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## NEW MEMBERS BOOKLET

And greater works than these will he do,  
because I go to my Father.  
John 14:12

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## **Welcome**

We hope you feel right at home as we worship together today. We do not believe your visit to our church was by chance, so we invite you to join our church family as we worship, learn, grow, and encourage one another. If you are searching for a church home, we'd like you to know that there's a special place here just for you.

## ***Worship***

The primary reason we meet together is to focus our attention on God, giving Him our worship and receiving His blessing and inspiration. Each of these occasions is a special time of spiritual refreshment. We hope this is what you experience today.

## ***Learn***

To us, studying the Bible is vital because it not only instructs us intellectually, but also guides us spiritually. We believe it and accept it as God's Word to us, a Book that is alive and relevant to life today. Learning its truths is a thrilling adventure.

## ***Friendship***

Nothing quite compares to the joy of Christian Friendship. That's why we make it a priority to build lasting bonds between the members of our church family - bonds of concern and genuine commitment to one another. Best of all, this circle of care is ever widening. We'd love for it to include you.

## ***Service***

Just as Jesus Christ came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister..." we accept our responsibility to reach out in service to others. This applies both within the church family and outside our fellowship. We look forward to serving you, and we hope to see you again.





## **Our Mission Statement:**

Our Mission is to provide an atmosphere where God is glorified, members are edified, and our community is ministered to, spiritually and educationally, and enriched through the experience of abundant life.

## **Church Vision:**

This is a placeholder. More information should go here.

## **About Our Pastor**

Elder Avery was born on November 15, 1962 to the late Elder Arthur Avery and Sister Deloris Avery in Philadelphia, PA. He was educated in the Philadelphia Public Schools, and graduated from Northeast High School. He attended Temple University majoring in Mass Communications. He was baptized in Jesus' name on July 23, 1973 at the Rose of Sharon Church in Philadelphia by Suffragan Bishop Joseph Scott. He received the Holy Ghost on September 25, 1979 during bible class. While attending Rose of Sharon he served in many capacities. He was the Young Peoples President, and Choir Director for the United Voices of Christ. The Lord led him to become a part of the Christ Temple family not knowing that he would later become Pastor.

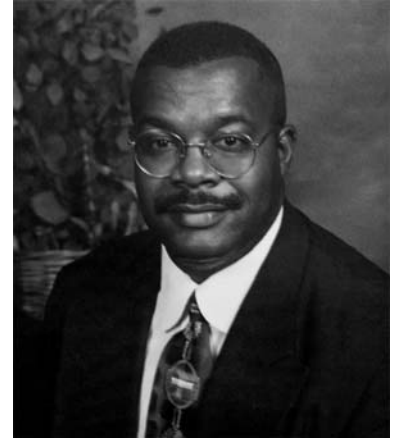
On November 15, 1986 he married Cheryl Ann McKim. They are blessed with two sons, Carlton Mark II and Chandler Monroe. Elder Avery has held many positions here at Christ Temple including President of the Youth Ministry. He also served as a Deacon, and later was called to the ministry. On March 8, 1989 he preached his first sermon, and was installed as the Pastor on April 17, 1993. He graduated from Bethel Bible Institute in Wilmington, DE, and was chosen as the class valedictorian. He was ordained as an Elder on June 24, 1994. While pastoring he has implemented many new programs, and ministries. He is a dynamic teacher and preacher, and many have been blessed and inspired through his ministry.

He served on some of the local community service boards such as the YMCA, Tick Tock Early Learning Center, Even Start, Kennett Consolidated School District, and the Kennett Ministerium. His desire is for the church to meet the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of the community by taking the ministry outside of the confines of the church building.

## **A Message from Pastor Avery:**

We are a diverse congregation of believers who passionately worship and vibrantly praise the Master. We incorporate various styles of worship in our "celebrations."

From the initial days of this ministry up until the present times, the Lord has established this Church as a viable and effective instrument of righteousness in the Chester County region. This ministry has stood steadfast and proven faithful in the midst of adversity, and continues to make an impact in the community.



Much of the success of Greater Works Ministries can be attributed to its foundational structures of prayer and praise. A debt of gratitude for this must go our founder, District Elder Archibald.

We are striving to embody this kingdom mandate on our ministry. It is our chief desire to please the Lord while addressing both the practical and spiritual needs of those within our reach. This ministry has withstood many storms and overcomes many obstacles over the years. Through them all we have seen the mighty hand of God in operation. For this we declare like the Psalmist, "If it had not been the Lord, who was on our side." Is it good to know that we serve a faithful God.

There is a high level of enthusiasm and excitement in our Church as we anticipate and prepare for God's next pivotal move in our history. As we move forward, we joyfully anticipate and expect continued manifestations of God's power in our lives. The Master has wonderful things in store for each of us, and it is our desire to serve Him in excellence as we prepare for His imminent return. These are wonderful times...and we firmly believe that God is not through blessing us.

The greatest accolade that anyone could ever receive does not come from earthly pursuits. The Master has set the bar high enough for each of us to attain greatness in the sense of servitude to others. therefore, we strive to be the kind of ministry that touches lives in a powerful and effective manner. Our greatest joy is anticipating hearing the Master say, "Well done."

May you be blessed by the rich anointed Word of God, and remember, most of all...  
***You are welcome in this Place.***

Agape'  
*C. Mark Avery*  
Pastor



## **Statement of Beliefs:**

*This section should be rewritten because it is a directly from ASOLC.*

At Greater Works Ministries we believe in:

Repentance of Sin  
(Acts 2:38)

Baptism in Jesus' Name  
(Acts 2:38, Acts 4:12)

Receiving the Holy Ghost, speaking in  
tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance  
(Acts 2:4)

A Lifestyle of Holiness  
(1 Peter 1:13-16)

Continuous Spiritual Growth  
(Hebrews 6:1)

Please see the "Our Views On:" section for more detail information on our statement of beliefs.



## **Our History**

### ***From the Homes of the Faithful: Mill Road, Kennett Square, PA***

1947 - 1950

In the late 1940's, after the death of the late Elder John Read, Deacon Harry & Mother Catherine Norton opened up their home so that others could have prayer meetings and Bible study. Those families who worshipped together comprised of the Norton's, Cramer's, Boyer's and the Butchers. Elder David Dupree, a young minister from Salem New Jersey, would often travel to Kennett Square to attend prayer and Bible study. Accompanying him was an Elder York W. Archibald who is introduced to the prayer group. This would be the beginnings for a Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (P.A.W.) Church in the Kennett Square area.

### ***Our First Location: Unionville, PA***

1950 - 1952

The small congregation of about twenty members knew that they needed to find a building in which to worship. Elder Walter Webster (Uncle Walter to many), knew of a small vacant U.M.E. Church building Unionville, PA. In 1950, the Lord smiled on them and permission was granted of the congregation to use the church, thus the beginning of Christ Temple Church. Having not been used for many years, it was in deplorable condition. The members joined together and with much prayer to clear the grounds of vegetation and paint. Having no heat or electricity, kerosene light were used and a pot belly stove for heat. Electricity came later. The Lord really blessed them the few years they were there.

*Elder Y. W. Archibald* was elected Pastor on February 6, 1952. He was anointed to teach an preach, and the Church was blessed through his ministry. The Lord added many to the Church. Many people were baptized in Jesus's name, received the Holy Ghost. He inspired many to make a change and live for God. The Lord called District Elder Archibald home to be with him on October 26, 1975.

### ***Christ Temple Church: East Birch Street, Kennett Square, PA***

1952 - 2002

The congregation continued to grow. Mr. Joseph Boyer, father of Mother Catherine Norton, owned the property on which the Church presently stands, which we were blessed to purchase in 1952. He sold the land to Christ Temple Church in June, 1952 and construction began. Deacon Harry Norton and his brother, the late Brother James P. Norton, husband of the late Mother Edith Norton, used their own homes as collateral to obtain a loan from the bank so that the Church could be built.

The congregation was blessed with carpenters and electricians; the late Deacon William Bowers, (father of Bishop Paul and Brother Raleigh Bowers), and the brothers of Brother James P. Norton and Deacon Harry Norton. It was also blessed with a mason, Elder Austin Harrison, and a welder, Brother John Treadwell. They were able to pass



down their knowledge to many others who wanted to help erect this structure. As construction went on, services were held in the basement. We moved into the main sanctuary in 1955 and the Church incorporated on October 27, 1961.

On Easter Sunday, 1955, the saints moved into the upper sanctuary. The church was incorporated on October 27, 1961.

*Elder David Dupree* pastored from 1975 to 1980. Elder Dupree is on of the original Church members. He was instrumental in introducing the late District Elder Y. W. Archibald to the families in the Unionville / Kennett Square area who were worshipping in the Norton home. Over the years, Elder Dupree pastored several churches. He was called back to Christ Temple to "stand in the Gap" with Elder Archibald became seriously ill.

*Elder Carl Butcher* pastored from 1980 to 1984. He was one of the original Christ Temple members. Elder Butcher was talented and blessed by God to play the piano and organ. He was always available to render service to pray for the sick, or assist with weddings or funerals. He was called home to be with the Master on April 12, 1984.

*District Elder Allen G. Tate* pastored from 1985 to 1992. Elder Tate joined the Christ Temple family in December of 1984. He was installed as Pastor on April 27, 1984. Elder Tate is an anointed preacher, and teacher. While serving as Pastor he implemented new ministries, and had a heart for God's people. He later became the founder and Pastor of the Word of Life Church in West Grove, PA. Elder Tate is currently living in Indiana with his wife and son. He is still preaching and teaching the mighty Word of God.

*Carlton Mark Avery, Sr.* pastor 1993 to present. On March 8, 1989 he preached his first sermon, and was installed as the Pastor on April 17, 1993. He was ordained as an Elder on June 24, 1994. He is a dynamic teacher and preacher, and many have been blessed and inspired through his ministry.

***Greater Works Ministries: Rosedale Road, Kennett Square, PA***

2002 - Present

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## Schedule of Services

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>8:30 am</b> Sanctuary Prayer  <b>8:45 am</b> Leadership Prayer <i>(2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. ea. Mo.)</i>  <b>9:00 am</b> Christian Education Teacher's Training <i>(3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. ea. Mo.)</i>  <b>9:30 - 10:30am</b> Christian Education (Ages 4 & up)  <b>10:45am</b> Morning Celebration Services  <b>5:00pm</b> Evening Service <i>(2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sun.)</i>	<b>12:00 - 3:00 pm</b> Living Waters	<b>12:00 - 3:00 pm</b> Living Waters  <b>7:00 - 8:00pm</b> Discipleship Training <i>(1st, 2nd 3rd Tues.)</i>  <b>7:00 - 8:00pm</b> Leadership Training <i>(4th Tues. ea. mo.)</i>  <b>7:00 - 8:30pm</b> Totally Radical & Live <i>(5th Tues. ea. when announced)</i>	<b>8:00 am - 2:00 pm</b> Corporate Fast Day <b>12:00 - 3:00 pm</b> Living Waters  <b>7:00pm</b> Women of Wisdom <i>(1st Wed. ea. month)</i>  <b>7:30pm</b> Bible Class at Praying Ground <i>(3rd Wed. ea. Mo.)</i>	<b>12:00 - 3:00 pm</b> Living Waters	<b>12:00 - 3:00 pm</b> Living Waters	<b>8:30 am</b> Iota-Sigma-Iota (Men's Fellowship) <i>(4<sup>th</sup> Sat. ea Mo.)</i>  <b>9:30am</b> D.A.Y. (New Members) Class <i>(see website for dates &amp; times)</i>

Our pastor is frequently engaged to minister at various fellowships. We pray that you will be able to support these fellowships. These additional dates which are generally available in our church bulletin, on our website, church voicemail and by way of our church announcements.



## ***Service Descriptions***

### ***Bible Class:***

Each week we uncover a very vital topic/subject that is relative to one's everyday walk as a believer.

### ***Bible Class at Praying Ground:***

A monthly lesson for the church that is overseen at 41 East 22nd Street, Wilmington, DE.

### ***Christian Education Teacher's Training:***

This is a monthly session for all Christian Education teachers geared for development and strategic planning.

### ***Corporate Fast Day:***

Every GWM member is asked to set aside this time to seek the Master's blessing over Sunday celebration(s).

### ***D.A.Y. Classes (New Member Classes)***

This is our Destiny Awaits You (D.A.Y.) class for new members or members who feel that they need a basics refresher.

### ***Discipleship Training:***

This Bible study class meets weekly at the Church. Child care is offered in the Church social room during class.

### ***Iota-Sigma-Iota (Men's Fellowship):***

This is our monthly Men's Fellowship (the Mighty Men).

### ***Leadership Training:***

This is a placeholder. More information should go here.

### ***Living Waters:***

Our daily prayer time at Greater Works Ministries.

### ***Totally Radical and Live:***

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### ***Women of Wisdom (WOW):***

This is our monthly Women's Fellowship. This women's ministry meets at the Church on the 1st Wednesday of each month.



## **Annual Dates**

April – Pastor’s Anniversary

June – Vacation Bible School

August – First Lady’s Day

September or October – Annual Usher’s Day

October – Church Anniversary

October – Friends and Family Day



## **Classes, Ministries and Functions**

### ***Administration:***

This office consists of several members of Greater Works (including the Pastor, our secretary and the trustees). They handle executive issues as it relates to the management of Greater Works (including all finances, (revenues and expenditures, both general and capital), calendar coordination, church correspondence, etc.).

### ***Altar Workers:***

These counselors are our more senior members who assist with the activities that occur around the altar, helping on a spiritual level, those in need during and after praying. They also to help as ministrants of the prayer line.

### ***DAY Classes:***

This is our Destiny Awaits You (D.A.Y.) class , conducted by our Pastor is for new members or members who feel that they need a basics refresher. Please see our weekly bulletin or our website for class times.

### ***Deacons:***

Deacons serve as assistants to Pastor and assist in various capacities as it relates to the general needs of the church and its' congregation. Our Deacon each are responsible for a group of our churches families, assisting in resolving problems and ministering to the families needs.

### ***Dining Services Ministry:***

This ministry prepares meals for visiting church members and ministers.

### ***Director of Ministries:***

The Director of Ministries oversees all ministries to ensure that they run smoothly. The Director of Ministries coordinates activities within the Church and between the various ministries.

### ***Discipleship Training Classes:***

A Bible study class held at the Church to deepen understanding of the Bible. Child care is offered in the Church social room during class. Please see our weekly bulletin or our website for class times. Please see our weekly bulletin or our website for class times.

### ***Ecclesiastical Care Ministry:***

This ministry Provides guest services to ministers, preachers and pastors.

### ***Haitian Discipling Center:***

Greater Works Ministries Cooperates with, and invites you to support the Haitian Discipling Center. Joseph Andre Rigaud directs this caring ministry that brings



education, music, and joy to the children of Haiti. Our connection is love, our means is sharing. Be part of this, reach out and pass on your blessings to others who are deserving. For more information see our Ministries page on our website.

***Hospitality Ministry:***

This ministry serves as the official greeters for guests and visitors. Members serve as the official door keepers for the House of the Lord.

***Iota-Sigma-Iota:***

See Mighty Men.

***Kitchen Ministry:***

Providing and preparing food for the various Greater Works functions and maintaining the kitchen (i.e., cleaning and general food/supply stocking).

***Living Waters:***

See Prayer Ministry.

***Mighty Men Ministry:***

This ministry, also known as Iota-Sigma-Iota or the Men's Fellowship, ministers holistically to the men of Greater Works and beyond through monthly fellowships, gatherings and empowerment sessions. The monthly gathering of this ministry is open to all men. Please see our weekly bulletin or our website for meeting times.

***Ministerial Staff:***

The ministerial serves as assistants to Pastor and assist in various capacities as it relates to the spiritual needs of the church and its' congregation. This staff consists of the Elders, Ministers, Evangelists, Deacons, Teachers, etc. These individuals must understand the call on their life (by God) and be students/doers of the Word of God.

***Ministerial Training:***

Monthly training to ministers provided by Pastor Avery with an open forum and empowerment sessions. Please see our weekly bulletin or our website for class times.

***Multi-Media Ministry:***

This is our Church outreach and communications to the community via radio, television, newspapers, our newsletter, magazines, the Internet weekly recordings of our services, & more. The Mission of the Multi-Media Ministry is to use all media of outreach to bring the Church to more people and more people to the Church, and to reach beyond our services with the message of Grace. By use of the spoken, written and recorded word we preserve our activities and keep others informed.

***Music Ministry:***

*Make a Joyful noise to the Lord all the Earth...Psalm 100:1.* This ministry includes our choirs and our band. Some members of our congregation play in the live band that



accompanies our Sunday services to guide our singing and help raise a joyous sound onto the Lord. The Greater Works Ministry Band plays at each sermon and the many choirs perform for special events. Our Many Choirs perform at the Church, have appeared at Longwood Gardens, sing at other churches and appear at special occasions. The choirs include the Men's Choir, the Mass Choir, Women's Choir and Voices of the Temple (children's choir).

***Newsletter:***

As part of the Multi-Media Ministry the Greater Works Newsletter is our outreach to members and guests. Our newsletter includes writings from Church elders and members and it documents our ministry activities & special events, presents our upcoming events calendar, offers prayer requests, and more. All members of Greater Works are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter.

***Nursing Ministry:***

Church members who are nurses and that are on active attendance in the church ready to assist any who might need emergency care.

***Outreach Evangelism Ministry:***

Outreach Ministry is our extended ministries that hold Praise in the Park services and ministers in prisons and other places for the Word to be heard.

***Praise & Worship Ministry:***

Praise & Worship Team leads members and visitors in praise and worship during regular services and special events. The Praise & Worship team may travel with the Pastor when he Fellowships with other churches.

***Prayer Ministry:***

The Living Waters daily prayer held at the Church Sanctuary.

***Seasoned Best Ministry:***

Our oldest and wisest members who engage partake in group activities. This includes regular meeting and outing to places like the Philadelphia Zoo, Camden Aquarium and many, many more. "Youngsters" are welcomed to join the Seasoned Best during their outings.

***Shepherd's Care Ministry:***

The Shepherd's Care Ministry oversees ministerial duties and coordinates practical and physical needs for the pastor.

***Transportation Services:***

The Transportation Ministry provides transportation to those who need assistance coming to the church and coordinates with group outing activities. This includes maintaining and operating the church van and picking up members who need a ride to services.



***Ushers Ministry:***

Purpose of the ushers is multi-faceted. Working in coordination with the Hospitality Ministry, ushers serve as the official door keepers of the church Sanctuary. The Usher's oversee the care of parishioners while services are being conducted. The ushers make our members and guests feel welcomed. Ushers also distribute and gather any guest related information (i.e., visitor's cards), prayer request cards, fans, offering envelopes, and weekly bulletins. Ushers assist in encouraging the appropriate conduct within our Church (i.e., monitoring/handling issues that may compromise the order of a service, etc.).

***Women of Wisdom:***

WOW ministers holistically to the women of Greater Works and beyond through monthly fellowships, gatherings and empowerment sessions. Please see our weekly bulletin or our website for meeting times.

***Vessels of Praise:***

This is our Dance Ministry. The Vessels of Praise accompany our services and perform for special events.

***Youth Ministry:***

The Youth Ministry engages the Greater Works youth in sports and fun outings and discussion groups. This includes weekly Bible study and our summer Vacation Bible School.



## **Member Participation:**

*The following should be rewritten as it is word for word from ASOLC's booklet.* Except for the Director of Ministries.

Your immediate participation in our services is sincerely welcomed. Please feel free to serve your church with your praise and worship; as well as with your gifts and talents. Any interest you may have in the functions and/or ministries of the church, please bring it to the attention of one of the following (but not limited to): our pastor, the director of ministries, or a deacon of our church. Our Pastor will be meeting with you. Please feel free to share 'who you are' with your pastor. He will encourage your participation and may be of help in determining how you can best offer yourself as a participant.

New members often feel that after they have joined a church, they must go through a waiting period before he or she (and their families) become functional as members. It is understandable that time is required to observe and learn the "Order of the House". Additionally, time may be necessary for some individuals to hear from God concerning where their gifts and/or talent can best be utilized for His glory. Others may need time to be counseled or ministered to in terms of being delivered, healed and/or set free from various issues in life.

A list of the various ministries and functions of our Church are located in this booklet. Please take the time to review this information.





## **Our View on:**

Bible guides us spiritually and instructs us intellectually. The following are our views on some of the important teachings from the Bible to help guide new members.

*This section should be rewritten as most of it is directly from ASOLC's booklet. The italic text is original to GWM.*

### ***Repentance:***

We believe that repentance is one of the requirements in the Plan of Salvation and is biblically commanded of everyone who desires to be saved. Pardon and forgiveness of sins is obtained by genuine repentance, which is a confessing and forsaking of sins. Repentance involves the changing of one's views and purpose; a change of heart, a change of mind, change of life; to transform (etc). Repentance involves two turns which affects both our actions and thoughts: Turning away from a lifestyle of sin, and turning towards God and living a lifestyle of holiness.

Repentance is more than sorrow. A person may attempt to repent simply because he wills and acts to change; or a person may repent because he senses an agonizing sorrow within. But the sense or feeling of sorrow is not repentance. Repentance is both the change of mind and the actual turning of one's life away from sin and toward God. The believer changes his mind and turns his behavior around to what it should be; which is a mind and behavior patterned after Christ.

### ***Baptism in the name of Jesus Christ:***

ASOLC fully believes in Baptizing in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We believe that it is a part of the requirement in the Plan of Salvation. The method by which we baptize is to completely immerse the candidate under water. There is no specific time period for baptizing a candidate. We will baptize a candidate at anytime. We do not baptize babies, as it is essential that all candidates (young and old) have an understanding of the baptism. *Baptismal garments will be provided by Greater Works for when the Spirit moves candidates.*

### ***Receiving the Holy Ghost:***

Receiving the Holy Ghost is a wonderful experience. Once you have reached a point in your mind and heart where you feel so contrite over your sins that you decide that it's time to change from your sinful life and began to seek a newness of life (2 Corinthians 5:17) through repentance, then and only then will the Lord impart his spirit into your spirit and baptize you with the Holy Ghost. Upon receiving the precious gift of the Holy



Ghost, you will begin to speak in tongues, which is an outward demonstration of an inward change.

### ***Praise & Worship:***

God has blessed Greater Works to continuously experience high-spirited “Praise” and greatly anointed “Worship”. On many occasions our Pastor has been moved to minister to the congregation due to the anointing experienced in our Praise and Worship. Our methods of praising and worshipping God are scriptural. We encourage you to experience the anointing of God as we Praise and Worship Him, in spirit and in truth.

WE PRAY TOGETHER ALOUD because the scripture states: “They lifted up their voice to God with one accord.” (Acts 4:24) Many people are accustomed to one person leading and praying for the general assembly. We teach that all should pray. Although we are praying together, we know that God hears our individual prayers.

WE LIFT OUR HANDS IN PRAISE because the scriptures states that we should “Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.” (Psalm 134:2) Lifting our hands symbolizes reaching for God and our surrendering to Him.

WE SING TOGETHER because we all should “Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.” Psalm 98:4

WE CLAP AND SHOUT UNTO GOD because in the Bible we read, “O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.” (Psalm 47:1) We clap our hands and shout various expressions (i.e., Amen, thank you Jesus, Glory, Hallelujah, etc), to show outward support and agreement with the move of God, His anointing and His Word.

WE DANCE BEFORE THE LORD because the scriptures state to “Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.” (Psalm 150:4) Some dance (also referred to as shouting), others leap, some run and others praise Him in other manners. Please feel free to express your praise to God for all that he has done.

WE ANOINT WITH OIL FOR DIVINE HEALING because the Bible we read, “Is any sick among you? let him call for the elder of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.” (James 5:14) We understand that God has the power to heal and through faith in Jesus Christ we can be healed; and the oil is used as a point contact.

### ***Prayer:***

Ambassador Seed of Love is a praying Church. Our reasons for praying are numerous, but foremost it’s required, necessary and supported by scripture. We pray to cultivate an



intimate relationship with God; for the unity and strength of our ministry; and to receive His divine instruction. We pray to give thanks to God for His bountiful blessings, His grace and mercy towards us, for forgiveness and to petition God on behalf of others, as well as ourselves. We should take time to pray several times during the course of our day.

God is the source of all our needs. He knows what we need and when we need it. The “Word of God” instruct us to “Pray”. There are three specific words noted in scripture that is essential to praying effectively.

Matt 7:7-8 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Other factors that are important in relation to praying effectively involve our praying in accordance to the will of God; having a focused mind, a humble attitude, a fervent spirit, being patient, having faith and believing that God will answer.

Communication with God is personal and every one can offer prayers. However, those who are alienated from God do not have the benefit of true fellowship with God. To be truly effective in prayer and moving the heart of God, one must be saved and have knowledge of what the scriptures teaches regarding prayer.

Confession: Through prayer we also have opportunity to verbalize repentance and confess our faults. When in the wrong, we must confess our sins to God to get right with Him. But we should confess them directly to God, who promises to forgive us of all our unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Faith: An effective prayer comes from the heart of a believer who places their trust in the Jesus Christ our Lord. A confident prayer life is built on the foundation of Christ’s work. Believing in Jesus Christ and His works; gives us access to God.

Fasting: Fasting and Prayer are awesome spiritual tools. They are necessary in spiritual development and spiritual war-fare. Fasting is briefly explained under the related subject matter in your Membership Booklet. Great things within the will of God are wrought through Fasting and Praying.

Praise, Worship and Adoration: Through prayer that we can continue to worship God by magnifying Him and acknowledging His power, His grace and mercy towards us. God is love, and He has demonstrated His love in the gift of His Son. The greatest desire of God is that we love Him with all that we are; our love should be expressed. People sometimes find it difficult to say to others and to God, “I love you.” But when love for God fills our lives, we must express it. And that expression can be rendered through our prayers.



Thanksgiving: We should always be thankful in our prayers for all that God has done. We have no claim upon His mercy or grace. Nevertheless, He has forgiven our sins, granted us acceptance as His people, and given us His righteousness. As believers, we are to live thankfully.

We should focus on developing a holy lifestyle that consists of prayer. Prayerfully, this ministry will guide you in that development. There are various types of prayers and various methods to praying. We are praying that your “prayers” become effectively “prayed”. And, that you experience intimacy with God through prayer and the power of prayer.

### ***Fasting:***

Jesus Christ taught “fasting” as part of the foundational principals of our faith. Fasting is sacrificing, going without food (and sometimes drink) during a period of time and is generally for spiritual purposes. Fasting is accompanied by “effectual fervent” prayer and devoted to reading the scriptures.

Fasting enables one to become a conductor of spiritual power for either blessing others or for bringing blessings to him-self. Proper fasting with sincerity and respect to the Lord will positively break the yoke of sin, sickness and spiritual oppression.(Is. 58:6) Fasting intensifies the power of prayer many times so that even short prayers bring results. Fasting reaches and obtains what prayer alone cannot, because it removes unbelief.(Matt. 17:20, 21)

Fasting enables one to transcend the natural and takes one into the spiritual realm. It brings one nearer to Christ than any other known process. Fasting will change a life of defeat into one of victory and will bring healing and new life to both body and soul. Fasting always brings revelations and better understandings of the Spirit. Sometimes visions and unspeakable joy will also be attained and manifested. (Dan.10: 2-21; Acts 10: 9-16)

Fasting should be frequent, to clean and keep the temple and home of the Holy Spirit and to keep from food addiction habits. Fasting develops patience, aids temperance and enables one to have proper spiritual growth as well as physical prosperity. Greater Works observes our Corporate Fast every Wednesday. We are sure that the Lord will bless you as join us in fasting and praying.

*Fasting should not put your life or health in danger. If you have a medical condition that prevents you from fasting or must take a medicine with food, please do not put your health in danger by fasting. Please talk to our Pastor or one of our Elders or Ministers about modifications to fasting.*



## ***Tithing***

**Who:** Every member of Greater Works (including our youth).

**What:** Giving first 10% of your income and increase to God.

**When:** Every pay period and whenever there's is an increase in finances.

**Where:** To the Church you've committed to support.

**Why:** It's biblical in principal; to worship God and to receive His blessings.

**How:** By faith, diligently, promptly, cheerfully.

**Use:** To maintain the administrative expenses of our Church and its' ministries.

Tithing was implemented in the Old Testament. Israel originally tithed with the increases experienced in their livestock and/or fruit of the land (crops). Additionally, they would meet in a designated place to offer the tithing and to Fellowship with each other. When the increases where too large to carry to the designated place, the livestock and/or crops to be offered was sold and the money would be brought to the designated place and submitted as tithing. See Deuteronomy 14:22-29.

The New Testament says nothing to change nor discontinue God's instruction on tithing. "Tithing" is holy and still belongs to God. In accordance to the New Testament scripture, Hebrews 7:5 states: "And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:".

Tithing is a part of our worship. It is a directive from the Lord. Tithing is God's method of supporting His ministry through His people. It's also continual reminder that God is our source for all things and is a tangible way to acknowledge God's ownership of us and all we have. We encourage you to be faithful in tithing unto the Lord's Church. There is truly a bountiful and wondrous blessings in-store for all who tithe unto the Lord.

Tithing envelopes can be obtained from the ushers or from the hospitality desk upon entry into the church. Please complete the envelope with your full name and the amount.

**Common Questions About Tithing:**

**Q:** What do I give during the weeks when I'm not paid?

**A:** We ask that you be a blessing by giving an offering.

**Q:** Do I tithe from my gross amount or net amount?

**A:** We should tithe from the gross amount. However, if you tithe from the net amount, you should also tithe on your income tax return. It is wiser to tithe off the gross amount, in some situations an income tax return may not be forthcoming.

Please note that our Pastor does not receive the tithing of our Church. Tithes and offerings are used for our Church's administrative expenses. We bless our Pastor on the first and third Sunday of the month by way of offering. We ask that you please be a blessing to your Church and your Pastor.



### ***Reading the Word of God:***

Reading the “Word of God” is an important and essential practice, which is strongly encouraged for everyone. We all should develop the habit of reading the Bible several times a day. It’s through reading and studying the His word that we learn the history and birth of the church. Our convictions, standards and beliefs are all centered and based on the “Word of God”. Words of power, encouragement for various situations, directions for handling problems, promises, judgments, warnings and stories/parable regarding the similitudes of life are all found in God’s Word.

We encourage all to obtain a King James Version of God’s Word. Many people find it hard to follow the standard King James Version; however there are various bibles available that are designed to meet the reading needs of an individual. Please feel free to get a Bible that will cater to your understanding. However, please use it to compliment your King James Version. Some of the Bibles that are available are as follows:

- New King James Version - simplified version of King James Version.
- Amplified Bible - word translation; amplification of word/verse meaning.
- Contemporary English Bible – simplicity but mature in style.
- God’s Word - a readable, conveys the meaning of the original languages.
- Living Bible - readable paraphrasing method.
- New American Bible - a straightforward American English translation.
- New American Standard Bible -a formal readable style of the KJV.
- New International Readers Version - uses simple wording.
- New Revised Standard Version - contemporary, dignified style.
- New Living Translation - language commonly used by an average person.
- The Message - an easy-to-read, modern-language paraphrase.

In addition to Bibles, there are also various commentaries and study reference materials available. These resources are excellent for those who commit to studying the “Word of God”.

### ***Our Attire/Appearance:***

The doors of our Church are open to everyone. “Come as you are” is our sincere invitation and policy. However, once a person has become a member, we encourage all to be in unity by abiding with the vision, doctrine and standards of our Church.

We are all to be modest in our apparel. This does not mean we have to look boring, or destitute or poor. Nor do we want to look like pimps and prostitutes. We are blessed and we represent God! We should present ourselves that way and use discretion in our apparel. If these standards present a problem for you, please don’t let this prevent you



from being in your Church. We love you and pray that you will adopt these standards as part of your progressive lifestyle of holiness.



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