



GULF COAST JURISDICTION
November 2018

GCJ Meeting: "That We May Be One"
Saints encouraged to be one in the Lord



In the photo: The mass choir singing during the Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Meeting.

FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA. – The Gulf Coast Jurisdiction held its annual meeting Nov. 16-18 at Promise, which is the headquarter church for the jurisdiction. The GC jurisdiction includes churches in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

The theme, "That We May Be One" (John 17:21-23), was the message throughout the weekend. "We must be one and have the same mind and know that the local church is the most important part of our church organization," said Bishop Charles D. Smith, the Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop.

Over the three-day conference, preachers poured out their souls concerning being one, enduring to the end, and knowing that the Lord is with us.

Bishop Smith opened the conference on Saturday morning with two seminars, one on the importance of the local church and the other on the role of a pastor. "Everything the believer learns is in the local church and the pastor has the responsibility to teach them," said Bishop Smith.

The conference continued with the keynote speaker on Friday evening, Elder Augustus Russell, Pastor of New Covenant in Montgomery, Ala. "God has chosen us and given us a charge to preach this gospel," he said.

Elder Carlos Thompson, Mississippi and Louisiana District Superintendent, encouraged the saints on Saturday evening to hear and obey the Holy Spirit. "We must listen for the Lord to

lead and guide us and not be under the illusion that we're in control," said Pastor Thompson. Saturday evening service culminated with a baptism.

Bishop Smith delivered the conference's final message on Sunday morning by saying, "The House of God is a place of peace. We fight the devil on our knees in prayer, and we should seek peace with one another and not bite and devour one another." He added, "We cannot be one unless we agree."

The conference ended with a number of people receiving ministerial certificates, licenses and appointments. Bishop Smith thanked everyone for coming and supporting the conference including visiting bishops and musicians.

More photos: (Taken by Sister Tonya Bloxson)



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The Bishop's Corner

The Local Church

Praise the Lord Saints,

I thank God, who is rich in mercy and full of compassion, because He has enabled us to be laborers together with Him. (I Corinthians 3:9)

“But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then said He unto His disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.” (Matthew 9:36-38)

The local church is the most important part of an organization because it is where we teach the Gospel, get sinners saved, establish the saints and equip them to go out and be witnesses unto Jesus Christ. We learn the work of the ministry in the local church, how to pray, preach, testify, read our bible, and to pay tithes and offerings.

The local church is the strength of the organization. We can do without districts and jurisdictions, but without the local church, we do not have an organization. When churches close, the organization shrinks and weakens. I have a burden for the local church and to measure the effectiveness of a local church, I look at how many people are saved.

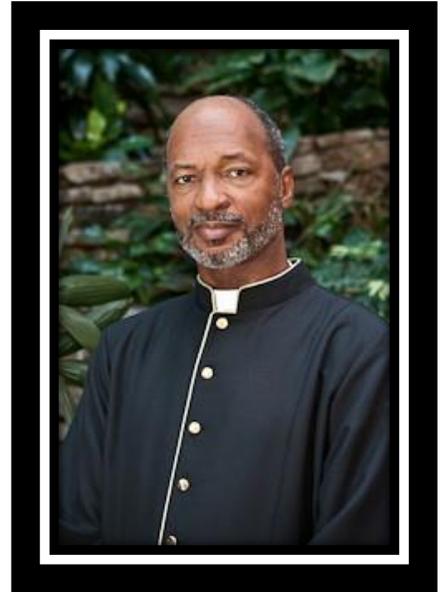
It is so important to teach Christian Education in the local church so that the people can ask questions and become rooted and grounded in the Word of God. New people in the church must learn how to be faithful to God. It takes time for churches to develop saints.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

Let us, as pastors, do all we can to realize the importance of the local church and the role we play in fulfilling the commission of Jesus Christ.

God bless you all,

Bishop Charles D. Smith
Gulf Coast Jurisdiction



Bishop Smith's Thanksgiving Day Message

To Everyone,

I hope you and your families have a very, very happy and blessed thanksgiving. Everything that has been good this year has come from God. And because of that, we are blessed and must be Eternally Grateful (literally). "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." (III John 2)

God bless you all!

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Gulf Coast Jurisdiction

More November stories

Category: Events

Churches hold a musicians, praise and worship workshop, paid tribute to veterans for their service to God and country, and planned an upcoming Christmas party.



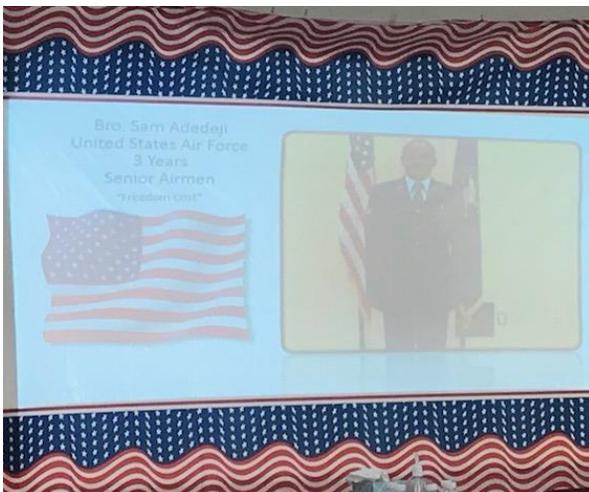
- **From Lily of the Valley:** For the month of November, we had a Musician Praise and Worship Workshop at Lily of the Valley on Saturday, November 3, 2018. The speakers were Deacon Wayne Walker and Minister Desiree Walker. They worked hard with the musicians and praise and worship leaders, providing guidance and tips on helping the music portion of the service flow smoothly. I am definitely going to use some of the things that Minister Walker taught us if I have to do praise and worship.

Sister Sereese Davis: "We had a really good time!"



- From Christ the Redeemer:** Christ the Redeemer’s First Lady, Elder Treani Thompson along with the Elect Ladies Department hosted a Veteran’s service in honor of all veterans, past and present. We are all soldiers in the Army of the Lord, and Elder Treani “wanted to thank all of the saints and veterans for their faithfulness for God and country.” Saints from the surrounding churches participated in the event. Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop, was the keynote speaker, and he encouraged the saints. He also presented medals to all the veterans.

Minister Kourtney Littlejohn: “We had a great time and felt honored as veterans to receive this recognition.”



More photos of the Veteran's tribute



- **From Lily of the Valley:** On December 16, 2018, at 2:00 pm, we will have a Christmas party and dinner at Lily of the Valley sponsored by the National Basketball Association (NBA) player, Kevin Knox. You do not want to miss this great event. It will be the best Christmas Party ever!

Sister Sereese Davis: "We are going to put the 'Merry' back in Christmas!"

Category: Prayer Request

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

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

Minister Xiomara Rivera (Healing)
Elder T'Angela Rogers (Healing)
Minister Sean Francis (Deployed)
Elder Kim Montgomery (Healing)
Minister Janice Spivey (Healing)
Brother Simeon Tanner (Healing)
Minister McFadden (Healing)
Minister Ann Saimoen (Bereavement)
Minister Priya Luchmun (Bereavement)
Minister Norma Taylor's Mother (Healing)
Minister Cheryl Blanding's Father (Horace Walker) (Healing)
Minister Taliah Whitmire (Healing)

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 upcoming below events for the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Dec 1-2	Elder Thompson Pastoral Anniversary	Gulfport, Miss.
Jan 19-20	GCJ Youth & Young Adult Conference	Montgomery, Ala.

2019 Gulf Coast Jurisdiction YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

New Covenant CLGI
1506 Madison Ave.
Montgomery, AL 36107

January 19-20

SATURDAY

10:00 am - Business Meeting
11:30 am & 3:00 pm - Seminars
6:30 pm - Prayer
7:30 pm - Worship Service

SUNDAY

10:00 am - Christian Education
11:15 am - Worship Service
3:00 pm - Pizza Fellowship
6:30 pm - Prayer
7:00 pm - Concert & Exhortations

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Recommended Hotels

Maxwell Billeting
10 North Pine Street,
Maxwell Air Force Base, AL 36112
(334) 953-3931

Gunter Lodging
545 S. Morris Ave.
Gunter Annex, Alabama, 36114
(334) 270-4000

Hampton Inn & Suites
100 Commerce Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
(334) 265-1000

Doubletree by Hilton
120 Madison Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36104
(334) 245-2320

Drury Inn & Suites
1124 Eastern Blvd.
Montgomery, AL 36117
(334) 273-1101

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