

Saints encouraged at the 2019 Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Meeting



In the Photo: The mass choir singing during the 2019 Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Meeting in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

FORT WALTON BEACH FLA. – Saints from around the Church of the Living God International, Inc. came together on November 22-24, 2019 at Promise Church in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., for the Gulf Coast Jurisdictional annual conference.

With the theme, “Faith Comes by Hearing the Word of God,” saints were encouraged to believe the word of God, endure to the end, allow the Holy Spirit to change them and fight the good fight of faith. Elder Thomas Calix, Pastor of Spirit of Christ, started the conference on Friday night by telling the saints that they are called and chosen (1 Peter 2:9). He said, “It takes a made-up mind to live holy and we should wear this world as a loose garment.”

Bishop Joseph White, CLGI Founder and Presiding Bishop, taught the Saturday seminar and explained the different grounds in Luke 8 (wayside, rocky, thorns and good ground). He said, “God knew what type of grounds we were before He saved us.” He encouraged the saints to deny themselves and allow the Holy Spirit to change them.

A baptismal service preceded the Saturday evening message where Elder Carlos Thompson, Pastor of Christ the Redeemer, encouraged the people to be saved because they cannot escape death and all will stand before the judgement seat of God.

Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Presiding Bishop, delivered the conference's final message on Sunday morning by saying, "We preach the word of God so we can get confidence in God. With Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, we are saved. The biggest miracle we need is to be saved."

The conference ended with a number of people receiving ministerial certificates, licenses and appointments. Bishop Smith thanked everyone for coming and supporting the conference including visiting bishops and musicians.

More photos: (Taken by Sister Tonya Calix)



In the Photos: Saints enjoying the Lord at the 2019 GCJ conference at Promise Church in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

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In the Photos: Saints enjoying themselves at the 2019 GJC conference at Promise Church in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

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In the Photos: Saints enjoying the Lord and being baptized at the 2019 GCJ conference in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

The Bishop's Corner

New Creature

Praise the Lord Saints,

“For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the work of reconciliation” (2 Corinthians 5:14-19).

Everybody needs the Lord; therefore, we should call upon the name of the Lord while he can be found. The Holy Ghost saves us, and in the life of a believer, the Lord expects to see changes. Having God is better than not having Him, whether we are strong in the Lord or a babe in Christ. It is better to hear the word of God because faith comes by hearing the word of God, so we should keep coming to church to hear the word of God.

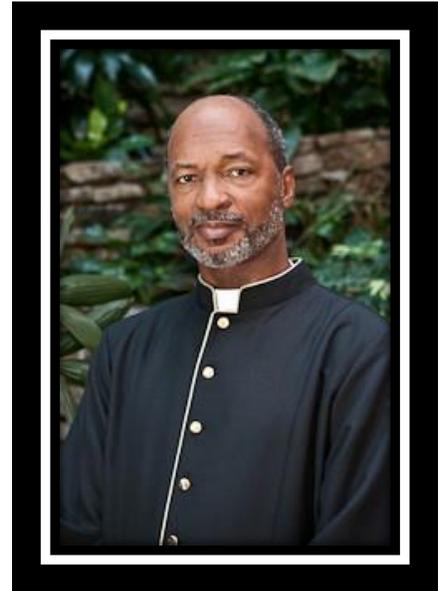
The love of Christ constrains or urges us that He loved us because He died for our sins. The Power of Sin, not the deeds of sin, were the problem we had when Jesus came into our life. We had to be delivered from the Power of Sin. We were not going to hell because of the sins we did, but because we were sinners. “For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous” (Romans 5:19).

Being in God is easy if we remember not to do those things that are wrong. We make it seem as if being in God is hard because of our self-righteousness by wanting people to be saved according to our standards. We cannot live saved without the Holy Ghost, but with Him, it is easy. The ways of a transgressor are hard, but when we are in Christ, He makes us new creatures. The first thing God does for us when He saves us is, rolls our burdens away and gives us peace.

Those who choose to be in Christ receive new life. As long as we think we can do things on our own, we will not ask God for help. Those whom God has reconciled to Himself are trying to reconcile others. God already knows before we die whether we are going to heaven: therefore, we must not have any doubt in our mind that when we die, we are going to heaven.

God bless all of you,

Bishop Charles D. Smith
Gulf Coast Jurisdiction



Category: Events

One church delivered meals on Thanksgiving and had a guest speaker, and another church celebrated November birthdays.

- **From Carrollwood Bible Study Center:** Thanksgiving Day Outreach! Members of the Carrollwood Bible study Center spent Thanksgiving morning delivering pies on a Meals on Wheels route situated in the community surrounding the Bible study center. Meals on Wheels delivers 800 meals a day to homebound and shut-in recipients in the Tampa area. It was also an opportunity to invite others to church that we met along our delivery route.



Minister Tabitha Hines: “We all had a wonderful time and we look forward to doing something like this every year.”

In the Photo: Members of Carrollwood Bible Study Center.

- **From Carrollwood Bible Study Center:** Friday Night November 1, the Carrollwood Bible Study Center was blessed to have as a guest speaker, Minister Xiomara Rivera. Minister Rivera explained the details of her testimony of how God healed her from stage 4 cancer and how there were individuals in her life who encouraged her because they demonstrated no expectations that she would succumb to the disease. She encouraged the saints in Carrollwood Bible Study through the scriptures that God sees even the least of us. He will orchestrate circumstances to your benefit to always do what is right. The saints were blessed to hear from her and see her well, healthy and fully restored. We are holding on to everything she has encouraged us to continue to do.



Minister Tabitha Hines: “We were blessed!”

In the Photo: Minister Xiomara Rivera preaching at Carrollwood Bible Study Center in Tampa, Fla. on November 1, 2019.

- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** The saints of Holy of Holies Tabernacle welcomed new friends and saints, and celebrated November birthdays with a seafood feast. It was a night of food, fun and fellowship.

Minister Kim Mastin: “All had a wonderful time.”



In the Photos: Saints and friends of Holy of Holies Tabernacle enjoying food, fun and fellowship at the November birthday celebration.

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).

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)
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 Royshel Richardson's Mother (Healing)
Minister Tina Martin's Father (Healing)
Sister T'Shaura Gay's Mother (Healing)
Minister Sirta Loiseau (Healing)
Mother Dorothy Harrison (Healing)
Minister Lajoya Shelly (Healing)
Elder Christiana Russell (Healing)
Jeffery Byrd (Elder Angela Jenkin's Uncle) (Healing)
Deaconess Lisa Gibson (Healing)
Minister Leslie Allen (Healing)
The Russell Family (Condolence)
Pastor Janine Conway and Family (Condolence)
The Hernandez 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>
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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Thanks to all of you who faithfully support the newsletter with your monthly inputs.

*Very Respectively,
The Editorial Staff*
