LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED.

TOPIC:
LIFE MUST GO ON
INTRODUCTION

1. What is happening in the congregation.
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II. WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE CHURCH.

1. Death! Death!! Death!!!
   - Early this year our Minister Kofi Tawiah died through motor accident in far away Upper East Region.

2. The death of the man of Generosity - Stephen Mensah, also through motor accident. This close to his residence at Adentan in Accra.
   - Like our late Minister he was also serving the Lord.
3. Questions that are been asked include
   ❖ "What has OSU CHURCH done wrong to deserve these disastrous deaths".
   ❖ "Lord for how long will you sit down unconcerned?"

4. (Rev.6:9-11) Permit me quote this passage out of context in to answer these questions
1. The death of Miriam the elder sister of Moses was announced. (Num.20:1-2).

2. Something happened in the same place, Kadesh which will later cause the death of her two brothers (Aaron and Moses). Num.20:1-12.

3. (Num.20 22-29)
   - The Lord killed Aaron on Mount Hor.
4. (Deut. 34:1-12).
   - Moses was also killed and buried Lord on Mount Pisgah.

5. (Joshua 1:1-2).
   - It seems that after the death of Moses the appointed Leader (Joshua) was still there, not knowing what to do. He lost focus of the mission - journey to the promised land.

6. But life must go on.
MESSAGE TO THE LEADERSHIP
(JOSHUA 1:1-6)

1. Consider the emphasis on the death of Moses by the Lord... Moses death .... Moses is dead.

2. Then the Lord said " ... Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross Jordan river.
   - Our Minister Kofi Tawiah is dead and gone.
   - Our ELDER Stephen Mensah is also dead and gone.

3. But life must go on.
   - Let us not loose focus on the Vision and Mission of the Church.
MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERS
(JOSHUA 1:7-9)

1. "... Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be dismayed: for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

2. (Rom.8:35-39) " ... But in all these things we are more than conquerors ..."

3. (1 Thes.4:13-18).

4. "... Encourage one another with these words").
FOCUS ON JESUS.

1. In situation like this we only have to focus on Jesus Christ who is the author and finisher of our faith.

2. Consider the words of Christ in John 14:1. "Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God believe also in me".

3. Then in Matthew 28:20.
   "... behold I am with you always to the end of the age".
1. Christ in you the hope of glory.
2. Let's pray.
3. (John 11:25-26)