

Glancing Back Looking Up Focusing Forward

PHILIPPIANS 1:5-6



Tongaat Baptist Church

Philippians 1: 5-6 (niv)

Because of your Partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus The Year of Jubilee – the 50th year - was a time in which Liberty, Restitution and "Renewal" was *Remembered*, *Cherished* and *Accomplished* in the lives of the Hebrews (Leviticus 25).

The beginning of the Jubilee Year started on the Day of Atonement, which is symbolic of the atoning of sin for the nation of Israel.

As the Church of Jesus Christ:

- He bought her *liberty* at Calvary,
- He restored her position to be His bride,
- He expects her to continually *renew* His vision through her....
 to Love God to Love Others to make Disciples

The Year of Jubilee – the 50th year of the Tongaat Baptist Church provided a unique opportunity for the church family to also take the time to *remember*, to *cherish* and to continue to *accomplish* the work of the Lord, in our season.

After prayerful consideration, this gave rise to the Tongaat Baptist Church's "Year of Jubilee" theme as anchored on Philippians 1: 5-6

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Glancing Back at our history, **Looking Up** and giving thanks to God for His goodness and faithfulness and seeking His will for the years ahead and **Focusing Forward** to serve Him by loving God, loving Others and going and making Disciples.

The Tongaat Baptist Church's 50th Jubilee has also inspired the development and implementation of **The Jubilee Living Legacies**:

- "The Jubilee Scholarship" that provides believers who have been called into serving in the ministry with a recognized academic degree qualification, together with practical training, mentorship and residency opportunities. (*The Launch is to be advised*)
- "The Tongaat Baptist Church Website" that will provide a digital platform for the church's ministry focus beyond 2021.

Through the planning and actions of the various elements of the Jubilee Celebration, it was clear that this celebration was more than just an event. Instead, the church's 50 years of ministry is considered part of a much bigger process in the life and the growth of the Church.

Just as it was in the Biblical Year of Jubilee, the Tongaat Baptist Church also lays the foundation for a renewed ministry focus – as called upon in Matthew 22:37-39 and Matthew 28:19-20 to



In the "Year of Jubilee", the Tongaat Baptist Church commits to:

- Being worthy stewards of what God has entrusted to us.
- Acting with responsibility to manage His work according to His desires and purposes.
- Understanding that we will be called to give an account for how we have heeded His call to serve Him – by loving Him, loving others and going and making disciples.