

Welcome Message

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Joy to the world! The Lord has come! Let earth receive her King;

Welcome to December, the month of Good tidings and rejoicing.

The theme of our Retreat for this month is GREAT JOY! And our text is taken from Matt 2:9 - 11

Matthew 2:9-11

When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The wise men had been on a journey of more than 2 years searching for Jesus and were probably getting tired and perhaps discouraged.

They had asked people and even the king, but nobody knew where he was.

Then in Verse 10, they saw that the star had led them to the King they were looking for, and they rejoiced with GREAT JOY.

My question to you is what are you searching for? Where are you going? Who is leading you? Where are you searching for solutions?

Are you tired and discouraged?

As we celebrate Christmas, I want to encourage you to search for the Lord Jesus, seek for his Kingdom and righteousness (Matt 6:33), ask the Holy Spirit to lead

you in discovering more about Him, and in finding Him you will have cause for Exceedingly Great Joy.

Finding Jesus gives peace amid storms, calms your anxieties, and guarantees you eternal life.

Finally, just like the wise men, as you find him and know more about Him, worship him; with all your heart, all your mind and all your soul by giving your time, your money, and by sharing this GREAT JOY with others.

Remember, Jesus is the reason for the season.

Other resources in this newsletter that will help boost your Joy this season include testimonies, declarations, prayers, memory verses and a Hymn. I encourage you to read and share with all your loved ones. Copies are available at the ministry located at 14, Ogunlana Drive Surulere, Lagos.

Our special services for the month of January 2024 are as follows:

Yes Lord! Prayer Retreat holds on Saturday 13th January 2024 at 1pm; make it a date to kick start your new year with the Lord. And our Signs and Wonders Service (for healing etc.) comes up on Saturday 27th January 2024 at 1pm; plan to attend and please make sure you bring someone who needs a touch of the Lord with you.

I wish you a very blessed Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Joy to the world!



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HYMN: GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

 God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.

Refrain:
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

- 2. From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same; how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. [Refrain]
- "Fear not," then said the angel,

 "Let nothing you affright;
 this day is born a Savior
 of a pure virgin bright,
 to free all those who trust in Him
 from Satan's pow'r and might."
 [Refrain]
- 4. The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind, and left their flocks afeeding, in tempest, storm, and wind, and went to Bethlehem straightway, this blessed Babe to find. [Refrain]
- 5. Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place, and with true love and brotherhood each other new embrace; this holy tide of Christmas all other doth deface. [Refrain]

VISION

To restore the glory of the Lord's people, release those in bondage, heal the sick and the broken-hearted and uphold marriages towards effective nation building.

MISSION

Delivering and defending the afflicted in the body of Christ by applying the word of God, praising God for breakthroughs, evangelising counselling, and testimonies through the power of His might.

VALUES: HOLINESS

H-Humility
 L-Love
 I-Integrity
 N-Neighbourliness
 E-Empathy
 S-Service
 S-Sacrifice

Picture Gallery























PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

- 1. Everlasting Father thank You for keeping us all through this year into December, the month of good tidings, all praises be to You in Jesus name
- 2. Oh Lord your mercies endures forever, may your enduring mercies be poured out upon us this month and beyond in Jesus name
- 3. Oh Lord may this new month bring us good Tidings of favor and rejoicing in Jesus name
- 4. Oh Lord increase and satisfy my hunger and thirst for you, and fill my heart with the fullness of your joy in Jesus name.
- 5. Oh Lord in this month of good things, as we by your grace extend your joy to others, grant us perfect peace in Jesus name.

Memory Verse (All scriptures quoted from the NKJV)

Week 1

Luke 2:10

Then the angel said to them, Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

Week 2

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Week 3

Matthew 2:10

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

Week 4

Isaiah 61:1

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;



Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Philippians 4:4

TESTIMONIES

Despite being initially incapacitated by a sudden sharp pain in my waist on the first day of our Annual National Crusade, I summoned the courage to attend, and through divine intervention, wearing the crusade T-shirt which was a gift given to me at the crusade ground, the pain vanished as I danced and praised the Lord

MRS. FLORENCE IDOWU

Testifying to God's faithfulness in my life, I obediently followed His specific instruction to declare something continuously, and with overwhelming joy that very thing has come to pass, praising the Lord for His unwavering faithfulness in Jesus' name!

MR. GABRIEL JOHNSON

Expressing profound gratitude to God for life, children, grandchildren, and family, I continually thank Him for strength on my journey to the ministry, testifying to His continuous guidance and protection over my children, especially last month when my son's life was preserved during a daytime house fire.

MRS. HELEN ADEPOJU

DECLARATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

- 1. I decree and declare this is my season of good news on all sides in Jesus name.
- 2. I decree and declare there shall be no negativity in my good news in Jesus name.
- 3. I decree and declare that my good news will not turn sour in Jesus name
- 4. I decree that this is a season of good news that will go round all my family members in Jesus name.
- 5. I decree that my good news shall make me celebrate and be celebrated in Jesus name.

SALVATION PRAYER

Dear God, I come to You in the name of Jesus. I acknowledge that I am a sinner, and I am sorry for my sins, and the life that I have lived; I need Your forgiveness.

I believe that Your only begotten son, Jesus Christ shed his precious blood on the cross at Calvary and died for my sins, and I am now willing to turn away from them.

You said in Your Holy Word, in Romans 10:9 that if we confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved.

Right now, I confess Jesus as the Lord of my Life. With my heart, I believe that God raised Him from the dead and I accept Him as my personal Lord and Saviour, so according to Your word, I am saved.

Thank you, Jesus for your unlimited grace which has saved me from my sins. I thank You that Your grace never leads to licence, but to repentance. Therefore, Lord Jesus, transform my life so that I may bring glory and honour to You alone and not to myself. Thank you for dying for me and giving me eternal life. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Weekly Tuesday Fellowship** holds from 12:00p.m. to 1:30p.m. (Post-Covid Restriction) **Evening Service**: Tuesday at 6:00p.m.
- **Youth Fellowship:** every 3rd Friday of the month. Time: 6:00p.m.
- **Monthly Vigil:** holds every 3rd Friday of the month. Time: 11:00p m
- Monthly Yes Lord! Prayer Retreat: holds on 2nd Saturday of every month
- **Monthly 3-Day Fasting and Prayer:** 1st Monday to Wednesday of the month. Prayer Meeting holds daily at 6:00p.m. 7:00p.m.
- **Monthly Evening of Praise:** holds 1st Tuesday of the month 6:30p.m. 8:00p.m.
- **Jesus On The Street Evangelism:** holds every 4th Friday of the month @ 8:00a.m.
- **Ignite Meeting for Youths & Young Adults:** Holds every 3rd Friday of the month by 6 p.m.
- God's Battle Axe: holds 4th Saturday of every month.
- **Women Ministry:** Holds on the last Tuesday of every month from 3 pm to 4.30 pm.

The "Alone With God" (Devotional) 2023 is available for free download on our website www.rosgmi.org. Also subscribe to our monthly newsletter online.

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Theme Song

Yes Lord

I'm trading my sorrow
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
For the Joy of the lord...
Chorus:

Yes Lord! Yes Lord! Yes, Yes Lord! 3x Amen!

