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June 2021 Newsletter

Bishop Smith Told the GCJ Saints about God's Protection



FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA. – “God is our refuge and strength,” said Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop and Pastor of Promise Church, via Zoom Friday night, June 11, 2021.

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

Bishop Smith taught from the books of Romans and Psalms. “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea (Psalms 46:1-2 KJV).”

“God is also our healer and our deliverer; we must always turn to Him. God keeps turning us to Him because He doesn’t want to lose us, which is a good thing,” said Bishop Smith.

Bishop Smith said that, “God saves us from the corruption of the earth and the corruption of our bodies. The earth is waiting on man to be redeemed in his body.” He referenced the scripture in Romans 8:19 and 23, which says, “For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body (Romans 8:19, 23 KJV)”.

“The world is getting worse because the people have less reverence for God,” said Bishop Smith. “We can depend on God, and we must depend on God to bring us through; He has given us His Holy Spirit to help us; therefore, we should try to hear the Spirit so we can do the Lord’s will.”

In conclusion, Bishop Smith encouraged the saints that their names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life, and they should have faith in God. “When difficult times come, as you are waiting for Jesus’ return, have faith in God and listen to the Holy Spirit because the Lord will bring you out and fix every situation.”

In the Photos: Bishop Charles D. Smith teaching at Promise Church in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., June 11, 2021.

The Bishop's Corner

Choose God

Praise the Lord Saints,

“Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, and said, ‘Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither: The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.’ In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly. And the Lord said unto Satan, ‘Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.’ Then said his wife unto him, ‘Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die.’ But he said unto her, ‘Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?’ In all this did not Job sin with his lips” (Job 1:20-22; Job 2:6, 9-10 KJV).

Job had faith to wait on God, and he brings his wife to her senses so she can continue to trust in God. Sometimes the Holy Ghost will bring us to our senses by telling us that we’re acting like someone who does not trust in God because believing in God should be enough. There’re only two ways to go through this life: with God or without God. What is always clear is that the way and will of God is always right. No matter what goes on in our lives, we must obey and turn to God because when we move in God, we’re going in the right direction, and if we continue in Him, we will have eternal life.

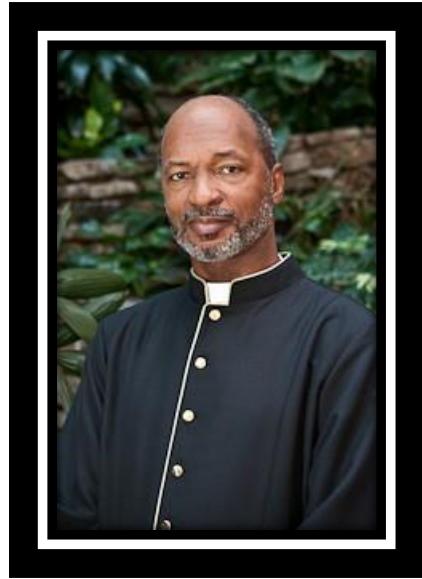
When perilous times come, some people turn to God and some do not. When we turn to God, He gives us the Holy Ghost to comfort us, build us up, and teach us about God. The more we know God, the more we love Him.

Another example of choosing God is Moses. “And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, ‘I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.’ And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, ‘Moses, Moses.’ And he said, ‘Here am I.’ And He said, ‘Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground’” (Exodus 3:2-5 KJV).

If we really want God to move for us, we must be like Moses. God knew Moses’ character that when he saw the burning bush, he would decide to turn and see what God wanted. When God comes to us, we must be willing to turn to Him. Sometimes we want God to be in front of us to block us, but that’s not what He does; instead, God wants us to turn to Him and choose Him as Moses did. We must be willing to choose God even when we don’t see what He’s doing in the long run, because God always knows what He is doing.

God bless you,

Bishop Charles D. Smith
Gulf Coast Jurisdiction



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Category: Events

One church had a Mother's Day celebration, a lady's fellowship, a graduation and a birthday celebration; two churches had Father's Day celebrations, and another church had a farewell dinner.

- **From Christ the Redeemer:** The Brotherhood Department, led by Minister Tyrone Brinkley, blessed the mothers of the church with individual gifts and poems read by friends, family, and loved ones.

Minister Kourtney Littlejohn: "The mothers enjoyed their special celebration."



In the Photos: Mother enjoying their special celebration at Christ the Redeemer Church in Gulfport, Miss.

More Christ the Redeemer Photos:



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- **From Christ the Redeemer:** The Elect Ladies Department, led by Elder Treani Thompson, hosted a “Hawaiian Luau” at her home. The ladies, youth, and young adults enjoyed food, fun, games, and fellowship.

Minister Kourtney Littlejohn: “The pandemic restricted our travel, so we brought Hawaii to us.”



In the Photos: Christ the Redeemer Elect Ladies enjoying themselves at the “Hawaiian Luau” in Gulfport, Miss.

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In the Photos: Christ the Redeemer Elect Ladies enjoying themselves at the “Hawaiian Luau” in Gulfport, Miss.

- **From Christ the Redeemer:** Brother Jonathan Thompson graduated from high school and all of the saints came to celebrate this wonderful achievement. The Youth and Young Adult Department, led by Minister Shaneika Brinkley, hosted a lock-in at the church following graduation.

Minister Kourtney Littlejohn: “Congratulations Brother Jonathan, we’re very proud of you.”



In the Photo: Pastor Carlos Thompson, Brother Jonathan Thompson and Elder Treani Thompson celebrating Jonathan’s high school graduation in Gulfport, Miss.

More Christ the Redeemer Photos:



In the Photos: Christ the Redeemer saints celebrating Jonathan's high school graduation in Gulfport, Miss.

- **From Christ the Redeemer:** Minister Kourtney Littlejohn and Sister Naomi West celebrated their birthdays in the month of June.

Minister Kourtney Littlejohn: “We enjoyed the birthday celebration.”

Happy Birthday!

In the Photo: Sister Naomi West and Minister Kourtney Littlejohn enjoying their birthday celebration.



- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** HHT had a wonderful Father’s Day celebration. The fathers were encouraged that they are mighty men of valor and must look to the Lord for strength and guidance to lead their families. Pastor Christopher Mastin reminded them that though it may not be easy, it is their responsibility to lead the family to Christ.

Minister Kim Mastin: “Everyone enjoyed the Father’s Day celebration.”



In the Photos: Holy of Holies Tabernacle saints enjoying the Father’s Day celebration in Holiday, Fla.

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- **From Spirit of Christ:** Spirit of Christ came together for a farewell dinner at Red Lobster, Fort Walton Beach, in honor of Minister Stephen Calix, Exhorter Tonya Calix, and Brother Jaylen Reid. Bishop Charles D. Smith and members of Promise Church attended, as well as Exhorter Tonya's parents, Pastor Ozzie Bloxson and Sister Gyra Bloxson. The "Calix Jr family," as they are fondly referred to as, are moving to Land O Lakes, Fla., where we believe the Lord has many wonderful things in store for their future. The saints gave many words of love, gratitude and encouragement to our honorees. The church auxiliaries gifted Brother Stephen and Sister Tonya each with a new 3pc set of Samsonite luggage. Elder Bob Garcia said, "This is so they can come back and visit often." This caused a resounding, "Yes" from everyone. As our drummer, who will be missed very much, Brother Jay received gifts that all had to do with drumming. He was smiling from ear to ear. Pastor Calix presented plaques to each of them for all their labors in the House of God. He said, "I appreciated them for the many contributions that they made to the Spirit of Christ family, to include all of the various departments and areas that they worked in." He also expressed how much they are loved and will be missed by Spirit of Christ. So, it is with a sad heart that Pastor Tom, Elder Debbie Calix, and all the Spirit of Christ Saints say goodbye to this beloved family. However, we know they won't be far away and that they are going to do great things together in this ministry.

Elder Debbie Calix: "We had a wonderful time in fellowship with the saints."



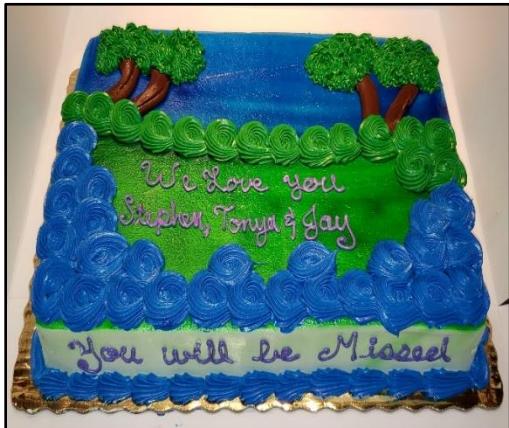
In the Photos: Saints enjoying the farewell dinner for Minister Stephen Calix and his family in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

More SOC Photos:



In the Photos: Saints enjoying the farewell dinner for Minister Stephen Calix and his family. **(Right bottom)** Pastor Tom Calix and Elder Bob Garcia praying for Minister Stephen and Exhorter Tonya Calix for God's protection, leading, guiding and keeping.

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- **From Spirit of Christ:** The Spirit of Christ Brotherhood Department honored the father's this month with gift cards to Lowe's and Home Depot. It was the perfect opportunity for a photo op with all the brothers.

Elder Debbie Calix: "We enjoyed the Father's Day celebration."



In the Photos: The Spirit of Christ Church Brotherhood Department: Pastor Tom Calix, Elder Bob Garcia, Brotherhood Director Minister Sean Francis, Minister Stephen Calix, Deacon Jeff Negley, and Brother Greg Slagle.



In the Photo: SOC fathers and their children enjoying the Father's Day celebration.



In the Photos: Spirit of Christ Church Brotherhood Department: Pastor Tom Calix, Elder Bob Garcia, Brotherhood Director Minister Sean Francis, Minister Stephen Calix, Deacon Jeff Negley, Brother Greg Slagle, and Brother Dante Morris.

Category: Testimony

The saints are grateful to God for prayer and the blessings of the Lord.

Praise the Lord,

I want to thank the saints of Gulf Coast Jurisdiction for your consistent prayers for Alyssa. She came through the surgery extremely well, she said she was no longer afraid, and her recovery has been very swift so far. This is NOTHING but God answering the compassionate prayers of the saints and our friends! Thank you for showing unconditional love for Alyssa! The first two pictures are her before surgery smiling and calm. And the third is a couple hours after surgery, she was ready to sit up, eat, and was even walking on her own.

Minister Desiree Walker



In the Photos: Sister Alyssa Richardson before and after back surgery.

Category: Prayer Request

The saints need healings and comfort.

- **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 KJV).

Elder T'Angela Rogers (Healing)
Minister Norma Taylor's Mother (Healing)
Minister Joseph Johnson (Healing)
Brother Joshua Henderson (Healing)
Elder Paulette Harrison (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)
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)
Exhorter Travis Sewell (Healing)
Minister Kourtney Littlejohn (Healing)
Bishop William Lee III (Healing)
Elder Carolin Taylor (Healing)
Minister Janice Spivey (Healing)
Elder Deborah Sewell's Mother (Lois Franklin) (Healing)
Elder Deborah Sewell's Sister (Loretta Green) (Healing)
Minister Monique Pullin's Uncle (George Pullin) (Healing)
Minister Lynn Knox's grandson (Elijah) (Healing)
Minister Crystal Derico (Healing)
Sister Frankie Ware (Healing)
Elder Kim Chisolm (Healing)
Brother Arthur Thompson (Complete Healing)
Elder Gary Watson, Jr. (Healing)
Elder Jacqueline Terrell (Healing)
Pastor Luther McCaskill's Uncle (Rickey Golden) (Healing)
Pastor Luther McCaskill's Mother (Janice McCaskill) (Healing)
Minister Janice Spivey's Father (Brother Leon Motley) (Healing)
Minister Keta McCaskill's Mother (Louise Knox) (Healing)
Sister Eleanor Rogers' Mother (Ms. Rosa Welcome) (Healing)
Elder T'Angela Rogers' Mother (Healing)
Minister Kourtney Littlejohn's Sister (Veronika) (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
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- **From the Administrative Staff:** Saints please be mindful of these upcoming events.

The 2021 Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jul 24-25	Elder Russell Pastoral Anniversary	Montgomery, AL
Aug 6-8	First Jurisdictional Conference	Columbus, OH
Aug 19-22	South American Jurisdictional Conference	Paramaribo, Suriname
Sep 4-5	Elder Calix Pastoral Anniversary	FWB, FL
Sep 17-19	International Missions Conference	Augusta, GA
TBD	GCJ CE Recreational Fellowship	TBD
Oct 9-10	Holy of Holies Tabernacle Anniversary	Holiday, FL
Oct 8-10	PNW Jurisdictional Conference	Honolulu, HI
Oct 22-24	European Jurisdictional Conference	Rodenbach, Germany
Oct 29-31	Central States Jurisdictional Conference	Kansas City, MO
Nov 5-7	Northeast Jurisdictional Conference	Indian Head, MD
Nov 19-21	Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Conference	FWB, FL
Dec 4-5	Elder Thompson 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*
