

Bishop Smith attends South American Jurisdictional Conference



SURINAME SOUTH AMERICA – Speakers affirmed that God is a “Mighty Fortress” to the saints in attendance at the 27th Annual South American Jurisdictional conference held August 25-28.

During the conference, The Church of the Living God International, Inc. (CLGI) saints from the continental U.S., Europe, South America, and the Caribbean came together to worship

and praise God and also for the special occasion of consecrating the newly appointed Bishop of the South American Jurisdiction, Bishop Alfred Majo. Bishop Majo was consecrated at this year’s



annual CLGI General Assembly on July 2, held in Mobile, Alabama, but the CLGI Board of Directors wanted to share this special occasion in the South American Jurisdiction so the saints could rejoice with Bishop Majo and his wife. Bishop Majo is pastor of Jesus the Cornerstone Church in Commewijne.

Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop, and Pastor of Promise Church, said, “It is only fitting that we do this consecration at the South American Jurisdictional conference because this is the jurisdiction over which Bishop Majo presides.



We were blessed to be a part of this auspicious occasion again and to see the joy and hear the praises from the South American saints as they witnessed the installation of their new bishop.”

Elder Philemeen Mangal, Pastor of Eben-Haëzer church in Paramaribo, has been standing in as Presiding Elder of the South American Jurisdiction for 17 years. Bishop Majo thanked Elder Mangal for her faithful and dedicated service to the ministry and presented her with a plaque.

In the Photos: The CLGI Board of Directors consecrating Bishop Majo, Bishop Majo and his wife, and Elder Philemeen Mangal.

The Bishop's Corner

The Choices We Make

Praise the Lord Saints,

“And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15 NKJV)

God gives us the choice to serve Him; He does not force us to serve Him. When Jesus set us free from the power of sin, we were liberated and given the choice to serve God. Jesus said in John 8:36, “Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.” Now that we are free, our relationship with God is that of a father and child. As God’s children, we should want to do those things that please Him.

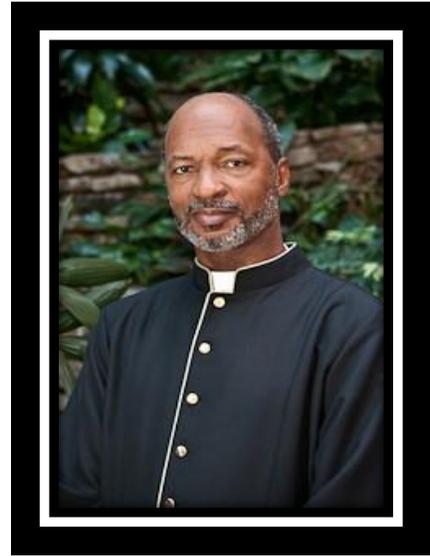
God desires for us to choose to come close to Him so He can bless us and meet our needs. James tells us in chapter 4 verse 8, “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” We must make the first move toward God and be willing to obey His word, and He promises to bless us. Isaiah 1:19 tells us, “If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.”

We must choose to walk in the Lord Jesus Christ and be rooted in God as Apostle Paul encourages us to do in Colossians 2:6-7, “As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”

Finally, we must choose to pray daily and have a good prayer life so that we sense the presence of God when we pray. If we fail to pray, there will be a void in our heart. Apostle Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, “Pray without ceasing.” And Jesus spoke a parable in Luke 18, “that men always ought to pray and not lose heart.” Jesus always prayed to the Father, and He taught his disciples how to pray. “And in that day, you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.” (John 16:24 NKJV) Make the right choice today and choose to serve God.

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 August stories

Category: Events

During the month of August, one church had a monthly feeding the community event, a revival, Women of Dignity conference, Iron Sharpens Iron men's conference, mental health training and Human Trafficking awareness training.

- **Holy of Holies Tabernacle (HHT):** HHT launched its monthly feeding program this month. The program was started with donations from the community and a team of willing vessels. The team met near the building and provided lunches during certain weekdays. During that time, they shared the Word of God, and offered prayer and encouragement to those in need. Some that have received meals have come back to services at HHT to hear more of the Word and to learn of the hope the saints have through Jesus Christ.

Minister Kim Mastin: "We thank God for using us to be a blessing to people in our community."



In the Photos: Holy of Holies Tabernacle saints participating in a feeding the community program.

- Holy of Holies Tabernacle (HHT):** Elders Chuck and Ruth Latham blessed HHT as speakers for the revival and for the Women of Dignity and Iron Sharpens Iron conferences. Elder Chuck Latham encouraged HHT saints to recognize that God is their authority. They should not let the enemy put doubt in their mind. They need to focus on what they have from God, not what they don't have. They belong to God and should fear him, while also respecting and loving one another (1 Peter 2:15-17). Elder Ruth Latham reminded HHT saints that they already have the victory in Jesus. He sacrificed everything so that they can be content knowing that Heaven is prepared for them. They need to let their roots go deep in the Lord. No matter which way the wind blows, they must stay in God and not become uprooted (John 14:1-4).

Minister Kim Mastin: "What a wonderful revival it was..."



In the Photos: Holy of Holies Tabernacle saints enjoying the revival weekend.

HHT revival photos continued:



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- **Holy of Holies Tabernacle (HHT):** As part of the church’s commitment to do better for God and the body of Christ, HHT hosted its second Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) mental health training class on August 19-20.

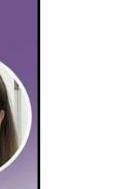
Minister Kim Mastin: “Congratulations to our graduates!”

HHT mental health training photos:



WRAP
Wellness Recovery Action Plan



Pastor Christopher & First Lady Kim Mastin **Darrell Clah** **Dana Clah**

Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP®) is a manualized group intervention for symptom and illness management that is delivered in a self-help group context. WRAP guides participants through the process of identifying and understanding their personal wellness resources ("wellness tools") and then helps them develop an individualized plan to use these resources on a daily basis to manage their mental illness. WRAP has the following goals:

- Teach participants how to implement the key concepts of recovery (hope, personal responsibility, education, self-advocacy, and support) in their day-to-day lives
- Help participants organize a list of their wellness tools—activities they can use to help themselves feel better when they are experiencing mental health difficulties and to prevent these difficulties from arising
- Assist each participant in creating a crisis plan that guides the involvement of family members or supporters when he or she can no longer take appropriate actions on his or her own behalf
- Help each participant develop an individualized post-crisis plan for use as the mental health difficulty subsides, to promote a return to wellness

The people of God with these tools will develop skills that will aid in their Ministry for those who are struggling with mental health crisis in church.
Galatians 6:2 Context

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

August 19-20

In the Photos: HHT participating in the Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) mental health training.

- **Holy of Holies Tabernacle (HHT):** HHT has partnered with the “No More Foundation” to provide awareness about Human Trafficking and to provide services and support to survivors. Pastor Christopher Mastin, Minister Kim Mastin, and Sister Stephanie Gallois McMullen, not only completed facilitator training, but have also been crowned the 1st team to facilitate an awareness training in their area in collaboration with the “No More Foundation.”

NOMORE SLAVERY

Of the 20+ million victims of human trafficking, 99% are women and children.

Minister Kim Mastin: “We praise God for another partnership and avenue to save souls.”



In the Photos: HHT participating in the “No More Foundation” training.

Category: Testimony

Praise the Lord Saints,

My family and I would like to thank all of you for the love and support you have shown us during these challenging times. Your prayers, cards, flowers, gifts, words of affirmation, and visits have been a great source of encouragement for our whole family. We are most grateful for your prayers, which have touched heaven on our behalf.

Yesterday my oncologist informed us that both cancer masses have already begun to shrink. The breast cancer mass has decreased to half its previous size from a month ago. Consequently, the doctors said there’s no need for surgery. Last month doctors prescribed a mastectomy and yesterday they took all surgery off the table. Nobody but Jesus!

Also, the pain I had in my right leg has dissipated because the mass in my lower spine has also shrunk. God is a good God! I trust and believe that our God is going to continue the healing process in my body and bring it to completion for His glory.

Please continue to remember me and my family in your prayers. It’s only a matter of time before God’s complete healing is manifested.

Love you all,

Pastor Kesha Sewell and Family

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 Stepfather (Healing)
Minister Kourtney Littlejohn's Sister (Veronika) (Healing)
Elder Treani Thompson (Healing)
Elder Lakesha Sewell (Healing)
Brother David Hawkins (Healing)
Bishop Mary Butler (Healing)
Minister Danni Garcia and Family (Condolence)

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 GCJ Missions Department:** The 2022 Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Missions Conference will be held September 17-18, at Christ the Redeemer Church, 318 Commerce Street, Gulfport, MS.

Schedule

Saturday, September 17

9:00 am – Meet and Greet/Registration
 9:30 am – “Morning Glory”
 10:00 am – 3:00 pm - Seminars/Workshops
 (Includes business meeting/lunch)
 7:00 pm – Prayer
 7:30 pm – Worship Service
 (\$20.00 Power March)

Sunday, September 18

10:00 am – Worship Service
 (Colors: Shades of Blue and White)

Suggested Hotels

Holiday Inn: 9515 Hwy 49, Gulfport, MS [\(228\) 679-1700](tel:2286791700)
Resident Inn: 14100 Airport Rd, Gulfport, MS [\(228\) 867-1722](tel:2288671722)
Courtyard Marriott: 1600 East Beach Blvd, Gulfport, MS [\(228\) 864-4310](tel:2288644310)
Hilton Garden: 14108 Airport Rd, Gulfport, MS [\(228\) 863-4996](tel:2288634996)
Hampton Inns and Suite: 15580 Daniel Blvd, Gulfport, MS [1-866-460-7476](tel:18664607476)
Home2Suites Daniel Blvd: 15600 Daniel Blvd, Gulfport, MS [\(228\) 357 9647](tel:2283579647)
Springhill Suite: Daniel Blvd, Gulfport, MS [\(228\) 2256-5869](tel:22822565869)
Keesler Air Force Base Inn: 405 Fisher Street, Bldg. 470, Biloxi, MS [\(228\) 374-0088](tel:2283740088)
CBC Navy Lodge: 4902 Marvin Shields Blvd #1, Gulfport, MS [\(228\) 871-2555](tel:2288712555)

- **From the Administrative Staff:** Saints please be mindful of these upcoming events.

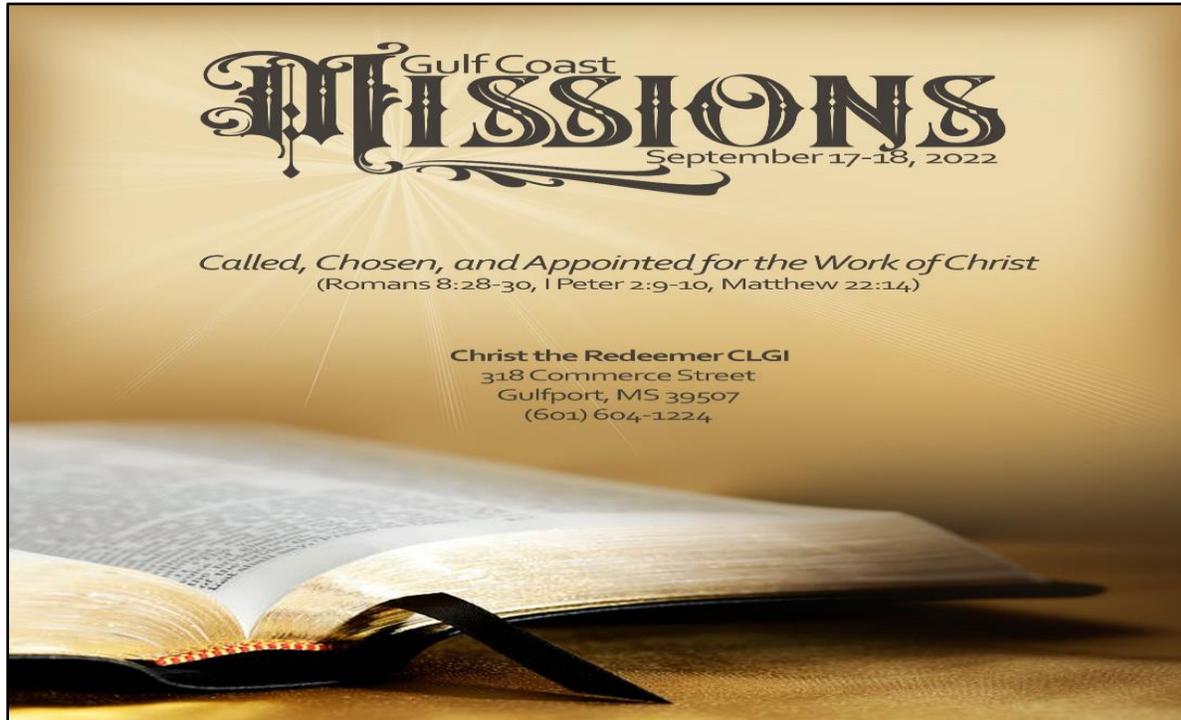
The 2022 Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cancelled	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 7-9	Elder Mastin Pastoral Anniversary	Holiday, FL
Oct 7-9	PNW Jurisdictional Conf.	Honolulu, HI

Oct 21-23
Nov 18-20
Dec 3-4

European Jurisdictional Conf.
Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Conf.
Elder Thompson Pastoral Anniv.

Rodenbach, Germany
FWB, FL
Gulfport, MS



COME CELEBRATE!
CHURCH
 5th
ANNIVERSARY

Pastors Christopher & Kim Mastin

Elder John Williams
 Founder & President of The Book of Acts Nation

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 For the Lord Is Your Life!

OCTOBER 7-9 2022

PRAISE AT THE PARK
 IN CELEBRATION OF
5TH Anniversary

OCTOBER 8TH, 2022 AT 12:00 NOON
ANCLOTE RIVER PARK
 COME AND ENJOY THE FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND PRAISE!

HOSTS
PASTOR CHRISTOPHER & FIRST LADY KIM MASTIN

Recording Artist
CAROL CHISOLM
 2022 TAMPA BAY GOSPEL AWARD NOMINEE

Chapel Singer
MINISTER SHAUNORA SMITH
 FT WALTON BEACH FL

Recording Gospel Pop Artist
JUSTIN RICE
 MONTGOMERY AL

Keyboards
OREY JACKSON
 CHATTANOOGA TN

Recording Artist
UNAPOLOGETICALLY GIFTED QUARTET
 CHATTANOOGA TN

Gulf Coast JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

November 18-20, 2022

Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace
Ephesians 4:3; John 17:26

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Jurisdictional Headquarters
716 Edge Street
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

CHRIST THE REDEEMER'S
PASTORAL
22nd Anniversary

ASST. PASTOR TREANI THOMPSON

PASTOR CARLOS THOMPSON

GUEST SPEAKERS

ELDER JOHN WILLIAMS
Founder & President of
Book of Acts Nation

BISHOP CHARLES SMITH
Gulfcoast Jurisdictional
Bishop of The Church of
the Living God Int'l

MINISTER Dr. TANOA WILLIAMS
Co-Founder & Vice
President of Book of Acts
Nation

DECEMBER 3, 2022
2:00PM BANQUET

DECEMBER 4, 2022
10:00AM WORSHIP
SERVICE

DECEMBER 3-4, 2022
CHRIST THE REDEEMER
318 COMMERCE STREET
GULFPORT, MS 39507

For more information please contact Deacon Tony Berrian (228) 213-0862

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 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*
