



**GULF COAST JURISDICTION**  
*February 2018*

**God knows how to bring a resurrection**

*Gulf Coast Jurisdiction celebrates Bishop Charles D. Smith's appreciation/birthday*

FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA. – The Gulf Coast Jurisdiction celebrated the pastoral appreciation and 67th birthday of its bishop at an annual meeting.

The event, held Feb. 9-11, at Promise Church, 716 Edge St., opened that Friday night. Gulf Coast pastors encouraged the saints that Jesus is coming soon, so work out your own salvation.

Bishop Charles D. Smith, Presiding Bishop of Gulf Coast Jurisdiction encouraged the pastors and elders in the Saturday morning seminar that, pastors should have the heart of God. “Pastor must give people the gospel according to God’s heart. He was referring to the scripture in Jeramiah 3:15.

“The most important person in the church is the pastor. People will stay in the church, because of the pastor. ‘Imposed discipline’ does not happen in the church, pastors must win the people,” said Bishop Smith. “Pastors must do everything in the church to win the congregation within the parameters of the gospel. Pastors must have the right mind and spirit before they talk to people that visit the church to know what to say. The wisdom and knowledge from God’s heart gives eternal life,” he added.

Bishop Smith said, “Pastors must see the rebellion in themselves through the people. Only by free will of the people, does God get the glory.” “When we preach, we have to be pure enough so the Holy Spirit touches the spirit of the people. Pastors are to serve the people,” he added.

The banquet gave district superintendents, pastors, elders, ministers and lay members the opportunity to present gifts and give encouraging words to Bishop Smith.

Bishop Smith closed the banquet by thanking everyone for coming. “I appreciate you taking time to attend this appreciation and pray that God will bless you richly for your giving and encouraging words,” he said.



A yoke-breaking service followed the banquet and the pastors encouraged the people not to forget all God has done, but be thankful and endure to the end, because Jesus is coming soon.

Bishop Smith culminated his three-day appreciation weekend on Sunday morning with a word for the people about the Prophet Elijah and the Widow woman (1 Kings 17). “Some people were in a famine and had no hope and other people had God. The devil wants you to focus your attention from God and look at the famine. God told the woman to expect the Man of God,” he said.

Referring to when Elijah told the Widow woman to make him a little cake, Bishop Smith said, “Sometimes God will say let something go, because God is going to bless you. Sometimes you can hold on to something too tight until you cannot get what God has for you. God sent the famine, but He told the people, who would listen, it will be alright, because you will have a better meal barrel and cruise of oil.”

Bishop Smith closed by saying, “God knows how to bring about a resurrection. Have faith in God and we ought to obey God.”



**(In the Photos:** (Front page) Bishop Smith praying for two saints during his birthday and anniversary celebration. (Above) CLGI saints enjoying Bishop Smith’s birthday and anniversary celebration.) **Photos by Sister Tonya Bloxson.**

## **BISHOP'S CORNER**

*Thank you!*

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Thanks so much to everyone who had anything to do with my birthday/appreciation celebration. Whether you were directly involved in the planning/program, in attendance or sent up a prayer on my behalf, I am truly thankful.

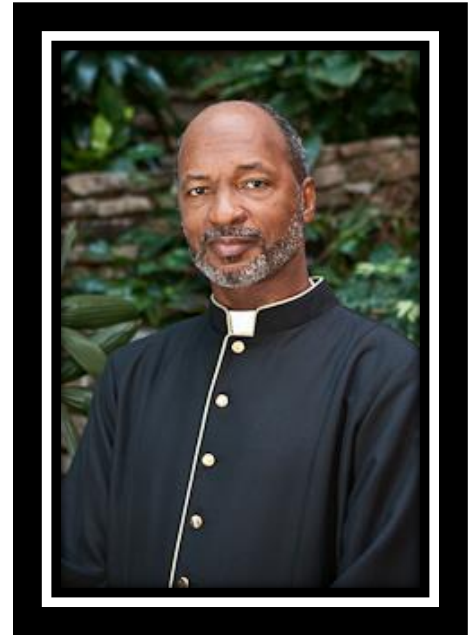
I especially thank Minister Bretta Elzy, Minister Shaundra Smith and all the Promise CLGI saints, who worked diligently to make all parts of the celebration a success. A special thanks to Elder Carlos Thompson, Pastor of Christ the Redeemer and Minister Curtis Bell, Pastor of Life in Christ, who taught inspiring seminars to increase the faith of the saints.

Thank you also for the cards, financial blessings and words of encouragement, but most of all just for your love and concern. I love you all!

Please keep Elder Treani Thompson, the Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Missions Director and her staff in prayer as they prepare for the upcoming Missions Conference, hosted by the New Covenant CLGI saints in Montgomery, Ala. on March 10-11. Please do your best to attend, because I believe the Lord will once again meet us at this conference and pour out his Spirit and blessings in abundance.

God bless you all!

Bishop Charles D. Smith  
Pastor of Promise CLGI and  
Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop



## More February stories

### Category: Events

*Two churches had revivals; another presented Valentine's gifts and held a youth and young adult outing.*

- **From New Hope:** The Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Evangelistic Team held a revival at New Hope church Feb. 22-23 in Melbourne, Fla. On Friday night, Elder Ruth Latham, the GCJ Evangelistic Team Coordinated encouraged the saints to, "Have faith in God" and on Saturday night she said, "Jesus is coming soon." (Mark 11:22, Philippians 2:5-11, Hebrews 12:1-4, 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) She told the saints not to be discouraged, but have the mind of Christ and look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of their faith. She said, "It took more faith for Jesus to trust that God was going to raise him from the dead and restore his glory, than it takes for us to believe God to work out our situations." "Be steadfast, because Jesus has given us the victory."

On Saturday night Minister Sirita Loiseau, a member of the Evangelistic team, told the saints, "God is with us and he is our refuge and strength." (Psalms 46:1-3, 10-11) She said that the Lord told us to be still, because he will lift us up. "When the enemy comes in like a flood, God will lift up a standard for us." She encouraged the saints to ask, seek and knock and God will answer their prayers. (Matthew 7:7-8)

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- **From Prince of Peace:** The saints were encouraged at Prince of Peace church that, "Jesus cares for you." Elder Ruth Latham, Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Evangelistic Team Coordinator and Minister Sirita Loiseau held a one-day revival in Jacksonville, Fla. on Feb. 25. Elder Latham told the saints that Jesus said in Matthew 11:28 to come unto him all those who labour and are heavy-laden, and he would give them rest. "We can cast our cares upon Jesus, because he cares for us," she said. (1 Peter 5:7) She added that, "Jesus know his sheep and we're in his hand and no one can take us out of his hand." She concluded by encouraging the people that Jesus has gone to prepare a place for them and is coming back to get them, where they will live with him forever. (John 14:1-3 and Revelation 21:1-7)

Minster Loiseau was the mistress of ceremony and encourage the saints to hold on and endure to the end so they can be saved and go back with Jesus when he comes.

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- **From Christ the Redeemer:** Christ the Redeemer celebrated and appreciated all of their Elect Ladies on Valentine's Day. Assistant Pastor and First Lady, Elder Treani Thompson gave every woman a chocolate-covered rose and brownies.





- **From Christ the Redeemer:** Christ the Redeemer's Youth and Young Adult Department hosted their first "Dinner and a Word" at O'Neal's Restaurant. Minister Shaneika Brinkley, the local Youth and Young Adult Director encouraged everyone to read the book of Ruth. Everyone ate and discussed the Word of God.

*Minister Kourtney Littlejohn:* "It was truly a blessing and the youth and young adults had a great time!"

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### **Category: Testimony**

*God is a healer and his miracle working power never fails.*

- **From Prince of Peace:** Pastor Paulette Harrison thanks everyone who prayed for her while she was in the hospital. God is a good God and his healing power is still working. She is out of the hospital and home recovering. Please continue to pray for her complete healing and speedy recovery. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 4:16)
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### **Category: Upcoming Events**

- **From the Evangelistic Team:** Below is the 2018 schedule of revivals throughout the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction. Please pray for the Evangelistic team that the Lord will use them mightily to speak words that are Spirit and life and confirm His Word by miracles, wonders and signs.

#### **2018 Revival Schedule**

Mar 22-23 (Thur-Fri) *Holy of Holies Tabernacle*, Holiday, Fla. (*Confirmed*)

May 8-9 (Tue-Wed) *Way of Holiness*, Gainesville, Fla. (*Confirmed*)

May 10 (Thur) *Life in Christ*, Tallahassee, Fla. (*Confirmed*)

May 17-18 (Thur-Fri) *Emmanuel*, Parker, Fla. (*Confirmed*)

Aug 7-8 (Tue-Wed) *Christ the Redeemer*, Gulfport, Miss. (*Confirmed*)

Aug 9-10 (Thur-Fri) *Promise*, Ft Walton Beach, Fla. (*Confirmed*)

Aug 21-22 (Tue-Wed) *Lily of the Valley*, Thonotosassa, Fla. (*Confirmed*)

Oct 25-26 (Thur-Fri) *Spirit of Christ*, Ft Walton Beach, Fla. (*Confirmed*)

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- **From the Editorial Staff:** Saints please be mindful of the below upcoming events for the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction.

**The 2018 Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mar 10-11	GCJ Missions Conference	Montgomery, Ala.
Apr 6-8	GCJ Elect Ladies/Brotherhood Conf.	FWB, Fla.
May 4-6	Elder Sewell/Sewell Pastoral Anniv.	Thonotosassa, Fla.
<b>May 25-27</b>	<b><i>International Elect Ladies Conf.</i></b>	<b><i>Atlanta, Ga.</i></b>
<b>Jun 4</b>	<b><i>CLGI Consecration Begins</i></b>	<b><i>N/A</i></b>
Jun 9-10	Elder Harrison Pastoral Anniv.	Jacksonville, Fla.
<b>Jun 27</b>	<b><i>CLGI Consecration Ends</i></b>	<b><i>N/A</i></b>
<b>Jun 29- Jul 8</b>	<b><i>IYYAC/Brotherhood/General Assembly</i></b>	<b><i>Mobile, Ala.</i></b>
Jul 28-29	Elder Russell Pastoral Anniv.	Montgomery, Ala.
Sep 7-9	Elder Chisolm/Chisolm Pastoral Anniv.	Melbourne, Fla.
Sep 21-23	Elder Calix Pastoral Anniv.	FWB, Fla.
Sep 29-30	GCJ CE Recreational Fellowship	Thonotosassa, Fla.
Nov 3-4	Elder Grandberry Pastoral Anniv.	Gainesville, Fla.
Nov 15-18	Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Meeting	FWB, Fla.
Dec 1-2	Elder Thompson Pastoral Anniv.	Gulfport, Miss.