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THOP CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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What is God Like? – All Knowing!

We bless you God today for you are great
and good and kind.
You are the All-knowing God.

You knew how people would behave and
you set in place a rescue plan for us.
You are the All-the all-knowing God.

You knew the heart of humans which is
towards self and not others.
You knew we needed a new heart.
You are the all-knowing God.

We thank you for sending Jesus to show us
to the Father and to pay the penalty for our
sins.
You are the all-knowing God.

Thank you for the transformation in our lives because we offered ourselves to you, the great all-knowing God! Amen!



God Omniscient, God All Knowing

God Omniscient, God all-knowing in His wisdom does ordain
Every working of creation to the glory of His name
Who His thoughts can dare to fathom, who His judgement can contain
None His equal, unassailable,
He our God who ever reigns.

God all keeping, Omnipresent, in the passing days of man.
First to last, not one forgotten by His strong and steering hand
He the Sovereign Lord and praise we, He the fount of Providence
On His word we rest unwavering, yes, His perfect word shall stand.

God Omnipotent and mighty, inexhaustible His strength
Governments and fleeting powers, melt before his majesty
How unsearchable His greatness, how inscrutable His ways.
Sing His greatness, and pre-eminence over all created things.

God unchanging, ever faithful to His covenant of Grace
We His people Christ ransom, to the glory of His name
Now ascribe unending worship, now ascribe immortal praise
To the God whose kingdom cometh,
Blessed be His matchless name.
Now ascribe unending worship, now ascribe immortal praise
To the God whose kingdom cometh,
Blessed be His matchless name; Blessed be His matchless name.

- Matt Boswell

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

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Message from Our Senior Pastor's

What an incredible year has 2023 been. It is remarkable how, financially, we have overcome the many times interest rates rise. All glory goes to God Almighty.



I and my husband would like to thank the Leadership Team of the Church, for their support and services to see a smooth running of the Church. With limited number, we have been able to achieve a successful year. We thank them for their sacrifice both time, money and self.

To the congregation, we say a very big thank you to those who have supported us to continue doing the work of God through their regular and continuous Tithing. This year has had its challenges globally, but your tithing has been a huge help to the church's financial commitments every month.

And a big thank you to those who week after week are ever ready to bring in their offerings, this has also helped in its capacity, to the day to day running of the church. Without fully understanding, you all choose to give in support of what we do for the Kingdom of God, in obedience to his word.

We will want to assure you all that, your monies are been used for the purpose to which it is given.

THE HOUSE OF PRAYER'S G.O.A.T (Greatest Of All Team)



As we wrapped up 2023, we honour the true hero's behind The House of Prayer Ministry, the people who labour with us in the vineyard of God: our remarkable Volunteers / Church Workers.

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,
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A huge and honorary mention goes to each and every one of these individuals. Your contribution to the various departments, Music Team, the Ushering Team, The Media Team, the I.T. & Tech Teams, the Welfare & Hospitality Team, The Chosen Generation Kids & Youths Ministries, The Couples' Link, The Men and Women's Ministries, The Young Adults, The Fundraising Team, the Decoration Team, and the list goes on and on!

We truly believe that The House of Prayer has the most exceptional team as YOU make things happen! Thank you immensely for all your hard work and dedication in 2023. We are beyond grateful! A louder Hurray to all the Coordinators, Executives & Heads of Departments of all various Departments. You guys are true legends.

Through the help of God we have had positive and tremendous outcomes in 2023, we have not only been able to impact our Church and our Community but also beyond through the Ministry of Open Hands Community Care and the Open Hands Foundation, Sierra Leone.

As we have entered into a new year, let us all be in expectation and anticipation for a great move of God in 2024. Let's keep moving, keep pushing, keep going, keep doing, keep giving, together, as we have had a tremendous 2023, we will also achieve a great and wonderful 2024.



2024 is not only our Year that the Church turns 15, but our year of experiencing the Holy Spirit & the great and awesome Power of the Lord! Be expectant for a great and wonderful move of God!

God bless you all Abundantly.
Pastors Sheriff & Mariatu Jalloh
Founders & Senior Pastors



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The Couple's Link Ministry & the Celebration of the 37th Wedding Anniversary of our Senior Pastors;

Mr. & Mrs. Jalloh

Marriage is God's way for couples to live together in a joyful relationship based on love, trust and mutual respect. However, many Christian couples have settled for second best in their marriages and many others struggle and are on the point of giving up.

The Couple's Link Ministry has been specifically designed to strengthen marriages as well as to restore and heal those that are struggling and in difficulties. The Ministry offers couples a safe place to spend personal time sharing their hearts with each other and receiving teaching, guidance, counsel and prayer.

In this Ministry, members are being encouraged to always pray and study the Bible together as family. Furthermore, this year, each member (couple) was assigned a specific question / topic and in every month during our regular monthly meetings, a couple will do a presentation based on the specific question / topic the couple was assigned with.

I can boldly say that we are gaining a lot from this Ministry and hereby encouraging other couples to come on board. Here are some of the questions presented during our sessions that has made a very great impactful difference on our Marriages:

1. The Importance of Marriage
2. Raising Children
3. Why Do We Get Married?
4. Marriage and In-Laws
5. Marriage and Friendship

Since 2022, the Ministry embarked on joining our Couples in the Celebration of their Marriages and their Wedding Anniversary. The month of April was dedicated to no other than our Senior Pastors; Mr & Mrs. Jalloh.

*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 -
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APRIL 2023:

Mr & Mrs Jalloh's 37th Anniversary Dinner:

We joined our Senior Pastors in the celebration of the Wedding Anniversary, which was held on 26th April 1986.

The Sunday commenced with a presentation held at Church in the morning of Flowers and a signed Card by Ministry members, followed by an evening of Dinner at the Church.



It was a beautiful night, and one of a kind event held in the Church Auditorium, celebrating the love and life built and shared built by our Pastors, in which we all are part of today. On the night the couple reminisced on their history and journey together, with our Daddy making us aware that the pair have known each other for over 50 years, been in a relationship for over 45years with 4 Children and 8 surviving grandchildren and counting. The Couple's Link Ministry and the wider church family celebrated this joyous night of Life & Love on Sunday, 30th April 2023.

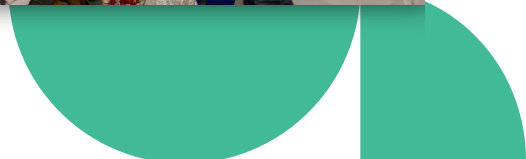


The occasion was very entertaining and a lot of VOK catered by the ever-wonderful Virtuous Women.

The Couples 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, serving as a testament and example to us all as their Children in the Lord.



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CHILD DEDICATION SUNDAY'S

April, June, Aug & Oct. 2023

“4 Services, 7 Families & 9 Children Brought to the Lord!”



Baby Dedications are viewed as a confirmation between the parents and the church to raise the child/children in a Godly way until the child/children is old enough to make decision in accepting Christ as their personal Saviour. The dedication of children is taught in the Bible. As a baby, Jesus was dedicated by his parents. Jesus also bestowed blessings on the children (Mark 10:16).

As a church, we want to celebrate the life of your child alongside you and your family. Child Dedications in our church are a way we can take time and pray as a church family and agree together with you and your family to raise your child together under the guiding of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. We surely believe in the next generation and future of your child's journey to discover their own relationship with Jesus.

The Bible says that it is an act of obedience by the parents to offer their baby to the Lord (Mark 10:13). It is a public declaration of their intention as parents to lay a foundation of Godly principles, with an intention to raise their child with Christian values (Deuteronomy 6:5-7) and to guide & educate their child in accordance with God's word (Ephesians 6:14).

APRIL 2023: On Sunday, 30th April 2023, Mr. & Mrs. Dehime brought their beautiful baby girl; Destiny Dehmie to be dedicated to the Lord. The Service was wonderful, with a sermon delivered by our Senior Pastor titled “The Importance of the Head”.

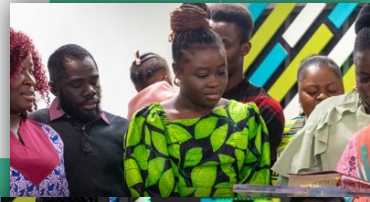
JUNE 2023: On Sunday, 26th June 2023 was a wonderful Worship Service Celebration that will never be forgotten! Since the establishment of the Church, this was the first time four (4) wonderful families brought forth their Children (5 in total) to be dedicated to the Lord.

The parents of the five children are:

1. Mr. & Mrs. Harding for the beautiful Twin Girls (Elizabeth & Martha Harding)
2. Mr. & Mrs. Glay for handsome baby boy (Lemuel Glay)
3. Mr. & Mrs. Paye for gorgeous baby boy (Azariah Paye)
4. Madam Fatu Sackor & the the Husband for their gorgeous daughter (Eliana Sackor)



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The Sermon on this day by the Senior Pastor, Mrs. Mariatu Jalloh, titled, "Commitment vs. Involvement". As there were five children, from four families to be dedicated unto the Lord, which was a first time event, and though posed a few challenges, yet was handled very successfully. The total attendance was very encouraging, but what really climaxed the occasion was that a soul was Saved, with the acceptance of Jesus Christ as their personal Lord & Saviour, in the presence of the Church. All Glory to God.

AUGUST 2023: On Sunday, 27th August 2023, Mr. & Mrs. Togbah brought their handsome boys; Alexander Togbah & Alisien Amisi, to be dedicated to the Lord. The Service was yet again another vibrant and impactful Sunday, with a sermon delivered by our Senior Pastor titled "The Foundations of Christianity". This Sunday also happened to be the 1st Wedding Anniversary of the Wonderful Couple. Congratulations were in double order for the family on this day!

OCTOBER 2023: On Sunday, 22nd October 2023, Mr. & Mrs. Mansaray brought their beautiful baby girl; Mylah Mansaray to be dedicated to the Lord. The ceremony was officiated by the Snr. Pastor; Mrs. Mariatu Jalloh. We should be thankful as parents for our kids! God has a purpose and a plan for each of His Children according to Woman of God.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" Jeremiah 29:11.

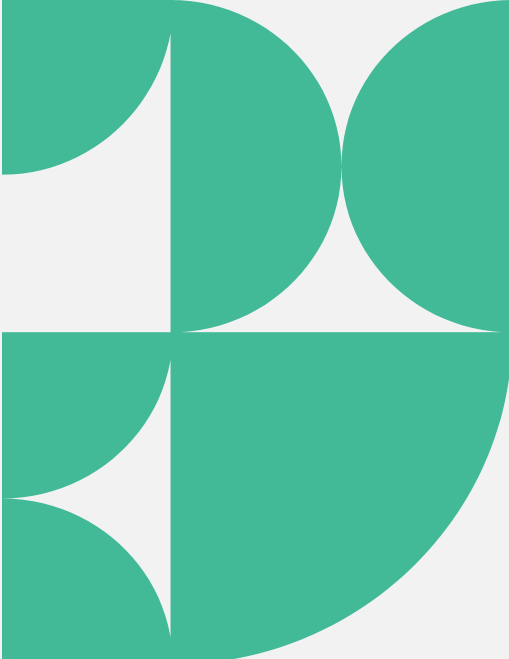
A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT:

As parents, we should know that it's up to us in pointing our kids towards Jesus! Jesus encouraged His disciples to bring the children to Him. Parents are to continue asking for Wisdom from God as they have a responsibility to TEACH their children about God & TRAIN them in the ways of the Lord.

The scripture says, "He who fears the Lord has secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge" Proverbs 14:26.

We are to remain committed to raising our kids to know Jesus personally, to love God wholeheartedly, and to walk out their lives in as the Holy Spirit empowers and enables them.

Indeed 2023 was an incredible year, not only for the increase in our Church families, but also for the number of Children dedicated unto the Lord in His House. A very big congratulations goes to all the seven (7) families, for the dedications of all nine (9) wonderful and precious gifts unto the Lord!



The House of Prayer's 14th Church Anniversary Celebrations Fri, 9th June – Sun, 11th June 2023



As per tradition, we at THOP always have a “Day with the Lord” whereby virtue, the church congregation meets for a Day’s Prayer Retreat at 11pm on the Last Friday in the month of May, to pray and fast until the next day, concluding at 6pm.

Saturday, 27th May this year was the day we fasted and rendered prayers together unto the Lord though only a few members were in attendance. An important topic discussed was “**WAIT**” by Elder Alex Morseray from the book of Acts of the Apostles. Waiting according to John of Damascus, the ancient Greek theologian, defined waiting as “the elevation of the mind to God.” The knowledge of God is best revealed in silent waiting. Scriptures declares, “Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalms 46:10).

Reason for this simply is to acknowledge God’s Divine grace, Strength and for all He have done in the life of the Ministry.

Our 14th Church Anniversary celebrations were held for 3 days.



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DAY 1: Friday, 9th June, the day we had our TRIVIA & GAMES NIGHT at 6pm. Those in attendance would attest to the great fun and time had in the presence of the Lord. There were 2 sessions of TRIVIA games. In the first game, Bible Quiz: via Kahoot, the winner was our youth, Anderson Morseray, while in second Bible Quiz, the winners were Mrs. Kargbo and Hannah Kamara. The last and most fun we had with a game titled “Song Associations”, congregations forming groups, and singing songs, based on Themes and Words such as “Joy”, “Love”, and “Wonderful”. Not only were golden and melodious voices heard, but new talents of song compositions were discovered. “Wonderful Counsellor...hmmm hmmm”!

DAY 2: Saturday, 10th June, was dedicated to our Movie Montage, a films and tributes to each of our Ministries of THOP, from church Launching in 2009 until present. This was all about how far God have brought from and where we are. Indeed, we can all agree that even in our individual lives, there has been a lot of changes Physically and Spiritually.

DAY 3: Sunday, 11th June was declared as our Annual Thanksgiving Service with a sermon delivered by our Senior Pastor titled: **“ONE DOCTRINE, ONE AGENDA”**. Before the Senior Pastor, Mrs. Mariatu Jalloh’s sermon, she said that the word for the congregants never came from her husband or herself rather it came from the Lord. The Senior Pastor started by saying also that just as we watched the Movie Montage of how we started and how far the Lord have brought us during these 14 years of the Ministry, doesn’t know whether anyone during that night noticed how she looked or someone at the beginning as compared to now (haha).

That is, what the Senior meant for instance/example was that if our wardrobes has progressed then as believers in the Lord, our knowledge of Him too needed to be progressing!

Another Goodness of the Lord the Senior Pastor laid emphasis on was the increase in the numbers with our families (child bearing) among our congregation which we all can attest to. According to Senior Pastor, God has been so good and generous to us (provision of land flowing with milk and honey). As such, we need to be grateful and continue celebrating Him at all contest though with no force. This year as a Church, our focus as the body of Christ is One Doctrine – the Doctrine of Jesus Christ our Saviour, and One Agenda – fulfilling his mission bestowed on us, here on Earth!

The service concluded with a beautiful lunch set up, organized and setup by the Decoration Team, with meals catered by the Virtuous Women, and graciously served by the Men of Valour. This was a valiant and beautiful display of true House of Prayer teamwork, which always makes the dream work. A very big thank you is extended to all for being a part of this grand occasion in the Life of the Church, celebrating how far he has brought us all.

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RECAP OF KEY EVENT'S THROUGHOUT THE MONTH'S

MID-YEAR THANKSGIVING:

Sun, 23rd Jul. 23



The biblical meaning of thanksgiving in Hebrew word is towdah (to-daw) which means confession, praise, and offering. When we give thanks in the truest sense of the biblical word, we offer God our praises and acknowledge to Him that He is the giver of all good gifts.

Of course, the greatest gift from God is salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. That is, even if everything else is going wrong in our lives, we always have the good news of the gospel to give thanks for. We can always praise God for creating and loving us unworthy sinners. We as believers can always praise God for Jesus's death and resurrection that paid the price for sin that no good works or intentions could ever pay. By confessing that Jesus is Lord and personal saviour, we can praise Him for the eternal life He has given us and that life with Him lasts forever. Amen!

The Gospel is our everlasting reason to give thanks. But of course, because God is always good, we can always find more in our lives to be grateful to Him for.

Our Mid-Year Thanksgiving Service was held on Sun, 23rd July, 2023. It was good that those in attendance, came forth with their thanksgivings unto the Lord.

**“I will praise the name of God with a song; I will
magnify Him with thanksgiving.”**

Psalms 69:30



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Virtuous Women's 12th Anniversary:

Sat, 19th Aug - Sun, 20th Aug. 23



Virtuous Women's 12th Anniversary Celebration and Thanksgiving was held on Sat, August 19th & Sun, Aug 20th 2023 respectively. Day 1 was a Women's Semiar and Day 2, their annual Thanksgiving. The church atmosphere was overwhelming as Virtuous Women mounted the stage for praise and worship. With their golden voices, shouting and clapping were unbelievable. What really made this part of the service remarkable was that the singers were all first timers of blessing souls with their good voices.

But yeh, when it was time for the day message themed: **"The Purpose of a Woman"**, it was again another uproar among the congregants.

The first speaker who was Mrs. Mercy Gondah. The preacher began saying that she was at the podium as representative of the women and as such will not like any title or someone saying she was her daughter, Sister etc. The preacher defined the word **'Purpose'** as reason for which something is done or created. Or for which something exists. That is, God Almighty did created for some sort of purpose. The speaker continues by saying that God created a woman very uniquely with a sense of purpose. She outlines the following as a purpose of a woman:

Teacher, helper, prayerful, fruitfulness, wise counsellor, responsible, an intercessor, desire of growing, productive, Be wise in the sight of God & others and becoming good teacher and be teachable etc.

The second speaker for the Service was Mrs. Victoria Parsons. The speaker's topic was titled: **"Purpose of a Woman in the Church"** The speaker focused on Proverbs 31 the following especially from verses 10 downwards:

- Virtuous woman doesn't waste time.
- Proverbs 31 woman never engaged in gossip.
- Proverbs 31 woman is industrious.
- Proverbs 31 woman need to be a businessperson.



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- Proverbs 31 woman is humble.
- Proverbs 31 woman never complain or dispute.
- Proverbs 31 woman should be a peace maker rather than adding petrol to fire.

In general, a purpose of a virtuous woman in the service of God is to desires wisdom knowledge and furthermore, the spirit of discernment.

In summarising the messages of both speakers, the Snr. Ps. Mrs. Mariatu said to succeed as women, she urged them group to stayed together. She further emphasised that there is something very distinct in woman who dominate in a man’s world. The woman said that women hold the remote control, and some have muted or reduced their husband at home. She said that everything God created was but when He later discovered that there was no woman, He again said it was not good.

The woman of God, Snr. Ps. Mrs. Mariatu Jalloh admonished us that women are to use their power the posses well and in the will and nature of God. A Virtuous Woman never takes “no” for an answer and should refused to be the Eve of the beginning of creation. She further said that virtuous woman is a crown on her husband’s head and further has the scepter of power.

In conclusion, the service was yet again another vibrant display of comradery, and at the end, some gifts of appreciation were handed to each woman in attendance.

THOP Music Team’s Annual Thanksgiving:

Sat, 28th Oct - Sun, 29th Oct. 23



The Music Team of the church celebrated their Annual Thanksgiving on Sat, 28th & Sun, 29th October respectively. Saturday 28th October 2023 from 6pm was celebrated as Worship Night with a Guest Minister: Bro. TJ from the Redeemed Christian Church of God – Jesus Worship Centre. The evening was an atmosphere of an intimate time of Worship with God, with our Music Team in collaboration the guest minister, really blessing our souls with their sweet melodies. I personally admired the worship, at atmosphere set and enjoyed the night fully.



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Sunday 29th October was their annual Thanksgiving service with the Theme: **“The Power & Purpose of Praise & Worship”**. The speaker was Miss Sylvia Belleh, one of their own who really delivered the message to the level that souls were blessed.

The purpose of praise & worship - as it relates to singing, dancing, and praying to create an intimate space between you and the Lord, allowing Him to speak directly to your heart in such a way you are drawn nearer to Him. As a result, He is glorified, and you go deeper into your identity in Him. But you ask 10 people, “what really is praise & worship?” you will get 10 deferent answers. This is simply because praise and worship are personal, uniquely touching the hearts of believers. Equally so, you would find a common theme in the answers- the mouth sings what is in the heart.

Luke 6:45 reads, “... For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”

Praise and worship are opportunities to speak from your heart to the heart of God. Finally, below are few Benefits of Praising God:

1. Praise lifts your spirit.
2. Praise helps you sense God’s presence.
3. Praise enlarges your perception of God.

The Holy Bible tells us in **Psalms 69:30: “I will praise the name of God with song with song and magnify Him with thanksgiving” (AMP)**. When we look at something with magnifying glass, it gets bigger. When God gets bigger, our problems get smaller. Either your problems will be big, or God will be big. It’s always your choice!

Men of Valour’s 13th Anniversary:

Sun, 12th Nov. 23

The Men of Valour of THOP is a Ministry for men within our Church, that is specifically designed to minister to the need of men. The ministry is focused on helping men grow in their faith, develop healthy relationships with other men, and become better leaders in their homes, churches and communities at large.

Last Year 2023 on Sun, 12th of November, the Men of Valour celebrated their 13th Anniversary with the **Theme: “The Purpose of Men”**. There were 3 speakers designated for the word on that day.

The first speaker was Bro James Koryon: In his opening remarks, Mr. Koryon said that he was not a pastor and as such he was not at the podium to preach, but rather facilitate a discussion amongst the Church, as a representative from the men’s department of the church.

He then began stating subtopics like:

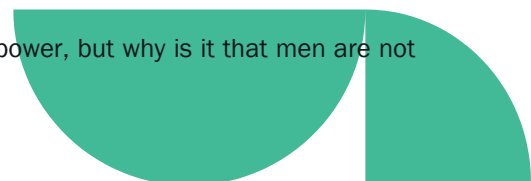
1. Who is a man, then what is purpose?
2. What is purpose?
3. The role men in then church?

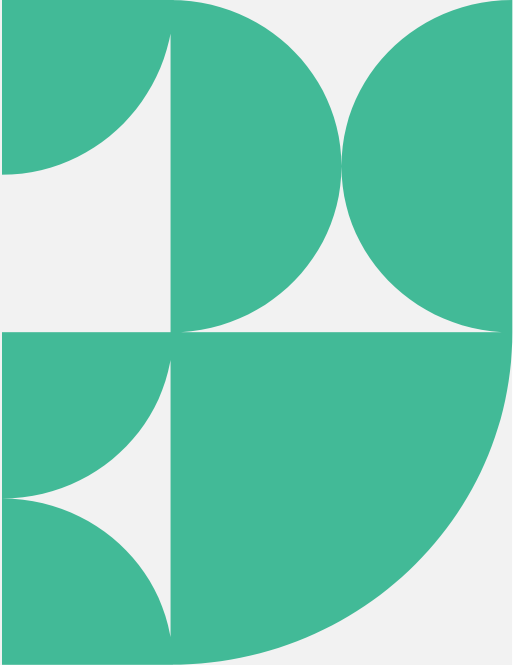
Now in his deliberation, he said that Man is created being in the image of God and likeness (Colossians 3:10). God indeed gave us dominion over everything that was created by Almighty God but due to men’ disobedience, Satan slashes that dominion from men.

Dominion according to the speaker is knowledge, power, but why is it that men are not



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using these. The Adam was let down through the love of his wife (Eve) whom the serpent made fool out of & she in turn made her lovely husband to fall. The second Adam, who is the Lord Jesus, has also come to empower us in regaining the power lost by first Adam in the garden of Eden. Bro James urged men to arise again as there are lot of responsibilities still lies ahead of us in kingdom building. He further went on to define the term Ministry.

Our facilitator said that purpose is the reason why God created us, redeem us and how we are to live for His Glory which is relative to His decree. The Brother furthermore stated that it is incumbent upon men in fulfilling God's living purpose of existence. Remember, God will surely reward everyone according to our deeds (Jeremiah 32:19). In conclusion, the facilitator concluded with Isaiah 46:10 & 11.

The second speaker was Elder Alex Morseray who delivered his message, stating, if ever we are together, we suppose to do things in one accord. Elder Alex Morseray then goes into the book of Genesis 1:26-29 and classed it as foundation/purpose for God's creation of mankind. Man's purpose is to take complete authority over everything. He further goes on illustrating this in relation to Isaiah 43:7- God Glorification as mankind first task/responsibility. According to the speaker, mankind suffering today is simply because they have turned away from God Almighty who created them.

Secondly, the speaker said that as men, we should fear the lord always & keep His commandments/precepts (Ecclesiastes 12:12&13). Third points the preacher made was to always praise our maker in good times as well bad times.

The third or final speaker was the Senior Pastor, Mr. Sheriff Jalloh who started by saying that if men lose their power, the whole world will be in jeopardy. From here, the senior pastor, Daddy Sheriff Jalloh took us to the book of Genesis 11:1-9. From the first few verses, the speaker urged us to please underlined the words:

(Let us) and emphasised that wherever these 2 words are using signified group of people. That is, not 1 but 2 plus. Daddy Sheriff Jalloh explained that if per adventure the entire congregation of THOP (The House of Prayer) could be speaking one Language, there will surely be a unique way of doing things without hurting anyone feelings. As such, there will always be love, joy and peace. But going further, the senior pastor, Mr. Sheriff Jalloh said that the people failed simply because pride entered them, and God's wrath came upon them, and the Tower Babel was destroyed/stopped as their unique Language was put into confusion. Due to this, came multiples Languages into world.

In the book of Judges 6:1-9, the speaker said that because the Israelites disobey God, He let them to go with their free will and endured their reward (defeat) by their enemies. But when a prophet was sent to them and revealed what they done and Israel repented or turned back to God Almighty, they were rescued or granted another opportunity. From this narrative, the preacher urged men to rise again and do what purpose they were created for.

The Men Choir were fantastic in their performing/singing during praise and worship & the song ministrations was fabulous that I believed touches souls. Indeed, the men represented the Ministry and again, together, all put up a very good program in celebration of the Lord as Men of the House. I am therefore hereby expressing sincere thanks and appreciation to all that rendered that service. Also, Bravo to every man that contributed towards the success of the program 2023.





21 Days of Prayer & Fasting:

Sun, 19th November to Sat, 9th December 2023

Every Year at the House of Prayer, 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting is pronounced by the by our Overseers and 2023 was no exception. The fasting commenced last year from Sun, 19th November and concluded Saturday, 9th December 2023.

Fasting is a spiritual discipline that is taught in the Bible. Jesus expected His followers to fast, and He said that God rewards Fasting, according to the Bible, means voluntarily reduce or eliminate your intake of food for a specific time and purpose.

In the Bible, fasting is always connected with prayer. That is, fasting gives you more time for prayer. Fasting demonstrates the depth of your desire when praying for something. It shows you that you are serious enough about your prayer request to pay a personal price. God honours deep desire and praying faith. Fasting releases God's supernatural power. It is a tool we can use when there is opposition to God's will. Satan would like nothing better than to cause division, discouragement, defeat, depression, and doubt among us. United prayer fasting has always been used by God to deal a decisive blow to the enemy!

The whole 21Days of Prayer & Fasting was categorised in 3 parts. That is:

Week 1 - Prayers of Repentance and Petition: As a Christian or believer, Repentance is very vital in your life as well the unbeliever. Repentance is not just asking God Almighty for pardon or forgiveness, but rather repentance involves a decision to live differently, to live as God would want us to live, rather than how we might want to lead our lives. That is, saying "Not my will but your will be done".

Week 2 - Restoration: Restoration can be defined as the act of returning something to its former condition. Making something new again. Restoring can also make things better than their current state. The Bible says a lot about this. For example, **"Through God's Grace He Will Restore" 1 Peter 5:10.**

Week 3 - God's Spirit & Power: The Holy Spirit holds an immense significance in the life of the believer according to the word of God spoken in the Holy scriptures. Furthermore, the Holy Spirit plays a central role in the Christian's faith, guiding, empowering, teaching, transforming and converting believers. It's through God's Spirit within us that we can gain spiritual understanding and insight. **"For what man knows the things of a man except (by) the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except (by) the Spirit of God" (1 Corinthians 2: 11- 12).**



End of Year Thanksgiving Service:

Sun, 17th December 2023

THOP's End of Year Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday, 17th December 2023. For Christians, Thanksgiving Service is a chance to ask God for forgiveness for our sins, repent for our disobedience, and express gratitude for all He has given us. That is why, for Christian, this special day of service is about more than good food shared among friends. But rather, it's about singing the Lord's praises. He created everything we enjoy in this world, and all good comes through His grace.

In another development, Thanksgiving service is centered on gratitude, urging people to look inward at what they have instead of outwards at what they want. On this note, in our church that day, those present in service were given the opportunity to mount the podium and render their testimonies and thanksgivings unto the Lord for 2023.

The service was well organised and beautiful with families and individual happily testifying of the Lord goodness in theirs's and their families lives.

Finally at the end of service that day, the Senior Pastors Mr. & Mrs Mariatu Jalloh presented some gift items to the Women for their relentless and fervent participation in the catering of our 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting.

Carols & Christmas Service:

Sun, 24th December 2023

This Year, THOP's Carols and Christmas Service was held Sunday, 24th December 2023. Christmas is an annual festival celebration commemorating the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25. This year the sermon titled "Unto Us" was delivered by our Pastor, with the Music Team leading the congregation in carols and chorus' in celebration of the birth of our Lord!

Though a very rainy day with severe thunderstorms experience here in Brisbane, the service was indeed a joyous day, with the service concluding with merry cheers, rejoicing and gift shared amongst all our Chosen Generation Kids, courtesy of Open Hands Community Care.

We thank God for all he has done for the Ministry and our families as a whole. Indeed 2023 was our Year of God's Greater Glory, and we look forward to 2024 & beyond in the Life of the Church and its subsidiary Ministries!

THOP's Crossover Service:

Sun, 31st December 2023

Many churches usher in New Year with what is called a Watch-Night service. These services typically include fellowship activities, singing, prayer and a message or devotional thought by the enior pastors/ Church Leaders. Usually, this Crossover to New Years' service climaxes at midnight with a time of prayer.

The House of Prayer's Crossover service was held on Sunday night, 31st December from 10pm until 12 midnight: Mon, 1st Jan 2024. There was great jubilation among the congregation when countdown came to its final rest (12am).

What an hour and privilege to witness another Year in good health! All thanks and appreciation to the Lord, for allowing us cross over to 2024 with our families, friends and we look forward to a greater year ahead. Welcome to 2024: our Year of the Holy Spirit & POWER!



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Church Attendance Update

Q2 to Q4 2023

We bless God for the Church attendance over the past 9 months, with an attendance increase of approximately 10% when compared to the past 6 months. On average, Adults = 90 to 100; Children = 30 to 50 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.

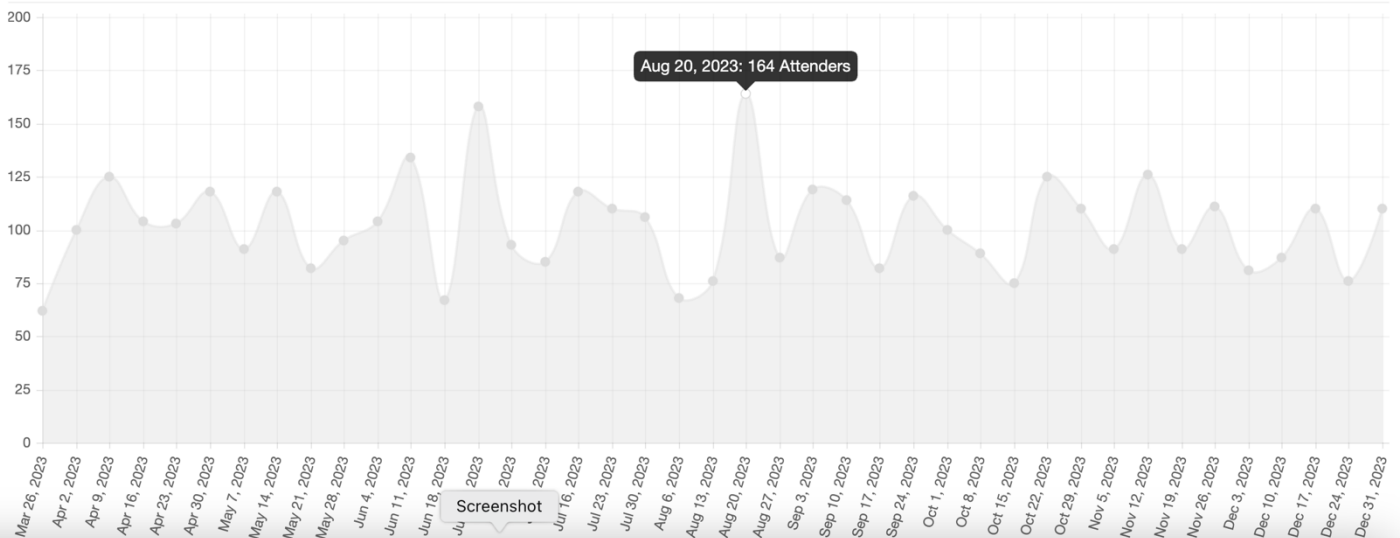
May the house of God be a place of Prayer and Transformation for all Nation, as He has promised in his Word.

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

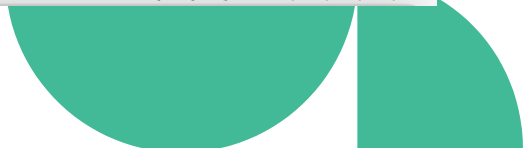
Attendance is up by 10%

Compared to the Past 6 Months

Total



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Church Finance Update

CASH SUMMARY (JAN to DEC 2023): Preliminary

Cash Summary

The House of Prayer
For the 12 months ended 31 December 2023

	JAN-DEC 2023	JAN-DEC 2022	VARIANCE
Income			
Fundraising & Sales	3,570.00	-	- -
General Offering	43,606.09	51,572.50	-15.45% ↓
Government: Grants & Subsidies	49,000.00	-	- -
Membership Tithes	77,615.01	69,290.30	12.01% ↑
Other Income - Thanksgivings, Gifts & Donations	43,582.50	30,186.00	44.38% ↑
Other Income - Yard	19,950.00	11,550.00	72.73% ↑
Other Offering - Birth Contest	-	11,430.55	-100.00% ↓
Other Offering - Green Notes Show	5,555.00	5,230.00	6.21% ↑
Total Income	242,878.60	179,259.35	35.49%
Less Expenses			
Accounting Fees	875.00	650.00	34.62% ↑
ATO clearing account	(2,413.00)	-	- -
Bank Fees	733.42	790.01	-7.16% ↓
Christian Copyright Licensing International	-	823.64	-100.00% ↓
Church Ministries & Department Expenses	-	285.00	-100.00% ↓
Church Office Supplies & Stationery	324.54	875.15	-62.92% ↓
Cleaning & Kitchen Supplies	-	185.00	-100.00% ↓
Consultancy Expenses	-	1,621.00	-100.00% ↓
Council Rates	4,122.09	5,453.49	-24.41% ↓
Electricity	11,909.42	7,832.66	52.05% ↑
Filing fee	265.60	1,014.00	-73.81% ↓
Functions / Conferences / Meetings	-	350.00	-100.00% ↓
General Expenses	55.00	20,000.00	-99.73% ↓
Honourariums, Gifts & Donations (Missions)	250.00	5,800.00	-95.69% ↓
Insurance	2,669.53	2,013.82	32.56% ↑
Legal Expenses	-	400.00	-100.00% ↓
Motor Vehicle Expenses	5,512.28	3,666.26	50.35% ↑
PAYG Withholdings Payable	4,462.00	(208.00)	2,245.19% ↑
Printing & Marketing	1,672.73	1,145.45	46.03% ↑

Screenshot

Tithes & Offerings:

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

BSB: 064 159

ACC: 1028 7965

Reference: "YourName" Tithes

BANK: CommBank

Donations, Missions & Community Care:

Donations to our Community Care are tax-deductible. Please use the following details

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Account: 1045 2406

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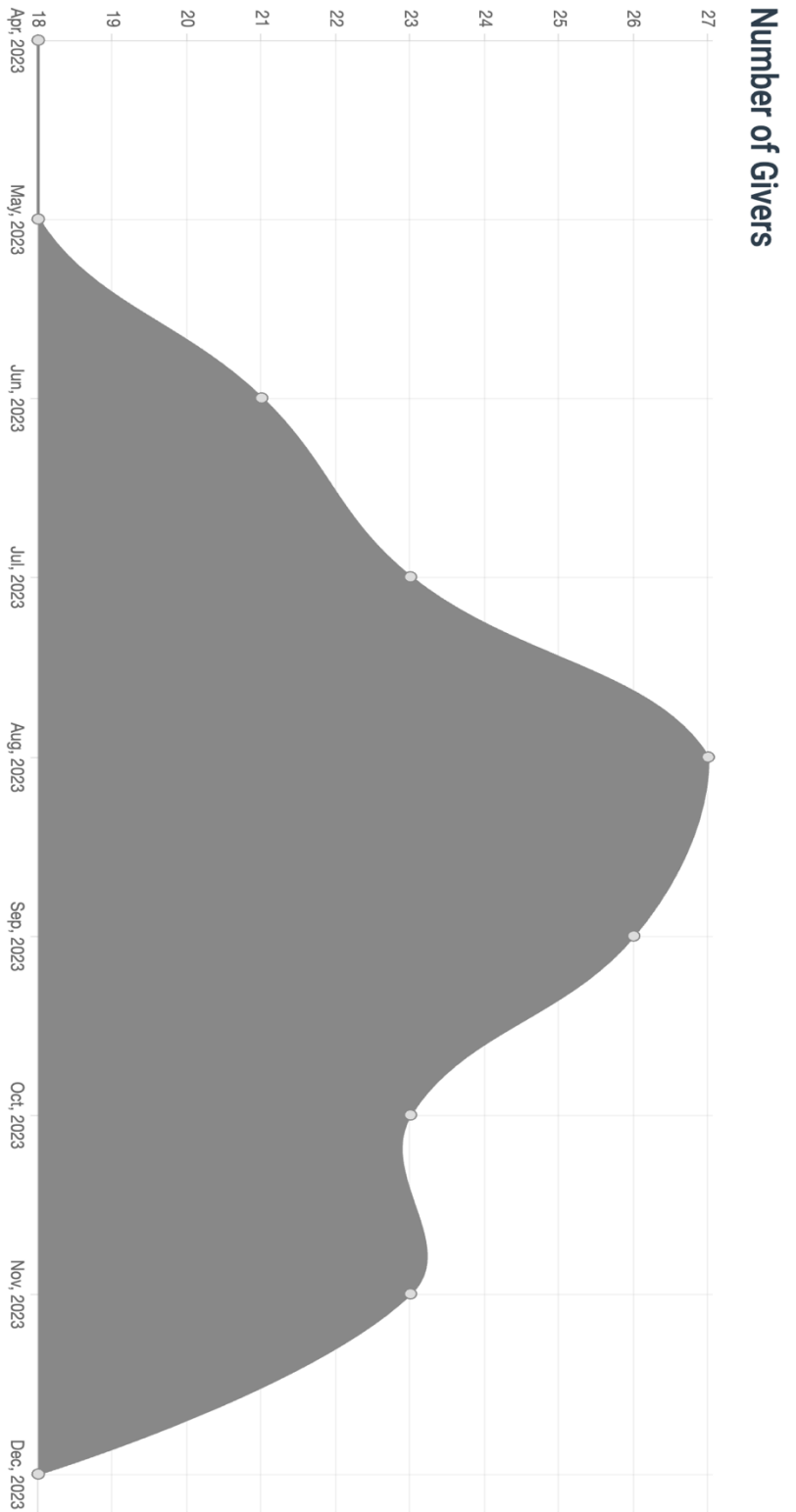
	JAN-DEC 2023	JAN-DEC 2022	VARIANCE
Rent	102,174.00	79,959.00	27.78% ↑
Repairs & Maintenance	-	1,385.63	-100.00% ↓
Rounding	(1.04)	1.04	-200.00% ↓
Subscriptions	419.80	419.80	- —
Sundry Expenses	208.00	-	- —
Superannuation	4,214.86	4,018.82	4.88% ↑
Superannuation Payable	(2,276.86)	202.58	-1,223.93% ↓
Susu saving account	25,000.00	1,000.00	2,400.00% ↑
Telephone & Internet	1,040.87	997.69	4.33% ↑
Urban Utilities	676.74	544.45	24.30% ↑
Wages and Salaries	39,208.00	39,208.00	- —
Xero Accounting Software	681.18	631.06	7.94% ↑
Total Expenses	201,784.16	181,065.55	11.44%
Surplus (Deficit)	41,094.44	(1,806.20)	2,375.19%
Plus Other Cash Movements			
Fixed Assets	(43,276.82)	(5,060.45)	-755.20% ↓
Total Other Cash Movements	(43,276.82)	(5,060.45)	-755.20%
Plus GST Movements			
GST Collected	2,255.96	3,582.07	-37.02% ↓
GST Paid	(7,111.08)	(2,647.40)	-168.61% ↓
Net GST Movements	(4,855.12)	934.67	-619.45%
Net Cash Movement	(7,037.50)	(5,931.98)	-18.64%
Summary			
Opening Balance	9,252.55	15,184.53	-39.07%
Plus Net Cash Movement	(7,037.50)	(5,931.98)	-18.64% ↓
Cash Balance	2,215.05	9,252.55	-76.06%

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38.

For further Information, please see the Church Finance Team!

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NUMBER OF TITHERS - APRIL TO DECEMBER 2023:



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Upcoming Events @ THOP Church in Q1 2024!

Check out our 2024 Calendar from:

January to March 2024,

for Key Upcoming Events in our Church Community!

Reminder to ALL Church Workers:

Worker's Meeting Will be held in Q1 of 2024. Stay tuned on the WhatsApp for Date/s.

- Sun, 14th Jan 2024 – Green Note's Show
- Sunday, 18th February 2024 – Couple's Link Ministry's Thanksgiving!
- Sun, 24th March 2024 – Palm Sunday
- Friday, 29th March 2024 – Good Friday
- Sunday, 31st March 2024 – Easter Sunday

Our 2024 Car Bumper Stickers & Fridge Magnet Calendars are Available NOW!

See Church Ushers for your copy.



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Genesis 1:1-3 (NKJV)
 1. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
 2. The earth was without form, and void, and darkness [a]was on the face of the deep.
 And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

January 2024

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			



Exodus 9:16 (NKJV)
 16. But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.
 Romans 9:17 (NKJV)
 17. For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth."

February 2024

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		



Acts 1:8 (NKJV)
 8. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
 Luke 24:49 (NKJV)
 49. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you, but tarry in the city [of Jerusalem] until you are endued with power from on high."

March 2024

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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