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A Year to Remember



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Time has passed quickly since the Truth of God saints gathered together at the headquarters campus in Philadelphia, PA, for the 2024 End-of-Year Convocation. The meeting helped close out a challenging year in a uniquely unforgettable way: the preaching and worship over that fateful weekend served to unify the people of God and encourage the saints to hold onto God's unchanging hand.



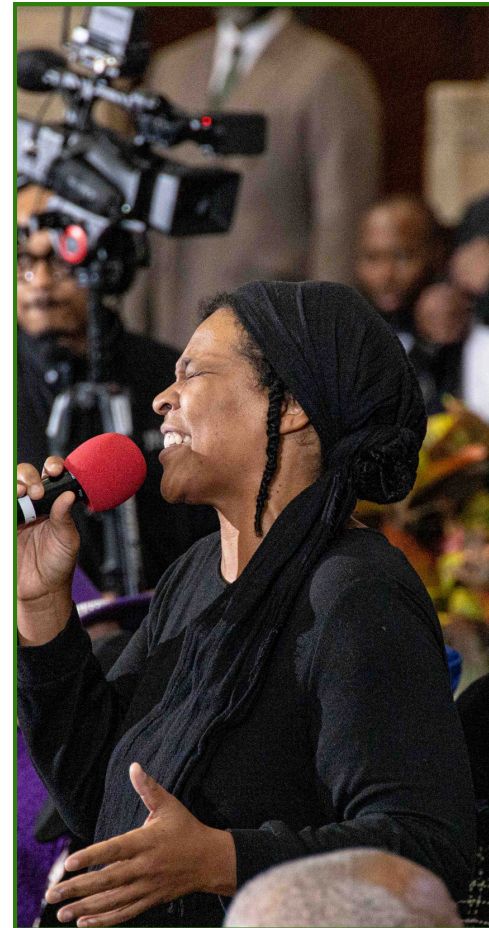
As brothers, sisters, mothers, and elders from every corner of the world filled the campus and the atmosphere with holy praise and due reverence, we reflected as a family on how far the Lord Jesus Christ brought us as First Church collectively and as individuals. We expressed gratitude and love for the hurdles He had helped us overcome while understanding and accepting that we will face many more.

We also thanked God Almighty for guiding our leader, teacher, and guide, Pastor Jennings. We celebrated his first 40 years of leading God's people.

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END OF THE YEAR
CONVOCATION

NEW BEGINNINGS

TO GLORIFY GOD



The heavens declare His glory

On Thursday, December 26th, 2024, we enjoyed a selection from the Bronx temple,



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which echoed the foundation of holiness, the oneness of God. The choir from Augusta, GA, followed with an intimate rendition before the HQ Media Team played part one of a beautiful presentation: a video compilation showing saints from temples worldwide expressing gratitude to God for Pastor Jennings' hard labor in the past 40 years.

The Father's handiwork was evident in the diverse faces, thanking Jennings for his faithfulness to God and His people. After heartfelt words from several ministers, Pastor introduced us to the speaker for the night, Brother Minister Katleho Success Dlamini from the Johannesburg, South Africa temple. Minister Success, by the Holy Ghost, preached a powerful message reminding us of heavenly bodies, whom God has ordained to declare His glory: teaching and preparing the people for the restitution of all things. "God didn't send me," he reinforced, distancing himself from false claims by false teachers worldwide. "God only sends prophets and apostles."



We must be taught of God

On night two of the convocation, we heard a moving selection from the International Youth Choir that asked a heart-pricking question: "You say I am your shepherd; why aren't you following me?"



After the Haitian choir's selection, we were privy to part two of the video presentation from the night before. It was stunning to see with our very eyes how the Word of God continues to spread like wildfire.

There were encouraging words from a few ministers before Minister Felicite Stevenson, who had traveled from Rodrigues, an autonomous outer island of the Republic of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean, was introduced as the night's speaker.

Stevenson encouraged the saints with an inspiring testimony about how God delivered him from falsehood and used Pastor Jennings to open his understanding of the scriptures. He also pointed out that knowing who God is is vital for the church. "We must be taught of God," he thundered that Friday night, emphasizing, among other things, that we must search ourselves and ensure that Jesus Christ is our Master!

It's all in Him

On Saturday, the saints heard a sister share a powerful testimony about her experience and deliverance from possession during last year's end-of-year convocation. Her testimony was moving, and we rejoiced that the sister was delivered during that service and had returned to the present convocation by God's tender mercies.

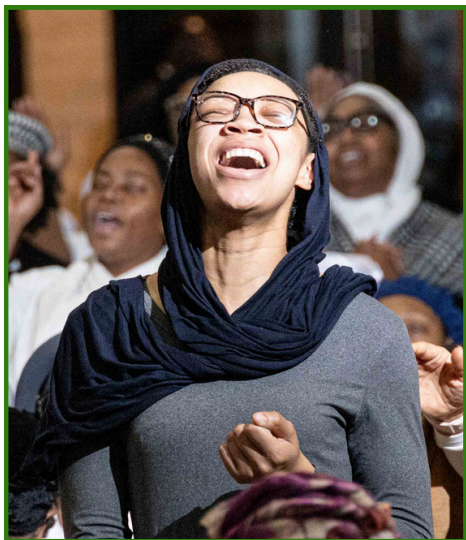
The First Church band did a fantastic job glorifying God with instrumental music before the Atlanta choir sang a soulful melody, reminding the saints constantly to be grateful. That night, the International Mass Choir also rendered an uplifting selection, encouraging the saints that we can make this journey of holiness with God.



A good soldier

It was a sight to behold. As early as 7:00 am on Sunday, the saints filled up the lawn leading to the regal front doors of the Headquarters temple, eager to secure a seat in the House of God, notwithstanding the faint drizzle. As they crammed the pews, the high ceilings reverberated with the sound of prayer and calling upon the name of the Lord Jesus. The energy was high as brothers and sisters pulled onto heaven together; we all needed something from the Lord. So, when the international choir entreated us with a song, asking the Lord to "order our steps" in his word, I felt we were on one accord.

Despite the issues the church had faced the whole year, Jennings entered the pulpit that morning with a big smile. He reaffirmed his resolve to stick with his Bible-based decisions made on the church's behalf. He also outlined God's authority to the apostles and continued teaching about how to be a good soldier. I was encouraged to fight the good fight of faith and wait on the Lord with good courage. It was a much-needed message based on what had transpired in 2024.



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For the most important part of the night, our beloved leader brought forth the word of God as strong as ever. He taught about being a good soldier in the army of the Lord and the importance of having a commander, an apostle, to lead and guide the people. God's people had gone through a lot during the year, so it was a blessing to end the night with strong teaching and the saints singing in unison: "It's all in Him! It's all in Him! The fullness of the Godhead, it's all in Him!"

I believe the saints returned to the headquarters campus for the evening service with a bittersweet feeling: the convention was closing out, and we would depart from warm fellowship. But we were also greatly encouraged to practice the righteousness of Jesus Christ in our daily walk with Him.

After a Cayman Islands sister and her son rendered a beautiful selection unto the Lord, Sister Esther Williams from the Ontario, Canada, temple blessed God with an original song. The selection inspired the saints to "just keep calling" on the Lord Jesus, and I saw the effect of the powerful lyrics on saints who were crying and lifting holy hands to God. It ushered in a fitting atmosphere before Pastor Jennings preached again that evening.

Jennings delivered a thoughtful and practical message, showering the saints with wise counsel on personal conduct and relationships. The teaching was apt for the single, engaged, and married, so we all came away with practical knowledge to aid us spiritually and naturally.

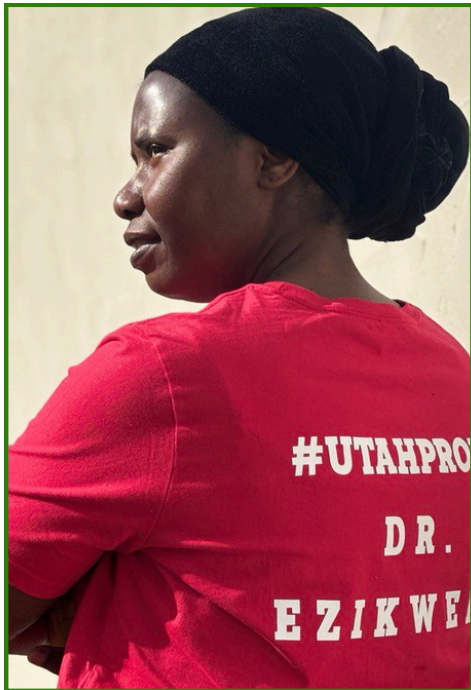
A year to remember

Traveling back to my destination, (I won't call it home—the Lord's house feels more like home) I felt an overwhelming gratitude. I am happy to be a part of a spiritual family striving for the same goal. It was the right way to end 2024, a year full of changes and challenges laced with many highs and lows. Through it all, I saw the church's perseverance, what God has brought His people through, and the dedication of sound leadership. It inspired me to make 2025, by God's permission, another year to remember.

New beginnings: Q&A with a freshly minted Doctor!



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Quantitative research is a strategy that involves collecting and analyzing numerical data to test theories and establish cause-and-effect relationships. A quantitative researcher typically analyses data with the help of statistics to yield unbiased results that can be generalized to a larger population.

Q & A:

In the modern, technologically advanced and competitive marketplace, young people are advised to embrace innovation and invest in education to get ahead. However, academic achievements require tireless dedication, unwavering commitment, and countless sacrifices, which some cannot make. That is why we are celebrating our dear sister, Evelyn Ezikwelu, who has attained a wonderful feat: completing her dissertation for a Ph.D.! Although there is no temple in Utah where Sister Ezikwelu resides, she is a faithful member of the Truth of God family and the Truth of God International Newsletter & Magazine auxiliary. As we thank God for our dear sister and celebrate her accomplishment, she participated in a Q&A about her journey.

RW: Tell us a little about your background

EE: I am the youngest of seven children. I was born when my parents thought they had finished childbearing. I received a lot of love and care from my family members, which helped me grow with a great deal of confidence in my abilities and shaped the way I view others. I grew up with a deep passion for education. I lost both my parents while I was still a child. But my siblings often say that my dad - before his death, when I was a child - predicted that I would go far in education. Education is something I have a passion for, and I love seeing others succeed or/and working with others to succeed academically as well.

RW: What inspired you to want to become a Doctor of Philosophy?

EE: Attaining a terminal degree like a Ph.D. was my passion growing up. Aside from it being the highest level of education, it provides a profound opportunity for one to better understand the knowledge base and skills in one's discipline, as well as the tools needed to support and mentor others. My specialty is sociology, with a background in statistics, public health, and project management. I am primarily a quantitative researcher.

RW: Tell us a little bit about the Ph.D. application process

EE: The application process for a Ph.D. is different from undergraduate or master's applications, where you will just submit your application. For a Ph.D., the process begins with identifying the area of specialty one is passionate about. Next, one must find a potential professor whose research aligns with theirs, regardless of the discipline. When looking for a professor to work with, if admitted, during the application process, it is important to ask the professor some specific questions about their work. Asking meaningful questions and thoughtfully contributing to the discussion about the professor's research will demonstrate that you are genuinely interested in their work, rather than just saying you want to work with them. Engaging in meaningful conversations increases the likelihood that the professor will take an interest in your application during the application review process and might consider you as a potential student to work with. If admitted, it is expected that you will work closely with that same professor, who will serve as your advisor until graduation.

RW: What challenges did you face? How did you overcome them?

EE: I faced many challenges - tons of them, too many to mention here. I overcame them by the grace of God, as the demands and challenges were greater than I had anticipated. The program requires full-time dedication, as well as a significant amount of tenacity, and only your passion for your work can sustain you. Also, part of my challenges was that I did three different programs alongside the Ph.D., which was extremely challenging.

RW: What are you looking forward to in the future?

EE: I have had the privilege of teaching and mentoring at a university for five years, and I plan to continue doing so. I find great joy in helping others grow academically and professionally, and I will continue this important work.

RW: What encouraging words would you give to those with similar aspirations?

EE: This journey requires a great deal of self-discipline; no one will be there to push you at any of the stages of the program. Therefore, it is essential to have a passion for the work one wants to do in the program. With hard work, determination, and dedication, one can overcome the challenges and succeed. Stay focused and believe in yourself; because the path is tough, but the feeling of fulfillment and the rewards are worth it.

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Congratulations!

A yellow and black fountain pen is shown at the end of the 'Congratulations!' text, as if it has just finished writing the word.

TO GLORIFY GOD



Minister Neely

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I would to God that I was an eloquent speaker
So that I could emphasize profoundly the wisdom and power of my Lord and
Savior.

I would to God that I was a gifted artist
So that I could create a timeless memorial as a testament of God's deep, abiding
love for all mankind.

I would to God that I was a writer extraordinaire
So that I could write words that would enlighten and open the understanding of
those that are ignorant concerning the salvation in Christ Jesus the Lord.

I would to God that I had a voice of golden silk
To sing melodies of the mercy and grace that Jesus Christ has extended to all
mankind and the joy and peace to those whose hearts receive Him as Lord and
Savior.

Then suddenly my Lord revealed to me
That my testimony was a profound statement of His delivering power, His blood
on the cross—a timeless memorial of His love for all mankind, His resurrection
—a confirmation that He is and shall always be.

His written Word enlightens and will open the understanding of those who are
unaware of God's will for them in the present wicked world
And my praise is a melody of love and worship that glorify God and lifts Him up
in the presence of men and angels.

Coconut Bun Rocks



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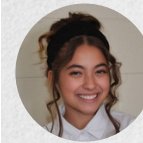
Ingredients List

- 500g plain flour
- 227g butter
- 100g light brown sugar
- 125g Demerara sugar
- 8 tbsp soaked raisins
- 2 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp grated nutmeg
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 4 medium eggs
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 small, shredded coconut

Instructions

- Start off by setting aside fresh coconut milk (will use to bind all the ingredients together at the end).
- Using a pastry blender or fingertips, work the butter into the flour until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
- Next, add 1/2 teaspoons of freshly grated nutmeg, both sugars, baking powder, ground cinnamon and raisins.
- After giving everything a good mix, add a small, grated coconut (use a fresh coconut rather than desiccated coconut as the dry version can be quite sweet).
- Then, beat 4 eggs and add 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract. Pour into a small jug. Add this slowly to the flour mixture.
- Finally, add the coconut milk until the desired consistency is achieved (8 tablespoons was sufficient for this batch).
- The dough should be wet/moist but not over-saturated.
- Using a large ice cream scoop (or a 2-spoon combo), place dollops of the batter onto a parchment lined baking sheet. There is no right or wrong way in portioning these—just ensure that they are all the same size so that they bake evenly.
- Bake at 190 degrees Celsius for 25 minutes or until golden brown.
- This mixture makes about 16 to 17 rock buns.

Quick Profile



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Greetings! My name is Caylee Lane, I attend headquarters in Philadelphia PA, I am currently an usher as well as the IT Tech for the Magazine and Newsletter Team. I've been in holiness my whole life and for that I give God all thanks. On the TOG Magazine and Newsletter team I work behind the scenes doing things such as recording the meetings we have, sending out the meetings to those who are in need, assist with any technical issues that are happening within the team, transferring our stories to their proper place, ect. I love my job because I am someone who loves technology as well as helping others so anywhere I can be a help, I will try my best to help! In 2025 I am looking forward to receiving the gift of the holy ghost as well as passing nursing school.

Thank
You!



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2025
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATES	LOCATIONS
March 7 th – 9 th	1 st Southwest Regional Convention (Dallas, TX)
March 22 nd – 23 rd	El Paso, TX (Will reschedule for a later date)
March 29 th – 30 th	Jacksonville, FL
April 12 th – 13 th	Boston, MA (Will reschedule for a later date)
April 17 th – 20 th	29 th Youth Convocation (Headquarters)
April 26 th – 27 th	Atlantic City, NJ
May 9 th – 11 th	1 st Western Regional Convention (Portland, OR)
May 24 th – 25 th	Minneapolis, MN
June 14 th – 15 th	Wilmington, DE
June 20 th – 22 nd	1 st Midwestern Regional Convention (Chicago, IL)
June 27 th – 29 th	3 rd Canadian Holy Convocation (Edmonton Alberta, Canada)
July 31 st – August 3 rd	37 th International Holy Convocation (Greensboro, NC)

** All schedule dates/ times are subject to change, also there may be unannounced visits to branch locations by Pastor Jennings **