

The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand

FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA. – “When you have the Holy Ghost and you are part of the Kingdom of Heaven, where ever you go, the Kingdom of Heaven is there,” said Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop and Pastor of Promise Church via Zoom on Friday night, March 11, 2022, at Promise Church. Those who could not make it to the church were able to participate via Zoom.

Bishop Smith taught from the tenth chapter of Matthew focusing on verses 5-8, which states, “These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them saying, ‘Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans, enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ And as ye go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.”



Bishop Smith encouraged the saints to make sure they are on the right foundation (Christ) before they try to do anything for God. “Never preach anything you don’t understand because when you do that, the Holy Ghost will not be with you. When you believe that Jesus is the Christ, God will give you the Holy Ghost; and when you preach the truth about Jesus, the Holy Ghost will give you power.”

“Jesus turned to the Jews first because they knew that Christ was coming. By the time that Jesus comes to the Jews, they were backslidden to the point that they didn’t pay tithes and offerings: that’s why Jesus sent the disciples to the lost sheep of Israel,” said Bishop Smith.

“Jesus freely gave everything He had to the disciples and He told them, ‘Freely ye have received, freely give.’ Where ever you go, the kingdom of heaven is at hand and you must have the mindset to freely give as you have freely received from Jesus. Every time you witness, the kingdom of heaven is at hand because it is not what you have but what God has in the kingdom. The only impression you need to make is that the kingdom of heaven is present,” concluded Bishop Smith.

The Bishop's Corner

Love Not the World

Praise the Lord Saints,

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever (1 John 2:15-17 KJV).”

We must stop seeing the world as just sin because the world (kosmos) includes the planet earth, people, things, and the social system. There's much of the world that's in us and it is not sin, but it hinders us in God (lust of the flesh, lust of the eye, and pride of life). We touch the world in our daily lives so we must ask ourselves, “How does it affect our relationship with God?”

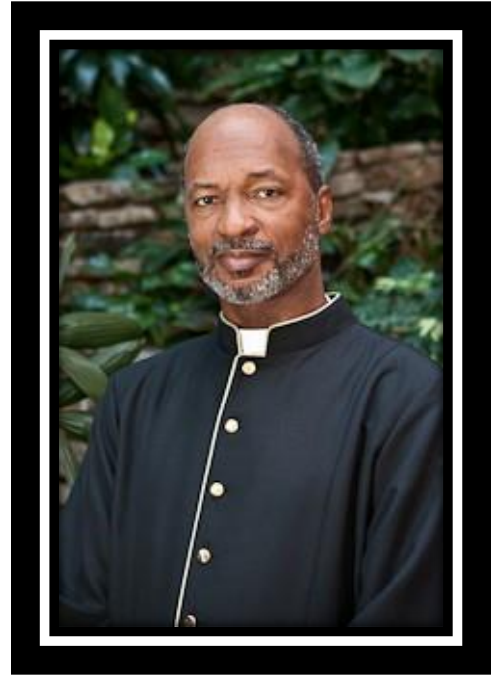
The world system causes us to be drawn to the things we like and desire such as money. In 1 Timothy 6:10 it says, “For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows (KJV).” Money itself is not evil, but it can bring us to every kind of evil by leading us away from God and from doing His will. Other things such as art, music, education, fashions, etc., are not evil but are of the world and can also lead us away from God.

We grow in the Spirit not because someone lays hands on us, but we grow when we become more in line with God and His will. The love of the world stops us from growing in the Spirit and from being spiritual. The things we love in the world affect our judgment and provide a liability for Satan to draw us out of God. The Holy Ghost will reprove the world of sin, righteousness and judgement (John 16:7-11).

The pride of life (our status) is in all of our lives, and it hinders the work of the Lord. Competitiveness is a form of the pride of life, and we must make sure it doesn't spill into the things of God because the work of the ministry is not a competition. God gives His gifts and power to whom He wills. We need to be on guard against Satan, and we must be careful how we view the world because all of us touch the world in some way every day. (Matthew 26:41)

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."

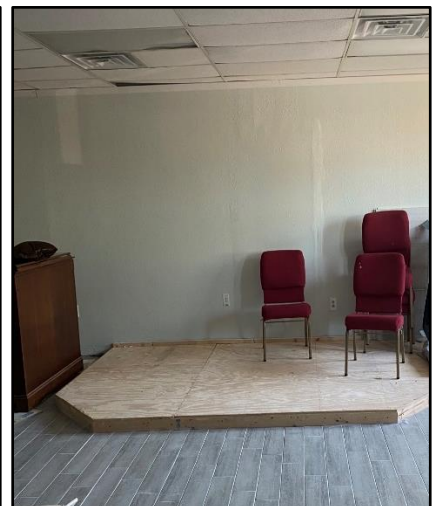
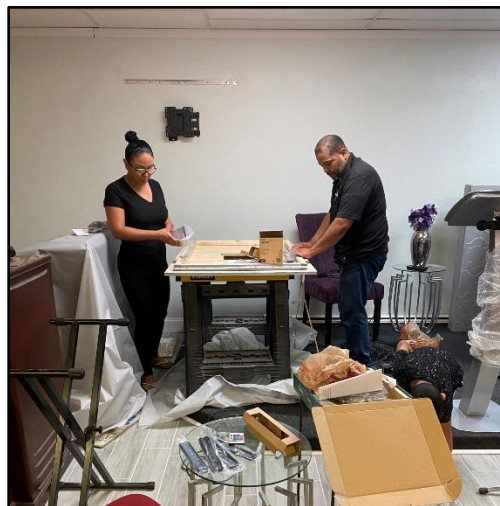
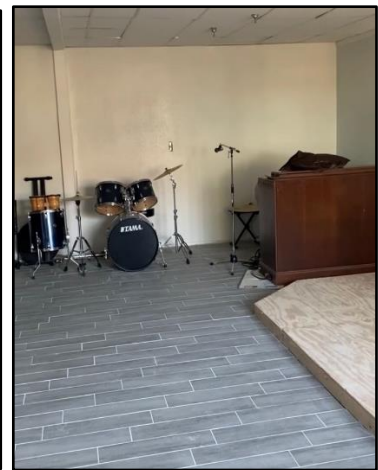
More March stories

Category: Events

During the month of March, one church is expanding its building to make room for more saints.

- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** The HHT expansion is almost complete. The sanctuary will be ready just in time for Resurrection Sunday. HHT is blessed to have contractors as part of their congregation. They have given their time, sweat and monetary contributions to see this come to fruition. First and foremost, we thank the Gulley and Ramos families for their contributions to this project. We came together in one mind and on one accord to put the church together according to God's vision for Holy of Holies Tabernacle.

Minister Kim Mastin: "We are grateful for the unity of the saints."



In the Photos: Holy of Holies Tabernacle saints working on the church building expansion.

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)
Sister Omekia Whitney (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

- **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>
April 30-May 1 May 27-29 Jun 6	Elder Sewell/Sewell Pastoral Anniv. International Elect Ladies Conf. CLGI Consecration Begins	Thonotosassa, FL Atlanta, GA N/A
Jun 4-5 Jun 29	Elder Harrison Pastoral Anniv. CLGI Consecration Ends	Jacksonville, FL N/A
Jun 24-Jul 3	IYYAC/Brotherhood/General Assembly	Mobile, AL
Jul 23-24 Aug 5-7	Elder Russell Pastoral Anniv. First Jurisdictional Conf.	Montgomery, AL Columbus, OH
Aug 25-28	South American Jurisdictional Conf.	Paramaribo, Suriname
Sep 3-4 Sep 2-4	Elder Calix Pastoral Anniv. North Carolina Pre-Jurisdictional Conf.	FWB, FL Columbus, OH
Sep 17-18 TBD	GCJ Missions Conf. GCJ CE Recreational Fellowship	Gulfport, MS TBD
Oct 8-9 Oct 7-9	Pastor Mastin Pastoral Anniv. PNW Jurisdictional Conf.	Holiday, FL Honolulu, HI
Oct 21-23	European Jurisdictional Conf.	Rodenbach, Germany
Oct 28-30	Central States Jurisdictional Conf.	Kansas City, MO
Nov 18-20 Dec 3-4	Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Conf. Elder Thompson Pastoral Anniv.	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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Thanks to all of you who faithfully support the newsletter with your monthly inputs.

*Very Respectively,
The Editorial Staff*
