

**AREA/ National
ANNOUNCEMENTS/MEETINGS**

National Prayer Meeting

Every Monday from 11:00am - 2:00pm at FGT, London.

Host: Apostle. M.S. Appiah.

Special Monday Clinic on the first Monday of 2011

Mid - Week Dist. Prayer Meetings

English Services

Tuesdays - 9:00am - 11:00am

Akan Services

Tuesdays: - 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Wednesdays: - 9:00am - 11:00am

Venue: James McKeown Hall.

District Youth Meetings:

Every Saturday 3:00pm - 5:00pm at James McKeown Hall. Parents are entreated to encourage their youth to attend.

Thursday 3rd—Saturday 6th August: - Holy Ghost prayer conference on zonal level.

Saturday 13th—District Women's Movement joint service at JMh from 6pm—8:30pm

Thursday 18th—Sunday 21st August :- Youth convention;

Thursday—Friday on District basis

Saturday—Nationally, at FGT, London

Sunday—local basis

26th August District Allnight at JMh from 10pm to 4am

Sunday 28th August—National Project Day in all locals. All members are encourage to pray towards the occasion.

Sun. 18th Sep.—Pastor Kwesi Otoo's farewell service in sandy lane, Manchester—12pm—4pm. *(The District Pastor will send delegates to represent the district)*

**DISTRICT / LOCAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS/MEETINGS**

Wed. 21st—23rd September 2011:- The Resident Missionary, Apostle M.S. Appiah, appreciations week will come off from Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd September

Saturday 24th September— the presentation service in honour of Apostle M.S. Appiah and his family will take place in FGT on the above date from 12pm—3pm

Sunday 25th September—Apostle M.S. Appiah's farewell service in FGT from 12pm—4pm. *(The District Pastor will send delegates to represent the district)*

Sunday 25th September—Apostle Newton O Nyarko's welcome service in FGT from 12pm

Sunday 2nd October— Pastor Kwesi Otoo's welcome service in FGT from 10am-1pm

Sunday 9th October—Evangelist Dr. Francis Bonsu's welcome service in Manchester, sandy lane. *(The District Pastor will send delegates to represent the district).*

National Women's Convention is now been scheduled to 13th—16th October 2011.



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SUNDAY & MIDWEEK SERVICES

(See inside for meeting times)



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****Passage for the Month****

Life Of Repentance

Christianity is a way of life of hope and change, and perhaps that is a reason why so many Americans, a majority of whom are professing Christians, voted for Obama. They saw in him someone who was speaking their language, and now many of them are disappointed because his policies run counter to his idealistic promises. Their hopes for a return to economic soundness have been dashed because his changes have accelerated rather than reversed American decline. Clearly, while our hopes can be grand and even pie-in-the-sky, reality is in the change.

In Christianity, change is most often discussed in terms of repentance. Indeed, it is a life of repentance, of change, that mounts up—with a huge assist from God through His Spirit—into the desired transformation into the image of Jesus Christ (see Romans 8:29; II Corinthians 3:17-18). However, many professing Christians think of repentance merely as one of the first steps in the process of conversion and salvation, and they leave it at that. As we will see, repentance is certainly a first step, but it is also ongoing throughout our lives. To become a true Christian, we must repent—and then we must make it a continual practice as long as sin remains in us.

Sin is the problem. The world is full of sin and so are we. Though God "is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9), we must be progressively turning from sinfulness in every area of life, building godly character so that Christ can "present [us] holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight" (Colossians 1:22). The goal, as I Peter 1:15 reminds us, is "as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct." Deep repentance plays a key role in our becoming holy like God.

Even so, genuine repentance is impossible without God first acting in our lives. Nothing truly spiritual happens in our lives until God initiates a relationship with us. Jesus tells us plainly in John 6:44, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day." His wording is definite: *No one* has the ability to approach Christ without God the Father first calling him, summoning him, inviting him, to draw near. One may think he is seeking God and the truth, but unless the Father has opened his mind, nothing will ever come of all his efforts.

Therefore, any purported repentance that occurs apart from God and His way of life is not a biblical, godly repentance. If someone who has not been called by God—say, a professing Buddhist or an atheist, to use an extreme—claims to have repented, he has simply altered his lifestyle, a human self-improvement. Positive though it may be, his "repentance" is mere change; God is not involved. A closer inspection of the situation will show that, despite improving in one area of his life, other areas continue to be ungodly, and in the case of the Buddhist or atheist, completely outside the bounds of Christian doctrine.

Unfortunately, many who say they are Christians also fit in this category, claiming to have repented of their sins, but their lifestyles argue against them. Despite the Bible's clear teaching to the contrary, much of the Christian world believes that all they need to do to be saved is to believe in Jesus, and their initial remorse over their previous lifetime of sin fulfils the requirement to repent. From that time on, they believe, the blood of Christ covers their sins, so they have no need to keep God's commandments and to conform to God's way of life, since Christ did it all for them.

Yet, the apostle John writes in I John 2:4, "He who says, 'I know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." I John 2:9-11 gives the example of a person claiming to be "in the light" yet continuing to hate his brother. The apostle says that such an individual is still "in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes." The fruit of his life shows that there has been no true repentance.

Sin is ever-present with us, even those of us who are under the covenant. Paul writes in Romans 3:9: "What then? Are we better than they [the world]? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin." We are all sinners.

The apostle says in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Earlier in the same chapter (verses 10-18), he had listed quotations from the Old Testament describing the sinfulness of man, beginning with "There is none righteous, no, not one."

For those of us who are truly called and converted, God has graciously forgiven us and cleared the long record of our past sins through the shed blood of Jesus Christ (see Romans 3:24-26), but even helped by the Holy Spirit to live righteously, we nevertheless continue to sin. Because sin still relentlessly dogs us, we must repent again and again. Why?

The simple answer is that, even though we have found the truth and started along the path toward the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, we are still very much human, reeking of human nature and constantly influenced by this present, evil world. To transform from sinful to godly is not a matter of divine fiat but a protracted struggle against self, Satan, and this world, with countless turnings of the tide of battle while we surge ever closer to victory. Every time we give ground—after every sin, trespass, or transgression—we must repent and rejoin the fight.

This is not easy to do. In Jeremiah 10:23, the prophet acknowledges, "O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps." Left to ourselves, we would not know how to live properly before God, and even with His help, it takes us years of study and experience to learn God's ways. We spend that time repenting of our own ways and taking on God's.

The same prophet records in Jeremiah 17:9, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" The track record of mankind has shown that we are quite adept at deceiving ourselves. We are especially good at considering ourselves to be in the right though all the evidence is against us. In most cases, God must work over years to show us that His way is best, and we spend much of that time repenting. What, then, is true repentance?

We will consider the answer next time.

**EBENEZER ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY SERVICES
Time: 9:30am - 11:30am**

**Sunday, 7th August
Speaker: Mensah Boadi**

**Sunday, 14th August
Speaker: Elder Emmanuel Addo**

**Sunday, 21st August
Speaker: D'ness. Godfred Kwakye**

**Sunday, 28th August
Speaker: Elder Kwadwo Tawiah**

**Sunday, 4th September
Speaker: Elder Francis Adusei**

**MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS
Venue: Heelands Meeting Place
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

**Friday, 5th August
Speaker: Holy Ghost Prayer Conference**

**Friday, 12th August
Speaker: D'ness. Gertrude Tawiah**

**Friday, 19th August
Speaker: Youth convention**

**Friday, 26th August
Speaker: District All-night**

**Friday, 2nd September
Speaker: Sis. Georgina Boadi**

PIWC SUNDAY SERVICES

Time: 09:00 am - 12:00 noon

Sunday, 7th August

Speaker, Elder Twum Ampofo

Sunday, 14th August

Speaker: Elder Kwadwo Mante

Sunday, 21st August

Speaker: Elder Emmanuel Addo

Sunday, 28th August

Speaker: Elder Ebo Hope

Sunday, 4th September

Speaker: Elder Kingsley

MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS

Venue: James Mckeown Hall

Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Thur. 4th August

Speaker: Holy Ghost Prayer Conference

Thur. 11th August

Speaker: D'cn. Eric Missah

Thur. 18th August

Speaker: Youth convention

Thur. 25th August

Speaker: D'cn. Alex Darko

Thur. 1st September

Speaker: Bro. Abraham Asare

EMMANUEL ASSEMBLY**SUNDAY SERVICES**

Time: 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Sunday, 7th August

Speaker, D'cn. Ebenezer Adamptey

Sunday, 14th August

Speaker: Elder Joshua Agyemang

Sunday, 21st August

Speaker: Elder Stephen Agyapong

Sunday, 28th August

Speaker: Elder Martin Accorley

Sunday, 4th September

Speaker: Elder Appiah Danquah

MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS

Venue: James Mckeown Hall

Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Friday, 5th August

Speaker: Holy Ghost Prayer Conference

Friday, 12th August

Speaker: Bro. Kojo Nyarko

Friday, 19th August

Speaker: Youth convention

Friday, 26th August

Speaker: District All-night

Friday, 2nd September

Speaker: D'cn. Ben Berko

LUTON ASSEMBLY**SUNDAY SERVICES**

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Sunday, 7th August

Speaker, Elder. Kwadwo Tawiah

Sunday, 14th August

Speaker: D'ness. Ivy Essiam

Sunday, 21st August

Speaker: Elder Alex Ofori Danquah

Sunday, 28th August

Speaker: Elder Samuel Essiam

Sunday, 4th September

Speaker: Elder Eric Berimah

MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS

Venue: St. Margaret Methodist Church

Time: 7pm-9:00pm

Friday, 5th August

Speaker: Holy Ghost Prayer Conference

Friday, 12th August

Speaker: Bro. Kofi Owusu

Friday, 19th August

Speaker: Youth convention;

Friday, 26th August

Speaker: District All-night

Friday, 2nd September

Speaker: D'cn. Philip Boakye

WELLINGBOROUGH**ASSEMBLY SUNDAY****SERVICES**

Sunday, 7th August

Speaker, Elder William Dompseh

Sunday, 14th August

Speaker: Elder Albert Yeboah

Sunday, 21st August

Speaker: Elder Kwadwo Mante

Sunday, 28th August

Speaker: Elder Appiah Danquah

Sunday, 4th September

Speaker: Elder Alex Hope

MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS

Venue: Daylight Centre

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Sat. 6th August

Speaker: Holy Ghost Prayer Conference

Sat. 13th August

Speaker: District Women's Movement

Sat. 20th August

Speaker: Youth convention;

Sat. 27th August

Speaker: D'cn. John Adusei

Sat. 3rd September

Speaker: Bro. Simms

**BEDFORD ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY SERVICES
Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

Sunday, 7th August
Speaker, D'cn. Oheneba Appau

Sunday, 14th August
Speaker: D'ness. Beatrice Domprenh

Sunday, 21st August
Speaker: Elder Emmanuel Newton

Sunday, 28th August
Speaker: Elder Seth Kudjo

Sunday, 4th September
Speaker: Elder Richmond Abredu

MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS

Venue: Methodist Church
Time: **5:00pm - 6:00pm**

Sat. 6th August
Speaker: Holy Ghost Prayer Conference

Sat, 13th August
Speaker: District Women's Movement

Sat. 20th August
Speaker: Youth convention;

Sat. 27th August
Speaker: Sis. Faustina

Sat. 3rd September
Speaker: D'ness. Comfort Addai

**BETHEL ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY SERVICES
Time: 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm**

Sunday, 7th August
Speaker, Elder Appiah Danquah

Sunday, 14th August
Speaker: D'cn. Christian Offei

Sunday, 21st August
Speaker: D'ness. Millicent Boadu

Sunday, 28th August
Speaker: Elder Prince Baoteng

Sunday, 4th September
Speaker: Elder Benjamin Boadu

MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS

Venue: James Mckeown Hall
Time: **7:00pm - 9:00pm**

Friday, 5th August
Speaker: Holy Ghost Prayer Conference

Friday, 12th August
Speaker: Bro. Charles Owusu

Friday, 19th August
Speaker: Youth convention

Friday, 26th August
Speaker: District All-night

Friday, 2nd September
Speaker: D'ness. Florence Adomako

**NORTHAMPTON ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY SERVICES
Time: 9:30am - 12.30 pm**

Sunday, 7th August
Speaker, D'cn. Emmanuel Johnson

Sunday, 14th August
Speaker: Elder Raymond Adu

Sunday, 21st August
Speaker: D'ness. Cecilia Sackey Mensah

Sunday, 28th August
Speaker: Elder Nana Occansej

Sunday, 4th September
Speaker: D'cn. Aaron Gyamfi

MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS

Venue: Abington Community Centre
Time: **7:00pm-9:00pm**

Sat. 6th August
Speaker: Holy Ghost Prayer Conference

Sat. 13th August
Speaker: District Women's Movement

Sat. 20th August
Speaker: Youth convention;

Sat. 27th August
Speaker: D'ness. Vida Boakye

Sat. 3rd September
Speaker: Bro. Patrick Mensah

**AYLESBURY ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY SERVICES
Time: 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm**

Sunday, 7th August
Speaker, Elder Ebo Hope

Sunday, 14th August
Speaker: D'cn. Alex Agyapong

Sunday, 21st August
Speaker: Elder Kofi Danso

Sunday, 28th August
Speaker: Elder Ekow Sarfo

Sunday, 4th September
Speaker: D'cn. Nana Effa

MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS

Venue: Fairfax Community Centre
Time: **5:00pm-7:00pm**

Sat. 6th August
Speaker: Holy Ghost Prayer Con

Sat, 13th August
Speaker: District Women's Movement

Sat. 20th August
Speaker: Youth convention;

Sat. 27th August
Speaker: Bro. Sarfo Boaitay

Sat. 3rd September
Speaker: Sis. Maame Konadu