

Letter from the Council:

Matthew 5:48 **“Be ye therefore perfect** even as your Father in heaven is perfect..”

Collosians 1:28 “So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching with all the wisdom God has given us. **We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ..”**

Perfection seems to be an unattainable goal. However, Jesus says that we are made perfect by our faith in His atoning sacrifice on the cross for us. Paul restates in Collosians that our privilege as believers is to be counted as perfect by our relationship to Christ, our Redeemer, who has forgiven us all our sins by our faith in Him and repentant hearts. If therefore our own standing in God has been made perfect, we too should be concerned that all members of the body of Christ are also perfect, that is, in a right relationship to Christ.

In this day and age it is easy to dwell in this grace, and define our experience of God on our own terms. Go to church? Not necessary, you know COVID is still going on, maybe next week. Take part in the church activities? Not necessary, we are not saved by works. Be involved in mission? Let others. Give a tithe? Certainly not, how can I afford that?? Observe the sabbath? That is out of style; see, everybody lives the same way everyday. What’s your problem?

I have been reading writings of a late pastor friend who led a large church in Towson, Maryland for 30 years who also spent summers in Vermont as our neighbor. He wrote, “The task which I would offer you as members of this congregation is that you consider you have a personal responsibility to make this church the most vital part, not only of your own life but of the lives of your friends in the congregation and to seek to bring into this fellowship those who need the things the church has to offer. It is not possible for the congregation to maintain itself without your efforts. It is not right that the members of the church should depend wholly upon its leaders, the staff who carry out its routine work and organizational aspects. Every member must find in him/herself a responsibility for the well-being of the whole church program. When this is lost, the whole significance of what the church is trying to do is lost...You may find the expression of your Christian faith in your bringing a friend to this church, in your making a friend of some member of this church. People look to it for something they may not be able to find unless you assume your responsibility as a member. Remember to speak this year enthusiastically, kindly of your church, to support it in your thought and action, to fight for it in the kindest, strongest way that you can for it is yours and it is Christ’s. In your giving of yourself to Him and His cause through your work for this church, you make Him more a part of your own life – and you will then have happiness.”

As a church elder, I bring these truths to you with concern that we are faced with the prospect of closing the Sunday school, library and creche for lack of volunteers, and discontinuing the important outreaches of projects and benevolence, and evangelism and mission outreach for lack of sacrificial giving. ACC is involved in these undertakings at a level which necessitates the faithful support of everyone. We cannot content ourselves by simply attending worship and basking in the miracle of our unity in Christ by our diversity, good music, lovely flowers or preaching. As my late pastor friend wrote, “We must assess the validity of this ministry in terms of the Christian experience of its people and their full participation in the program of Christ’s church.

As your minister, I cannot accept the possibility that you come to church to 'hear my sermons', to 'meet your friends', to 'make acquaintances in a new community'. I have to accept and live with the belief that you come to worship God and so I take this occasion to remind you of the place you can have in making this church everything that it ought to be by your presence at its worship services, by your enthusiastic support of its ministries, by your participation in study groups and by your joy in the fellowship which we have one with another in the love of Christ."

In this way, let us be made 'perfect' and find true happiness.

In Christ,

ERWIN KINSEY – COUNCIL MEMBER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Worship Committee is calling in for volunteers to serve on the following areas of service.

- Ushers
- Zoom Hosts
- Sound team members
- Music leaders
- Service leaders

Anyone interested to volunteer in these areas please reach out to the ACC administrator, Duty elders after service or send a WhatsApp message to +255 769 600 962 you will be given more details and training needed afterwards.

1Peter 4:10-11

Deuteronomy 15:6

“For the LORD your God will bless you, as he promised you, and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow, and you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you.”



Our annual harvest festival is also a time of great thanksgiving to God for all He has done, and continues to do, in our lives. We always enjoy eating together and bringing the fruits of our labours to church to be auctioned off at the fun annual harvest festival auction, and at the various stalls outside.

This year, our harvest festival will take place on **Sunday 25th September 2022** and will be preceded by a wonderful music evening in church on **Friday evening, 23rd September**.

Please see **Vivi** in the office if you would like to make a donation of items for the auction or if you require any more information about this event.



TITHES AND OFFERINGS AT ACC:

Your OFFERINGS are important. It is easier for accounting purposes, and without charges, if offerings are deposited directly into our Exim Bank Account (please see details below). While the MPESA number remains available for receiving offerings, please consider making a deposit directly into our bank.

ACC BANK DETAILS:

For anyone who wishes or needs to transfer funds via bank deposit to ACC please find the following details here:

EXIM BANK

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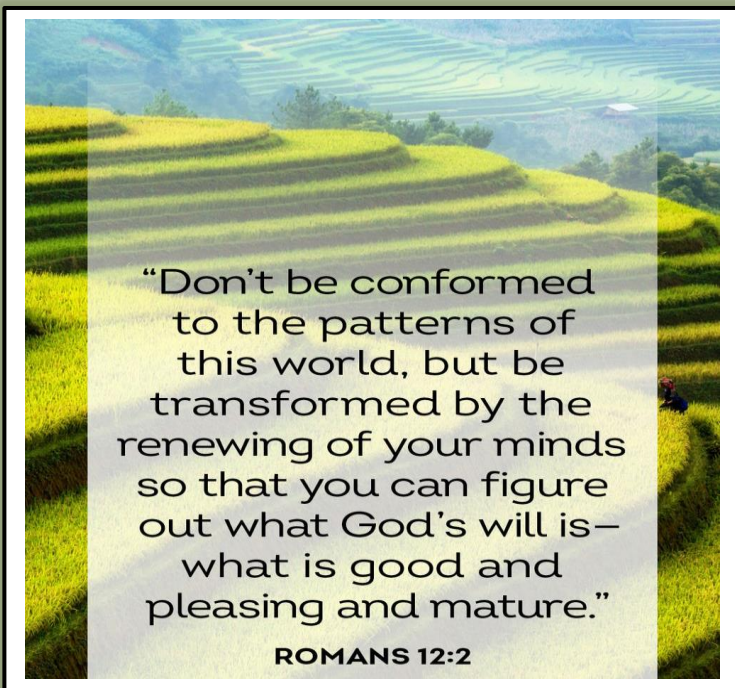
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ACC MOBILE MONEY ACCOUNT DETAILS:

For anyone who wishes or needs to transfer funds via mobile money to ACC please find the following details here:

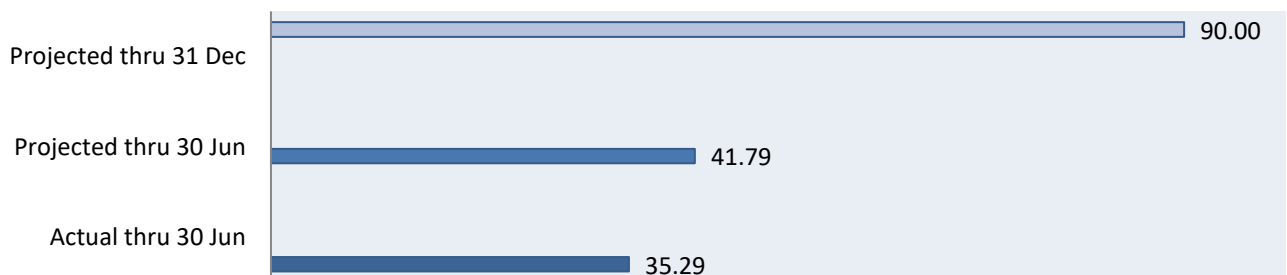
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NAME: NASIEKU MOLLEL (Church Administrator)



Arusha Community Church 2022 Income through 30 June

(in TSh millions)



Income in first half 2022 was TSh 4.43 million higher than same period last year, but TSh 6.50 million below target. We respectfully ask all to consider helping ACC reach our goal in the coming months.

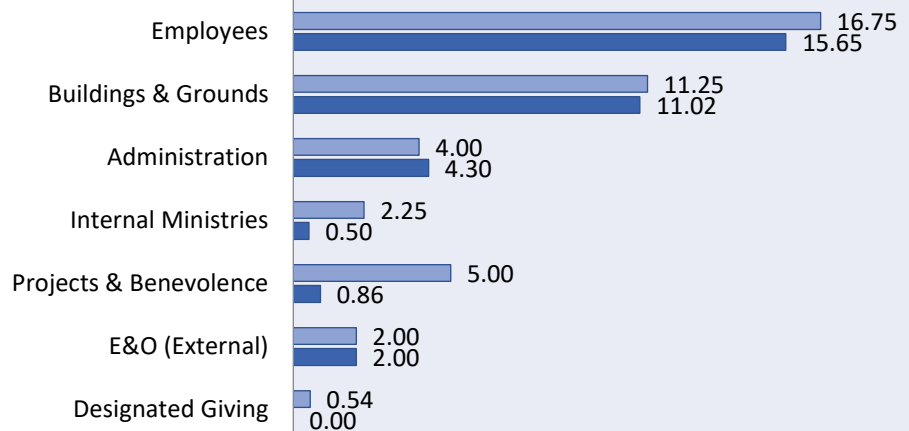
Arusha Community Church 2022 Expenditure through 30 June

(in TSh millions)

■ Projected thru 30 Jun: 41.79

■ Actual thru 30 Jun: 34.33

Expenditure in first half 2022 was TSh 1.71 million higher than same period last year, but TSh 7.46 million below budget. Our Projects & Benevolence and E&O (External) committees have resumed spending activities. Thanks be to God!



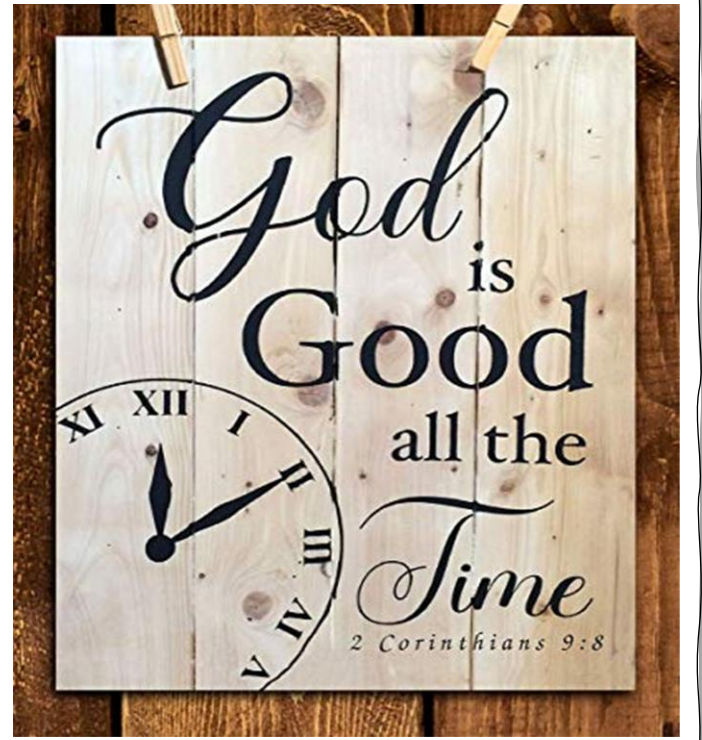
ACC PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request and would like members of our community to support you in prayer, contact the four key persons – if possible by SMS- and they will inform the others from the prayer chain.

Erwin Kinsey	0754 480 184
Margaret Kenyi Susan	0754 090 078
Simonson Stella	0754 266 559
Karumuna	0754 281 337

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meets at ACC :	NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meets:
Monday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Tuesday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Tuesday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Thursday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Thursday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Saturday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Friday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	
Saturday 10:00am – 11:00am	



Check out our Facebook page: **“Arusha Community Church”** for updates and news. You can add your words of encouragement in the comments section. Tupo Pamoja!



Mission Statement:

Arusha Community Church seeks to bring Christian praise and witness to God through worship, service and study. The congregation provides opportunity for Christian fellowship, service and witness, community outreach, personal growth and family growth. Recognizing the close link between worship and culture, Arusha Community Church has an inter-denominational ministry to the international community in Arusha.



August 2022 Worship

	August 7, 2022	August 14, 2022	August 21, 2022	August 28, 2022
Church Calendar	Proper 14, 9th Sunday after Pentecost	Proper 15, 10th Sunday after Pentecost	Proper 16, 11th Sunday after Pentecost	Proper 17, 12th Sunday after Pentecost
Service Type	Communion	Morning	Communion	Family
Service Leader	Susan Simonson	Erwin Kinsey	Penina Oredson	John Kraft
Preacher	Eric Mbelle	Rev. Israel Meitamei	Erwin Kinsey	Fr. Oliver O'Brien
Musician(s)	Randy Stubbs	Sion Miraa	Joachim	Erwin Kinsey
Duty Elder	Eric Mbele	Wison Mzirai	Sion Miraa	Michael Murray
Zoom Host	Lawrence Menda	Aron Severe	Jessicca Shayo	Sion Miraa
Sound Projector	Andrea Thomas	Tumsifu Mushi	Goodluck Kaaya	Aron Severe
Ushers	Jacqueline Njau, Innocent Massawe	Jacqueline Njau, Innocent Massawe	Jacqueline Njau, Innocent Massawe	Jacqueline Njau, Innocent Massawe
Flowers	Rebecca Ndorossy	Irene Mchomvu	Christy Rowe- Miller	Jane Mashingia
Library				
Books				
DVDs				
Scripture Readings	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17	Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

