Call to Worship

Choir & Clergy Processional and Opening Hymn

Praise and Worship

Opening Scripture and Prayer

The Word Sung

Welcome and Pastoral Greetings

The Word Sung

Worship through Giving

Altar Prayer

The Word Preached

8:00 AM - Reverend Armae Johnson

11:15 AM - Reverend Phillip Bowling-Dyer

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Recessional and Benediction

8:00 AM PREACHER - REVEREND ARMAE JOHNSON

**Reverend Armae Elizabeth Johnson** was born to loving parents Teishetta and The Reverend Albert Wayne Johnson in Oakland, California. In June of 2005 she graduated with honors from El Cerrito High School in El Cerrito, California. She was awarded as the 2005 Outstanding Youth Worker of the Year Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International in New Orleans, Louisiana by Presiding Bishop, Bishop Paul S. Morton. In May of 2009 she graduated cum laude from Concordia University in Portland, Oregon with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Theological Studies with a minor in Business Administration.

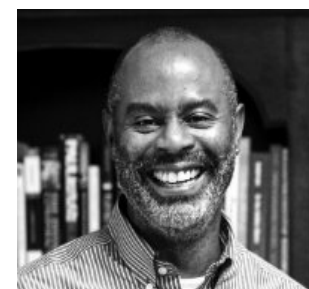


Reverend Johnson is a Masters of Divinity in Theological Studies Graduate of Multnomah Biblical Seminary and is a member of the Minister's Lyceum at Morning Star Missionary Baptist church of Portland, Oregon. She served as the Director of Pastoral Services at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. Rev. Johnson is the recipient of the Graduate Student of the

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11:15 AM PREACHER  
REVEREND PHILLIP BOWLING-DYER

**Reverend Phillip Bowling-Dyer** was born in Oakland, California, to Philip and Hermanee Dyer. He enjoyed camping in his early years, and got involved with Boy Scouts, where he received the rank of Eagle Scout in 1978. He sang in the Oakland Youth Chorus, is a product of Oakland Public Schools, and graduated from Oakland High School. He went on to graduate from the University of California at Berkeley (marine biology) and the American Baptist Seminary of the West, a part of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California (masters of divinity). He received his ordination to the ministry of Jesus Christ through Allen Temple Baptist Church in 2000.



For the past thirty-one years, he has worked as a campus minister with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (a campus mission evangelizing, discipling,

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ALLEN TEMPLE  
BAPTIST CHURCH

*Building Beloved Community*

Matthew 6:9-13

Luke 4:16-20

Luke 17:20-21

**Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Jr.**  
Senior Pastor

**Dr. Jacqueline A. Thompson**  
Assistant Pastor

**Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr.**  
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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.

# ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH



## 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

## REVEREND ARMAE JOHNSON (CONTINUED)

Year 2010 award for Multnomah Biblical Seminary and the 2011 recipient of the Brian Blenkinsop Memorial Award.

Reverend Johnson is an author; her book is entitled Inspiration for Life. She has served as an Adjunct Professor at Multnomah University as well as the Assistant Pastor at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church. Reverend Johnson is a sought-after speaker; she has spoken to the Power of Prayer Women's Conference, Generation Now Young People's Conference, Bethel A.M.E. Church Women's Conference, Generation Now Youth Conference 2012, Anchorage Alaska Spring Youth Revival, Union District Baptist Association Senior Women Mission Auxiliary Annual Session, and the Greater St. Stephens Annual Founder's Day 2012.

At the age of seven, Armae asked God to come into her life and heart. Over the years she has grown into a woman who ministers in a variety of ways and has a passion for the empowerment of young women. Her ultimate desire is to glorify God with her life and share the love of God with all people.

## REVEREND PHILLIP BOWLING-DYER (CONTINUED)

and mobilizing students and faculty on college and university campuses across the United States). He serves as the director of diversity training: his responsibilities include equipping InterVarsity's 1500 employees (and the 46,000 college students and faculty they currently serve) to understand one another better and to minister more effectively as they cross gender, racial, cultural, sexual, and social differences.

Phil is married to the Rev. Leslie Bowling-Dyer, a very gifted and able minister of the gospel. Leslie is a PhD student at the Graduate Theological Union (anthropology of religion). Together they partner in marriage, parenting, life discipleship, and community service. They have two children (Arthur and Jeanine), and love their shared life in Oakland, California.

## JANUARY 2018 PREACHING SCHEDULE

### Sunday, January 21

8:00am - Reverend Armae Johnson  
11:15am - Reverend Phil Bowling-Dyer

### Sunday, January 28

8:00am and 11:15am - Assistant Pastor Jacqueline A. Thompson

## 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 (*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 or from the Ushers)

## 2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS AVAILABLE

Contribution statements are available online, by mail or for pick up after Sunday service.

- **For pickup:** In the Family Life Center Auditorium after 8am service and in the Sanctuary Narthex after 11:15 am service through Sunday, February 4.
- **For mailing:** Please call the Accounting Office at 510-544-8966 and leave your name and address information on the voicemail message.
- **To Print Online:** see the insert in the newsletter.

## PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE

The Senior Pastor of Allen Temple Baptist Church, Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Jr., has announced his plans to retire on January 31, 2019. If the church completes the process earlier, his retirement date could be as early as September 30, 2018. During the transition process, the Senior Pastor, J. Alfred Smith, Jr., and the Assistant Pastor, Dr. Jacqueline Thompson, will continue in their respective roles, as Allen Temple Baptist Church strives to attain the stated mission of the church in accordance with God's will.



## PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE (CONTINUED)

For the month of January 2018, the transition process will include vetting of the 62 pulpit search committee nominations and launching the Church Assessment/Prospective Pastor Survey.

Each of the 62 search committee nominees will be contacted and vetted by a 9 panel advisory board sub-committee. The vetting criteria will be governed by our Church Constitution, and Covenant. We anticipate that we will be able to complete this process in the month of January. The advisory board sub-committee will make a recommendation to the advisory board for the fully vetted 15 member pulpit search committee. Once reviewed and approved by the advisory board, the 15 member search committee panel will be submitted to the church for ratification. This is tentatively scheduled for the annual church meeting in February 2018.

The Church Assessment and Prospective Pastor Survey is up and running on the Pastoral Transition web-page and will run from January 7, 2018 through February 28, 2018. This confidential survey is for church members only and will contain questions and input opportunities in regard to Pastoral preferred requirements. As a member of Allen Temple, you are able to go to the Pastoral Transition web-page, click on the Pastoral Survey Link, it will ask for your Allen Temple Community email and password, and the survey page will appear for your completion. If you have not created a membership account you can do so by following the steps on the help page. We will also provide a handout on how to register online at the church information desk. Hard copies of the survey will be made available upon request and for members without computer access. Completed hard-copy surveys can be returned to the reception box in the sanctuary.

As we continue seeking the will of God and His discernment through the processes of prayer and meditation, we invite you to join us at our Thursday Pastoral Transition Prayer Hours in the Sanctuary. The Prayer Hour will be followed by Thursday Evening Bible Study taught by Pastor Smith and Reverend Olu Bereola. Dates and times are:

### **Pastoral Transition Prayer Hour Schedule**

Thursday, January 25 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm  
 Thursday, February 8 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm  
 Thursday, February 22 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm  
 Thursday, March 8 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm  
 Thursday, March 22 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

As a church of faith and professed believers, we lean on the Scriptures "when they say, No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those that love him". 1 Corinthians 2: 9-11 NLT.

Peace and Blessings,  
 Deacon Ted Carter, Chairperson, Deacons Ministry

## STRATEGIES FOR GOD'S MISSION

**For additional announcements on ministry and community events, as well as opportunities to serve, subscribe to the weekly e-newsletter, and visit us at [Allen-Temple.org](http://Allen-Temple.org), [Twitter](https://twitter.com), [Facebook](https://facebook.com), & [Instagram](https://instagram.com)!**

### **Thursday, January 25 - 6:30pm - Pastoral Transition Prayer Hour**

**(Sanctuary):** We continue to pursue guidance from the Holy Spirit as we continue in our Pastoral Transition Process through fervent prayer for our church, our community and each other. Thursday Evening Bible Study, taught by Pastor Smith & Rev. Olu Bereola, will immediately follow.

### **Saturday, January 27 - 12 Noon to 2pm - Community Tech Fair (FLC):**

Allen Temple Family and Friends are invited to participate! Eat, win prizes, check out some of the latest gadgets, and learn about free or affordable tech classes for various age groups while investing in yourself and having fun! The first 100 guests will receive a free Google swag bag!

### **Thursday, February 1 - 7pm - Barbara Lee & Elihu Harris Lecture with Rep. James Clyburn (Merritt College Auditorium, 12500 Campus Dr., Oakland):**

Allen Temple Family and Friends are invited to join Pastor Smith at the Lecture, featuring Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC, 6th District; Assistant Democratic Leader), the current Dean of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation. RSVP by calling (510) 434-3988.

## 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](mailto:prayer@allen-temple.org)

**Legacy Giving:** Our new Legacy Giving option provides recognition of a person or group as a way to both honor and memorialize birthdays, homegoings, anniversaries, weddings or any significant event. You may give online or by mailing in your gift. Details can be found under Legacy Giving on the Home Page or by going to [allen-temple.org/legacy-giving](http://allen-temple.org/legacy-giving). Your gift will be acknowledged on our Legacy Giving page.

**Support Allen Temple by Using AmazonSmile:** Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price of eligible items to Allen Temple when you use AmazonSmile. Click on the yellow AmazonSmile button at the bottom of the Allen-Temple.org homepage. Your account at AmazonSmile is the same as your Amazon.com account.

**Weekly E-Mail Newsletter:** Visit [Allen-Temple.org](http://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 #D-111):** Purchase Bibles and books between Sunday services!

**Prayer Room (FLC First Floor #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](http://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)

**For additional announcements on ministry and community events, as well as opportunities to serve, subscribe to the weekly e-newsletter, and visit us at [Allen-Temple.org](http://Allen-Temple.org), Twitter, Facebook, & Instagram!**

**Sunday, February 4 – After Both Worship Services – Book Signing for Dr. Donald Godbold's New Release *Still Waters Run Deep: Family – A Life Story (Narthex)*:** Join the Allen Temple Family in celebrating one of our own – Dr. Donald Godbold – and his latest release, *Still Waters Run Deep: Family - A Life Story*, an autobiographical memoir which deals with the blessed journey of education, achievement, respectability and the development of character.

**Monday, February 5 - 6pm (doors open) 7pm (concert begins) - February Jazz Jam Session - A Benefit for the Betty D. Gadling Fine Arts Academy (JASSR Fellowship Hall):** Join us for delicious food and an evening of cool jazz featuring Linda Ricketts and the Allen Temple Connection Band benefitting the Betty D. Gadling Fine Arts Academy! Doors and concessions open at 6:00 PM; session begins at 7:00 PM. Admission \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information, call (510) 544-8924.

**Wednesday, February 7 - 6:30pm - Fourth 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!

**Saturday, February 17 – 10am to 1pm - A Celebration of Black History Presented by the Congregational Life Cluster (FLC):** Join us as we celebrate and learn more about the rich heritage and the contributions of many African Americans who have paved the way for us. Be inspired by our rich living history at the feet of our elders! Enjoy a delicious lunch from Miss Hattie's Cafe as well as music, drama, dance, art and a trivia bowl! Volunteers are welcomed; for more information and to sign up, please call (510) 544-8910.

**Thursday Bible Studies - 12 Noon and 7:30pm (FLC Mary Morris Room):** Allen Temple Family and Friends are invited to join us for our Thursday Bible Studies! Thursday Noontime Bible Study is taught by guest teacher is our own Rev. Dr. Cheryl Elliott; the 7:30pm Evening Bible Study is co-taught by Pastor Smith and Rev. Olu Bereola.

**Spiritual Life Small Groups Resume in Mid-January!** If you are interested in returning to or experiencing Small Group for the first time, send your name, email address and phone number to Rev. Ineda Adesanya at [iadesanya@allen-temple.org](mailto:iadesanya@allen-temple.org) or call (510) 544-8930. We will work to find the best times for those interested and committed to meet.

**Saturdays - 9am to 1pm - Free Tutoring for Students in Grades 1 through 9 (FLC Room C-205):** Young people in grades 1 through 9 are invited to partake in free tutoring provided by the American Council of Teachers and sponsored by the Education Ministry! Students will be tutored by professional instructors with Associates Degrees and/or Teaching Credentials. Students will be able to see improvements in grades and test scores. For more information, contact Rev. Dr. Brenda Guess at (510) 544-3362 or (510) 813-0690

**The Parents and Educators Ministry advises all parents that Oakland Public Schools are open for enrollment.** The open enrollment deadline for Oakland Unified School District is Friday, January 26; for Oakland Charter Public Schools, Friday, February 16. There are people that can help you navigate the process. For personalized support, contact Ashley Renick at (510) 454-9360 or [ashley.renick@enrolloak.org](mailto:ashley.renick@enrolloak.org). You may also visit [EnrollOak.org](http://EnrollOak.org) or [OUSD.org/enrollment](http://OUSD.org/enrollment) for more information.

**The Business & Professional Women's Society invites men, women and children to serve as models for its Spring 2018 Scholarship Fashion Show Fundraiser!** To sign up, adults may contact Sis. Frances Parker-Washington at 510-865-6543 or Sis. Toni Rodriguez at 510-853-9773; parents of children who wish to model may contact Sis. Carol Thomas at 510-967-9036 to sign up their young person.

**The Allen Temple Book Club invites you to join them in reading their Winter selection, *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah!** The Book Club will meet to discuss in February. Watch this space for details!

**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!** For audio, video and the Multimedia Store, please contact Deaconess Belinda Stuckey at [audioministry@allen-temple.org](mailto:audioministry@allen-temple.org). For worship projection/technology, please contact Rev. Charlotte Williams, Minister & Director of Communications, at [cwilliams@allen-temple.org](mailto:cwilliams@allen-temple.org).

**Allen Temple Family Members with expertise in public relations, advertising and communications are invited to participate in a working group!** If you are interested, please send your contact information including your area of expertise to Rev. Charlotte Williams, Minister & Director of Communications, at [cwilliams@allen-temple.org](mailto:cwilliams@allen-temple.org).

**The Streets Disciples Ministry and For Sisters Only Ministry is in need of clean and gently used warm clothing and accessories for the winter months (i.e., coats, jackets, scarves, hats, gloves, socks, sleeping bags, blankets) and full-sized toiletries.** The smaller/hotel sized toiletries we now pass on to the Shower Ministry every Tuesday and Thursday for women and men. Your generous donation may be dropped off at the Family Life Center Information Booth marked to the For Sisters Only Ministry. New volunteers are always warmly welcomed! Please visit the Narthex Information Station for a sign up form.

**Visit the Bookstore in the Family Life Center Lobby between worship services** for Bibles and Christian literature!

**The Sunday Morning Mobile Farmers Market is on hiatus and will return in February!**