COVENANT CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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Welcome to Church!

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PUTTING GOD IN THE CENTER OF IT ALL

There are two kinds of individual relationships you might have in your life. Some are relationships that are built on the flesh while others are relationships that are built by the spirit. Any relationship on flesh will bring bondage and that which is by the spirit liberates; it's that simple. If you have people that are drawing you into bondage know that God didn't send them. But people that are liberating are sent by God. You must also understand that you will not get more of the spirit if you are not ready to disconnect with the flesh. If you don't show God that you have the courage to let go of the fleshly relationship that brings bondage then the spiritual ones will not grow or develop in your life. And if you leave both together, the flesh will kill the spirit.

There are some people that have friends they consult before making any decision within their lives. This is a relationship based on bondage and it is important you set yourself free. The only thing that can keep you in such a relationship is either you are afraid or there is something you are gaining that you can't let go and you feel that you won't survive without it. What you need to do to liberate yourself is to remove yourself from the relationship. Instead of the time you spend with them, spend that time worshipping God and see what will happen in your life. That is how you can innovate and be creative to be totally free.

Do not go into things that will bring greater bondage into your life. When people are God sent they expand you. The issue is that a lot of people are so used to being in bondage so much it has become normal. There is no rational behind it, it's a spirit. When you feel empty on the inside sit down and lock yourself inside a place and start confessing the promises of God. Dance, sing and rejoice before God and let the waters of Judah produce things within you that even you cannot explain. Jeremiah 15:16; "thy words were found and I did eat them and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart; for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts." The secret to that joy is the word of God. The way the word came to Mary was how she received her joy. If you don't meditate on the word as soon as trials and tribulation comes you will be offended. Therefore, the first thing you need to do is to find the word of God and to find the word of God you need to search it out yourself because no one can do that for you.

No matter the type of situation you face know that the answer is not on the outside but rather in the word of God. If you have a financial need find the word that tells you that the need is met then eat that word. Let that word create joy then rejoice and that word will manifest on the outside. What people do is that they pray and then look on the outside. Stop looking on the outside, the answer is in the bible. It's not about looking on the outside or to people; it's about praying and knowing the answer. Don't ever try to manipulate things on the outside; it's a complete waste of time. When you manipulate things to get results the trouble you will face at the end of it will surpass what you bargained for. There is a fleshly way of giving birth to things; avoid it. Once God gives you a scripture focus on it every day. Look at it day by day; let it not depart from your heart. Stay with it until what you have found becomes life. Ask God to give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. This means the knowledge God has given to you about Himself is what He should give to you concerning that situation. Then when you are through with it start rejoicing.

The world will be blessed by you telling them your story, of how you believed God in that process. To take heed is to pay attention to what He has shown you. When you have an assignment, you are to be a specialist there. You now carry that grace so anytime anybody is in pain in that type of situation you know what to say to get that person out. Sit down with the truth God has given to you until you get result. Never look on the outside for a third party or for consent from anyone concerning your life choices. Instead focus on God and His words and your life will be transformed in a way you never thought possible.

Pastor 'Poju Oyemade

What's Up!

01 Connect With Us:
You can connect and interact with church on social media: ***Twitter, Facebook, Instagram***: **@covenantccentre.** Connect with Pastor 'Poju Live on Instagram and Facebook **(@pastorpoju)** for a Verse by Verse Study of the New Testament every Tuesday by 9PM.

02 Mid-Year Faith & The Quantum Leap Strategy Refresher Course:
Covenant Christian Centre invites you to her Mid-Year Faith & The Quantum Leap Strategy Refresher Course. This will begin on Sunday, 11th August with a Joy Meeting with Nathaniel Bassey at The Covenant Place, Iganmu by 5Pm. There will be 3 days of teaching from the 12th to the 14th August, at The Covenant Place and then 15th to 17th at The Lekki Chapel. Teaching Meetings hold 6:30PM daily, and the programme closes on Sunday evening with Nathaniel Bassey by 5PM at The Lekki Chapel.

03 TEENS CAMP....to do list:
The teens camp commences next week Tuesday 6th August 2019. All duly registered teenagers should go to their registered pick up centres with their printed confirmation mail. Registration opens at 7am both in Iganmu and Lekki Centres. Please ensure your wards arrive early. Teenagers are advised to take breakfast or come along with it as breakfast won't be served. Note that mobile phones and other devices are not allowed. Hard-copy bible is compulsory for all campers. All other details have been sent to the registered emails.

04 Daily Prayers:
Here at Covenant Christian Centre we emphasise the need to daily spend at least an hour in prayer. To this end, the Church will be praying together at two time belts every day. You can join any one of these prayer times via the link www.insightsforliving.org/audio-livestream. In the morning- 5.00am to 6.00am & evenings- 9.30pm to 10.30pm. We will be praying on specific areas that affect our lives and directly receiving answers from heaven.

05 Share Your C3 Experience:
We are looking for people to share their experience in Covenant Christian Centre so far. So, if you have been attending Covenant Christian Centre for a while and would love to share your Covenant story, Kindly help in filling the link: http://insightsforliving.org/MyCovenantStory.

Poem He is...

In Genesis, He's the breath of life.
In Exodus, the Passover Lamb.
In Leviticus He's our high priest
Numbers, the fire by night.
Deuteronomy, He's Moses' voice.
In Joshua, He is Salvation's choice.

Judges, law giver.
In Ruth, the kinsmen-redeemer.
First and Second Samuel, Our trusted prophet.
In Kings and Chronicles, He's sovereign.
Ezra, true and faithful scribe.
Nehemiah, He's the re-builder of broken walls and lives.

In Ester, He's Mordecai's courage.
In Job, the timeless redeemer.
In Psalms, He is our morning song.
In Proverbs, wisdom's cry.
Ecclesiastes, the time and season.
In the Song of Solomon, He is the lover's dream.

He is, He is.

Author Unknown

Notice

If you or an immediate family member or friend is sick & in need of prayer kindly call any of the following numbers below:

IKE – 0805 654 5600
ABIMBOLA – 0802 305 5212
EMMANUEL – 0802 972 0555
OLUSHOLA – 0818 074 0031

ELECTRONIC TRANSFER DETAILS
for **Covenant Christian Centre**
(Covenant Christian World Assembly)

GTBank Herbert Macaulay Branch.
Account number - 0010471264.
For mobile transfer simply dial
**737*32*Amount*138# to give offering*
*and *737*32*Amount*139# to give tithe.*
Zenith Bank Herbert Macaulay Branch.
Account number - 1010845720.
For mobile transfer simply dial
**402*96600803*Amount#.*
This can be used on any bank's card
To give either offering or tithe
Stanbic Bank Herbert Macaulay Branch
Account number - 0003699923

Domiciliary Account for C3 Online transfer is now available with
GTB - 0114030385 &
Zenith Bank -5070235873

TQL is the programme to watch on Sunday. Mouth-watering interviews, interesting personalities and much more is what is in for you when you Tune in EVERY Sunday by 3:00pm prompt on STV and 4:30pm prompt on Channels Television!!
The charismatic host of this programme is Pastor 'Poju Oyemade.

Sunday Services

Yaba Centre
400 Herbert Macaulay Rd. Yaba
Service Time: 6.30am prompt.

Covenant Connect (Youth church)
Venue: 400 Herbert Macaulay Rd. Yaba
Service Time: 10am prompt.

Office phone Number: **0818 600 0021 or 0816 0000 238**
(Mon-Fri ONLY, 9am- 5pm)

Covenant Place, Iganmu
Right beside the National Arts Theatre
Service Times:
1st Service: 7.45am prompt
2nd Service: 10.30am prompt

Covenant Chapel, Lekki
Former 4th roundabout behind Enyo filling station, Chisco Bus stop, Lekki.
Service Times:
1st Service: 8:00 am prompt
2nd Service: 10.30am prompt
Office Phone Number: **081 8841 1111**
(Mon-Fri ONLY, 9am- 5pm)

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Mainland Centre
YABA CENTRE: 400 Herbert Macaulay Rd. Yaba.
Day: Wednesday | Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Island Centre
THE COVENANT CHAPEL: Former 4th roundabout behind Enyo filling station, Chisco Bus stop, Lekki.
Day: Thursday | Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELLING CALENDAR FOR 2019

Have you completed foundation of faith?
Are you a committed C3 member?
Do you have your parents' consent to marry?
If yes to all, then plan to attend the pre-marital classes.
Kindly note that fixing of wedding dates cannot be earlier than 2 months after counselling has ended.
Classes now starts first Saturday of every month so, kindly register early.
For more details call the church office; Olajumoke on 080 9499 9998.

2019 Walk-in/Physical classes Dates

1st:	Feb 2nd	–	March 9th
2nd:	March 2nd	–	April 6th
3rd:	April 6th	–	May 11th
4th:	May 4th	–	June 8th
5th:	June 1st	–	July 6th
6th:	July 6th	–	Aug 10th
7th:	Aug 3rd	–	Sept 7th
8th:	Sept 7th	–	Oct 12th
9th:	Oct 5th	–	Nov 9th
10th:	Nov 2nd	–	Dec 7th

Distance/ Diaspora classes (Special):
March - April
August - September

Marriage Enrichment

We are committed to Enriching marriages, thus impacting God's kingdom.
Invest in your marriage and connect with us too. To join our mailing list do contact us.
For more details call the church office; Olajumoke on 080 9499 9998.
…and they twain shall be one flesh: no mote twain but one flesh (Mark 10:8)

2019 CALENDAR	TENTATIVE DATES	VENUE
Marital Hub (Prayer & Fellowship)	Sept 21, Dec 14	Lekki & Iganmu
Marriage Seminar	August 2019 Joint	
Couples Weekend Getaway	Nov 2019 Joint	
Marriage Enrichment Classes	Duration of 4 – 6 Weekends	
Qtr 1 (Levels ME1 & ME2)	Starts 2nd Feb	Lekki & Iganmu
Qtr 2 (Levels ME1 & ME2)	Starts 14th May	Lekki & Iganmu
Qtr 3 (Levels ME1 & ME2)	Starts 3rd August	Lekki & Iganmu
Qtr 4 (Levels ME1 & ME2)	Starts 2nd Nov	Lekki & Iganmu
One – on – One Counselling	Available for booking Contact us	

Contact us at c3marriages@gmail.com

Note:
ME 1 explores topics such as; Money, Sex, Roles and Responsibilities, Conflict Resolution etc. &
ME 2 explores topics such as; Winning Together, Marriage and Family as a tool for God's Kingdom Agenda,

Managing Change and Long Life & Divine Health - Our Covenant and Heritage.

CHUCKLES, TRUTH & FUN-FACTS

Eagles in the Storm

Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? The eagle will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come. When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring above it. The eagle does not escape the storm. It simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the winds that bring the storm.

When the storms of life come upon us... and all of us will experience them... we can rise above them by setting our minds and our belief toward Jesus.

The storms do not have to overcome us. We can allow God's power to lift us above them. God enables us to ride the winds of the storm that bring sickness, tragedy, failure, and disappointment into our lives. We can soar above the storm. Remember, it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down, it is how we handle them.

"Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles." Isaiah 40:31.

Culled from the Internet

Edu-Aid
Educational Aid Global Initiative

Edu-Aid is Covenant Christian Centre's social response to the standard and quality of public primary education in Nigeria through an innovative support system for public primary schools, teachers, and pupils. We are presently active in schools on the Lagos Mainland and Lekki environs.

Get involved in 3 ways:
1. **Volunteer Partner:** Join our vibrant teams of volunteers to administer support programs and interventions to beneficiary schools
2. **Resource Partner:** Donate teaching aids and other academic materials to support our cause
3. **Financial Partner:** Sponsor a child, or donate funds to support health care, renovations and other interventions at our beneficiary schools

For enquiries, call Teju on **07066736513** OR reach us via:
Email - eduaidccc@gmail.com, **Facebook page -** Edu-Aid CCC,
Twitter - @eduaidccc, **Instagram -** @eduaidccc
Account Details for Donations:
Zenith Bank/1014339803/Educational Aid Global Initiative

Project W.R.A.F

The Widows Relief & Assistance Program
Supports over 200 families of late police officers and military personnel annually with scholarship, rent assistance, holiday job placement, business loans and skills acquisition workshops.

You can give back through Project W.R.A.P by;
1. Becoming a Financial Partner.
2. Volunteering with us.
3. Giving in-kind support to our families.

For enquiries, please call:
Eunice on 08180032237
Or email ***contactc3wrap@gmail.com.***
Website: ***www.projectwrap.org***
Account Info for Donation:
Zenith Bank/1013751758/Covenant Christian World Assembly (WRAP).

Covenant Capital

Covenant Capital is an initiative of the church to provide financial and advisory assistance to entrepreneurs in the church to empower them to achieve their God-given financial potential and contribute in practical ways to their immediate community through job creation, financial empowerment and role modelling. Covenant Capital is available to all members of Covenant Christian Centre at these levels: Microfinance, Micro Credit, Business school and Business Advisory Services and much more.

For enquiries, please contact Kelechi at the Church Office, Yaba from Monday to Friday: 8:30am – 5:00pm. You can also call 0816 000 0238 or visit www.covenant-capital.org or send a mail to covenantcms@gmail.com, info@covenant-capital.org

First Time?

With great pleasure we warmly welcome you to ***Covenant Christian Centre*** and believe that without a doubt you received practical wisdom through the ***Word of Faith.*** Today's message is available in audio CD, MP3 format and you can download at the E-Library unit. Past messages can also be found at the CD sales stand and the E-Library stand.

The church website is ***www.insightsforliving.org*** online you'll be able to access messages, mails and publications.

For more resources on various outreaches of the ministry (e.g. ***the Platform, WAFBEC*** etc) visit any of the following websites ***www.theplatformnigeria.com, www.wafbec.org*** or call ***0816 000 0239.***

You can also check out our online community on face book i.e. C3. Meaningful contributions through discussions, comments and suggestions are highly coveted. You can also participate in the occasional competition and win something! You can visit ***www.facebook.com/CovenantChristianCentre*** to join our facebook community.

To get integrated into church, you can volunteer for any of our programmes which are organised periodically e.g. Lagos Sees, Edu-Aid, WAFBEC or The Platform. Simply look out for information about these programmes.

Kindly fill the visitors form and return to the welcoming unit.

We appreciate your presence here today and look forward to seeing you at any of our services, monthly seminars and special events.