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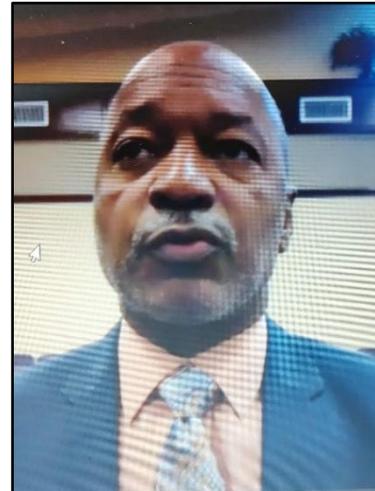
June 2020 Newsletter

Bishop Smith encourages the GCJ Saints to glorify God

FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA. – “When things look their worst in our lives, these are opportunities for God to show forth His glory,” said Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop and Pastor of Promise Church via a Zoom meeting on Tuesday night, June 2, 2020.

Because of the Coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Smith has been teaching, using Zoom on Sunday morning, Tuesday and Friday nights during these times of stay-at-home orders in effect in many states.

Teaching from Colossians, chapters 1 and 2, and Ephesians, chapter 5, Bishop Smith talked about Jesus’ being the head of the church and how He cares for the saints. “Jesus is the head of the church, so He is responsible for taking care of it. He makes sure that we have joy and peace and that our needs are met,” he said.



“There is so much more to the church than Christ giving us life; he loves us, cherishes us and nourishes us. To be subject to Him means that we are under His care,” said Bishop Smith.

Colossians 2:9-10 reads, “For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power.” Bishop Smith said, “These scriptures mean that Jesus has not only all of God’s power but also His personality and character—God’s compassion, love, patience, longsuffering, mercy and grace—the person of God.”

“If Christ was willing to die for us, we should be willing to obey and respect Him and glorify Him in our bodies. We are the church, and we are supposed to be one and not have the mind to go along with anything Christ does not approve of because He gave Himself for the church,” said Bishop Smith. “We need to be disciples indeed, and our testimony is for those who are not saved so when they hear it, they can overcome whatever they are going through and be saved. We cannot get anyone to believe what we do not believe, nor can we deliver anyone if we have not been delivered,” he added.

Bishop Smith concluded by saying, “Satan may trouble us for a minute, but God has the final say. The gates of hell shall not prevail!” (Matthew 16:18)

In the photo: Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop and Pastor of Promise, teaching with the Zoom Cloud Meetings App at Promise Church in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

The Bishop's Corner

A lively hope

Praise the Lord Saints,

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (I Peter 1:3-5)

Our hope is lively, and it is in Christ Jesus, reserved in heaven. We are kept by the power of God, so we should have joy because our hope is in Him. Those baptized in Christ are children of God and there is no respect of persons with Him; we are one in Christ Jesus, and we have the same Spirit as Jesus.

Even though we go through things in this life, we must set our affections on things above and believe that the Lord is going to see us through, and He has everything in control. “Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.” (I Peter 1:6-7)

God is a great equalizer, and He knows how to level everything out because He can change things in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. The devil will always give us some compromise so we can give up on God, but we should say, “God is going to deliver us.” We must let what we do be for the cause of Christ because our salvation is so we can have eternal life.

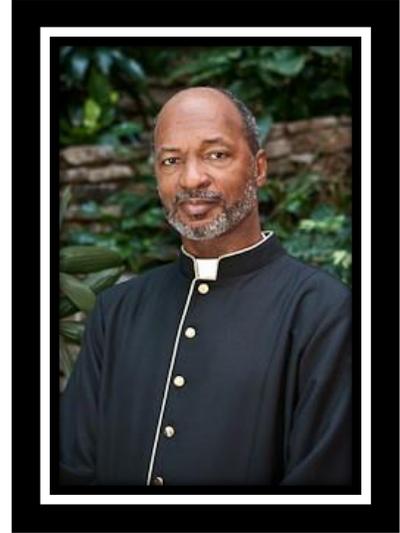
“Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.” (I Peter 1:9) We are the children of God, but we don't have our immortal bodies because we are working toward eternal life. We are looking for the end of our faith when we will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air.

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” (I Thessalonians 4:16-17)

The greatest move of the Holy Spirit in us was when we were born again, and the next greatest move will be when we are changed from mortal to immortality. Therefore, we must hold on to our faith and keep this lively hope until the end.

God bless you,

Bishop Charles D. Smith
Gulf Coast Jurisdiction



More April stories

Category: Events

During the month of June, one church celebrated birthdays, started a bible study and souls were added to the family of God.

- **From Christ the Redeemer:** Minister Kourtney Littlejohn and Sister Naomi West celebrated their birthdays in the month of June. The saints showered them with many blessings.

Minister Kourtney Littlejohn: “Happy Birthday to both of us!”

In the Photo: Minister Kourtney Littlejohn and Sister Naomi.



- **From Christ the Redeemer:** The Lord placed it on hearts of Minister Shaneika Brinkley and Minister Tyrone Brinkley to start a bible study in the hospital chapel on Keesler, Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss. The study is held from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week.



Minister Kourtney Littlejohn: “The Lord is blessing this bible study.”

In the Photos: Minister Shaneika Brinkley and members of the bible study.

- **From Christ the Redeemer:** During the month of June, we were blessed to have Brother Sutton and Sister King dedicate their lives to Jesus Christ and join our church.

Minister Kourtney Littlejohn: “It is such a blessing to see others get saved and run for the Lord.”

In the Photo: (L to R) Brother Sutton, Pastor Carlos Thompson and Sister King.





- **From Promise:** The Lord blessed the saints at Promise church to be able to have the parking lot resurfaced. Promise is the headquarters church for the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction.



Category: Prayer Request

The saints need healings and comfort.

Praise the Lord Saints,

Thank you so much for your continued prayers...they are not going unheard. When I went to visit Pastor Allen on Sunday (June 28), he had been breathing on his own for 11 hours. That was the first time in 31 days! He is still on the life support, but once it can be turned off for a full 24 hours, preparations will be made to take him off completely. Pastor Allen also had a stroke which affected the right side of his body, but he was able to move his right leg for the first time as well. Please keep praying: God is moving. I really love and appreciate all of your encouragement, prayers, and support.

I also want to give a special thank you to the Southeast Jurisdiction's Missions department for the beautiful card and much needed prayers and support. I really love you all, and I am so grateful to have such a loving family.

God Bless,

Minister Yvette Allen

Precious Saints,

I hope all is well. Thanks for your outpouring of love, prayers, texts, cards, phone calls and love offering as me and my family mourned the death of my sister. She was laid to rest on this past Friday (July 3). I pray that the Lord will continue to bless and keep each of you.

In Christ,

Elder Ruth Latham

- **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)
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 Christiana Russell (Complete Healing)
Jeffery Byrd (Elder Angela Jenkin's Uncle) (Healing)
Deaconess Lisa Gibson (Healing)
Minister Leslie Allen (Healing)
Mother Judy Jones (Healing)
Minister Priya Luchmun (Healing)
Minister India Rogers (Healing)
Elder Paula Smith (Healing)
Elder Deborah Sewell (Healing)
Minister Eartha Howard (Healing)
Elder Bonita Russell (Healing)
Sister Barbara Cooper (Healing)
Howard and Teresa Jenkins II (Elder Paula Smith's Sister/Brother-in-law) (Healing)
Exhorter Travis Sewell (Healing)
Minister Kourtney Littlejohn (Healing)
Sister Carolyn Skipper (Evangelist Cotinna Harris' Mother) (Healing)
Bishop William Lee III (Healing)
Elder Derrick Allen (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 Desiree Walker
- 4-5 Aug (*Tue-Wed*) **Christ the Redeemer**, Gulfport, Miss. (*Cancelled*)
6-7 Aug (*Thur-Fri*) **Promise**, Fort Walton Beach, Fla. (*Cancelled*)
(TBD) - **Lily of the Valley**, Thonotosassa, Fla. (*Minister Desiree Walker*)
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- **From the Administrative Staff:** Saints please be mindful of these upcoming events.

The 2020 Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jul 25-26	Elder Russell's Pastoral Anniversary	Montgomery, AL
Jul 31-Aug 2	First Jurisdictional Meeting	Columbus, OH
Aug 20-23	South American Jurisdictional Meeting	Meerzorg, Suriname
Sep 4-6	North Carolina Pre-Jurisdictional Meeting	TBD
Sep 4-6	Elder Calix's Pastoral Anniversary	FWB, FL
Cancelled	G CJ CE Recreational Fellowship	TBD
Oct 9-11	Holy of Holies Tabernacle Anniversary	Holiday, FL
Oct 9-11	PNW Jurisdictional Meeting	Oceanside, CA
Oct 23-25	European Jurisdictional Meeting	Rodenbach, Germany
Oct 30	Central States Jurisdictional Meeting	Kansas City, MO
Nov 6-8	Northeast Jurisdictional Meeting	Indian Head, MD
Nov 20-22	Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Meeting	FWB, FL
Dec 5-6	Elder Thompson's Pastoral Anniversary	Gulfport, MS

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

*Very Respectively,
The Editorial Staff*
