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awesome faith

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

14 May 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.

AWESOME FAITH

Pastor Mike will be preaching today on Luke 9-10 , What are you AFTER?

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

We greet all the mothers in our midst today a **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!** We thank God for you!

GLOW IN THE DARK (GID)

GID will be with us next Sunday, sharing testimonies from God at work in and through the team as well as giving us a taste of their presentations of the greatest news ever shared through song, story, drama and more.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES for all ages will resume next Sunday, 21 May @ 9:30 a.m.
Adult Class: 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 in the AIC Hall at 9:30 on Sundays, with discussion lead by Pastor Stan.

PARENTS VS. KIDS

Are you faster than your dad? Have better aim than your mom? Bring your parents, your friends and their parents for a night of fun and silly competitions! Friday, **26 May**, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Room G02. $100 per family. RSVP to melissa@aic.org.hk by 16 May. Parents VS Kids …who will take the title?

GIVINGS TO CONGO

We praise the Lord as givings to New Sight Congo continues and with the matching fund in effect at AIC, the total donations is now at $1,206,737.00 We have now opened the matching fund to outside donors in our quest to reach the 10 million dollar goal. Thank you all for giving so generously.

REFORMATION 500 AND THE GOSPEL

Come celebrate the 500th 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

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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

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.

FILIPINO MINISTRIES

We minister to the Filipino-speaking community, meeting each **Saturday** mornings from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and on **Sunday** afternoons from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the AIC Hall.

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 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.

You may now obtain a copy of your **OFFERING SUMMARY** from April 2016-March 2017 for tax filing purpose from Dorie at the Info table.

Last Week: Attendance: 238
General Fund: $88,931.60 Budget/week: $74,038.50
Missions & Others: $111,440.00

General Fund & Other Income :
April 2017 to present :$391,541.66
Budget for April 2017 to present $434,231.00
Budget deficit April 2017 to present: $42,689.34

OUR MISSION

Glorifying God
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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 for info

AWANA (for ages 3-13) Saturdays @ 2:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.
School Hall, APS, Whampoa
Contact: Danny Lee at dleeecl@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 107 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. (NO MEETING TODAY)

CHILDREN:

Ages 2-3 in Room 402
Ages 4-5 in Room 403

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

COME TO THE CASTLE

Children will travel through the stories of
Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego,
Hagar, Gideon and Daniel.
Memory verse: "He is the great God,
the mighty and awesome God."
Deuteronomy 10:17 NIrV

Age 6 in Room 404
Ages 7-8 in Room 405
Ages 9-10 in Room 406

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

THE AMAZING MAZE – Determination

Memory verse: "Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9 NIrV

YOUTH

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

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

FOLLOW – in his 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.
Facilitator: Pastor Stan Tyson @ AIC Hall

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

2nd & 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Contact: Albert & Betty Cheng at albert.cheng@chiaphua.net

HUNG HOM

2nd & 4th Tuesday 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Contact: Pastor Stan Tyson at stan@aic.org.hk

WHAMPOA GARDEN 1

2nd & 4th Friday at 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Contact: Dorie Manalili at dorie@aic.org.hk

WHAMPOA GARDEN 3

1st Friday 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
and **3rd Saturday** 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Contact: CH Chu & Shela Chau at shelachau@yahoo.com.hk

SAI KUNG

1st & 3rd Saturday at 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Contact: Melissa Rose at melissalrose@gmail.com

TAI PO North

2nd & 4th Saturday at 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Contacts: Esther Wu at neawu@hotmail.com /
Mark Gliddon at mgliddon@gmail.com

MONGKOK

1st & 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Contact: Brian Lowther at lowthers@netvigator.com

KOWLOON WEST

1st & 3rd Sunday 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Contacts: Victor Kam at vkam@victorkam.ca /
Annie Pau at me@anniepau.com

Awesome Faith: Chair 3—Go AFTER Jesus (Luke 9-10)

Luke 9: *23 Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. 25 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? 26 Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.*

Luke 10: *38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"*

41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

If Jesus is Lord …
If we're all in, we've counted the _____ (9:23, 62).

We'll become:

- _____. (9: 23) –Present with Jesus
- _____. (9: 26) to the call
- _____. (10: 39) –Eager to be shaped by their master
- _____. (10; 25) -- Focused on the right things
- _____. (10: 42) –to the Great Commission

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Discussion Questions:

- Who would you relate more closely to, Mary or Martha? In what ways?

- What are some dangers that come from focusing more on the work to be done than the person of Jesus?

- What happens if one tries to be in chair 3 in their own strength?

- What do we need to do at AIC to support Chair 3 disciples better?

- Consider your journey as a disciple…how would you evaluate yourself in each of the AFTER characteristics?

- Who in your life needs encouragement to take up their cross? How will you help them?