

## **GCYYA Conference: Youth encouraged to be an example**



**In the photo:** GCJ Youth and Young Adult choir singing at the 2019 conference held in Montgomery, Ala. January 19-20.

MONTGOMERY, ALA. – “Be thou an example” was the theme of the annual Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Youth and Young Adult Conference held January 19-20 at New Covenant Church in Montgomery, Ala. I Timothy 4: 11-12 was the main scripture that speakers used to encourage the youth to walk in holiness and to be lights in this dark and perverse world.

Bishop Charles D. Smith, the Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop, opened the conference on Saturday morning with a business meeting followed by words of exhortation and instructions. He noted that he expects the Lord to do great things in 2019 and discussed changes in auxiliary heads and staff members so saints can effectively fulfill the duties of each position. “I would like to see more young adults in lead positions in the jurisdiction so that the older generation will have people in place to turn the church over to when we’re too old.” He said he doesn’t envision himself holding the position of Bishop until he dies but hopes to be able to raise up someone else.

The Church of the Living God International, Inc. Youth and Young Adult Director, Elder Eric Russell taught a powerful seminar Saturday afternoon encouraging the youth to hold onto God and realize that everything has a time. He referenced Ecclesiastes 3:11, “He has made everything beautiful in his time...” He said, “Knowing this will keep us more optimistic.” He also told the saints to take advantage of every time in their lives because it only lasts a little while. He went on to say “God is the high and lofty one and everyone should put his/her trust in God and not man.” Elder Russell concluded by saying that we are the salt of the earth, and the devil in trying to make us lose our saltiness and cause us to be ineffective and good for nothing. “Keep your saltiness so you can do the will of God and not be moved by your emotions.”

Sunday morning, Minister Kourtney Littlejohn, Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Youth and Young Adult Director told the youth that they must be an example and show love to everyone. “Jesus washed our sins away and we must be an example to draw sinners. Being an example starts with me.” She encouraged the adults to never discourage the youth but build them up. “Everything we go through is not going to feel good, but we must be tried by the fire and found standing.”

Sunday night’s concert and youth exhortations brought the conference to a close. In Bishop Smith’s final remarks, he encouraged the youth to have the strength of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to refuse to use God’s music to bow down and serve idol gods. “The music came from God, and it is supposed to be used to praise Him.”



**In the Photos:** Saints praising the Lord during the 2019 GCJ Youth and Young Adult Conference in Montgomery, Ala.

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**In the Photos:** Saints enjoying the Lord at the 2019 GCJ Youth and Young Adult Conference in Montgomery, Ala.

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**In the Photos:** Saints preaching to include Bishop Charles D. Smith and Minister Kourtney Littlejohn during the 2019 GCJ Youth and Young Adult Conference.

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**In the Photos:** Saints singing and exhorting during the 2019 GCJ Youth and Young Adult Conference.

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**In the Photos:** Saints singing and praying during the 2019 GCJ Youth and Young Adult Conference.

# The Bishop's Corner

## *By His Grace*

Praise the Lord Saints,

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

We've just completed our annual 2019 Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Youth and Young Adult Conference and those of us who attended were there by God's grace. Anywhere we go and anything we do for the ministry is because of His grace.

Sins are the manifestation of iniquity, which is the mind to do evil. We are kept by the grace of God and the Holy Ghost helps us to repent. But the Holy Ghost has to first convince us that our thoughts are evil. Being kept by the power of God means our yielding, which helps us to be kept. I know the power of the Holy Ghost in deliverance and in keeping me because I am standing today. We must obey God and not have selective obedience and work out our salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12).

The initial nature of man is sinful because we are all born in sin and sharpened in iniquity, and that is why the old man must die. We were like the man in the country of Gadarenes who dwelled in tombs and was possessed with demons called Legion. Jesus delivered him, but the demons had to go somewhere, so Jesus casted them into a herd of swine who ran into the river and were drowned (Luke 8:26-33).

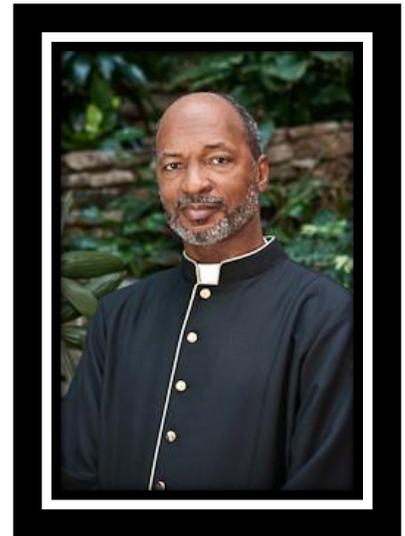
When we ask Jesus to forgive us of our sins and save us, something has to be done with the sins. Jesus had no sin, so He is the only one who could do what no one else could do--take away our sins. The only way Jesus could go free from all of our sins was for Him to die because the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23), and God raised Him from the dead. Wherefore God has highly exalted Him and given Him a name above every name (Philippians 2:9). Anyone who calls on the name of Jesus can be saved. We get eternal life when we are saved (John 3:15-17).

In God, it is not a matter of doing, but becoming someone who obeys God and does His will. The devil does not stop pursuing us, and it takes God to stop Him. We must know the Word of God to fight the good fight of faith because faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Continue to read, meditate, and memorize the Word of God because only then will you begin to believe it.

God bless you all,

Bishop Charles D. Smith  
Gulf Coast Jurisdiction

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24 Jan 2019

Praise the Lord,

After much prayer and consideration of your comments/recommendations, I have for this time decided to make these changes to upcoming Gulf Coast Jurisdiction events:

**The Missions Conference** will be held as scheduled.

**Elect Ladies Conference** will be held as scheduled for 2019 but may be scaled back or adjusted in any future year depending on the decisions made during the current conference.

**Brotherhood Conference** will be held as scheduled for 2019 but may be scaled back or adjusted in any future year depending on the decisions made during the current conference

**Christian Education Fellowship** is **cancelled** for 2019. Whether or not it will be held in future years will be decided at the jurisdictional conference.

**Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Conference** will be held as scheduled.

**Youth/Young Adult Conference**, beginning 2020, will begin on Saturday morning and will end on Sunday at the end of Sunday morning services. The succeeding Monday will no longer be included in the conference. Locations will be decided by the GCYYA staff/local coordinators with the concurrence of the local pastors.

From this point forward, the scheduling, planning, make-up, etc. of any particular conference will rest on the decisions of those present at that particular ongoing conference. In a few exceptional cases, those decisions may be adjusted at the Jurisdictional conference if situations are discovered or change since a particular conference was held. The attendance at Gulf Coast conferences of everyone who is interested is greatly appreciated both for success of the conference (to the Glory of God) and for decisions/designs of future conferences.

I welcome all questions, comments, and recommendations. I pray the Lord will bless us all this year in every way He is able, according to His will.

God bless,

Bishop Charles D. Smith  
Gulf Coast Jurisdiction

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## More January stories

### Category: Events

*Two churches participated in a 5K walk/run and another church had a guest speaker.*

- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** On January 26, 2019, saints from Holy of Holies Tabernacle and Carrollwood Bible Study Center participated in the **6th Annual Joshua 1:9 Freedom 5K Run/Walk and one Mile Fun Run/Walk**. The run is to generate awareness and support for Christians who are persecuted every day for their faith. The goal is to help raise awareness about the persecution of Christians in the Middle East and Africa. **All of the funds went directly to Persecuted Christians Living in Refugee Camps**. If you want to participate with us next year, come on down, and let us all be strong and courageous. [www.joshuacord.org/#](http://www.joshuacord.org/#)



*Minister Kim Mastin:* “The Fellowship was great, and the Spirit of the Lord gave strength to those who completed the run.”



**In the Photos:** Saints from Holy of Holies Tabernacle and Carrollwood Bible Study Center posing with first, second and third place awards after completing the 6th Annual Joshua 1:9 Freedom 5K run/walk and one mile fun run/walk on January 26, 2019.

- **From New Covenant:** The saints of New Covenant are giving God all the glory in the New Year. How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! We had a great time in the Lord with our guest speaker Minister Derrick Hendricks on January 13, 2019, speaking on being born again of the Spirit according to St. John 3:1. We also had a



great time January 19-20 at our 2019 GC Youth and Young Adult Conference held here in Montgomery, Ala., another great time in the Lord.

*Elder Bonita Russell:* “The Spirit really moved and we were all encouraged to go on in the Lord.”

**In the Photo:** (L to R) Pastor Augustus Russell and Minister Derrick Hendricks at New Covenant January 13, 2019.

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### Category: Prayer Request

*The saints need healings and some are 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 saints’ 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)  
Elder Kim Montgomery (Healing)  
Minister Janice Spivey (Healing)  
Brother Simeon Tanner (Healing)  
Minister George McFadden (Healing)  
Minister Luv Johnson and family (Bereavement)  
Minister Norma Taylor’s Mother (Healing)  
Minister Cheryl Blanding and Family (Bereavement)  
Minister Taliah Whitmire (Healing)  
Minister Cory Cook’s Father (Healing)  
Elder Angela Jenkins’s Sister and Brother (Healing)  
Minister Joseph Johnson (Healing)  
Brother Joshua Henderson (Healing)  
The Carter Family (Healing)

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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 evangelists listed below to check his or her availability.

1. Elder Ruth Latham
2. Elder Tom Calix
3. Minister Crystal Derico
4. Minister Shaundra Smith
5. Minister Sirita Loiseau
6. Minister Desiree Walker

**2019 Revival Schedule**

- 22 Feb (*Fri*) **Carrollwood Bible Study Center**, Tampa, Fla. (*Confirmed*)  
 23-24 Feb (*Sat-Sun*) **Prince of Peace**, Jacksonville, Fla. (*Confirmed*)  
 21-22 Mar (*Thur-Fri*) **Holy of Holies Tabernacle**, Holiday, Fla. (*Confirmed*)  
 6-7 Aug (*Tue-Wed*) **Christ the Redeemer**, Gulfport, Miss. (*Confirmed*)  
 8-9 Aug (*Thur-Fri*) **Promise**, Fort Walton Beach, Fla. (*Confirmed*)  
 20-21 Aug (*Tue-Wed*) **Lily of the Valley**, Thonotosassa, Fla. (*Confirmed*)  
 24-25 Oct (*Thur-Fri*) **Spirit of Christ**, Fort Walton Beach, Fla. (*Confirmed*)
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- **From the Administrative Staff:** Saints please be mindful of the upcoming events below.

**The 2019 Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Calendar**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
<b>Feb 9-10</b>	<b>Bishop Smith Anniv. &amp; B-Day</b>	<b>FWB, Fla.</b>
<b>Mar 16-17</b>	<b>GCJ Missions Conference</b>	<b>Gulfport, Miss.</b>
Mar 28-31	Bishop White's Anniversary	Columbus, Ohio
<b>Apr 5-7</b>	<b>GCJ Elect Ladies/Brotherhood Conf.</b>	<b>FWB, Fla.</b>
<b>May 4-5</b>	<b>Elder Sewell/Sewell Pastoral Anniv.</b>	<b>Thonotosassa, Fla.</b>
Jun 3	CLGI Consecration Begins	N/A
<b>Jun 8-9</b>	<b>Elder Harrison Pastoral Anniv.</b>	<b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b>
Jun 26	CLGI Consecration Ends	N/A
Jun 28- Jul 7	IYYAC/Brotherhood/General Assembly	Mobile, Ala.
<b>Jul 27-28</b>	<b>Elder Russell Pastoral Anniv.</b>	<b>Montgomery, Ala.</b>
<b>Sep 6-8</b>	<b>Elder Calix Pastoral Anniv.</b>	<b>FWB, Fla.</b>
Sep 20-22	International Missions Conference	TBD
<b>Oct 5-6</b>	<b>GCJ CE Recreational Fellowship</b>	<b>Thonotosassa, Fla.</b>
<b>Oct 11-13</b>	<b>Holy of Holies Tabernacle Anniv.</b>	<b>Holiday, Fla.</b>
<b>Nov 15-17</b>	<b>Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Meeting</b>	<b>FWB, Fla.</b>
<b>Dec 7-8</b>	<b>Elder Thompson Pastoral Anniv.</b>	<b>Gulfport, Miss.</b>

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## **... How Shall They Hear Without a Preacher?**

Romans 10:15

**Join Us for the 2019 Pastoral Appreciation & Birthday Celebration of  
Bishop Charles D. Smith!**

**February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Banquet Luncheon – 12 Noon**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Lynn Knox

Cost per person: \$16 Adults, Teens & Tweens, \$8 Children Ages 4 -11, Free for toddlers and infants

Please send your cumulative payments by 5 Feb 2019 to Promise CLGI c/o Elder Paula Smith

**Prayer – 6:30 pm**

**Worship Service – 7:30 pm**

Guest Speaker: Elder Jeffrey Johnson

**February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Service – 10 am**

Guest Speaker: Elder Carlos Thompson

If you're in the area on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>  
please join us for Prayer at 6:30 pm, Service 7:30pm

Speaker: Bishop Charles D. Smith

Celebration Coordinator: Elder Paula Smith - (850) 240-2376, [electladypaula@gmail.com](mailto:electladypaula@gmail.com)

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# Gulf Coast MISSIONS

March 16-17, 2019

Christ the Redeemer CLGI

318 Commerce Street  
Gulfport, MS 39507

*"Let Us Rise Up and Build"*

Let every man be careful how he builds  
(Nehemiah 2:18; I Corinthians 3:10-11)

## Saturday

10:00 am- Workshops and Seminars

6:30 pm- Prayer

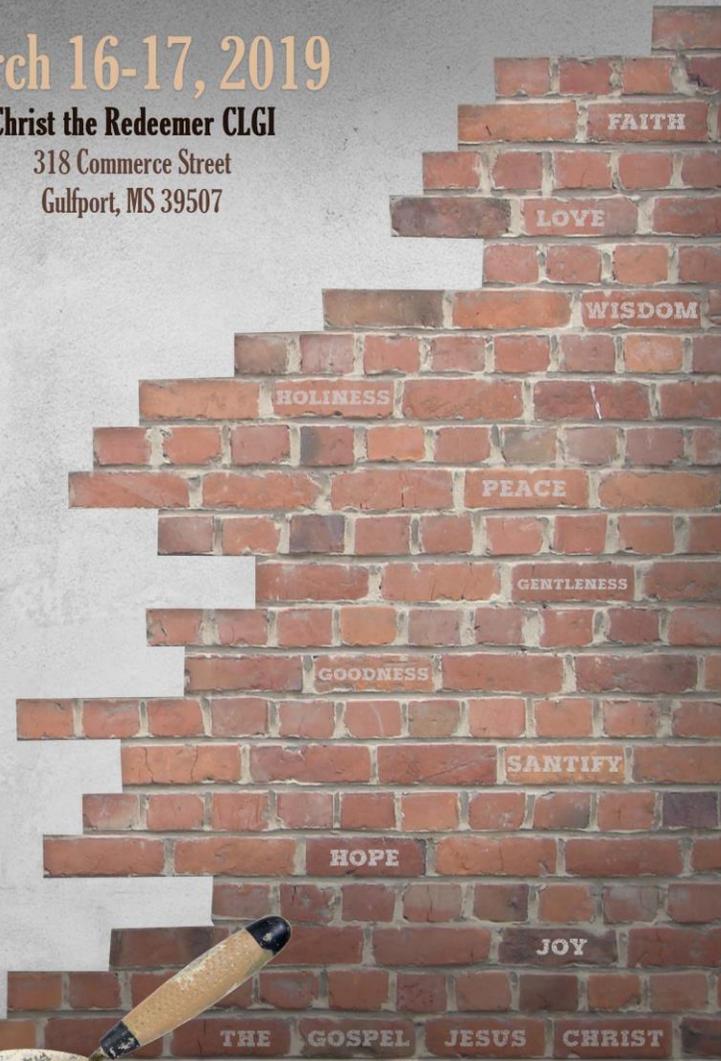
7:30 pm- Worship Service

\$20.00 March

## Sunday

10:00 am- Worship Service

Colors: Sunday- Cream & Gold



**Pre-Registration due February 25, 2019**

\$10.00 Ages 19 & Up

\$5.00 Ages 13-18

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