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MATTHEW 28:18-20

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f i t y Allen Temple Baptist Church

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Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr, Pastor Emeritus

2020 Church Theme
Forward Together by Faith (Exodus 14:13-15 NRSV)

MISSION STATEMENT





In obedience to the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20, given to us by the founder of the Church, Allen Temple Baptist Church seeks excellence in the ministry of Jesus by evangelizing all persons to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, by educating all Christians to grow into the moral and spiritual likeness of Jesus Christ through the aid of the Holy Spirit, and by enlisting all Allen Temple members in personally extending the message and mission of God's love in Christ, throughout the world.

Newsletter

Sunday, March 15, 2020
Third Sunday of Lent
L.Y.F.E. Young Adult Sunday

Worship Through Giving

There are four ways to worship through giving at Allen Temple:

 Giving Envelope Available in the pews or from the Ushers	 Online Via Allen-Temple.org/Giving	 Text to Give Send a text to 510-737-0078 with the numerical dollar amount (i.e., \$25)	 Mobile App Free for Apple & Android devices
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This Week at Allen Temple

Coronavirus Precautions

We invite you to review our most recent update regarding Allen Temple Baptist Church and the Coronavirus by reading the insert in today's newsletter as well as by following us on Facebook and visiting our website (enter Coronavirus in the search bar) to stay up to date on the latest events. Be encouraged!

**Registration open and Advertisements Accepted for our
11th Annual Senior Recognition Sunday Celebration
After Both Worship Services
*Family Life Center Lobby and Courtyard***

The Allen Temple Senior Ministry and the Allen Temple Community Seniors invite all Seniors 62 and older to sign up for our 11th Annual Senior Recognition Sunday Celebration, to be held on Sunday, May 17! Registration is open now through Sunday, April 19 in the Family Life Center Lobby (after 8am worship) and the Courtyard (after 11:15am worship). Advertisements may be placed in the souvenir booklet; please inquire at the Senior Ministry table. Honorees 88 years and older are invited to have their picture taken by Sister Anne Chatman in the Family Life Center Courtyard between Sunday worship services now through April 19.

**Monday, March 16
Reverend Dr. William Barber Lecture Postponed
American Baptist Seminary of the West Berkeley**

Due to an abundance of caution, the Dr. William Barber Lecture scheduled for Monday, March 16 at American Baptist Seminary of the West has been postponed. We will advise when a new date has been announced.

**Lenten Journey to the Cross
Weekly Reflections Available on Website and via Email**

Allen Temple Family and Friends are invited to join us on our Lenten Journey to the Cross by meditating on weekly reflections! Visit Allen-Temple.org to view, or, have the reflections delivered straight to your email as soon as they are published by subscribing to our e-newsletter at Allen-Temple.org (select the e-newsletter tab)!

This Week at Allen Temple (continued)

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Available Wednesdays & Saturdays *Family Life Center*

Do you need assistance with current or prior year taxes? Allen Temple's long tenured Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) program is here to serve you! Our VITA site is open Wednesdays from 3pm to 7pm and Saturdays from 9am to 4pm. No appointment necessary, first come, first served! For more information, call (510) 544-8971.

Lenten Bible Study Thursdays - 12 Noon and 7:00 PM *Family Life Center Mary Morris Room*

Join us on our Lenten Journey to the Cross at Lenten focused Bible studies on Thursdays at 12 Noon and 7:00 PM in the Family Life Center Mary Morris Room! This week's special guest teacher at our Thursday Evening Bible Study is our beloved Pastor Emeritus J. Alfred Smith, Sr!

Friday, March 20 - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Friday Night Live Presented by the Children's & Youth Ministries *Family Life Center*

Calling all Young People age 6 to 16! Come out for Friday Night Live on Friday, March 20 from 6pm to 8pm presented by the Children's and Youth Ministries! Enjoy games, arts, crafts, food and fellowship! Invite your friends to have fun with us!

Saturday, March 21 Sixth Annual Leadership Institute at Allen Temple Crab Feed Canceled Refunds Available

Due to an abundance of caution, the Saturday, March 21 Leadership Institute of Allen Temple Benefit Crab Feed has been canceled. Refunds may be claimed between worship services in the Family Life Center Lobby or by calling (510) 544-3362.

Thursday, March 26 Morehouse Board of Preachers Induction Ceremony for Senior Pastor Jacqueline Thompson Postponed

Due to an abundance of caution, Dean Lawrence Carter of the Martin Luther King, Jr International Chapel has canceled the Thursday, March 26 Induction Ceremony for the 2020 Class of the Morehouse Board of Preachers, where our Senior Pastor Jacqueline Thompson was to be inducted. It will be rescheduled in the future, and we will be certain to share the date once we receive confirmation. For those of you who made travel plans to join Pastor Jackie at this blessed and historic occasion, please contact your airline and hotel directly regarding your reservations.

Opportunities to Serve and Good Information to Know

Auxiliary Parking Available Highland School Parking Lot

The Highland School Parking Lot at 86th Avenue and J Alfred Smith Sr Way is open every Sunday! We recommend that you park your vehicle at this location as opposed to street parking.

ATKidz' Chldren's Church

ATKidz' Children's Church is seeking those with a heart to minister to children to join them! For more information, contact Dea. Yolonda Greenwell-Reese at (510) 544-8910 or ygreese@allen-temple.org.

Evangelism & Outreach Ministry

Join the Evangelism and Outreach Ministry! We meet on the Second and Fourth Saturdays of each month at 12 Noon in the Family Life Center Library! For more information, call Rev. Donald Paul Miller or Bro. Ben Darden via the Church Office at (510) 544-8910.

Audio, Video and Tech Team *Training Available*

Would you like to work with audio, video, worship projection/technology or in the Multimedia Store? The Multimedia and Worship Projection Ministries welcome you to join them! One service/one Sunday per month! Training available! All skill levels welcomed! Please contact Rev. Charlotte Williams, Minister & Director of Communications, at cwilliams@allen-temple.org or (510) 604-5242.

Streets Disciples Ministry

The Streets Disciples cannot accept any more clothes until further notice. Our small Closet is full. Thank you for your tremendous generosity. Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers.

US Census Bureau Census Takers *Hiring Now*

Are you looking for ways to help your community? The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring now for the 2020 Census. Census Takers (Enumerators) will start work in the Spring, and the position is temporary, flexible, and pays \$25 per hour in Alameda County. These positions provide the perfect opportunity to earn some extra income while helping your community! To learn more and apply, visit 2020Census.gov and select jobs.

Cub and Boy Scouts *Adult Leaders Needed*

The Allen Temple Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop invite you to join them as leaders for our boys and young men! Women and men are invited to serve in the following capacities: Cub Scout Pack 409 is in need of two men or women to serve as Den Leaders, and one man or woman to serve as Cub Master; Boy Scout Troop 409 is in need of two men or women to serve as Assistant Scout Master. For more information and to join their team, contact Scout Master Donald Smith at dsmith@pacbell.net

Census 2020 at Allen Temple Seeking Seniors to serve as Ambassadors Census Questionnaire Assistance Center Seeking Staff Member Center Opens Wednesday, March 18

The Allen Temple Census 2020 Working Committee welcomes Seniors to join them in conducting workshops for their peers at senior housing, ministries, organizations, and other senior-focused locations. Training and stipend provided. We are also seeking a team member who will staff our on-campus Census Questionnaire Assistance Center on Wednesdays from 3pm- 7pm and on Saturdays from 11am – 3pm starting March 18th. For more info and to join us, please contact Sis. Gloria Crowell at gcrowell@allen-temple.org or call (510) 544-8947 or Simone Thelemaque at sthelemaque@gmail.com

New Members' Ministry *Team Members Needed*

The New Members' Ministry welcomes those with a cheerful and servant heart to join us in welcoming and engaging the newest members of our Church family into Allen Temple life and activities. This is a twice per month commitment supporting our New Members administration between Sunday worship services. For more information, please stop by Family Life Center Room D-104 between services or email newmembers@allen-temple.org



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Dear Allen Temple Family and Friends,

Amidst concerns surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to let you know how Allen Temple Baptist Church is responding.

Our leadership team is carefully and continually monitoring this situation. We are committed to doing everything we can to provide a safe environment for our church family and surrounding community.

IS ALLEN TEMPLE GATHERING FOR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY?

At this time, we will continue to gather for worship. Should this decision change, we will communicate with the membership directly via email, the church website and all social media platforms. In addition, you may call the church office.

ARE ALLEN TEMPLE BUILDINGS OPEN ON WEEKDAYS?

Yes. At this time, Allen Temple buildings are open as usual. On certain days, we may decide to close buildings for deep cleaning. Ministry meetings may also be impacted. For more information on individual ministries and/or meetings, please contact your ministry leader.

SHOULD YOU ATTEND SERVICE IF YOU ARE FEELING SICK?

We place a high priority on gathering together as the church for worship and other ministry activities, and we always want you to feel welcome at Allen Temple, however if you are feeling sick or running a fever, *please* stay home. We encourage you to worship online with us through streaming either of our services (8AM, 11:15 AM) at allen-temple.org.

WHAT PRECAUTIONS CAN YOU TAKE WHEN YOU COME TO THE ALLEN TEMPLE CAMPUS?

We encourage everyone to take certain steps to protect themselves and others from the coronavirus, flu, and other illnesses, including:

- Washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- Using hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available;
- Not touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
- Staying home if you are sick; cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing;
- Disinfecting objects and surfaces regularly including cell phones.

WHAT PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN BY ALLEN TEMPLE TO MAKE GATHERINGS AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE?

Allen Temple is taking extra cleaning precautions at this time. This includes:

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Ms. Wanda Oliver
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PASTOR EMERITUS

Deaconess Verta L. Cotton
DEACONESS MINISTRY

Ms. Terri Ingram
CHURCH CLERK

Allen Temple Baptist Church Coronavirus Precautions

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- Wiping down all common area touchpoints (e.g., doors, light switches, bannisters, countertops, etc.) throughout the day with an EPA certified disinfectant.
- Placing hand sanitizers in common areas throughout the buildings.
- Performing added in-depth cleaning of our facilities on a regular basis. These deep cleanings will likely involve closing Allen Temple buildings on certain weekdays, and we will include all information about scheduled closures on this webpage (see above under, "Are Allen Temple buildings open on weekdays?").

In our Nursery, after each gathering, our volunteers sterilize various surfaces used by our children. We will continue to follow our standard health protocols, not admitting any child with an elevated temperature (above 99.6 F). A child must also be fever free for 24 hours before coming to Nursery.

During our worship gatherings, we encourage everyone to take commonsense precautions such as refraining from handshaking and consider creative interactions (like elbow bumping or the Wakanda Greeting!). We will also make adjustments in how we handle altar prayer and the offering period.

HOW SHOULD I RESPOND SPIRITUALLY TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)?

The coronavirus (COVID-19) is yet one more reminder that we live in a fallen world of sickness, sin, suffering, and death. Ultimately, none of us are immune to any of these things. But that's why the gospel is such good news. God has not left us alone in this world of sickness, sin, suffering, and death. God has come to us in the person of Jesus.

Times like these remind us all of the fragility of life and the inevitability of death. As we enter the Resurrection season, we are also reminded of the greatest news that death has been defeated and eternal life is available to all who trust in Jesus. Spread the Good News!

Here's some other ways you can respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19):

- Trust in God as the good and sovereign Creator and Sustainer of life upon whom we all depend.
- Pray for mercy for the sick, strength for doctors, insight for researchers, and wisdom for officials.
- Look for opportunities to love and care for others, whether they are sick, isolated, marginalized, poor, or oppressed.
- Avoid every semblance of racial or class prejudice or bias.
- Even if we are unable to gather at certain times, stay closely connected to the church family.
- Participate in worship gatherings online if that's the only option.

WE ALSO ASK THAT YOU:

- **SHARE** this information with other Allen Temple members.
 - **LOOK** for regular church updates as usual via Allen Temple e-blasts
 - **CONTINUE TO REGULARLY SUPPORT ALLEN TEMPLE FINANCIALLY** so that the ministry of the church thrives all the more in the midst of difficult days. Your consistent giving of tithes and offering can be done in the following ways:
 - Giving Envelope
 - Online at [Allen-Temple.org/Giving](https://allen-temple.org/Giving)
 - Via Text to Give
 - Via Mail to Allen Temple Baptist Church, 8501 International Boulevard, Oakland CA 94621
- ATTENTION:** Trustee Ministry

These measures will enable us to provide a church facility which maintains high standards and demonstrates our commitment to the well-being of our congregation and community. It will especially accommodate the needs of our active members and those who may be absent in the interim for health reasons. Feel free to contact the church office, (510) 544-8910 or info@allen-temple.org, if you have any additional questions, suggestions or concerns.

Be encouraged by remembering the promises of Psalm 23, Psalm 91 and Psalm 121.

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