

2026: Our Covenant Season of Divine Manifestation

Dear Friends,
We are so thankful to God for leading us through a season of Divine Increase in 2025 where we experienced so many wonderful testimonies of divine helps, divine restoration, divine healing, divine promotions, divine settlement and loads more. Indeed our God is a God of increase! As we gradually progress into 2026, however, I am pleased to announce to you that our God has declared next Season our Covenant Season of Divine Manifestation!
Divine manifestation is the visible expression of God's life at work in and through His people. Scripture teaches that believers are not meant to live hidden or silent lives, but lives that reveal God's nature, power, and love to the world. According to Romans 8:19, "the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God." Creation itself anticipates the unveiling of believers who live in alignment with God's purposes. This "revealing" is not about personal glory, but about God being made known through transformed lives. When Christians walk in obedience, faith, and love, heaven's reality becomes visible on earth. Jesus reinforced this truth in Mark 16:15, declaring that as the gospel is preached, "signs will follow those who believe." Divine manifestation is therefore inseparable from mission. The believer does not chase signs; signs accompany obedience. Healing, deliverance, bold faith, and supernatural help are testimonies that Christ is alive and active through His people. This visible witness is also expressed through God's consistent presence in daily life. Psalm 23 assures us that "goodness and mercy shall follow" believers all the days of their lives. Wherever a Christian goes, God's character goes with them—His

kindness, favour, compassion, and faithfulness pursuing them continually. A life walked with God thus becomes a moving evidence of His grace. A powerful biblical illustration of divine manifestation is found in Acts 14, where Paul and Barnabas ministered with such

The psalmist captures this reality personally in Psalm 71:7, saying, "I am as a wonder unto many." This was not self-exaltation, but recognition that a life sustained by God becomes a signpost to others. A believer who endures, trusts, and walks faithfully with God becomes a living testimony that draws attention to the faithfulness of the Lord.

Divine manifestation also finds expression in practical compassion. In Acts 3, Peter and John encountered a lame man at the Gate Beautiful. Though they had no silver or gold, they offered what they had: "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." Helping others in the name of Jesus means offering Christ's power, hope, and restoration—sometimes through prayer, sometimes through generosity, sometimes through bold faith-filled action. True manifestation is never self-serving; it lifts others and points them to Jesus.

In summary, divine manifestation is the outcome of lives yielded to God—lives that

reveal His power, reflect His character, and extend His compassion. As believers walk closely with Christ, goodness and mercy follow them, signs accompany their obedience, and the world encounters God through them. Such lives fulfil creation's longing and proclaim, without words, that Jesus is alive.

I am looking forward to the many series that God will be using to unveil these truths to us through this season. Above all I can hardly wait to hear the many testimonies of divine manifestation as we allow the Holy Spirit to work in and through our lives.

May God richly bless you. Happy New Year!

Ps. David Oloke



30 Years of Grace

Reported by Anuoluwapo Fashola

In December of 1995, Pastors Lola and David Oloke came together as one body. On Sunday, 21 December 2025, LifeMen and LifeLadies joyfully celebrated our Senior Pastors, marking an incredible milestone, their 30th wedding anniversary.

Reflecting on their journey, Pastor Lola shared that their meeting was truly a divine connection. From the very beginning, their union has re-

flected everything she had envisioned marriage to be. She described Pastor David as a man of faith, honor, and Godly impact, giving God full glory for his life, accomplishments, and the vision that continues to unfold.

Pastor David also spoke from the heart, acknowledging God's grace that has accompanied their family through three decades together. He celebrated his wife, recognizing her

unwavering belief in the vision God placed before him and her steadfast support from the get go, regardless of inconveniences. She has been, as he described, his solid partner in God's work.

The beautiful celebration was part of the 'Celebrating the King' event, a fitting tribute to a couple whose love, faith, and partnership continue to inspire all who know them.



Media Department: Year in Review

Wale Jesukeyede

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men—Colossians 3:23.

The Media Department of Lifegate Church joyfully gives thanks to God for His grace, strength, and faithfulness throughout the year. By His help, the department continued to serve as a vital support to the ministry, ensuring effective communication of the Gospel within the church and to a wider audience.

Throughout the year, the Media team faithfully supported all church services and programs by providing quality audio visual support, live streaming, projection, photography, and media coordination. These efforts enabled members onsite and online to engage fully in worship, teaching, and fellowship.

We gratefully acknowledge the unwavering support, guidance, and encouragement of the church leadership. Their vision, trust, and

commitment to excellence have empowered the Media Department to function effectively and grow in capacity. We are deeply thankful for this leadership covering and support.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." Psalm 127:1

We also appreciate every member of the Media team for their dedication, sacrifice, and unity in service. Serving mostly behind the scenes, they have worked diligently with humility and excellence, contributing significantly to the smooth flow of church services and events.

As we look ahead, the Media Department remains committed to glorifying God, supporting the vision of Lifegate Church, and serving with renewed excellence in the coming year.

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory." Psalm 115:1

To God alone be all the glory.

Lifesingers Unit: Year in Review

Folarin Ojetoro

We are grateful to God for His faithfulness and abiding presence throughout the year in the Lifesingers Unit of Lifegate Outreach Church. We are also grateful to the church leadership for support always.

We began the year on 25th January with the Occupy Till I Come Programme, a powerful time of vision casting that positioned us both as a church and as a unit to launch into our year of Divine Increase with clarity, purpose, and renewed commitment.

On 20th April, we had our Easter Programme, Alive 2025, themed "Looking Unto Jesus." It was a deeply impactful programme that refocused our hearts on Christ, strengthening our faith and devotion as we pressed forward in Him.

Our Victory Praise Night followed on Friday 27th June, and it was indeed a glorious moment—an atmosphere saturated with heartfelt praise and thanksgiving to our

Maker. God's presence was evident as we lifted our voices in joyful celebration.

The church anniversary held on Sunday, 31st August, themed "The Increasing Church," was another significant milestone. It was a time to reflect on God's growth, grace, and undeniable faithfulness in the life of the church.

We concluded the year with Celebrate the King on Sunday, 21st December, themed "Let's Celebrate the King." This was a beautiful culmination of the year, filled with gratitude, joy, and reverence as we celebrate Jesus, The Reason for the Season.

Above all, we thank God for His consistent presence, guidance, and faithfulness throughout the year. We also sincerely appreciate all members of the Lifesingers Unit for your unwavering devotion, commitment, and service. May the Lord continue to increase us on every side.

To God be all the glory.

Reflecting on Reason for the Season Outreach 2025

Mathias Akor

Evangelism is one of the last commands the Lord gave us. It's rooted in the revelation that the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. It's one of the assignments that doesn't require any special rank or office to fulfil, except for obedience to the Holy Spirit's prompting. While it has become a seasonal event for us at LOC, it's always a "go and join that chariot" moment for me (Acts 8:29). Hence, I have deliberately refused to see it as an occasional activity but rather as a daily routine prompted by the Holy Spirit. That said, the recently concluded City Outreach, tagged Reason for the Season, is special. One thing that stands out for me is that God heard our prayers and was in a hurry to

reach those important to the calls at every given opportunity. God has worked through everyone available from the local church and even those outside to distribute the flyers on many instances. The powerful work through the children's wing is perhaps the most eclectic flash point. There was this instance, where one of our little boys was giving tracts to a man, who was obviously of another religion. The man refused to accept and said, I'm a Muslim. The boy replied to him, "Then just read- it does not hurt to read". As I watched from a distance, I began praying inwardly as the man walked away. Shortly after, the man returned to me and asked for the flier, which I gladly gave him, and he sat close by to read. Whatever the outcome might be, that little

boy has sown a seed that cannot die. Reflectively, it is getting clear that God is not a respecter of persons and His counsel will always stand. We have also seen brethren of other denominations coming to help us share the flyers without asking. This can only be God. To God alone be all the glory! We may not all be able to preach and quote the right scripture during outreach. Still, God is at work in us (in our appearances, our music, our candy, our tea/coffee, our kindness, our smiles, and our tracks to fulfil His good purposes (Philippians 2:13). That is aside the fact that we are generating a rejoicing party in heaven over one sinner that turns to God (Luke 15:7).

The weather, our workloads and other priori-

ties might always be a challenge, and indeed, they are serious priorities. However, the only investment we can claim after in the afterlife is the souls we have sorted here. Therefore, be encouraged to prioritise divine assignments like this in future calls. Shake off the shame and fear as Soldiers of the Christ, so He will not be ashamed of us on the last day (Luke 9:26). Regardless of the outcomes now, we will not grow weary in well-doing, for in due time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up (Gal 6:9). On behalf of the church leadership, thank you for your consistency, dedication and faith in Christ to save the dying world. Merry Christmas, and let's manifest stronger sons of God in 2026.



LifeKids: A Year Rooted in God's Word

Elohor Uyoyoma

Deuteronomy 6:6-8.

As we reflect through LifeKids 2025, we are thankful for a season intentionally anchored in our scripture for the year, Deuteronomy 6:6-8 — a call to keep God's Word in our hearts, to talk about it at home and on the way, and to pass faith from one generation to the next.

Throughout the year, LifeKids have been purposeful in connecting church to home, families to faith, and children to God and to one another. Every lesson was thoughtfully structured to align with the overall church teaching series, with age-appropriate adaptations that allowed our children to understand, engage with, and apply God's Word in ways meaningful to them. This intentional alignment helped reinforce consistency, ensuring that what children heard in church was echoed, discussed, and lived out at home.

Through Bible stories, worship, prayer, creative activities, and conversations, our children learned that faith is not just something we talk about on Sundays, but something

we live every day — at home, at school, and with others. They were encouraged to build strong foundations in God's love, to grow in kindness and obedience, and to understand their place within God's family.

A beautiful highlight of the year was the LifeKids Christmas presentation, shared during the CTK celebration on the 21st of December. With joy, confidence, and heartfelt expressions, our children, through bible recitations and songs retold the Christmas story and reminded us all of the greatest gift — Jesus. It was a powerful reflection of a year spent sowing God's Word into young hearts and seeing it lived out with boldness and joy.

We are deeply grateful for our LifeKids team, whose dedication, prayer, and commitment made this year possible, and for the parents and families who partnered with us so faithfully. As we look ahead, we remain committed to walking this journey together — church and home — as we continue to raise children who know God, love others, and live out His Word.

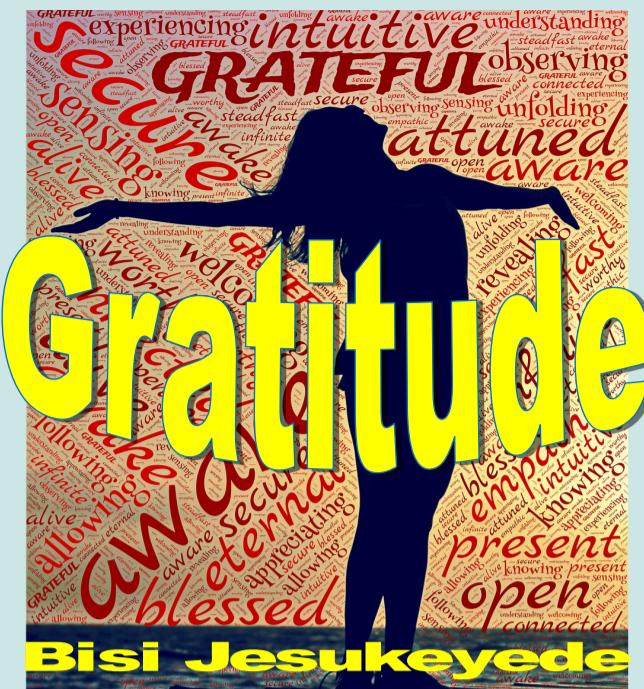


Davenport Jingle Fest

Reported by Ejuma Amen-Thompson

Davenport Jingle Fest at Lifegate Communities was a joyful celebration. The children enjoyed making new friends, writing Christmas greetings for their loved ones, dancing to festive music, and taking part in fun games.

The Jingle Fest Christmas event brought children between the ages of 4 and 11 together to share in the joy of the season. Prizes were won across various competitions, and every child went home with gifts. The excitement was palpable, as the children remained fully engaged and reluctant for the activities to come to an end, making the celebration a truly memorable one. It was wonderful to see so much energy, Christmas cheer, and a strong sense of community shared.



As we come to the end of 2025, gratitude invites us to look back with honesty and humility. The year began with hope, resolutions, and zeal. Like Nehemiah surveying the broken walls of Jerusalem, we started with vision and determination, believing that commitment plus God's favour would bring increase and results (Nehemiah 2:17-18). We committed our plans to the Lord, trusting that effort aligned with faith would establish our steps (Proverbs 16:3). Early on, momentum was strong. Energy was high. But then life happened. Zeal faded. Goals slipped. Some plans stalled, others quietly failed. Routine crept in, busyness took over, and many of us found ourselves managing days rather than pursuing vision, simply trying to stay afloat, much like Martha, distracted by many things while the deeper call still waited (Luke 10:40-42). Quarter one moved quickly into quarter two, and suddenly the calendar confronted us with the word "halfway." Anxiety set in. Pressure mounted to recover lost ground, to fix what was not working. This is a familiar pattern in Scripture. Elijah, after great victory on Mount Carmel, found himself exhausted and discouraged, questioning his strength and future (1 Kings 19:3-4). Yet in that low moment, God did not rebuke him. God sustained him. Somewhere in the tension of the year, many of us reached a similar conclusion: there is still time. God is still God. He has my back. And so we kept going, sometimes driven by faith, sometimes by sheer obedience. Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is "a time for everything" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4), including seasons of waiting when progress feels invisible but God is still at work. This year carried moments of rejoicing and laughter, but also mourning, dissatisfaction, and disappointment. We tasted joy like Sarah laughing when God's promise finally took shape (Genesis 21:6), yet we also experienced loss and confusion like Job, who did not understand his suffering but refused to let go of God (Job 1:21). Some prayers were answered clearly, like Hannah's long-awaited child (1 Samuel 1:27). Others seemed to sit in silence, echoing David's cries: "How long, O Lord?" (Psalm 13:1). Still, God did not change. He remains the One who knows the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10). Like Joseph, whose years of waiting, betrayal, and obscurity made no sense at the time, we may only later see how God was shaping purpose through the process (Genesis 50:20). Even when the path was unclear, He was still holding our hand (Psalm 23:4).

Now we stand in quarter four, the final month of the year. The question before us is simple but confronting: gratitude or regret? Thanksgiving or discouragement? Scripture does not leave this optional. "In all things give thanks" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Not because everything went well, but because God was present throughout. Paul wrote those words from a place of hardship, not comfort. This season is a call to reflect, to give thanks, and to appreciate what the Lord has done, not to fixate on what He has not. Like the Israelites instructed to remember the Lord who carried them through the wilderness (Deuteronomy 8:2), we pause and look back. For 2025, I choose gratitude. Gratitude for growth, for preservation, for lessons learned, for strength given, and above all, for a faithful God who remained constant through every season.



2025: A Season of Intentional Growth

Kefe Noble

The year 2025 marked a season of intentional growth, vibrant engagement, and renewed purpose for LifeYouth. Across the year, LifeYouth created safe and dynamic spaces where faith, life skills, and community came together with measurable impact.

The activities for the year 2025 began in January, with the FitLife Programme, a flagship initiative that set the tone for the year. In partnership with Lifegate Communities, LifeYouth engaged young people through a blend of indoor and outdoor Spirit-focused activities designed to nurture physical wellbeing, spiritual awareness, teamwork, and resilience. Participation levels were great, reflecting a growing appetite among youths for holistic programmes that speak to both faith and everyday life.

Throughout the year, LifeYouth sustained its twice monthly Zoom sessions, ensuring consistency, accessibility, and continuity in youth engagement. These sessions featured a rich mix of spiritual development teachings, leadership talks,

interactive games and quizzes, career focused conversations, and forward looking seminars on Artificial Intelligence and Information Technology. The inclusion of AI and IT topics responded to the realities of a rapidly evolving world, equipping young people with insight, confidence, and ethical perspectives for the future. Attendance and interaction remained high, demonstrating the relevance and effectiveness of the programme structure.

The LifeYouth also partnered with Lifegate communities for the Launchpad initiative, where youths volunteered in different work sectors to build skills and contribute to the community. The programme will come to an end in January 2026. A major highlight of the year was the final gathering held on Saturday, 20 December 2025. The Youth Chill and Connect Session brought together teens and young people from across Walsall in a relaxed and uplifting atmosphere. Delivered once again in partnership with Lifegate Communities, the event fostered connection, laughter, shared faith, and meaningful conversations, and a lot to eat as well. The great

turnout was a clear indicator of the trust LifeYouth is building within the community and the value young people place on these safe and affirming spaces.

Beyond events and meetings, LifeYouth continued laying foundations for long term impact through the LifeYouth/ Teens Library Project. This initiative, aimed at supporting learning, spiritual growth, and personal development, remains underway and is projected to be fully activated by the end of the first quarter of 2026. The project reflects LifeYouth's commitment to sustainability and resource based empowerment.

As 2025 draws to a close, LifeYouth looks ahead with confidence and enthusiasm. The data from attendance, participation, and partnerships points to a year of growth and greater engagement. More importantly, lives have been touched, minds have been stretched, and faith has been strengthened. With clear vision and renewed energy, LifeYouth enters the new year knowing that there is still so much more to achieve and many more young lives to impact for good.



Life Dinner Came Alive with a Visit from Santa Claus

Reported by Olubunmi Famuyiwa

At the Life Dinner which took place on 13 December 2025, Pastor David extended sincere thanks to all contributors and those who worked hard to make the event possible. He gave a comprehensive acknowledgment of the dedication and hard work of leaders, teams, and members within the Lifegate community. He commended Lifegate pastors and leaders for their arduous year-long efforts in coordinating teams and facilitating all church events and activities, commenting that their dedication is indispensable. He thanked leaders of Units and Life Teams for their crucial support and leadership across various church units, often supported by additional teams of leaders. He praised Life Singers for consistently leading worship every week since the church's inception and Life Ushers for ensuring organization and smooth operation of church services and other events. He acknowledged Life Kitchen & Life Pantry for hosting numerous events and consistently providing

necessary provisions throughout the year. Life Events, Decor & Life Clean were recognized for their work in beautifully decorating halls, without external contractors, and maintaining tidy spaces for meetings. Life Men & Life Ladies Network were appreciated for functioning as supportive units, contributing financially, and offering support to members during significant life events like births or bereavements. Life Youth, Life Teens & Life Kids were honoured for their weekly commitment to feeding young souls with the word of God and assisting in their spiritual development, evident in their monthly presentations. He expressed gratefulness for Life Protocols & Life Media units, responsible for member care, including following up with new visitors, checking on absent members, and utilizing media to reach a global audience. He specifically took note of the media team, often comprising young individuals, for rising to challenges.

He thanked Life Estates & Facility for

managing the complex operations and maintenance of the church building, overseeing various contracts—lift, gas, electricity, sound system, and blessed the Life Outreach for organizing outreach events, fulfilling the church's mission, and planning future community engagements. Life Publishers were recognized for their extensive work in compiling, editing, publishing, and printing newsletters, testimony bulletins, and books, often working late into the night.

He commended Lifegate Communities as a dynamic and growing team and acknowledged them for undertaking numerous projects, particularly during the past year, with plans to expand their work in line with the church's vision. He expressed gratitude to the general congregation for their continuous giving of time, talents, abilities, expertise, both vocational and non-vocational, and financial resources to support the church's work. He concluded by blessing the congregation and prophesying into individual lives.

