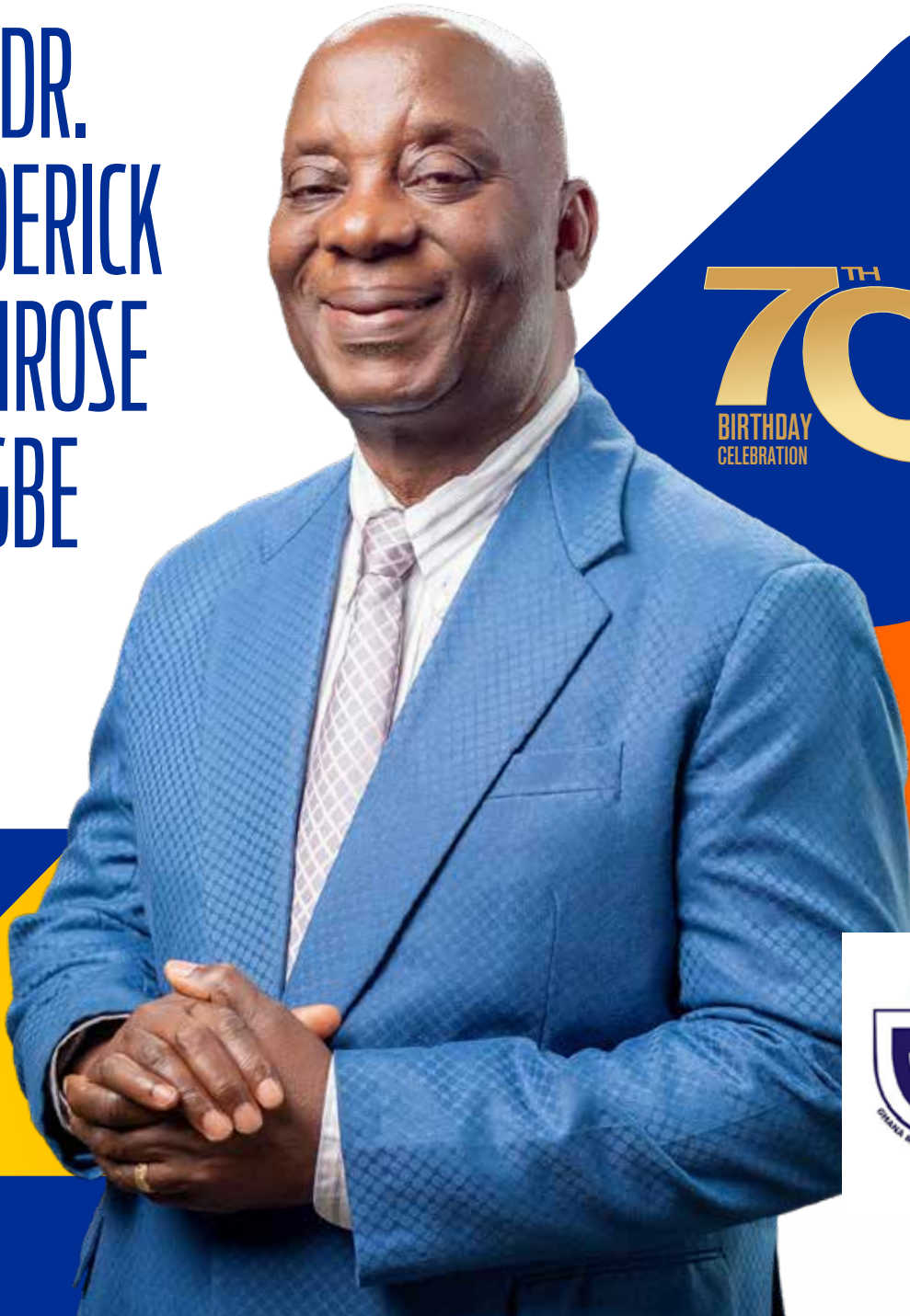




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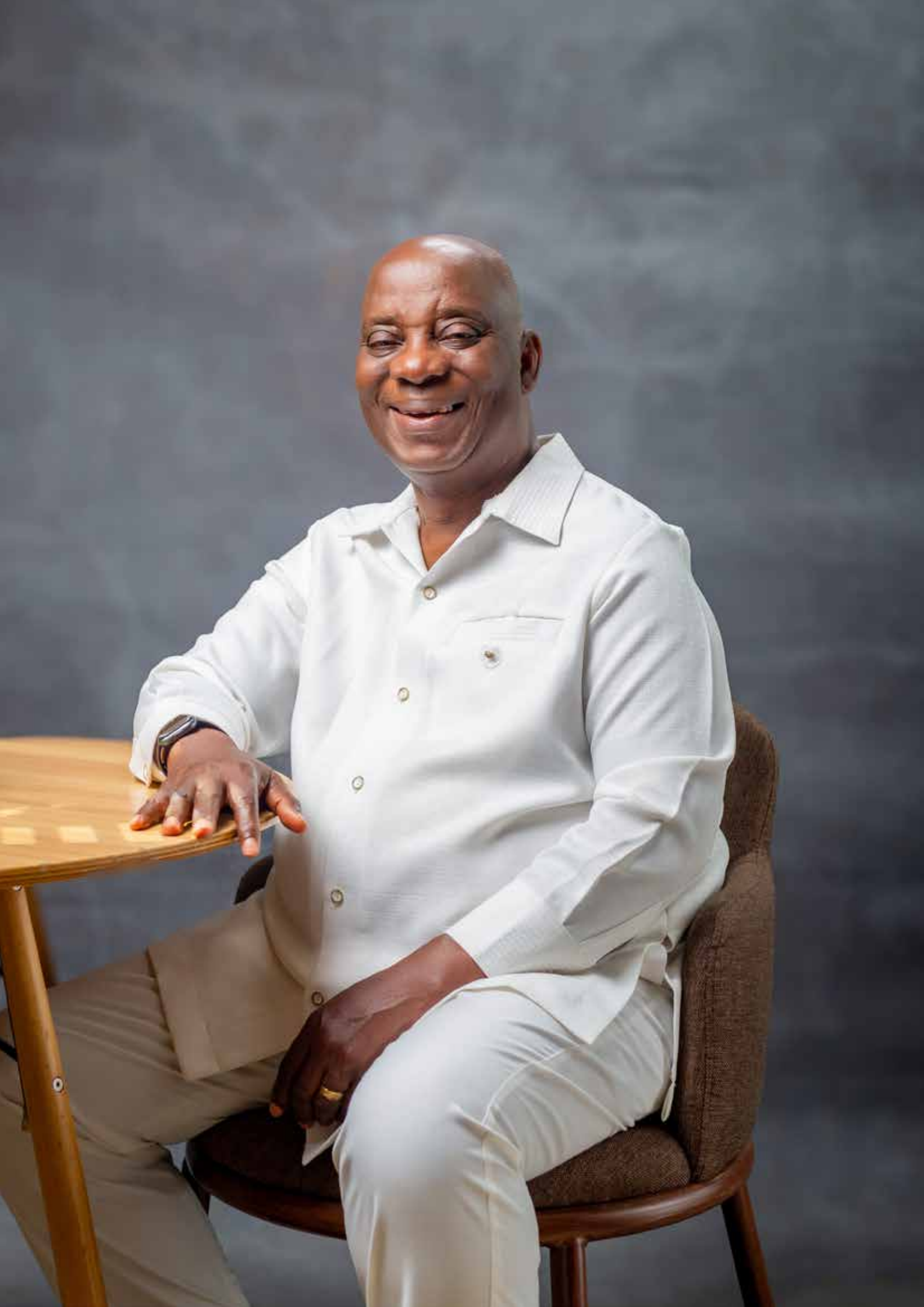
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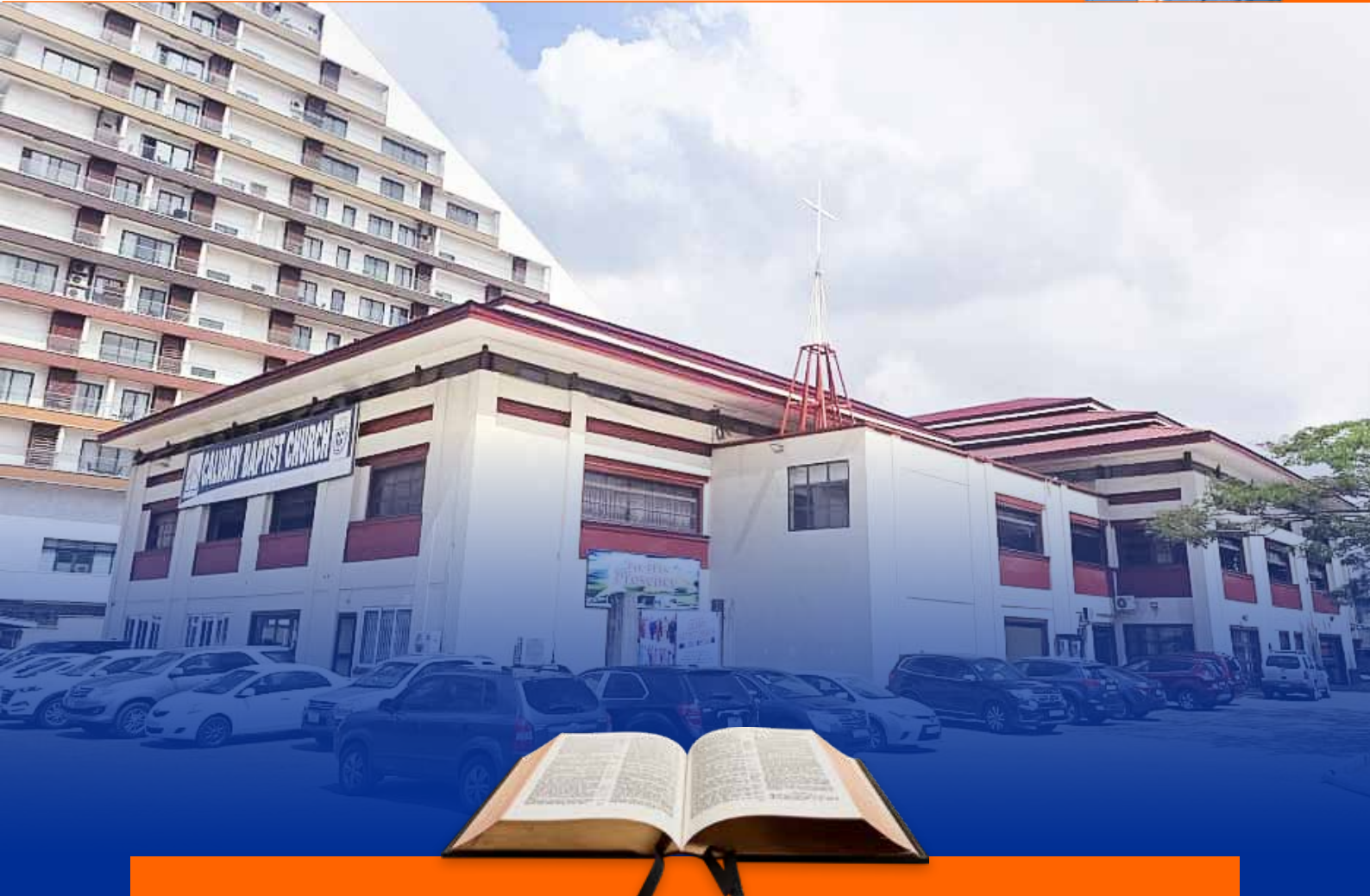
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70TH
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CELEBRATION







OFFICIATING MINISTERS

- Rev. Enoch Thompson - President, Ghana Baptist Convention
- Rev. Charles Oppong Poku - Vice President, Ghana Baptist Convention
- Rev. Washington Komla Darke - Senior Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church
- Rev. Dr. Charles Owusu Ampofo - President, Ministers' Conference - Ghana Baptist Church
- Rev. Eastwood Anaba - President, Eastwood Anaba Ministries and Founder, Fountain Gate Chapel Int.
- Rev. J.N.N. Ocquaye - Former President, Ministers' Conference, Ghana Baptist Convention
- Rev. Dr. Samuel Otu-Pimpong - Former President, Ministers' Conference, Ghana Baptist Convention and Immediate Past Senior Pastor, Legon Baptist Church

SERVICE LEADERS

- Rev. Kingsley Kwayisi
- Ms Karen Adotevi



Order OF SERVICE

08:40am	Preparatory Prayer - Rev. Seth Tetteh
08:55	Processional Hymn 1: All Things Praise Thee, Lord Most High
09:00	Call to Worship / Opening Prayer - Rev. Komla Darke
09:05	Hymn 2: O Worship the King
09:10	Praise / Worship - Church Choir
09:25	Scripture Reading - (English, French, Akan, Ga and Ewe)
09:30	Music Ministration - Church Choir
09:40	Sermon - Rev. Eastwood Anaba
10:10	Sermon Response - Rev. J. N. N. Ocquaye
10:15	Church Offertory - Church Choir
10:25	Profile of Rev. Dr. F. Deegbe - Deacon Alfred Wuver
10:40	Special Song - Church Choir
10:45	Ceremony / Declaration of Retirement - Rev. Charles Oppong-Poku
10:55	Prayer for Rev. Dr. Deegbe & Family - Rev. Charles Owusu Ampofo
11:00	Goodwill Messages, Gifts & Citations - Service Leader
11:40	Love Offering for Rev. Fred Deegbe - Church Choir
11:55	Announcements & Acknowledgements - Service Leader
12:05pm	Remarks by Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe
12:15	Vote of Thanks - Deaconess Aba Kwadey
12:20	Closing Hymn: O Jesus I Have Promised - Congregation
12:25	Closing Prayer / Benediction - Rev. Komla Darke / Rev. C. Oppong-Poku
12:30	Hallelujah Chorus - Church Choir
12:35	Recessional Hymn: O That I have a Thousand Tongues
12:45	Postlude
12:46	Pictures





Profile

REV. DR. FREDERICK PRIMROSE DEEGBE

A LIFE OF SERVICE

Born on February 9, 1955, in Keta, Volta Region, Ghana. Rev. Dr. Frederick Primrose Deegbe hails from Anyako. Eldest of five children, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour at the age of 10 but rededicated his life to the service of the Lord at age 20.

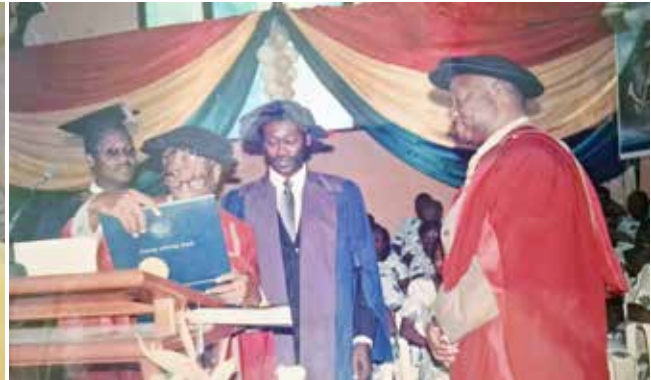
Early Education & Theological Training

Rev. Dr. Deegbe's faith journey commenced with a Diploma from Christian Service College (CSC), Kumasi, in 1978. He believes that his training at CSC provided him with a robust theological foundation, proving invaluable when he joined the staff of Calvary Baptist Church (CBC). Subsequently, he was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel in 1983. Driven by a thirst for deeper theological understanding, he pursued further studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, from 1984 graduating in 1986. He also completed an Advanced Certificate in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Baylor University Medical Center to enhance his pastoral care skills. He holds a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Southwestern Baptist Seminary and later a Doctorate in Ministry (DMin) from Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, earned in December 2003.

Non-Theological Education

Before Rev. Dr Deegbe's quest for theological training, he had preceded to earn the much-coveted Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from the University of Ghana and qualified as a Barrister at Law from the Ghana School of Law.





Life at Calvary Baptist Church

Baptised in CBC in 1977, Rev. Dr. Deegbe quickly became involved, teaching at the Enquirer’s Class, Baptismal Class, and New Members’ Class. He served diligently as Assistant Pastor in CBC from 1980 to December 1983.

Later, while doubling as a lecturer at the Ghana Baptist Theological Seminary (now reorganised as the Ghana Baptist University College) and Senior Pastor of New Tafo Baptist Church (now Central Baptist), Rev. Dr. Deegbe was Called into the ministry of CBC as Senior Pastor on January 1, 1991.

He spearheaded the revision of the CBC Constitution and streamlined the role of the Church Council.

Positions Held

Ordained a Minister of the Ghana Baptist Convention on November 27, 1983, Rev. Dr. Deegbe has held diverse roles:

- Chaplain at Baylor University Medical Center (1985-1988)
- Lecturer at Ghana Baptist Seminary (1989-1991)
- Senior Pastor of New Tafo Baptist Church, Kumasi (1989-1991)
- Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church (1991-2024)

Board Memberships

Rev. Dr. Deegbe has served on the following National Boards:

- Chairman, Denominational Board of the Ghana Baptist Convention
- Chairman, Board of Directors, Christian Community Mutual Fund
- Chairman, Fellowship of Christian Councils in West Africa

- Chairman, Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition
- Co-chair, Coalition of Domestic Election Observers
- Member, Board of Directors, Christian Community Microfinance Limited
- Member, Ghana AIDS Commission
- Member, National Media Commission
- Member, Narcotics Control Board
- Member, All Africa Conference of Churches

He also served on the Boards of other local and international organisations, namely:

- World Council of Churches
- All Africa Council of Churches
- All Africa Baptist Fellowship
- Baptist World Alliance
- Ecumenical Church Loan Fund
- Asempa Publishers Board

Achievements

Rev. Dr. Deegbe’s significant achievements as Church Leader include:

- The creation of the Calvary Leadership Institute for pastors and leaders training.
- The expansion of Calvary Baptist Church through Cell Fellowships that culminated in the establishment of Sheepfold groups within the Church family which spread across Accra and beyond.
- The planting of several Baptist churches through missions and evangelism in Akoto Lante, Teshie, Nungua, Nsawam, Awoshie, Adenta, Avornyokope, and Lakeside, Bortianor, Oyibi, Amasaman and Tema Community 25, as well as fostering many other churches.



- The acquisition and development of church lands, including the sale of some to augment church finances.
- The acquisition of church vehicles.
- The publication of three significant church history books (CBC@25, CBC@35, CBC@50).
- The successful initiation and completion of the calling of a new Senior Pastor.

Ministry Philosophy

Rev. Dr. Deegbe effectively applied the Jethro principle, segmenting membership, and empowering leaders to serve. He introduced Teams 1-4 for staff, and a sheepfold structure with shepherds, assistant shepherds, supervisors, pastors, deacons, zonal councils, families, and zones for church members. He recognised and deployed the unique gifts of his pastors to meet the Church's needs.

Ministry Gifting & Strength

Rev. Dr. Deegbe's ministry is characterised by humble leadership, strong administrative skills, compassionate pastoral care, and exceptional teaching abilities.

Service to the Ghana Baptist Convention (GBC)

Rev. Dr. Deegbe played a crucial role in bridging the gap between the Ghana Baptist Convention (Local Baptists) and the Ghana Baptist Mission (American Missionaries). Through his efforts, the two groups reconciled peacefully.

Calvary Baptist Church consistently leads in financial contributions to the Convention and under his guidance, has helped train numerous leaders of the Convention.

His significant roles within the GBC include:

- Pioneer of the Ghana Baptist Students Union, Legon (1977)
- Pioneer in the establishment of Legon Baptist Church
- Recording Secretary of the Ghana Baptist Convention (1980-1983)
- Initiator of Ghana Baptist Peace Talks (1986-1992)
- Acting President of the Ghana Baptist Convention (1992-1994)
- President of the Ghana Baptist Convention (1994-2000)

- Initiator of the compilation and publication of the Ghana Baptist Hymnal
- First Chair of the GBC Denominational Board

Experience at the Christian Council of Ghana (CCG)

As General Secretary of the Christian Council of Ghana from 2003 to 2013, Rev. Dr. Deegbe oversaw the celebration of the Council's 80th anniversary and the publication of its history. He played a key role in restructuring the Council as a research-based advocacy organisation and participated in three national elections.

Future Plans

Following his retirement, Rev. Dr. Deegbe plans to continue his passion for theological education and reflection, mentoring, coaching, preaching, and teaching. He remains open to other avenues of service as guided by the Lord.

Public Appearances

A prominent public figure, Rev. Dr. Deegbe is well-known on radio and television. He has hosted "World View" on Unique FM of the Ghana Broadcasting Corporation since 2004 to date and presents "Calvary Hour" on Sunny FM every Saturday at 8:00 PM. He is also a guest on Joy FM for special programmes and shares his insightful opinions on various societal issues.

Books and Publications

Rev. Dr. Deegbe is a prolific author, with the following notable works:

- When Friends Fight
- Building a Christian Home
- Born to Blossom
- The Three Powers
- Forgive God
- Empowered to Make Life Meaningful
- Deacons Training Manuals (edited)
- Church Health Manual, 1 & 2 (edited)

He is currently engaged in the writing of his forthcoming novel, "Hollow Faith," and eagerly anticipates its publication soon.



Hobbies

In his free time, Rev. Dr. Deegbe enjoys debating, gardening, reading, and writing.

Family Life

Rev. Dr. Deegbe is happily married to Lady Pastor Joana Deegbe, an accomplished individual with a distinguished career spanning education, law, and ministry. She holds an MA (Religious Education) from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, which she obtained in 1986. Following her studies, she dedicated herself to serving as an educator at the Ghana Baptist Theological Seminary from 1988 to 1990.

Her commitment to education extended to the Ghana International School and Lincoln International School in Accra, where she taught for many years. This experience provided her with invaluable educational opportunities for the children of expatriates and other international families in the Greater Accra Region. She then assisted Mrs. Alberta Quartey as Assistant Director of Alsyd Academy and the later Principal of Vilac International.

For the past 40 years, Lady Pastor Joana has been an integral part of the Calvary Baptist Church family. She has made significant contributions by establishing libraries in the past 25 years and implementing literacy programmes within the Church family. In recognition of her exceptional gifts and dedicated service, she was formally affirmed as a Pastor. As a result, the Church family respectfully address her as “Lady Pastor”, a compliment she graciously accepts.

She also pursued a legal education, earning an LLB from the University of Ghana. Subsequently, she qualified as a Barrister from the Ghana School of Law in 2017.

Rev. Dr. Deegbe and Lady Pastor Joana were united in holy matrimony at Calvary Baptist Church, Adabraka, Accra, on 27th February 1982. Their union is blessed with three biological children: Jolene (Ena), Fred (Mawuli), and Emmanuel (Kafui). They also lovingly welcomed Holive Awo Midzim Tetteh, a foster daughter, into their family.

Rev. Dr. Deegbe and Lady Pastor Joana are the proud grandparents of nine children, including Fred Primrose Jnr and Damien Nunya Tetteh.





Goodwill Message From

PASTOR MRS. JOANA DEEGBE, Esq

Dearest Friend and Life Partner, Rev. Dr. Fred Mifaakor P. Deegbe, “Foony3” as I affectionately call you, it is my singular blessing and privilege to send you this heartfelt Goodwill Message on this special occasion, your 70th birthday and Retirement as Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist church. Happy Happy 70th birthday and blessed Retirement!

First, my heart is filled with gratitude to our God Almighty for giving you to me and to the world. You have humbled yourself before God and He has used you to serve the Body of Christ and Ghana as a whole, and beyond. We are proud of you.

I don’t know where to begin from because you are a man of many parts. A teacher and lecturer, President, Chairman, Mentor, Counselor, Mediator, Lawyer, Father to many, Dear husband, Grandpa and many more... a loving, understanding and caring person, a good listener, an action man, dynamic, creative and a progressive person, indeed a man of integrity. Above all, a man of God who has been sold out since you decided to leave your legal profession to become a full-time Minister of God. You are a pace setter for many young career Christians who followed your example to go into ministry, full-time or bi-vocationally.

You have served Calvary Baptist Church (CBC) unreservedly, with a single purpose for decades, preaching practical life-changing sermons filled with “tollies” and humor. You gave it your all, resulting in many satellite churches, and leaders across the “CBC family” and indeed the Ghana Baptist Convention.

You were ‘Fred the B’ (Baptist) on Legon campus and you still are “Fred the B” today, having served alongside with

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your missionary mother, Miss Danny Stampley (of blessed memory), Rev. Stevenson Alfred Williams (your spiritual Father, also of blessed memory), and other Baptist Students' union leaders.

As Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, with the guidance of God and support of your deacons and other leaders you have led "Adabraka Calvary" to "Shiashie Calvary" and beyond. Ayekoo!

You are gentle but tenacious and resolute, resilient, and indeed the Lord has been your strength!

The Ghana Baptist Convention has benefitted from your unique giftings as you led the Denomination to unite at a difficult time through your "Peace Talks".

Your stellar service to Christendom and the nation through the Christian Council is admirable and exceptional as your views were sought on many national issues. You were often on TV or Radio proffering Christian views on national issues for ten long years. With God's divine help, you acquitted yourself creditably in ecumenical circles. That was not an easy feat. You represented your brand of Evangelical Christianity with boldness, dexterity and knowledge and insight. Only eternity will reveal the bountiful fruits of your toil and labour. Well done, Pastor Fred!

At home you were a husband, everyone's Daddy, and Grandpa. You led us with kindness and understanding. Your spiritual guidance, financial support and loving care is always well appreciated. We have enjoyed the fruits from your greenhouse garden, from catfishes, tilapias to home bred rabbits. Humongous pawpaws, carrots, aubergines, okra's, herbs, are enjoyed. Your knowledgeable answers to questions make us all, want to hear your views on different topics. We will forever cherish being your family.

To conclude, on my own behalf and all who have been part of your journey, we pray God's abundant blessings, divine health and prosperity for you! Happy, Happy 70th birthday and Retirement to you, Pastor Fred, Daddy, Paapa, Grandpa, "Foony3" ! May your future be more glorious than your past in Jesus's name. AMEN.

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Goodwill Message From **CHILDREN**



What a wonderful servant of God you have been. As your children, many things make us proud to call you daddy. You have served diligently in ministry for over 40 years, helped Calvary Baptist grow its numbers, increased its campuses, and encouraged many families going through tough times. However, the thing that makes us so proud of you is how you are a great father.

Behind closed doors, you are gentle and kind. There is never a moment that we need a listening ear that you don't make yourself available. During our morning devotions, you shared words of wisdom that guided us through many a storm later in life. Your strength of character was an anchor that kept the family grounded. Sometimes it was difficult to share you with the world, but having gained perspective, we can see that there was so much God called you to do.

Outside of leading the church, you have served Ghana with honour and dignity. You've served on numerous boards, including the Ghana AIDS Commission, Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition, Coalition of Domestic Election Observers, National Media Commission, Narcotics Control Board, All Africa Conference of Churches, Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in West Africa, Christian Community Mutual Fund, and so many more. The list is endless, but it only speaks to your desire to leave the world better than you found it.

Thank you for being a great father and role model, a great leader at Calvary Baptist Church, and a great servant to Ghana and beyond. As you close this chapter, we know it is just the beginning of a new adventure that God has in store for you. We love you and look forward to seeing the rest of the story unfold.





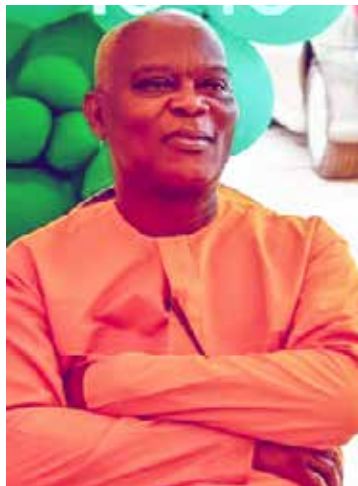
Goodwill Message From

REV. OLIVER DEEGBE

Efo Mifakor,

Where do I start..... maybe when I was very sick and was transferred from Ho hospital after four months on admission to 37 for surgery in July 1981, you saved my life, I was going to die because of the lack of a common drip, you risked your life riding a motorbike Accra to Koforidua to secure enough infusions for my surgery Efo Akpe.

Though I have gained admission, Daddy would not let me go to Secondary School. You did not give Daddy peace of mind till he had to oblige to send me to Emit Technical, I refused, why go to technical school when I have gained admission to a Secondary school? Mifakor, you



comforted me by saying, 'Half a Loaf is better than nothing'. That course opened the door to the Siemens School of Radar in the UK. Efo Akpe nawo kakakaa.

You led me to CHRIST in 1982, and sooner than I could find my feet, you left for the US. God brought Millicent Adams the Usher my way, if not for her, I would have backslid and left Calvary before your return. I have much more to say. Nevertheless, it is becoming nostalgic. I would end it here.

Efo, Happy 70 birthday. Wishing you good health, a longer life, and more wisdom, Primrose Mifakor Fredrick Koroku Deegbe God Bless you.

Form Kaneva

Goodwill Message From

CHARLES DEEGBE

Brother Fred, We were committed Christians from childhood at Apostolic Revelation Society (ARS) church as our father was a dedicated pastor in the Church. When I was a student at Wesley College in Kumasi and following you at Calvary Baptist Church in Adabraka you guided me to receive baptism in 1978.

I continued attending Grace Baptist Church in Kumasi till I finished my education at Wesley College in 1980. After completion and posted to Burma Camp secondary school I was engaged the following year to Nigeria as a teacher. When

I was in Nigeria you were in America shifting from being a Lawyer to a dedicated Christian with pastoral training. When I returned from Nigeria I was committed to our church services and got a job in Kumasi and continue attending Grace Baptist Church. I returned to Accra in 2003 and was committed to our church services and was ordained as a Deacon in 2008 with Sheepfold services conducted in my house at Lapaz.

The all-knowing God shall lift us to greater heights as we focus on His direction and support.

Efo. Happy birthday.



Goodwill Message From

REV. AND MRS. W. KOMLA DARKE
(SENIOR PASTOR AND WIFE, CBC)

“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.” - Hebrews 13:7 (NIV)



Dear Rev. Dr. Fred P. Deegbe,

With profound gratitude and deep admiration, my wife and I extend our warmest wishes to you as you transition into retirement after 34 years of extraordinary and faithful service as the Senior Pastor of our church, Calvary Baptist Church. This moment is both a celebration of a legacy well-lived and an opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation for the immense impact you have had on our lives, our church, and the wider body of Christ.

Your leadership has been marked by exceptional wisdom, unwavering faith, and a remarkable ability to connect with people from all walks of life. Your interpersonal skills have not only endeared you to many but have also fostered unity, love, and growth within our church. Your ability to listen with compassion,

offer wise counsel, and guide with humility has left an indelible mark on everyone blessed to serve alongside you, especially my wife and I. Your problem-solving skills and strategic insight have strengthened the foundations of our church. Through challenging seasons (in our church, the Ghana Baptist Convention, and national politics), you have led with patience and discernment, always pointing us back to Christ and demonstrating what it means to trust in God’s unfailing wisdom. Your dedication to mentoring and raising leaders has ensured that Calvary Baptist Church remains a beacon of hope and transformation.

We also take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt appreciation to your dear wife, Pastor Mrs. Joana Deegbe and children, whose unwavering support, sacrifices, and love have been instrumental in your journey. Their patience, prayers, and encouragement behind the scenes have enabled you to give yourself fully to the work of the Lord. We recognize and honor their role in this great ministry, and we pray that God will continue to bless and reward them abundantly.

As you embark on this new season of life, that is your well-deserved retirement, we pray that God will reward you richly for your labor in His vineyard. May He bless you with good health, peace, and fulfillment, knowing that your work has not been in vain. Your legacy will continue to inspire us, and we are grateful for the privilege of having served under your guidance.

“A minister may retire from his pulpit, but he never retires from his calling. The harvest is plentiful, and though his hands may rest from the labor, his heart continues to beat for the kingdom of God.” — Anonymous

With deep appreciation and love, my children, my wife Miriam and I say Ayekoo! Mawu yra wo



Goodwill Message From

REV. ENOCH THOMPSON
(PRESIDENT - GHANA BAPTIST CONVENTION)

On the occasion of your retirement from regular active service in the vineyard of the Lord Jesus Christ, we at the Ghana Baptist Convention hereby wish you a resounding “Ayekoo.”

You have served various local congregations of the Convention as Head Pastor, provided leadership to our Convention in various capacities, including as President (1992-2000). Your singular impactful roles in resolving the conflict which split the Convention into two would remain a perpetual memorial to your contribution to the life and sustenance of our denomination. You served two successful terms as the first Chairman of the Denominational Board at the inception of the Executive Presidency system. You continue to serve the Convention on various Committees, bringing on board your vast experience in life, law and ministry.

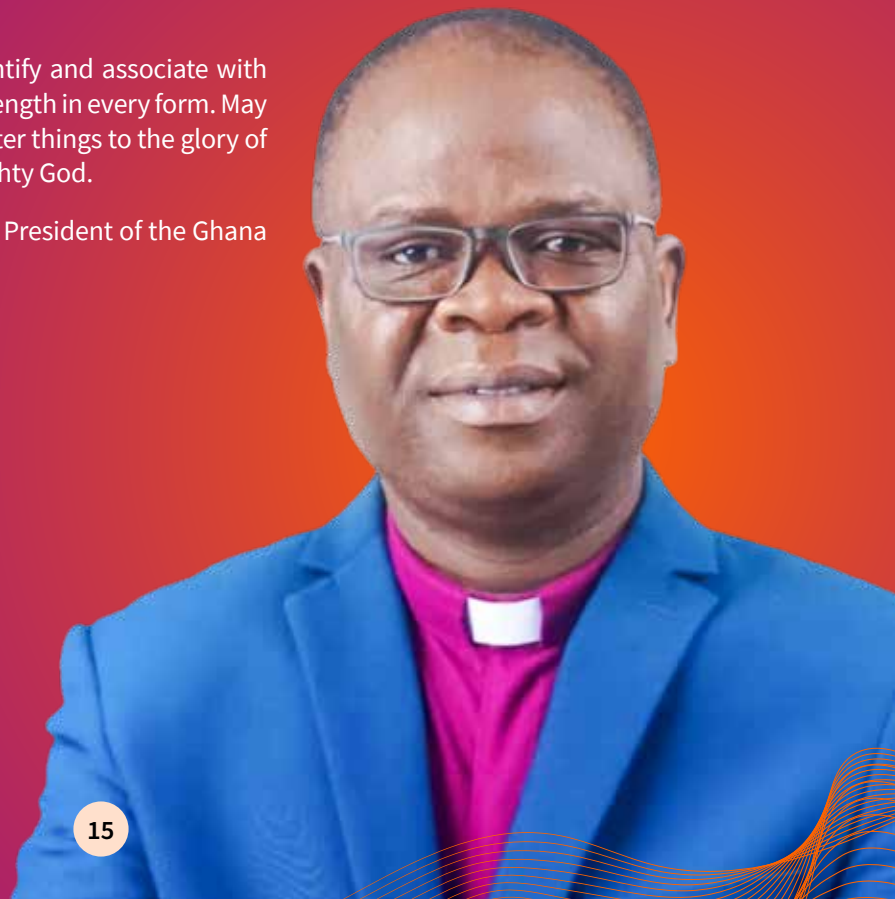
You have represented the Convention in ecumenical circles serving meritoriously at the Christian Council of Ghana in various roles and as General Secretary from 2003-2013. You served on the All Africa Conference of Churches and served on Commissions at the Baptist World Alliance.

Your contribution to our national discourse and your dispassionate commitment to seeking true nationhood, serving among other things on the Ghana Media Commission, Anticorruption Commission, Ghana AIDS Commission, will be remembered as part of your legacy of serving God and country.

We are proud of you and are honoured to identify and associate with you. May the Lord bless the years ahead with strength in every form. May you see new vistas and achieve newer and greater things to the glory of God. May your home know the Shalom of Almighty God.

Submitted by Rev. Enoch Thompson, Executive President of the Ghana Baptist Convention.

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Goodwill Message From

REV. DR. SAMUEL OTU-PIMPONG

Fred, as I have affectionately called you. You have been my dear brother and good friend for several years since we connected at the University of Ghana, Legon as students. We became closer as we related very closely as members of the Baptist Students Union where you were the first secretary who organised all of us for meetings on campus or in the house of the late missionary of the Southern Baptist Convention responsible for students' ministry. The name of that late missionary is Danny Stampley.

Every conversation of ours bordered on future ministry and there was actually no time for idle conversation. You were very active in the campus non-denominational Christian Fellowship called University Christian Fellowship, UCF. It was there that your title "Fred the Baptist" was confirmed by all.

Your hard work touched the heart of our late Pastor, Rev Stevenson Alfred William to whom we were all considered his children to call you to assist him in the pulpit at Calvary Baptist Church.

My brother, I want you to cast your mind back to our first ever Baptist Students Union Missionary journey that took us to Kumasi to visit the seminary and to meet with Doug Briandt the then President of the Abuakwa Seminary. How we spent four days together at Unity Hall on the KNUST campus to hold our missionary journey retreat. We spent three evenings of Bible studies with the Rev Mike Shockley also a Southern Baptist Convention missionary. On that same missionary journey, we went to Bolgatanga, went to Nalerigu and Nakpanduri to meet with the Rev. Tollie

Bib, we visited Tamale to meet Rev Richardson also a missionary from the Southern Baptist Convention, we were in Yendi to meet with Bill Montgomery and back to Accra. Missionary Danny Stampley drove us all in her mini bus that was filled with food supplies throughout this missionary journey.

I remember your first missionary sermon at the Mogla Association that touched hearts.

Space is limited for me to recount your devotion to Christ and how much you were an encouragement to all of us. You did so much for the Baptist Convention in Ghana and other Christian bodies that others will write about.

I thank you for being my best man when I went to marry Esther. Life indeed is strange and a fleeting journey. So soon you have joined the club of 70years.

You are most welcome, my brother. Enjoy your retirement sweetly and in the Lord.





Goodwill Message From

REV DR. ERNEST ADU-GYAMFI

On your occasion of your 70th birthday, I would like to wish you a very Happy Birthday, my brother, friend and colleague in ministry.

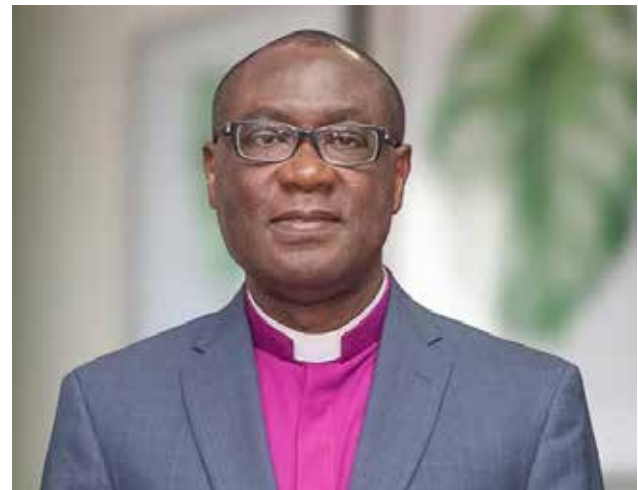
My relationship with Rev. Deegbe began in 1979, when I was introduced to him by Rev. Dr. Kojo Osei-Owusu. This was during the period I was dating my wife Julie who was then in her second year at the University of Ghana. I spent some nights on Legon campus with Rev. Dr. Kojo Osei-Owusu while visiting Julie and it was during one of those weekends that I got to know Rev. Dr. Frederick Deegbe. Our relationship has developed since then.

In 1992, when Rev Dr Deegbe became the President of the Ghana Baptist Convention, I was the chair of the Human Resource Committee then and so both of us served on the Executive Committee of the Convention. When Rev Dr Deegbe became the General Secretary of the Christian Council of Ghana, I also served under him as a member of the Finance & Administration Advisory Committee. Both of us served on the Executive Council of the Christian Council of Ghana during that period.

When I became the First Executive President of the Ghana Baptist Convention in 2014, Rev Dr Deegbe was elected the chair of the Denominational Board. During my first week in office as president, I visited his office at the Calvary Baptist Church, Adabraka to fraternize and share my vision with him. After sharing my thoughts with him, he just looked at my face and said, “my brother, you have passed your first test”. Since then, it has been an interesting and fruitfull relationship as we worked, talked and travelled together across and beyond our country.

When I started attending Baptist World Alliance meetings in 2014, I did not know many of the people in leadership of the BWA then, but Rev Dr Deegbe held my hand and introduced me to a couple of people. Our relationship deepened during our work together as the Chair of the Denominational Board and President of the Convention. We spoke to each other almost every week on several issues. It has been so since then.

I can't forget his stories, jokes and laughter. Sometimes during our travel to the United States, he will tease me



by introducing me to others as his driver because I drove from one state to the other as we kept doing the work of the Lord. It's been a very good working relationship with him in the Ghana Baptist Convention, Christian Council of Ghana and the Baptist World Alliance. We have developed a closer relationship that has gone beyond just ministry into being close brothers now.

Currently, both of us have transitioned from not only working within the Baptist fraternity but also for the country. While he worked with CODEO, I worked with the National Peace Council navigating through the challenges of elections in our country as the Lord leads us.

As you are transitioning from being a retired Minister of the Gospel into statesmanship, I would like to encourage you to make time to write books to encourage the young people of this generation who will be looking to tap into your thoughts, life experiences and ministry.

It is my hope that the Lord will continue to use you, not only within Calvary and Ghana Baptist Convention, but across the country and beyond. I wish you well, and hope that you will enjoy your time of rest.

On behalf of my wife, Juliana, your host in US, Rev. Dr. Emmanuel and Regina Nkrumah, we wish you a very Happy Birthday. May you have a good time of rest as you retire.

May the Lord bless you, my brother.



Goodwill Message From

APOSTLE JUDE HAMA

We celebrate the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Fred Primrose Deegbe at his retirement service at the Calvary Baptist Church Accra. Rev. Dr. Deegbe turns seventy (70) years, tomorrow, Sunday February 9, 2025. He has served as the General Secretary of the Christian Council of Ghana, the President of the Ghana Baptist Convention, and indeed the longest Senior Pastor at Calvary Baptist Group of Churches in Greater Accra for thirty-four (34) years.

I thank God for Rev. Dr. Fred Primrose Deegbe. Not all Church leaders end their tenure saying (and we agree with them): “this is the only race worth running. I have run hard, right to the finish, believing all the way!!” (2nd Timothy 4:7 Message). I have personally observed Rev. Dr. Deegbe’s decades of leadership service and bring up a few remarkable features of his ministry.

Every generation points to its shapers and movers. And that is one such that the Rev. Dr. Deegbe has been to the Ghana Baptist Convention in his generation. Indeed, the contemporary history of the Ghana Baptist Convention cannot ignore the outstanding and nobly significant contribution of Rev. Dr. Deegbe. I recall, the Ghana Baptist Convention- Church family in Ghana needed to reconcile and move forward. And they looked for a candidate to lead them as President of the Convention. Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe was less than forty (40) years old at the time, and therefore, did not qualify on account of age to be considered for President. It was absolutely intriguing that it was not the name Rev. Fred Deegbe for president that had to be changed. But by total consensus of the two key strands of stakeholders, the Constitution of the Ghana Baptist Convention had to change to accommodate the candidature of Rev. Dr. Fred Primrose Deegbe. The different sides of the Ghana Baptist Convention kissed and embraced him into the Convention Presidential Leadership - one side kissed him on the left cheek, and the other on the right cheek. And Rev. Dr. Fred Primrose Deegbe did successfully navigate that unique and challenging leadership role at the Ghana Baptist Convention, to the glory of God.

The Rev. Fred Primrose Deegbe at his Calvary Baptist Church, Accra Constituency as Senior Pastor for decades, reflects what Ralph Waldo Emerson, a distinguished author writes: “an institution is the lengthened shadow of one man”. And Rev. Dr. Deegbe will quickly add, “any good work you see around is a team work. We did it together.” Rev. Dr. Fred Primrose Deegbe has been disciplined to disciple. People invested in his spiritual authentic discipleship and leadership formation including those three special American Southern Baptist Missionaries who worked with the Baptist Student Union in Legon. Indeed,

Rev. Deegbe’s own student-to-student discipling efforts led him to settle on Miss Joana Nyamador as his dedicated wife and lifelong ministry partner! And Mrs. Joana Deegbe, a purposeful leader in her own right, has been such a remarkable Pastor’s wife who helps children, young people, women, and families to bask in God’s love. Her labour of love can never go unnoticed!!

As Senior Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, the Rev. Fred Primrose Deegbe is a Pastor at heart. Pastoral counselling of members with spiritual alertness and compassion; and pastoral counsellor skills and tools have been more important to him in his work than sophisticated theological theories and texts. And he takes due cognisance of the importance of the prayer factor in pastoral ministry.



When Rev. Dr. Deegbe served as the General Secretary of the Christian Council of Ghana, he served the Nation, and was a selfless leader. When President Prof. John Evans Atta Mills was in office, he called for a National Prayer and Thanksgiving Service. Rev. Dr. Deegbe was on the Planning Committee and was encountering some bureaucratic bottlenecks. One morning President Atta Mills asked me about the progress on the planning for the National Prayer and Thanksgiving Service and heard that Rev. Dr. Deegbe was facing some challenges. In less than an hour, the

President asked a Chaplain to place a phone call to Rev. Dr. Deegbe and President Prof. Atta Mills encouraged him to work on seeing a worthy National Prayer and Thanksgiving Service happen. And it did! In his leadership roles, God gives Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe thought and voice that is reflected on, and heard.

The Rev. Dr. Fred Primrose Deegbe served the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association Crusade in Ghana. We planned the climax night for the crusade in Accra Sports Stadium with Rev. Franklin Graham as Speaker. I landed on Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe with his vast ministry experience to be the M.C. and he served his best!

We say about the Rev. Dr. Fred Primrose Deegbe, “that face filled and precious life of yours matters - to God and to the world. Not a drop is wasted. Your work matters. Your gifts matter. Your tears matter. Your pain matters. Your joy matters.” Perhaps, that is true of every authentic believer.

And I hear the Rev. Dr. Fred Primrose Deegbe quip, “when I get to the end of my life, I want to know that it meant something.” Yes, we know it has meant so much!!

“Now to him who is able to do more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to Him be glory in the church..... forever and ever!!” (Ephesians 3:20-21 ESV)



Goodwill Message From

CBC STAFF & DIRECTORS OF (DOM) AND (DOME)

Dear Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe,
On behalf of the staff of Calvary Baptist Church, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and warmest wishes to you as you retire from your role as Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. Your leadership has been a beacon of inspiration, and your unwavering commitment to the growth and spiritual development of the Church has left an indelible mark on all of us. With hearts full of gratitude, we Join to celebrate you on this special occasion of your retirement. It is with deep appreciation that we honour your years of dedicated service, unwavering faith, and exceptional leadership. As you step into this new season of life, we thank God for your remarkable legacy. Your work in the ministry

will forever be remembered, and the seeds you have sown will continue to bear fruit in the lives of many.

From All CBC Staff



“Under your leadership, the creation of the Departments of Ministry and Ministry Enhancement and their related Sections have brought clarity, creativity and innovation into the ministry life of the Church. You provided servant-leadership style that made all staff feel a sense of belonging and motivation to serve. Your sense of humour, style of facilitating meetings at management levels and your way of accepting inputs cannot be forgotten. Today, Calvary Baptist Church is waxing very strong under the leadership of the current Senior Pastor, Rev. W.K. Darke because of the solid foundations and structures you have laid. As you embark on this new chapter of your life, we celebrate the legacy

you leave behind—a legacy of faith, dedication, and transformative leadership. Your contributions will continue to resonate within the Church and the lives of all who have been touched by your ministry. We pray that God’s blessings abound in this new season of your life. May He grant you good health, joy, and fulfilment as you continue to serve Him in new and meaningful ways. Thank you, Rev. Dr. Deegbe, for your exemplary service and for being a true shepherd to us all.

With deep appreciation and warmest regards,

Rev. Ray Degadzor & Pastor Cecil Dodoo
Directors, DOM & DOME, Calvary Baptist Church





Goodwill Message From

THE PASTORS OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skilful hands he led them. Psalm 78:72

Pastor Fred, we have come to celebrate your gift of shepherding and leadership that has positively impacted and transformed many lives and left an indelible legacy in the history of Calvary Baptist Church, the Pastorate and the Body of Christ in Ghana and the diaspora. You are a venerable role model, a servant leader who cared deeply, not just for our ministry development, but for our homes and families. You have run the race assiduously, discovering and unearthing talents and potentials in us; even when we stumbled and fell, you gently and lovingly reached out your hand, lifted us up and stood by us all the way. Your toil has not been in vain and the fruits are all around you.

All the current pastors of Calvary Baptist Church are protégés of your inspiring ministry and skilful leadership. You encouraged and sent some of us out to establish and pastor mission churches in communities such as Teshie, Nungua, Adenta, Awoshie, Ablekuma, Akoto-Lante, Adzen-Kotoku, Nsawam, Aburi, Bortianor, Amasaman, Oyibi and Community 25 (Tema). Some of these churches have since become independent and others are Calvary Baptist Church campuses. You were willing to take the risk to share your pulpit with us as you carefully and patiently disciplined us. Occasionally when our preaching content and delivery did not come out too well, you encouraged and still gave us another chance. Pastor Fred, we are forever grateful.

Our Pastors' Fellowship meetings that you chaired were memorable, insightful and edifying. Some of these meetings lasted long into the night, but you skilfully and with intermittent humour, made us temporarily forget the existence of time! As our faithful representative at Deacons meetings, you took the flak on our behalf, when there was any. The Church Health Conferences

that Calvary Baptist Church organised under your leadership contributed enormously to our growth and that of pastors from some of the Francophone countries. Together we have shared many joyous occasions and some sad ones too. Yet through these vicissitudes of life, you always exhibited an unwavering and indomitable faith in God. Your fatherly and loving care, by the grace of God, has gently steered us to this grand moment that we are privileged to celebrate with much joy and gratitude to God.

We are thankful to God for your contribution to the growth of Calvary Baptist Church over the years. We are inspired by your great wisdom, humility, conscientiousness and legacy to Kingdom business. Yes, Pastor Fred, your retirement is very well deserved, and we are confident the Lord

has not finished with you yet. May this new chapter of your life bring you incessant opportunities, peace, joy, coupled with good health and greater fulfilment as the Lord leads you on - expect more!

Congratulations, and Happy Retirement, Papa.

“May this new chapter of your life bring you incessant opportunities, peace, joy, coupled with good health and greater fulfilment as the Lord leads you on - expect more!”



Goodwill Message From

ACCRA BAPTIST MINISTERS' FELLOWSHIP

As you begin this new chapter in your life, we take a moment to honor and celebrate the tremendous legacy you have left behind. Your unshakeable faith, dedication, and relentless work influenced not only the congregations you pastored, but also had a significant impact on the Accra Baptist Ministers Fellowship.

Your leadership, wisdom, and compassion have been a source of light and guidance for many, encouraging us to grow in faith, unity, and service to God's kingdom. Your passion for ministry and friendship has established a solid foundation that will bear fruit for many years.

We are truly appreciative of the numerous hours you have spent developing our spiritual life. You've been a mentor, friend, and spiritual leader for many of us

in the fellowship. Your legacy lives on not only in the churches you've led, but in every life you've touched, every prayer you've offered, and every sermon that has stirred our hearts.

As you leave active service, please know that your influence will continue to resonate with all of us. You have set a high standard for faithful service and Christ-like leadership, which we shall seek to maintain. We pray that this new season brings you relaxation, joy, and fulfillment as you continue to walk with the Lord in every new endeavor.

Thank you, Papa, for your faithful and selfless service.

You will always hold a special place in our hearts, and your legacy will live on in the work we continue, inspired by your example.

Goodwill Message From

BODY OF DEACONS CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Dear Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe,
As you embark on this new chapter of your life, the Calvary Baptist Body of Deacons extends our deepest gratitude and heartfelt congratulations to you. Your unwavering dedication, compassionate leadership, and profound wisdom have left an indelible mark on our hearts and minds.

Throughout your illustrious career, you have been a beacon of hope, guiding us with your inspiring sermons and selfless service. Your unwavering faith and commitment to spreading love and kindness have touched countless lives, making our church/community a better place.

Your ability to address almost every congregant by name and to remember their story was heart-warming and remarkable.

The Body of Deacons wishes to applaud you for the seamless manner with which you led the church

through peaceful and rough moments for the past three decades and over. The years that we have spent together have been amazing. The nuggets of godly wisdom you endowed the Calvary family with shall remain a fountain from which we shall draw from. We celebrate you for upholding the Kingdom's standards and being an exceptional pastor.

As you step into retirement, may you find joy in the memories of your remarkable journey and fulfillment in the new adventures that await you. May this time be filled with peace, relaxation, and cherished moments with loved ones.

Thank you for your years of service and may God's blessings continue to shine upon you as you embrace this well-deserved retirement.

With warmest regards and heartfelt appreciation,



Goodwill Message From

CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF GHANA

On the occasion of your well-deserved retirement after an exceptional 41 years of service in the ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, you we pause to reflect on the profound impact you have had on the lives of countless individuals, both within the church and beyond.

Your remarkable journey with the Ghana Baptist Convention, especially your 34 years of dedicated service as the Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, has been nothing short of inspiring. Through your steadfast leadership, unwavering faith, and compassionate shepherding, you have nurtured a community that continues to grow in faith and love. Your passion for the Gospel and your commitment to the spiritual development of your congregation have set a standard of excellence for all to follow.

In addition to your pastoral work, your tireless efforts as the General Secretary of the Christian Council of Ghana for 10 years have left an indelible mark on the spiritual and social fabric of our nation. Your voice in the public sphere, coupled with your active involvement in

various civil society organizations, has made a lasting contribution to the socio-political life of Ghana. You have not only been a servant leader in the Church but also a beacon of integrity, justice, and advocacy for the common good.

As you step into this new season of life, we celebrate the legacy you leave behind. Your work has touched lives, influenced communities, and shaped the course of the Gospel ministry in Ghana. While we will miss your leadership, wisdom, and guidance, we are confident that the seeds you've planted will continue to bear fruit for generations to come.

May God continue to bless you with good health, peace, and joy in this new chapter. Thank you, Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe, for your exemplary service and dedication to God's work and to our beloved nation. Your legacy is one of faith, service, and profound impact.

With deepest gratitude and respect,
General Secretary
Christian Council of Ghana

Goodwill Message From

SCRIPTURE UNION (SU) GHANA

"Greet Apelles, a good man whom Christ approves" (Romans 16:10 NLT). We concur and greet Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe as a believer and church leader, and a servant of God, whom Christ approved. Indeed, Rev Dr Deegbe is "a tried and true veteran in following Christ."

We first locate Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe during his sixth (6th) form school days, in the Scripture Union (SU) Group in Oda Secondary School. And in his University student days at Legon, he was a consistent member of the UCF and a student leader in the GHAFES.

In his decades of Pastoral Ministry, Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe kept very good touch with the SU work and served towards its growth. Notably, Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe nurtured at Calvary Baptist Church, Rev. Derek Koomson, the current General Director of SU in Christian Ministry Service, and spiritual leadership capacity building. To better fulfill the spirit of the opening

statement of the SU Aims, "working in partnership with the churches," the Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe was one of the key church leaders invited to serve on the SU Board. He was then General Secretary at the Christian Council of Ghana. He served on the National Executive Committee of the SU Council.

We in the SU Family are most grateful to God for the Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe, He first tied his christian service and leadership books within the SU. And we are delighted to see him carry on a fruitful Pastoral Ministry and significant leadership service as the longest serving Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church Accra, President of the Ghana Baptist Convention, and General Secretary of the Christian Council of Ghana. Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe has been an outstanding leader in serving Christ, the Church, and country, to the glory of God.

Congratulations Rev Dr Fred Deegbe.



CBC MINISTERS' SPOUSES

There is a time for everything... so says the Great Teacher.

Reverend Dr. Fred Primrose Deegbe, affectionately called Pastor Fred and your dear wife, Lady Pastor Joana Deegbe, today it is time to retire as Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church (CBC). After over forty years of dedication and selfless service to the body of Christ, it is time to turn the page to a fresh chapter away from a very active service. Service which we imagine you envisaged was to be in the Lord's vineyard principally in the Calvary Baptist Church, but which ended up transcending the Baptist Family in Ghana, Africa and across the world.

Your godly influence has no doubt impacted the Christian community within and across the borders of this country. The 'secular' spheres of Ghana and Africa have not been spared your influence, something you could not have envisioned at the time you said YES to the Lord's call to hang your legal cloak and wig to take up priestly garments for His service.

As spouses of CBC ministers, we are grateful for the countless opportunities and mentorship you offered our spouses as they served together with you in the Lord's vineyard. We appreciate the peace and calm you always brought to rather contentious situations. With a few words and a joke or two from your active repertoire, you were able to diffuse very tense situations and wriggle the church, families, and individuals from otherwise difficult situations. Pastor Fred, we are grateful for dedicating all your productive life to CBC. Ayekoo! for a glorious and impactful service to God, country, the world and humanity.

To our own ever active Mama J, we say Thank You for rallying us together and for mentoring many of us both by your words and deeds in ways we can support our spouses and the ministry in general. **"There is so much**

we can do once we decide to be just human!" This is one of the nuggets you recently shared with us. For these and many others we will forever be grateful.

Thank you, Lady Pastor Mama Joana, for the unflinching support you have given to Papa all these years.

Thank you, LPs. Mama Joana, for all the sacrifices you made so your husband could serve as Senior Pastor.

Thank you, LPs. Mama Joana, for the burdens you carried because Pastor Fred was working for the church.

Thank you, LPs. Mama Joana for your love, words of comfort, smile and kindness.

Thank you, LPs. Mama Joana, for handling all the demands and requests with such grace.

Mama Jay, your love for children and passion to see them break barriers to excel academically and in all areas is admirable! Yehowa adjor bo.

Reverend Dr. Fred P. Deegbe, as you retire, we say congratulations for a glorious and impactful service to the Lord, Ghana, the world and humanity. Your dedication and hard work have earned you this moment. We the spouses of CBC ministers, wish you well on this well-deserved break. Wind down gradually from the hectic assignments and operationalise some of the items on your 'bucket list.'

Our heritage as children of God includes his promise to us in Psalm 91:16 - Long Life. May that be the portion of you both, in good health. You will eat the fruits of your labour; blessings and prosperity will be yours (Psalm 128: 2).

And oh Yes! Jubilee Blessings to you on your 70th Birthday. May every blessing ordained for the jubilee year come to you. Wishing you a glorious Platinum Jubilee celebration.

God richly bless you Papa! God Richly Bless you Mama J. Mawu n3 yraa mi kaaaka!!



Goodwill Message From

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH (CBC)

Rev. Dr. Fred P. Deegbe!

Few people get the opportunity to serve in one position for a generation; fewer still do it with the devotion, dedication and distinction with which you served Calvary Baptist Church as Senior Pastor for thirty-four remarkable years. Your unmatched service as Senior Pastor has yielded immense benefits to us as a church, as workmates, spiritual children, and mentees. You started your ministerial work at Calvary Baptist Church as an Assistant Pastor from 1980 to 1983 and were ordained on 27th of November 1983. In 1991, you were appointed the Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church (CBC) and today, on your retirement, we honour you for your selfless and meritorious achievements.

You are an extraordinary Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and a true example of a Servant Leader. As a visionary leader, you initiated and carried out numerous programmes, projects and reforms, which are still of benefit to the church. Your quest for effective administration and governance of CBC led to a revision of the Church Constitution and streamlining of the role of the Church Council. You introduced and implemented a new Strategic Plan which reformed the administrative structure of the church from a committee-based concept to a staff-led one. This created two (2) departments with their various units namely, Department of Ministries (DOM) and Department of Ministry Enhancement (DOME). You ensured the completion of the educational block at Adabraka, which was started by your predecessor, the late Rev. Alfred Stevenson Williams. You also established the Assimilation Unit of the Church which took charge of the follow-up ministry, ensuring that visitors and new converts are followed-up and well-established.

In the late 1990s, you launched the “Calvary 2000 Project”, which saw the great expansion of Small Groups (Sheepfolds) to meet the needs of the ever-increasing church membership. Sheepfolds grew to become Fellowships, which also expanded to become Zones, culminating into satellite churches called

Missions. You further helped them acquire lands at various locations for the establishment of these churches. You also facilitated the acquisition of land by church members in various places. You planted the Bortianor, Oyibi, Amasaman, Community 25 and Shiashie Campuses. Indeed, you invested so much effort to bring the Shiashie Campus to its current stage as head-office of CBC.

With your astonishing preaching style, you always broke down the word of God in such a way that even new believers could comprehend and desired to practice what they had heard. Your brain-child, the Calvary Leadership Institute, trained church members for ministry primarily in the Church and provided the foundation for the pursuit of Ghana Baptist Convention ministerial admissions. You established the Credit Union to inculcate the habit of saving as well as developing capital for members in their businesses.

You are a very accomplished man who has accomplished a lot, but what really endears you to all is your very warm interpersonal relationship, your kindness and compassion, your ability to breakdown walls and build bridges. Your non-judgmental attitude made it easy for members to confide in you and get much needed counsel and advice. It is no wonder that the youth and adults simply refer to you as Pastor Fred.

Pastor Fred, CBC could not have come this far without your faith driven agenda, visionary leadership and unique team building skills not to mention your love for God demonstrated through your obedience to his word and the loving care of his sheep.

Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe, on this occasion of your retirement your successor, the Senior Pastor, Rev. Washington Komla Darke, the Pastorate, the Body of Deacons and the entire membership of Calvary Baptist Church say Well Done! We are confident that the God you serve so faithfully will guide your steps to what he has in store for you.

Ayekoo! Ewoe wo do nyuie!



Goodwill Message From

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE, CBC ADABRAKA

The International Service of the Calvary Baptist Church joins the entire church to bid Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe farewell, to say a Big THANK YOU and to wish him all the best as he embarks on this new chapter of his life: Retirement.

The International Service is indeed Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe's brainchild. Back then in 2001, he had a vision of making the gospel accessible to all manner of people; both Ghanaians and other nationals resident in Ghana. Conscious of the fact that most of these foreigners were francophone nationals who had come to Ghana to improve their English, he took steps to break down the language barrier by making these services bilingual. At that time, French services were rare, that is, if there were any at all. To that extent, Rev. Fred Dr. Deegbe could aptly be described as one of the pioneers of bilingual services in Ghana.

Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe, the International Service has grown beyond what you may have imagined at the time of its inception. Our reach today, goes beyond Ecowas and spans the length and breadth of Africa; to the Glory of God. It will gladden your heart to hear that some of the foreigners, on returning to their countries, have not broken ties with our church, but continue to see Ghana as the Land of their

spiritual birth. Even more heartwarming is the fact that some have become pastors in their respective countries while members of our choir continue to minister in the Lord's vineyard wherever they find themselves.

As we celebrate you, dear Pastor, we also extend our sincerest gratitude to your wife, our mother, Mrs. Joana Deegbe ESQ. Mama Joana embraced our service with a mother's warmth and whenever she could, she surprised us with a visit. We, in turn, are always delighted to have her in our midst and we accord her 'un accueil chaleureux' – a warm welcome.

As you both take a step back, off the centre stage, we feel blessed to have had you as our Senior Pastor for all these years. Your influence and mentorship are definitely far-reaching and so will the blessings that accompany you on your retirement journey.

We join hearts to pray for God's blessings on you, your family and all you hold dear. We love you dearly and hope you will make the time to visit us from time to time.

Que Dieu vous bénisse infiniment et nous tous, nous vous embrassons fort.

Goodwill Message From

CBC NSAWAM

Dear Reverend Fred P. M. Deegbe,
We are at lost for words to express our gratitude to you for the tremendous lives you have affected through your leadership.

Your vision and ministry have made huge impact and touched countless lives, even to the people in the rural communities.

The years of service to humanity especially your compassion, wisdom and dedication is exemplary and worthy of emulation. This legacy will continue to inspire us.

As you take a step back from active ministry, we want to join hands with the numerous churches you planted to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your dedicated service and spiritual guidance.



May God increase your greatness and comfort you on every side. May He bless your future endeavours and grant you continued wisdom, strength, and joy.

You will be deeply missed, but we celebrate the impact you've made in our lives.

Farewell, and may God be with you always.

With love and appreciation from Calvary Baptist Church, Nsawam.



Goodwill Message From

CBC AKOTO LANTE

Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe, as Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church you served with integrity and remained loyal to the call of God. When the mission to Bukom was initiated by Rev. Dan Dartey, the church, then known as Cross Road Baptist Church had her fair share of challenges.

To alleviate these challenges, you were approached to extend support to the Mission and vision. You willingly accepted and advocated for the church to be adopted as a Mission and daughter church of Calvary Baptist Church. You made leadership and resources available to skew the church from being a Mission church to becoming autonomous as Calvary Baptist Church - Akotolante of the Ghana Baptist Convention.

On this special occasion of your retirement, Calvary Baptist Church - Akotolante wishes to express to you our sincere gratitude for your exceptional support, unwavering commitment and outstanding leadership offered to the church over the years. Thank you for your faithful service, your friendship, and the difference you made in the lives of so many of us.

Our prayer for you is that, God continues to favor and increase you in all your life endeavors and that the oil of grace shall continue to overflow in all your post retirement assignments. May the Lord bless you and keep you and cause His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you!

We wish you a very happy retirement, thou faithful servant of the Most High God!!!

Goodwill Message From

CBC ADENTA

Rev. Dr. Fred Primrose Deegbe, we thank God for your 41 years of dedicated and exceptional service in the gospel ministry with the Ghana Baptist Convention, out of which 34 years has been in the Senior Pastorate of Calvary Baptist Church and the rest in various significant capacities.

On the occasion of your retirement, Calvary Baptist Church, Adenta, one of the autonomous satellite churches, birthed from your arduous leadership, appreciate and uphold your monumental, memorable and meritorious legacy of a multiplicity of growing and established local churches, most of the leaders and pastors of which were tutored, trained and nurtured by you. Your leadership, guidance and integrity have been an inspiration to us. You have not only shaped the ministry and life paths of many but have also left a living legacy that will be remembered for many years to come. We celebrate you for your accomplishments and extraordinary achievements as a pastor, teacher, trainer, mentor, counselor among many other roles.

At 70, which is a significant milestone, you represent the voice of experience, endurance, strength, wisdom and abounding maturity. You have earned for yourself a golden medal of a living legend in the annals of life, worthy of emulation. You are a clear exhibition and a testament of the impact of God's grace on a life entrusted to God's hands in the journey of life. The story of your life cannot pass unnoticed. We celebrate and thank God for your life.

As you step into the next chapter of your life, may your days be filled with good health, joy, and renewed strength. May your life be rewarded with uncommon blessings, favor and the Lord's abounding goodness.

We wish you a happy 70th birthday and a tremendous congratulations on your retirement.

Remain blessed.



Goodwill Message From

TESANO BAPTIST CHURCH

Dear Reverend Dr. Fred Deegbe,
On behalf of the entire congregation and leadership of Tesano Baptist Church, we extend our warmest greetings and heartfelt congratulations to you on your retirement service.

Your decades of faithful ministry and impactful leadership as the former General Secretary of the Ghana Baptist Convention and the Christian Council of Ghana have left an indelible mark on the body of Christ and the nation at large. Through your wise leadership, dedication, and unwavering service, countless lives have been touched, and the church in Ghana has flourished.

At Tesano Baptist Church, we have been particularly blessed by your friendship and invaluable contributions. You have stood by us for many years as a mentor, resource person, and encourager, offering wise counsel and exemplary spiritual leadership. Your ministry and

love for God's work have inspired generations within our congregation.

As you transition from this phase of active pastoral ministry, we celebrate your legacy and commend you for being a faithful servant of God. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless you and your family with good health, peace, and fulfillment. May your influence and ministry continue to bear fruit for God's kingdom in this new season.

Congratulations again, Rev. Dr. Deegbe, on a distinguished and impactful ministry. We honor and celebrate you today and always.

With love and gratitude,

Reverend Jonathan Kwasi Attuah

HEAD PASTOR, TESANO BAPTIST CHURCH, ACCRA

Goodwill Message From

CBC WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU)

Dear Pastor Fred,
We want to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering dedication, spiritual guidance, and compassionate leadership. Your time with us has been a blessing, and your impact on Calvary Baptist and our individual lives is immeasurable.

You have been a beacon of hope, a source of strength, and a true shepherd to your flock. Your sermons have inspired us, your prayers have uplifted us, and your presence has brought us closer to God. We are grateful for the countless ways you have touched our lives and helped us grow in faith. We will be continually inspired by your legacy.

As you move forward, we pray that God's Grace continues to shine upon you and your family, guiding your steps and filling your heart with peace and joy. May you find fulfillment and happiness in your new endeavours and continue to be a light to all those you encounter. May the Lord be YOUR PORTION. What He begins He completes. He is truly God.

Thank you for your service, your love, tolerance, patience, visitation, council, and your unwavering commitment to our spiritual well-being. You will always hold a special place in our hearts.

May the Lord be YOUR HELP.

With heartfelt appreciation and best wishes,
WMU - CBC family.





Goodwill Message From

CBC MEN'S MINISTRY (MM)

Dear Pastor Fred,
 We thank God so much for your life and having come thus far in ministry, pouring out yourself like a drink offering, not only into our lives as CBC men, but many others even beyond Ghana.

On this special occasion, which commemorates your 70th Birthday and Send-off service, we members of the Calvary Baptist Church Men's Ministry do congratulate and thank you for impacting our lives over three decades and counting.

Your simplistic story-telling sermons make the application of spiritual lessons real for us, and your humility without borders, impartiality, and presence at all ceremonies and events tells us how much you love ministry work. You made time for us, and you provoked us to love and do good works. For this, and much more, we say thanks.

Pastor Fred, having graciously attained the retirement age in ministry, may you find joy in remembering your past success, and happiness in pursuing new dreams, hopes and plans. Just as you have said to us time and again that **"The reward for good work is more work"**, may you be all the more empowered by the Holy Spirit to do greater than ever before.

We can not forget the awesome support of Mama Joana and your family, who have sacrificed a lot to have us enjoy your ministry. May your entire household be extremely protected by the Lord as He grants you good health, unlimited spiritual blessings and prosperity.

We say a BIG THANK YOU.
 Happy retirement.
 CBC Family Men's Ministry

Goodwill Message From

CBC PROJECT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

One by one,
 he called us.
 Eleven players for his Project team
 It was possibly based on his own algorithm
 Or most certainly the Holy Spirit's prodding.
 Who knows?

But. He called us, to become a part of his vision for Calvary Baptist Church, Shiashie. Pastor Fred had all these grandiose Goals that had to be scored and we felt the privilege of being Strikers, Defenders and midfielders for the team he dubbed, Project Management Committee, Shiashie. We abbreviated it to PMC for ease of reference.

Our core Mandate was to:
 Plan, Monitor and Coordinate the Shiashie project which had become stagnant due to the muddled state

the previous Contractor had left the project. Thus. We set out on a mission to bring clarity and direction.

Quiet Simple right?

But. It was not.

It was a bunch of moving parts that had to do with the Church, its administrative body and the vision that had to be communicated in clearer detail.

So on Sundays, we denied ourselves fufu and family, and we drove to the Shiashie premises after regular Church service had ended to debate and agree on some semblance of a plan for Calvary Baptist Church, Shiashie. On other days we met elsewhere to breathe life into what Pastor Fred's huge eyes envisioned. It was a challenge because we all had regular jobs that pulled us.



However we soared above the challenges because we all had one thing in common:

A passion for Christ's business and a willingness to see the business of Christ flourish in evergreen portions.

Thus, we kept at it with Pastor Fred as our guiding light.

As our light, Pastor Fred was luminous. He shone amazingly bright during meet ups, but there were times that we saw patches of an eclipse etched on his priestly frame. After all, he is flesh and blood, born of Eve. Needless to say, through him we illuminated a number of paths for the Shiashie project.

Pastor Fred spoke so passionately about completing the Shiashie project and so he used everything and anyone at his disposal to give form to the vision that he beheld in his eyesight. He is a Master collaborator, who was pushing to make beautiful His Father's abode. Nothing was going to deter Pastor Fred.

One of such Collaborations was with a Church member and esteemed Architect- Ralph Sutherland. He was a critical sounding board for the vision. He held this project together by the seams with his ideas, time and calm demeanor.

Another of such in his vast network of Christian professionals was Bob Schill - God rest his gentle soul. He was an American architect who continued with the brick and mortar and the installations that were needed to push forward.

Pastor Fred's choice of Frank Achampong as chairman was laudable. No wonder his tall frame has sat in this Chair since the inception of PMC, calmly listening and giving final input.

Other supportive PMC pillars who held on for dear life were Kwabena Kyere (1st project Manager), Kwabena Atakora Nsiah (a Real Estate Developer) Siegfried Avotri (Quantity Surveyor), Rev George Mallet, Emmanuel Offei (Chartered Accountant) , Dr. Marcus Ahadzi, Beatrice Kakone (Secretary), Evans Mensah, Rev Kwadjo

Annoh, John Amui (Ghana Highways), the ever bubbly Richard Odei Wontumi (who took fund raising to a different level with Deacon John Abbeo and finally our dearly departed Aunty Hannah Owusu Boateng. These were the members who held the initial baton and raced on, till some dropped the baton due to one reason or the another.

Even with a team this capable, Pastor Fred at a point in time, singularly drove the project with his ideas, his heart and what came his way . He had the vision. He served a great God. Nothing seemed impossible for him as he kept the Shiashie Project alive. This put one more tally mark in his leadership table.

What is remarkable is, he left no debt for the Church to grapple with. He didn't secure any external funding. He either sourced for funds or internally generated funds from benevolent members. Suffice it to say, he always found a way out of the complex myriad, trusting God for provision.

We will liken Pastor Fred to a linchpin. He held all of us together, yet accountable to Jesus Christ. He was the main brain behind the success of the project. When we fell off like leaves, he stayed like a tap root. His extraordinary soft skills coupled with exceptional organizational skills stood tall.

Today, we collectively cast our minds back to 19 years ago when we joined our hearts and minds for God and Calvary and we affirm that God has been in the details.

We understand the psalmist when he writes "the days of our years are threescore years and ten" Indeed. God has crowned Pastor Fred's life with this important Milepost. We equally understate even if he gives him 4 scores, he will eventually "fly him away".

But. For now, we are grateful to see him retire honorably and celebrate a platinum Jubilee, looking hearty and sound and surrounded by family and friends. We pray him the peace of God that defy all understanding as HE orders the rest of his steps.



Goodwill Message From

CBC PROTOCOL AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Dear Pastor Fred,
As we gather to bid you farewell after over 30 years of dedicated service to our church, we are filled with a mix of emotions - sadness, gratitude, and joy. Sadness, because we will miss your leadership, guidance, and presence among us. Gratitude, because of the countless ways you have impacted our lives, our families, and our community. Joy, because we know that your legacy will continue to inspire and motivate us to serve the Lord with passion and commitment.

You have been more than just a Senior Pastor to us. You have been a father, a friend, and a spiritual leader who has guided us through the ups and downs of life. Your selfless dedication, unwavering commitment, and unshakeable faith have been a source of inspiration to us all.

We are particularly grateful for the special bond you have shared with the Protocol and Hospitality Ministry since its inception about twenty years ago. Your guidance, support, and encouragement have helped shape us into the ministry we are today. Your presence at our meetings, events, and activities has been a constant source of motivation and inspiration.

As we reflect on your tenure, we are reminded of the biblical principle that “a leader’s greatness is measured

by the impact they have on the lives of others” (Matthew 20:26-28). Your impact on our lives, our church, and our community has been immeasurable. You have been a true servant-leader, always putting the needs of others before your own.

As you begin this new chapter in your life, we pray that God will continue to guide, protect, and bless you. May you enjoy the fruit of your labour, and may your legacy continue to inspire generations to come.

We will miss you dearly, but we take comfort in the words of Psalm 138:8, “The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O God, endures forever.” We know that God has a purpose for you, and we trust that He will continue to guide and direct you.

Thank you, Pastor Fred, for being a faithful servant of the Lord, a devoted leader, and a dear friend to us all. We will never forget your contributions to our church and our lives.

May God richly bless you and keep you.
With love, appreciation, and gratitude,
The Protocol and Hospitality Ministry.
(Calvary Baptist Church)

***“May you enjoy the fruit of your labour,
and may your legacy continue to inspire
generations to come.”***



Goodwill Message From
**CBC THE WORSHIP
MINISTRY**



Dear Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe,
With hearts full of gratitude and voices lifted in celebration, we, the members of the Worship Ministry of Calvary Baptist Church, honor you on this remarkable occasion!

Seventy years of God’s grace, wisdom, and unwavering faithfulness shines through your life. Your steadfast commitment to the gospel, your compassionate leadership, and your profound influence in the church and beyond have been a testament to God’s divine calling upon your life. Through your ministry, you have not only preached the Word but lived it, inspiring us all to walk in faith, humility, and excellence.

As we reflect on the many lives you have touched—including ours—we rejoice in the melody of grace that

God continues to compose through you. Your love for worship accompanied with quality music, your dedication to nurturing the choir and the church, have left an indelible mark, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

On this special milestone, we pray for renewed strength, boundless joy, and overflowing blessings. May the Lord continue to sustain you with good health, grant you wisdom beyond measure, and crown your years ahead with even greater fruitfulness.

Congratulations Dr. F. P. Deegbe! May your life’s song continue to glorify the One who called you.

With love, honour, and warmest wishes,

The Worship Ministry

“Congratulations Dr. F. P. Deegbe! May your life’s song continue to glorify the One who called you.”



Goodwill Message From

CBC PURPOSE DRIVEN YOUTH CHAPEL AND TEEN CHAPEL

Dear Pastor Fred,
As you step into retirement, the Purpose Driven Youth Ministry wishes to extend our deepest gratitude and warmest wishes to you—a faithful servant who has dedicated his life to the work of God. From all the stories we were privileged to hear of your early days in full-time ministry to the many years of passionate service we were honored to be partakers of, you have inspired us all with your unwavering faith and commitment to the church.

We also want to express our heartfelt thanks for the many personal milestones you have blessed us with. You have officiated our weddings, celebrated the naming of our children, and facilitated some of our baptism sessions. You have nourished us with the Word of God and stood by our side in moments of loss. Each of these acts has enriched our lives and deepened our connection to the church and to God.

Your life’s work has been a testament to God’s grace, and your achievements have paved the way for future generations of believers. The countless lives you have touched, the wisdom you have shared, and the legacy you leave behind are gifts that will continue to guide and inspire us long into the future. As you enter this well-deserved season of rest and reflection, we pray that God fills your days with peace, joy, and new adventures. May you experience the same love and blessings you have so generously given to our church community.

Thank you for being an extraordinary example of servant leadership. You will always hold a special place in our hearts, and we look forward to celebrating this new chapter in your life alongside you.

With heartfelt appreciation and warmest wishes

Goodwill Message From

CBC CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

All the Sunday School teachers and children from Adabraka, Bortianor, Amasaman, Shiashie, Oyibi and Community 25, as well as the children, staff and volunteers of the Compassion Project, and the children and teachers of the Community Children’s Library Project International, wish to express our profound gratitude to our Daddy, Pastor Fred and our Mommy, Mama J, for all the love, care nurturing and generosity that you’ve showered on us and the Children’s Ministry as a whole for over 30 years in Calvary Baptist Church.

Many children have been blessed and impacted through your Ministry. The Community Children’s Library Project and the Compassion Project is a testimony of your tender loving care for the children of Calvary Baptist Church.

On this occasion of your 70th birthday and retirement, we wish to say a BIG AYEKOO to you. May God open His book of remembrance and reward you bountifully. Shalom!



Goodwill Message From

UNCLE EBO WHYTE

REV. DR. FRED DEEGBE – MY CHERISHED FRIEND

I am proud to call Fred my Friend and that is the F in his name. It stands for friend. Fred and I go back to the late seventies when we were both members of the first major Christian drama troupe in Ghana, Gospel Youth Players. Over the years, our friendship has deepened, and I have been inspired by what he has allowed God to do with him and through him. I love this man; I respect him and I thank God for His favor and anointing over him.

The letter R in Fred stands for Responsible. Fred has always carried himself with a deep sense of responsibility and that is evident in his leadership as a pastor and leader. His commitment and devotion to his work and his duties are some of the factors that caused Calvary Baptist Church to hold on to him as Senior Pastor right through his long stint as the General Secretary of the Christian Council of Ghana. It is said that nobody is indispensable but in Fred, we have someone whose deep sense of responsibility and his excellence as a leader and pastor makes replacing him extremely difficult. There are not many of such men around.

The third letter in Fred's name is E and for me that stands for Encourager. Fred is real in his walk with God. He is not "holier than thou" and he does not carry himself with any airs. So, it is easy to lean on him in times of trouble and pain because you know that in him you will find a friend and a pastor who can relate and help. Fred encourages not just with words but with his actions as well. It is the reason I have marked most chapters in my life by having him to bless and pray with me and my team.

The final letter in Fred is D and that, for me, stands for Disciplined. Fred could not have achieved all he has achieved without discipline. The demands on his time and for his insights come from all quarters. He has been in demand both in Ghana and abroad and yet he carries the load with grace because he is disciplined with his time.



He is also disciplined even with his words. You may say that he is disciplined with his words because of his training as a lawyer. To that, I say that I knew Fred when he was not a lawyer and even then this was not a boy who spoke "by heart." It is Fred's discipline with his words that has enabled him to speak truth to power and speak to national issues without causing much disaffection. He is one of the few people I know who can be frank and open without being obnoxious. He says it like it is but with no malice. And that is discipline.

And so, let me introduce you to my **F**riend, the **R**esponsible, the **E**ncourager and the **D**isciplined pastor of pastors and leader of leaders; ladies and gentlemen, here is to **FRED!**

Fred, as you step into this new season of life, I pray that God's grace continues to abound toward you and yours. May this chapter be filled with even greater fulfillment, peace, and joy. You and I count Caleb in the Bible among our role models and so, come on, claim your mountain. I have no doubt that God is not done with you yet. You have my prayers, my admiration, and my unwavering support always. God bless you, my friend!



Goodwill Message From

REV. BENNET NIBOI

My Dear Brother and Friend,

As you celebrate your retirement, I want to take a moment to express our gratitude and appreciation for your dedicated service to Calvary Baptist Church (CBC), the Ghana Baptist Convention (GBC), and the Body of Christ in Ghana and beyond. Your commitment to your calling has touched countless lives and left indelible mark on Churches and communities.

I recall the first time I met you at the then Ghana Baptist Theological Seminary in 1987. I had invited you to come along with me to teach in a leadership seminar I had put together for Trinity Baptist Church, Kumasi. The programme was very impactful. But, little did I know that that meeting was the beginning of a life-long ministry and working relationship with you.

Later in our relationship, the Lord raised me to serve under your presidency as Vice President of GBC (1997-2000). Under your leadership, we initiated and implemented many policies which brought order and clarity to the way the Convention worked.

Indeed, since 1994 we have worked together in many other settings. I had the privilege of working at various times as consultant to CBC where you served as Senior Pastor. You gave me numerous opportunities to “express myself”. Indeed, you did not hesitate to do for me anything that would be helpful to me (Acts 20:20). I am very grateful!

Your ministry has been a shining example of God’s faithfulness and goodness to the Church. Your visionary leadership and wisdom have been critical in moulding CBC, GBC, and many other churches, and we are very grateful.

In difficult times, we could count on your wise counsel. We recall, in 1991, your role in fostering unity and peace during the conflict between the Missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention of USA and the GBC. Under your able leadership and expert diplomacy, the leaders of the two parties reconciled and reunited in 1992. The improved honest and transparent relationship that resulted, provided the driving force for the accelerated growth of the Convention.

As you begin this new phase of your life, we pray that the good Lord will continue to guide your steps and bless you with good health. We also pray that you will continue to enjoy the fruits of your labour, and pursue your new passion with fresh energy and zeal from the Lord.

You will always be remembered and cherished. Your legacy will continue to inspire present and future generations. Your simplicity, humility, contentment, and generosity will always speak for you.

We salute you on this special day! Congratulations!!



Goodwill Message From

REV DR. ALBERT KWABI

There comes a time in one's life where honour is given to whom honor is due. This is one such moment. In 1975, Frederick Primrose Deegbe, now Reverend Dr. Fred Deegbe and I entered the University of Ghana as year mates.

He read law whilst I studied economics. He was in Legon Hall and I was in Akafo Hall. Additionally, Fred and I were members of the University Christian Fellowship, wherein our bond of friendship and fellowship grew closer upon the two of us having been selected as the University of Ghana representatives on the Ghana Fellowship of Evangelical Students, GAFES, Council.

We endeavored to serve to the best of our abilities. In this role, the hosting of the council meetings rotated from campus to campus in Ghana and it was our turn to host one of the years. Being new to this role, we did our best.

Towards the end of the three-day meeting, members of the council had a debriefing on the whole weekend and prior to their departure, some of them criticized us in a disheartening way. Meanwhile, Fred and I had tried to do our best in the circumstances. While this was going on, I was really boiling and I looked at Fred's face and he was obviously very calm.

He took it coolly, he took it very coolly whilst I was boiling within. When it was time for us to give a response, Fred just simply said, 'when a man has done his best and the angels in heaven recognize so, it doesn't matter if a man is yet to appreciate'. With these words, the meeting became quiet and some members even regretted for their unfair comments.

Fred has shown such patience and calmness and this, over the years, I've come to see that it's not a fluke or a flash in the pan, and this has fascinated me all the years of our friendship. The patience, 'love is patient', is the hallmark of Fred's pastoral ministry. As university mates, we nicknamed him F the Bee, meaning Fred the Baptist.

He was so baptistic in his way of doing things. Together with other brethren, we embarked upon Thursday evenings, evangelistic film shows in the Legon Hall dining hall and this has fast-forwarded to become the Legon Baptist Church today. Working together with

Fred, both as students and in ministry, has been a joy.

Fred is one of my few friends who was able to second-guess the person I'm likely to propose to and he got it right and I do remember when he had to make the choice of his wife, Joanna, and Joanna was delaying. I was one of the people who was on his side, cheering him up in his camp and today they are married. God has blessed him and we have the joy of having three of our children about the same ages in their lives.

We have come a long way working together from the university into marriage and then now in adult life we work together at the Calvary Baptist Church where he came to Adabraka and I was the administrator and as somebody decided to put it, 'because he's your friend, you saw to his successful coronation in Calvary as a Senior Pastor'. Well, that is open for debate. Reverend Dr. Fred Deegbe again came to meet me on staff as the Director of Finance and Administration in the Christian Council of Ghana where I served as one of his deputies.

Having a large heart and leading people with such patience at times went to the extremes but he was pleasant to work with. The appointment to the high office of the General Secretary of the Christian Council of Ghana is a testament to Dr. Deegbe's leadership acumen. This validates the move of just one Calvary Baptist Church Adabraka to a network of Calvary Baptist Church campuses spotted all over Accra.

His leadership as having served twice as president of the Ghana Baptist Convention is also another testimonial to his leadership abilities. On such a momentous occasion it is important to say that we have had a leader whose leadership skill, experience, and richness cannot be let to go unnoticed, untapped, or unused. He's been serving as co-chair of The Coalition of Domestic Election Observers (CODEO), monitoring elections in Ghana so that it is not only within the church but into the civil society.

He's become a name synonymous with sound leadership. I pose the question and the challenge to both him and to Calvary Baptist Church. What shall we do with such a humble servant of God? For all your next endeavors, I wish you well.

God bless you, Pastor Fred. Amen.



Goodwill Message From

REV APOSTLE AND MRS. TORKORNOO

Reverend Dr. Fred Deegbe, as I know him since 1980, is a theologian, visionary leader, a people's person, and an astute and humble pastor of pastors. He devoted his life to the service of God with unparalleled passion after his graduation from the university. He has fought a good fight. He has run the race. He has kept his faith in God almighty. He is leaving a lasting legacy for the Church.

I first met Reverend Fred Deegbe in Calvary Baptist Church when I was posted to Accra for my national service in 1980. We got closer to each other when the late Rev. Stephenson Williams gave me the opportunity to serve as a pastoral assistant together with Rev. Fred and others. We became closely knitted as brothers in Christ and a family. He was my special advisor during my marriage a year after his marriage in 1982. He gave me all the information I needed to have a debt-free marriage. Upon his advice, I got married to Rose during a Sunday church service not only debt-free but also with surplus cash.

Upon my family's return from Nigeria in the 1990s, Rev. Fred Deegbe requested I be part of the team from Calvary for the first mission exploit of Calvary Baptist Church to Teshie. That successful visionary opportunity by the grace of God led to Adabraka opening up for more mission work in Adenta, Aworshie, and Nungua and all the various missions and campuses.

I was posted by ExxonMobil to "Mobil Oil, Sierra Leone" as the Managing Director during the civil war of 1999 to 2002. Reverend Fred Deegbe risked his life for Christ at his own cost and heeded the 'Macedonian' call by Sierra Leone Baptist Convention to join me for a ministers revival. He ministered to the ministers who have lost all hope, wounded spiritually and physically, lost their families and their churches to the rebels who had taken over the entire country except the capital, Freetown. It was a devastating time for the country and entire churches. He preached the message of hope, held a retreat, prayed for healing, and gave the country a hope in the Lord. Thereafter, God brought restoration to Sierra. Rev. Dr. Deegbe is a people person. He listens to and is advised by all

manner of people. He is a unifier who gives unbiased open opportunity to all ministers of the gospel. His contributions have significantly unified and remodeled the Ghana Baptist Convention and its churches and raised a lot of ministers of the gospel. He is, as I know him, a firm and disciplined pastor, very jovial and gifted in reconciliation no matter how bad a situation is.

He and his wife Joana were my counselors during my successful ordination as an apostle. Rev. Fred, as I know him, is only retiring from active leadership from CBC, but never from his calling and ministry. On behalf of my dear wife Rose and on my own behalf, we say thank you for your spiritual support to our family. We wish you and Pastor Joana the gracious hand of God in the next level in ministry. Press On to Victory!





Goodwill Message From

REV AND MRS OCQUAYE-NORTEY

As Billy Graham once said, “The greatest legacy one can pass on to one’s children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one’s life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.”

Your life and ministry have been a powerful witness to this truth.

With gratitude and prayers for God’s Blessings on the next chapter of your life.

REV AND MRS OCQUAYE-NORTEY

ALL SOULS BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTH LA- ACCRA

Goodwill Message From

PASTOR WISDOM PRINCE TETTEH

Happy Platinum Jubilee to our incredible father, teacher, pastor and a friend of many, Rev Dr. Fred P Deegbe. Your leadership and mentorship has been a great experience for us your children including myself, congratulations to you on the 7th floor of your life.

Your many years of preaching, teaching, and counseling sessions has birthed many sons and daughters in God’s kingdom, and we express gratitude to God for giving you to us at Calvary Baptist Church. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do in God’s vineyard, (until the bones are rotten). Papa may your candle keep burning and your light shining till we all get to heaven. Happy, Happy, Happy 70th birthday.



Goodwill Message From

THE KPORTUFES

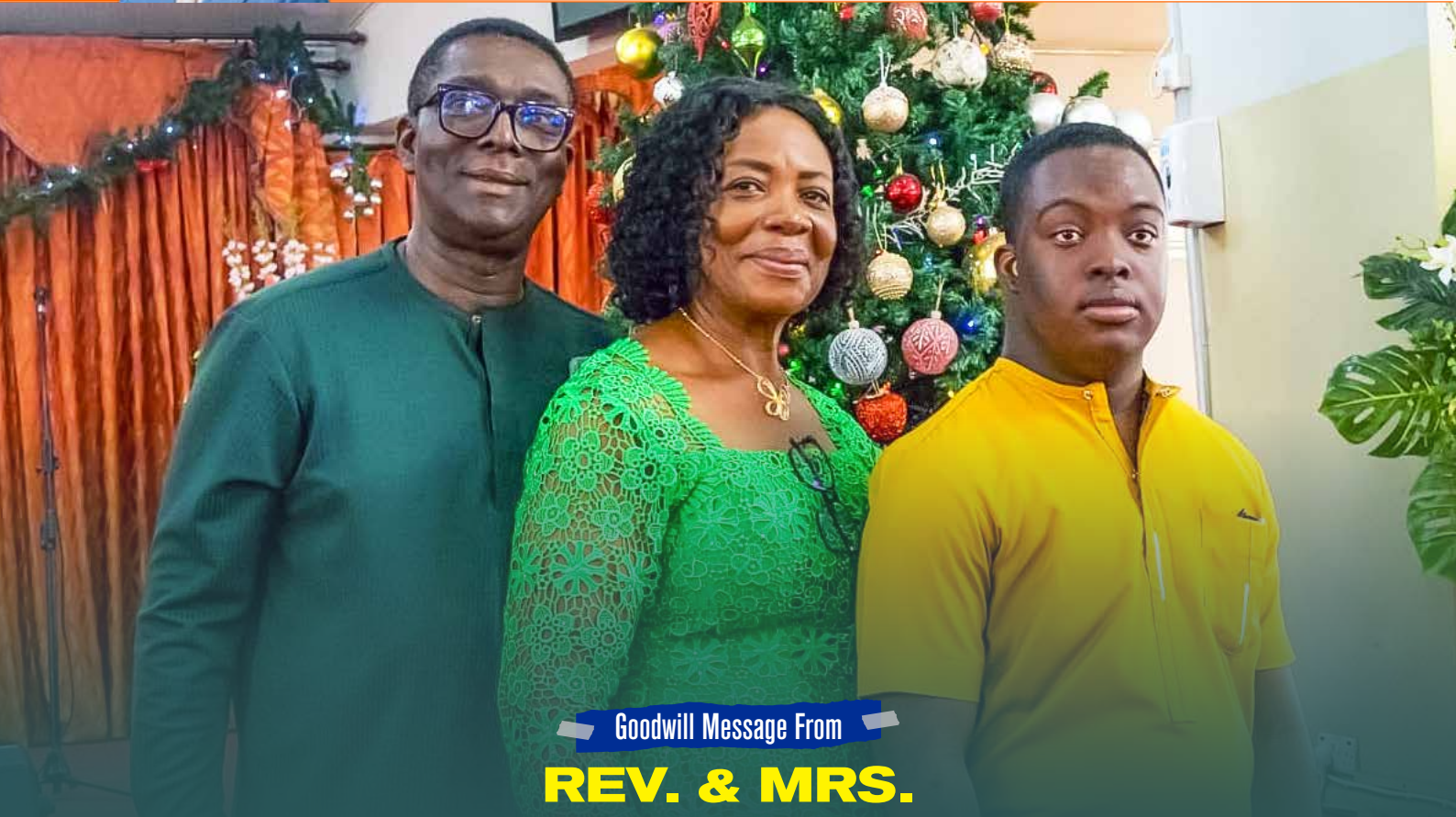


Thank you, Everlasting God, for your servant, who has been a blessing to many of us.

Pastor Fred, your words of wisdom have positively impacted us, your sermons so touching, and have inspired many of us. It’s been a guide for us to strive hard even in the worst situations that confront us. Thank you!

On this special day, I pray that God’s eternal light continue to illuminate your years ahead with peace, joy, divine health, and God’s never-ending love.

Happy 70th birthday to you, Dearest Pastor Fred.



Goodwill Message From

REV. & MRS. FRANCIS NARTERH AND FAMILY

Rev. Fred Primrose Deegbe, on the occasion of your joint retirement and birthday celebrations, we bring you felicitations of goodwill and appreciation to God for your life and leadership.

As you celebrate your 70th birthday, marking a significant milestone in your life, we see you as a testament of the manifestation and impact of God's grace on a life reserved for the Master's use and honor. You are the voice of experience, perseverance, resilience, wisdom, faith and abounding maturity and we bring you felicitations of goodwill and appreciation. We also thank the Lord God for your exemplary leadership.

As you retire, after 41 years of dedicated and unequalled service, we are thankful to God to have sat under your mentorship in the Lord's Vineyard. It is by reason of your leadership and guidance that we are where we are today. Many are the fond memories of your fatherhood, care, love and encouragements on our

ministerial and life journey. On one of the several opportunities you gave Francis to preach, you said after he was done, "I am satisfied". Mona remembers when she had some relationship challenges, you were a pillar of assistance in resolving them. For Dromo, your friend, your affableness gave him the confidence to enquire why you had no hair on your head. Thank you for your monumental, meritorious and indelible impact on our lives. Your legacy lives on.

As you move on into the exciting after-retirement phase and chapter of your life, may the doors of God's goodness and mercy remain open, even wider, for you. May you experience good health, peace, and the insurging radiance of God's presence till the end. May you keep shining and winning.

We wish you God's blessings and thank you for everything.



Goodwill Message From

PASTORS KINGSLEY AND DORIS OSEI

Kingsley

The first time I came into contact with Pastor Fred was when I entered the University of Ghana and associated with the Baptist Student Union. Though a senior academically, the spirit of humility surrounding him made it very easy for me to draw closer to him. The friendship became stronger when he assumed Leadership of Calvary Baptist Church and my current wife was his Secretary. I insisted that no other person but he should be the one to bless our wedding and since then he has been there for us in many ways.

He has spent money and time on our family, supported us in times of bereavement and sickness, offering comfort and using his influence to connect us to people in times of great need.

We are glad we have this opportunity to express gratitude to you Pastor Fred.

I cannot forget what your dear wife has done for us. I have told my wife a few times how Mama J has respected me all over the years. She freely shares her concerns with me as if I were her Counsellor. I cannot forget how she insisted on giving me a donation again after Pastor Fred had earlier given me something when I lost my mum.

Together with my wife, we want to say that we were very privileged to have them as our Senior Pastor and Spiritual Mother respectively and friends for such a long time.

We appreciate your personal, financial and emotional sacrifice for us. All glory and honour to our God Almighty and Congratulations on your 70th birthday, Pastor Fred!!!

Doris

I worked as the 1st Secretary to the Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Fred Primrose Deegbe, affectionately called Pastor Fred. He distinguished himself in the “fatherly role” within the church community, providing spiritual guidance, nurture, protection, as well as discipline to the congregation, similar to how a father would care for their children. He was a source of love, support, and leadership in our lives. He was very kind-hearted and humble.

A real father, he loved people and celebrated everybody’s birthday and for some of us, that was my first experience

of being celebrated as a young lady and this memory has forever remained with me.

As he often repeated in the early days - “I have over 2,000 sheep to take care of individually, each needing love and attention with their emotional downturns, and I need to fulfil God’s assignment”.

He had a deep personal relationship with God, a strong understanding of Scripture, and the ability to articulate biblical truths clearly. This had a positive influence on me.

His great leadership qualities as a visionary thinker, strategic planner; diligence and godly advice on personal plans and visions impacted me greatly.

He had great patience, compassion, empathy and exhibited genuine concern for people’s struggles, and pastoral care especially to me.

Thank you LPs Mama Joana for your genuineness, your warm embrace and smile. Thank You for being patient and listening to us. Thank You for sharing your husband with the whole congregation and especially us. Thank You for being authentic.

Thank you for setting your own challenges aside to pray for and support us in our time of need.

LPs Mama J - Strong, Beautiful and Courageous Woman of God! We Salute you!!!





Goodwill Message From

REV KINGSLEY AND DR. AFUA KWAYISI

“I am not writing these things to shame you but to warn you as my beloved children. For even if you had ten thousand others to teach you about Christ, you have only one spiritual father. For I became your father in Christ Jesus when I preached the Good News to you. So I urge you to imitate me. That’s why I have sent Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord. He will remind you of how I follow Christ Jesus, just as I teach in all the churches wherever I go. -1 Cor 4:14-17

Papa, thank you for becoming a spiritual father to me and Afua. It has been two decades hanging around you, first from a distance, and later closer, being area supervisor for Naphtali in the Israel family under the distinguished zonal leader, Deacon Alfred Wuver, and meeting in your home and sometimes in the house of Mrs Segbefia of blessed memory for sheepfold meetings. After a while, a man of God told me, young man, you need a father covering you. You have lots of potential, but you would struggle in life without a covering. I arranged to meet you early in the morning at home, and you prayed for me and accepted the role of a father covering over me. The experience feels more like Samuel anointing David quietly out of the public view of Saul and Isreal. Life has never been the same. I left the day as another man. Thank God for you, Papa, for being there for me and many others who should have been bastards or orphans; now we are sons and daughters.

Within a year, I married my college sweetheart, Afua, and you blessed me. A few years later, you called me to have a talk with me at your office at the Christian Council in Osu. I was unsure if I understood what you said, but I obeyed and accepted the challenge of bi-vocational ministry. It has been one opportunity after another; any material gain

cannot measure the blessing of serving alongside you. Thank God for you, Papa, for allowing God to use you to help us navigate our ministerial calling and giftings to serve alongside you and grow to be of more excellent service to Christ and His Kingdom. During my service as a youth pastor for Purpose Driven Youth Chapel, I came to ask for your release to join Afua in America; you organized my send-off with Rev Williams of blessed memory, something that has had a long-lasting impact on me since. You wrote my recommendation for my Billy Graham scholarship. You have always sought to mentor me from near and far through your phone calls and emails.

However, when the special phone call came to me from New York to Chicago on that fateful day in September 2015, I wondered if choosing the ministry opportunities in America over coming alongside to serve without an office, a house, or any ministry perks and privileges would be a better idea. Initially, I struggled as a young minister who was seeking to find the best places where my skills and talents would be well utilized; I prayed and sought counsel, and I resolved within, even though it was going to be tough, I would instead choose to come and endure alongside a caring Father than to suffer ministry perils elsewhere without a covering.

Today, I am reflecting on your special day and saying what an honor to know you; a humbling experience to serve alongside you, and my utmost pleasure to call you Papa, my spiritual father. I remember a few years ago, when the SU CEO position opened, I came to ask you, and you said it was not for me; when the CBC Senior Pastor’s position opened for the second time, I came to ask, and you said, son, you are not ready yet, and I obeyed. Your voice has been clear as a man consulting an oracle. Even with my PhD program admission, I came to ask you, and you said we should pray for the next steps. God has guided my steps and resources in strange ways. On this day, I choose to celebrate you along with many sons and daughters. Papa, thank you for being a friend, a mentor, a counselor to Afua and me in many difficult situations, and a fantastic grandfather to Awuradeama. We are honored and blessed for being there for us—blessed 70th birthday beyond borders. Thank you for your selfless service to World Ecumenical bodies, the Nation of Ghana, The Christian Council, The Ghana Baptist Convention, and the Calvary family and to us specifically; we love you, Papa Live long, Papa. May your legacy continue through us. We pray for the “Fred Deegbe Centre of Leadership and Community Engagement” in the coming years.





Goodwill Message From

REV. & MRS. DAN ANNAN

Dear Pastor Fred,

How fast the years have flown.

As I sit down to write this goodwill message on your retirement and 70th birthday anniversary, words seem to fail me as my mind gets flooded with several pleasant memories of your authentic and dedicated service to our LORD Jesus Christ and His Church.

So, I crave your indulgence to begin by quoting from Colossians 3:12,23-24.

Colossians 3:12, 'Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.'

Pastor Fred, you undeniably exemplified these godly virtues.

Colossians 3:23-24, 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.'

This is what you did, Pastor Fred, leaving an indelible mark in the history of Calvary Baptist Church.

Pastor Fred, your relentless pursuit and imitation of Christlike leadership is exemplary. Preaching, teaching, conflict resolution and leading the church to successfully navigate some difficult situations are all evidence of your many God-given gifts. You have, by the grace of God, spiritually birthed, nurtured and mentored many pastors and other Christian leaders. You have a big father's heart and you always wear a welcoming demeanor that attracts and puts everyone in your presence at ease.

We celebrate you. As you begin this new chapter, we look forward with blessed expectation to seeing what God has in store for you.

How fast the years have flown and now you are a golden 70 years.

You and I always have a good laugh when we recall an event that occurred several years ago. Allow me to spill it, Sir.

My younger son, Daniel, entered your office and I believe he was about 4 years old at the time. He took one look at your portrait hanging on the wall in your office. Then he turned to the real you and took another long look at the top of your head and with a curious childlike innocence asked you, "Where did your hair go?"

During a conversation we had prior to my retirement you asked where I was going after I had retired. I told you that I was staying here at Calvary and going nowhere!

So now kindly permit me to ask you the question, sir, "WHERE ARE YOU GOING?"

Pastor Fred,

You will continue to be a blessing.

God will always be with you and watch over you.

Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life

And you will dwell in the house of the LORD, forever.

You are complete in Christ's fullness.

Praise God, you have a new beginning.





Goodwill Message From

REV. DEREK KOOMSON (GENERAL DIRECTOR/CEO - SU GHANA) AND LADY PASTOR MABEL KOOMSON

As you mark the end of this chapter in your remarkable ministry as Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Mabel and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to you and Lady Pastor Mrs. Joana Deegbe for the profound impact you have had on our lives and the incredible relationship we have shared with you over the years.

Your selfless dedication, unwavering commitment, and unrelenting passion for the Gospel have been a constant source of inspiration to us. Your mentorship and guidance played a pivotal role in our decision to pursue an ordained ministry. You believed in us and allowed us to express our hidden gifts and talents.

Rev. Dr. Deegbe has been a father and a trusted mentor in our journey. He opened the door for us to respond to God's Call and initiated the process of Ordained Ministry, which has been a life-changing experience. His guidance and encouragement were instrumental in helping us step into leadership roles, including leading the Akan congregation and other auxiliary ministry areas at Calvary Baptist Church (CBC). He believed in our potential and nurtured our growth in ways that we will forever cherish. We are eternally grateful for the opportunity he gave us.

When I made the decision to take up the role of General Director at Scripture Union-Ghana, Rev. Dr. Deegbe's encouragement was unwavering. His support and guidance during the transition were a blessing, providing me with wisdom and insight which have continued to shape my leadership.

Rev. Dr. Deegbe's deep understanding of people and his friendly demeanor have made him a cherished leader in our community. His humility, service, and compassionate leadership serve as an ongoing inspiration to us and many others. He genuinely cares about those at the lower levels of society and helps them reach their full potential.

As we celebrate your ministry and leadership today, we join those touched by your work and the young pastors you have mentored in praying for continued blessings, peace, and joy for you and your family. Your legacy of faithfulness will resonate for years to come.

May the Lord Bless you and Mama Joana. We Love You, Daddy and Mummy. Congratulations!! Akpe Looo. Amen

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Goodwill Message From
**REV. & MRS.
REX NSIAH KUSI**

I entered Calvary Baptist Church, Adabraka in May 1990 when my wife to be Laurenda Ayeley Aryeetey and I decided I was going to join her in her Church instead of Action Chapel where I started fellowshipping when I became born again. That same year in October Rev. Fred Deegbe was in Calvary as the Senior Pastor. My minimal interaction with him was when he, brought the idea that Bible Study which was coordinated as a Sunday School be moved into the Sheepfold Ministry. I was then the Sunday School Superintendent. I was taking aback by his decision to explain the proposed concept with me, to enable me gain the need insight and the real focus of the concept. My shock was why the Senior Pastor would want to discuss his proposed policy with me, since most in such a position will only implement what they have thought of and instruct followership.

My ministry life has majorly been under this great leader by name Rev, Dr. Fred Deegbe. I choose to mostly call him Osofo Payin and sometimes Sir. He saw the potential in me when I didn't have an inkling of what GOD could use me to do. I remember the thought to

get me to Calvary Baptist Mission, Awoshie. He had informed me one night before our usual marathon Pastors meetings which sometimes could move on till close to midnight that he wants me to go there for 8 weeks to enable him talk to the parties involved in the leadership dispute that had erupted and bring some calm there and I should go and pray about it.

As visionary as Osofo Payin is, he saw my ministry from beyond 2002. When I was 6 weeks gleefully counting my coming back to Adabraka, he called me and said: "Rex, it looks like you'll stay in Awoshie longer than anticipated".

Today, I proudly say, Osofo Payin's leadership has hewn me into a memorable ministry product. Calvary Baptist Church-Awoshie where I was to oversee its ministry work on a stop-gap basis for only 8 weeks has accommodated me for 23 years and is now a recognised Convention mega Church, ranking amongst the top 10 Churches of the Ghana Baptist Convention as the 7th topmost Church.

All these have come about because a leader of a sterling quality guided my steps into ministry and he is no other than Senior Pastor Emeritus, Osofo Payin, Sir Rev. Dr. Fred Primrose Deegbe. Sir as you bow out from mainstream ministry, I salute you and pray and wish you the best of lives in retirement. But I know you're not entirely retired because we'll continue to tap from your unlimited leadership resources.

Osofo Payin Ayekoooooooooooo!!! Oboadie nkoso nhyira wo pii. We're gratefully appreciative of all your leadership has brought us.

From Rex and Laurenda.



"We're gratefully appreciative of all your leadership has brought us."



Goodwill Message From

**PROF. CLEMENT & MRS.
EVANGELINE SOMUAH**
ON BEHALF OF THE AKAN
CHAPEL ADABRAKA CAMPUS

As we, the Calvary Baptist Church family, bid farewell to you, Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe, our hearts are overwhelmed with gratitude and deep respect for over three decades of dedicated ministry. You have been much more than our pastor – you have been a compassionate confidant, an unwavering guide, and a cherished friend to every one of us.

Your warm and approachable nature created a welcoming environment where everyone felt valued, whether in moments of celebration or seasons of hardship. You stood by us through life’s trials, offering wisdom, encouragement, and comfort that touched our lives profoundly.

Your ability to embrace differing perspectives and foster reconciliation among members has left an indelible mark, promoting peace and unity within our church.

You made the effort to know the names of several people at Calvary Baptist Church.

Through your tireless commitment to preaching God’s Word and nurturing our spiritual growth, you have built a foundation of faith, love, and community that will endure for generations. We will always treasure the moments when your humorous “Toli” brought lightness and understanding to your sermons, making the message resonate even more deeply.

We also know that behind every successful man is a woman, in our case, we have been honored to have a Mother, Mentor, Inspirer, and great Strength to continue the great and deep Ministry work, making impacts in lives and leaving great legacies for Kingdom expansion all to the glory of God.

As you embark on this new chapter, please know you carry with you the prayers, love, and gratitude of an appreciative congregation. May God bless you abundantly with health, joy, and peace as you journey forward.

You will forever hold a special place in our hearts, and though your journey is taking you elsewhere, your legacy will remain woven into the fabric of our lives.

With love and heartfelt appreciation,

PROF. CLEMENT & MRS. EVANGELINE SOMUAH

ON BEHALF OF THE AKAN CHAPEL ADABRAKA CAMPUS
- YOUR CHILDREN, MENTEES, AND ALL LOVED ONES
SAY A BIG AYIKOO. GOD BLESS YOU AND MUMMY

“YE BE KO SO APEM AKO YEN ANIM AMEN”



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Goodwill Message From

MRS. ELLEN HALM BOATENG AND MRS. MAMAA FUGAH

It is a joy to welcome you, our dear brother, who carries many names, Pastor Fred, Grandpa, NADMO and SP, among so many, to the 7th Floor.

It's been a great privilege and blessing coming to know you, as our brother and spiritual head. We thank God for your life. Your love and selflessness to all and sundry, irrespective of their status in life, has impacted many in the Lord's Vineyard. May the good Lord continue to shower you and your family with bountiful favour.

As you exit mainstream work and move to the real world of work, ie, making time for your family especially your grandchildren, may God grant you the strength to enjoy every moment of this

stage of life. We, your sisters and our families hold you so dear in our heart. We wish you long life, excellent health, prosperity and peace that only the Lord can give.

Your sisters, Ellen & Mamaa.



Goodwill Message From

JONAS AND ZENA BLEWUADA

Dear Pastor Fred,
From our Christian fellowship and student days at Legon, you have been a guiding light in our lives—even before you were officially recognised as a pastor. Your leadership and influence have profoundly shaped us, both individually and as a couple. Your unwavering commitment to God's call has been evident from the very beginning, even choosing to serve in the church during your National Service.

We are deeply grateful for your role in our spiritual journey and for the way you have helped us grow, moving from one degree of blessing to another. Your ability to inspire commitment and devotion to God has left a lasting impact on our lives. Even in our recent sicknesses, you ensured that we were cared for—a gesture of kindness and support that we will never forget.

It was through your leadership that I found my way back to Calvary during my second stint in Ghana, and for that, we are forever thankful. As you step into this new season of life, we pray that the Lord's richest blessings will continue to be upon you. May He guide and strengthen you in all that you choose to do after retirement.

With heartfelt gratitude and love,
Jonas & Zena





Goodwill Message From

PHILIP DANSO ABEAM

Dear Pastor Fred,

My dear Pastor and Friend, as you retire as Senior Pastor (Emeritus) of Calvary Baptist Church, I join the entire Calvary Family, the larger Ghana Baptist Convention Family and all well-wishers to celebrate your remarkable legacy of selfless service, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the Lord's work.

I am sure you agree with me that I am among the very few "Calvarians" who are 'permitted' by love to simply call you 'Fred' without the prefix 'Pastor' or suffix 'Esquire'. And you simply call me 'Paa'. This shows the depth of the intimacy upon which our longstanding friendship is premised. The affinity underpinning our friendship became even stronger especially when we came to realise that throughout our lives on earth, we have both been sojourners on the same floor of life - with you ahead by just a few steps.

Pastor Fred, from 1978 to 2008, I had the privilege of worshipping under your leadership - first as Pastoral Assistant and Associate Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, Adabraka, then Resident Pastor at Legon Baptist Church and finally, Senior Pastor at both Adabraka and Shiashie Campuses of Calvary. I must confess that your teachings and guidance, your humility and modesty, your self-discipline, cautious and calm demeanour, your sense of reason, sound judgment, your exemplary lifestyle, your infectious smiles and robust laughter, have all had a profound impact on my spiritual and social journey. I am glad you shepherded Calvary Baptist Church for over thirty-two years (1991 - 2024) without a single controversy.

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Your passion for the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, your love for people, especially those under your pastoral care, your service to country, and your tireless efforts to build the Kingdom of God – through integrity have been a constant source of inspiration to me.

Pastor Fred, between 1993 and 2008, our paths crossed more frequently as we worked to bring the vision of the Shiashie Campus to life. With others, especially our Brother Frank Acheampong and Deacon Ralph Suntherland; we walked the paths from Calvary 2000 Club to where Shiashie is today. Those were both exciting and challenging times, but your leadership, wisdom, fortitude, resilience and perseverance helped to galvanise our teams, bringing the Shiashie Project to fruition.

Pastor Fred, as you begin this new chapter in your life – as a 'Retiree', I want to express my deepest gratitude for the gift of your friendship and mentorship. You have been more than just a Pastor to me; you have been a friend, a confidant, and a role model. I will always cherish the memories and lessons learned from our time together - particularly during the initiation and execution of 'Shiashie', the pet project.

I also want to acknowledge the love and support of the wonderful Daughter of your mother-in-law - Joana.

Pastor Fred, please accept my warmest congratulations on your retirement, and I pray that the Lord will continue to bless, guide, and strengthen you in the years ahead.

With love, appreciation, and best wishes,

'Paa' (Uncle Philip)
Aseda Lodge, Batsona, Accra
February 04, 2025



Goodwill Message From

**MR G. ASHALLEY KOFI
AND AMBASSADOR
HELEN MAMLE KOFI**



Our Dear Emiritus SP, Mentor, and Spiritual father. You are blessed beyond measure celebrating your glorious 70th birthday retirement and your retirement from Calvary Baptist Church (CBC) with God’s grace and mercy. “Always excelling in the Lord’s work” is a fitting phrase to describe your decades of ministry, and we trust that in the coming years, you will continue to strengthen God’s work in various ways, until the scarred and speared Lord of resurrection glory greets you to say Well done!

It is uncommon for pastors to stay in the same location for more than twenty years and yet you have labored at CBC for more than forty years. You have persevered through trial and challenge. You’ve shown what it means to open the Word to the world, and under your leadership, CBC has stayed unified. You’ve preached many a wedding, many a funeral - always with the right word at the right time to focus our ultimate hope on Jesus.

We pray that, like you, we will always devote our words to the glories of King Jesus. As long as we have breath. The older we get, the more grateful we are for your testimony and ministry.

As the sun sets on a remarkable journey of devotion and service, we celebrate our beloved Emeritus SP’s well-deserved retirement and 70th birthday.

Your unwavering commitment to guiding and uplifting souls has left an indelible mark on our hearts.

With deep gratitude, we bid you farewell, knowing that your legacy of compassion and wisdom will continue to inspire generations.

May this new chapter be filled with joy, rest, good health and the fulfillment of dreams. Thank you for being the guiding light in our lives. Happy retirement, and good health on your 70th birthday, our dear Emeritus SP!

You are an excellent role model, and we will never forget all you taught us along the way. We hope you enjoy a wonderful retirement.

You have been a beacon of hope, shining God’s light into the lives of many. May your retirement and 70th birthday be filled with the warmth of His love.

Retirement is not an end, but a new beginning, where you can explore new passions and continue to serve God in different ways.

As you step into retirement, may you experience the fullness of God’s blessings and the joy of a life well-lived.

Retirement is a time to reflect on the seeds of faith you have planted and rejoice in the harvest of lives transformed.

Golden years of happy cheers! God bless and happy gracious and glorious 70th birthday.



THE LORD'S MANSERVANT

How it begun...
1955

“Keta school Boys”
Silvery. Tiny. Nutritious.
Popular in the Shito and Ampesi fraternity,
but particularly forming shoals in Keta lagoon.

Some were nicknamed Abobi, gaining the surname “tadi”, when cleaned and immersed in hot red oil with other like-minded Companions. The English folks not wanting to be left out named them Dried Anchovies- a delicacy next to none.

Nonetheless, in Anyako, an unusual breed became Frederick Primrose Kwaku Deegbe-The first of five comprising four strong 3w3 boys and one beautiful girl.

Keta

It is a coastal town in Volta Region, known for its large quantities of salt deposit. It’s lagoon is the largest and the stopping point for a vast majority of migratory birds as well as breeding ground for Sea turtles. This is where Frederick, the Ketarian was birthed on 9th February 1955 to an industrious mother and a clergy father.

Growing up in Keta was difficult as the place was constantly flooded by what I now know as the Akosombo Dam overflowing its mighty banks. This overflow pooled up in our traditionally built compound homes to the extent that we could literally catch fresh fish and use it for a meal without having to paddle a canoe out. Hence, by virtue of our location we had a natural fish pond that we did not labour to construct.,

These rampant flooding necessitated a holding space for the energetic primary school children in the Keta area. So on flood days we were all packed into the huge hall of Apostles Revelation Society Church, ARS to become one Big school. We were taught by one teacher. **Our shrill voices called him Teachervi.** How he managed to quieten these bubbly mix of children was a wonder that marvels me now. Somehow like a colander catches some sediments and others get away, we all found our path in the melee and we traveled it.



As a teen, I held onto the Apron strings of my mother who I had to help in taking care of the rest of my siblings. This we managed through her various enterprising endeavours, such as selling pieces of cloth, powder and pomade that we made from scratch. I think she saw a potential in me so she personally insisted that I attend secondary school instead of following her as she peddled her wares. Thus, my mother of blessed memory took me from Ho to Anloga knowing there

were better opportunities out there for me to shine.

My father was a Pastor at ARS, but he later became a bi-vocational pastor when he started earning extra income at A.J. Seward – an affiliate of U.A.C. ARS was a non denominational Church. In Keta, I had a best friend. His name is Julius Segbefia. Our friendship started from the Big School in the ARS hall. To this day we still keep in touch with each other. Strange fact - He was equally born on 9th February, 1955! What were the chances? What were the odds?



A little Game. Spot Frederick . He is posing with some of his Zico mates

1968

Zion College
The first of its kind in Angloga
It embraced Frederick Primrose,
giving him the kind of education that led him to write the Ordinary level examination where he stood tall.

Then. Oda Secondary School plucked him out of Volta region to the Eastern corridors to advance him to the sixth form.



My sixth form education in Oda was exciting as the competition for academic excellence was keen. I was seated with mates who's academic prowess matched mine or was superior, so parring with them was a delight. Some of my colleagues from that era were Deacon Eddy Tsegah, Professor Gyimah Boadi and Prof. H. Kwesi Prempeh of CDD.

It was time to go to College
and to choose what my vocation will be:
So like Ama Ata Aidoo's Dilemma of a Ghost, I pondered:

Shall I read Law?
Shall I do Politics?
Both lured Frederick.
To be a legal practitioner,
Cloaked in black robes
with white horse hair,
sitting rakishly on my head,
as i stood in front of a judge
defending clients
and juggling cases,

Or to be part of the Government;
Helping to draft policy
Representing the people who'll choose me
seeing to the welfare of the people
Belonging to a party,
as I mounted political podiums
and mouthed their slogans:
EyeZuPossibilities!

Or standing Solo,
Independent!
A politician!
Even daring to be the President of Ghana!

To be which?
To be who?
What?

Law won that battle of the war (seemingly)
raging inside him and Frederick begun his foray into legal
education in the premier University of Ghana. However,
before he could respectfully utter "Mi Lord" to a Judge and
"put to others" in the intimidating courts of law and order,

divinity whispered to him in his 20th milestone,
Changing his name to;
Pastor Fred!
Making him more zealous for the Lord.
Hallelujah!

Fred, the Pastor

Thus begun for him an extensive work in the unripe wheat
fields as he progressed from a mere member of Calvary

Baptist Church to Assistant Pastor in a matter of seven
years. and finally to the coveted but complex positioning
of Senior Pastor- also known affectionately as **SP**.

As a Pastor,
Fred became Calvary Baptist Church.
Or vice versa! Wherefore. for 45 years, Pastor Fred took bold
steps to walk the Baptist tight rope to lead or sometimes
finding ways to loosen his grip on the rope to engage and
forge ahead with the mission.

As if his 1977 baptism was a catapult , Pastor Fred literally
immersed himself in everything Church, Christian and
Baptist. He was there to welcome new members, taught
baptism class and basically breathed Baptist doctrines.
All these efforts yielded him the role of Assistant Pastor
for three years. Prior to this, he was the Senior Pastor of
New Tafo Baptist Church and diligently lectured at Ghana
Theological Seminary. He knew the Baptist Church inside
out, so it was not a surprise when the lot fell on him to
be the **SP** in 1991 till his mandatory retirement in 2024. A
whooping 33 Jesus Ministry years planting, pruning and
reaping!

His background as a Barrister guided him in spearheading
the need for a constitution for Calvary Baptist Church and,
offering solid insights to the committee. Throughout his
pastoral journey, Pastor Fred lectured at the seminary
and trained as a chaplain, readying himself for conflict
resolution, pastoral care and the myriad and relevant
duties the clergy has to have a grasp for to be able to
triumph.

In the long haul, he earned a Doctorate degree in Asbury
Seminary in 2003, crowning him the title **Reverend
Dr. Frederick Primrose Kwaku Deegbe**, but simply
responding to Pastor Fred- a minimalist at the core of his
being.

Pastor Fred, the author

As a prolific writer, he has to his credit published Books
and Publications.

Listed below are the notable titles in bookstores:

- When Friends Fight
- Building a Christian Home
- Born to Blossom
- The Three Powers
- Forgive God
- Empowered to Make Life Meaningful
- Deacons Training Manuals (edited)
- Church Health Manual, 1 & 2 (edited)





Currently engaged in the writing of his forthcoming novel, "Hollow Faith," He eagerly anticipates its publication soon.

To sit in the presence of Pastor Fred is to be enthralled with stories upon stories of his life of the ministry. Hand gestures, Little smiles, big laughs Pastor Fred, the Story teller His life is a story But. Whose life is not?

Birthed to serve

Rev. Dr. Deegbe's life has been one of service. Service to God. Service to mankind. Serving his Country. Serving is second nature. This trait singled him out to chair a plethora of National and Christian Boards (in and out of) the Convention whose subject areas are diverse and exhaustive . These boards were Narcotics, Anti Corruption Coalition, Community Mutual Fund, Domestic Observer, Fellowship of Christian Councils in West Africa Ghana, The rest were Christian Community Microfinance, Ghana AIDS Commission, National Media Commission and Publishing.

Pastor Fred- The Pioneer! He chalked up!

I gawked at his significantly tall list of achievements and firsts in the Baptist Ministry is a testament to the thunderous impact he has made in his pastoral journey. His chest out courage in planting a Student's union in the predominantly male hall then (who abhorred the color red) - Commonwealth in 1977 without fear of favor is admirable.

His giant strides as he cut a swathe through Legon campus and pinned Legon Baptist Church, became the Recording Secretary of the Ghana Baptist Convention amongst leading peace talks, preserving the history of the Calvary Baptist Church et al - deserves a laureate

Not one to spread out his laurels and rest on them rest on them, Pastor Fred continued to leave indelible marks on the road to posterity.

His nature - one of recognizing a need or an opportunity and finding a solution drove him to create the Calvary Leadership Institute for wannabe pastors. This institute churned out a number of faithfuls for the pulpit.

Also, he vigorously led the growth of Calvary Baptist Church through Cell Fellowships. This climaxed in the establishment of Sheepfold groups within the Church family and it spread like wildfire across Accra and beyond.

Planting several satellite Baptist churches through missions and evangelism in Akoto Lante, Teshie, Nungua, Nsawam, Awoshie, Adenta, Avornyokope, and Lakeside, Bortianor, Oyibi, Amasaman and Tema Community 25, as well as fostering many other churches. These are all thriving.

Championing the acquisition and development of church lands, including the sale of some to augment church finances and the purchase of vehicles to aid church business.

To crown these, initiating the search and completion of a successor to consolidate all the wins and mitigate any losses.

Experience at the Christian Council of Ghana (CCG)

His tenure as General Secretary of the Christian Council of Ghana for an unprecedented two-year term- 2003 to 2013, Rev. Dr. Deegbe oversaw the celebration of the Council's 80th anniversary and the publication of its history. He played a key role in restructuring the Council as a research-based advocacy organisation and participated in three national elections.

What a Man! What a Legacy!

1977. Campus Love. Family

My eyes caught Joana Mansa Nyamedor's on Legon campus and something in me settled. I remember saying to her" if you think you are marrying a lawyer then you have to think again. At that point, I had made some promises to the Holy Spirit and I was waiting for the manifestation. Joana stayed, seeing something in me that gave her heart peace.

In February 1982, I held Joana's hands firmly before God and the Calvary congregation, vowing to stay together through the storms that we knew will rumble through our life and the sun that will come out and bath us in its afterglow.

Thereafter, Southwestern college opened its doors to the ever fashionable Joana, myself and our unborn eldest child in 1985. As I stepped out to study, Joana sought to put on the garment of the Proverbs 31 woman. She kept our home squeaky clean and still managed to go back to school to bag an MA in Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas.

Attagirl!

Today we have 3 biological adult children - Jolene Ena, a photocopy of my ever fashionable Joana. She's in the medical field; Fred Mawuli my twin. He Heals the World. Literally! Emmanuel Kafui who's a mix of us -



a Screenwriter. These trio found their ribs and have increased the global population with 7 grandchildren. To boot, we have 2 bonus grandchildren, from an adopted child making us grinning grandparents of 9 kids . We are eternally thankful for these gifts of God.

The Keta school boy didn't see all this coming at him from a mile away.

Following Joana's studies, she dedicated herself to serving as an educator at the Ghana Baptist Theological Seminary from 1988 to 1990. Her commitment to education extended to the Ghana International School and Lincoln International School in Accra, where she taught for many years. This experience provided her with invaluable educational opportunities for the children of expatriates and other international families in the Greater Accra Region.

This is a testimony to God's provision as our blessed trio got to attend prestigious schools that ordinarily we could not afford.

For the past 40 years, the vivacious Lady Pastor Joana has been an integral part of the Calvary Baptist Church family. She has made meaningful contributions by establishing libraries in the past

25 years and implementing literacy programmes within the Church family for children.

In recognition of studies she has undertaken in the area of theology and her exceptional gifts in teaching and dedicated service, she was formally affirmed as a Pastor. As a result, the Church family respectfully address her as "Lady Pastor", a compliment she graciously accepts. Joana is a Barrister of Law as well- an admirable feat.

Clearly a virtuous woman ! My Lady Pastor has distinguished herself in education, law, ministry and most admirably her family obligations .

What more can I ask for?

In his down times, you can find Pastor Fred pottering away in his garden, reading or writing. He has set a tone for his retirement.

Feb 2025. Retirement. Beyond

Following his mandatory retirement, Rev. Dr. Deegbe plans to continue his passion for theological education and reflection, mentoring, coaching, preaching, teaching and writing.

He remains open to other avenues of service as guided by the Lord. One of such areas that tugs at his heart is revamping Calvary Learning Institute (CLI), which used

to be vibrant space for training and churning out bi vocational preachers and career pastors.

In reflecting about his seminary path, he sees the strong theological teachings and how it gives shape to his sermons , but he visualizes a near perfect tomorrow where theology and training will blend because the practical experience is readily available . In other words although the seminary taught the theology , a training center in the Church gives fodder to the Pastor -training, offering them live situations to witness and practice.

Reflections

Unbeknownst to Rev Dr. Deegbe, the Politics and the Law that had him in a quandary became his bedfellows who fused together to aid his missionary journey.

So. Eventually he got it all and More because he let the will of the Lord direct him.

God.

He works in mysterious ways

His wonders to perform.

Bringing it all together,

One puzzle in a season

in His own time.

Helping him wear a number of hats dexterously

From the Keta school boy to a

One Man thousand.

Barrister. Husband. Father

Grandpa. Author. Pastor. Encourager etc

living a story of God's faithfulness.

What can I say next?

To God be the absolute glory !

Here's to a Platinum Jubilee!

and a thankful retirement

Writers note:

It's been a delectable graze into the life of Pastor Deegbe's. He's a man with stories to tell about places he's been, people he's met, his Calvary Crew, situations he's been faced with, the wife of his youth- Joana, the family they have created and his absolute faith in God. His retirement is on paper. But. Physically he'll continue to mount the pulpit and serve sermons and serve humanity

Happy birthday Pastor Fred!

May your legacy continue to flourish

May the harvest be plentiful, even in the lean months

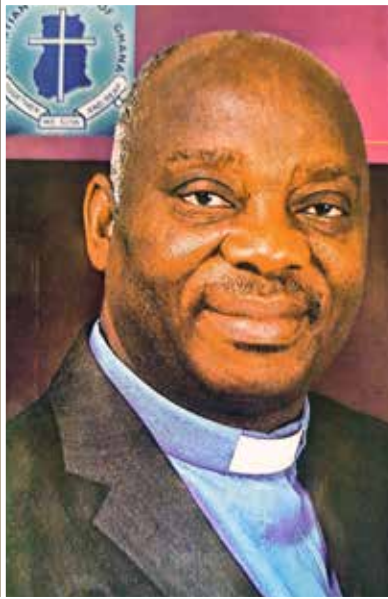
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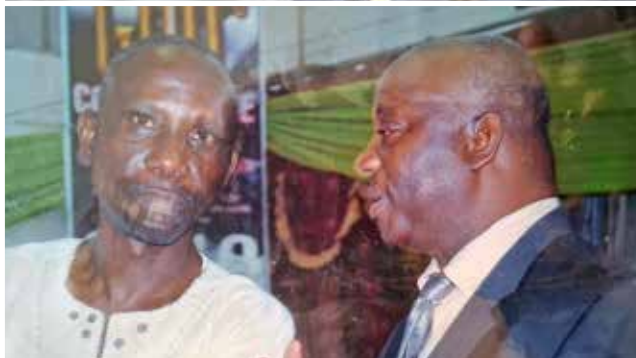
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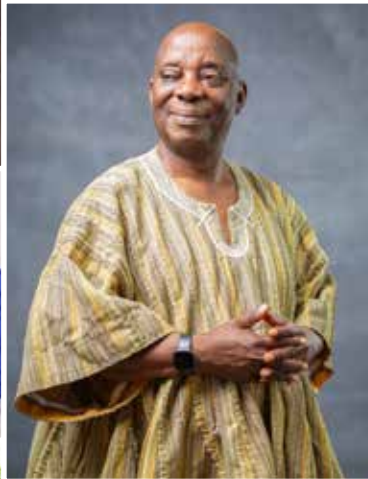














Hymns

Hymn 1: All Things Praise Thee, Lord Most High

- i. All things praise Thee, Lord most high,
Heaven and earth and sea and sky,
All were for Thy glory made,
That Thy greatness thus displayed
Should all worship bring to Thee;
All things praise Thee: Lord may we.
- ii. All things praise Thee: night to night
Sings in silent hymns of light;
All things praise Thee; day to day
Chants Thy power, in burning ray;
Time and space are praising Thee,
All things praise Thee: Lord, may we.
- iii. All things praise Thee; round her zones
Earth, with her ten thousand tones,
Rolls a ceaseless choral strain;
Roaring wind and deep-voiced main,
Rustling leaf and humming bee,
All things praise Thee: Lord, may we.
- iv. All things praise Thee; high and low,
Rain and dew and seven-hued bow,
Crimson sunset, fleecy cloud,
Rippling stream and tempest loud;
Summer, winter, all to Thee
Glory render: Lord, may we.
- v. All things praise Thee; gracious Lord,
Great Creator, powerful Word,
Omnipresent Spirit, now
At thy feet we humbly bow,
Lift our hearts in praise to Thee;
All things praise Thee: Lord may we.

Hymn 2: O Worship The King

- i. O worship the King, All glorious above,
And gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, The Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.
- ii. Oh, tell of His might, Oh, sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds
form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
- ii. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty! Thy power hath founded of old;
Hath 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- iv. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
- iii. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies, how tender! How firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Closing Hymn: O Jesus I Have Promised

- i. O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my Guide.



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- ii. O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory,
There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow
My Master and my Friend.
- iii. O let me feel Thee near me.
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer
And shield my soul from sin.
- iv. O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self will.
O speak to re-assure me,
To hasten or control.
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.
- i. If God would give me thousand tongues now,
And thousand, thousands more than that;
I shall use all to praise Him always,
To glorify His Holy Name,
And shall extol Him with my heart
And glorify His Holy Name.
- ii. I shall proclaim His glorious splendors,
And share with all, His wondrous works.
His fame shall spread in earth and heaven,
His righteousness to manifest;
My heart and soul shall sing His praise.
To magnify His Name abroad.
- iii. Let all His works join in this worship,
Revealing all His glorious works,
And tell His splendor and His beauty,
The splendor of His Majesty,
Lift up your voice His creatures all,
Speak of the Glory of the Lord.
- iv. Lift high and praise the Name of Jesus,
For mercy great we have from Him.
He has become our Lord and Savior,
He suffered much and died for us.
From death He has delivered us,
The Son of God saved us from sin.

Recessional Hymn: O That I have a Thousand Tongues (Ewe Version)

O, ɔ̄ makpɔ̄ aɔ̄ akpewo
Kple nu akpeakpewo hã!
Ekem matsɔ̄ nye gbe akafu
Wò, Mawu fe dɔ̄menyonyo,
Aɔ̄ gbefã wò nu nyui gã,
Siwo katã nèwɔ̄ nam la.



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We are grateful, May God richly bless you all.

Thank you

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