COVENANT CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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Welcome to Church!

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BE TRUE TO THE DREAM WITHIN

Be true to who you are and the dream inside your heart. Build the dream within you and avoid copying other people in whatever they do. Once you have the substance it will surely come to pass. The only way problems can come is in trying to act when the opportunity has not presented itself. What you need to do first of all is to keep that desire in your heart, take it up to God and once you go through the process, He takes you through, it creates the opportunity within your life for the fulfilment.

It all starts out by knowing the very thing that you truly desire in your heart, like the type of car, house, family or life and style. Do not allow the circumstances of life dictate to you what you should want because of the way life is. Once you adopt such an attitude it usually creates problems. If you do not think what you desire is possible then do not get involved in the faith process. This is because you are dealing with a God who is not affected by your resources but is talking about his own riches which are found in heavenly places and the limitless supply of His power. The reason people fail is that they do not start out by communicating their real dreams. What they are sending out of their being is deception and not the real signals within them. So the minute you send out something else you will not have the staying power to sustain it. When issues begin to come up the anchor of your soul will be somewhere else because what you are chasing your soul is not anchored to. It is not the real thing or plan within you.

The bible tells us that God has given man dominion over all things, therefore, He expects you to bring out the very desire within your heart, interpret it to yourself by making it your statement of faith to the earth. By making this statement, it shows that you will never waiver from the signal that you have sent out. That is your confession and you disregard what every other person is saying that is contrary.

Do not bring the failures or thoughts of other people into your own experiences. If you understand this principle then you will know that anybody that contradicts the deepest desire of your heart is not in existence as far as you are concerned. Live out what you believe because when you succeed people will begin to use you as a model to live by. The world only punishes people that are not bold, but once you show that courage by making a demand on life it will surely respond to you positively.

The power of your desire is your first step into the spiritual realm and denying it will be like what Esau did when he sold his birthright. You need to understand that whatever is going on outside should remain there. As long as you do not allow it to enter your heart, it will not affect what will come out eventually in your life. The only way it can become affected is when you start talking about it and allowing what other people say to get injected inside your being. Isolate every other thing out of your mind and keep your dream within you. In so doing your dream will be protected and nothing will happen or affect it. Everybody has a right to believe whatever they want to believe it is theirs, not yours. Therefore, do not think about it or worry about any negative word that other people have said about your dream rather concentrate on the word of God concerning it.

In conclusion, do not involve yourself in whatever your heart is not truly into or does not believe. When you do so and you are physically involved in it, it will simply create an avenue for you to fail. You must deliver that dream within you. If you don't, you will die a sad unfulfilled person. You must dare to communicate that dream in other to become fulfilled in life.

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 Monthly Women's Prayer – August Edition (Mainland):
The August edition of the Monthly Women's prayer meeting for the Mainland centre, holds on Saturday 17th August, 2019 by 7am. Venue is the Covenant Place Iganmu, right next to the National Theatre. All C3 women are invited, and you can also come along with a friend. It will be a time of fellowship, communion with God and impartation. See you there.

03 Lagos Teachers' Conference 2019: The Lagos Teachers' Conference 2019 holds on Saturday Aug 24th at the Covenant Place, Iganmu Lagos by 9am prompt. Theme: TEACHING FOR THE FUTURE. Register for free @ www.lagosteachersconference.com.

04 Lagos Sees Outreach Goes To Makoko: Be one of hundreds of volunteers to bring smiles to the people of Makoko Community in Yaba at the next Lagos Sees Outreach- an initiative that provides Free Eye Care (that is, screening, drugs, surgery) to thousands of people in Lagos State. This outreach will hold on Saturday, 31st August, 2019. For more information on how to become a volunteer, details on Training for old volunteers, and other enquiry, please call 0901 882 5617 on weekdays or send a mail to Seunfunmi@covenantchristiancentre.org

05 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.

Poem

GOD IS... (contd)

He is Light, Love, Longevity
and Lord.
He is goodness, Kindness,
Gentleness, and God
He is Holy, Righteous, Mighty,
Powerful and Pure.
His ways are right,
His word is eternal,
His will is unchanging,
and His mind is on Me !

He is my Savior,
He is my Guide,
He is my Peace,
He is my Joy,
He is my Comfort.
He is my Lord and He rules
my life.

I serve Him because He is God
and is worthy to be served.
His bond is love,
His burden is light,
and His goal for me is
abundant life.

I follow Him because He is
THE Wisdom,
THE Power of the Powerful,
THE Ancient of Days,
THE Ruler of Rulers,
THE Leader of Leaders,
THE Overseer of
Overcomers,
And Sovereign Lord of all
that was and is and is to
come.

Now if that seems impressive
to you, try this on for size.
His goal is a relationship
with ME !

He will never leave me,
never forsake me,
never mislead me,
never forget me,
never overlook me,
and never cancel my
appointment in His
appointment book !

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 start first Saturday of every month.
Registration closes two weeks before classes start therefore, 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

The Sponges

There are 5 sponges laying on your kitchen counter top. Each member of your family has been cleaning up different areas of your home, but all the sponges look the same. You are curious as to what was cleaned in your home, but you can't tell by looking... they all look the same... so what do you do?
You squeeze each sponge to see what comes out. As you squeeze the first sponge, you see that cola comes out, and so you decide that someone cleaned the kitchen with that one.
Upon squeezing the second sponge, you find tub and tile cleaner - that one was used to clean the bathroom.
Next, in the third sponge, you find motor oil - hubby was cleaning the garage!
In the fourth sponge, baby powder puffs out when it is squeezed - yep, the baby's nursery was done with that one!
And finally, in the last one, is floor wax - that was the one you used on the hall floor!

As you lay the last one down, you look again at their similarity - and they all look the same until they're squeezed. Christians are the same way. As life squeezes us, different things come out - anger from one, a need for revenge from another, tears from one, remorse from yet another - also greed, untruth, lust - and finally, from one saint, pours forth the love of Christ.
Just like the sponge, we can only squeeze out what is put in - stay in the Word daily, and be in continuous prayer, so that when life puts the squeeze on you (and it WILL), Jesus, and Jesus ALONE will shine forth from you!

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Project W.R.A.P

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

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

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.