

THOP CHURCH NEWSLETTER

January to March 2023

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Are You Listening?

The ability to hear is a wonderful thing. Many of us take it for granted until something either goes wrong or we get older and perhaps then need a hearing aid! Yet even when we can hear other people we don't always want to listen, do we?

We laugh at the jokes about men who have selected hearing, well at least that's what their wives say. Yet listening and being heard is important. We may believe that we are good listeners, but listening is more than waiting for your turn to interrupt.



According to [Active Listening: Why Empathetic Conversation Matters \(positivepsychology.com\)](https://www.positivepsychology.com)

Here are six tips to be a good listener:

1. *Non-verbal attention. Give non-verbal clues like nodding your head to let them know you are listening.*
2. *Be present with the person. Don't let your thoughts wander off as to what you will say next.*
3. *Be non-judgmental. You don't need to agree with everything said.*
4. *Allow silence. Respect people's quiet moments.*
5. *Paraphrase- repeat what the person says in your own words.*
6. *Ask questions. Keep the focus on the person, don't tell them about yourself.*

We all want to be heard! That's what is so great about prayer. The Bible reminds us that our God is interested in what we feel, say and do.



In Jeremiah 33:3 God says, 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'

In Psalms 50:15 "and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honour me." Our God is an interactive personal God who seeks a relationship with us. It's a two-way relationship. He also says in Isaiah 28:23 "Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear what I say." The question now is, **Are you listening?**

PRAYER: "Dear Lord, please teach us to trust you in You, even when we feel that we are underqualified. Amen."

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

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Message from Our Senior Pastor's Desk

Nehemiah's Hunger

MATTHEW 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

In Nehemiah 2:1-10 like Jesus Nehemiah gave up a high position in order to identify with the plight of his people. Like Jesus, He comes with a special mission, and He accomplished it (Isa 61:1-5) as we see in His mission statement.

In John 4:27-34, the disciples were asking Jesus to eat some food, but Jesus replied that **"I have food to eat that you do not know about...my food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work" (V-33-34).**

And like Jesus, Nehemiah's life was punctuated by His prayerful dependence on God (Neh 1:5, Lk 6:12). His purpose is not just to get the Jews back to Jerusalem, his ultimate goal is RESTORATION! The temple is rebuilt, the city walls are repaired, Jerusalem is constructed, the covenant is renewed, and the people are reformed.

Working with the priests, Nehemiah rebuilt Jerusalem despite great opposition from local residents who had remained behind during the Exile and people from surrounding nations. The example of Nehemiah's hunger for the house and the people of God, should stand as a lesson to us all who profess to be God's people.

When our strength as God's workman begins to fail, the enemy will plot to attack and cause the work to cease. Now as Nehemiah did, let us position ourselves with our weapons of Prayer at hand to prevent the enemy from getting in, remember it is not enough just to do the work of the Lord in the Church; we must also be prepared with God's weapons to guard and protect our hearts and the church we are building, from the ever present attack of Satan who wants to infiltrate our lives and cause the work of the Lord to cease.

Let us fight to live a spiritual home for our families, and generations yet unborn.

Led by the Holy Spirit, Nehemiah had the walls of Jerusalem dedicated, and the temple worship and praise resumed under the leadership of Ezra and the priest (Neh 12).

God's Spirit directs His people to rebuild what the enemy has destroyed so that God may be glorified, worshipped, and praise. Let us pray that God will put Holy and Spiritual hunger in our Spirit to build our local Church.

Hag 1:8 "Go up to the mountain and bring wood and and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified, says the LORD".

This is brethren, let us obey the word of the LORD. **"WHAT IS OUR WOOD IN TODAY'S CHURCH"?**

God bless you all.
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 Couple's Link Ministry's 8th Anniversary Celebration 2023

“Why Marriages Fail”

To begin, we give God all the Glory for allowing this Ministry to be established and still be functioning within The House of Prayer. For this year, 2023, the celebration was planned for 2 Days. These days were Saturday, February 18 & Sunday, February 19 respectively.

DAY 1: SATURDAY, 18th FEBRUARY 2023



For Sat, 18th Feb, we organised a Family Fun Picnic at Springfield Lake commencing from 10:00am.

The attendance was awesome! After we had lunch together, we then proceeded to the swimming pool area where the children displayed their potentials. Oh my Goodness! You can't believe it, but the children really had a good day out.

Can you imagine our freestyle competitors (Maria, Shekinah, Nariah, Lois, Theo, Sammy, Isaiah, Eric, Eunice, Jedidah, Isaac & Deborah to name a few) were very serious in demonstrating their individual talents in the water. Coming to the youths, they were on fire. They exhibited respect to each other, whilst having a great time with peers, swimming in the sun, which made me to congratulate each of them. Likewise, we the adults also had great fun in the water though we never had competition.

Finally, what was exuberant was the food. That is, there was enough food and meals to share (BBQ, rice, salad, pepper chicken, drinks, fruits, and deserts). Everything was in abundance & well prepared. We highly commend all those that contributed to making the outing/picnic a great success! That is, all those that lovely contributed. May the joy of Lord the always be our strength in every endeavour.

Amen.



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DAY 2: SUNDAY, 19th FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday, 19th Feb was celebrated as a Thanksgiving Service. The service was purely delegated to the Couples Link Ministry, and as such, there was as a Panelist Discussion, with the topic of discussion being: **WHY MARRIAGES FAIL?**

Two wonderful couples (the Morseray & the Harding families) addressed the congregation on this topic. The first speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Harding. In their presentation defined **Marriage as a legally or formally recognised union of two people as partners/spouse in a personal relationship, with the biblical understanding being made clear of a union between a Man & a Woman.** They further gave some examples of Marriages:

Civil and religious marriage, Interfaith marriage, Common-Law marriage, Monogamous marriage, Polygamous marriage, Secret marriage, Left-handed marriage, Mixed marriage, Same-sex marriage, Love marriage, Arranged marriage, Convenience marriage, Group marriage, Parenting marriage etc.



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Coming to the real reasons of “Why Marriages Fail”, they highlighted some points/ reasons why several times marriages do fail:

1. **Infidelity or an extramarital affair-** when one person goes outside of the relationship to get their need met, whether it is physical or sexual, this can doom a relationship. Where this happened, it is always very difficult in getting back that trust once a partner feels betrayed.

For extra- marital affairs, they gave a breakdown of 20-40% responsible for most marriages ending in divorce. That is, this might be one of the most common causes of divorce.

2. **Trouble with Finances-** Sometimes, money makes people funny, or so as the saying goes, and it can be true. If for instance, a couple is not on the same page about how the finances are going to be handled, it can lead to terrible problems. According to divorce statistics, a “final straw” reason for divorce is a lack of compatibility in the financial area and causes almost 41% of divorce.

In concluding this area, financial troubles can be categorized as one of the biggest causes of divorce, following infidelity, the one reason for divorce.

3. **Lack of Communication-** This is crucial in marriage and not being able to communicate effectively quickly leads to resentment and frustration for both, impacting all aspects of marriage. They further said that good communication is one a strong foundation for any strong marriage.

The second speakers were Mr. & Mrs. Morseray, who also acknowledged that marriage institution was established by the Almighty God. Sometimes according to them, marriage fail due to the in-Laws. Note: this can be father, mother, brothers, sisters, aunties or uncles’ and other extended family members. They admonished us that as the family being established, as parents, we should always think about them & plan well for their future.

Time - Here, the speakers said that couple sometime can’t make time for each other and as such, where this continues, marriage will start to crumble. Making time for each other as couples is very important for a strong and successful marriage.

Respect - Marriages may fail today due to lack of respect. Where common ground is being establish in the relationship, respect will surely be in place and such, the bond will be strong.

Both speakers really did well with the assigned topic and lot was learned.

In closing remarks, the Senior Pastor, Mrs. Mariatu Jalloh acknowledged & thanked the Couples Link’s executives for job well done. Pastor, Mrs. Mariatu Jalloh also thanked the panellists/speakers for enlightening us about some of the factors that are making marriages fail.

Ps. Mariatu Jalloh did called upon her husband to the podium for a demonstration to symbolise a heart and illustrated about how as humans we are created with a purpose but the moment our focus is being removed from God, we are automatically finished or die.



Couple’s Link Meets Monthly on the 1st Sunday of every Month.

If you’re interested in joining and being a part of this Ministry of Growth, please get in touch with Elder Eric Kamara and/or the Secretary: Mr. Irving Philips.

New topic of discuss each month!

*Location:
Church Auditorium -
318 Ritchie Road,
Pallara QLD 4110
Australia*



CHILD DEDICATION SUNDAY

Sunday, 26th February 2023



We say a very big
Congratulations to the
family, on this symbolic
milestone.

THOP Church
celebrates with you!

Amen.

Child dedication is a ceremony in which parents formally call upon God's blessing for their child and publicly commit to raise him or her in accordance with scripture.

Furthermore, a child dedication is a ceremony in which believing parents and families, make a commitment before the Lord to raise that child according to God's word and God's way. This practice is rooted in the passage found in Deuteronomy 6:4-7:

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk to them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

Based upon this, Sis. Aminah Tejan brought forward her baby (Sia Zainab Thomas) to be dedicated on Sunday, 26th February 2023, in the house of the Lord. The theme on that Sunday was FOUNDATIONS and Psalms 11:3 was the scripture that was read.

Foundations as defined by the woman of God is:

1. The lowest buried part of a building,
2. The under-laying basis/principle for any life,
3. The fact/idea that provide support etc.

As a human, if you want to live a life of peacefulness, you should have your foundation rooted in God. That is, just as a building without a proper foundation can easily crumble and fall, is the same with human beings and Christians. If one's life is not established purely in the things of God, you are dead.

So, the congregation and the dedicating family was told that there are responsibilities involved in Child Dedications. That is, the vow or commitment made, is instructed to raise her daughter in the ways of God and not according to the ways of the World. Some other responsibilities include teaching and training the child in God's word, demonstrating practical examples of Godliness, disciplining the child according to God's ways, and praying earnestly for her daughter.

This ceremony was a very beautiful occasion with family, friends, loved ones and lots of refreshments were served after the conclusion of the service.



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Saturday, 4th March 2023

John 3:5

Jesus answered,

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.”

Water Baptism is one’s first act of obedience after putting your trust in Him. When you are baptized with water, you are obeying the words and command of Jesus Christ. Water Baptism symbolizes that you are willing to follow Jesus, and have your life match His will for you.

We say a big congratulations to the following members of The House of Prayer. May you always remember this day, and may God's joy, love and peace fill you through all your tomorrows. Welcome to the Body of Christ.

1. *Mr. Alex Anderson Morseray*
2. *Miss Alice Blessing Precious Jalloh*
3. *Mr. Anderson Ngondai Morseray*
4. *Miss Catherine Gbarpo*
5. *Miss Nyanda Mariama Morseray*
6. *Mrs. Sieneh Davies Togbah*



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Open Hands Community Family FUNDAY

Saturday, 25th March 2023



The House of Prayer in Collaboration with Open Hands Community Care held a Community Family FUNDAY Event on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at the sports ground of the Church.



The occasion started at 12pm and finished at 5pm. There were a lot of activities on that day, some of which were as follows:



Drumming, Dancing, Face Painting, Kids games, Sacks race, Animal Farm, Pony rides, 7 prizes on offer for our Fundraising Raffles and Food Sales of our delicious African Cruises, spearheaded by the Virtuous Women.



Two sizable jumping castles were erected and the kids, youths as well young adults really had great fun. There were lot of people from diverse communities and indeed a lot of fun!



The weather in the morning hours was somehow fine though a little bit hot but from noon, this changed, but the King of Authority/ Commander in Chief was there and present.

What seemed to be severe rainfall, thunderstorm, and lightings already SEQ and surrounding suburbs of Pallara, all were vanished. That was a very formidable or instant miracle that amazed some of the guests that drove through heavy rain but reaching at the program site (Pallara), there was no rain, and on one occasion, a light drizzle barely noticeable.

In conclusion, the program was a success and will like to express sincere thanks and appreciation to the Executives, Organising Committee, Volunteers, our Partners and Sponsors for a job well-done and making this event possible, but most importantly, our THOP family, community members and guests for gracing the occasion. Indeed, all Praises and Glory always belongs to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Amen.

FINANCE UPDATE:

In total, \$3,170 was raised from the food sales, raffles, and fundraising games on the day. 100% of all proceeds raised on the day was donated to the Church. All thanks and praises to God Almighty!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Full Photo Gallery Available on the Open Hands Community Care Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.759204592436304&type=3>

Event Video Highlight available on the Open Hands Community Care YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leUNadWMdJY&t=2s>

Full Article on the Event available on the Open Hands Community Care Website:
<https://www.openhandscommunitycare.org.au/open-hands-diversity-day-celebrations-community-family-funday/>





The House of Prayer

Church Attendance Update

Q1 2023

We bless God for the Church attendance over the past quarter. On average, Adults = 80; Children = 25 are in attendance (please see below for actual results per services).

As it is written in Isaiah 56:7 – “I will bring them to my holy mountain of Jerusalem and will fill them with joy in my house of prayer. I will accept their burnt offerings and sacrifices, because my Temple will be called a **house of prayer for all nations**”.

May our homes, families and lives be filled with his unspeakable Joy.

May the house of God be a place of Prayer and Transformation for all Nation, as He has promised in his Word.

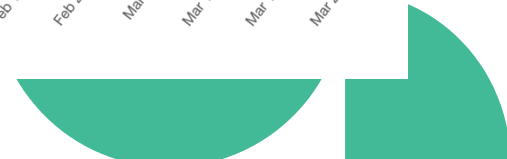
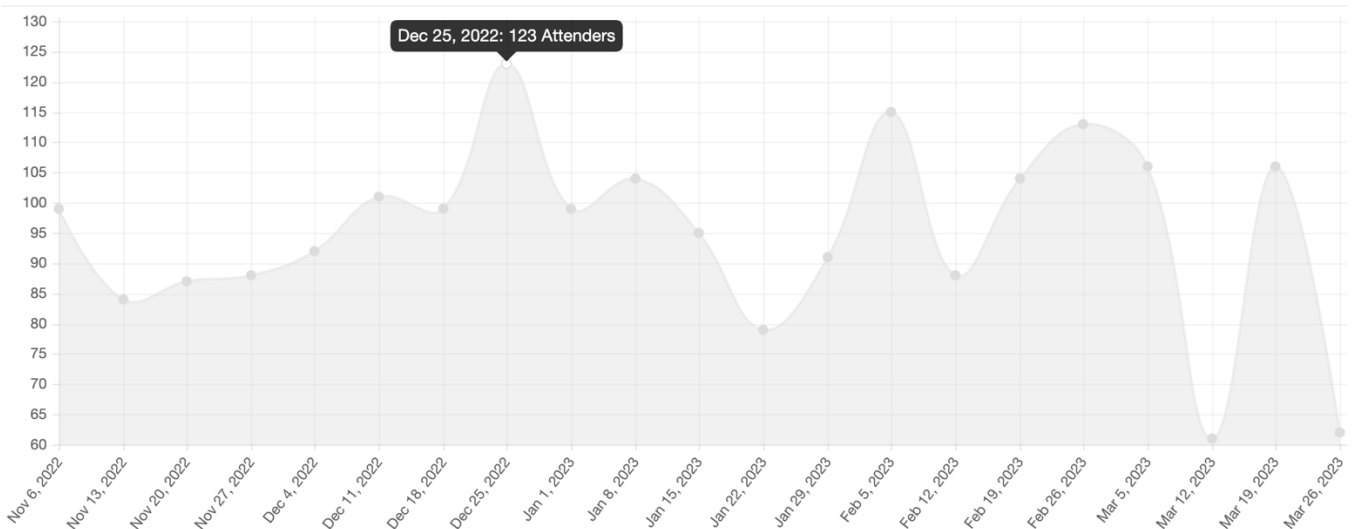
May He release from afar all those who he has purpose and destined to be in His House.

Amen!

⬇ Attendance is down by 29.5%

Compared to the Past 6 Months ▾

Total



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Church Finance Update

Q1 2023

MONTH TO MONTH SUMMARY:

MONTH	JANUARY 2023	FEBRUARY 2023	MARCH 2023
Acc Opening Balance:	\$9,252.55	\$12,395.73	\$6,516.78
<i>Tithes & Offertory Income</i>			
Membership Tithes	\$8,210.37	\$5,628.30	\$5,742.04
General Offerings	\$4,040.00	\$3,105.08	\$3,330.00
Thanksgivings	\$1,105.00	\$2,116.00	\$750.00
Other Income: Green Notes Show	\$2,125.00	-	-
Other Income: Yard	\$2,100.00	\$200	\$3,200
Other Income: Fundraising / Sales	-	-	\$3,170
(+) Church Income TOTAL	\$17,580.37	\$11,049.38	\$16,192.04
(-) Church Operating Exp. TOTAL	\$14,437.19	\$16,928.33	\$17,266.13
(=) Surplus (Deficit)	\$3,143.18	(\$5,878.95)	(\$1,074.09)
Acc Closing Balance:	\$12,395.73	\$6,516.78	\$5,442.69

Tithes & Offerings:

If you would like to give your Tithes & / or Offerings online, please use the following details:

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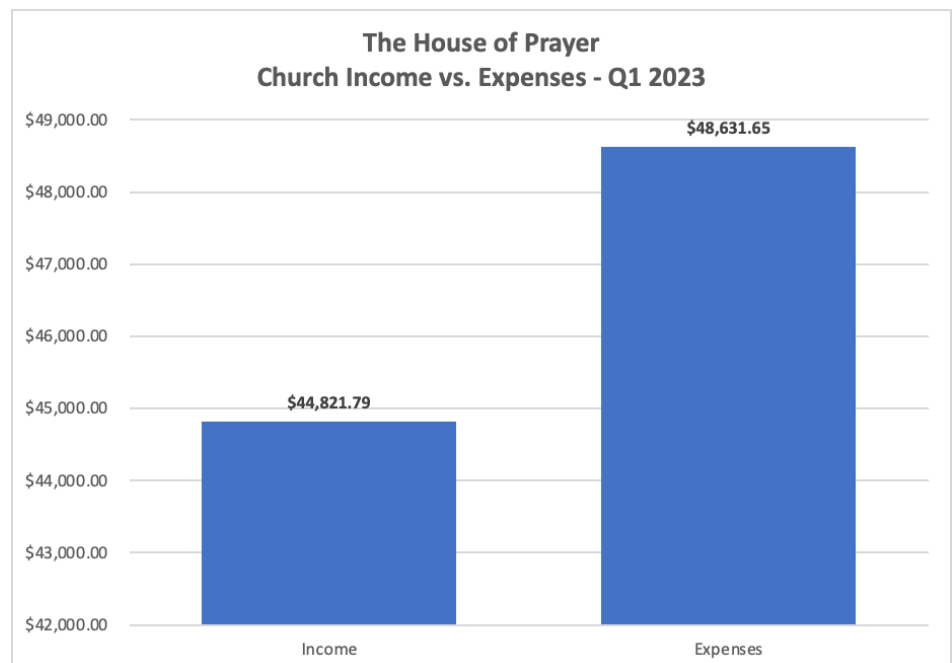
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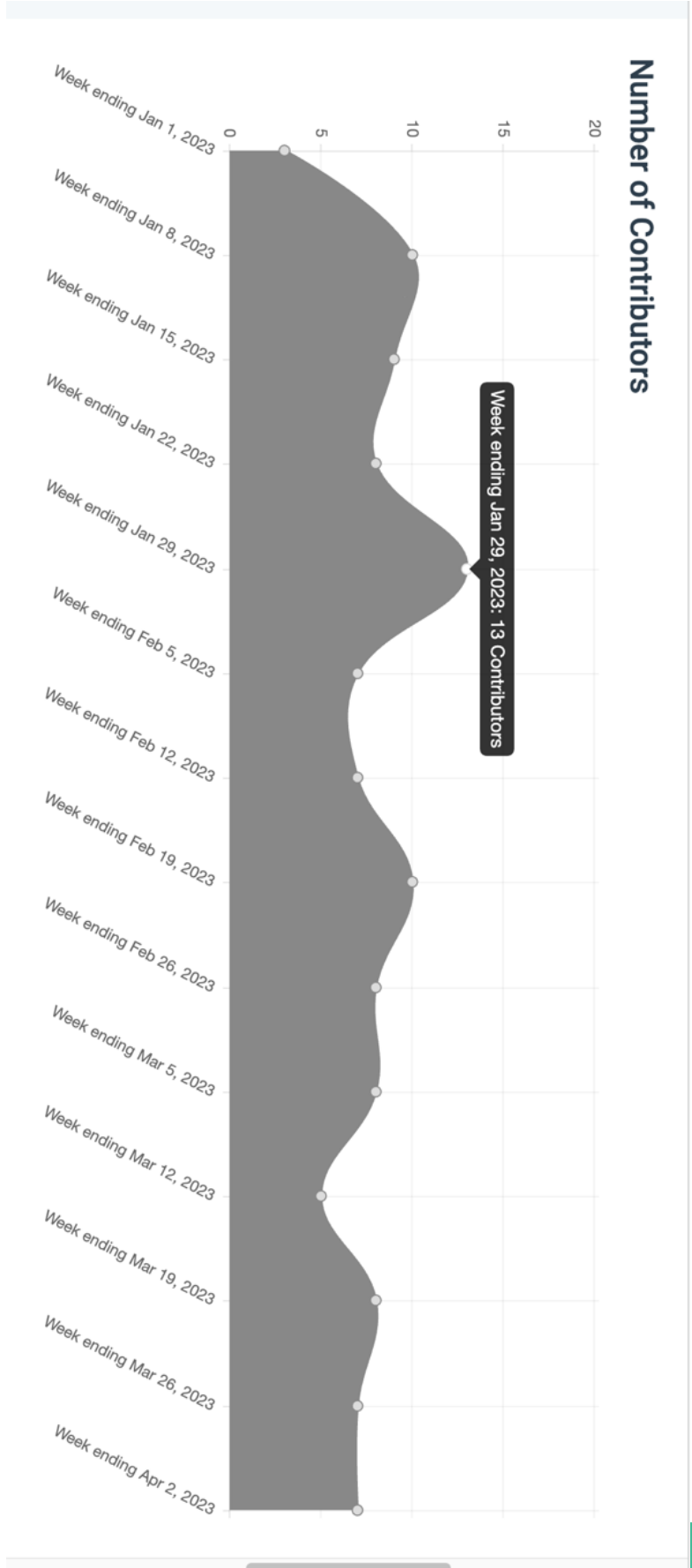
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CHURCH INCOME vs. - Q1 2023:



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NUMBER OF TITHERS - Q1 2023:



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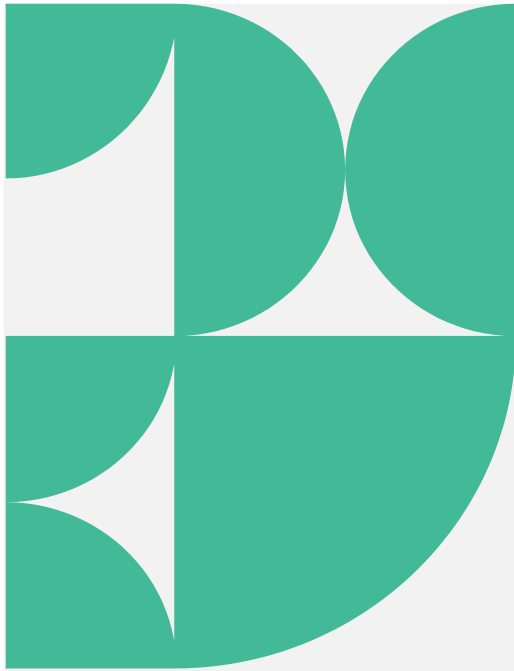
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Upcoming Events @ THOP Church in Q2 2023!

Check out our 2023 Calendar from:

April to June 2023,

for Key Upcoming Events in our Church
Community!

**Reminder to ALL
Church Workers:**

**Worker's Meeting
Sat. 22nd April 2023:
10am to 12pm
THOP Church**

- April 2023 – Papa Jalloh & Ps. Jalloh’s Birthday’s & Anniversary
- **Sunday, 30th April 2023 – Child Dedication Sunday**
- **Sunday, 14th May 2023 – Mother’s Day Service**
- **Friday, 26th May to Sat, 27th May – 1 Day with the Lord Prayer Retreat**
- **Fri, 9th June to Sun. 11th June 2023 – THOP turn’s 14!**
- **Sunday, 25th June 2023 – Child Dedication Sunday**

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



THE WOMEN ON PRAYER
Prayer 27
Pray & C with other offerings, and they shall cover the 12Heads of All Nations, with their 20 songs with 200+ ushers Ladies/Boys

April 2023

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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						

THE WOMEN ON PRAYER
Prayer 28 - 12

May 2023

Day	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			

THE WOMEN ON PRAYER
Prayer 29-10

June 2023

Day	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	

