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2021 GCJ Conference: “Laboring together with God”



In the Photo: Saints at the 2021 Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Conference at Promise Church in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA. – The Gulf Coast Jurisdiction (GCJ) held its annual conference Nov. 19-21 at Promise, which is the headquarter church for the jurisdiction. The GC Jurisdiction includes churches in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Those who could not make it to the conference were able to participate via Zoom.

The theme was "Laboring together with God" (Corinthians 3:9-11). The message throughout the weekend was that we are working together with God to add souls to His kingdom. "If we're going to be laborers with God, the first thing we must ask Him is, 'What do you want me to do?'" said Bishop Charles D. Smith, the Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop.

Over the three-day conference, preachers spoke the Word of God with power concerning God's plan, being a wise master builder, and being a servant in the ministry. Elder Augustus Russell, Pastor of New Covenant in Montgomery, Ala., opened the conference on Friday night as the keynote speaker. He encouraged the saints to continue to work with Christ because He is working with them in heaven (Mark 16:15-20). "God has a plan and because of His grace it includes us," said Elder Russell.

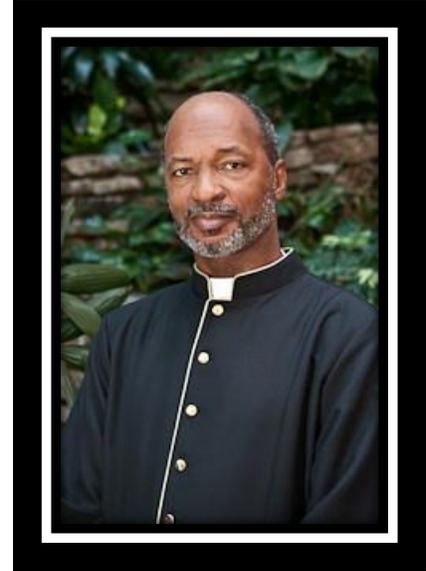
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The Bishop's Corner

Be A Victor Not A Victim

Praise the Lord Saints,

“But now, in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us. Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinance; for to make in Himself of twain one new man, so making peace. And that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby. And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together growth unto a holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit (Ephesians 2:13-22 KJV).”



If God tore down the middle wall of partition between the Jews and Gentiles, we're not supposed to have a wall of partition anywhere in our lives. God knows how to reconcile us because that's what He does. How can we preach if we can't reconcile with one another? A house divided against itself can't stand; we're a house within ourselves, and if we can't reconcile, we're not going to stand.

If we've been hurt by someone or something, we must forgive and allow the Lord to heal our broken hearts and stop being the victim to gain sympathy from others because we all have been hurt at some point in our lives. Unforgiveness is the burden of the one who was hurt. We have the victory in Jesus, and we're more than conquerors. How can we preach victory if we are victims? “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, or heights, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:37-39 KJV).”

We were victims of sin until the Lord saved us, then we became victors. “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 15:57 KJV).” We must ask God to bring us through these hurts, lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil, and help us keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

God bless you,

Bishop Charles D. Smith
Gulf Coast Jurisdiction

For more of Bishop Smith's teachings, go to the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Website at <http://www.gulfcoastclgi.org> and click on “Encouragement” then “Teachings.”

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“Jesus is the foundation, and if He stops working, no miracles would be performed on the earth (I Corinthians 3:5-11),” he added. Elder Russell concluded by telling the saints that whatever they go through is not worth giving up heaven (I Corinthians 6:1-10).

Saturday morning of the conference started with a business meeting followed by afternoon seminars. Bishop Smith taught the main seminar and Minister Tyrone Brinkley, GCJ Minister of Music, held a music workshop, which produced the choral singing group that performed throughout the conference in place of the usual jurisdictional mass choir.

Bishop Smith encouraged the saints in the seminar that the Gentile believers were the same as the Jewish believers; therefore, “We should tell new saints how important they are to God before we begin to instruct them on things they should abstain from (Ephesians 1:1-18).” Teaching from book of Ephesians, Bishop Smith said that Apostle Paul was writing to new believers, and he spends the first three chapters of Ephesians welcoming these former idolaters into the church of God and making them not feel like outsiders. “We’re God’s inheritance, and we mean something to Him. We’re the future rulers together with God, and Jesus went through all He did not to sit us on the shelf, but that we would reign with Him,” concluded Bishop Smith.

Elder Carlos Thompson, Pastor of Christ the Redeemer in Gulfport, Miss, preached on Saturday night and told the saints, “I want to be a wise master builder in God’s work of the ministry.” He encouraged



the saints that when they do God’s work, He would be with them because His yoke is easy and His burden is light. “The only reason the work is hard is if you try to do it by yourself. This is God’s work, and it is not for self-gratification because we are servants,” he said. He concluded by encouraging other pastors to listen to the people and show charity. “If you want your church to grow and the people to be faithful, show charity because it is the end of the law (I Timothy 1:5-16).”

The service on Sunday morning began with a baptism followed by Bishop Smith



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delivering the conference's final message. The Conference ended with communion and presenting of ministerial certificates, licenses and appointments. Brother Paul Timaeus Cadogan was baptized, and everyone celebrated with him. He is 7-years-old and a member of Promise Church, the son of Minister Shaundra Smith Cadogan and grandson of Bishop Smith.

Bishop Smith encouraged the saints to continue to seek wisdom to do the work of God in order to do His will. "Jesus washed the feet of the disciples to show them that He's a servant and when He saved us, He came as a servant (James 1:5-27)," he said. Bishop Smith said that the pure religion that God started was in the Garden with Adam and when Adam sinned, he brought in his own religion. "Pure religion is to have compassion on the people that have needs and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. If we sin, God is merciful, and He will say, 'Come let us reason together.'" Bishop Smith concluded by saying, "The wisdom that comes down from above is pure, and it doesn't have my will in it, unless my will is aligned with God's will" (James 3:17).

The conference ended with Bishop Smith thanking everyone for coming, being a part via Zoom, and supporting the conference. Dignitaries in attendance at the conference included Bishop Mary Butler, Central States Jurisdiction, Bishop James Johnson, Southeast Jurisdiction, Bishop Royschel Richardson, Northeast Jurisdiction, Elder Herman Butler, Chief Operations Officer, The Church of the Living God International, Inc., and Elder Sharon Alston, CLGI Directions of Missions.



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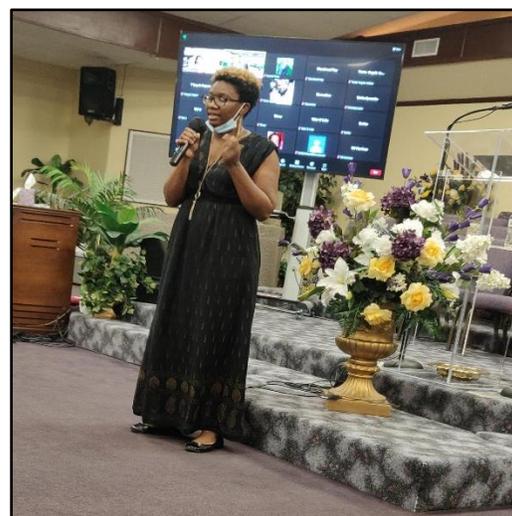
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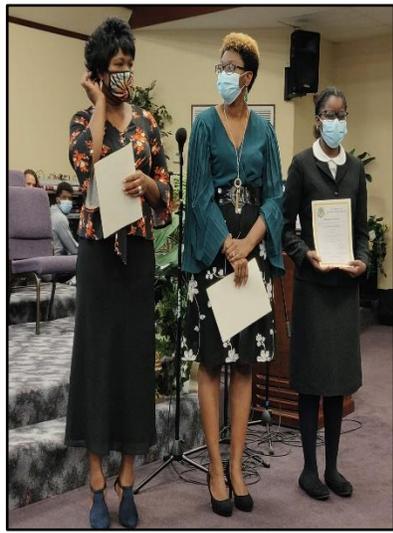
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In the Photos: Saints receiving appointments at the 2021 GCJ Conference at Promise Church in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

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In the Photos: Saints receiving appointments and appreciation at the 2021 GCJ Conference.

Category: Prayer Request

The saints need healing 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)
Elder Paulette Harrison (Healing)
Brother Anthony Burrell (Complete Healing)
Minister Sirita Loiseau (Healing)
Minister Priya Luchmun (Healing)
Minister India Rogers (Healing)
Minister Xiomara Rivera (Complete Healing)
Elder Paula Smith (Healing)
Elder Deborah Sewell (Healing)
Minister Eartha Howard (Healing)
Elder Bonita Russell (Healing)
Sister Barbara Cooper (Healing)
Minister Kourtney Littlejohn (Healing)
Bishop William Lee III (Complete Healing)
Minister Crystal Derico (Healing)
Sister Frankie Ware (Healing)
Elder Kim Chisolm (Healing)

Elder Jacqueline Terrell (Healing)
Sister Eleanor Rogers' Mother (Ms. Rosa Welcome) (Healing)
Elder T'Angela Rogers' Mother (Healing)
Minister Kourtney Littlejohn's Sister (Veronika) (Healing)

Category: Testimony

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

I give all honor and praise to God, to Christ who is my life, and to the Spirit who keeps me. Truly all things work together for my good. I am so grateful that the Lord continually blesses me and lifts me up. In March of this year, He blessed me with a job, whereby, He created the perfect position for me that did not exist until I was hired—with this job, God lifted me out of poverty. In October, God made a way for me to purchase a home. On our (my family) way to a funeral in North Carolina, my father told me that when we returned, there would be a house for me (I had been searching), and a week or so after we returned, there was. It was the right price, the right amount of space for me and my son, and I just loved it when I walked in to see it with the realtor. I had seen several homes before, for which I made offers that did not come to fruition. But when I made an offer on the home God blessed me with, the seller accepted my offer the very next morning. Things went so smoothly after that, that it was mind boggling—before I knew it, I was a homeowner. God took me from poverty to owning a home in less than a year. And on top of all these things, I will be getting a raise on my job in January. Truly, it is He who gives us the power to get wealth, and because it all belongs to Him anyway, my God will supply every need according to His riches in glory.

Thank you, Lord, for your love, goodness, and mercy.

Minister Shaundra Smith Cadogan

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>
Dec 4-5 Cancelled	Elder Thompson Pastoral Anniversary	Gulfport, MS

Graduation Ceremony for Minister India Rogers

Date: Friday, December 17, 2021

Time: 9:00 am EST

Location: The Addition Financial Arena on The University of Central Florida Main Campus
12777 Gemini Blvd N., Orlando, FL 32816

All guest attending the ceremony must have a ticket and graduates are only given 5 guest tickets. You can watch the ceremony live via YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-eYo1bAsP8

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

*Very Respectively,
The Editorial Staff*
