

THE FOUNTAINER

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Fountain Celebrates Pastor Jimmy Odukoya On His Birthday



Members of The Fountain of Life Church celebrated their Senior Pastor, Pastor Jimmy Odukoya, on his birthday across social media platforms on Saturday, April 27. Some visited him in person to extend their well wishes. The main celebration however took place the following day, Sunday, when the entire church, including the pastorate, rejoiced with and celebrated their Senior Pastor. The pastors who went on stage to represent the entire church, prayed for him, and presented him with a birthday gift. This was followed by a series of



celebratory videos. It is the first birthday celebration the church would organize for Pastor Jimmy since he assumed the role of Senior Pastor in September 2023. ●

The Fountain of Life Church Mission Statement

The Fountain of Life Church is a culture-shaping mission established to raise, disciple and grow a movement of leaders and influencers living out God's Kingdom Culture (the Way of Christ) in Spirituality, Family, Relationships, Enterprise, Government, Media, Entertainment, and Education.

Fountain Holds 22ND Annual Word Explosion Conference, Clocks 32

It was indeed a new season at The Fountain of Life Church as the Church turned 32 years old on the 16th of April. It was even more exciting as the church held the 22nd edition of the Word Explosion Conference the same week, the first under the leadership of the new Senior Pastor Jimmy Odukoya and his associate, Pastor Toluwani Odukoya. The conference, which commenced on Sunday, April 14, 2024, and concluded on Sunday, April 21, 2024, was a resounding success with attendees from all walks of life participating in all 12 sessions, both onsite and

online.

The seven days of the conference witnessed powerful ministrations and impartations from renowned ministers: Bishop Mike Okonkwo, Bishop Tudor Bismark, Pastor Mike Todd, Bishop Francis Myles, Apostle Joshua Selman, Pastor Ibukun Awosika, Pastor Kunle Soriyan, and the host pastors, Jimmy and Toluwani Odukoya. As usual, the theme of the conference was the same as the church's theme for the year, "Signs and Wonders".



PASTOR JIMMY ODUKOYA
Fire - The Answer to Opinions

"When the fire comes down, there will be no hesitation; opinions will be burnt away."

"When you operate in the fire of the Holy Ghost, you operate in the overflow."



PASTOR TOLUWANI ODUKOYA
The Audacity for Signs and Wonders

“God is always looking for vessels to use and if you are not audacious, you cannot walk in signs and wonders.”

“We fight with words in the kingdom; so the audacious Christian understands the power of words.”



PASTOR IBUKUN AWOSIKA
Trials and Triumphs

“You are only as rich as the quality of your network.”

“Make every situation before you a God-helped situation.”



PASTOR KUNLE SORIYAN
The Future of Power (Truth)

“You don’t pursue the future; you position for it.”

“Stay in the Word and alert to the Holy Spirit and the instructions on your spirituality will emerge.”



DR. FRANCIS MYLES
The Mystery of Priesthood, The Altar, and the Dynamics of the Lifting of Men

“Every child of God is called to be a priest, without exception. What makes the priesthood of the believer dynamic is that the altar begins to manifest to you according to the divine ordination on you.”



BISHOP TUDOR BISMARK
The Hope of Glory

“Until you destroy the Egypt (the world) in you, you will not see the true purpose of God for your life.”

“You can’t succeed or rise to the top if you can’t handle pressure.”



PASTOR MIKE TODD
Overflow: The Power of Staying in Position

“Trust is the prerequisite to overflow; if you want to live in the overflow, you have to trust God.”

“When you begin to live in the overflow, don’t ever forget the presence of God. The power of overflow is staying in position.”



APOSTLE JOSHUA SELMAN
Becoming a Sign & Wonder

“Great men are made on their encounters with God.”

“To become a sign and wonder, a believer must subscribe to the law of faith.”



BISHOP MIKE OKONKWO
You are Not a Victim

“Don’t trivialize this eternal life, that is all you need in life.”

“Understand your relationship with your Father. If you don’t understand it, you will not obtain what belongs to you.”



The Birthing Process Series

In his new sermon series titled “The Birthing Process,” Pastor Jimmy Odukoya used pregnancy as a metaphor for bringing God’s promises to life. He emphasized the importance of complete surrender to God’s will, just as a fertilized egg implants itself in the womb. He also pointed out that just like a mother nourishes her unborn child, believers must actively listen to and speak God’s Word to nourish their souls and God’s promises in their lives. Pastor Jimmy reminded his listeners that the initial stages of birthing a promise are personal and require patience. Seeking constant validation from others can hinder the process, he said, and emphasized that by understanding



the birthing process, believers can trust in God’s perfect timing for fulfilling His promises.

Continuing the series on Sunday, May 28, Pastor Jimmy focused on the second stage of the “Birthing Process,” which he described as the second trimester or the growth stage. This is where the promise

begins to take shape and becomes evident to others. It’s a time of promotion, new opportunities, and self-discovery. He noted that God sometimes keeps people in this growth stage longer than expected to prevent premature delivery, noting that He uses this time to purify them and test their patience. Using David’s story as an example of this concept, he stated that after being anointed king, David continued to tend his father’s sheep and served King Saul. This change in proximity to the promise, he observed, did not change who David was, and it was during this time that he faced Goliath, the event that brought him into the limelight. ●

THURSDAY SHOWERS SERMON IN SUMMARY

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates

Pastor Jimmy, during the April 4 Thursday Showers service, emphasized that significant victories often attract substantial opposition, suggesting that when it seems like chaos reigns, victory is imminent. Referring to struggles as indicators of threat to the devil’s domain, he encouraged believers to adopt a mindset acknowledging God as their source, akin to David’s acknowledgment in Psalm 24:1–7. Pastor Jimmy stressed the importance of manifesting the presence of God through our actions and urged opening the gates of our hearts for the King of Glory to enter. He stressed the need to



relinquish self-reliance and enjoined believers to rest in God’s guidance, promising victory through obedience. ●



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Supernatural Delivery: Who Is Your Birthing Midwife?

Speaking at the April 11 Thursday Showers service, Pastor Jimmy spoke about how God’s plans often disrupt our own. He explained that God’s will always takes precedence, using Mary’s experience in the nativity story captured in Luke 1:26-38 as an example. Pastor Jimmy stated that disruptions caused by God’s plan are essential for believers to fulfil their purpose. He compared this journey to Mary’s pregnancy, highlighting the importance of divine connection and support. He cautioned against outside influences that might hinder this



process, stressing the need for intercessors who can provide spiritual support rather than just

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Praise: A Mystery and Mighty Tool

In his sermon at the April 25 Thursday Showers service, Pastor Paul Briggs emphasized the importance of praising God. He described praise as one of the mysteries given to believers and a powerful tool to acknowledge God’s sovereignty.

Pastor Briggs explained that praising God is a way to thank Him in advance, believing in the finished works of Christ. He further stated that praise invites God’s presence and makes things move, citing the example of the Israelites’ victory at Jericho through praise (Joshua 6:1-27). ●



SUPERNATURAL DELIVERY IS YOUR RIGHT

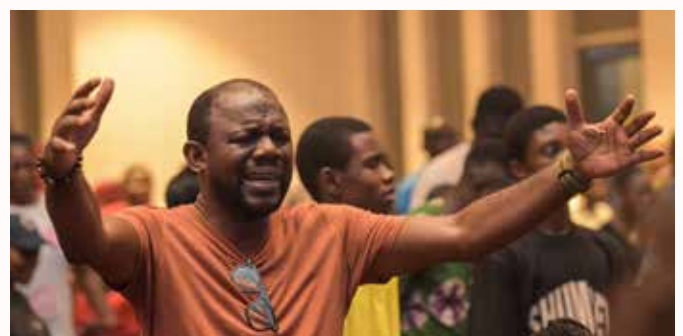
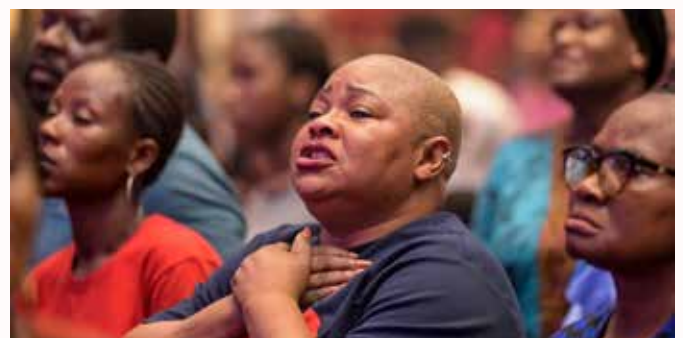
– Pastor Jimmy Odukoya Announces at April Anointing Service

The Fountain of Life Church held her April anointing service, which was filled with testimonies of God’s power. Pastor Toluwani Odukoya led the congregation in communion, emphasizing overcoming fear through faith in Jesus’ blood.

Pastor Jimmy declared April the month of Supernatural Delivery, citing Isaiah 66:7, Luke 22:22, Hebrews 8:6, Romans 8:17, and Romans 4:17. Also reading the story in John 2:1-10 of Jesus’ first miracle at the wedding at Cana, Pastor Jimmy urged the congregation to make Jesus their first point of contact in difficult situations and follow the Holy Spirit’s guidance for breakthroughs, highlighting Mary’s role and actions at the wedding. He stressed that believers’ authority to access supernatural blessings is by inviting Jesus into their situations and aligning with God’s will. ●



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Home Affairs & Bishops' Court April Joint Hangout

Home Affairs Married Women's Fellowship and Bishops' Court Married Men's Fellowship held a joint hangout at the Teens Church on April 27, 2024. It centred around the theme "This Marriage: Communication and Honour" (Part 2). One of the speakers, Mr. Kefas Kore, highlighted the pivotal role of communication and honour in marriage, emphasising honour as a manifestation of love towards one's spouse. He urged men to treat their wives with respect and care, framing marriage as both a ministry and a calling. The head of Home Affairs, Mrs. Ayodele Lanre-Yusuf, underscored the importance of effective communication, advocating for understanding each other's love languages and employing positive feedback and body language.

The audience actively participated, exchanging personal experiences and insights on fostering honour and communication within marriage, including strategies for managing social media distractions and seeking spiritual guidance.

The head of Bishops' Court, Mr. Lanre Yusuf, in his closing remarks urged couples to uphold mutual honour and resilience in their marriages, defining honour as mindful speech and behaviour towards one's partner.

The event concluded with a wealth of practical advice aimed at bolstering marital bonds through effective communication and mutual respect, providing attendees with valuable insights and strategies for navigating the complexities of married life. ●



HUMOUR



Father-in-law

What do you call a priest who becomes a lawyer? A father-in-law.

Billy is Having a Wife

Billy paid special attention when the Sunday school teacher said that Eve came from Adam's rib. One day his mother found him on the floor holding his side. She asked him what was wrong, he said "My side hurts and I think I'm having a wife."

A Child's Water Broke

A woman worked at a Christian retreat centre for a year, mostly serving food. One night, several families came down to dinner. She had someone behind her say, "My water broke." In panic, she looked around nervously. To her relief, it was not a pregnant woman. It was a nine-year-old whose plastic cup had snapped in half.

HEALTH TIPS



How to Care for Your Ears

Caring for your ears is essential for maintaining good hearing and overall ear health. Here are some tips to help you take care of your ears:

- 1. Gentle Cleaning:** For clean ears, use a soft, damp cloth to wipe the outer ear during showering or bathing. Avoid inserting anything into the ear canal, like cotton swabs, which can disrupt natural cleaning and cause damage.
- 2. Drying After Water Exposure:** Prevent infections by drying your ears thoroughly after swimming or bathing. Tilt your head and gently pat the outer ear with a towel to remove excess water.
- 3. Earwax Management:** Earwax is the ear's natural cleaning mechanism. If you have excessive buildup impacting your hearing, see a doctor for safe removal.
- 4. Noise Protection:** Shield your ears from loud noises to prevent hearing loss. Wear earplugs when using loud machinery or attending noisy events.
- 5. Moderate Volume:** Be mindful of headphone and music player volume. Take breaks from listening to loud music through headphones.
- 6. Doctor Checkups:** Schedule regular ear checkups with your doctor. This is especially important if you experience earaches, hearing loss, or drainage.
- 7. Sun Protection:** Don't forget sunscreen! Apply sunscreen to your ears, including the lobes, top, and behind the ears, when spending time outdoors.
- 8. Hydration:** Staying hydrated helps with earwax production, maintaining a healthy balance. Drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- 9. Avoid Smoking:** Smoking can negatively impact ear health. If you smoke, consider quitting to improve your overall and ear health.
- 10. Know Your Family History:** Being aware of any family history of hearing problems can help with early detection and preventative measures.

By following these tips and practicing good ear hygiene, you can help maintain healthy ears and preserve your hearing for years to come.



ANSWERS TO MARCH EDITION

1. Who would have nothing to do with the author of 3 John? **Answer: Diotrefes (See 3 John 1:9)**
2. In the book of Philemon, who is Paul's fellow prisoner? **Answer: Epaphras (See Philemon 1:23)**
3. James used the example of which Old Testament figure to demonstrate how the prayers of a righteous man can have powerful results? **Answer: Elijah (See James 5:13-18)**
4. How does the author of 1 John often refer to his readers? **Answer: Children (See 1 John 1)**
5. Which disciple held a feast for Jesus and invited tax collectors and 'sinners'? **Answer: Matthew (See Matthew 9:10)**
6. Why did Jesus weep as recorded in the Book of John 11:25? **Answer: Because his friend Lazarus died**
7. In which town and at whose house was Jesus' feet anointed with oil? **Answer: In Bethany at Simon the leper's house. (See Mark 14:3)**
8. How many people saw Jesus after he came back from the dead? **Answer: More than 500 (See 1 Corinthians 15:3-6)**
9. Which Apostle took the Gospel to the city of Samaria? **Answer: Philip (See Acts 8:5)**
10. In what city were Jesus' followers first called "Christians"? **Answer: Antioch (See Acts 11:26)**



MARCH CELEBRANTS

BIRTHDAYS



OGHOMWEN JONES, APR 5



AINA JESUTOMI DOLAPO, APR 19



OLATORERA PHILIPS-OJEWUMI, APR 21



GABRIELLE FACHE, APR 24



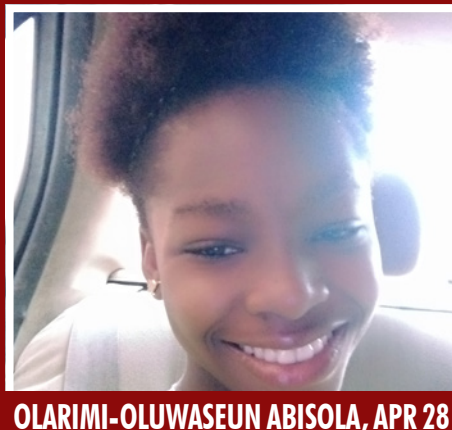
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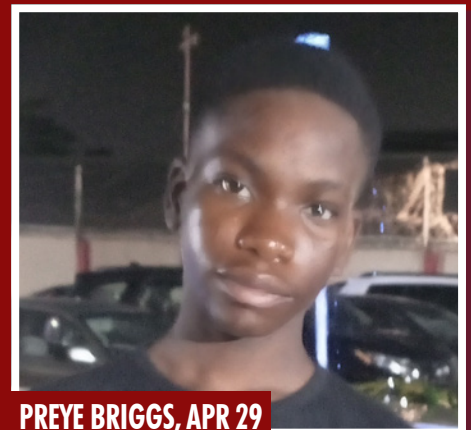
STELLA AKADRI, APR 27



TEMITOPE OLARIMI, APR 27



OLARIMI-OLUWASEUN ABISOLA, APR 28



PREYE BRIGGS, APR 29

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



**OLATORERA & OLUMUYIWA
PHILIPS OJEWUMI, APR 17**



MR & MRS OKALUDO, APRIL 28



MR & MRS TONYE BRIGGS, APR 29

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