



My Abyssinian

Ministry Directory



CONNECT + GROW + SERVE

AbyFit

AbyFit is a total workout designed to strengthen the body and improve cardio-vascular endurance. Get ready to move to sounds from Africa, the Caribbean, Funk, Old School, and Hip Hop music. Bring your water, towel, and mat.

Adam Clayton Powell Memorial

God has sent leaders of extraordinary influence, commitment, and service to lead His people. The ACP Memorial Ministry was organized to celebrate and commemorate the life and work of Adam Clayton Powell, Sr. and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

American Baptist Women

Abyssinian Baptist Church women join with the larger body of American Baptist women who desire to grow spiritually and further develop their spiritual gifts. This ministry encourages women to become more effective disciples and stewards.

Archives & History

The Archives and History Ministry collects and preserves historical artifacts about our church to educate the congregation and community about the legacy and witness of Abyssinian

Black Teachers Who Care

Black Teachers Who Care is a support ministry for educators, parents and children. The Ministry assists professional educators by providing educational growth and development strategies and programs to parents for sharing with their children.

Blue Nile Rites of Passage

Blue Nile Passage is dedicated to the spiritual, cultural, and moral character development of our youth. Organized at The Abyssinian Baptist Church in 1994 and incorporated in 1996, BNP offers a manhood/womanhood training program for youth ages 11-14.

The Brotherhood

This all-male ministry leads men to salvation, and encourages men to grow in their relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Bible study and fellowship gatherings are just a few ways in which men of The Brotherhood share and serve.

Care and Advocacy

The mission of the Care & Advocacy Ministry is to provide faith-based, social work services, which include crisis intervention, grief counseling and referral services to members of Abyssinian and Harlem community.

Christian Education

This ministry supports the faith journey of members by encouraging a “constant quest” for learning and understanding. The ministry supports various teaching vehicles including the Sunday School, and The Institute for Christian Education.

Christian Social Concern

This ministry presents programming that heightens awareness of local, national and worldwide sociopolitical issues. Through the Ministry of Christian Social Concern, advocates, policy makers, experts, and other social justice leaders are convened for discussions and forums.

Exodus Ministry

The Exodus Project assists the formerly incarcerated in transitioning into society. The ministry offers workshops and programs that help individuals and families positively cope with the challenges of everyday life following release from prison.

Faith & Education

The Abyssinian Baptist Church Faith & Education Ministry was established in 2023 to sponsor inspirational programming, lecture series, social events, and community outreach workshops that are based on the intersection of Education, Faith, and Social Justice.

Floral Circle

This Circle was organized to adorn the sanctuary with additional floral arrangements at worship services, events, and special occasions throughout the year. The Floral Circle’s work is in keeping God’s dwelling place lovely!

Golden Life Seniors Ministry

The Golden Life Seniors Ministry celebrates the lives of church and community members, ages 55-75+, by highlighting their contributions and experiences. The ministry sponsors activities, seminars, and outings, that inspires and encourages this age group to appreciate and embrace with grace, the Senior/Golden Stage of Life.

Good Grief

Good Grief explores issues of loss and anticipatory loss. A biopsychosocial approach is used to address issues of anticipating the death of a loved one or with those who have already experienced the death of a loved one. Participants engage in discussions regarding how loss is dealt with emotionally, socially, mentally, and spiritually.

Health Ministry

The Health Ministry provides information and support on how the Body of Christ should care for our individual physical, psychological and spiritual health. It also sponsors workshops on nutrition, fitness, medical conditions, and the health care system.

Joshua Ministry

God is raising a new generation who desire to go to the next level in their lives personally, professionally, and spiritually, and Abyssinian's aim is to prepare the next generation of leaders. This group is a spiritual fellowship seeking to do God's will in today's world.

Love & Marriage

Designed especially for members of our church who are married or engaged, this ministry hosts classes, workshops, and regular fellowships that strengthen the Christian bond.

Mattie Fletcher Powell /Satellite/Laura B. Thomas

The Mattie Fletcher Powell-Satellite-Laura B. Thomas ministry conducts fellowship activities promoting spiritual growth and development for members and visitors of the church.

Medical Ministry

The Medical Ministry is comprised of physicians, psychologists, dentists, nurses, and physical therapists. The group assists members and persons who become ill during worship service by providing First-Aid until EMS arrives.

Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry is engaged in the active implementation of structured outcome-centered programs that support spiritual, personal, and vocational development of men.

Missionary

The Missionary Ministry is dedicated to evangelizing and spreading the Gospel through intercessory prayer, visitation, devotion, food distribution, and workshops. Missionaries extend faithful service to the sick and shut-in, the incarcerated, seniors, and those in need.

Music Ministry & Fine Arts

The Music Ministry helps bring souls to Christ by presenting a breadth of sacred music that communicates God's Word and His love, and exhorts the congregation to worship and meditate to receive God's message and answer His call to stewardship and service.

Cathedral Choir

The Cathedral Choir has been an integral part of the Church since 1808. This Choir is comprised of mixed voices and its repertoire encompasses a wide range of sacred music including cantatas, anthems, spirituals, gospel music, and more.

Inspirational Voices of Abyssinian

The Inspirational Voices of Abyssinian is comprised of mixed voices and specializes in gospel music, both traditional and contemporary including a vast repertoire of anthems, hymn arrangements, and Negro spirituals.

Leon E. Thompson Men's Chorus

Leon E. Thompson Men's Chorus is named for former Minister of Music, Dr. Leon E. Thompson, and is comprised of men who not only sing in the primary choirs of the church but also serve in other church ministries.

Total Praise Ensemble

Total Praise Ensemble is comprised of mixed voices and ministers at Mid-Week Manna service. This group specializes in praise & worship and contemporary Gospel music.

Abyssinian Children's Choir

The Abyssinian Children's Choir is comprised of children ages 6 to 12. The choir, a cultivating ground for child singers within the church, ministers during Junior Church and on 5th Sundays.

Women of Worship Chorale (WOW)

The Women of Worship Chorale is an all-female choral aggregation that ministers bi-monthly (every two months) during Sunday morning worship. The ensemble's diverse repertoire of sacred choral selections includes anthems, spirituals, traditional and contemporary gospel music.

Liturgical Dance

The Abyssinian Liturgical Dance Ministry offers praise to God through dance. This ministry is open to youth and adults. No prior dance training is required.

New Members

The New Members Ministry invites newly joined members to breakfast to welcome you to our fellowship and share with you news and information about the ministries of Abyssinian church.

Parent Ministry

The Parent Ministry seeks to support children and families that actively participate in the Junior Church Worship experience. The Parent Ministry is present in Junior Church to assist with gathering children for worship, encouraging their spiritual growth, and mentoring children and youth.

Scholarship

The Scholarship Ministry provides financial assistance to Abyssinian members who plan to attend a college or university to obtain an undergraduate degree.

Security

The mission of the Security Ministry is to maintain an atmosphere where worshippers in God's house feel welcome, comfortable, and secure at all times.

Sister-to-Sister Book Ministry

The Sister-to-Sister Book Ministry brings together sisters in the body of Christ who enjoy reading in an atmosphere of intellectual and spiritual bonding.

Sunday Morning Prayer Band

Founded in 1901, the Sunday Morning Prayer Band continues faithfully in this 100+ years old tradition of "Stirring up the Spirit." Every Sunday morning, from 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM, The Prayer Band meets in the Vestry to pray, praise, give testimony, sing the songs of Zion, and fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sunday School/Worship Experience

The Sunday School/Worship Experience for Youth leads young people into a personal relationship with God through Christ. It places emphasis on Christian values, knowledge retention and group participation; and fosters a connection between the Bible and real-world experiences that impact African people.

United Ushers

Abyssinian Ushers are committed to making your first contact with the church pleasant. In welcoming you into God's house and assisting and directing you during worship, Ushers are ministering angels to those who come to worship.

Utility/Pantry

There are those in the Abyssinian community who rely on the church for food. The Abyssinian Baptist Church is committed to helping meet this most basic human need.

Welcome & Hospitality

The Welcome & Hospitality Ministry is devoted to making all members and especially visitors of Abyssinian feel welcome in the House of the Lord. They set a pleasant tone for all who enter.

Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry is committed to the spiritual growth of women. Revivals, Retreats, and Sister Circles bring women together to share their faith. Through worship, study, and fellowship, the ministry seeks transform the mind, body, and spirit of every woman.

Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry seeks to cultivate young disciples for Christ through worship, Christian education, and cultural activities. We aim to support youth in their Christian journey through relevant and transformative ministry.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAYS	8:30-9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Praying Band
	8:30 AM	Aby Kidz Worship
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
2nd Sunday	10:00 AM	Babies Blessed
3rd Sunday	10:00 AM	Communion
4th Sunday	10:00 AM	Baptism
5th Sunday		Aby Kidz/Youth Sunday
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	Hour of Power

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Johnson	Senior Pastor
Rev. Charisse A. Nelson cnelson@abyssinian.org ext. 220	Youth Minister
Rev. Janine Myrick jmyrick@abyssinian.org	Pulpit Associate Minister
Dr. Nicole Showell nshowell@abyssinian.org x204	

CHURCH OFFICERS

Deacon Kenneth Jeffers 2 nd Vice Chair, Diaconate Board	Alexis Thomas Chair, Trustee Board
Deacon Karyn M. Davenport Chair, Diaconate Board	Sheila Boston Robinson Church Clerk

MUSIC MINISTRY

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ADMINISTRATION

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MUSIC & FINE ARTS

MINISTRY MEETING TIMES + LOCATIONS

Cathedral Choir	Tuesday	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	2 nd Floor
Inspirational Voices of Abyssinian	Thursday	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	2 nd Floor
	Saturday	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2 nd Floor

HERITAGE & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Archives & History
The Brotherhood Bible Study

HEALTH & WELLNESS

AbyFit (Free of Charge)	
Good Grief (Bereavement)	
Health Ministry	
Medical Ministry	

MISSIONS & SOCIAL CONCERN

Adam Clayton Powell			
American Baptist Women			
Care & Advocacy	Thursday	4 PM-7PM	<i>By appointment only!</i>
	Friday	1 PM-4 PM	212-862-7474 x304
Exodus			
Mattie Fletcher Powell/Satellite/Laura B. Thomas			
Christian Social Concern			
Missionary			
Food Pantry			

LEADERSHIP&EMPOWERMENT

Black Teachers Who Care

Scholarship Ministry
scholarship@abyssinian.org

Abyssinian Federal Credit Union
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YOUTH

Blue Nile Rites of Passage

ABY KIDZ

MEDIA/HOSPITALITY/ USHERS

Media Ministry

Welcome & Hospitality

New Life

Progressive Ladies

Progressive Men

Senior Ladies

True Spirit

FAMILY & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Floral Circle

Love & Marriage

New Members

Parent Ministry

Sister-to-Sister Book
Club