

September 2019

## Bishop Smith encourages the saints to endure to the end



**In the Photo:** Bishop Charles D. Smith preaching.

FORT WALTON BEACH FLA. – During the month of September, Bishop Charles D. Smith, Pastor of Promise and the Presiding Bishop of the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction, traveled throughout the jurisdiction to encourage the saints to yield to the Holy Spirit, have faith in God and endure to the end.

Teaching from various scriptures to include Hebrews 4, Matthew 15:21-28, Mark 10:28-30, Galatians 5:18-21 and Philippians 3:13-14, he said, “The Holy Spirit needs to have more control in our lives. How much we yield to the Spirit is up to us. We must press toward the mark so we can receive the prize of the high calling.

“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13-14).

“There is only one prize in God: salvation. However, that one prize is available to everyone who is saved. Either you are saved or you are not. There are no varying degrees of being saved and we do not need to compete with each other,” said Bishop Smith

“We must allow the Holy Spirit to work in us because God is a gracious God. Our ministry is the service we do unto God. Peter told the Lord that he had left everything to follow Him, but Jesus encouraged him that he would receive it all back plus eternal life,” he said.

“Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel’s. But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life” (Mark 10:28-30).

“I encourage everybody to be saved. If God takes us higher, let our base be salvation. We must work out our own salvation with fear and trembling because Jesus is coming back soon,” concluded Bishop Smith.

# The Bishop's Corner

## *We must choose God to be chosen*

Praise the Lord Saints,

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13). “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name” (John 1:12)

God chooses those who ask Him to save them. When God saves us, we can make it to Heaven because He gives us the Holy Spirit. However, we must remain saved and choose God daily by doing His will and having the mind of Christ. “To this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth” (John 18:37).

God does not crucify our mind, but the Holy Spirit has to put it to death. We must change our will, renew our mind, and lay aside the sins and weights that will slow us down and stop us. “That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lust: and be renewed in the spirit of your mind” (Ephesians 4:22-23).

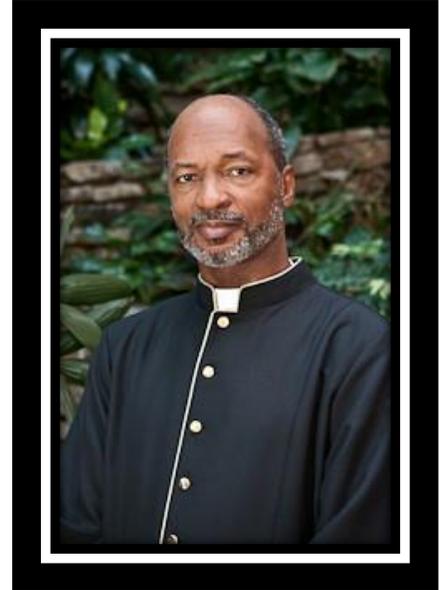
We should live our lives as though we are dead to the world, set our affections on things above, and allow the Lord to change us. “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:1-2). We can do this because Jesus spoiled principalities and powers and triumphed over them when He was raised from the dead (Colossians 2:15).

If we do not make up our mind that our old man is dead, we will allow things to remain in our affections that are not pleasing to God and that we will not ask Him to deliver us from; therefore, we will neither draw closer to God nor grow in the Spirit. We must decide that we are done with those things that are in our affections and be willing to give them up because God is not going to take those things out of our affections for us. “Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us” (Hebrews 12:1).

Let us learn to love the things that God loves: prayer, praise, worship, and studying His Word. We were created to live holy, and our purpose is to glorify God. “Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved” (Ephesians 1:5-6).

God bless all of you,

Bishop Charles D. Smith  
Gulf Coast Jurisdiction



## Category: Events

*One church had a student who made the President's List; the GCJ Evangelistic Team and Bishop Charles D. Smith encouraged the saints; a pastor received an employee award; and another Pastor had a birthday celebration.*



- **From Prince of Peace:** Sister DeShalya Harrison made the Florida State College President's List and was honored for her scholastic achievement. Sister Harrison is pursuing a master's degree and has completed the 2019 Fall Semester with a 3.75 grade point average.

*Pastor Paulette Harrison:* "We are very proud of her academic success!"

**In the Photo:** Sister DeShalya Harrison a nurse attending Florida State College.



- **From the GCJ Evangelistic Team:** Elder Ruth Latham, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Evangelistic Team Coordinator, visited the saints at Faith Worship Center in Charleston, South Carolina, September 1, 2019. Preaching from Psalms 62:1-2, 5-8, 10-12, she let them know that "Power belongs to God," and she encouraged them to "Have faith in Him because He knows how to deliver, heal, save and answer all of their prayers." "God will answer our prayers in His own time because His ways are not like our ways. His thoughts are not like our thoughts but are higher "as the heavens are higher than the earth" (Isaiah 55:9). Elder Latham also encouraged the saints to fight the good fight of faith so that they can lay hold on eternal life because Jesus is coming back on a cloud to receive all those who are living holy and loving His appearing.

**In the Photo:** Elder Ruth Latham, Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Evangelistic Team Coordinator.

- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** The Veteran's Regional Office recognized Pastor Chris Mastin on September 18 for his continuing dedication to veterans. The Regional Office lauded Pastor Mastin, deeming him a "master of interpersonal communications" with veteran's law judges, attorneys, veterans, their spouses, and various representatives. Pastor Mastin often faces adversity while coordinating meetings, but he works calmly through these sensitive situations. He is often the face of the Regional Office and takes the initiative to make all of the people he serves feel welcome.



**In the Photo:** Pastor Chris Mastin

Pastor Mastin also facilitated establishing the BVA Hearing facility in Pensacola, Fla. The Pensacola BVA Hearing office is more convenient for the many local, Pensacola veterans who previously had to travel more than 6 hours to get the Regional Office in St. Petersburg. Because of his hard work and dedication, Pastor Mastin is Employee of the Month for the Regional Office. He received a monetary award and a private parking space for the month of October. The saints at Holy of Holies Tabernacle are proud to have a pastor who not only works faithfully and compassionately in the ministry but also exhibits those same characteristics in his career. Pastor Mastin truly loves and cares for people and always does his best to support and encourage others.

*Minister Kim Mastin:* “The Lord is truly using Pastor Mastin as a vessel in all areas of his life!”

---



**In the Photo:** Friends and family with Pastor Tony Sewell celebrating his birthday.

- **From Lily of the Valley:** During Labor Day weekend, Pastor Deborah Sewell rented a 14- bedroom, 12-bathroom house near Orlando, Fla. to celebrate Pastor Tony Sewell’s 63rd birthday with their family and friends. Despite the threat of a hurricane, the celebration was all faith, fellowship, and fun. The saints prayed Hurricane Dorian away.

*Sister Sereese Davis:* “We had a great time!”

---

- **From Lily of the Valley:** Bishop Charles D. Smith, Presiding Bishop of the Gulf Coast Jurisdictional, came to town and blessed the LOV saints during a revival on Friday, September 13. He encouraged us to love God more and learn to love each other.

*Sister Sereese Davis:* “Everyone left blessed!”

**In the Photo:** Bishop Charles D. Smith preaching at Lily of the Valley Church.



## 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)

---

## 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 Sirta Loiseau
- 6. Minister Desiree Walker

- **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>
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.

Holy of Holies

TABERNACLE, CLGI

2435 US 19, Suite 130, Holiday, FL 34691 | 813.317.8260

2nd Church Anniversary

LABOR PRAISE WORSHIP

Colossians 3:23; Hebrews 13:15

October 11 - 13, 2019



Guest Psalmist:  
Carol  
Chisolm



Pastor Chris & First Lady  
Kim Mastin



Guest Speaker:  
Elder Chuck  
Latham

Order of Services:

Friday Worship Service 7:00pm

Saturday Fellowship and Praise 4:00pm

Special Guest Psalmist Carol Chisolm

Sunday Worship Service 11:00am

Guest Speaker Elder Chuck Latham

2  
0  
1  
9

# 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

## HOTEL

**TownePlace Suites Fort Walton Beach  
Eglin AFB**

843 Eglin Parkway  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547  
850-315-6000  
(Religious Rate \$100.00 + tax)

**For more  
information  
e-mail:**

[gulfcoast.jurisdiction  
@gmail.com](mailto:gulfcoast.jurisdiction@gmail.com)

---

*If you read this Gulf Coast Jurisdictional monthly newsletter and enjoy the articles, please help us keep it going by submitting articles and photos to [eldrlatham@yahoo.com](mailto:eldrlatham@yahoo.com) so we can enjoy reading and seeing the activities at your church.*

*Thanks to all of you who faithfully support the newsletter with your monthly inputs.*

*Very Respectively,  
The Editorial Staff*

---