



**Sunday morning at 10:00 am**  
**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

Sound Engineer ..... Audio Visual Team  
 Ushers ..... Anthony Whitaker and Lynn Jarvis  
 Welcome ..... First Lady Minister Priscilla Ross  
 Opening Prayer  
 A Moment to Feel God’s Presence  
 Statement of Faith \* (please rise as you are able) ..... Marian Brown  
**Imani, a church where, through faith, all can experience and express God’s irresistible love through worship, word, oneness, wonder and witness.**  
 Congregational Hymn \* ..... led by Imani Praise Team  
 Johnika Johnson Perry, Director  
 Community Prayer ..... Senior Pastor Annie Ross  
 Praise and Worship ..... Imani Praise Team  
 Announcements  
 Passing of the Peace  
 Collection of Tithes and Offerings ..... Anthony Whitaker  
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 Sermon ..... Minister Dee Johnson Phillips  
 Holy Communion ..... Senior Pastor Annie Ross  
*At Imani MCC, and at MCCs throughout the world, we serve an open communion.  
 Everyone is welcome at the Table of God.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the lord.**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**  
 It is right, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of Heaven and Earth ... And so, with your people on Earth and all the company of Heaven, we join in their unending hymn, saying ...”  
**Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord, God of power and might!**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory!**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**  
 The Mystery of Faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**  
 Benediction ..... Senior Pastor Annie Ross

*Program Subject to Change*

**Focus Verse and Scripture May 3-17, 2026**  
 Topic: When We Pray  
 Focus Thought: Prayer is not measured by length. Meaningful prayer takes place when the prayer touches God.  
 Focus Verse: Mark 11:24  
 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.  
 This Week’s Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:5-15



Let’s remember to “keep first things first” this week!  
*“Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’ But seek first God’s kingdom and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”*  
**Matthew 6:31, 33 (NASB)**  
*“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” - Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)*

	Attendance		Giving					
	In-Person	Online	In-Person	Givelify	Zelle	PayPal	Total Reg. Offering	Other
April 5	33	19	\$109.76	\$732.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$841.76	\$60.00*
April 12	15	25	\$35.25	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$685.25	\$0.00
April 19	24	50	\$256.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$656.00	\$55.00*
April 26	85	40	\$401.00	\$845.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$1,276.00	\$0.00
Totals	157	134	\$802.01	\$2,327.00	\$0.00	\$330.00	\$3,459.01	\$115.00

\* Building Fund  
 Total Regular Offering Required Weekly to meet the 2026 Ministry Budget: \$912

## STAFF

Senior Pastor - Rev. Annie Ross - PastorAnnie@ImaniMCC.org  
Meetings w/Pastor by Appointment Only: Saturdays 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.  
Email LadyPriscilla@ImaniMCC.org or call 214-924-5376 to schedule.  
Church Admin. - Jim Manchester - ChurchAdmin@ImaniMCC.org

## THE OFFICE OF FIRST LADY

Priscilla Ross - First Lady - LadyPriscilla@ImaniMCC.org  
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Marian Brown - Church Special Events Coordinator

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## CHURCH INFORMATION

Imani Ministry Center: 3602 C-View Street, Durham NC 27713  
Mailing Address: PO Box 13172 • Durham NC 27709-3172  
Webpage: [www.ImaniMCC.org](http://www.ImaniMCC.org)

## EVENTS

Bi-Weekly Bible Study at the Church - Every other Wednesday @ 7:00 pm to  
8:30 pm  
Praise Team Rehearsal - Every Thursday @ 7:00 pm



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May 3, 2026  
Sunday Morning  
10:00 am & Online!

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To Christ • To Calling • To Community*

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## Church Announcements

- Join our Bi-Weekly In-Person Bible Study on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Church or on Imani's Facebook page. Pastor Annie will be teaching on 3D Evangelism highlighting the principle of Discernment for our Bible Study series.
- Please sign up for Worship Participation on the clipboard located on the Usher's Table. There are slots open for the months of May/June.
- Community Engagement Virtual Interest Meeting on Friday, May 8 @ 7:00 PM via Zoom. Meeting ID 645 351 8469 and Passcode: HUmda1. Come learn about activities for Children, Adults (young and seasoned) as well as for Seniors. Minister Dee Johnson Phillips looks forward to meeting with you.
- The Rooted in Love Couples Ministry next meeting is Friday, May 15, 2026 at 7:30 PM here at the church. This is a wonderful ministry that's grounded in Godly principles to grow and nurture relationships. We enjoy activities and dynamic conversations.
- There will be a departmental leadership meeting with Pastor Annie on Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 AM here at the church. This is the rescheduled meeting from March so please be in attendance if possible. We look forward to our time together as we prepare for the second half of 2026.
- Sabbath Sunday will be May 31, 2026. We will not be having service at the church but please join us virtually at 10:00 AM for worship service. Please take this upcoming 5th Sunday to rest and enjoy your family and friends.

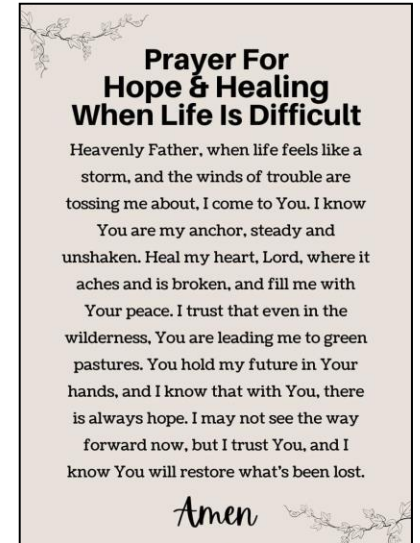


## Community Notes

### Imani Prayer List

We are asking that in your dedicated prayer time please keep these members and friends of Imani MCC in prayer. To add a name to the prayer list, please text 984-538-4223.  
Subject: Imani Prayer List

- Caregivers
- Mental and Emotional Health
- Aging Parents
- All those Traveling
- Grief and Loss
- This Country



### Ministry Spotlight💡

This week, our Ministry Spotlight shines brightly on our incredible Couples Ministry, led by Pastor and First Lady Priscilla Ross.

This dynamic ministry creates a powerful peer-to-peer space where couples come together, using biblical guidance and real-life experiences to learn, grow, and thrive in their relationships. With intentional focus on listening, communication, and mutual support, we are committed to building relationships that flourish and endure.

At the heart of it all, we are designing love with purpose—creating relationships that are rooted and grounded in God's love.

We've shared unforgettable moments through our Couples Meetups across the RTP area—filled with fun games, great food, laughter, and meaningful connection. And we're just getting started!

We're excited for all that's ahead—more engaging events, enriching retreats, and memorable adventures—as we continue to grow and evolve as individuals, as couples, and as a thriving ministry community.