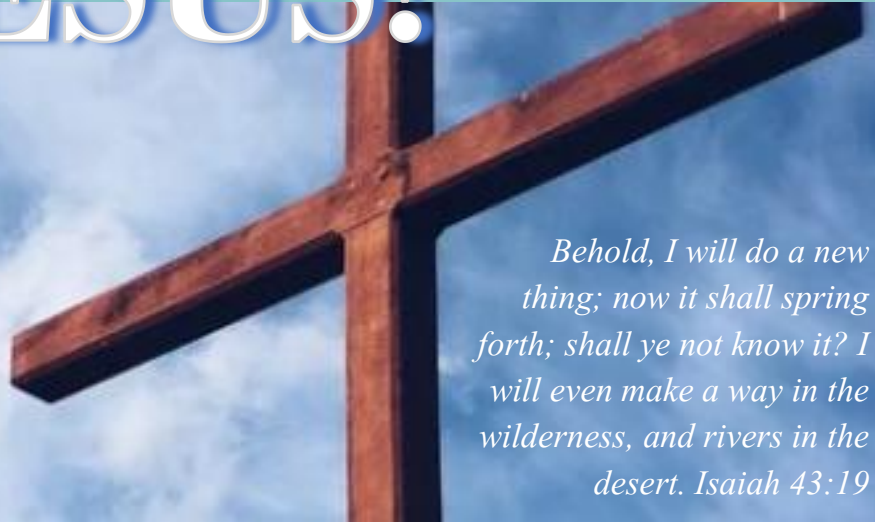


VICTORY IN JESUS!



Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. Christopher Hewlett

Spring has arrived! It is an awesome time of year where the flowers are blooming, birds are singing as they build their new homes and things in nature are coming to life. It symbolizes fresh beginnings and a reminder of the beautiful resurrection of Christ. Easter, for our churches, was all about celebrating the miracle of new life made possible because Jesus Christ died and rose from the grave and He gives new life to every person who responds to His call. Jesus said in *John 10:10*, “...*I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*”

Easter Combined Special Meetings

Our Special Meetings began on Thursday, April 17, with the first service held at Bide Arm. Pastor Randy Antalan gave a hearty welcome and expressed how wonderful it was to be together.

The sweet anointing of the Holy Spirit was present from the very start. The Bide Arm choir opened with a beautiful selection, “I’ve Been to Calvary.” Old time congregational songs such as, “Lead Me to Calvary,” “My Saviour’s love,” and “Victory in Jesus,” followed.



A duet, Doreen and Sheila from Roddickton sang, “*The Impossible Mile*,” to open the testimony service.

We are sharing excerpts from just three of the testimonies given:

Doreen Brenton: *It was in Easter meetings, 1996, that Jesus saved me. He has been so merciful. He has kept me all through the years, through many trials. God has been with us. I just want to live for Him.*

Sheila Adams: *What a wonderful opportunity to come out to church! It’s a wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord. Many times, I’ve had to call upon Him and He is so faithful.*



My heart's desire is to be closer drawn to Jesus. Someday I expect to see Him.

Audrey Bushey: *My mind reflected on my dad. He loved to sing songs of Calvary. I'm so glad I received that training. I always had a desire to serve the Lord. He helped me to consecrate my all to Him. Down through the years He has been so good to us and taken care of us. He brought us through COVID. Both my husband and I were very sick. But God would give me scriptures and songs to encourage me. I'm so thankful.*

The second special was done by a trio from Englee. Leona, Glenda and Trudy, sang, "Early One Morning at the



Breaking of Dawn." Barbara Randell from Bide Arm sang a solo, "I Owe a Debt I Could not Pay," before the message was given by Pastor Michael Ivany. He used **Mark 10:46** as his text in which he explained the story of blind Bartimaeus. Jesus asked him, "What do you want from me?" Bartimaeus

replied, **"That I might receive my sight."** Jesus gave him his sight that day. That was his expectation when Jesus passed by his way. What is it to have expectations. People get caught up in different worldly expectations. What about spiritual expectations? We are having special meetings.

What are you expecting to receive from them? May we feel stronger when we come away from those meetings and closer to God. Let go of anything that may hinder your blessing and leave it at the feet of Jesus. A wonderful time of prayer followed the message.

The second service, Good Friday, was held at Englee. Good Friday always brings a somber feeling; however, we



thank God that Sunday is coming! The choir opened with a beautiful selection, "Had it Not Been," and ended with the chorus, "If that Isn't Love." Old time congregational hymns such as, "The Old Rugged Cross," "At the Cross," and "The Healer," followed. A men's group from Bide Arm sang, "At the Foot of the Old Rugged Cross," to open the testimony service.

We are sharing just two of the testimonies given:

Hollis Cull: *I went to church one night but had no intention of getting saved. Tears started to flow as conviction weighed heavily upon me. I stayed, counting the cost. But then my tears dried up and I felt my heart harden. I whispered, 'God, please soften my heart' and God did just that. I found myself surrendering. That's 14 years since the Lord saved me! The devil told me I would lose, but he is a liar. It's a step that I haven't regretted.*

Rev. Rene Cassell: *God looked down in the little isolated community of Hooping Harbor and saw an eight-year-old boy suffering with a terrible skin disease that was going to need a Saviour and a healer. I was that boy and at a young age I would kneel and just weep before the Lord. I felt God in my heart. As a teenager I remember walking home from church, and I would begin to sing, and the Lord would bless me. These experiences helped to establish me in the gospel. I have faced many challenges since, but God's grace has been sufficient to bring me through.*

The second special was sung by Booth and Olive from Roddickton, "Let Me Be Worthy." Before the message Bob and Loretta from Englee sang, "He Carried our Sins to Relieve us of the Burden."

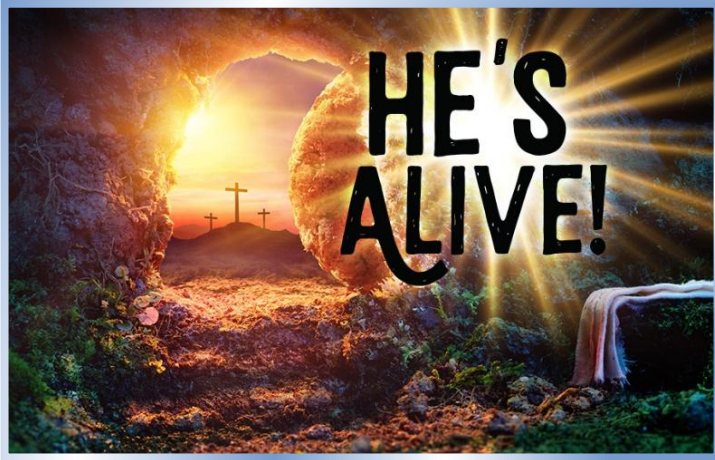
Pastor Vanzel Quinlan preached on the "Seven Sayings of Jesus" using different text including **Luke 23:32-39, Mark 15:33, St. John 19:28.** He explained in depth the last sayings of our Lord, the first one being, **"Father, forgive them for they no not what they do."** If someone did these terrible things to you as they did to Jesus, what would you do? Jesus showed mercy and love. Both thieves that were on each side of Jesus railed on Him, but one relented. He was the first convert. He said, **"Remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."** **Luke 23:43** and Jesus said unto him, **"Verily I say unto thee, to day shalt thou be with me in paradise."** This promise signifies the immediate entry into Heaven. Thank you Lord.

His explanation of all the other sayings really inspired us and impressed upon our hearts to kneel in the presence of the Lord to thank Him for the great sacrifice that He made for our redemption.

Easter Sunday

Praise the Lord, Sunday did come! Resurrection Morning! The choir began with, *"Then Came the Dawning."* This was a special ordinance service where the saints participated in the observance of the Lord's Supper and Foot Washing. It's always such a blessing to obey Jesus.

Different saints mentioned in testimony that the first thought when they awoke this morning was, *"He's Alive!"*



There were testimonies of healing, while some are still holding on and believing for a miracle. God is well able to heal! There were short testimonies given, but very much in praise to Jesus for the marvellous things that He has done!

Pastor Randy delivered the first message on the 'Resurrection', and it was powerful! *Matthew 28:6 "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."* Mary Magdalene was in mourning and in the Jewish culture, spices were used to prepare a body for burial. *Mark 16:1 "And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him."* But when they arrived, to their dismay the body of Jesus was gone.

Pastor Randy told of an incident when he was in 6th Grade of how his brother bought him a nice bicycle and it was stolen from school. He cried! Imagine how they felt in the moment, when Jesus' body was gone! Stolen! Grief overwhelmed them. Mary wept when she saw two angels where the body of Jesus lay. *"And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou?.....Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say Master."* She knew Him!! You are alive! This registered with our hearts very much, as the moment we had recognized Jesus speaking

to us! Pastor Randy concluded with, *"I am here to tell you that Jesus is Alive! If not, I would not be here today."*

Pastor Eric Compton preached a short message on the Lord's Supper. The key phrase from God's Word during the last supper is, *"This do in remembrance of me."* *1 Corinthians 11:24,25.* Jesus was referring to the partaking of this custom to symbolize His broken body and shed blood, until He comes. In other words, let this remind you of me. We knelt in prayer as the Lord's Supper was served to us. What a beautiful sense of peace and joy as we partook of the emblems representing the blood and body of our Lord. The sweet Holy Spirit filled the atmosphere. Oh, what blessed sweet communion.

Pastor Grant Cassell gave us the message on 'Foot Washing' found in *John 13:4.* This is such an act of humility and obedience. Jesus himself gave the example that we should do likewise, in washing one another's feet. *"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."* *John 13:17.* It was a wonderful morning!

In the evening there was a Baptismal Service! The choir opened with the classic hymn, *"The Great Judgement Morning."* It was a soul-searching song, giving the audience, especially those not saved, food for thought. All the songs were evangelical and great hymns of The Faith.

Brother David Cassell, one of our ministers from Roddickton, shared his testimony. He has been going through a storm these past months, as his wife has been diagnosed with a terminal illness. He spoke of getting saved at twenty-seven years old, on April 25, 1982. I didn't know how I would fit in. I didn't like anybody in the church, but when I looked around after the Lord saved me, there was nobody to hate. God took all the hatred out of my heart. He quoted a chorus we sing, entitled, *"I Know the Master of the Wind."* I'm sure this strikes home to him, as he has spent many years before retirement as a commercial fisherman and has witnessed to how God has taken him through many storms and incidents

that were treacherous, while on the open ocean. God can take him through what he is facing right now! The special songs were beautifully performed with the Holy Spirit blessing them.

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Chris Hewlett gave the message taking his text from *Acts 8:26-29.* The Ethiopian



eunuch was reading from Isaiah. *"He was wounded for our transgressions..."* This Ethiopian eunuch is a man of authority. He is a very honourable man, but still there was something missing. He continues to search for it. Philip joins him in the chariot as he is reading the scripture. Using Philip, God brings him to a place of spiritual enlightenment. Something prompted you to come out to church tonight. God brought you to remind you of the way to salvation. The eunuch desired that Philip would come sit with him. Maybe it was the first time he heard the gospel message. He accepted it! The eunuch says *"See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?"* This is significant because it highlights the importance of faith and belief in Christ as a prerequisite for water baptism. Immediately after he believed, the eunuch wanted to obey the scriptures and be baptized.

There were invitational songs, and several songs regarding following Jesus prior to baptism. Three candidates were baptized, two brothers and a sister. The first one to step out was brother Wilson Hopkins, who had given his heart to the Lord on March 23 at the age of eighty and desires to follow Him. A wonderful service indeed! God is still calling after hearts, let us pray that they will respond to the call!

RODDICKTON, NL

On January 9th, one of the ladies at our local seniors home gave her heart to the Lord. Bertha Hopkins, previous to receiving salvation, had been struggling with illness daily. Wilson, her husband who was unsaved at the time, recalls the change that took place. Her pain and unrest turned to praise. She could be heard singing hymns and praying. A short time later she heard Heaven's call and went to be with the Lord.

Sunday, March 23, during the evening service, pastor Christopher Hewlett gave a soul-searching sermon on, "Ye must be BORN AGAIN." Following this inspiring message the congregation began to sing, *"Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!"* How wonderful it was to see Wilson Hopkins stand to his feet and make his way down to the altar. His prayers reached the Master, and his countenance changed to one of pure joy. *"This is wonderful,"* he said, *"Now I can go see my wife."*

For years Wilson had been dealing with leg and foot issues which made walking a challenge. Even though he came to Jesus walking cripple and left church cripple, in his heart and soul he was "Walking Tall" knowing his sins were forgiven

and Heaven was now going to be home. It is an awesome blessing to witness, as a church, the power of salvation.

The evening of March 2 a combined service was held at Roddickton with a visiting minister present, brother Wole Ajayi, from Calgary. The image on the screen displayed a Bible verse, *"Therefore be ye also ready," Matthew 22:44* together with a statement and a question, "BE READY" and "Are you Ready?"

As the choir sang the beautiful selection, *"It Won't be Long,"* it surely gave pause to all who were able to view the screen. The opening hymns were inviting and there was a special selection by a Roddickton's ladies quartet to open testimonies, entitled, *"If it Satisfies you Lord."*

We heard testimonies of salvation, healings physically and mentally, and how God has kept fellow believers by His divine power. We love to sing choruses, and during the testimonies, we worshipped with several powerful, uplifting choruses. Before Brother Wole delivered a message from the Word of God, Pastor Randy Antalan favoured us with a lovely rendition of the beautiful hymn, *"His Eye Is on The Sparrow."*

Brother Wole began his message with *Hosea 10:12 "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you."* The time to seek the Lord is the present. To every action, there is reaction. Seek in hopes of finding results. If it's valuable, we seek to find it and this is true of things in our everyday lives. If you value the Lord, you will surely take time to find Him. Why should we seek the Lord? Using *Matthew 28:18 "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."* How do we seek the Lord? *Jeremiah 29:13 "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."* When shall we seek the Lord, *Isaiah 55:6-7 "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."* He also used a scripture reference from *II Corinthians 6:2*, which advises us to receive salvation now. So, we have the why, how, and when pertaining to seeking the Lord. Brother Wole also used the account of blind Bartimaeus in *Mark 10:46-52* to talk of faith and how we should be specific in what we ask of God, to be successful. Stay focused as Bartimaeus did when he stated, *"Lord, that I might receive my sight,"* when asked what he was seeking. Jesus said, *"Thy faith hath made thee whole,"* and immediately Bartimaeus received his sight. Praise the Lord, it's the same formula today.

Two traditional invitational hymns were sung before the altar call was given. It was a wonderful service of encouragement to keep following Jesus and to those who have not made themselves ready, to get ready!

May 11th was a day to honour and show extra recognition to the special people in our lives we call Mother. The morning service was introduced by the choir singing, *"My Name in Mothers Prayer."* The congregation was then given a welcome before the congregation joined together singing, *"Faith of Our Mothers."*

Next, one of the mothers in the congregation came forward to have her baby dedicated, accompanied by her mother. During this time the congregation was singing, *"Yes Jesus Loves Me."*



Avery Wilcox, one of our Sunday school girls, then gave a beautiful solo entitled, *"My Beautiful Mom."*

Following the scripture reading by one of our mothers, Dorothy Hopkins, the congregation, once again, joined in singing the chorus, *"What a Day Our First Day in Heaven."* Sunday school primary children then sang, *"I*

Love My Mommy." A congregational, *"What a Friend we Have in Mother,"* was next and those in the audience were given an opportunity to pin a red rose on their mom if she was present.

We were blessed to hear from the primary department again with a beautiful singing, *"Momma loves me."* *"Tell Mother I'll*



be There," a congregational was sung while those with mothers who had passed away was given time to come forward and place a white rose on an open Bible. Presentation of a fruit basket was next. This was given to the oldest, youngest and mother with the most children.



Peyton Reardon, another one of our Sunday school girls, then gave a lovely rendition of, *"A Mother Like You."*

The ministry then presented all mothers in the audience with a full-size apron with the verse, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,"* imprinted on the front. Doreen Brenton sang the special, *"Mommies Been on Her Knees,"*

before Pastor Michael came and gave some closing remarks. The Mother's Day service concluded with the congregation singing, *"Hold Fast to the Right,"* followed by a closing prayer.

We are so thankful for all mothers. This title covers all the ladies in our communities today who play a role in guiding, caring for and protecting the children they are responsible for. This includes mothers, grandmothers, foster mothers, guardians and all who daily fill this vital and important role. We realize that the title of "Mother" carries great weight. The greatest thing a mother can pass to her children is to let them know who Jesus is. Mothers everywhere, may God bless you.

April 24 the church had a potluck supper. This was enjoyed by all. There was a wonderful variety of food dishes. It is a



wonderful feeling when folks can meet to fellowship, dine and sing together. We are so blessed.

KITCHENER, ON

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." The long winter season is

now past. As spring breaks forth with times of planting, and new growth breaking forth to greet the warming sunlight, we are once again reminded of the hope we have in Christ's resurrection, and the newness of life that comes about through salvation.

On February 23, we gathered at the church basement for a Valentine's breakfast that we had to postpone for a week due to stormy weather. It was a great time of fellowship with the children, youth, teachers and their parents. Together we celebrated our love for each other and God's love for us. Following the breakfast, we went into our morning service where we were treated to a song from our Sunday school department. Our children and youth are truly a blessing to our church, and we are thankful for every one of them. On March 16 one of our youths, Possi, came forward after the morning service for a time of prayer, as he tarried the Spirit of God rested upon him in a sweet and wonderful way. We were all blessed just to see God pouring out his blessing upon him.

April 6 was another great day of worship and praise. With so much uncertainty around us and people feeling the anxiety of their futures, a wonderful message taken from *Psalm 121:1 "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help,"* was so encouraging. This reminded us once again that God will always be our help no matter what our circumstances may be. It was followed by a great time of prayer. We all left feeling confident and encouraged knowing that our mighty God is still in control.

April 13 being Palm Sunday, our children and youth treated us to a wonderful song of praise while waving palm branches.



As we continued into the Easter season we were blessed to have brother Obed visit with us and hear his personal testimony once again. Good Friday service was a time where together we remembered Christ's suffering as we partook in in the Lord's supper and the washing of the saint's feet. As we tarried the Holy Spirit flowed from vessel to vessel ministering to the needs of His children.

Brother Wole and his lovely wife, Yemisi, visited us on April 27 Lord willing they will be relocating here to Kitchener in the



near future to take up the responsibility and privilege of pastoring this flock. We had a great day of worship and fellowship. We are so thankful to have those who are still willing to fill the gap to ensure that the gospel continues to move forward in a world that is shifting and failing.

On May 11, Mother's Day, our Sunday school delivered a wonderful program in which mothers were honored. During this time, we also presented flowers to the oldest, and



youngest mothers, as well as the one with the most children. At the end of the program each mom was presented with a little token of appreciation.

Should our Lord tarry and permit, we will soon be leaving Kitchener and relocating to pastor in South Brook, NL. We are so thankful and blessed to have had the opportunity to be part of such a vibrant and growing church here and we are confident that God will continue to bless in a mighty way and continue to add to His kingdom.

SOUTH BROOK, NL

It's been an amazing spring of God's blessings for us here at South Brook. So many times we have seen the Spirit of God come down in our services and anoint the saints, leaving us strengthened, encouraged and uplifted. Sometimes it is a meeting of loud praise and thanksgiving, other times it is so gentle, and we can barely sing above a whisper, because the Spirit of God is filling the room!

On February 9 we held a meeting at the Retirement Centre in Springdale, and it seemed like the residents never wanted it to end! Even after the closing prayer they kept asking for more songs to be sung!



March 9 Pastor George preached an encouraging message from *Mark 4:40* "*How is it that ye have no faith?*" and reiterated the story of the disciples lacking in faith when the storm arose in the ship and Jesus was asleep at the helm. Pastor George reminded us that even though Jesus may seem "asleep" during our troubles and trials, He is still ONBOARD! His timing is always right, and the answer will come in exactly the right time.

We were blessed on March 23 to have the saints from Birch Bay join us for a service. It is always good to get together and enjoy the sweet fellowship as we worship God as one body.

March 30 Rev. Chris Hewlett and his wife, Pat joined us for the day, which was a special treat for us. Brother Chris shared a message with us that Sunday morning from *Luke 12:35* "*Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning.*" He reminded us that we need to have a holy discernment in these days of confusion in the world and that we should love holiness and stand for truth. He added that we should not put off taking care of spiritual matters. You could feel the ripple of excitement go through the church as he talked about the Rapture and what it will mean for us who are ready to go!

The sisters have been getting together to have a meal and share fellowship and friendship as we plan for days



ahead. This has been a real blessing to all. On April 5 there was a sister's breakfast to plan for our upcoming Easter activities and supper.

April 19 all the saints got together for supper and enjoyed the sweet bond that we have with each other.

Our Easter services was held on April 20, and the focus was on the death and resurrection of our Saviour. As we moved into the testimony meeting, Rosalind Newman was testifying and started singing a chorus that was upon her heart, "*Don't Let me Walk too Far from Calvary.*" We all joined her in the chorus, and it was evident that God's



anointing was upon it. Pastor George asked everyone to come up and stand around the cross and sing it again. God's blessings fell upon several and it was a morning to remember!

Dorothy Randell has been suffering greatly and she asked to be led up closer so that she could actually reach out and touch the cross. It was a touching moment as we realized although this was only a monument of what the actual cross was like, the



importance of what Jesus did for us that day was not lost on us!

On Saturday, May 10 the ladies went to Grand Falls for a day out together and a couple of the ladies from Birch Bay joined us as well. A little bit of shopping and then dinner at the Tai Sun. It was an enjoyable time for all!

The brothers also were together in Springdale for lunch at the same time.

May 11 was our Mother's Day service and there were special singings, gifts for those who had the youngest and oldest grandchildren, and much honour given to our mothers. We had the traditional red and white roses, and it was a sobering thought that the white roses were getting to be more each year as our congregation gets older! Through this though, we know we shall meet them again once Jesus returns if we are ready to go – it is never good-bye, just "see you later."



Beautiful gifts, tokens of appreciation were given to all the mothers in attendance. It was a memorable day reminiscing about our mothers one more time.

Once again on Sunday, May 18 there was the most peaceful presence of God over the service from the very beginning. We began to sing the song, "He is our Peace, who has Broken Down Every Wall, He is our Peace, He is our Peace." And the saints began to gather with arms around each other, lifting each other up in prayer that the walls in our lives will be broken down! Such a sweet, sweet Spirit continued throughout the whole service – like a Holy hush that blessed our hearts. This is definitely something that cannot be bought or experienced outside of Jesus!

That night, Brian Gillingham sang a beautiful song entitled, "Can You Hear Me Now?" The words brought attention to all those who have heard the voice of God calling after their hearts so many times, but they have turned Him away. Will they hear Him on the day of Judgment? What a sobering thought. Pastor George spoke that night on the story of David and Goliath and referred to the scripture, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" It wasn't just David's skill alone that brought the giant down, but God directed that stone. David's faith in the living God was what helped him triumph over his enemies, and the same will work for us today if we hold on and believe.

Overall, our saints here are expecting and praying for revival. The burden for our families seems to be growing as we see that world events are speeding up and falling in place just as God said they would before the Rapture. Let's all join our hearts as one in believing and God will do the work! We are so thankful for His faithfulness and blessings as they continue to be poured out. Revival is coming!

TORONTO, ON

"Remember ye not the former things...Behold, I will do a new thing;" with these inspiring words from *Isaiah 43:18-19*, Rev.

Chris Hewlett introduced the New Year's message centered on, "God's Plan for Renewal." The service was at Kitchener, and it was jointly attended and conducted by brethren from Kitchener and Toronto. Using Jabez's prayer, he encouraged us to be all we can for God in the new year – To ask blessings from the storehouse; expanded borders, territories, visions, and possibilities; God's abiding presence; protection from evil, evil influences and temptations. It was a powerful exhortation for the beginning of a new year.

Visit From the Antalans

We were blessed to enjoy the fellowship of Pastor Randy and Jean Antalan on the last Sunday of January and the first Sunday of February.

Brother Randy, who previously pastored the Toronto church for six years, now serves as the pastor of our church in Bide Arm, NL. During his visit, Brother Randy dedicated baby Ireoluwa Nehemiah Eyeh quoting *Proverbs 22:6*. He also delivered a sermon titled, "An Encounter with God," based on the account of Jacob



wrestling with an angel in [Genesis 32:24-30](#). He emphasized that simply believing in God is not the same as encountering Him. As Christians, we need personal encounters with God – not just once in a lifetime, but continually, especially when facing major decisions or significant life situations.

Rev. Nosa Uwoghiren



Brother Nosa and Sister Dorcas Uwoghiren came to Toronto for a vacation - but it quickly became clear that God had other plans. Rev. Nosa Uwoghiren, the District Overseer of the Lagos North District in WECA, spent two months with us, and during that time, we experienced a reawakening of altar prayers and spiritual revival. Brother Nosa, a seasoned leader and visionary, brought with him a wealth of experience and a heart full of ideas. He enjoys exploring fresh approaches and suggesting new ways to do things. Notably, he was the catalyst behind the new church seating arrangement. He was also privileged to dedicate his grandchild during this period. His time with us left a lasting impact, and we will not forget him anytime soon.

Sister Florence's birthday

One of the highlights of March was Florence's 80th birthday celebration. Although she had many options, she chose to mark this milestone in the company of the brethren at church. It was a joyful and uplifting occasion. The celebration began with a short thanksgiving service, during which friends, family, and fellow believers spoke warmly and appreciatively of her many virtues. Following the service, we were treated to a reception featuring a wide variety of dishes. It was a memorable and heartwarming celebration.



Workers Conference with Rev. Nosa as guest speaker

We held a workers' meeting on March 23 to review a session from the March 7 ministers' meeting, which was led by Rev. Sola Adesope. The meeting began with an opening prayer by Sister Asokeji, followed by a welcome address from the pastor.

We then watched a session titled, "Apostolic Faith Services and Their Purpose" by Rev. John Baros, in which he emphasized the importance of unity, referencing [1 Corinthians 1:10](#). He highlighted that in our church, the message takes priority over the style of the messenger - something we truly value. Our services are designed to create an atmosphere where Christ is glorified and the preaching of the cross effectively transforms lives. Rev. John also outlined the key components of our services and explained their purpose. After the video, Rev. Nosa Uwoghiren answered questions from the audience.

Easter Celebration

The children sang and played, "*Near the Cross*," and "*He Arose*," to celebrate Easter and open the devotional service. The choir followed with a rendition of, "*I'm Winging My Way Back Home*." Next, Olorunlogbon delivered a solo of Handel's, "*He Was Despised and Rejected of Men*." The male choir rendered, "*It is finished*." For the special song, Yemisi gave a beautiful rendition of, "*He lives*." The Easter message was delivered by pastor Tobi, titled, "What Is Man, That Thou Art Mindful of Him." He reflected on our unworthiness and insignificance, yet how Christ still chose to die for us. He urged us not to take that great sacrifice for granted.

Brother Tony Ademuyiwa's Visit and Music Seminar

On Sunday, April 27, we were blessed to have Brother Tony Ademuyiwa, an accomplished and veteran musician from the WECA district, worship with us. He delivered a sermon on the unchanging power of God, drawing from **Hebrews 13:8** *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."*



He encouraged us to reflect on past victories God has given and, with the assurance that Jesus never changes, to trust Him for the wonders He will yet perform. He led a music seminar attended by about thirty people. He taught on four key aspects of music: phrasing, breath management, pronunciation, and expression. He emphasized that, above all, prayer is the most important element in the life and ministry of a gospel musician.

Mother Day Celebration

As is tradition, the Mother's Day service was led primarily by the mothers - from the Sunday school to the sermon. Bunmi conducted the Sunday school session, and Sister Dorothy brought the exhortation.

The sermon centered on the theme: *"We Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Us."* She encouraged mothers to be role models, speaking only the Word of God to their children. As the first teachers in the home, mothers play a vital role in nurturing, praying for, and guiding their children toward restoration. Though the responsibilities of motherhood are many, she reminded us that with God's



strength, nothing is impossible. The children's Mother's Day program featured songs, orchestral performances, and

heartfelt poem recitations. It was beautiful and refreshingly original. The Mother's Day lunch was truly spectacular. The fathers outdid themselves this year—the food was both delicious and beautifully presented. The mothers felt deeply appreciated and cherished.

In the evening, we held a special prayer meeting dedicated to our mothers, where we prayed and spoke meaningful, heartfelt words in their honour.

Closing

About the time the Antalans came to visit, sister Dorothy came back from Cameroun, and Rev. Nosa came for his vacation. Nana left to spend some time in the Philippines, sister Ibukun left for Moncton, NB, sister Yemisi for Alberta but Brother Tobi came to Toronto. As some leave, others arrive, and the church marches on.

ENGLEE, NL

This year of our Lord, 2025, is rapidly progressing with each day bringing us closer to the return of Jesus. It is with thankful hearts that we anticipate His returning, but until that time we are remaining faithful and not growing weary in well doing. Although illness has affected our attendance in recent months, we are still victoriously marching onward and upward in His strength.

Our Valentine celebration during Sunday school time was once again a notable and joyous occasion! We delighted in singing our favorite choruses about the love of Jesus. It's such a blessing for the adults to see our children actively participating with the actions to songs such as, *"God's Love Is So Big,"* and *"It's Love That Makes the World Go Round."* The



children had previously drawn names for Valentine chocolates, and they were filled with excitement as each name was called. In addition to receiving a sweet treat, the children also learned by way of a puppet show, that



beautifully illustrated just how much Jesus loves them. God's Word instructs us to become as little children if we are to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

"A rugged cross became His throne

His kingdom was in hearts alone

He wrote His love in crimson red

And wore the thorns upon His head"

Easter is such a sacred time, a season to commemorate the immeasurable love of God. Each special service was a poignant reminder of the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus. We were especially blessed to host the combined Good Friday service here in Englee. It was heartwarming to gather with our brothers and sisters from the branch churches, united in worship and purpose as we strive to maintain the bond of Christian fellowship.

Another highlight of the year was our recent Mother's Day family service, thoughtfully conducted by Bessie Cull and Madeline Newman. Much prayer, planning, and preparation went into the day, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed. The service began with the choir singing, *"God's Amazing Grace,"* followed by a congregational chorus, *"When I Think of the Goodness of Mother,"* and then prayer. Ed Fillier ministered in song with a touching solo, *"Thank You Momma,"* and our men's group stirred hearts with, *"Hold Fast to the Right."* Trudy Brown read the familiar passage **Proverbs 31:10–31**, while Angela Compton shared a heartfelt poem, *"Blessed Mothers,"* followed by the solo *"Tribute to Mother."*



Prayer," alongside her two daughters, Leona and Glenda. One of the visiting children, Sophia, treated us with an impromptu solo, *"Happy Mother's Day to You."*

As part of our celebration, cakes were presented to the oldest mother, Ruby Randell, and the youngest mother, Ocean Ellsworth. Those blessed to

We were blessed to have one of our seniors, Pearl Hopkins, sing, *"I Heard My Mother Call My Name in*



have their mothers present had the honour of pinning a red rose on them, while others lovingly placed a white rose on the Bible in memory of their departed mothers as the congregation sang, *"Precious Memories."*

Flowers were presented by family members, and every mother in attendance received a special gift from the church. Truly, we are blessed beyond measure by the godly mothers in our lives.



As we press on, we must continue to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. We were encouraged by a recent sermon from Brother Grant Cassell to *"be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."* The desire of our hearts is to remain faithful and one day hear Him say "Well done."

CALGARY, ON

The youths began the year with a program titled "Vision Board," where they mapped out the goals they hoped to achieve before the year ends, along with strategies to accomplish them. They were reminded of the importance of placing God at the center of their plans, recognizing that without Him, their goals would not be achievable. As part of the program, they participated in an exercise called **"A Day in the Life of..."**—a reflective activity where each person envisioned what a perfect day in their life would look like, step by step from morning to night. The session was engaging, impactful, and deeply inspiring.



On February 16, the youths held a married and singles' forum on Zoom titled "Chalk and Cheese," which focused on different communication styles. The program featured a lively Q&A session and a panel discussion with guest speakers: Brother Banji and Sister Ruth Alade from Bexley, UK; Brother and Sister Ben Asokeji from Toronto, Canada; and Brother and Sister Randy Lee from Oregon,

U.S. A key takeaway from the session was that everyone has unique personalities and communication styles. Understanding both our own style and that of our partners is essential for fostering effective communication and avoiding misunderstandings, which could otherwise lead to issues in relationships.

In recognition of the importance of maintaining physical and mental well-being, the youths recently organized a program on Zoom titled “Faith Over Fear.” For this event, they invited Dr. and Dr. (Mrs.) Sanjo Adeniyi, members of the Calgary church, to speak on physical and mental health, respectively. The session was enlightening, as the speakers shared practical strategies for maintaining overall health and managing stress. The program concluded with a Q&A session led by Sister Seyifunmi Alabi from Edmonton branch church, where the youths had the opportunity to ask relevant, real-life questions and receive insightful advice from the panelists.

Hangouts

To strengthen the bond and fellowship among members, the ladies had a vibrant hangout on the 15th of February. It was a fun-filled day as they tapped into their childlike joy, playing various games and enjoying one another’s



company. Beyond the fun, they took time to share personal prayer points, uplift one another in prayer, and offer words of encouragement. The event concluded with a shared dinner, filled with laughter, heartfelt stories, and deeper connection.

The men also enjoyed their own time of fellowship during a bake-off held on the 29th of March at Brother Oluwale Ajayi’s house. They attempted to bake cookies, which—though not perfect—added to the fun and light-hearted spirit of the day. As it was the first baking experience for many, it was the effort and camaraderie that truly



mattered. Amid the baking, the men engaged in enriching conversations that left everyone inspired and uplifted.

Easter Sunday / Concert



Our Easter celebration was crowned with abundant blessings. The Sunday school was taught by Patient Olulana, setting a powerful tone for the day. The children's presentation beautifully illustrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ, touching the hearts of all present. The choir’s ministration stirred deep reflection through their heartfelt songs. The service was brought to a powerful close with a sermon by Brother Wole, titled “Quickened.”

Following the Easter concert in Edmonton, our Calgary church held its own concert after the Easter service. The choir’s ministration was uplifting and Spirit-filled, leaving



a lasting impression. We are especially grateful to God for granting journey mercies to all our visitors and members



who traveled from Edmonton, Airdrie, Regina, and Lethbridge. We thank God for the success of the concert and the encouraging testimonies that followed.

Mother's Day

Our Mother's Day celebration was filled with love, gratitude, and heartfelt appreciation for the incredible women in our lives. The Sunday school was taught by Motilola Adejare, setting a reflective and uplifting tone for the day.

The devotional service began with a heart-warming presentation by our children, who expressed their appreciation for the love, care, and sacrifices of our mothers. They also presented flowers and gifts to all mothers and mothers-to-be on behalf of the church. Special recognition was given to remarkable women, including our leader and spiritual mother, Sister Mary Fasola.

The women led the choir ministration, rendering powerful songs such as, "Faith of Our Mothers," "Let Those Who Come Behind Us Find Us Faithful," and "Wonderful, Merciful, Savior." Each song ministered deeply and honored the legacy of godly motherhood.

To conclude the service, Sister Mary Fasola delivered a heartfelt sermon on the wonders of motherhood, encouraging mothers to remain steadfast in God and to continue walking in His purpose.

After the service, we celebrated our birthday celebrants, and in a beautiful gesture of appreciation, the men served the ladies. The day ended with joyful fellowship and photo sessions around a special cake designed to honour our mothers.

Sunday, June 1, was a day of heartfelt gratitude and joy for our group in Calgary as we celebrated a very special occasion, the dedication of our newest addition, baby Elyot Agunu.



The service was filled with warmth and thanksgiving as Elyot was presented to the Lord by his grateful parents, Jayne Agunu and Blessed Agunu.

Surrounded by their family, including Elyot's sisters, grandparents, and close friends, the atmosphere was one of unity and celebration. The service drew an overflowing crowd, with over 140 people in attendance.

The devotional service featured uplifting choir renditions that prepared our hearts for the Word. The sermon was delivered by Sister Mary Fasola, reminding all present of God's unwavering faithfulness and His promise to uphold His children in every circumstance. During the dedication segment, the Sunday school children from the Primary Pals class added a touch of innocent delight to the occasion, with their cheerful songs.

A highlight of the service was the moving testimony shared by Blessed Agunu. He spoke of the challenging pregnancy journey and how God turned it into a story of triumph and blessing with the arrival of baby Elyot.

When God Speaks, It Will Surely Come to Pass

A Father's Testimony of Faith Through Pregnancy Trials

I was raised to understand that everyone born of a woman is born in sin, but thank God Jesus came – not just to forgive sin, but to transform sinners into brand-new creations. He did that for me, beginning a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that has been nurtured and deepened over the years – especially this past one.



About a year ago, I was working offshore on rotation in Luanda, Angola. My wife and daughters were home in Calgary, Canada. I remember the day vividly – my wife called and gently broke the news: a seed had been sown. We were expecting.

I was excited. Our parents loved our two wonderful daughters, ages 10 and 8, but had been hoping – and praying – for another addition. My mother even organized weekly night vigils with my mother-in-law. We all know the power of a mother's prayers!

Upon returning home, we went for a routine ultrasound. That day, it felt like heaven touched earth. We saw our baby and heard the heartbeat. Our hearts overflowed with praise and

thanksgiving to our unfailing God. We began planning how to share the surprise with our mothers – joy was everywhere.

But joy was soon met with a wave of fear.

Just two days later, I noticed my wife looking unusually downcast staring at her phone. Silently, we read the ultrasound report. Concerning markers suggested high risk for Trisomy 18 and 21 – two serious genetic disorders.

Trisomy 21, (Down syndrome) affects development and overall health.

Trisomy 18 (Edwards syndrome) is often life-threatening. My heart sank. We told no one at first and leaned on God's promise in *Philippians 1:6*: "...that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Following the doctor's advice, my wife underwent an amniocentesis. To test the amniotic fluid for chromosomal abnormalities, a long needle was inserted through the abdomen into the womb. It was painful to watch her endure such an invasive and emotional procedure, but God was in control.

Worse still, during a second trimester ultrasound at South Health Campus Hospital, doctors detected SVT (Supraventricular Tachycardia) – a heart condition causing a dangerously fast fetal heartbeat. Our son's heartbeat was at 220 bpm, nearly double the normal range. It was frightening!

This was an emergency. After hours of monitoring, we were referred to Foothills Medical Center and admitted for three nights. With tear-filled eyes, I drove home to pick up supplies for my wife.

Our pastor visited and prayed with us. The saints in Calgary lifted us in prayer. We stood on God's promise in *Isaiah 66:9*, "Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the Lord..."

As a husband and expectant father often away from home, my faith was tested. But through it all, we chose to hold on to God's Word. We chose faith over fear. God had already spoken life over this child, and we believed Him.

Through tearful, anxious nights and difficult decisions, we had peace. The situation was real – but God's presence was even more real! The doctors spoke facts, but we clung to the truth of God's promises. He strengthened and comforted us. We were surrounded by the prayers of family and friends – especially the ceaseless intercession of two faith-believing grandparents.

Today, June 1, 2025, we stand in awe.



We dedicate our son to the Lord. He was born strong, healthy, and full of life. The tests came back clear. His heart beats normally! Everything the enemy meant for evil, God turned around for good.

Maybe you are in a season of waiting. Maybe you have received a fearful report. Hold on to God. His Word never fails. What He has spoken, He will do. He is not a man that He should lie. To God alone be all the glory. Amen.

Blessed Agunu is a member of the AFC in Calgary. He is happily married to Jayne and blessed with three lovely children – Elsie and Amelia, and a brand-new son, Elyot!



We concluded the service with prayers, joyful fellowship, and warm welcomes to all our guests who came to share in the celebration. Family photos captured the happiness of the day and the unity of hearts present.

Indeed, it was a joyous occasion, a powerful reminder that God cares, hears and answers prayers. Our hearts overflow with gratitude for what the Lord has done.

BIDE ARM, NL

As a testament of God's Word in *Ezekiel 34:26*, "And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing." At the beginning of our Evangelistic service on the night of March 20th, we felt the Spirit of the Lord moving. We couldn't hold back our excitement in lifting our voices to honour Him in our songs. Every testimony was a witness

to God's strength in the lives of His children. We appreciated hearing accounts of salvation, safety, healing, and numerous prayers answered. By the time Pastor Randy Antalan rose to deliver the Lord's message, Shirley Randell couldn't help but praise the Lord, and in the rear row was Margaret also glorifying God. The message was cut short because we discerned that we are ready to get down on our knees and pray and let the Spirit of God do the work in our midst. The prayer went on and many received the blessing from the Lord. As pastors Randy and Rene prayed where Shirley was sitting, and while people gathered around her, we could feel the power of the Lord moving in a very mighty way. Once more, the assurance of the Lord's showers of blessings was deeply experienced among us.

God Truly Protects His people in Every Way

Proof of that is a testimony

by Morris Randell

"First of all, I am thankful that the Lord saved me. When I was wandering far from Him, the Lord convicted my heart. I found myself crying out to God to save me. The Lord heard my cry and oh the peace that came into my heart that day. I am so thankful that God heard me. Many times, along the way, God has been there. When I was so undeserving of His love, yet He showed me that He cares. God has been there in many situations. Just a while ago when we were travelling to Corner Brook this winter, once again God let us know that He is with us. We were up behind a highway truck, so I decided to pass. I pulled out in the left lane to pass and a vehicle behind me pulled out as well. I was right up on the tail of the highway truck ready to pass along by it, when all of a sudden, he pulled right out in front of me. There was no signal from this truck that he was going to change lanes. At that point I had to slow down, however, I was worried that the vehicle behind me would crash into the rear of our vehicle. Just another five seconds would have been a fatal accident as we were side by side with the truck. However, five seconds is plenty of time for the Lord to do His work on our behalf. God spared our lives that day. Within those five seconds we could have been involved in a major accident considering the weight of the huge truck, plus the weight of sand and salt it carries would be more than enough to push us into the ditch. When I pulled back into the right side, the truck stayed on the left lane. It was then that I managed to pass by it on the right side. I checked my rear-view mirror, and the truck was still over in the left lane. All I could say at that point was, thank you Jesus. God spared and protected us that day. I am ever so grateful for the goodness of God. He is not good just once in

a while, He is good all the time. It is good to have Jesus on board all the time. Thank you, Jesus."

The Easter combined meetings started at our church here in Bide Arm on Thursday, 17th of April, at 7:30 PM. The choir opened the service singing, *"I've Been to Calvary."* Pastor Randy Antalan welcomed everyone and then led the first congregational song of the night. Pastor Vanzel Quinlan led the next two songs before the opening prayer by Brother David Cassell. A duet by Sheila and Doreen, *"The Impossible Mile,"* from our Roddickton church opened the testimony service. We enjoyed beautiful testimonies that night attesting the goodness of the Lord. In between the testimonies we enjoyed a trio from Englee. Before the message, Barbara Randell sang, *"He Came a Long Way from Heaven."* Pastor Michael Ivany of our headquarters church in Roddickton took the title of the message that night, "What is your Expectation?" using **Mark 10:46-47**. After that, we got down on our knees for a blessed prayer gathering at the altar.

Like many others our Bide Arm church celebrated our mothers on Mother's Day. On May the 11th we gave tribute to our beloved mothers who were with us in the church that day and remembered our departed mothers. The congregation sang beautiful hymns with special mention about mothers. Our Sunday schoolers Bella Randell and Cane Quinlan did a rendition of a Mother's Day tribute chorus while Liam Cull read a short story based on 23rd



Psalm about a mother's love. Marilyn Keefe was assigned to read **Proverbs 31:10-31** about virtuous woman according to the Word of God. We also had the four Reid sisters (Marilyn, Margaret, Priscilla and Jane) wonderfully sing, *"Unclouded Day,"* while Barbara, Ralph and Tamar representing the





Randell family did an awesome job singing, "My Mother's Bible." Part of the program was the presentation of red roses to the mothers who were

present that day. In front of the pulpit, we laid white roses beside the bible to honour the departed mothers. Pastor Randy read a story, by an unknown author, about a strict mother who insisted her children study their Sunday school lessons, memorize Bible verses, respect their elders, and avoid dating until they were older. However, the author ultimately realized that, along with their siblings, they'd been raised as good Christians.

The oldest and youngest mothers attending the meeting were each given a gift, and then all mothers received a token of appreciation and flowers. Following Pastor Rene Cassell's closing prayer, we came together in the church basement for a delicious meal at our yearly Mother's Day



potluck event. In summary, our Mother's Day event was brimming with love and happiness, and most importantly, we are thankful to God for blessing us with amazing mothers.

FORT MCMURRAY, AB

Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." We thank God that

He is not confined to large numbers or groups. Rather, His presence is very real in the midst of the twos and threes. Here in Fort McMurray, we are very thankful that even though we are a smaller group, every time we come together in worship God shows up in a special way and blesses our hearts.

On March 29th, Craig and Marcy were in town visiting family. We were blessed to have them join us for our service that

weekend. They ministered to our hearts as they sang, "Hold on Until Morning." Also, visiting that Sunday was Melanie's cousin, Andrea and her husband.

Easter Sunday, we were privileged to be celebrating the risen Savior. Easter truly reminds us of what God has done for us, and how great a debt we owe Him. Mavis sang a beautiful special, "I Love You, Written in Red." The words of this song really relays the heart of God. The message for the evening was titled "Indecision." It was taken from the dilemma Pilate found himself facing when he asked the question, "What shall I do with Jesus?" Jesus chose to love us; we must choose what to do with Him.

On April 27th, there was an outpouring of God's abundant blessings. Once again, we witnessed proof of what happens as we open our hearts to the Father. During testimonies we sang the chorus, "Just a Touch of the Master's Hand." As we continued to sing, the saints stood to their feet. The Spirit of the Lord began to bless, and hearts were moved as we entered into the presence of the Holy Spirit.

For our service on May 18th, Wesley Cull and his wife, Charlene joined us. Wes favored us with a special song, "God's Got Everything Under Control." This real truth is one we can hold unto in these days we are living in. The message for the evening was, "You Must Come in at the Door." The text was taken from **Genesis 5:6-8,16**. God told Noah to place one door in the side of the ark. That one door provided an entrance for Noah and his family to escape destruction. God has provided one door for us to experience salvation, to get to Heaven, and escape destruction. That door is Jesus!

May 25th was another wonderful evening in the Lord's house. Along with our regulars, we had visitors join us. The singing sounded heavenly as our voices blended in praise to the Lord. The text for the sermon was **Joel 2:1,12 &13**. It was clearly pointed out that the message of Joel to Judah is still relevant for our day. People need to rend their hearts and turn to the Lord.



On May 10th, the ladies from our church, along with their spouses, were invited for a supper in celebration of Mother's Day. It was a lovely evening of food and fellowship. Each lady was presented with a gift and a rose. We are thankful for all mothers. They truly show the heart of God in their love and prayers.

It was a blessing to have Madonna Filler and her daughter, Phyllis. We certainly enjoy having visitors come and join with us.

On May 24th, we gathered at the venue, Awesome Khaos, for our annual Sunday school party. It was a time of food and



lots of fun. The kids enjoyed jumping on trampolines, rock climbing, and a play zone with slides, tunnels, and ladders. A great time was had by all. The red faces were evidence that the kids really enjoyed themselves.

Words cannot express the goodness of God, but we are truly thankful for His blessings that He so freely bestows on us.

Easter Morning Service

HEADINGLEY, MA

Glory to God for Jesus resurrected! The Easter devotional started with an

instrumental prelude, "Majesty," followed by a collection of hymns, "Easter Hits" by Atta G. Umoh & Udeme Ikpe.

The congregation sang several hymns joyfully - "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," "Low in the Grave He Lay," and "Welcome, Happy Morning," before Brother Owen led the opening prayer.

The choir sang, "Because He Lives." Brother Enejoh took the Scripture reading from **1 Corinthians 15:14-17** and Jane Akinola sang a solo, "He lives."

14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

Brother Tony from WECA Headquarters gave the sermon titled, "He is Risen." We were so blessed to have him in our midst for the Easter celebration.

Reading from **Mark 16:6, 1 Corinthians 15:3 & 4, John 11:25-26, 1 Peter 1:3**, he shared how Christ died for us and rose again, and the fact that He has risen, gives us benefits, such as victory over death. We have hope, because He is risen, we will also rise to live with Him forever. As we celebrate Easter, Brother Tony admonished us to reflect on the significance of Easter. Jesus came and went to Calvary to take all our sins away. He paid the price for our salvation. Anyone who has not taken advantage of that price, needs to humbly pray for their salvation. Then is Easter fulfilled in their lives.

As the Devotional Service wrapped up, the congregation sang, "Redeemed, Redeemed," and Pastor Samson offered the closing prayer.

Easter Evening of Music: "The Lord is Risen Indeed."

We bless God for a glorious time in His presence as we gathered to celebrate our resurrected Christ.

The evening commenced with an organ prelude, followed by Pastor Samson Jimaza warmly welcoming everyone.

Sister Enejoh led the congregation in the opening hymn, "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, the Strife is Over," as the church sang heartily. Brother Owen took the opening prayer.



It was a blessed and packed evening with many songs and orchestration rendered such as, “Jesus Christ is Risen Today,” “Lamb of God,” by the female voices, “Crown Him Lord of All,” by the youth choir, solo titled, “No More Night,” rendered by Funmilayo Akintola and “Amazing Love,” conducted by Brother Tony.

Jane led the congregation singing heartily before the announcement by Brother Samson, which was followed by the children’s session of the evening.



The children cheerfully sang songs such as, “Jumping Up and Down, Shout Hosanna,” “Majesty,” “God’s Not Dead,” “Up from the Grave He Arose,” “Run, Peter, Run.”

They also recited scriptures, including *Isaiah 53:5-7; Matthew 27:27-29, 35, 46, 50. Matthew 28:3-8.*

The children segment concluded with a beautiful rendition of, “Hallelujah, Risen for Me.”

The concluding part of the evening was choir rendition of songs such as, “This Train,” solo titled “The Holy City,” by Dupe Ajibade. Male voices brought, “I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary.” A solo titled, “Rise Again,” was rendered by Brother Tony, before the choir ended with, “Worthy is the Lamb.”

Finally, remarks were offered by Brother Samson Jimaza, with congregational hymn, “Christ the Lord is Risen Today,” and closing prayer by Bose Aiyedun.



After the service ended, we enjoyed a blessed time of refreshment and dinner.

Thank you, Jesus, for the price you paid for us on the Cross!

Mother’s Day Celebration Service

We bless God for all our mothers. The devotional service kicked off with Brother Samson Jimaza welcoming everyone to the Mother’s Day service.



There was a baby dedication of Baby Tioluwaleyi Oladokun, and brother Owen prayed for the baby. The children had special rendition of songs, short phrases and memory verses of godly mothers in the bible to honor our mothers. *Jochebed, the mother with a plan. Hebrews 11:23; Hannah, a mother who kept her promise. 1 Samuel 1:28; Deborah, a supportive mother in Israel. Judges 5:7; Mary, mother of Jesus, blessed among women. Luke 1:46-48; Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, mother who believed in miracles. Luke 1:25.*



Songs included, “My Mother Who Sat and Watched My Infant Head,” “Mother, Mother, My Mother,” “Make Your Mom Hum,” and “Faith of Our Mothers.”

The congregational hymns followed, with singing, “I and Those of my Household,” and “Ho, Reapers in the Whiteness of Harvest.” The prayer was led by Toroti.

All men, fathers and grandfathers and young men, sang brilliantly, “God Give us Christian Homes.”

Sister Dupe Ajibade took the Scripture reading from **Proverbs 31:25-31** and Brother Moses Ogbe rendered vibrantly a solo titled, “She Shall be Called Woman.”

The sermon was delivered by Sister Diane Fadiora. Sharing from **Proverbs 31:10-31**, she highlighted the godly qualities worthy to emulate, stated in the verses of the virtuous woman. She shared how there is a motherly instinct in every female child that God put in there. She made mention of women in the bible like Ruth & Hannah. Also, Mother



Crawford, an example for us all. May God increase the number of such women in our midst.



Finally, she prayed for mothers trusting God for children of their own, and those at marriageable ages. The service ended with the congregation singing, “Faith of Our Mothers,” and closing prayer by Akintola.

At the end of the service and prayers at the altar, there was a special time of fellowship to celebrate the women, organized by the men. Delicious meals, video presentation, movie show of “War Room” and gifts were all part of the package. It was a beautiful service and celebration.

We thank God for such a blessed time to celebrate our women, and we bless God for thoughtful godly men. May Almighty God keep our women and continue to guide them in their roles till Jesus comes. Amen.

OTTAWA, ON

Celebrating God’s Faithfulness in Our Midst “O **GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.**”

Psalms 136:1

This quarter, we’ve once again seen the hand of God move in a beautiful and undeniable ways in our local assembly. From weddings to worship, new beginnings to bold initiatives—He has been faithful.

New Additions: God Keeps Building His Church

We’re thrilled to welcome new faces to our ever-growing church family! Two of our beloved youths, Dare Oloruntoba (married to Veronica Ariyo) and Oreoluwa Osinaike (married to Akpevwe Onatere), tied the knot in Nigeria. Though the ceremonies happened abroad, our church family was joyfully represented at both events.



Closer to home, we’ve welcomed new immigrant families who are already blessing our congregation with their presence. We praise God for Brother Vincent and Sister Bisola Mgbeze and their children, as well as for Sister Angeline, Sister Fify, Brother Isaac, and Brother Phinee—all from our Apostolic Faith Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Their addition has brought fresh and renewed strength to our vibrant Francophone group. We also rejoice over the many first-time visitors who joined us in worship this quarter—each one a reminder that God is still calling people to Himself.

New Initiatives: Youth in Action

Something powerful is happening among our young people. We recently launched monthly youth-led services the last

Sunday of every month. It is inspiring to see their love and dedication to the Work of God.

Mother's Day: A Tribute of Love

Mother's Day was a heartfelt celebration. The service included a touching presentation by our children and teens from the Beginners, Primary Pals, and Answer classes. Their testimonies were a sweet aroma—grateful voices thanking God for godly mothers. Our men honored the women with thoughtful, personalized gifts, a beautiful reminder that even the smallest acts of love do not go unnoticed by our Heavenly



Father. The following Sunday, they treated the church family to a delightful buffet at Mandarin Restaurant—another gesture of love well-received.

Easter Concert: Reflections of Redemption

Our Easter celebration was nothing short of glorious. On April 20, our children, teens, choir, and orchestra led us in a moving concert that stirred both heart and spirit. Highlights included violin duets and trios, a soprano solo aria, *"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth,"* by G. F. Handel, a powerful male choir rendition of, *"I've Pitched My Tent Far Up in Beulah Land,"* and a heartfelt French special from our Francophone brethren.

The second half of the program took a reflective turn—a sit-down, narration-style journey through the passion of Christ, punctuated by Bible readings, songs and testimonies. It was a timely reminder of the sacrifice, love, and victory found in the cross and the empty tomb.

Youth-Led Virtual Sessions: Wisdom for Every Stage

This quarter also saw our youth team up with youths from Toronto for a series of impactful virtual events:

- "Unstoppable: Goal Setting for Victory" led by Brother Jayeola Okuazun encouraged us to set faith-filled, God-aligned goals with intention and vision.

- "Maximizing Singlehood" featured Sister Charity Ikpe, who shared her testimony of embracing wholeness and purpose in every life stage.

- "Built for Success: Back to the Basics" during March break offered parents and school-aged children practical biblical insights, ably facilitated by Sister Toyin Akindele.

- "Navigating Christian Faith in a Digital Age" by Brother Hope Duntoye challenged us to use technology with discernment and devotion.

Each of these sessions was a wellspring of wisdom, encouragement, and truth for navigating today's world with Christ at the center.

Looking Ahead: Anticipating August

We are full of expectation for what God will do in our upcoming special meetings this August.

We invite you to join us in prayer and preparation—asking the Lord to pour out His Spirit afresh upon us.

Final Word: Keep Watching and Praying

As we reflect on this past quarter, we are reminded that God is always at work, writing stories of grace in our midst. May we remain faithful, prayerful, and expectant—ever *"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2).*

LANGLEY, BC

We had a blessed Easter program on Sunday, April 2025, with the sanctuary filled with people who came to witness the power of the resurrected Lord. The program entitled, "He is Risen! Renewed Hope, Resurrected Joy," began with the welcome remarks by Pastor Marjorie Reid.

This was followed by congregational singing, *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today,"* led by Victor Nketah, after which Brother Samuel Adenekan offered the opening prayer. The Easter musical program began with the orchestra playing, *"There is*



a Redeemer,” arranged by Marty Parks, and “Wonderful Grace of Jesus,” arranged by Ed Hogan.

The orchestration was followed by a flute solo by Tomisin Odunsi, “When We All Get to Heaven,” arranged by J.G. Wilson. The choir, directed by Shola Akindele, sang four Eastertide songs: “Easter Song,” arranged by Joseph Martin; “Christ Arose,” by Robert Lowry; and “The Resurrection Morn,” by William Gaither, arranged by Elmo Mercer.



A vocal solo by Robert Ruiz followed the choir rendition; he sang, “Calvary,” by the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. The elementary Sunday school children were not left out as they sang and played various Easter medleys.



The Youth Choir, directed by Tomisin Odunsi, added to the joy of Easter celebration with their melodious “Boundless



Love,” by Dianne Wilkinson and “Your Grace Still Amazes Me,” by Phillips, Craig, and Dean.

During the intermission, the congregation enthusiastically sang, “Because He Lives,” after which the male choir, conducted by Samuel Adenekan, rendered, “Down from His Glory,” arranged by William Clibborn.

Following the male choir, Moses Fayele sang, “The Trumpet Shall Sound,” by G.F. Handel, with trumpet accompaniment by Sam Akindele while Victor Nketah was on piano.

The Easter musical program continued with the mixed choir, conducted by Robert Ruiz, beautifully rending, “The Lord’s Prayer,” by Bryan Fowler, Matt Maher, and Jacob Sooter, arranged by Jay Rouse.

Before the trio of Precious, Samuel, and Simon Akindele sang, “Forever We Sing Hallelujah,” by Kari Jobe to bring the Easter program to a close, Phil Wong on guitar and Zech Ruiz on violin played, “Rise Again,” by Dallas Holm.



Edwin offered the closing prayer.

Mother’s Day Service

The Mother’s Day service, held on Sunday, May 11, began with elementary Sunday school children singing, “Tell Me the Story of Jesus.”



The service continued with a trio by the children of Victor Nketah singing, *"Faith of our Mothers,"* after which Shola Akindele led the congregation to sing, *"Great is Thy Faithfulness,"* and *"Amazing Grace."* Samuel Adenekan offered the congregational opening prayer.

The ladies' choir beautifully rendered the first special song, *"Goodness of God,"* followed by a vocal solo by Tomisin, *"My Mother."*

In her sermon, Pastor Marjorie Reid spoke on the Godly Woman. Taking her text from *Proverbs 31:30-31*, she extolled the virtues of the godly woman listed in *Proverbs 31* and cited many godly women listed in the Bible, including Ruth, Naomi, Hannah, and Mary. Marjorie said these women



gave a glimpse into the love of God. She thanked God for the women in our church who gave generously and sacrificially to God. The message concluded by urging every godly woman to continue demonstrating sustaining faith, which speaks to the simple trust in God that one needs to exercise daily to live a victorious Christian life and serve God acceptably.

After the sermon, the male choir sang, *"If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again."*

One of the highlights of the service was the presentation of roses to mothers in appreciation of their roles in families and their commitment to serving God.

Pastor Marjorie offered the closing prayer.

Langley Hosted Four Visiting Ministers from the United States

In furtherance of the effort to strengthen the body of Christ, Langley church hosted four guest preachers from our international headquarters in Portland, Oregon, as well as from Chehalis and Seattle, Washington, between March and April.

The first to visit on March 23 is Pastor Randy Baltzell and his wife, Cyndi, from Portland, Oregon.

Next, Rev. Bob Downey, Director of the North America region and pastor of our church in Chehalis, Washington, visited on March 31st, accompanied by his wife, Cheryl.

Rev. Bill McKibben, senior pastor of our church in Seattle, Washington, and his wife, Lori, came on April 6.

Rev. Darrel Lee, senior pastor, world headquarters, Portland, Oregon, visited us on April 20 and was accompanied by his wife, Debbie, their daughter, and her husband.



Baby Gospel Chidiebere, Dedicated to the Lord

Gospel Chidiebere, son of Emmanuel and Sapphire Chidiebere, was dedicated to the Lord recently. In a brief message at the dedicatory service, Pastor Marjorie Reid relayed the scriptural basis for this practice. She cited examples of Simeon (*Luke 2:28*) and Hannah (*I Samuel 1*).

She said that the dedication of a child to the Lord does not ensure that child's eternal destiny but simply commitment by the parents to raise the child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, as stated in *Ephesians 6:4*.



Marjorie held the baby as she offered the dedicatory prayer for the infant. A gift and a certificate of dedication were presented to the parents.

MONCTON, NB

The first half of 2025 has been a season of spiritual renewal and growth for the Apostolic Faith Church in Moncton.

Building on the impactful visit of our District Superintendent, Rev. Chris Hewlett, in January, the church leadership introduced bi-weekly Bible studies alongside ongoing Saturday prayer meetings. These gatherings have become vital moments of worship, teaching, and community fellowship. With an average attendance of 12–14 in person and 6–9 online participants per meeting, the church continues to deepen its spiritual roots and expand its reach.



Bible studies explored foundational Christian themes—steadfastness, surrender, submission, self-denial, suffering, stewardship—led by a dedicated team of brethren. Prayer meetings were rich with testimonies, intercession for families, healing, revival, and national issues. Each session reflected unity and hunger for God among both long-standing members and new attendees from surrounding cities and provinces.



A major highlight was the **Easter Variety Day** in April—a joyful celebration that brought families together through hymns, violin solos, spoken word, dramatic recitations, games, and an Easter message. This event strengthened fellowship and gave both adults and children a platform to express their gifts in honour of Christ's resurrection.

Another memorable milestone was the presentation of the **Tithe and Prayer Request Boxes**—beautifully handcrafted using wood from historic church furniture at the Newfoundland headquarters. These items not only serve a functional purpose but also carry deep symbolic meaning, connecting Moncton to the legacy of the Apostolic Faith work. We extend heartfelt appreciation to Pastor Vanzel Quinlan and Kimberley Quinlan for their labour of love in designing and crafting the boxes. We also deeply thank our



District Superintendent and his wife, Patti Hewlett, for their consistent support and for personally delivering these precious items along with a generous supply of church literature and Sunday school materials to us in Moncton.

The successful launch of **Sunday school** on June 1, 2025, marked yet another spiritual step forward, engaging children and adults alike in structured Bible learning. We also join Winnipeg after the Sunday school for the Devotional Service and evening revival service. We sincerely appreciate the



constant support from the church in Winnipeg and also Pastor Samson Jimaza for his encouragements at every meeting and prayer support.

We thank God for His faithfulness and for the steady growth of the work in Moncton. We humbly ask for your

continued prayers as we press onward, trusting the Lord to continue to build His church.



Portland Camp Meeting

*Portland, OR
June 29 – July 13, 2025*

Newfoundland Youth Camp

*Roddickton, NL
July 21 – 24, 2025*

Midwest Camp Meeting

July 28 – August 2, 2025

Ottawa Special Meetings

*Ottawa, ON
August 28 – 31, 2025*



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