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Editorial

The Fourth Edition of our newsletter unfolds under the theme "**Hopeful Generation**," based on Hebrews 10:23, *Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful*. As you read through this edition of our newsletter, may you be reminded that you are part of a generation chosen to carry the hope of Christ into the world.

We are happy to share that each article has been thoughtfully and prayerfully prepared to encourage, inspire and remind us that God is working through the lives of our young people today. This edition includes reflection of God's Word, reports from recent youth activities, testimonies, celebration of excellence and upcoming activities.

It is our hope and prayer that every page reminds you that a generation anchored in Christ will always find hope in His unfailing promises.

~Ms. Athena Akavi, *Networking Team*

HOPEFUL GENERATION (Hebrews 10:23)

The theme of this newsletter is rooted in Hebrews 10:23, which encourages us to hold fast to the faith we profess and to remain resilient, optimistically seeking purpose and meaning. The author's primary concern was for his readers to remain faithful and steadfast in their faith and hope in the Lord despite all they were enduring (Heb. 10:32–35).

Life was not easy for the early believers. Unlike our generation, they faced intense opposition from every side, enduring persecution, suffering and uncertainty. It would have been very tempting for them to give up their faith in Christ, lose hope and return to the familiarity and security of their former way of life. Yet, in the midst of these hardships, the writer of Hebrews exhorts them to "hold unswervingly to the hope we profess" (Heb. 10:23). This hope was rooted in

God's faithfulness and in the promise that Christ would return to bring His people into eternal glory. There was nothing in their lives that could compare with this hope. Therefore, they were encouraged to remain resilient, optimistic and steadfast in their faith despite the hardships they faced.

Today, as we reflect on this passage, may we, as the Hopeful Generation, refuse to let the challenges of our time distract us from living with hope. Despite the many issues confronting our generation, may we actively seek purpose, meaning and solutions in a world filled with uncertainty, while remaining firmly rooted in our faith in God. May the hope we hold in Christ continue to shape our identity, define our resilience and optimism and inspire us to lead this generation with unwavering hope in Him.

Ms. Jeviholi Swu
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LADIES SUNDAY - June 21, 2026



NBCC YOUTH DAY - July 5, 2026



CREATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE - UNBB Prayer Fellowship July 12, 2026



Celebrating EXCELLENCE

“May God continue to raise a generation that seeks excellence, serves with humility and shines for Christ in every sphere of life.”



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THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' *Corner*

I bring warm greetings in the matchless name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. It is with immense joy and gratitude that I write this to shed light on the theological students of our Church and our shared experiences in this journey. We are roughly about 25 of us who are currently studying Doctor of Theology, Master of Theology, Bachelor of Divinity and Masters in Divinity under different seminaries and colleges such as TTC (Dimapur), CTC (Mokokchung), KUTS (Kerala), GLTC (Chennai), UTC (Bengaluru), ATC (Mizoram), ETC (Jorhat), OTS (Chümoukedima) and more in different parts of our country.

Theological journey has been a transformative journey of learning, spiritual growth and self-discovery. It has deepened our understanding of God, Scripture, theology and ministry, while also challenging us to grow in faith and character.

If I were to introspect one area that the LORD is moulding us through this journey, is to not give up no matter how much we seem to fail but to always get back up. We are also, challenged the most in learning to balance our spiritual and academic life.

However, the prayers of the church serve as a reminder that we are not serving alone and it gives us strength, encouragement and confidence to continue our journey. And with this confidence, we plead the church to continue to uphold us in your faithful prayers that we may have an insightful and meaningful learning process and to be moulded into excellent servants of the church, for the LORD.

Ms. Loqheli K. Yeptho
BD 3, TTC



Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

~Matthew 9:37-38

AN EVENING WITH THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS'

May 24, 2026



DANCING GENERATION -May 31, 2026



MEN'S SUNDAY - June 7, 2026



WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY - June 14, 2026



CREATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE - *United Prayer Fellowship* May 3, 2026



BRIDGING THE GAP - *May 17, 2026*



DANCING GENERATION



WINNERS



GROUP 1
NIU/VETY
PRAYER FELLOWSHIP



GROUP 2
NB/RB
PRAYER FELLOWSHIP



GROUP 3
WALFORD
PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

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Service Timing

04:00 PM
EVERY SUNDAY

(Every last Sunday of the month,
the Youth Service is conducted
in the Respective Fellowship.)

FINDING *Hope* FROM HIS *Word*

Anxious	-	Philippians 4:6-7
Afraid	-	Isaiah 41:10
Angry	-	James 1:19-20
Feeling Alone	-	Deuteronomy 31:6
Discouraged	-	Joshua 1:9
Weak	-	2 Corinthians 12:9-10
Tempted	-	1 Corinthians 10:13
Confused	-	Proverbs 3:5-6
Facing Decisions	-	James 1:5
Needing Peace	-	John 14:27
Feeling Guilty	-	1 John 1:9
Struggling with Sin	-	Psalms 51:10-12
Grateful	-	Psalms 100:1-5
Waiting on God	-	Isaiah 40:31
Feeling Unworthy	-	Romans 8:1
Needing Strength	-	Isaiah 40:29-31
Wanting to Grow Spiritually	-	2 Timothy 3:16-17
Losing Hope	-	Romans 15:13
Feeling Overwhelmed	-	Psalms 46:1-3
Battling with Sexual Immorality	-	1 Corinthians 6:13-20
Needing Wisdom	-	Proverbs 2:6

Upcoming Events

AUGUST 2, 2026

Friendship Sunday

AUGUST 15-16, 2026

**Revival Worship Pulpit Exchange
DoYM WSBK Worship Night**

AUGUST 4, 2026

**One Day Worship Seminar
DoYM WSBK**

AUGUST 22-23, 2026

**Revival Worship Pulpit Exchange
DoYM WSBK Worship Night**

AUGUST 9, 2026

**Creative Worship Sunday
Niu/Vety**

AUGUST 30, 2026

**Youth Service will be held in their
respective Prayer Fellowships**



DANCING for His Glory

Ms. V. Ahoni Sumi
YMCM I/C

When and how did you start dancing?

- I started Dancing from a very young age. It started from Learning Choreography from my Sunday School Teachers

What inspired you to use dance in worship?

- My Biggest Inspiration was to Glorify God with the Talent that He blessed me with and to let everyone know & feel the JOY that comes within when we worship God through dance.

How has dance deepened your relationship with God?

- Through every Praise/Worship song that i choose to dance, I have grown to express my Gratitude towards him. And this has truly helped me deepen my relationship with God over the years.

How have you seen God use your dance ministry to encourage or draw others closer to Him?

- The individuals and groups I have had the privilege of teaching-whether children, youth, mothers, fathers or people of all ages have consistently shared

positive feedback. Many have testified that they came to understand what it truly means to worship God through dance in gospel songs. They have expressed how it spoke deeply to their hearts, brought them peace, made them feel lighter and inspired them to continue dancing as an act of worship to the LORD. These testimonies are the greatest affirmation that God is at work through this ministry.

What would you say to youths who feel called to worship God through dance or other creative gifts?

- If you are out there and you know God has Gifted you with certain Talent, the first thing I want you to understand is God wants you to Worship & Glorify His name through your Gift/talent.

Secondly, you are Gifted to encourage others so never hesitate to show, teach & motivate them to use it for his Glory.

Thirdly, There is a season for everything and the Season of being a Youth is the best & the shortest one so come out and use it before its too late.

How can they ensure their focus remains on glorifying God rather than performing for people?

- "All for His Glory" is the principle I stand by and strive to practice in every dance and performance. When you truly understand that dance is an act of worship and keep that conviction in your heart, your focus shifts from seeking people's approval to glorifying God alone. Using the talents He has given us for His glory keeps our hearts and motives aligned with Him, ensuring that our attention remains on God rather than on the audience.



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A Look Back on Our **YMCM HALF-YEARLY RETREAT**

Walking by the Spirit

~Galatians 5:16

The Half-Yearly YMCM Retreat at the CBCC Mission Centre, Pfutsero, was a refreshing time to pause, reflect, reconnect, and renew our commitment to youth ministry. It gave us an opportunity to look back on the first half of the year, celebrate what had been accomplished, acknowledge our challenges, and seek renewed strength for the journey ahead.

After arriving and settling in, we began with reports from the various fellowships and committees, facilitated by our Youth Pastor, Mr. V. Shitovi Sema. The session was filled with prayer, reflection, encouragement, and fellowship, along with plenty of laughter through Nino and Bohuka's entertainment.

After an early morning bible study on Ephesians 4:11-16, the day started with a session by the Speaker Mrs. Viqheli Awomi Chuzo (Counsellor) encouraging us to examine what it truly means to walk by the Spirit, to remain authentic in our faith, live out what we profess, and face life with faith and courage.

Our retreat also took us to Peak of Hope, where the 504-step climb tested our endurance! Yet, as we encouraged and waited for one another, the climb became a beautiful reminder that difficult journeys become lighter when we walk them together.

We returned to Dimapur tired in body but renewed in spirit, carrying with us joyful memories, deeper fellowship, and a renewed commitment to walk by the Spirit and serve faithfully in the Youth Ministry.

Ms. Ninotoli S. Chophy
Youth Intern, DSBC



SERMON RECAP

The Purpose of **GOD'S GIFTS**



Rev. Hokheli Yeptho
Asst. Women Pastor

Rev. Hokheli Yeptho reminded the congregation that while God has blessed each of us with unique gifts and talents, His greatest gift to humanity is His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we receive salvation, forgiveness, and eternal life. Drawing from *1 Corinthians 10:31* and *Colossians 3:23*, she encouraged believers to use their gifts to glorify God in everything they do. She emphasized that every talent, whether in worship, service, or daily work, should reflect God's glory. Sharing from her personal experience, she spoke about learning weaving, knitting, and making traditional mora from her father—skills that later became a source of livelihood. Her testimony served as a reminder that no work is insignificant when done with diligence and faithfulness. She concluded by challenging the youth not to waste their time, especially on social media, but instead to develop their God-given gifts and use them wisely for God's glory and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Bridging The **G A P**

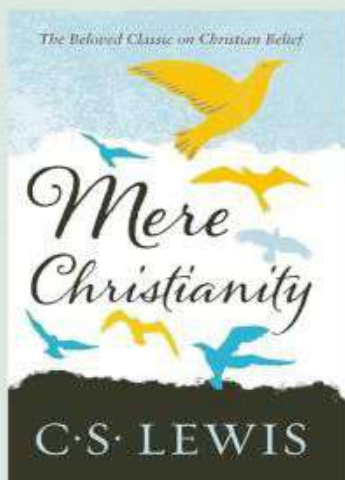
Mrs. Vinatoli Shohe shared a message of encouragement as the church welcomed the teens who are stepping into the Youth Ministry.

Drawing from the relationship between Paul and Timothy, she reminded the youth to warmly receive and mentor the younger generation. Just as Paul recognized Timothy's potential and encouraged him to faithfully use the gifts God had given him, today's youth are called to do the same.

She emphasized that every teen has a unique personality, different talents, and a God-given purpose. These gifts should never be neglected or misused but nurtured with wisdom and love for the glory of God. The responsibility of the Youth Ministry is not only to welcome them but also to guide, encourage, and help them grow into faithful followers of Christ who will use their gifts to serve Him.



Mrs. Vinatoli Shohe
Asst. Children Pastor



Have you Read this Yet? **Mere Christianity- C. S. Lewis**

The man behind *The Chronicles of Narnia*! Ever wondered why you believe what you believe? Lewis explores faith, morality, doubt, and what it truly means to follow Christ, all in a way that makes you stop, think, and question. A timeless read for the curious Christian.

Letter to My MOTHER

Dear Mother,

As I reflect on the many blessings God has given me, I realize that one of His greatest gifts is you. Your unwavering faith, selfless love, and constant prayers have been a guiding light throughout my life. Through your words and actions, you have taught me to trust in God, to serve others with humility, and to live with kindness and integrity.

Your sacrifice, patience, and encouragement have strengthened me during difficult times and inspired me to grow in faith and character. I thank God for the example you set each day through your devotion to our family and your commitment to Christian values. May the Lord continue to bless you with good health, peace, and abundant joy. I pray that He rewards your love and faithfulness and grants you many more years of His grace. Thank you for being a loving mother and a faithful servant of God.

Your Daughter,

Ms. Litina K. Kiba
PWD Fellowship



Letter to My FATHER

Dear Father,

I admire you not because you are flawless but because you turned your every struggle into your strength. Times when giving up seems to be the easiest option, yet you never did because it was never the absence of pain that made you strong but the presence of hope that kept you going.

The greatest gift in life was never what you gave me, but it was having you beside me. Back then in my high school, I heard this quote that said, "Anyone can be a father but it takes someone special to be a Dad." At that point I didn't know what it meant, but now I do, and thus now with full certainty I can say, life's finest and greatest gift was my privilege to call you Dad. For me, the proudest day of my life would not be the day I become successful, but the day when you say you are proud of me.

With each passing year, your white hair becomes more noticeable, and so does the realization that while I was growing, you were getting old. It pains me to know that time is taking you away little by little, and how I wish to treasure every moment with you even more.

People often say honey is the sweetest thing in the world, but even honey cannot be sweeter than your love. I promise to honour it by becoming someone you can be proud of.

Your Son,

Mr. Akivinoto Y. Muru
United Colony

