



April 2019 Newsletter

Saints attend annual Elect Ladies and Brotherhood Conferences

FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA. – With the themes “Women empowering women as shining lights in the world” for the Elect Ladies and “Sons of God shining as lights” for the Brothers, the Lord blessed the saints during these annual Gulf Coast Jurisdictional conferences.

The conferences began April 5 in Fort Walton Beach with the women meeting at Promise Church, 716 Edge St. and the men meeting at a nearby camping ground and culminated with a combined service on Sunday at Promise.

On Friday night, the women preached from various scriptures and encouraged the saints to be shining lights, to be examples, have wisdom and to walk in newness of life. At Saturday’s events, the women fellowshiped, had lunch, played games, and shared tips encouraging and empowering one another.

Elder Paula Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Elect Ladies Coordinator, ended the preaching for the Elect Ladies Conference on Sunday morning preaching the word from Philippians 2:12-15. She encouraged the women to let their lights shine in this dark and perverse world. “We cannot be a follower of corruption, but we must be a light. We must keep running and looking for Jesus to come back for us,” she said.

The Brotherhood Conference was equally a blessing as the brothers congregated at the campground, an annual tradition. They engaged activities that helped to strengthen their relationships and bonds with each other in the Lord.

Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Presiding Bishop, used the theme scripture Philippians 2:12-15 and encouraged the men to be lights in this dark world. “We should shine as lights in the world. We must be set apart and not be afraid of being different. We should show others how to live holy. Jesus is the true light that shines in the world and we are his followers.”

Elder Augustus L. Russell Jr., Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Brotherhood Coordinator, ended the Brotherhood Conference on Sunday morning, encouraging the brothers to know where their help comes from. “All of our help comes from the Lord who is the creator of heaven and earth.” He preached from Titus 1:10-16, Philippians 2:12-16, 2 Kings 18:12, 29-32 to edify, exhort and comfort the saints that God is going to fight their battles, and they have more with them than they have against them. “We have a big charge, but thank God that our help comes from the Lord,” he said.

The Sunday morning service began with the baptism of Brother Edward Scott and culminated with communion. Bishop Smith closed the conferences on Sunday morning by thanking everyone for coming and supporting the Elect Ladies and Brotherhood Conferences.

In the photo: The elders preparing to receive communion on Sunday morning at the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Elect Ladies and Brotherhood Conferences held April 5-7, at Promise Church in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.



More Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Elect Ladies and Brotherhood Conferences photos. (*Photos taken by: Elder Debbie Calix, Elder Donna Reed and Sister Tonya Bloxson*)



In the Photos: Saints preaching on May 5 at the Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Elect Ladies conference held at Promise Church.

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In the Photos: Saints fellowshipping on May 6 at the Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Elect Ladies Conference held at Promise Church.

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In the Photos: Saints having a good time in the Lord at the Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Elect Ladies and Brotherhood Conferences held at Promise Church on May 5-7 in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

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The Bishop's Corner

Be Strong in the Grace

Praise the Lord Saints,

“Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life: that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier” (II Timothy 2:1, 3-4).

We must be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus and not in our emotions, temper or will. We must learn to be like Christ and let his mind become ours. “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).

Sometimes difficulties come, but we must be strong in the grace and endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. We cannot fight this good fight of faith for the Lord and be wrapped up in things of this world. We must do the will of God and not be so entangled in the affairs of this life to the point where we stop being godly.

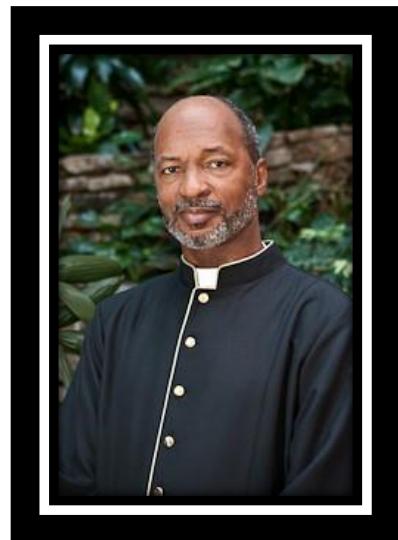
“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever” (I John 2:15-17).

The gospel we preach is that of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is where we stand and it is the bottom line of our faith. “Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead, according to my gospel” (II Timothy 2:8).

Jesus Christ makes us righteous. Therefore, we must never allow ourselves to become unworthy of everlasting life, but endure unto the end and not faint. “Therefore, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not. But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not handling the word of God deceitfully; but, by manifestation of the truth, commanding ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God” (II Corinthians 4:1-2).

God bless all of you,

Bishop Charles D. Smith
Gulf Coast Jurisdiction



More April stories

Category: Events

During the month of April, two Churches held Resurrection Day services and one church had a yard sale.

- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** We came together in service to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and enjoyed a fellowship afterward. Pastor Chris Mastin encouraged the saints from the word of God and said, “Which side of the cross are you on? In celebrating our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ being obedient unto death, we reflect not only on His being the risen Savior, but we must seize the opportunity to either believe in Jesus and accept his death as our own or to choose recklessly and reject Him and receive eternal hell. The two malefactors on the cross beside Jesus are our greatest examples of knowing that the choices we make in life will determine our destiny in either heaven or hell. We must make the right choice before it is too late and ask the Lord as one malefactor did when he said, ‘Remember me.’ We need to ask for repentance and acknowledge Jesus is the Son of the living God so we too can experience the greatest supernatural event of our lives...rising in the air to meet Jesus when He returns on a cloud! Is it a significant choice that we must make? Yes it is! Today we all need to say, ‘YES’ because as one malefactor realized, we must also realize that time is short and the choice is critical.”



Minister Kim Mastin: “The Saints of Holy of Holies Tabernacle had a wonderfully blessed Resurrection Day.”



In the Photos: Holy of Holies Tabernacle saints enjoyed the Lord and each other on Resurrection Sunday in Holiday, Fla.

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In the Photos: Holy of Holies Tabernacle saints enjoying themselves on Resurrection Sunday in Holiday, Fla.

- **From Christ the Redeemer:** The saints of Christ the Redeemer hosted their 2019 Easter program and picnic fellowship. The youth and young adult department performed a skit about being separate from the world and avoiding the power of influence from your friends. Trials and tribulations can weigh us down, but Jesus came into the world to deliver us from sin and to deliver us from the power thereof. After Sunday morning service, all of the saints and friends fellowshipped with food, fun, and games.



Minister Kourtney Littlejohn: “We all had a great time in the Lord.”



In the Photos: Christ the Redeemer youth and young adults participating in a skit on Easter Sunday in Gulfport, Miss.

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In the Photos: Christ the Redeemer youth and young adults participated in a skit on Easter Sunday and the saints and friends ate, played games, and fellowshiped in Gulfport, Miss.

- **From Spirit of Christ:** It is that time of year again, where the weather is warming up, and the saints at Spirit of Christ held their annual church yard sale. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet our neighbors in the community, tell them about our church, and invite them to join us at the next service. Along with great conversations about the Lord, it also gave the saints a means to sell those unwanted items that become a treasure to someone else and earn a few extra funds to assist them to travel to our great General Assembly in Mobile, Alabama.



Elder Debbie Calix: “The yard sale was a success and we enjoyed the fellowship.”



In the Photos: Spirit of Christ saints participating in their annual yard sale in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Category: Prayer Request

The saints need healings.

- **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)
 Brother Simeon Tanner (Healing)
 Minister George McFadden (Healing)
 Minister Norma Taylor's Mother (Healing)
 Minister Cory Cook's Father (Complete Healing)
 Minister Joseph Johnson (Healing)
 Brother Joshua Henderson (Healing)
 Elder Paulette Harrison (Healing)
 Sister Carolyn Russell (Healing)

Minister Ricketa Hurdle (Healing)
Brother Anthony Burrell (Complete Healing)
Elder LaToya Smith's Father (Complete Healing)
Minister Chemiese Hall's Niece (Healing)
Minister Chemiese Hall's Sister (Comfort)
Sister Francesca Di Chiaro (Healing)
Sister Alyssa (Minister Desiree Sewell Walker's daughter) (Healing)

Category: Testimonies

- **From Anthony Burrell:** Praise the Lord everyone. I have been a member of Dayspring, CLGI, for just over a year and fell in love with everything about the church. During the month of February, I encountered a sickle cell crisis that caused me to go to the ER. I am 24 years old, and this was "hands-down," the worst pain I have felt in my life. During the week of this pain crisis, I was in and out of different hospitals, hooked to IVs, and taking all types of high dosage medication. I also had a blood transfusion. Later that week, a specialist informed me that I would have to get a splenectomy to prevent this type of pain from happening in the future. This news caused many thoughts and emotions to go through my mind since I have never had any surgery prior. After leaving the hospital, I would experience pain in my lower back area and hip around my spleen area, which would cause me to think that I might end up having to do the surgery. During the month of March, I had to undergo many tests in preparation for my spleen removal for the first 3 weeks of the month. The examination process was the most stressful since after each visit I did not receive any results on the status of my spleen. However, during the last appointment, which was on March 28, the day where the 'Almighty God' showed me that He has the last say. The specialist pulled up the results and said, "Your spleen seems fine Anthony." "Thank You Jesus" was the first thing to come out of my mouth after hearing the good news. This same specialist casually said, "We have to remove your spleen to stop the pain." I do not know about y'all, but God showed me grace and mercy early in the year. I "gotta," say that I could not have done it without Him. I thank you all for praying for me during a troubling time in my life. I love y'all! God bless.
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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

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*)

- **From the Administrative Staff:** Saints please be mindful of these upcoming events.

The 2019 Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 4-5	Elder Sewell/Sewell Pastoral Anniv.	Thonotosassa, Fla.
Jun 3	CLGI Consecration Begins	N/A
Jun 8-9	Elder Harrison Pastoral Anniv.	Jacksonville, Fla.
Jun 26	CLGI Consecration Ends	N/A
Jun 28- Jul 7	IYYAC/Brotherhood/General Assembly	Mobile, Ala.
Jul 27-28	Elder Russell Pastoral Anniv.	Montgomery, Ala.
Sep 6-8	Elder Calix Pastoral Anniv.	FWB, Fla.
Sep 20-22	International Missions Conference	TBD
Oct 11-13	Holy of Holies Tabernacle Anniv.	Holiday, Fla.
Nov 22-24	Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Meeting	FWB, Fla.
Dec 7-8	Elder Thompson Pastoral Anniv.	Gulfport, Miss.