WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Focus Sunday 2023

THEME:

# ENTERING INTO NEWNESS THROUGH LOVE AND UNITY

(JOHN 13:35)

SUNDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 2022



# THE NEW COVENANT

BAPTIST CHURCH, IKOLA

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JULY 2023.		
Sat. 1st.	Monthly prayer meeting.	All Women
7th-9th.	Widows Retreat.	Camp young
Sun. 9th.Proclaim.		
Sun. 18th Proclaim.	-	
23rd - 30th.	Lydia Week.	Lydia Coordinators
AUGUST 2023.		
Sat. 5th.	Monthly prayer meeting.	All Women
4th - 6th.	WMU Annual Conference.	Camp young Ede
Sun. 13th. Proclaim.	-	
Sun. 20th. Proclaim.	-	
24th-26th.	WMU Annual camp.	Ajara , All Women
SEPTEMBER 2023.		
Sat. 2nd.	Monthly prayer meeting.	All Women
Sun. 10th. Proclaim.	-	
10th - 16th.	G.A Week.	G.A Coordinator
Sun. 17th. Proclaim.	-	
Sat. 30th.	Exco Meeting.	Excos
OCTOBER 2023		
Sat 1st.	Monthly prayer meeting.	All Women
Sun. 17th. Proclaim.	-	
Sun 15th. Proclaim.	-	
Sat. 21st	Skills Acquisition	All women
NOVEMBER 2023		
Sat. 4th.	Monthly prayer meeting.	All Women
Mon. 6th.	Baptist World Day of Prayer.	WMU
Sun. 12th. Proclaim	-	
Sat. 18th.	Evangelism/ Visitation.	All Women
Sun. 19th.	Elections. (WMU)	All Women
Sat. 25th.	Love Feast Preparation	All women
DECEMBER 2023.		
Sat. 2nd.	Love Feast.	All Women
Sun. 10th.	Thanksgiving (WMU)	All Women
Sun. 17th.	Exco Meeting.	Excos
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17th - 19th.	Lydia Leadership Workshop.	Camp young Lydia Coord.	
Sun 19th Proclaim:	Fundamentals of WMU	Mrs. Yemisi Ovie	
Sat. 25th.	Visitation & Evangelism	Visitation/Evangelism team	
APRIL 2023			
Sat 1st	Monthly prayer Meeting	All women	
Sun-Sat 2nd-8th	Sunbeam week	Sunbeam Coordinators	
Sun 9th Proclaim:	The Lord Supper /Burden beare	r	
	at the cross	Mrs. Remilekun Alonge	
Sun 16th Proclaim:	Joseph of Arimathea: the Giver at E	aster Mrs. Bunmi Onifade	
22nd.	Mother's Day Preparation.	All Women	
22nd - 27th.	Convention Week		
MAY 2023.			
Sat 6th.	Monthly prayer meeting	All Women	
Sat. 13th.	Mother's day Preparation	All women	
Sun 14th.	MOTHER'S DAY	All Women	
Sun. 21st Proclaim.	Maintaining family bond/keeping	9	
	watch against Home ruins.	Mrs. Tebowei	
Sat. 27th.	Visitation & Evangelism.	WMU	
26th-28th.	WMU Leadership Workshop		
JUNE 2023			
Sat. 3rd	Monthly Prayer Meeting		
Sun 11th Fa	actors inhibiting the use of indigeno	us Mrs. Bukola Bassey	
Languages/ Effect of not speaking indigenous Languages.			
Sat. 17th.	Skills Acquisition.	All Women	
Sun 18th Proclaim. Impact of the English language on indigenous			
	Languages.	Mrs. Comfort Oguntona	
Sat. 24th.	Evangelism.	All Women	
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

God Calls Us To Worship Through	
Choir and WMU Processional Hymn 6	Mrs. Ojewande
Invitation to Worship	Mrs Tudun Oyewole
Prayer of Praise & Thanksgiving	Mrs. Remi Alonge
Praise & Worship	Mrs Yemisi Ovie

# We Worship With One Another Through

Announcements	
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Idowu Oyewole
Recognition of all WMU	Mrs Faniyi Adenike
Tithes and Offering	Mrs. Lynda Ibironke

# We Listen To God's Word Through

Bible Reading: John 13:35	Mrs Comfort Oguntona
Choir Ministration	Choir
Focus week Presentation	Mrs Bukola Bassey
Charge	Pastor Idowu Oyewole
Special prayer for WMU	Pastor Idowu Oyewole

# God Calls Us To Go And Be Victorious Through

Hymn 212 ( <i>Love Lifted Me</i> )	Mrs. Obiageli Ezejisos
Focus Week Offering	Mrs. Obiageli Ezejisos
Prayer and Benediction	Pastor Idowu Oyewole

#### WMU OFFICERS' YEAR 2023

President.		Mrs. Faniyi Adenike
Vice-president.		Mrs. Kemi Ajagbe
Secretary.		Mrs. Agnes Akande
Fin. Secretary.		Mrs. Grace Ibeawuchi
Asst. Fin. Sec.		Mrs. Motunrayo Ayantokun
Treasurer.		Mrs. Obiageli Ezejisos
Programme Chair.p.		Mrs. Bukola Bassey
Prayer Secretary.		Mrs. Sis. Remi Alonge
Evangelism Chair.p.		Mrs. Kehinde Oyeniran
Welfare Chair.p.		Mrs. Toyin Amoo
Mission/Bible Chair.p.		Mrs. Comfort Oguntona
Stewardship & Service.		Mrs. Lynda Ibironke
Sunbeam Coordinators	5	Mrs Bunmi Onifade
		Mrs Lolade Oladele
G. A Coordinators.		Mrs. Damilola Abioye
Lydia Adviser.		Mrs. Comfort Oguntona
Visitation Group		Mrs. Nike Yusuf
		Mrs. Christy Oseni
		Mrs. Funmi Salako
		Mrs. Christy Adeh
Advisers.		Mrs. Tundun Oyewole
		Mrs Bola Taiwo
		Mrs. Kehinde Oyeniran
Exco.	-	Mrs Bola Taiwo

# WMU PROGRAMME FOR 2023 THEME: Entering Into Newness with Love and Unity (John 13:35)

## JAN 2023

JAIN 2023		
DATES	PROGRAMME	VENUE/COORDINATORS
Sat 7th	Monthly prayer meeting	Church/ All Women
Sat. 7th.	Leadership Workshop. U	Jnion Baptist Church, Agege
Sun 8th Proclaim:	Praising God for the New Year/	
De	eveloping the right attitude for the	new year
Sun 15th Proclaim:	Attaining the fullness of Christ	/
	Your Vote, your responsibility.	
Sun 22nd	WMU FOCUS WEEK	All Women
23rd -28th	Focus Week Activities.	All Women
FEBRUARY 2023		
Sat 4th	Monthly prayer meeting	Church/ All women
Sun. 12th Proclaim.	Choosing the right Leader/	
	Caution during election.	Mrs. Omotayo Ojewande
Tues. 14th.	E.C Meeting/ Association. U	Jnion Baptist Church, Agege
16th-18th.	Ajara Camp.	Ajara Camp, All women
17th-19th.	G.A Leadership Meeting.	Ede/G.A Coordinator
Sun. 19th Proclaim. I	Prayer for the success of 2023 Elect	tion Mrs. Tundun Oyewole
Sat. 25th.	Exco Meeting.	Excos
MARCH 2023		
Sat 4th	Monthly prayer meeting	All women
Sun. 12th Proclaim:	WMU Watchword and Hymn/	Mrs. Bola Taiwo
	Organisation of WMU	
11th - 13th	Week of Prayers	Camp young
13th - 17th.	Home mission week of prayers	s.
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#### LAST WEEK'S STATISTICAL REPORT

Sunday School	77
Sunday Service	111
Male	28
Female	29
Children	54
Midweek	24
Evening of Prayers	33

#### WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

- Thank God for His promise to make new things in our lives. Thank God for His word to us to forget past mistakes, disappointments, and even past successes. Isaiah 43:18-19
- Thank God for the promise of restoration and revival in our lives, homes, church and society at large.
- Father, create in me a new heart and put your right spirit for a new beginning within me, in Jesus name. PS 51:10.
- Father, do new things in our lives that eyes have not seen, nor ear heard nor any mind can conceive as we walk in the newness of life, in Jesus name. 1cor 2:9
- Lord revive your church, let love and unity be restored in your church. Empower us to love and serve God with the spirit of unity
- We come against the spirit of pride, stubbornness, and self-righteous in our midst in Jesus name.
- Father, let the seed of your word which causes us to forsake the past and start afresh germinate and grow mightily our lives and destiny in order to bear great and precious fruits, in Jesus name. Ezek. 26:1.
- Pray for the families of Erinwusi Lawrence and Ezejisos Ebere S.

## PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Praise the Lord! We give God all the glory for His faithfulness over the years. He indeed intervened in every situation of our lives. He has given us grace to cross over to this year 2023. Glory and adoration be to the Lord forever. Amen.

I welcome you all to this year 2023 Focus week. The Theme for this year 2023 Focus Week is **"Entering into Newness Through Love and Unity". John 13: 35**. *By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.* 

Focus week program is an avenue to interpret the Nigerian Baptist Convention theme for the year. This year, the Lord want us to open our hearts for renewed love and unity in our home, Church, Workplaces and the society at large. God desires that we look beyond our differences, dislikes, wrongs and offences from people, and start showing love to one another so that we can experience Newness in all areas. We are expected to show our love to God and others. We are to also walk in unity and work as a team in bringing glory and honor to his kingdom.

Love and unity are important to God as it is a command to His people which is not negotiable. Let us promote love and unity anywhere we find ourselves. I pray that as we enter into newness through love and unity, may we be richly blessed in Jesus name.

I want to encourage us to be part of our meetings and other WMU programs and also allow our children to be part of Sunbeam, Girls Auxiliary and Lydia groups. I am also appealing to us to pay our dues regularly. I pray that the Lord will continue to supply our needs according to His riches in glory in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

Thank you and God bless!

Mrs Faniyi Adenike WMU President, TNCBC Ikola

#### PASTOR'S CORNER

The Hallmark of Christianity

John 13:35

The Lord Jesus was emphatic when he gave the instruction to the disciples to love in vs 34. The practical demonstration of love to one another is the hallmark of our faith. And that was what Jesus came to do (Rom. 5:8).

The extent to which we grow in our faith and relate with others is seen as the extent of our love for God who is love (1John 4:8) and others and the willingness to work with them (Matt. 22:37-39). You can not claim to be a child of God while you live a life of hatred for others and in disunity.

And so in order for you to experience the fullness of Christ, let sincere love for God and others be demonstrated in practical terms in your our daily life.

Love as God who is love commanded.

## WORD FOR THE WEEK

Guard my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. Ps 25:20

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## CHURCH NEEDS

- 4 Standing ACs for the church auditorium
- 4 Split ACs for Children's Department
- Laptop
- 100 KVA Generator
- Foodstuffs

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- The following members are scheduled to go on evangelism next Sunday at 9am:
  - Bro & Sis Faniyi
  - Bro & Sis Amoo
  - Bro & Sis Martins
- Association workers retreat holds on Saturday 12 February at TNCBC, Agege. Heads of departments should get their delegates ready.
- WMU Focus Week continues with the announced midweek services. All women should please endeavour to attend all.
- The Chosen Generation Baptist Youth Association 1st Qtr. Prog. tagged: ALL ROUND FRUITFULNESS, holds 6th February @ Immanuel Baptist Church Agege. Time: 2pm. All youth should kindly prepare to attend.
- Sis. Lynda Ibironke shall lead next week's Workers' Prayer meeting.

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## WMU ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

- WEDNESDAY 25TH: Prayer Meeting/Bible Study Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- SATURDAY 28TH: Evangelism/Visitation Time: 10:00am