



Outreach Centre....Imparting Abundant Life

Foundation for Divine Manifestation

Dear friends,

It gives me pleasure to write you for the first time in 2026. We had our series on 'Foundations for Divine Manifestation' in the month of January. This first series commenced our many series for the 2026 Covenant Season of Divine Manifestation.

The series presented a unified teaching on God's desire for His children to visibly express His life and glory in the world. Divine manifestation is understood as the outward evidence of God at work in and through believers, restoring light in a world marked by the fall of humanity. Across the series, four foundational practices are presented as essential pathways through which this manifestation is realised: thanksgiving, praise, prayer, and witnessing.

The series began by establishing thanksgiving as an intentional lifestyle that reflects believers' liberty in Christ. As a people called out of darkness, believers are encouraged to continually acknowledge God as the Rock of their salvation, their Sovereign Lord, and their Good Shepherd. Thanksgiving is shown to unlock divine manifestations such as provision in times of scarcity, wholeness after healing, deliverance following delayed obedience, and preservation in moments of danger.

Building on this, the series explored praise as an expression of admiration directed to God for who He is, not merely for what He has done. Praise is presented as both a duty and a privilege, rooted in the recognition of God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. Living a lifestyle of praise invites God's presence, magnifies His mercy on the earth, and serves as a gateway for divine manifestation.

The third foundation, prayer, is described as a continuous, relational engagement with God—an expression of the heart aligned with His will. Prayer is portrayed not only as communication but also as a word-based spiritual weapon that sustains victory and momentum in the believer's life. Emphasis is placed on prayer authority, fervency, intimacy with God, and

the example of Jesus, who taught both the practice and the essence of true prayer.

The series concluded with witnessing, highlighting that divine manifestation is ultimately revealed through transformed lives. Witnessing is defined not merely as verbal proclamation but as living testimony empowered by the Holy Spirit. This empowerment is given for impact beyond the church, extending into every sphere of society. Like the apostle Paul, believers are called to obey, proclaim truth, and advance God's kingdom despite opposition, making witnessing both a calling and a lifestyle.

Together, these four foundations present a holistic framework for divine manifestation, calling believers to live thankful, praise-filled, prayerful, and Spirit-empowered lives that reveal God's glory to the world.

Please feel free to access all the above messages on our podcast channel,

Lifegate Outreach Centre. I am also hopeful you will find the rest of the news contained herein both informative and inspiring.

The Lord bless you.

Ps. David



Called and Accountable

Judith Ephraim

As believers, one fundamental truth we must continually reaffirm is that we are summoned by God and held accountable to Him. This principle is not exclusive to pastors, church leaders, or individuals engaged in full-time ministry; rather, it extends to every Christian, regardless of age or spiritual maturity. The Scriptures explicitly affirm that God's calling is deliberate and purposeful. In Romans 8:29, Paul writes, "For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son." God initially calls us to spiritual rebirth, followed by a life that mirrors Christ's character, conduct, and dedication. While your career, gifts, and service within the church may vary from that of others, the core of your calling remains consistent: to belong to Christ and to live for His glory. Nevertheless, being called does not conclude with an understanding of God's purpose; it necessitates a response. In Ephesians 4:1, the scripture exhorts us to "live a life worthy of the calling you have received." Your faith must extend beyond mere theory; it must be reflected in your speech, your treatment of others, the decisions you make, and your service. As a young person, this could involve resisting external pressures to compromise Christian core values. As an adult, it could imply maintaining integrity in the workplace and in all circumstances. As a leader within the body of Christ, it

entails leading through exemplary actions rather than solely by title. God has also entrusted each of us with gifts, abilities, and opportunities. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace" (1 Peter 4:10). A steward manages what belongs to someone else; your time, tal-

all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body." This verse serves as a continual reminder of the importance of our choices. While we are saved by the grace of God, our actions still carry consequences. Ultimately, we will be accountable not only for our deeds but also for any neglect of duty.

Being accountable is not meant to make us afraid but to make us be faithful to our calling. Knowing that God sees and evaluates our lives should motivate us to live intentionally. It should push us to pursue holiness, to repent when we fall short, and to keep growing in obedience. It should also remind us that leadership, whether formal or informal, carries weight. Those who teach, mentor, or lead others must do so with humility and reverence, knowing they are accountable not just to people but to God.

Ultimately, being called and accountable pertains to living a life guided by purpose. God has summoned us into a relationship of service and transformation with Him. He empowers us through His Word and guides us through the Holy Spirit. It is my earnest prayer that every young person, adult, and leader within the body of Christ will embrace both the privilege inherent in God's calling and the responsibility it entails. When we accept this, our lives will serve as testimonies that honour God, who calls us, and before whom we will ultimately give an account.



ents, influence, and even my resources ultimately belong to God. We are accountable to God for how we use them. Are you serving, or are you merely consuming? Are you faithful with what God has placed in my hands, even when it seems small to you? Accountability is often avoided because confronting it is uncomfortable. Nevertheless, Scripture explicitly addresses this issue. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 5:10 that, "For we must

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A Poem

Hephzibah Okeyinka

I stare at my wall again
The darkness swallows my soul
again
I look across, the book with the
cross

Open the book with the path to life
Open God's thoughts, and people's life
You shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart, with all your soul, with all
your mind and with all your strength
The words eases my sense

The words enchanted my mind
The more I read, the more I shine
Come learn about the solutions to the
darkness in my soul
That night I cried to the Lord,
He heard thy prayer,
Tomorrow I shall make this great
Can I speak the word, may I?
The Lord loves you
May he bless you
Forever and ever, amen.

Occupy 2026

At the Occupy 2026 which took place on Saturday 31 January, Pastor David reminded the Lifegate workforce once again of the depth of responsibility and privilege entrusted to every believer. Through the Parable of the Minas (Luke 19:11–26), Jesus paints a vivid picture of accountable service. The nobleman represents Christ Himself, departing to receive His Kingdom and promising to return. His instruction to the servants, “Do business till I come” or “Occupy till I Come” calls every believer to active, purposeful engagement with the gifts, opportunities, and resources God has placed in our hands.

According to him, for Christians today, this “business” is not merely economic activity but spiritual investment: soul-winning, prayer, witnessing, teaching, and meaningful community engagement. Those who used their gifts faithfully were commended and entrusted with greater authority. In contrast, the servant who hid his talent was rebuked, a sobering reminder that neglecting our God-given assignments reflects disregard for Christ’s commission. The message is clear: we are accountable stewards, and our labour in the Lord is never in vain. Gifts unused

can be gifts forfeited.

Drawing from 2 Corinthians 9:6–8, the workforce was encouraged to sow bountifully, not only in finances but in the giving of ourselves. True service flows from a cheerful, willing heart. Just as we prioritise our families and careers, our spiritual responsibilities deserve intentionality and joy. God delights in those who serve Him gladly, and He equips them with grace for every good work.

Every ability we possess originates from God’s grace. Prayer remains our channel for accessing this divine strength, enabling us to accomplish far more than our natural capacity allows. Lifegate Church’s understanding of prosperity is holistic, embracing spiritual, emotional, intellectual, and financial wellbeing. Prosperity is not an end in itself but a means to advance God’s Kingdom: supporting ministry, nurturing healthy families, and living in peace and purpose. As Scripture affirms, God makes all grace abound so that we may abound in every good work.

Our Vision is Raising a People of Purity, Power, Purpose, and Prosperity. This vision continues to guide our mission and identity. Purity through salva-

tion in Jesus Christ; Power through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit; Purpose as living witnesses for Christ in every sphere of life; Prosperity as holistic wellbeing that enables the spread of the gospel, echoing the promise of Zechariah 1:17.

This progression is intentional - purity leads to power; power fuels purpose; purpose produces prosperity for Kingdom impact. Our Mission is Imparting Abundant Life, and we remain committed to imparting the abundant life Jesus promised in John 10:10, that is life in its fullness, richness, and divine purpose.

Our core values shape our culture and conduct, the acronym L.A.F.E.T. stands for Love, Ability, Faith, Excellence, and Trust - Love for God and people; Ability expressed through the use of every God-given gift; Faith that acts boldly on God’s Word; Excellence in service, preparation, and presentation; Trust in God and in one another, fostering integrity and unity

Our Strategies for Growth and Outreach is to equip the saints for ministry, prioritise teaching, training, and discipleship (Ephesians 4:11). Our outreach strategy remains a key pillar of our mission.

Life Together 2026

Life Together 2026 is promoting honest, refreshing, and deeply needed conversation about intimacy and sensitive areas of marriage that the church rarely speaks about openly. It also promises to be practical, frank, and absolutely real, offering couples the space to learn, laugh, reflect, and grow together.

Invitation extends to couples, bachelors and spinsters, whether you’re preparing for marriage, looking to strengthen your current relationship, or simply seeking wisdom for the

future, this is an event you’ll be glad you didn’t miss.

You will have the opportunity to ask some difficult questions anonymously with a survey to be sent out from 1st to 14th February 2026. This gives everyone the opportunity to submit honest questions. Insights shared will help shape the conversations during our “Life Together” session.

This is not just another programme. It’s a rare opportunity for open dialogue, practical wisdom, and meaningful connection. Make room for it, don’t let this moment pass you by.



YOU ARE INVITED TO
Life Together 2026

Dinner Event

Couples, Bachelors, Spinsters

February 14th, at 06.00 PM

@ Lifegate Outreach Centre,
Short Acre St. Walsall. WS2 8HW

Dress Code: Smart Casual

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Lifegate Communities: 2025 in Review

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2025 was a year of growth, collaboration and community impact at Lifegate Communities. Through health programmes, youth development projects, climate activities and community events, we supported children, young people, families and adults to build skills, connect socially and improve wellbeing.

What We Delivered in 2025:

- Holiday Activities & Food (HAF)
- Nutrition & Weight Management programmes
- British Science Week community activities
- LaunchPad youth volunteering
- Energy advice, food rescue & gardening projects
- Community cohesion events & celebrations

Together, these initiatives created over 850 touchpoints of support, benefiting residents across Walsall and beyond. We also partnered with 17 organisations across public,

voluntary and private sectors, strengthening our reach and sustainability.

What Stakeholders Said:

- “Key to cohesion and integration.” — Walsall Council
- “Most fun and engaging HAF session we attended!” — Parent
- “Volunteering improved my communication skills.” — Youth Volunteer
- LGC Featured by British Science Week for community STEM engagement

In 2026, we are prioritising youth voice, co-designed projects, SEND holiday activities, and new collaborations including work with NHS Black Country. Our focus remains on improving wellbeing, boosting skills, reducing isolation and strengthening community resilience.

A huge thank you to our funders, volunteers, partners and families. Your support makes this work possible.

LaunchPad Close-Out Celebration

Anuoluwapo Fashola

The LaunchPad Volunteering Project came to a joyful conclusion with a close-out celebration held at Lifegate Outreach Centre. Young volunteers, parents, and host organisations gathered to reflect on their journeys, share experiences, and celebrate achievements. The room was full of warmth as volunteers spoke confidently about how the project helped them grow, learn new skills, and engage meaningfully with the community.

Host organisations also shared encouraging feedback, highlighting the enthusiasm, reliability, and

positive attitude the young volunteers brought into their spaces. Several parents expressed gratitude for the opportunity, noting how their children had blossomed in confidence, communication, and social awareness over the course of the programme.

The close-out event served as a powerful reminder that when young people are given structure, support, and a chance to serve, they rise to the occasion and flourish. LaunchPad ended not just as a project fulfilled, but as a spark for new confidence, new skills, and new aspirations among the next generation of community leaders.

