

The Christian Empowerment Church
Dr. Nivan Sean Fields Sr. - Pastor



New Members Handbook
“Empowering God’s People”

Our Church Theme Scripture:

Colossians 3:12 -17

12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

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Our Pastor

- Dr. Fields was born December 25, 1965, in New Orleans, Louisiana, he is the son of Dr. Hazel B. Fields. He is the youngest of five, three sisters and one brother. Ninnette Joyce, Nianda Faith, Nina Hope, and Nigel Shea.
- Dr. Fields is the father of 1 daughter Kourtney and 5 sons, Nivan Sean Jr., Niron Shea, and Nivon Shan, Johnathan and Elijah.
- He was called to the Gospel ministry in November of 1993, and was licensed in June of 1995, by the Bibleway Missionary Baptist Church where he also served as the Youth Pastor under the pastorate of Dr. Frank A. Davis, III, and ordained by the Cornerstone Missionary Baptist General Association in December 1999.
- He is a graduate of Union Baptist College and Theological Seminary in May 1999 with Bachelors of Theology Degree, from Christian Bible College of Louisiana in May 2001, with a Master of Theology Degree, and in May of 2003, and a Doctorate of Theology Degree.
- He now serves as Director General of Christian Ministers' Union of New Orleans and Vicinity, the Director of Technology and Professor at Christian Bible College of La, an Adjunct Professor at Delgado C.C., at New Orleans, La, Computer Training Specialist for Jefferson Parish, and Webmaster for Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Association.

A Message from our Pastor...

As Pastor, I want to take this opportunity to personally welcome you to our church. We're a new, yet warm church where you and your family will feel more than welcome.

We are a Bible-believing church that believes that God is alive and through Jesus Christ can still save those who turn to Him alone for salvation. We believe that Christ is the answer for every one of the problems of every one on this earth. God stands with His hand stretched out to all men and women so will I as the Pastor and so will the people of our church. Please accept my personal welcome on behalf of all the spirit-led people here at The Christian Empowerment Church. We look forward to seeing you.

Pastor Nivan S. Fields Sr.

Our Message...

The Bible says... *These things have I written unto you that you believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may know that you have eternal life...*” (**I John 5:13**). God wants us to know that we can go to Heaven, but we can only get there on His terms. First of all, we are all sinners. *For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God;*” (**Romans 3:23**). Now my friend, because of our sin, we would have to pay for our sin. Why? *For the wages of sin is death...*” (**Romans 6:23**). This penalty of death means eternal separation from God in an eternal Hell. However, my friend, God does not want anyone to go to Hell. So, He sent His only-begotten Son who is Jesus Christ, to die and pay the penalty for sins, which is death. *But God commendeth His love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.*”(**Romans 5:8**). This shows God’s love and God’s loves us so much that He made a way for our sins to be forgiven. All of this my friend He offers to us through salvation. *“...the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”* (**Romans 6:23**). God offers Heaven as a Gift, purchased by the blood that Jesus Christ shed on the cross at Calvary. But my friend, a gift is not yours until you receive it. Here’s how you can receive the Gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. *That if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God had raised him from the dead you shall be saved.* (**Romans 10:9**). You must believe in your heart and call on the Lord Jesus Christ to save you from sin that will bring you into an eternal Hell. *“For whoever shall call **upon** the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*(**Romans 10:13**).

Our Church...

On September 16, 2013, Dr. Nivan S. Fields, Sr., had been given the word “EMPOWERMENT” after a speaking at a banquet for The Computer Empowerment Course computer literacy class announced that God had placed in his heart to organize a new church. After much prayer and spiritual guidance, Pastor Fields began to contact various Christians whom the Lord had placed in his heart.

Subsequently, Dr. Fields met with a group of believers at Ryan’s in Marrero, LA to discuss the organizing of the church. 8 people were present at the initial meeting, and several others gave verbal consent to become a part of this new fellowship. It was during this meeting that a place of worship as well as the type of church the Lord had placed in the heart of Dr. Fields was discussed.

Finally, it was revealed that the church should be called The Christian Empowerment Church. After much prayer and discussion, the Lord led Dr. Fields to speak with Pastor Nelson Brown of the Second Zion B. C. to hold our worship services in one the buildings located at 6520 Second Zion Blvd. in Marrero, LA.

Dr. Fields received the ok to meet at the time available, so this small group of believers overlooked the building and it was this building that the Lord had ordained to be the place of worship for Christian Empowerment.

After meeting consistently all the members were satisfied as they saw what faith in God could do. It was decided that the church would have its first worship on Sunday, May 26, 2012. The Lord then, by His omnipotent power, led many believers to donate and contribute to this ministry in many different ways.

The members of the newly founded Christian Empowerment Church continued steadfastly in the Apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in breaking of bread, and in prayer, praising God, and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Our Service...

Pre-Worship Prayer.....	Sunday 7:45am
Church School.....	Sunday 8:00am
Worship.....	Sunday 9:00am
Lord's Supper	1 st Sunday 9:00am
Teacher Training Class.....	Tuesday 6:00pm
Prayer Service.....	Tuesday 6:30pm
Community in Study....	Tuesday after the 1 st Sunday 6:30pm
Word Empowerment.....	Tuesday 7:00pm
Community Outreach.....	2 nd Saturday 12:00noon
Youth Day.....	3 rd Saturday 12:00noon
Family Movie Night....	Last Thursday of the Month 6:30pm
Missions.....	5 th Saturday 12:00noon

ORDER OF SERVICE

7:45 a.m. – Pre-Worship Prayers

Worship in Song of Praise

Devotional Scripture and Prayer

Announcements

Acknowledgment of Visitors

Fellowship Song

Tithes and Offerings

Musical Selection

Hymn of Preparation

Sermon

Call to Christian Discipleship and Decisions

Benediction

Membership Class

INTRODUCTION: Our church theme scripture is Colossians 3:12-17. I ask that all members would read and do their level best to memorize this scripture because it is the basis for The Christian Empowerment Church (TCEC). In this class you will learn what direction Christian Empowerment is actually going in. Anyone who has NOT participated in this course is NOT eligible to serve as a leader in this ministry. These classes will be held at 9:00am each Sunday morning before Worship at TCEC.

1. PURPOSE OF COURSE: To edify born again believers in Christ Jesus as they learn more on how they can be used of God here at TCEC.

2. COURSE OBJECTIVES: Allow members to know exactly what their duties are as Christians and members of TCEC.

- a. It gives our members a clear understanding of the significance of the new life in Christ.
- b. It explains the responsibilities inherited because of the Christian experience.
- c. It defines what it means to become a member of God's Church. By using God's Word as the final authority, also this class seeks to emphasize the distinction between a true conversion and church, membership.

CLASS OUTLINE:

I. The Conversion Experience

A. The Meaning of Conversion

B. The Difference between Conversion and Church Membership

II. Christian Growth

A. Development as Creatures of God

B. Christian Maturity

III. The Meaning of Church Membership

A. The Church

B. The Earthly Leadership of the Church

IV. What We Believe at TCEC

A. Why Beliefs Matter

B. Basic Christian Beliefs

V. Stewardship

A. Biblical Teaching on Stewardship

B. Stewardship of Your Life

VI. The Tithe

A. The Plan of the Tithe

B. The Purpose of the Tithe

C. The Plea for the Tithe

Calendar of Events

3rd Sunday in January.....Installation of Officers

3rd Sunday in February.....Black History Program

3rd Sunday in April.....Women's Day

3rd Sunday in June.....Church Anniversary

1st Week in August.....Church in Revival

3rd Sunday in September.....Pastor Anniversary

3rd Sunday in November.....Men's Day

December.....Prayer Vigil

MEMBERSHIP DATA UPDATE

DATE JOINED THE CEC: _____ E-MAIL: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

HOME PHONE: (____) _____ CELL: (____) _____

WORK (____) _____ OTHER: (____) _____

Former Church _____ Former Pastor _____

Date Baptized (Month/Year) _____ Where (Church/City/State) _____

Date of Birth: _____ Married _____ Single _____ Other _____

Name of Spouse _____ Anniversary Date _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Vocation: _____ Place of Employment: _____ Phone: _____

Will you regularly attend Worship Service? _____ Prayer Service? _____ Sunday School? _____

Bible Study? _____ If "No" please give reason(s) _____

Who do you know needs Christ or a Church home? _____

In what area(s) of ministry do you feel your gifts or talents can be best developed? _____

Are you willing to tithe to this church after being taught its meaning? _____

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

FOR CHURCH USE ONLY

New Member is assigned to _____ for discipling.

Signed (Interviewer) _____ Date _____