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Easter Through the Eyes of a Roman Soldier

A Roman soldier does not tremble at blood, does not flinch at suffering, does not question orders. We crucified men often—rebels, thieves, threats to Rome. It was routine. Efficient. Necessary. That morning felt no different.

They brought Him out early. Beaten. Broken. Mocked. I had seen many like Him—men whose courage faded under the whip. But this One... He was different. Silent, yet not defeated. Weak, yet not crushed. There was no hatred in His eyes—only something I could not name.

We nailed Him to the cross. I remember the sound—the hammer striking iron. Flesh yielding. Most cursed us. Some spat. Some begged. He prayed.

“Father, forgive them...” Forgive? In all my years, I had never heard that word from a cross.

The crowd shouted. Religious leaders mocked. “Save yourself!” they cried. But He did not come down. He stayed. Not because He could not—but because He would not. Hours passed. Darkness fell. Not the darkness of evening—but something heavier, deeper... as if the world itself recoiled. We soldiers exchanged uneasy glances. This was no ordinary execution.

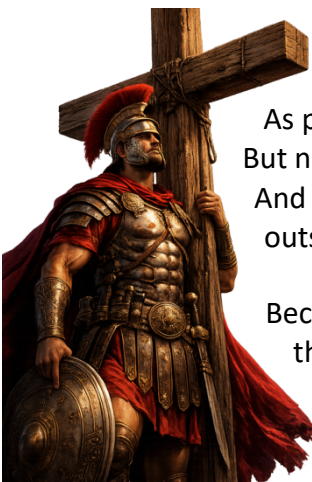
Then He cried out—not in defeat, but in declaration. And when He breathed His last, the earth shook. I have stood in battles. I have heard the roar of armies. But nothing compared to that moment. Something had shifted. Something eternal. I looked at Him—this man we crucified. This man who spoke forgiveness while we drove nails into His hands. This man who carried Himself like a King, even in death. And the words escaped my mouth before I could stop them: “Surely this was the Son of God.”

Reflection. - Easter, from the ground of Golgotha, is not polished—it is raw, confronting, unsettling. It is not first seen through resurrection glory, but through crucifixion reality.

The Roman soldier reminds us:

- **The cross confronts human hardness**
Even the most desensitized heart can be pierced by the love of Christ.
- **The cross reveals divine character**
Not power that crushes enemies, but love that forgives them.
- **The cross demands a response**

Indifference is not sustainable at Calvary. Every witness must eventually confess—or reject—who Jesus is.



As pastors, we often preach Easter from the empty tomb—and rightly so. But never forget: the resurrection only makes sense because of the cross. And the cross is most powerful when seen through unexpected eyes—the outsider, the hardened, the unlikely witness.

Because sometimes, the clearest confession of Christ does not come from the crowd of believers...

...but from the soldier at the foot of the cross. **“Surely this was the Son of God.” (Mark 15:39).**

Israel Tour - National Church leaders (NPF)



A delegation of Pentecostal leaders from South Africa, representing millions of Christians, visited Israel and emphasized to Israeli officials that the South African government's critical stance toward Israel does not reflect the views of many believers in the country. During meetings with officials, including Deputy Foreign Minister Sharren Haskel, the pastors expressed



solidarity with Israel, reaffirmed strong biblical and spiritual ties, and even asked forgiveness for their government's position. The time spent together as Pentecostal leaders was deeply uplifting—we laughed together, we cried together, and we stood united in our conviction that, as a church, our position is one of support for Israel.

TEASA:

Following a brief report from the leadership on their recent engagement with TEASA, and after careful consideration of recent developments and the direction TEASA is taking—particularly regarding their position on the CRL and their policy stance on Israel—the Executive Council has decided to conclude the Church's membership with TEASA, effective immediately. Kindly take note that the Church is no longer affiliated with TEASA, and that the Secretary General has also resigned from the National Executive.



SACOFF



SACOFF is a national body that empowers faith-based organisations across South Africa—including those in rural areas—by providing representation in regional, provincial, and national structures. Its focus is to unite and mobilise religious and spiritual leaders around community development, while intentionally avoiding religious politics and doctrinal differences. The organisation operates as an independent structure, not owned by any single group, and collaborates with key national partners. Currently, SACOFF consists of 246 registered members, collectively representing 23,791 faith-based organisations. The Executive Council has therefore resolved to take up membership with SACOFF.

We are also still a founding member of the NPF:

NATIONAL PENTECOSTAL FORUM: (<https://nationalpf.co.za/members/>)

The FGC is part of this forum, which represents the 11 mainstream Pentecostal churches in South Africa. We recognise the independence of each organisation and uphold a spirit of mutual trust, respect, and shared commitment to the sound teachings of the Bible as the Word of God, interpreted by the Church.



Churches with Multiple Accounts

The Overseers have raised a concern during the Overseers Forum regarding churches that operate with multiple accounts but do not consistently submit feedback or reports on all of them. In response, the Executive Council have developed a clear policy to address this matter and ensure proper accountability and reporting across all accounts. For further guidance you can get more information from your Overseer. We will also place this on the FGC WhatsApp group.

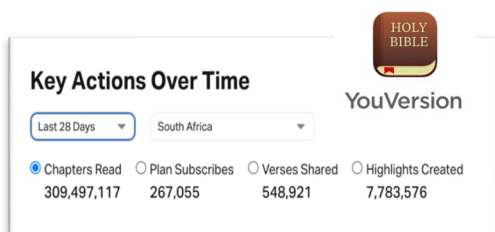
Clarification on the Appointment of Assistant or Associate Ministers

In light of recent inquiries regarding the formalisation of appointments for Assistant or Associate Ministers, please note the following constitutional clarifications based on **Article 9, Section 6.6.4(1)** and **Article 9, Section 3.4**:

1. **No Employment Contract** - The FGCSA Constitution does not require or provide for a legally enforceable employment contract. Instead, the appointment of an Assistant or Associate Minister is governed by **written joint decisions** regarding the conditions of service and duties. These must be set out in writing by the local Senior Minister and the Governing Body at the time of the appointment.
2. **Practical Shared Ministry** - The purpose of this written framework is practical rather than legalistic. It ensures that both the Senior Minister and the Assistant/Associate have a clear, shared understanding of how duties will be distributed. As the title implies, the appointee is there to assist and share in the spiritual and temporal responsibilities of the Senior Pastor to ensure the healthy functioning of the local assembly.
3. **Volunteer Status and Relationship** - It is vital to uphold the ecclesiastical nature of our calling. Per **Article 9, Section 3.4**, all ministers within the ranks of the FGCSA are considered **volunteers** in a spiritual relationship with the Church.
 - There is **no employment relationship** and **no intention** to enter into legally enforceable employment contracts.
 - The relationship emanates from a Call from God and is governed by the Church Constitution, not by secular labour law.

YOUVERSION - 29 Million Installs in South Africa!!!!

The Moderator and the Secretary General, together with their spouses, were invited to attend the South African launch in Cape Town. We also had the opportunity to engage in a private discussion with Kendra, the Head of Content Creation, where we were able to make valuable recommendations



to further strengthen and enhance the platform. South Africa is currently one of the leading countries in the world in terms of usage of the Bible App.

You are truly missing out if you are not yet on the App and have not listed your church. Did you know that you can even share your weekly sermon notes on the Bible App—completely free of charge?

Bible Society



Summary of the Bible Society of South Africa's 2025 Annual Report, focusing on the essential statistics for your church feedback:

Mission & Distribution Under the theme "*The Bible as the Bread of Life*," the BSSA distributed 1.75 million complete Bibles in 2025—a significant increase from 1.56 million in 2024. This includes a record-breaking 1 million units sold (a 240% increase) and over 1.4 million free digital Bibles.

Missional Impact Through church support, the Society reached 1.83 million people via outreach programmes. Key highlights include providing 4,484 Bibles to Grade 7 learners in underserved schools and distributing over 5,000 literacy booklets to help children read using the Bible.

Translation & Revisions Translation remains the core priority, with progress on four "first" translation projects (!Xuhn, Khwedam, Khelovedu, and TjiHlanganu). Major revisions for the isiXhosa and Sesotho Bibles are also nearing completion to ensure the text remains accessible.

Financial Health Total contribution income reached R50.2 million. Despite a slight 4% dip in donor income, the Society achieved a key strategic goal: restoring financial sustainability by no longer relying on reserve funds to subsidise operations.

Conclusion The BSSA expresses deep gratitude to the Full Gospel Church, noting that your prayerful and financial support is directly responsible for placing "God's Word in every hand and heart."

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This provides an affordable opportunity to access AI tools that can assist with administration, content development, research, and general ministry support.

International General Assembly – 27-31 July 2026

The 2026 General Assembly will be hosted at the Orange County Convention Center - WEST, one of the largest and most versatile convention facilities in the United States. Located in the heart of Orlando, the OCCC offers state-of-the-art meeting spaces, modern technology, and easy access to hotels, dining, and transportation, making it an ideal setting for worship, connection, and the important work of the Assembly.



The Full Gospel Church of God College (FGCC)

It is with great excitement and gratitude that we announce the Graduation of the FGC College. This milestone reflects years of commitment, calling, and preparation. We celebrate not just achievement, but lives ready to serve God with passion and purpose.

GRADUATION 2026
at General Conference
Thu 15 October

Reminder: PROVIDENT FUND COMPULSORY BEFORE ORDINATION

The Executive Council has established a policy requiring pastors to be part of the compulsory pension fund and submit proof before ordination can be considered in the future.

Good Standing

The Moderator and Secretary General, on behalf of the Executive Council, held an important Zoom meeting with all Overseers to clarify the EC's decision that, due to the current backlog, only the period from 1 March 2025 to 28 February 2026 will be used for calculating cashbooks, census forms, and PBO forms -for the next General Conference 2026

****However, pastors' tithes and assembly tithes remain compulsory for the full term (1 March 2022 – 28 February 2026). Contact your Overseer for more:***



It is that time of the year again, and regions are busy with their elections, where good standing has naturally been taken into account. Regions will also soon be submitting their recommendations for good standing, after which the office, following our internal checks and the addition of assembly tithes, will provide feedback to the regions regarding who is in good standing according to the records for the general Conference!

The Executive Council has made a very clear decision that no good standing discussions or "negotiations" will be entertained during registration at the offices, as this process has already been handled by the regions beforehand. Furthermore, no payments made during the conference in an attempt to qualify will be allowed

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Absa 600169599 (Cheque account)
Branch code 632005



We remind all churches to please send a breakdown of payments when money is deposited into our account. Please use the correct **reference**!!

PLEASE NOTE OUR BOOKSTORE HOURS IN THE WEEK IS FROM 8:00-13:00

New Certificates: This is now available at the Bookshop @ R5:00 each. You can order from the office : bookshop@fgcsa.co.za

FGC WEBSITE. www.fgcsa.co.za

Please take a moment to visit our website to explore the latest updates and more. Did you know you can also view all available assembly vacancies directly on the site? Additionally, all application forms are easily accessible for your convenience.

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The R.E.A.L Leadership Manual presents a spiritually grounded framework for raising leaders in the church, emphasizing that leadership is not found but intentionally formed through calling, discipleship, character development, and commissioning. It highlights that the greatest need in the church is not more members but mature, authentic leaders who are shaped through

prayer, the Word, service, accountability, and testing, and who lead with integrity, humility, and holiness. The process moves from identifying and training emerging leaders to developing authentic character and ultimately releasing leaders who multiply others and carry the mission forward, stressing that true leadership is about stewardship, sacrifice, and finishing well rather than position or recognition. This Manual is available on the website www.fgcsa.co.za

FULL GOSPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN SA

GENERAL CONFERENCE

13-16 OCT 2026

REGISTRATION
MONDAY 12 OCT

FGC GROUNDS IRENE
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- * Worship
- * Anointed Speakers
- * Graduation
- * Long Service Awards

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- Please ensure that you book your accommodation in good time. There will be no Wendy houses available due to flood damage.
- Monday will be dedicated to **registration**. Please remember to bring your official confirmation letter for your church delegate.
- Only written apologies will be accepted if you are unable to attend.
- We are truly looking forward to a great time of fellowship together. More information will follow soon.
- Food stalls and exhibitions will also be available. (if you are interested contact us)
- For any enquiries, please contact Estelle at the office.

Renier Pelzer
Secretary General



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