

7.15 a.m HOLY COMMUNION

Colour: WHITE

Theme : ***POWER TO LIVE ABOVE THE WORLD***

Celebrant: The Provost

Stewards on Duty: Group C

1. **Opening Hymn:** A&MNS 342 (*Tune A&MNS 2 - Melcombe*)
2. **Introductory Sentence:** *But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22*
3. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
4. **Collect for Purity** (Page 171)
5. **Summary of the Law** (Page 172)
6. **Words of Comfort** (Page 175)
7. **Confession to Collect** (Pages 175-176)

8. **Collect:** *Eternal Father, your kingdom extends beyond space and time : grant that in this world of changing things we may hold fast to what endures for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

9. **O.T. Reading:** Ezekiel 38: 8-13 - **Revd. Segun Ladeinde**
10. **Epistle:** Col. 3: 1-11 - **Mrs. Folorunso Alakija**
11. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MNS 168 (*Tune A&MNS 23 - Brockham*)
12. **Gospel:** John 16: 23-33 **Revd. George Abara**
13. **Sermon:** **Ven. S. Obi Nwankerendu**
14. **Creed:** (Page 178)
15. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **Mr. Oladipupo Alakija**
16. **Offertory Sentence:** *O praise our God, ye people, and make the voice of His praise to be heard; who holdeth our soul in life, and suffered not our feet to slip : Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer, nor turned his mercy from me, alleluia.*
17. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MNS 433 (*Neighbour*)
18. **Preparation of Gifts to Eucharistic Prayer** (Pages 187-190)
19. **Breaking of Bread to Anthem:** (Pages 190-193)
20. **Prayer of Humble Access:** (Pages 193-194)
21. **Communion Sentence:** *O sing unto the Lord, alleluia, sing unto the Lord and praise His Name : be telling of His salvation from day to day, alleluia, alleluia.*
22. **Administration:** (Page 194)
23. **Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MNS 511 (*Tune A&MNS 102 - Westminster*)

- (ii) A&MNS 422 (*Woodlands*)
 - (iii) Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power-SS&S 379
 - (iv) A&MNS 237 (*Breslau*)
 - (v) A&MNS 261 (*Albano*)
 - (vi) A&MNS 272 (*St. Flavian*)
 - (vii) A&MNS 388 (*Gongalon Royal*)
24. **Post Communion Hymn:** A&MNS 421 (*Ach Gott und Herr*)
 25. **Post Communion Prayer:** *O Lord, who from thy heavenly table hast bestowed on us abounding grace, grant that desiring only that which is holy, we be not disappointed of our hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*
 26. **The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
 27. **Altar Call:**
 28. **Notices:**
 29. Spiritual Tonic: Colossians 2: 13-14
 30. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
 31. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MNS 235 (*Wolvercote*)

9.15 A.M. CHORAL MATTINS

Boys and Girls Brigades Joint Enrolment Service

Cantor: Canon Residentiary

Responses: Sowande in A

Theme: WALKING IN HIS SPIRIT (Part 1)

4. Cooperating with the Holy Spirit

1. **Processional Hymn:** A&MNS 221 (*Morning Light*)
2. **National Anthem**
3. **Marching in the Colours**
4. **Call to Worship:** (pages 18-19)
5. **Psalm: 46 - ASB 121 (Adapted from Luther)**
6. **Bible Reading:** 2 Timothy 2: 1-14
7. **Hymn: CH/CS 102 (*Armageddon*)**
8. **Creed - Collects**
9. **Hymn: CH/CS 72 (*Unknown*)**
10. **Sermon - Ven. Williams Mehinsan**
11. **Intercession: Canon Residentiary**
12. **Hymn for Offering:** A&MNS 333 (*St. Gertrude*)
13. **Girl's Brigade Ceremony**
 - a. Commemoration of beloved foundation Members an officers Grand Patron, Patron and Lady Patrons
 - b. Investiture of Youth Chaplain, Revd. Bola Ojofeitimi
 - c. Officers Declaration
 - d. Girls' Enrollment
 - e. Girls' Declaration and Dedication
 - f. Girls' Brigade
14. **Boy's Brigade Ceremony**
 - a. Investiture of Chaplain General
 - b. Investiture of Medical Adviser, legal Adviser, Battalion Royal Father, Battalion Grand Patron and Battalion Patron.
 - c. Officers Declaration
 - d. Enrollment of Boys and Boys' Declaration
 - e. Boys' Brigade Anthem
 - f. Cap Collection
 - g. Short Address by GB Commandant and Battalion Chairman.
15. **Altar Call:**
16. **Notices:**
17. **Spiritual Tonic: Colossians 2: 13-14**
18. **Conclusion to Benediction**

19. **Final Amen: Sowande in A**
20. **Recessional Hymn: CH/CS 95 (*Julia Ward Howe*)**

9.15 A.M. CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP

Time: 9.15 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

1. **Opening Hymn: A&MNS 221**
2. **Call to Worship**
3. **Psalms: 46**
4. **Praise and Worship**
5. **Bible Reading: Acts 16: 6-10**
6. **Special Number**
7. **Message: Mr. Gbolaga Ajayi**
8. **Creed, Collects and Intecession/Creed to Prayers**
9. **Sunday Offering:**
10. **Notices**
11. **Prayer and Benediction**
12. **Closing Hymn: A&MNS 333**

9.15 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHURCH/SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOPIC: RETURN TO THE LORD

Worship Leader: Mrs. Maureen Aboaba

1. **Choruses**
2. **Opening Hymn: C.H 376**
3. **Bible Reading: Zachariah 1: 1-21**
4. **Hymn: C.H. 374**
5. **Creed to Prayers:**
6. **Hymn: Choruses (Offering to be taken)**
7. **Closing Prayer**
8. **Hymn: C.H. 373**
9. **Children go to their various classes**

11.30 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Theme: POWER TO LIVE ABOVE THE WORLD

Celebrant: Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi

Setting: Geoffrey Shaw

1. **Hymn:** A&MNS 342 (*Tune A&MNS 27 - Winchester New*)
2. **Introit: Be Still for the presence of the Lord (David Evans)**
 1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here
Come, bow before Him now, with reverence and fear,
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here
 2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
 3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
3. **Introductory Sentence:** *But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22*
4. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
5. **Collect for Purity and Gloria** (Page 171)
6. **Summary of the Law** (Page 172)
7. **Words of Comfort** (Page 175)
8. **Confession to Collect** (Pages 175-176)
9. **Collect:** *Eternal Father, your kingdom extends beyond space and time : grant that in this world of changing things we may hold fast to what endures for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
10. **O.T. Reading:** Ezekiel 38: 8-13 - **Canon Residentiary**
11. **N.T. Reading:** Col. 3: 1-11 **Miss Derinsola Aboyade**
12. **Gradual:** A&MNS 168 (*Affreton*)
13. **Gospel:** John 16: 23-33 **Revd. Segun Ladeinde**
14. **Address:** **Revd. George Abara**
15. **Creed:**
16. **Intercession:** (Pages 183-184) **Mr. Bisi Akinjide**
17. **Peace:** (Page 186)
18. **Offertory Sentence:** *O praise our God, ye people, and make the voice of His praise to be heard; who holdeth our soul in life, and suffered not our feet*

to slip : Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer, nor turned his mercy from me, alleluia.

19. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MNS 235 (*Wolvercote*)
20. **Preparation of Gifts to Eucharistic prayer:** (Pages 187-190)
21. **Breaking of Bread to Anthem:** (Pages 190 - 193)
22. **Prayer of Humble Access:** (Pages 193 - 194)
23. **Communion Sentence:** *O sing unto the Lord, alleluia, sing unto the Lord and praise His Name : be telling of His salvation from day to day, alleluia, alleluia.*
24. **Hymns During Administration:**
 - (i) A&MNS 262 (*Hyfrydol*)
 - (ii) A&MNS 422 (*Woodlands*)
 - (iii) Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power-SS&S 379
 - (iv) A&MNS 263 (*St. Helen*)
 - (v) A&MNS 237 (*Breslau*)
 - (vi) A&MNS 261 (*Albano*)
 - (vii) A&MNS 272 (*St. Flavian*)
 - (viii) A&MNS 388 (*Gonfalon*)
25. **Post Communion Hymn:** A&MNS 421 (*Ach Gott und Herr*)
26. **Post Communion Prayer:** *O Lord, who from thy heavenly table hast bestowed on us abounding grace, grant that desiring only that which is holy, we be not disappointed of our hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*
27. **The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
28. **Altar Call:**
29. **Notices:**
30. **Spiritual Tonic:** Colossians 2: 13-14
31. **Benediction to Dismissal** (Page 196)
32. **Final Amen:** Geoffey Shaw
33. **Withdrawal:** A&MNS 230 (*Tune A&MNS 141 - St. Magnus*)

GENERAL NOTICES

1. Organ and Cello Recital:
There will be an Organ and Cello Recital here in the Cathedral **today at 5.00 p.m. by Prof. Thorsten Maeder and his daughter, Yu-Mi.** There will also be supporting performances by other musicians.
2. Rogation Sunday and Rogation Days (Sunday - Wednesday):
In Western Christendom, certain days were prescribed for prayer and fasting in the early summer and is associated with prayer for the harvest. The '**Major Rogation**' on 25 April was a christianisation of the pagan observance of the "Robigalia", which took the form of procession through the cornfields to pray for the preservation of the crops from mildew. The "**Minor Rogations**" on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Ascension Day derived from the processional litanies ordered by St. Mameritus of Vienna (c.470), when his diocese was troubled by volcanic eruptions. The 1662 Book of Common Prayer ordered the observance of the three days as "**Days of Fasting and Abstinence.**"
3. Ascension of Christ:(Thursday 2nd June, 2011)
The withdrawal of Christ into heaven; witnessed by the Apostles. **Luke 24: 50-53** has been held to imply that the Ascension took place on the evening of the Resurrection, but according to **Acts 1:3**, it occurred 40 days later. It marked the end of the post Resurrection appearances and the exaltation of Christ to the heavenly life. Its theological implication consists in the fact that thereby Christ's human nature was taken into Heaven.
Ascension Day, kept on the **2nd Thursday i.e. the 40th day after Easter**, is one of the chief feasts in the Christian year. **Come and let us celebrate it at the 6.45 a.m. Communion Service.**
4. A Special Dinner
Business and Professional Womens' Dinner:
Theme: **Banquet of Favour**
Date: Friday, 3rd June, 2011 at 6.00 p.m.
Venue: Golden Gate Paradise, 25B, Glover Road, Ikoyi, Lagos
Please see Mrs. Olabo Johnson for your invitation card.
5. Victory Night:
The Victory Night comes up on **Friday, 10th June, 2011 at Immanuel Anglican Church, Mobil Road, Apapa, at 11.00 p.m.** Come and spend a night with the LORD. You might wish to join the Church bus that will depart at 9.00 p.m. for the venue.

6. 152nd Founders' Day : CMS Grammar School, Lagos.
The 152nd Founders' Day of Nigeria's oldest Secondary School is being marked with a series of activities in Lagos, Ibadan, Port Harcourt, Abuja and the United Kingdom from Saturday, May 21, to Sunday, June 19, 2011. The highlights of the celebration in Lagos are the Founders Day Thanksgiving Service to be held in the new School Chapel on Monday, June 6, at 2.00 p.m. and the Annual General Meeting of the Old Grammarians Society which comes up on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 2.00 p.m. in the School Hall (Ven. B.A. Adelaja Hall). All Old Boys, their spouses, friends and parents are invited to these events marking the 152nd birthday of the oldest Anglican Secondary School in Nigeria.
7. Technical Duty Officer for the Week:
The Technical Sub-Committee Duty Officer on Sunday for this week is **Mr. Michael Agbogidi. Phone No. 08029180308.** Thank you.
8. Home Call:
We announce the home call of **Pa Eleazer Maduabuchukwu Nwizu** He died on Thursday, 11th May, 2011 at the age of 70 years. He was a member of the Guild of Stewards Group A.
Funeral arrangements are as follows:
Friday, 10th June, 2011, at 6.00 p.m., Christian Wake at 10, Ayo Ajayi Close, off Candos Road, Baruwa-Ipaja, Lagos.
Friday, 17th June, 2011, Funeral Service at St. Christopher's Anglican Church, Ndiakwu-Otolo, Nnewi, Enugu State.
May his soul rest in perfect peace.
9. Bulletin Sponsorship:
Our bulletin for this Sunday has been sponsored by **the Thomas Family** to mark the 115th birthday (posthumous) of their Great Grandfather, Grandfather and Father **Chief Christopher Akinsola Thomas**, (27th May 1896). *May the soul of the faithful departed, continue to rest in peace and may God's blessings, mercies and protection be always upon his children and children's children. Amen.*
10. Mid-Week Fellowship and Love Feast:
Are you celebrating your birthday or any joyous occasion in your family or remembering a loved one? Think of sharing your joys with the lowly ones, who can give you nothing in return, but are being led to Christ by us. Sponsor a Wednesday afternoon. Cost is **N27,000** per Wednesday. You can pay part of an afternoon's cost. See Omoba Ademola or the Parish Clerk during the week. Thank you and God bless.

*Our sincere appreciation goes to **Chief Daniel Adebayo Ogunyemi** for sponsoring our Mid-Week Fellowship on May 25, 2011 in thanksgiving to God for his 88th birthday which came up on Sunday, 22nd May, 2011.*

God will continue to grant him good health, joy and happiness throughout the days of his life.

11. Church Needs:

(a) (1) HP Laptop with 250 GB hard drive, dual core Processor or AMD Turion technology (2.1 GHZ) with memory 4 GB.

(b) Camcorder (Panasonic or Canon) with Hard disk (80 GB), 78 X OPTICAL zoom and digital zoom 3500 x

(c) APC Smart - UPs 2.2 KVA.

(d) 2 Megaphones

We thank all those who have responded to our requests in the recent weeks. Please kindly assist in the provision of the above listed items for the Church. Thank you.

12.(i) Fellowship Hour - Sunday - 12/6/2011

Vacant after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Service.

(ii) Fellowship Hour - June - July 2011

Sunday, 26/6/2011 - **Engr. Lanre Phillips** after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Service

Sunday, 10/7/2011 - **Vacant** after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Service

Sunday, 24/7/2011 - **Vacant** after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Service

SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE UNIT

14.(a) **Sponsorship:**

Our Social Welfare Service Unit is seeking sponsorship for the following:
Part payments will also be gratefully appreciated.

- (i) **Mr. Igri Prosper:** He urgently needs the sum of N4,075,000 for a kidney transplant. Kindly donate generously towards giving him a chance to live. Any amount would be highly appreciated. Cheques should be made payable to ***“Cathedral Church of Christ (SWSU) and “Mr. Igri Propser’s Kidney Transplant” endorsed at the back. We thank a Parishioner who donated the sum of N225,000 in the course of the week.***
- (ii) **A member of the Church:** He is a graduate of the University of Lagos and needs a total sum of N119,400 for his ACCA (Association of Certified Chartered Accountants) examinations and tutorial/preparation fees.
- (iii) **Master Segun Adisa:** He is an 8 - year old child with cerebral palsy. He is about to be admitted into Modupe Cole Memorial Child Care and Treatment Home School, Akoka. **He will need the sum of N28,000 for his monthly up-keep for the rest of his life.**
- (iv) **Master Emmanuel Ben:** He is an SSI student of Starlight College, Sari-Iganmu, Lagos. He needs to be assisted with the sum of N45,000 per year (N15,000 per term) for the next 3 years.
- (v) **Miss Opeoluwa Rachael Olaleye:** She is an NDI Student of Moshood Abiola Polytechnic, Abeokuta. She needs a sum of N90,500 for her year 1 School Fees and a sum of N65,000 for her year 2 School Fees, plus N15,000 for Project Allowance.
- (vi) **Omiyale Funso Babatunde (visually impaired):** He is a 100 level student of University of Jos studying Special Education and Rehabilitation Sciences. He needs to be assisted with the sum of N30,000 per year for the next 3 years plus Project Allowance of N15,000.
- (vii) **Mrs. Seun Moses:** Admitted into the Lagos University Teaching Hospital(LUTH) on 2nd April, 2010, diagnosed with Vesico-Vaginal Fistula (VVF) and obstetric palsy. She has been abandoned by her husband and relations for the last one year and LUTH has stopped treating her due to an outstanding debt of N115,825. Also cost of surgery is estimated at N250,000.00. The Unit requires a total sum of N365,825. Part payment will also be appreciated.

(b)Need of Accommodation: The Social Welfare Service Unit would appreciate the donation of an accommodation at any suitable location within Lagos State to be used as a temporary home for the needy. Any member who can be of assistance should please contact the Provost.

(c)The members of the Social Welfare Service Unit would appreciate the donation of **fairly used clothes, shoes** for both young and old, **and also food items like Rice, Gari, Beans, Provisions etc.**

15. Advance Bookings - Fellowship Hour 2011

The Fellowship Hour takes place on **2nd and 4th Sundays of 2011 after 9.15 a.m.** Services respectively for members who wish to share their Joy with other parishioners as they celebrate their birthdays or any other special occasion. **Bookings on first come first served basis.**

	7.15 a.m.	9.15 a.m.
Sundays 10&24/7/2011	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays 14&28/8/2011	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays 9&23/10/2011	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays 13&27/11/2011	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays 11/12/2011	Vacant	Vacant

'ON THE LIGHTER SIDE'

The Haircut

A teenage boy had just passed his driving skills test and asked his father when they could discuss his use of the family car. His father said that he would make a deal with his son: 'You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car.'

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it. After about six weeks, his father said, 'Son, you've brought your grades up quite nicely, and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't your hair cut.'

The boy said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.'

You're going to love the Dad's reply:

'Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?'

SUNDAY 05/06/2011

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

Stewards on Duty: **Group D** Colour: **WHITE**

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)

Theme: ASPIRATION AFTER HEAVEN
Celebrant: **Ven. S. Obi Nwankerendu**
O.T. 2 Kings 2: 1-15 **Revd. Segun Ladeinde**
Epistle: Eph. 34: 1-13 **Mrs. Bukky Ajomo**
Gospel: John 16: 12-24 **Revd. George Abara**
Address: **Canon Residentiary**
Prayers: **Miss Tita Young**
Thanksgiving at the Altar
- **Monthly Thanksgiving**
- **May Birthday Thanksgiving**

9.00 a.m. *The Koinonia will meet in the Elders' Room on the Ground Floor of the Cathedral House.*

9.15 a.m. COMBINED CHORAL MATTINS AND SUNG EUCHARIST

Theme: JESUS: THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Cantor: **Revd. Segun Ladeinde**
Celebrant: **Ven. Williams Mehinsan**
Responses:
Communion Setting:

Sermon: **Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi**
Bible Reading: 1 John 3: 11-24
Reader: **Cathedral Ladies Armour Bearer**
Prayers: **Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi**
Thanksgiving at the Altar
- **Monthly Thanksgiving**
- **May Birthday Thanksgiving**

**after Combined
Service**

- (i) *There will be the General Monthly Meeting of the **Cathedral Ladies League** at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*

(ii) **Care Ministry** will meet at the Car Park on the Cathedral House.

(iii) The **Security Sub-Committee** Meeting will take place at the Fellowship Centre.

11.00 a.m.- 1.00 p.m. Clinic

Dr. Tolu Ajayi

Mrs. M. Oluwole

Ms. Bimpe Alaba

Sister D.O. Ogunro

Sister Tayo Phillips

Prince I.CO. Omogbehin

1.30 p.m. The Monthly General Meeting of the **Cathedral Circle** will hold at 38/42 Majaro Street, Onike, Yaba.

5.00 p.m. EVENSONG

Conductor: **Revd. Segun Ladeinde**

1st Lesson: 2 Kings 2: 1-15

2nd Lesson: John 17

Sermon: **Canon Residentiary**

Reader: **Ms. Bimpe Alaba**

Prayers: **Canon Residentiary**

EMPLOYMENT WANTED

Please kindly help the underlisted young ones. Their Curriculum Vitae are with the Provost.

1. **OLOWU**, Akinwunmi (M) HND Business Admin.
2. **OLABODE**, Olapeju Mary (F) B.Sc. Geography
3. **AGBOGIDI**, Oghenevbede (F) B.Sc. Banking & Finance
4. **EZE**, David (M) Diploma I/T Certificate Web-page Design
5. **OGUNDEPO**, Opeyemi Abiodun, (F) B.Sc Archaeology
6. **AJINDE**, Abiola Abiodun, HND Estate Management
8. **BALOGUN**, Olatunji Dada (M) OND Insurance
9. **ADANIKE**, Ayorinde Alexander(M) B.Sc (Hons) Finance.
10. **MAKINDE**, Abiodun Nene (F) B.A. (Hons) Eng. Language
11. **UGBAMA**, Erezi Betty, (F) B.Sc. Banking and Finance.
12. **ROBERTS**, Ajibola Oladapo, (M) B.Sc. Geography
13. **EGBEMUYIWA**, Tosin, (M) OND Business Studies
14. **REEVES**, Mantue Sunday(M) B.Sc(Hon) Demography & Social Statistics
15. **JERRY**, Ezekiel Olalekan(M), ND Mass Communication
16. **AJAYI**, Kabiru Abiodun, (M) OND Business Study.
17. **OWONIFARI**, Tope Collins,(M) ND Business Administration
18. **ADEGBOLA**,KingsleyAkinleke (M) Master of Managerial Psychology
19. **ONOHWAKPOR**, Onome Margaret(F) B.Sc. Political Science

20. **EFANODOR**, Eseoghene Benedict (M) B.Sc. Chemical Engineering
21. **EZURIKE**, Chimezie Obioma, (M) B.Sc. Psychology
22. **OKPEI**, Prosper Oseme, (M), B.A. English & Literaray Studies
23. **ATOYEBI**, Olushola Simeon, HND Architecture
24. **KUYEBI**, Olumide Samuel,(M) B.Sc. Geology
25. **OKUBADEJO**, Olusegun Adegboyega,(M), Master of Business Administration
26. **OGUNNIYI**, Kayode Emmanuel,(M) B.Sc. Business Administration
27. **LAWAL**, Bolarinwa Shakiru,(M) HND Electrical & Electronics Engineering Power & Machine Option
28. **OLAFIMIHAN** Odunayo (M) B.Sc. Business Administration
29. **NWAMAIOHA** Obinna Ogbonna, (M) B.Sc. Electronic Engineering
30. **ETUMNI**, Chidinma O, (F), B.Sc. Computer Science
31. **OKORO**, Tonito Onyebuchi(F), B.sc. Mass Communication
32. **MEADOWS**, Eyiyeimi Funmilayo (F) B.Sc. Philosophy
33. **COLE**, Akinwunmi Ayodeji (M), B.Sc. Economics Education
34. **AHUAZA**, Chinwe Uloma,(F) B.Eng. (Hon) Geological Engineering
35. **ODOKO**, Edith Ngozi,(F) B.Sc. Business Administration & Management.
36. **MUSTAPHA**, Tunrayo,(F) ACA Accounting
37. **MARTINS**, Adepehin (M) MBc Energy Futures (Oil & Gas Engineering)
38. **EGBINOLA**, Grace Ololade(F) M.A. Philosophy.
39. **IDOWU**, Olajide Victor(M), B.Sc(Ed) Chemistry; NIM
40. **WILSON**, Ibitoru Norah(F) B.A. Philosophy.
41. **IKARAOHA**, Amarachi Ujunwa (F)HND Library Science; NIM
42. **OJO**, Sola Olusegun,(M) HND Mass Communication

43. **IWUOHA**, Oluchi Ogechi,(F) B.Sc (Pure and Industrial Chemistry)
44. **BELLO**, Idieli Leslie,(M) HND Civil Engineering
45. **IGBINEDION**, Oluwakemi Abiola,(F) Barrister at Law (B.L.)
46. **MUSTAPHA**, Mohammed Saheed Ayinde,(M) B.Sc Economics
47. **JOHNSON**, Ini Patience,(F) B.Sc Sociology
48. **EZEOFOWKWE**, Blessing,(F) HND Accountancy
49. **OLAYEMI**, Omoladun Oluwakemi,(F) B.Sc. Economics

SOUL FOOD 22/2011

WALKING IN HIS SPIRIT (Part 1)

4. *Co-operating with the Holy Spirit*

"During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them." - Acts 16: 9-10.

Every initiative or endeavour in evangelism and missionary activity, especially in the missionary journeys recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, is the result of the leading of the Holy Spirit (1:8; 2:14-41; 4:8-12,31; 8:26-29, 39-40; 10:19-20; 13:2; 16:6-10; 20:22).

The guidance may have taken the form of a prophetic revelation, inner prompting, external circumstances, or visions as seen above. Under the impulse of the Spirit they moved forward to take the gospel to the unsaved. When checked by the Spirit from going in one direction, they would go in another, trusting in the Holy Spirit, to either approve or disapprove of their travelling plans.

In our text, Paul had plans to go to Asia but God changed his plans. So Paul travelled to Macedonia instead and spent time in three towns: Philippi, Thessalonica and Berea. Paul was forced to leave all the three towns. In Philippi, Paul and Silas were thrown into jail; in Thessalonica there was a riot and in Berea Paul hurried away to avoid Macedonia.

We tend to expect that if God sends us on a mission it will be successful. We do not expect to be

driven out of town. I wonder if Paul ever doubted his guidance, saying, "Did God really send me to Macedonia?"

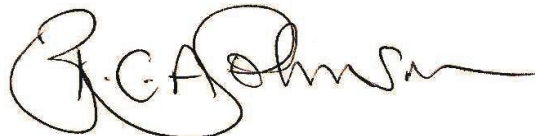
Be that as it may, there were many positives. Lydia responded to God and a church was planted in Philippi. A slave girl was released from the shackles of the devil. A jailer and his family were saved and baptised. In Thessalonica, some Jews were persuaded that Jesus was the Christ, as did a large number of Greeks and some prominent women. The Bereans came to study the scriptures with great eagerness, and again many Jews believed as did many Greeks. Paul's missionary work in Macedonia had far reaching impact and today we have the blessings of Paul's letters to the Philippians and the Thessalonians.

We don't always see the fruit of our efforts instantly. Sometimes, God sends us into troubled situations and we may be forced to leave before we have finished the task. Yet God's purposes are not thwarted. We need to remember His Spirit continues to work in the lives of people long after we have left the situation.

It is my wish that our series on the Holy spirit will make a lasting impact on us so that we will not only be filled with the Holy Spirit, but we shall also continue to cooperate with Him in all areas of our life so that His purposes can be achieved in our life and in the world.

Have a blessed week!

Completely Yours,

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