



## THE RIVER OF JOY

*Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation (Hab 3:17-18).*

Joy means breakthrough. No matter what is happening on the outside, rejoicing in God consistently is very important. You have to stay with the attitude of gratitude at all times and in all seasons. The Bible tells us to 'count it all Joy every single time. You must learn to outlast the devil using praise because he is so impatient. This means you must consistently and diligently rejoice in God and even when the devil thinks you will stop rejoicing; you must keep praising God. If you can do this, there is nothing that would not be delivered unto you. The main objective is to stay in the place of praise consistently. The Word of God responds to Joy. When there is Joy over a truth, the truth begins to grow and express itself.

Joel 1:12 says, "the vine is dried up, the fig tree languisheth, the pomegranate tree, even palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered because joy is withered away from the sons of men." The minute Joy gets withered in a man's life, things around him starts dying. What Satan wants to do is to attack the level joy in people's life and whatever he does on the outside usually kills that joy. If you can kill the joy of a man you kill the root of his productivity. Take the praise, the rejoicing and worshipping out of a man and his enthusiasm and everything on the inside and around him dies. Joy is connected to productivity, increase, multiplication, and supernatural happenings.

It is not natural for a person to be joyful that is why when a person is so happy, people around will ask "why?" That is because they don't expect you to be happy in that environment. To have joy is to have everything and the only way you can finish anything properly is with joy. You need to finish your good fight with joy on the inside of you. You can't finish anything well if there is no joy on the inside of you. Joy is paramount to productivity.

When there is stagnancy in the life of a person it is because there is no joy. The real breakthrough in your life is not when you breakthrough on the outside, but when you break forth into singing in the mist of your storm.

Once you break forth into singing and the spirit of joy and rejoicing comes over you in the place of sorrow or a place where the environment has held you bondage; then you begin to receive and see the miraculous. To such an individual the instruction is simply to "lengthen your cords, strengthen your stake, and enlarge your tents (Iss 54:2). If you break forth into singing, you will break forth on the right, on the left and on the outside.

A man that breaks through with the river of joy in his heart will soon start seeing the water flowing through into everything he is doing. What Satan is trying to do is to stop the person from entering into the depth of what God has for him. He wants you to see that as a Christian you have no result to show for your serving God. The devil wants to see you serve God with sadness on the inside of you. As a believer no matter what happens on the outside never say "God has forsaken me." The scripture says, "Can a mother forsake her suckling child, yet I will not forsake thee because I have engraved you in the palm of my hands and your walls are continually before me (Iss49vs15-16)." The only reason it looks like things are not changing is because you are not singing before God. He said "sing" and when you do, you will see great and mighty things.

Pastor 'Poju Oyemade

### What's Up!

#### 01 Connect With Us:

You can connect and interact with church on social media: *Twitter, Facebook, Instagram: @covenantcentre*. 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 6PM daily, and the programme closes on Sunday evening with Nathaniel Bassey by 5PM at The Lekki Chapel.

#### 03 Marriage Enrichment Classes:

Are you married and looking to further build your marriage? The commencement date for the marriage enrichment classes is Saturday, 3rd August 2019. Kindly visit [www.insightsforliving.org](http://www.insightsforliving.org) or call 08094999998 to register.

#### 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/](http://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 My Prayer For You

I thought of you so much today  
I went to God in prayer.  
To ask Him to watch over you  
and show you that I care.

My prayer for you was not for rewards  
ones that you can touch or feel.  
But true rewards for happiness  
that are so very real.

Like love and understanding  
in all the things you do.  
For guidance when you need it most  
to see your troubles through.

I asked Him for good health for you  
so your future could be bright.  
And faith to accept life's challenges  
with courage to do what's right.

I gave thanks to Him for granting my prayer  
to bring you peace and love.  
May you feel the warmth in your life  
with God's blessings from above

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 2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	March 9 <sup>th</sup>
2nd:	March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	April 6 <sup>th</sup>
3rd:	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	May 11 <sup>th</sup>
4th:	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	-	June 8 <sup>th</sup>
5th:	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	-	July 6 <sup>th</sup>
6th:	July 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>
7th:	Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>
8th:	Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	-	Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>
9th:	Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>	-	Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>
10th:	Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>



### 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](mailto: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

### Communication

In promulgating your esoteric cogitations, or articulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicable, philosophical or psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communications possess a clarified conciseness, a compact comprehensibility, coalescent consistency, and a concatenated cogency. Eschew all conglomerations of flatulent garrulity, jejune babblement and asinine affectations.

Let your extemporaneous descantings and unpremeditated expatiations have intelligibility and veracious vivacity,

without rhodomontade or thrasonical bombast. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pompous prolixity, psittaceous vacuity, ventriloquial verbosity, and vaniloquent vapidity. Shun double-entendres, prurient jocosity, and pestiferous profanity, obscurant or apparent.

In other words, talk plainly, briefly, naturally, sensibly, truthfully, purely. Keep from slang; don't put on airs; say what you mean; mean what you say.

And DON'T USE BIG WORDS!



### 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](mailto:contactc3wrap@gmail.com).

Website: [www.projectwrap.org](http://www.projectwrap.org)

Account Info for Donation:

**Zenith Bank/1013751758/Covenant Christian World Assembly (WRAP).**



**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](http://www.covenant-capital.org)**



**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](mailto:eduaidccc@gmail.com), Facebook page - Edu-Aid CCC,**

**Twitter - @eduaidccc, Instagram - @eduaidccc**

**Account Details for Donations:**

**Zenith Bank/1014339803/Educational Aid Global Initiative**

## 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](http://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](http://www.theplatformnigeria.com), [www.wafbec.org](http://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](http://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.

