



***GULF COAST JURISDICTION***  
*October 2018*

**GCJ Saints enjoy the Christian Education Recreational Fellowship**

*The annual event was held at Lily of the Valley*



THONOTOSASSA, FLA. – Saints from around the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction attended the annual Christian Education Recreational Fellowship held October 13-14 at Lily of the Valley Church in Thonotosassa, Fla.

Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop and Pastor of Promise, kicked off the event by preaching at the church service during the Saturday fellowship. He encouraged the saints to seek the Lord for themselves. “Everybody need to be saved, because, if they are not they will not go to heaven,” he said.

Bishop Smith continued to say that, “God wanted a people to worship Him of their free will. Each child at some point in his life has to decide to go to heaven of himself.”

Elder Tony Sewell, Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Christian Education Superintendent, culminated the weekend with the Sunday morning sermon. “Jesus was the Word and without Him we are most miserable. God had a plan for you and me to be saved,” he said.

At the CE recreational fellowship, the saints played games, laughed, had fun, good food and sweet fellowship.

Bishop Smith closed the fellowship on Sunday morning by thanking everyone for coming and supporting this event.

**In the Photo:** Gulf Coast Jurisdiction saints at the Christian Education recreational fellowship playing games.

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# The Bishop's Corner

## *Draw nigh unto God*

Praise the Lord Saints,

I thank God that He has given us all things pertaining to life and godliness through His Son, Jesus Christ. The bible tells us in James 4:8 to draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to us.

If we say that God is number one in our life, then He looks to see if that is true. It is a frame of mind. Heaven is real and this is not a game. In God, it is not a doing, but a yielding. We must allow ourselves to draw close to God. It is like a magnet; the closer we get to God, the stronger the pull and the more we are drawn.

The thing we must get rid of first is our soul (self). Jesus is able to save us from ourselves to the uttermost if we come to God by Him. (Hebrews 7:25) We need to stop being deep and be dead (self) unto God, so we can go to heaven. Our entry into God is by way of Jesus Christ. (II Peter 1:3-11)

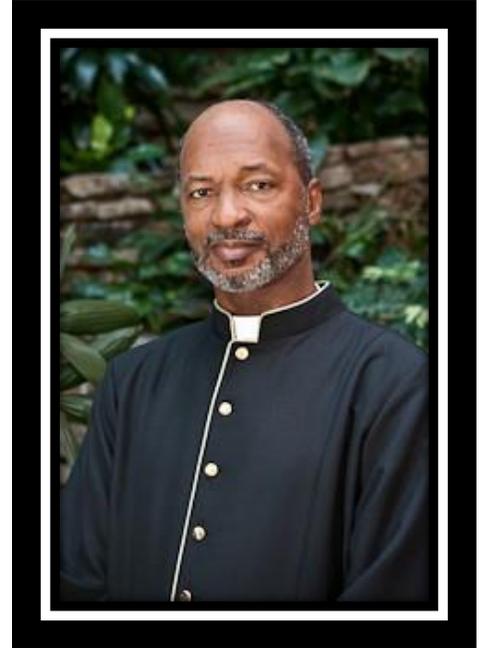
We control our soul and the only part of us God can change is the part we allow Him to change. Everything that pertains to heaven comes through Christ. We must establish our need for Jesus and heaven. If we are going to do anything in God, our objective must be heaven.

The biggest danger to our salvation is our mind. We need to get in God and stop playing around before we miss heaven. God can only anoint us with what we know about the Word of God. If we do not know the Word of God, the Holy Spirit cannot bring it back to our remembrance. We must allow the Holy Spirit to renew us in our minds. (Ephesians 4:23) We must ask ourselves, "What can my mind handle and still go to heaven?"

"This same Jesus" I am talking about is coming back in the Rapture to get us. (Acts 1:11) Saints, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, because, your labour is not in vain in the Lord. (I Corinthians 15:58)

God bless all of you,

Bishop Charles D. Smith  
Gulf Coast Jurisdiction



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### Category: Events

*Churches throughout the jurisdiction had a bible study, missionary visits, a church anniversary; a missionary event, church renovation, community service event, friends and family day, community day, hallelujah fun night, a saint selected for an internship and honor roll students received awards.*

- **From the Carrollwood Bible Study Center:** Praise the Lord! We had the first service for Carrollwood Bible Study Center at [11974 N. Florida Ave, Tampa, Florida](#), on October 7, 2018. We had Christian education at 10:00 am and worship service beginning at 11:30. We want to thank Pastors Tony and Deborah Sewell and the Lily of the Valley family for their support, prayers, and encouragement. We also want to thank Bishop Charles D. Smith and everyone else who prayed for us and encouraged us in the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction. Lastly, we want to thank the founder, Bishop Joseph White, for his words of encouragement, prayer and support along with the other saints within and without who have supported and encouraged us.

*Elder A. Hines: "We love you all!"*

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- **From Lily of the Valley:** During the month of October, Lily of the Valley saints had a visit from the Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Missions Director Elder Treani Thompson. The visit was on Friday, October 19, 2018. She taught on the purpose of the Missions department and the job of a missionary. She was a blessing to the Saints.



*Sister Sereese Davis: "We had a good time in the Lord!"*

**In the Photo:** Elder Treani Thompson, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Missions Director speaking at Lily of the Valley during a missions visit.

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- **From New Covenant:** Sunday October 28, 2018, New Covenant saints congratulated two of our youth, Sister Giselle Zawolo and Brother Gabriel Hinson for their Academic Achievement making the First Quarter A/B Honor Roll; we also included Sister JoAnna Hinson as daycare cutie. They were encouraged to keep up the great work!



- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** As part of our first church anniversary, the saints of Holy of Holies Tabernacle had a glorious time in fellowship with Elder Jonathan Grayson and Dr. Holly Grayson from Baltimore Worship Center. We Spent time eating good seafood and enjoying the spirit of unity at the beachfront in Tarpon Springs, Fla.

*Sister Kim Mastin:* “We all had a wonderful time of fellowship and good food.”



- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** Our First Church Anniversary at Holy of Holies Tabernacle was a success! The Lord moved and Elder Marcel Williams ministered to the people about God's love for us. She also told us how we should learn to love the Lord in a way that is pleasing unto Him. Elder Williams reminded the saints that we are a walking blessing and we should never forget that God's love is in those of us who have His Spirit. At Sunday service, the Spirit of the Lord came down in His Tabernacle. Elder Jonathan Grayson ministered that, “One plants, one waters, but we all still need God to give the increase.” That is exactly what God did. We had people in the community coming out and getting what the Lord wanted them to have... a place of refuge and deliverance. The church anniversary of Holy of Holies Tabernacle was a blessing and a true statement of God's love. We had a new member who sang a blessing over the service and others joined the church.



*Sister Kim Mastin:* “Praise God who gives all increase!”



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- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** The saints at Holy of Holies Tabernacle participated in the annual community Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk this year in support of our friends and family members affected by breast cancer. We had the honor of walking in unity with the saints of Carrollwood Bible Study Center and our very own Gulf Coast Missions Director, Elder Treani Thompson! Elder Thompson blessed us with the Word of God that night. She reminded us of the "The Mission" - "The Great Commission" and encouraged us to use the right approach. When reaching out, we must reach the people using love and compassion also being mindful that they must see that we have ABSOLUTE FAITH in what we believe.



*Sister Kim Mastin:* “We appreciate our Missions Director taking the time to support, encourage and fellowship with us.”

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•**From the Carrollwood Bible Study Center:** The Carrollwood Bible Study Center is located at 11974 North Florida Avenue Tampa, Fla. 33612. It is only three minutes from the Fowler exit off I-275 North. The bible study facility is in a densely populated area of North Tampa. The members of the center participated in the recently completed renovations, spearheaded by Minister Franz Loiseau of Melbourne, Fla. Minister Loiseau contributed his construction experience, helping to remodel the existing space to one that would be useful for worship and bible study activities in this residential community. Nearing the time of completion of the remodeling,

Minister Tabitha Hines had occasion to be in the Sunday anniversary service for Pastor Tom Calix with the Founder, Bishop Joseph White at Spirit of Christ. He ministered to her specifically regarding this new work, they were about to begin. He explained that they were starters well able to do the work and that this new work "Would be a well the enemy would not strive for." Bishop White also stated that once the bible study becomes an established church, the name of the work would be Redemption. The saints of the bible study center are excited to see just how the Lord is going to move in this new work,

dedicated to the scripture laid on Elder Adrian Hines' heart, John 6:37, that Jesus said "And him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Reminding us that our purpose is to reach, recover, and even restore, by simply sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Minister Tabitha Y. Hines:* "We are excited about this new work!"





• **From Carrollwood Bible Study Center:** The saints from Holy of Holies Tabernacle in Holiday, Fla. and Carrollwood Bible Study Center located in North Tampa, had the honor of participating in a community service opportunity offered in Orlando, Fla. The Orlando Veterans Administration Medical Center and Paralyzed Veterans of America hosted the 2018 National Wheelchair Games. These games consisted of 19 different sports events geared to allow the opportunity for disabled athletes to compete against others who also have similar athletic abilities from all over the country. All ages

participated; with assistance, even children participated in specially designed courses. Once signing in at the volunteer desk, a few of the saints worked in the Bocce ball events and others in basketball. We worked to assist competitors with wheelchair special equipment to insure multiple types of athletics and properly accounting for specially designed wheelchairs. We also had to be responsible for each of these custom wheelchairs, which cost tens of thousands of dollars. Minister Tabitha Hines can recall it being a unique opportunity to discuss the church as she worked the Special Equipment area with other volunteers. “It was so interesting coming all the way to Orlando, taking the opportunity to share, by volunteering through the church, only to find out that the group of folks you were talking with lived in South Tampa.”

*Minister Tabitha Hines:* “It was indeed a wonderful experience that we were glad to be a part of.”



• **From the Carrollwood Bible Study Center:** Carrollwood Bible Study Center in Tampa would like to say congratulations to Exhorter Hannah Hines on her selection for the upcoming 2019 Global Finance and Business Management Analyst Program – Winning Women event in Columbus, Ohio! JP Morgan Chase hosted this recruiting internship, which reaches out to college age students who are pursuing careers in financial analyst related field. Hundreds of students applied nationwide for paid summer internship positions in Dallas, Delaware and Columbus, Ohio. Out of all the applications sent in, Hannah was one of 20 young adult women selected to interview at a two-day

conference in Columbus. JP Morgan Chase paid all their hotel and airfare cost for this event. While there, she even had the opportunity to see Elder Ron Talley who works in the Wealth Management division of JP Morgan Chase in the same building. After this conference-style interview, Hannah received official notification that she made the final selection and would be participating in a 10-week paid internship in Columbus in the summer of 2019. She would then return to college in the fall, which after 3 and 1/2 years of hard work, she would complete her final semester at the University of Tampa, graduating a semester early in December 2019, with her Bachelors of Science degree in Finance. She, at which point, would determine if she wants to work full-time for JP Morgan Chase. Hannah is a dedicated exhorter, who never missed church services, local, jurisdictional or international conferences - even when she had a lot to do in school. We believe the Lord has honored her commitment to the ministry. The saints at Carrollwood Bible Study are so proud of the accomplishments the Lord has manifested in her life thus far and look forward to seeing what the future holds.

*Minister Tabitha Hines:* Great Job Hannah!



- **From Christ the Redeemer:** The saints at Christ the Redeemer hosted a Community Day in a nearby neighborhood. Exhorter Brinkley led the event, which included food, games, music, and fellowship.

*Minister Kourtney Littlejohn:* “We are soul winners for Christ and it is our reasonable service to tell everyone about JESUS!”





- **From Christ the Redeemer:** Christ the Redeemer’s Missions department hosted a Family and Friends Day followed by a potluck. First Lady, Elder Treani Thompson (also our Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Missions Director) really encouraged the people of how to go forth in the Lord and be an example.

*Minister Kourtney Littlejohn:* “There was fellowship, food and blessings for the people.”

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- **From Christ the Redeemer:** Christ the Redeemer’s Youth and Young Adult department, headed by Minister Shaneika Brinkley, hosted its first Hallelujah Fun Night. There was unity, food, fun, candy, and a costume contest. It also included games for adults, youth, and young adults.

*Minister Kourtney Littlejohn:* “Friends and family came and everyone had a great time in the LORD.”



## **Category: Prayer Request**

*Saints are on deployment, need healings and bereaving the loss of loved ones.*

- **From the Editorial Staff:** The below saints need prayer. If you have a prayer request, please submit it to the monthly newsletter. We will run in the newsletter the testimonies of answered prayers. "...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16)

Minister Xiomara Rivera (Healing)  
Elder T'Angela Rogers (Healing)  
Elder Carlos Thompson (Deployed)  
Minister Sean Francis (Deployed)  
Elder Kim Montgomery (Healing)  
Minister Janice Spivey (Healing)  
Brother Simeon Tanner (Healing)  
Minister McFadden (Healing)  
The Calix Family (Bereavement)

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## **Condolence Message from Bishop Smith**

The Calix Family,

On behalf of the Saints in the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction, please accept my sincere condolence for the passing of your mother, Mirtala V. Calix, better known to us as "Mama Tala". Those of us who knew her sense a deep loss as well. I pray that the Lord will comfort you all, heal your broken hearts and fill the void left in your lives.

Jesus came to heal the brokenhearted, the Lord is your shepherd and the Holy Ghost is your comforter. During this time, I pray that God's peace will be with you as you allow those in the Godhead to do what they do best, which is to work together for your good.

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7)

If any of you need anything during this time, please do not hesitate to contact me. I pray that God will continue to bless and keep you all.

Your Servant in Christ,

Bishop Charles D. Smith  
Gulf Coast Jurisdiction

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## **Thank you from the Calix Family**

On behalf of my entire family, I would like to thank everyone that expressed a word, a thought, gave us a card, flowers, hugs, and especially love during this time of our loss.

As my brother and sisters spent the last few days together, we realized again how many ways the Lord has affected our lives and how very much more our church family and friends mean to all of us.

We love you and pray the Lord will continue to keep you and bless you.

Forever in the Grace of our Lord,

The Calix Family

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### **Thank You from the Watson and Curry Family**

Saints and Friends!

The Watson and Curry family would like to wholeheartedly thank you for all of your prayers, phone calls, texts, cards, food, flowers and for holding a "high thought" in the loss of my mother, Harriett Curry.

Because of the love expressed to us during this time, we were able to get through what would have been a much more trying time. You were all so thoughtful and considerate towards our family and we cannot put into words just how much we appreciate your acts of kindness.

We pray that the blessings of the Lord would follow you each and every day.

God bless you all!

Elder Harriett Watson and Family  
Sister Henrietta Curry and Family (My Sister)

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### **Category: Upcoming Events**

- **From the Evangelistic Team:** Below are the Evangelistic team members for the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction. Please pray that the Lord will use them mightily to speak words that are Spirit and life and confirm His Word by miracles, wonders and signs. If you need a revival at your church, please contact one of the evangelist listed below to check his or her availability.

### **The Evangelistic Team Members**

1. Elder Ruth Latham
  2. Elder Tom Calix
  3. Minister Crystal Derico
  4. Minister Shaundra Smith
  5. Minister Sirita Loiseau
  6. Minister Desiree Walker
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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>
Nov 16-18	Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Meeting	FWB, Fla.
Dec 1-2	Elder Thompson Pastoral Anniversary	Gulfport, Miss.

**GULF COAST  
Jurisdictional Meeting**

Promise CLGI, Jurisdictional Headquarters  
716 Edge St.  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

**Friday, November 16, 2018**  
10:00am - Seminars  
6:30pm - Prayer  
7:30pm - Evening Service

**Saturday, November 17, 2018**  
10:00am - Seminars  
6:30pm - Prayer  
7:30pm - Evening Service

**Sunday, November 18, 2018**  
10:00am - Morning Service

***That We May Be One***  
**John 17:21-23**

**Hotel**  
TownePlace Suites Fort Walton Beach-Eglin AFB  
843 Eglin Parkway  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547  
850-315-6000  
(\$99.00 + tax)  
Group code: Gulf Coast CLGI

The last day to book a room under the group code is October 15, 2018.  
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