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# HISTORY ON THE HORIZON

## EXCITING TIMES AHEAD AS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS PICK UP

**A** few months ago, I participated in a regional Journalism Summit at The University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica. There were some 70 participants physically present, and another 200 people from across the world were online. One of the presenters from Suriname, in making the point about the advances in artificial intelligence (AI) and the impact on journalism, showed a video clip of two newscasts, one in which the anchor was artificially generated and another where she was a “real” person.

To our consternation – in a room filled with journalism lecturers, media managers, senior journalists, and journalism students – it was impossible for most people to tell the difference between the two clips, which had the presenters similarly attired. Needless to say, that presentation generated robust discussion on the future of journalism and ethical considerations in the use of AI, and how rapidly this invention is evolving.

Of course, just being involved in that event caused me to reflect on the relevance, timeliness, and appropriateness of the theme for our Centennial Christian Academic Conference (CCAC) scheduled for August 8-9, 2025 at the Montego Bay Conference Centre in Jamaica.

The theme for that conference is ‘Redemptive Reset: The I Am, The AI and Christian Scholarship for the Empowerment of Community and the Future’. In essence, Christian academics, members of the clergy, graduate students, and everyone who has an interest in

the topic – and that includes all Christians – will gather to interrogate this issue of when the AI meets the I AM.

We are excited to be exploring that topic. The call for abstracts has been circulated and you will see further information on that activity within the inside pages of this publication.

Of course, the conference is only one of a slew of activities that have been planned to celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime event. You will receive snippets of each activity on the inside pages of this edition, as well. Please spread the word and let us all plan to be a part of history and support all the activities, all being well.

As you would have guessed by now, this issue is-all about our centennial; however, we also have the Administrative Bishop’s New Year’s message and updates on activities that took place over the last three months – and believe me, there were many – as well as some initiatives aimed at the continued development of our members.

We look forward to receiving your feedback on this 17th edition of **eREACH**. You may email us at [cbarnes@ntcogjamaica.org](mailto:cbarnes@ntcogjamaica.org). Your feedback helps us to decide on issues on which we should report in these pages each quarter.

*Corinne Barnes*

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

# CELEBRATING

# 100 YEARS OF GOD'S FAVOUR

wish you warm New Year greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The year 2025 marks a significant milestone in the life of the New Testament Church of God in Jamaica. We celebrate 100 years of Gospel engagement, and we do so to the glory of God alone.

When we reflect on the church's humble beginnings, we recall a time when we were a small, unrecognised group of worshippers, often viewed as eccentric in our devotion to God. But today, by His grace, the church has grown into a mighty Pentecostal body – transforming lives and ministering across every corner of Jamaica. From being blessed and influenced by overseas missionaries, we are now a church that sends missionaries, impacting the globe with the love and message of Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate this centennial, I call on each one of you to renew your commitment to the New Testament Church of God. Our mission is clear: "To advance the Kingdom of God by growing healthy churches that are rooted in effective evangelism, Spirit-filled worship, sustained prayer, deliberate discipleship, biblical stewardship, compassionate service, and godly relationships." These are the pillars upon which we will continue to build the church of the future.

We are deeply grateful for the sacrifices and labour of those who have gone before us. Their unwavering dedication has laid the foundation upon which we stand today. This year, as we reflect on their legacy, we are reminded that it is our responsibility to continue the work they began, building upon it for the next generation.

As we celebrate, I remind you that the environment in which we live and do Christian service is often challenging, but it is also filled with countless opportunities for the Gospel. Let us not allow the pressures of the environment to drain us.

I urge every pastor and member to keep on drinking from the fountain of God and refresh your own souls. You cannot pour into others what you do not have. Take time to renew your strength in God, so that you can continue to serve faithfully.

I pray for God's abundant blessings upon you and your families in this new year. May His provision and protection surround you at every turn. I pray that your children will live long lives, walk in good health, and succeed in all that they do, as we are reminded in 3 John 1:2: "*Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.*"

As we move forward into 2025, let us be ever mindful of the vital role the church plays in the life of our nation. The world is watching, and the nation needs the church now more than ever. We are God's gifted people, called to grow and go with the Gospel. Let us, therefore, with renewed fervour, believe, proclaim, and live the Gospel in a way that will inspire and bless others.

May this year be one of spiritual growth, divine favour, and abundant blessings for you and your families. May we all continue to be a source of light and hope in this dark world.

As we celebrate the faithfulness of our God throughout the years, we face 2025 knowing that our God, "*... is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.*" – Ephesians 3:20-21



*Bishop Dr.  
Roy Notice*

ADMINISTRATIVE  
BISHOP

# Let the **CELEBRATIONS** begin!

How does an organisation begin celebrating God's faithfulness over a century?

Well, for the New Testament Church of God in Jamaica, it commences with 100 days of prayer come January 1. From then until the month of April, we will be committing all our plans and programmes to our God as we assemble virtually each day from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Then, on Sunday, January 12, at 6:00 p.m., our official launch service will be held at one of our branches that holds so many fond

memories for many of the stalwarts of this denomination, think annual national conventions, head office ...

That service will be one of thanksgiving, reflection, singing, recalling of history and the word by our guest preacher, Bishop R.C. Hugh Nelson. His remarkable story is summarised in the article that follows.

We invite all churches to plan to be represented as together we create memories and make history.



## THE STORY OF **R.C. HUGH NELSON**

**THE CENTENNIAL LAUNCH SERVICE SPEAKER**

It was the great playwright William Shakespeare, who, in one of his many works, penned the words: *“Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.”*

In a conversation with Bishop Dr. R.C. Hugh Nelson, he would probably be the first to tell you that he was not born great, neither did he have greatness thrust upon him, but he has had to work hard for what he has achieved.

And what he has achieved is academic excellence and service to humanity that is simply mind-boggling.

He is described by those who know him as a man of God, committed to a ministry of restoration that reaches beyond the sanctuary to uplift those most in need.

“I was born on the beautiful island of Jamaica, the third of five children to the late Reverend Vernon N. Nelson and Eva Nelson,” he would quickly say to anyone who wishes to know more about his antecedents.

Bishop Nelson migrated to London, England, as a young adult and pursued undergraduate studies in Theology at the European Bible Seminary in Rudersburg, Germany, and Biblical

Archaeological studies at the Institute of Holy Land Studies in Israel.

He later earned a Master's degree in Divinity from the Pentecostal Theological Seminary in Cleveland, Tennessee; and advanced certification in Community Service Chaplaincy and advanced certification in Clinical Pastoral Education at the Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia,

And he did not stop there. His voracious appetite for learning led him to become certified in conflict resolution at Saint Paul University in Ottawa, Canada, and a Master's Degree in Non-profit Executive Leadership from Fordham University



in New York. He then completed his Doctor in Ministry degree at the New York Theological Seminary.

Prior to pursuing full-time pastoral ministry, he was employed as a psychotherapist at the Hiwassee Mental Health Center in Cleveland, Tennessee, where he helped develop the Crisis Response Program, which focused solely on suicidal patients. In October 1994, Bishop Nelson and his family moved to Ottawa, Canada, where they remained for eight and a half years.

During that time he served as Senior Pastor of the Ottawa Church of God; District Overseer for the Ottawa District of Churches; Chaplaincy Coordinator for Ontario; Co-chair for the Community and Police Action Committee; President for the Samaritan Support Services of Ottawa-Carleton; Executive board member for Church of God in Ontario; Executive board member for Church of God in Canada; a guest workshop presenter at the Ontario Police Academy; member of the Church of God International Publication Board; member of the Church of God Board of Education; and the Church of God Division of Care.

And there was more to come.

In 2003, he and his family relocated to Brooklyn, New York, where he currently serves as Senior Pastor for Ebenezer Urban Ministry Center, formerly known as Church of God of East Flatbush; District Administrative Bishop for District #2; President for Hope Center Development Corporation Inc.; and member of the New York State Executive Council.

He also serves on the Board of Trustees for One Brooklyn Hospital, and 2nd Vice president to the 67th Precinct Clergy Council (Godsquad). Bishop Nelson was elected to the Church of God International Executive Council of 18 at the 78th International General Assembly in 2022 and re-elected to the Executive Council of 18 at the 79th. International General Assembly.

Additionally, he serves on several other international boards, such as People For Care

and Learning in Cambodia, Freedom Outreach International Ministries and the European Theological Seminary in Kniebis, Germany. He also provides spiritual covering to the pastors and staff of Set The Captives Free Outreach Center in Windsor Mill, Maryland.

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to community development and transformation, he received the New York United Hospital Fund Distinguished Trustee Award in 2009 and the Brookdale Hospital Medal and Plaque in 2011.

He was awarded Alumnus of the Year by the European Theological Seminary in Kniebis, Germany, and in December 2020, recognised as Alumnus of the Year by the Pentecostal Theological Seminary in Cleveland, Tennessee

“Bishop Nelson is a visionary whose guidance and focus on leadership development enabled the Ebenezer Urban Ministry Center to evolve from a single cell church model into a vibrant urban ministry centre that is home to more than 1,700 members and ministers to over 2,500 on a weekly basis,” is what is written about him.

In 2011, Bishop Nelson led his congregation in the purchase of two city blocks for the development of the Ebenezer Plaza, which provides a 43,000 square footage Urban Ministry Center and over 500 affordable apartments.

In 2021, the Big Apple Brownfield Award for innovative remediation was presented to the Ebenezer Plaza Owner LLC. and the New York City Housing Partnership Innovative Project award on October 23, 2024.

Ebenezer Urban Ministry Center functions as a vibrant ministry hub that operates on four pillars: a Worship Center, Hope Center Development Corporation, Urban Reach NYC and a Migrant Waiting Center.

Serving alongside him are his wife, Reverend Diana Nelson, to whom he has been married for 38 years, and their three children, Raphael Jr, Andrea, and Sigourey, as well as his daughters-in-law, Janissi and Ayisha, and his grandson, Maverick.





# CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

Our Centennial celebrations begin on January 1, 2025 with prayer! Join us in the Zoom room each day for **100 Days of Prayer**.  
#100YearsStrong

  
NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF GOD  
JAMAICA

# 100 DAYS OF PRAYER

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START DATE END DATE  
**JANUARY 1 - APRIL 10**  
TIME: **5 a.m - 6 a.m**

**JOIN US** 

MEETING ID: 871 3197 3666  
PASSCODE: 293766



# CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

## 100 DAYS OF PRAYER JANUARY: 'CELEBRATING THE GOD OF THE 100'

DAY #	DAY	DATE	DISTRICT/MINISTRY	FOCUS OF THE DAY
<b>1</b>	Wednesday	January 1	National Office & National Prayer Network	<b>El Emunah</b> <i>Faithful God</i> Deuteronomy 7:9
<b>2</b>	Thursday	January 2	LifeBuilders' Ministry	<b>Abba</b> <i>Our Father</i> Psalm 68:5
<b>3</b>	Friday	January 3	Youth and Discipleship	<b>Jehovah Magen</b> <i>Lord Our Shield</i> Deuteronomy 33:29
<b>4</b>	Saturday	January 4	Women's Ministries	<b>Ruach Hakkodesh</b> <i>Holy Spirit</i> Psalm 51:11
<b>5</b>	Sunday	January 5	Bethel Bible College	<b>Peheh Yo'etz</b> <i>Wonderful Counsellor</i> Isaiah 9:6
<b>6</b>	Monday	January 6	Family Life Ministry	<b>Elohei Mikkarov</b> <i>God Who is Near</i> Jeremiah 23:23
<b>7</b>	Tuesday	January 7	National Discipleship Unit	<b>Logos</b> <i>The Word</i> John 1:1
<b>8</b>	Wednesday	January 8	National Music and Worship	<b>Elohei Tehillati</b> <i>God of Our Praise</i> Psalm 109:1
<b>9</b>	Thursday	January 9	Western Evangelism Region	<b>Elohe Tishuathi</b> <i>God of Our Salvation</i> Psalm 51:14
<b>10</b>	Friday	January 10	East Central Evangelism	<b>Jehovah Roi</b> <i>Lord Our Shepherd</i> Psalm 23:1
<b>11</b>	Saturday	January 11	Eastern Evangelism Region	<b>Sar Shaloam</b> <i>Prince of Peace</i> Isaiah 9:6
<b>12</b>	Sunday	January 12	Aboukir District	<b>Jehovah</b> <i>The Relational God</i> Genesis 2:4
<b>13</b>	Monday	January 13	Central Evangelism Region	<b>El Elyon</b> <i>God Most High</i> Daniel 3:26
<b>14</b>	Tuesday	January 14	Alexandria District	<b>Immanuel</b> <i>God With Us</i> Isaiah 7:14
<b>15</b>	Wednesday	January 15	Bamboo District	<b>Jehovah Jireh</b> <i>Lord Our Provider</i> Genesis 22:14



# 100 DAYS OF PRAYER

## JANUARY: 'CELEBRATING THE GOD OF THE 100'

(SCHEDULE CONTINUED)

DAY #	DAY	DATE	DISTRICT/MINISTRY	FOCUS OF THE DAY
<b>16</b>	Thursday	January 16	Beeston Street District	<b>El Olam</b> <i>Everlasting God</i> Psalm 48:14
<b>17</b>	Friday	January 17	Black River District	<b>Jehovah Rapha</b> <i>Lord Our Healer</i> Exodus 15:26
<b>18</b>	Saturday	January 18	Blackwoods District	<b>El Sali</b> <i>Lord Our Rock</i> 1 Samuel 22:47
<b>19</b>	Sunday	January 19	Bombay District	<b>Esh Oklah</b> <i>Our Consuming Fire</i> Deuteronomy 4:24
<b>20</b>	Monday	January 20	Braeton District	<b>Jehovah Nissi</b> <i>Lord Our Banner</i> Exodus 17:15
<b>21</b>	Tuesday	January 21	Bounty Hall District	<b>Jehovah Ori</b> <i>Lord Our Light</i> Psalm 27:1
<b>22</b>	Wednesday	January 22	Brandon Hill District	<b>Elohim Chaseddi</b> <i>God of Our Mercy</i> Psalm 59:10
<b>23</b>	Thursday	January 23	Brighton District (Also: Parish Prayer & Word Conference)	<b>Elohei Ma'uzzi</b> <i>God of Our Strength</i> 2 Samuel 22:33
<b>24</b>	Friday	January 24	Brown's Town District	<b>El Nekamoth</b> <i>God that Avengeth</i> Psalm 18:47
<b>25</b>	Saturday	January 25	Bull Bay's District	<b>El Simchath Gili</b> <i>God Our Exceeding Joy</i> Psalm 43:4
<b>26</b>	Sunday	January 26	Cambridge District	<b>Elohe Tsadeki</b> <i>God of Our Righteousness</i> Psalm 4:1
<b>27</b>	Monday	January 27	Cascade District	<b>El Hakabodh</b> <i>God of Glory</i> Psalm 29:3
<b>28</b>	Tuesday	January 28	Cave District	<b>Attiq Youm</b> <i>Ancient of Days</i> Daniel 7:9-11
<b>29</b>	Wednesday	January 29	Central Village District	<b>Jehovah El Emeth</b> <i>Lord God of Truth</i> Psalm 31:5
<b>30</b>	Thursday	January 30	Clark's Town District	<b>Jehovah Goelekh</b> <i>The Lord Our Redeemer</i> Isaiah 60:16
<b>31</b>	Friday	January 31	National Prayer Network	<b>Elohe Yisreal</b> <i>Hope of Israel</i> Genesis 33:20




# CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES



## LAUNCH OF CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS - CHURCH SERVICE

*Theme:* **ROOTED IN FAITH**  
**GROWING AND GOING WITH THE GOSPEL**

 Waltham Park New Testament  
Church of God

 Sunday, January 12, 2025  
at 6:00 p.m

**GUEST SPEAKER:  
BISHOP DR. R.C. HUGH NELSON**

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# CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

## CELEBRATING AND RE-IMAGINING GOSPEL-DRIVEN MINISTRY

Come April 24, we will gather at the Convention Centre for the Centennial Leadership Conference as we explore the theme, 'Celebrating and Re-imagining Gospel-Driven Ministry in a Changing World'.

This is one of those events where presenters and participants will reflect on the achievements of the denomination over these many decades, and also look critically at current realities and new methods of carrying the Gospel, aided by the rapidly evolving technology, while holding faithful to the message.



**24**  
**APRIL**  
**2025**

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF GOD - JAMAICA  
P R E S E N T S

**LEADERSHIP**

**CONFERENCE**

THEME : CELEBRATING AND RE-IMAGINING  
GOSPEL-DRIVEN MINISTRY IN A CHANGING WORLD

CONVENTION CENTRE, OLD HARBOUR



# CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

**Street**  
**EVANGELISM**

**MAY 2025**  
**YOUTH TAKE TO THE STREETS**

**📍 ISLANDWIDE**

During the month of May, thousands of students across the Caribbean will be in the throes of their secondary school-leaving examinations.

Of course, the students who are members of the New Testament Church of God are no exception. But, in addition to burning the midnight oil as they prepare to deliver outstanding results to their hard-working and supportive parents, come May 17, they will take a well-needed respite from the “crisis beats”.

On that day, they will take to the streets in several areas right across the country as they proclaim the Gospel and show to the community and the world that they are the next generation of leaders.

The current leaders will be assured that should it please the Lord to let the earth remain as it is for another 100 years, the future of the church is secure. Can't you already feel the energy?



# CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

## HOMECOMING CENTENNIAL CONVENTION

The grand Centennial Convention will be held over a period of five days – July 9-13. Dozens of our brothers and sisters from Canada, the United States of America, England, the Cayman Islands, and elsewhere are already planning to pack their bags and head to Jamaica.

One of the highlights of that convention will be a Diaspora Conference scheduled to take place in our new conference room on the upper floor of the Convention Centre.



Join us for the

# CENTENNIAL CONVENTION

at the  
CONVENTION CENTRE,  
OLD HARBOUR

**JULY 9-13, 2025**

**FEATURING  
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DIASPORA  
CONFERENCE**

**Rooted in Faith,  
Growing and Going  
with the Gospel**



# CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF GOD - JAMAICA

# CENTENNIAL 5K

SATURDAY / JULY 19

**A DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**

Our church is all about catering to the whole person and we do have many sport enthusiasts and athletes in our denomination. Lay aside your jackets, ties, stilettos and sombreros and don your sporting gear as we run for a cause.

PART PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME AND THE YADEL HOME FOR CHILDREN OPERATED BY THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF GOD - JAMAICA

**INFO: 876-927-3712**



# CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

## WHEN THE AI MEETS THE I AM

The Centennial Christian Academic Conference will bring together believers from across the globe to interrogate the conference theme, which in essence explores the intersection of the I AM and the AI.

## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ACADEMIC CONFERENCE



MONTEGO BAY CONVENTION CENTRE  
MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA



AUGUST 8-9, 2025

**REGISTER HERE:** <https://forms.gle/HZu5bGbJzxxMXAyJ6>

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# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**THEME:** Redemptive Reset: The I Am,  
The AI and Christian Scholarship for the  
Empowerment of Community and the Future

**Researchers and all other  
higher education stakeholders are  
eligible to make a submission.**



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## CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

# Hallel

## GOSPEL FESTIVAL

If you are one of those people who simply cannot resist good music, and extraordinary worship that feeds the soul, then October 25 will be your day as thousands of people – from Baby Boomers to Millennials to Gen-Zers – will converge on the Convention Centre for our **Hallel Gospel Festival**.

The event will kick off at 9:00 a.m., with a session on cultural worship.

“This session will provide valuable insights into the significance of music in our Jamaican culture and its role in worship practices locally. Additionally, there will be a presentation by a skilled musician focusing on empowering vocalists and helping them appreciate the musicians’ unique role in music ministry,” writes the National Music Ministry.

Attendees will have the opportunity to explore various booths set up around the Convention Centre. Those booths will offer interactive experiences and valuable resources related to music and worship.

Some of the booth ideas include: small church bands, large church bands showcase; drumming workshops; steam room with prayer and singing sessions accompanied by keyboards; choir directors’ booth; intellectual property rights; and keyboard tips and tutorials.

“The highlight of the festival will be a spectacular evening concert featuring renowned artistes and bands from the music and worship scene. This massive concert will serve as a culmination of the day’s events, bringing together participants to celebrate the power of music and worship,” writes a Ministry representative.”

WHEN A  
GOSPEL FEAST  
COMES CALLING





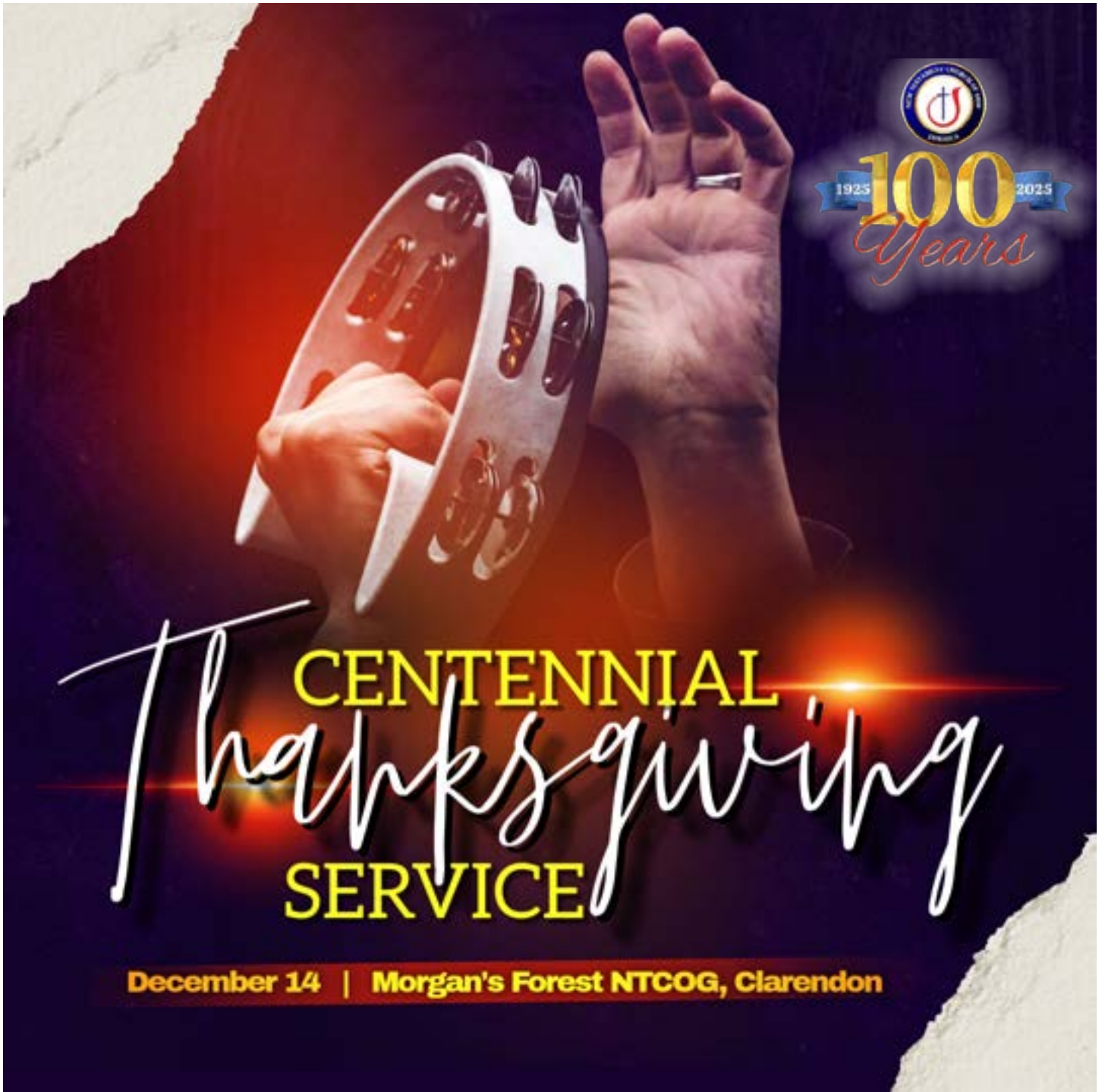
# CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

## BACK TO WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

One hundred years ago, this denomination held its first service as an organised body in the hills of a remote rural area called Morgan's Forest with a handful of people in tow. Today, the New Testament Church of God has more than 100,000 members across the island, and hundreds of pastors and branches in every parish.



Come December 14, we will go back to the beginning with a Centennial Thanksgiving Service at that little church in Clarendon where it all started in 1925. We anticipate that it will be a nostalgic affair.





# CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

## CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME



### CHANGE A LIFE

As we commemorate the centennial milestone of the New Testament Church of God in Jamaica, we are thrilled to launch the **100 Scholarships for 100 Years initiative**.

This transformative programme aims to empower the next generation by awarding 100 scholarships, each valued at least J\$100,000, to deserving students across the country.

We invite individuals, families, churches, and organisations to join this historic effort.

Donations of any amount are welcome, and contributors giving at least US\$1,000 will have the honour of their family or church name included among our distinguished benefactors.

Your generous support can make a life-changing impact. By contributing to the 100 Scholarships for 100 Years initiative, you will play a pivotal role in transforming lives and honouring the enduring legacy of the New Testament Church of God in Jamaica.

#### YOU CAN MAKE A DONATION TOWARDS THE 100 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 100 YEARS INITIATIVE AT:

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**Celebrate 100 Years of Faith and Legacy: Sponsor a Scholarship Today**



# CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

## CELEBRATING THE PAST, INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

### MORGAN'S FOREST CHURCH



As the New Testament Church of God commemorates a century of blessings, we have chosen three significant projects to mark this milestone.

Our denomination, established in 1925 in the hills of Clarendon, began with two pioneering congregations: Morgan's Forest and Mount Providence. Those congregations remain vibrant pillars of faith today.

To celebrate their legacy and invest in their future, each will receive a grant of \$1,000,000 to enhance their facilities and support their ministry programmes.

Our third project revisits the historical Windsor Castle Church, the former chapel of Bethel Bible College before its relocation to Mandeville, Manchester. That site, steeped in spiritual heritage, will receive a much-needed facelift, including improvements to the basic school on the property.

We invite you to partner with us in this mission. If you have a connection to those churches or simply feel led to support their growth and impact, please consider making a donation.

Together, let us make this centennial celebration a landmark event in our church's history. Your support will honour our past and pave the way for a brighter future.

#### YOU CAN MAKE A DONATION TOWARDS THESE LEGACY PROJECTS AT:

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# CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

## WINDSOR CASTLE CHURCH



## MOUNT PROVIDENCE CHURCH





# Another cause for celebration

It is probably common knowledge that members of the New Testament Church of God continue to play significant roles in society.

So we are pleased to announce that for the next 12 months, the Overseer for the Lacovia District of churches in St. Elizabeth, Reverend Leighton Campbell, will be sitting in the

president's chair of the Association of Guidance Counsellors in Education in Jamaica.

In that position, he will be required to provide administrative leadership to the members of the association, make representation on behalf of the association nationally, with regard to the educational, social and emotional development of students

at all levels of the system.

“The position also requires him to inspire his colleagues through active engagements, exemplary conduct

and practice,” reads a release from the Association.

The president is elected by members during the annual general conference.



Rochina Anderson (left), outgoing president of the Jamaica Association of Guidance Counsellors in Education, passes the gavel to her successor, Reverend Leighton Campbell.





## MINISTERS MEET IN STYLE

The Annual Minister's Conference on October 24, 2024 was held in the new conference hall at the Convention Centre in Old Harbour. The facility has a seating capacity of 300 and all who attended were comfortably accommodated.



# REACHING EVERY HOME FOR CHRIST



ABOVE AND BELOW: Linstead District of Churches Community Invasion.



Every Home for Christ (EHC) is a 76-year-old international missions-based organisation with headquarters in Colorado Springs, United States of America, and currently does ministry in some 155 countries.

Its vision is that every person on earth would have a genuine opportunity to respond to the truth and love of Jesus.

The Jamaican chapter, led by Reverend Dr. Orville Plummer, provides training and free resources in the areas of prayer, evangelism, discipleship, Christian education, children's ministries, mentorship, leadership, and humanitarian aid.

EHC commenced its operations in Jamaica with a four-month pilot that involved the New Testament Church of God, the Church of God of Prophecy, the Open Bible Standard Churches, the Missionary Church Association of Jamaica, and the Church of God in Jamaica.

Since its establishment over three months ago, the ministry has engaged 141 churches; trained 1,400 people; distributed 100,000 tracts; reached 4,454 homes; and ministered to 12,740 people in public places.

Additionally, just under 17,000 people have been reached through events, 79 baptised in water, 53 put in touch with a local church, and 238 Bibles have been distributed.

The next initiative will see the EHC partnering



Distribution of slippers by Hampton Green Missionary Church.

with the National Youth and Discipleship Department of the New Testament Church of God in training and certifying over 2,000 teenagers in the John Maxwell Lead Today programme.

EHC Jamaica may be contacted via email at [everyhomeja@gmail.com](mailto:everyhomeja@gmail.com); by telephone at 876-412-1927 or 876-299-9750; via Instagram @everyhomeforchristja and on Facebook.



Community Evangelism – Clarendon.



Above and below: Bibles presented to newly baptised converts at the Harry Watch Missionary Church in Manchester.



Distribution of slippers to May Pen Infirmary.

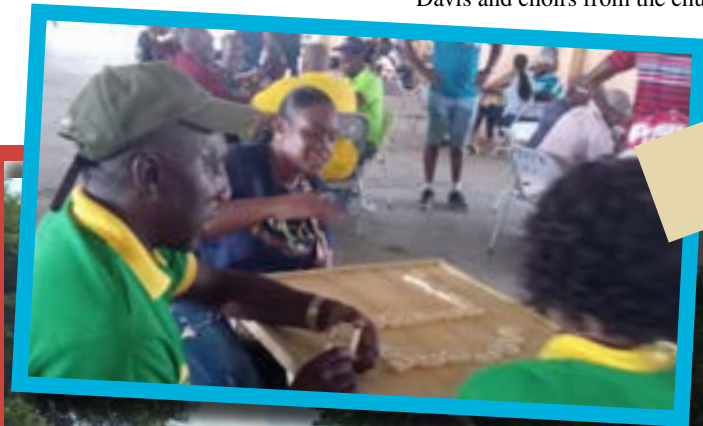
# Family fun day a hit

Food, football, netball, domino competitions were some of the activities that marked the most recent iteration of the LifeBuilder's Men's Ministry fun day held at the Convention Centre in Old Harbour.

An innovative feature of this annual

event was the on-the-spot training that HEART/NSTA Trust offered to the young people and others who attended. The children, too, had fun as they were able to "ride" all day.

The event culminated with a Gospel explosion, featuring Lubert Levy, Rian Davis and choirs from the church.







# ONLY BOYS ALLOWED



If you were to visit the New Testament Church of God campsite in St. Ann, on the first weekend of December, you probably would be puzzled to see dozens of boys milling around.

Your curiosity would lead to your being told that this was a boys' camp and that during that weekend, the attendees would be taken

through their paces as they were ministered to through the Word; learned valuable life lessons, including team-building activities; and being treated to a spa session, sponsored by HEART/NSTA Trust.

In the end, 18 boys committed their lives to the Lord and have returned home for further nurturing by the local churches.





# OPERATION SAVE JAMAICA

The New Testament Church of God and Operation Save Jamaica (OSJ), a registered charity and para-church organisation, recently renewed their strategic partnership by signing another three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The MOU is aimed at strengthening strategic alliance between the two organisations in an effort to promote and facilitate community transformation, which is aligned with the vision, mission, and mandate of both parties.

Activities to be undertaken include training of ministers and members and the development and implementation of community projects.



# STRATEGIC UPDATES

– QUARTER ENDING NOVEMBER 2024 –

## TOP 10 CHURCHES IN TITHES PER CAPITA

CHURCH	PASTOR	MEMBERSHIP
1. MALVERN	Joseph Caine	28
2. UNITY	Philemon Hines	37
3. PRATVILLE	Randy Collins	12
4. OLD HARBOUR	Donovan Knight	306
5. SCARLETT HALL	Dexton Samuels	62
6. NEWPORT	Vernon Morrison	97
7. PERTH TOWN	Oniel Haughton	12
8. MANLEY MEADOWS	Clive Abrahams	63
9. MOUNTAIN VIEW	Courtney Beason	285
10. OLD HARBOUR BAY	Robin Williams	26

(Per capita refers to the average amount (tithes or offerings) contributed per person over the quarter. This number is based on the church's report of its total membership as at the quarter's end.)

## TOP 10 CHURCHES IN OFFERINGS PER CAPITA

CHURCH	PASTOR	MEMBERSHIP
1. MANLEY MEADOWS	Clive Abrahams	63
2. OLD HARBOUR	Donovan Knight	306
3. FLINT RIVER	Wilbert Vassell	78
4. OLD HARBOUR BAY	Robin Williams	26
5. GREENMOUNT	Oreal Plummer	15
6. NEWELL	George Riley	50
7. MALVERN	Joseph Caine	28
8. PERTH TOWN	Oniel Haughton	12
9. WINDSOR FARM	Jodian Heath	33
10. SANTA HILL	Marcia Knight	70

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## TOP 10 IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE BAPTISED IN WATER

CHURCH	PASTOR	WATER BAPTISED
1. ST. ANN'S BAY	Winston Foster	23
2. FRANKFIELD	Hopeton Jarrett	13
3. MAY PEN	James Small	13
4. OLD HARBOUR	Donovan Knight	10
5. MONEAGUE	Wayne Grant	9
6. TOLL GATE	Rhoan Parkins	8
7. AEOLUS VALLEY	Chez Cameron	8
8. MANDEVILLE	Donald Roberts	7
9. MOUNTAIN VIEW	Courtney Beason	7
10. PORTMORE	Cornel Shaw	7

## TOP 10 CHURCHES IN TITHES FOR THE QUARTER

CHURCH	PASTOR
1. PORTMORE	Cornel Shaw
2. WALTHAM PARK	Stevenson Samuels
3. MONTEGO BAY	Ruel Robinson
4. CLIFTON	Monroe Wisdom
5. OLD HARBOUR	Donovan Knight
6. SPANISH TOWN	Osborne Fisher
7. ESCARPMENT ROAD	Leslie Pinnock
8. MAY PEN	James Small
9. EASTWOOD PARK	Clement Clarke
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## TOP 10 CHURCHES IN GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP

CHURCH	PASTOR	ADDED
1. PARKS ROAD	Lymano Wishart	20
2. PORTMORE	Cornel Shaw	20
3. DUNCANS	Kirk McFarlane	19
4. ST. ANN'S BAY	Winston Foster	18
5. DANVER'S PEN	Steven Brown	16
6. GREENMOUNT	Oreal Plummer	15
7. MAY PEN	James Small	14
8. NEGRIL	Everton Robinson	13
9. MOUNT STEWART	Samantha Blake-Reid	10
10. CLIFTON	Monroe Wisdom	9

## TOP CHURCHES IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE BAPTISED IN THE HOLY GHOST

CHURCH	PASTOR	HOLY GHOST FILLED
1. PORTMORE	Cornel Shaw	15
2. BROWN'S TOWN	Stenneth Davis	12
3. BEESTON STREET	Cleo Ellis	9
4. MAY PEN	James Small	9
5. OLD HARBOUR	Donovan Knight	4
6. MOUNT STEWART	Samantha Blake-Reid	3
7. PARKS ROAD	Lymano Wishart	3
8. PORT ANTONIO	Desmond Green	3
9. HARBOUR VIEW	Ramone Ellis	2
10. LINTON PARK	Shantell Stobbs	2



# 2025 CALENDAR

## JANUARY 2025

### SPIRITUAL RENEWAL MONTH

**Focus: Repent, Restore, Renew,  
(Draw Near to God through the  
Spiritual Disciplines)**

**KEY VERSES: DEUTERONOMY 9:18-20;  
PSALM 80:19**



DATE	ACTIVITIES/EVENTS	LOCATION
1	New Year's Day	Start of 100 Days of Prayer
5	New Year's Sunday	
6	National Office Reopens	
6-12	National Teens' Week	Local Churches
9	Let the Men Pray (LifeBuilders Prayer Session)	Virtual
12	Official Launch Service of Centennial Celebrations	Waltham Park Church
11	National Teens' Rally	Convention Centre
14	Ministry Preparation Seminar	Bethel Bible College
17-19	Women's Ministries Fast Camp	National Campsite
23	Parish Prayer and Word Conference	Every Parish
26	National Prayer and Testimony Sunday	Local churches

## FEBRUARY 2025

### EVANGELISM MONTH

**FOCUS: CONTACT, CONNECT,  
CONVERT, COMMIT**

**KEY VERSE: 1 PETER 3:15**



DATE	ACTIVITIES/EVENTS	LOCATION
1	Regional Evangelism Conference	Each Region
1	LOUD – National Youth and Discipleship Department	
8	Sunday School Seminar	Old Harbour Church
15	Regional Talent Showcase Competition	Portmore, Old Harbour, Oracabessa; Montego Bay
18	Ministerial Examinations	National Convention Centre
22	O.N.E. Sound Surrey Region	TBA
21-23	Ministers' Wives Excursion	TBD
23	Baptism Sunday	Local Churches
28	Lifebuilders Street Meeting	TBD

## MARCH 2025

**FOCUS: MEN OF PURPOSE GROWING  
AND GOING WITH THE GOSPEL**

**KEY VERSE – 1 CORINTHIANS 16:13**



### MEN'S MONTH

DATE	ACTIVITIES/EVENTS	LOCATION
8	International Women's Day Conference	Online
8	Regional Children and Teens' Bible Competition Playoff	Eastwood Park, May Pen, Oracabessa; Montego Bay
11	District Pastors Seminar	TBD
15	National Domino Tournament	Old Harbour
22	LOUD – National Youth and Discipleship Department	
22	Street Meeting	TBD
23	National Men's Sunday	TBD
23-29	Men's Week	Local Churches