

Victory In Jesus!

RODDICKTON, NL

Here at Roddickton we are continuing to enjoy God's wonderful presence. August 20, 2025, folks gathered for our weekly prayer meeting. Pastor Michael was about to share the prayer request with the congregation, then he paused as someone else was seen entering the church foyer. In a few moments we were overjoyed to watch a gentleman make his way down to the altar. His wife was accompanying him. Oh, the joy of sins forgiven. To witness the power of the blood as this man prayed through to the wonderful experience of salvation. Since then, we have been so blessed to hear him give his testimony of victory. Brother Eddie's desire is to kneel at the altar to pray but due to knee issues this was difficult for him. December 19, he stood to his feet and once again gave God the praise. He told of how he went to his room, at home, and prayed until the answer came. He came out of his room and the pain was gone. The congregation was overjoyed to hear his account of deliverance.

The morning service of September 14 was not a regular Sunday morning service. After the prayer requests were read at the beginning of the service, brother David requested that his wife, Dorothy be prayed over. Even in her weakness and discomfort, she's been getting out to church. Pastor Michael didn't hesitate, along with the other helpers, to anoint her with oil and pray for her. **James 5:15 "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up..."** Many others gathered as well to blend their voices in a prayer of faith for our sister. Afterward, we did the same for Raymond, who is also fighting a battle of sickness. This continued with others requesting prayer and a wonderful spirit of love and prayer abounded. Fourteen were counted as having been prayed for. A couple of those stood in for others and were anointed on their behalf. Music and singing continued throughout and the service concluded with the saints tarrying to greet one another. As the Spirit moved, there was no preaching. God is faithful and He is still honouring the faith of those who believe in what He can do. Praise His name!

October 2 the church family gathered for our annual Thanksgiving meal. Hot dishes were served and enjoyed by all. This was followed by delicious desserts. It was a moment to fellowship and reminisce about the goodness of God and how thankful we should be for His blessings.



On November 2 there was a combined water baptism service at the Roddickton church. It was wonderful to see a large turnout. Voices lifted in praise and worship. Beautiful testimonies were shared. The three local churches had special songs inserted throughout the service. Pastor Michael presented the message using Exodus 3 as the opener. He warned of the danger of a hardened heart. It took 10 plagues to change Pharaoh's mind. The question is, "What will it take to change the sinners' mind?" Invitation was given to anyone not saved to take advantage of the moment to accept Christ. Following the message, it was a joy to witness candidates follow Jesus's example in water baptism.

The church gathered for prayer meeting on December 3. Joining us was a gentleman from our town. He came in and sat in the back as a couple of choruses were sung. With an encouraging word from someone he made his way to the altar. Once again, we were thrilled to see the power of salvation manifest itself in the life of a sinner. Brother Stan related that he had known what was needed for a while and finally made the choice to follow Jesus.

On December 11 we held our Christmas evening fellowship and supper. It was a blessing to hear the family of God conversing, laughing and sharing together. There was no shortage of food items. Delicious servings of meats, veggies, casseroles, salads and desserts were enjoyed by all. The evening ended with singing Christmas songs along with others followed by a closing prayer.



On December 21 there was a combined Christmas program from Roddickton, Bide Arm and Englee congregations. The evening opened with a beautiful medley from the combined choir. They sang a combination of, *“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus,”* *“Born in Bethlehem”* and *“Oh Thou Joyful Day.”*



Pastor Randy then gave a warm welcome to all in attendance along with those watching through media platforms. This was followed by a well-known carol, *“Joy to the World.”* The congregation sounded awesome as they glorified the Saviour in song. The Roddickton primary Sunday school did a beautiful job singing, *“I’ve Got the Joy of Christmas Down in My Heart.”*

Pastor Howard read the scriptures giving the account of the Saviour’s birth and the wonderful events that transpired at this time followed by a beautiful rendition of, *“The First Noel.”* Pastor Randy and his wife, Jean, blessed us with the Filipino version of this

Carol. It is wonderful to hear a song sung in another language yet still feel a connection with the song’s purpose. Before prayer the congregation was favored with a group singing from our Englee church entitled, *“Still He Came.”*

The beautiful words of, *“Silent Night,”* were then sung by the entire congregation. The Roddickton church group followed with, *“One Dark Christmas Night.”* Children from the Bide Arm church then came forward and delighted us with, *“Hear the Bells Ring.”* A solo by Ada Weir, *“His Name is Jesus,”* emphasized the Son of God.

Awe is a word to best describe the next insert of our program. Cash Cull, once again, showed us his capacity to remember by reciting a lengthy Christmas poem all from memory. Roddickton Sunday school sang and shared the message that Christ was, *“Born to Bring us Joy.”*

A song entitled, *“The Friendly Beast,”* was presented by the Bide Arm adults.

The Congregation then joined the Roddickton Sunday school in singing the action chorus, *“Raise your Hand if you Know the Answer.”* Doreen then sang a beautiful rendition of, *“He Left it All,”* before the congregation joined in singing, *“Go Tell it on the Mountain.”*



Pastor Randy and Pastor Michael sang a duet called, *“Christmas at Calvary.”*

The three Pastors gave greetings to the congregation before the children came to sing, *“Come on Ring Those Bells.”* After the closing prayer everyone joined in singing, *“We Wish you a Merry Christmas.”*

We were blessed to see tremendous attendance from the surrounding communities. To all, we pray that your New Year will be a blest one filled with the goodness of God.

Sunday School Blessings by Pastor Michael

Sunday, February 8, I was at home recovering from a recent hip replacement surgery. Shortly after 3:00 I heard the door open. What a blessing to see our junior, senior, and primary Sunday school children along with the teachers come into the living room where I was sitting. Music began and they started to sing. My heart was lifted to hear those beautiful voices. This gesture of love meant the world to Bonnie and me. They presented me with a lovely card and gift. I am a very blessed Pastor indeed. It is my prayer that God would continue to bless those young hearts and that more from our communities would be drawn to a place where Jesus is taught.



The Sunday night service on February 15 was exceptional, building on the day's Love theme. It began with a beautiful prelude, followed by the choir's stirring rendition, "Our Lord's Return." It set the tone for a Spirit-filled service. The saints were recounting the many ways in which our loving Father has illustrated His love in their lives, through their testimonies.

Before Pastor Vanzel delivered the Word of God, the young adults had a message in song that drew applause! The message from the Word began with the text taken from *1 John*, reminding us how we can overcome temptation and be triumphant through the love of Christ. Also, *Revelation 12:11* was referenced "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." After the message and closing song, the saints knelt to pray, including the musicians. It was a sweet, relatively quiet time of prayer, however, there were those that were persistent like the woman in the Bible that pressed through the crowd, and the sweet Spirit began to flow from heart to heart. The pianist began to play softly again as the seekers were getting blessed and soon all the musicians were back in their place playing beautiful, inspiring songs as the Spirit led. What a time of blessings for God's people! One of the young adults, sister Sheila Reid Fowler received her sanctification and baptism! One of our new converts received a wonderful blessing, among many other saints, and the Spirit continued to flow from heart to heart, all over the church. There was anointed prayer for the sick, and such a feeling of love with the blessings flowing freely from one to another! Praise the Lord! The singing and rejoicing continued through the remainder of the service, and it didn't conclude until around 11:20 pm! Nobody was in a hurry to leave!

Only Heaven will reveal all that happened in the hearts of people today. We are looking forward to hearing testimonies as the different ones speak to what they have received from God!

".....he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

MISSION TRIP TO GRANDE PRAIRIE, AB (By Pastor Marjorie)

Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude and thanks unto the Lord for His goodness. It's amazing how the Lord has been moving. August 3, we held a water baptism service. The Spirit of the Lord came down in a special way. The singing was heart touching. As the Word went forth the Spirit of God was soul searching. Sinners and saints wept as God took control of the service. At the end of the first part of the service which was held in our son's backyard, we travelled to Pipestone River, minutes away. Although the forecast promised rain, the morning was warm with the sun shining. Before we arrived

at the river, our daughter in law called, she was weeping, she said, "I'm going through the water. I want to follow Jesus." We were expecting to baptize two candidates but five stepped out to follow Jesus. Others were moved and I believe will follow. We give God glory for what we felt and experienced.

To God be the glory! We believe God is opening doors in Grande Prairie. The Lord blessed us with a church to rent at a great price. August 10, 2025, our service began at 2:00 pm including brother Foluso and his family. There were between 35 to 40 in attendance.

Brother Foluso played a beautiful violin solo and then Yetunde sang, "How Great Thou Art." It was such a privilege to introduce our Great and Mighty God to those who came. Most of the same people that attended the water baptism service were there and others who came for the baby dedication. Once again, the sweet presence of the Lord was felt. It's very evident that God is drawing souls.

After a lovely time of worship and praise Yetunde sang the last special, "Remind me Dear Lord." The scripture text was taken from [Deuteronomy 6:4-7](#). Such an attentive audience. You could sense the precious Word was reaching hearts.

There is no doubt God is calling, and we are expecting to hear of others surrendering to the Lord. Following the service, we had food and fellowship. We will continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide us. Please help us pray for Grand Prairie.

KITCHENER, ON

Throughout the past year, we have been richly blessed by the preaching of God's Word and the moving of His Spirit in our services. Pastor Robert ministered on trusting God during wilderness seasons, reminding us that even in difficult times, the Lord remains our comfort and our joy.

We were also encouraged by the personal testimonies shared within the congregation. One particularly impactful testimony came from Joshua, who spoke openly about the years he spent deceived and misled by the enemy's lies. He described the confusion and struggle he endured during that season and expressed deep gratitude that he did not continue listening to those voices, recognizing that doing so could have led him far from God. Joshua testified of God's mercy in opening his eyes to the truth and restoring his hope. Today, he rejoices in the assurance of salvation and in the hope of one day seeing Jesus.

On June 8, we held a farewell service for Pastors Robert and Lisa. The congregation gathered to honour them for their faithful service to the Kitchener church, sharing memories through a slideshow and presenting them with gifts. We continue to pray for God's blessings upon them in their next assignment.



On July 27, we joyfully welcomed Pastor Wole, his wife, Yemi, and their family to our congregation. A reception followed the Sunday morning service. Pastor Wole ministered on abiding in Christ, referencing [John 15:5](#), and reminded us that just as a branch must remain connected to the vine, we must remain attached to Christ in order to bear fruit.

In August, we were blessed by the ministry of Pastor Chris, who preached from [Romans 12:1-2](#). He reminded us that the wisdom of God cannot be fully comprehended by human understanding and that God's Word provides answers for every situation we face in life.

On September 7, we celebrated Sunday school Promotion. It was a joy to see our children growing and learning in the Lord. Awards were presented, and new teachers were introduced as the children advanced to their next classes.

On September 14, we rejoiced as Miranda Thompson gave her heart to the Lord. We are thankful that God continues to seek and save souls and that lives are still being transformed by His power.

During our Thanksgiving service on October 12, we welcomed many visitors and gathered with approximately 90 in attendance. Pastor Foluso preached the message, “*Are You a Friend of Jesus?*” reminding us of Christ’s care for us and His desire to reveal His glory in our lives.

Later in October, Pastor Wole preached on the topic of a “*Spiritual Audit*,” encouraging believers to examine their hearts, renew their love for God, and seek restoration where needed. He reminded us that God has a purpose for every life and that His power is unlimited.

Throughout the Christmas season, we enjoyed special services celebrating the birth of Jesus. Our Sunday school children presented a wonderful performance, followed by a candlelight service featuring both children and adults as we celebrated Jesus, the Light of the World.

On December 31, the saints gathered for a watchnight service to close out the year in prayer and thanksgiving and to welcome the new year in God’s house.

On the first Sunday of the New Year, we rejoiced as two new converts, Shawn Hancock and Meghan Randell, joined our congregation. We are grateful that God continues to call hearts to Himself and that lives are being surrendered to Him.

From our church to yours, we wish you God’s richest blessings in 2026. We look forward to seeing you at our special meetings scheduled for May 14–17, 2026.

And if the Lord should return before then, we will rejoice together around His eternal throne.



SOUTH BROOK, NL

With the last issue of our newsletter being concentrated on the summer youth camp, this submission will contain a little summer activity as well as the fall. In June, my wife and I relocated back to South Brook from Kitchener. Our hearts were saddened to be leaving them so soon, but we were truly blessed to have been their pastors there. We were greeted here with open arms and hearts, along with a delicious meal prepared by the saints. It was a great opportunity to get acquainted with everyone in attendance; we felt right at home. We want to thank Pastor George Burton and his wife, Barbara, for continuing the Lord’s work until we arrived.

We heard a wonderful message taken from [Genesis 26:15-25](#) regarding digging again the old wells on our first Sunday here, and we are so thankful that we can still have access to those Living Waters. I’m sure many of us, at some time or another, have tried to explain a certain event or circumstance but fell short in really describing it properly. Well, that’s how it is when it comes to describing the presence of God among us. In fact, during the testimonies all one Sunday many said, “I am lost for words.” But like the chorus, it’s better felt than told.

August 3 was one of these kinds of services where the Holy Spirit moved so gently among us and even though tears ran down our cheeks, our hearts and hands were raised to God. Such a calmness swept over us, it was as if God was saying, just keep on going, I am with you. August 31 was another day like that as well and we thank God for His faithfulness to His children.

Since the fall season has set in, we gather biweekly for a night of men’s fellowship at the church parsonage while the ladies gather at the church. We have taken on some projects to help those in need with one being donations to our local food bank. We can say we are truly blessed and leave these times of fellowship even more encouraged and looking forward to our next gatherings.

On September 7 during our morning testimony service two ladies came forward to be anointed and prayed for. The saints gathered around them and God moved among us. Many more were inspired to get anointed and prayed over as well. We left that service with assurance that the victories were on the way.

October 12 being Thanksgiving Sunday, we set up a harvest table in the church foyer. Those leaving the service could pick a piece of fruit to take with them on their way out. The following evening, we enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal together at the church. Unaware to us, some of the saints came in waving a banner along with one carrying a cake while the rest sang a chorus of thanksgiving to us, their pastors. We were surprised and grateful at the same time. Some time was given to show our appreciation to all the brethren. We then enjoyed a hot meal, read a story and a thought-provoking poem regarding thankfulness and other activities. We left with our bellies full of food and our hearts full of praise to God.



We gathered on October 27, and the church seemed to be charged with the power of God. We were expecting something good to happen. During the testimony service while we sang, *"I Hear the Breaking of Chains,"* Clyde Burton and his wife, Bessie, came forward and surrendered their lives to the Lord. Oh, what joy in the camp!! Every time we gather to worship, we are expecting the doors to open and our loved ones or people from the community to come in and surrender their lives to God as well. We have had many visitors from both the branch churches and surrounding communities over the past summer and fall season and we enter each service expecting God to do great things.

Twice a month we hold services at two different senior complexes in a nearby community. On November 2 we had a wonderful service worshipping together with them; it normally lasts for an hour, but the seniors wanted us to stay for two. We left that complex so blessed ourselves just to witness the presence of God blessing them as they worshipped with their hands raised to Heaven. Even in our later years it's so wonderful to have the assurance that God is still with us.

November 29, we started our service with the chorus, *"Don't Tell me my Friend That God is Dead, He Woke me up This Morning,"* and before we finished, we were all going around the church greeting the brethren. What a way to start the service! During the testimony service we had three people standing the same time to try and tell of God's goodness towards them. We praise God for His Spirit among us when we gather in His name. The evening service was just the continuant of the morning service with powerful singing, testimonies and a message from the Word of God. At the end of the service with a song of invitation, Clyde Boyles came forward to pray and wonderfully received salvation. Our hearts were blessed as we watched him on his feet walking around and praising God. What a way to end the Lord's Day!

On December 8 we had our annual Christmas supper with each member of our congregation bringing a guest. We had a full house. We enjoyed a wonderful turkey dinner that was prepared and served by our ladies as well as a wonderful spread of homemade cookies. We had an awesome night of fellowship and fun with the perfect opportunity to reach out to the residents of South Brook and surrounding communities.



On December 21, we had a candlelight service with an assortment of readings and special singings; candles were lit in memory of those who have already gone on to their reward. We are thankful for the hope we have of one day being reunited with them on Heaven's shore.

Our prayer is that God will continue to move in all our branch churches and bring in souls from near and far. We look around and see the signs of our Lord's return when we will gather around the throne eternal. Until that glorious time, we will continue to hold you all up in prayer.



MONCTON, NB

We give all glory, honour, and thanksgiving to God for His goodness, faithfulness, and mighty works among us during the second half of the year 2025. Truly, *"This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes"* (Psalm 118:23).

In obedience to the directives of our church leadership, Sunday school services formally commenced on June 1, marking the beginning of regular Sunday worship activities. The Lord graciously added to our number and confirmed His presence among us through answered prayers and testimonies. Notably, a neighbouring sister joined the fellowship and testified to receiving answers to her prayers. Indeed, *"...the Lord is in this place"* (Genesis 28:16).

The Lord strengthened the group through the addition of brethren from various locations. We thank God for the spirit of unity and love experienced among the brethren, in fulfillment of Psalm 133:1 *"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"* God's presence was evident in all our regular weekly gatherings, which included: Bible study, prayer meetings (alternating Thursdays), Sunday school and worship services (every Sunday).



These meetings served as seasons of spiritual growth, encouragement, and fellowship, aptly described in Acts 2:42 *"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."*

In August 2025, the group held a successful summer outing to Grand Manan Island. The outing provided a refreshing time of Christian fellowship, singing, games, and sightseeing, including visits to the lighthouse tower, beach, and harbour. This event strengthened bonds among members and reinforced the value of Christian companionship, as stated in Ecclesiastes 4:9 *"Two are better than one..."*



Provision of a Place of Worship

A significant milestone during this report was the miraculous provision of a rented facility for regular weekly services. Following earnest prayers and a diligent search, God made a way where none seemed possible. Through divine connection, the Lord provided a beautiful worship facility located at:

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Truly, *"For with God nothing shall be impossible"* (Luke 1:37).

On December 14, 2025, the group hosted a children's program and carol singing with the theme "The Greatest Gift of Mankind." The program was richly blessed, recording over 40 in-person and online attendees and more than 20 newcomers. We thank God for the impact and outreach achieved, especially among families and children. *"Suffer little children... to come unto me..." (Matthew 19:14).*



The Lord also blessed members of the Apostolic Faith Group, Moncton, with notable personal milestones during the year. Two of our brethren successfully graduated from the New Brunswick Community College (NBCC). Olaoluwa Abiola and Felicia Oyedele. We thank God for granting them wisdom, perseverance, and success in their academic pursuits.

Additionally, we rejoiced with Femi Adewoyin, who entered into holy matrimony in December and is now known as Femi Oyedokun. We bless God for His guidance, favour, and grace upon her marriage. Indeed, *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17).*

Other notable activities were Father's Day celebration and Thanksgiving Day service. Each occasion was marked by heartfelt worship, gratitude, and spiritual refreshing in God's presence.

Average attendance across Sunday meetings, both in-person and online—comprising adults and children, stood at approximately fourteen participants. We trust God for continued increase and expansion, in line with *Isaiah 54:2 "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes."* As we reflect on the Lord's goodness throughout 2025, we remain confident that *"...he which hath begun a good work... will perform it..." (Philippians 1:6).* We earnestly pray that in 2026, the Lord will grant greater growth, deeper spiritual impact, and increased fruitfulness for His Kingdom. *"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory..." (Psalm 115:1).* To God be all the glory. Amen.

BIDE ARM, NL

Lamentations 3:22-23 says, "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."

Our Bide Arm saints certainly bear witness to God's faithfulness. The twelve months of 2025 have been a remarkable year of many victories won through prayers. We also had wonderful church services all through the year.

On the evening of November 2, a combined Water Baptismal service was held at the Canadian Headquarters Church in Roddickton. However, the morning service preceding that evening, the Spirit of the Lord descended at the beginning of the testimony session. The sweet-sweet Spirit of the Lord was felt from every corner of the church; people came forward to pray and savor the sweet blessing of the Lord. Because of that, there was no sermon that morning. Along with the Englee church, we joined the Roddickton congregation for the baptismal service. It was a beautiful meeting that started with singing of wonderful old gospel music, testimonies of healing and victory over sin before Pastor Michael Ivany delivered the Word. There were nine candidates for the water baptismal service that night. O what a beautiful gathering it was.

On December 14, Rev. Rene Cassell led the service in Bide Arm while Pastor Randy and his wife, Jean, travelled to our church in Birchy Bay, NL, to assist the saints there with their Christmas service. We had a blessed service that Sunday morning here in Bide Arm. Brother Rene spoke about, "Gift Giving." God offered the first gift by giving His Son, Jesus to humankind. The wise men followed by giving precious gifts. Though there was danger that could cost the wise men their lives, the love of God kept them from all harm. Brother Rene took his text from *Romans 12:1* to emphasize a question, "What can we give to the Lord?" He also emphasized on not what it cost to give but rather what pays when we give our lives to Jesus, and that is salvation and to have Eternal Life.



The morning service of December 21 was devoted to singing Christmas carols and giving away some token of thanks to the Bide Arm saints and the Sunday school children. Pastor Randy took this opportunity to thank everyone for the continuous support of the work in Bide Arm and across Canada. The evening schedule was a combined Christmas concert for our Englee-Bide Arm-Roddickton churches. After the scripture reading by Pastor Howard Canning, Brother Randy and Jean sang, “*The First Noel*,” in their native

language. Three of our Bide Arm Sunday school children sang, “*Hear the Bells Ring*,” and they sang it beautifully. Cash Cull once again delivered an outstanding recitation of a Christmas poem which he memorized very well. We thank the Lord for giving him that talent. Our choir sang a Christmas song titled, “*The Friendly Beasts*.” Overall, the Christmas concert was wonderful, all to the glory of God. *(Please refer to the Roddickton article for the full report of the Christmas Concert).*



We scheduled the evening of December 28 to be another combined service here at Bide Arm, however, due to the snowstorm the day before, we could not proceed with any of our Sunday services in the area. Nevertheless, we were encouraged to do a devotion and prayers at our respective homes.

Christmas and New Year’s celebrations were held in our respective homes. Though Christmas cards are becoming more digital these days, we still like the feel of a physical card and with that, we exchanged cards and gifts just like in the old days. The feeling of Christmas is evident in the love we share as children of God.

The first Sunday of 2026 was on the fourth day of the year. During the morning service Pastor Randy in his first sermon of the year spoke concerning, “Staying Clean,” which he took his text from [Ephesians 4:22-24](#). The evening meeting was a combined service that was attended by some visitors and many of our saints from Englee and Roddickton. Our ladies from Bide Arm opened the testimony service with their beautiful rendition of, “*The Wonder of Wonders*,” then Freeman and Glenda Cull from Englee sang, “*Time Has Made a Change*,” in the middle of testimony service, Doreen Brenton and Sheila Adams sang, “*I’d Like to Tell it Again*,” before the message. Pastor Randy Antalán took his message from [John 20:24-29](#) encouraging us to believe and have faith in Jesus always. That there is no space in doubting the Lord’s purpose in our lives. Be not like Thomas who only believed because he had seen in his very eyes but rather believe because we know that Jesus is real. We then gathered at the altar for prayer to end the service. What a beautiful way to start the new year by giving glory to God in all that we do.

TORONTO, ON

2025 was an exceptional year for fellowship. We were blessed with an unprecedented number of visits from brethren. Each one brought joy and encouragement to our hearts. Truly, blessed is the tie that binds us. In May, Pastor Michael and Bonnie Ivany from Roddickton visited, presenting a beautiful duet. Pastor Michael shared a stirring message.

August brought us Rev. Fungai Mangere, Cranfield pastor in UK, Ngozi Ozurike and Tatenda, accompanied by the Welchers. We were happy to welcome Femi Atoe in September, Dapo Ajanaku and Lana Alofe in October.





Our Father’s Day celebration in June was a heartfelt expression of appreciation for all our fathers. We created a fun, restaurant-style experience complete with menu cards and “waiters” taking orders, adding a touch of joy and creativity to the day.

In August our children had a fun day at Canada’s Wonderland, and everyone had their share of fun in September with a relaxing and fun-filled picnic at the park.

Arike Eunice Folarin celebrated her 70 birthday in July, and her testimony was truly inspiring.



“Nana,” sister Adelina Torres’s 90 birthday celebration in September was remarkable. It was a testament to God’s faithfulness and keeping power.

God graciously blessed us with babies in 2025. We were delighted to witness two precious babies presented to the Lord. Baby Stel-Ann Onajaefe was dedicated on Thanksgiving Sunday,



and baby Sinachi Meriah was dedicated on December 21. We were reminded that presenting our children to the Lord is a sacred commitment to raise them in the knowledge, love, and ways of God.



The final quarter of 2025 was a season of thanksgiving, impactful visitations, and spiritual renewal for our church family. We began with a joyful Canadian Thanksgiving celebration, expressing gratitude to God for His faithfulness and provision. It was a time of joyful worship, reflection, and unity as we acknowledged the many blessings – both seen and unseen – that the Lord has graciously bestowed upon us throughout the year.



Shortly thereafter, we were honoured to receive the current District Superintendent of the Apostolic Faith Mission for Western Europe, Rev. Mark Mfandarahwa. His visit was a great encouragement and a reminder of our shared mission and unity in Christ.





Our children's Christmas program was a highlight of the season, featuring beautiful carol renditions and a touching play portraying the birth of Christ and His redeeming power, illustrated through the story of Zacchaeus.



On the second last Sunday of the year, we also celebrated the baby dedication of the William family, followed by the annual Christmas concert.

The concert was marked by inspiring music and an atmosphere of joy that brought together families, and visitors in celebration of the reason for the season – Jesus Christ.

The last Sunday of 2025 was deeply impactful; we were privileged to welcome sister Stella Adigun, wife of the District Superintendent in West and Central Africa, who visited from Nigeria. In her powerful sermon titled, "Spirit-Brand," she delivered a timely and stirring message that revived the entire congregation. She reminded us of the believer's call to live a life wholly surrendered to God – one that has crucified the flesh with its passions and desires and is fully led by the Spirit.



The year ended with a watchnight service, with brethren braving the harsh weather to offer their gratitude and praise to God for His faithfulness throughout the year because, as the theme of the service declared, *"If it had not been the Lord..."* (Psalm 124).

God ushered us into a new year on an upbeat note. The message titled, "Preparation to Receive," was both a

charge and an encouragement. We were charged to seek the Lord, aligning with His will, and then assured that He has a plan and that He will bless abundantly. God inspired the pastor to start the year with a series of prayer meetings over the first nine days. The gathering on Monday, January 5, was especially memorable; it was a deeply anointed time in God's presence, with soul-lifting scripture readings. We truly felt the presence of God.

Our hearts were filled with renewed hope for the year ahead. We trust that God who has ushered us into this season on such a high note will sustain us, answer our prayers, help us to live wholly for Him, and prepare us for His coming and for His kingdom.

BIRCHY BAY, NL

We are grateful to God for the dedication of the members of the Birchy Bay church in their commitment to the gospel. On December 14 a group of four from Roddickton and Bide Arm led by Pastor Randy Antalan, his wife Jean, joined by brother Kevin Hopkins and his wife, Dorothy, visited Birchy Bay to help the saints celebrate Christmas at our church there. The morning devotional service was attended by our regular group and few other visitors from the area. The service began with singing old gospel Christmas carols. The Birchy Bay ladies sang, *"Go Tell the News,"* to begin the testimony service, followed by a quartet featuring Pastor Randy, Jean, brother Kevin and Dorothy singing, *"O Holy Night,"* before the message.

Brother Kevin's message was titled, "The Best Gift," and he used text from [2 Corinthians 9:15](#), "God's unspeakable gift," and [John 3:16](#), which spoke about God's greatest love and gift to mankind.

After the morning service we all gathered at the parsonage for Christmas dinner. The ladies of Birchy Bay made a delicious meal for us all to enjoy. After the meal Pastor



Randy presented Christmas gifts to the saints. Though the fellowship was short as Eileen and Olive had to leave for St. John's to fly to Alberta, overall, it was still a wonderful time together with the saints.

The evening service was attended by fewer people; however, the singing was still the same. It was Spirit filled and uplifting. Since it was Christmas season, our songs were all about the birth of a Saviour. Once more, we were blessed to hear beautiful testimonies about victory and healing before the group of Pastor Randy, Jean, brother Kevin and Dorothy sang, "Redeeming Love," before the message. Pastor Randy used [Luke 5:31-32](#) to remind us that the purpose of Jesus coming to this world is not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. We felt the blessing of the Lord as we gathered at the altar for prayer. That visit was a blessing as we get to see our saints in Birchy Bay before the year 2025 ended. We can't wait to be with them again in coming days, nevertheless, should the Lord come at any time, it is our earnest prayer that we will all meet in Heaven.

FORT MCMURRAY, AB

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits" (Psalm 103:2).

As we look back over the past several months, we are thankful for the many ways the Lord has blessed us as a church family here in Fort McMurray, Alberta. Through worship, remembrance, celebration, fellowship, and reflection, we have seen His faithfulness and felt His presence among us. The following moments remind us that God continues to work in and through His people.

Our Thanksgiving celebration on October 12 was a meaningful time of worship and fellowship. We gathered to give thanks to the Lord for His provision, grace, and faithfulness throughout the year. After a beautiful congregational opening hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," the ladies blessed us with, "Come Thou Fount." The Sunday school children joined in the praise with two lovely selections for which they had diligently prepared actions. They shared, "I Will Enter His Gates," and "If You're Thankful and You Know It." Their joyful praise was heartwarming! Pastor Chris and Patti Hewlett blessed us with a beautiful duet titled, "Lord, I Just Want to Thank You." After several choruses of thanks and a lovely special by the men's

group titled, *“Thank You, Lord, For Your Blessings on Me,”* Pastor Chris delivered a powerful Thanksgiving message, followed by, *“Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood Applied,”* sung by Jarvis and Loretta Randell.

After the closing remarks, those in attendance shared a delicious potluck meal that had been graciously prepared by church family and friends. The fellowship was sweet allowing us to reflect on the truth that *“every good gift and every perfect gift is from above...” (James 1:17).*



Baby Dedication

ON THE AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 9, OUR CHURCH FAMILY WAS BLESSED TO SHARE IN THE BEAUTIFUL DEDICATION OF MAVIS' GRANDSON. MANY FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS JOINED THE CHURCH FAMILY TO CELEBRATE THIS PRECIOUS LITTLE LIFE AND DEDICATE HIM BACK TO THE LORD.

Allegiance to the Lamb,” calling all our hearts to full commitment and attention in our spiritual walk. Our minds and hearts were drawn to remember the goodness of God. This time of reflection gave us the opportunity to remember those who served and sacrificed, and to express gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy. Before the evening remarks, Brother Stefan Reid sang, *“Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone.”*

Pastor Chris Hewlett shared a very powerful and touching reading using real life experiences of a family member who had served in the Canadian Armed Forces. We were reminded of our responsibility to honor and pray for those who have served our country and continue too unselfishly do so. We were reminded also to never forget the faithful veterans of the gospel work. Pastor Chris closed his message with a stirring reminder that *“Life has many choices, but eternity has only two.”* Each one attending was left with this question: *“Who will you and I be found serving when our life is through down here?”* We are not only free as a nation, but we have the Christ-bought privilege to be free from the bonds of sin and the promise of Eternal Life. Following the message, a beautiful slide presentation dedicated to our faithful gospel veterans as well as family members of our church who served in the Canadian Armed Forces was shown. *“Onward Christian Soldiers”* was sung in closing. The service was solemn and respectful with a strong emphasis on the value of peace and the importance of remembrance – especially remembrance that God is the one and only way to have our names written down in Heaven!

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day service November 9 was marked by thought-provoking readings and meaningful songs focused on *Lest We Forget*. A beautiful display and spirit-filled prelude of music drew our hearts into remembering. The traditional poem *“In Flanders Fields,”* was shared as well as a touching selection titled, *“The Poppy.”* Following the opening prayer, the men’s group sang the rallying words of, *“Keep on the Firing Line.”* The congregation lifted their voices to the national anthem of, *“Old Canada,”* as well as *“Faith is the Victory,” “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,”* and several choruses including, *“When I Remember What the Lord Has Done.”* The commitment of hearts showed through as hands and voices raised in testimony, *“No, no, no...I’ll never go back anymore.”* As the service proceeded, the ladies group sang, *“I Pledge*



Celebrating The Night Heaven Touched Earth



The Christmas program on December 14 brought excitement, joy, and life as the Sunday school department came together with the entire church family to share the story of Christ's birth through a beautiful presentation of *"The Night Heaven Touched Earth."* Although the church group is small, an amazing and heartwarming presentation was given. Through lovely singing, action songs, a skit, and special recitations, we were reminded anew of the wonder of Bethlehem that remains alive in our hearts today. From the opening instrumental prelude of, *"Go Tell It on the Mountain,"* to the closing candlelit prayer, a sweet presence of joy and peace rested upon the service. Beautiful harmonies and solo voices blessed our hearts throughout the evening. The Sunday school children's bell melody was one of the main highlights of the program as they played, *"Silent Night."* God blessed their hard work during practice as the sweet sounds of the bells rang out. We were also blessed by, *"O Beautiful Star,"* sung by the men's group, *"A Hallelujah Christmas,"* by Stefan Reid, and several action choruses by the children. The Sunday school students continued to be the shining stars of the program bringing that glorious first Christmas night to life as the teachers narrated a heart-warming poetic skit titled, *"The Night Heaven Touched Earth."* The ladies group gave the invitation to come and bow before the Saviour, our guiding light as they sang the song *"The Night Heaven Touched Earth,"* to conclude the drama presentation. We were reminded that it is only because Jesus came down as a baby that night, sent by His Father to save a lost and dying world, that we can avail ourselves of His saving power. The skit was followed by a duet titled, *"I Have Found Him,"* by Jarvis and Loretta. The message of the song captured the overwhelming feeling of those present that first Christmas night, and the place we too must find ourselves today – worshipping and adoring as He heals our brokenness. The smiles on the children's faces as they presented, coupled with the joy in their voices and followed by the applause of those watching, were all a witness of God's faithfulness to honor the diligent preparation that took place by all.

In closing, Pastor Chris Hewlett delivered a beautiful Christmas reflective message. He reiterated that in a world of brokenness where hearts are searching for peace and hope, many people look in all the wrong places. The same message that was delivered on that first Christmas night is the same one being delivered today – the message of God's gift of salvation freely offered to all. Pastor Chris then gave thanks to all those who made the evening possible and led the candlelit congregational singing of, *"Silent Night,"* concluding the program portion of the evening with prayer.

The joy didn't end with the program. We gathered following the program to enjoy a delicious potluck dinner and photo taking. It was a joyous time as we continued the celebration of Christmas through fellowship and shared food – true blessings of community.

On December 21, the Sunday following our Christmas program, we continued the celebration. As homes and schedules were ramping up with the busyness of the season, we shared in a special Sunday school Christmas gift-giving service. It was a joyful occasion, filled with excitement and smiles. There were fun-filled activities, joyous songs, and, of course, the exchange of gifts. Each one present had the opportunity to give and receive a gift. Choruses like, *"Thank You, Jesus,"* and *"Glory, Glory, Glory to God,"* were sung, and the smiles were radiant! It was a simple, stress-free service, yet the meaningful reminder of the joy found in giving and receiving – especially during the Christmas season – was quite palpable.



Church Fellowship

We were blessed to be able to take a little time away from all the hustle and bustle to have a church family get-together at the parsonage on December 17. It was a warm evening as we all shared in the fun games, heartwarming laughter, and a delicious spread of food. Our hearts were blessed and recharged as we sat relaxing as brothers, sisters, and friends singing



songs such as, “He Came a Long Way from Heaven” and “Sweeter Gets the Journey.” These moments encouraged our hearts, strengthened the

bond between our Fort McMurray church family and reminded us of the blessing of Christian fellowship.

Candlelight Service

Another deeply meaningful service of the season was our candlelight service on Sunday, December 28. As the voices of our small faithful church family raised in praise on, “Wonderful Story of Love,” the glorious sound was like that of a full choir. Through a special reading titled, “The Tablecloth,” by Patsy Hewlett, we

were reminded that God’s miracles are still our present presents! The congregation was then led in the song, “Light the Light,” as each one present raised a candle in response to the beautiful challenge to keep the light that Christ plants in our hearts shining brightly through the darkness of the world around us. Several special songs including a quartet, “Shine, Jesus, Shine,” and a duet “The Look of Love,” were shared as we continued in praise and worship. The truth of the message in the beautiful chorus, “He’s the Lord of Glory,” was evident as voices rang out. Before the message by Brother Jarvis Randell, a sweet Spirit rested upon Mavis Cannings’ singing of, “I Call Him Lord.” The message, “Owning the King,” taken from [Luke 2:10-11](#), then encouraged and implored us to not only remember Christ’s coming as a baby in Bethlehem, but also to truly know Him and own Him as King of our hearts and lives. Pastor Chris Hewlett led the beautiful hymn, “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne,” and gave the invitation for hearts to find room for Christ and bow before Him. The Holy Spirit was present and hearts were stirred. This was another reminder that God in His faithfulness is hearing and answering the prayers of the saints. Before the closing benediction, voices rang out the familiar hymn, “The Light of the World Is Jesus.” The service was filled with glorious moments of praise as well as moments of quiet reflection. It was a fitting close to the Christmas season, pointing us beyond the manger to a life lived in submission and devotion to Christ the King.

As we move forward, we do so with thankful hearts, encouraged by what the Lord has already done among us. May we continue to grow together in faith, love, and service, *“and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works”* (Hebrews 10:24).

We praise God and look forward to expectations to all that He has planned for 2026!

OTTAWA, ON

Over the past few months, the Lord has been undeniably faithful to us. We have seen Him strengthen our hands for the work, bless our efforts beyond our capacity, and add to our church family in encouraging ways. Again and again, God showed up for us despite our limited numbers and resources. He helped us through all our services, and He ensured that lives were truly blessed.

Our Ottawa special meetings held from Thursday to Sunday, August 28-31, 2025, with the theme, “It is Time to Seek the Lord,” [Hosea 10:12](#) was a major highlight of the past few months.

The meetings were preceded by several weeks of dedicated prayer and spiritual preparation, and the Lord honored those prayers from the opening service to the final altar call.



Across the four days, the services featured powerful preaching, heartfelt testimonies, rich music, and strong altar responses. Key moments included: a clear call to urgency: seeking the Lord “now,” while the window of grace is open through messages delivered by John Heraclio Whyte and Pastor Marjorie Reid.

The Canadian District Superintendent, Rev. Chris Hewlett and his wife, Patsy, delivered a practical teaching on Christian home life and healthy living that strengthened families and encouraged personal stewardship.

There was a memorable time of fellowship and unity, including outdoor bonding, singing, games and testimonies that deepened relationships across those present.

Youth service emphasis was on spiritual urgency and wholehearted devotion by Tope Idowu, with visitors deeply touched by the love and warmth of the church family.

What surprised many of us was how smoothly the entire meeting came together. Much of the labor, including graphic design, cooking, logistics, music support, and hospitality, was internally sourced. The Lord blessed the efforts of His people and multiplied strength, skill, and grace, and the outcome was a meeting that felt beautifully executed, to His glory.

Attendance was strong, and more importantly, God granted spiritual blessings. On the final day alone, we recorded an attendance of 162 during the Sunday school and 181 at the devotional service, with 18 total recorded blessings during the meetings (including salvations, sanctifications, and reanointing’s).



The hospitality of the Ottawa congregation also stood out. Families opened their homes, shared resources sacrificially, and carried the burden together in a way that left a lasting impression on visitors.

During the special meetings, the children were not left out. The children’s program aligned with the theme and was thoughtfully structured with songs, narrations, and Bible recitations, reminding every heart, young and old, that seeking the Lord is for everyone.

Growth, New Additions, and Fellowship

We also thank God for the way He has added to the church and strengthened our community through new members and returning attendees. Over this period: David Akinbode began attending consistently after hearing about the church through social media outreach. John Onatere (husband of Oreoluwa Onatere) joined us after relocating from the UK and has already been a valued addition to the music ministry. Bolu Osinake also recently moved to Ottawa, and we are so glad to have her in our midst. Morgen has attended on multiple occasions, travelling over eight hours to and from, with a clear testimony of not wanting to forsake the assembly of the brethren. The Ogulu family, a family of five, joined our

congregation, and Rita Ogulu's support as a trained early childhood educator has been a great blessing to our children's church. Veronica Oloruntoba also joined her husband, Dare, and we rejoiced with them on the arrival of their baby boy, Darasimi Oloruntoba.

We also celebrated the marriage of one of our Sunday school teachers who frequently joins us virtually, Olaoluwa Oyedokun to Oluwafemi Adewoyin. Our thanksgiving season was marked by fellowship, including an informal gathering at the pastor's residence, where we came together simply to thank God for all He has done.

The church had the privilege of celebrating four of our youths (Seyifunmi Fagbemi, Aseoluwa Shoyebo, Danielle Tsimi and Grace Djidenou). They transitioned out of high school, and we presented them with tokens of appreciation in recognition of their achievements and prayerfully sent them forth into the next chapter of their lives, trusting God to order their steps and perfect His purpose concerning them.

Our Christmas program, themed, "Noel," was another joyful milestone. The service included congregational worship, choir and instrumental presentations, and a dedicated children's Christmas presentation. The concert program featured a rich selection of instrumental and vocal music such as, "Let There be Praise," "Silent Night," "Show me the Star," "Carol of the Bells," "Away in a Manger (dual tunes)," "Ave Maria," "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring," and a "Christmas Bell Medley," among others.

Our monthly youth services on the last Sunday of every month continued as usual since its inception, and we remain grateful for the Lord's sustaining grace over every department of the church. Looking back, the story of these months is not that we had 'everything we needed.' It's that God met us in what we had, strengthened what was available, and made the work fruitful. We are grateful, encouraged and genuinely excited about what the Lord still has in store for us.



EDMONTON, AB

As we have come to the end of 2025, we want to reflect on God's goodness throughout the year. The Lord has been good to the Edmonton church and **Ephesians 3:20-21** sums it all: *"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."* Our hearts flow with gratitude for the blessings God showered upon us all through various activities which included youth programs, couples' seminar, 10+ church anniversary and Easter concert, summer brunch, discussion on spiritual accountability and responsibility, evangelism outreaches, young at heart elderly outing, marriage seminar, choir get together and the youth Christmas concert.



We witnessed the power of God in our services and meetings – Sunday school, prayer meetings and Bible studies. We had testimonies of several blessings including a youth who received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, provision of jobs, and protection from accidents.

Youths' Sunday services scheduled for the last Sunday of every month were held all through 2025 where the presence of God was felt.

The youth had various activities which included their January get-together where they set spiritual goals and milestones that they wanted to achieve through God's help. Youth online Bible chapter discussion expounded the qualities that God expects from the youth and how they can be of service to God. The young men's outing followed where they encouraged each other to build friendships in Christ. The young ladies' group 'Girls that Go Deep' had a Bible chapter discussion where **Proverbs 31** was discussed and pointers were given on how best they can be active and industrious in the service of God. A solemn prayer session followed, and the power of God was felt mightily. A grooming and self-care young adults' discussion followed in July whereby encouragement through the Word of God was given on how through grooming and self-care, the young adults can reflect the light of God which shines in their hearts thus drawing others to Christ.



The year started with a couple's seminar in February where discussions and teachings on how God can maintain Christian homes were given. The couple's seminar was filled with love, celebration and thanksgiving to God for the beautiful

families that he has blessed the church with.

Edmonton Church 10+ Anniversary Celebration

April 13, 2025, was the memorable celebration service of our 10+ Apostolic Faith Church Edmonton Anniversary with the Easter concert held in the evening of the same day. It was a day of profound reflection on God's goodness over the past years since the group started in Edmonton.



The celebration service started with the brass instruments giving a rendition of, "*Battle Hymn of the Republic*," followed by the choir which sang, "*We are Marching to Zion*," followed by "*Walk About Zion*." Patience welcomed the audience and gave much appreciation to brethren from around Canada and outside – Calgary, Fort McMurray, Newfoundland, Langley and Nigeria graced us with their presence to celebrate God's faithfulness with us.

The congregation sang "*Great is Thy Faithfulness*," followed by an opening prayer by brother Ajayi from Calgary. A letter from the Canadian District Superintendent, Rev. Christopher Hewlett was read, in which he congratulated the church for the milestone. This was followed by the little children singing, "*This Little Light of Mine*," leading to brother Foluso giving a reflection into the church history and God's unwavering faithfulness over the years with blessings such as salvation, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost, healing and many more. Marcy led the congregation into singing, "*I will Enter His Gates*," and "*God is so Good*," followed by the Word of exhortation.

Pastor Marjorie Reid gave the sermon reading from **Luke 19:37-38**. The message centered on the unshakable truth of God's Word and a reminder of His love for the church made up of believers. She reiterated how God's Word is true and trusted and that it never changes but comes to pass as God has said just as His promises which He fulfills. She further explained how such a celebration like that of today brings about a reflection to celebrate the bonds formed among the body of Christ and how that shows God's faithfulness in building His church like David says in **Psalms 127:1**, "*Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it...*" She encouraged that our dependence should be on God's guidance and His blessings to succeed in anything and everything that we do including growth of the church. The church should be united

in Christ with one vision and purpose to carry out the work of God. In closing, she encouraged everyone that Jesus has given us a mandate to win the lost hence we are to shine our light for Jesus that others may know Him through us.

The youth choir closed this session by singing, *“The Lord Almighty Reigns.”* This took us to the last session of the service with the Oladunni family rendering string musical, *“Constantly Abiding.”* The church appreciated brother Foluso and his wife for their service to God and brother Benjamin Daramola gave words of encouragement as the church moves into the future, if the Lord tarries, that we should not remove the old landmarks of the gospel that are rooted in the Lord which in the end will take us to Heaven. The closing song was, *“Give Thanks,”* and the church watched a slide show of pictures since the church started for the past 10 years which brought the service to an end by a prayer from brother Foluso.

Below are snippets into the Anniversary celebration service.



The evening continued with the Easter concert where the choir and orchestra sang praises unto God for His great love, giving us His only begotten Son to cleanse us from all sin. Some of the songs rendered included, *“Behold the Lamb of God,” “Exceeding Glad,” “Midnight Cry,”* and *“For God so Loved the World.”* During intermission, the brass ensemble rendered a medley of songs which left the guests echoing for an encore: Oh what joy it is to be in the house of the Lord!



The months of May and June celebrated the wonderful mothers and fathers that God has blessed the church

with. On both occasions, we had wonderful fellowship on Sunday as children of God. **Psalm 133:1** reiterates that, *“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”*



The youth had summer brunch with a games outing were adults and youths participated in different games like bowling, laser tag and Bible quiz. This was followed on Sunday by a discussion forum titled, *“Spiritual Accountability and Responsibility.”* The discussion centred on the future

of the gospel and the responsibility of adults to pass on the heritage of the gospel in its completeness. It also touched on God's expectations of the future generation to propagate the gospel.

The elderly also had their outing titled, "Young at Heart," where they were encouraged on how to keep fit to be healthy. They interacted through Bible quiz, singing, walking, exercises and health talk.

We had outreaches for evangelism throughout the year – the gospel was shared through handing out tracts in the community and having revival services at the retirement home. Efforts are in progress for our University of Alberta Campus fellowship.

December 2025 Youth Concert

The youth choir began rehearsals late summer, shortly after the Portland Camp Meeting in preparation for the Christmas concert. We thank God for the Christmas concert. We thank God for their endless dedication for practices.

Awareness and invitation for the concert event was made via our social media platforms and radio jingles. The choir members went to listen to Handel at Winspear in preparation for the concert to enhance and boost quality performance.



The concert's theme was, "The Promise Fulfilled," which comprised of a Nativity experience of acting and singing in celebration of the promise given to the world which is Jesus!



The Lord showed up mightily through the Christmas concert as the youth took us back to Simeon who being inspired by the Holy Spirit was promised that he would not see death until the Messiah was born. The Lord fulfilled that promise and the Messiah was born for Simeon and Anna to see Christ the Saviour born, to save men from their sins. Oh, what a privilege

to know and experience Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour. Our hearts were thrilled and filled with great joy as we celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ in songs.

The concert closed with prayer from brother

Victor, following which we enjoyed a sumptuous dinner with all our guests.

A choir get together was held on December 28 for fellowship and appreciation of God's goodness in the year 2025.

We were privileged to hold a watchnight service on December 31. It was a powerful moment of prayerful reflection to usher us into the new year. During this meeting, the Bible reading was taken from **Genesis 25:1** and God reminded us through brother Foluso Oladunni, to reflect on our lives and remove any obstacles that might hinder us to meet our Lord. We were encouraged as we entered the new year to go back to Bethel where God first appeared to us, and we would be sure of



God's blessings in the year 2026. God's blessings hinge on complete and total obedience to Him and want to make sure that we are completely yielded to His will.

The Lord has indeed been good and we are optimistic that He has great things awaiting us as a church in 2026.

“Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.” (Psalm 65:11); “O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever” (Psalm 136:1). Amen

HEADINGLY, MB

We have been looking forward and praying for the opportunity to have a Youth Symposium for our young people. We thank God for making it reality on Saturday, July 18, 2025. The program commenced at 10:00 am with the youth leader, Dupe Ajibade welcoming attendees to the program. Funmi Akintola led participants in some choruses after which brother Peter Oyeniyi gave the opening prayer.



The programs were divided into four topical discussion sessions which was anchored by different facilitators. Brother Sam Fadiora led the discussion about **Godliness** as the path to success. He stressed on the fact that there might be many paths to success, but godliness is the only path to enduring success and stated that the starting point is salvation. Brother Sam started his presentation by stating what godliness is not. Taking his text from **Philippians 4:13-14**, he stated

that godliness is not failure and that promotion also comes from God. He gave various illustrations about people, who in the world's eye were considered successful, but their end was not as good. He then contrasted this with people that were godly in the Bible and even amongst the children of God today that we have had enduring successes. Brother Sam highlighted characteristics that should be found amongst God's children such as honesty, loyalty, ethics and humility.



The second session was led by Toyin Fatubarin. She spoke to attendees about **Career Development: a godly perspective** and took her text from **Proverbs 22:29** and **Daniel 1:9** and stressed on the fact that God wants His children to succeed in all they do. She also admonished participants to do with their might whatever their hands find to do. Sister Toyin brought out examples from **Exodus 31:1-6** where God gave Bezaleel and Aholiab wisdom and understanding in all manner of workmanship.

The third session was led by Dianna Fadiora who spoke on the topic **Developing Entrepreneurial skills**. She admonished attendees that attitude and not aptitude determines our altitude. She stated that the fruit of the spirit as contained in **Galatians 5** should be ever present in God's children and this will help in having a godly attitude while conducting business. She also highlighted godly traits such as self control under pressure, divine inspiration and the importance of scrutinizing the business we choose to be involved in to avoid Ponzi schemes.

The next session was led by Dupe Ajibade. Sister Dupe spoke on the **importance of financial planning**. She admonished attendees that money is a tool that can build up if used wisely and can break an individual if used foolishly. She took her text from **Proverbs 27:23** stressing the importance of budgeting and planning. She gave several financial nuggets such as being intentional about our finances, remembering we are stewards to the resources God has entrusted us with, we should not compare ourselves with others, the importance of savings even if little and the importance of tithing. Sister Dupe also took attendees through the biblical principal of money management reading from **Malachi 3**. This session was followed by a lunch break before attendees returned for a question-and-answer session. Each of the panelist took turns to answer

questions that were collated on all the topics discussed. Aderemi Ajibade gave the closing charge and encouraged the participants the importance of seeking God's help to be able to achieve all we set out to achieve which starts with salvation. There was a short prayer session before Dele Fatubarin gave a closing prayer.

On August 30 at 11:00 am, our members met at the Assiniboine Park for our much-anticipated summer picnic. It was a day filled with testimony, prayers, laughter, connection, and the joy of being together outside of the church. We were blessed with beautiful weather and a spirit of unity. The event welcomed over one hundred attendees of all ages, including a family that was visiting from Regina, SK. Families spread out across the park with picnic blankets and lawn chairs, while children ran freely, enjoying games and the play area.

The day was packed with activities – from friendly soccer and volleyball matches to classic picnic games like sack races and tug-of-war. A short worship session brought everyone together in song, testimony and prayers. There was lots of food, thanks to the generous contributions of our church family. It was also an opportunity to welcome visitors from outside our church to an Apostolic Faith fellowship. We extend our deepest thanks to the volunteers who made this event possible – from setup and food service to games coordination and cleanup. Their dedication and joyful service truly reflected the love of Christ. As the sun began to set, many expressed how meaningful the day had been and suggested making next year's picnic even bigger. It was a beautiful reminder that church is not just a building – it's a family. We look forward to more moments like this, where fellowship and faith come together. It also serves as a reminder of the day when all of God's children from around the world will gather for an unending fellowship in Heaven.



We praise God from whom all blessings flow who has kept the Headingley church family especially our children throughout the summer. Here in Manitoba, after about two months of summer holidays, students returned to school the first week of September 2025.

The Lord laid it on the leadership of our church to have a “Back to School Program,” to send our children back to school. The primary aim of this program was to commit our children to God's care as they return for another school year and to assure them the church was praying for them. The program also doubled as a prize given event for the just-concluded Vacation Bible School. The program commenced at 11:00 am with a violin solo titled, “*This is the Day that the Lord Hath Made.*” The choir then sang, “*I will Sing unto the Lord,*” before brother Sam Jimaza then gave the welcome address and invited the VBS participants to receive their certificates and prizes. Sister Aiyedun was called on to pray for the children as they go for another school year. Femi Oderinle then led the congregation in singing. Brother Festus Oyeniya, one of our ministers visiting from Nigeria led the congregational prayer which was followed by the announcements.

After the announcement, an anthem was presented by the choir titled, “*Is Your all on the Altar?*” The scripture reading was taken by Monday Enejoh from **Proverbs 1:1-5**. Before the sermon there was a quartet that sang, “*Humble Thyself to God.*” Brother Sam Jimaza gave the admonition titled, “Stand for the Challenge,” taking text from **Proverbs 1:5** and **Ecclesiastes 12:1**. He admonished the students and the congregation to stand up and take the banner of the gospel wherever they go. He also admonished the students to, “*Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth.*” This was followed by a time of prayer before Peter Oyeniya gave the closing prayer.

Children Christmas Program themed “Miracle Worker”

All glory to God for the success of the children's Christmas program which took place on the 7 of December 2025. For months leading to the program, they practised their songs, memory verses, orchestration, and all came together beautifully that Sunday evening.



The opening remarks was by Aderemi Ajibade, with congregational songs, *“Hark the Herald Angels Sing,”* and *“Go Tell it on the Mountain,”* led by Dupe Ajibade. Opening prayer was by Femi Oderinle.

Vera Jimaza and Bella Ochulor presented the program opener, telling us about the journey to expect, from the ancient prophecies of Christ’s coming to His miraculous birth and ministry, reminding us that Jesus is still the miracle worker today.

The children’s choir sang, *“Joy to the World.”* *“Happy Birthday Jesus,”* was solo rendition by Victoria Ojumu, and chorus by the children’s choir. The beginner choir of five years of age and under sang, *“God Made Me.”*

Four Answer class students delivered a playlet narration sharing that Christmas is all about Jesus and led us through prophesies and events in the Bible. Memory verses were delivered by many of the students as the narration and songs progressed.

Memory verses included **Numbers 24:7, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 1:26-35, Matthew 1:18-25, Matthew 2:1-12, Matthew 4:23-24 & Matthew 8:23-26.**

Solo renditions of, *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,”* was delivered by Nifemi Ajibade and, *“O Holy Night,”* by Edna Umuerrri. The choir sang more songs including, *“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem,”* and *“Seven Joys of Mary.”* Esther Ojumu was the choir conductor for the evening.



The children delivered an orchestration of, *“Jingle Bells,”* consisting of violins, trumpets, cello, and other instruments.

Testimony Odimayomi shared the closing narration that the same Jesus is still the same today and can calm every storm. Only believe. The closing prayer was by brother Sam Jimaza.

Thanks be to Almighty God for all the children, parents, teachers, the congregation and guests, and for a blessed Christmas season! We had 150 people in attendance who graced the program to the glory of God.



Christmas Concert “A Thrill of Hope”

What a blessed night it was, full of worship, praises to God and fellowship with brethren.

The ministrations for the night was a song – though musical titled, *“A Thrill of Hope,”* by Joel Raney. This musical tells of the birth of Jesus, the hope and love He showed, the peace and joy of Emmanuel, *“God with Us.”*

The opening remarks for the Christmas concert 2025 was provided by brother Samson Jimaza. Pelumi Enejoh led the congregational hymn, *“Joy Fills our Inmost Hearts.”* The opening prayer was by brother Sam Fadiora.

The musical kicked off with orchestration titled, *“Surprise Symphony Movement II,”* with instruments consisting of clarinet, trumpet, violin, viola, trombone, cello, baritone and piano.



The youth choir delivered a rendition, *“Child of Promise,”* which was followed by a solo, *“The People that Walked in Darkness,”* rendered by brother Sam Osibanjo who was visiting from Moncton, NB, church with his wife, Seun.



The male voices rendered, *“Come to Bethlehem,”* medley. Funmilayo Koya delivered solo pieces, *“Jesus, Joy of Man’s Desiring,”* and *“Noel.”* *“We’re Going up to Bethlehem,”* was rendered by female voices.

Jane Akintola led the congregation in singing, *“See, Amid the Winter’s Snow,”* and *“Mary’s Boy Child.”*

For the second half of the program, two narrators shared of the events in the Bible, from the message of hope in prophecies, to how the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. As narrations progressed, they were interlaced with depictions of scenes, such as prophet walking and reading from a scroll, Mary (expecting child) and Joseph, Mary with baby Jesus and Joseph, shepherds with angels appearing and shepherds’ visit to the manger to worship baby Jesus.



A collection of songs was rendered amidst the narration and scenes. These songs, *“A Gift of Love,”* *“Love Came Down at Christmas,”* *“A Prayer of Peace,”* and *“A Song of Joy,”* contained several well-known hymns, including, *“Angels from the Realms of Glory,”* *“Be Near Me, Lord Jesus,”* and *“Hark the Herald Angels Sing.”*

The musical came to an end, and the choir sang, *“And the Glory of the Lord,”* by G.F. Handel. Brother Samson Jimaza appreciated all attendees at the end of the program and Seun Osibanjo from Moncton, NB, led the closing prayer.

We had close to 200 in attendance and it was a blessed evening indeed. All glory to God in the highest, forevermore!

LANGLEY, BC

On June 22, our church family paused to recognize the graduates and achievers of the class of 2025. This celebration was far more than academic – it became a spiritual marker, reminding our young people and the entire congregation that true success is found in walking faithfully with the Lord. With warm encouragement, prayer and thoughtful gifts, the church expressed genuine support and love for the next generation as they step forward into new seasons of life.



As summer unfolded, the Lord continued to strengthen and refresh the congregation. On July 20, a message from **Philippians 4** encouraged believers to rejoice always and to live in the peace of God, regardless of circumstances. Around



that same season, youth outreach efforts helped foster unity through home fellowships and sports activities, building Christian friendship, strengthening spiritual support and creating meaningful connections beyond the church walls.

The momentum continued through Northwest Youth Camp, held from July 28 to August 2. Young people gathered from multiple regions under the theme of God’s everlasting love, and the week was filled with chapel services, fellowship, and shared

experiences that left many spiritually strengthened. The report reflected a hunger among the youth to grow deeper in the Lord and a desire to return again – already preparing and saving for the next opportunity, if the Lord tarries.

A clear testimony of the church’s continued growth was seen during the fall at Moving Up Sunday on September 28. With the theme drawn from **Colossians 2**, and a message titled, “Growing in Grace,” the congregation was reminded of the ongoing need to be rooted, built up, and established in the faith. Plants were given as an object lesson, pointing to the importance of continual spiritual development – steady, intentional and nurtured by God.



Throughout these seasons, we also witnessed ongoing growth in the structure and ministry life of the Langley church. We rejoice in the expansion of Sunday school classes, supported by dedicated supervisors and teachers who labour faithfully for the spiritual development of the church. The music ministry continues to flourish, with the junior orchestra contributing regularly and enriching both worship and fellowship. Alongside this, the establishment of a media team was supported livestreaming through private links shared by email, helping members stay connected when they are unable to attend in person.

As autumn moved into late fall, the church entered a season of reflection and remembrance. The Remembrance Day service blended gratitude for national sacrifice with the greater sacrifice of Christ, our good Shepherd, and included heartfelt prayer for healing. Later, on November 23, the congregation gathered for a tribute memorial service honoring Pastor Mabel Odunsi and Pastor Florence Olunyo, the mothers of two Langley members. This service was marked by love, honour, and the comfort God provides in times of loss, as the church stood with the families in remembrance and faith.



Winter concluded the year with Christ-centered celebrations that drew the congregation together in worship and rejoicing. The Christmas program proclaimed the truth of **Matthew 1:21** through narration and layered musical offerings, magnifying the name of Jesus. On December 21, the children’s presentation beautifully carried the theme of “The Greatest Gift,” weaving, worship, joy, humility, faith, gratitude, and peace into a single gospel-centered story that reminded every heart of God’s love made known through Christ.



Finally, the watchnight service closed 2025 with thanksgiving, testimonies, and renewed commitment to step into the new year with the Lord. The message reminded the church that the safest path forward is not merely to “start a new year,” but

to cross over with God – trusting Him fully and keeping hearts untroubled. The year ended with the same steady assurance that carried it through: God will go with His people, and we are determined to walk faithfully under His guidance.

Sister Patty Wong has long been a cherished blessing to our congregation. Faithful, selfless, and full of warmth, she is especially known for her tireless dedication in the church kitchen – where she not only prepares meals but also leads with joy, organization, and a heart for fellowship. Through her service, many have felt welcomed, nourished, and united, as food became a beautiful means of connection and love within the church family.

Beyond her faithful service, Patti has also been a joyful and comforting presence to the children of the church. Her gentle spirit, warm smile, and caring nature have made her a familiar and beloved figure to our young ones, reflecting Christ's love in the simplest yet most meaningful ways.

Due to health issues, Patti was unable to join us in church for a season. During this time, the congregation remained united in prayer, continually lifting her before the Lord and trusting God to take full control. On December 19 – 20, we held a two-day prayer chain, and members both locally and internationally pledged their faithfulness in prayer for her healing and recovery. It was a powerful reminder of the strength of the body of Christ when we stand together in faith and love.

We rejoice to share that on January 18, 2026, brother Phil and Patti Wong were able to attend the church service – truly an answered prayer and a miracle. After the service, Patti was prayed over at the platform by the ministers. When she opened her eyes and saw the congregation gathered around her, she was deeply touched by the love of the church family. Through she could not be in close contact due to medical instructions, she expressed heartfelt gratitude and formed a heart sign with her hands toward everyone – a moving reminder that the prayers offered to Heaven had drawn every heart near.

We continue to pray earnestly and believe God's perfect will is at work. Patti, you are deeply missed, dearly loved, and continually remembered in prayer. We look forward with hope and joy to the day we see you again among us.

ENGLEE, NL

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Life is journey that often leads us in a path that we may never have chosen. If the Lord is directing our path, the journey is worth each step, because His direction is always best.

In October of 2024 my wife and I were asked if we would transfer from Fort McMurray, AB, to pastor the church at Englee, NL. It was somewhat unexpected, but not surprising. It was not a difficult decision, because we felt our duty was to answer the call and leave the rest with the Lord. Our final Sunday at Fort McMurray was June 1, 2025. That Sunday afternoon the saints and the Sunday school children, parents, grand parents, and family all gathered at the church to wish us farewell. It was a beautiful afternoon. We are very thankful, for our time in Fort McMurray, the support of the saints, family there, and the new friends we met. This part of our journey will always have a special place in our hearts. June 8, my wife and I left Fort McMurray early in the morning and began the 6000 km journey east to Englee, NL.

June 11, we arrived in Baden, ON, to visit our three daughters and their families before completing our travels to Englee. We spent a couple weeks there enjoying family time and a little R&R in between. While there in Ontario we attended church in Kitchener, and it is always good to go back to where our spiritual journey began. Also, while there on June 22 I had the privilege to dedicate the newest addition to our family, our granddaughter Millie Sharron Nyles.

July 1, Canada Day, after some mechanical repairs to our vehicle we began the final leg of our journey. With one stop over we arrived in Newfoundland on July 3. On that day our travels took us north through some familiar areas that would lead us back to the part of NL where both of us grew up. We arrived at Englee around mid-afternoon. When we pulled into the parsonage driveway, we saw that the outside of the house had decorations and a welcome banner hanging awaiting our arrival. We were met by some of saints from the church that afternoon and received a very warm welcome. As well, there was food stocked in the kitchen for us and other items that we would need to settle into our new home. This certainly made the transition much easier.



On Friday evening July 4, we were officially welcomed by the saints of the church and some of their spouses with a beautiful meal at the group building. It was a great time of fellowship together and warm welcoming conversation.

July 6 was our first Sunday at Englee. We are very thankful for the goodness of God toward us and the fellowship of the saints. We feel privileged and blessed to be a part of the Lord's work here at Englee. The one thing that stands out is wherever we go we always feel like we are already a part of that church. That is the beauty of being a part of the family of God.

Since coming here God truly has been moving. His presence and Spirit has been so real as we've come together in worship and praise. He do indeed inhabit the praise of His people! There have been occasions when the house of the Lord has been filled with the glory of God so much that the ministers haven't been able to stand and minister the Word of God. We have been refreshed, renewed, and revived by God's Spirit leaving us with the feeling that we have received that good measure pressed down and running over.

A brother that had been saved and had fallen away for several years came to church in Roddickton on a Sunday evening in early July. Before the service ended, he made his way down to the altar and gave his heart back to Jesus. He has given a testimony of thankfulness to God for His goodness and how grateful he is that the Lord saved him.

July 20, our morning service began with the opening song, *"This is Holy Ground."* The presence of the Lord was so real as we sang these words not just from our lips, but from our hearts. After some words of encouragement, we began to sing this is healing ground. It is difficult to lifted our hearts to God through these brother came forward to be anointed and following moments others came to the A sister stood at the end of the meeting and physical issue for awhile, but that morning the Lord healed her of that problem and the saints joined with her in thanking the Lord. We didn't get through the first song before the glory of the Lord came down. For the next hour and half to two hours it was a time of praise and worship that words cannot tell, it truly is better felt than told!

"This is healing ground."

express with words what happened as we words. Shortly after we began to sing, a prayed for on behalf of his wife, and in the altar to be anointed and prayed for as well. witnessed that she had been dealing with a

October was pastor appreciation month, and the saints showed their appreciation by presenting each pastor and helpers and their spouse with a cake and card. The support and kindness of the saints, shown to us, is very much appreciated.

November 2 was another outstanding morning in the house of the Lord. During the testimony service a sister stood and witnessed that she was dealing with some health issues and not feeling very well. Before testimonies ended, she felt the need to come to the altar to be anointed and prayed for. As she came forward the saints were encouraged to come and pray with her. As prayers were lifted the Spirit of God began to move and we were once again receiving showers of blessings. Just before the service ended a young lady that has been coming to church regularly came forward and gave her heart to the Lord. Once more as the praises went up the blessings came down.

On the evening of December 12, we had our church Christmas supper. It was a great evening together with the saints and spouses and other family members. We were treated to a delicious hot supper provided by the ladies from the church. The evening ended with some singing, fun games and everyone was given a gift.





On the morning of December 21, we had a Christmas singspiration at our church. It was a morning of congregational singing and special songs celebrating the Christmas season and the birth of our Saviour. It was a beautiful time for all that attended. For the evening service, we joined with the congregations from Bide Arm and Roddickton to present a combined concert at the church in Roddickton. Once again it was a great evening of music and singing celebrating the reason for the season. Looking back over 2025 we can say, "God is good and we have been blessed."



As we are now into 2026, we are going forward with anticipation and expectation that God will continue to move in our midst. Just recently within the past couple of weeks another young lady has given her heart to the Lord. Our prayer daily is that God will save our families and add to the church.



**UPCOMING
EVENTS
2026**

Easter Combined Meetings

*Roddickton, Bide Arm & Englee
April 2 – 5*

Langley Special Meetings

April 30 – May 3

Kitchener Special Meetings

May 14 – 17

Portland International Camp Meeting

June 28 – July 12

Canadian Camp Meeting

Headingley, MB

July 19 – 26

Western Canada Youth Camp

July 29 – August 2

Eastern Canada Youth Camp

August 10 - 14

Calgary Special Meetings

September 4 - 6

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