



***GULF COAST JURISDICTION***  
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**Bishop Smith encourages the people not to walk in the flesh**

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. – A number of church congregations came together to hear Bishop Charles D. Smith speak at the 11th pastoral anniversary for Elder Paulette Harrison at Prince of Peace Church of the Living God International, Inc. on June 9-10.

Bishop Smith is the Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop and Pastor of Promise CLGI in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

“I wish more preachers would use honey to make the medicine (Jesus) go down better, because Jesus is good to have, just as natural medicine is good for us,” said Bishop Smith.

He encouraged the people to have more compassion. “Saints of God have a lot going on in their lives and if you don’t have enough compassion, you should leave them alone. Young people should come to church and we should leave them alone. We should only give them gracious Words of the Gospel and let that work to change them.”

Bishop Smith explained the three types of deaths and encouraged the people to draw nigh to God. “Death means separation. Physical death is when the soul and spirit, which are immortal, separate from the body. Spiritual death is separation from God, because our spirit connects us to God. Eternal death is separation from God eternally, which is the opposite of eternal life.” “We’re all going to be immortal, whether we live with God or in hell,” he added.

He admonished the people not to get to the point where their soul loses the knowledge of God as stated in Romans 1:21-28. “Even on your worst day in sin, don’t be around people who denounce God, because you don’t want Him to turn you over to a reprobate mind. In God is life and if you want to live, come to God,” he said.

“People in sin are looking for peace, but ultimately heaven,” said Bishop Smith. “Drugs dull the mind and give people a pseudo peace. Unless you are reconciled to God while your spirit and soul are still in your body, you will become eternally separated from God.” (Luke 4:18)

He said saved people should live a peaceable and happy live and have faith. “The three-letter word that destroys your faith is HOW,” said Bishop Smith. “We should believe and not worry about ‘HOW’ God is going to do it and be willing to let Him fix it.”

Bishop Smith said, “Every sinner who comes through the door of the church is overtaken in a fault and we should consider them to restore not just the saints.” “Those who have life should restore sinners in the spirit of meekness.” (Galatians 6:1)

Bishop Smith concluded in Galatians 6:9 and said, “We cannot be in the flesh, because we have to keep doing well, preaching Jesus and getting people to heaven.”



**In the Photo:** Bishop Charles D. Smith preaching at Pastor Paulette Harrison’s 11th pastoral appreciation in Jacksonville, Fla.

## The Bishop's Corner

### *The mind of Christ*

Praise the Lord Saints,

I thank God for Jesus Christ, who is our greatest example in all things, especially of how to please the Father and live a sin-free life. We must have the mind of Christ in order to do the will of God.

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” (Philippians 2:5-8)

We need to allow the Holy Ghost to change us to be more like Christ. He took the form of a servant and died for our sake, so that we could be saved. Regardless of titles, positions or semblance of power, if we are to do the will of God we must become a servant. He gave us that example as he washed the disciples' feet.

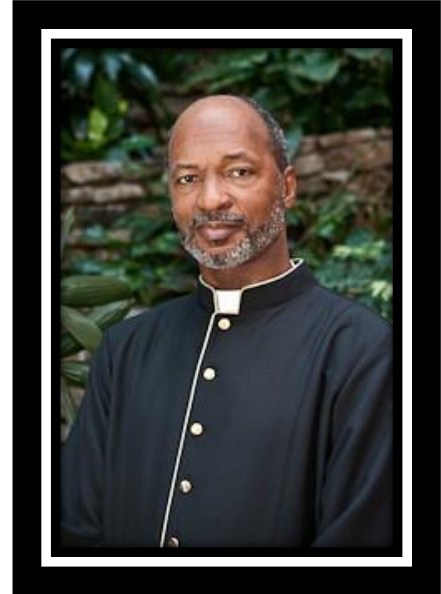
Not everything that comes to our mind is the Holy Ghost; the Word of God must try it. The devil appears as an angel of light with the intent to deceive even the very elect. Given the opportunity, he exalts us to think that we are never wrong so that we begin to walk by the flesh rather than by the Spirit. If we walk in the flesh, we will reap corruption and destroy those around us. (Galatians 6:7-8) While we should greatly hope that no one would ever be overtaken by a fault, we must never think that we or anyone else is incapable of sinning. Such a mindset is destructive and leads to idolatry. He that knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin. (James 4:17)

Continue to pray during this consecration that we will have the mind of Christ and do the will of God in our daily lives to make our calling and election sure, as we are reminded in 2 Peter 1:10-11. We then can have the assurance of our entrance into the everlasting kingdom of God.

Please register and plan to attend the upcoming General Assembly, scheduled for July 3-8, 2018 in Mobile, Ala. We need the Lord to meet us there as he did for the children of Israel on Mount Sinai and for His power to fall on all of the services.

God bless all of you,

Bishop Charles D. Smith  
Gulf Coast Jurisdiction



## More June stories

### Category: Events

*One church held a pastoral appreciation, while other saints had a military school graduation, youth outing, Father's Day celebration, car wash, movie night and a baby shower.*

- **From Prince of Peace:** The saints at Prince of Peace CLGI honored Elder Paulette Harrison, for 11 years of service as a pastor, with a two-day appreciation held June 9-10, which included two services, each with guest speakers. The theme was "Let us not be weary in well doing" (Galatians 6:9-10).



At the Saturday evening service, Elder Chuck Latham, the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Executive Officer, encouraged the saints not to mock God and to sow good seeds. "There is a way God wants us to do ministry and if we're not doing it His way, we may be mocking (turning our nose up) God. If you sow seeds from your flesh, what's reaped will be fleshly and corrupted," he added. "We all get tired (weary), but we have something that keeps us from giving up and that's the Holy Ghost. God wants to give us His best, but if we give up, we will miss it," he said,

Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop, culminated the anniversary celebration on Sunday morning by encouraging Pastor Harrison and the saints not to labour for the meat, which perisheth, but for everlasting life. (John 6:26-29) "When problems come, we have an advantage over sinners, because we have the fixer, who is Jesus."

*Pastor Paulette Harrison:* "I thank God for helping me to hold on and for each of you who attended my anniversary. I was very encouraged and uplifted!"





**In the Photos:** Saints who attended Pastor Paulette Harrison’s anniversary June 9-10 at Prince of Peace in Jacksonville, Fla.



• **From the Editorial Staff:** Minister John Williams, former Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Youth and Young Adult Director, graduated from Squadron Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala. on June 21, 2018. The six and a half-week school is designed to teach civilians, Active Duty U.S. Air Force, National Guard, Reserve and international captains, leadership skills, problem solving techniques and foster teamwork. More than 600 students attended this session of the school. Minister Williams’ flight, consisting of 14 students, known as the “Tigers” won the trophy for being the best flight to work together as a team. Although Minister Williams agreed that the school was beneficial, he said, “I am just glad it’s over so I can go back to my family.” Currently serving a military tour in Japan, his family remained there while he completed this school assignment.

*Elder Ruth Latham:* “We’re very proud of Minister John Williams!”

**In the Photo:** Minister John Williams holding his graduation diploma from Squadron Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.





• **From Lily of the Valley:** Pastor Tony Sewell took some of the youth from Lily of the Valley to see the Tampa Bay Rays play baseball on the Monday military appreciation night. The youth that went had a blast and love going to the games with Pastor T and he said he loved taking them!

*Sister Sereese Davis:* “The youth were encouraged and happy to have that outing with Pastor T.”

**In the Photo:** Sister Amy Coleman, Sister Alyssa Richardson, Sister Brangman, Sister Tori Sewell, Brother Isaiah Sewell, and Pastor Tony Sewell

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- **From Christ the Redeemer:** Christ the Redeemer’s First Lady, Assistant Pastor, Treani Thompson hosted a dinner to honor all of CTR’s faithful, fathers, mothers, and saints of God. Elder Treani thanked all of the saints for their faithfulness. The youth and young adults served everyone.

*Minister Kourtney Littlejohn:* “The fathers, mothers and saints had a wonderful time!”



**In the Photos:** (Left) Minister Griffin, Brother Madamidola, Minister Brinkley and Pastor Thompson; (Right) Christ the Redeemer’s youth and young adults.

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- **From Christ the Redeemer:** Christ the Redeemer’s Youth and Young Adult Department hosted a car wash fundraiser at a local Firestone. They enjoyed themselves and met their fundraising goal.

*Minister Kourtney Littlejohn:* “We worked together in unity to raise money for the youth and young adult department.”



**In the Photo:** Youth and young adults washing a vehicle at the fund raising event.

- **From Christ the Redeemer:** The saints at Christ the Redeemer had their first movie night/drive. The Brinkley family hosted the event and the saints watched “Wonder”.

*Minister Kourtney Littlejohn:* “Friends and neighbors came, fellowshiped and had a great time in the Lord!”



**In the Photos:** Christ the Redeemer saints at movie night.

- **Christ the Redeemer:** Christ the Redeemer surprised sister Madamidola with a surprise baby shower. She is having a boy, which is her fourth child. Sister Madamidola was really encouraged and thankful for all of the love and support.



*Minister Kourtney Littlejohn:* “We congratulate Sister Madamidola on the expected addition to her family.”

**In the Photo:** Sister Madamidola at her baby shower at Christ the Redeemer.



**In the Photos:** Sister Madamidola and Christ the Redeemer saints at her baby shower.

**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**

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*)

- **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><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Sep 21-23	Elder Calix Pastoral Anniv.	FWB, Fla.
Sep 29-30	GCJ CE Recreational Fellowship	Thonotosassa, Fla.
Nov 15-18	Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Meeting	FWB, Fla.
Dec 1-2	Elder Thompson Pastoral Anniv.	Gulfport, Miss.