

# Light of Hope

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*The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few...*

*Will you accept the challenge?*

On November 2, 2025, the congregation gathered for a sacred and meaningful Lord's Supper Service, a time set apart to remember the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ and to reflect on His love, obedience, and servanthood. The service opened with a brass duet prelude by Brother Sam Akindele and Brother Simon Akindele, who played In Your Presence by Paul Wilbur and Sanctuary by John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs, creating a reverent atmosphere for worship.

Brother Shola Akindele led the congregation in singing The Old Rugged Cross, Near the Cross, Lead Me to Calvary, and Take Time to Be Holy, focusing hearts on the cross and the call to holy living. Brother Emmanuel Chidiebere led the opening prayer, asking the Lord to prepare every heart for the sacred service ahead.

The first special song was a vocal duet by Sister Chiwendu Nketah and Sister Chinenye Nketah, who sang Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus by Helen H. Lemmel, directing the congregation's attention to Christ alone. Following this, Pastor Marjorie made a special announcement, asking the church to pray earnestly for Sister Patti Wong. She requested that the ministers pray over a handkerchief to be given to her as a symbol of faith and intercession. Before the prayer, Brother Robert Ruiz sang I Claim the Blood by The Perrys, after which the congregation joined in singing the chorus together in unity and faith.

The Scripture reading from Luke 22:14-20 was read by Brother Sam Adenekan Sr., recounting the institution of the Lord's Supper. This was followed by a vocal duet by Sister Victoria Ahunanya and Sister Lovina Ahunanya, who sang Communion Hymn (Behold the Lamb) by Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend, preparing hearts for the message and the ordinance.

Pastor Marjorie then delivered the message, reminding the congregation of the instructions Jesus gave regarding the Lord's Supper and reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, as recorded by the Apostle Paul. She emphasized that partaking in the Lord's Supper is both a blessing and a solemn responsibility. She lovingly reminded the congregation that for anyone not yet saved, this moment was an opportunity to receive salvation and be washed in the precious blood of Jesus.

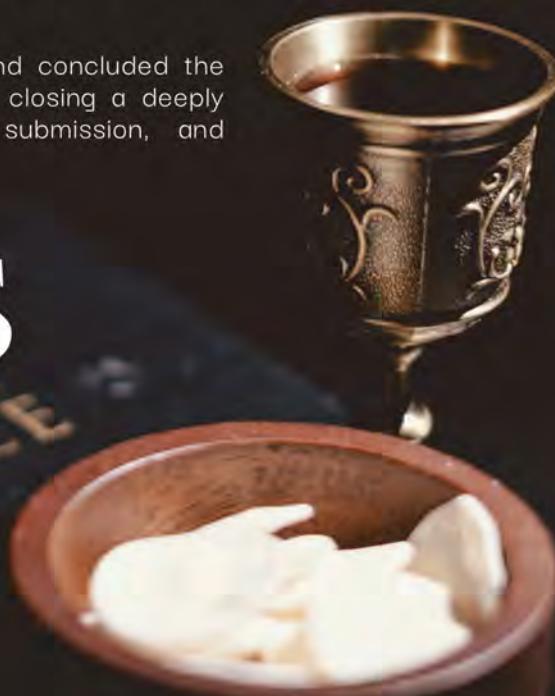
In closing the message, Pastor Marjorie shared a personal illustration, showing a gift she had received from one of her daughters-in-law. She explained how excited she was to pass the gift on to her own mother-in-law. When the gift was opened, it revealed a key—symbolizing welcome into a home. She compared this to God's heart, explaining that God eagerly desires to give the gift of salvation to all who will receive it. While human love is precious yet temporary, God offers something eternal.

Following the message, the congregation sang Break Thou the Bread of Life, after which the ministers prayed and served the bread and the wine to the congregation as they participated together in the Lord's Supper.

After the ordinance, Pastor Marjorie preached again, taking her text from John 13:1-11, using Peter as an example of honest devotion and highlighting Jesus as the perfect example of servanthood through total submission. The congregation was reminded of the importance of humility and obedience in following Christ. The service continued with congregational singing of Trust and Obey, after which the congregation proceeded to take part in the foot washing service, following the example set by Jesus.

The congregation then gathered once more in the sanctuary and concluded the service by singing God's Wonderful People and Yes, Lord Yes, closing a deeply spiritual and humbling service marked by remembrance, submission, and thanksgiving.

# THE LORD'S SUPPER



Pastor Randy Baltzel, who visited the church on March 23 together with his wife Cindie from Portland, Oregon, delivered a message centered on the reality and transforming power of the gospel. Drawing from 1 John 2:4-8 and 1 Peter 1:3-9, he reminded the congregation that the truth of the gospel shines through a believer's life so that it is no longer self that is seen, but God. He encouraged the church to live out a genuine and living faith that reflects God's light, hope, and grace in everyday life.



Pastor Bob Downey, who visited the church on March 31 together with his wife Cheryl from Chehalis, Washington, delivered a message encouraging the congregation to trust God with the future. Drawing from James 4:13-14 and 2 Kings 2:1-18, he reminded the church that while we do not know what tomorrow holds, there is no need to worry when our lives are surrendered to the Lord. He exhorted believers to walk faithfully, resting in God's sovereign care.



## "Strengthened Through Fellowship"

Pastor Bill McKibben, who visited on April 6 with his wife Lori from Seattle, Washington, shared a message centered on the power and importance of one's final words and the enduring mercy and grace of God. Drawing from 2 Timothy 2:1-7 and 2 Timothy 1:3-9, he reminded the congregation that God supplies strength regardless of physical condition or circumstance. The message encouraged believers to rely fully on God's grace in every season of life.



Pastor Darrel Lee, Superintendent General from 2000-2024, visited on April 27 together with his wife Debbie, their daughter Alicia Parker, and son-in-law Rob Parker from Portland, Oregon. He delivered a message comparing physical birth—known only through stories—with spiritual rebirth, which needs no explanation once experienced. Drawing from John 3:1-9, he reminded the congregation that the power of God brings true transformation through the new birth.



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Pastor Rene Cassell, former Canadian District Superintendent, who visited on June 22 from Bide Arm, Newfoundland, Canada, preached a message on the importance of doing exactly what Jesus says. Using John 2:5 and John 9:1-12, he reminded the congregation that while human nature tends to complicate, rationalize, and worry, God's ways remain simple and true. He pointed to 1 Corinthians 1:25 as a reminder of the wisdom found in trusting God fully.



Pastor Chris Hewlett, Canadian District Superintendent, visited on June 25 with his wife Patsy from Roddickton, Newfoundland, Canada, and attended the midweek prayer meeting. He brought warm greetings and encouragement to the congregation as they prepared to travel onward to the Portland Camp Meeting. His visit was a blessing and a reminder of the unity shared within the wider Apostolic Faith family.



“Fellowship”

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Brother Remi Ajibade, who visited from Winnipeg on August 31, delivered a stirring message on fighting the good fight of faith. Drawing from 1 Timothy 6:12 and Ephesians 6:10-18, he reminded the congregation that while the enemy seeks to deceive, God remains the source of truth and strength. He encouraged believers to stand firm, resist the devil, and be strong in the Lord.



Pastor Dave Lambert, Head Pastor from Portland, Oregon, visited on September 7 together with his wife Rosic and preached a powerful message on the three crosses and the two choices set before every soul. From Mark 15:25-28 and Luke 23:33-43, he reminded the congregation that while Jesus died for all, each person must choose whether to resist and rebel or repent and believe. The message emphasized that every decision carries eternal significance.



The Lord also made it possible for members of the Langley Church to visit and fellowship with the saints in Seattle, Washington, where Brother Bill McKibben is pastoring. On May 4, 2025, seventeen Langley saints were able to take part in this blessed trip and join both the morning and evening services.

During the visit, some of the Langley musicians were also given the opportunity to join the Seattle Orchestra, adding to the spirit of unity and fellowship. In the morning service, Brother Shola Akindele led the opening prayer, and Brother Robert Ruiz presented a special song titled Firm Foundation (He Won't) by Cody Carnes. Pastor Marjorie delivered the message from Psalm 116:12-19, encouraging the congregation to live lives of gratitude and to ensure that their cup is always full and running over.

In the evening service, the Langley saints again had the opportunity to bless the Lord through testimonies, sharing what God has done in their lives. Brother Tomisin Odunsi presented a special song titled Where No One Stands Alone by the Gaither Vocal Band. Pastor Marjorie then preached a message on the greatest invitation that comes from Jesus, reminding the congregation that when we say yes to Him, we are also called to share Him with others, creating a continuing chain reaction of faith. The message was drawn from John 1:43-49.

The visit was a joyful time of fellowship, worship, and mutual encouragement, and the Langley saints returned home thankful for the opportunity to worship together with fellow believers and to experience the unity of the body of Christ.





# Yearly Celebrations!

## “HE IS RISEN” Easter Sunday Musical Service – April 20, 2025



On Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, Apostolic Faith Church Langley gathered for a joyful and worship-filled Easter Musical Service centered on the triumphant declaration: “He Is Risen!” The service celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ—the Light of the World—and the renewed hope and joy found in Him.

The service began with warm welcome remarks, followed by congregational singing of “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today,” uniting the church in praise. An opening prayer set a reverent tone as hearts were directed toward thanksgiving and worship. The orchestra then led the congregation through powerful musical selections, including “There Is a Redeemer” and “Wonderful Grace of Jesus,” reminding all of Christ’s saving work and abundant grace.

A flute solo, “When We All Get to Heaven,” brought a reflective moment of anticipation for the eternal promise awaiting believers. The Sunday School children also took part, adding a meaningful and joyful presence to the service. The AFC Langley Choir continued with Easter-centered anthems such as “Easter Song,” “Christ Arose,” and “The Resurrection Morn,” proclaiming the victory of Christ over the grave.

Further musical offerings followed from various groups within the church family. The Youth Choir presented “Boundless Love” and “Your Grace Still Amazes Me,” while the congregation once again joined together in singing “Because He Lives.” The Male Choir, mixed choir, and soloists contributed heartfelt performances, including “Down from His Glory,” “The Trumpet Shall Sound,” and “The Lord’s Prayer,” all pointing to Christ’s humility, triumph, and eternal reign.

The service continued with moving vocal and instrumental presentations such as “Rise Again” and “Forever We Sing Hallelujah,” drawing the congregation into a spirit of praise and reflection. Announcements were shared, followed by the message, which centered on the power of the resurrection—how Jesus Christ defeated sin and death so that all may have eternal life through Him.

The service concluded with a closing prayer, leaving the congregation encouraged and reminded that because Christ is risen, there is hope, life, and victory for all who believe.





## MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

May 11, 2025



The Mother's Day service, held on Sunday, May 11, began with the Sunday School children singing One Tiny Seed by Angie Killian, Lauren Gruwell, and Becky Willard, setting a joyful and meaningful tone for the celebration.

The service continued with a trio by the Nketah siblings—Sister Chidera, Sister Chiwendu, and Sister Chinene—singing Faith of Our Mothers by Arthur Bardwell Patten. Brother Shola Akindele then led the congregation in singing Great Is Thy Faithfulness and Amazing Grace. The opening prayer was offered by Brother Samuel Adenekan Sr.

The Ladies' Choir beautifully rendered the first special song, Goodness of God by Jenn Johnson and Bethel Music. This was followed by a vocal solo by Brother Tomisin Odunsi, My Mother by Ann Taylor, combined with Faith of Our Mothers by Arthur Bardwell Patten.

In her sermon, Pastor Marjorie Reid spoke on The Godly Woman, taking her text from Proverbs 31:10–31. She highlighted the virtues of the godly woman and cited biblical examples including Ruth, Naomi, Hannah, and Mary, emphasizing how their lives reflect the love of God. Pastor Marjorie expressed gratitude for the women of the church who serve God generously and sacrificially, and she encouraged every godly woman to continue demonstrating sustaining faith—simple daily trust in God that leads to a victorious Christian life.

Following the message, the Male Choir sang If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again by Loretta Lynn. One of the highlights of the service was the presentation of roses to all mothers, expressing appreciation for their vital roles in their families and their faithful service to God.

## FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

June 15, 2025



Father's Day was celebrated on June 15, 2025. The service opened with the Ladies' Choir singing Love at Home by John Hugh McNaughton, followed by the Sunday School children singing Good Good Father by Chris Tomlin. The children also presented posters they made for their fathers and individually greeted them, sharing words of appreciation. Congregational singing was led by Brother Robert Ruiz and included God of Our Fathers, Now Thank We All Our God, The Love of God, How Great Thou Art, and Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty. The opening prayer was led by Brother Ritchie Ho, including prayers for the congregation and for all fathers.

The Male Choir sang Tell Father I'll Be There, adapted from the original song Tell Mother I'll Be There by Charles M. Fillmore, as the first special. Pastor Marjorie then invited all fathers to stand and be recognized, with gifts presented with the assistance of Brother Sam Adenekan Jr. She reminded the congregation of the blessing of godly fathers, drawing inspiration from biblical men such as David, Noah, Moses, Paul, Abraham, Job, Joseph, and Solomon, noting that in Christ, a redeemed child of God may grow in all these virtues.

Special recognition was given to Brother Phil Wong as the oldest father, Brother Emmanuel Chidiebere as the father with the youngest child, and Brother Sam Adenekan Sr. as the father with the oldest child in the church. Brother Robin George, a new attendee, was also recognized and presented with a gift. The congregation sang What a Mighty God We Serve, followed by Scripture readings by the Sunday School students.

The final special song was How Deep the Father's Love For Us by Selah, rendered by Brother Robert Ruiz. The message was delivered by Brother Victor Nketah from John 3:1-3, beginning with a thought-provoking question about how one word might describe one's father. The message redirected the congregation's focus to the greatest Father of all—our Heavenly Father—reminding everyone that while earthly fathers have limitations, our Heavenly Father is unlimited and leads us to eternal life. The service concluded with the hymn Father, I Adore You, followed by closing prayer and altar call.



## THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

October 12, 2025



The Thanksgiving service opened with a prelude from the Combined Strings Ensemble, who played The Majesty and Glory of Your Name by Tom Fettke and How Great Thou Art by Stuart K. Hine, setting a reverent and grateful atmosphere. Brother Shola Akindele then led the congregation in songs of thanksgiving, including Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You, How Great Thou Art, Count Your Blessings, and Thank You Lord, For Your Blessings On Me. The opening prayer was led by Brother Sam Adenekan Jr.

The first special presentation was a guitar instrumental by Brother Phil Wong, who played Down from His Glory by The Fosters. Following the instrumental, Brother Phil shared his personal testimony, opening a season of thanksgiving testimonies as several members of the congregation testified of God's saving grace and faithfulness in their lives.

Pastor Marjorie then led the congregation in a unified and audible reading of Psalm 100:1-5, reminding everyone that thanksgiving is both a joyful expression and an act of worship. Following the Scripture reading, the final special song was rendered by Sister Precious Akindele, who sang My Life Is In Your Hands by Kirk Franklin, combined with To God Be The Glory by Fanny Jane Crosby, preparing hearts for the Word of God.

Brother Ritchie Ho then delivered the message, taking his text from 1 Corinthians 1:26. He reminded the congregation that gratitude should be a daily practice and emphasized that one of the greatest reasons for thanksgiving is that God has chosen us. Using the illustration of how people select teams—often based on appearance, strength, or ability—he contrasted this with God's unconditional choosing. He pointed the congregation to Scripture, reminding them that God chooses according to His wisdom, calling those who are willing to walk with Him, make themselves available for the Master's use, and live as the chosen generation and royal priesthood. The message concluded with an exhortation for believers to remain light and salt in the world.

The service concluded with the hymn Have Thine Own Way, Lord, followed by prayer and altar call, leaving the congregation encouraged to live lives marked by gratitude and obedience to God.

# REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION

November 9, 2025



The Remembrance Day service opened with a violin solo by Brother Zech Ruiz, featuring Blessed Assurance by Fanny Crosby and Since Jesus Came into My Heart by Rufus H. McDaniel. Pastor Guadalupe Miranda from the Philippines was warmly welcomed as she joined the congregation in worship.

Congregational singing was led by Brother Shola Akindele, including O Canada!, Battle Hymn of the Republic, When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder, Onward, Christian Soldiers, and The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want. The opening prayer was led by Brother Edwin Reid, with a special prayer offered for Sister Patti Wong's healing.

Special music included a vocal duet by Brother Sam and Brother Simon Akindele singing Praise You by The Talley Trio, followed by their testimonies. Sister Bolu Faye rendered God on the Mountain by Lynda Randle and shared her testimony as her family dedicated their firstborn son, Emmanuel Faye. A final special song, Still Waters (Psalm 23) by Leanna Crawford, was sung by Brother Robert Ruiz and dedicated to Sister Patti Wong as a reminder that the Lord is our Good Shepherd.

Pastor Marjorie Reid delivered the message on The Great and Wonderful Shepherd, drawing from John 15:1-13 and Deuteronomy 6:4-8. She reflected on the sacrifices made for national freedom while pointing to the greatest sacrifice of all—Jesus Christ, who gives eternal freedom. The service concluded with the Sunday School children singing Jewels by William Cushing, followed by prayer and a closing instrumental by the Junior Orchestra, Jesus Loves Me by Anna Bartlett Warner.



Pastor Guadalupe Miranda, visiting from the Philippines, testified of God's faithfulness throughout her life and ministry.

Raised in the Apostolic Faith Church, she learned the Scriptures from a young age and committed her life to serving the Lord through salvation, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Together with her husband, she served in pastoral ministry for many years. Through seasons of illness, loss, and trial, she shared that God's grace has been sufficient, granting her peace and strength. She expressed heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to worship with the Apostolic Faith Church in Canada, giving all glory and praise to God as she remains faithful and ready for the Lord's return.

# CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

December 14 & 21, 2025



Christmas Program – “His Name Shall Be Called Jesus”

The Christmas program, titled “His Name Shall Be Called Jesus,” was based on Matthew 1:21 and was reverently narrated by Sister Kelly Brown. The service opened with welcome remarks from Pastor Marjorie Reid, followed by congregational singing of “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing,” led by Brother Victor Nketah, and the opening prayer offered by Brother Sam Adenekan Sr.

The Orchestra then presented “A Holiday Celebration,” featuring “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” and “O Come, All Ye Faithful,” arranged by Michael Story, and “Joy to the World,” arranged by Ed Dickinson. The Choir followed with “O Holy Night!” by John S. Dwight and Adolphe Adam, “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (Peace on Earth)” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Jean Baptiste Calkin, with new words and music by Bernie Herms, Mark Hall, and Dale Oliver, arranged by Dave Williamson, and “Mary, Did You Know?” with words and music by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene, arranged by Mark Hayes. These selections were conducted by Brother Shola Akindele.

The Ladies' Choir rendered “What A Lovely Name,” written by Charles B. Wycuff, continuing the worshipful celebration of Christ's name. The Gents' Choir then presented “Mary's Boy Child,” arranged and harmonised by John Aina and Femi Adeola, proclaiming the joy of Christ's birth.

During the intermission, the congregation joined together in singing “O Come, All Ye Faithful.” The Youth Choir followed with “Baby Born in Bethlehem,” with words adapted by Victor C. Johnson from Edward Caswall and John W. Work, and music by Victor C. Johnson, conducted by Brother Sam Akindele.

The Semi Choir then sang “Believe On Jesus,” with words and music by Jonathan Smith, Ethan Hulse, Madison Cain Johnson, Logan Cain, and Taylor Cain Matz, arranged by Cody McVey, and conducted by Brother Robert Ruiz.



Additional musical offerings included a vocal trio singing "This Little Child" by Scott Wesley Brown, a vocal duet presenting "Do You Hear What I Hear" by Bing Crosby, and a vocal quartet singing "O Come All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be)," with original translation and music by C. Frederick Oakeley and John Francis Wade, and additional words and music by Kristian Stanfill and J.D. Myers.

Pastor Marjorie Reid concluded the program with closing remarks and led the congregation in singing "Silent Night." The service ended with the closing prayer, leaving the congregation rejoicing in the truth proclaimed throughout the evening—that His name shall be called Jesus.



### The Gift That Changed the World A Children's Christmas Presentation Narrative

On December 21, 2025, the children of Apostolic Faith Church joyfully led the congregation into the heart of the Christmas story — a story not merely of songs and celebration, but of the greatest gift ever given.

The program began with welcome remarks by Sister Moni Ilori, followed by an opening prayer offered by Brother Sam Adeneken Jr., setting a reverent and joyful tone for the evening. Throughout the presentation, the congregation was thoughtfully guided by the narration of Sister Phoebe Torres, anchored in the angel's proclamation from Luke 2:11-12: "Unto you is born this day a Saviour... wrapped in swaddling clothes."

The presentation opened with "O Come, All Ye Faithful," calling every heart to worship the newborn King, and flowed into "Joy to the World," celebrating the joy Christ's birth brought to the world. As the children continued with "Angels We Have Heard on High," hearts were lifted in praise, echoing the heavenly announcement of the Savior's coming.

Following this song, Pastor Marjorie Reid shared a special announcement and invited Sister Lia from the Primary Sunday School Department to present a poster she had prepared in honor of Sister Patti Wong. The congregation was invited to sign the poster as an expression of love and encouragement.



As Sister Patti was unable to attend the service due to health reasons, the signed poster was later hand-delivered to her home, ensuring the church family's love reached her personally.

The program then continued with "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," boldly proclaiming the good news of Christ's birth, followed by "Gentle Mary, Humble Mary," which reflected on Mary's humility and obedience. "Away in a Manger" brought the congregation to the simplicity of the stable, while "O Little Town of Bethlehem" reminded us that God works powerfully through humble places.

Through "The First Noel" and "We Three Kings," the children portrayed the journey of faith — following the light and bringing our very best to the Savior. "Ode to Joy" expressed gratitude and unity for the gift of salvation freely given. The atmosphere then deepened with "O Holy Night," drawing hearts into reverence, before "Silent Night" gently led the congregation into the peace that only Christ can bring.

Each song represented a gift — worship, joy, praise, humility, faith, gratitude, and peace — lovingly offered by the children to Jesus. Yet as the presentation reached its climax, we were reminded of a profound truth: before we could ever give anything to God, He had already given everything to us.

The program concluded with "The Best Present of All," declaring that Jesus Himself is God's greatest gift — not only at Christmas, but for all time. The presentation was then brought to a close with final remarks and prayer by Pastor Marjorie Reid.

As we reflect on this meaningful presentation, may our hearts remain grateful for the Savior who was born for us — the gift that truly changed the world.



On June 22, the Langley Church gathered for a special and uplifting service dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the Graduates and Achievers of the Class of 2025. It was a joyful occasion as the church paused to give thanks to God for the accomplishments of its young people and to acknowledge His faithfulness in guiding them through years of study, discipline, and perseverance.

The service was filled with gratitude and encouragement as ten achievers were formally recognized before the congregation. Pastor Marjorie Reid, Pastor Rene Cassell, and Brother Shola Akindele led the recognition and awarding portion of the service. Scripture was shared to remind the graduates that every achievement is made possible through God's wisdom, strength, and grace, and that true success is found in walking faithfully with the Lord.

# 2025 Graduates and Achievers

The graduates were encouraged to trust God for the next chapter of their lives, remembering that He orders the steps of those who commit their ways to Him.



Each achiever was individually presented and honored, receiving special gift bags and Class of 2025 shirts as tokens of love, encouragement, and support from the church family. The moment was especially meaningful as the congregation celebrated not only academic milestones, but also the character, faith, and diligence reflected in the lives of these young people.

The atmosphere throughout the service was one of thanksgiving and rejoicing. Families, friends, and church members shared in the joy of the occasion, offering warm applause and heartfelt encouragement. The many photos taken during the service captured proud smiles, joyful moments, and the unity of a church family celebrating God's blessings together.

Above all, the service served as a reminder that every achievement is ultimately for the glory of God. The church rejoiced not only in what the graduates had accomplished, but also in what the Lord will continue to do through their lives as they move forward in faith. The congregation prayed that each member of the Class of 2025 would remain steadfast, grounded in Christ, and committed to serving the Lord wherever He may lead.

Truly, it was a blessing to witness the fruits of faith, dedication, and perseverance, and to see how the Lord continues to raise up young people within the church for His purpose and glory.



We are thankful to God for the successful dedication of our son, Gospel Chidiebere. We are grateful for God's faithfulness, protection, and unfailing love over our family. What we experienced was not just a ceremony, but a powerful moment of covenant—committing our child back to the One who gave him to us.

We sincerely thank our Pastor, Sis Marjorie, ministers, and the entire church family for your prayers, blessings, and loving support. Your presence and words of encouragement strengthened us and reminded us of the beauty of being part of a spiritual family.

We do not take lightly the responsibility of raising our child in the ways of the Lord, and we are thankful to be surrounded by a community that will help guide, pray, and stand with us as our child grows. May God continue to bless our church abundantly, and may everything we do always bring glory to His name.

With Love, The Chidiebere Family



My heart swells up with gratitude and praise to the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY Who made it possible for me to celebrate my 60th birthday last year October. Not only did He add to my age, He also used my Pastor in a mighty way to ensure the success of the occasion by allowing me to use the Church premises for my celebration. No other location could have been more satisfying to me than celebrating in the presence of my Father in Heaven. Indeed, in the presence of the LORD, there's fullness of joy! Not only did my Pastor grant me permission, she added: If there's any other thing I can do to help, let me know. Thank you, my mother in Christ! What a thrill to belong to the Family of God where everyone watches out for the spiritual upliftment of others!

In addition, I want to thank the whole Langley Church Family for gracing the occasion, leaving all other personal commitments to honor my Invitation. Nothing could be more thrilling than having the Minister of God, Bro. Ritchie Ho, being my MC! Words will fail me to express enough my gratitude to those who took it upon themselves to plan the schedule for the day; put up decorations; arrange the tables and chairs; serve the food; run errands to stores to pick up items and even clean up after the event! How do I thank those who waited behind after Church Service to celebrate with me despite that they had to go through the rigors of the Border Crossing to return to the United States where they reside. May the good LORD reward you all!



My prayer is that we all make Heaven at last to see our Loving Savior Jesus Christ and thank Him for bringing us Salvation through His Death and Resurrection and counting us worthy to be part of this wonderful Family of God. Merci infiniment! Gracias! Thank you! Que Dieu vous bénisse!

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Words truly fail to express the depths of gratitude my wife and I feel for the love our family receive from the church today. Since we returned home, I've been reflecting on it again and again and honestly I'm still speechless. We are deeply grateful for the love the prayers and the care you shown us. Thank you for being our shepherd and for leading with such grace and godly wisdom.

We're blessed to be part of this family of faith and this reminds us that we truly have a Godly heritage. We're also so excited and rejoicing with you on the arrival of your great grandkids. A beautiful testimony that God indeed rewards those who diligently seek Him. May the Lord continue to strengthen and uphold you.

With heartfelt thanks, Moses and Bolu.



# MOVING FORWARD

## THERE IS VICTORY IN THE HILLS AND VALLEYS

January 5, 2025 – Sunday Worship Service

Ptr. Marjorie Reid



On January 5, 2025, the congregation gathered in worship as Pastor Marjorie led the service and delivered a timely and exhorting message drawn from Deuteronomy 11:8-12. The sermon opened with heartfelt thanksgiving to God for the blessing of having a church where believers can freely gather, worship, and learn the truths of God's Word—truths that guide us toward unity in Christ.

Pastor Marjorie emphasized the importance of fully obeying the commandments of the Lord, reminding the church that our direction, instruction, and guidance must come from God alone and not from the world. The message called the congregation to be a people who are looking, watching, and waiting for the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ, living faithfully and obediently as we anticipate His second coming.

Drawing from the passage, the congregation was reminded of God's warning that disobedience can result in withheld blessings, illustrated by the Lord withholding rain from heaven. Yet, alongside this warning was a message of hope and assurance. As the coming year unfolds—with its hills and valleys—the church was encouraged to trust that the Lord remains with His people. Victory is assured when we continue to walk with the King, for we are never defeated when we remain under His rule and guidance.

The service concluded with a powerful closing reading from Deuteronomy 11:13-22, reinforcing the call to love the Lord, obey His commandments, and diligently teach His Word, holding fast to His promises as we move forward in faith.

## Leadership. Growth. and God's Faithful Hand Upon Our Church



We thank the Lord for the faithful leadership He has placed over Apostolic Faith Church Langley. Pastor Marjorie, together with her husband Brother Edwin Reid, continues to lead by godly example—modeling a life of prayer, humility, and a daily walk with the Lord. Through constant reminders of the importance of a prayerful life and obedience to God, they have helped establish a strong spiritual foundation within the church. All glory belongs to the Lord for His guidance and sustaining grace.

On July 20, 2025, Pastor Marjorie delivered a heartfelt message on rejoicing in the Lord always, drawn from Philippians 4:4-7. The sermon encouraged the congregation to live with joy, peace, and trust in God, regardless of circumstances. This meaningful service took place just one day before Pastor Marjorie celebrated her birthday, making it a special occasion of both spiritual encouragement and thanksgiving.



PASTOR & MINISTERS WITH SPOUSES LUNCH - NOVEMBER 30, 2025 (MISSING BROTHER PHIL & SISTER PATTI WONG, BROTHER RITCHIE AND SISTER POLIN HO)

With the Lord's continued blessings, our church family is steadily growing. We now rejoice in having ten ministers serving the congregation: Brother Sam Adenekan Sr., Brother Phil Wong, Brother Shola Akindele, Brother Victor Nketah and his wife Sister Olayemi Nketah, Brother Emmanuel Chidiebere, Brother Ritchie Ho, Brother Sam Adenekan Jr., Sister Precious Akindele, and Brother Robert Ruiz. We praise God for raising up faithful servants to labor together in His vineyard.

## “ — NO PRAYER NO POWER! — ”



A clear testimony of our church's growth was seen during Moving Up Sunday on September 28, 2025, held under the theme from Colossians 2:6-7. The Junior Orchestra provided the music, and the Children's Choir also ministered through song. Brother Emmanuel Chidiebere delivered a message titled "Growing in Grace," based on 2 Peter 3:18. As an object lesson, plants were given as gifts, reminding the congregation of the importance of continual spiritual growth. During this service, Pastor Marjorie also introduced the new Sunday School Superintendent, Sister Moni Ilori.





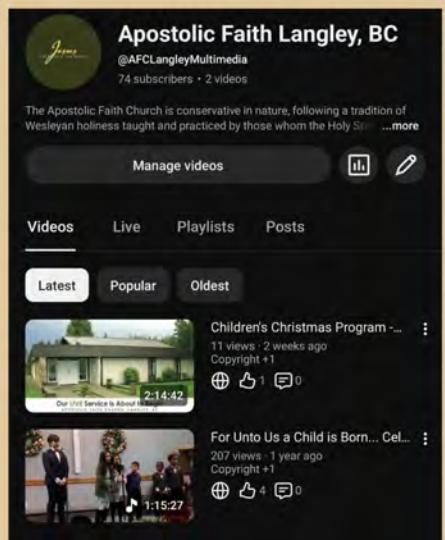
We are thankful that more Sunday School classes have opened as the church continues to grow. These now include the Beginners Class, Primary Class, Answer Class, Young Adult Class, and Adult Class. The ministry is supported by seven Children's Supervisors and fourteen Sunday School teachers, all of whom were individually presented during the service. The day concluded with a slideshow presentation highlighting the Sunday School classes, followed by prayer.

The growth of the Langley Church is also evident in the Music Ministry, led by our Music Director, Brother Shola Akindele. In addition, the Junior Orchestra regularly ministers during Wednesday Prayer Meetings and provides the prelude music during Sunday School, enriching our worship services.

Our church has also established a Media Team, led by Brother Robert Ruiz, which oversees the livestreaming of services. Although the livestream is not yet public, those who wish to watch live have provided their email addresses and receive the streaming link whenever the service begins.

During the past summer, outreach efforts for young people were held under the leadership of Brother Emmanuel Chidiebere and Brother Robert Ruiz. These activities included fellowship gatherings in homes and various sports activities, fostering unity, encouragement, and Christian fellowship beyond the church walls.

Truly, we see the hand of God at work in every area of our church.



# To God be all the Glory & Praise!!

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,  
but unto thy name give glory. - Psalm 115:1



The Lord also made it possible for three of our Langley youth to take part in the Northwest Youth Camp 2025, held from July 28 to August 2 at Mayfield Lake Campsite. The camp was well attended, with young people gathering from California, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Canada, creating a joyful atmosphere of fellowship and unity among believers.

The theme for this year's camp was "Miraculously Designed and Loved by God," with the theme verse drawn from Jeremiah 31:3, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love." Throughout the week, campers were reminded of God's personal care, purpose, and unfailing love for each life.

The days were filled with meaningful chapel services, enjoyable games, and delicious meals, all contributing to a week rich in spiritual growth and lasting memories. As the camp came to a close, many campers found it difficult to say goodbye—thankful for the experience, yet tired and ready to return home. They left encouraged, strengthened in faith, and carrying Jesus in their hearts, along with memories that will last a lifetime.

Our three young people returned inspired and already looking forward to the next camp meeting. With grateful hearts, they are now saving and preparing to attend again, if the Lord tarries, giving thanks to God for the opportunity and the lasting impact of this blessed time together.



## ZACH

Youth camp for me was really great. I met new people who became my friends and got to try activities for the first time. I felt the Lord's presence in the place. It was full of it. The most unforgettable experience would be the late night chats with friends and mid night snacks! I would love to be back again this year.

## ZACH

I have never felt anything like youth camp before. It was a new experience for me and doing all the things that I was never able to do in the Philippines felt great. Like riding a pedal boat, swimming in the river and so much more. It was an unforgettable experience.

## LA

Youth camp was so fun there's so many fun activities and I made new friends. I love when we're singing songs in the chapel together. I felt like it's a good way to talk to God. I really like to go to youth camp again.



During the November 23 tribute service was Pastor Mabel Odunsi, the beloved mother of Brother Tomisin Odunsi, Youth Music Director of the Langley Church. Pastor Mabel visited the Langley congregation in October 2023 to attend her son's wedding, leaving a warm and lasting impression on many. She went to be with the Lord in October 2025, after a lifetime of faithful and fruitful service.

Pastor Mabel served the Lord in numerous capacities throughout her life. She was a dedicated Sunday School teacher and a member of the Association of Visiting Secretaries, participating actively in evangelistic outreach to schools and institutions. She also served in the senior choir and orchestra, playing the violin, and contributed her skills as an editorial member of the Publishing Department. In addition, she faithfully served as a French interpreter, a Youth Director for the Apostolic Faith Church in the West and Central Africa (WECA) District, and later as Head of the Department of Education and Training for the same district.

Her life was a testimony of diligence, leadership, and deep love for the work of God. Pastor Mabel's legacy lives on through the many young people she mentored, the ministries she strengthened, and the gospel work she helped advance. The church gives thanks for her life, comforted by the knowledge that she now rests in glory, having faithfully finished her course.

On November 23, the church gathered to honor and give thanks for the life and faithful service of Pastor Florence Olunyo, a devoted servant of God and the beloved mother of Brother Isaac Olunyo of the Langley Church. Pastor Florence was widely known as a gospel veteran in Nigeria, whose life reflected unwavering dedication to the work of the Lord.

Before she went to be with the Lord in 2025, Pastor Florence faithfully served God in many capacities. She was an active member of the Association of Visiting Secretaries, the evangelistic outreach arm of the Apostolic Faith Church to secondary schools and tertiary institutions in Nigeria. She also served as a member of the senior choir and orchestra, where she played the violin, using her musical gift to glorify God. In addition, she worked as a midwife, taught Sunday School, and later answered God's call into pastoral ministry.

Her life was marked by faithfulness, humility, and tireless service. Pastor Florence's legacy continues through the lives she touched, the gospel she proclaimed, and the example she set as a servant wholly committed to the Lord. The church remembers her with gratitude, rejoicing in the assurance that she has received her reward and now rests in the presence of the Lord she loved and served so faithfully.

**No goodbyes!!!**

**But we will be waiting  
on the farside banks of Jordan!**



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

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

Due to health reasons, Sister Patti has not been able to join us in church recently. During this time, the church has remained united in prayer, continually lifting her before the Lord and trusting God to take full control. On December 19–20, we held a two-day prayer chain, where members both locally and internationally pledged their faithfulness in prayer for her healing and recovery. It was a powerful reminder of the strength of the body of Christ when we stand together in faith and love.

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

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“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul...” — Psalm 23:1–3  
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# WATCHNIGHT

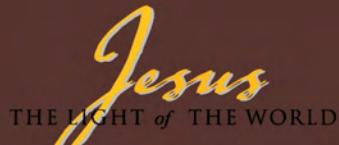
The year 2025 concluded with a blessed Watchnight Service as the congregation gathered to give thanks to God and commit the coming year into His hands. The service opened with a trumpet prelude by Brother Sam Adenekan Jr., who played Glorious Is Thy Name by B. B. McKinney and Come, Ye Thankful People, Come by Henry Alford, setting a reverent tone for the evening.

Brother Sam Adenekan Sr. welcomed the congregation, followed by congregational singing led by Brother Victor Nketah, featuring How Great Thou Art and Great Is Thy Faithfulness. Brother Sam Adenekan Sr. then led the opening prayer. The first special was presented by the Torres Family—Brother Russel, Sister Phoebe, and their children Adriana and Joaquin—who sang Goodness of God by Jenn Johnson, followed by a vocal duet by Sister Victoria Ahunanya and Sister Sapphire Chidiebere, singing Been So Good by Elevation Worship.

A testimony service followed, beginning with testimonies from saints who had recently returned from Nigeria. Sister Olayemi Nketah read Psalm 91, reminding the congregation of God's protection. Brother Tomisin Odunsi then presented a vocal solo featuring Thank You Lord (For Your Blessings on Me), Thank You, Lord, For Mercies, Countless as the Sands, and Jesus We Just Want to Thank You.

Brother Shola Akindele delivered the message, “The Lord Will Go With You,” giving all glory to God and reminding the congregation that as we cross into the new year, we must do so with the Lord, trusting Him fully and not allowing our hearts to be troubled. The service concluded with altar prayer, congregational singing of O God, Our Help in Ages Past, and a closing prayer, as the church welcomed the new year together singing The Family of God.

*We keep on moving forward with the* **LORD**



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Everlastingly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. - Jude 3