

# Newsletter

Good News, Inspiration and Information

ORDER OF SERVICE - SUNDAY, MAY 21  
L.Y.F.E. YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY  
UNITY REVIVAL KICKOFF SUNDAY

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

**Dr. Jacqueline A. Thompson**  
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Call to Worship  
Choir & Clergy Processional and Opening Hymn  
Praise and Worship  
Opening Scripture and Prayer  
The Word Sung  
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 - Reverend Traci Blackmon*  
*Executive Minister of Justice & Witness Ministries*  
*United Church of Christ*  
*Senior Pastor, Christ The King United Church of Christ*  
*Florissant, Missouri*  
Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
Recessional & Benediction

**REVIVALIST - REVEREND TRACI BLACKMON**  
**EXECUTIVE MINISTER OF**  
**JUSTICE & WITNESS MINISTRIES**  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**SENIOR PASTOR**  
**CHRIST THE KING UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**FLORISSANT, MISSOURI**

**Reverend Traci Blackmon** is a prominent community leader, experienced nurse, gifted preacher and much-loved pastor and teacher. She is the acting executive of the United Church of Christ (UCC) Justice and Witness Ministries in addition to serving as pastor of Christ The King UCC, in Florissant, Missouri. She was called the UCC General Minister and President and appointed as pastor by an enthusiastic and unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.



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Rev. Blackmon, the 18th installed and first woman pastor in the 156-year history of Christ The King UCC, became nationally recognized as a prominent voice for social change when Michael Brown was shot in Ferguson, just miles from her church. She immediately got involved in organizing the Black Lives Matter movement, effectively assisting and collaborating with the people in the community working for justice.

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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

## REVEREND TRACI BLACKMON (CONTINUED)

She is the founder of the Sista SOS Summit, an intergenerational symposium designed to assist women toward spiritual and sexual wholeness. Rev. Blackmon cofounded "When Women Gather..." a monthly ecumenical gathering committed to the spiritual growth and development of women.

Rev. Blackmon was originally ordained in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and served for several years as pastor of Simpson Chapel AME Church in Columbia, Missouri. Blackmon has also ministered in a healthcare setting, as a Registered Nurse with over 25 years of experience. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Birmingham-Southern College (1985) and a Master of Divinity degree (2009), with an emphasis in Womanist Liberation Theology, from Eden Theological Seminary.

Rev. Blackmon believes it is very important to figure out the desire, direction and priorities around social issues, and listen to all the voices involved so as not to leave anybody behind.

She is the mother of three adult children: Kortni, Harold, and Tyler Blackmon.

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### SPIRITUAL LIFE NOTE FROM REV. INEDA ADESANYA ALLEN TEMPLE MINISTER OF SPIRITUAL LIFE *Spiritual Life Assignment #4*

Greetings Allen Temple Family and Friends,

This is a season of prayer! For this week of our Unity Revival, I encourage you to pray three times a day. You can pray extemporaneously, choose a known prayer, or you can pray with me the following published prayers:

**MORNING:** God, please give me the courage of my conviction this day. Help me not to waver. Help me not to procrastinate. Help me not to rationalize. Help me not to play games with myself. Help me to stand strong with Thee. Lord, help me not just to give what I have but to give what I am. – Marian Wright Edelman, *Guide My Feet*.

**AFTERNOON:** God of love and forgiveness, God of life and wholeness, in Jesus you say "yes" to us: yes to new beginnings, yes to our dreams, yes to hope and healing. May we say "yes" to you in our words, thoughts and actions, this day and always. Amen. – from *Prayers for All Seasons*

**EVENING:** In sleep may our body be rested. In sleep may our soul be renewed. In sleep may our dreams be carriers of truth borne by the night's visiting angels. In sleep may we know you in love, O God, in sleep may we be known by you, the Lover of every living soul this night, the Lover of our ever living soul. – John Philip Newell, *Sounds of the Eternal*.

Prayerfully,  
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](http://Allen-Temple.org/Giving);
2. Via the ATBC Community on [Allen-Temple.org](http://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)

## MAY PREACHING SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, May 21 - Unity Revival Kickoff Sunday**

**8:00 AM & 11:15 AM** - Reverend Traci Blackmon  
Executive Minister of Justice & Witness Ministries  
United Church of Christ  
Senior Pastor, Christ The King United Church of Christ  
Florissant, Missouri

### **Monday, May 22 and Tuesday, May 23 - Unity Revival**

**7:00 PM** - Reverend Traci Blackmon  
Executive Minister of Justice & Witness Ministries  
United Church of Christ  
Senior Pastor, Christ The King United Church of Christ  
Florissant, Missouri

### **Sunday, May 28 - Senior Recognition Sunday**

**8:00 AM** - Senior Pastor J. Alfred Smith, Jr.  
**11:15 AM** - Reverend Dr. L.P. Lewis

## 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](http://Allen-Temple.org), [Twitter](https://twitter.com), [Facebook](https://facebook.com), & [Instagram](https://instagram.com)!*

### **Today - 9:45am to 10:45am - Sunday Morning Mobile Farmers**

**Market (Courtyard):** Visit the Mobile Farmers Market by Fresh Approach at Allen Temple! The mobile farmers market 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.

### **Today (8am & 11:15am), Monday, May 22 and Tuesday, May 23 (7pm) – Unity Revival 2017 with Reverend Traci Blackmon**

**(Sanctuary):** We are honored and blessed to welcome our revivalist, the Reverend Traci Blackmon, Executive Minister of Justice & Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ and Senior Pastor, Christ The King United Church of Christ of Florissant, Missouri! Invite your family, friends and neighbors to worship with us!

**Today – 1:30pm – Pastor Emeritus J. Alfred Smith, Sr. Birthday Celebration (FLC Auditorium):** Allen Temple Family and Friends are invited to join the Leadership Institute at Allen Temple as they celebrate our beloved Pastor Emeritus' birthday at a cake and punch reception!

## 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)

**Worship Through Giving:** You may give your gifts multiple ways: 1) online via [Allen-Temple.org/Giving](http://Allen-Temple.org/Giving); 2) via the ATBC Community on [Allen-Temple.org](http://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](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**

**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](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)

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**Sunday, May 28 – 1:30pm – Sixth Annual Senior Recognition Sunday Luncheon (FLC Auditorium):** The Allen Temple Seniors Ministry will celebrate our Seasoned Saints at a festive luncheon & celebration!

**Tuesdays - 5pm - Digital Empowerment Lab (FLC Computer Lab):** Want to learn a new tech skill? Need one-on-one personal training? Become empowered to use your tech by participating in our Digital Empowerment Lab! For more information, contact Sis. Jessica Jones at (510) 965-7876.

**Graduating and Promoted Students! Submit Your Name To Be Honored on Scholarship Sunday! Deadline To Submit Is Wednesday, May 31:** Are you or your young person graduating from high school, college or vocational school, or being promoted to elementary, middle or high school? We want to celebrate and congratulate you on Scholarship Sunday, June 11! Please submit the student's name, school/college name, degree/diploma/certificate obtained to [scholarship@allen-temple.org](mailto:scholarship@allen-temple.org) no later than Wednesday, May 31.

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

**The application period is now open for the Betty D. Gadling Scholarship for graduating high school seniors and continuing undergraduate/vocational school students!** The application deadline is Wednesday, May 31. Requirements may be found & application downloaded at the Church website, selecting *Ministries/Worship Arts Media Technology/Music Ministry* and following the hyperlinks to the Betty D. Gadling Fine Arts Academy and then Betty D. Gadling Scholarship.

**The application period is now open for the Lavern Holmes Memorial Scholarship!** The application deadline is Friday, June 30. 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 and returned to the Usher Ministry office in the Narthex.

**Children age 3 to 13 are invited to participate in Allen Temple Music Week 2017, Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23, presented by the Betty D. Gadling Fine Arts Academy In collaboration with our valued community partner Cantare Con Vivo.** Music Week will offer children the opportunity to explore choral singing, piano, music theory and dance. New reduced fee \$35; includes daily lunch. For more information and to register your child, call (510) 544-8924.

**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 starting on Sunday, June 4 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](mailto:ajperteet@gmail.com)

**Allen Temple Global Missions is blessed to provide an update on the construction project for bathrooms for use by church members and children attending the church nursery in Soweto, South Africa.** This project is made possible through the generosity and support of the Allen Temple family, and sponsor donations. After the work is completed, children and parishioners will have access to clean and sanitary restroom facilities. The work should be complete and the new bathrooms in use by the end of June.

**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!

**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.