



# HOUSE OF JOY

...for all Nations

## The Redeemed Christian Church of God

Word for the Month - Purpose

Book for the month - Ephesians and Philippians

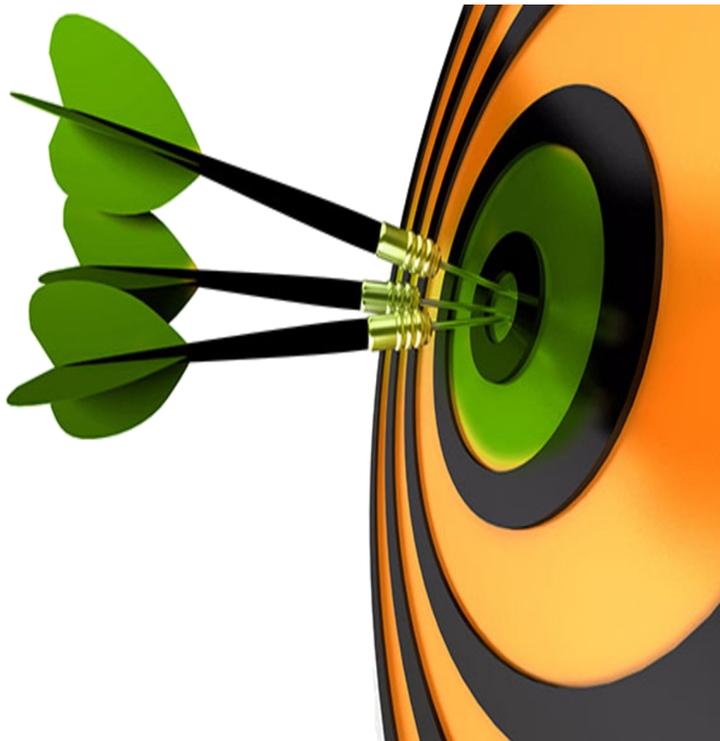
**We are a vision oriented and purpose driven church. A place where purposes are discovered and destinies fulfilled**

### RCCG GLOBAL MANDATE

- To make heaven
- To take as many people as possible with us
- To have a member of RCCG in every family of all nations.
- To accomplish No. 2 and 3 above, we will plant churches within 5 minutes walking distance in every city and town of developing countries and within 5 minutes driving distance in every city and town of developed countries.
- We will pursue these objectives until every Nation in the world is reached for the Lord Jesus Christ

### PARISH VISION

- Soul winning
- Teach the undiluted word of God
- Disciple & mentor souls to discover their God given purposes and fulfill their destinies.
- Equip members to achieve all-round success.
- Impact our community and the world for Christ



## Purpose

### General Overseer

Pastor E.A. Adeboye

### PASTOR IN CHARGE

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**April 2018**

Registered Charity  
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**Heb. 13: 8**

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

**THEME FOR HO-JFAN IN THE YEAR 2018:**

**Unprecedented Victory**

**Isaiah 37:36**

That night the angel of the Lord went out to the Assyrian camp and killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers. When the surviving Assyrians woke up the next morning, they found corpses everywhere“

### INTERACTIVE SESSION

Open forum  
Baptismal group  
Workers-in-training  
Believers group

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Welcome to our month of: “Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.”

### Purpose

**(Ephesians 4:1-16)**

**Ephesians 4:12 NLT**

## BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

#### 1st-7th

- Nifemi Aina 1st
- Miracle Nnadi 5th
- Ibukun Oluwatosin 6th

#### 8th-14th

- Chizitere Nnadi 8th
- Temitope Aina 14th

#### 15th-21st

- Ngozi Nduka 21st

#### 22nd-28th

- ♦ David Nduka 27th
- ♦ Nnenna Nnadi 28th

#### 29th-5th May

- ♦ Ayomide Adesokan 29th
- ♦ Tomiwa Awodumila 29th

- ♦ Dapo Ishola 4th
- ♦ Nkomo Vusa 4th

### Anniversaries

- The Nnadi's 4th
- The Adeniyi's 6th
- The Ubamadu's 10th

## EVENTS



- ♦ Workers' Meeting - Saturday 28th
- ♦ Healing Service - Sunday 29th

### Global Events

- ♦ Phase 2 Fasting July 1st–July 31st

### Future Dates

- ♦ N/A

### Important Dates for April

- ♦ Easter/Thanksgiving Service - Sunday 1st
- ♦ RCCG Workers' Rally - Tuesday 10th (7pm)
- ♦ Evangelism-Saturday 14th (12:00pm-2:00pm)
- ♦ Vigil/Celebration Service - Friday 27th

### Area/ Province Events

- ♦ Area Pastors' Retreat - April 6th - April 7th

### UK Events

- ♦ N/A

**AS MEMBERS YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN ANY DEPARTMENT**

**ADMIN CHURCH OFFICE  
Pastor Efe Oluwatosin**

**THE CHOIR -**

**Bro Emmanuel Ibitomisin**

**THE TECHNICAL CREW -  
Bro Dele Olawole**

## DEPARTMENTS

**THE USHERS**

**Bro Tope Aina**

**THE CHILDREN TEACHERS  
AND HELPERS -**

**Sis Sola Aina**

**INTERACTIVE SESSION  
COORDINATOR -**

**Deaconess Nike Ishola**

**YOUTH CHURCH COORDINATOR -**

**Sis Mena Ideh**

**LIFE CENTRE /SINGLES  
EVANGELISM AND FOLLOW-UP**



## Worship address

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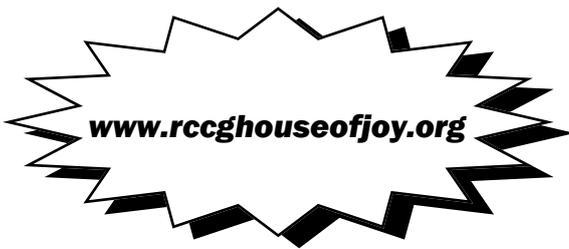
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## Make Your Voice Heard!

Members are welcome to give suggestions relating to anything the church does. If you would like to do so, the suggestion box is located on the wall of the corridor.

Thank you.

## Weekly Activities

### Sunday

- ◆ Sunday School (10:00am - 10:30am)
- ◆ Sunday Service (10:30am - 12:30pm)
- ◆ Life Centre - Evening House Fellowship

### Life Centre Venues:

- ◆ Pinner - Bro Tope Aina 07930980213 (6.00pm - 7:00pm)
- ◆ Church Venue - Pastor Efe 07984315365 (7:00pm - 8:00pm)

### Wednesday

- ◆ Revelation Hour (7:00pm- 8.30pm)

### Thursday

- ◆ Zumba Class for Ladies only (11:00am-12:00pm)
- ◆ Choir Rehearsal (7.00pm- 9.00pm)

### Friday

- ◆ Prayer Service (7:00pm-8.30pm)

## Monthly Activities

- ◆ 1st Wednesday: Praise night (7:00 pm - 8:30 pm)
- ◆ Last Friday: Night vigil/ Celebration service - (11:45pm-3:00am)
- ◆ 1st and 3rd Saturdays - Evangelism (12:00pm – 2:00pm)
- ◆ Every other month: 2nd Tuesdays - Men/Women praying Together
- ◆ Last Tuesdays (Bi-monthly): Ministers praying together - (7:00pm)



## PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

*Lord, help me to identify and utilize my gift for the community, in Jesus' name.*

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Hello and welcome to April. Thank God for the month gone by and the new month looming. We are studying Purpose, using the Bible text Ephesians 4:1-16.

Paul encourages us to make "every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" by equipping the saints for ministry "until all of us come to the unity of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God" (Eph 4:13). The unity of the church is a reflection of God's gift of reconciliation in Christ. Ephesians 4 indicates that the argument here follows logically upon the previous verses. In Ephesians 1-3, Paul has elaborated upon the reconciliation between Jews and Gentiles that God has brought about in Christ. The mystery of the faith is that, through the one body of Jesus, God has brought together two disparate groups under one plan of salvation.

The church should reflect this unity. However, Paul makes clear that the perfection of the church is a process and not a completed event. Christ has equipped the church with gifts (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers) so that the church may reach maturity. Christ is already "mature". Yet the church, which is Christ's body, must build up the body until it arrives at the stature of Christ. Likewise, in verses 14-15 the image evoked is that of the body growing up to its head, Christ. In Paul's view, the church is already the body of Christ, even as it continues to grow toward Christ.

### Prison Experience

Paul begins by reminding us that he is a "prisoner in the Lord". However, as Paul sees it, his frequent 'containments' are never without purpose. Containment does not diminish his energy for his life mission: to proclaim Christ. We might consider imprisonment to be a "waste" of time because it inhibits our physical freedom. There are two lessons that might be drawn from Paul's example:

- ◆ God is omnipresent and omnipotent. He is not constrained by location.
- ◆ Containment often sharpens insight. Letters from captivity (like Ephesians or Philippians) are profound meditations on the meaning of faith in the midst of suffering and exclusion.

### Called and Callings

Paul pairs the words "called" and "callings" in two different places in the passage. We are reminded of the relationship between our being called by God and the subsequent assignment of a calling in the

world. The language of calling links the church with the election of Israel. God has chosen a people for himself and this election depends firmly on God's decision. It is done "before the foundation of the world" (Eph. 1:4) and it relies solely on God's gracious initiative. And the result of being called is that the faithful now have callings where they lead lives marked by humility, love and patience.

It is easy to get confused about the dual nature of a call. It is worth underlining that being called and having a calling must be distinguished but never separated. Our relationship with God simultaneously involves a relationship with neighbour and community. And these callings are multiple as it is impossible for a Christian to not be in some type of calling at all times of life. Always remember that a calling should not be stripped down to a job or occupation. This would mean wide stretches of human experience would be outside of God's providence. God calls us not only to work but to friendship.

### The Need for a Grown-up Faith

Paul makes a contrast here between children, who are "tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine" (4:14) and those who "grow up" (4:15) in faith and thus contribute to the building up of the body of Christ (4:16). Paul is saying that knowledge of Jesus' identity is linked closely with unity in the church (4:13). We often think of being in the body of Christ as mainly a social activity. We gather together to bear one another's burdens or we work together to address a need in the community or the larger world.

These are important expressions of the body of Christ. But Paul is highlighting here that the body has a "mind" as well. We live in a time that tends to undermine any claim to truth, out of fear of being divisive or intolerant. But Paul advocates "speaking the truth in love" (4:15). In other words, our bearing witness to the truth is grounded in a deep humility (4:2).

After all, we are passing on what we have received and not what we own. Like John the Baptist, we do not possess the truth as much as we point to the truth in the person of the crucified and risen Christ.

We all have different gifts, with the aim of attaining unity. This is what God demands of us, as part of Christ's body. God bless as you utilize them for his glory.

(Susan Hylen, Emory University; Mark Tranvik, Augsburg College 2012)

## VISITORS

If you are a first time visitor you are welcome We hope the Lord will plant you firmly in His kingdom. Thank you for visiting. God

