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## Bishop Smith Told the GCJ Saints Not to Be Weary

FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA. – “No one can stop you from being in God, so be not weary in well doing,” said Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop and Pastor of Promise Church, via Zoom Friday night, October 1, 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 John 10:27-29 and Galatians 6:9 KJV. John states: “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: and I give them eternal life: and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father’s hand.” Galatians states: “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

Bishop Smith said, “Sometimes unanswered prayers discourage us, but we can’t get to the point where we ever say, ‘God is not going to help me’ because we walk by faith and not by sight (II Corinthian 5:7 KJV).”

Using I Samuel 30:1-24 KJV, Bishop Smith encouraged the saints to have the mind that King David had when he was discouraged after the people came against him when Ziklag was burned and the wives and children were taken into captivity. “David took responsibility for that action and prayed to God about what he should do. God told him to pursue, and He would go with him to recover all,” said Bishop Smith.

In conclusion, Bishop Smith told the saints that the devil can’t take them away from God; he can only discourage them to the point where they leave God. “Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul,” (Hebrews 10:38-39 KJV).”



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

# The Bishop's Corner

## *We Have a Responsibility*

Praise the Lord Saints,

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:5-12 JKV).”

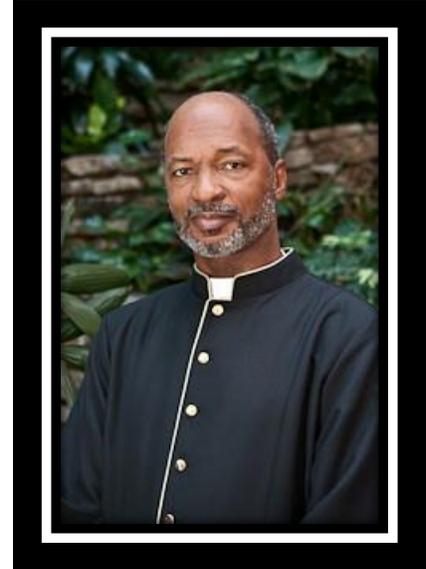
We have a responsibility for making it to heaven because God took care of cleansing us from sin and saving us; but we must work out our own salvation. We need the word of God and the Spirit to keep us because the devil provokes us to get angry and act in a way that's not pleasing to God, then tells us that God can't help us, and we believe him, and won't seek help from God. God gives us the power to stop doing those things that are not pleasing to Him but we must ask Him for it. The devil uses our arrogance and pride against us to keep us from coming to God and he lies to us about Heaven to make us not want to go there.

We must decide that we're going to believe God and go along with His plan and obey God as Jesus did. We need to ask God to give us a praying spirit and more love for Him. Additionally, we must figure out a way to stay in God because we have to keep ourselves in the love of God so we can make it to heaven (Jude 1:21 KJV). Coming to the House of God helps to keep us in God because when we come, we find comfort, healing, deliverance, strength, faith, love and fellowship with the saints.

Christ has done His part and now it's our responsibility to seek those things which are above so we can make it to heaven (Colossians 3:1-4 KJV). We need to have a strong desire for the Holy Ghost who brings the word of God back to our minds when we need it. We must learn to love God and ask Him to shed more of His love in our hearts to love Him with (Romans 5:5 KJV). Christ, who is our life, when He appears, we will go back to heaven with him, and receive a reward if we just continue to live holy (Colossians 3:4 KJV).

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."*

## More October stories

### Category: Events

*One church had birthday celebrations and welcomed a new baby; another church had a breast cancer awareness conference; and another church celebrated its anniversary.*

- **From Spirit of Christ:** Spirit of Christ celebrated the birthday of First Lady Debbie Calix in September. Elder Calix thoroughly enjoyed her celebration dinner at Olive Garden, especially with the surprise attendance of her son, Minister Stephen Calix and her grandson, Brother Jaylen Reid.



**In the Photos:** Saints enjoying the birthday celebration for Elder Debbie Calix.

**Editor's Note:** This article was inadvertently left out of the September edition of the newsletter. We are very sorry for the oversight.

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- **From Spirit of Christ:** The Christian Education department of Spirit of Christ honored their Director, Elder Bob Garcia on his birthday this month. Please wish him "Feliz Cumpleaños."

*Elder Debbie Calix:* "Elder Garcia enjoy his birthday celebration."

**In the Photo:** Elder Bob Garcia rejoicing at his birthday celebration with the saints of Spirit of Christ Church.



- **From Spirit of Christ:** Spirit of Christ would like to congratulate Minister Sean and Sister Shanell Francis on the birth of their adorable baby boy on October 9, 2021 at 3:15 am. Sion Micah Francis weighed in at 6lbs, 12ozs and was 18.5in long. Mommy, daddy and baby are doing well and excited about introducing everyone to the newest member of Spirit of Christ.

*Elder Debbie Calix:* "We are very happy for the Francis' on the birth of their baby boy."

**The Francis' Baby Photos:**



**In the Photos:** Baby Sion Micah Francis on the day of his birth.

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- **From Prince of Peace:** Prince of Peace held a “Breast Cancer Awareness Conference” on October 23, at the church in Jacksonville, Fla. Claudette Newman-Dawes, Senior Community Health Nurse Supervisor/Program Integration Specialist at the Duval County Health Department, was the guest speaker, and she gave helpful information to make the

attendees aware of breast cancer and things to do to help lessen their chances of getting it. Gift baskets were raffled and refreshments were available for purchase.

*Elder Paulette Harrison:* “We had a wonderful time and received valuable information about breast cancer. I gave my testimony of how the Lord healed me of breast cancer.”



**In the Photos:** Pastor Paulette Harrison and Sister Dequa Thornton and attendee to the conference. The table shows items given away to increase their knowledge of breast cancer.

## More Photos of POP's Breast Cancer Awareness Conference:



**In the Photos:** Attendees to the Breast Cancer Awareness Conference to include the guest speaker, Claudette Newman-Dawes and her assistant, Dorothy Young-Holder and other members of Prince of Peace Church.

- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** HHT was blessed to celebrate our 4th year! Our theme: “For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building (I Corinthians 3:9 KJV).”



We started our celebration with a wonderful 2-day revival, which included virtual teachings by our Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop, Bishop Charles D. Smith, who is also the pastor of Promise Church in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. He encouraged the saints to know the benefits of being with God and knowing God. Knowing God means following Him as dear children. He taught us that we must allow him to change us and fill us with His Spirit so that He can work a work in us and prepare us to do what is needed for the kingdom. He reminded us that without the Holy Ghost, we would only like the good feelings and wouldn't know God's keeping power to make it to

the expected end which is eternal life.

His powerful teaching led up to our annual "Praise-In-The-Park." The day was filled with powerful testimonies, fellowship with friends of old and new and a spirit-filled worship in song and praise led by Sister Carol Chisolm. We were not only blessed as a body, but others in the park joined us and came together to enjoy the worship. We were in awe to see God working as we were out amongst the people. It was a reminder that in order to build up the kingdom, we must go outside our church building and go amongst the people and let the Spirit of the lord draw them through us.

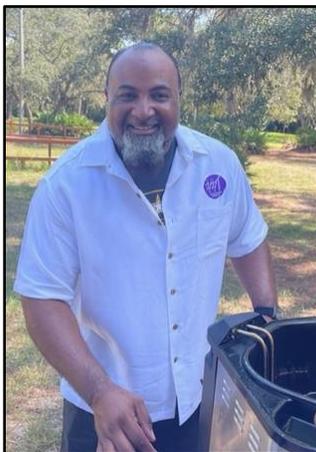
The finale of celebration was held in another spirit-filled service in which Elder Kennita Williams encouraged the saints to continue laboring together. She reminded us that in our plans to build and grow, we must let God continue to show us His purpose so that the people and the work will be blessed.

*Minister Kim Mastin:* "The Anniversary was truly a success because God was with us. He brought the people together in unity and love as we glorified Him for all He has done for our church family."



**In the Photo:** Elder Carol Chisolm doing praise and worship at the Holy of Holies Tabernacle's "Praise-In-The-Park."

**HHT's Anniversary Photos Continue:**



**In the Photos:** Holy of Holies Tabernacle members enjoying the fellowship in the park to celebrate their church anniversary.

**HHT's Anniversary Photos Continue:**



**In the Photos:** Saints enjoying the Holy of Holies Tabernacle Church anniversary celebration.

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### 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 (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)  
The Mastin and Hood Families (Condolence)

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### **Category: Testimony**

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

To Our Church Family,

Our family wants to thank you all for the outpouring of love, prayers, words of comfort, etc., you showed to us during our time of loss. It has brought a great deal of comfort to have the saints in our lives and your kindness has meant so much. Please continue to pray for our family that the Lord will continue to comfort our hearts and minds moving forward.

With Love,

The Rogers Family  
(Elder T'Angela and Minister India)

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### **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**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Nov 5-7	Northeast Jurisdictional Conference	Indian Head, MD
<b>Nov 19-21</b>	<b>Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Conference</b>	<b>FWB, FL</b>
<b>Dec 4-5 Cancelled</b>	<b>Elder Thompson Pastoral Anniversary</b>	<b>Gulfport, MS</b>

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**2021 Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Conference Schedule of Events**

(All times are CST)

**Theme:** *Laboring Together with God (Corinthians 3:9-11)*

**Friday, November 19**

6:30 pm - Prayer  
7:30 pm - Worship Service

**Saturday, November 20**

10:00 am - 11:45 am - Business Meeting/Youth Activity  
11:45 am - 1:45 pm - Lunch  
2:00 pm - 3:45 pm - Seminars  
2:00 pm - Music Workshop  
6:30 pm - Prayer  
7:00 pm - Worship Service

**Sunday, November 21**

10:00 am - Baptism/Worship Service

# *Gulf Coast* Jurisdictional Conference

November 19-21, 2021

Promise CLGI  
Jurisdictional Headquarters  
716 Edge St.  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

*“Laboring together with God”*  
- 1 Corinthians 3:9-11



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*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 [eldruthlath@gmail.com](mailto:eldruthlath@gmail.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*

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