



GULF COAST JURISDICTION
September 2018

Bishop Smith encourages the saints to hold on to God

FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA. – Saints from around the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction gathered on Sept. 22, 2018 at Spirit of Christ church to hear Bishop Charles D. Smith encourage them in the Lord.

Bishop Smith was a guest speaker at Elder Tom Calix’s pastoral anniversary, with the theme, “Steadfast and Unmovable”. “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” (I Corinthians 15:58)

“We must make sure that the grace of God that he has shown towards us is not in vain, by doing our best to please him and make it to heaven,” said Bishop Smith.

“The Holy Ghost knows everything about me and the true me,” he added. “Things come out right in my life, when I do the will of God. When we are sure about the resurrection, we become unmovable,” he said.

“There is no group salvation and group plan; each person must work out his own salvation,” said Bishop Smith. “What I need and must have is eternal life.”

Bishop Smith encouraged the saints to be just as excited to hear about someone being saved as they are about receiving healings or other blessings. “The angels in heaven rejoice when a soul is saved and we should focus more on salvation than anything else,” he added.

In the photo: Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdiction, speaking at Spirit of Christ church during the pastoral anniversary on Sept. 22, 2018 for Elder Tom Calix, who is in the background with Elder Debbie Calix.



The Bishop's Corner

Continue in the Doctrine

Praise the Lord Saints,

I praise God for this great salvation! Paul told Timothy to continue in the Doctrine of Jesus Christ. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." (1 Timothy 4:6)

The Doctrine of Jesus Christ is what saved me and has kept me all these years. We must continue to read, study, and meditate on the Holy Scriptures, which has the Doctrine, so that we will not slip. "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;" (Hebrews 2:1, 3)

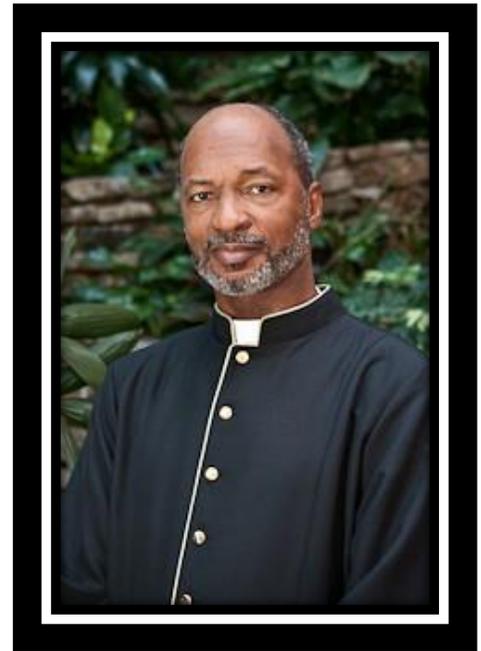
The Church of the Living God International, Inc. has the Doctrine of Jesus Christ in our Constitution and Bylaws and I encourage each of you to read, study, and teach it in your churches. There are 16 different subjects of the Doctrines that we believe, which are: Inerrancy of scripture, God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Angels, Demons, Man, Sin, Salvation, the Last Days, the Kingdom of God, Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Divine Healing, Security of Believers, Creation and the Trinity.

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive;" (Ephesians 4:13-14)

We must continue in the **RIGHT** doctrine of Jesus Christ and be found standing when He comes back for us on the cloud.

God bless all of you,

Bishop Charles D. Smith
Gulf Coast Jurisdiction



More September stories

Category: Events

Churches had revivals, a pastoral anniversary and a birthday celebration.

- **From Prince of Peace:** Elder Ruth Latham, Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Evangelistic Team Coordinator had a one-night revival on September 12 at Prince of Peace church in Jacksonville, Fla. She taught the saints, why Jesus had to die. Starting in John 3:14-17 with how God loved the world in giving his only begotten Son, and then she went to Genesis 2:15-18, 25 to show the saints how sin with Adam started. She traced through Romans 5 and 6, John 1 and Philippians 2 to explain to the saints how that whom they obey, becomes their master, whether God or the devil. She ended in Revelation encouraging the saints to endure to the end.



Pastor Paulette Harrison: “We were really encouraged and enlightened in the scriptures.”

In the photo: Elder Ruth Latham teaching at Prince of Peace during a one-night revival.

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- **From Lily of the Valley:** This month at Lily of the Valley, we celebrated Pastor Tony Sewell's 62nd birthday on Sunday, September 9. The saints cooked food and we fellowshiped after Sunday morning service. Everyone had a wonderful time celebrating with Pastor T. When Pastor Deborah Sewell asked him what he was going to do with his birthday money, he said, "I need to get more Tampa Bay Rays clothes."

Sister Sereese Davis: “It turned out to be another successful birthday gathering celebrating with our wonderful Pastor.”



In the photos: LOV saints and Pastors Deborah and Tony Sewell.



- **From New Covenant:** New Covenant's revival September 5-6 featuring our very own Shephard of the Gulf Coast, Bishop Charles D. Smith was refreshing! Bishop reminded us that salvation is real and should drive every area of our life, so we obtain eternal life. The word he gave renewed, revived, and rejuvenated the saints to hold on and lay hold on eternal life. We were encouraged that God is aware of us and that He will see us through. Have faith in God because there is a resurrection. We were truly blessed and encouraged to let the will of the Lord be done in our lives. We all have a cross to bear, so stay on your cross and let the Lord work it out for you. The scriptures he preached during the revival were II Corinthians 5:14-17, John 5:26, John 3, Luke 15, Titus 2:11, Matthew 26:36, Matthew 16:14-17, Mark 9:1, Romans 6:23 and I Pet 2:21-25.



Elder Bonita Russell: "The saints were comforted, edified and encouraged to fight the good fight of faith. We must have everlasting life!"

- **From Spirit of Christ:** The Spirit of Christ saints honored our Pastor, Elder Tom Calix and First Lady Elder Debbie Calix for 30 years of service in the ministry on Sept. 21-23 2018. Our theme was "Steadfast and Unmovable" (I Corinthians 15:58). It was a wonderful celebration. Attendance included church leadership and saints from the North, South, East and West. It was an honor to have our Founder and Presiding Bishop, Dr. Joseph White, Bishop William Lee III, the European Jurisdictional Bishop and Bishop Charles D. Smith, our Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop to attend and minister the Word of Life unto the people. The Holy Spirit was ministering during each service through the preached Word and the ministry of music in praise and worship, solos and the Spirit of Christ Choir. We at Spirit of Christ want to express our gratitude for all who sacrificed their time and funds to come and encourage our Pastor and First Lady. We also especially thank all those who gave of their talents and labour to make this a wonderful Spirit-filled occasion. Always remember "Your labour in the Lord is not in vain"



Elder Debbie Calix: "It was a joyous time in the Lord!"

In the photo: Pastor Tom Calix and First Lady Elder Debbie Calix at the banquet during their 30th Pastoral Anniversary celebration.

More photos of Pastor Calix's anniversary.



In the photos: Saints that attended the 30th Pastoral Anniversary celebration for Pastor Tom Calix and First Lady Elder Debbie Calix on Sept. 21-23, 2018 at Spirit of Christ in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

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Category: Prayer Request

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

- **From the Editorial Staff:** The below saints need prayers from the saints. 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)
Elder Kim Montgomery (Healing)
Minister Janice Spivey (Healing)
Elder Harriett Watson (Bereavement)
Elder Meta Chube (Bereavement)

Category: Upcoming Events

The GCJ 2018 Annual Christian Education Recreational Fellowship is October 13-14 at Lily of the Valley church in Thonotosassa, Fla.

Saturday, October 13 Itinerary

11:00 am - 12:00 noon: Meet and Greet

12:15 - 1:00 pm: Outside Worship Service

1:15 - 4:30 pm: Lunch is Served

(Brewer's Grilled Hot dogs, chicken
Hamburgers, Baked beans, Potato Salad
and Fruit)

1:30 – 4:30 pm: Games and all other Activities

Board Games in Module One
4 Pedal Carts and Race Track (YA)*
Human Bouncy Ball (YA)*
Hungry Hippo Chow Down (YA)*
Tug of War (FF)*
Horseshoes (FF)*
Frisbee Throw (FF)*
Football Throw (FF)*
Basketball (FF)*

4:35 pm - Game Over: Softball Game

(Spectators and fans are welcome and encouraged
to attend, because you want stop laughing!)

*Notes:

1. Youth Activity (YA)
2. Free Fall (FF) two/more doing their own thing
3. To view 4 Pedal Carts and Race Track and



2018 GULF COAST JURISDICTIONAL
**RECREATIONAL
FELLOWSHIP**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018
11:00AM - Meet and Greet

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018
10:00AM - Morning Worship

Lily of the Valley, CLGI
9812 Harney road
Thonotosassa, FL 33592

Bishop Charles D. Smith
Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop

POC: Elder Tony Sewell
813.304.8906
tsewell42@aol.com

*Come enjoy food,
fun and fellowship!*

ACCOMMODATIONS
Housing is very much LIMITED! Please prepare to stay in one of the accommodations listed below.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 13294 Telecom Drive, Tampa Terrace, FL 33637 1-813-972-9600	HILTON GARDEN INN 13305 Tampa Oaks Blvd Tampa Terrace, FL 33637 800-276-7415	HAMPTON INN & SUITES 8210 Hidden River Pky Tampa 33637 1-800-426-7866	EXTENDED STAY 12292 Morris Bridge Rd, Tampa, FL 33637 1-800-398-7829	RAMADA INN 11714 Morris Bridge Rd Tampa 33617 1-800-272-8232
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Image of sports equipment: football, soccer ball, basketball, baseball, and softball.

Hungry Hippo Chow Down, go to www.BounceALotInflatables.com (Click on: "Click Here to See Inflatables")

4. Picnic Attire: Your choice or *dress to impress with your favorite sports attire.*

- **From the Evangelistic Team:** Below is the 2018 schedule of revivals throughout the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction. Please pray for the Evangelistic team members 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.

2018 Revival Schedule

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

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

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

The 2018 Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Calendar

Date	Event	Location
Nov 16-18	Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Meeting	FWB, Fla.
Dec 1-2	Elder Thompson Pastoral Anniv.	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

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

That We May Be One
 John 17:21-23

The last day to book a room under the group code is October 15, 2018.
 For more information e-mail: gulfcoast.jurisdiction@gmail.com