

THOP CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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There is No-one Like You!

Do you like yourself? I don't just mean what you look like. Do you like who you really are deep down? I hope you do, for there is no-one just like you! You are very unique, one of a kind!



In our society today, there is so much pressure to be a certain way - usually young, beautiful, handsome, successful, in control, trendy etc. People look so much at the outside and very little at the heart of a person. Yet really, we are all very similar deep down. We want to be accepted, loved, valued, appreciated, and just plain liked for who we are!

Yes, we can rub each other the wrong way sometimes but hey! How boring if everyone was exactly the same! We need our differences so that we can learn and develop compassion, kindness, patience, forgiveness, and self-control. I always say to my children "I love you the way you are, but I love you too much to leave you the way you are." This means that I want them to develop and be even better. Brethren, I like this quote by: www.livehappy.com

"The biggest mistake you can make is losing yourself in the process of treasuring someone too much and forgetting that you are special and valuable too."

I think that this is a good word for us all.

Don't lose yourself even by treasuring others too much. God wants you to love **yourself**. If you do not love yourself, you cannot love others. It starts with loving you! If God loves you then you should love yourself! Never forget that you are always valuable and irreplaceable!



There is no one like you! So, hold your head up high always and ask God to help you be the best you that you can be! YOU ARE LOVED, YOU ARE VERY UNIQUE!

Yours in the Lord,
Elder Eric S. Kamara
Church Secretary

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Message from Our Senior Pastor's Desk

Oh, what a glorious year 2022 has been! But this would not have been without the team effort of us all.

The Bishop of The House of Prayer and I, would like to thank the Leadership team, the Coordinators and Heads of every Department, for being the positive energy in their department and influencing others to do a good work in their area of calling, whilst keeping the faith. We hope that you keep with it this coming year.



We would like to thank the congregation for a wonderful year and the excellent teamwork within the Ministry. Without all your hard work, we would not have had such a fantastic year. You are all amazing. So let's hope for a more better year ahead in 2023.

We will meet again in the New Year, brimming with new ideas and vigour. With capable hands like yours on the job, we are confident that the coming year will be just as exciting as the previous one. That's why we ask that, we all should give our positive God-given dreams about our Church, wings and watch them fly.

2023, is Our Year of God's Greater Glory.

Let us work together to overcome any obstacles that may arise and have a fantastic year ahead together.

We are no good when we are alone, but when we are united, we are unstoppable. Life is about appreciation, so let's appreciate what God has given us and the people He has put around us, while He bring to pass our hopes and aspirations.

Let us start the New Year by letting go of all the bad and disheartening memories from the previous year. The year 2023 brings with it new resolutions and goals. Let us push boundaries together to realise our God-given dreams and rediscover our inner strength.

Let's ring out the old, but let's not forget the lessons of the past that will help us be better and strong believers of Christ Jesus. Let's all enter the New Year with a positive outlook.

Let us not think that ... "because it hasn't happened yet, it will never happen" or believe that "because it has **always** happened, it has to **continue** to happen".

We are serving the God of Miracles!

Our light, our gifts, our talents, our truth, can be so brilliant that it blinds us and end up reaching out, holding on to stuff that can only dim the **true** light of God that is in us. **Matthew 5:16 - Let us allow the light of God to shine through us before men that they will see our goods and God receive His glory.**

May God grant you all the strength and resilience you need to achieve the success you deserve. We wish you all a prosperous and fruitful New Year. SHALOM!

Yours in the Lord,
Pastors Sheriff & Mariatu Jalloh
Founders & Senior Pastors

What's On
During the Week

Worship with Us

Sunday School

Sundays - 9:30am start

Worship Service

Sundays - 10am start

Chosen Generation

Kids Church

Sundays during Worship Service:
11am Start

Bible Studies & Prayers

Tuesdays - 6pm Start

Half Night Prayers (Jericho Hr)

Fridays - 10pm to 12am

All Night Prayers (Encounter Night)

Last Fridays of Every Month
11pm to 3am

Chosen Generation Youth Group

Fridays 6:30pm Start

Location:

318 Ritchie Road,
Pallara QLD 4110 Australia



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The Music Teams' Thanksgiving!



On Sunday, October 30th 2022, The Music Department of the Church celebrated by having a Thanksgiving & Take-over Service with the **Theme: "Worship & Praise"**. The Team was fully prepared for this noble/ notable occasion from start to end. As such, they blessed the congregation with good songs selection that turned the auditorium into a dancing floor.

Some research findings have demonstrated that music

supports our physical, mental and emotional health. That is, Music can help in regulating our emotions, improving our mood, and enhancing productivity and concentration, and help us sleep better.

The speaker for the day was Bro. Robert Kargbo, who spoke on the topic: "The Power of Praise". Scriptures: Acts 16:20, Psalms 100:4 & Isaiah 43:21.

Bro. Kargbo stated that indeed Church is not a routine and that wherever God called you & placed you, you should take it very seriously & know that He will empower you with both knowledge & wisdom. All God requires of us is just our availability, as well seriousness, truthfulness & obedience. The man of God even sighted an example of himself wherein he said that whilst sitting and playing/ beating the Church drums in his corner every Sunday's he's offering his services unto God.



The Brother further said that, like others, they (Music Team) also desire fun out there, but as it is the Lord who has called them, they have let go of those worldly desires for His Kingdom Business & that is why we see the Music Team of the Church, week in and week our, rendering their services unto God, and jubilating with us always.

The 3 scriptures mentioned demonstrated an account of 4 prominent devoted Men of God (Paul & Silas, David & Prophet Isaiah) who entirely devoted their Praises to the Lord until they departed from planet Earth.

What really touched me was when the man of God said & I quote *"I made a vow unto God that I will never stand between my wife and the work of God"*. I believed in him & furthermore, as a true believer in the Lord, we should as well prioritize God no matter what faces us or what we are going through.

We should desires the courage of Joshua and move on, as long we look up to Jesus as our battle front Commander in Chief. For if we do these things & continue Praising God, Bro Kargbo said that, He (God) will surely bring a turnaround in any dire situation.

In conclusion, here are some 9 Health Benefits of Music as according to: <https://www.northshore.org>

- It elevates mood
- It reduces stress
- It's heart healthy
- It relieves symptoms of depression
- It stimulates memories
- It manages pain
- It eases pain
- It help people eat less

If you're interested in joining and being a part of this Ministry of H.E.L.P.S, please get in touch with Elder Bob Thompson.

The THOP Music Team Meets Weekly on Saturdays from 3PM.

Location:
*Church Auditorium -
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Daddy Sheriff Jalloh's Award Presentation & Fundraising Gala Dinner

(Full Photo Gallery Available on The House of Prayer Facebook Page & Open Hands Community Care Facebook Page)



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To begin, an Award sometimes is called a Distinction, something given to a recipient as a token of recognition of excellence in certain field. The purpose of an awards ceremony makes people feel that their work is valued. That is, it shows approval and gratitude for each person's job, and it makes people aware that good work will always be rewarded.

On Friday, 10th June 2022, our Founder and Senior Pastor, Pa Sheriff Jalloh was recognised as the Queensland Community Foundation's 2022 Emerging Philanthropist of the Year.

The QCF Emerging Philanthropist of the Year Award honours an innovative, emerging philanthropist, whose significant early achievements embody the qualities that define philanthropic excellence, including outstanding generosity and creativity. This Award is not about the biggest cheque, or the largest public profile. The successful nominee and recipient is someone who has demonstrated creativity in philanthropic efforts through **leadership, voluntary commitment of time, advocacy, financial donations and fundraising**. They will be an inspirational role model, whose charitable impact is measurable.

For those of us who have been privileged to have not only met, but **know** Pa Jalloh, will testify that our Daddy embodies all these Characteristic's and Qualities, and more!

In celebration and recognition of such a tremendous achievement by our Daddy, not only within the Church or our local Community, but the wider Community and the State of QLD, an Award Presentation and Gala Dinner was held in honour of him.

The Award Presentation was planned in two phases:

Phase 1 was a Soccer Tournament; Open Hands Community Cup, between 10 Ethnic and CALD Communities Teams of SEQ. The tournament was held over 2 days; Saturday, 9th & Sunday, 10th October respectively played at the Acacia Ridge Soccer Club. The matches and games between the teams were well organised and bravo to the organisers for job well done! There were a lot of spectators, supporters, and cheering squads during the 2 days of intense competition, with Delicious Food Sales & Fundraising over the entire 2 Days.

But as expected, only 2 teams reached the finals. These 2 Teams were: Redbank United &



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Guinea FC. But as there will only be one Winner in any Competition, Redbank United were the Winner of the 1st ever Open Hands Community Tournament. Big thanks to our own THOP FC as the Host Team of this tournament.

Phase 2 was the Fundraising Gala Dinner, hosted on our Premises, inviting members of the community to our HOME in PALLARA. The function was held on Saturday, 5th November 2022. Indeed, as was EXPECTED, this again was a **VERY spectacular program** and well attended & Bravo to the Organising Team and all our Volunteers for job well executed.

Churches, Dignitaries, Queensland Police Service, Liaison Officers & Well-wishers, all graced the Occasion, and all 3 Levels of Government, Local (Cr. Angela Owen – Brisbane City Council), State (Hon. Leeanne Enoch – QLD Government), & Federal (Hon. Milton Dick – Speaker of the House of Rep. Canberra) ALL participated and rendered their generous support and contributions towards these two events. **Indeed 2022 is Our Year of God's Glory!**

The function was beautifully MC's by our very own Miss Matu Bordolo and Mr. Irving Philips. When we come to the refreshments/dinner, Oh My Goodness, the FOOD, as again EXPECTED, was **very delicious**, with complements received far and wide. I want to say a very big BRAVO and thank you to all the Virtuous Women and Kitchen Staff headed by the Coordinators, for implementing their well-deserved talents & availability, preparing those delicious meals for our Guests. May the Good Lord continue blessing you, as well extending your territories. Amen.

During the night, there was a beautiful drumming by one of our African guest Artist originally from Zimbabwe and dancing by our own Miss Catherine Gbarpo, Mrs. Mercy Gondah and Mrs. Sieneh Togbah.

Thereafter, the Administration Team gave a brief talk about the significance of Pa. Sheriff Jalloh's Award and being named QLD's 2022 Emerging Philanthropist of the Year! To top it off our Ps. Mariatu Jalloh, was also the Finalist of the 2022 Westfield Local Heros! This Function was a chance to welcome guests to our Home in Pallara, showcasing and highlighting some of the great and mighty works that has been done by the collective, within the two (2) Ministries, He (Pa. Jalloh), together with his Wife, Ps. Mariatu Jalloh, have been able to do with the leading of God, and the support of us all!

The PowerPoints and video slideshows displayed works of The House of Prayer and Open Hands International Missions both in Australia, and overseas (in Sierra Leone and Liberia respectively). For Liberia, projects are steadily progressing but there are more to do there financially. We started with a single Church Branch in Ganta, Nimba County, and now, 3 more branches have been added. In Sierra Leone, the Orphanage is also steadily progressing, with 30 students benefiting from the 'Take A Step to Empower a Child in Need' Sponsorship Program. In their closing remarks, our Administrators encouraged us to continue assisting our less fortunate brothers & sisters in these Countries, as united we will always stand & progress faster than division.

The night progressed with the unveiling of the Award, and the Presentation and Dedication of the Award to Churches, Ethic and African Communities in QLD. Certificates of Appreciation were also given out to well-deserved people, and finally a well renowned speech delivered by Daddy Sheriff Jalloh and his lovely wife, Ps. Mariatu Jalloh respectively.

We bless the Lord for such a Momentous Night and a milestone in the History of the THOP & OHCC. We sincerely thank those of you took time from your schedules and who ever so graciously attended the program/s in Honour of Daddy. May the Good Lord reward and remember you all, for remembering, honouring and appreciating HIS SERVENT (Pa. Jalloh) and his selfless sacrifices for US ALL, our families and children, and overall, His dedication and commitment to the advancement of God's Kingdom right here in Queensland Australia!

This is just the beginning. We thank God.

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The Men of Valour Ministry's 12th Anniversary Celebration



The purpose of a Church's Men's Ministry is to make disciples of men you engage. This also includes equipping men in the Church / Departments to do the same. Men in the Church are to be Godly Leaders, role models, and a guidance giver- not only for the Church members but for everyone else in the community too.

As Men of The House of Prayer, we should desire to become **Mentors and encourage people, furthering their faith and ensuring that they have a positive church experience.**

Based upon the above, the Men of Valour Ministry's 12th Anniversary Celebration was held Sunday, 13th November 2022, Themed: **"Men Rise Up for God & Take Responsibility!"**

The service commenced with men in their outstanding outfits and ready for the celebration. The Praise & Worship Team were marvelous with golden voices. These soul-winners indeed ministered to the congregation with beautiful songs of Zion and dancing to glorify God as a thanksgiving. The function was MC'ed by our own Bro. Bill Roberts.



Coming down to Preaching, there were 2 speakers that ministered the Word of God.



The first speaker was Bro. Patrick Wleh, who started by saying that the topic "Men rise up for God & take Responsibility" was not an easy task but indeed as men, we are not to be afraid of this task as long God is with us, acknowledging that we have been created in the image & likeness of Him. As such, Bro Patrick said that it is God that gave us life and it is always a command for us as Godly children to live it according to the Bible principles and abstained from fringing excuses.

As men, Bro. Wleh encouraged us to be strong, courageous and compassionate fathers etc., in carrying out the task/responsibility bestowed on us. The speaker sighted the book of Joshua 1:9, Genesis 2:24, Ephesians 5:23-25 as guiding tools for us as father or man. Bro Wleh further stated that virtually no one is perfect at all, though every day we are



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seeking perfection but if you possess strong Faith in the Lord, indeed any task for you will be carrying out successfully. In conclusion, **Bro Wleh said that indeed every Men of The House of Prayer Church should desire to become Men of Courage, Compassion, Love, Truth, Sincerity, Strength, of Faith etc.** Furthermore, the speaker urged every man to desire God first in all undertakings and if we adhere, our pathway in life will surely be smooth. Amen.

The second preacher this special event was Bro. Richard Yorcee & his topic was **“Role & Duty of Men in the Church”** - Scriptures: Exodus 20:2-17, Matthew 22:37-39

Bro. Yorcee began with series questions regarding men’s role/duty in the Church: 1. Whether our role is to gossip about friends? Or 2. To look at the church being empty?

Bro. Yorcee said that definitely not at all. That is, as Men, we are better than that.

Bro. Yorcee said that instead of talking negatively of a brother that are absent in one or two Church Services, we should rather endeavor to reach out to that brother/ be that brother’s keeper. That is, as men, we should be focusing on transforming the younger generation’s minds in the things of God.

Sometimes you as an individual will confide something in a friend positively but that friends might use that information negatively against you but the Brother said that we should be happy for such people, for it is those short comings that will surely make you to be strong in the Faith in God & furthermore, it is this negative talk about you, that will make your life to be better. Remember, people always don’t care about your positive/good aspect of doing things but rather curious about short comings.

Now as Men, what are roles & duties in the Church?

Bro Yorcee said firstly, **we should focus on life transformation & well disciplined.** We as men should work together as a team for establishment of stronger Ministry. The Brother further stated that the growth of the church is the sole responsibility of every member of the Church. What really impressed me when the Brother said that and I quote **“1 person never gossip but rather, it always takes 2 persons to gossip”**. As such, the speaker said that we should be careful how to do things in the House of God. Older men are supposed to be mentors to the young men in the church, as these young men are to become our future leaders tomorrow.

Even in relationships, older men are supposed to introduce mentorship to younger generation regarding relationships, according the speaker. Furthermore, the Brother said that, yes indeed the celebration was fabulous but after the day, what strategies are there to be implemented for the Church growth- in attendance?

This was a very sensitive question left with us as Men to ponder on it as we approach 2023. The speaker again acknowledged us that if you think you are Holy, and then there was no need of coming to the presence of God/Church. The church is rather a place of messed up people. That is, sinners come to Him and confess & ask for forgiveness of their sins and believe and trust the Holy Spirit to dwell in them for a Transformed and Fulfilled Life in Him. In conclusion, Bro Yorcee asked everyone to respect each other no matter age difference.

The Men’s program concluded with Lunch organised by the Virtuous Women headed by their Coordinators. We bless God for a day well spent in HS Presence.

Men of Valour Arise & Shine in 2023 for a greater impact in our Homes as Fathers, and our Church as the Priest of God!



21 Days of Prayer & Fasting

Sun 20th Nov to Sat. 10th Dec 2022

Fasting is a Spiritual discipline that is being taught in the Bible. By further definition, fasting deals with the voluntary willingness to abstain from Food and/or Drink, at least in some part or entirely. People do fast for a particular period of time.

Fasting can also mean different things to different people. That is, it can mean for medical reasons before surgical procedure while others follow devote religious beliefs (Matthew 6:16-18). For us at The House of Prayer, we believe Fasting releases God's Supernatural Power. It's a tool we can use when there is an opposition to God's will.

For example, Satan would like nothing better than to cause division, discouragement, defeat, depression, and even doubts amongst God's people. From time in memorial, United Prayer & Fasting has always been used by God to deal a decisive blow to the enemy.

This year at our Church again our strong Pastoral Team & Leadership Team declared our annual 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting and indeed, it was great and very successful. We bless God for those who were able to make it daily, during prayer and breaking bread together from 5pm. The declaration was achieved! We should all be proud of our beloved Senior Pastors for always championing the course of this worthy initiative in the Ministry. That is, our desire as a church is to create a culture of Prayer where we see breakthrough, miracles and God answering prayer on a daily basis. Though the 21 Days have gone until same time again in 2023, we are asking that you commit to Prayer always & never give up. Amen.

With that, I am hereby expressing sincere thanks and appreciation on behalf of the entire Church Leadership Team to our beloved Sisters in Christ; the wonderful Virtuous Women, for feeding the congregation (adults and children inclusive) DAILY, throughout the Fasting period via the preparation and cook of food and drinks. May the good Lord reward you all bountifully in all your undertakings from now hence forth & forever.

We would also like to express our thanks and appreciation to our Founders and Senior Pastors and our team of Volunteers at the Open Hands Neighbourhood Marketplace, for the sourcing and provision of food and drinks supplied via the shop throughout this period. We Bless God for his abundance blessings and his provision to HIS Church. His works are Marvelous and Wonderful in our sights! Amen.

In conclusion, yes/though the **21 Days** has finished, we encourage you to continue to grow and cultivate the daily routine of prayer in your life. We further want to challenge you to keep fueling the fire and keep the momentum going in your prayer life.

In celebration, we concluded this milestone with our Annual End of Year Thanksgiving Service, held Sun. 18th December 2022, where we praised, jubilated and thanked the Lord for how far he's brought us from January till December. We heard **countless testimonies from brethren testifying of God's greatness and faithfulness in their Marriages, Jobs, Health, Family etc.** We seal each and every testimonies given in the Blood of Christ.

To keep up the corporate prayer momentum, we would love to invite you to come & join us for Prayers & Bible Studies every Tuesdays at the Church Auditorium from 6:00PM - 8:00PM.



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Double Christmas Dedication!

Sun. 25th Dec. 2022



We say a very big
Congratulations to the
families, on this
symbolic milestone.
THOP Church
celebrates with you!

Amen.

A child's Dedication is an act of consecration of Children to God in Churches, such as The House of Prayer. The Biblical purpose and history of Baby Dedication: The scriptural root of a baby dedication is found in **1 Samuel 1:27-28 (NASB)**, where a Godly woman named Hannah prayed year after year for God to give her a child. He (God), answered her prayer and she gave birth to a son, whom she named Samuel. When Samuel was born, Hannah prayed these words:

"For this boy I prayed, and the Lord has given me my petition which I asked of Him. So I have also dedicated him to the Lord; as long as he lives he is dedicated to the Lord." - 1Samuel 1:27-28

Furthermore, there is also an example of this event in Luke 2 of the New Testament, following the birth of Jesus, Mary & Joseph took the infant Jesus to the Temple and dedicated Him.

For us at The House of Prayer, God is multiplying us every year and on Christmas Day of 2022, not only did we Celebrate the Birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, but we were blessed with two families in dedicating their gorgeous babies to the God. We want to continue thanking God for all His unfolding blessing toward us.

The two (2) families were:

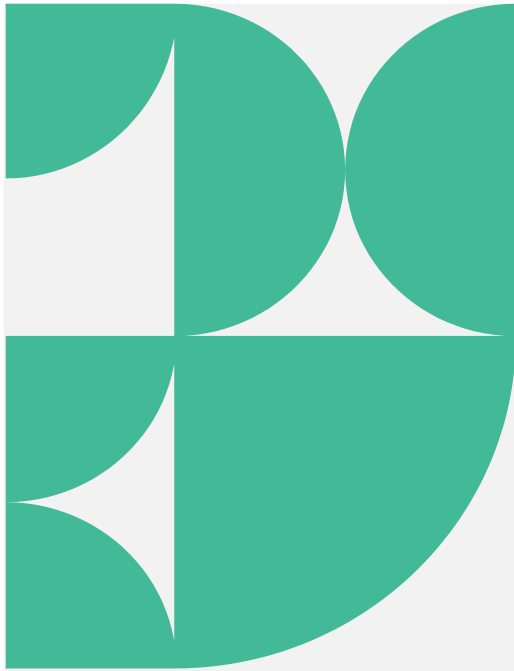
1. Mr Melvin & Mrs. Musu Cooper, and their Child named Esther Angel Cooper.
2. Bro Bill Roberts & Sis. Dorcas Dongbo, and their child name Nadia Roberts.

The occasion was a very colourful as seen these gorgeous children been brought to the Lord. The purpose of Parent/Child Dedication is for parent to present their child before God and the Church, committing to seek after His Grace and Wisdom in carrying out their responsibilities. As we all answered to support these lovely couples with prayers and physical support, please let us be remember that we are here on planet Earth as our brothers' and sisters' keeper. As we adore them that day, we should continue the intercessory prayer for them. Amen.

We should furthermore; pray that God will favour these children in reaching their full God given Talents & potentials for Him throughout their lives. Also that God provides for their parents resources/financially for their up-keeping.



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Couple's Link Ministry

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

October to December 2022

[Brief History of Couple's Link:](#)

Just a brief history of this Ministry. This Ministry came about through the initiative of our beloved Mummy & Daddy / the Senior Pastor as well overseer of the Church.

As parents & Servants of God, they will not want to see their flocks taken away or never wanted them to be scattered or be devoured by the enemy.

The Senior Ps. Mrs. Mariatu Jalloh, got the vision and brought it forth to the Core Leadership Meeting 2014 and being very innovative and a good platform for Married Couples and soon-to-be Married Couples, the Ministry was established back in Coopers Plains, with an official Launching and Inauguration in February of 2015.

All Glory is to the Lord for how far He has brought us as a Ministry. With the commitment of the faithful Couples of the House fully on Board, we that are committed in this Ministry, continue to reap its benefits and moreover, **ENJOYING & LOVING IT ALL THE WAY.** I'm hereby encouraging you to try it, and become apart of this Ministry of Growth, and when you do, you will surely not regret it.

[Couples Anniversaries:](#)

This particular year, recognising & celebrating Couple's Anniversary has been so outstanding & colourful with presentation of cards, flowers and organising of dinner for the celebrants. I don't know for you but for me & my lovely queen, we are deeply loving it. In the first production of this Newsletter, 2 couples were mentioned how they were successfully celebrated in August and September 2022, with other couples, family & friends.

Waoh! In this issue, an additional 5 elegant, as well adorable Couples celebrated their Anniversaries with a lot of fun, gifts as well good dinner and company. But before proceeding, I want to honour & appreciate the well-organised & lovely woman of God's word & love for us here at The House of Prayer, for this formidable Ministry in the Church. May you live long (Mummy & Daddy) & never give up even when there seems no way. Amen!

Now below are those couples that Gorgeously celebrated their Wedding Anniversary from October to December 2022.

October 2022 - Mr & Mrs Morseray's 9th Wedding Anniversary Dinner:

Mr. & Mrs. Alex & Josephine Morseray on 9th October 2022, were celebrated at the Richlands Hotel. These couple's celebration was orderly and from beginning to end was full of great joy and fun. We love them & wish them all the best in this union. The Couple wedded on the 5th October 2013 at The House of Prayer Church, Coopers Plains.



From now on, this is going be a continue program for the Couples' Anniversary Celebration.

We therefore encourage any Couples of the Church not part of the Ministry yet to join, to get in touch with the Department Secretary; Mr. Irving P. Philips, for more info about the Ministry & our regular meeting times.



Celebrating with Mr & Mrs Morseray.



Celebrating with Mr & Mrs Harding.



Celebrating with the Philips, the Kamara's & the Parsons'



November 2022 - Mr & Mrs Harding's 8th Wedding Anniversary Dinner:

Mr. Kinde & Mrs. Delian Harding celebrated their lovely Anniversary with friends, family & Couple's Link members on the 19 November 2022 at the Richlands Hotel. During this function, there was a lot of laughter and entertainment of jokes & good dinner. This year, we at Couple's Link Ministry have tasted the real meaning of true love among Couple as witnessed from the celebrants. May their union continue to be blessed & be mentors to young and upcoming couples, Amen. The Couple wedded on the 22nd November 2014 at The House of Prayer Church, Coopers Plains.



December 2022 - Triple Anniversary Dinner in Honour of...

Mr & Mrs Phillips' 8th Wedding Anniversary, Mr & Mrs Kamara's 13th Wedding Anniversary & Mr & Mrs Parsons' 21st Wedding Anniversary!

Oh my Goodness! Can you imagine, around season time for Anniversary Celebration of 3 outstanding as well remarkable Couples; well that is what happened with these couples that were in for a very historic Wedding Anniversary Celebrations together. How lovely & remarkable this was.

These Couples did celebrate their beautiful and lovely Wedding Anniversaries on Boxing Day, 26th December 2022 at Feast Redbank Tavern. There were a lot of family members, friends & other Couple's Link members in attendance. This was a unique celebration of its kind and we give glory to God for ending "Our Year of His Glory" in a very colourful way in the life every Couple in the Ministry. May God richly bless us all & we are looking forward for better 2023 with **Unity, Love, Joy, Peace & Good Health among us in this Ministry.**

Wish you & your entire family a **very fruitful 2023.**

Amen!



Finance Update for 2022

Profit and Loss

The House of Prayer
For the 12 months ended 31 December 2022

	JAN-DEC 2022	JAN-DEC 2021	JAN-DEC 2020
Tithes & Offertory Income			
Membership Tithes	69,290.30	84,146.63	109,713.40
General Offering	51,572.50	52,623.27	51,842.40
Building Fund	-	5,745.00	7,710.00
Other Offering - Green Notes Show	5,230.00	17,325.00	3,270.00
Other Offering - Birth Contest	11,430.55	12,895.00	18,830.00
Total Tithes & Offertory Income	137,523.35	172,734.90	191,365.80
Other Income			
Government: Cash Flow Boost	-	-	15,000.00
Government: JobKeeper Wage Subsidy	-	2,000.00	24,500.00
Government: Grants & Subsidies	-	10,000.00	-
Fundraising - Anniversary Dinner & Sales	-	1,050.00	225.00
Other Income - Thanksgivings	33,545.00	33,218.00	30,063.15
Other Income - Yard	11,550.00	6,134.00	23,420.00
Interest Income	-	-	16.09
Total Other Income	45,095.00	52,402.00	93,224.24
Gross Profit	182,618.35	225,136.90	284,590.04
Operating Expenses			
Wages and Salaries	37,700.00	63,804.00	58,160.00
Superannuation	3,860.48	6,159.40	5,525.20
Rent	79,959.00	75,052.00	42,660.00
Council Rates	5,453.49	5,593.50	5,925.15
Urban Utilities	544.45	496.26	757.16
Electricity	7,832.66	7,356.00	2,528.00
Insurance	1,613.82	1,426.28	550.00
Repairs & Maintenance	1,385.63	2,254.14	29,090.83
Cleaning & Kitchen Supplies	185.00	260.00	550.00
Printing & Marketing	1,145.45	2,422.00	-
Church Website	-	1,746.00	5,065.50
Church Office Supplies & Stationery	875.15	2,003.07	3,113.34
Telephone & Internet	997.69	1,136.55	1,188.80
Bank Fees	790.01	1,132.82	805.26
Sundry Expenses	-	100.00	-
Christian Copyright Licensing International	823.64	901.00	451.00
Xero Accounting Software	631.06	646.84	309.50
Breeze Church Management Software	-	2,220.00	1,135.00
Subscriptions	419.80	804.85	1,301.50
Accounting Fees	650.00	1,100.00	920.00
Legal Expenses	400.00	343.06	2,691.00
Consultancy Expenses	1,621.00	38,125.00	68,337.33
Motor Vehicle Expenses	3,666.26	9,027.13	3,292.63
Travel	-	-	1,888.00
Functions / Conferences / Meetings	350.00	190.00	380.00
Freight & Courier	-	-	3,300.00
Church Ministries & Department Expenses	285.00	895.00	15,156.50
Honourariums, Gifts & Donations (Missions)	5,800.00	5,947.00	11,145.00
General Expenses	20,000.00	-	45,871.70
Filing fee	1,014.00	-	110.00
Total Operating Expenses	178,003.59	231,141.90	312,208.40
Net Profit	4,614.76	(6,005.00)	(27,618.36)

*Preliminary figures of the Church's
Offertory Income & Operating Expenses
for the Months January to
December 2022*.*

*Overall, this Year 2022, saw a ~ 20%
decrease (or -\$42,518.55) in our
overall Church Income,
when compared to 2021, and
a decrease of ~36% (or -\$101,971.69)
when compared to 2020.*

*Overall, we Bless God for HIS
Sustenance and Provision, with
the impacts of the Global Unrest and
the COVID-19 Pandemic felt within our
Church, and the notable
decreases in our Giving.*

*Thank you to those of you that have
trusted THOP Church with your
Finances, tithes,
time and resources, giving
Week in and Week out for the
Furtherance of God's Kingdom.*

Let us be encouraged!

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each of you should give

what you have decided

in your heart to give,

not reluctantly or under compulsion,

for God loves a cheerful giver.

**Full Financial Reports for Calendar
Year Will be available by end of
January 2023.*

See Finance Team for more details.



"A Place of Transformation"

Upcoming Events @ THOP Church in 2023!

Check out our 2023 Calendar from January to March, for Key Upcoming Events in our Church Community!

- Sunday, 15th January 2023 – Green Notes Show
- Sunday, 22nd January 2023 – CG Youth Thanksgiving
- **Sunday, 19th February 2023 – Couples Link Thanksgiving**
- **Saturday, 25th March 2023 – Open Hands Community Family Fun Day!**

2023 Car Bumper Stickers & Fridge Magnet Calendars Available NOW! See Church Ushers.

Full Calendar's will be out and available for families by 3rd week in January. See the Admin Team for more details.



Haggai 2:8-9
8 "The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine," says the Lord of hosts.
9 "The glory of this latter [a]temple shall be greater than the former," says the Lord of hosts. "And in this place I will give peace," says the Lord of hosts."

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Haggai 2:4
4 Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel," says the Lord; "and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land," says the Lord, "and work; for I am with you," says the Lord of hosts.

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			



Haggai 2:5-6
5 "According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!"
6 "For thus says the Lord of hosts: "Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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