

# AFM WINNIPEG GROUND BREAKING WEEKEND REPORT

## May 20 – 21, 2023

Saturday, May 20, 2023, marked a beautiful day and a significant date for the Apostolic Faith Church in the Winnipeg Area - the ground-breaking for a new church building in Headingley, which is about 4 miles west of Winnipeg.



Excitement was high, anticipation was great as some of the brethren met at the construction site. Young and old stepped in to help with the setup of music, PA system and seating.

The ceremony began with an organ prelude and those in attendance singing, “Jesus We Just Want to Thank You,” after which the choir sang “The Church’s One Foundation.” It is wonderful to know that God is the chief cornerstone to the House of the Lord being built for his presence to dwell.

Samson Jimaza, pastor of the Winnipeg congregation, gave the welcome address and introduced the Canadian District Superintendent, Rev. Chris Hewlett who was present with his wife, Patti. He also introduced Pastor Marjorie Reid and her husband, Edwin.



Bro. Edwin, along with bro. Remi Ajibade, will be supervising the church building project. Other special guests, along with some of the brethren, were given a warm welcome.

Bro. Samson also read a goodwill message from the Director of the North American work, Rev. Bob Downey and wife Sis. Cheryl. Bro. Bob stated in his message that his prayer is that “God will use this new facility to further the gospel in Winnipeg and that many souls will be saved in Winnipeg and around the world as we draw near to Jesus’ soon return.

Bro. Peter Oyeniyi led the congregation in singing “To God be the Glory” after which Sis. Marjorie led the



opening prayer. May this place be dedicated to God and it be a place where His sweet Holy Spirit dwells. With one heart, in one accord, the people said, AMEN!

The choir then sang “God is Building a House.”



Scripture reading and remarks were given by Rev. Chris Hewlett, reading from *Ezra 3:1, 10-12*. He stated ‘there is a shout of joy resonating within his soul to witness as God’s people are gather for the ground breaking ceremony of a church in Winnipeg!’



He then extended greetings on behalf of the Canadian Board of Directors at Roddickton, NL, and emphasized how exciting it was to be here to witness such a monumental occasion for the Winnipeg brethren and for the Canadian Apostolic Faith Church gospel work. Praise God for making provisions whereby the church was able to purchase about one and a half acre of land for the church use. This purchase took place on November 19, 2020, during the Covid-19 pandemic.

There has been a tremendous amount of work and support behind the scenes to get this project where it is today. Pastor Samson, the church Board and the church members

at Winnipeg have waited patiently for this moment, which God has ordained. We offer Him all our honor and praise!

We give special thanks to Wallace Kennedy who has been a great support, working as our liaison with engineers, architects and construction companies.

answering the call to supervise the his wife, Pastor Marjorie. Thank have put many hours in reviewing steps needed for this project.

Let us desire and earnestly pray be exalted, be ever present with us, in The roots have already been started for this new came here to Winnipeg and began the Apostolic Faith work in 2010. He has worked tirelessly, with much sacrifice, to establish the work of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Today, we are viewing the fruits of his labor of love and his willing service.



Thank you to Bro. Edwin Reid for church building project along with you to the Board of Directors who and processing all the necessary

that the everlasting God of Heaven this place set apart for His sanctuary.

Lighthouse in this city. Pastor Samson Jimaza

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*Psalm 127:1 “Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.”*

Reading from *Ephesians 2:10*, he further encouraged the Winnipeg saints to be of one purpose and one mind, with a desire to promote Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith.

Pastor Samson Jimaza, Rev. Christopher Hewlett and bro. Edwin Reid then proceeded with shovels in hand to turn the very first portion of sod on the site, signaling the official start in the construction of ‘God’s House.’ This was followed with an enthusiastic round of applause from God’s people!

It was then time to take photos of this great event which will certainly be a landmark for the Winnipeg church.



The closing song, “Great is thy Faithfulness” was sung with such heartfelt honor and praise to our great, Almighty God who has made all this possible. May His perfect will be accomplished.

The ceremony was closed in prayer by sis. Mary Fasola who travelled from Calgary to be part of this memorial event. Refreshments were served and a time of fellowship was enjoyed. To God be the glory again and again!



## Sunday, May 22, 2023

What a sweet, sweet presence of the Holy Spirit rested upon the service as we congregated to worship and praise the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. To begin, Bro. Foluso Oladunni played a violin solo entitled, “Dawn in the Garden” and “Day by Day” The choir then sang a beautiful rendition of “Hear my Song Lord” and “Isn’t the Love of Jesus Something Wonderful.”

Wonderful testimonies were shared by the brethren of the saving grace and keeping power of Jesus and the miracles He has performed in their lives. Before the sermon, bro. Tony Ademuiwa who was visiting from Nigeria, sang a solo, “How Big is God?”

Rev. Chris Hewlett, after sharing greetings from Headquarters church at Roddickton, presented a message from God’s Word, taking his text from *John 8:12*. He admonished the congregation to be bright shining lights wherever we are and to make sure that we stand ready when Jesus comes! There was a time of prayer where each one came forward and spent time at the altar. What a wonderful sight to see even the little children praying and getting in touch with Jesus.

A time for photos took place before we gathered for delicious refreshments.

May God continue to bless and prosper the work of the gospel in the Winnipeg area.

## Pictures taken on Sunday, May 22, 2023 Worship Service





# Photo of Congregation and Random Pictures Taken Outside









## Construction Site, May 25, 2023

It is so exciting to see equipment moving in at the site to start the construction! To begin, the grounds were prepared for the installation of access to the water and sewer. As well, the parking lot work was begun.



## Work completed from May 29 – June 9







We praise God for the progress made up to this point. As the project moves along, you will receive updates.