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July 2023 Newsletter

Gulf Coast Jurisdiction saints attend the General Assembly

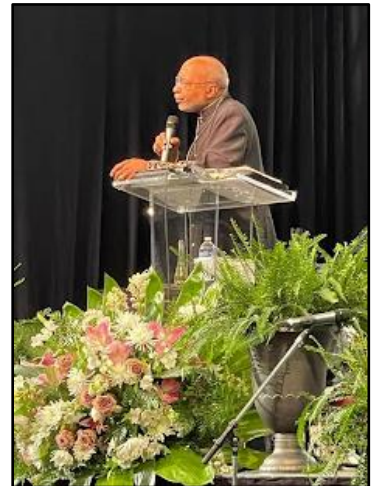
MOBILE, ALA. – Saints from around the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction (GCJ) attended the Church of the Living God International, Inc. (CLGI) annual General Assembly (GA). The GA, held July 4-9, 2023 at the Arthur R. Outlaw Convention Center, brought CLGI congregations to one meeting place so the Holy Ghost could lead in worship, seminars, fellowship, spiritual education, and training. The GA also included a Veterans' appreciation. This year's theme was "In a Great House," 2 Timothy 2:19-20. The Youth and Young Adult and Brotherhood conferences preceded the GA on June 30-July 3.

Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop, and Pastor of Promise Church, preached on July 6, at the GA, and encouraged the saints to be vessels of honor. "Work on your vessel so you can be a vessel of gold. Stir up yourself in the Lord, build up the house of God and His glorious kingdom and be ready when Jesus comes," said Bishop Smith.



The GA brought with it new appointments and heads of departments. Most notably, Bishop Mary M. Butler, the Central States Jurisdictional Bishop was named the Director of the International Elect Ladies Department and Elder Andrew Littlejohn was anointed as a Bishop Select and appointed to head the Pacific Northwest Jurisdiction. These two positions were previously held by the late Bishop Martha L. Edwards. The saints at the GA prayed that the Lord would be with Bishop Butler and Bishop Select Littlejohn as they take on these responsibilities to continue the work of the Lord.

In the Photos: (Top) Bishop Charles D. Smith, GCJ Bishop and Pastor of Promise Church, (Bottom Left) Bishop Mary M. Butler, CSJ Bishop and International Elect Ladies Director, and (Bottom Right) Bishop Select Andrew Littlejohn, PNWJ.



The Bishop's Corner

Vessels of Honor

Praise the Lord Saints,

“Nevertheless, the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: ‘The Lord knows those who are His,’ and, ‘Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.’ But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work” (2 Timothy 2:19-21, NKJV).

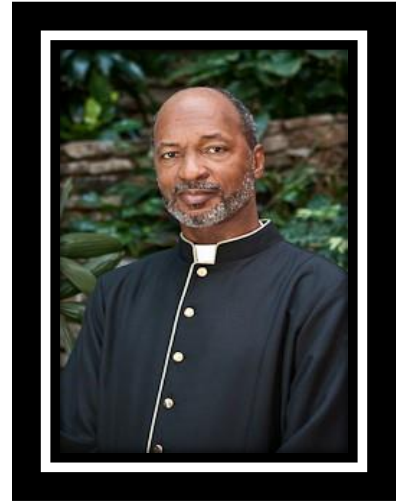
We must remember that the foundation of God stands sure on Jesus Christ and not on a certain church or church organization. Apostle Paul was great and got persecuted because he preached the gospel of Jesus Christ and he suffered so that others could be saved. “Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things. Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory” (2 Timothy 2:7-10, NKJV).

If we are vessels of gold in Christ's house, we are vessels of gold wherever we go. We must strive to be vessels of honor. Vessels of honor do not get entangled in carnal things such as fame and fortune. “No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier” (2 Timothy 2:4, NKJV). We must not let the world system overwhelm us so that it causes us to lose our place in God. “Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage” (Galatians 5:1, NKJV). We want to always be a shining light and let nothing dim it.

Our ministry is of Jesus Christ, and it is life giving. We should not try to make the word of God fit us, but we must fit the word of God. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we do what God says in His word. “Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God” (2 Corinthians 4:1-2, 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."

- **Category: Departmental Announcements**

- **From the GCJ Women's Department:** Women of Faith and Power will meet every first Wednesday at 7 p.m. CST for bible study on Zoom (**Meeting ID: 858 6960 1852, Passcode: 058828**). The women of the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction are encouraged to join these sessions. If you would like the notes or audio recording of any of the Women of Faith and Power Bible Study lessons, please notify Min. Shaundra D. Smith: **Shaundanae@gmail.com**

Women of Faith and Power Bible Study Schedule

August 2, 2023 (7 p.m. CST)

September 6, 2023 (7 p.m. CST)

October 4, 2023 (7 p.m. CST)

November 1, 2023 (7 p.m. CST)

December 6, 2023 (7 p.m. CST)

- **From the GCJ Evangelistic Department:** Below are the members of the Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Evangelistic Department. 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 D. Smith
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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 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 Administrative Department:

The 2023 Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Calendar

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Locations</u>
Aug 24-27	South American Jurisdictional Conference	Paramaribo, Suriname
Sep 1-3	North Carolina/Central States Juris. Conference	TBD
Sept 15-17	CLGI Missions Conference	Columbus, OH
Oct 7-8	Holy of Holies Tabernacle Anniversary	Holiday, FL
Oct 6-8	PNW Jurisdictional Conference	Lithonia, GA
Oct 20-22	European Jurisdictional Conference	Rodenbach, Germany
Nov 17-19	Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Conference	FWB, FL
Dec 2-3	Elder Thompson Pastoral Anniversary	Gulfport, MS
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Service	TBD

***Please note that events and dates are subject to change.**

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

*Very Respectively,
The Editorial Staff*
