

WEST ANGELES CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Ministerial Alliance Summary

THEME: *“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”* Ps. 133:1

PURPOSE: The Ministerial Alliance of West Angeles Church of God in Christ is composed of unlicensed ministers, licensed ministers, and ordained elders who come together for the purpose of fellowship, growth, training, and accountability.

MISSION: The primary mission of the Ministerial Alliance is to support the vision of our pastor, Bishop Charles Edward Blake, Sr. Meetings are conducted monthly to provide instruction, to foster dialog, and to bring together in unity the ministers and elders of the church.

TIME: The Ministerial Alliance meets monthly, except during holidays or special events, in the Multipurpose Building, rooms 1, 3, and 5 on the third Thursday of the month from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Alliance meetings will always be announced in the church bulletin and/or through regular mail.

MONTHLY AGENDA:

- Prayer
- Scripture
- Worship
- Housekeeping Issues
- Discussion Topic
- Announcements
- Prayer Requests
- Benediction

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Some Suggested Monthly Discussion Topics (2018):

Altar Ministry
Communion
Evangelism/Soul Winning
Hermeneutics
Hospital Visitation
Marriage and Weddings
Ministerial Ethics
Public Speaking
Pulpit Etiquette
Sermon Preparation
Worship Service Organization

Saturday, March 17 – Super Saturday with Magic Johnson and others

Sunday, March 18 – Friends Day, West Angeles Cathedral

Friday, March 30 – Good Friday Service, North Campus

Sunday, April 1 – Easter (Resurrection Sunday) and Communion

April 2 – April 4 – MLK Celebration in Memphis

April 9 – April 13 – Spring Call in Memphis

May 2 – 4 – Men Perfecting Men COGIC Conference (LAX Sheraton/West Angeles)

2018 COGIC THEME

The Church Seasoning the World (Matthew 5:13-16)

INTRODUCTION

1. The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) are about the characteristics of disciples.
2. Faithful disciples are “blessed” (literally, to be emulated).
3. In Matthew 5:13-16, Jesus describes the influence of the kingdom upon the world.
4. He describes our influence by using the metaphors of “salt” and “light.”

TEXT (MATTHEW 5:13-16)

13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

14 “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

CHARACTERISTICS OF SALT

- Salt preserves.
- Salt seasons food.

BELIEVERS ARE LIKE SALT

- We influence the world around us.
- Believers need to be like pure salt.
- See Ephesians 5:3-7.
- See Colossians 4:6.

CHARACTERISTICS OF LIGHT

- Just like salt, light affects its environment.

BELIEVERS ARE LIKE LIGHT

- Light represents purity, truth or knowledge, and divine revelation.
- Both salt and light affect their environments only if they are both distinctive from their environments and yet fully involved in their environments.
- The disciple who is visibly different from other people will influence them.
- See Ephesians 5:8-9.
- See John 8:12 and Acts 13:47.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why do you think Jesus gives a warning to his disciples about salt losing its flavor?
2. In what sense are “flavorless” believers worthless?
3. Do you think that it is a common problem for believers to want to hide their light?
4. How does hiding our light affect the glory of God?
5. Before what person or group of people is it most difficult for you to “let your light shine”?