



RCCG OPEN HEAVENS
CHRISTIAN CENTRE, DUNDEE



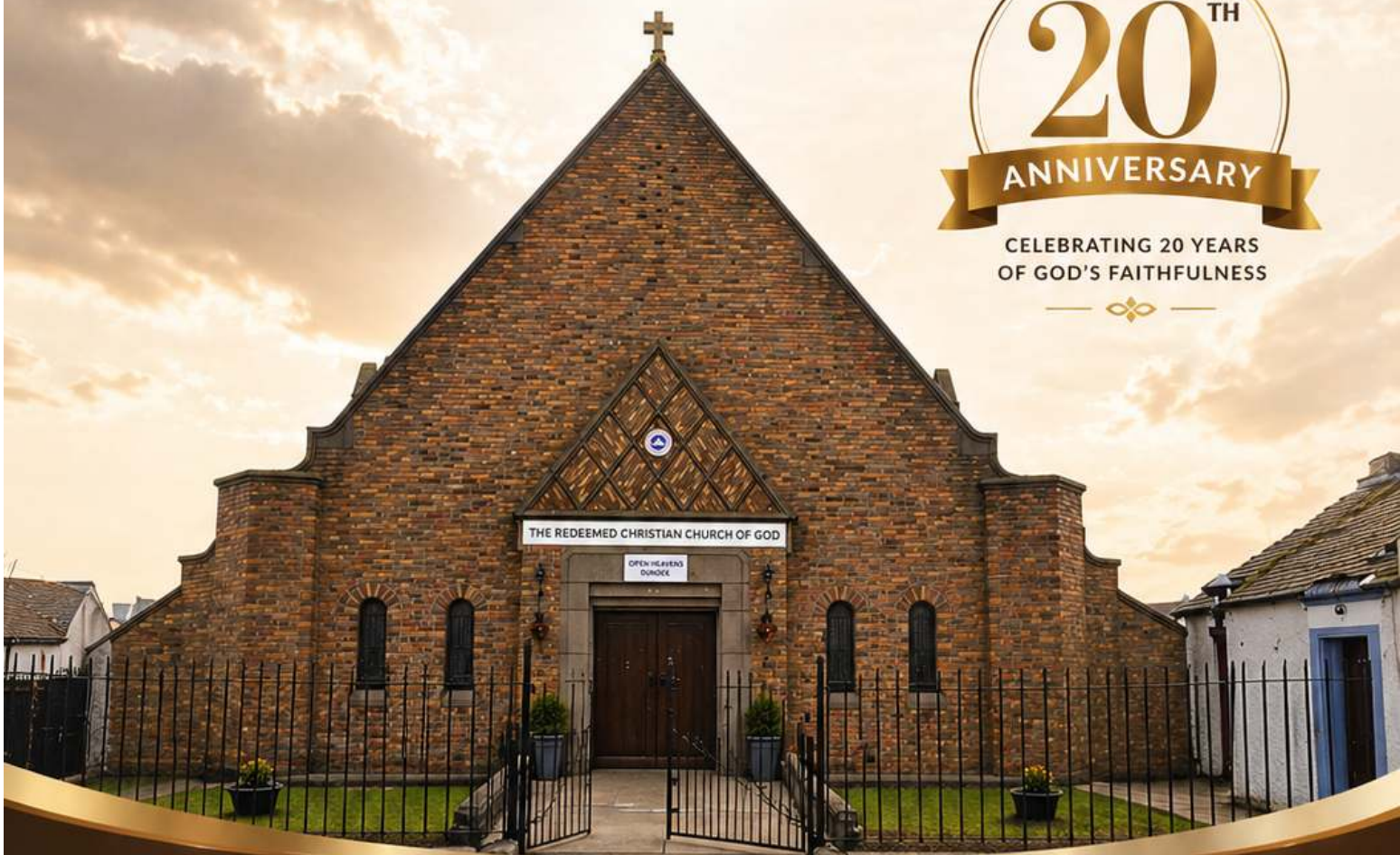
EBENEZER

"Thus Far the Lord Has Helped Us"

1 SAMUEL 7:12



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS
OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS



FAITHFUL THEN. FAITHFUL NOW. FAITHFUL ALWAYS.



WE ARE FAMILY



WE GROW IN FAITH



WE SERVE WITH LOVE



WE SHARE HIS LIGHT

MAY 2026

May 2026

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Beloved Church Family,

With hearts full of gratitude and joy, we give all glory to God as we celebrate 20 years of His faithfulness to RCCG Open Heavens Christian Centre, Dundee.

The theme of this celebration, "Ebenezer", is taken from 1 Samuel 7:12: "Thus far the Lord has helped us." These words perfectly capture our journey. From humble beginnings to where we stand today, our story is a testimony of God's grace, mercy, and unfailing love.

Over the past two decades, we have seen the hand of God at work in remarkable ways. He has been our provider in times of need, our strength in moments of weakness, and our guide through every season. Through every challenge and every victory, God has remained faithful.

We remember with deep appreciation the sacrifices, prayers, and dedication of those who laid the foundation of this church. We also celebrate every member of this church family – past and present – whose commitment has helped shape this ministry into what it is today.

This anniversary is not just a time to reflect on the past, but also a moment to renew our vision for the future. The God who has helped us thus far is not finished with us yet. Greater things are ahead. As we move forward, may we continue to grow in faith, unity, and love, and remain committed to the work of the Kingdom.

Let us press on with confidence, knowing that the same God who has brought us this far will lead us into an even greater future.

To Him alone be all the glory.
With gratitude and love,
Rufus Aizeboje,
Senior Pastor

OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

Ebenezer – Thus Far the Lord Has Helped Us



We are the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Open Heavens Christian Centre, Dundee (RCCG Open Heavens Dundee) - a warm, vibrant, and living church with a passion to share the love of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ across Dundee. Our heart is to bring hope, healing, and a safe haven to those who feel lonely, searching, or disillusioned.

We are a caring and compassionate community, deeply committed to the wellbeing of our members and the wider society. Through our welfare and community outreach initiatives, we extend helping hands to those in need, reflecting the love of Christ in practical ways.

Evangelism is at the very heart of who we are. As it is the heartbeat of Christ, we actively go out into our community, sharing the good news and helping people find their way back to God.



March 2006: Humble Beginnings

Our journey began as a house fellowship established by the Edinburgh parish, in response to prayer, faith, and obedience to God's leading.

7 May 2006: Birth of the Parish

By divine acceleration, the house fellowship grew into a full parish—marking the official beginning of RCCG Open Heavens Christian Centre, Dundee.

2006 – 2009: Laying the Foundation

We worshipped at St Salvador's Church, growing together in love, unity, and faith as God strengthened His church.

2009: A Place of Our Own

By God's grace, we acquired our church building and moved to 13 Graham Street - establishing a permanent home for worship and fellowship.

2009: Birth of a New Parish

RCCG Livingston Assembly was planted marking our first step in expanding God's work beyond Dundee.

2012: Extending the Vision

RCCG City of Joy, St Andrews was planted, further advancing our mission to reach more communities for Christ.

2014: Multiplying Impact

RCCG Open Heavens Halifax was established, further extending our reach and mission.

April 2024: A New Season of Growth

RCCG Living Spring Parish, Dundee was birthed, strengthening the work of God within the city.

August 2024: Raising New Altars

RCCG Temple of Praise was planted, continuing the mandate to spread the gospel and build lives.

January 2026: ✨ Investing in the Next Generation

RCCG Open Heavens Youth Church was launched - raising a vibrant generation passionate for Christ.

May 2026: ✨ 20 Years of God's Faithfulness

We celebrate two decades of grace, growth, impact, and divine help.

Ebenezer - faithful then, faithful now, faithful always.

Today, our church continues to thrive in an atmosphere of love, unity, and spiritual growth.



TESTIMONIES

The Goodness of God

I thank God for His faithfulness in my family over the past 18 years since I joined Open Heavens Dundee. God settled our immigration, settled our business and spiritual promotions for me and my family. Thank you Jesus. **Sis J.O**

God's Faithfulness

I give all the glory to God for His faithfulness and perfect timing. One of my sisters had been trusting God for the fruit of the womb for over seven years of marriage. During this period, she went through three rounds of IVF, holding on to God's promises despite the challenges.

In His unfailing mercy and grace, the Lord answered our prayers. Today, we rejoice with her as she has been blessed with a beautiful baby girl! Truly, God is faithful and He makes all things beautiful in His time. To God be all the glory. **-Sis MO**

Divine protection and favour

I just want to thank God for His favour, provision and protection. I've had to travel a lot because of my job and He's always been keeping and preserving me. Also He has given me favour in my places of work such that whenever I need something and ask, they rarely hesitate to give me what I need. **Sis TA**

Testimony of God's Provision

I give all the glory to God for His goodness and faithfulness. I recently became a homeowner. At the time, my credit history was not in the best position and I wasn't sure my mortgage application would be approved. But by God's grace, it was.

Even then, I did not have enough saved for the deposit. Yet God, in His perfect provision, sent help and made a way where there seemed to be none. He worked everything out beyond my expectations. I am incredibly grateful to God for His provision and for turning what seemed impossible into a reality. To God be all the glory! **- Sis TE**

Breakthrough

I'm so grateful to God for sorting out my visa and work issues. I started the process for my work permit about a year ago. Many problems came up with the application and I was refused three times. I was asked by my office to stop work as I was no longer eligible to work.

The application was sent in again for me the fourth time and my office asked me to resume work, even before the outcome was known. Eventually, this fourth time, my application was successful and I was granted the work permit. **Sis TM**

God's Healing and Faithfulness

Over the Christmas and New Year period, I travelled to Lagos, Nigeria, to visit my family. On the day I returned to the UK, my mother suddenly fell ill, feeling unusually cold. She self-medicated, but within two weeks her condition worsened as she lost her hearing and struggled to breathe and speak. She refused hospital care until the third week, by which time she could no longer talk, eat, or walk.

At the hospital, she was diagnosed with severe pneumonia. After completing a course of antibiotics with no improvement, her condition became critical.

At that point, we intensified our prayers and trusted God for intervention. She was taken back to the hospital and placed on another treatment of anti-biotics, and that was when God intervened - first eating again, then walking, then hearing, and finally speaking. Within two weeks, she was completely healed. We thank God for His mercy and faithfulness in preserving her life. Hallelujah! **- Sis SI**

God Preserved Me

I thank God for keeping me and preserving my life. About two weeks, I was feeling really tired and weak, but I had a dance class that I wanted to attend. So I went for the class, but after the first session, while I was resting, I had a blackout and couldn't move, speak or breath. I was taken to hospital in an ambulance and treated. But I thank God for seeing me through and preserving my life. I also thank God for my sister and for His protection over her, through all the unrest in the area where she lives. **Sis M.**

God Made a Way

When I started my programme in Dundee, I was assured of 2 scholarships. But I did not eventually get them. However, God still saw me through and provided for me to pay my fees, and I've just graduated with a good result. I've also now started a new programme, which comes with a scholarship and a job attached. **Bro JN**

God's Protection and Deliverance

I give God all the glory for His mighty hand of protection and deliverance. My brother was kidnapped in Nigeria and the kidnappers demanded a ransom. They also insisted that my mother should personally deliver the ransom to them, creating a very tense and dangerous situation.

On the day of the exchange, the kidnappers kept changing the location, increasing the fear and uncertainty. However, through it all, God remained faithful. We are grateful to God that, in His mercy, my brother was released unscathed and my mother returned home safely as well. Indeed, our God is a refuge and fortress, ever present help in times of trouble. To God be all the glory! **- Bro SA**

Divine Healing

I'm grateful to God for my baby boy. After his circumcision, he developed an infection at the circumcision site, which persisted for quite a while. We went to see many doctors, but none of them could help. But suddenly, without me doing anything, God just completely cleared the infection. Praise God. **- Sis YA**

LOVE LIVES HERE

1 John 3:18 "Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth"

Kindness Became Commitment

I remember joining RCCG Open heavens Dundee as a student at University of Dundee. At the time, I was looking for accommodation, and a member of the church assisted me in getting a temporary place to stay. They also told me where I could get a mattress. That kindness made a lasting impact on me. RCCG Open heavens has truly been a good church, and this act of service is one of the main reasons I have remained committed. It reminds me of how important it is to be compassionate, genuine, and supportive to others. - Sis B.A

A Great Blessing

Meeting Mrs. O.A was one of the greatest blessings God gave me in the church. When I arrived in the UK with no family around, she welcomed me like her own daughter and opened her home to me for three months while I was pregnant and caring for my 5-year-old son. She cared for us and stood by me during the delivery of my baby. Through her kindness, I truly saw that love lives in RCCG Open Heavens, Dundee. She is the reason I joined the church, and my life has been better ever since. May God bless her abundantly. - Sis B.AO

When Puff-Puff Felt Like Home

When I first arrived in Dundee, adjusting to a new environment was not always easy, and there were moments when homesickness felt overwhelming. But every Sunday, something as simple as puff-puff and cake from the hospitality team became the highlight of my week.

Those small acts of love and consistency brought me comfort, warmth, and a beautiful reminder of home. Their kindness went far beyond refreshments; it became a source of encouragement during a season of transition. God bless the hospitality team for their unwavering effort and for making such a meaningful difference through their faithful service. - Bro O.A

My Favourite Place In Church

My favourite thing about church is the children's church because it helps me learn about the Bible at my own pace. It is a special place where I can grow, understand God's word and enjoy learning more about him. - Miss T.O

Demonstration Of Love

I came to Scotland in October 2022 having gain admission for my MSC at the University of Dundee. I had no accommodation then and so was coming for classes from Glasgow. Through another pastor I got in touch with the Senior Pastor here. Myself and many other people were given accommodation free of charge for several weeks until all of us got our own accommodation. That singular show of love really touched my heart and made me stay back to fellowship in Open Heavens after I graduated, instead of relocating to another part of the UK. - Sis R.O

Kind Gestures

I have received numerous kind gestures from church members. I recently received a gift at Easter from a woman with a large heart. I received so much support from my beautiful mummies during my second pregnancy and priceless counsel from church members. - Sis M.O

God's favour Through Kingdom Relationships

In my professional journey, just one week after arriving in Dundee, I secured my first job through the recommendation of a church member at his own workplace.

The blessings did not end there. My current role, the very job God used to facilitate sponsorship for my family was brought to my attention through the pillars platform. A church member not only shared the opportunity but also personally guided me through every stage of the application process. From advice to preparation, the level of support I received was priceless and given wholeheartedly. - Bro O.O

Grace found me!

When I came from Nigeria in 2021, Pastor Rufus came to pick me up under the snow. He brought me into the church because I was struggling with Accommodation. That act of love and kindness left a lasting impact on me. Through RCCG Open Heavens Dundee, I found more than a church, I found love, support, and family. - Sis E.V

Kindness Beyond The Church Walls

One day, I went to Aldi for our monthly family shopping. After finishing, I stood outside waiting for a cab to take me home. While I was there, I saw a fellow church member walking into the store, so I greeted her. Although she responded warmly, she did not recognise me at first. After I introduced myself as a member of the church, she immediately asked where I was going. Without hesitation, she put her own shopping on hold and kindly drove me home. - Sis O.O

A Place Of Genuine Welcome

People in church are very friendly and welcoming. Whenever I invite my teenage friends, the feedback I receive is always the same: they feel warmly received, comfortable and accepted from the moment they arrive. - Bro P.O

Accommodation And Favour

Arriving Scotland with my family, we quickly realised the housing market was very competitive. We are grateful to brethren from the church that opened their home to us (a family of four) for a whole month without conditions. They supported us in settling down and even getting accommodation. When we found a place and needed a guarantor, they also did this for us making it possible to get the house. - Bro O.O



Warm Reception

As part of the follow up team, I recall a first-time visitor sharing that they felt at home from the moment they walked in and were deeply touched by the love expressed in our midst. They also mentioned how warmly they were received as several people took the time to personally welcome and greet them during the service. This experience has remained with me, as it clearly reflects that the love within our church is genuine and truly impactful. - Sis M.S

THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

Being faithful means to be reliable, steadfast and unwavering. It is an attribute of God. God is eternally reliable, steadfast, and unwavering because faithfulness is one of His inherent attributes.

Faithfulness is an essential part of who He is. Psalm 89:8- Who is like you, Lord God Almighty? You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

God is constant and unchanging in His faithfulness. Hebrews 13:8 reminds us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

In His faithfulness, God protects us from evil (2 Thessalonians 3:3), sets limits on our temptations (1 Corinthians 10:13), forgives our sins (1 John 1:9), and sanctifies us (Philippians 1:6). God is a covenant making and covenant-keeping God, and when he says a thing, He brings it to pass (Numbers 23:19).

*God is not human, that he should lie,
not a human being, that he should change his mind.
Does he speak and then not act?
Does he promise and not fulfil?*

God is ever true to His word. All He requires of us is to demonstrate our trust in, and dependence on, His word. The word of God explains that God will never leave us or abandon us (Hebrews 13:5). This signifies that even through difficult times of personal failures or loneliness, He is committed to keeping His word.

God's Faithfulness In Scripture

God's faithfulness is demonstrated in saving His people from difficult situations in many instances throughout the scriptures, from the Old Testament to the New. One of such major instances is when Samuel was a judge over Israel.

In 1 Samuel 7:12 Samuel set up a stone between Mizpah and Shen and named the place EBENEZER, meaning 'Thus far has the Lord helped us'. This signified God's help in delivering the Israelites from the Philistines.

The stone served as a reminder or memorial for the future generations that, where they once suffered defeat, God's intervention gave them victory afterwards. This was to commemorate the faithfulness of God and to trust him in future trials.

Indeed, God is faithful and His faithfulness is forever sure! King David in Psalm 37:25, proclaimed: "I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread." King David's experience and observation are that God does not abandon or neglect those who trust in him but faithfully meets their needs for provision and safety.

God's Faithfulness In Our Journey

The Lord has been faithful to us in fulfilling His word in our lives as He has performed to us all that He promised us.

I want to briefly relay the story of our journey to the United Kingdom and how God has been faithful to His word in our lives. We started off our journey as far back in late December 2005, moving into the unknown land of United Kingdom. Our intention was to be with our children as they get exposed to British education.

Pastor Rufus & Pastor Rosalynn Aizeboje
Senior Pastors/Provincial Pastor UK
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However, God had already assured us that He was in our relocation, as he had spoken to a reliable servant of His at a prophetic conference, declaring that He was sending us to the United Kingdom to establish churches, train ministers and counsel families. This served as a confirmation of God's approval of our relocation.

On getting to the UK, the Lord established His word in our lives in that He gave us a soft landing and guided us until the church was born in Dundee. The righteous are guided by God in His path. Psalm 37:23-24 says: "God guides the righteous by ordering their steps, providing security, and finding delight in their journey". This was truly our experience.

Challenges And Victory

Were there obstacles to the growth of the church? Yes, numerous! On several occasions, the enemy attacked the unity of the church through leadership crises and disagreements among choir members. Many challenges and trials came also from within the workforce. However, God's promise to us that He will go ahead of us to establish us prevailed! Hallelujah

This year, marks 20th anniversary of the Redeemed Christian Church of God existence in Dundee. To God be the glory! Dundee, as we were told by one of the senior pastors already in the land (though in a different part of Scotland) was considered 'hard ground' where churches struggle to survive. This was true as an earlier attempt to establish the Redeemed Christian Church of God in Dundee didn't last very long.

This is why we boldly proclaim, 'Thus far the Lord has helped us'. Our victory opened the doors for other churches that came after us to be established in Dundee. God is faithful in all His ways.

If He has said it, then He will do it! Praise God!

As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the parish, we want to declare that the growth and achievement we have made is by the grace of God and not the wisdom or strength of man. The faithfulness of God will keep the parish on a victorious path as it continues to enlarge its coast harvesting souls into God's kingdom until Christ returns.

Our Impact in the Community

Faith in Action. Love in Practice.

At RCCG Open Heavens Christian Centre, Dundee, we are committed to living out the gospel not only in word, but in action. Our outreach initiatives are rooted in compassion, service, and a genuine desire to meet the needs of our community.

From supporting the homeless to engaging with care homes, and from providing warm meals to creating spaces for connection and joy, we continue to be a source of hope and practical help across Dundee.

Through these initiatives, we are not just serving people—we are building relationships, restoring dignity, and sharing the love of Christ in meaningful and tangible ways.

OUR COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Homeless Outreach

Reaching out to the homeless with food, clothing, and care—bringing hope and compassion to those in need on the streets of Dundee.



Annual Charity Ceilidh

A vibrant community event bringing people together through music, culture, and celebration—while raising funds for charitable causes.



Ongoing Community Outreach

Regular outreach activities focused on supporting those in need, sharing the gospel, and demonstrating Christ's love in practical ways.

Christmas Lunch on Jesus

A special annual event providing a free Christmas meal, gifts, and fellowship to individuals and families—ensuring no one is alone during the festive season.



Care Home Outreach

Sharing love, companionship, and encouragement with residents in care homes through visits, interaction, and fellowship.



Tea, Coffee & Toast

A simple but impactful initiative offering warm drinks, food, and conversation—creating a welcoming space for connection and support.

Pastoral Address

The Next Chapter – Vision, Expansion, and Future Impact

by Pastor Nathaniel Babajide,
Resident Pastor

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, we gather with hearts full of gratitude as we celebrate 20 years of God's faithfulness. This is not just an anniversary—it is a testimony! Indeed, "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side..." (Psalm 124:1), where would we be? We look back and we see the hand of God. From humble beginnings, the Lord has built this church into a vibrant family. We have witnessed lives transformed, prayers answered, leaders raised, and destinies shaped. Like David, we can boldly declare, "The Lord who delivered me... will deliver me again" (1 Samuel 17:37). But as we celebrate the past, we must not settle there. The past is a foundation, not a destination. The Word of God reminds us in Philippians 3:13–14 to press forward toward what lies ahead. And that is why today is not just about reflection; it is about preparation.

A Call to Renewed Vision

As we step into the next chapter, we must return to vision. The Bible says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18). Vision is the compass that guides our future. In this season, God is calling us to see again, to dream again, to believe again. Like Habakkuk, we must write the vision and make it plain (Habakkuk 2:2–3). This vision will not only guide us, but it will also unite us and propel us forward.

A Call to Growth

God has not called us to remain the same. He has called us to grow spiritually, numerically, and in influence. The early church in Acts 2 grew because they were devoted to the Word, to fellowship, to prayer. If we are to see greater growth, we must deepen our devotion. Our relationship with God must be stronger, our love for one another must be richer, and our commitment to reaching others must be greater.

A Call to Unity

Beloved, if we are to go far, we must go together. The Scripture says, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity" (Psalm 133:1). Unity is not optional; it is essential. The early church moved in power because they were of one heart and one mind (Acts 4:32). In this next chapter, we must guard our unity, walk in love, and pursue peace.

A Call to the Supernatural

We are not just a church of structure; we are a church of power. Jesus said, "These signs will follow those who believe..." (Mark 16:17). The God who has done miracles in the past is still at work today. In this next season, we must pray boldly, believe strongly, and expect the supernatural. Our gatherings must carry His presence, and our lives must reflect His power.



A Call to Expansion

The Word of the Lord declares in Isaiah 54:2, "Enlarge the place of your tent... do not hold back." This is a season of expansion. God is calling us to stretch, to reach further and to do more. Whether in ministry, outreach, or capacity, we must prepare for increase. Like Jabez, we must cry out, "Lord, enlarge my territory!" (1 Chronicles 4:10).

A Call to Lasting Impact

Finally, we are called to make impact. Jesus said we are "the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). Our mission goes beyond these walls. In the years ahead, this church must continue to raise leaders, strengthen families, and transform communities. We are blessed to be a blessing (Genesis 12:2).

Conclusion: The Best is Yet to Come

Beloved, as we stand at this milestone, I am confident of this: the God who began this good work will complete it (Philippians 1:6). The next chapter is before us; a chapter of greater vision, deeper unity, supernatural power, and undeniable impact.

So, I say to you today: arise, build, and move forward in faith.

Let us step boldly into all that God has prepared for us. The best is not behind us; it is ahead of us.

God bless you all.

Vision is the compass that guides our future. In this season, God is calling us to see again—to dream again—to believe again

YOUTH CHURCH

by Morayo Mosadomi

The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) Open Heavens Youth Church, Dundee, is a vibrant and purpose-driven community committed to raising a new generation of spiritually grounded and impactful young people. Officially launched on January 11, 2026, the youth church was established as a dynamic platform where youths and young adults can grow in faith, discover purpose, and live out God's truth with boldness and clarity.

Rooted in Christ and inspired by a vision of transformation, the church brings together young people from diverse backgrounds, united by love and a shared desire to know God deeply. It is a place where individuals are nurtured through sound teaching, fervent prayer, and intentional discipleship, equipping them to become confident ambassadors of Christ in today's world.



The church meets every Sunday, creating a consistent space for worship, learning, and fellowship. Each Sunday carries a unique focus designed to foster holistic growth. The first Sunday of every month is the Service of Praise, a vibrant and uplifting time of thanksgiving and heartfelt worship. The second Sunday is "Word Sunday," where attendees engage in deep, practical teaching of the Scriptures. The third Sunday, known as Variety Sunday, offers a refreshing blend of talks, games, and creative expressions, providing opportunities for young people to showcase and develop their talents. The final Sunday of the month is Power Sunday, a time devoted to intense prayer, spiritual empowerment, and prophetic declarations.



***Rooted in
Christ,
Rising in
Glory***



The vision of Open Heavens Youth Church is to raise kingdom-minded youths who are spiritually sound, socially relevant, and globally impactful. This vision is expressed through a balanced approach that combines spiritual growth with personal development. Through mentorship, leadership opportunities, and skills-building initiatives, members are encouraged to discover and maximize their God-given gifts.

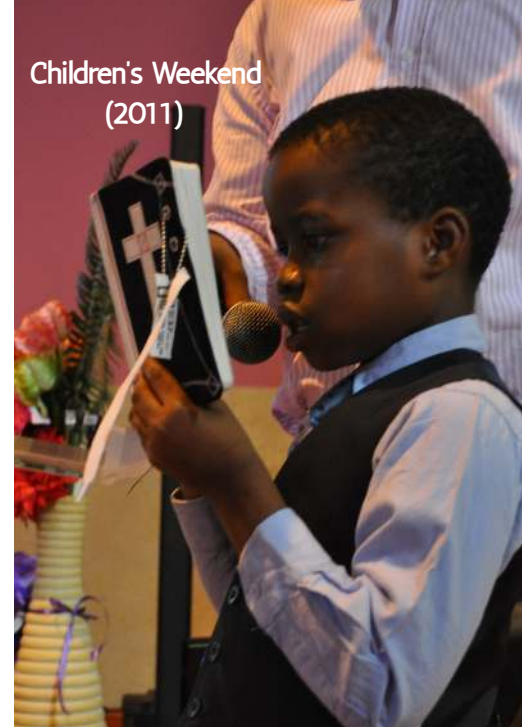
With active departments such as choir, drama, media, outreach, and prayer, every young person is given the opportunity to belong, serve, and grow. Beyond the church walls, outreach programs and community initiatives further reinforce the mission to make a lasting impact.

Open Heavens Youth Church, Dundee stands as a beacon of hope, raising a generation that is rooted in truth, empowered by grace, and committed to reflecting God's glory in every sphere of life.





2nd Year Anniversary
(May 2008)



Children's Weekend
(2011)



Church Picnic
(2007)



2nd Year Anniversary
(May 2008)



Children's Weekend
(2011)



Bob Fitts (2012)



**Sunday Service
(2021)**



**Charity Ceilidh
(2013)**



**Church Dedication
(2014)**



Queen's Diamond Jubilee (2012)



**Church Picnic
(2011)**



**2nd Year Anniversary
(May 2008)**



**Children's Bible Camp
(2015)**



**Workers' Retreat
(2015)**



**Church Dedication
(2014)**



**Sunday Service
(2021)**



**Christmas Love Feast
(2009)**



**Children's Bible Camp
(2015)**



**2017 Annual
Thanksgiving**



**2010 Annual
Thanksgiving**



**Charity Ceilidh
(2016)**



**Charity Ceilidh
(2016)**



**Charity Ceilidh
(2016)**



**Sunday Service
(February 2026)**



**Fathers' Day
(2013)**



**Love Feast
(2009)**



**Pastor Adeboye's Visit
(2014)**



**Pastor Adeboye's Visit
(2014)**



**Family Weekend
(2014)**



**Men's Weekend
(2014)**



**Family Weekend
(2012)**



**Pastor Adeboye's Visit
(2014)**



**Children's Weekend
(2016)**



Children's Bible Camp (2014)



Church BBQ (2017)



Children's Bible Camp (2014)



Children's Picnic (2016)

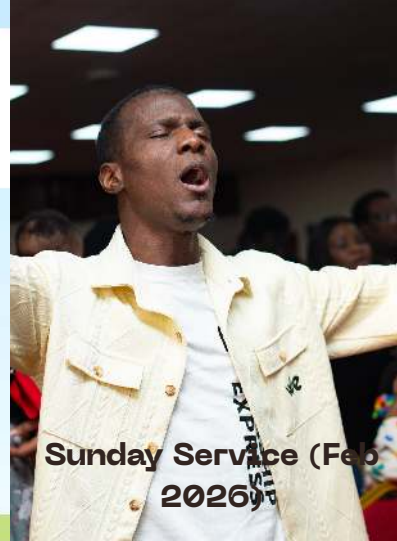


Church Picnic 2010





Sunday Service (Feb 2026)



Sunday Service (Feb 2026)



Annual Thanksgiving 2026



Annual Thanksgiving 2026

Birthdays/Wedding Anniversary
Congratulations



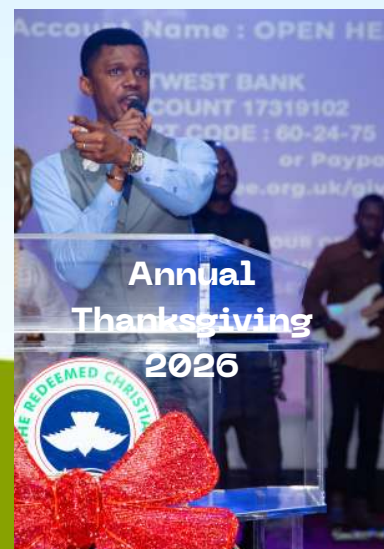
Annual Thanksgiving 2026



Mothering Sunday 2026



Sunday Service (Feb 2026)



Annual Thanksgiving 2026



BLOOM WHERE GOD HAS PLANTED YOU

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A Meditation on Seasons, Stillness and the Quiet Work of Grace

by Temitope Adetunmbi

“Some seasons blur not because they were empty, but because our eyes were fixed somewhere else.”

There are seasons in life that blur at the edges, not because they lacked meaning, but because we were too focused on the horizon to notice the ground beneath our feet.

I remember one such season only in fragments, like torn scraps of a photograph left too long in the sun. What I recall most clearly are the prayers, long and earnest conversations whispered into the quiet spaces of my days.

I prayed for change,
For direction,
For something new to spring up from the soil of my restlessness,

I prayed so intensely for the next chapter that the days themselves slipped through my fingers, unnoticed.

I cannot tell you what my afternoons looked like back then... I cannot recall the small joys, the meals that warmed me, or the laughter that broke unexpectedly through the heaviness. That season feels, in hindsight, like a waiting room: a space defined not by what was happening, but by what I hoped would happen next.

And yet, looking back, that realisation unsettles me.

Life hadn't paused.

God hadn't stopped providing.

Mercies were arriving “new every morning,” even on the mornings when I was too distracted to notice.

“God moves not only in miracles but in ordinary Tuesdays.”

Many of us drift into this way of living without realising it.

We pray... passionately... faithfully...

for doors to open,

for clarity to come,

for breakthrough to finally break through.

And yet, in the waiting, we hold our breath.

We treat the present moment like a corridor instead of a room where God is already working.

We tell ourselves: “When this happens, then things will make sense.”

“When that prayer is answered, then I'll feel at peace.”

“When the next chapter begins, then life will truly start.”

Yet Psalm 118:24: (This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it) calls us to rejoice today, in this day, the one already unfolding beneath our feet. God is not only the God of revelation and turning points.

He is the God of routine days, overlooked blessings, and quiet strengthening.

He is present in the friend who checks in, the strength that carries us through, the laughter that surprises us, the grace that meets us before our alarms do.

If I could return to that season, I would stand still long enough to see the fingerprints of God already there.”



If I could revisit that blurred chapter of my life, I would approach it differently. Not with less faith for the future, but with more tenderness toward the present. I would let hope and gratitude exist side by side. I would trust that God wasn't waiting for the next chapter to begin writing my story, he was writing faithfully in that one.

And perhaps that is the invitation for all of us:

- Pray boldly for what God has ahead.
- Pause gently within the chapter you're already living.
- Notice the blessings that were once prayer requests.
- Cherish the people entrusted to your current season.
- Choose joy in the small, unpolished moments.
- Give thanks today, not only when tomorrow looks different.

“May this season become a garden you lived in, not a waiting room you rushed through.”

Because one day, this very season (with all its longing and laughter, uncertainty and provision) will become a story you remember. And when you look back, may it not be a blur. May it be a chapter in which you bloomed right where God planted you.



20 YEARS OF GRACE

by **Bethesda Ekanem**

I have been a part of this church for as long as I can remember. From my childhood until now, Sunday mornings have always been a treat!

The children's department was like a second home for me. Going to the children's church every week to see my friends and lovely teachers filled me with so much joy. A major highlight for me was Children's Day, when the entire children's department took over the service, from leading praise worship to sharing the word and even ushering.

At the end of every school year, I eagerly anticipated the Summer Bible Club. It was always the highlight of my summer break, where we learned Bible stories, took part in fun quizzes, and enjoyed sports days together.

These were amazing experiences that helped me grow especially in learning how to work as part of a team and gaining valuable life lessons.

All of this created a strong sense of unity and belonging, something I am truly grateful for.

Being part of this church has played a significant role in growing my faith. Now, I treasure it even more, especially as I have moved away during term time for university. It is always a joy to return and see familiar faces at my home church.

Watching the growth of the church over the years, across different departments, has been wonderful. I am truly grateful to be a part of this church community.



I was the first baby in this church, and it is incredible to see that we are now celebrating our 20th anniversary.



Moving through each age group in the children's department was a smooth transition, carefully guided by our teachers. Being prayed into a new class by the pastors and congregation made each step feel special and encouraging as we entered a new stage.

Another unforgettable part of my journey has been the annual African Praise Gospel Music concert. It is always such an exciting time, with everyone in church having such high morale and the joy so contagious. I have had the privilege of being part of some ministrations, including the dance team and choir.



Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness,

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BUILDING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE: STRENGTHENING THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH

As we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Open Heavens Dundee, we are reminded to pause, look back with gratitude, and reflect on the remarkable journey God has brought us through. By the grace of God, the church has experienced many successes—souls saved, lives transformed, families restored, and a growing community of believers committed to serving God.

However, as we look back, we must also acknowledge that there have been moments that threatened the unity and stability of the church. There have been misunderstandings, difficult situations, and even times when some people became discouraged and left the fellowship.

As we move into the future of the church, this reflection is not meant to criticize or berate anyone. Rather, it is a reminder of who we are in Christ and why we are called to serve Him. Our goal is to encourage one another so that we continue to dwell in the house of God and grow together in faith.

The Bible reminds us: *"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."* (Psalm 122:1)

The house of God should always be a place of joy, refuge, growth, and unity for believers.

As Christians, we are called to follow the example of Christ in all that we do. This should be reflected in our conduct both within the church and in the secular world. Although we come from different backgrounds, cultures, and languages, our identity in Christ unites us as one family.

Scripture reminds us of this truth: *"And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven."* (Matthew 23:9)

In Christ, we are brothers and sisters, bound together by love and by our shared purpose to serve God.

Our lives are often the Scripture that people read every day. If we fail to demonstrate godly behaviour, evangelism becomes difficult. It is hard to invite someone to Christ when our lives fail to mirror the message we preach. Therefore, our lives must preach louder than our words.

Unfortunately, there have been occasions when believers behave in ways that raise questions and cause hurt among fellow Christians. This reminds us that we must continually examine ourselves and strive to live in a way that reflects Christ.

Let me share a short story:

There was a lady who served in the church's finance team. Before joining the team, she had been unemployed for a long time and was struggling financially. Despite her situation, she volunteered to serve diligently in the finance department.

God, who never forgets those who serve Him faithfully, soon turned her situation around. As the Bible says: *"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name."* (Hebrews 6:10)

by Deacon Pereyi
Bayefa

Eventually, she secured a position with an oil servicing company, and her financial situation improved remarkably. In a short time, she was able to purchase a car, and her life began to transform for the better. Sadly, rumors soon began



to circulate within the church, falsely accusing her of taking tithes. When she eventually heard these allegations, she was deeply hurt and disappointed. Instead of fighting back or trying to defend herself publicly, she chose to take the matter to God. She allowed God to fight her battle. In time, God vindicated her. She was later appointed Commissioner of Finance in her state and eventually became the sole financier of the new church building. Through that difficult experience, God proved Himself as the defender of the innocent and used her life as a testimony.

It makes us reflect and ask ourselves: What would we have done in her situation? May God give us the grace to remain steadfast even when fellow believers misunderstand or attempt to pull us down.

If you engage in spreading rumors or speaking ill of fellow believers to damage their reputation, take this as a call to examine yourself and repent.

Instead, let us commit to the following:

- **Speak to one another directly and with sincerity.**
- **Encourage fellow believers in love.**
- **Avoid judging others.**
- **Be honest and transparent in dealings.**
- **Be our brothers' and sisters' keeper.**
- **Be bridge builders, not instigators of conflict.**

The Bible instructs us clearly: *"Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."* (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

As believers, we must learn not to pull one another down but to build each other up in faith. A church is only as strong as its weakest link. When we support and uplift one another, the entire body of Christ grows stronger. But when we discourage or destroy someone's zeal to serve God, the whole body suffers.

As we celebrate this milestone anniversary, let us recommit ourselves to unity, love, humility, and service. Let us make Open Heavens Dundee a place where believers feel encouraged, supported, and inspired to grow in their walk with God.

May God help us, grant us wisdom, and fill our hearts with love for one another. In Jesus' name, Amen.

— ARE YOU TRULY A LEADER? —

ON THE SCALE OF 1-10 ARE YOU A LEADER? DOES THE WORD LEADERSHIP FIT YOU?

Let's look at the components of the word LEADERSHIP

Scale -1

L: Love, listening, laudable, leading, liberating, likable, lighthearted:

Are you loving or are you hateful? Do you listen to others, give a listening ear no matter what, or are you set in your own ways?

Are your actions laudable? Do you take the lead or take the credit when the job is done? Do you give people liberty to speak, make decisions, be free around you, or are you a tyrant? Are you approachable and lighthearted?

Scale -2

E: Empathic, easy, edifying, evergreen, exemplary:

Are you empathic, or do you play the ostrich and lack human feelings? Are you easy to be with? Do your words comfort, soothe, encourage, and strengthen, or do they devour and ravage others?

Are you truly evergreen, consistent in who you are, or do you reveal different shades of character depending on the circumstances? Are you exemplary—can others proudly emulate you?

Scale -3

A: Affable, amicable, amazing, admirable, available, altruistic, adorable, agreeable, auspicious, accomplished:

Are you affable and friendly, or simply hostile? Do you perceive opposition and war in every criticism from opponents, or are you amicable? Can others describe you as an amazing and admirable person or a sour personality? Are you an available leader? Are you altruistic, an adorable leader, agreeable, and auspicious?

What makes you feel accomplished—the material things or the giftings of the Spirit?

Scale -4

D: Delight, dependable, deserving, devoted, disciplined, dotting:

Are you a delightful leader, dependable and fully devoted to your role? Are you deserving of the name LEADER? Are you disciplined? Do you discipline others but are not disciplined yourself?

Scale -5

E: Earn, eye, ear, echo, elusive, evasive, exact:

Did you earn the position of a leader? Do you have the eyes and ears of a leader? What is your vision as a leader?

What does your name as a leader echo—positive or negative echoes? Are you elusive and evasive or exact? Are your words reliable?

Scale -6

R: Relationship, reliable, resilient, reflect:

As a leader, do you have a good and healthy relationship with others? How reliable are you? Are you resilient in the face of daunting obstacles and opposition, or do you easily give in? Do you reflect on your words and actions before you say or do them?

by Roselyn Obakpolor

Scale -7

S: Selfless, sacrifice, safe, seasoning, savoury:

Are you a selfless leader? Do you make sacrifices for others to rise? Are people safe with and around you, or are you the storm in the cup? Are your words seasoned and savoury, or are they poisonous to the soul?

Scale -8

H: Happy, helpful, healing, health, handy, hardworking, harmless, harmonious:

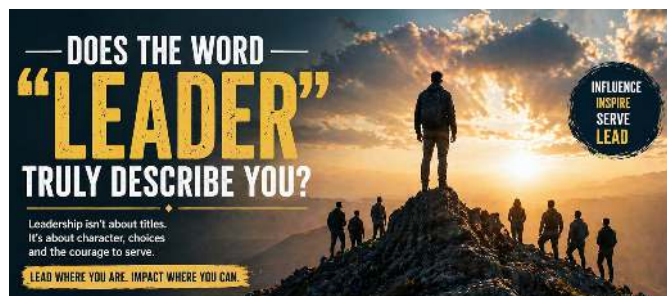
Are people happy around you? Are you helpful to others? Do you create an atmosphere that brings healing and promotes health in the lives of those around you? Are you useful to others? Are you hardworking, harmless, and harmonious?

Scale -9

I: Ideal, impartial, important: Are you an ideal and impartial leader? How important do you believe others consider you to be?

Scale -10

P: Patient, passionate, peaceful, peerless: Are you a patient and passionate leader? Are you a peaceful leader or a warmonger? Do your employees, subordinates, and those around you prefer other leaders over you, or do they regard you as truly peerless?



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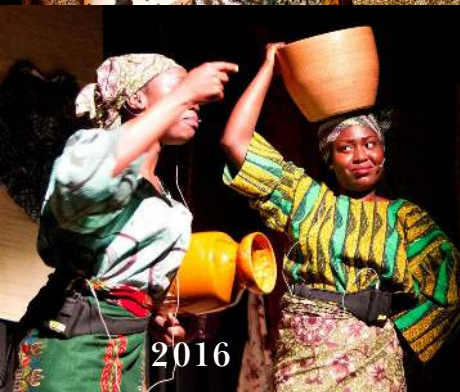
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...but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

— Titus 3:5-6 KJV

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Leading the congregation in worship through music, creating an atmosphere for God's presence.

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Supporting worship through musical excellence and instrumental ministry.

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Coordinating and administering the communion service with reverence and order.

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Teaching the Word of God in a structured and practical way to deepen understanding and spiritual growth.

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Raising a vibrant generation passionate about Christ through dynamic worship, teaching, and fellowship.

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Evangelism

Reaching out to the community with the gospel, sharing the love of Christ and bringing souls to Him.

Follow Up

Supporting new converts, members and visitors and helping them grow in faith and stay connected through regular check-ins.

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Welcoming newcomers with warmth, introducing them to the church, and creating a friendly first impression.

Hospitality

Providing care and support to guests and members, creating a welcoming and friendly environment.

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Caring for members and supporting those in need, demonstrating God's love in practical ways.

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Church Workers & Workers Training

Equipping members through training and development to serve effectively and grow in ministry.

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A dedicated team responsible for receiving and caring for guest ministers and visitors, coordinating their logistics to ensure a warm, honourable, and seamless experience.

Finance

Ensuring transparency, accountability, and proper stewardship of church resources.

Ushering

Welcoming and assisting members and visitors, ensuring order and a warm atmosphere during services

Sanctuary Keepers

Ensuring the cleanliness, upkeep, and readiness of the church environment.

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Maintaining order, safety, and security within the church premises.

Church Facilities Team

Overseeing the maintenance and effective use of church facilities.

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Enhancing the church environment with creative designs for services and special events.

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Producing and managing church communications, sharing information and stories that inform, inspire, and connect the church family.



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I am always with you but cannot be seen,
I guide your steps and keep you serene.

Who am I?

(Answer: The Holy Spirit)

Why didn't Noah go fishing?
Because he only had two worms!

Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
Samson—he brought the house down!

Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?
Because he knew there was something fishy about it!

What kind of man was Boaz before he got married?
Ruth-less!

Why did Adam and Eve do math every day?
Because they were told to be fruitful and multiply!

Who was the fastest runner in the race?
Adam, because he was first in the human race.

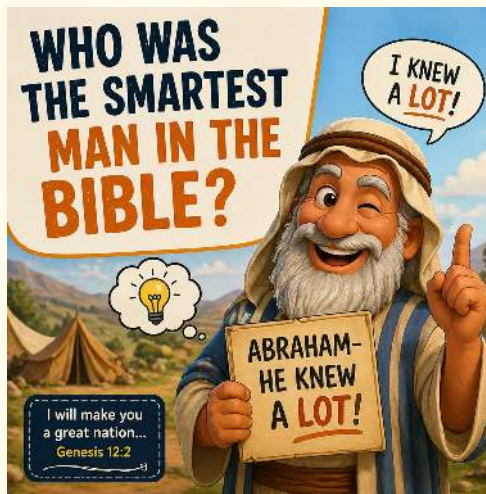
Which Bible character had no parents?
A. Joshua, son of Nun

Sunday School Jokes

A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" Esther replied, "Because people are sleeping."

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: "They couldn't get a baby-sitter."

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the 10 Commandments with her 5 and 6 year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour thy father and thy mother," she asked "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."



A mother was making puff-puff for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Seun, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first puff-puff. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Seun, you be Jesus!"

Sharing the Faith

There was a barber that thought that he should share his faith with his customers more than he had been doing lately. So the next morning when the sun came up and the barber got up out of bed he said, "Today I am going to witness to the first man that walks through my door."

Soon after he opened his shop the first man came in and said, "I want a shave!" The barber said, "Sure, just sit in the seat and I'll be with you in a moment." The barber went in the back and prayed a quick desperate prayer saying, "God, the first customer came in and I'm going to witness to him. So please give me the wisdom to know just the right thing to say to him. Amen."

Quickly the barber came out with his razor knife in one hand and a Bible in the other while saying, "Good morning sir. I have a question for you... Are you ready to die?"

A Parter in Crime

A priest is walking down the street when he notices a young boy trying to press a doorbell across the street. After watching the boy's efforts for some time, the priest steps smartly across the street, walks up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder leans over rings the doorbell loud. Then he smiles and asks the boy, "And now what, my little man?" "Now we run!!!!"

LEAP OF FAITH

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Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

— ACTS 4:12 KJV



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