



**awesome  
faith**

Glorifying God by  
Loving Christ, Loving One Another  
& Reaching the World

23 April, 2017

**Welcome to Alliance International Church,**  
a church family seeking to  
Glorify God by loving Christ, loving one another and reaching the world.  
*We are glad you're here.*

### **PRE SERVICE PRAYER**

Come and join us as we seek the Lord in prayer at **10: 30 a.m.** in the front of the Hall.

### **10:00 a.m. PRAY WITH YOUR CHURCH**

**Every day at 10am**, we invite you to pause for a few moments, celebrating the greatness of God, begging Him to work in and through us, and asking Him to equip us to serve those in need of hope, help and healing.

### **NEW SERMON SERIES**

Pastor Stan will kick off today our new sermon series “**AWESOME Faith-** Stories Along the Journey”.

### **LEADERSHIP DISCIPLESHIP CLASS FOR CHILDREN**

Children: Do you want to help others? Do you want to lead singing? Dancing? Games? Do you want to make others feel welcome and loved? Do you want to help the adult teachers?

Parents: Do you desire for your child to get more involved at church? To serve others using their abilities? **Then join us for an introductory class today** at 9:30 a.m. in Room 405. For children currently in Grades 3-5 (ages 8-10/11) \*Parents **MUST** come for this first meeting only.

### **NEW DISCIPLESHIP CLASS beginning May 7**

**Follow** In this video-based Bible study, author and pastor, Andy Stanley shows that Jesus' invitation to his first-century audience was really an invitation to a relationship. Join this transformational journey on what it means to follow. Prepare to see your faith radically changed. The class meets during May and June in the AIC Hall at 9:30 on Sundays, with discussion lead by Pastor Stan.

### **REFORMATION 500 AND THE GOSPEL**

Come celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Gather with Christians from Asia and the United States and celebrate the gospel. **23-26 May** at Asia World Expo, featuring John Piper, Paul Tripp, Richard Pratt, and others. Registration Fee approx. HKD1200 (USD150). For details, please visit [www.chinapartnership.org/reformation500hk](http://www.chinapartnership.org/reformation500hk)

### **SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT**

During Nursery hours, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m., on Sundays, kitchen and bathroom at AIC office are closed.

### **BE INSPIRED DEVOTIONAL BOOK**

Do not miss getting a copy of the “Be Inspired” Devotional Book for your family; available in English and Chinese at the Info Table. Read it, meditate upon it and be inspired!

## PRAYER MEETINGS

Prayer Meetings are held at 7:30pm-8:30pm each Wednesday night in the AIC Nursery. We will pray the scriptures as we seek Him, praying for our missions efforts, local ministries, the needs of our world and for each other. Join us in this critical ministry of church life.

## MANDARIN MINISTRY

AIC offers ministries to those who prefer to speak Putonghua. For more details, please contact Pastor Mike at [mike@aic.org.hk](mailto:mike@aic.org.hk).

## FILIPINO MINISTRIES

We minister to the Filipino-speaking community, meeting each **Saturday** mornings from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and on **Sunday** afternoons from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the AIC Hall.

## GIVINGS TO CONGO

### “Restoring Sight, Changing Lives”

All donations to New Sight Congo received through AIC (for a limited time) will be matched to help in the fund raising for Ouessou Eye Hospital Project. Donations to date: \$532,538.50 thus we have helped raise \$1,065,077.00 so far. God is at work!

## DUMP A MUG

Don't forget to “dump” the coins you've collected into our AIC Missions buckets located in the back of the hall.

If you wish to give to the ministries of Alliance International Church, please make cheque payable to **Alliance International Church** or **AIC**. Please use the offering envelope when giving, (cash or cheque) if you would like to receive a tax receipt in April each year. If you prefer to use "direct deposit" please contact Dorie in the church office at [dorie@aic.org.hk](mailto:dorie@aic.org.hk) and she will assist you.

If you consider AIC your church home and have not previously enjoyed the joy of giving, please get involved today.

Last Week: Attendance: 230  
General Fund: \$19,231.00 Budget/week: \$74,038.50  
Missions & Others: \$6,350.00

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General Fund & Other Income :

April 2017 to present :\$129,350.50

Budget for April 2017 to present \$218,115.50

Budget deficit April 2017 to present: \$88,765.00

## OUR MISSION

Glorifying God  
by loving Christ,  
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and reaching the world.

## OUR CORE VALUES

### We value:

**Glorifying God** – Above all else, everything we do is for the glory of God.  
(Romans 11:33-12:2)

**Prayerful dependence** - We will look to God for His perspective, His direction, and His enabling at all times and for all things.  
(Philippians 4:6-7)

**Biblical teaching** – Relevant Biblical teaching can transform, change, and inspire us to live obedient lives. (Joshua 1:8; Hebrews 4:12)

**Reaching lost people** – Understanding God values all people, we will seek to fulfill the Great Commission by participating in sharing the good news at home, in our city, and around the world. (Luke 19:10; II Corinthians 5:20; Matthew 28:19-20)

**Authentic Community** - We desire biblical fellowship by building community through loving and grace-filled relationships. This is where we learn and practice what it means to live out our calling to be disciples.  
(John 13:34-35; Acts 2:42-47)

**Sacrificial living** – We will embrace the vision of our local church by serving, utilizing our spiritual gifting, and giving in a generous and faithful manner. (II Corinthians 8:1-5; I Corinthians 12:1-31; John 13:1-17; Romans 12:1)

**Faith-filled living** – God calls us to take continual steps of faith which often involves change. (Hebrews 11:6)

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**Reload** (fellowship for secondary school students)

Fridays @ 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. AIC Hall, APS, Whampoa

Contact: Doug Wallace at [doug@aic.org.hk](mailto:doug@aic.org.hk) for info

**AWANA** (for ages 3-13) Saturdays @ 2:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.

School Hall, APS, Whampoa

No meeting on 15 April due to Easter break

Contact: Danny Lee at [dleecl@hotmail.com](mailto:dleecl@hotmail.com) for info

### **NURSERY**

Available during the Discipleship hour and Worship Service each Sunday.

You may leave your children, birth to 2 years,  
at the Ground Floor of AIC Office.

### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Children dismiss mid-way thru service to Children's Church,

Ages 3-5 in Room 10 and Ages 6-10 in Room 213

*Parents, please pick up your child/ren (ages 3-10) in Room 213 after the service.*

## **SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP for ALL AGES**

**9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

### **CHILDREN:**

Ages 2-3 in Room 402

Ages 4-5 in Room 403

Age 6 in Room 404

Ages 7-8 in Room 405

Ages 9-10 in Room 406

***"First Look"*** incites wonder,  
helping preschooler embrace a God  
who is bigger than their imagination.

### **JESUS IS #1**

Happy Easter!

It's time to celebrate that Jesus is alive!

He went away, but He came back!

Yay, Jesus!

***"252 Basics"*** provokes discovery and invites  
kids to a new understanding  
of how to grow in relationship with God  
and with others.

### **Gooooal!- HUMILITY**

**Jesus is the ultimate example of humility.**

It's important, especially at Easter, for our kids  
and families discover more about

**humility-putting others first by giving up  
what you think you deserve.**

### **YOUTH**

Ages 11-13 in Room 401; Ages 14-18 in Room 214

### **ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES**

**The Bible** –God's nourishment for your soul. Learn to read and study the Bible for yourself.

Taught by Richard in the Reception Room

**Purpose Driven Life** – will offer direction for purposefully following Jesus.

Designed for *Chair 2 disciples*. Taught in Mandarin by CH Chu in Room 107

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

## HONG KONG ISLAND

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday** at 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Contact: Albert & Betty Cheng at [albert.cheng@chiaphua.net](mailto:albert.cheng@chiaphua.net)

## HUNG HOM

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday** 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Contact: Pastor Stan Tyson at [stan@aic.org.hk](mailto:stan@aic.org.hk)

## WHAMPOA GARDEN 1

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday** at 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Contact: Dorie Manalili at [dorie@aic.org.hk](mailto:dorie@aic.org.hk)

## WHAMPOA GARDEN 3

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday** 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

and **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Contact: CH Chu & Shela Chau at [shelachau@yahoo.com.hk](mailto:shelachau@yahoo.com.hk)

## SAI KUNG

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** at 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Contact: Melissa Rose at [melissalrose@gmail.com](mailto:melissalrose@gmail.com)

## TAI PO North

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday** at 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Contacts: Esther Wu at [neawu@hotmail.com](mailto:neawu@hotmail.com) /

Mark Gliddon at [mgliddon@gmail.com](mailto:mgliddon@gmail.com)

## MONGKOK

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** at 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Brian Lowther at [lowthers@netvigator.com](mailto:lowthers@netvigator.com)

## KOWLOON WEST

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Contacts: Victor Kam at [vkam@victorkam.ca](mailto:vkam@victorkam.ca) /

Annie Pau at [me@anniepau.com](mailto:me@anniepau.com)

**Awesome Faith**  
*Andrew (Acts 1:6-11)*

1. Intently
2. Four challenges
  - a. Come and \_\_\_\_\_ (John 1:39)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ me (John 1:43)
  - c. Fish for \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 4:19)
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ much fruit (John 15:16)

**Discussion**

1. What does the word intently mean?
2. How does this word describe how Jesus did ministry?
3. Consider each of the four challenges Jesus presented to his disciples. What did Jesus expect of his followers at each challenge? What is easy and what is difficult for you with each challenge?
4. Which of these challenges have you accepted in your walk with Jesus?

**Resource**

The four challenges that Jesus presented to his disciples are foundational to the AIC ministry strategy and is discussed in the resource ***4 Chair Discipling*** by Dann Spader. Here are several ways you can interact with this material:

1. The book is available to borrow (contact the church office). Purchase a hard copy of ***4 Chair Discipling*** from [www.bookdepository.com](http://www.bookdepository.com) \$110HKD (free shipping).  
E-copy from Amazon/Kindle \$75HKD.
2. Videos are available free at [4chairdiscipling.com/videos](http://4chairdiscipling.com/videos)
3. An 8-week discussion guide with questions is available for Community Groups (see Pastor Stan).