

# Glad Tidings

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## Letter from the church council.

*“Discover God-given purpose of your life”*

*Psalm 57:2 says, “I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills His purpose for me.”*

If I could ask you what makes you angry, joyful, excited or passionate, what would you say? Take note of when your emotions are moved; these times can be a sign of your God-given purpose. There are so many gifts in you which can be used to serve the Lord. Talking about Christ and doing works that serve Him stirs me up. When coupled with talents, passions will point in the direction of your purpose of things that deeply impact people on a spiritual and emotional level.

If you want to learn about your God-given purpose, the following are great places to start:

1. Prioritize Bible reading daily
2. Worship
3. Pray
4. Pursue, prayerfully, talents and passions in practical ways.
5. Involve yourself in Christian community

Ask God to show you the things that move you and make a list. And remember, He wants you to discover His purpose for you more than you do. He is completely able to reveal your purpose to you, and He will as you diligently seek Him (Heb. 11:6). Consider that your purpose is not just about you; it's about what God wants to do through you.

The Arusha Community Church provides most of its income to support community through its various committees. This support has touched the lives of many who are in need. The gospel has reached out to diverse groups in the communities, particularly the youth and so much more! May the Lord use you through your purpose to offer this support indirectly through your offering. ACC receives free will offerings from its members and non-members to finance its ministries and projects. You are welcome to join others in this purpose!

We should serve God and others with all that we have, not only our tithes. In Mark 12:41-44 Jesus pointed out to his disciples how the poor widow put the last bit of money she had in the temple treasury.

Giving offerings is about serving God with our whole life and following Him faithfully.

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THINK about it! God blesses us so that we may be a blessing to others, and so that we may honour Him, also with the money and possessions He has entrusted to our care. Remember in everything that you undertake to do, God has called you to a purpose and wants you to walk in it — for others and for your own joy!

“Arise!! This matter is in your hands. We will support you, so take courage and do it” - Ezra 10.4.

- Andrea Thomas, Council Member



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **EVENING OF SACRED MUSIC – 09 JUNE 2023**  
Join us for an evening of sacred Pentecost music. Local choirs and musicians are invited to join in. Please indicate your interest in performing by getting in touch with Erwin Kinsey (0754 480 184) or Vivi Mollé (0685345429).
- **INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK – 11 JUNE 2023**  
We will celebrate our ethnic diversity with food offerings from all the cultures present, with food supplemented by Chakula House. It will give us a chance to say goodbye to possibly departing members, and welcome new members ‘into the circle’. All church members are welcome to bring traditional food to share, topped up by lunch ordered from outside enough for everyone to have a good fill.



### Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meets at ACC:

- Monday:** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
- Tuesday:** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
- Friday:** 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Saturday:** 10:00am – 11:00am
- Sunday:** 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

### Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meets at ACC:

- Tuesday:** 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Thursday:** 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Friday:** 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

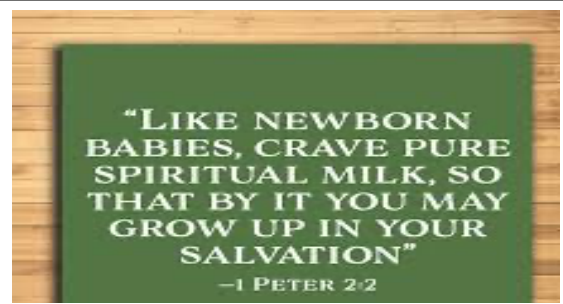
### TIME and ABILITY form (TAA)

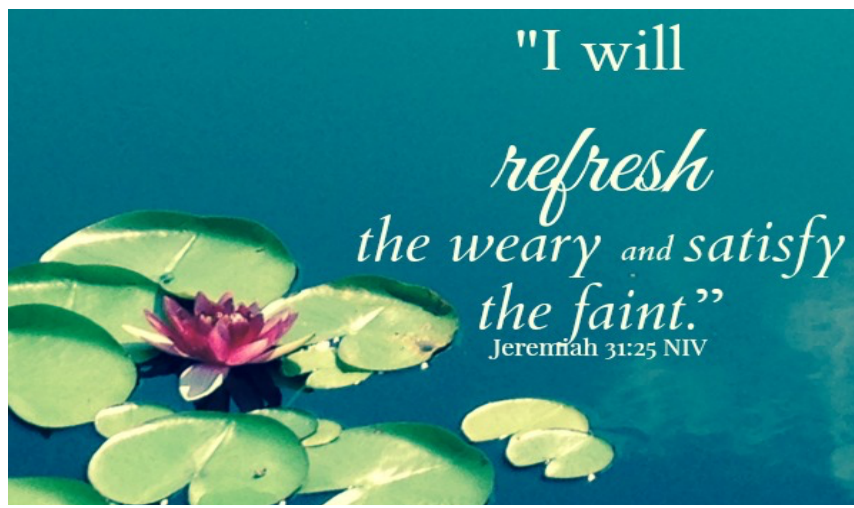
*How can you serve the congregation?*

There is a TAA form available to fill in (you can ask the Duty Elder or get one from the church office). This lets you know what are the activities and programs of the church that you can be involved with, and where your service can be used.

It also helps the church office be updated on any contact information changes; and you can sign up to receive Glad Tidings, our monthly newsletter, on the same form.

And as always, if you have any questions, please ask.





**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**

**TSH:**ACCOUNT NUMBER 00 300 23 252

**USD:**ACCOUNT NUMBER 00 300 35 020

**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:

**MPESA**

**M-PESA DEPOSIT NUMBER:** +255755992394

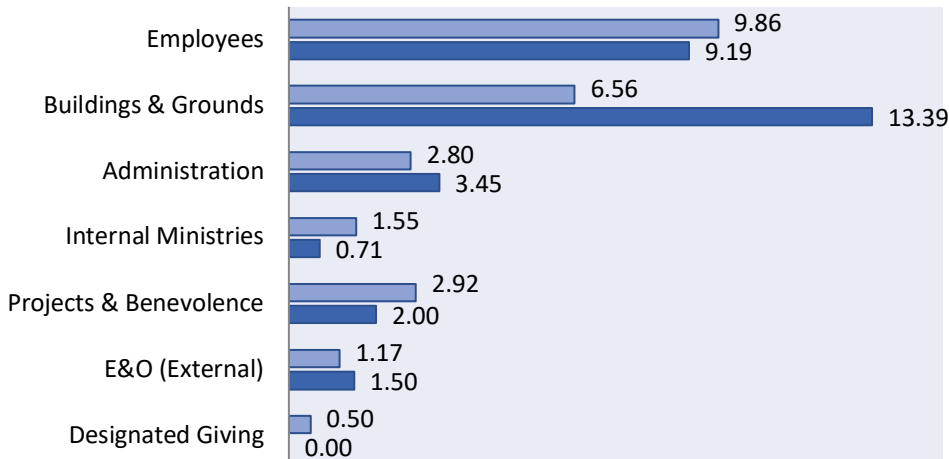
**NAME:** NASIEKU MOLLEL (Church Administrator)

**Arusha Community Church 2023 Expenditure through 15 April**  
(in TSh millions)

Projected thru 15 Apr: 25.35

Actual thru 15 Apr: 30.24

2023 expenditure thru 15 April was TSh 11.10 million higher than the same period last year, and TSh 4.89 million above this year's 15 April target, reflecting recent expenditures on facility renovations & equipment repair.





# A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, today, we pray for mothers everywhere.

Bless moms who are expecting a baby. Calm their fears and keep their new little life safe. Bless mothers who have babies and toddlers and are in a busy season of bottles, sippy cups, and endless laundry. Give strength to moms of little ones. They need it, Lord.

Bless mothers who have busy school-aged children. Gift them with an extra measure of wisdom to answer questions, model maturity, and mold young hearts.

Bless mothers who parent teens. Allow them the grace to let go when needed and the courage to provide firm boundaries when required.

Bless mothers of adult children that they would savor the joy of friendship with their child.

Bless single mothers with the strength to fulfill many roles. Provide them with supportive people in their lives.

Bless moms who are married that they would care for their children by making their husbands a priority.

Bless grandmothers who have the double blessing of being both mother and grandmother.

May they spoil their grandkids with abandon.

We pray peace for mothers who have lost a child and for women who are grieving because of infertility.

Give us eyes to see women around us who struggle to mother well. Help us be the hands and feet of Jesus to them.

Thank you for our mothers. They gave us life and for that gift we are forever grateful.

We pray for mothers everywhere.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

## 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.

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



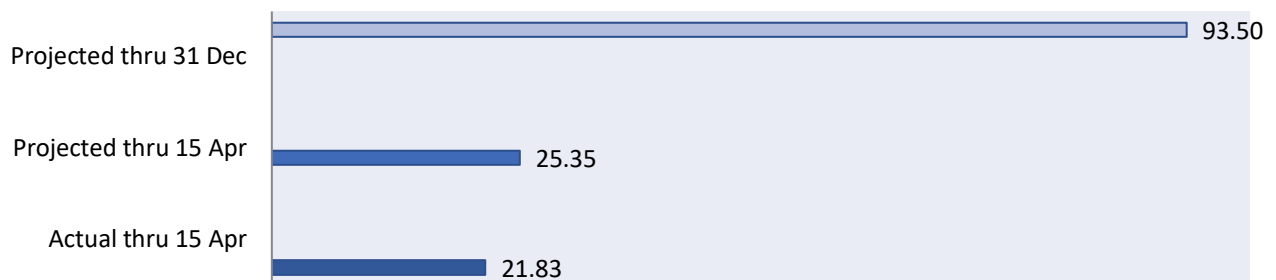
LISTEN, MY SON, TO YOUR  
FATHER'S INSTRUCTION AND DO  
NOT FORSAKE YOUR MOTHER'S  
TEACHING.

*Proverbs 1:8-9*



## Arusha Community Church 2023 Income through 15 April

(in TSh millions)



2023 income thru 15 April was TSh 3.25 million higher than the same period last year, but TSh 3.52 million below this year's 15 April target; please consider assisting as able.

## May 2023

	May 7, 2023	May 14, 2023	May 21, 2023	May 28, 2023
<b>Church Calendar</b>	<b><i>5th Sunday after Easter</i></b>	<b><i>6th Sunday after Easter</i></b>	<b><i>Seventh Sunday after Easter</i></b>	<b><i>Pentecost</i></b>
<b>Service Type</b>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Family</i>
<b>Service Leader</b>	Eliel Gideon	Jessica Shayo	Michael Murray	Moira Brehony
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Levin Mwakidedi	Rev Pat Patton	Randolf Tebbs	Saena Yun
<b>Musician(s)</b>	Megan Ndale	Randy Stubbs	Sion Miraa	JD Park
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Wilson Mziray	Erwin Kinsey	Eliel Gideon	Sion Miraa
<b>Zoom Host</b>	TBD	TBD	Jessica Shayo	Sion Miraa
<b>Sound Projector</b>	Gerard Sebastian	Lawrence Menda	Goodluck Kaaya	Tumsifu Mushi
<b>Ushers</b>	Cifa Chalo	Esuvat Lobulu	Paul Michael	Debbie Laiser
<b>Flowers</b>	Erwin Kinsey	Erwin Kinsey	Christy Miller	Immaculate Shija
<b>Scripture Readings</b>	<b>Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5,15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14</b>	<b>Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21</b>	<b>Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10,32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11</b>	<b>Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20, 19-23</b>

*“Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.” – James 1:17*