



Apostolic Church Handbook of Ministry

Christian Education Ministries

Sunday Morning Bible Study-

- *The Sunday Morning Bible Study (SMBS) is an educational ministry within the Apostolic Church of God (ACOG). Our mission is to intentionally develop and make available to members and non-members of all ages the means to systematically study the Word of God for personal spiritual growth: learning the truth about God as they learn to trust Go*

Every Sunday Morning-8:00am-8:45am – Dorchester Sanctuary

- A time for saints to learn the Word of God in separate classes

Empowered by the Word- Day-Timer's

- *EMPOWERED BY THE Word provide spiritual enlightenment to those who look forward to the refreshing atmosphere, as well as many who find it more convenient to attend Bible class during the morning*
- Every Tuesday Morning-11:00am – 12:00pm – Kenwood Sanctuary

Courageous Prayer –

- Every Day Monday-Friday 7:30am-8:am-8:30am
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New Members Ministry-

- *The New Members Ministry will welcome “whosoever” our good Lord chooses to come down the aisles of the Apostolic Church of God (ACOG). We are willing to walk alongside all new members. Also, we are willing to assist them to grow spiritually until they are comfortably serving in ministry*

Starting Point Classes-

- **February – August –Every other month in person -7:00pm- FC#202**
 - These classes are for New Members to learn the cultural of the church
 - **Right Hand Fellowship –**
 - The time that we take New Members into the church, with shaking the Pastor's Hand.
 - **Meet & Greet – FC100 After each Right-hand Fellowship- FC100**
 - A time of fellowship with all New Members
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Spiritual Growth Ministries

Women's Ministry

Sisterhood Connection is the Ministry for Women of the Apostolic Church of God. Every woman who is member of ACOG is automatically a member of the Sisterhood Connection. Our purpose is to unify the women of ACOG in order to inspire them in their spiritual walk, equip them for service (in and outside the walls of the church) and empower them for greater transformation.

- **Dorchester Sanctuary- Women's Weekend**
 - This weekend is comprised of Teaching, Health, and Fellowship
 - There is a Worship Service on Sunday
- **2 Minute Clinic- Social Media** – Every Month – Different Ministers
 - This is a short Word from the Women of this Congregation to uplift women of God
- **Book Club- Tuesday's**
 - A Certain Book is asked to be ready by women and sisters discuss during their session.

Brotherhood Ministry

“The Brotherhood Ministry exists to unite men in Christian fellowship, strengthen their faith through service, discipleship, and brotherly support, and equip them to be spiritual leaders in their homes, church, and community.

Apostolic Man –

- **Every Tuesday -7:00pm -8:30pm-Kenwood Sanctuary**
 - A session for broths to come together and learn the Word of God
- **Brotherhood Breakfast- twice a year**
 - A time with the Pastor to give his vision and Word to the men.
- **Brotherhood Super Bowl- Once a year-**
 - A time of Fellowship
- **Class-Barber Shop- 7:00pm**
 - A time for men to come together and discuss the issues and concerns men have.
- **6Men's Class- Master Class**
 - Cultivating The Christian Character of a man.

Singles

- The mandate and mission of the “Living the Life” Singles Ministry is to encourage, equip, and empower the Singles of the Apostolic Church of God to live out the purpose that God has for their lives through the Grace and Power of God.
 - **Sip & Paint- November 8th –Fellowship Hall**
 - A time of Fellowship with other singles people.
 - Christmas Toy Giveaway—Gym

- Time of outreach to children

Covenant Partners

- The purpose of Covenant Partners Marriage Ministry is to meet the needs of married couples and families by working toward achieving the goals set forth in our church's mission statement: to glorify God through teaching, fellowship, family worship, and prayer. It is the goal of Covenant Partners to bring a conscious spiritual awareness of what "covenant" means according to God's Word, so that we can fully comprehend and honor our commitment to Christ and our spouses:

Pre marriage Classes –

- Held every 8 weeks for couple anticipating marriage

Marriage Sessions –

- Wives View- Husband Locker Room
- Sessions for married couples to have conversation about the married life

Youth/ Young Adults

Y2M is the place where young people ages 4-30 come to thrive, grow in righteousness and are prepared to be “Christ Presenters” in the world. Within Y2M, this now generation knows they are loved and they belonging in Christ, they have strong faith in Jesus Christ and believe in His Word and they will become who they were created to be by applying the Word of God to their everyday life. That belonging, believing and becoming are the essential core values for all aspects of ministry delivery to our youth and young adults.

Children’s Church –

- **Every Sunday – 1st & 2nd Service -9:10-10:30am -11:40-1:30pm- 3rd Floor Room#300**
 - This is a Praise and Worship Service for children to learn the Word
 - **Young Brothers for Christ – 2nd, 3rd, 4th Saturday- 9am-12pm-Gym- ages 4-13**
 - A community of young boys learning what it means to be young men of honor and how to growth Jesus all the way through worship, workshops, team building exercises, and cultural outings

- **Young Sisters- 2nd, 4th, Saturday's- 2nd Floor& Family Center-4-18**
 - Young Sisters for Christ better known as Warrior Princesses is a two-fold ministry for girls 4 years of age to eighth grade that offers spiritual development to equip girls To be a light to others as they impact the world, and leadership development through our partnership with the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana. They learn about God's love for them and how to extend God's love to others through worship, workshops, team building exercises, and cultural outings
 - **Grace- 1st Saturday's of every Month -8am-2pm- FC# 200**
 - . Godly young women Reaching After Charm and Elegance through worship, workshop, teambuilding exercises, cultural outings, faith building conversations, and tools of evangelism
 - **Lions – Every Friday – 7 -9:30pm – High School Boys**
 - A community of young men growing in the understanding of God's Word and how to apply it through worship, team building exercises, and recreational basketball
 - **Ecclesia Choir- Every Friday – 7-8:30pm –Music Room**
 - Children learning how to love God through worship, learning songs of praise and worship and music interpretation.
 - A youth choir 5-11, singing God's Praise's
 - Meets Friday in Music Room -7:00- 8:30pm
 - **Mime Ministry- Meet every Thursday – 7-9:30pm- FC#205- 4and up**
 - Ministry in Movement for young people to express the Power of God through dance.
- Liturgical Dance**
- Dance community of children, teens, and young adults learning to serve God through ministry in movement, worship experiences through song, spoken word and scripture including choreography.
 - Meet every Monday 6:15-7:17pm – Family Center #205
 - **Youth Expo- September, 27th in Hallway 's of the Church –**
 - Learning what is provided for your children at this Church.

Young Adult

- **YAM Kick Back- January- May- September –December- Room #300-Every Friday**
 - Teaching of God's Word to Young Adults as well as fellowshiping with other young adults.
- **Alignment- Quarterly-Tuesday's 7-9pm – (4 times a year)**
- **Fellowships in Summer**

Word Encounter–

Boys and Girls Ages 7-18 (High School)

Interactive online bible classes for youth to Learn, Love, and Live as they explore the fun inside the Word of God and apply it to their everyday lives. Meets: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM (times may vary) Location: Online via Zoom

Media Ministry

Grace and Truth

- *Grace & Truth Media Ministry is comprised of two vehicles that we use to share and advanced the gospel of Jesus Christ—our digital and broadcast arms—where we create and provide content for all media driven avenues of the church. The digital arm of Grace & Truth Media Ministry consists of projects that include but are not limited to, the production for Sunday Announcements, promotions and marketing campaigns for all church auxiliaries/ministries, live-streaming support for Empowered by the Word and other content, coverage of special ACOG events and more. Volunteer roles needed are production assistants, camera operators, on-camera talent, Social Media monitoring for our Sunday Live-Streaming Worship Service and more.*

Worship Groups

(All below function every Sunday, Wednesday and all Special Programs)

Hospitality-

- Greets the congregants and the Visitors on all services rendered

Guest Service

- Handles all the Prayer request and information to visitors about the church
- Gives tours of the building
- Send out thank you's for the visitors attending the services

Ushers

- Help visitors feel comfortable and assist them with directions (restrooms, sanctuary, children's church, etc.).
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- Help people find available seats, especially during crowded services
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Extending Hands Extending Hope

- Gives out School Supplies
- Gives out Cots to the church and the community
- Handles any drives for special need for the church and community

Deaf Ministry

- Offers **sign language interpretation** (usually American Sign Language, ASL) for Sunday services, Bible studies, and special events.

Baptismal

- Welcomes and guides candidates to dressing areas and helps them get ready.
- Provides spiritual and emotional support, praying with individuals before and after baptism

Security

- Monitors all **entrances, exits, parking lots, and hallways** during services and events.
- Provides **visible presence and deterrence** against disturbances or unsafe behavior.
- Watches for any **medical emergencies, suspicious activity, or safety hazards**, and responds quickly and calmly.
- Works to maintain a **peaceful worship environment** where people can focus on God without distractions.

Coat Room

- Greets members and visitors as they arrive and **offers to take coats, jackets**
- Creates a **first impression of hospitality** — showing kindness, attentiveness, and respect.
- Helps guests feel **comfortable and valued**, especially those visiting for the first time.

Quarterly Prayer-

- January, April, July, November – Kenwood Sanctuary- 9am -11am –Kenwood Sanctuary
 - **Quarterly Prayer** is a sacred time set aside every three months for the church family to come together in unified prayer. It is a time of consecration, intercession, thanksgiving, and renewal, seeking God's guidance and strength for the upcoming season

Music Ministries

The Music Ministry leads the congregation in worship through song, creating an atmosphere that ushers in the presence of God. It uses music to inspire, encourage, and prepare hearts to receive the Word, while fostering unity and spiritual growth within the church.

- Angelic Choir – Meet every Monday- Kenwood Sanctuary- 7pm-9pm

- Brotherhood Chorale- Meet Every Monday- Dorchester Sanctuary-7pm-9pm
- Sanctuary Choir –Meet Every Tuesday- Dorchester Sanctuary –7pm-9pm
- Praise Team Sunday- 2nd and 3rd - Meet every Thursday – Music Room 7pm-9pm
- Praise Team Sunday- 1st and 4th – Meet every Monday- FC100- 7pm-9pm

Ministry Outreach

Evangelism of Grace (EOG)

The Evangelism of Grace is a spiritually focused initiative that provides planning, training and support, to people of faith and others, who are striving to bring their community's back to a place that is vibrant, safe and nurturing. Mission Statement: "It is essential that we nourish and cultivate the Christian lives of our parishioners; that we concern ourselves with giving aid and comfort to the poor, to work for better living conditions in society in general, and in our community in particular. In order to effectuate this purpose, the ministries and auxiliaries of the Apostolic Church of God were founded.

- **Meets every Wednesday - 7pm- Room #203**
- **Weekly Pop Up Shops**
- **Jobs Resource Fair –October 16th - Gym**
- **Host Media Sessions- twice a year**

Prison Ministry-

- Joliet -Every 4th Sunday
- Lincoln Correctional- Every 3rd Saturday & Sunday

Telephone Prayer Line Ministry-

This ministry receives calls from inside and outside the church to handle prayer concerns for all.

- Prayer every Sunday in Fellowship Hall

Personal Services Ministries

- All Funeral Services and care for the congregants who need assistance in the services of their families.

Prostate Cancer Ministry

- Meet every 1st. Wednesday of the month Room# 205
- Support organization for men with this illness

Breast Cancer

- Every 1st. Saturday – Dorchester Bldg. Room #203
- Support organization for men with this illness
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Consolation

- Every 3rd Saturday – Dorchester Bldg. Room #203

- A support group for families that have lost love ones

Human Resource-

Career Development Ministry Mission: The Career Development Ministry is committed to inspiring ACOG members and the broader community, providing management and enhancement of job search strategies, entrepreneurial guidance, and occupational resources to educate, encourage and empower clients to achieve their career goals.

- DEI- October 18th –Kenwood 10pm-2pm