

Victory in Jesus!

Spring 2024

“For lo the winter is past the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come.” Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Combined Easter Special Meetings

As Christians, we are forever grateful for Easter and what it represents! Our hearts were preparing for Easter Combined Services each time we went to the church during the week of special prayer, preceding them. Three crosses were displayed on the church grounds providing a great visual to bring the reality home to each heart who saw it, of the high price paid for our redemption.

The special meetings began Thursday night at Englee. Oh, what a special feeling! The anticipated occasion was here, and the excitement was evident in the singing! There were visitors attending from other areas of Newfoundland! Dorothy Hopkins sang a solo, *“He Came a Long Way from Heaven,”* before Reverend Christopher Hewlett delivered an awesome message entitled, *“Gethsemane.”* He used *St. Luke 22:39-48* as his scripture references. A wonderful altar service followed! One of our young musicians who has been saved for many years received a wonderful blessing when his heart was stirred to seek God! The Spirit of God was evident throughout, and there was a man from another church that requested prayer for healing. The ministry gathered around him and prayed.

On Good Friday night at Bide Arm, Grant Hancock opened the testimonies with the song, *“At the Foot of the Old Rugged Cross,”* followed by his personal testimony of victory! This service was live streamed. Pastor Kirby spoke on, ‘The Cross’, a wonderful story that never grows old! Scripture was taken from *Luke 23:33* and *Romans 6:8* and because of the cross, we have such a glorious hope! Eternal life awaits those who have the blood of Jesus applied to their hearts.

Resurrection morning found us at Roddickton headquarters church for the observance of the ordinances. The choir began

with, *“He Rose,”* which was performed with gusto and set the tone for a glorious time of worship! Some spoke in testimony of being awake early thinking of the Lord having arisen from the grave. He’s ALIVE!! Pastor Rene delivered the first message using *Matthew 28*.

What a blessed hope of Heaven, all because Jesus conquered the grave! He used other scriptures to speak of how the victory over death assures us of eternal life in Heaven. *Revelation 20:6 “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection...”* Pastor Randy Antalan had a stirring message on the Lord’s Supper with scripture references from *Matthew/John* and *1 Corinthians 11:27*. We want to remember the Lord’s death until He returns by partaking in the emblems of His broken body and shed blood. We were blessed abundantly by doing so!

Pastor Vanzel used the familiar chapter of *St. John 13* to remind us that the ordinance of foot washing is a symbol of humility, and Jesus himself gave us the example that we should wash one another’s feet. An awesome time of obedience and fellowship followed.

On Sunday evening at Roddickton, there was a water baptismal service that was live streamed, so it reached a wider audience. It was well attended, although many were not able to attend because of illness but were able to watch via social media. A mixed group of choir members opened with a beautiful, *“Hallelujah for the Cross.”* All the other





Roddickton

February 11 was an outstanding day! In the morning service there was an outpouring of the Holy Spirit among God's people during the song, *"Surely There Must be One More Miracle for Me,"* and several felt a fresh touch of the Spirit that began on the platform. There was no preaching and a beautiful time of worship followed. The evening service was truly amazing as well as the choir began with the song entitled, *"Good Old Gospel Singing."*

special selections were sung very well. We enjoyed old familiar hymns!

Pastor Michael gave a powerful message, 'Remember Me Lord,' using the account of the rich man and Lazarus in [Luke 16](#) as well as referring to [Revelation 20:12](#), regarding the Book of Life and the judging of the dead according to their works. We don't enrol names for church membership, but it is so important to have our names written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Justin's dad, Guy Curl, walked down the aisle while

Pastor Michael welcomed some visitors to the service in his opening comments and among those attending was Stacey-Lee Wilcox. God was truly dealing with her heart and during the testimonies, as the chorus, *"Home Where There is no Night,"* was sung, Stacey made her way down to the altar to pray. What rejoicing! Many left their seats to pray with her and thank God, she received the victory and claimed salvation! A praise session followed with many inspiring songs. As it was early in the evening, the special went ahead. It was a solo by Alva, entitled, *"God Still Answers Prayer."* He sure does! Pastor Michael delivered a message taking his text from [St. John's Gospel 4](#). This is the familiar account of the woman at the well who desired Living Water during her encounter with Jesus, and His message for her. Thank God for the inspired Word which feeds the soul. Indeed, Jesus has a message for us all, individually. It was an old-fashioned meeting with many tarrying to pray for one another and to praise the Lord. During this time, one of the brothers received his sanctification!! A wonderful night!!

We are so thankful for God's presence in our lives. Our services continue to be blessed beyond measure. The chorus, *"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place,"* could very well be the theme of our meetings. Sunday, May 5, was no exception. The morning service was awesome. The special song before the sermon, *"Holy, Holy Messiah,"* was presented by Grant Hancock. He went on to share about his battle with cancer some years before. The words of the song brought back the memory of the despair he felt when he was diagnosed. He went on to tell how, in the middle of the night God's Spirit came to his rescue. He woke the next morning to see the rays of sunshine beaming through his hospital room window. Praise God the fear of death was gone! The Lord had replaced it with a deep settled peace in his soul. Using Grant's words we can say, "That's the God that we serve!"



the congregation was singing, *"Just as I am,"* knelt at the altar and gave his heart to the Lord. Oh, what rejoicing! Thank you, Jesus! A group of young adults sang, *"River of Jordan,"* before the candidates came forward for baptism. It sounded amazing as the Spirit rested upon it!

Two sisters and a brother were baptized! Easter Meetings 2024 were special indeed!

The evening service once again brought joy to our hearts. Each hymn, chorus and testimony were an encouragement to the congregation. The words contained in the special inspired our souls. A duet sang, *“Something Got a Hold of me, I Went There to Fight but oh on That Night God Surely Got a Hold of Me.”* Before the song concluded the saints were all standing, joining in praising the Lord. One of our senior brothers, Earl Pilgrim, could be seen with his hands raised basking in the presence of the Lord. Earl has been traveling a difficult road physically. In the last year or so he has lost his eyesight almost completely. The ministry went to his seat, and he was anointed and prayed for. His statement was, *“I’m going to keep on serving the Lord with or without my eyesight.”* The service transitioned into a wonderful time around the altar of prayer.

We are so thankful that the day will come when we will all gather on the bright golden shore, complete physically and spiritually. What a day that will be.

Mother’s Day Family Service, May 12, 2024

Mother’s Day is always a special time when our church holds a service especially to honor mothers. The Family Service usually brings out family members of the saints and other visitors who do not attend church. It began with the choir singing, *“Mother’s Prayers Have Followed Me.”* Beautiful songs such as, *“Onward Christian Mothers,” “When Mother Prayed,”* and *“Precious Memories,”* were sung. Prayer was given followed by the children singing, *“Happy Mother’s Day.”*



Time was then given for one-minute testimonies in which we could stand and pay tribute to our moms and other women mentors in our lives. Jaxon, Keegan, and Julian sang, *“I Love my Mommy,”* followed by Bible reading by Bertha. As tradition as in our NL churches, a time was allotted for those who have their mom present with us, to pin a red rose on her. The beautiful song, *“Faith of our Mothers,”* was sung as this took place. What a beautiful scene this was! On a sadder note, as the song, *“If I Could Hear my Mother Pray Again,”*

was sung, those whose moms were deceased came forward to place a white rose on the Bible. This is always an emotional, but special moment.



A solo by Doreen was sung entitled, *“Mama’s Prayer,”* before a short message and comments from Pastor Michael Ivany were given. Gifts and roses were then presented to all mothers by the pastor, pastor’s wife, and ministers. The closing song was, *“Hold Fast to the Right,”* and closing prayer was by Pastor Michael.

We continue to enjoy a beautiful spring and abundant blessings from the storehouse of God’s love here at Roddickton. May the Lord bless and keep you all as we await His Coming. Let us remain *“...stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...”*

Toronto

The first quarter of the year brought to fruition a couple of aspirational goals mapped out for the Toronto church in 2024 and we are grateful to God for that.

We commenced the year with an attitude of gratitude through a thanksgiving service, expressing our appreciation for His blessings, mercies, and grace in the previous year, and in anticipation of His blessings in the year ahead.

One of the main goals for the church was to devise more ways to create a spiritually fertile ground to nurture and grow our children in the way of the Lord, and in February, the Children’s Church officially kicked off. Thus, our children now have specially designed services dedicated to them on Sundays amongst many other activities. We pray that the



Our children with one of the teachers – Bunmi Durojaiye during one of the children services.

efforts to “train and nurture these children in the way of the Lord will yield great fruit.

Another goal was to allocate more time for prayer, as a church, amidst the challenges of our times. We are thankful for the grace that God has given us to increase our prayer time to two hours every Friday as well as hold bi-weekly prayer meetings every Sunday evening.

We have also witnessed the manifestation of God’s power, goodness, and divine provision this quarter. A newborn who was rushed to the emergency room due to breathing issues was miraculously healed. Also, God provided another set of chairs free for the church (courtesy of the Winnipeg church and the graciousness of our District Superintendent Rev. Christopher Hewlett) which is a huge upgrade from the previous ones.

not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.”

A noteworthy event that stood out was the ‘Send Forth’ of sister Dorothy Ndamukong on April 28. She is the Pastor of one of our churches in Cameroon. She came to Canada last September to visit her daughter. Her coming could be said to be divinely orchestrated as certain workers were absent and she arrived precisely when needed to bridge the gap. Sister Dorothy is a remarkable woman of faith, the only girl out of 22 children! She was fearless and courageous, qualities undoubtedly valuable as a pastor in war-torn Cameroon. Her life is filled with awe inspiring testimonies. She preached the sermon and concluded it with the closing words and song from late Rev. P.O. Akazue's last camp meeting sermon. It was reviving. Following the service, there was a modest reception where church members shared how her visit had impacted them. She was presented with a farewell gift by sister Mary on behalf of the church.



A cross section of the choir & congregation at the Easter sing-along.

A major highlight for this quarter was the Easter celebration. On Good Friday, the church gathered online for a sing-along and prayer meeting. In continuation of the celebration, the church hosted a singalong session on Easter Sunday in place of the devotional service. The congregation joined their voices with the choir to sing a variety of songs. The children were not left out, as they also delivered a couple of songs. It was a soul lifting service and a gentle reminder of the ultimate price Christ paid for our redemption. Samuel Osibanjo, who was our guest musician, joined us from Moncton, Canada, to be part of the Easter meetings. It was a blessing to listen to him join the orchestra playing his trumpet. The celebrations wrapped up with a combined special evening service at the Apostolic Faith Church in Kitchener, Ontario.

This year’s Mother’s Day was marked by a series of delightful activities. The children celebrated the mothers with a presentation of beautiful songs. This was followed by gift presentations to mothers and mothers



to be. The devotional service was largely led by the mothers, with sister Comfort delivering a sermon about a Christ-like



To create an atmosphere of love, fellowship and sharing, the Toronto church reintroduced monthly birthday celebrations on the last Sunday of each month this quarter. This special event creates an opportunity for the church to bond over light refreshments and get to know each other better.

mother, drawing parallels to the virtuous woman described in *Proverbs 31*. After the service, the congregation was treated to a variety of dishes served by the fathers. It was an inspirational and enjoyable event. The mothers expressed their appreciation to be honored in such a way.

We are so thankful to God for how far He has led us and will remain steadfast as we hold on to His promise in *Deuteronomy 31:6*, “*Be strong and of a good courage, fear*

In the evening, we held a Question-and-Answer session on Attributes of a Godly Mother. This was the inaugural event of our planned Family series, which aims to foster stronger and healthier family relationships. The elderly women shared

their experiences on managing the responsibilities of being a mother and instilling good values into their children amidst a challenging society. It was an enlightening session that provided us with valuable insights.

Englee

As we ushered in a new year at Englee, the song selections gave a sense of rededication and renewed commitment to the furtherance of the Gospel. From, *"I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go,"* to *"I'm Going On,"* and *"Give Me A Heart for Others,"* we all felt the desire to have the Lord's seal of approval. The satisfaction and approval of Jesus was evidenced many times by the outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon our congregation. His profound anointing has thrilled many open hearts!

This year the chill of February did not dampen our spirits as we basked in the warmth of God's love. Our Sunday school department treated us to open house with all choruses and activities based on the theme of love. One of our Sunday school Department Heads, Madeline Newman, captured our attention and interest by holding up a painting of Jesus and explaining how much He loved us. The object lesson she presented was heartfelt and inspiring to the youth and adults in attendance.

In keeping with the theme of love, that Sunday night brother Grant Cassell brought us a message entitled, 'The Love of God.' He reminded us of the power of love, how it solves problems, mends fences, rectifies differences and reconciles families. The love of Jesus was so immeasurable that He was willing to die for us. Because of this He expects us to live for Him.

Each Sunday we enjoy testimonies of victory as the saints proclaim God's faithfulness and love. One such testimony was given by Ben Denney, as he recounted a time when he was a young crew member on a boat in the frigid northern waters. During a great storm with large waves washing over their boat, Ben knew his life and the lives of the other crew members were in grave danger. He also knew they were all unsaved. He asked God to protect them all and God did just that!! Ben is so thankful for the mercy of God. Following testimony service Ed Fillier sang the message in song which included the words 'troublesome seas I'm fearing no more.' Was that a mere coincidence? I think not! We need not fear; God has everything ordained for our lives.

"...Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord..." Matthew 21:9 Palm Sunday was a time of celebration and remembrance of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Just as the people of that day cried out, 'Hosanna in the highest,' shouts of praise went up to our Creator from our congregation as we ushered in another sacred Easter season. As Pastor Kirby pointed out in his message, even a donkey upon which no man had ever ridden, was obedient. So how much more obedient should we be?



That afternoon we were treated to another open house session by our Sunday school department where the children depicted the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem. Seeing one of our children, Ryder Fillier, riding in on a donkey while the others waved palm branches really brought the scene to life!

Easter special meetings commenced here at Englee on Thursday night prior to Good Friday. The service opened with our choir singing, *"Looking Up to The Cross."* We enjoyed sweet fellowship with the saints from our branch churches and hearing testimonies of the goodness of God that we haven't heard in a while. Rev. Chris Hewlett's message was centered around Gethsemane - a place of grief. He reminded us of the sufferings of Jesus the night before He was crucified. Jesus went all the way for us, and He deserves our total commitment and allegiance.

In each of the special services we feasted on the good things of God. We continue to enjoy the blessings and benefits of the Gospel.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." Proverbs 31:10 On Mother's Day our church here at Englee had a special service to honor and remember all mothers, whether living or already gone on to be with the Lord.

We were blessed to have Pastor Eric and Leona Compton visiting from our branch church in South Brook and brother Kevin and Dorothy Hopkins from our Roddickton church. Dorothy had the responsibility of the music for the service and did an awesome job.

The service opened with the choir singing, *"My Mother's Bible,"* followed by familiar congregational numbers and

prayer. A poem entitled, 'More than a Mother,' was read by Angela Compton. "What a Friend we Have in Mother," was sung by the congregation while those who were privileged to have their mom in attendance pinned a red rose on her.



Diane Hewlett sang the song, "Shake Hands with Mother Again," and white roses were placed on the Bible in memory of mothers who have passed. Presentations were made to the oldest and youngest mom, Ruby Randell being the oldest and Tammy-Lee Lane being the youngest. Special presentations were made by other members of the congregation to their moms and all mothers in attendance were presented with a gift from the church.



Pastor Kirby read the familiar passage of scripture, *Proverbs 31:10-31* which tells us the characteristics of a virtuous woman. These are qualities that mothers everywhere

should aspire. We are thankful for godly mothers, and we pray for those who need the Lord in their heart.

Ottawa

From humble beginnings, the church in Ottawa continues to grow into a close-knit family, providing support to each other during the good times and the most difficult seasons of life. In the early months of the year, some of our members experienced bereavement. However, God has been faithful in comforting and supporting His people during these challenging times, reassuring us of His continued presence.

On a joyful note, we have also been privileged to welcome two new babies into the church family: Baby Ifeyinwa Akazue (daughter of Moses and Pearl Akazue) and Baby Peace Igheware (son of our brother Prosper Igheware, who was born in Benin City, Nigeria). We have had new families join the church family: Henry and Lydia Uwandu, and their four children joined us from the United Kingdom. Blessing and Shalom Ayodele-Oba (wife and son of Rotimi Ayodele-Oba, who had joined us early last year) also became part of the

church family, which is an answer to our prayers. Damilola, an Apostolic Faith Church member who moved to Canada a few years ago and currently lives in Montreal, reconnected with the church through an unexpected meeting with one of our members in Montreal.

One of the highlights of this season has been the flourishing of our French and Children's departments.

The French Department

Given the hybrid nature of our Sunday services, we enjoy the active virtual participation of our brethren in Montreal with occasional in-person visits. Earlier in the year, Salome attended our church service for the first time. She testified of how God had orchestrated her steps to the church through an invitation from the church whose facility we use for our Sunday services. Before the invitation, she had attended several churches in Ottawa but did not feel comfortable because the services were all in English, and she could not follow along. During a visit to our host church on one of the Sundays, she was informed that our services were bilingual, so she decided to wait for our service, which is held in the same building in the afternoons. Salome was overjoyed to hear the Word of God delivered to her in French! She also loved the opportunity to sing the good old gospel hymns, which reminded her of her church in her home country, Cameroon. She has never missed a service since her first visit. Similarly, Herriott; an Apostolic Faith Member from Haiti had also spoken of how blessed it was for him to reconnect with the people of God after so many years of living in Ottawa without knowing about our church's existence. The increasing interest in the Francophone component of our in-person service has necessitated some changes to accommodate their peculiar needs, such as projecting our hymns in both English and French on the screen; provision of lesson materials, literature, songbooks and bibles in French; special numbers in French; and so on.

The Children's Department

Meanwhile, our children's department which was only recently instituted, has continued to expand as the church blossoms like the flowers in the spring. Recently, it became necessary to increase the student-teacher ratio to ensure better coordination during the classes. We have also devised ways to better integrate the children into church activities, such as allowing them to recite their weekly memory verses in songs and deliver renditions (songs, instrumentation and playlets) during some of our Sunday services. These changes have given the children a greater sense of belonging in the church as they excitedly look forward to their special



performances. Their enthusiasm and eagerness to participate in these initiatives fill our Sundays with joy and remind us of the importance of passing the torch of faith to the next generation. With each passing day, we see the seeds of faith take root in their young, impressionable hearts as we work to nurture their spiritual journey with love and care.

In addition to these blessings, we have been honoured to have brother Solomon Okon from our church in the West and Central African Headquarters and sister Antonia Schleicher, the Pastor of our Church in Bloomington, Indiana, deliver the Word of God to us. We also warmly welcomed some visiting ministers and youth ministers in our branch church: sister Comfort Ibok from our Toronto church, sister Juanita Osirike from Iheya church in Nigeria, sister Christine Osirike from our Wharton church in the United States, and sister Jochebed Osirike from our Calgary church.



Reflecting on our recent church activities, the special Easter Sunday service stands out. Children, youths and adults joyfully came together to celebrate our risen Saviour. The choir and instrumentalists thrilled the congregation with a variety of songs to commemorate the death and resurrection of Christ, including a performance of G. F. Handel's, "The

Trumpet Shall Sound," by Uwem Johnson, accompanied by our lead organist, Timothy Oladiran. It was a beautiful experience.

We are so grateful to God for all the amazing things He is doing in our midst and look forward to greater blessings in the coming months. We are confident that He who has begun a good work in our church will continue to uphold us all in Jesus' name. *"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."* *Philippians 1:6.*

South Brook

Spring is a beautiful time of the year. It marks the beginning of New Life. *Songs of Solomon 2:12 says, "The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."* God's handiwork unfolds before our eyes. We thank God for it all.

God is also working in our lives every day. He pours out His love and goodness. We are thankful that Jesus willingly gave His life to save us, to give us New Life, just as new life is brought forth in springtime. A glorious hope of Eternal Life is also given. *1 Corinthians 15:19. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."*

Easter is a time to reflect on what Jesus did for us because He loved us, not because we loved Him. *1 John 4:10. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."*

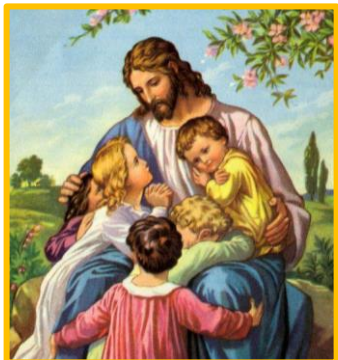
Thank God for the privileged to have the ordinances on March 31. It was a wonderful time of blessing, as we came together to fulfil the Lord's commandments. *John 13:17 "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."* We are looking forward to more blessings in the future if the Lord tarries.

May 5, we had Rev. Christopher and Pat Hewlett with us. We enjoyed the singing and a great sermon where we felt the mighty power of God. His text was John 14:5,6 *"The Way, the Truth and the Life"* as his title, he declared that no words every spoken by mortal man have impacted lives more then the words of our Lord. Will you believe His words, will you receive the Truth: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved. What a wonderful blessing. God is good all the time. God bless.

Winnipeg

Sunday, February 18, 2024, Children's Church

"...Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14.



The day we were looking forward to and praying for a while, finally came to pass. We were very excited to hold our first Children's Church service on February 18, 2024. It was a wonderful time for the children! It began with the children's orchestration playing, "Jesus Loves Me." The

Beginners class sang, "He's Got the Whole World," and the Primary Pals class sang, "The Light of The World." Then, three congregational songs were sung; "My God is so Big," "Wide, Wide as the Ocean," followed by "Whisper a Prayer," before prayer by Peter Oyenyi.

After the announcement, we had an anthem by the combined children's choir entitled, "God's got an Army." It was then time for testimonies, and since it's children church, we gave them the opportunity to testify, and almost all of them did so. Some thanked God for their family, for saving them, while others thanked God for the food and weather. It was such a blessing to hear them testifying to the goodness and glory of God. A special song followed which was performed by one of the Answer class students, entitled, "A Sunbeam."

The message was brought by sister Tosin Jimaza using, "Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Using a picture of a road, she made it clear that to get to any destination; we will need to travel by way of the road. She pointed out that Jesus is the only way to God, to every good thing and ultimately to Heaven. If you want to be a friend of God and spend eternity



with Him, you must come through Jesus. She concluded by encouraging the children and anyone present to pray and be saved from their life of sin, as this is the only way we can start our journey to Heaven. A time of prayer followed.

Women's Conference, February 17, 2024

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalms 133:

Pastor Marjorie Reid was the guest speaker for a great conference whereby the sisters were built up in the faith. An opening prayer was offered by Dupe Ajibade and the theme for the conference was, 'The Great Commission,' taking her text from *Matthew 28:16-20*.



Every Christian is called to carry out the great commission as Christ commanded in His Word. The Holy Ghost enables us to do it. We are commissioned for the assignment wherever we go, by showing the love of Christ, and Christ in us compels us to share the gospel.

As a newborn, one expects to see growth in a child. The changes are very evident even in the first year. It is no different in the body of Christ, when you are born into the family of God, you should grow! There is a mighty change when you change masters. If there is no growth, why is that? Jesus will never neglect to feed us. The Bible has all the instructions we will ever need for all we will ever face. We have a responsibility to feed on the Word and spend time in prayer.

Sister Marjorie also shared a refresher on the mission, logo, and motto of the Apostolic Faith Church. The mission is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We accomplish this as we Pray, Preach and Publish. We publish the Gospel through the written word, the spoken word, and through our personal lives, daily looking for opportunities to spread the message, "Ye must be born again." You will see our logo, "Jesus, the Light of the World," in or on all our churches wherever you go. Our motto from *Jude 3* "...Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," is very well known in our churches.

She emphasized there is no distinction in the work of the ministry, between men and women. There were great women mentioned in the Bible who were used by God in many ways. Sharing from her personal experience, she told of how, very long ago, she heard a minister speak on

'consecration.' The minister then described it with an analogy of signing a blank piece of paper with your name at the bottom and asking the Lord to fill it with anything He desires. She did exactly that and surrendered all to the Lord. She felt and recognized the call of God on her life at 21 years of age.

God gives us talents to use for His glory, and sometimes there is a specific call to work in ministry. When we give ourselves to the Lord, He is able to use us, and show Himself through our lives. When we share together, we grow in our faith, and form strong connections with each other.

God shows His love through a dedicated worker of Christ, and that includes us women! Many women are listed in the Word of God. Some of them stepped out of their culture roles at the time. The gospel of Jesus Christ never changes despite culture roles. In the Jewish culture, women cannot stretch their hands to a rabbi, except the Rabbi extends his hand to her.

Her discussion touched on the basic qualifications of a worker. You need to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Your life must be aligned with all the truths of God's Word. Christ in the home, Christ in the church, Christ



A cross section of attendees

in the workplace. Also, you must be pursuing God, and that pursuit never stops no matter how long you've been saved. There are many vessels, but we want to be vessels of honour. Additionally, there was time for open discussions, questions, and answers. We were blessed to learn from each other.

On "parenting," it was shared that we, as parents, both mother and father, are the biggest influences in our children's lives. We want to represent Christ before them, with the help of the Holy Spirit. If we have moments when we are not good representations of Jesus Christ, we go fix it. Do what needs to be done. God corrects us, through the Holy Spirit who lives within us, and He will point out things to us. We will always need His help, as a mum, and as a wife.

When we pray, Jesus speaks to our heart. He teaches us to be patient. It doesn't drop in our lap. He gives us instances

where we can practice patience with our children, with our spouses and others around us. We need to speak in love, raise our children in love, even when correcting them, and season our speech. We can either represent the carnal nature or represent Christ. Our sisters also shared learning experiences on parenting across different age groups.

On balancing Ministry and family, sister Marjorie shared from her personal experience of husband and wife being aligned to what God expects of us as Christians, and the importance of couples having a prayer life together. Through prayer, many victories are won! Were there challenges? Yes, but the Holy Spirit is a wonderful teacher. When God calls, He enables, and He will teach us step by step. We learn a balance when two of us (husband and wife) are one in Christ.

Answering a question on 'modesty,' she mentioned how the Word of God teaches us modesty in every area of our lives. Modesty is expected in our apparel, body language, tone, appetites, and in all things, for all followers of Christ.

We were admonished not to be judgmental. Looking from the lens of different cultures can cause us to be judgmental at times. God is not a God of culture.

Finally, love works! Unkindness in any way does not lift Christ. Every opportunity we can, we are to extend love. Sister Marjorie once heard a preacher say, "We will answer to Christ, where we are in Christ and where we could be."

Towards the end of the session a special faith moment was shared where we held hands in a circle as we prayed and sang together.

In all, it was a beautiful Saturday spent with sister Marjorie and our sisters in sweet fellowship.

Workers Conference, March 30, 2024

To God be the glory for a meeting that provides an added opportunity for teachings that help workers to learn, pray and be better equipped with tools for the work of the Lord. The meeting kicked off with singing, "The Church's One Foundation," led by Pelumi Enejoh, and opening prayer by Akindele Fatubarin.

Pastor Samson Jimaza shared the purpose of the gathering to remind ourselves of the ministry's expectations and what God expects from us, as workers, in His vineyard. He related how blessed we are to have brother Edwin and sister Marjorie Reid in our midst during this occasion. Using



Ephesians 4:1–6, 11–12, sister Marjorie shared how we are to conduct ourselves as workers in the gospel. The Word of God is used as our source for instructions as well as the minister’s manual was referenced.

Some excerpts from the workers meeting are shared below and as you read, may you be blessed and revived. Many other exhortations were given.

Our loyalty is to the Lord, and we must be loyal in the church God has called us in. As Christians, we are called to lift the name of Jesus, to build up His church, and His church is the body of Christ.

When we consecrate to God, He orders our steps. We can also be comforted knowing that as long as we are here on earth, we all make mistakes; and we have the Word of God that puts us where we need to be, and the Holy Spirit to guide us to fix mistakes when they happen. We cannot get the work done if we don’t walk in the Spirit. The Great Commission reveals God’s love to all the world, and it compels us to share the Gospel. Let us also remember that no one calling is more important than the other.

When working for God, our personal prayer life is very vital. When we have a prayer life and are saturated in the Word, it is evident. When we don’t have one, it also shows. Prayer is key, and we cannot preach the Word if we haven’t studied and learned from it. We never graduate from the altar of prayer.

Ephesians 4:11–16 We want to be connected in the body by the Spirit, doing our part. There needs to be an inflow and an outflow, because we cannot give out what we do not take in.

As workers, husbands and wives are also encouraged to pray together. Praying out loud together as a couple helps the union to grow stronger. Prayers will help you get through when things arise either in the home or in the church, and it will help you keep an eternity perspective.

Ministry to God is not always an easy task but it is always rewarding. We will continually need to grow in Christ until the day we leave this world, no matter your assignment in church, Pastor, leader etc.

As workers, we need to strive with everything in us to be loving, kind and friendly. As a child of God, show yourself friendly, knowing that you are the representative of Jesus Christ no matter what you are feeling like today.

For the time we are planted in our local church, we need to keep growing, build one another up, as we apply characteristics of Christ in our lives. We want to be sure we are being strengthened by the Spirit of God, so we are persevering and rising above the challenges.

Colossians 4:6. “Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt....” We need to stay close enough to the Lord, because when we are, He will correct us when we make mistakes, help us in fixing it, and show us all our needs. Let the prayer of our heart be, “let me be close enough to Jesus, so He can show us ourselves in the light of God’s eternity.”

We are reminded not to talk down on people, not to talk down on children. Jesus did not talk down on children. He drew them close. We want to be representatives of Jesus.

Humility opens the door for more of the grace of God in our lives, and the fruit of the Spirit can grow in the heart that is humble. When we are humble, we see our own mistakes and it makes us more gracious to the mistakes of others as well.



We want our children to learn the love of God through us. As a Sunday school teacher, you’ll touch lives that a pastor may never touch. Our faithfulness here will count in Heaven. Its all about Jesus. To have an impact in the gospel we must be filled with the Spirit. Remember to always draw from the source.

There was a Question & Answer period. We were reminded not to repeat offences but take it to the Lord. We want to salvage, not throw our brothers and sisters away, but restore them by doing our part. There is never a problem that the love of God cannot fix, if we keep taking it to the Lord. Life gets real in the gospel, but Jesus is bigger than all our problems!

There were also many, more insights from God's Word that were very beneficial to us as workers.



In closing, Pastor Samson read the Scripture we started out with. *Ephesians 4 :1-3* reminding us to, *“walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with lowliness with all meekness, forbearing one another in love.”*

The closing song was, *“He Giveth More Grace,”* and brother Edwin closed the meeting with prayer. We bless Almighty God for the conference and our earnest prayer is that we all continue to grow in the grace of our Lord, and the work of the Lord continually advances to the glory of His name.

Easter Service – March 31, 2024

“He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.” Matthew 28:6. The children's classes delivered an Easter program to celebrate Easter Sunday. We bless God for speaking to our hearts through the Sunday school teaching, 'The Risen Christ,' which was taught by Aderemi Ajibade.

The program included an orchestration prelude titled, *“Low in the Grave He Lay”*, followed by the procession song with the children coming in while singing cheerfully, *“He Arose.”*

There were several song ministrations during the program such as, *“Wounded for Me,”* by the whole group, *“Worthy is the Lamb,”* by the beginner's choir, *“The Grave Could Not Hold my Redeemer,”* *“O How I Love Jesus,”* and others.

The children also read several bible memory verses which they had been working on for weeks leading up to the



program. All verses reminded us of the price our Lord paid for us, and His redemption power. *Isaiah 53:5, Romans 5:8, Matt 28:6, 1 Cor. 15:20, Romans 8:34, 1 John 2:1, Acts 1:10-11* and *Rev 22:12.*

The devotional service commenced after the program. The sermon titled, *“Thou Shalt See the Glory of God,”* was delivered by Pastor Samson Jimaza referencing *John 11:1-6*, the story of raising Lazarus from death. The admonition was centered on believing in the power of resurrection to witness the glory of God. He emphasized the glory of God is manifested when sinners pray through to salvation, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Other references shared were *Romans 8:11, 1 Peter 1:3-5* and *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.* As we went to our knees to pray after the sermon, our hearts were truly blessed for such a time in the presence of our God and in fellowship with our brothers and sisters.

Mother's Day Service

“...her price is far above rubies.” Proverbs 31:10. What blessing godly mothers are, and we thank God for the day set aside to celebrate them on Mother's Day!

The Sunday school for adults Search lesson titled, 'Moses' Mother' was taught by Pelumi Enejoh. What a timely lesson for Mother's Day.

In Jochebed we see a beautiful example of a mother who committed her son, Moses, into God's hands and trusted Him fully. It teaches us that whatever we commit into God's hands, we can leave it there, knowing He is able to keep completely. *2 Timothy 1:12.* We learnt Jochebed did her part, as she fortified the basket in which she placed Moses. How are we as mothers fortifying our children? We can pray, teach them the Word and godly morals, and confess the Word. Jochebed knew she had limited time with Moses. We can say she used it well as by faith, when he came to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. *Hebrews 11:24.*

As children of God, we need to know who we are. We can look like many others in the workplace, in the world, in business, in school, but we are different. We are a peculiar people. May God give us and our children full understanding of who we are, and our full identity in Christ. As mothers, we need to be deliberate in what we instill in our children. May God help us not to fail in our responsibility. As Sunday school ended, we went on our knees to pray for God's help in our roles as parents.

During the children's service, they sang beautifully to songs such as, "Precious and Priceless Gold is Mother," "It's the Old



Time Religion," and "Faith of our Mothers." Many of them also provided short speeches spotlighting godly women in the Bible and shared related Bible verses. *Luke 1:25* and *1 Samuel 1:27-28*.

God bless all the little children and their teachers for the efforts put in practice for their presentation. We pray that our children will keep growing in Christ and rooted in Him.

For the devotional service there was an orchestra piece titled, "God of our Mother's," played by Moses Ogbe and Tomi Fadora. Edwin Reid led the opening prayer thanking God for the gift of godly mothers. The men sang, "Faith of our Mothers," heartily, and Bible reading from *Proverbs 31:10-31* was read by Diane Fadora.

Moses Ogbe delivered a solo titled, "She Shall be Called Woman," before the sermon by Pastor Marjorie Reid. She reminded us that we must possess godly virtues to be able to pass it on to our children. We are to build one stone after another, building for eternity. We build by teaching from God's Word. We cannot do it in our own strength but only by God's help which is available to us.

Carrying the gospel in our homes is beautiful. *Psalms 52:7*. God-fearing women are beautiful. We should let our children know of the awesomeness of God through the way we live

our lives. The closer we get to God the more we reflect His character.

Also, the men were reminded to praise their wives. Men bless your wives as is laid out in God's Word. *Proverbs 31:28*. Children, praise your mom too. How do you do that? By obeying her. In addition, brothers were encouraged to do actions that fill their wife's emotional tank and provide a steady diet of compliments. When you give focused attention to your wife and treat her like a queen, it will drive her back to the altar to ask for grace to treat her husband right.

At the end of the service, there was a Mother's Day reception where the men provided a sumptuous meal with a beautiful cake. Gifts were then presented to the women.



We were greatly blessed through the entire service from the Sunday school teaching to the song presentations then the sermon. We bless God for sound godly teachings and the gift of fellowship with the brethren. It was a beautiful Mother's Day celebration all over. We give God all the glory!

Bide Arm

Although it feels like year 2024 have just started, we cannot deny that we are already in the second quarter of the year. However, we know that each month that passes by, the closer it gets to the second coming of our Savior which every saint of the Lord is waiting for.

There wasn't much snow this year, but we are grateful to God that few days before our scheduled outing on March 22, the Lord blessed us with a substantial amount of snow, more than enough for good outdoor activities. The children along with parents and grandparents, came to our outing in a place at Bide Arm called Charlie's Hill. Everyone enjoyed the sledding and snowmobiling. Ralph and Morris set-up a bonfire so we could warm up the hotdogs and burgers, as well as to grill marshmallows. We had some fun that day and

we are looking forward to another time together like this with our Sunday school children.



We are very happy to welcome

Marilyn Keefe who moved back to Bide Arm after years of living in Springdale. In her testimony she mentioned her yearning for church gatherings. She is thankful to God for the faith in her heart that sustained her through these years.



Our Roddickton, Englee, and Bide Arm congregations came together for the weekend Easter Special Meetings. Thursday was the start of the meetings which was held at our Englee church. Bide Arm hosted the Good Friday service and started with the choir singing, *“Willing to Take the Cross.”* Pastor Kirby Hewlett delivered an inspiring message of Christ’s sufferings and crucifixion. After that, saints flocked to the altar for a Spirit filled prayer. Easter Sunday services were held at our Roddickton Headquarters church.

One of the memorable evangelistic services of this quarter was on April 14. Ralph Randell testified that one day as he was watching some video clips, the song *“The Longer I Serve Him,”* was sung and it reminded him of God’s love and protection throughout his fifty-two years of commercial fishing. He sang the song beautifully. Rev. Rene Cassell gave the Word using *Romans 5:1-5* as his text. He spoke about our access to God through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Another Spirit-filled prayer at the altar followed.

Throughout this quarter, we witnessed and heard testimonies of victory and healing. As a church we are looking forward to that day when the Saviour, Jesus Christ will come to redeem us.

Kitchener

As we wake each morning to behold the brightness of the sun, and feel the warmth it brings, it reminds us so much of the goodness of God, and the warmth of His love towards us. We cannot help but lift our hearts in worship and praise to Him.

Since our last submission to the newsletter, we can still report that God is moving in the hearts and lives of the saints in Kitchener and providing victories along the way. I remember one Sunday morning, Leona Burton, who struggles with giving her testimony in the services, stood to her feet. She gave a wonderful testimony of victory. During the singing of a chorus, the Lord poured out a wonderful blessing upon her. We thank God for how He has come through in her life both physically and spiritually. Jaxon, who is just a teenager, has also started giving his testimony since our last submission. We thank God for our youth and pray for complete healing for Jaxon physically as well.

On February 13 during our morning service, Pastor Robert asked that all those who needed healing from God to come forward and be anointed with oil and prayed over. There were 24 saints who came forward. All were anointed and as a group we gathered and prayed; The Holy Spirit ministered unto the needs as we experienced a fresh touch upon our lives.

Sunday, March 10, we were blessed to have John Patan, his lovely wife, Amy, and their family join us from Michigan, USA. It was wonderful to worship and fellowship with them. We look forward to their next visit. Nearly every Sunday we see new faces in our congregation. God is adding to His church.

We continue to hold our youth services on Thursdays where our young adults do a tremendous job presenting the Word of God to our youth and children. During the spring break we had one service in particular that was entitled, *“Shout the Victory.”* They were encouraged to believe that victory was coming for them, and to shout the praises to God for it. Following the service, we gathered downstairs for snacks and games. It was an awesome night and none of the youth wanted to leave.

During the Easter season we were blessed to have Obed join in worship with us, and he still shouts the loud hallelujahs, don’t worry! He recently lost his wife and has since relocated where there is no AF church, so he was excited to be with us.

On Good Friday, we had the ordinances of Feet Washing and the Lord's Supper. It started at 7:00 p.m. but carried on into the early morning hours. Miranda received her sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Marsha under the power of God, received a glimpse into holy places where she saw Jesus, holy angels, the beauties of Heaven, an experience she states she will never forget! The saints from Toronto branch joined us for a great time of worship and fellowship during the evening service on Easter Sunday. It is always a blessing to have them!

God has given so many more blessings that we can never tell it all. We are seeing changes in the lives of those who have not yet surrendered to God and are expecting each time we gather to see them walk in the sanctuary and take that much needed step to follow Jesus.

We pray for all the brethren of our churches and that the work of the Lord will go forth, that souls be added to His Kingdom before He makes His return.

Calgary

Beginning the Year with Prayers.

We are thankful for how the Lord continues to lead the 'little flock' at the Apostolic Faith Church in Calgary, Alberta. As we ushered in the year 2024, the ministry decided that we all commit to prayers and seek the Lord earnestly in our spiritual walk. The prayer meetings were held for an hour every day during the evening of the first week of January, and every Sunday evening throughout January. Held virtually via zoom, the prayer meetings usually begin with the leading minister directing in some singing after which the scripture is read, and prayer requests presented. Then we all go on our knees to pray. It was truly a refreshing time, as we re-consecrated our lives to the Lord and committed the year ahead into God's Hands. We are thankful for this glorious gospel that centers on the importance of effectual fervent prayers.

Intentional Relationships: A Special Valentine's Season Youth Program

In February, we organized a special Canada-wide virtual youth event that focused on bringing intentionality into all levels of our relationships. From work relationships, to friendships, marital relationships, parental relationships and others, the program highlighted the importance of ensuring that the Word of God remains our standard in how we conduct ourselves. What a blessing to have many brethren connect

from different provinces and even from overseas. Guest speakers for this event were brother Seun and Tolu Ogunleye of Stavanger, Norway, brother Jide Onanuga of Abeokuta, Nigeria, and sister Esther Olusanya of Worth, Illinois, USA. The event featured facilitated discussions, frank talk, Question & Answer sessions as well as prayer time. Listening to testimonies, experiences, and words of admonition from our guests were inspiring. The question-and-answer session was a unique opportunity for the youths with thought provocative questions and responses from our guests and facilitators. The special program ended with reviving prayer and requests for more of such events. We thank God for the success of the program.

Inspiring Youth Bi-monthly Special Service

As part of the schedule of activities for this year, we have youth Sunday worship services bi-monthly. At this time, the Sunday morning devotional service is run entirely by the young adults. The first youth Sunday of the year was held this quarter beginning with children presenting the song titled, "His Banner Over Me is Love." The youth choir sang songs including, "I've Got my Mind Made Up," (medley) and a quartet titled, "Draw me Close to You." Brother Gbenga Adejare took his text for the sermon from Jude 3. The title was 'Keeping Our Heritage of Faith,' which was preceded with a special song by Jochebed Osirike titled, "My Help Cometh from the Lord," (Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir) and "For your Glory," by Tasha Cobbs.

Easter Concert 2024

The Easter concert, as is our usual practice, was presented in conjunction with the choir and orchestra of our Edmonton sister-branch. It was decided that we rotate the schedule this year and have the Calgary group stage the concert first. In this light, the Easter concert at Calgary was held on Palm Sunday March 24, 2024, at a rented church auditorium at Hawkwood Baptist church in Northwest Calgary.

The Sunday worship service began with Sunday school for all ages and featured a Sunday school children's presentation



with memory verses retelling the Easter story and soul-lifting songs such as, *“Alive Alive Forevermore,”* and *“He’s Alive, Amen,”* at our usual rented facility at Rocky Ridge community centre in Northwest Calgary before we proceeded after the service to Hawkwood. We are thankful to the Lord for the leaders of this church who again rented out their facilities to us for the second year running.

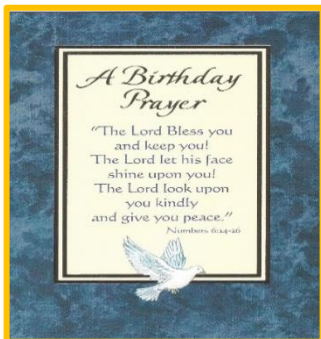
The concert featured the works of classic masters including Handel’s Messiah, *“His Yoke is Easy,”* and *“Worthy is the Lamb.”* The concert began with the orchestra playing, *“Water*



Cross section of members of the choir and orchestra after the Easter concert at Edmonton.

music (Air)” after which Toluwanimi Adejumo sang Handel’s, *“Thou Didst not Leave His Soul in Hell.”* The concert also featured renditions from the Youth choir who sang, *“John Saw,”* and *“Victor’s Crown.”* There were also special renditions from the men’s and women’s choir, who sang, *“Gone is all my Debt of Sin,”* and *“Living Hope,”* respectively. The concert also featured a trio with Olamiposi Ajayi, Toluwanimi and Gbenga singing Bill & Gloria Gaither and Dallas Holm’s, *“Rise Again.”* Other choir songs included *Easter Song, “Were you There When they Crucified my Lord,”* *“Remember Me,”* among others.

The concert, which was live streamed on YouTube, had many visitors in attendance who came to share in the joys of the Easter season. There was also an opportunity for the audience to join in the singing as one big choir with the sounds of victory ringing through the hall as we sang, *“He Arose,”* and *“Above All.”*



Birthday Celebrations

Celebrating each other’s birthday is one of our beautiful occasions that we always look forward to. We were glad to celebrate with Amelia, Fisayomi, brothers Wole, Posi, Umem & Rotimi.

Goodbyes and Welcome to Visitors

We said goodbye to one of the grandparents, Ogundijo who returned to Nigeria after spending time visiting her daughter and grandson. We are also blessed to welcome some other grandparents, the Okolis who are back in Calgary after being away for over a year.

What a privilege to have the family of Sanjo & Ihinosen Adeniyi, and their beautiful children join us in Calgary. We are confident that God will establish them and grant their heart’s desire as we enjoy fellowshiping with them.



Women’s Special Events

We always look forward to our special women’s events and this quarter was not an exception. We enjoyed a sweet fellowship at Motilola’s house with lots of inspiring games, discussions and prayer. Extending on this special activity was another unique personalized ‘shout-out’ activity that was focused on celebrating the women in Calgary church on the International Women’s Day (March 8th).



Sisters enjoying fellowship after the ladies’ quarterly meet-up

Edmonton

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:57

The good Lord blessed us tremendously here in Edmonton with joy-filled first quarter of 2024. The significant events of this quarter include the Easter weekend and Mother’s Day.

The Easter period was a reviving time to reflect on the significance of the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We thank God, that the message of the Gospel is a message of victory - victory over sin, over the world and the devil through our risen Lord!

The programs planned for the Easter weekend (March 29-31, 2024) included the Easter concert which is a part of our Church culture and a combined Easter Sunday service with our brethren from Calgary.

The Easter Sunday service began with the Sunday school program titled "The Risen Christ." The lesson reiterated the importance of the resurrection of Jesus as the foundation of our faith and eternal hope. The focus and objective of the message was that only through believing the truth of the resurrection of Christ will we have access to the power and the blessing it affords. It was an inspiring lesson which prompted the students to their knees to seek the face of God for a renewed hope and grace. Answer students, primary pals and beginners also had their Sunday school classes.

For the devotional service, there were melodious and spirited Easter song renditions from the choir including a special to usher in the word of exhortation titled, "Does Jesus Live in Your Heart?" The scripture passage was from [1 Corinthians 15:19-20](#). We were challenged that the essence of Christ's resurrection is for Him to dwell in us to give us victory, with a heart void of malice and unforgiveness, but a heart filled with love for God and others, obedience to God, consecration of our lives and be the shining light which reflects the grace and the transformation that genuine salvation imparts. The altars were filled after the sermon with people pouring out their hearts to God in prayer.

The Easter concert was held in the evening of Easter Sunday by the combined choir and orchestra of Edmonton and Calgary churches. It was an astounding performance with many attendants. The concert selections had several Easter reviving songs presented in a variety of style-orchestration, solo/choir, male choir, female choir, youth choir renditions including, "His yoke is Easy," "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord," "John Saw a City," "I Believe in a Hill Called Calvary," It is noteworthy that the choir and orchestra members are of various age groups including an eleven-year-old boy!

Overall, it was an evening of great inspiration leaving attendants with a re-awakened hope of God's love, His will for all to partake in the first resurrection which usher

believers into an eternity of bliss with Jesus, our risen Lord and Saviour.

We also celebrated Mothers' Day on Sunday, May 12, 2024, to honor our mothers. The devotional service was led by the female minister and workers. It was a memorable and joyous service. Highlights included the testimonies given by a grandmother, a young mother and a "mother-to-be" all telling and affirming the faithfulness and goodness of God who gave them victory, answered prayers and sustained them through various situations and stages of life. Indeed, the faith of our mother is a living faith. The special song, "*I can't Even Walk Without You Holding my Hand,*" was rendered by the mixed female choir – comprised of females from all age groups and stages of life.

The sermon's text was taken from [Esther 4: 13-14](#) titled "And who Knoweth Whether Thou Art Come to the Kingdom for Such a Time as This?" We were encouraged to yield ourselves for God's use whether we have all the details of the tasks like Noah, Paul and Mary or we don't have all the details like Abraham. The preacher emphasized that salvation is the starting point to be used of God and stressed the importance of the virtues of purity, humility, and obedience to successfully accomplish what ever task or assignment God has for us. After the sermon, everyone went on their knees to seek God's grace. The fathers celebrated the mothers further with treats - sumptuous buffet and gifts! The fellowship was beautiful and memorable.

With hearts of gratitude, we appreciate and glorify God for His manifold blessings upon us in the first quarter of 2024. We also look to Him in faith as we pray for His continual presence and showers of abundant blessings upon us, including salvation, sanctification, and baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Langley

Joyful Easter Sunday

We had a wonderful Easter program on Sunday, March 31, 2024. The sanctuary was filled with people, happy to celebrate Christ's Resurrection together.

The program entitled "Hallelujah! He is Risen," began with welcome remarks by the narrator, Kelly Brown.



This was followed by congregational singing, *“Our God Reigns,”* arranged by Leonard Smith and led by Shola Akindele, after which Samuel Adenekan offered the opening prayer. The program continued with brass and orchestra playing, *“Christ Resurrection,”* medley.



The choir, directed by Shola Akindele, rendered, *“O the Blood,”* arranged by Dave Williamson and, *“The Sacrifice Medley,”* arranged by John Patrick. The songs related to the agony of the cross and the precious blood the Lord sacrificed for the remission of humanity's sin. The mood changed from sombre to triumphant as the choir sang of Christ's Resurrection in, *“Hallelujah Salvation and Glory!”* arranged by Jeffrey Lavalley and, *“Glorious Day,”* arranged by Mary McDonald. Following the choir rendition, our Philippine Brethren sang, *“Goodness of God.”* The Male Choir, conducted by Samuel Adenekan, also sang, *“I'll Have a New Life,”* arranged by Luther Presley.

The Sunday School children were included as Monisola Ilori, their coordinator, led them in reliving the resurrection story.



The Youth Choir took over from the Sunday school children to sing, *“Shout Hosanna,”* arranged by Daniel Semsen, *“I Believe He's Alive,”* arranged by Marty Hamby, and *“Sing for Joy,”* arranged by Don Moen. The trio of Precious, Samuel and Simon Akindele sang, *“This is Amazing Grace.”*



A beautiful rendition of the third movement of *Messiah*, George Frederic Handel's masterpiece and most well-known work, *“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth,”* by Polin Ho, concluded the Easter program. The text of the song is entirely based on [Job 19:25-26](#) and [1 Corinthians 15:20](#).

Mother's Day Celebration

The Sunday morning Mother's Day service began with an upbeat saxophone duet prelude of, *“What a Friend we Have in Jesus,”* and *“Amazing Grace,”* played by Robert Ruiz and Precious Akindele.



After brother Samuel Adenekan welcomed everyone to the morning worship service, the Sunday school children enthusiastically sang, *“You are My All in All.”* This was followed by a beautiful rendition of a poem titled, *“My Mother,”* by Eden Ilori. Following the children's presentation, Samuel Adenekan asked all mothers and prospective mothers



to come forward. He thanked godly mothers for their faithful examples before their children. They were applauded and presented with flowers and gifts.



The service continued with congregational singing led by Polin Ho. The songs included, *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less,”* *“Saviour, like a Shepherd Lead Us,”* and *“Bless this House.”*

After the congregational prayer by Shola Akindele, the Philippian brethren rendered the first special.

Ritchie Ho read the scripture *Exodus 2:1-10* and then for the last special, Shola Akindele sang, *“Tell Mother I’ll be There.”* Brother Samuel Adenekan began his message entitled, *“The Victory of a Mother’s Faith,”* by reading *Hebrews 11:23*, extolling the heroic faith of the parents of Moses. He mentioned Jochebed’s mother, Moses. Her unwavering belief in the promises of God, even in the face of Pharaoh’s decree, stands as a testament to her great faith and the power of a mother’s love. The message closed by urging every genuine believer in Christ to demonstrate sustaining faith, which speaks of the simple trust in God that one needs to exercise daily to live a victorious Christian life and serve God acceptably.

Fort McMurray

Matthew 18:20 *“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”*

Thank God that He is not confined to large numbers. It is wonderful to know that He is very present among the twos and threes. Each time we meet, we feel that sweet presence in our midst.

Sunday evening, March 31, we held a singspiration to celebrate the Easter season. There were group singings, solos, duets, and we were also favored with singing by some of our Sunday school children. It was a beautiful evening of commemorating the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord. All participants did an excellent job.

On April 7, we said goodbye to two of our Sunday school children. Scarlett, and Hudson who have been a part of our Sunday school since they were babies. Their family relocated to another province. We were sad to see them leave. We said our goodbyes, gave them some parting gifts, and prayed God's blessing upon them as they move to a new home.



We hold our weekly prayer meeting at the parsonage, and in these times of prayer God meets with us. Occasionally, the saints are reminded that, if we show up God will show up. God has kept His part of the deal.

April 30, a sister came to prayer meeting not feeling well and asked to be anointed and prayed for at the end of the meeting. As we prayed, God showed up in a mighty way. Our hearts were thrilled with the presence of the Lord. The meeting went beyond the scheduled time. All left with victory in our souls and joy in our hearts knowing once more the enemy had been defeated. A brother that attended that prayer meeting testified the following Sunday that the Lord also blessed him in a special way while we were praying for our sister.

As we gathered for our Sunday evening service on May 5, there was a sweet Spirit in the Lord's house. When it was time for the special before the Word, a quartet sang, *“There’s a Miracle in the Making,”* the words, ‘your prayers have been heard and the answer is on the way,’ seemed to register in a special way. There was no preaching. An altar call was given to those who wanted to come forward to be anointed and prayed for. As the saints gathered around the altar in prayer, once more God showed up right on time. We believe our

prayers were heard and the answer is on the way. We serve an amazing God!

Mother's Day

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he will have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life." Proverbs 31:10-12

On May 12, 2024, we held a Mother's Day evening service to honor mothers, past and present. The service started with a prelude followed by a men's group singing, "Hold Fast to the Right." There were congregational songs followed by the Sunday school children singing, "Happy Mother's Day," ladies



group singing, "I Heard my Mother Call my Name in Prayer," and presentations was made to the oldest and youngest mother. Also, there was the presenting of red roses and white roses. Before the service ended all the mothers were given a rose and a gift card. The final song of the evening was a solo by Marcy Cassell, "Thank You Momma for Praying for Me." It was a beautiful service that honored Mothers and their importance in our lives. An excellent job was done by all who participated.



Upcoming Events!

Portland Camp Meeting

*Portland, OR
June 30 – July 14, 2024*

Newfoundland Youth Camp

*Roddickton, NL
July 22 – 25, 2024*

Canadian Camp Meeting

*Roddickton, NL
July 28 – August 4, 2024*

Midwest Camp Meeting

July 29 – August 4, 2024

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