

Bishop Smith encourages the saints that God will deliver



In the Photo: Bishop Charles D. Smith preaching at Promise.

FORT WALTON BEACH FLA. – During the month of October, Bishop Charles D. Smith, Pastor of Promise and the Presiding Bishop of the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction, encouraged the saints at Promise that God would deliver them.

He preached from Acts 27:10-11, 21 and 23, which reads: “And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives. Nevertheless, the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul. But after long abstinence, Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man’s life among you, but of the ship. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God that it shall be even as it was told me.”

Bishop Smith said, “Many problems we have in our lives we bring upon ourselves. How well we live on the earth depends on the decisions we make. There is a price to pay for all bad decisions and a reward for all good ones.”

“God was sending Paul to Rome, so He was going ensure that Paul and all those on the ship with him would arrive safely. Because they did not heed the warning from Paul not to leave during the storm, God had to deliver them from the storm.”

Bishop Smith said when we get ourselves in the middle of something that God told us not to do, God is the only who can get us out that situation. “When we get in trouble, it costs us something,” he said.

“Paul was the only one praying on the ship and God told him that all the lives were going to be saved. God brought them to a small island in the middle of the ocean because He promised Paul that he was going to Rome,” said Bishop Smith.

In his conclusion, Bishop Smith said if we want God to move for us in a big way, we must first allow God to move for us in a small way.

The Bishop's Corner

No Condemnation

Praise the Lord Saints,

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death: but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then, they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his” (Romans 8:1-9)

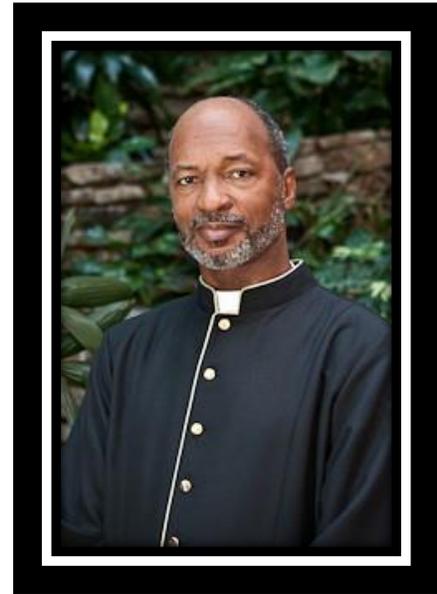
The devil bombards our soul with temptations, but the Spirit is always willing to help us resist and do the will of God. Condemnation in Romans 8:1 does not mean guilty, but it means that we are no longer under the judgment of eternal death. Because we are saved, we believe that God will forgive us when we repent. Those who are not saved believe that God will not forgive them.

Walking after the flesh means we have our own mind and our own ways. The Holy Spirit tries to get us to think like God and adapt His ways. Instead of allowing the Spirit to change us, we try to change God's ways and thoughts. “Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:6-9).

The Word of God will change us if we allow it to. Those who continue to resist the Spirit for an extended period become permanent babes in Christ. If we do not allow the Holy Spirit to influence our mind, an evil spirit will come into our mind and control it. If we want a life of peace, we must learn to follow the Holy Spirit.

God bless all of you,

Bishop Charles D. Smith
Gulf Coast Jurisdiction



Category: Events

One church had a church anniversary, a birthday celebration, attended a youth concert, and welcomed deployed military saints home and two churches had Hallelujah fun nights.

- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** Holy of Holies Tabernacle celebrated its Second Church Anniversary, October 11-13. Saints and friends enjoyed a wonderful weekend of fellowship and worship in Holiday, Fla.

Minister Kim Mastin: “The Lord came in and blessed us all.”



In the Photos: Saints and friends enjoying the Holy of Holies Tabernacle second church anniversary in Holiday, Fla.

Holy of Holies Tabernacle photos continue.



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• **From Christ the Redeemer:** Minister Shaneika Brinkley, Christ the Redeemer’s Youth and Young Adult Director, joined another church and took some of the CTR youth and young adults to the Gulf Coast Gospel Flame, children’s festival and concert. It was great to come together with the local community and fellowship in the Lord. It was also nice to meet J.J Hairston and Youthful Praise and have a great worship experience. I hope and plan to come together with community groups in the future so that we can worship the Lord together.

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

In the Photo: J.J Hairston and Minister Kourtney Littlejohn.

Christ the Redeemer photos continue.



In the Photos: Christ the Redeemer saints enjoying the Gulf Coast Gospel Flame, children's festival and concert.



- **From Christ the Redeemer:** The saints at Christ the Redeemer hosted a baby shower for brother and sister Adedeji. Little Bryan will be their first son.

Minister Kourtney Littlejohn: "Congratulations to the Adedeji Family."



In the Photos: Brother and Sister Adedeji enjoying their baby's shower with the Christ the Redeemer saints.

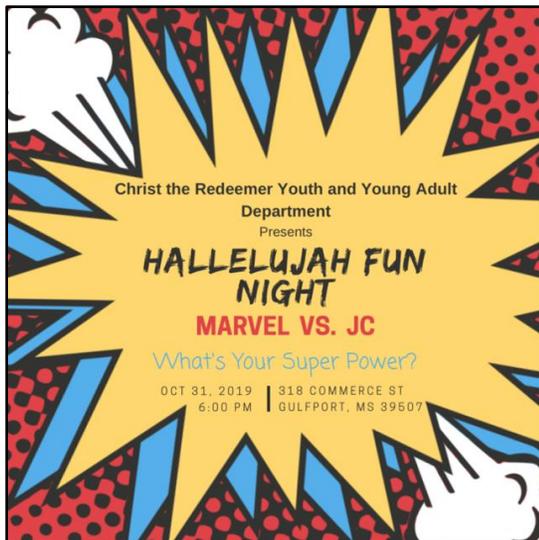
More Christ the Redeemer photos.



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- **From Christ the Redeemer:** Hallelujah Fun Night: Christ the Redeemer's youth and young adult department hosted a Hallelujah Fun Night. The theme was "Marvel vs. Jesus Christ," and everyone was to choose someone from the bible and dress up as a superhero. Marvel may have powers, but God has given saints today, as those in the Bible, powers as well. Eating candy is not a sin, dressing up is not a sin, and neither is having fun. It is not about what you do, but it is how you do it.

Minister Kourtney Littlejohn: "We had a wonderful time in the Lord."



In the Photos: Christ the Redeemer saints enjoying Hallelujah Fun Night dressed as bible superheroes.



• **From Spirit of Christ:** The Christian Education department at Spirit of Christ celebrated the birthday of our Christian Education Director Elder Bob Garcia this month. We enjoyed dinner at one of his favorite restaurants, Sabor a Mexico and had cake after evening service. Feliz Cumpleaños Elder Garcia!

Elder Debbie Calix: “We were happy to join Elder Garcia in his birthday celebration.”



In the Photos: Spirit of Christ Saints enjoying Elder Bob Garcia’s birthday celebration.

- **From Spirit of Christ:** All who attended the 2019 Spirit of Christ CLGI, Youth and Young Adult Hallelujah Fun Night had a great time. Director, Minister Stephen Calix orchestrated games, costumes, food, and of course, candy for everyone. Our newest member Sister Christine Slagle said of the event, "We had lots of fun." The youth of Promise CLGI joined in the fun as well.

Elder Debbie Calix: “We all had a great time of food, games, fun and fellowship.”



In the Photos: Saints enjoying the games, food, fun and fellowship at Spirit of Christ’s Hallelujah Fun night.

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- **From Spirit of Christ:** Spirit of Christ welcomed back from deployment this month our Hurlburt Field Airmen: Sister Emily Patterson, Brother Camren Lassiter and Brother Anthony Harvey. They all had the testimony that the Lord kept them on their deployments and brought them back safely. We praise God for them.

Elder Debbie Calix: "We thank God for keeping them safe and bring them home."



In the Photos: (L to R) Brother Anthony Harvey, (Center) Brother Camren Lassiter and (Right) Sister Emily Patterson.

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 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)
Minister Tina Martin's Father (Healing)
Sister T'Shaura Gay's Mother (Healing)
Minister Sirita Loiseau (Healing)
Mother Dorothy Harrison (Healing)
Minister Lajoya Shelly (Healing)

Elder Michael Stephens and Family (Condolence)
Minister Kim Stephens and Family (Condolence)

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 Desiree Walker
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- **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>
Nov 22-24	Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Meeting	FWB, Fla.
Dec 7-8	Elder Thompson Pastoral Anniv.	Gulfport, Miss.

Schedule

Saturday, December 7

- 9:00 am - Sunrise Mini Breakfast/Snacks
- 10:00 am - Seminar and Banquet – Bishop Charles D. Smith
- 6:00 pm - Prayer
- 6:30 pm - Evening Service – Elder Jeffrey Johnson

Sunday, December 8

- 10:00 am - Morning Service – Elder Tom Calix
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- **From the Administrative Staff:** Please note the changes below to the schedule for the **Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Meeting on Saturday, November 23:**

- 9:00-11:00 am - Business Meeting
- 1:00-2:45 pm - Seminar
- 6:00-6:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal (**Only those present at rehearsal will sing during service.**)
- 6:30-7:30 pm - Prayer
- 7:30 pm - Evening Service

All services will take place at Promise, the jurisdictional headquarters church.

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GULF COAST JURISDICTIONAL MEETING

Faith cometh by
hearing the
word of God

Romans 10:17

SCHEDULE

November 22, Friday

6:30 pm Prayer
7:30 pm Evening Service

November 23, Saturday

10:00 am Seminars
6:30 pm Prayer
7:30 pm Evening Service

November 24, Sunday

10:00 am Morning Service

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(Religious Rate \$100.00 + tax)

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*Very Respectively,
The Editorial Staff*
