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June 2022 Newsletter

Bishop Smith encouraged the saints to walk in the Light

MOBILE, ALA. – “The charge we have today as pastors is to walk in the light,” said Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop and Pastor of Promise Church, preaching at the Church of the Living God International, Inc. (CLGI) annual General Assembly (GA), on July 1, 2022, at the ordination service.

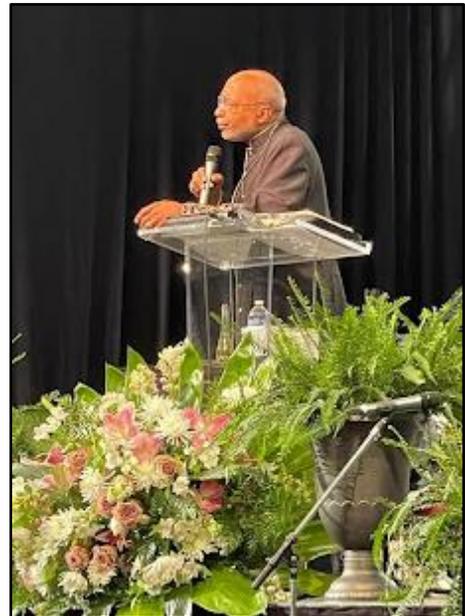
The GA, held June 28-July 3 at the Arthur R. Outlaw Convention Center, brought CLGI congregations to one meeting place so the Holy Ghost could lead in worship, seminars, fellowship, spiritual education, and training. The GA also included a Veterans’ appreciation. This year’s theme was A Mighty Fortress, Isaiah 60:21-22. The Youth and Young Adult and Brotherhood conferences preceded the GA on June 24-27.

Bishop Smith spoke from 2 Corinthians 4:1-4 and Acts 26:17-18. “Everything we do in the ministry should be for the purpose of delivering people from darkness to light,” said Bishop Smith. “To open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in me.” (Acts 26:18 NKJV)

Bishop Smith said that all people in the world are not saved because the Apostle Paul tells us that the god of this world has blinded their eyes. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 reads, “But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.” (NKJV)

“Let us walk in the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus tells us that we are the light of the world,” said Bishop Smith. “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14,16 NKJV)

Bishop Smith concluded by saying, “The local church is the entry way for people to get to heaven. When people come into our church, they are coming into the light.”



In the Photo: Bishop Charles D. Smith, GCJ Bishop and Pastor of Promise Church, preaching at the CLGI General Assembly.

The Bishop's Corner

Love The Lord with All Your Heart

Praise the Lord Saints,

“Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying ‘Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?’ Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment.” (Matthew 22:35-38 NKJV)

Our body doesn't love God because it does not want to live free from sin, so we, being transformed by the renewing of our mind, must learn to love him with our mind and soul and with all of our strength, (Luke 10:27) committing our bodies to the service of the Lord. Writing to the church in Rome, Paul implores, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.” (Romans 12:1 NKJV)

Whatever God has called us to do in the ministry, we are supposed to do to the best of our ability. Jesus says in John that He always does those things that please the Father (8:29). If we want to be like Jesus, we must let the mind that is in Christ also be in us and be willing to change into His likeness. “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 3:18 NKJV)

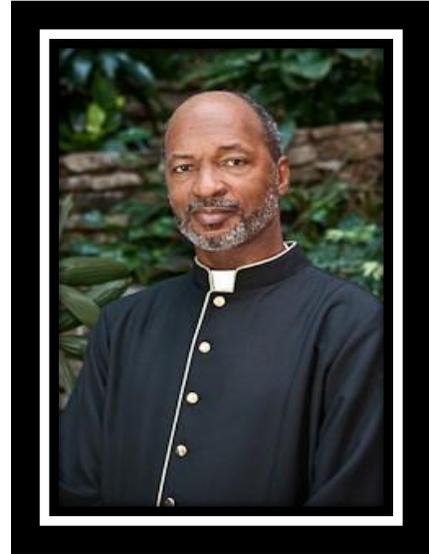
It took a great amount of power to change us from darkness to light because none of us wanted to be saved when we were in sin. So, while we were yet sinners, Jesus died on the cross and was raised again to deliver us from the *power* of sin—not the deeds of sin—which is the greatest miracle God has ever done for us. Jesus' death dealt with our sinful nature (iniquity, i.e., our evil thoughts and ways) nailing it to the cross. And the same resurrection power of the Holy Ghost that raised Jesus from the dead enables us to resist sin.

Without the Holy Ghost, we are not able to live free from sin. When we're wrong, however, we need to know that God is a patient and forgiving God, and He will reach out His hand to us and help us. But we can get right with God only when the Holy Ghost brings to our mind that we're wrong because those who think they are right will not repent. Repenting is simply realizing what is wrong before God (sin), apologizing to God concerning it, and developing the mind to never do it again. Although, if we do sin, we must not give up, no matter how hard it seems to keep holding on. Because of Jesus' shed blood and resurrection, we can ask God to forgive us: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9 NKJV)

Everything that we do in the earth that's right comes from God because God is never wrong. Blessed is the person who will do what God tells him to do. God does not tempt anyone, but every temptation we experience comes from our own lust and desires. “Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted by God;’ for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.” (James 1:13-15 NKJV) Let us love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength so that we don't sin, but if we do sin, we are comforted in knowing that Jesus Christ is our advocate with the Father. (1 John 2:1 NKJV)

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 June stories

Category: Events

During the month of June, one church had a Father's Day celebration, had Juneteenth activities, and rejoiced at its pastor's ordination ceremony; and another church had a high school graduate who received a scholarship for college. The CLGI IYYAD has a new director and the South American Jurisdiction has a new presiding bishop.

- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle (HHT):** HHT celebrated Juneteenth this year at Simms Park in Holiday, Fla. HHT was able to connect with the community as it supported Pastor Mastin's new business.

Minister Kim Mastin: "We met many new people to network and fellowship with."



In the Photos: HHT saints enjoying their time in Holiday, Fla. celebrating Juneteenth with family and the community.

- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle (HHT):** HHT Father’s Day celebration was joy-filled occasion. The Fathers were blessed with an appreciation service, brunch, and gifts.



Minister Kim Mastin: “We love HHT dads!”



In the Photos: HHT saints enjoying and celebrating Father’s Day.

HHT's Father's Day Celebration continued:



In the Photo: HHT fathers enjoying their special day of celebrating on Father's Day.



• **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle (HHT):** HHT's Pastor, Christopher Mastin was ordained as Elder at the 2022 Church of the Living God International, Inc., (CLGI) General Assembly, held in Mobile, Ala. Elder Mastin has given so much of himself to the ministry from the time he accepted God's call for him to be a pastor. Since then, God has shown him that He is on his side. HHT is so proud of Pastor Mastin for the promotion God has given him in the ministry.

Minister Kim Mastin: "It is an honor for me to be by Pastor Mastin's side as first lady."

In the Photo: Pastor Mastin at his ordination ceremony.

HHT's Pastor's ordination ceremony continued:



In the Photos: Pastor Christopher Mastin being ordained as an elder and his family celebrating with him at the 2022 CLGI General Assembly, held in Mobile, Ala.

- From the Editorial Staff:** During the 2022 Church of the Living God International, Inc., (CLGI) Youth and Young Adult Department (IYYAD) conference, Dr. Janie McClurkin Moore was appointed as the new IYYAD director. She is a professor and engineer currently serving as an assistant professor at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. Dr. Moore succeeds Dr. Eric and Dr. Christiana Russell, who served as the international director and assistant director for 28 years. CLGI thanked Dr. and Dr. Russell for their faithful and dedicated service to the ministry and welcomed Dr. Moore to continue to build on the solid foundation they laid.



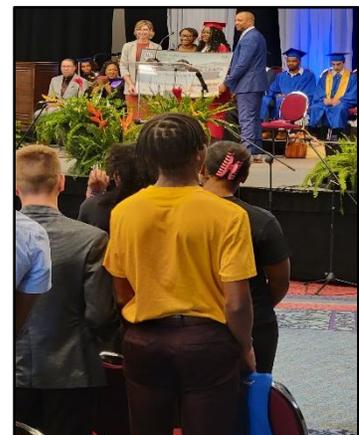
In the Photo: Dr. Janie McClurkin Moore



- From the Editorial Staff:** During the Church of the Living God (CLGI) General Assembly, Elder Alfred Majo was consecrated as Bishop for the South American Jurisdiction. The South American team that traveled with him, as well as all members of CLGI rejoiced with him and celebrated his promotion in God. Elder Philemeen Mangal has been standing in as Presiding Elder of the South American Jurisdiction for 16 years. CLGI thanked Elder Mangal for her faithful and dedicated service to the ministry.

In the Photo: Elder Philemeen Mangal and Bishop Alfred Majo.

- From Christ the Redeemer (CTR):** CTR congratulates Sister Gabrielle Bruton for receiving the Augusta Worship Center (AWC) Cares Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. Sister Bruton graduated from Harrison Central High School in Gulfport, MS this year. Bishop James Johnson, Bishop of the Southeast Jurisdiction (SEJ) and Pastor of AWC, and Minister Ashley Stephens, SEJ Youth and Young Adult Co-Director, presented Sister Bruton this award at the 2022 CLGI International Youth and Young Adult Department



CTR Story and Photos continued:

(IYYAD) conference, held in Mobile, Ala., on June 25. As a recipient of this scholarship, Sister Bruton is expected to enroll in a two-year or four-year university and complete at least one semester.

Minister Kourtney Littlejohn: “Congratulations Gabby!”



In the Photos: Sister Gabrielle Bruton receiving the AWC Cares scholarship and the IYYAD staff and others celebrating with her.

CTR Photos continued:



In the Photos: Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop, Sister Gabrielle Bruton, Minister Shaneika Brinkley, Elder Carlos Thompson, Pastor of Christ the Redeemer, and Brother DeVon Brinkley.

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 avails much" (James 5:16b NKJV).

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)
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 and Step Father (Healing)
Minister Kourtney Littlejohn's Sister (Veronika) (Healing)
Sister Omekia Whitney (Healing)
Elder Treani Thompson (Healing)
Elder Lakesha Sewell (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

Revival Dates

August 12-14: Holy of Holies Tabernacle

- **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>
TBD	Elder Russell Pastoral Anniversary	Montgomery, AL
Aug 5-7	First Jurisdictional Conference	Columbus, OH
Aug 25-28	South American Jurisdictional Conf.	Paramaribo, Suriname
Sep 3-4	Elder Calix Pastoral Anniversary	FWB, FL
Sep 2-4	Central States Jurisdictional Conf.	Kansas City, MO
Sep 2-4	North Carolina Pre-Jurisdictional Conference	TBD
Sep 17-18	GCJ Missions Conference	Gulfport, MS
TBD	GCJ CE Recreational Fellowship	TBD
Oct 8-9	Elder Mastin Pastoral Anniversary	Holiday, FL
Oct 7-9	PNW Jurisdictional Conf.	Honolulu, HI
Oct 21-23	European Jurisdictional Conf.	Rodenbach, Germany
Nov 18-20	Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Conf.	FWB, FL
Dec 3-4	Elder Thompson Pastoral Anniv.	Gulfport, MS

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*Very Respectively,
The Editorial Staff*