

MEN MISSIONARY UNION

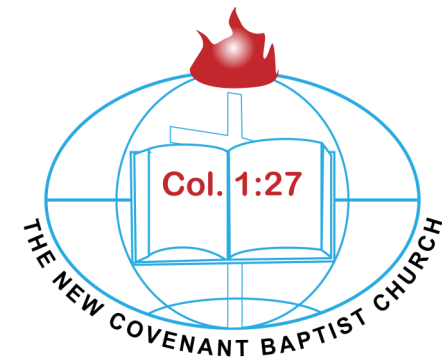
Emphasis Sunday 2023

THEME:

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

(2 COR. 10:3-6)

SUNDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 2023



**THE NEW COVENANT
BAPTIST CHURCH, IKOLA**

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BAPTIST MEN'S COVENANT

As part of the Baptist Men's Union in my Church, I commit myself to:

GATHER with other men in the Spirit for study, fellowship, and mutual support in our common mission task:

EXPERIENCE DAILY ENCOUNTER with the living God in personal prayers and scripture study;

DISCOVER my own gift for personal witness and ministry;

BE INVOLVED in some continuous expression of witness/ministry in the world;

GIVE sacrificially, beginning with the tithe;

ABSTAIN from the sale and consumption of intoxicating drinks as a beverage;

ADHERE to the New Testament teaching of monogamy as God's ideal state of family life;

STAND clear and away from any secret society and/or cult;

NOT JOINING myself to any secret society or ungodly groupings;

BECOME a mature, informed disciple of Christ;

CELEBRATE the risen, coming Lord in weekly worship;

SO HELP ME GOD!

CHURCH NEEDS

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

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

- Let’s thank our heavenly Father for His great and enduring protection upon us and our families in Jesus Name.
- Let’s worship and Praise God for who He is- King of Kings, let’s appreciate God for His numerous blessings in our lives, family, church, and nation.
- Let’s ask for the mercy of God to prevail over judgment in our land. God should please intervene in every sector of our nation: The economic sector, political sector, etc.
- Let’s pray that God will shield and protect us from the attack of the enemy.
- Arrows of frustrations aimed at us should be destroyed by the power of the almighty God in Jesus name.
- Oh Lord, give us the foresight to see opportunities, recognize them and take necessary action in Jesus Name.
- Pray for the families of Ibironke Justice Olasoji and Iwajomo Adeonike.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP:

- With Processional Hymn: BH 445: *Rise Up O Men of God*Bro. Joseph Ajagbe
- With Call to Worship and Opening Prayer.....Pastor Ovie Ugbome
- With Hymn of Thanksgiving: BH 40: *A Mighty Fortress is our God*...Bro. Martins Onifade
- With Praise and Adoration.....Bro. Lawrence Erinwusi
- With Greetings and Announcement.....Bro. Seun Anifowose

WE EMPHASIZE OUR CALLING AND CELEBRATE OUR MEN

- Through Recognition of Men and Royal Ambassadors.....Bro. Soji Ibironke
- Through Emphasis on MMU Work.....Bro. Soji Ibironke
- Through Emphasis Day Programme.....Bro Joseph Ajagbe
- Through Special Prayers for MMU.....Sis. Victoria Tebowei

WE PAY ATTENTION TO HIS WORD:

- Through Scripture Reading.....Bro. Oluwaseun Abioye
- Through Choir Ministration.....MMU Choir
- Through Word Ministration.....Rev. Idowu Oyewole

WE RESPOND TO HIM

- Through Tithes and Offering.....Bro. Dotun Alonge
- Through Hymn of Dedication: BH 412 *Onward Christian Soldier*.....Bro. Martins Onifade
- Through Emphasis Sunday Offering.....Bro. Kola Akande
- Through Closing Prayer and Benediction.....Rev. Idowu Oyewole
- Through Recessional Hymn BH 415: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*....Bro. Joseph Ajagbe

PASTOR'S CORNER

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Every Christian is involved in a spiritual battle. Spiritual warfare is the term of confrontation between Christians and the powers of darkness. Christians are exposed to spiritual battles, whether we recognise them or not and whether we accept them or not. However, Jesus Christ has won the victory for us on the cross. We are not fighting from the point of questioning our victory; it is a battle that has already been won for us; we are only asked to take authority over the forces of darkness. Spiritual battle begins from the heart, where the enemy wants to put a stronghold of doubt and sometimes makes us feel hopeless.

Another area of spiritual attack is on Christian holiness. There are instances where Christians are subjected to spiritual operation and manipulation from the enemy. This manifests in different ways, like failures in businesses, various forms of spiritual laziness, sickness, and various family issues that sometimes cannot be explained. All these put our lives in jeopardy. However, in the midst of all these, we are victorious in Christ. For us to live the victorious Christian life, we must come to the reality of the efficacy of the word of God, of being rooted in Christ (Col. 2:6-8); a consistent prayer and devotional life, witnessing and fellowship. We must also be willing to share our struggles with other believers. Are you ready to raise issues of your spiritual battle to the Lord, who is the victorious One? We have the assurance that in Christ we are more than victorious, for the Lord has won the ultimate victory on the cross (1 John 5:4).

WORD FOR THE WEEK

The Lord is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one. Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.

— Psalm 28:8-9 (NIV)

Please Note the Following.

- Our Evening of Prayers will come up on Friday, 17 Feb at 6:30 pm.
- Stewardship Revival will hold on the 19–22 of this month. Please, pray and prepare to attend the sessions.
- The Church Council will meet on Saturday, 18th of this month at 10 am. All Council members should please take note.
- Home Fellowship will take place online this evening by 5pm. Please plan to attend.
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