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October 2022 Newsletter

Bishop Smith encourages the GCJ saints to Have Faith in God

FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA. – “Faith in God means that you have believed and trusted in God,” said Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop and Pastor of Promise Church via Zoom on Friday night, October 14, 2022, at Promise Church. Those who could not make it to the church were able to participate via Zoom.

Bishop Smith taught from John 20 and focused on verses 25 and 29, which says, “The other disciples therefore said to him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ So he said to them, ‘Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe. Jesus said to him, ‘Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’” (NKJV) Bishop Smith said that a person has to believe in Jesus although they have not seen Him.

“The Holy Spirit helps us to believe the word of God even when we are sinners,” said Bishop Smith. “Christ came to save sinners and faith comes by hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17). The Holy Spirit quickens our belief in the word of God. Even though Jesus did many miracles, many did not believe on Him,” said Bishop Smith.

“But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: ‘Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?’” (John 12:37-38 NKJV)

Bishop Smith said that even Jesus had to believe that He was the Son of God. “When Jesus was 12 years old, He believed He was the Son of God even though no one else did,” said Bishop Smith. “So, when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, ‘Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.’ And He said to them, ‘Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business.’ But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.” (Luke 2:48-50 NKJV)

“Jesus saw Himself in the scriptures and we also must see ourselves in scripture because our whole life is in the word of God. If Jesus did not believe He was the Son of God, He would have not gone to the cross,” said Bishop Smith.



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

The Bishop's Corner

If you die today, will you wake up in heaven?

Praise the Lord Saints,

“Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load.” (Galatians 6:1-5, NKJV)

If you die today, will you wake up in Heaven tomorrow? This is a question we shouldn’t be arrogant about, and we should be honest with ourselves. We know all the things that God is working on in us and those things that He has told us to give up. We also know if God is satisfied with us. If we’re not sure we’re going to make it to heaven, we need to repent.

What does it mean to be spiritual? It means someone who is led by the Holy Spirit. (Romans 8:14) Unless we are led by the Spirit, we won’t speak a word of life and pray in the Spirit. Spiritual people always consider themselves lest they be overtaken by sin (Galatians 6:1). Many people preach what they do not practice. We take for granted God’s grace, because we think that as long as we have breath in our bodies, we have another chance (Romans 6:1-6). When we get to the point where we won’t let the blood of Jesus have an affect on us, we need to repent.

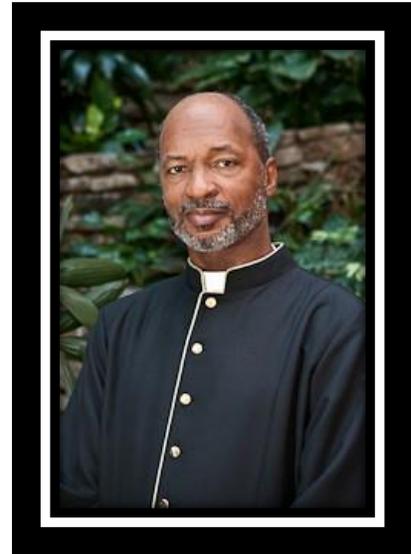
Each of us must work out our own salvation and bear our own burdens (Philippians 2:12; Galatians 6:5). Holiness is not an act we put on, but what we have become. We must ask God to forgive us every time we pray. (1 John 1:9) We need to consider ourselves when we come before God lest we be overtaken in a fault. (Galatians 6:1) God will never justify our flesh, but evil spirits will spur us on to keep us angry so we can’t hear the Holy Spirit and repent. We must examine ourselves before we commune with God. We must examine ourselves to see if we’re in the faith (2 Corinthians 13:5). We can be overtaken in the faith because we’re not examining ourselves.

We must judge ourselves, so no one else can judge us. When we judge ourselves, we will see when we are out of line with God. “For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world” (1 Corinthians 11:31-32, NKJV).

God has given us His Spirit to get us right when we’re wrong; just do it! Ask the Lord to sanctify you because God can’t use us unless we’re forgiven and filled with His Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:26-27).

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 October stories

Category: Events

During the month of October, one church welcomed new members; another church hosted a breast cancer awareness event; another church hosted a Youth-led Candidate Forum; another church hosted a couples' retreat, had a wedding, church anniversary, supported hurricane victims, and had a breast cancer walk; and another church had a Hallelujah Fun Night, a friends and family day and retirement celebration.

- **From Lily of the Valley:** LOV welcomes its new members who joined the church in October: Sister Lorraine White, Sister Sabrina Ross, and Sister Bria Armistad. Additionally, LOV's youngest member, baby Abigail E. Mastin, was born October 11. Her mother and father Chantha and Christopher Mastin are happy for the new addition to their family.

Sister Sereese Davis: "Lily of the Valley is grateful and blessed to have these new members added to the church family."



In the Photo: (L to R) Sister Larrain White, Sister Bria Armistad, Brother Deondre Armistad, and Sister Sabrina Ross. (Front Row) Hiram Armistad, Messiah Armistad, and Zane Murphy.



In the Photo: Sister Chantha Mastin and baby Abigail.



More October Stories:

- **From Prince of Peace:** Prince of Peace hosted its annual Breast Cancer Awareness event on October 15 in Jacksonville, which included lunch and a guest speaker--Traci Blue a Registered Nurse. She shared breast cancer awareness information to those in attendance. The caregivers of cancer patients had the opportunity to share their testimonies, and many were blessed from those testimonies. Some in attendance also received healings.

Elder Paulette Harrison: "We had a sweet fellowship and lots of laughter."



In the Photos: Lunch menu for Prince of Peace Church's Breast Cancer Awareness event held on October 15.

More October Stories Continue:

- **From New Covenant:** New Covenant sponsored Destiny Driven Inc.'s Youth-led Candidate Forum on October 22nd, 2022 in Montgomery, Ala. The Candidate Forum was an effort to increase voter registration, awareness, and engagement amongst 1st time voters- with a specific target of college students and justice-involved youth. The youth participants interviewed local, city, and state candidates to inform the community about their individual platform and encourage Alabama citizens to vote in the Nov 8th election.



Elder Bonita Russell: “We were happy to host this event for our partner, Destiny Driven Inc.”



In the Photos: Participants in the Destiny Driven Inc.'s Youth-led Candidate Forum held at New Covenant Church on October 22.

New Covenant News Continue:



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More October Stories Continue:

- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** HHT hosted its 1st Annual Kingdom Couples Retreat for singles, married couples and dating couples. Those in attendance gained insight on how marriage is ordained by God and were reminded that Christ must be the head of their marriage. They learned a lot about themselves as individuals and their personal responsibility in the marriage.

Minister Kim Mastin: “We had a blessed time of fellowship with the couples.”



Kingdom Couples Retreat 2022



In the Photos: Attendees at Holy of Holies Tabernacle’s couples retreat held in October in Holiday, Fla.

Holy of Holies Tabernacle news continues:

- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** HHT's 5th Church Anniversary Celebration was a blessed occasion. The guest speaker for the opening night, Friday, was Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdiction (GCJ) Bishop and Pastor of Promise Church. His message to HHT was, "I cannot – not make it to Heaven." On Saturday, HHT went out to the community for the annual "Praise in the Park" event. There was music for the young and seasoned saints. The young people enjoyed JustCordell from Birmingham, Alabama. Everyone loved the selections from the GCJ's very own anointed Minister Shaundra Smith and Carol Chisolm, accompanied by Shaun Lindsey, Bishop Smith and the HHT musicians. Unapologetically Gifted Quartet brought the saints a blessing all the way from Chattanooga, Tennessee. On Sunday, Elder John Williams closed out the anniversary with a wonderful message. Our day ended as a miracle service. Sister Tammy Gulley that came in with her walker was healed! God moved mightily that weekend. HHT saints thank all that supported them.

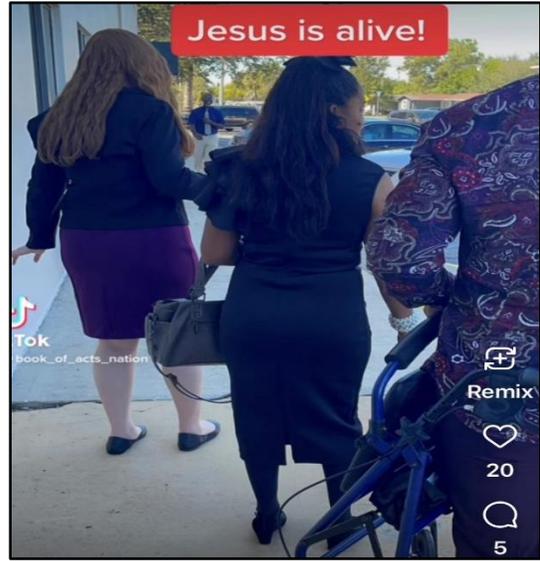


Minister Kim Mastin: "We appreciate those that attended and those that sent love offerings."



In the Photos: Saints enjoying Holy of Holies Tabernacle church anniversary celebration in Holiday, Fla., October 7-9, 2022.

Holy of Holies Tabernacle Anniversary continues:



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- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** HHT was honored to support others this month as a group of saints from HHT went to encourage a family in Orlando. The group set out to encourage a 97-year-old grandmother but ended up encouraging all who were there. They worshipped and fellowshiped together and even brought family members back together again. HHT's second group was invited to the "Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk." They were presented with a beautiful oil painting in memory of Sister Ilyasha Hood.

Holy of Holies Tabernacle news continues:

Minister Kim Mastin: “It’s always a blessing when the Lord uses us to help others.”



In the Photo: HHT saints encouraging a family in Orlando, Fla.



In the Photos: HHT saints participating in the “Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk” and an oil painting in memory of Sister Ilyasha Hood.

Holy of Holies Tabernacle news continues:

- **From Holy of Holies Tabernacle:** Elder Christopher Mastin, Pastor of Holy of Holies Tabernacle, officiated the wedding ceremony of Mr. and Mrs. William Ramos at HHT Church in Holiday, Fla.

Minister Kim Mastin: “Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Ramos!”



In the Photos: Mr. and Mrs. William Ramos and Holy of Holies Tabernacle saints enjoying their wedding in Holiday, Fla.

- **From Christ the Redeemer:** Headed by Minister Shaneika Brinkley and Brother Jonathan Thompson, Christ the Redeemer hosted a hallelujah fun night filled with food, fun, games, and fellowship. The youth department set up a challenge of being invaded by aliens. The challenge was to solve puzzles and clues to figure out who “amongst us” was playing an intruder and invading their land. The youth and young adult chose characters by colors and painted their own jumpsuit costumes.



In the Photo: CTR youth enjoying Hallelujah fun night.

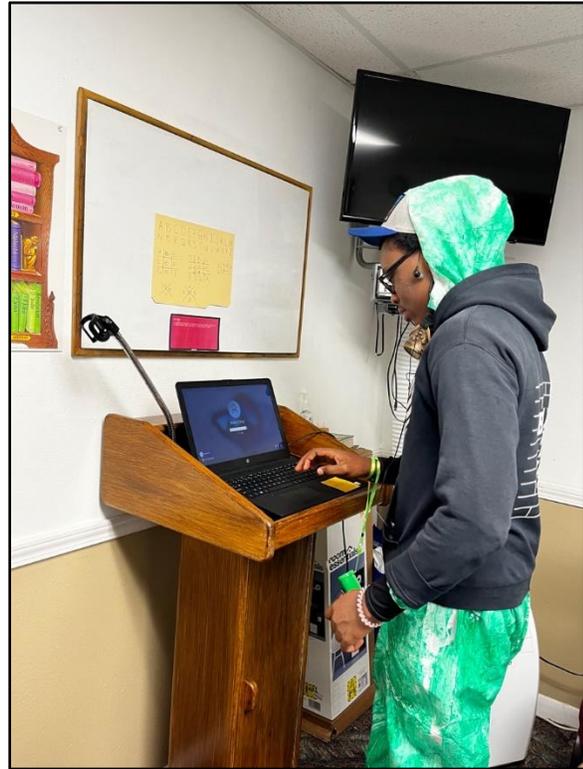
Christ the Redeemer News Continues:

Minister Kourtney Littlejohn: “Everyone had a great time in the Lord. The youth showed great teamwork in solving the clues. It was great seeing the youth have fun and enjoy themselves.”



In the Photos: Christ the Redeemer youth enjoying Halleluiah fun night in Gulfport, Miss.

Christ the Redeemer News Continues:



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- **From Christ the Redeemer:**

Christ the Redeemer (CTR) hosted a friends and family day and communion. Many friends and coworkers came to enjoy the church service. Hosted by Minister Cheryl James and the Christ the Redeemer Missions Department, they surprised Elder Treani Thompson, Assistant Pastor of CTR, with a retirement celebration of her 20+ years as a Nurse for the Veteran Affairs (VA). Many of Elder Thompson's coworkers came to support and give words of encouragement and show the impact that she has had on everyone who encounters her presence.



Minister Kourtney Littlejohn: "It was hard to keep anything from Elder Thompson because nothing gets past her, but she was very surprised and excited! It was great to celebrate our first lady!"

Christ the Redeemer News Continues:



In the Photos: CTR saints and visitors enjoying friends and family day and Elder Treani Thompson retirement celebration.

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)

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 her availability.

1. Elder Ruth Latham
 2. Minister Crystal Derico
 3. Minister Shaundra Smith
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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>
Nov 18-20	Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Conf.	FWB, FL
Dec 3-4	Elder Thompson Pastoral Anniv.	Gulfport, MS

Gulf Coast
JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE
November 18-20, 2022

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

Promise CLGI
Jurisdictional Headquarters
716 Edge Street
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

Hotel
Hampton Inn & Suites Mary Esther-Fort Walton Beach
301 Hollywood Blvd.
Mary Esther, FL 32569
(850-581-7000)
(Queen- \$110; King- \$120 + tax)
Group Code: C-CLG
Booking Link:
<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/churchofthelivinggod2022/>
The last day to book a room under this group code is Nov 11, 2022.

For more information about the conference email:
gulfcoast.jurisdiction@gmail.com

Schedule

Friday, November 18

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm GCJ Elders and Pastors Meeting

6:30 pm Prayer

7:00 pm Evening Service

Registration: Following Service (Pre-registration only)

Saturday, November 19

8:00 am - 9:45 am GCJ Business Meeting

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Seminars

12:00 pm - 1:45 pm Lunch

2:00 pm - 3:50 pm Seminars

4:00 pm Music Workshop

6:30 pm Prayer

7:00 pm Evening Service

Registration: Following Service (On-site)

Sunday, November 20

10:00 am Morning Service (Baptism)

(Schedule subject to change.)

CHRIST THE REDEEMER'S

22nd Pastoral 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

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

*Very Respectively,
The Editorial Staff*
