

Bishop Smith told the Saints to turn toward God



FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA. – “Our solution to whatever we’re going through is God,” said Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop and Pastor of Promise Church via Zoom on Friday night, January 7, 2022, at Promise Church. Those who could not make it to the church were able to participate via Zoom.

“God is always watching us, and we should live a life where we want God to come and check on us and watch us: we should never want to be hidden from the sight of God,” said Bishop Smith. “

Bishop Smith taught from the seventh chapter of 2 Chronicles focusing on verse 14, which states, “If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land.” He encouraged the saints to turn to God when there are things in their life that they can’t work out.

“I need the Lord to hear from heaven and work things out in my life. When you’re sure about heaven, you stop worrying about things on earth,” said Bishop Smith.

“Don’t worry, but let the Lord show up and tell you what to do; and when you obey Him, He will tell you that everything is going to be alright,” said Bishop Smith. “When God tells you to get rid of something, like he told King Saul to destroy the Amalekites, don’t save anything,” he said. “And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams (1 Samuel 15:22 KJV).”

“God is in control of everything and nothing happens on earth unless He allows it. During this time of COVID, it is time for us to seek God’s face and realize that we need Him more,” said Bishop Smith. “I worry, but not for long because God shows up. Ask God to heal your land, and He will do it for us if we would seek His face,” concluded Bishop Smith.

In the Photo: Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop and Pastor of Promise Church, preaching in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

The Bishop's Corner

It's All About Jesus

Praise the Lord Saints,

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, ‘Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed.’ For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:9-13 KJV).”

Until we believe Jesus is God's Son and that He lives and until we ask God to forgive our sins, we can't be saved. God keeps sinners alive so they have a chance to turn to Him and ask to be saved. God won't save unless we ask Him. The first thing we need to preach to sinners is salvation because they need salvation more than they need anything else on earth. Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:13-17).

God's purpose is to get man to serve Him of his own free will; we can't make people be saved.

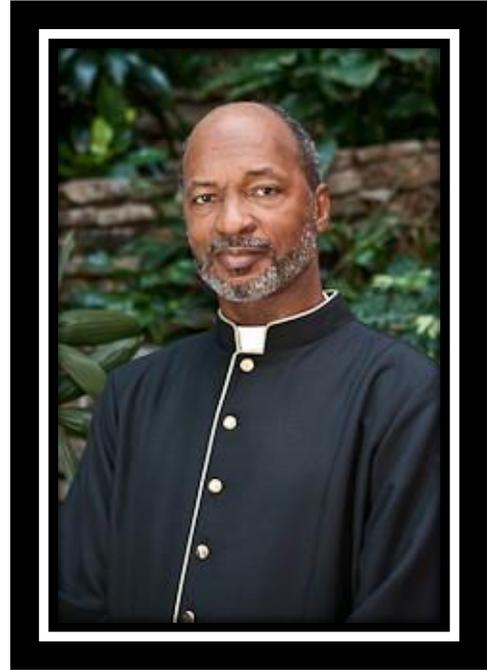
Our life has to represent Jesus in order for the power of God to move in us. We don't want any power that doesn't come from God, and God is very specific about who He gives His power to. The first power we want is the power of the Holy Ghost we get when God saves us (Ephesians 1:13-14). Therefore, we must work out our own salvation so that earth doesn't destroy us (Philippians 2:12). Christ is our savior, and He salvaged us from the earth. Anybody in the earth who doesn't have Christ is lost. The thing that separates believers from nonbelievers is the belief that God raised His Son Jesus from the dead.

The Holy Spirit is the comforter Jesus told the disciples He would send to them when He got back to heaven (John 14:15-17). The Holy Ghost is the spirit of truth and He comes to testify of Jesus Christ and glorifies Him. The Spirit guides us into all truth, and He moves in the church when Jesus is preached. He is also our keeper and speaks to our conscience to let us know what's right and wrong and to remind us of God's judgment when we don't get right with God (John 16:8-15).

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, ‘All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth (Matthew 28:18 KJV).’” Everything we get from God must come by Jesus Christ. Jesus is the only power that God recognizes, and all of our prayers must be prayed in the name of Jesus. “And in that day ye shall ask Me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you (John 16:23 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 January stories

Category: Events

During the month of January, one church had wellness training and attended a Clear Vision 2022 Conference.

- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** HHT was privileged to host a life-changing training this month that included HHT members, friends and other ministry groups. Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) Training taught us how to identify character traits from past hurts, circumstances or issues that may cause issues for us currently or in the future if not properly dealt with. We initially signed up to be peer counselors, but learned that we must first learn about ourselves before being able to assist or aid others in the community with their situations. A lot of the issues identified are subjects that are not commonly addressed in the church, but need to be.

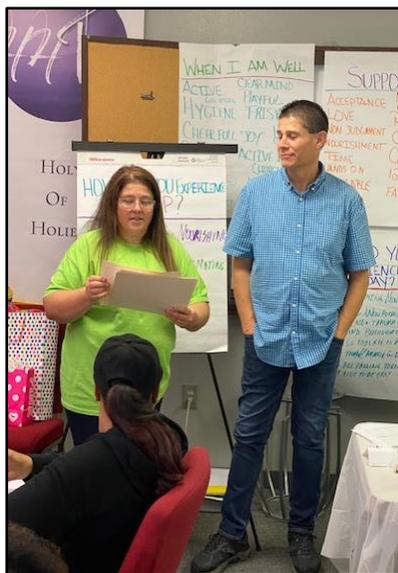
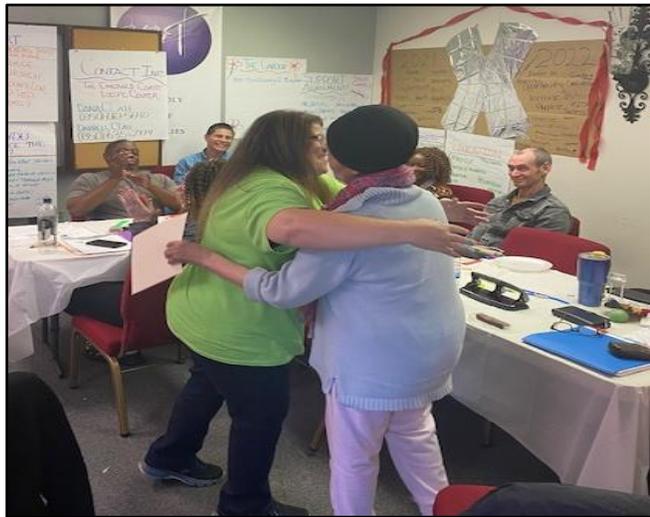
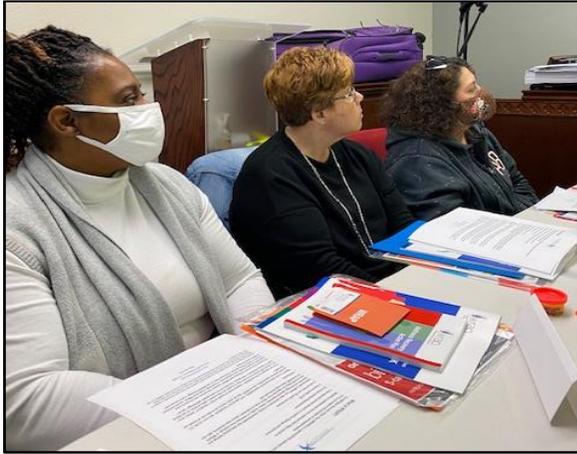


In the Photo: Participants of the Wellness Recovery Action Plan training at Holy of Holies Tabernacle Church.

As a result of the class, we have learned to develop our own WRAP and help others through peer groups do the same. Even though the program was developed as a secular program, HHT was the first church to become certified to use the program in our church integrate faith-based principles to help others overcome through Christ. Most importantly, this certification will assist us in leading people to the necessary professional help they need and providing a church family to which they can be connected to help them through the process. This eye-opening training was much needed for us to be able to understand the depth of issues that affect people on the surface. People are often judged and misunderstood because of their behaviors. As spoken by Pastor Mastin, “These tools will further our ability to reach the unreachable and recover the lost.”

Minister Kim Mastin: “We had a blessed time and learned a lot.”

Holy of Holies Tabernacle Wellness Training Photos Continued:



In the Photos: Participants of the Wellness Recovery Action Plan training at Holy of Holies Tabernacle Church.

Holy of Holies Tabernacle Wellness Training Photos Continued:



In the Photos: Participants of the Wellness Recovery Action Plan training and refreshments at Holy of Holies Tabernacle Church.



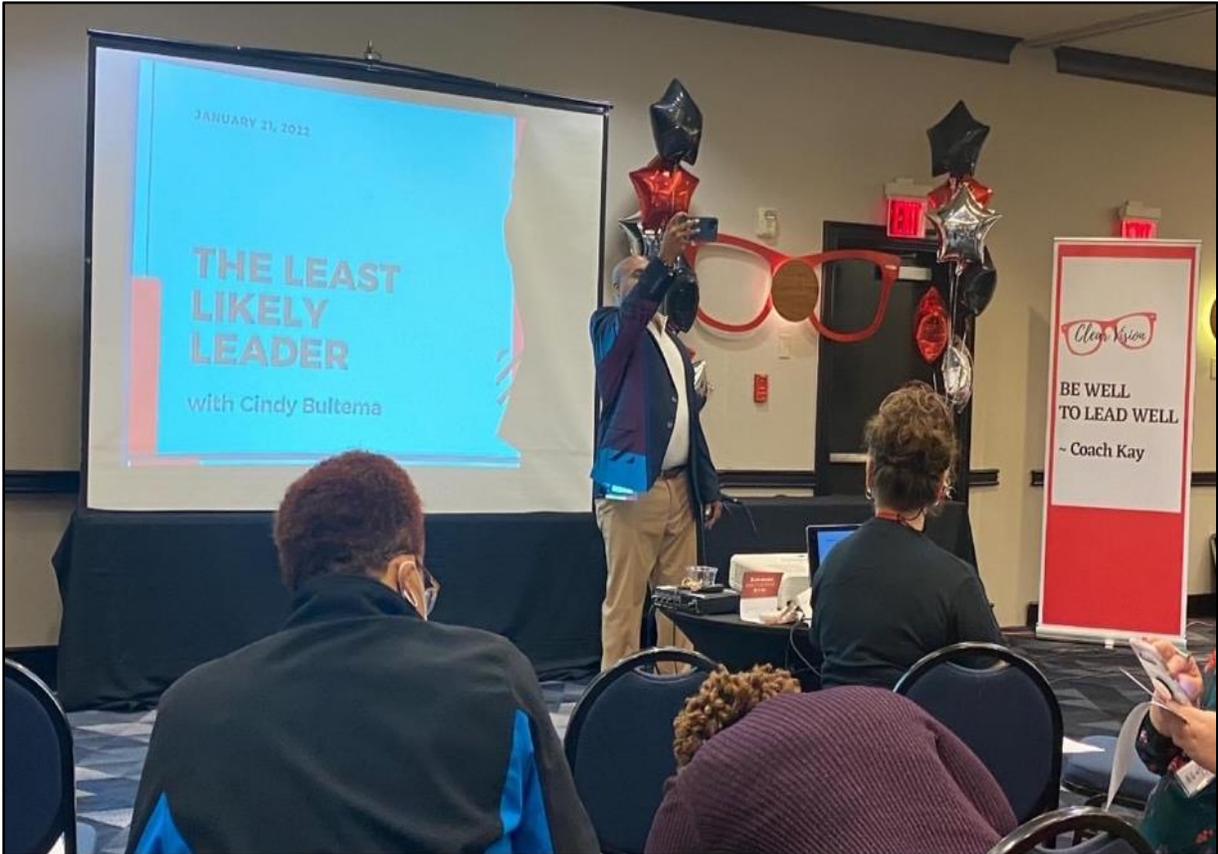
- From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** HHT was honored to attend the Clear Vision 2022 Conference, led by Elders Nick and Kennita Williams. In addition to worship services and fellowship, we were able to attend breakout sessions specific to the needs of our ministry. We learned about the Pillars of Wellness: Organizational, Financial, Personal and Physical. Key concepts - leaving the four walls of our church and teaching our church members to be disciples, not just church goers.

Minister Kim Mastin: “The Lord has blessed us with partners and resources for Kingdom building.”

In the Photos: Participants and attendees of the Clear Vision 2022 Conference in Tampa, Fla., on January 21.

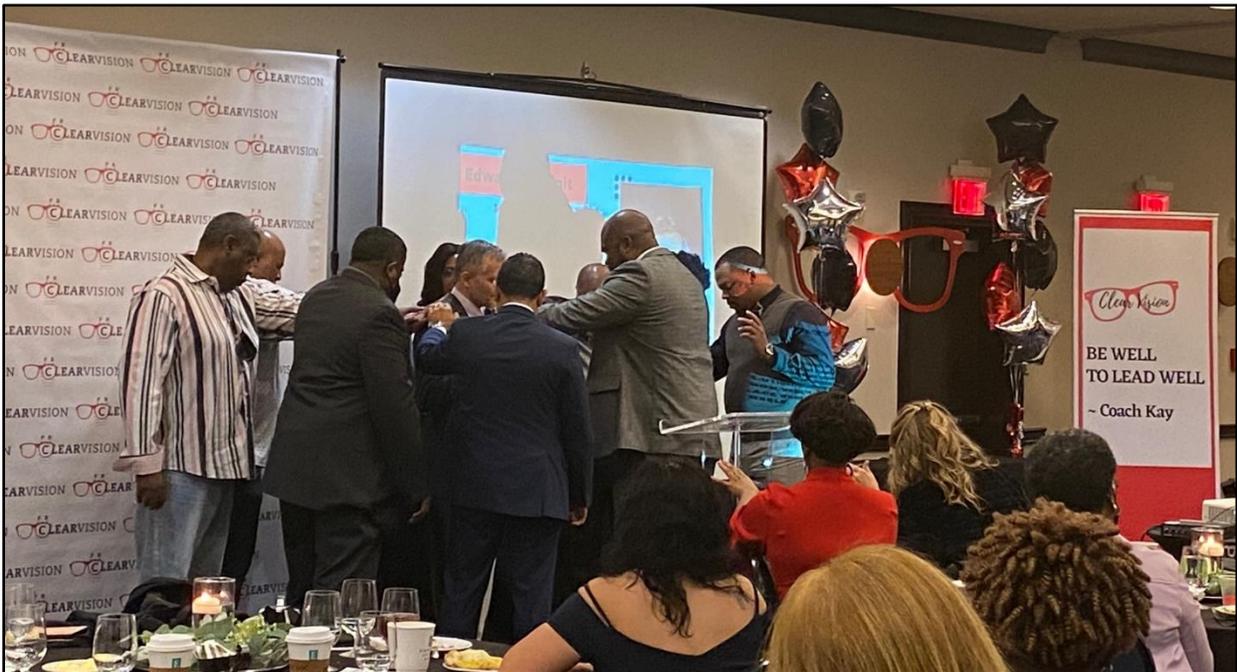


Holy of Holies Tabernacle, Clear Vision 2022 Conference Photos Continued:



In the Photos: Participants and attendees of the Clear Vision 2022 Conference in Tampa, Fla., on January 21.

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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 (Complete Healing)
Minister Sirita Loiseau (Healing)
Minister India Rogers (Healing)
Elder Paula Smith (Complete 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)
Elder Jacqueline Terrell (Healing)
Elder Angela Jenkins (Healing)
Sister Nancy (Healing)
Sister Eleanor Rogers’ Mother (Ms. Rosa Welcome) (Healing)
Elder T’Angela Rogers’ Mother (Healing)
Minister Kourtney Littlejohn’s Sister (Veronika) (Healing)
The Brooks’ and William’s Family (Condolences)

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 2022 Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Feb 11-13 Feb 19-20	Bishop Smith Pastoral Anniv. & B-Day Southwest Jurisdictional Conf.	FWB, FL San Antonio, TX

TBD
TBD
 Apr 8-10
April 30-May 1
 May 27-29
 Jun 6
Jun 4-5
 Jun 29
 Jun 24-Jul 3
Jul 23-24
 Aug 5-7
 Aug 25-28
Sep 3-4
 Sep 2-4
Sep 17-18
TBD
Oct 8-9
 Oct 7-9
 Oct 21-23
 Oct 28-30
Nov 18-20
Dec 3-4

Bishop White's Anniv.
GCJ Elect Ladies/Brotherhood Conf.
 Northeast Jurisdictional Conf.
Elder Sewell/Sewell Pastoral Anniv.
 International Elect Ladies Conf.
 CLGI Consecration Begins
Elder Harrison Pastoral Anniv.
 CLGI Consecration Ends
 IYYAC/Brotherhood/General Assembly
Elder Russell Pastoral Anniv.
 First Jurisdictional Conf.
 South American Jurisdictional Conf.
Elder Calix Pastoral Anniv.
 North Carolina Pre-Jurisdictional Conf.
GCJ Missions Conf.
GCJ CE Recreational Fellowship
Pastor Mastin Pastoral Anniv.
 PNW Jurisdictional Conf.
 European Jurisdictional Conf.
 Central States Jurisdictional Conf.
Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Conf.
Elder Thompson Pastoral Anniv.

TBD
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 Waldorf, MD
Thonotosassa, FL
 Atlanta, GA
 N/A
Jacksonville, FL
 N/A
 Mobile, AL
Montgomery, AL
 Columbus, OH
 Paramaribo, Suriname
FWB, FL
 Columbus, OH
Gulfport, MS
TBD
Holiday, FL
 Honolulu, HI
 Rodenbach, Germany
 Kansas City, MO
FWB, FL
Gulfport, MS

PSALM 4:3 BUT KNOW THAT THE LORD HAS SET APART FOR HIMSELF HIM WHO IS GODLY.

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*Very Respectively,
The Editorial Staff*
