

**ANOUNCEMENTS/  
MEETINGS**

**National Prayer Meeting**

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

*Host: Apostle. Newton Ofosehene*

**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.

Friday 8th June—Youth summer all-night on zonal level. Milton Keynes District will join Harlesden.(10:00pm-4:00am)

Friday 15th June—PIWC half night service at JMh from 7:30pm –11:30pm

**PEMEF WEEK-LONG ACTIVITIES**

Wednesday 13th - Friday 16th—PEMEF

week-long activities on District level.

Sunday 17th June—Local level.

Saturday—16th June—District Mid -Year Presbytery meeting at JMh from 5:00pm

Thursday—21st June—London Met. Area all Ministers meeting from 11:00am –3:00pm.

Thursday 21st -Friday 22nd June—A call for breakthrough Prayers and Worship on District Level with the Theme: **A CRY OF HOPE ( 2 Chronicles 7:14-15) Friday will be a half night service.**

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Saturday 23rd June—London Met Area Presbytery meeting at FGT from 11:00am—3:00pm.

Sunday 24th June—National Project Day in all Assemblies.

Saturday 30th June—A call for all Elders to meet in FGT from 11:00am—4:00pm on the theme; Come Let Us Build Together.

Friday 6th July—English half night service at JMh from 7:30pm –11:30pm

Saturday 7th July—Half-Year National Presbytery Council meeting at FGT from 10:00am—4:00pm.

**Baby Naming**

Sunday 19th June —There will be a naming ceremony of Bro. Alex and Sis. Mavis Boateng's baby at Northampton Assembly from 11:00am

**Funeral**

There will be a funeral service for the late Madam Comfort Agyei aged 72, the mother of Bro. Yaw Sekyere of PIWC on Saturday, 30th June from 6.00 – 9.00pm. The venue is JMh



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**Milton Keynes District**



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**SUNDAY & MIDWEEK SERVICES**  
(See inside for meeting times)



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## LOVE

### God is Love: How do we Define Love?

"God is Love", but how do we define it? The American Heritage Dictionary defines love as "an intense affection for another person based on familial or personal ties". Often this "intense affection" stems from a sexual attraction for that other person. We love other people, or we say we love other people, when we are attracted to them and when they make us feel good. Notice that a key phrase in the dictionary definition of love is the phrase "based on". This phrase implies that we love conditionally; in other words, we love someone because they fulfill a condition that we require before we can love them. How many times have you heard or said, "I love you because you are cute;" or "I love you because you take good care of me;" or "I love you because you are fun to be with"?

Our love is not only conditional, it is also mercurial. We love based on feelings and emotions that can change from one moment to the next. The divorce rate is extremely high in today's society because husbands and wives supposedly stop loving one another or they "fall out of love". They may go through a rough patch in their marriage, and they no longer "feel" love for their spouse, so they call it quits. Evidently, their marriage vow of "till death do us part" means they can part at the death of their love for their spouse rather than at their physical death.

Can anyone really comprehend "unconditional" love? It seems the love that parents have for their children is as close to unconditional love as we can get without the help of God's love in our lives. We continue to love our children through good times and bad, and we don't stop loving them if they don't meet the expectations we may have for them. We make a choice to love our children even when we consider them unlovable; our love doesn't stop when we don't "feel" love for them. This is similar to God's love for us, but as we shall see, God's love transcends the human definition of love to a point that is hard for us to comprehend.

### God is Love: How does God Define Love?

The Bible tells us that "God is Love" (1 John 4:8). But how can we even begin to understand that truth? There are many passages in the Bible that give us God's definition of love. The most well known verse is John 3:16, "*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*" So one way God defines love is in the act of giving. However, what God gave (or should we say, "who" God gave) was not a mere gift-wrapped present; God sacrificed His only Son so that we, who put our faith in His Son, will not spend eternity separated from Him. This is an amazing love, because we are the ones who choose to reject God, yet it's God who mends the separation through His intense personal sacrifice, and all we have to do is accept His gift.

Another great verse about God's love is found in Romans 5:8, "*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*" In this verse and in John 3:16, we find no conditions placed on God's love for us. God doesn't say, "as soon as you clean up your act, I'll love you;" nor does He say, "I'll sacrifice my Son if you promise to love Me." In fact, in Romans 5:8, we find just the opposite. God wants us to know that His love is unconditional, so He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us while we were still unlovable sinners. We didn't have to get clean, and we didn't have to make any promises to God before we could experience His love. His love for us has always existed, and because of that, He did all the giving and sacrificing long before we were even aware that we needed His love.

### Continuation (Passage for the month)

#### God is Love: It's Unconditional

God is Love, and His love is very different from human love. God's love is unconditional, and it's not based on feelings or emotions. He doesn't love us because we're lovable or because we make Him feel good; He loves us because He is love. He created us to have a loving relationship with Him, and He sacrificed His own Son (who also willingly died for us) to restore that relationship. **God is Love: How Should we Define Love?**

When the Scriptures say, "God is love," they aren't telling us that God is some nebulous, warm fuzzy feeling of love. The writers who penned the scriptures weren't saying that in our

limited form of human love we will find God. Not at all -- in fact, when we read that God is love in the Bible, this means that God *defines* love. And when we say that God defines love, we don't mean that He defines it like Webster might define something -- we mean that God is the very definition of love itself. There is no such thing as love without God. As hard as we might try, we cannot define love outside of knowing God. This essentially means that our human definition of love is false.

God is the Creator of all things, and by His very nature, He is love. God says love is unconditional and sacrificial, and it's not based on feelings; therefore, love is not an "intense affection... based on familial or personal ties". To understand what true love is and to be able to truly love others, we must know God, and we can do this through a close personal relationship with Him. We can have that close relationship with God by putting our faith in Jesus Christ, who was God's sacrifice of love for us. **God is Love: True Love Only Comes Through a Relationship With Him**  
God is Love! As such, true love -- God's love -- can be summed up in this passage of scripture: "*Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God;.....(1 John 4:7-11)*"

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

#### Sunday, 3rd June

Speaker: Elder Godfred Kwakye

#### Sunday, 10th June

Speaker: D'ness. Echiaa Adusei

#### Sunday, 17th June

Speaker: Elder Prince Boateng

#### Sunday, 24th June

Speaker: Elder Kwadwo Tawiah

#### Sunday, 1st July

Speaker: Elder Francis Adusei

### MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS

Venue: Heelands Meeting Place

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

#### Friday, 1st June

Speaker:

#### Friday, 8th June

Speaker:

#### Friday, 15th June

Speaker: (PEMEF Week-Long Activities)

#### Friday, 22nd June

Speaker: (District half-night service)

#### Friday, 29th June

Speaker:

#### Friday, 6th July

Speaker: English half-night service

**PIWC SUNDAY SERVICES**

Time: 09:00 am - 12:00 noon

**Sunday, 3rd June**

Speaker: Elder Emmanuel Addo

**Sunday, 10th June**

Speaker: D'cn. Samuel Sam

**Sunday, 17th June**

Speaker: Elder Richmond Abredu

**Sunday, 24th June**

Speaker: Elder Ebo Hope

**Sunday, 1st July**

Speaker: Elder Twum Ampofo

**MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS**

Venue: James Mckeown Hall

Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Thursday 7th June**

Speaker: Bro. Anthony Brobbie

**Thursday 7th June**

Speaker: Local Women's Day

**Thursday 14th June**

Speaker: (PEMEF Week-Long Activities)

**Thursday 21st June**

Speaker: (District Prayers)

**Thursday 28th June**

Speaker: Sis. Lydia Brako

**Thursday 5th July**

Speaker: D'cn. Oduro Boateng

**EMMANUEL ASSEMBLY****SUNDAY SERVICES**

Time: 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Sunday, 3rd June**

Speaker: Elder Martin Accorley

**Sunday, 10th June**

Speaker: D'cn. Nana Effah

**Sunday, 17th June**

Speaker: Elder Joshua Agyemang Duah

**Sunday, 24th June**

Speaker: Elder Stephen Agyapong

**Sunday, 1st July**

Speaker: Elder Appiah Danquah

**MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS**

Venue: James Mckeown Hall

Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Friday, 1st June**

Speaker:

**Friday, 8th June**

Speaker:

**Friday, 15th June**

Speaker: (PEMEF Week-Long Activities)

**Friday, 22nd June**

Speaker: (District half-night service)

**Friday, 29th June**

Speaker:

**Friday, 6th July**

Speaker: English half-night service

**LUTON ASSEMBLY****SUNDAY SERVICES**

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**Sunday, 3rd June**

Speaker: Elder Samuel Essiam

**Sunday, 10th June**

Speaker: Elder Emmanuel Newton

**Sunday, 17th June**

Speaker: Elder Martin Accorley

**Sunday, 24th June**

Speaker: Elder Eric Barima

**Sunday, 1st July**

Speaker: Elder Samuel Essiam

**MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS**

Venue: St. Margaret Methodist Church

Time: 7pm-9:00pm

**Friday, 1st June**

Speaker: Bro. Justice Afriyie

**Friday, 8th June**

Speaker: Bro. Daniel Agyei

**Friday, 15th June**

Speaker: (PEMEF Week-Long Activities)

**Friday, 22nd June**

Speaker: (District half-night service)

**Friday, 29th June**

Speaker: D'cn. David Laseity

**Friday, 6th July**

Speaker: English half-night service

**WELLINGBOROUGH****ASSEMBLY SUNDAY****SERVICES****Sunday, 3rd June**

Speaker: Elder Kwadwo Mante

**Sunday, 10th June**

Speaker: Elder Albert Yeboah

**Sunday, 17th June**

Speaker: Bro. Emmanuel Asamoah

**Sunday, 24th June**

Speaker: Elder Kwadwo Mante

**Sunday, 1st July**

Speaker: D'cn. Eric Missah

**MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS**

Venue: Daylight Centre

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

**Saturday, 2nd June**

Speaker:

**Saturday, 9th June**

Speaker:

**Saturday, 16th June**

Speaker: (PEMEF Week-Long Activities)

**Saturday, 23rd June**

Speaker:

**Saturday, 30th June**

Speaker:

**Saturday, 7th July**

Speaker:

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

**Sunday, 3rd June**  
Speaker: Elder Seth Kudjo

**Sunday, 10th June**  
Speaker: D'ness. Beatrice Dompkeh

**Sunday, 17th June**  
Speaker: Elder William Dompkeh

**Sunday, 24th June**  
Speaker: Elder Richmond Abredu

**Sunday, 1st July**  
Speaker: Elder Samuel Addai

**MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS**  
Venue: Methodist Church  
Time: **5:00pm - 6:00pm**

**Saturday, 2nd June**  
Speaker:

**Saturday, 9th June**  
Speaker:

**Saturday, 16th June**  
Speaker: (PEMEF Week-Long Activities)

**Saturday, 23rd June**  
Speaker:

**Saturday, 30th June**  
Speaker:

**Saturday, 7th July**  
Speaker:

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

**Sunday, 3rd June**  
Speaker: Elder Prince Boateng

**Sunday, 10th June**  
Speaker: D'ness. Millicent Boadu

**Sunday, 17th June**  
Speaker: Elder Ernest Agyemang

**Sunday, 24th June**  
Speaker: Elder Ben Boadu

**Sunday, 1st July**  
Speaker: D'cn. Seth Barnes

**MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS**  
Venue: James Mckeown Hall  
Time: **7:00pm - 9:00pm**

**Friday, 1st June**  
Speaker:

**Friday, 8th June**  
Speaker:

**Friday, 15th June**  
Speaker: (PEMEF Week-Long Activities)

**Friday, 22nd June**  
Speaker: (District half-night service)

**Friday, 29th June**  
Speaker:

**Friday, 6th July**  
Speaker: English half-night service

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

**Sunday, 3rd June**  
Speaker: Elder Nana Ocansey

**Sunday, 10th June**  
Speaker: D'cn. Aaron Gyamfi

**Sunday, 17th June**  
Speaker: Elder Raymond Adu

**Sunday, 24th June**  
Speaker: Elder Prince Boateng

**Sunday, 1st July**  
Speaker: D'cn. Mensah Boadi

**MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS**  
Venue: Abington Community Centre  
Time: **7:00pm-9:00pm**

**Saturday, 2nd June**  
Speaker:

**Saturday, 9th June**  
Speaker:

**Saturday, 16th June**  
Speaker: (PEMEF Week-Long Activities)

**Saturday, 23rd June**  
Speaker:

**Saturday, 30th June**  
Speaker:

**Saturday, 7th July**  
Speaker:

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

**Sunday, 3rd June**  
Speaker: Elder Ekow Safo

**Sunday, 10th June**  
Speaker: Elder Kofi Danso

**Sunday, 17th June**  
Speaker: D'cn. Ebenezer Adamptey

**Sunday, 24th June**  
Speaker: Elder Ekow Safo

**Sunday, 1st July**  
Speaker: Elder Kofi Danso

**MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS**  
Venue: Fairfax Community Centre  
Time: **5:00pm-7:00pm**

**Saturday, 2nd June**  
Speaker:

**Saturday, 9th June**  
Speaker:

**Saturday, 16th June**  
Speaker: (PEMEF Week-Long Activities)

**Saturday, 23rd June**  
Speaker:

**Saturday, 30th June**  
Speaker:

**Saturday, 7th July**  
Speaker: