

# VICTORY IN JESUS!

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the faith which was  
once delivered unto  
the saints. Jude 3



## FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

*Rev. Christopher Hewlett*

We are now in the second week of February 2025, emphasizing the fact that time is swiftly passing and the adage of 'time waits for no man' is, as always, so relevant. As the Bible clearly states in *Ephesians 5:16* "*Redeeming the time, because the days are evil,*" we are encouraged to make good use of our time, to use every opportunity that we can to understand the will of the Lord for our lives in the evil days we are now living. To go deeper with God should be our primary objective in life.

Following the Newfoundland Youth Camp and Camp Meeting 2024, my wife and I had the chance to visit some of our branch churches across Canada. Since each of the branches we visited has it mentioned in their respective newsletter article, I will not include much detail of each place we visited. However, I must state that it was very uplifting and exciting to see such growth happening across this great country, Canada.

Edmonton Special Meetings were anticipated for a long time, and it was priority on our list. With this being their first time to host Special Meetings, we were thrilled to attend from August 29 to September 1. All the events of their program were successful, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit was present to bless and encourage each one. I can only imagine what took place in each heart as we feasted on the Word of God and basked in His Holy presence. The messages, teachings, testimonies and blessings will long be remembered. From Edmonton, we travelled to Winnipeg, Manitoba, for the new church

dedication. What a wonderful celebration with many travelling from different branch churches in Canada and other countries. It was an added blessing to have our newly appointed General Superintendent of Portland, Oregon, Reverened Olusola, join us to celebrate this milestone in Winnipeg. (*Details and photos of this timeless occasion can be found on the Portland website*).

Calgary, Alberta, was our next destination. There we enjoyed sweet fellowship with the brethren with many memories made. From Calgary, we traveled to Fort McMurray where we spent some time with our daughter, her husband and family and our Church family.

Thank God we arrived back home, somewhat tired but elated with the progress of the gospel. The Lord continued to bless us as we again went on the road, December 17, to spend Christmas with our two daughters, their families, and the church family at Kitchener. As well, we took advantage of this time to visit the branch churches in Toronto, Ottawa and Moncton.

I trust you will enjoy reading all the articles in this newsletter. Great things are happening, and we owe the glory and praise to God! Lift your heart in thanksgiving as you read each page!

For the very first article of this newsletter, we are pleased to feature our newly established church group in Moncton, New Brunswick. As you read the article, you will sense the excitement of these brothers and sisters, who have, after much prayer and support, witnessed the beginning of the Apostolic Faith work in their area. Let us all band together to pray for this new group and give them support in any way we can. God bless.

Featuring our newest branch church

## MONCTON, NB



We are deeply grateful to God for His faithfulness and guidance thus far. I recall when we left Nigeria in September 2021 as my wife embarked on her academic

journey in the United Kingdom, it was a transition filled with mixed emotions. Upon our arrival, we were warmly received by the brethren at the Apostolic Faith Church in Peckham Branch. Their love and fellowship brought us great comfort and spiritual encouragement.

However less than a year later, an opportunity arose for our family to relocate to Canada through a Permanent Residence offer in New Brunswick, a process we had begun before leaving Nigeria. It felt like a rare blessing, especially compared to our temporary status in the UK.

Before arriving in Canada, we eagerly searched online for an Apostolic Faith Church in New Brunswick and found a branch listed in Fredericton. Unfortunately, after contacting the District Superintendent, Rev. Chris Hewlett, we learned the church had been closed for administrative reasons. He gave us contact information for the closest branch churches that we could visit when possible. This news was confirmed by other brethren who had arrived before us. We felt our best option would be to join brethren in worship by way of ZOOM.

Determined to see God's work continue, we began praying earnestly for the restoration of the church in New Brunswick. Meanwhile, we received immense support and encouragement from the pastors of the Pullman and Winnipeg churches, who welcomed us to join their services online. Despite the time differences, these virtual gatherings became a source of spiritual revival and strength for our family. We even connected with a sister living in our town, and we occasionally worshiped together online on Sundays.

A turning point came when our former pastor in Pullman, now the Superintendent General, visited Moncton briefly with his wife on their way to Winnipeg for the church dedication. He met with some of the brethren in Moncton, prayed with us, encouraged us, assuring us that God would establish a place of worship in New Brunswick soon.

Shortly after, during the dedication program in Winnipeg, we had a meaningful discussion with the Winnipeg Pastor, who conveyed instructions and encouragement from Rev. Chris Hewlett and the Superintendent General, Rev. Olusola Adesope. This prompted us to connect as a group in New Brunswick and form a WhatsApp group for effective communication.

Following a meeting with Rev. Olusola Adesope, Rev. Chris Hewlett, Rev. Samson Jimaza, and other brethren from Saskatchewan, plans were set in motion to establish fellowship in New Brunswick. The meeting was insightful and uplifting, outlining the commitments and responsibilities needed to restart a local assembly.

As a result, we initiated hybrid prayer meetings in Moncton, beginning in our home, with eight people in attendance (six onsite and two online). Over time, attendance grew as brethren from Saint John, Woodstock, and PEI joined us.

We are thankful to God for how far He has brought us and for the unwavering support of the brethren and leadership. We trust Him to continue guiding us as He establishes His work in New Brunswick.



The inaugural prayer meeting began with an introduction by brother Samson Jimaza, who highlighted the privilege of gathering for prayer. He emphasized the importance of focus, dedication, and commitment to witness the great things God will do, even in the face of initial challenges. His personal testimony further inspired and encouraged the group.

The prayer session was led by Samuel Osibanjo, starting with songs of praises. Thanksgiving and praise for God's blessings and the gift of life.

Prayers were made for: Washing in the blood of Jesus, the protection and growth of each family represented, for the growth and expansion of the group in New Brunswick, for the



success of the Dedication Program in Winnipeg and preparation for rapture and being counted worthy.

### Progress and Growth

Since the inaugural meeting, the prayer sessions have continued fortnightly on Saturdays, with miraculous growth in attendance. Two families with eight in total, relocated from Nigeria and have since joined our group. The prayer meetings were led by various members, including Femi Hephzibah, Seyi Fajimi, Oluwaseun Osibanjo, Femi Adewoyin. These gatherings have been a time of profound fellowship and spiritual enrichment.

Attendance during our online Zoom prayer sessions has grown to eighteen.



### Acknowledgments:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to brother Samson Jimaza for his unwavering support, uplifting words, and efforts to strengthen our faith as he joins each ZOOM meeting.

### VISIT OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. Christopher Hewlett, the District Superintendent (DS), and his wife, Patti, arrived in Moncton on the evening of Tuesday, January 14, 2025. It was a moment of great excitement and a rare privilege to welcome them. We thank God for their dedication and commitment to the work of the Gospel.

**Wednesday, January 15, 2025**, on this day, the DS, accompanied by brother Seyi Fajinmi and brother Samuel Osibanjo, visited the Scotia Bank of Canada to open a bank account for the church. The appointment was successful, marking a significant step forward as the group now has a dedicated account for tithes, offerings, and group activity expenses.

**Thursday, January 16, 2025.** The day began with a meeting with brother Chris, who gave instructions on the recording and other bookkeeping techniques needed for the function of the church. This was followed by a lunch meeting between Pastor Chris, Patti, Samuel Osibanjo and Oluwaseun

Osibanjo. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, enriched by inspiring testimonies that deeply blessed us. We parted with rejoicing in our spirits.

Later that day, a short service was held with Rev. Chris Hewlett and his wife, which included members of the group



in Moncton, as well as others who joined online. The total attendance was approximately 20, including the online participants.

**Service Highlights** Choir Performance: *"Brethren We Have Met to Worship."*

- Violin Duet: Toluwanimi and Temiloluwa Osibanjo played a violin duet.



- Congregational Singing: A hymn from CGS 34 was sung.
- Opening Prayer: Led by brother Femi Hephzibar.
- Introductions: Group members introduced themselves to Pastor Chris, who then in turn explained the purpose of their visit, including

the opening of the church account to support Gospel work in Moncton.

- Testimonies: Inspiring testimonies were shared by Patti, Felicia Oyedele, Oluwaseun Osibanjo, Sey Fajinmi, and Femi Hephzibar. Patti shared her story of coming to the Lord at age nine. She received a real experience of salvation that she could never get away from even when she fell away from grace. But God was faithful to convict and save both her and Brother Chris just three weeks after they married. Thank God for His mercy and faithfulness over the years.
- Solo Performance: Femi Adewoyin performed "*Blest Be the Tie.*"
- Words of Encouragement: Pastor Chris shared an encouraging message from *Jeremiah 29:11-14*, emphasizing God's peaceful thoughts toward us, His readiness to answer prayers, and His desire to use us for great exploits in Moncton.
- Closing Activities: The program ended with a congregational song, corporate prayers, and a concluding message from the District Superintendent.

### Additional Activities

After the service, there was a photograph session with Rev. Chris and Patti, followed by light refreshments. It was a time of joyful fellowship and thanksgiving.

### Conclusion

We are deeply grateful to God for this historic event and the assurance of His guidance and providential care upon our group. The visit of our District Superintendent and Patti has strengthened our resolve to win more souls for Christ in Moncton and New Brunswick. May God's name be glorified. Glory be to God.

### Looking Ahead:

As we prepare for 2025, we trust God for even greater times of refreshing in His presence and further growth of our group.

## RODDICKTON, NL

We find in *Numbers 13* Joshua & Caleb had brought a good report back to Moses and the children of Israel. Here at the Roddickton church we can say, "We have a good report." God is good all the time.

Sunday, October 6 the church had its annual Sunday school Promotion Day and Thanksgiving celebration. Children and adults received awards and promotions. It was a joy to watch the students sing and take part. Afterward children and adults enjoyed pizza



and a variety of snack foods. A big thank you goes out to our Sunday school workers who do such an awesome job.

Thanksgiving was a time, once again, to reflect on the goodness of the Lord and all His benefits. October 10, folks gathered at the Fellowship building to enjoy a "Newfie Scoff." Supper consisted of a hot "Jigs dinner," turkey, gravy





and all the trimmings. This was followed by a wonderful dessert. After the meal there was a time for singing. One of the choruses was, *"Thank you Lord for your Blessings*

*on Me."* Truly we are blessed indeed.

November 10, the Church and Heaven rejoiced to see a soul return to the Lord. We realize that the enemy is busy and sometimes he tricks folks into laying down their armor. Oh, the joy of sins forgiven when they choose to return to Father and home.



The Sunday school had a celebration on November 17 and presented Pastor Michael and sister Bonnie with a cake and a card and the children sang a song, *"Pastor we Love You we Appreciate all That you Do..."* We appreciate our

Pastor and his wife. God bless!

That same Sunday evening church service was another victorious moment. After some encouraging words a gentleman stepped out from the back pew and made his way to the altar. A short while later the smile on his face gave witness to a changed individual. It is a wonderful to see a person saved by grace and become a new creature in Christ.

Christmas Season, "a wonderful time of the year," was filled with many church and community events commemorating the birth of Jesus.

December 14, we had a church potluck supper. As usual, there was an abundance of food. Selections of different meats, pastas, casseroles and veggies. The main course was then topped off by a delicious dessert. Enjoying a good meal is wonderful but the best part was to feel the warmth and joy of fellowship.

Once the dining was complete there was a time for games, Christmas songs and prayer. It was an evening enjoyed by all.

December 15, back-to-back events took place on Sunday morning service was followed by an afternoon service at the local seniors home. It is always a blessing to be there and see the smiles on our dear seniors faces. Christmas carols was followed by a short message from the Word.

A combined Christmas concert was held in the evening. The congregation enjoyed a selection of special songs from our local churches. It was a joy to hear songs, recitals and beautiful music as we celebrated the birth of Christ, our Saviour. It is a joy to see the children taking part in our Sunday school program.

December 19, a combined group traveled to St. Anthony to bring Christmas joy to two of the seniors' complexes. What a blessing to be there and watch their faces light up as the music and singing began. The Lord has given us the opportunity to travel there each month to bring the good news of the gospel.

Christmas, December 22 was the Sunday school's time to have a little celebration. The children and adults enjoyed food, snacks and fellowship. It is a privilege to teach our youth about Jesus and His Word.

December 27 Pastor Michael and Bonnie held an open house at the parsonage. Soup, chilli, sandwiches and sweets were



served from afternoon until evening. It was wonderful to have folks passing through enjoying food, good conversation and fellowship.

December 29, Bide Arm and Englee joined Roddickton for a combined service. It was the last Sunday service for the year of 2024. We were privileged to have Pastor Pierre Hancock, his wife Michelle and family visiting from Los Angeles. Brother Pierre brought the message to us using *Romans 6:23* as his opening text. His narrative conveyed two possibilities.

We can choose to live in sin and reap the wages of sin, which is death and everlasting punishment, or we choose the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

On January 3, church and town folks gathered outside near the nativity scene to sing Christmas carols closing out the



Christmas season. Even though fingers and faces felt the cold winter air it was wonderful to hear, once more, those old familiar carols say, 'Thank you Lord for sending Jesus and thank you Jesus that you came,' bringing hope. Pastor Michael clued up the Carol Sing with a closing prayer.

January 26, following a morning funeral for a faithful sister in our congregation, there was a combined service at Roddickton. Beautiful music, wonderful testimonies and choruses were rendered. Testimony meeting opened by Jarvis and Loretta Randell with the grand old song, *"He Touched Me."* They came all the way from South Korea to attend the funeral for Jarvis's mother Yvonne Randell. Jarvis and Loretta attend our church in Seoul, South Korea. Testimonies followed with special songs. Paster George Burton, from our South Brook location presented the Word. His message, taken from *Deuteronomy 32:29*, encouraged and exhorted us to, "consider our latter end." Expounding upon the text Pastor Burton went on to tell of a need to be wise enough to prepare spiritually for our earthly ending. Our life here will determine our latter end. Once again saint and sinner heard the Word in its fullness. We thank God for ministers who are willing to live and speak the truth.

From our church to you may you be blessed, strengthened and encouraged in this New Year.

## Fort MCMURRAY, AB

With a busy summer and fall schedule behind us it was time to settle in and prepare for the coming winter season. With

Christmas approaching our Sunday school began preparing for a Christmas program/singspiration. December 15 was the date scheduled for the program, and we all looked to that date with anticipation, praying that all would go well, and God's glory be revealed.

On the set date at 6 o'clock in the evening our program began, the theme being, *"O What A Story."* With a beautiful manger scene decorating the church platform, the Spirit of Christmas filled the atmosphere.

The program consisted of selections by the children, teachers, men's group, ladies group, and congregational singing.

The opening was done by the Sunday school children joining brother Stefan in singing, *"Hear the Bells Ringing."* Next Theo Randell did a great job as he extended a warm welcome to all. A variety of singing and recitations followed the welcome, which included all the children from the nursery class to the adult class. The men's group sang, *"I'm Glad I Know Who Jesus is,"* and the ladies, *"Wonderful Story of Love."* The program ended with the



whole Sunday school singing, *"Oh What a Story."* Truly Christmas is the greatest story of all. The end result was beyond our expectations. All the participants did an outstanding job!



We are thankful for all who were involved in making the program a success. The time and effort was rewarded with a wonderful performance. We appreciate our teachers, students, parents and grandparents who support our Sunday school in making the effort to bring their children. That support was evident by the many who came out to watch the children participate. To God be the glory! Without Christmas there would be no "Story" to celebrate!

We are thankful for God's blessings and mercy through 2024 and look forward to great things in 2025. January 5, being the first Sunday of 2025, it was wonderful to start the New Year properly by looking to God for His direction. The message by Pastor Howard, entitled, "Put God First," referenced *Matthew 6:33*. We were encouraged to seek God and put Him first in 2025. It was noted that we begin at the right end when we begin with God, stating the fact that when our priority is spiritual, God will take care of the material. The message concluded with the statement "Daily devotion is better than yearly resolution." May that be our guiding principle for the New Year.

January 12, our service began at 6:30 pm and right from the prelude song, "I'm Not Gonna Walk Away," there was a wonderful presence of the Lord in our midst. During the testimony time, many mentioned their burden for unsaved loved ones. As we sang choruses interspersed with testimonies, the Spirit was moving. How great it is to serve a living God! Instead of proceeding with a message, we stood and sang, "Don't Overlook Salvation," and sensing the burden for the unsaved, we were encouraged to come and pray. The saints gathered around the altar experiencing a wonderful time of interceding for our loved ones who need the Lord. Thank God for His faithfulness, He always meets us right where we are, when we reach out to Him.

## BIDE ARM, NL

Christmas, the busiest season of the year, has come and gone. However, the memory of the celebrations and gatherings of God's children to commemorate the birth of Jesus has brought us priceless joy.

We are happy to report that our Bide Arm church has recently installed two heat pumps in the main sanctuary. These two units are made possible by our continued support for the Lord's work. With that, we bring all glory to His wonderful name.

On December 15, at the morning service, we began the Christmas celebration by singing lovely Christmas hymns.

Before the announcement, Luke Canning, one of our junior Sunday school students recited a Christmas poem that praised Jesus Christ as the true reason for the season. To begin the testimony service, brother Randy and Jean sang a Filipino Christmas song called, "Ang Pasko ay Sumapit (Christmas Has Arrived)."

Rev. Rene Cassell gave the message using *Isaiah 9:6* as his text. One of the descriptions of Jesus is *wonderful*, and truly all throughout the years and forevermore, He is wonderful. After the service, Pastor Randy and his wife, Jean, presented gifts to the Sunday school students and the church members.



We attended a combined Christmas concert in Roddickton on the evening of December 15. Cash Cull, representing Bide Arm, did an excellent job reciting a lengthy Christmas poem that he memorized. Our Bide Arm group sang, "Let's Give the Gift of Love at Christmas."

In our devotional service on December 22, Pastor Randy took his message from *St. Luke 2:8-11*. He spoke of the announcement the angel of God made to the shepherds who were tending to their flocks on the night that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. The significance of that declaration is still felt today, as we must continue to spread the good news of the Lord.

Following the morning devotional service, the Sunday school department held their annual Christmas get-together. They were joined by their parents and grandparents. Games for





the occasion were prepared by Rochelle Canning and Jean Antalan. It was another enjoyable day for our students and teachers. Refreshments followed.

In the evening, we joined our Englee folks for another combined Christmas sing-along. Bide Arm's contribution

consisted of Rochelle Canning singing, "What a First Christmas," and Pastor Randy, "Mary Did You Know?"

New Year's Eve service was held in Bide Arm, with our Roddickton and Englee brethren joining us for this very last time to worship in 2024. We sang praises to the Lord our God, thanking Him for another year of abundant blessings. Many of the saints testified that night, thanking God for His salvation, divine healing, and His watchful care over them during the year passed. Pastor Michael Ivany, of Roddickton delivered a wonderful message taking his opening text from [Luke 23:38-43](#). Jesus gave hope to the thief on the cross. So it is our responsibility to bring hope to a world of despair. The gospel is good news, and it brings hope. Brother Michael expressed that we are ambassadors of Christ so let us be encouraged to spread this hope to the hopeless. Make 2025 a year of HOPE.

Our Christmas and New Year celebrations were not complete without a hearty meal together. On January 5, 2025, following our morning service, a great spread of main courses and sweets prepared by our ladies was enjoyed by all.

Overall, the Christmas and New Year's celebrations in Bide Arm were memorable and will be cherished for years to come. We give God glory for what He has done and continues to do for this congregation. We eagerly await the moment when the Lord calls us home.

## ENGLEE, NL

### A Season of Fellowship, Joy, and Reflection

As we entered the busy, yet blessed Christmas season, Pastor Eric Compton's message on December 1 reminded us *"...not be weary in well doing..." Galatians 6:9*. Although the

holidays bring a flurry of activities and gatherings, together we made this season truly memorable for all involved.

On December 11, the church family came together for a Christmas potluck supper at the group building. It was a heartwarming



time of fellowship, filled with delicious food, lively games, and joyful singing. The spirit of togetherness was truly evident, and it was a perfect way to celebrate the season.

December 15 was another special day for our Sunday school children. Their excitement was palpable as they eagerly attended the annual gift-giving event. Along with receiving gifts, the children were blessed



by special musical performances and a Christmas puppet show. We are praying that each child left with the understanding that the greatest gift of all is Jesus.



On December 22, our Englee Church hosted a beautiful Christmas Singspiration. The stunning backdrop captured the essence of true love, born in a humble manger. The evening



began with the choir singing, *"Sweet Baby Jesus,"* setting a tone of love and reverence for the babe of Bethlehem, our Savior. Freeman Cull blessed us with a moving violin prelude, performing, *"If That Isn't Love."* Throughout the evening, we were treated to musical selections

from our Bide Arm and Roddickton congregations, including a remarkable performance by Pastor Randy Antalan of, *"Mary, Did You Know?"* The love and joy of the season was deeply felt by all in attendance. The choir concluded with the song, *"Do You Have Room?"* leaving the audience with a heartfelt question: Will you make room for the Savior? While there was no room for Jesus in the inn that night, the challenge remains—will you open your heart to Him now?

On December 15, Pastor Grant Cassell titled his message, *"Jesus Had a Mission."* He referenced **Philippians 2:9-10**, which says, *"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth."* How incredible it is to know the Savior of the world!

On December 29, brother Wayne Compton delivered a message titled *"Follow Me,"* drawing from **Ruth 1:8, 14-16** and **Ephesians 6:10**. His words encouraged us to be strong in the Lord, reminding us of the importance of following Christ faithfully in every season of life.

As we reflect on these special events, we are filled with gratitude for the fellowship, love, and faith that we shared as a church family during this holiday season. May we carry this spirit of joy and unity into the new year.

## EDMONTON, AB

The first Special Meeting held in AFM Edmonton took place Thursday, August 29 to Sunday, September 1, 2024, with the theme *"Purpose Found, Passion Renewed."* It was wonderful to see so many representatives from branch churches attend. The special meeting were preceded by weekly prayer meetings and the blessing of the Lord was upon us.

The opening service on Thursday evening started with a violin solo then a rendition by the choir singing the *"Joy of Heaven"* and *"Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul."*



The service continued with congregational singing and testimonies filled with the power of God. The last special was, *"How Long Has It Been Since You Talked With the Lord,"* before Tope Idowu, the pastor of our Chicago Church, gave a stirring message on *"God's Purpose in our Lives."* Reading from **Luke 12:32**, he encouraged brethren seek to know their purpose and why God created each one of us. He clearly stated we need to know this since the world is teaching other theories of creation such as evolution, teachings that are contrary to the Word of God. If we allow Him, God will work in our lives to fulfil our purpose in Him.

Friday morning started with a choir rendition titled, *"Why Have You Chosen Me"* which led to congregational songs and an opening prayer. Rooms were prepared for four different teachings to take place, which were given simultaneously, so we could choose which one to attend.

A seminar on *"Purpose and Passion in Christian Ministry and Evangelism,"* was delivered by Pastor Marjorie Reid of

Langley, BC, one on “*Christian Relationships*” presented by Tope Idowu which touched on the importance of Christian marriage, Christian home, and ideal relationships among believers. A Questions & Answers period was opened, highlighting the fact that relationships in the gospel should be anchored on God’s Word, not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers and to be guided by God’s purpose for our lives. There were other subjects taught such as: *Career Choices* by Tobi Shobukola, the pastor of our Toronto Church and *Financial Literacy*, delivered by Brother Tayo Ogunwemimo.

The program for Friday afternoon consisted of a Youth Service led by the youth ministers and workers. It began with an orchestration, then a choir song titled, “*The Lord Almighty Reigns*” followed by congregational songs and prayer. The choir gave another rendition, “*How Can I Keep From Singing*,” thereafter testimonies which extolled the saving power of God. The special song, “*Why me Lord*,” led to the sermon by Nnamdi Moh titled “*Will your Anchor Hold?*” He read from **Mark 4:35-41** and reiterated that Jesus is the only anchor that holds in our lives and if we stand firm in Him, we will neither be moved nor swayed. The surest spiritual anchor is Jesus Christ - assured and secured no matter the waves, tempest or storms that may assail.

The evening service started with the Winnipeg group singing, “*Happiness is the Lord*,” followed by a solo, “*So May You*,” by Yomi Akinbo. The congregational singing and opening prayer followed. Inspiring testimonies preceded the special song, “*Burdens are lifted at Calvary*.” The sermon was given by Pastor Lisa Randell from our Kitchener, ON, church titled “*Look and Live*” reading from **Numbers 21:4-9**. The sermon admonished us that when we go against God’s Word and become lost in sin there is a remedy provided by God which



is the blood of Jesus Christ. Just as whoever looked upon the serpent was healed, if we believe and look up to Jesus who

gave up His life on the cross for us, we will live both spiritually and physically and not be lost forever.

Saturday was a day for fellowship among brethren. A picnic at Gold Bar Park where several games like Bible quiz and Bible charades were played. The children of God fellowshiped over barbecued chicken, burgers, delicious side dishes and cookies, while



sitting around sharing testimonies and getting to know each other. Lifting up the name of Jesus and encouraging one another added such joy to our gathering. Saturday activities culminated with Singspiration, a very reviving session of praise and worship,

giving glory and honor to the Almighty God.

The final Sunday morning service began with a violin solo followed by a vocal solo, “*To God be the Glory*,” which led the church into congregational singing followed by an opening prayer. The choir gave a rendition, “*We’re Marching to Zion*.” The special song, “*Speak Oh Lord*,” was presented before the sermon by Rev. Christopher Hewlett, the Canadian District Superintendent. His title was “*Search for Salvation*” and taking his text from **Mark 10: 17 -27**, he used the account of the rich young ruler, encouraging those in our midst who were unsaved to yield to God’s tender embrace. Jesus clearly answered the question of the rich young ruler, “What must I do to be saved?” He loved him enough to tell him the truth. An invitation to come and receive salvation was given and the altars were open for prayer.

The Holy Spirit was felt throughout the duration of the meetings and our hearts were revived. To God be the glory, for He far exceeded our expectations, showing up to anoint and bless every detail of these ‘Special’ meetings. They were special indeed!



Following our inaugural fall special meetings, we were heartened by the outpouring of well-wishes from the larger Church community as well as our local community and members who selflessly and tirelessly contributed to the huge success of the Special Meetings. This was a testament to God's faithfulness, as we witnessed His blessings in abundance and welcomed new additions to our church family. The spiritual growth and unity experienced during this time set a positive tone for the months that followed.

### Winter Season

***"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Psalm 16:11***

We are delighted to share with you the wonderful events and activities that have marked our winter months here at the Edmonton branch. As we reflect on this season, we are overwhelmed by the goodness of God and His abundant blessings upon our congregation.

While we rejoiced in these blessings, we also stood together in support of a dear member who experienced a family bereavement. Though saddened by the loss, we found comfort and encouragement in the knowledge that their loved one departed with a beautiful testimony, having seen Jesus and joyfully anticipating their Heavenly home. This poignant reminder of our eternal hope in Christ has strengthened our faith and deepened our commitment to living lives that glorify and honor Him.

As a church body, we have embarked on a journey of fervent weekly prayers, seeking God's guidance for a permanent church location. We are united in our belief that the Lord is working out His divine plan, and we continue to approach His throne with confidence, knowing that He hears our petitions. These sessions of prayer have strengthened the bonds within our congregation as we stand together in faith of an impending miracle and testimony in this regard.

The Christmas season, though not marked by our usual programs, was filled with the true spirit of Christ's love through the actions of our young people. Their volunteer work at a local shelter support center, preparing meals and serving others, beautifully demonstrated the essence of Christmas. By sharing church materials and donating clothing, the positive response from the center has encouraged us all and opened doors for future ministry opportunities.

Our year culminated in a virtual Cross-over Service (*Watch Night Service*), joined by our Calgary congregation. The service, rich with singing and thanksgiving, was a fitting tribute to God's faithfulness throughout the year. As brother Foluso and brother Kirby Hewlett delivered inspiring messages, we were reminded of *Psalm 65:11*, ***"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness."*** Indeed, we enter the New Year with hearts full of gratitude for the spiritual abundance we've experienced and with eager anticipation for what God has in store for us.

## SOUTH BROOK, NL

Many times we have heard the phrase, "God is good all the time, and all the time God is good." We, as Christians, believe and know that to be true, and we are especially thankful for how good God has been to our little congregation since our last report.

God always provides. When we were left without a pastor in July, brother George Burton willingly stepped up (out of retirement) and has been such an encouragement and support for us all! The Word of God has filled and fed our souls each Sunday as he brings us a message for the hour. One of his messages was based on *Malachi 1:6* ***"A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? And if I be a master, where is my fear? Saith the Lord of hosts unto you."*** He exhorted and reminded us that the Lord wants the best we have to give, not just the leftovers! We have also been reminded and encouraged many times not to give heed to false doctrines which tell us we don't need to repent or live a holy life, when God's Word clearly states that we are to do both to make Heaven!

In December we were invited back to start services at the Retirement Center in Springdale. We are so thankful to be able to bring some hope and joy into the lives of our dear seniors. They enjoy the services so much and love singing the old songs that they have known since childhood!

On December 21 we had our annual candlelight service, with various saints taking part in singing and music. We were especially blessed by our dear brother, Frank Gillingham, who, at the age of 82, played the button accordion so beautifully!

We enjoyed a Church Christmas supper in December! It was great to get together with friends we don't see very often and enjoy food and fellowship.



On December 28 we had a memory tree in which we each brought a bulb to hang on it, and a song was sung in memory of each of our loved ones who have passed on to glory. It blesses our hearts to look back from time to time at the lives of these dear loved ones and how they have helped shape who we are today! It's also a blessing to look forward to the time when we will be reunited with them again on Heaven's shore.

That night we were once again encouraged with a message from God's Word and the title, "Go forward with Jesus!" It is too late to give up now, and as we enter the new year, we can each determine in our hearts not only to hold on, but to go deeper in our walk with Christ.

Our hearts were bursting with joy a few Sundays back when a young lady who has been attending our services for a while, came forward and gave her heart to the Lord! There is no greater joy than to see a sinner come to the Lord and know that another soul has found the peace this world needs so much!

We are looking forward to another year of blessings and joy as we gather together in sweet fellowship each Sunday, sharing testimonies and praying for one another, as well as rejoicing as we see God answer prayer after prayer.

We can truly, truly say – God is good ALL THE TIME!

## KITCHENER, ON

At the beginning of this New Year as we look back at 2024 the title of the old gospel hymn, "Great is Thy Faithfulness," comes vividly to mind. It was a busy year for the saints here in Kitchener with new challenges, sometimes uncertainties, but great blessings that outweighed it all. It's no wonder the

songwriter said, "Morning by morning, new mercies I see."

There is not enough space provided for this submission to be able to describe the goodness of God and the moving of His presence among us.

On June 23, during a morning testimony service the Holy Spirit began to move upon Jaxon. As we gathered around him to pray, he received his sanctification. The glory of God could be seen on his countenance. It's so encouraging when we see even our youth receiving these personal experiences for themselves. God is so good. That same Sunday night as Myles presented a solo before the Word entitled, "Standing Somewhere in the Shadows You'll Find Jesus," the Spirit of God once again moved and led us into another awesome prayer service.

On August 18, a chilly Sunday night with the rain pouring down on the outside, God poured the warm showers of blessings upon all in His sanctuary as we worshipped.

August 25 sister Leah gave a wonderful testimony of victory. Due to her severe allergies to scents she was unable to attend the church services as often as she desired. The times she did attend, she would have to leave because she was unable to breath properly. One day she passed someone in a shopping center who was wearing very strong cologne. She stopped for a moment and thought, "That didn't even bother me!" God had delivered her from those allergies.

While our pastors were attending the special meetings in Edmonton the saints gathered for a morning worship service when the Spirit of God fell upon many, ministering unto the needs of His children. Two words that were used by the saints attending to describe it were, "Wonderful" and "Awesome."

On September 27, Deidre and Beverly hosted a reconnect night, a time when all the youth from ages 17-25 who attended the youth groups over the years were invited to







come for fellowship. There was a campfire to roast marshmallows and hotdogs along with games and a slideshow highlighting their past gatherings. It was an enjoyable and blessed time. We look forward to a repeat of such an event, should our Lord permit.

During 2024 we had visitors from all our branch churches as well as pastors which included Pastor George Burton and his wife, Barbara, Pastor Howard Canning and Sharon, and our Superintendent, Rev. Chris and Patti, visited us during the Thanksgiving weekend. This was another great Sunday of praise and worship to God. At the end of the services, all those attending were invited to help themselves to fresh fruit from the beautiful, decorated tables, loaded with all sorts of fruit.

Once November entered things really got busy with church related Christmas activities. A supper was held for the youth November 29. It was a fun night of not just food, but singing and inspiration. On December 6, we held a Sunday school game night for all ages. What a great night of fellowship, food and fun.

On December 22, our Sunday school presented a program entitled *"Love Came Down."* Each year it seems our Sunday school students outdo themselves with their performances,



depicting great lessons, as well as the Christmas story retold, by way of mime drama presentation.



December 29, a Candlelight

Family Service was held and a Watchnight Service on December 31, where together we saw the old year out and the new one in with prayer and praise to God. What a great way to welcome a new year, on our knees in the presence of Jesus.

On January 5, we were blessed to have the Toronto saints join us for worship service. Although the weather was snowy there was a great number that showed up. As we worshiped together, our spirits were uplifted and rejuvenated. Thank God for the brethren.

We have heard powerful messages from the Word of God, and wonderful testimonies of victory. We have wept together, laughed together and together we have experienced the awesomeness of the Mighty God we serve. Our prayer for you in this New Year is that it will bring great blessings your way, that God will do great things among the brethren and that souls will be added to His kingdom.

Should our Lord tarry to the end of 2025, may you be able to recite the words of that old gospel hymn, *"Great is Thy Faithfulness Lord, Unto Me."*

## HEADINGLEY, MA

The Apostolic Faith church was privileged to host the very first Christmas celebration in our new church facility located in Headingley, Manitoba. The annual Christmas activities before now, would always feature a Christmas Concert and the Children's program on the same day. But we thank God for the opportunity to host these programmes on different days this year.

The Children's Program took place at 5:00 pm on Sunday December 15, 2024, titled, *"The Season of Good Tidings."* The saints in Winnipeg had prayed weeks before the program for fair weather and a significant turn out which the Lord granted. The program had in attendance 143 plus 26 people who connected virtually.



The program began with Remi Ajibade leading the congregation in singing Christmas Hymns. This was followed by an opening prayer by Monday Enejoh. Remi welcomed all that were present and thanked the invited guests for honouring the church's invitation.

The children's orchestra, featuring various instruments, opened with, *"Oh Christmas Tree,"* and *"Silent Night."* The combined children choir then sang, *"We Wish you a Merry Christmas,"* and *"Ring the Merry Bells."* The Beginners class then presented, *"Rocking Carol,"* and *"Christmas Tree."*

There was a Christmas drama presentation which depicted the Nativity. The drama had the narrators, Ola Ajibade and Testimoy Odimayomi asking the reasons why we celebrate Christmas. The children recited various scriptures about the



prophecy, annunciation and the birth of Jesus Christ. There were, in the drama presentations, our Sunday school children who played the role of Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, as well as the three wise men who travelled far to worship the baby Jesus. Following the drama presentation, the children's choir presented the song *"It's A Miracle."* A sextet presented, *"Mary Did You Know,"* after which the combined children's choir sang, *"Little Drummer boy"* with Victor Ojumu singing solo. A trio sang, *"We Three Kings,"* with Juwon Fatubarin, David Fatubarin and Feyi Oderinle playing as the three wise men. Vera Jimaza presented a solo, *"There is No Room."* Brother Remi had comments in which he encouraged the congregation to make room for Jesus this

Christmas. Brother Peter Oyeniyi gave the closing prayer. There were 143 in attendance and 23 people connected virtually. To God be the glory.

The Christmas Concert titled, *"Telling the Christmas Story,"* began at 5:00 pm on December 22, 2024. A congregational song titled, *"O Come all ye Faithful,"* was rendered, followed



by an opening prayer led by Emmanuel Oderinle. The event showcased songs and instrumentation that conveyed the Christmas story and the victory the birth of Jesus brought to humanity. The first part of the event featured an orchestra piece titled *"Schlittenfahrt, Sleigh Ride,"* choir songs: *"All on a Silent Night,"* various themes on *"Fa-La-La,"* and *"A New Noel."* There was an intermission in which the congregation sang beautiful Christmas hymns. The second part of the evening of music featured Bible readings *from Isaiah 7:14, Luke 2:8-10, 15 & 16.* The choir sang songs such as, *"O Come Emmanuel," "God Rest ye Merry Gentleman," "Run to the Manger,"* and *"Joy to the World."* Pastor Samson Jimaza gave closing remarks after which he invited one of the guests to express thanks. A closing prayer was given by brother Sam Fadiora.

There were 138 people in attendance. The event was also streamed via Zoom plus the church's YouTube platform with 37 people connected virtually.

This event was a very significant milestone as it was the first musical event

organized by the Church in Manitoba at the new church facility. We pray that God will continue to bless His Church as we work together to win souls for the Kingdom.



Pastor Samson Jimaza had announced to the church on the first Sunday of the year that God had laid it upon his heart that the church should have a week of prayer meeting to begin the New Year. These prayer meetings were held via zoom and had the congregation connecting Monday, January 6 through January 10 between 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The Prayer



meeting had an average of 25 connections each day. It is also worthy of note that saints connected to the prayer meeting from Saskatchewan and New Brunswick. The major theme of



the prayer was for God to revive His church in the new year. It is our earnest plea the 2025 will be a year of spiritual renewal for us all.

## TORONTO, ON

The Toronto congregation is always grateful to God for His care, providence and blessings He has poured on us all through the year 2024, particularly, the last part of the year.

We celebrated Thanksgiving with a service and an opportunity to express our heartfelt praises to God for His goodness to us. We had many things to be grateful for as a church and as individuals.

The Sunday school presented a program titled *"Give Thanks First,"* in which they sang praises to God and gave their testimonies. The congregational prayer by Comfort Ibok was an inspiring prayer of praise. Norma gave a beautiful rendition of, *"Thank You Lord for Your Blessings on Me."* The service ended with a sermon titled *"Giving Thanks Always"* by the Pastor Tobi Shobukola. We had lunch at Mandarin afterward which was a fun and bonding opportunity for the church members.

### Pastor Howard Canning and Sharron's Visit, Thanksgiving Service, and Baby Dedication

On November 3, we had Pastor Howard and Sharron Canning worship with us. Brother Howard preached a sermon titled *"Take Ye Away the Stone"* taken from [John 11:39-46](#). It was reviving – our faith was strengthened and our hope revived. This sermon can be watched on our YouTube channel.



The Lord added a total of three babies (two girls and a boy) to our congregation and for this we give Him praise. We



thank God for entrusting us as a church family with the responsibility to nurture these little ones and as mentioned during

the baby dedication of baby Tawana, parenting is lifelong. We trust that God will bestow on the new parents the wisdom needed to nurture the children in all ramifications.



### Children's Program

The Christmas period was filled with a series of spirit-filled and inspiring activities, opening with the Children's Program titled *"The Birth that Changed the World."* This was a concert



intermingled with the nativity play as the children sang solos, duets, choir renditions, and orchestration. It was, indeed an amazing and spirit-backed performance, watching our



children inspire and bless us as they shared the Christmas story.

## Christmas Concert

The Christmas concert was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. One remarkable thing about this concert, apart from the wonderful performance, was that some of the choir members were from the US, Nigeria, and other parts of Canada. Some only had a week or two to practice with the



Toronto choir, but the integration was seamless. The audience was thrilled, and their souls were blessed.

There is an appreciation for God's constant presence throughout the festive period. Our Christmas devotional service was spectacular. The choir sang beautiful Christmas songs, and the children were given an opportunity to choose some of the congregational songs. One of the children requested that the congregation sing, "O Holy Night," and the building resonated with glad voices offering a sacrifice of praise to God for the gift of His Son.

We were privileged to have Rev. Chris and Patti Hewlett with us on the last Sunday of 2024. The service was an inspiring one filled with wonderful choir renditions, testimonies of deliverance from accidents, assurance of God's protection and direction, healing from sickness, fulfillment of personal promises and spiritually motivational sermon from our District Superintendent.

Rev. Chris preached from *Isaiah 9:2,6* "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined; For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and

*the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."*

He encouraged the congregation that despite the darkness that covers our world, we have Hope in the promise of the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ who brings light and deliverance. He also referenced *Luke 2:10* "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." The message sent to the shepherds is still relevant and applicable to us today. The importance of the name of Jesus, the purpose of His birth which is to save people from their sins was also reiterated in that year-end message. Like Simeon, we were reassured that Gods promises will never fail. Members had an opportunity to have lunch and interact with the Hewletts after the service. We bless God for a fulfilling year and trust Him for greater milestones in the year ahead.



## CALGARY, AB

Sunday, September 8, 2004, was one that many who attend the Apostolic Faith church in Calgary would not forget in a hurry. Following the wonderful outpouring of the Lord's blessings at the special meetings organized by the Apostolic Faith Church in Edmonton, the District Superintendent, Reverend Chris Hewlett and his wife, Patti, visited the Calgary group. It was a wonderful time of fellowship that





began with the Sunday school lesson on “The First Man,” presented by sister Motilola Adejare.

The devotional service started shortly after with soul-inspiring music by the choir and orchestra beginning with, “Great and Mighty is the Lord.” The choir also sang, “Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,” and “Isn’t the Love of Jesus Something Wonderful,” after which it was time for testimonies. During the testimony time Rev. Hewlett testified of the power of God to keep and preserve when we wholeheartedly choose to follow the Lord. He spoke of how the Lord helped him to yield to full time service of the Lord and how the Lord has helped him and his wife to answer the call of God. Patti also testified of how the Lord helped her as a young girl to hunger and thirst after the Lord and for how He continues to help her and her husband in serving the Lord. Following a few other testimonies, it was time for the last special, which was a solo, “His Eye is on the Sparrow,” by Tolu Adejumo. Brother Uche Okafor preached a sermon titled, “Just Like the Father,” and took his text from **1 John 2:1-6**. He noted that we carry God’s DNA when we yield our hearts to the Lord and are saved, the fruits we bear would show that we are God’s children. The sermon ended with a wonderful altar service and quality time spent in the place of prayer.

After the service, everyone gathered around to have a wonderful time of fellowship and lunch before Rev. Chris and

their wives to stay committed to the call of God upon their lives and be faithful to keep the light of the Gospel burning brightly. Other reminders and admonition were given.

### Thanksgiving Potluck

For Thanksgiving this year, we enjoyed a sweet fellowship after service on Sunday, October 13. Every family came with a meal, and everyone gathered around to thank the Lord for a wonderful year, and to enjoy a lovely time of fellowship. One of the highlights of the fellowship was the Bible games that everyone enjoyed. **“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! (Psalm 133:1).”**

### National Child Day Celebration

To celebrate the National Child Day in Canada for 2024, the Sunday school department organized a special Children’s weekend from Saturday, November 16, to Sunday, November 17, 2024. Our theme for the weekend was in connection to **Deuteronomy 6:6-7, Proverbs 22:6 & Isaiah 54:13**. “Children have a right to be exposed to the Word of God.” The special weekend began with a Children’s Play Day outing on Saturday, November 16, 2024, which was a day out at an indoor play centre in the South quadrant of the city, where the children spent many hours playing and having fun.



After this the Sunday school teachers and children sat together to enjoy a meal, had a sweet fellowship and reflected on their uniqueness as God’s own children. In addition to the Sunday school teachers who volunteered to spend time with the children, our leader sister Mary was also at the indoor play centre to celebrate and spend time with the children. It was a truly wonderful time, and the children had a lot of fun.

On Sunday, November 17, the National Child Day celebration culminated in a special Children’s service which featured many memory verses and inspiring songs, including colour song, “Red is the Colour of my Favourite Rose,” which Diane Hewlett taught the children, “Here I am to Worship,” “Hear



his wife departed to their hotel for the next round of meeting with the ministers and spouses.

Rev. Hewlett spoke on the “Call of God,” and charged the ministers and



my Song, Lord,” orchestration by the children and many others. It was a truly blessed weekend, and we pray that the



Lord continues to bless and keep our Sunday school children and make them a pillar and post in the gospel in Jesus’ name.

*“But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven” Matthew 19:14.*

### Special Night Out for Men

Our men’s group had a special Christmas meet up. This was one of the many monthly activities lined up throughout the year specifically designed for men. Just before Christmas some of the men from our group met at the home of one of



the brothers. The special program featured insightful conversations, food and a special time of prayer. The men had a wonderful time this evening, which culminated in a Christmas gift exchange at church. What a wonderful time it was!

### Ladies Prayer Meeting & Summer Outing

*“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” James 5:16.*

The ladies' regular prayer meetings have continued all through the year with lots of testimonies that point to God as the Almighty. We have recorded countless blessings in our midst, and we look forward to more from the hand of God.

The ladies summer outing for the year was a memorable one, with opportunities to try new things - stepping out of our comfort zone.

Starting the day with a group prayer and followed by a horse-riding session, it was fun to support each other with so much joy and



laughter. The afternoon was spent at Discovery Canyon (water park) after which we had some reflective moments and prayer to end the day.

### Children’s Christmas Program

The Children’s Christmas program for this year was a unique one with a playlet titled “The Gift of Jesus: Celebrating God's Love.” It was a blessing to see them reflect on the reason for the season: the birth of Jesus in the playlet, Christmas songs



and related Bible recitations. We also enjoyed listening to some Christmas tunes (flute, violin & recorders) from the children.

The Christmas Sunday service was concluded with a worship session that was facilitated by the youth ministry. *“Glory to*



*God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men” Luke 2:14.*

### Christmas Outreach

On Sunday, December 15, 2024, after the Sunday morning service, we had a wonderful opportunity to embark on a Christmas outreach to the neighbourhood surrounding the community centre where we hold our Sunday services.



Children and adults joined in to share the good news of Christmas and to bring some cheer. The packs contained gospel literature and some gifts and treats for the season. We thank God for the opportunity to participate in the outreach effort. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless these efforts and win Calgary for Christ. The Lord has been blessing His work by giving us increases such as should be saved.

## LANGLEY, BC

### Welcome Pastor Marjorie and Brother Edwin Reid

About sixty people gathered on Sunday, June 16, to warmly and enthusiastically welcome Pastor Marjorie Reid and her husband, Edwin. The service was divided into two parts: welcoming our new pastor and celebrating Father’s Day.



A spirit of joy filled the sanctuary as the choir sang “How Great Thou Art,” while Brother Shola Akindele led the congregation in singing “Let’s Just Praise the Lord.”

Following the song, the saints gathered around Pastor Marjorie and brother Edwin in earnest prayer for God’s blessing on her leadership and pastorate of Langley, with Brother Samuel Adenekan leading the congregational



prayer. Following the prayer, “*The Family of God*,” was enthusiastically sung. On behalf of the Langley church family, Brother Samuel presented a welcome gift to Pastor Marjorie and Brother Edwin.

### Father’s Day Celebration

The second part of the service, the celebration of Father’s Day, continued with the congregational song, “*Come, Ye Thankful People*,” followed by “*Faith of Our Fathers*” and “*A Glorious Church*,” after which Brother Ritchie Ho offered the congregational prayer.

The children were not left out as they presented a program entitled the blessings of a “F-A-T-H-E-R.”



One of the highlights of the service was Pastor Marjorie's presentation of gifts to all fathers and fathers-to-be before she brought the Word.

Reading from *1 John 3:1*, Pastor Marjorie spoke on the “*Love of Our Heavenly Father*.” The Father adopts all the children of His Son, Jesus Christ she added that it is the wonderful, condescending love of the eternal Father that we should be made and called His sons – we, who by nature are heirs of sin



and guilt, and the curse of God, that a Holy God is not ashamed to be called our Father, and to call us His sons!

The service concluded with a congregational song, *"Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You,"* and a benediction.

### Warm Reception for the Ruiz Family

With warm hearts and joyful minds, the Langley saints welcomed the Ruiz family: Brother Robert, his mother, Zenaida, wife, Sandra, and children, Zech, Zachary, and Zich. At a reception organized in their honor, Brother Richie Ho welcomed them to the Langley church family, adding that the Langley assembly is a vibrant and loving church. He prays that their time in Langley will deepen their faith and enrich their love for the Lord. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful setting, decorations, delicious food, and time of fellowship and encouragement.

### Langley Bids Farewell to the Olulanas

Langley Church held a memorable farewell service on Sunday, August 11, 2024, for Brother George Olulana, his wife, Patience, and their son, Immanuel. Speaking at the



service, Pastor Marjorie thanked the Olulanas for their selfless service and dedication to God's work over the years. She prayed for God's blessing as they relocated to Edmonton.

The send-forth service was preceded by a Sunday school, during which Pastor Marjorie led the opening with an inspiring, action song, *"I Love You Jesus Deep Down in My Heart."*

### Celebrating the Birth of Jesus

The sanctuary was full on Sunday morning, December 22, 2024, for the annual Christmas program. The event began with Pastor Marjorie Reid welcoming the audience, after which Brother Shola Akindele led the congregational song *"O Come All Ye Faithful,"* and Brother Samuel Akindele offered the opening congregational prayer.

The program narrator, Kelly Brown, spoke about the extraordinary events surrounding Jesus' birth. This was followed by a quite energetic Christmas presentation by the Sunday school children.

Following the children's presentation, the choir sang a series of Christmas songs: *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus," "Christmas Canon," "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem,"* and *"Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child!"*



The Orchestra continued the program by playing familiar Christmas pieces, including *"O Holy Night," "Angels We Have Heard on High,"* and *"Joy to the World."*



Brother Phil Wong on guitar and Zachari Ruiz on drums inspired the audience with their Christmas medley. The Youth Choir glorified the Lord with, *"Hallelujah, I Believe,"* and *"Oh, What a Glorious Night."*

The last song of the musical was, *"There a Tiny Baby Lay,"* by a mixed quartet of Tomisin Odunsi, Samuel Akindele, Precious Akindele and Victoria Ahunanya. Brother Shola Akindele led the closing congregational song, *"Hark! The*



*Herald Angels Sing,”* while Edwin Reid led in prayer at the end of the presentation.

### Watch Night Service

We closed the year with a spirit-filled Watch Night service on Tuesday, December 31. The service commenced with congregational singing led by brother Shola Akindele, after which Robert Ruiz read the Scriptures from *Ephesians 3:14-20* before Samuel Adenekan brought the Word.

He proclaimed God’s power breathes fresh life into us each day and sustains us as we go through our day-to-day lives. He encouraged everyone to reconsecrate their lives to the Lord in 2025 to experience the exceeding greatness of God’s power.

After the sermon, a wonderful prayer meeting ensued, and attendees felt the power of God around the altars.

## OTTAWA, ON

As we reflect on the past few months since our last update in Spring 2024, our hearts overflow with gratitude for the abundant blessings God has lavished upon us. Each gathering, from the most structured meetings to casual fellowship moments, has served as a pivotal milestone in our communal spiritual journey. These events have not only enriched our faith in God but have woven us more tightly together as a family in Christ. Below are some of the key meetings we were privileged to have during this period.

### Father’s Day and Mother’s Day Celebrations

Father’s Day and Mother’s Day celebrations were heartwarming. Our men took the lead on Mothers Day,



hosting the church to a delightful dinner buffet at the Mandarin Restaurant, a gesture that spoke volumes of their

appreciation for the gift of the Godly women in their lives. This outing was more than a meal; it was a celebration of love and gratitude.

Father’s Day was met with equal enthusiasm by our mothers, but with a delightful twist: the women prepared an array of home-cooked meals that transformed our church basement



into a warm and bustling family dining room. The aroma of delicious dishes filled the air as stories and laughter were shared, weaving stronger bonds of fellowship and family among us all.

These occasions served as beautiful expressions of mutual appreciation, reinforcing our connections through the simple yet profound act of sharing a meal. We all had an amazing time fellowshiping together.

### Summer Activities

The warm summer months were bustling with a flurry of activities as we took advantage of the great weather to stage programmes that not only promoted physical health but also spiritual well-being, culminating in shared meals and enriching conversations.

The summer activities kicked off with a revitalizing morning, prayer walk in the park, led by our men. This was not just a walk but a time of camaraderie, concluding with a hearty breakfast at a nearby restaurant where conversations flowed freely. This set a vibrant tone for the rest of the summer. Following this invigorating start, we gathered for a family devotion and picnic in the park. Families united to share a meal in the crisp morning air, surrounded by nature and the presence of God. It was a sacred time filled with laughter, games, and worship. This outing also marked the launch of the 2024 Walking with Jesus Challenge, an initiative led by the youths of Ottawa and Toronto. This challenge not only

promoted physical activity but also spiritual reflection as we walked literal and metaphorical paths of faith together.

As summer waned, our focus shifted to our young ones with a “back-to-school” programme themed “*Taking a Stand for Jesus!*” Held in the park, this event was perfectly timed for children ranging from infants to high schoolers. The programme aimed to equip our young ones with the courage to express and uphold their faith as they stepped back into their academic environments.

### Canada Camp Meeting 2024

For the first time, a delegation from Ottawa attended the Newfoundland Youth Camp as well as the Canadian Camp meeting which took place in Roddickton, NL, August 4. The camp meeting delegation included two of our francophone brethren: Salome Onana and Aubin Djidenou. The group had a phenomenal time fellowshiping with brethren from other parts of Canada. Salome, who was a new member of the Ottawa Church at the time, was particularly moved by the warm welcome she received from the extended Apostolic Faith Church family. The highlight for her, was the privilege



of being baptized in water, a sacred rite that not only marked her personal commitment to God, but also her public declaration to live a life dedicated to God’s service. Daniella Oduwole, who also attended the camp meeting along with her family, was sanctified during one of the meetings and was also baptized in water.

### Christmas Concert

Our Christmas concert themed, “*Worship the Newborn King,*” which was staged on the Sunday before Christmas Day, was a resounding success drawing in the largest crowd we’ve seen this year. The harmonious blend of English and French performances captured the essence of our

multicultural congregation. The concert featured congregational singing, group singing and recitals from Ottawa Little Stars (Beginner and Primary Pals classes), and



group singing and a violin trio from Ottawa Rising Stars (Answer Class). Our orchestra performed a mix of popular Christmas classics, weaving together harmonies that filled the air. Other highlights of the evening were a solo performance of “*Rejoice Greatly,*” a soprano melody by G. F. Handel, a clarinet solo, a heartwarming rendition of the “*The First Noel,*” by the ladies, among other choir renditions. As the final notes lingered in the air, Pastor Niyi Oduwole delivered a brief but powerful exhortation, urging everyone to open their hearts to the newborn King.

### Visit of our District Superintendent

The visit from our District Superintendent, Rev. Chris Hewlett, and his lovely wife, Patti, marked a spiritually enriching start to the new year. The special devotional service held in their honour started off with a short presentation from the Ottawa Little Stars. Also featured during the service was a violin quintet presented by the



Ottawa Rising Stars, showcasing the musical talents within our congregation. Rev. Chris gave a powerful sermon titled



*“Spiritual Desire”* which was the climax of the church service. His sermon challenged us to seek deeper communion with God in this year. After the service, the congregation gathered for a reception. This was a cherished opportunity for personal interactions with the Hewletts, allowing everyone to share refreshments and conversations in a relaxed, familial atmosphere.

### New Additions to the Church

Our congregation has witnessed remarkable increase, welcoming new faces almost every week; a testament to the vibrant spirit and welcoming nature of our church family. Particularly inspiring is the increase in our Francophone members, reinforcing our commitment towards having a diverse and inclusive community. Among our newest members is Claire, the daughter of Salome Onana, along with her family of four. Salome joyously testified during one of our services how thankful she was to God for fulfilling her heartfelt desire for her family to join the church. We are equally thrilled to welcome Vicent and Bisola Mgbeze and their two children, Olasupo and Bukunmi Fagbemiro and their three children, sister Hildegard, brother Parkins amongst others to the family. These precious people have quickly become integral parts of our church, bringing new energy and perspectives. Our joy was further multiplied by the birth of Isabelle Leo, daughter to Henry Leo and Erin



Dowling. Each of these moments of growth—whether through new members joining or new lives beginning, are precious milestones that highlight the dynamic and evolving nature of our church family.

### New Workers in the Church

In response to the needs of our growing congregation, we have taken proactive steps to ensure that everyone from the youngest to the oldest is nourished spiritually. To this end, there has also been a number of newly appointed Sunday School teachers: Henry Leo, Prosper Igheware and Damilola

Gbolahun. As well, Kemi Ogunsanmi, a seasoned Children’s Sunday school teacher from our church in Nigeria, has also joined our team of Sunday school workers.

### Conclusion

As we journey through 2025—a year Pastor Niyi Oduwole has proclaimed as a year of new beginnings, a fresh dawn, renewed faith, abundant joy, and divine breakthroughs, we hold fast to God’s promise: *“Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert” (Isaiah 43:19)*. With hearts brimming with hope and anticipation, we eagerly await all the numerous blessings that God has in store for us this year.

## BIRCHY BAY, NL

December 7, 2024, we travelled to Birchy Bay to spend a weekend with the brethren there. They no longer have a pastor, but they remain faithful to attend the church on Sunday and weeknight prayer meeting.

Brother Kevin Hopkins and his wife, Dorothy, were invited to join us, which would make it easier to hold Christmas celebrations with this small group. They are always excited when there are saints who come to visit, especially to spend a weekend.

Sunday morning, we held a devotional service, singing Christmas songs and conducting a service as if there were a large congregation. Sister Dorothy opened the testimonies with a lovely song entitled, *“Christmas is Jesus.”* Testimonies of victory were given. A duet by Sisters Olive and Eileen, entitled, *“Great is Thy Love,”* followed by a wonderful, uplifting sermon by brother Kevin, *“Fear not, Little Flock.”* He took his text from *St. Luke 12:29*. He began by telling of a personal experience where God provided for Him in a marvelous way. He also used *1 Peter 5:7*. These words are so wonderful. When we are established, storms may come but we are not moved. We may be shaken but not moved! People are looking for hope, but they need to go to the right source to find that hope. What an encouraging and uplifting sermon for this little flock. God is always faithful.

A full Christmas program was prepared for the evening. Following a hearty welcome and acknowledgement of visitors from Brother Chris, the congregation was led in beautiful Christmas carols, *“O Come All Ye Faithful,”* and *“Away in a Manger.”* Prayer was then offered by Claude Quinlan. A duet by Brother Chris and Patti Hewlett entitled,

"That Beautiful Name," was followed by, "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem," by the Birchy Bay group. The congregation then



enjoyed singing, "For unto us a Child is Born," after which Brother Kevin and Dorothy favored us with, "My Christmas Offering." The chorus, "His Name is Wonderful," was sung by the congregation before a quartet singing, "Angels Broke the Silence." The congregation freely sang a lively chorus, "Light the Light," then a poem was read by Patsy Hewlett entitled "Christmas is a Story of Light."

Pastor Chris presented a Christmas message entitled, "Light," A small word that holds so much meaning. Using *Isaiah 9:2, 6*, then *St. Luke 2:10-14*, he conveyed that the most important thing about the birth of Christ is not the stable, shepherds, angels, wisemen, yet all very important roles in the Christmas story. The most important and most thrilling is who Jesus was and the reason He came to earth, to shed light and be the light of the world so darkened by sin. Thank God for Jesus, the Light of the World. The darkness of evil never has, and never will, overcome or extinguish the light, that Jesus brings into our world. Let us, shine for Jesus, by sharing His light and His great love to those around us.



The beautiful song, "Silent Night," was sung followed by a closing prayer by brother Kevin. Our hearts were truly warmed by the peace and joy that only Jesus can give.

Refreshments were then served at the parsonage. A Christmas gift was presented to each member. What a wonderful time of fellowship and encouragement.

## Upcoming Events

Portland Camp Meeting  
Portland, OR  
June 29 – July 13, 2025

Newfoundland Youth Camp  
Roddickton, NL  
July 21 – 24, 2025

Midwest Camp Meeting  
July 28 – August 2, 2025

Ottawa Special Meetings  
August 28 – 31, 2025