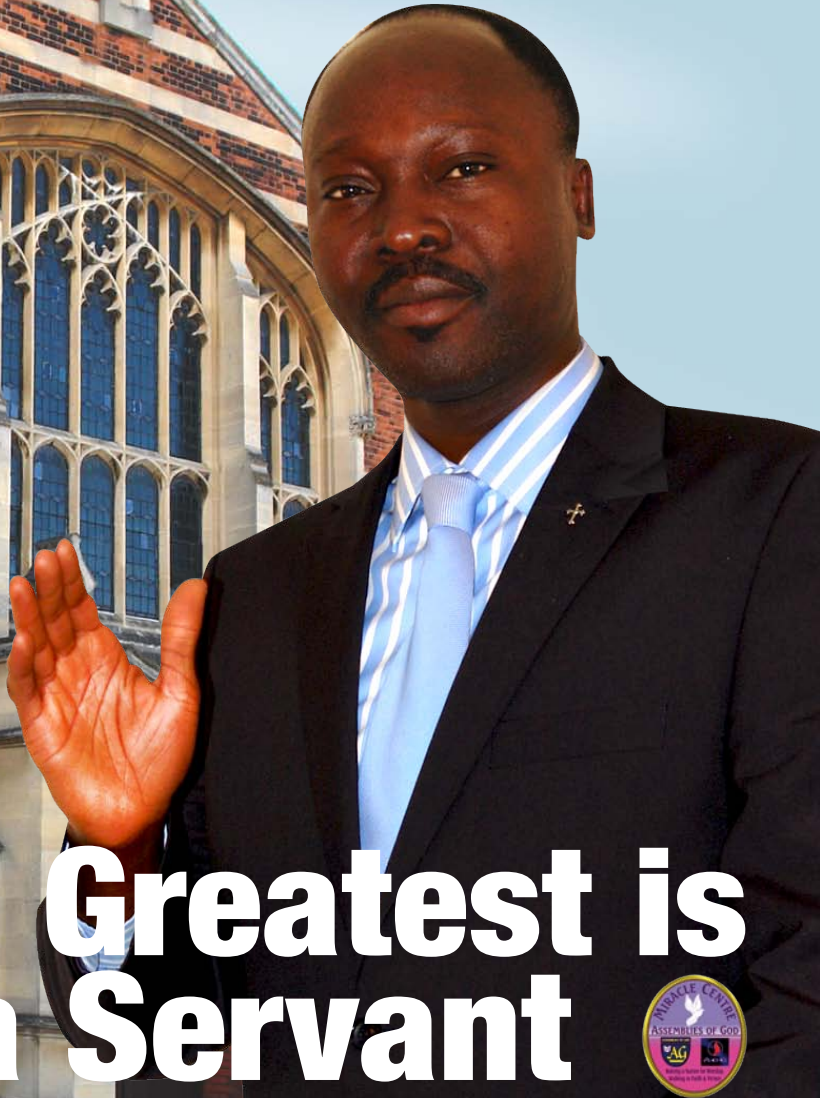


Miracle CENTRE

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Southeast
London
Eltham

October 2012



The Greatest is a Servant



Our Vision:

“Raising a Nation for Worship,
Walking in Faith and Victory”

Our mission:

At MCAG Southeast London, we have a 4 fold mission:

- Reaching** out to all with the Gospel
- Representing** one family in Christ
- Reflecting** many nations
- Releasing** people into ministry

By this, we seek to grow:

- Larger: Through **Evangelism** (reaching out to the world with the Gospel)
- Stronger: Through **Worship** (loving god with all your heart)
- Warmer: Through **Fellowship** (becoming a part of the Church family)
- Deeper: Through **Discipleship** (learning how to become Christlike)
- Broader: Through **Ministry** (finding and fulfilling your role in the Church)

What we believe:

- The Bible is the world’s best-selling book of all time. **We believe** it is the Word of God. It is total truth and provides us with principles for every area of life.
- We believe** in One True God. We believe He is alive and wants to have a personal relationship with us. He co-exists in three Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe** that Jesus is the Son of God. He was born of a virgin and lived a sinless life. While He lived on earth He performed supernatural miracles. He died to take away the sins of the world. He was crucified on a cross, buried in a tomb, was resurrected from the dead and He ascended into heaven.

We believe He will return to earth a second time in the future.

- We believe** man has sinned against God. Adam and Eve were the first humans and were created pure but wilfully broke God’s laws. As a result all of us have sinned and need forgiveness.
- We believe** there is salvation only through faith in Jesus Christ. He died on the cross that our sins may be forgiven. He was buried and after three days He was raised from the dead. Sin and death could not defeat Him.
- We believe** you must be born again to go to heaven. When you put your trust in Jesus and believe in what He did for you, the Holy Spirit changes you on the inside.
- We believe** in water baptism, not by sprinkling water on your head but by being fully immersed in water. In this way we follow Jesus’ example.
- We believe** in the Holy Spirit baptism. The evidence of the Holy Spirit baptism is the supernatural ability to speak in tongues - a language we have not learned or have known.
- We believe** the Holy Spirit gives us special gifts. He empowers us and gives us the ability to do what Jesus did here on earth.
- We believe** we should live holy lives. Through obedience to the principles and teachings in the Bible we can live lives that please God.
- We believe** in supernatural healing. We pray for the sick because we believe God still works miracles today.
- We believe** that everyone who has become a Christian should remember Him by regularly participating in communion.
- We believe** in eternal life and judgement. Those who have committed their lives to following Jesus will spend eternity with Him in heaven. However those who have not will be punished for their sins.

Hello and Warm Welcome



Pastor and Family

Precious One

A warm welcome to our family church and the month of October. We have come this far by grace and I believe you have enjoyed the Lord’s favour and love for the past nine months. Personally, I have enjoyed every moment we have shared together in worship and fellowship. Indeed the Lord is raising a nation for worship who walks in faith and victory. However I know that has been very challenging for us, as the Bible warns: our battle is not against fellows, brothers and sister but against disembodied beings that forcibly manipulate and use human bodies.

But this is the good news, “for in all things we are more than conquerors” for we can do all things through Christ who is our strength.

For it is my fervent prayer that your faith in the Lord may rise so that you will know and appropriate your positional advantage which will result in victorious living. Great to be a child of the Most High God. Hope you agree with me on this.

As highlights, we will focus on leadership this month, discussing the biblical principles of leading which is simply serving humanity through church and community.

Our world is looking for great leaders to chart the way and fix the socio-political and economic problems. They spend years training and through that they are taught how to lead by arrogating to themselves rights and privileges. Yet our Lord Jesus Christ gives us the key to greatness which is service.

I trust that this months’ series on leadership will impact your life positively and build you to serve your family, church and community in the way Christ served and wants to serve, but through us.

May the Good Lord find you worthy to serve in His Kingdom.

“You are Valued not Counted”

@ a Glance

Because we place so much value over your life and appreciate your fellowshiping with us, whether a member, regular visitor or first time visitor, we are delighted to give you a general overview of our church; what we do and where to find things. If you have any questions or concerns, please just speak to one of our leaders or the person who welcomed you at the door.

You probably entered via the main entrance in the café area. Our TOILETS are located there and drinks are served from the counter after service.

The CHILDREN have their service in the SMALL HALL which is accessible through the main gates by the side of the church. Our Sunday celebration starts at 1:30pm and usually lasts for about 3 hours with exciting moments with the Lord and one another. In our service, allow the Holy Spirit to lead and direct in the following activities:

SETTING THE ALTERS: Powerful, Passionate Intercessory Prayer sessions on all issues and also seeking the Holy Spirit's leading for the day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: A time to discuss and systematically study the Word of God for all age groups. You will be allocated a class by the superintendent who will also give you a Sunday School book (6 monthly manual).

PRAISES & WORSHIP: Our worship is celebrated with singing, drumming, clapping and dancing. You will hear shouts of "Praise the Lord, "Hallelujah", "Amen" and many more as an expression of joy, praise and grace. Songs and hymns are picked from all over the world and we sing, clap and dance to the glory of God. You will find the

words of the songs on the screen so you can sing along.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: It's our custom to warmly welcome everyone at every service and also throw emphases on forthcoming events and activities. We also acknowledge and celebrate with each other; Birthdays, Anniversaries, Weddings, Dedications, Travels, Successes and every special moment. Visitors and celebrants are prayed for by the ministerial team.

SONG MINISTRATION: Our choir; 'Echoes of the Crown' will treat you to a melodious music to settle and assure you of God's eminent presence.

OFFERINGS, TITHES, SACRIFICES, SEEDS and GIFTS: At every service, we give opportunity for people to make monetary sacrifices, gifts, offerings, gifts, etc to the Lord. This is a generous, spontaneous and voluntary showing of gratitude to the Lord at any time of the service. We also believe in tithing (10 percent) of your increase as stated in the Holy Scriptures to be paid weekly or monthly depending on the individual.

We encourage that all monetary offerings be put in envelopes and GIFT AIDED if you are a UK tax payer.

WORD MINISTRATION: We believe in the Holy Scriptures (Old & New Testament, excluding the apocrypha) as God's Word to us. Readings are made from the Bible and therefore everyone is encouraged to personally own one.

At every service, we allow the Lord to speak to us through His servant. Our

speakers are Spirit filled people of God who take time to pray, study obtain revelation from God and passionately share with us. We acknowledge the office and ministry of Pastors, Apostles, Prophets, Teachers and Evangelist operating in the spiritual gifts to edify and build the body of Christ.

Our sermon times are very interactive, educative and prophetic and people in a relaxed mode react to the power of the Word. Questions are not allowed on Sundays. However, if you are unsure about anything, you can come to our Friday teaching service.

COMMUNION SERVICE: Our Lord Jesus Christ encourages us to observe the Holy Communion as often as we can. We do this monthly (1st Sunday of the month) and it is not for only members of our local church or Assemblies of God but rather all believers (including visitors). You are welcomed to partake of it if you are a believer regardless of your denomination.

PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP: We believe in the power of prayer and the assurance of the Lord to hear our request and answer our needs. Therefore our services are spiced with powerful prophetic prayers which we all do in our own words and understanding.

Added to congregational prayers, the ministers will also pray with and for you regarding anything and everything. There are testimonies of God's miraculous hands in our gatherings. After the service, people stay on and interact with each other and the ministers.

HOME CELL FELLOWSHIP: As part of our community impact programme, and also to interact with the community, we hold monthly home fellowships all across London. This is where members who live in a particular community, invites

neighbours and friend to their home for a cup of tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits. After which they pray for their street and community. There is a home group near you and I encourage you to link up and enjoy fellowship in a small group (Eltham, Orpington, Catford, Lewisham, North London and Woolwich).

The Holy Spirit leads and dictates the shape and form of our services for we are not tied to an order of service. However as a guide to our wonderful visitors, these are some of the things that happen in our service:

- Setting the Alters (Prayer Session)
- Sunday School Time (Teaching & Discussion for all Age Groups)
- Celebration of Praise & Worship
- Welcome Service & Announcements
 - o Celebrations & Prayers (Birthdays, Anniversaries, Travels, etc)
- Pastoral Emphasis, Confession and Declaration of the Word
- Ordinances (Right Hand Fellowship, Dedications, etc)
- Song Ministration
- Word Ministration
 - o Prayer
- Offertory, Seed Time & Tithes
- Sanctification of the Offerings and Pronouncement of Blessings
- Closing Prayer & Benedictions

Guests For The Month



Royal Rangers National Executives visited the church on Sunday 9th September and inspired the young ones to seek the Lord.



Apostle Benjamin W. Ayesu
Ministered at Encounter Conference 2012.



Prophet Samuel Frempong
Ministered at Encounter Conference 2012.

Departments & Ministries

Departments

- Men s Ministry (MM)
- Women s Ministry (WM)
- Youth Ministry a.k.a. Christ Ambassadors (CA)

Ministries

- Teaching Ministry (Adults)
- Teaching Ministry (Children)
- Music, Praises & Worship (Singing, Technical or Instrumental)
- Protocol & Ushering
- Prayer & Intercessory
- Audio-visual & Technical
- Missions & Evangelism
- Counselling
- Property Management Team
- Transport Team
- Welfare
- Media Team
- Royal Rangers
- Other:

Looking Back On Events For The Past Month



Youth Drama



Councillors Workshop



Echoes of the crown



The youth leading praise and worship



Youth Drama



Dance by the youth



Worship service



Section of the church



End of year Christmas Party



Socialisation



In the mood of Prayer



Royal Rangers Presentation

Looking Back Down Memory Lane



Donations to Peacan Food Bank



Matilda Mensah (Chief Usher)



Worship Mood



Youth for Christ (Greenwich Community)



Donations to Demelza Childrens Hospice



Water Baptism (Decision for Christ)



Children s Christmas Drama



Praise and Worship Team



Ministers and their wives



Right Hand of Fellowship



Right Hand of Fellowship



Time for Evangelism

A Foreword from the Women's Ministry President

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies" Prov. 31:10

Women of virtue is a faith-based Ministry and the women's wing of the MCAG, Southeast London, Eltham. Our vision is to encourage women to grow in faith and spiritual maturity through a relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of God's love and grace. Who, the Bible asks, can find a virtuous woman? Where is the woman of honour; the woman of righteousness?

Where is the woman who demands respect and who is concerned about her reputation? The woman of virtue is found in her home, helping her husband and caring for her children. She is in the church, being a role model for the young women and teaching the children about the saving grace of Jesus Christ. She can be found in the workplace, providing guidance and leadership to her peers and subordinates. God's woman is an embodiment of all these virtues. God's woman is high quality and seeks holiness. She desires a true form of godliness and acknowledges God's power.

She turns away from those silly women who are led away by their lusts, and seeks friends of equal yoke. She concerns herself with the things of God and with storing up treasures in heaven. The woman of virtue does not discriminate. She cherishes God's creation, but loves God above all. She is every colour and every race.

God's woman carries His love in her heart and reflects His love to all.

Women of virtue is committed to:

- Empowering women to understand and apply the Word of God in their lives and the lives of others.
- Sharing the Word of God amongst nations and inciting them to be ready for the coming of Jesus Christ.
- Encouraging women to be virtuous, loving, caring, submissive and, hardworking as wives.
- Providing tools and knowledge to meet physical, social and spiritual needs.
- Lending support and direction to accomplish desired goals and dreams.
- Ensuring that women attain good health, wealth, harmony, and positive progression of the mind, body and soul in their profession, business and personal life.
- Recording testimonies of God's grace, goodness and blessings.

It is my prayer that the good Lord who causes us to prosper in ALL things will grant you His peace that passes all understanding. May you avail yourself for His use so He will cause you to be a blessing unto others !
Shalom & God bless.

Mrs. Nana Abena Amfo



Leadership Quotient

We need an established Church!. This means we need established leaders, who will lead the established church not the building, but you and I. Jesus said in Matthew 16:18 "...I will build (establish) my church..."

God in his own wisdom set up leadership for His established Church. First in the OT in Exodus 18:19-27. Levites in the Old Testament are the prototype of deacons in New Testament. This is seen in Num. 3:5-13 were Aaron the priest had helpers. Secondly, in the New Testament we see elders and deacons introduced Acts 6:1-3; 1 Tim 3:8-13. The office of the deacon is not mans invention. The Holy Spirit Himself decreed that there should be such to serve the Church. These are believers who are not fulltime spiritual leaders. Usually they work under the elders, pastors. 1 Tim. 3:8 make this clear, they help leaders in directing groups of believers Judges 17:6

Every job needs qualifications Before these leaders are chosen, the Holy Spirit has provided a standard by which they are to be chosen. The Word of God is the final decree in this matter and must be followed implicitly. However, before we consider the qualifications, let's look at:

1. Non-Qualifications
 - a. Money
 - b. Education
 - c. Political Influence

2. Disqualifications: Personal Character
 - a. Drinking
 - b. Loving money and not paying tithes
 - c. Being double tongued
 - d. Having more than one wife
 - e. Having a wife who is a slanderer
 - f. Not faithful in all things
 - g. Not serious

Now let's consider the qualifications (the spiritual life) of a leader as outlined in 1 Timothy 3:

1. Faith - Deacon must hold on to it with a clear conscience
2. Full of the Holy Ghost
3. Full of Wisdom
4. Proved over a period of time - Let them be tested over a period of time
5. Must be found blameless - Moral purity
6. Pure conscience
7. Be of good report. (Both inside and outside) not a novice
8. Serious
9. Husband of one wife must not be unfaithful to spouse either in their actual conduct with others or in their minds
10. Rule their own house well

For this honorable office of deaconship which simply means servant, the Lord provides special gifts and grace for such workers. He requires humble souls who are prepared to embark on the learning journey with Him. And this will come when we have the consciousness that the work is the Lords', the glory is also His.

Ps. Eric Nii Ankonu Otoo

Watch Out!

(Events & Programmes)



DISCOVER YOUR MINISTRY S.H.A.P.E.

The 3rd part of our ministry class which is designed to help you identify your shape in ministry will be held as follows:

Date: Sat. 20th October 2012

Venue: Eltham Park Methodist Church (Small Hall)

Time: 5:30pm – 8:30pm

All who have completed level 1 and 2 are encourage to be present for this final level. Also, please bring along your ministry profile.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is Black History Month and as such we shall be observing it and reminding ourselves of the contributions of the black race to the world. We shall mark the celebration on Sun. 21st October.



SAVE 5 ALIVE FOR CHRIST

Sat. October 27th is another opportunity for us to go out into the community and the world with the Gospel of Christ.

We have been doing this every last Saturday of the month and therefore the ministerial team wishes to encourage all to full participate in this month's Save 5 Alive for Christ campaign.

The message is "Jesus Still Loves the Sinner". We shall all assemble at pastor's residence at 4:00pm



ANointing SERVICE

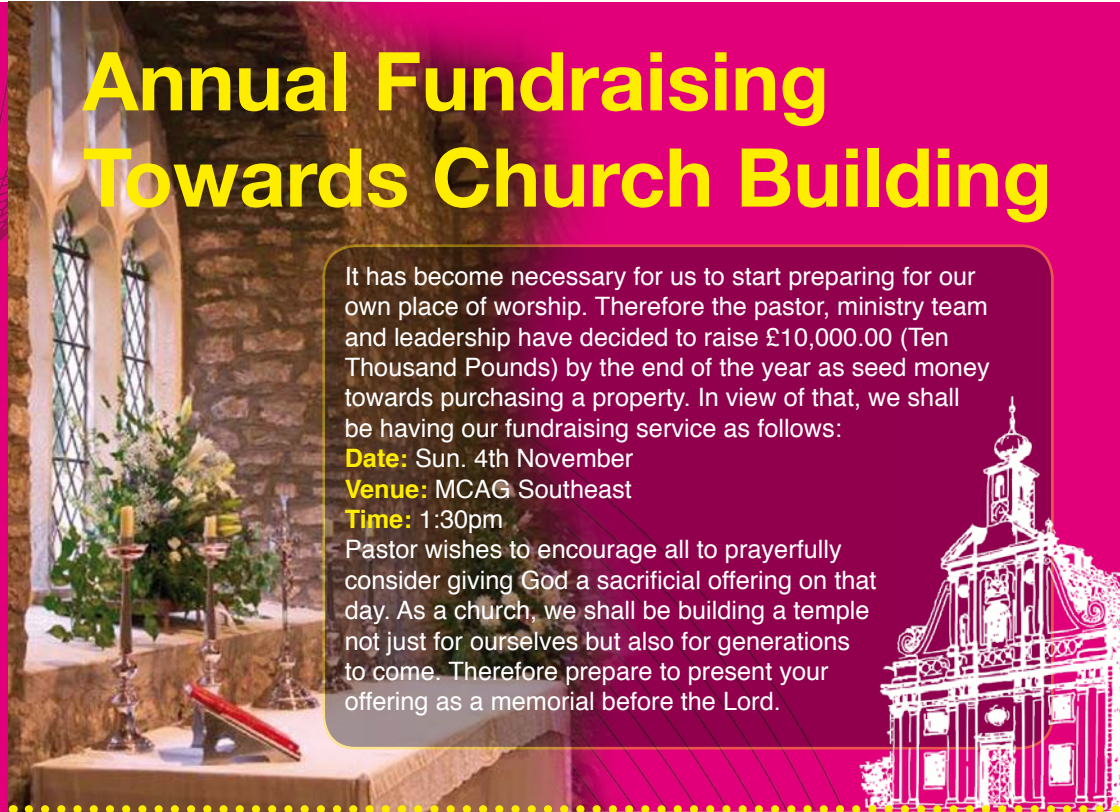
"You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely, only goodness, mercy and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord and His presence shall be my dwelling place" Psalm 23: 5,6. Date: Sun. 28th October 2012
Invite a friend and experience the power of the Lord.



APPOINTMENT OF DEACONS & LEADERS @ 9th December

Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ gave us an example of leadership which means service. He taught us the greatest amongst us is the one who serves others. This is opposite to what the world teaches "lord it over the people". As Christians, the church offers us the opportunity to serve the Lord and His people in different capacities according to the grace of God given to every individual. The local church has come to that point where we wish to appoint leaders to serve the church and the community. We therefore ask that in Prayer & Fasting, you seek the face of God for new leaders.

Annual Fundraising Towards Church Building



It has become necessary for us to start preparing for our own place of worship. Therefore the pastor, ministry team and leadership have decided to raise £10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Pounds) by the end of the year as seed money towards purchasing a property. In view of that, we shall be having our fundraising service as follows:

Date: Sun. 4th November

Venue: MCAG Southeast

Time: 1:30pm

Pastor wishes to encourage all to prayerfully consider giving God a sacrificial offering on that day. As a church, we shall be building a temple not just for ourselves but also for generations to come. Therefore prepare to present your offering as a memorial before the Lord.

Moderators

7th Oct.	Min. Andrew Vidagah	9th Dec.	Mama Dorcas Otoo
14th Oct.	Nana Afia Baffour	16th Dec.	Bro. Forster Amfo
21st Oct.	Bro. Ben Simons	23rd Dec.	Nana Abena Amfo
28th Oct.	Bro. Ben Simons	27th Dec.	Sis. Grace Gasper
4th Nov.	Nana Abena Amfo	28th Dec.	Sis. Theresa Issaka
11th Nov.	Bro. Benjamin Baffour	29th Dec.	Bro. Benjamin Baffour
18th Nov.	Bro. Prince Osei	30th Dec.	Min. Andrew Vidogah
25th Nov.	Min. Andrew Vidogah	31st Dec.	Bro. Ben Simons
2nd Dec.	Bro. Osei Poku	6th Jan 13	Mama Dorcas Otoo

Serving with passion



Bro. Dominic Mensah (Choir Director: Echoes of the Crown)

is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself” – Matthew 22:37-39

Today’s generation of Christians are consumerist, expecting to be served instead of serving. They love to worship in churches where the pastors run at their call. Interestingly, we give God the same attitude, expecting Him to answer immediately we call and run our errands with every urgency.

Yes, He has assured us of His attention and preparedness to act swiftly on our needs. Yet His prime motivation for saving and giving us Kingdom inheritance is that we will SERVE him, the church and the community. This is evident in scriptures as highlighted above. Yet it not **“Serving the House of God, but Serving the God of the House”**.

This has been the attitude of our Bro. Dominic who served the God of the house in MCAG from the very first day he step foot into the church. His passion for God gave him oversight of the choir (Echoes of the Crown) and the Home Cell Fellowship in His area. However, it is not the many responsibilities he had in the church, but rather the passion, dedication, energy and resources he put into whatever he was doing.

Indeed, Bro. Dominic served the Lord with passion and we remember him for that.

Pastor Eric Otoo

“But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” – Joshua 24:15

“..You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me..” – Acts 20:18,19

“You shall love, serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and all your mind. This is the most important and first commandment. And the second

Words of Wisdom Amazing Grace

The amazing GRACE, what is it? Grace is God coming down to us, initiated by His Love. Grace is the spiritual Love that invades our lives. He reaches us, where we are, as we were yet sinners. Salvation is giving to us to benefit without judgement or control G.R.A.C.E. is ;
God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense.

It is the undeserving, Unmerited, Unwarranted Favour that Christ transfers to us. Grace is the spiritual force that forgets your past, accommodates your present and propels you into your destiny.

The grace of God is infinite and eternal, as it has no beginning, so it has no end. Grace is not a little prayer that we say before a meal; the law detects how crooked I am, Grace comes to straighten me up and conquers all sins. O the amazing Grace, how strange a mystery!

Once I was blind, but now I can see. PRAISE THE LORD. Man is born broken. He lives by mending. The grace of God is the Glue. Grace

is given, not because we have done good works, but in order that we may be able to do them. Grace is free, but when you take it, you are bound forever to God. Like produces like, so grace makes you gracious. Grace is God Himself, His loving energy at work within us. It is the love of God that cares and stoops to rescue. Grace is the central invitation to life and the final word that beckons and nudges us to salvation.

I do not totally understand the mystery of grace, but one thing I know, that once I was lost but now I’m found. Once I was blind, but now I see. He loved me when I was unlovable, He strengthens me when the labour increases, in affliction He gives His mercy and in trials, He multiplies His peace.

O, the AMAZING GRACE, how sweet it is!

BENJAMIN SIMONS



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Birthdays, Anniversaries, Internal Adverts

Birthdays:

From Pastor and Leadership: **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to all born in October:

Sis. Jasmine S. Lumor – 6th Oct.

Master Kevin Akomanni – 18th Oct.

Master Cyril Kwofie – 24th Oct.

Bro Ben Simons – 24th Oct.

(If you were born in October and your name is not in the list and also for forthcoming birthdays and anniversaries, please contact the editorial team).

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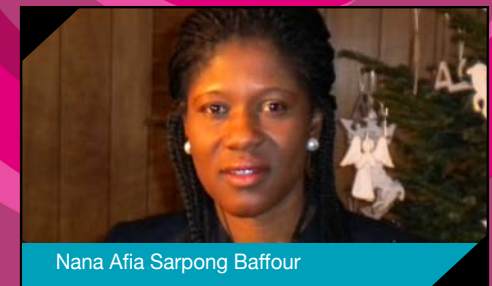
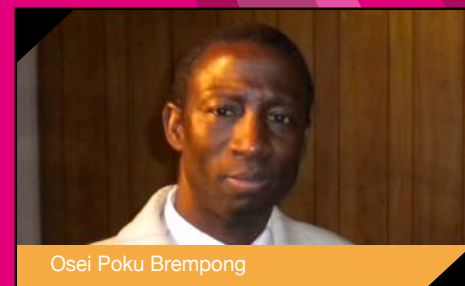
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