

# Announcements!

**Weekly Bible Study** We invite each of you to attend the mid-week Bible Study, held upstairs each Tuesday evening beginning at 6 pm. We encourage you to attend these vital and exciting studies!

**Children's Church** Our Children's Church is being reorganized and will soon be re-launched. If you have questions or concerns, please see Sarita Agee.

**Member Registration** We are updating our member registration, and we need your help. Please complete a member registration card and return it to Sis. Joyce Harris.

## Words of Wisdom: A Resume...

Address: Ephesians 1:20 Phone: Romans 10:13  
Website: The Bible. Keywords: Christ, Lord, Savior and Jesus

Hello. My name is Jesus -The Christ. Many call me Lord! I've sent you my resume because I'm seeking the top management position in your heart. Please consider my accomplishments as set forth in my resume.

### Qualifications

- I founded the earth and established the heavens, (See Proverbs 3:19)
- I formed man from the dust of the ground, (See Genesis 2:7)
- I breathed into man the breath of life, (See Genesis 2:7)
- I redeemed man from the curse of the law, (See Galatians 3:13)
- The blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant comes upon your life through me, (See Galatians 3:14)

### Occupational Background

- I've only had one employer, (See Luke 2:49).
- I've never been tardy, absent, disobedient, slothful, or disrespectful.
- My employer has nothing but rave reviews for me, (See Matthew 3:15-17)

### Skills & Work Experiences

- Some of my skills and work experiences include: empowering the poor to be poor no more, healing the brokenhearted, setting the captives free, healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind and setting at liberty them that are bruised, (See Luke 4:18).
- I am a Wonderful Counselor, (See Isaiah 9:6). People who listen to me shall dwell safely and shall not fear evil, (See Proverbs 1:33).
- Most importantly, I have the authority, ability and power to cleanse you of your sins, (See I John 1:7-9)

### Educational Background

- I encompass the entire breadth and length of knowledge, wisdom, and understanding, (See Proverbs 2:6).
- In me are hid all of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, (See Colossians 2:3).
- My Word is so powerful; it has been described as being a lamp unto your feet and a lamp unto your path, (See Psalms 119:105).
- I can even tell you all of the secrets of your heart, (See Psalms 44:21).

### Major Accomplishments

- I was an active participant in the greatest Summit Meeting of all times, (See Genesis 1:26).
- I laid down my life so that you may live, (See II Corinthians 5:15).
- I defeated the archenemy of God and mankind and made a show of them openly, (See Colossians 2:15).
- I've miraculously fed the poor, healed the sick, and raised the dead!
- There are many more major accomplishments, too many to mention here. You can read them on my website, which is located at www dot - the BIBLE. You don't need an Internet connection or computer to access my website.

### References

• Believers and followers worldwide will testify to my divine healings, salvation, deliverance, miracles, restoration and supernatural guidance

### In Summation

Now that you've read my resume, I'm confident that I'm the only candidate uniquely qualified to fill this vital position in your heart. In summation, I will properly direct your paths, (See Proverbs 3:5-6), and lead you into everlasting life, (See John 6:47). When can I start? Time is of the essence, (See Hebrews 3:15).

Send this resume to everyone you know, you never know who may have an opening! Thanks for your help and may God bless you!



Welcome to the

# Everlasting Covenant Church

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11



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## Eric R. Agee, Jr., Pastor

December 24, 2017

### Vision Statement:



Enhancing Our Knowledge of Jesus Christ, Empowering All Believers for Ministry, and Encouraging Continuous Dedication to the Lord.

# Order of Services

Fellowship | Refreshments – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship Services – 11:00 a.m.

Announcements & Recognition of Visitors

Call to Worship: Scripture Reading & Prayer

Tithes and Offerings; Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise and Worship Selections

Sermon

Invitation to Christ

Benediction

## Kwanzaa...

Taken from <http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/kwanzaa-history>

Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor and chairman of Black Studies at California State University, Long Beach, created Kwanzaa in 1966. After the Watts riots in Los Angeles, Dr. Karenga searched for ways to bring African-Americans together as a community. He founded US, a cultural organization, and started to research African “first fruit” (harvest) celebrations. Karenga combined aspects of several different harvest celebrations, such as those of the Ashanti and those of the Zulu, to form the basis of Kwanzaa.

**KWANZAA HISTORY** - The name Kwanzaa is derived from the phrase “matunda ya kwanza” which means “first fruits” in Swahili. Each family celebrates Kwanzaa in its own way, but celebrations often include songs and dances, African drums, storytelling, poetry reading, and a large traditional meal. On each of the seven nights, the family gathers and a child lights one of the candles on the Kinara (candleholder), then one of the seven principles is discussed. The principles, called the Nguzo Saba (seven principles in Swahili) are values of African culture which contribute to building and reinforcing community among African-Americans. Kwanzaa also has seven basic symbols which represent values and concepts reflective of African culture. An African feast, called a Karamu, is held on December 31.

The candle-lighting ceremony each evening provides the opportunity to gather and discuss the meaning of Kwanzaa. The first night, the black candle in the center is lit (and the principle of umoja/unity is discussed). One candle is lit each evening and the appropriate principle is discussed.

The seven principles, or Nguzo Saba are a set of ideals created by Dr. Maulana Karenga. Each day of Kwanzaa emphasizes a different principle.

Unity:Umoja (oo-MO-jah) - To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race.

Self-determination: Kujichagulia (koo-gee-cha-goo-LEE-yah) - To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves, and speak for ourselves.

Collective Work and Responsibility: Ujima (oo-GEE-mah) - To build and maintain our community together and make our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve them together.

Cooperative Economics: Ujamaa (oo-JAH-mah) - To build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together.

Purpose: Nia (nee-YAH) - To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

Creativity: Kuumba (koo-OOM-bah) - To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

Faith: Imani (ee-MAH-nee) - To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

# Sermon Notes

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## #93: O Come, All Ye Faithful

New National Baptist Hymnal - 21st Century

### Verse One

○ come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
Come ye, ○ come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels:  
○ come, let us adore Him, ○ come, let us adore Him,  
○ come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord.

### Verse Two

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye bright hosts of heav'n above;  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest:  
○ come, let us adore Him, ○ come, let us adore Him,  
○ come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord.

### Verse Three

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
○ come, let us adore Him, ○ come, let us adore Him,  
○ come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord.

## #211: Silent Night

African American Heritage Hymnal

### Verse One

Silent night! holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child,  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

### Verse Two

Silent night! holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories streaming from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born!

### Verse Three

Silent night! holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

# #214: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

African American Heritage Hymnal

## Verse One

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all you nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

## Verse Two

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord:  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see: Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

## Verse Three

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of  
Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"