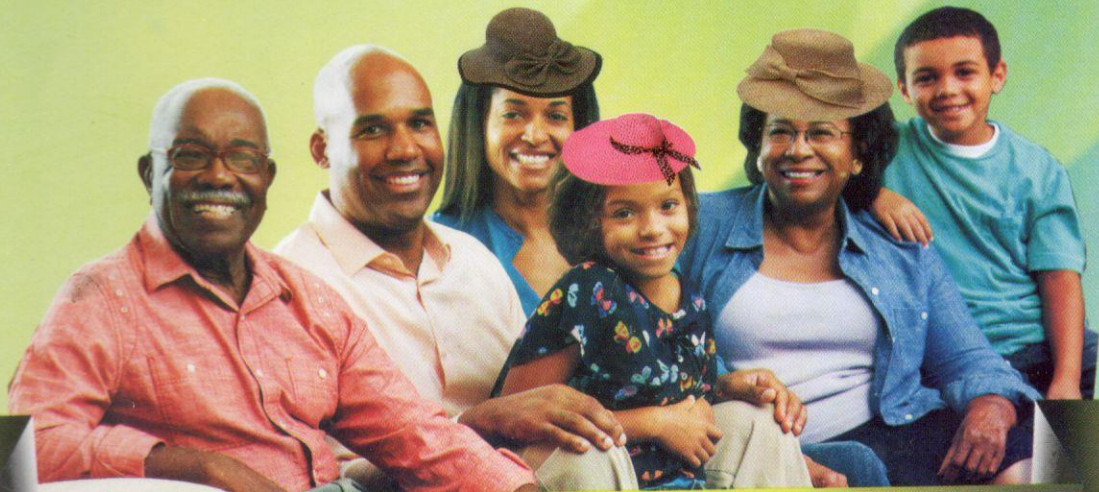


THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD



Family Weekend 2017

Theme:



THE ROLE OF FAMILY
IN THE
KING'S
BUSINESS

Date: 16th - 19th Nov., 2017

All Parishes

Pastor E.A. Adeboye



The Family Weekend

Thursday 16th – Sunday 19th November 2017

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

DAYS	TOPIC
Thursday 16th November 2017	
Children and Teens	Roles Of Children And Teens In King's Business
Young Adults And Youths	The Role of Youth and Young Adult in the King's Business.
Friday 17th November 2017	
Elders	The Role Of Elders In The Kingdom Business
<i>In all Parishes where this group is not operating, the Youth and Young Adults Fellowship can extend their programme. Also a vigil is strongly encouraged for all groups on this Friday and should be driven by the Youth and Young Adults Fellowship</i>	
Saturday 18th November 2017	
<i>*Widows and Single Parents should be well integrated. There should be picnic for Youth and Young Adults, family forum /seminars for all groups</i>	
Sunday 19th November 2017	
Thanksgiving (Combined Service)	Parenting in the King's Business

Thank you and God Bless.

Pastor (Mrs.) Folu Adeboye
Chairperson, RCCG National Family Affairs Board



FOREWORD

With the heart full of gratitude and thanks to the Most High God we welcome you to another edition of the Family Weekend. To God be all the glory.

A critical look at the theme of this year's Family Weekend, **THE ROLE OF FAMILY IN KING'S BUSINESS**, shows clearly that God is determined to restore the families back to the fulfillment of the original purpose of its creation. It was not accidental that God created man and gave him a garden to tend. It was a deliberate set up to achieve the involvement of man in carrying out His mandate here on earth. To this end, God said man needed help meet for him. This help was undoubtedly towards strengthening and encouraging the man to fulfill the purpose of his creation, which is to take care of everything God has created. Today we have the whole world as our own garden to harvest for the King of kings. This is the primary assignment of every family.

Even though families, over the years, have grossly deviated from this King's business, it is my firm belief that this year's Family weekend will put fire of revival into every components of family unit i.e. the father, mother and children, and there shall be a new beginning.

However, the families that God will use for this noble and eternally rewarding business, must be purged, cleansed, and prepared for the Master's use.

Therefore, as this program rolls in day after day, ensure you don't miss any part of it, and the God of all grace will furnish and empower your family for this great task in Jesus name. Thank you all and God bless you.

Pastor (Mrs.) Folu Adeboye
Mother-in-Israel



THURSDAY 16TH
NOVEMBER, 2017

Children & Teens

Topic:

ROLES OF CHILDREN AND TEENS IN KING'S BUSINESS

Bible Text: Luke 2:40-49

Children and Teenagers have major roles to play in carrying out the King's Business in this end-time period. They exist mainly to carry out the King's business. We mean God's business because Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Children and Teenagers are ambassadors for Christ, so they must be ready to represent Jesus Christ in every area of their lives (**2Corinthians 5:20**).

Who is the king? The king:

1. He is our God.
2. He is the Creator of heaven and the earth – Gen 1&2
3. He is our Redeemer.
4. He is our Provider.
5. He is our Protector.
6. He is our Peace.
7. He is our Hope.
8. He is Jesus Christ our Lord

The list is inexhaustible. Most importantly the King is our Father "And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" (**Luke 2:49**).

To play our role in the King's business is to strictly obey what the Father has commanded us to do. Note that playing our role in the King's business has nothing to do with age knowing fully that from age 12, Jesus has learnt how to go about the business of His Father.

Children and Teenager have major roles to play in the kingdom of God. There are various instances that Bible refers to the importance of children and Teenagers



position in the Kingdom of God. **Matthew 18:1-3.**

The Roles of Children and Teenagers in the King's Business

1. **Praising & Worshipping God:** They have the role of praising God. God has ordained children to give Him praise. One of the businesses of the kingdom that is paramount to God Almighty is to give God quality praise and thanksgiving. **Matthew 21:16.**
"And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?"
2. **Use their talents & gifts for God.** They can also support the work of God with their gifts and talents. During the time the Lord Jesus was carrying out His assignment here on earth and He wanted to feed thousands of people, it was a child that supplied what Jesus used to feed the multitude of people. **John 6:9-11.**
"There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? 10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. 11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would."
3. **Be a Model for the Unbelievers and believers:** They can also be set as a good example for the unbelievers and other believers to follow. To also show the important roles that Children and Teenagers played in the King's business, Jesus talked about it while rebuking His disciples who were preventing them from seeing Jesus Christ. He made them to realize that to enter into the kingdom of God we must all study to be like the children. **Luke 18:16-17** says *"But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein."*
4. **Soul Winning:** They play the role of telling an unbeliever about their God (Soul winning). **2 Kings 5:1-3.** Naaman's Maid was a captive from the land of Israel who was not ashamed to tell her captors about the greatness of her God. She was able to speak to her mistress about her God.
5. **Doing the right thing in the sight of God:** Children and Teenagers have the responsibility of doing what is right and taking care of the house of God.



- 2Chronicle 24:1-4.** Joash was seven years old when he reigned as king and the Bible recorded it that he did what was right in the sight of God.
6. **Serving God:** A child or a Teenager could minister to God and also hear from God. Samuel was a child when he started working for God and started hearing from God. God sent Samuel to Eli the priest. God can send a child to a nation, church, family or individual just like the case of Samuel. **1Samuel 3:1-18.**
 7. **Be Prayerful:** They play the role of intercession in the King's business. In the book of Acts of the Apostle, the Bible told us that when Apostle Peter was arrested and was to be killed by King Herod, the church came together to pray for him. One of the people that prayed for Peter was Rhoda who happened to be a young lady or a Teenager. **Acts 12:1-16.**
 8. **Be Obedient:** Children and Teenager must be obedient to their parents. **Ephesians 6:1-3.**
 9. **Live a Holy life:** They must be holy in all they do. **1Peter 1:15.**
 10. **Shine for Jesus:** They must shine for Jesus in every area of their lives. **Matthew 5:14-16.**

In conclusion, I will like to say that Children and Teenagers have roles to play in the King's Business that which was the major reason Jesus specifically commanded Peter to first of all feed His lambs before feeding His sheep. So that after feeding them they might be fit to do the business of the Kingdom. **(John 21:15-17)**

This is the area the Church, Pastors and parents have big roles to nurture and train their Teens and Children so that they can serve God better in their lives. **Deuteronomy 6:6-9.**

Note that there are a lot of blessings attached to doing the King's Business such as wellness and long life **Ephesians 6:3.**

Happy Family weekend!



THURSDAY 16TH
NOVEMBER, 2017

Young Adults And Youths

Topic:

THE ROLE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT IN THE KING'S BUSINESS.

Matthew 9:37-38

"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest".

What is the King's Business?

A person's regular occupation, profession or trade he engages in, doing for a living is his business.

It can also be work that must be done or matter that must be attended to.

The king we are talking about here is our Lord, Jesus Christ (**Rev. 19:16**).

The king's business is everything related to kingdom assignment on earth.

This includes among many others:

- Establishing God's kingdom or divine mandate on earth. **Matt. 6:10, Gen. 1:28.**
- Reconciling men back to God through soul winning, which is often referred to as His heartbeat. **Acts 2:1-41, Col. 1:19-20,**
- Doing kingdom exploit. **1 Sam. 17:4-51.**
- Following Jesus footsteps by doing good works that edify men and glorify God. **Act 10:38, John 14:12.**
- Making disciples of nations. **Matt. 28:18-20**
- Anything that promotes God's kingdom on earth or gives glory to God's name. **Num. 25:1-17, Eph. 5:11.**

Jesus himself emphasized that very few individuals have the understanding of the King's business and the urgency attached to it and unfortunately, the devil knows better. **Matt. 9:37-39, Rev. 12:12.**

Why should the youth champion the cause of the King's business?

- a. They are young and energetic. **Prov. 20:29; 1 John 2:14**
- b. They are adventurous and like taking on challenges. **Lam. 3:27**
- c. Jesus himself, being, the King of kings is our perfect example who at age 12 first



demonstrated how to go about the King's business (Luke 2: 46-49), and also began and finished his ministry on earth as a youth (**Luke 3:21-23**).

Every youth and young adult should be readily available and willing to be ambassadors to nations and not just in their local environment. Someone said that Christians are the only super power left in the world today, particularly young people. What a great honour. **Ezek. 22:30, Isa 1:19; 2 Cor. 5:20.**

They should make their resources available and invest them unconditionally as 'gospel entrepreneur'. **Matthew 25:14-30.**

What to invest?

- a. **Time**. Eph. 5:16.
- b. **Strength or energy in physically related kingdom work** - Redeemed Volunteer (security), Ushering, Sanctuary Keeping, Protocol, beautification... **Ezra 7:27.**
- c. **Finance** ... Partners to support crusades, Church Planting, print tracts, literatures
- d. **Skill**.....Bringing your Profession to bear... Engineering, plumbing, teaching, lawyer, ICT and others **Titus 3:13; Col. 4:14**
- e. **Spiritual**. I seek for a man...**Ezekiel 22:30** (Young people who are driven by selfless prayer and fasting for success of crusades, programmes, revivals etc . Young people like:

John Knox who prayed... Lord, give me Scotland or I die

- . St. Patrick, a rugged believer that brought dead animals and trees back to life prayed: God, give me souls or nothing else
- . Brethren during Hebrides revival prayed: Lord kill us please if you won't use us.
- . England Brethren who took fire to England from Azusa Street revival gathered everyday in terrible cold had only one prayer: Lord give us men that will spread your fire in the streets of England.
- . Hungry hearts during Indonesia Revival were seen day and night praying said, ' The harvest is ripe, if it pleases you, use us.
- . During the days of William Seymour, a visually impaired black man with only one eye, that led Azusa fire conference, their common prayer was, ' Lord, this is another day, let hell lose men and women. Please, we are here, use us.
- . Paul who said, ' Woe is me if I don't preach the gospel. **1Cor. 9:16**
- . Rachael who told her husband Jacob, Give me children or I die. Gen. 30:1. This led to Joseph's birth, the prophet that preserved Israel. **Hosea 12:13**
- . Esther who said for kingdom sake, ' If I perish, I perish. **Est. 4:16, Luke 2:36-37 (Anna @ 84), Col. 4:12**

They should use social media to express God's position on erroneous teachings and replacing them with scriptural messages. **Dan. 12:4**



Dangers of Refusing to play the Roles.

Darkness will overshadow the land. **Isaiah 60:2, John 3:17-21**

False doctrine will fill the pulpits. **2 Peter 2:1, Matt. 7:15, 2Tim. 4:3**

Church building will turn to social clubs or money making venue. **Matt. 21:13, Isaiah 63:18, Jer. 51:51.**

There will be generational gap between our fathers who uphold faith and the next generation as we midwife between them. **Prov. 22:28, Judg 17:6, 2:7-13.**

The labour of our Heroes past (both spiritual and secular) will be in vain. **Gal.4:11, 1 Cor.15:2; Jer. 6:29.**

Many souls will be lost to hell. Isaiah 5:14.

God will judge this generation of the youth for opportunities and privileges misused and abused. **Matt. 10:15, Ezekiel 3:17-20, Matt. 25:14-30.**

Prayers

- Father, set the youth and young adult of RCCG on fire for your use.
- Father, let the youth and young adult of RCCG take over the nations of the world with the gospel of Christ.
- Father, establish the youth and young adult of RCCG over the Seven mountains of influence in every society world over.
- Father, establish your will in the life of all the youth and young adult of RCCG to fulfill their purpose on earth.
- Father, don't let the youth and young adult of RCCG lose their rewards here on earth and thereafter.

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FRIDAY 17TH
NOVEMBER, 2017

Elder

Topic:

THE ROLE OF ELDERS IN THE KINGDOM BUSINESS

Text: 1 Sam 21:8

Introduction

If there is a time in the history of the world and the church of God when our Father's business requires haste, it is now. The happenings around the world; terrorism, persecution of the brethren, crimes of unimaginable proportions, immorality including homosexuality, lesbianism, same-sex marriages, etc point to the fact that the harvest of the world is very near.

I. WHO IS THIS KING?

Our Lord God is our King. (**Psalm 29:10, 47:7**). His name is Jesus, the King of glory. (**Psalm 24:7-10**). He is King Eternal (**Timothy 1:17**). He is God revealed in the flesh and through Him, all things were created. (**John 1:1, 14:9**). He is the wisdom of God. (**I Corinthians 1:24**).

II. WHAT IS HIS BUSINESS?

John 4:34-35, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-18, John 15:16

The business handed over to us by our King includes but not limited to the following:

- Preach the gospel that leads to the conversion of sinners to the Lord's side. Depopulating the kingdom of darkness and populating the kingdom of our King
- Making disciples of those so converted
- Healing the sick
- Casting out demons
- Dominating the earth, through His power
- Preparing the body of Christ (Church) for His glorious Second Coming, ALL IN THE NAME OF JESUS.



III. WHAT ARE THE ROLES IN THE KING'S BUSINESS?

Elders in the body of Christ are Christians who have been in the Lord, and with the Church for a period of time. They have service-experience, age, good report and good understanding of the Word as their assets. Their roles also include the following:

a. **Custodian of the faith and burden-bearers. (Exo 3: 14-18, Num 11:16-17)**

They are to be custodians of the faith of the fathers. They are to support the servant of God in carrying out his assignment, and bear the burden of the work (King's Business) with the men and women of God.

b. **Salt and Light of the World. (Matthew 5:13-14)**

Salt preserves, purifies and add flavor. Elders are to preserve the Christian culture, have great desire for the purification of the body of Christ devoid of Satan's works as well as preserve life situations and circumstances for the blossoming of the brethren. Light drives out darkness. The Elder, in the King's business should be man or woman of high integrity, blameless, holy, sober, self-controlled and a good example of a believer in Christ Jesus (Titus 1:5-9).

c. **God's Ambassador**

An ambassador is an accredited representative from one country to the other. The Elder is to be God's ambassador, with diligence, commitment, obedience and unalloyed loyalty to the King on earth. He/she is to be the King's ambassador in soul-winning, disciplining, establishing the believers in the faith-**John 15:16, Acts 20:17-18, 1Peter 5:1-4.**

d. **Prayer Ministry (James 5:14-15)**

Believers must pray without ceasing. Those who are unable to pray annoy God (**Isaiah 43:32, 64:6-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-5, Col 4:2, 1 Thes 5:17, Luke 18:1**). The Elders are to be committed to praying for the leaders, the believers and unbelievers, as well as for those in authority so that we can receive all the goods and blessing the King has promised (healing the sick, casting out demons, living in good health and prosperity), as well as live in peace to enjoy the King's blessing, and be in position to expand His business.

e. **Church Doctrine & Discipline (Ephesians 4:14, 2 Timothy 4:2-3)**

Simply, doctrine is a belief or system of beliefs accepted as authoritative by a group. RCCG derives her doctrine from the authoritative Word of God- The Bible. So, RCCG doctrine is very sound and infallible.



Doctrine ensures stability and growth of the body of Christ, so that Children of God are not tossed to and fro with every wind of human doctrine. The essence of discipline is to preserve the soul of erring members from Satan's destruction. **(1 Timothy 5:20, 1 Cor. 5:1-13, 2 Cor 2:6-11 and Hebrew 12:5-12).**

Elders in the King's business have the responsibility of teaching the doctrine, code of conduct, and procedures of the church and to preach and teach the Word in and out of season, to reprove, rebuke and exhort the congregation.

f. Bridge-Builders for the Counsel and Admonition of Brethren (Exodus 3:16-21, 2 Timothy 4:23)

God, the King, in the deliverance of the children of Israel from the yoke and oppression of Israelites in Egypt advised Moses to pass His counsel to the people through the Elders. In the King's business, Elders are veritable tool in disseminating the counsel of God and leadership to His people.

g. Role in the Vision and Mission

Elders in RCCG are to remain focused on the vision and mission of the church, which the summary says: we want to make heaven along with multitude of souls, across tribes, tongues, families and nations of the world. Everything at our disposal should be mobilized to ensure that this goal is achieved in Jesus' Mighty name. **Matthew 28:18-20, John 14:1-3, Rev 21:1-7.**

Conclusion.

As the Owner of the business has promised that we are not serving Him in vain, let us pray that we will make ourselves available and be ready to spend and be spent in the King's business with our talents, gifts, resources and substances believing that the King is the ultimate Rewarder **(Colossian 3:23-24, 1 Corinthians 15:58).**

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SUNDAY 19TH
NOVEMBER, 2017

SUNDAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Topic:

PARENTING IN THE KING'S BUSINESS

Text: 1 Samuel 8:1-5 KJV

And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. [2] Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: they were judges in Beer-sheba. [3] And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment. [4] Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, [5] And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

Introduction

Parenting could be described as the process of leading, training, providing and protecting our children, both biological and spiritual ones. It is a total and continuous work of nurturing from conception to maturity

Galatians 4:19 KJV

"My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, in this age", Parenting has become more challenging than ever. Knowledge has Increased through several unguided, immoral and Satan-sponsored means and especially with the wild nature of technological development, values are fast changing, what use to be labelled as shameful has become glamorous and this ravenous beast has taken It's tolls on many believers' homes especially the very committed ones in the King's business that is, the Pastors and Church workers.

The King's business has Its main focus on Redemption and total reconciliation of humanity back to God **2 Corinthians 5:20** and this has to start from our Jerusalem **Acts 1:8** which is our home. If this is not achieved then the mission (What to do) is running against the vision (where to cover).

A) Parenting is key to the King's business

The king Himself has great interest in our children and indeed our entire household. The Faith legend Abraham was commended by God for his Commitment to Parenting

Genesis 18:19



The King also demonstrated sure interest in saving our children **Isa 49:25** and our entire household **Acts 16:31**.

B) Neglecting or giving no priority to Parenting is disastrous

From our text in the story of Samuel and his children the Legacy of uprightness laid by Prophet Samuel was eroded by Joel and Abiah his two sons who were rejected by Israel because they perverted justice by taking bribes, hence the ministry of their father couldn't continue with them.

The worst scenario was the case of Eli from whom Samuel took over as priest and prophet in Israel, his sons, Hophni and Phinehas were horrible, they were not only taking bribes but were committing abominable acts with women and desecrating the temple and riotous against holy orders of sacrifice. **1 Samuel 2:12-17, 3:13-14**.

They were destroyed all in a day and their generation cut off from the ministry forever. **1 Samuel 4:16-18**.

C) Parenting is a joint duty

Looking carefully at the two cases of Samuel and Eli, their wives who should be the mothers of the boys were not mentioned at all whereas in the upbringing of Samuel, his mother Hannah was very prominent, Sarah was involved in bringing up Isaac and Rebecca's role in bringing to pass the prophecy concerning her two boys (Esau and Jacob) was too significant,

Where are the parents of this generation?

Why is Parenting alongside with the King's business (Ministry) so challenged?

A) Zeal Without Knowledge

We seem to have forgotten that the way our children turned out is a proof of our success or failure in the King's business. **1 Samuel 3:13**

B) The enemy is aware of this weakness and has continually hammer this weak point and making every effort against continuity, and taking vengeance of the parents' assaults on his kingdom on their children

What must Christian parents do?

A) We must realise that the King's purpose for His business is for us and our children, to be for signs and wonders - **Isaiah 8:18**

With this realization, we can balance our time and resources, sharing them within Parenting and king's business without neglecting one for the other.

B) Since this imbalance is more spiritually sponsored, then we should take it up spiritually for we wrestle not against flesh and blood - **Ephesians 6:12**



C) Parents must train, lead and discipline their children and wards - Proverbs 22:6 KJV.

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
'For unbuilt (untrained) child we surely sell out the built house'

Conclusion

We as parents must do our best to see that the children and the King's business run hand in hand without prejudice to either, realising that the continuity of the the King's business which also speaks of Its success rests on the shoulder of our future which are our children

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TABLE OF OFFERING

DATE	OFFERING	SIGNATURE
Thursday 16th November, 2017		
Friday 17th November, 2017		
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Sunday 19th November, 2017		

Name of Parish: _____

Name of Pastor: _____

Distribution Table:

National Headquarters:----- 50% (Cheques to be addressed to the National Family Affairs Unit)

Provincial Headquarters:----- 50% (To be kept in the Province and shared equally among the four units, Elders, Children, Youth and Provincial Family Affairs unit) Note: That each of the units will instruct the Provincial Coordinators on their further distribution i.e. among the Parish, Area e.t.c.



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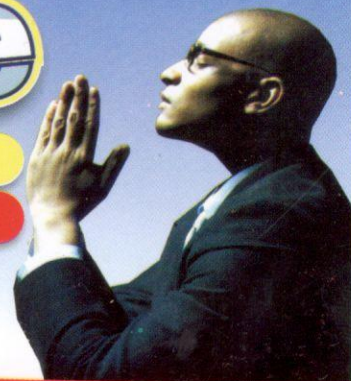
HOLY GHOST Service

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

AT THE REDEMPTION CAMP

Time: 7:00pm Till Dawn

Ministering:
Pastor E. A. Adeboye
General Overseer



First Monday of Every Month

DIVINE ENCOUNTER

Breakthrough Service

8:00am

SHILOH HOUR

10.00am

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