

GCJ Saints Celebrate Bishop Smith's Birthday



In the Photo: Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop and Pastor of Promise Church, and his special guest celebrating his birthday at Promise Church in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA. – Saints from around the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction came together for dinner on February 12, to celebrate Bishop Charles D. Smith's birthday at Promise Church in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Bishop Smith is the Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop and Pastor of Promise Church.

Bishop Smith and his family hosted and cooked the dinner for the saints, and it was free for all those in attendance. "I have always wanted to cook and host a dinner for the GCJ saints, and I am glad that the Lord allowed me to do it this year," said Bishop Smith. The dinner was delicious, and the fellowship was a blessing.

The saints presented Bishop Smith with birthday gifts and shared words of appreciation and love for him. Bishop Smith had family and childhood friends who traveled from North Carolina to be in attendance to celebrate and appreciate him. Bishop Smith thanked everyone for coming to the dinner and showing their love to him. Some people stayed and attended church on Sunday to finish off the weekend of celebrating.

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The Bishop's Corner

Let the Living Water Flow

Praise the Lord Saints,

“In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, ‘If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.’ (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified) (John 7:37-39 KJV).”

God wants us to allow the Holy Ghost to flow out of us, and when we drink of Jesus, out of our bellies (inner being) shall flow rivers of living water. God gives us His word first to change us so when we preach it to others, the word will give them life (2 Corinthians 3:18). We can't draw people to God by acting like we're holy; we must allow the Holy Ghost to help us become holy.

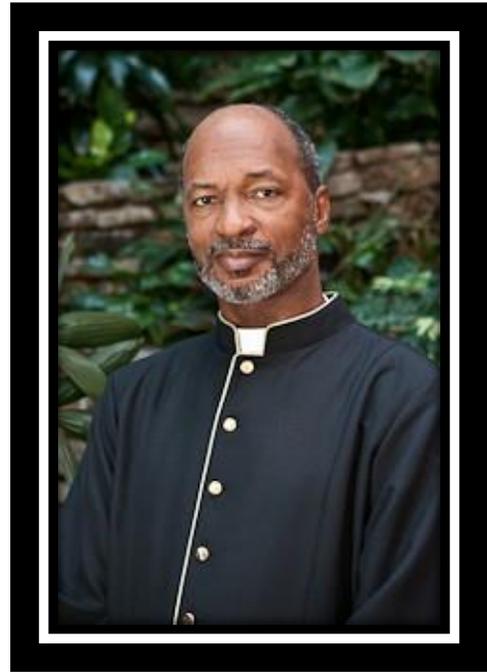
The only reason for preaching the gospel is to get people saved (1 Corinthians 15:1-2). People can get riches on the earth, but they can get peace and salvation only from God (John 14:27, Acts 4:12). The word of God keeps church leaders holy and on the right track and from falling into cult-like tendencies. Therefore, we should not be afraid to read, study, (2 Timothy 2:15) and meditate on the word of God so we can rightly divide the word that's preached because we are all living by faith and trusting in God to make it to heaven.

It wasn't that Adam just ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the garden; (Genesis 3:6) he became a sinner. From his sin, we were all born in sin (Romans 5:12). God blots out our sins (Isaiah 43:25-26) when we get saved because He doesn't need our past sins for us to go to hell. He just waits for us to sin again and not repent, and that's enough for us to go to hell. God is merciful and just to forgive us when we sin if we repent (1 John 1:9).

If we want the right mind and attitude, we need to let the living water flow out of us. When we as preachers stop allowing the living water to flow from us, our preaching becomes dry, and we begin to repeat ourselves. We must continue to pray and study God's word so that the living water can continue to flow from us and others can be saved.

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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Bishop Smith taught the saints in Christian Education that Jesus is our great high priest, who is greater than Moses and the Levitical high priest. He taught from Exodus and Hebrews.

“So also, Christ glorified not Himself to be made an high priest: but He that said unto Him, ‘Thou art My Son, today have I begotten Thee.’ As He saith also in another place, ‘Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec (Hebrews 5:5-6 KJV).”

“The Jewish people had a hard time believing in Jesus because it was easier for them keep tradition, showing up on time for church rather, than change. The most difficult thing the Holy Ghost has to do is change us. We should not love the church and its instructions more than we love God as the Jews did because the purpose of church is to bring people to God,” said Bishop Smith.

Bishop Smith encouraged the saints that Jesus is an unchangeable high priest who is able to save to the uttermost those who come to Him (Hebrews 7:25 KJV). He said, “We don't need a high priest who has a bad day, but we need a high priest who is unchangeable, holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and there's nothing above Him except God the Father.” “There's nothing that Jesus can't do because He's higher than the heavens,” concluded Bishop Smith.



In the Photos: Saints enjoying Bishop Charles D. Smith's birthday celebration at Promise Church.

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More February stories

Category: Events

During the month of February, one church hosted a Women of Dignity Conference and is expanding its building; another church had a revival; and another church celebrated black history month, and had a youth bowling fellowship.

- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** HHT hosted the first quarterly Women of Dignity Conference of 2022. We were blessed by a powerful word from Pastor Marcel Williams from My Faith Works Ministries, who encouraged us to stay with the Lord as He's doing a new thing in our lives. We were encouraged to move in the Spirit when the Lord leads us, not just hear Him and be still. We need to take action. It is time for a revolution in our life. We need to let the Lord transform us.

Since the conference, women have come back to the Lord, committed to starting a small group in their community, and are stepping up to do more for the church and the women's ministry. The women didn't just hear the word, they have committed to take action to build up the Kingdom of God!



Minister Kim Mastin: "The Lord moved in a mighty way for the women at this conference."

In the Photo: Minister Kim Mastin and Pastor Marcel Williams.

HHT's Women of Dignity Conference Photos Continued:



In the Photos: Attendees enjoying Holy of Holies Tabernacle's Women of Dignity Conference.

HHT's Women of Dignity Conference Photos Continued:



YOU ARE INVITED
WOD (WOMEN OF DIGNITY)
CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 26, 2022, 10:00AM - 4:00PM
 FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES HOLIDAY/TARPON
 3060 US-19, HOLIDAY FL 34691

HE IS DOING A NEW THING... [ISAIAH 43:19]

WOMEN
of Dignity

Lunch and refreshments will be provided




Guest Speaker
 Pastor Marcel Williams
 My Faith Works
 Ministries

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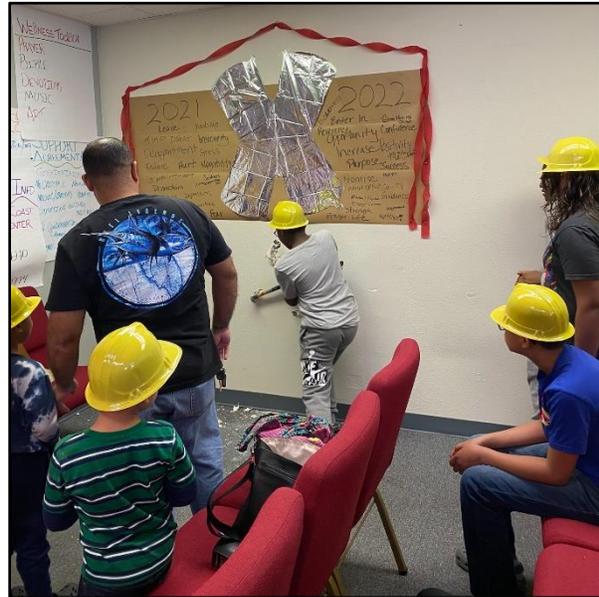
Video Presentation
 Sarah Jakes Roberts
 Woman Evolve 2021
 Conference

*Behold
 I am
 doing
 a new
 thing*
[ISAIAH 43:19]

In the Photos: Attendees enjoying Holy of Holies Tabernacle's Women of Dignity Conference.

- From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** The Lord has blessed HHT. It was time for us to expand the building as our church family is growing. We must also make room for our community wellness program. The walls have come down, and construction has begun. We had a wonderful celebration, glorifying God for all he's done for HHT. The saints are coming together to build our church and enjoying it! Stay tuned for progress updates and the unveiling of our remodeled building.

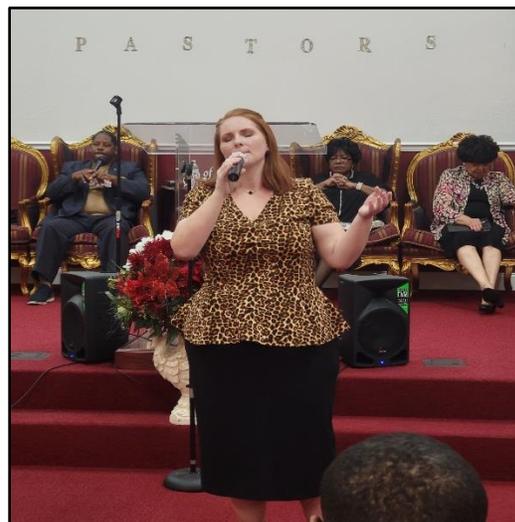
Minister Kim Mastin: "Glory to God!!!"



In the Photos: Holy of Holies Tabernacle saints tearing down the wall to expand the church building.

- From Lily of the Valley:** On Saturday and Sunday February 26th and 27th, Sister Gyra Bloxson came to LOV and gave a phenomenal teaching and preaching on prayer. She is a prayer warrior and shared how prayer saved and changed her. She taught us that instead of telling God how big our problems are that we need to tell our problems how big our God is. Exhorter Tonya Calix helped her mom with a visual that shows how the devil waits for us to say negative things and takes out words to use against us later. But when Exhorter Calix said positive things, she stopped the devil in his tracks. She also preached about keeping the devil under our feet and making sure we always are equipped with our sword of salvation, which is the word of God. Sister Bloxson showed us how we have to keep our sword ready for the spiritual wickedness all around us. She also told us that everything we need to know about Life is in that bible. Exhorter Krystle Sewell, Tori, and Isaiah Sewell sang praises to the Lord during the service.

Sister Sereese Davis: “Everyone left feeling happy and blessed.”



In the Photos: Lily of the Valley revival with Sister Gyra Bloxson.

- **From Christ the Redeemer:** Black History Month Appreciation was headed by Assistant Pastor Elder Treani Thompson at Christ the Redeemer. We exemplified the contributions of Africans Americans. Looking further than African American history, Brother Adeyemi Madamidola shared African History and culture from Nigeria; Minister Tracy West shared Jamaican history and culture; and Minister Tyrone Brinkley shared his Puerto Rican African history and culture. To wrap up the celebration, Minister Kourtney Littlejohn shared Amazon’s new Amazon Black Business Accelerator Program geared to assist black business entrepreneurs.

Minister Kourtney Littlejohn: “Everyone shared a wealth of knowledge and it was encouraging to see just how international our church is.”



In the Photos: Christ the Redeemer saints participating in the Black History Month Celebration.

Christ the Redeemer Youth Bowling Fellowship



In the Photo: Attendees at Christ the Redeemer’s youth bowling fellowship.

- **From Christ the Redeemer:** The local youth and young adult coordinator, Minister Shaneika Brinkley, organized a bowling outing for all of the young people. The entire church as well as some friends and coworkers joined the fun.

Minister Kourtney Littlejohn: “We had a wonderful time in the Lord.”



In the Photo: Attendees at Christ the Redeemer’s youth bowling fellowship.

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 Torres (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 2022 Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Feb 11-13	Bishop Smith Pastoral Anniv. & B-Day	FWB, FL
Feb 19-20	Southwest Jurisdictional Conf.	San Antonio, TX
TBD	Bishop White's Anniv.	TBD
TBD	GCJ Elect Ladies/Brotherhood Conf.	TBD
Apr 8-10	Northeast Jurisdictional Conf.	Waldorf, MD
April 30-May 1	Elder Sewell/Sewell Pastoral Anniv.	Thonotosassa, FL
May 27-29	International Elect Ladies Conf.	Atlanta, GA
Jun 6	CLGI Consecration Begins	N/A
Jun 4-5	Elder Harrison Pastoral Anniv.	Jacksonville, FL
Jun 29	CLGI Consecration Ends	N/A
Jun 24-Jul 3	IYYAC/Brotherhood/General Assembly	Mobile, AL
Jul 23-24	Elder Russell Pastoral Anniv.	Montgomery, AL
Aug 5-7	First Jurisdictional Conf.	Columbus, OH
Aug 25-28	South American Jurisdictional Conf.	Paramaribo, Suriname
Sep 3-4	Elder Calix Pastoral Anniv.	FWB, FL
Sep 2-4	North Carolina Pre-Jurisdictional Conf.	Columbus, OH
Sep 17-18	GCJ Missions Conf.	Gulfport, MS
TBD	GCJ CE Recreational Fellowship	TBD
Oct 8-9	Pastor Mastin Pastoral Anniv.	Holiday, FL

Oct 7-9
Oct 21-23
Oct 28-30
Nov 18-20
Dec 3-4

PNW Jurisdictional Conf.
European Jurisdictional Conf.
Central States Jurisdictional Conf.
Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Conf.
Elder Thompson Pastoral Anniv.

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.

34th Pastoral ANNIVERSARY

April 30th-May 1st

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Pastors Tony & Deborah Sewell

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

*Very Respectively,
The Editorial Staff*
