

G CJ Missionaries rising up to build

Annual Missions Conference filled with a banquet, seminars and preaching



In the photo: The Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Missions choir singing on Sunday morning at the conference at Christ the Redeemer.

GULFPORT, MISS. – “Let us rise up and build; let every man be careful how he builds” was the theme of this year’s Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Annual Missions Conference. Preachers reminded the saints that it is time to fulfil the great commission Jesus gave us to save the lost.

The conference, held March 16-17 at Christ the Redeemer, Church of the Living God International in Gulfport, Miss., started with a business meeting, followed by a luncheon, various seminars and afternoon events.

Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdiction, Presiding Bishop and Pastor of Promise Church, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., encouraged the saints in his closing comments following the Missions business meeting to get on one accord so that the churches can begin to grow. “You must be on one accord and be dedicated to the local church and God in order for it to grow.”

Elder Charles Latham, Gulf Coast Jurisdiction, Executive Officer, taught the first seminar on Saturday, encouraging the saints to follow the Spirit in witnessing and in following up with visitors, because they may be potential members. “The primary purpose of the church is to save the lost, and the Holy Ghost power was given to us to witness of Jesus” (Acts 1:6-9/Acts 2:37-47).

“The Lord has made room for us and we have a good foundation because we believe that Jesus is the Son of God,” said Elder Sharon Alston, Church of the Living God International Missions Directors. She taught the second seminar on Saturday encouraging, the saints to be like

Isaac and continue to dig wells because God has made room for them, and He is on their side (Genesis 26:24-28).

Bishop Smith taught the last seminar on Saturday, encouraging the saints to preach the gospel and not to be disappointed when people are not saved. “Jesus and Paul did not win everyone. When you preach the gospel, do not underestimate the power of the Word of God. People cannot come to Jesus except the Father draws them” (John 6:44).

The Saturday night service was a blessing as Minister Tabitha Hines, Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Assistant Missions Director, and Elder Alston encouraged the saints to rise up and build.

“The thing that must remain unchanged is the gospel,” said Minister Hines. “We need to change as the Holy Ghost reveals things to us,” she said. “God is equipping us to do the work. It is time to get to work and make the word of God operational in our lives” (Nehemiah 1:1-9).

Elder Alston encouraged the saints to allow God to give them boldness to go out and preach the word of God, but the Holy Ghost must lead them. “You’ve got a new commission to go out and bring souls into the house of God and rebuild. This time, you’ve been called to be the leader.”

Elder Treani Thompson, Gulf Coast Jurisdiction, Missions Director, wrapped up the preaching at the conference on Sunday morning encouraging the missionaries to lift up God, so that He can strengthen their hands to do the work. “God is with us and he is strong in battle. We as ministers must be watchmen on the wall. I want you to say, ‘God is with me and I am doing a great work and I cannot come down’” (Nehemiah 2:17 and Nehemiah 6:15-16). “If God is with you, then what you are doing is not in vain.”

Bishop Smith closed the conference by thanking everyone for coming and gave a special thanks to the Christ Redeemer Church congregation for hosting and doing a great job. “Let us go back to our churches, find out what’s left and rise up and build.”



In the Photos: Saints at the Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Missions business meeting, luncheon and seminars at Christ the Redeemer.

More Missions photos:



In the Photos: Saints in the seminars and Sunday morning service at the Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Missions Conference held at Christ the Redeemer Church in Gulfport, Miss., March 16-17 2019.

The Bishop's Corner

Be a Light in this dark World

Praise the Lord Saints,

“That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world” (Philippians 2:15).

The gospel does not need to change but something in our attitude needs to change. We need to be careful how we judge people because it reveals ourselves. The scribes and Pharisees (church folks) brought a woman to Jesus caught in adultery to condemn her to death. Jesus told them to cast the first stone if they were without sin. He did not condemn her but forgave her and told her to go and sin no more (John 8:3-11). When Jesus preached, He did not segregate people; He just preached the gospel and let the Holy Ghost drive out the demons of those possessed.

We as Pentecostal people have the reputation of being mean-spirited and reclusive, meaning we close ourselves in and keep out others. God requires us to work out our salvation. “Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Philippians 2:12). The type of fear in this Bible verse is that of reverence and humility.

We must be humble enough to forgive and be able to reconcile. Pentecostal people also do not let the saints repent and recover when they have fallen into sin. If you do not believe in repentance and reconciliation for others, why should we believe it for you? We should be willing to restore them in the spirit of meekness (Galatians 6:1). If we would get into the Word of God, study it, and meditate on it, we would not be selfish, but have God's mind. God wishes that none would perish, but all would come to repentance (II Peter 3:9).

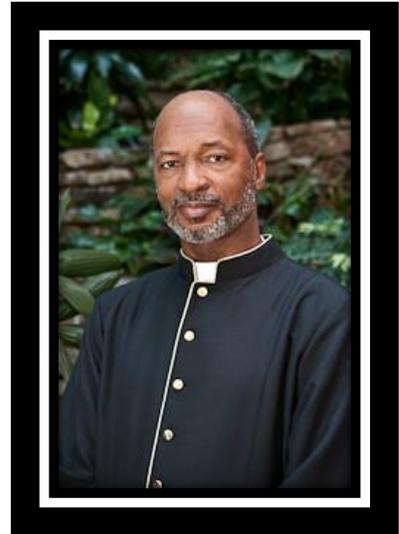
We must have the right spirit and attitude when we preach. Which is the greater victory? To see sinners go down or see them saved? If we find ourselves in any of the lists in the Bible of people who are not going to heaven, then we are not as spiritual as we think we are. We need to find out what is in us that hinders the move of God and repent (II Corinthians 7:1).

There is a lot more envy in CLGI than adultery and fornication. When our conscience is working properly, it tells us right from wrong. When the Lord saved us, he purged our conscience from dead works of sin (Hebrews 9:14). If people try to repent and we do not let them, that is wrong. We should not condemn them to the death penalty, as the scribes and Pharisees did to the woman caught in adultery, because Christ has set them free (Romans 8:1).

It is not what we should try to take from sinners when they come to church, but it is what we should give them (John 8:1-11). When we give them the Word of God (Light), it will drive out all darkness from within them. “Then spake Jesus again unto them saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life” (John 8:12). We are also the light of the world and we should let our light shine before men that they would see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven (Matthew 5:14-16).

God bless you all,

Bishop Charles D. Smith
Gulf Coast Jurisdiction



More March stories

Category: Events

One church had a revival.

- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** Elder Ruth Latham led a powerful, spiritual revival. Even souls that came in off the streets got a blessing. She encouraged us that we must continue to do the will of the Father just as Jesus did. As long as we are in the will of the Father, God is on our side. We will continue to be overcomers not just by hearing the Word of God but by also being doers. Afterward, we fellowshiped in celebration of Pastor Mastin's 50th Birthday!

Minister Kim Mastin: "We had a great time in the Lord!"



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)
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 (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)
The Stephens and Mills Family (Bereavement)
The Murdaugh and Downs Family (Bereavement)
Sister Faith Desgouttes and Family (Bereavement)
Minister Wanda Talley and Deaconess Betty Brown (Bereavement)
Minister Sharon Young, Missionary Cilla Massey and Missionary Joyce Frazier (Bereavement)

Category: Testimonies

Saints received healings and many blessings.

- **From Minister Cory Cook:** Praise the Lord Saints! I give God all the glory, honor, and praise! I want to encourage you that the prayers of the righteous availeth MUCH! The last update with my dad was that the doctor took him off the steroids, which were giving him energy. However, after he was off them, he still had enough energy to drive, go to church, go out to eat, etc., and the Lord continued to heal him. On Wednesday, March 6, my mom called me about 3:00 p.m. and said, "Cory, guess what? I got the results back from the doctor about the PET scan they took of your dad to see how he was doing. They said they were amazed because this does not just happen! There is NO MORE cancer in his pancreas!" Something they called incurable, God has cured! I called my dad afterward, and when I finally got him on the phone, my cousin was with him and said, "The doctors were saying people don't go from stage 4 pancreatitis cancer to less cancer, let alone not having any cancer!" He said, "The doctors said whatever you are doing, keep on doing it!" I said, "Well, we're going to keep praying!" The chemotherapy was only supposed to stunt the growth of the cancer so that my dad could live a little longer! With God, there is no such thing as incurable! God is a good God! Please keep praying because the Lord is moving, and He hears our cry! My dad still needs a healing in his liver from where the cancer spread. God bless you all.

Minister Cory Cook: "With God, ALL things are possible!"

Category Bereavements:

Saints lost love ones and thank everybody for their prayers and concern.

- **From the Murdaugh and Downs Family:** Praise the Lord Saints! On behalf of Elder Debbie Murdaugh and the Downs family, we are grateful for the prayers of the saints, and for every text, call, and expression of encouragement during the passing of our mother, Mrs. JoAnn Downs. We would also like to thank District Superintendent Delores Stovall, Elder Chris Evans, Elder Rhonda Gibson, Elder Edith Frazier, and the saints of Victorious Living CLGI for their labor of love and helping us celebrate the life of our mother. Please continue to pray our strength in the Lord and may God continue to bless you mightily!

With gratitude,
Elder Debbie Murdaugh and the Downs Family

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>
Apr 5-7	G CJ Elect Ladies/Brotherhood Conf.	FWB, Fla.
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.



Gulf Coast Jurisdiction
2019 BROTHERHOOD

April 5-7

Friday
7:30 pm: Worship Service

Saturday
10:00 am: Morning Devotional
Times TBD: Seminar, Business Meeting, and BBQ Cookout
5:00 pm: Afternoon service

Sunday
10:00 am: Worship Service

*Friday and Saturday held at
Mid Bay Shores
801 White Point Rd.
Niceville, FL*

*Sunday held at
Promise CLGI
716 Edge St.
Ft Walton Beach, FL*

*“Sons of God shining as lights”
- Philipians 2:15*

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April 5-7, 2019

Theme: *Women Empowering Women*

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

April 5: Service 7:30 pm

April 6: Service 10:30 am

- Business Meeting 12:30 pm
- Lunch 1:00-3:30 pm – Free lunch at Promise (hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, and dessert). All help set up for the meal. Cook and clean up, etc.
- Bring a tip take a tip. Every sister has a tip she can share. Budget/balancing a checkbook. How to shop for bargains? Etc.
- Young handmaidens will have a talk about bullying with Exhorter Crystal Russell.
- All events on Saturday are in the fellowship hall. (The dress is casual. Jeans or slacks permitted.)
- Set up for games and fellowship. Bring board games and any other game or activities you enjoy. Crafts for the young handmaidens. (Prizes: Cutest outfit/games)
- Power March \$20.00: Give a blessing, get a blessing
- Registration \$10.00
- Church allotment \$130.00 (If your church is not able, please bring a \$50.00 donation.)

April 7: Service 10:00 am (Color: White)

(Combined with the Brotherhood)

Hotels:

Fairfield Inn, 1280 N Eglin Pkwy, 850-244-5555; **Holiday Inn Express**, 522 Mary Esther, 850-226-7108;
Hampton Inn, 301 E. Hollywood, Mary Esther, 850-581-7100; **Comfort Inn**, 137 Miracle Strip, 850-362-6700



30 Years "Preachers were Sent"

.....and how shall they hear without a preacher?
And how shall they preach, except they be sent? Romans 10:14-17

Join Saints and Friends in celebrating the Pastoral Appreciation for

Pastors Tony & Deborah Sewell

Lily of the Valley, 9812 Harnay Road, Thonotosassa, FL

May 4 – 5, 2019

Guest Speakers:

Saturday, Noon – 2:00 p.m. Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdiction

Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m. Bishop James Johnson, Southeast Jurisdiction

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Elder Jeffrey Johnson

Hotel Information

Hampton Inn & Suites 8210 Hidden River Pkwy Tampa, FL 33637 800-426-7866

Hilton Garden Inn 13305 Tampa Oaks Blvd Temple Terrace, FL 33637 800-276-7415

Ramada Inn by Wyndham 11714 Morris Bridge Rd Tampa, FL 33617 800-272-6232

POC: Minister Lynn Knox, 813-732-6505 Housing Coordinator: Exhorter Krystle Sewell 863-838-2468

