

## **Bishop Smith encourages the saints to let the Lord deliver them**



FORT WALTON BEACH FLA. – During the month of June, Bishop Charles D. Smith, Pastor of Promise and the Presiding Bishop of the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction, encouraged the saints at Promise to let the Lord deliver them.

Teaching from Acts 16:16-40 on June 14, Bishop Smith told the story of Paul and Silas being in jail and delivered by the power of God. “When Paul rebuked the evil spirit in the woman, she no longer had any power. Sometimes we have things in our lives that need a permanent fix.”

He told the saints that the Lord sent an earthquake to work out things. “Paul and Silas did not try to get out of the prison on their own; they waited on God to deliver them.”

“When the prison doors were open, Paul and the other prisoners did not escape because they wanted to be completely free. When God steps in, He fixes everything completely and sets us free completely.”

“And when it was day, the magistrates sent the serjeants saying, Let those me go. However, Paul said unto them, They

have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison; and now they thrust us out privily? Nay verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out. And they came and besought them, and brought them out, and desired them to depart out of the city” (Acts 16:35; 37; 39).

“Paul did not take a shortcut, but waited until the Lord told him to leave the prison,” said Bishop Smith. “We must not take shortcuts to our deliverance but wait until God tells us to move. We need an earthquake in our lives so that God can fix our situations completely. The magistrate cleared Paul and Silas, so they were completely free.”

Bishop Smith said that Paul and Silas knew that God was going to show up because they knew that they served a God who could do anything. “We need the Lord to send an earthquake and work out things. “God is always just and fair, and He is never unfair; but sometimes we think He is. He is only trying to bring us to maturity in Him.”

Bishop Smith concluded by saying, “We want to be the type of person that can say, ‘God is going to bring me out because He is a good God!’”

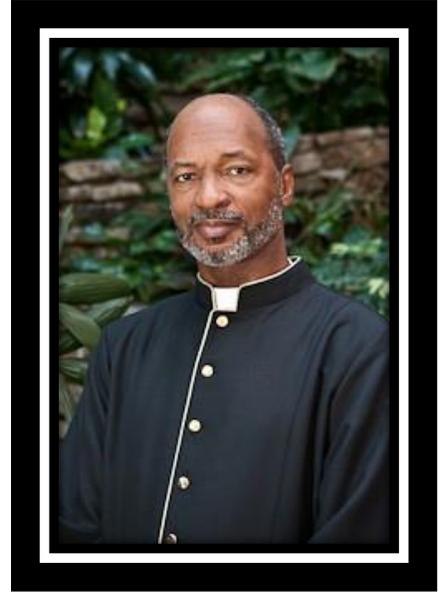
**In the Photo:** Bishop Charles D. Smith preaching at Promise Church in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

# The Bishop's Corner

## *Put on the whole armour of God*

Praise the Lord Saints,

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Praying always with all prayers and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints: And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel. For which I am an ambassador in bonds, that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak” (Ephesians 6:10-20).



Apostle Paul comes to this conclusion in Ephesians 6:10 after he has given us instructions in Ephesians Chapters 4-6 of how to live and have the mind of Christ. These chapters tell us what our character should be and how we should respond to others. They tell us how to treat our wives, husbands, children, employees, employers and one another. In Ephesians 6:10, Paul says, “finally”—now we are able to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might after we have done all the things in Ephesians 4-6. We must let our strength be in what God has said in His word. The power of God’s might is not in rebuking the people, but in His grace, love, mercy, kindness and peace.

The “wiles of the devil” is the devil’s wisdom. Do not let the devil win. When the devil comes with his wiles, he intends to win. Be strong in the Lord—His word and Spirit. If we are not strong, we will not be able to stand and will fall into the devil’s temptation and become so angry that we do something that we regret. We need to put on the whole armour of God so we can rebuke the devil when our quick temper rises up so we can withstand (let things bounce off us).

If we are going to stand with God, we must have truth, righteousness and the Word of God. The fiery darts are doubts that the devil shoots at us to cause us to give up and not have faith. The shield of faith quenches or stops the fiery darts. We cannot put on the whole armour of God without praying always. The armour of God will not work if we are not praying in the Spirit.

People are watching us, and when they look at our life, it should teach sinners God’s way and they should be converted. We must stop trying to act out these scriptures, but instead let God’s character become our character. People should be able to see our character through the Word of God.

God bless all of you,

Bishop Charles D. Smith  
Gulf Coast Jurisdiction

## More June stories

### Category: Events

*Churches held Father's Day celebrations and honored students for doing well in school.*

- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** The saints at Holy of Holies Tabernacle celebrated the students this month. We are very proud of them for completing school and receiving awards. They received awards and honors for the categories of Exceptional Character, Golden Heart, Highest Test Scores and more. Pastor and Minister Mastin were proud to present the students with church certificates, a day of fun at the Trampoline Park and a pizza fellowship. We encouraged them that it is important to continue to have good character and excel in academics. We had two graduates this year: Sister Cierra graduated from middle school and Brother Brosnan graduated from kindergarten.

*Minister Kim Mastin: "We are very proud of them."*



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**In the Photos:** Saints at Holy of Holies Tabernacle honoring youth for completing school and receiving awards.

- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** Saints at Holy of Holies Tabernacle honored the fathers in a Father's Day service. The women came together to honor them with fellowship, gifts, words of kindness and love. As Pastor Mastin always encourages us, "We must have love for the brethren and come together in unity with one another." We remember also in the scripture in I Thessalonians 4:9 about brotherly love, when Apostle Paul said, "You don't need me to write you because you yourselves are taught by God to love one another." The Lord also blessed us on Father's Day with two new members, Brother Michael and Sister Bonita Clark. We Thank and Praise God for them.

*Minister Kim Mastin: "The Lord truly continues to bless HHT!"*



**In the Photos:** Saints at Holy of Holies Tabernacle enjoying the Father's Day celebration on June 16, 2019.

- From Lily of the Valley:** The saints at Lily of the Valley had a Father's Day celebration for all the dads. Pastor Deborah Sewell preached about some of the great fathers in the bible and it was a blessing. The children and wives gave encouraging words to the fathers and everyone had breakfast following the church service.

*Sister Sereese Davis:* "We had a wonderful time in the Lord."

**In the Photo:** Co-Pastors Tony and Deborah Sewell at Lily of the Valley's 2019 Father's Day celebration in Thonotosassa, Fla.





**In the Photos:** Lily of the Valley Saints at the 2019 Father's Day celebration in Thonotosassa, Fla. on June 16.

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## 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)

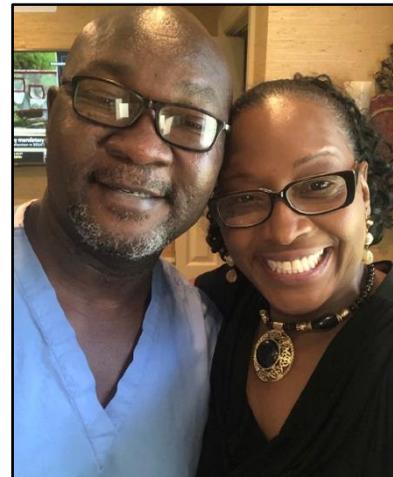
Minister Xiomara Rivera (Healing)  
Elder T'Angela Rogers (Healing)  
Elder Kim Montgomery (Healing)  
Minister George McFadden (Healing)  
Minister Norma Taylor's Mother (Healing)  
Minister Cory Cook's Father (Complete Healing)  
Minister Joseph Johnson (Healing)  
Brother Joshua Henderson (Healing)  
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)  
Minister Danni Garcia's Mother (Healing)  
Bishop Royschel Richardson's Mother (Healing)  
Elder Tony Sewell and Family (Bereavement)  
Minister Tina Martin's Father (Healing)  
Sister T'Shaura Gay's Mother (Healing)

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## Category: Testimonies

*Saints received healings and blessings from the Lord.*

- **From Pastor Juone Brown:** Greetings and Salutations in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I am sending this praise report because it is too incredible to keep to myself and too long to tell at the 2019 General Assembly! In the picture, I am standing with my wonderful doctor, Dr. Nnaemeka M. Umerah! Today, June 12, he gave me my test results from blood work that was done last week on Area A of my body and ultrasounds, done today, of Area B and



Area C of my body. Dr. Umerah told me that I don't NEED surgery in Area B; I do not NEED the procedure for Area C, and I have no problems with Area A, no hyperthyroidism! I share the picture because I wanted to share the moment in which my doctor confirmed that God healed me in my body! I am thankful! Thankful! Thankful!

**Background:** Troubling events/situations in a variety of areas of my life occurred one after another from January-April 2019. GOD KEPT ME! On Easter morning, I had an upsetting event, but we had one of the best services ever. Nothing that occurred during the aforementioned months upset me for more than a few hours because the Holy Spirit helped me to move forward. In May 2019, I got upsetting news about three issues with my body. Now, this upset me for more than a few hours; I was upset on-and-off for days. God has delivered and healed me!

**Background and Highlights:** Saturday, June 1, 2019, Dr. Joseph White, Founder and Presiding Bishop, was teaching, and he felt the discomfort from my throat while teaching the seminar (Area A). I felt a sensation in my throat when he spoke; I swallowed, and I was healed during the seminar. That healing was confirmed today, June 12, when I got my test results from the May doctor's office visit.

Monday, June 3, Bishop Martha Edwards felt my mental anguish. I was dialing her number when she called me! She encouraged me and agreed to come be with me when she returned from Las Vegas; she prayed for me before I went to my appointment Tuesday, June 4. During the visit, the doctor gave me some alarming news, performed tests and scheduled ultrasounds for today, June 12, in preparation for surgery and a procedure. The doctor also stated that area A of my body might be a problem too. I did not believe that because I knew that I was healed during Dr. White's June 1 seminar.

Thursday, June 6, Bishop Jay Johnson came to Redemption, CLGI, accompanied by Elder Michael Stephens and Elder Darryl Tanner, and while teaching bible study, Bishop Johnson felt the discomfort in my area B. Area B of my body was healed during bible study! The devil tried to upset me again on Sunday, June 9. After service, I learned that several people had missed the Bible Study (Bishop Jay Johnson's Cody was Thursday, June 6) because someone falsely reported that the Bible Study was canceled.

Monday, June 10, Minister Kimberly Stephens called me about something and the Holy Spirit told me to ask her a question. She connected me with Minister KD. I slept peacefully! Today, June 12, as I stated in the beginning of this message, my doctor said I have no issues in my body that require surgery or treatment! I thank and praise God for his goodness and mercy!

I thank God for you, Dr. Joseph White. I thank God for you Bishop Jay Johnson. I thank God for you Bishop Martha Edwards. I thank God for you Elder Michael Stephens. I thank God for you Elder Darryl Tanner. I thank God for you Minister Kim Stephens. I thank God for you Minister KD. I thank God for you Dr. Gregory Ford. I thank God for Exhorter Brenda Hickey. I thank God for you Dr. Meigan Fields. I thank God for you Mr. Skip Duncan. I thank God for The Church of the Living God International. I thank God for my sweet mother and awesome father. I am so thankful to God for each of you for your prayers and support, and for allowing God to use you. I love you all. I am so thankful!

## 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*)

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

### **The 2019 Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Calendar**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
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 11-13</b>	<b>Holy of Holies Tabernacle Anniv.</b>	<b>Holiday, Fla.</b>
<b>Nov 22-24</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>