

# ChurchLife Monthly

Growing in Grace, Serving in Love



## Aligning with His Vision >>>>

A new year always brings fresh movement, new plans, renewed strength, and quiet expectations. Yet before we rush ahead, January gently reminded us of something deeper: progress without alignment can lead us far, but not necessarily where God intends.

This month's edition of *Churchlife Monthly* centers on a simple but searching theme: Aligning with His Vision. Alignment requires reflection. It asks us to pause, to examine our steps, and to ensure that our hearts, priorities, and pursuits are truly in harmony with God's will. It calls us away from distraction and into clarity. Away from noise and into focus. Away from self-direction and into divine guidance.

Throughout this edition, you will see how the Lord has been leading us, shaping our thinking, and grounding our faith as a congregation. Each gathering last month carried a thread, one that drew us closer to spiritual intentionality and deeper dependence on God.

As you read, may you not only recall what was shared, but personally embrace the posture it requires. May this not simply be information revisited, but conviction renewed.

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A brief reflection from a beloved brother on trusting God and building enduring faith.

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A reflective piece on rediscovery and renewed conviction.

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The youths share their plans, goals, and focus for the year ahead.

"For the vision is yet for an appointed time... Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come"  
- Habakkuk 2:3



# Edification Corner

## Month Overview

January grounded us in reflection, caution, and divine assurance. We began by evaluating our walk with God; personally, in our families, and through our service. Committing to move intentionally within His revealed vision. By returning to the Word as our guide, we were reminded to shape our decisions by Scripture and prioritise God's voice above the noise of the world.

Beyond reflection, we were urged to remain spiritually alert, guarding our hearts and trusting God's sovereignty through every trial. We closed the month anchored in the power of God's name, finding encouragement in His authority to order our chaos and His sufficiency to meet every need as we journey through the year.



### 4th January

#### Sermon: Walking in God's Vision

Habakkuk 2:2-3 | Bro. Oluwafemi Emmanuel (Min.)

We were urged to reflect on our walk, family life, and hidden habits, and to intentionally walk in God's vision. Doing justly, loving mercy, walking humbly, living purposefully, and remaining spiritually engaged and fruitful.

### 11th January

#### Teaching: Reflections on the Bible

Bro. Oluwafemi Emmanuel (Min.)

The Bible was presented as God's enduring gift to His people. Perfect, life-giving, sin-guarding, and a source of wisdom, peace, comfort, and hope. We were reminded that God's Word guides our paths, shapes our thinking, and strengthens our walk, especially in a changing world.



#### Sermon: Whose Voice Are You Listening To

1 Samuel 15 | Bro. Tobi Dahunsi

In a world filled with many influences, we were warned of the danger of selective obedience and urged to listen attentively to God's voice and follow His instructions completely.

### 18th January

#### Sermon: Reflections on the Devil

Bro. Dare Oyesanya

We were reminded to remain watchful, as the devil actively seeks opportunities to distract and destroy. The church was cautioned against allowing the pursuit of wealth or success to create space for compromise, and encouraged to give God full possession of the heart. In times of difficulty, we were urged to learn from trials and trust God's purposes.

### 25th December

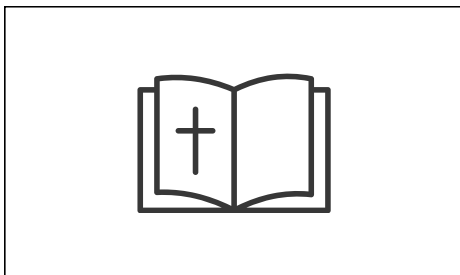
#### Sermon: God's Name

Exodus 3:14-15 | Bro. Stephen Idowu

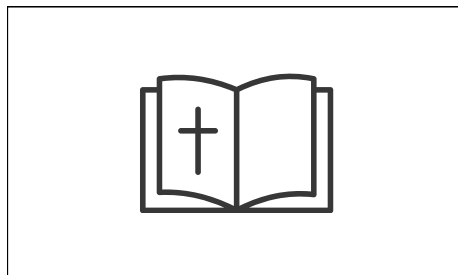
The month concluded with a focus on God's name and nature. Through names such as Elohim, Adonai, and El Shaddai, we were assured of God's power to bring order out of chaos, His authority as Lord, and His sufficiency to provide for every need. We were encouraged to walk confidently in God's presence, trusting Him throughout the year.



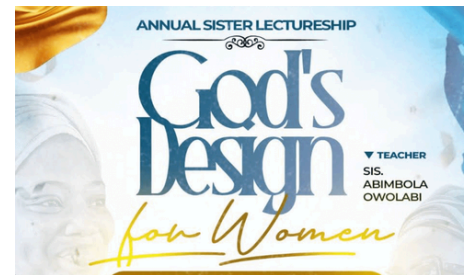
## This Month's Events



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7th February, 9AM



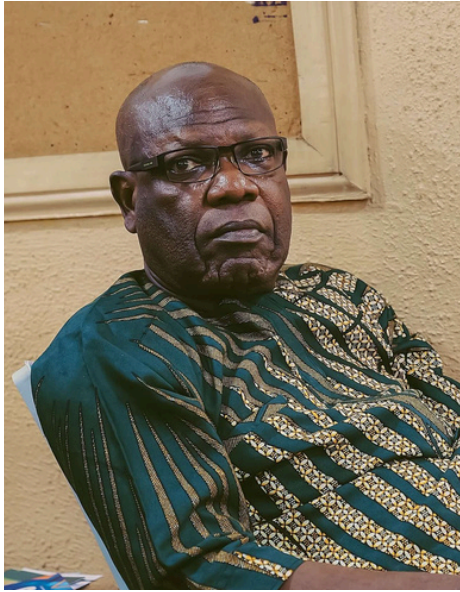
**1 Day General Evang - COC Olowora**  
**Theme: Salvation in Christ**  
7th February, 9AM



**Annual Sister's Lectureship**  
**Theme: God's Design for Women**  
14th February, 9AM

## Member Spotlight

Meet the family...



This week's spotlight features reflections from **Brother S.B. Abolarin**, who has worshipped with us for decades and learned to trust God through every season.

**Q:** How long have you worshipped with the church at Egbeda?

**A:** I have worshipped with the church at Egbeda since 1995.

**Q:** Which scripture has been especially meaningful to you in recent years?

**A:** Psalm 34:12–16 has been very meaningful to me.

**Q:** Were there times when your faith was tested?

**A:** Yes. While I was unemployed, I was offered a job with Nigerian Breweries as a sales executive, with a car.

After praying with my elder brother, I declined the offer and chose to wait on God. Two years later, God provided me with a job.

**Q:** What did hardship teach you that comfort could not?

**A:** It taught me to rely on God at all times.

**Q:** What spiritual habits should young believers build early?

**A:** They should build their hope and trust in God Almighty from an early age.

**Q:** What are you most grateful to God for at this stage of life?

**A:** I am grateful to God for both my successes and my failures.



## When Faith Finds Meaning Again

By Sis. Ifechukwude Nwaodor

Sara stood in front of her reading table, furious, disappointed, and angry. She stared at the Bible that had long shaped her life choices, now filled with resentment. In her anger, she picked up the Bible with both hands, raised it above her head, and attempted to throw it to the ground. She paused, however, and broke down in tears.

She collapsed onto the floor, the Bible beside her, knees drawn to her chest, arms wrapped tightly around her legs, sobbing uncontrollably.

Growing up, her parents had always told her that good things happen to good people. That belief had given her assurance and shaped her character. She had worked hard and sacrificed so much to be a good person, believing that good things would follow. Yet her life felt anything but filled with good things.

At thirty-five, she was unmarried, living from hand to mouth, and felt purposeless. She often tried to encourage herself with the phrase, "Good things happen to good people." She believed she qualified; she prayed for her friends, lived by the principles of the Bible, worked hard, and upheld strong moral values. Still, she could not understand why her life was unfolding the way it was. Hating the feeling of defeat, she fell to her knees and began to pray, asking God to help her remain strong in her faith so she could see the light at the end of the tunnel.

After praying, she picked up her Bible, and the first passage her eyes fell upon read: "All things work together for good to those who love God."

Suddenly, it felt as though she had found her answer. She had read

the passage many times before, but on this day, it carried new meaning. All things—both good and bad—work together for the good of those who love God. Life does not promise that only good things will happen to good people. Instead, the Bible teaches that as long as we love and trust God, every situation we face is working for our good.

Sara found her faith again. She bowed her head in prayer, finally smiling, ready to take on the day.



# Youth Update

The newly elected Youth Executives shared their vision and plans for the year, with a strong focus on deepening spiritual growth among the youths. Their goals include promoting inclusiveness and encouraging active participation in both youth and broader church activities, enhancing edification through intentional visitation, and creating a safe and open platform where youths can engage, share, and grow through meaningful discussions.

Our annual flagship events will continue, with renewed emphasis on strengthening unity and bonding, increasing youth visibility in church services, and fostering greater spirituality among members. Additional initiatives include introducing a monthly Sunday Youth Class to address topics uniquely relevant to young people, expanding youth visitation efforts, and implementing other programs aimed at building a vibrant and spiritually grounded youth community.

We are excited about the journey ahead and eager to see all that God will accomplish through us this year.



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- 1.The theme
- 2.Proverbs 9:10a
- 3.The greatest. 1 Corinthians 13:13
- 4.Recipient of 3 John
- 5.Run with... Hebrews 12:1
- 6.Strength that comes from the Lord. Isaiah 40:31
- 7.God’s word
- 8.Impossible to please God without
- 9.Run in such a way as to ... the prize
- 10.Not giving a hint here gives me...

# Final Words – Aligned

Alignment is not achieved in a moment; it is maintained in daily surrender.

As we turn the page on this month’s edition, may we carry forward a heart that is attentive, teachable, and willing. The year ahead will present opportunities, decisions, and unseen turns, but when our lives are aligned with God’s vision, we walk with quiet confidence.

May our steps be ordered.  
 May our hearts remain steady.  
 And may everything we build this year stand firmly within His will.  
 Let us move forward... Aligned.



We’d love to keep the conversation going beyond the newsletter. Follow the church’s social media platforms for updates, uplifting content, and glimpses into our activities throughout the month. Your engagement helps us grow and reach more souls – so don’t just read along, connect with us!

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