

Daily Story Calendar

September 2022

September 1: Isaac Kofi Asomani Ababio

1940-2018, Presbyterian, Ghana

Isaac Ababio was a popular evangelist who led large evangelistic crusades and school outreaches and did radio broadcasts with the signature tune of the song "Showers of Blessings." One of his enduring contributions to evangelistic efforts in Ghana was establishing, developing, and growing parachurch organizations, like the National Association of Evangelicals in Ghana.

September 2: Eshetu Abate

1955-2011, Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, Ethiopia

Eshetu Abate was one of the most influential African theological thinkers, a pastor, and a leader of considerable reputation. He was one among the few theologians who initiated theological conversations from an African perspective, reflecting on the existential issues that Africans were facing.

September 3: Yohanna Abdallah

1870-1924, Anglican Communion; Malawi, Tanzania, Mozambique

Yohanna Abdallah was the first ordained African clergyman in the diocese of Nyasaland. His ministry of thirty years in Unangu was spent as a mediator between the Anglican missionaries and local Yao chiefs; despite difficult and trying circumstances, he was able to raise up a robust Christian community in the region.

September 4: Titus Abiala

1915-2004, Anglican Communion, Nigeria.

Titus Abiala was the first to bring Christianity to the Yoruba town of Gbongan in Osun state. Despite facing major opposition and persecution from local traditional religionists he founded the St. Paul's Anglican Church in Gbongan.

September 5: Christiana Abiodun Emmanuel

1907-1994, Cherubim and Seraphim Society, Nigeria

Popularly known as “Her Eminence Captain Dr. Christiana Abiodun Emmanuel,” Abiodun founded the Cherubim and Seraphim Society, an Independent African Church. A gifted minister with high principles and strong self-discipline, she established the work of the Society, which is today headquartered in Lagos and spread across hundreds of branches in Nigeria, other parts of Africa, the United States, and Britain.

September 6: Habila Aleyideino

1907-1992, United Church of Christ, Nigeria

Habila Aleyideino is best known for the creation of an ecumenical organization in Kaduna (northern Nigeria) called the United Church of Christ or HEKAN in the Hausa language. He was also one of the founders of the Northern Nigerian Christian Association, which later became the Christian Association of Nigeria. He spoke Bwatiye, Hausa, Fulfulde, and English, and translated several hymns into Bwatiye, many of which are used today in the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria.

September 7: Erasmus Awuku Asamoah

1910-1965, Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Ghana

Erasmus Awuku Asamoah, an educationist and a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, advocated the use of African languages in the first few years of teaching in Ghanaian schools. Diverse public opinion on the issue during his lifetime led to the downgrading of the study of vernacular in schools and colleges in favor of English. However, a year after his death, his cause saw its fruition when the Ghana Ministry of Education accepted a recommendation that the Ghanaian language was to be the medium of instruction in primary schools.

September 8: Joannah Ayorinde

1909-1996, Baptist, Nigeria

Joannah Ayorinde, a larger-than-life figure in the Baptist Women’s Missionary Union of Africa, started her career as a teacher, went on to get an undergraduate degree from Hampton Institute in Virginia, and later became the first Nigerian President of the Baptist Women’s Union of Africa.

September 9: Badma Yalew

1883-1972, Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, Ethiopia

Badma Yalew was one of the Orthodox Christian fathers who made an important contribution to the establishment and development of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY).

September 10: Bageu

1200s, Orthodox Church, Ethiopia

Bäge'u, or Bäg'ä-Krestos, Abba, was originally a notorious brigand who was later converted. He is recognized as a saint by the Ethiopian Church and unpublished manuscripts of his hagiography have been found at Daga on Lake Tana and at Hayq.

September 11: Kajiga Balihuta

1922-1976, Catholic Church, Democratic Republic of Congo

Kajiga Balihuta was an outstanding churchman, author, educator, linguist, psychologist, humanist, and philosopher. He made a major intellectual contribution in the realm of African philosophy – his goal was to rehabilitate the *Muntu* (African individual) who had been uprooted by many years of colonization and persecution.

September 12: Andereya Batulabude

d. 1935, Anglican Communion (Church of Uganda), Uganda

Originally a slave from Buvuma, Batulabude served as a deacon in the Anglican Church in Uganda and was later ordained as a priest. His work saw the baptism of several individuals among the Iteso and Baganda.

September 13: Dela Mansuet Biyase

1933-2005, Catholic Church, South Africa

Dela Mansuet Biyase, as bishop of Eshowe, had to deal with the elements of a missionary church that was totally dependent on personnel and finance from overseas. He advocated for local vocations and strived to make the church more self-supporting. During his episcopacy, the diocese saw a doubling in the number of indigenous clergy and laity.

September 14: Nehemias Chaia

1943-1985, Church of the Nazarene, Mozambique

Nehemias Chaia was a great leader with a gift for evangelizing unchurched people. As pastor at Munguambe, he had a large following of young people who had committed their lives to Christian service.

September 15: Rabeca Chirindzane

1907-1989, Church of the Nazarene, Mozambique

Rabeca Chirdindzane, the daughter of a pastor, had a humble beginning as a maid at a European missionary's house. She went on to become the first African Nazarene trained nurse in Gaza and served her people in Tavane Nazarene Hospital for 35 years until her retirement in 1972.

September 16: Saratu Yamitolon Daudu

1928, Evangelical Church of West Africa, Sudan Interior Mission, Nigeria

Saratu was the first woman leader in the Evangelical Church of West Africa (ECWA) in Gbagyi District in Central Nigeria. She played a major role in contributing to the development of the Evangelical Church of West Africa (ECWA) women's fellowship in Nigeria.

September 17: Reginah Dlamini

1920-1973, Church of the Nazarene, Eswatini

Regina Dlamini was a faithful Christian and a woman who valued a life of prayer. She was not interested in learning about church organization and administration. Her sole concern was to speak to people about the Christian faith.

September 18: Sosthenes Yangu Ayume Dronyi

1923-1971, Anglican Communion, Balokole Movement, Uganda

Sosthenes Yangu Ayume Dronyi was a prominent advocate of the Revival Movement and the Africanization of church music in the Madi and West Nile diocese. He is well remembered for his lively preaching, his testimonies, and his advocacy of African church music.

September 19: Gabriel Dwatuka

1922-1990, Catholic Church, South Sudan

Gabriel Dwatuka was a Catholic bishop who served as a parish priest in Maridi, Rumbek, and Zaire, amid the intense political turmoil in the region. In 1972 he was appointed bishop of Rumbek.

September 20: Mika Fataki

1864-1934, Anglican Communion (Church of Uganda), Uganda

Mika Fataki will be remembered for his emphasis on education for his people in Bunyoro. As the saza chief of Chope, he contributed his wealth to the building of a cathedral in Namirembe. His written account of the coming of Christianity in Bunyoro was published in the Bunyoro Church Magazine in 1932.

September 21: Tadele Debessa

1943, Mekane Yesus Church, Ethiopia

Tadele Debessa was an evangelist and Bible School teacher. During his teaching service in Mekane Yesus Bible School in Dodolo, he was arrested and tortured for spreading a new religion that was foreign to Dodolo. Incarcerated for three years in Genale prison, on the outskirts of Dodolo, he continued to witness his Christian faith and became the prison's literacy teacher. After his release, he spent all his energy on advancing the cause of Sunday school and the training of children.

September 22: Martha Dlamini

1937-2001, Church of the Nazarene, Eswatini

Martha Dlamini served as a pastor in Endingeni Mission and as an evangelist at the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital of the Nazarene Mission. She was often invited to hold revival meetings, special retreats, children's missions, and Sunday school rallies.

September 23: Donata

Ancient Christian Church, Tunisia

Donata was one of the eleven youthful companions of Spreatus in the "Acts of the Scillitan Martyrs" (the earliest dated document from the Latin Church) to be brought before Vigellius Saturninus, the proconsul of the Roman province of Africa. She was beheaded on 17 July 180 A.D. and is collectively commemorated among "the Scillitan martyrs."

September 24: Adegboyega Edun

1860-c.1925, Methodist, Nigeria

Adegboyega Edun was a very brilliant scholar, pastor, teacher, and administrator. As secretary of Egba United Government (EUG) his achievements were plenty, among which was the establishment of a Egba Government Police Force, the Abeokuta Grammar School, and a EUG hospital. The role he played in native administration stands as a clear example of the need for the involvement of Christians in local and national politics.

September 25: Desta Gebru

1855-1950, Lutheran, Ethiopia

Desta Gebru was a foreign education Ethiopian, an educator, a Bible teacher, and a city reformer holding a high public office. He was an Ethiopian patriot who served his country and many expatriate missionaries and travelers for over 60 years in a diversity of assignments in various places around the world.

September 26: Ruth Mangwane Gama

1885-1960, Church of the Nazarene, Eswatini

Ruth Mangwane Gama, a woman from very humble circumstances, was the first Swazi convert at Endzingeni when she became a Christian at the age of 28.

September 27: Yohana Gaji

1933, Nigerian Baptist Convention, Nigeria

Yohana Gaji was a pastor and full-time minister at First Baptist Church in Kwoi. His faithful zeal for his church led to the planting of nine Baptist churches in the region. He also held many offices within the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

September 28: Tekle Wolde Giorgis

1930-1997, Kale Heywet Church, Ethiopia

Evangelist Tekle Wolde Giorgis was a well-known minister and was popularly known by the name “Donkey of the Congregations.” Tekle had a great impact on the Kale Heywet churches of Ethiopia throughout his life and ministry.

September 29: Jonas Goduka

1846-1914, Thembu National Church, South Africa

Jonas Goduka succeeded Nehemiah Tile as leader of the Tembu National Church, a native African church. He later changed the name to the African Native Mission Church.

September 30: Mary Ibeso

1856-1945, Anglican Communion

Mary Ibeso was a woman of the church. She put all her energy into maintaining and cleaning the church building, which made her popular as Nne Uku (mother of the church). Her ministry of prayer and door-to-door evangelism won her many hearts in Emu Uno.

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