

THOP CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Welcome!

Get to Know Us

Welcome to our first issue of our THOP Church Newsletter for 2022. This issue will be covering the activities, events and services that have occurred over the months of June to September within the THOP Ministry. Before going further, it is vital that we continue to remind ourselves of the Vision of the Ministry.

Our Vision at The House of Prayer is to bring God's people to the **Knowledge of Christ**. Our mandate is to see a transformed community of Men, Women and Children living their God-given right of Righteousness and Freedom in Christ.

The House of Prayer seeks to create a Prayer avenue for people from diverse cultural backgrounds as it written in our anchor scripture **Mark 11:17**— **"Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'?"**

Based upon this, it's expected that the congregation will have the full knowledge of God, the creator and will grow and have an intimate relationship with Him as the only one that loves humanity unconditionally. May the Lord lead and guide us as we strive for his Kingdom!

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

"A Place of Transformation"

A Word of Encouragement from Our Senior Pastor

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:

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Zechariah 4:10 (NLT) - Do not despise the day of small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin.

This Ministry started with two (2) women who needed the help of God Almighty. These meetings, when started seemed insignificant, just two (2) friends meeting to discuss their troubles. But God who was pleased and rejoiced over our small consistent meetings, stepped in and 17 years on, God has been doing mighty works in our midst.

When David came to the battle front-line and saw the humiliation of the armies of God, though he was a small boy he went out to confront Goliath, all he had was a slingshot, and five smooth stones. It looks foolish to the un-lookers, insignificant and ordinary nothing special about it. But through those small items, God Glorified His Name.

Moses had an ordinary Shepard rod, something he uses to control his flock. Yet when Moses gave it to God, through it, God parted the Red Sea with it, to Glorify His Holy Name.

Gideon was having 32,000 men of war. God said they are too many, Israel will take the glory. So, Gideon downsized them to 10,000. God said they are still too many, he downsized again to 300. The 31,700 men were disqualified but through God's instructions, Gideon surprised and defeated the Midianites (Judges 7).

So don't look or say what you have is insignificant, or what you started will not grow or multiply. Don't despise it. Use it for God! As Moses' rod became the rod of God, if you give it to God, it is no longer yours but His, and He will use it for HIS GLORY!

PRAYER:

Psalm 115:1

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory. For the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness. For I have no power, no wisdom of my own, you be magnify today and every day in my life for your glory. May this body of mine give you Glory. In Jesus mighty name, Amen!

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

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THOP Church Turns 13!

2022 Our Year of God's Glory

Anniversary is an annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event. That is, a date on which something important happens that is noted in some way each year thereafter.

This year our Church Anniversary was celebrated over 2 consecutive days (June 11 & 12, 2022). The First Day was on Saturday, June 11th at 6pm – 9pm, which was regarded as Praise Service. Our formidable Music Team with their golden voices did bless us. The evening was very spectacular, and I believed those present were blessed to be in church at that time.

Day 2, which was Sunday June 12th was a Thanksgiving Day for all that God has done in the life of our Church and Ministry. We rejoiced, celebrated and thanked God for our Daddy's award recognition of the **2022 QCF Emerging Philanthropist of the Year**, awarded to him Friday, 10th June 2022 at the BCC Hall, tying in nicely with our 13th Anniversary. Furthermore, rejoicing for him bringing us where we are now & where He will be taking us to. Again, this day was a very enjoyable day from the praise and worship, preaching & the funds raised for our International Missions. Our glorious music team did minister their utmost best in blessing our souls.

The final section of the service was our fundraising for our International Missions both in Liberia, & Sierra Leone, West Africa. THOP's established branch in Nimba County, Liberia, West Africa now has to the Glory of God, 4 branches. Development is steadily progressing, but there are more to be done in supporting the continued growth, and difficulties faced, and as such, the fund-raising program was totally in place.

Another area highlighted for this fundraising is the progress and update on the Open Hands Foundation in Sierra Leone, West Africa, and the Construction project of the Orphanage. The **"Take A Step to Empower a Child In Need"** Sponsorship program has since that since the year of 2017, our young generations (children/youth) have been supported through a quality schooling program, offering 30 orphaned and/or underprivileged children within the Makeni region of Sierra Leone, Annual Scholarships with the inclusion of the following:

1. *Provision of school stationery items and support supplies.*
2. *Payment of tuition and schooling fees.*
3. *Regular home, school and welfare visitations.*
4. *Provision of welfare, food and medical supplies.*

With the Global crisis and economic downturn and financial stresses that has been and continues to be experienced, funds raised on that day was purposely for these areas and we are very grateful to all those rendering their support to these children in reaching their full potential. We bless God that 2 children have now completed their secondary schooling with a 3 awaiting their results.

On behalf of the Core Leadership, hereby express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all those that were present & rendered their support financially.

We further encourage us all to know that God is here with us and if we all can leave the church pews and do something in His Vineyard, His Glory will surely be upon us.



Dedication of The House of Prayer's 1st Twins; Daniella & Faith Gondah

We want to thank God for our First Twins in House of Prayer Church this year of the Lord 2022. Daniella & Faith Gondah were dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, 26th June 2022. I believe that this might not be surprise here at all, that we at THOP Church are really fulfilling the word of the Lord that we should be **'fruitful and multiply'**.

We are further grateful for blessing Mr. Nyah Gondah & Mrs. Mercy Gondah in bringing these lovely children into this world. As they have listened to the word of God & bringing these children to the Lord as His own, we pray that as owner of them will bless them & His eyes be upon them wherever they might be. That is, they should always be under His protection as well direction, in their journey of life.

According to the book of Psalms 127:3, 4 & 5 NIV, I quote *"Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court"*.

We say a very big Congratulations to the family on this symbolic milestone. The House of Prayer celebrates with you. Amen.



Workers Appreciation Dinner

The Workers Appreciation Dinner was organised by the Founders and Senior Pastors of The House of Prayer Church, Ps Mr. Sheriff Jalloh & Ps Mrs. Mariatu Jalloh, in appreciation to all those who tirelessly serve in the vineyard of God, Week in and Week out. The awesome program was held on Sunday, 17th July 2022 at the Richlands Hotel at 6:00 pm. The program a very colourful occasion with attendance of 43 THOP Church Workers and Spouses.

Activities during the program were as follows:

1. Keynote speech by our Senior Pastor; Mrs. Mariatu Jalloh. The Senior Pastor said that this was just an appreciation from them as Overseers and said that this has long been planned but due some uncertainty, couldn't happen until now. Ps. Mariatu Jalloh further acknowledged attendees, that indeed they value all the workers' effort in performing their designated duty/duties in the Church and that she and her husband pray that the Lord will surely bless every worker within the Ministry. But Hay! Guess what followed before taking her seat. There was a little token gift from our Pastors to all Workers. This gift bag was full of lovely goodies and was highly appreciated by those in attendance.
2. There was a Trivia Game based on Bible Topics as well some Historical events of the Ministry; "How Well Do You Know THOP?". This event was heavily contested but as we know, only winners must rejoice & at the end of every competition. At the end of this event, 2 tables emerged as Winners, but overall it was a great evening in the life of Workers in the House. So much fun, laughter and cheering. Who would have thought that THOP Workers were so Competitive?!
3. The Third event was a presentation by the Administration & Finance Dept, a recap of where the Church have come from and where we are heading to (THOP Vision 2030). But with all the effort of these Workers in His Vineyard and to see what they unveiled to come to pass, we all must double tight our belt and agree to speak with one language for progress in every arena of the church. That is, leave all the negativities and focus on your area of your God-given talent and endeavour to successfully complete your task assigned for His Glory.

This was indeed a night to remember! A night filled with so much joy and cheer, casting the essence of Unity, Togetherness and One Accord for the continuous growth and furtherance of this ministry.



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The Virtuous Women Ministry's 12th Anniversary Celebration



The Virtuous Women of The House of Prayer's 12th Anniversary Celebration kicked off on Saturday, 20th August 2022, at 6pm. The occasion set for 2 Days Power packed inspirational messages from two formidable speakers of the Ministry; Mrs. Damaris Ola Nyantakyi and Mrs. Angie Thompson. The theme of the 12th Anniversary was the **Virtuous Vs. the Foolish Woman**.


Day 1: The Praise & Worship was outstanding, with Mrs. Joy Zayzay, Mrs. Musu Cooper and Mrs. Patricia Yorcee, joining our Music Team to minister to us. These women were extraordinarily, and their golden voices will forever remain in the ears of us all. Coming to the main thing, which is the Word of God, that was facilitated via a Panel Discussion, the first speaker, Mrs. Damaris Nyantakyi started with a question based on the word 'Foolish'. That is, what is the definition of foolish? A lot of answers were given by those present within the congregation on that night. But I will just mention a few. 1. Foolish is lacking good sense of judgement, unwise etc. and 2. Foolishness is the result of a person misusing the intelligence God has given him. A fool uses his reasoning skills to make wrong decisions. The speaker mentioned a particular scripture, Job 2:9, wherein Job's wife asked Job to forget about his integrity, curse God and Die. This, according to the speaker can be classed as foolishness.

Day 2: Day 2 of the program was a Thanksgiving Service, held Sunday, 21st August 2022. The speakers again illustrated their God given talents, blessing our souls with the Word of God. They further demonstrated that the qualities of a Virtuous Woman are: Trustworthy, Wise, Prayerful, Servanthood etc. Our Virtuous Women again demonstrated with their beautiful dresses, with the theme colour for this year's occasion being White. A Women's Choir was put together with the Choir ministering 2 songs, led by Mrs. Grace Kamara & Mrs. Patricia Yorcee, accompanied by Mrs. Sherifaye Kargbo and Miss Sylvia Belleh. This year celebration was definitely one that will be remembered and the VOK (Lunch and Refreshments) were in abundance and as always, fantastic.

In conclusion, everything pertaining to program was extravagant & I personally salute everyone for job well-done. Bravo to all Coordinators for organising such a remarkable event and we bless God for all our guest that were able to worship with us over the 2 days.



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Couple's Link Ministry

What's Been Happening: Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

About Couple's Link:

Couple Links is the Marriages Ministry of THOP, and is simply for Couples in committed relationships, who want to understand their partners, enhance communication skills, increase trust, and develop a deeper Godly relationship. In this Ministry, we address topics such as:

- Intimacy and Romantic Love
- Developing and Maintaining Trust
- Forgiveness
- Resiliency and Commitment
- Conflict Resolution
- Why Marriages and Reasons for Failures etc

In this group, we are encouraged to learn skills to raise responsible families and children, whilst enjoying our roles as spouses and parents. Building these relationships with our children will reduce the strain and tensions being faced by many.

This Ministry was formally established in 2014 by our Senior Pastors and since then, the Ministry has been operational and functioning, meeting on the 1st Sundays of Every Month at the Church Auditorium. Since its launch back in 2014, the Ministry has organised a series of programs (Dinner Cruise on Brisbane River, Picnic / Outdoor Lunches, Beach Trip at Redcliff to name a few). These functions not only encourage quality time with Spouses of the Ministry, but also encouraged the essence of importance of Marriages and Families within our Community. After all, this was the first instituted by God himself, so it is of utmost importance that we strive to fulfil its purpose.

Couples Anniversaries:

This year, we are embarking on celebrating the Couple's wedding of the Ministry and their Wedding Anniversaries.

A wedding anniversary is simply the anniversary date a wedding took place. Couples usually may take the occasion to celebrate their relationship, either privately or with a larger party. Special celebrations and gifts are often given for particular anniversary milestones (examples; 10, 15, 20, 25 years). Furthermore, in some cultures, traditional names exist for milestone anniversaries; for instance, fifty (50) years of marriage may be known as a "Golden Wedding Anniversary", "Golden Anniversary" or "Golden Wedding". We pray for the day the Marriages of THOP will celebrate these milestones in God!

Please Note:

From now on, this is going to be a continue program for Couples' Anniversary Celebration. We therefore encourage any Couples of the Church not part of the Ministry yet to join, and to feel free and get in touch with the Department Secretary; Mr. Irving P. Phillips, if desire more info about the Ministry.



Couple's Link Ministry Wedding Anniversary Celebrations August & September 2022

Celebrating with Mr & Mrs Kargbo



August 2022

Mr & Mrs Kargbo's 7th Anniversary Dinner:

The first couple celebrated were the Kargbo's. Their Wedding Anniversary is the 15th August, with this year marking their 7th Year in Marriage. Couple's Link celebrated Sunday, 14th August 2022, with the group hosting a Dinner on their behalf at the Richlands Hotel.

The occasion was very entertaining and a lot of VOK.

These Young Couples really make us proud in their sacrifices within the group as well the Church in General. Their brief acceptance speech/address will forever serve as an example of how each partner should appreciate one another always whether in good times or bad.



Celebrating with Mr & Mrs Koryon



September 2022

Mr & Mrs Kargbo's 9th Anniversary Dinner:



The second couple celebrated were the Koryon's. Their Wedding Anniversary is the 7th September, with this year marking their 9th Year in Marriage. Couple's Link celebrated Sunday, 11th September 2022, with the group hosting a Dinner on their behalf at the Richlands Hotel.

During the Koryon's celebration, there were 10 couples in attendance and the fun, food & the room atmosphere was just excellent. We did enjoy the meals, couple speeches & cutting of their cake & most of it all, the fellowship of each other's company.

The executive is hereby expressing sincere thanks & appreciation to every member of this noble Ministry of their relentless efforts & support in making our colleagues' day a very bright & successful anniversaries celebration. Mrs Koryon's testimony was a life touching testimony and can remind us that, whatsoever God purpose for each one of us, can surely and will surely come to pass, as long we put our hope and faith in Him alone.

God bless us all.

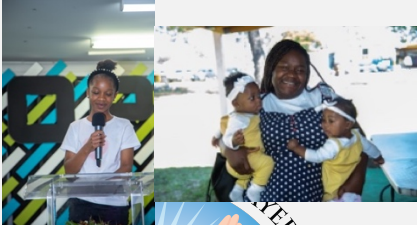
Amen.



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Chosen Generation Kids Ministry Take-Over Service 2022

THEME: TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE



As the name suggests, “The Chosen Generation” are called to show forth the Praises of the Saviour Jesus Christ. Every year in September the Chosen Generation Kids Ministry Take Over the Worship Service, leading us in Praises, Worship, the Word, whilst showcasing their various God-given gifts and Talents.

The Chosen Generation Kids Ministry is the Pre-School and Primary School Ministry of the Church (2yrs old to Year 6), purposed with the precious mantle of seeing and teach the future generation in the ways of the Lord Almighty.

Oh my Goodness! This particular Year, 2022, the celebration was so unique in every aspect. The theme alone if one has the fear of God; indeed it will energize you and be willing to live a “Life of His Divine Purpose”. Every child within the Ministry were enthusiastic and ready to explode in whatever part he or she was called to do or perform.

To begin, the Masters of Ceremony (MC’s Rodell and Erica) were just so good and executed their tasks perfectly. The Praise and Worship were likewise great. What more exciting was the song contribution by the “Little Lambs” (Toddler’s 2 to 3 yr old). As expected, this contribution wowed the congregation with tremendous ‘awwww’s’ echoed throughout the Church. They were so bold and brave, they gave us a special encore, as per the request of the Audiences! Beloved Brethren, what this taught me is that, if we as adults, young adults and youths refuse to work in the Master’s Vineyard, surely the kids will be empowered by the Lord to carry on His work perfectly.

Another area is the small group, Dancers. The participants did extremely well, and the congregation were in love of it all. I believe as parents, we should be very proud of these talented kids and ready to render our fullest support in their journey of life especially in the things of God. Same goes to the Big Group Dancers. Each of these groups was very amazing in their individual performances.

The final area I will like to comment on was the “THE WORD”. The four speakers did articulate very well and furthermore their choosing of subtopics were just in collaboration with the main topic (Tomorrow May be Too Late). Each of them indeed mastered their choosing subtopics and delivered it well.

The occasion concluded with the Graduation of 3 of our Children from the Kids Ministry, to being promoted to the Youth ministry as of Next Year, 2023. We say a very being congratulations to Emmanuel Harding, Victoria Giple and Jeremiah Samy.

In conclusion, I urged us all too to please remember what our Senior Pastor, Mrs Mariatu Jalloh stated in her closing remarks. As parents, we should be our Children’s 1st Cheerleaders, and should always be there for our children. That is, we should endeavour to render all supports, especially our Spiritual support in their individual pursuits.

I further want to express heartfelt and sincere thanks to our formidable loving & caring teachers for job well done. May you all live long and be granted your heart desires by the Supreme Master Himself (Jesus). Amen.

Chosen Generation Kids Ministry Teachers 2022: Mrs. Mariama Kamara, Miss Catherine Gbarpo, Mr Leroy & Mrs May Paye and Miss Chantal Nahimana.

