

in a nutshell

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SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHT

WHAT'S UP

Water baptism takes place on 27th September (environmental Saturday) by 11:00am @ the Chapel of Christ our Light (University of Lagos)

INSIGHTS *for* LIVING

airs everyday on Silverbird Television from 6:30am 7:00am. Tune in and enjoy more faith based teachings from Pastor Poju Oyemade.

SINGLED OUT

with 'POJU OYEMADE

(the Singles' time out with Pastor Poju) has debuted on HiTV & Channels TV. Tune in to Hi Life every Tuesday by 8:00pm prompt and watch out for it on Channels Television on Saturday by 8:30am.

INSIGHTS *for* LIVING

Due to a change in the programmes schedule of the NTA on NTA Channel 5 now shows every Sunday from 2:00pm - 2:30pm.

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CHURCH
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CENTRES
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SERVICES



SUNDAY SERVICES
(The following three services hold at the Yaba Centre as follows)

YABA CENTRE:
400 Herbert Macaulay Rd. Yaba
TIME:
6:45 am - 8:00 am, 8:00am
9:30am & 11:00am 12:30pm

ISLAND CENTRE:
Lagoon Restaurant, Ozumba
Mbadiwe. VI
TIME:
9:15 am 11:15 am

MIDWEEK SERVICE
VENUE:
Yaba Centre 400 Herbert
Macaulay Rd. Yaba.
Day: Wednesday
TIME:
6:30pm - 8:00pm

POEM

No Greater Love...

There was a family that was experiencing a small tragedy. One of their two sons had acquired an illness that required a marrow transplant. Of course, the medical personnel had all the family members tested to see who had the proper type of blood. It turned out the older brother of the sick boy was the perfect match. So the father sat the older brother down and told what they needed to do in simplest terms for the young boy. The father told him that his little brother was very sick and that he needed to show his little brother how much he loved him by having surgery. The doctors need to take a little piece of him and put it in his little brother's body so that he doesn't die. The young boy thought about it for a couple seconds, and then he said he would do it.

So the older brother went through surgery. it was a success, and his little brother was recovering quickly. After the relief and joy passed over and the family was just sitting around relaxing, the father

noticed his older son looking a little down and depressed. He took his son aside and asked him why he wasn't happy- his brother was getting better. His son said that he was very glad that his brother was getting better. So the father asked again, "why are you so sad?" The boy said, "When is it time for me to die?"

That's when the father realized what the boy actually had on his mind. His older son believed in his heart of hearts that he had to give up his own life so that his little brother who he loved could live.

HOMILY

Building practical strategies from God's Word

There is a marked difference between individuals that mentally assent to God's promise and individuals who possess the faith of God for their challenges. Mental assent is characterised by the inability to obtain practical solutions for the challenges of everyday life. However, individuals that possess the faith of God (concerning His promise to them) always have their inner eyes opened to see practical strategies for obtaining these promises. God directly communicates these strategies from the Scriptures to them. He breathes life on the written Word and the Word becomes flesh in their situations. It is of utmost importance that believers consistently receive and live by God's daily directives. Failure to do so results in unproductivity. When such unproductivity becomes the norm, it could result in such individuals becoming desperate and believing strange doctrines and delving into cultic practices.

The willingness to believe in or to pursue strange gods usually stems from deferred hopes...,' Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life (Prov 13:12 KJV). In order to maintain faith in the integrity of God's Word, it is therefore important that all believers learn how to produce results with practical strategies from the Word. The first of these strategies is the knowledge that no claim can be laid to any promise that has not been given to the believer by God. This totally eradicates the presence of envy and covetousness in believers. It leaves no room for individuals attempting to use God's Word for manifestations that they have seen in other people's lives. Each faith project must be authentic. It must be in line with God's plan for each individual. This is because the faith of God always backs His assignments. It is not designed to be utilised for personal ambition and lusts; rather faith is a tool to be used to fulfil heaven's agenda on earth. God's commitment to produce a certain degree of manifestation becomes the basis of genuine faith.

Unbelief can therefore be described as lack of faith in God's specific promise to you. This type of unbelief can also be described as un-persuadableness. There are two types of unbelief; sheer ignorance and un-persuadableness. Sheer ignorance is the result of a lack of the knowledge of God's will for you. Un-persuadableness however, does not stem out of ignorance of God's Word but out of an unwillingness to have faith in a specific Word or promise of God. Belief in a specific commitment of God was exhibited by Abraham, 'Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be (Romans 4:18 KJV). Consequently, God was able to perform what He promised because Abraham cooperated with Him through the exercise of his faith.

In the same vein, believers ought to wait on God for His promises. Once those promises are given they have the responsibility to exercise their faith, even if it is against all apparent odds and evidence. With such an exercise is the victory that our faith that is certain.

'Poju Oyemade





Require pre-marital counselling?

This is to announce that registration for the third quarter classes containing 6 compulsory sessions has begun. Classes will commence Saturday, September 13 and will run until Saturday, October 18, 2008.

chuckles

NATURE'S FACTS

-A group of geese on the ground is a gaggle - a group of geese in the air is a skein.

-The South American giant anteater eats more than 30,000 ants a day.

-It is impossible to out-swim a shark - sharks reach speeds of 70 km/h (44 mph). Humans can run about 35 km/h (21 mph).

The sailfish is the fastest swimmer, reaching 109 km/h (68 mph).

The slowest fish is the Sea Horse, which moves along at about 0.016 km/h (0.01 mph).

Dolphins can reach 60 km/h (37 mph).

Of the 650 types of leeches, only the *Hirudo medicinalis* is used for medical treatments.

The heart of a blue whale is the size of a small car.

The tongue of a blue whale is as long as an elephant.

The scales of a crocodile are made of ceratin, the same substance that hooves and fingernails are made of.

A crocodile's tongue is attached to the roof of its mouth and cannot move it.

A snail has two pairs of tentacles on its head. One pair is longer than the other and houses the eyes. The shorter pair is used for smelling and feeling its way around.

The heaviest crustacean ever found was a lobster weighing 19 kg (42 lb), caught in 1934.

The largest jellyfish ever caught measured 2,3 m (7'6") across the bell with a tentacle of 36 m (120 ft) long.

The largest giant squid ever recorded was captured in the North Atlantic in 1878. It weighed 4 tons. Its tentacles measured 10 m (35 ft) long.

The giant squid has the biggest eyes of any animal: its eyes measure 40 cm (16 in) in diameter.

Domestic cats purr at about 26 cycles per second, the same frequency as an idling diesel engine.

Sharks are immune to all known diseases.

Sharks and rays also share the same kind of skin: instead of scales, they have small tooth-like spikes called denticles. The spikes are so sharp that shark skin has long been used as sandpaper.

Animals are also either right-handed or left-handed. Polar bears are left-handed - and so is Kermit the Frog.

There are 701 types of pure breed dogs.

There are about 54 million dogs in the US, and Paris is said to have more dogs than people.

Some bird species, usually flightless birds, have only a lower eyelid, whereas pigeons use upper and lower lids to blink.

Fish and insects do not have eyelids - their eyes are protected by a hardened lens.

Flatfish (halibut, flounder, turbot, and sole) hatch like any other "normal" fish. As they grow, they turn sideways and one eye moves around so they have two eyes on the side that faces up.

Measured in straight flight, the spine-tailed swift is the fastest bird. It flies 170 km/h (106 mph). Second fastest is the Frigate, which reaches 150 km/h (94 mph).

Millions of trees are accidentally planted by squirrels that bury nuts and then forget where they hid them.

There are more than 150 million sheep in Australia, a nation of 17 million people. New Zealand is home to 4 million people and 70 million sheep.

newborn



A healthy baby boy was added to the family of Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Okoinyan on the 13th August 200.

Covenant Capital



Covenant Capital is an initiative of the church to provide financial & advisory assistance to entrepreneurs in the church to empower them to achieve their God-given financial potential and contribute in practical ways to their immediate community through job creation, financial empowerment and role modelling. **Covenant Capital** is available to all members of Covenant Christian Centre at these levels: Microfinance and Business Advisory Services. For enquiries, please contact **Oye at the Church Office**, Yaba from Monday: 8:30am 1pm, Tue - Fri: 9:00am 5:00pm. You can also call 01-741 2953 or send an email to covenantcms@gmail.com



Edu Aid

Facilitating Quality Primary Education

Edu-Aid is Covenant Christian Centre's social response to the falling standards in the quality of education and learning environment available in Nigerian public primary schools today. Our vision is simply 'To facilitate access to quality primary-level education in a conducive learning environment for as many children as possible'.

One of our goals for 2008 is to be reorganised to function as a non-governmental organisation. As such, old members of Edu-Aid will need to renew their membership by reapplying to join the new teams and units being created. New members are also welcome.

First Time



With great pleasure we warmly welcome you to Covenant Christian Centre and believe that without a doubt you received practical wisdom through the Word of Faith. Today's message is available in audio CD, audio cassettes and MP3 format. Past messages can also be found at the tape stand.

The church website is www.insightsforliving.org online you'll be able to access messages, mails and publications.

For more resources on various outreaches of the ministry (e.g. the Platform, Singles' summit etc) visit any of the following websites www.theplatformnigeria.com ; www.covenantsinglessummit.com

You can also check out our online forum at www.insightsforliving.org/c3 meaningful contributions through discussions, comments and suggestions highly coveted.

Kindly fill the visitors form and return to any of the ushers.

We appreciate your presence here today and look forward to seeing you at any of our services, monthly seminars and special events.