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God's Strength is made Perfect in our Weakness

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"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

We all want to appear strong and in control. No one wants to appear weak. The Apostle Paul after his conversion was used mightily of the Lord. He later wrote: ¹ *"It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. ³And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) ⁴How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. ⁵Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities. ⁶For though I would desire to glory, I shall*

not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me."

(2 Corinthians 12:1-6)

Paul was writing about himself and the great revelations that he was privileged to experience.

There is an innate tendency in men to exalt themselves whenever they achieve something good, or are used in some exalted position. This spirit can get a hold of the humblest person: *"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure."*

(2 Corinthians 12:7)

To protect Paul from his own ego, God gave him a thorn in his flesh. The Bible does not tell us what this thorn was, but it was something that was troubling to Paul.

*"For this thing I besought the Lord thrice,
that it might depart from me."*

(2 Corinthians 12:8)

Sometimes, we feel that we could serve God better if we didn't have certain impediments (thorns). Paul felt that this thorn was a hindrance and spoke to God about it on three separate occasions:

⁹ "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

When Paul accepted his condition, he became at peace with himself and was able to move on. Sometimes, we fail to accept our lot. We sit down and whine. We say, "**Poor me,**" thinking we have it harder than everyone else. Until we get to the place where we can accept our condition, we will never be truly happy and contented.

Horatio Spafford, a wealthy American lawyer lost a fortune in the great Chicago fire in 1871. He then lost his four-year-old son, who died of Scarlet fever. He decided to take the family on a vacation to England, but because of business he sent his wife and four daughters ahead of him. During the voyage, there was a great storm which claimed the life of his four daughters. He received a telegraph from his wife telling him of the tragedy and that she was the sole survivor. He sat down and penned the words of this well-known song: *"When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll, Whatever my lot Thou has taught me to say, it is well with my soul."*

Early in my Christian walk, I too realised that I had a thorn in my flesh. This caused me to shed much tears and caused me much hardship, but God used this very Scripture to minister to me. Every one of us, even the most confident person we can think of has a thorn in their flesh. We feel that if God would only take it away, we would be able to serve Him better. Having a thorn makes us vulnerable and dependent on God. When we are tempted to lift up ourselves in pride, God has a way to apply pressure on the thorn to keep us humble. These verses of a well-known song states:

"My burdens keep me humble and teach me to pray

If I murmur or grumble, Lord forgive the words I say

Give me strength for to carry my load day by day

But don't take my burden or my cross away.

For I would grow careless and idle I fear

My eyes would be dry and I would never shed a tear

Lest I forget that I need you each day,

Don't take my burdens or my cross away

With the cross on my shoulders my feet cannot stray

For the cross leads me onward to my home far away

And I will not question this price I must pay

Don't take my burdens or my cross away."

God told Paul that His strength was made perfect in weakness.

As humans, we want to be in total control of every aspect of our lives at all times. We don't want to show any signs of weakness - especially men. For example, it is acceptable to see a woman cry but for a man to cry, it questions one's masculinity. As men, we feel that we always have to display a macho image.

Before I got saved, I vowed that I would never let anything ever cause me to cry again, so I hardened myself against everything. But, I remember the night that God sanctified me. The tears could not stop flowing and I did not care who was watching. God was doing a work in my heart and destroying the old nature within me. If God is going to use us on His programme, the old nature has to die: *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”* (2 Corinthians 5:17)

We are going to have to expose ourselves and be open to all kinds of hurts, but that’s where God will be able to use us. This exposure will come through wanting to please God, e.g. through restitution. *“The act of restoring something wrongfully taken or the satisfying of one who has been wronged.”*

God requires those who become converted to perform such tasks, if at all possible.

There’s an account in the Bible of Jacob, who lived a life of deception until his past caught up with him. He had deceived both his brother and his father. But he got to a place where he could not proceed any further without a change in his life. He ran away from home for 21 years but he had to go back home and face those whom he had wronged.

What or who is your Esau that you need to make restitution with? Jacob sent messages ahead of him in an attempt to appease Esau, but the messengers returned with distressing news:

6 “And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him. 7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands;” (Genesis 32:6-7)

In his fear and desperation, Jacob sent all that he possessed over the brook. The words of a well-known song says: *“There are days I’d like to be, all alone with Christ my Lord, I can tell Him of my troubles all alone.”*

24 “And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. 25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. 26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. 27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. 28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.” (Genesis 32:24-28)

After his encounter with the angel of God, he was never the same again. **He had a new name and a new nature.**

Sometimes we become too big and God has to cut us down to size and humble us. Today, let us humble ourselves before God and He will exalt us in due time. His strength is made perfect in our weakness.



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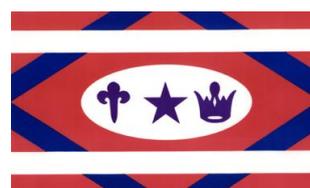
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From the Overseer's Desk

Much has transpired since the last copy of *The Chronicle*.

We had a wonderful National Youth Convention in April 2025, where the preaching of the Word of God was rich and powerful. The address by Brother James Mwila, National VLB Co-ordinator was inspired and encouraging. It was a joy to sit back and to be fed the undiluted word of God by our youth. I thank God for the growth that I am seeing in our youth, and I encourage you to continue to seek the Lord for further inspiration.

The Apostle Paul encouraged young Timothy thus: *"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."*
(1 Timothy 4:12)

Brother Justin Clarke did a great job in organising our National Revival in April 2025, which again was a great blessing to all who attended.

Although I was not here for the Sunday School concert, the feedback was very positive. Thank God for the spirit of giving that caused those in attendance to give generously. This offering was utilised to organise the Family Fun Day, which saw members, family and friends in attendance, and was a great success. A big thank you goes out to Sister Jennifer Thompson and her assistants.

I was privileged to visit the countries of Myanmar and Thailand in May 2025 with Bishop Robert Hawkins, Jnr. The teachings were well received and we were able to bring The Church of God message to the other sheep. We continue to get reports of what was accomplished during our visit. To God be the glory.

We had another large delegation from England to the General Assembly (32) this year. This year also saw the appointment of two of our members: Brother Rikki Prince and Sister Claudine Brown to International Church Committees (Sunday School Editorial Committee and Church Literature Review Committee). This is a great honour for the nation of England.

Let us continue to work together in our part of the world, to raise the necessary funds for the building of our very own Assembly Tabernacle: *⁶"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. ⁷So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."* (1 Corinthians 3:6-7)

Upcoming Events:

Annual General Meeting	Friday 3 rd October 2025
National Ministers' Convention	Saturday 25 th October 2025



ABM BOOST

**Claudine Brown -
National Assembly Band Movement
Co-ordinator**

The new general Assembly Band Movement theme for the assembly year 2025-2026 is:

‘Shoulder to Shoulder’

(Philippians 1:27)

Greetings to all of our *Chronicle* readers in the mighty name of Jesus, the Head of the Church and our soon coming King. What a Friend, what a precious Friend He is. We thank God for our recent General Assembly and the blessings that He poured out upon His Church. The Lord is ever equipping us for His work and preparing us for His return.

Our ABM department continues to be a vehicle for the perfecting of the saints, and we thank God for our new General theme: **Shoulder to Shoulder; Striving Together.** (Philippians 1:27).



This image depicts an American Football team huddle. With hands held, shoulders touching, helmets touching and eyes locked on one another, they exchange words of encouragement, strategy and solidarity. In the midst of that circle lies a great source of strength and victory. They assess the game and ensure all players understand what they are being assigned to do and we often hear the huddle conclude in a joint shout - a war cry if you will! Any onlookers can see, hear and feel their unity and determination. This huddle characterises their team spirit and sends a clear signal to the opposing team. There are so many lessons to glean from this in the spiritual sense. Great things can be accomplished shoulder to shoulder - in this position we send out a clear signal to the enemy that we are that threefold cord that is not quickly broken (Ecclesiastes 4:12).



A Scripture that has been laid on my heart in relation to this theme is St. Mark 2:2-12 where four men stood shoulder to shoulder in faith; seeing the crowd they lowered their paralysed friend on a bed through the roof of the house where our Saviour stood. They broke that roof up, believing with their whole hearts that Jesus would be able to heal him. Their faith caught the attention of our Lord, and it was as a result of that faith that He forgave the sins of the paralysed man first, before healing him physically. *Their* faith, resulted in *his* healing. Shoulder to shoulder, they demonstrated their faith through their works and this was acceptable with our Lord. How much more can be accomplished, when we strive together in this huddled stance? Let us be encouraged by the theme, and find out! There are so many more layers in God that we will experience through His Spirit working within and upon the Church. Amen!

If you missed the General ABM programme in the General Assembly and would like to watch it on your device, scan this QR code. The programme begins at 44.25 and the message begins at 1:27:22. Please watch and be blessed!



Band leaders please listen out for the announcement of an ABM workshop soon! May the Lord bless your band meetings and your labour for the Lord this Assembly year.



CPMA/BTI BOOSTS

Stuart Brown -
National CPMA & BTI Co-ordinator

The new general Church of Prophecy Marker Association theme for the assembly year 2025-2026 is:

'The Spirit and the Bride say, Come.'

(Revelation 22:17)



The new general Bible Training Institute theme for the assembly year 2025-2026 is:

'Launching out into the Deep'

(St. Luke 5:4)



Greetings to all from the CPMA & BTI departments. I am honoured to share a boost on the new themes for this Assembly year for these wonderful departments. I always feel that they are inspired by God and relevant for the present world in which we live. As with everything, we should always pray for inspiration on how to explore these themes and be fruitful in the ministry of the Church.

For BTI, we have the General theme of *Launching out into the deep* (St. Luke 5:4). We do not want to be shallow Christians or unstable, distracted, immature, self-willed, fearful and faithless! Knowledge and application of the Word of God will establish us and bring the fruit God wants from our walk. Do we want to see great results? Then we must do things His way!

God willing, 2026 will see BTI Term 3 coming to England. Dates and arrangements are to be confirmed, so please be in prayer for it. As mentioned before, it is going to take a sacrifice of time to attend, but it will be worth it all - to be able to get deeper in the Word of God.

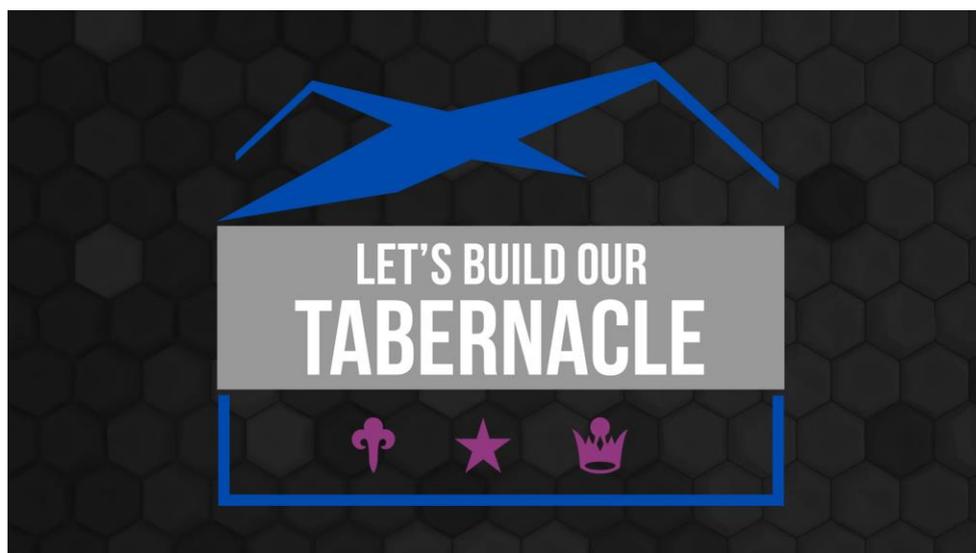
For CPMA, the General theme is *The Spirit and the Bride say, come*. (Revelation 22:17). The religious world is heading in one direction and The Church of God is on a separate path! Satan and his counterfeit church are luring precious souls by saying “come and join us: forget about doctrine and division, we are all one, we are ready to unite and offer all kinds of benefits and advantages.” It is this enticing spirit that the Church must be aware of! We must make sure that we are in line with the Spirit of God, who is also calling precious souls to come!

The devil knows what is written in the Bible. Satan is trying to sabotage God’s efforts to draw His sheep to His divine Church by mimicking the same call. Our first step is to be one in Him, in a true relationship. We can then join His Spirit in preaching the messages that He wants His sheep to hear. Let us be careful that the mimic doesn't confuse us from the real voice! Divine revelation is a must in this present time!

Fundraising note:

We want this year to be an exceptional year for our contributions to the worldwide tabernacle fundraising efforts! England can do much more in this area! Well done for all those who contributed to previous offerings and a new year brings new opportunities.

You, as a living marker have areas that you can explore outside of the Church to promote giving to this special endeavour! Be praying for leading, and be ready for more information about The Church of God UK Tabernacle Fundraising. Any ideas or suggestions are welcome!





WMB BOOST

Beverley Anderson - National Women's Missionary Band Co-ordinator

The new general Women's Missionary Band theme for the assembly year 2025-2026 is:
'212° Unleash the Power!'



Unleash here means to 'release' the power within us, dig deep. Good things of value come from the deep. Think of oil - such a precious and useful commodity but to acquire it, we must dig deep in the earth. Gold is a precious metal. To obtain it, we must dig deep.

Power - the ability to act in a particular way, to direct or influence the behaviour of others or the course of events. Jesus, before His ascension requested the disciples go and wait in Jerusalem. This was where He would unleash the Holy Ghost power promised to them.

⁸ *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: ..."* this power would enable them to *"...be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."* (Acts 1:8) The Holy Ghost power would be a great Influence and was about to change the course of history.

We have received this power from God. Let us go forth and unleash it.



International Ladies Retreat 2025

Announcement:
National Ladies Retreat
Thursday 18th to
Sunday 21st June 2026

There are only 10 places available on Thursday 18th June 2026. Booking will be from Friday to Sunday, if not attending on the Thursday. Start time will be 11:30am on Friday 19th June 2026. Thursday night will be fellowshiping with each other.

Deposit is £45.00, as soon as you can.

God bless.

THE CHURCH OF GOD (ENGLAND)

NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION 2025

THEME: ARE YOU ON BOARD? GET ON AND STAY ON!



On Saturday, 19th April 2025, The Church of God, (England), gathered for the annual National Youth Convention. The two-fold theme asked a question: **'Are You on Board? We were then invited to: Get On and Stay On!'** Sister Toria Maxwell, from Handsworth Church read 2 Chronicles 15:7 and St. John 12:44 for the devotional Scriptures.



We were truly blessed as the VLBs and Gleaners sang, presented and challenged each another with the Convention theme. It called for careful examination of our Christian walk. God used Brother James Mwila, National VLB Co-ordinator and other speakers to help us make the right choice to **Stay on Board!**

Brother Joshua Anderson, VLB leader at Handsworth Church spoke about the dangers of being asleep spiritually: **'And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep'** (Romans 13:11).

Psalms 127:2 and Psalm 4:8 both speak about 'sleep'. God sanctioned sleep for an appointed time, at night. He gives us sleep for restoration of the body and mind. When we sleep other than at night-time, there are consequences. Brother Joshua expounded on the physical and spiritual consequences of sleeping during the day. Day-time sleeping can lead to depression, clinical anxiety, ill health, and vitamin deficiency. Similarly, day-time sleeping in the spiritual sense will cause weakness and vulnerability to Satan's attacks.

When Samson was sleeping, his enemies were able to overcome him (Judges 16:4-24). The encouragement was to wake up and be spiritually alert, for time is running out: **'But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.'** (Romans 13:14)

The General VLB Co-ordinator, Brother Jacob Anders, delivered a special recorded sermonette for the VLBs titled:



'...If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.' (St. Luke 9:23) Denial of oneself also asks for commitment to God because **'...No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.'** (v.62) Brother Jacob stated, sin is tempting, but sanctification will remove the desire to sin. Whenever sin presents itself, we will be like Joseph and run far away from it, just as he did when Potipher's wife tried to tempt him. In the days of Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot, his wife and daughters physically escaped the wrath that rained down on the cities, but Lot's wife's heart and mind, remained there. She became a pillar of salt and died. Lot's wife forfeited the divine purpose God had for her and never received her blessing. As a consequence of her disobedience, her family succumbed to grave and gross sin. **'Remember Lot's wife.'** (St. Luke 17:32) Jesus is still reminding us today to remember the perils of looking back, spiritually.

Brother James Mwila shared his inspiration for the Convention theme message, **'Are You on Board? Get On and Stay on!'** using the analogy that the Church is like an airport. He said there is a process which happens when taking a flight. We first buy a ticket, check baggage and passport. There are security checks, and we may stop at the duty-free while waiting to board the plane. If we delay too long in certain areas of the airport, the gate closes, and we will miss our flight. In security, we are asked, 'Did you pack your own bag?' We will be held accountable for any prohibited items which must be left behind, no excuses, no exceptions. Similarly, with God and His Church, He will not allow any prohibited items (sin) in His Church, no excuses, no exceptions; those concealing items (sin) will not be allowed to take the spiritual flight to Glory. 2 Corinthians 13:5 instructs us to: **'Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves...'** When we board the plane, we surrender ourselves to the pilot, we do not have any control. So it is with the Lord, He has control in the cockpit. Let Him take control, He will be dealing with all the turbulence of life. The children of Israel murmured against God's anointed leader - Moses in Numbers 14:1-9. They wanted to take control. They wanted a new captain. When we surrender all to God, He will navigate us through every trial.



The final message and altar call came from Brother Justin Clarke, VLB Co-ordinator at Druids Heath Church, who warned us of the dangers of Lust: **'For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and pride of life...'** (1 John 2:16). Lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life will cause us to get 'off board'. We were reminded of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden (Genesis 3:1-3) and David and Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11:1-11 and 2 Samuel 12:1-7). On both occasions, the lust of the eyes, the flesh and pride caused them to lose God's favour for a while. We can be encouraged because when true repentance is sought, then we are able to get back on board and continue in God's plan.

We thank God once again for a wonderful National Youth Convention and pray that all will take heed to the call to Get On and Stay On Board.

Sister Beverley Wilson
National Reporter

What's happening at Druids Heath Church?



Sister Thea and Brother Delano

Greetings to our *Chronicle* readers in the wonderful name of Jesus. The Lord has been truly blessing us here in Druids Heath. God's presence has been with us in our local services. Brother Delano Prince was baptized with the Holy Ghost at the General Assembly in July 2025. Sister Thea Prince was also baptized with the Holy Ghost earlier this year. These young people are blessings in the local Church and the Holy Ghost will endue them with power and help them to make a difference in this world.

Two of our couples have celebrated their wedding anniversaries in August –

Brother Rikki and Sister Oneaka Prince celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary on 23rd August.



Sister Oneaka and Brother Rikki

Brother Nigel Davis and Sister Elaine Taylor-Davis celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary on 2nd August.

Happy anniversaries! May God continue to bless and keep them.

Pray for us at Druids Heath, that God would move in our community and bless our outreach.



Sister Elaine and Brother Nigel

**Sister Elaine Smart – Reporter
Druids Heath Church**

What's happening at London Church?



Greetings brethren, in the mighty name of Jesus. The Lord has been truly blessing us here in London.

In recent months, we have been blessed with music in our services. After the donation of a drum kit to the Church, Sister Rebekah Wilson has picked up her drumsticks once again and is accompanying Sister Hannah Wilson on the keyboard. What a blessing it has been to see them both developing their skills in music.



We also had a wonderful Pastor's Appreciation Service where scriptures of encouragement and gifts were given to

Pastor George Wilson from the brethren.

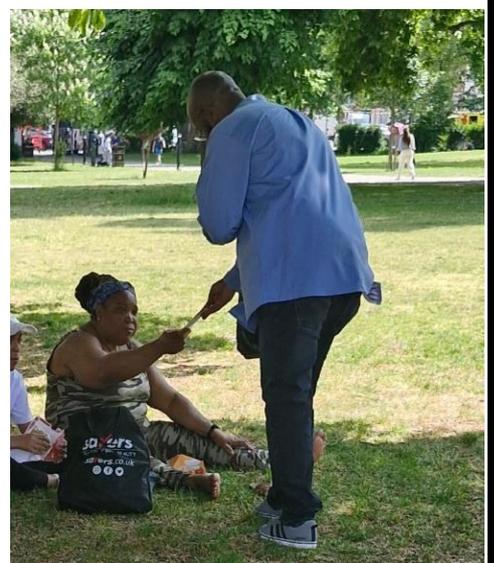
In May, we were privileged to have Brother Justin Clarke, National Evangelism



Co-ordinator, and Sister Chedene Clarke join us in an

Evangelism outreach to a new field in Camberwell Green, South London. We were encouraged by the reception we received and pray that the seeds sown will produce future opportunities in the area.

Continue to pray for the Church here in London, that God may continue to help us grow according to His will. God bless!



**Sister Lydia Wilson - Reporter
London Church**



International Ladies Retreat 2025

Highgate House Conference Centre, Northampton

19th to 22nd June 2025

Praise God for another wonderful Ladies Retreat. This year, we were blessed to host the International Ladies Retreat with our General Women's Missionary Band (WMB) Co-ordinator, Sister Sharon Griffin as Co-ordinator. She was accompanied by her team, who encouraged us with workshops, sermons, devotions and worship sessions.

In total there were 10 sisters from the United States, as well as friends/visitors who have previously attended National Ladies Retreat before and felt drawn to attend again. The Lord was present as we drew near to Him through exploring the theme "Unstoppable Women".

It was a Spirit-filled Retreat from beginning to end as each of our sisters on the programme delved into the Word of God, discussing various topics. These included: "*Unstoppable Women Arise*" (Micah 7:8) by Pastor Beverley Anderson, "*Soaring to New Heights*" by Sister Victoria Griffin, "*Unstoppable women even in the time of Loss*" by Sister Vicki Smith, and "*Unstoppable: The Lion and The Lamb*" by Pastor Angela Clarke. The Lord also blessed us through sermons by Sister Sharon Griffin and Sister Connie Wilson, in addition to devotions by Sister Dawn Prince and Sister Johnna Wilson. Sister Janet Talley led us in heartfelt worship sessions. The Holy Ghost moved powerfully through each session of the Retreat.

Not only were the services a blessing, but fellowship was sweet too. Sister Oneeka Prince led us in activities that encouraged our physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing, which helped us to free our minds and share with one another.

The time and effort spent to organise the International Ladies Retreat is truly appreciated and we know that God will reward all the workers for their obedience and willingness. Most importantly we must thank the Lord for yet again refreshing us and giving each of us ladies the boost we need to continue on and be unstoppable in our service to Him. May the blessings from the Ladies Retreat extend into our daily lives until we gather again for the next retreat. God bless you all!

Sister Hannah Wilson - Reporter

We thank God for His blessings and favour upon us during our first International Ladies Retreat. Thanks for all the sacrifices made to be there. God bless you all.

Pastor Beverley Anderson - National WMB Co-ordinator



VICTORY LEADERS BAND BOOST

James Mwila - National Victory Leaders Band Co-ordinator

The new general Victory Leaders Band theme for the assembly year 2025-2026 is:

'Making a Difference'

Greetings to you all, my fellow labourers in Christ. I thank God for you all and for your prayers and support. We are now into the new Assembly year, with our new General theme **Making a Difference**. I would like to encourage us all to read the reference Scriptures from Jude 22, 23.

During the General Assembly this year, our General VLB Co-ordinator Brother Jacob Anders encouraged us to have compassion one for another. (not just amongst brethren).

Today, many young people are troubled, and going through numerous challenges. With the world waxing more and more evil and the love of many growing cold, young people may feel that there is no love in this world. They may feel there is no way out of trouble. This is where YOU and I come in to "make a difference" with true compassion - even at personal cost.

Are we ready to make a difference in the world today? I pray the answer is YES!

GO ON VLB!! Make a difference in someone's life today and glorify your Father in heaven.

National Family Camp 16th to 19th February 2026 Whitemoor Lakes Activity Centre Barley Green Lane, Lichfield, WS13 8QT



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