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| IN THIS EDITION |

There Is Still Something To Discover

Some got this newspaper because they just need a piece of information, while others are looking for hope, direction, or a sign that life can still change.

This edition brings together faith, reflection and real-life transformations, from the 49-year journey of the Universal Church to testimonies of people who found strength, restoration and answers in moments of struggle.

Whether your faith is certain or you have many questions, or you're simply searching for a new beginning, these pages hold truths that will speak to you.

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THE FEAR OF GOD LEADS TO SALVATION

Message by Bishop Edir Macedo

The fear of God is a matter of faith. When people believe in Him, even if they are still sinners, they begin to make every effort to avoid displeasing Him.

This fear is not about being afraid but about the awareness that God exists and condemns wrongdoing. To void displeasing Him, those who fear Him reject a life of sin and strive to stop all wrongdoing.

We are all prone to failure—we err, we sin, we fail. But Jesus taught

us to pray and ask to be forgiven for our sins. *“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.” (Matthew 6:12 NKJV).* This means that the door to repentance and the restoration of our communion with God is open.

However, some people insist on harbouring malice. In *Jeremiah 2:19 (NKJV)*, the prophet warns: *“Your own wickedness will correct you, and your backslidings will rebuke you.”*

Apostasy is the definitive

abandonment of faith, and it happens when someone decides to no longer do God's will, and to follow their own path without any regard for Him. The fear of God no longer exists in such a heart.

Those who deliberately abandon the faith become cold and indifferent, and this makes it impossible to renew them again to repentance, because they continually reject the Son of God and crucify Him all over again, exposing Him to contempt. 📖

TIME IS MOVING FORWARD

Message by Marcelo Pires | mp@mpires.org

We are living in the last days. Every day, the signs become clearer—uncertainty, conflict, fear, and the coldness of people's hearts. Time is moving forward, and we must be prepared for the inevitable end of days.

We might disagree on many things, but one truth unites us all: these days, time is flying. The good news is that God has not left us without direction. Through His Word, He shows us what is to come and invites us to draw near to Him while there is still time.

One day, we will all take our last breath. If you're a Christian, you know that there's life after death; your soul will end up in heaven or hell, depending on how you have lived

your life on the earth. So, ask yourself this burning question: what's inside you right now, peace or torment? This will give you a good indication of your spiritual prospects.

Now more than ever, strengthen your faith, seek God sincerely, and prioritise what matters. The greatest preparation for the future is a relationship with God today.

In *Deuteronomy 30:19* *“I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live.”*

Choose life — and live it fully. 📖

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YEARS UNIVERSAL

1977 - 2026

*49 years of faith,
growth and
transformation*

From humble beginnings to the Holy Ground Cathedral in Soweto

By Tania Nguanda | uckg.org.za

From a small group of believers gathered at a park in Rio de Janeiro to churches in more than 150 countries.

Transforming lives across South Africa and beyond.

This is the story of faith, obedience, and God's unfailing grace over 49 remarkable years.

COMMENT

Since the beginning of the Universal Church in South Africa

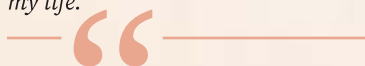


- Sannah M. -

I have been in the Universal Church for 33 years. It is the place where my life was completely transformed.

Here, I learned how to read and meditate on the Bible, pray with faith, and seek the Holy Spirit. God restored my family and protected us through illnesses. He also blessed us financially and never allowed us to lack anything.

I am now in my sixties, I am healthy, strong, and still serving God with gratitude. The Church has truly been a blessing in every area of my life.



1977



Bishop Edir Macedo started holding prayer services in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in a small bandstand in a park. That was the beginning of the Universal Church.

1992



The Universal Church arrived in South Africa, and in a small, packed basement in the CBD of Johannesburg, thousands came thirsty for God's power.

1993



The church opened a branch in a warehouse in Diepkloof, Soweto. From there, the work spread to other areas in Gauteng and in all 9 provinces.

2007



The dream came true and the Holy Ground Cathedral was inaugurated in Soweto. It stands as a magnificent testimony of God's faithfulness.

2014



A historic milestone was realised when the Temple of Solomon was inaugurated for God's glory, a beacon of faith for the nations.

2026



In more than 280 churches all over South Africa, the church continues to grow and spread the Word of life to those who are thirsty for a new life.

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JOURNEY TO MOUNT ZION

LIVES CHANGED. DESTINIES TRANSFORMED. HOPE RESTORED.

FROM THE DEPTHS OF DESPAIR *Trapped in a Life I Wanted to Escape*

By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

For years, I lived with pain that seemed impossible to escape. Although I had my mother by my side, I felt completely alone, as though I was trapped in a prison of anxiety, depression, insecurity, and hopelessness.

I desperately searched for something to fill the emptiness inside me. I turned to alcohol, smoking, pornography, and unhealthy relationships, hoping that they would bring relief. Instead, they only deepened the void.

My greatest struggle was my need for validation. I longed for acceptance, especially from men, since my father was absent.

I believed my worth depended on people's approval of me, yet every attempt to feel loved or accepted left me feeling emptier than before. For five to six years, I lived under the weight of addiction and suicidal thoughts. My mother never stopped encouraging me to return to God because I had fallen off my faith.

One day, she reminded me that there was no solution for my life without God. Those words led me back to a Bible I had neglected for years. As I read Romans 8:1, I realised that, although I blamed God for my pain, He was the only One who could heal and restore me.

I stopped drinking, smoking and watching pornography. I committed my life to God and was baptised in water as a symbol of breaking away from my old life and embracing a new life with Him.

Later, during the Campaign of Israel, I surrendered my all on the altar. There, I received the Holy Spirit. Instantly, I was filled with peace, assurance, and the certainty that I belonged to God.

Now I am free from addictions, insecurities, and despair. I have joy, peace, and a restored relationship with my family. I no longer seek validation from anyone. I returned to God, and He transformed my life completely.

- Natalie M.

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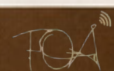
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Your breakthrough could be next.

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FAST OF DANIEL

13 JULY TO 2 AUGUST

TIME SET APART TO SEEK GOD

The Fast of Daniel is a period of consecration, prayer, and wholehearted seeking of God's Spirit.

Inspired by Daniel's 21-day fast, which is described in Daniel 10, these 21 days are set apart for us to disconnect from secular entertainment, social media, and mainstream news, to allow God to cleanse and renew our minds so that our lives may be realigned with His purpose.

During the Fast of Daniel, draw even closer to God than before.

It is through the Holy Spirit that we receive the assurance of our salvation and the strength to overcome life's challenges and persevere until the end.

FAST OF DANIEL TESTIMONIES

28 YEARS IN THE CHURCH WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

By Nomsa Masengemu | uckg.org.za

"I have been attending services in the Universal Church since 1998. Throughout my walk of faith, I have always focused on praying for myself and my family. But, I realised that there was still something within me that needed to change. I struggled with anger and found it difficult to forgive those who had hurt me.

During the fast, I dedicated myself wholeheartedly to seeking God. I spent more time reading the Bible, attended church services every day, and set aside quiet moments at home for personal prayer. I would even wake up during the night to seek His presence.



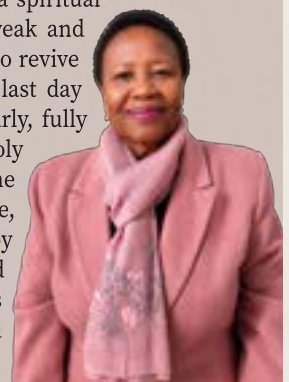
I sincerely asked God to help me forgive, renew my spirit, and fill me with the Holy Spirit. He answered my prayers. He removed the burden of unforgiveness from my heart, filled me with His peace, and gave me the strength to forgive completely. **During the Fast of Daniel, I received the Holy Spirit**, and now I have peace, joy, and the assurance that God is with me every single day," said Denise.

I MADE A DECISION THAT THIS FAST WOULD BE DIFFERENT

By Nomsa Masengemu | uckg.org.za

"When I took part in the 21-day Fast of Daniel, I determined that this fast would be different from all the others I had participated in. I completely disconnected from social media so that I could dedicate my time to seeking God. I challenged myself to read and meditate on one chapter of the Gospel of John every day throughout the fast. I also made it a priority to attend a church service every day.

It had dawned on me that I needed a spiritual renewal. I had become spiritually weak and emotionally drained, so I asked God to revive and fill me with His Spirit. On the last day of the fast, I came to church very early, fully prepared and ready to receive the Holy Spirit. God honoured me and filled me with His Spirit, revived my spiritual life, and renewed my strength. Now I enjoy deeper communion with God, and I have joy and the assurance of His presence in my life every day," said Seipati.



21 DAYS
of consecration

ONE PURPOSE:
to seek to receive the Holy Spirit

*"For the LORD has chosen Zion;
He has desired it for His dwelling
place." – Psalm 132:13 (NKJV)*

COUNTLESS LIVES TRANSFORMED - JOIN THIS FAST - EXPERIENCE GOD'S POWER

THE LOVE OF THE COVENANT



The Foundation of a Lasting Marriage

Many relationships struggle because of:

- Misunderstandings
- Financial pressure
- Poor communication
- Unrealistic expectations
- Lack of commitment

This has caused many couples to separate when challenges arise.

The *Therapy of Love* helps couples and singles understand love from a different perspective.

At the *Therapy of Love*, people learn about the practical principles they need to build stronger relationships, such as:

- Respecting one another
- Communicating better
- Forgiving
- Protecting one another
- Valuing the relationship
- Keeping God at the centre

Couples learn that strong marriages are built by two individuals who remain faithful to their covenant with God and with each other.

WE MADE A DECISION TO NEVER GIVE UP ON EACH OTHER

God Restored Our Marriage and Our Future

By Nomsa Masengemu | uckg.org.za

A Rocky Start

Before coming to church, I had a child from a previous relationship.

Finding Faith

A neighbour invited me to the Universal Church. I started attending the Thursday services, asking God to bless my family.

Meeting My Husband

Years later, I met my husband in the church. Three months later, encouraged and confident in God's direction, we married in 2003.

The Hard Years

Marriage was not easy. We faced severe financial hardship, struggled to pay rent, and often had no food or a place to stay, yet we refused to give up. We learned and matured together, corrected

our mistakes, and remained faithful to one another.

Where We Are Today

The Therapy of Love also taught us practical principles: a husband must love his wife, a wife must respect her husband, and both must obey God's Word.

After more than two decades together, God blessed us with a house and we also opened a day care centre. We know that our strength comes from putting God at the centre of our marriage.



Lindene and Peter Rabobona

FAMILY Prayer

EVERY THURSDAY

5:30AM | 6AM | 7:30AM | 10AM | 12 NOON | 3PM & 5:30PM*

Holy Ground, 244th Sunningdale Drive, Zone 6, Diepkloof, Soweto

*TIMES MAY VARY AT DIFFERENT BRANCHES

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Pretoria Central

Vanderbijlpark: Shop No. 4,
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WESTERN CAPE

Cape Town: 9 Buitenkant
Street (Near the Grand Parade)

George: 121 Cradock Street,
CBD (Next to Golden Harvest)

EASTERN CAPE

East London: 5 Gladstone
Street

Mthatha: 36 Owen Street

Port Elizabeth: 45 Norongo
Road & Cnr Sopazi Street,
New Brighton

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Rosebudes Centrum,
Rosedale

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Pietermaritzburg: 399
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Complex, 4 Kort Street, CBD

LIMPOPO

Polokwane: Shop 3, 20
Jorissen Street

MPUMALANGA

Nelspruit: 6 Samora Machel
Drive

Witbank: 8 Arras Street, CBD

NORTH WEST

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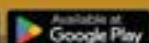
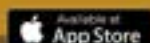


Holy Bible

with personal commentary by
Bishop Edir Macedo



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“IF GOD EXISTS, WHY DOES HE ALLOW ME TO SUFFER SO MUCH?”

This question lingered in her mind, until...

By Nomsa Masengemu | uckg.org.za



“Trapped in gang life, marked for death, filled with hopelessness.”

A DIFFICULT CHILDHOOD

“I was raised by my father and stepmother, who loved me and my siblings as her own. After she passed on, my father turned to alcohol for consolation and consequently lost his job. I hoped that my biological mother would step in and help us but she did not. I was filled with hurt and anger and often called her only to tell her how much I hated her for abandoning us, and swear at her.

TRAPPED IN GANG LIFE

I joined a group of friends who always seemed happy, only to discover that they were involved in all kinds of criminal activities to survive. They committed armed robberies, housebreaking, and were also involved in prostitution. I started smoking dagga and drinking alcohol, and I dated a gang leader. After he was imprisoned, I fell pregnant by another man. My boyfriend was seething mad and threatened to kill me. Overwhelmed by hopelessness, I attempted to take my life, but my family rescued me in time.

I DID NOT BELIEVE GOD EXISTED, MUCH LESS THAT HE COULD CHANGE MY LIFE

My sister had invited me to attend services in the Universal Church many times, but because of everything I had suffered, I never believed in God or that He could change my situation, so I never saw the point of going to church. However, as the threats against my life became more serious, I finally accepted her invitation.

A TURNING POINT

By participating in the chains of prayers for my deliverance, I stopped smoking and drinking. I also got baptised in water to seal my decision to lead a clean life. Later on, I received the Holy Spirit. God restored my family and blessed me with a man of God. Now I have the peace I had searched for all my life,” said Francine.