

Pastored by Rev Musa Ntinga

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Singing and rejoicing!

Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.' Psalm 16:1-2

Looking back, 2024 was truly a year of grace, growth, and evidence of God's hand at work in our church. We experienced his goodness in countless ways, from spiritual breakthroughs to growth in our ministries. One of the most remarkable aspects of the year was the steady increase in attendance. Each Sunday, we witnessed new faces joining us, many of whom stayed and became part of our church family. This growth not only reflected God's blessing but also reminded us of the importance of creating a welcoming and loving community for all.



The worship team at the Thanksgiving service

As we reflect on the Thanksgiving service, we remember the wonderful time we had in the house of the Lord. We reflected on Psalm 16 and were reminded that our ultimate treasure is found in Jesus alone; in Him, we find true fulfilment and joy.

We are filled with gratitude for the abundant joy we experienced in the presence of the Lord. The service was a truly special well-attended, with heartfelt worship, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere. We were blessed to have many visitors join us. One of the highlights was witnessing

the excitement on the faces of the Sunday school children as they received their gifts. It was a beautiful reminder that we must receive the kingdom of God with the faith and wonder of a child.

We are thrilled with what 2025 has in store

Our first Sunday service of the year started on a high note with a wonderful turnout of visitors, setting a positive and exciting tone for the months ahead. In the coming weeks, we will focus on Jesus' teachings of the 'Sermon on the Mount', which emphasise 'Kingdom Living'. These timeless principles will serve as a foundation for our spiritual growth, helping us to live as disciples of Christ, reflecting his character in our daily lives.



Christ Central Soweto's new church building

Additionally, we are committed to ensuring that new members are not only warmly welcomed but also guided into a deeper understanding of their faith. Our goal is to disciple them effectively, helping them grow spiritually and become actively involved in the life of the church. We will work to connect them with various ministries where they can serve and thrive, using their unique gifts and talents for God's glory.

Equipping and raising new leaders will also remain a top priority. Across our various ministries, we will intentionally invest in leadership

development, providing training and mentorship to prepare leaders for the important roles God is calling them to. By doing so, we aim to strengthen our church's mission, ensuring that every aspect of our ministry is led with excellence, faithfulness, and a kingdom-minded perspective.

Anticipation of our new home

As our congregation continues to expand, we are in the process of purchasing a new church building to accommodate our growing family. This is a monumental step, and we trust God for his provision and guidance throughout this process.

We ask for your continued prayers as we finalise the offer to purchase and take the necessary steps to secure our new home. Moving into this new building will provide us with greater opportunities to impact the community and advance God's kingdom.

Prayer Points for 2025:

1. Gratitude for last year: thank God for the growth, stability, and faithfulness we experienced throughout 2024.
2. Church building: pray for God's provision and guidance as we finalise the offer to purchase.
3. Spiritual growth and stability: pray for continued spiritual growth and stability as we welcome new members and nurture their faith.
4. Leadership development: ask God to raise and equip new leaders across various ministries to strengthen our church's mission and outreach.
5. Discipleship and expansion: Pray for spiritual growth and the equipping of new members as we prioritise discipleship.
6. Unity and commitment: Pray for a year marked by unity, growth, and a deeper commitment to following Jesus and sharing his love with others.

Many thanks on behalf of Christ Central Soweto,
Rev Musa Ntinga