KINGDOM APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES

INFORMATION GUIDE 2024

For New Members





Our theme for 2024 is

"Building Community in the Excellency of the Kingdom."

(Acts 2:46-47)

Our **vision** is to transform lives, influence the world, and build God's Kingdom.

Our **mission** is to glorify God as a global community through inclusive, holistic ministry.

It is our pleasure to receive you into the fellowship of our church. We are a vibrant community of believers standing strong in the Apostolic Pentecostal faith, and we invite you to become involved as we work to bring the message of Christ to the world. God designed our lives to be under the protection and nurture of a pastor to help guide us into spiritual maturity. It is under this covering that we receive instruction, correction, and love. It is here that we are edified, encouraged, and uplifted. And it is here that we develop wholesome relationships with other believers. This guide has been created to share as much about our church as we can to help you become fully engaged. We're glad you're here!





And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

MATTTHEW 16:16

On January 1, 2021, Greater Apostolic Faith Temple of Detroit, Michigan (founded 1972), and Mt. Zion Apostolic Church of Indianapolis, Indiana (founded 1922), officially merged under a new single-name brand established as Kingdom Apostolic Ministries (KAM). Under the leadership of Bishop Lambert W. Gates, Sr., this multisite movement embraces the Atlanta, Detroit, and Indianapolis locations, the eCampus, and other new church plants that spring forth where God leads. The historical identities of the former Greater Apostolic Faith Temple and Mt. Zion Apostolic Church will be forever embedded in the life and flow of Kingdom Apostolic Ministries.



THE GATES FAMILY

Bishop Lambert W. Gates, Sr. is senior pastor of Kingdom Apostolic Ministries and is the presiding bishop of the Pentecostal Churches of the Apostolic Faith International. His distinction as one pastor in multiple locations attests to the call on his life for expansive ministry. **Nancy Franklin Gates** is the founder and president of Nancy Gates Inc., the personal development resource company she launched in 2011 under the LIFE180 ministry brand. The Gateses have two sons, Lambert Jr. (Erika) and Cameron, and two granddaughters, Teagan and Elyse.



We Believe . . .

- The Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God.
- In the Oneness of God—that there are three manifestations of the one God, which are Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- The name by which God is known is Lord Jesus Christ.
- In the virgin birth, death, burial, and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- In water baptism in the name of Jesus according to Acts 2:38, and the infilling of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. This constitutes the new birth spoken of by the Lord Jesus Christ in John 3:5.
- In living a holy, consecrated, and sanctified life.
- In the translation of the saints, commonly known as the rapture (1 Thess. 4:13-17).

The Apostolic Way

The Apostolic doctrine is the message of Jesus, His saving grace, and His call to discipleship that is found throughout the New Testament. The teachings of Jesus Christ and His apostles are the foundation of this doctrine and are our guide to daily living. The Apostolic brand is distinguished by charismatic preaching, ecstatic and spontaneous worship, spiritual gifts, water baptism in Jesus' name, speaking in tongues (glossolalia), interpretation of tongues, prophetic messages, and the laying on of hands for healing.

Oneness

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit (I Cor. 12:13).

We are a Oneness (Apostolic) Pentecostal church, distinguished by our belief that God is a singular divine Spirit, and that the titles of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost) are purely titles of His manifestations in the church and the world. Our firm belief in water baptism in Jesus' name (completely immersed) is another hallmark of our doctrine (Read Acts 2:38).

We Are Members of the Body of Christ

When we formally unite with the church through the Right Hand of Fellowship, we become members of the body of Christ, which is the church (Read I Cor. 12:12).

Our Pentecostal Heritage

The word Pentecost is derived from the Greek word *pentekostos* which means "fifty." In Christianity, it is a holy day celebrated on the 50th day or seventh Sunday after Easter, in which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus (Read Acts 2:1-4). The Pentecostal denomination traces its origins back to the historic Azusa Street Revival that took place in Los Angeles, California, from 1906 to 1915. The modern movement of which we are a part of today is its lasting legacy and influence.

Suggested Reading:

Apostolic Faith in America, Thaddeus Daniel Horgan
The Azusa Street Revival: When the Fire Fell, Roberts Liardon
The Faith Once Delivered to the Saints, Jonas Welch Holman

AN OVERVIEW OF OUR FAITH

Living Holy

The life of the Christian is a necessary influence upon the church and the community; consequently, separation from sin and worldliness must be an integral part of our daily walk. Our behavior, lifestyle, attitude, dress, and relationships matter much to God. He grants us freedom to make life choices, yet His relationship with us depends upon the righteousness of those choices. If we choose to follow a life of sin, we cannot have fellowship with God, for evil and goodness are not compatible. Only by choosing to forsake sin can we become disciples of Christ. While we have the freedom to enjoy movies, sports, and other secular entertainments, we must allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in setting boundaries and rejecting any behavior or involvement in something that is detrimental to our spiritual progress and Christian witness (Read Romans 12:2).

Standards of Dress

Just as one is careful how he or she dresses in the workplace, the same values should be placed on dressing appropriately when we enter the house of the Lord or wherever we may go. The world is watching the church. Do not let the way you dress lead someone away from Christ. Examine your dress motives and make sure they align with Kingdom principles.

Sowing into the Kingdom Financially

God established tithes for the purpose of blessing His people and providing for the needs of His house. It is not a law, but a biblical principle. By returning to Him a tithe (10% of all gross income and increases), we acknowledge His ownership; by adding a freewill offering, we demonstrate our love for Him. When we practice good stewardship, our lives are blessed immeasurably! (Read Mal. 3:10)

Ways to Give at KAM



Q&A About Tithe and Offerings

Should I pay tithes on my gross or net income?

Following the principle of always giving God your first, pay on your gross income and increases (Read Proverbs 3:9).

Should I tithe on all money that I receive?

Tithe anytime you receive an increase that is not a loan, refund, or other money on which you have already tithed. Pay from your regular employment, unemployment, alimony, retirement, gifts, inheritances, and other benefits (Read Deuteronomy 14:22).

How does the church use tithe and offerings?

Kingdom Apostolic Ministries practices good stewardship over the money that is received into the church, distributing it for building maintenance and projects, utility bills, church supplies, staff salaries, programs and events, community-related projects, and charitable causes.

Are my donations tax deductible?

Yes, you can count your donation for a tax deduction because we are a 501c3 organization. You have online access to your quarterly contribution statements and an annual statement that reflects everything you gave in the previous year.

I give tithe and offerings, but can't seem to get ahead in my personal finances. What's wrong?

Evaluate how you steward your money. Is your giving sporadic? Do you spend more than you make? Are you neglectful in paying bills, paying back loans, or meeting other obligations? How generous are you toward the church and others? Any of these points could be the cause for your lack. Even the way you speak about money can affect your finances because the words you say have life and power (*I'm broke, I can't afford that, I don't make enough money*, etc.). Ask God to bring you to a new level of financial obedience and understanding and direct you to someone who can help you manage your money in a more responsible way.





We are Disciples of Christ

It matters not whether we are disciples of two, five, or 20 or more years, our learning of the Word of God and anything else that represents walking in Christ must be ongoing. Jesus is our Master Teacher, who through His Spirit, calls those who are spiritually gifted to teach, guide, inspire, and influence us throughout our Christian journey.

Christian Education Classes

We believe that we cannot fully know God without knowing His Word! Join us on Sundays from 9:00—9:45 a.m. for our Christian Education classes: for children, teens, and adults of all ages

Bible Study

Join us each week for an in-depth study of what the biblical writers, under divine guidance, believed, described, and taught in the context of their own times.

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in-person and online Facebook Live and YouTube @advancingkam

Read through the Bible

Join our Read through the Bible challenge. Simply download the chart from our website and begin your journey!



Life Events

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them . . . (1 Peter 5:2).

As the shepherd who cares for your soul, Bishop Gates wants to know about any major events that occur in your life, so that he and his staff can respond in the appropriate ways. Major life events include hospitalization and surgeries, death of an immediate family member, marriage, divorce, the birth or adoption of a child, going away to college, career changes, and moving out of town.

Counseling

Confidential marital, individual, and family counseling are offered free of charge to members. Visit our website at kam.church to see new counseling options.

New Member Orientation and Classes

Membership classes are for all new members, whether new to the Apostolic faith, or new to the church from another like-faith assembly. The classes cover church essentials, the fundamentals of holy living, spiritual gifts and talents, and more. You will learn more about these classes during the orientation session that will be scheduled for you.

SOAR

Are you overwhelmed with stress, isolation, grief, or loneliness? Join our free SOAR support group sessions on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. SOAR stands for Successfully Overcome and Rejoice and is open to any and everyone who needs a listening ear. Don't suffer alone. Reach out for help and soar!

Dial-in: 998-0063-9972 Access code 674710

Prayer Calls

Our prayer calls provide a comforting way to stay connected with Bishop Gates and your fellow members. You can also add a prayer request online. Check the back of this book for scheduled prayer call times.

CONTACT A PASTOR

Contact a campus pastor for any questions and concerns that you have:

Pastor B.J. Chapman 317-376-8200 (Select option 3)

Pastor Anita Stone 317-376-8200, ext. 113



Sign up to Serve

Kingdom Apostolic Ministries has a wealth of opportunities for you to use your gifts and talents in the various ministries. Watch for information on how you can serve!

Your Records

Kingdom Apostolic Ministries uses the InFellowship software program that allows you as a member to update your personal profile and access your giving records online.

Check-in to Services

When you tune in for church services, be sure to check in via the website or the FellowshipOne app. This helps us stay in touch with you and also provides important data for our records.

Affiliations

L.W. Gates Ministries

L.W. Gates Ministries is the foundation of churches and programs under the calling of Bishop Gates. Learn more at www.lwgatesministries.org

Pentecostal Churches of the Apostolic Faith International (PCAFI)

The PCAFI is the international organization with which we have been affiliated since 1957. Learn more at www.pcafintl.org.

Great Lakes Conference (GLC)

The GLC of the Pentecostal Churches of the Apostolic Faith International is a fellowship of churches in Michigan and Canada. Learn more at www.glcpcaf.org.

Affiliations (cont'd)

Indiana State Conference (ISC)

The ISC is a fellowship of Indiana churches within the Pentecostal Churches of the Apostolic Faith International. Learn more at www.indianapcaf.org.

LIFE180

LIFE180 is a learning forum created by Nancy Gates to increase Bible literacy, nurture personal discipleship, and provide guidelines for living a successful Christian life through classes, books, audio lessons, and apparel.

Community Service Organizations

The Southwest Detroit Community Development Corp. and the Northeast Indianapolis Community Service Corp. are the community arms of Kingdom Apostolic Ministries. The primary purpose is to be a source of social and economic empowerment to the residents of the communities that surround the local campuses.

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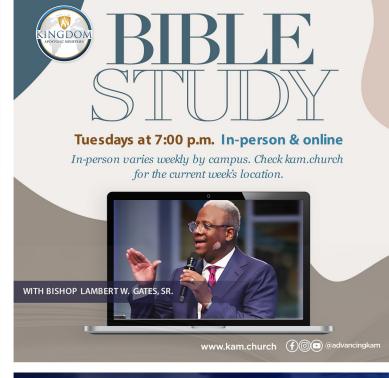
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
Detroit and Indianapolis campuses
Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.
Atlanta campus

LIVESTREAMING:

Online at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.



Call for prayer during services: 317-376-8200, option 1





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