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2021 GCJ Youth Conference: “Children of the King”

GULFPORT, MS. – The Gulf Coast Jurisdiction (GCJ) held its annual Youth and Young Adult conference Jan. 16 at Christ the Redeemer Church in Gulfport, Miss. The GC jurisdiction includes churches in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

This year, because of the Coronavirus pandemic, the conference featured a hybrid attendance with some physically present and others attending via Zoom because of stay-at-home orders in effect in many states.

The theme for the one-day conference was, “Children of the King,” (Hebrews 3:14). The conference opened with a morning seminar by Pastor Carlos Thompson, Christ the Redeemer, the host church of the conference; followed by the afternoon service, where Minister Kourtney Littlejohn, GCJ Youth and Young Adult Director, was the keynote speaker; and ended with an open forum about, “Reaching other youth.”

Pastor Thompson encouraged the saints to stay in God. “There are two things we need in order to stay in God: more faith in God’s word and to learn how to pray. We can come to God anytime and pray in the name of Jesus because He is never too busy. If we learn to pray, we will not waiver,” he said.

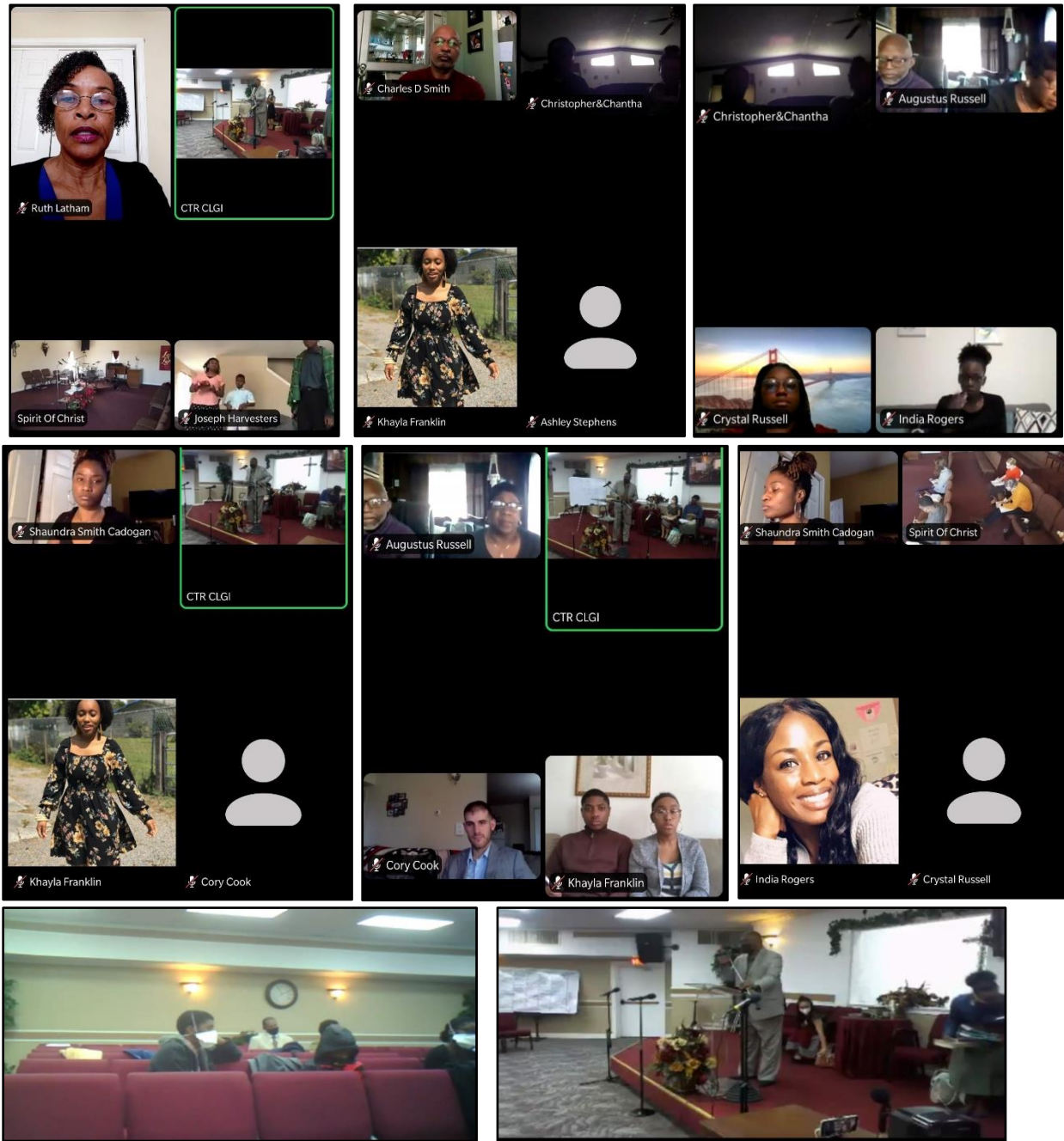
“Youth must not look to the world for an example, but consider Jesus because He came down from heaven to save us,” said Minister Littlejohn. “Our confidence must be in God and not in anyone or anything in the world. Remember whose you are; we are children of the king. Christ is better than anything in the world,” she said.



In the photo: Minister Kourtney Littlejohn, Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Youth and Young Adult Director, preaching via Zoom at Christ the Redeemer Church in Gulfport, Miss., with Pastor Carlos Thompson and Minister Shaneika Brinkley in the background during the 2021 Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Youth and Young Adult Conference on Jan. 16.

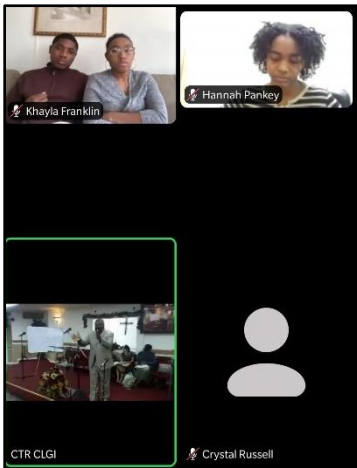
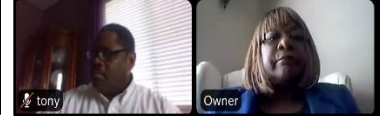
The open forum portion of the conference was filled with ideas about how to witness, using social media, prepping youth for college, and hosting various seminars and workshops for college and university students in the local areas of each church community.

The conference ended with Bishop Charles D. Smith, Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Bishop, saying, "People who don't believe God are evil. Jesus is coming soon, and that's why we have church services to help draw people to Christ." Bishop Smith also thanked everyone for coming, being a part via Zoom, and supporting the conference. He gave a special thanks to Pastor Thompson for hosting the conference and working with Minister Littlejohn to put it together.



In the Photos: Saints enjoying the GCJ Youth and Young Adult Conference held Jan. 16 at Christ the Redeemer Church.

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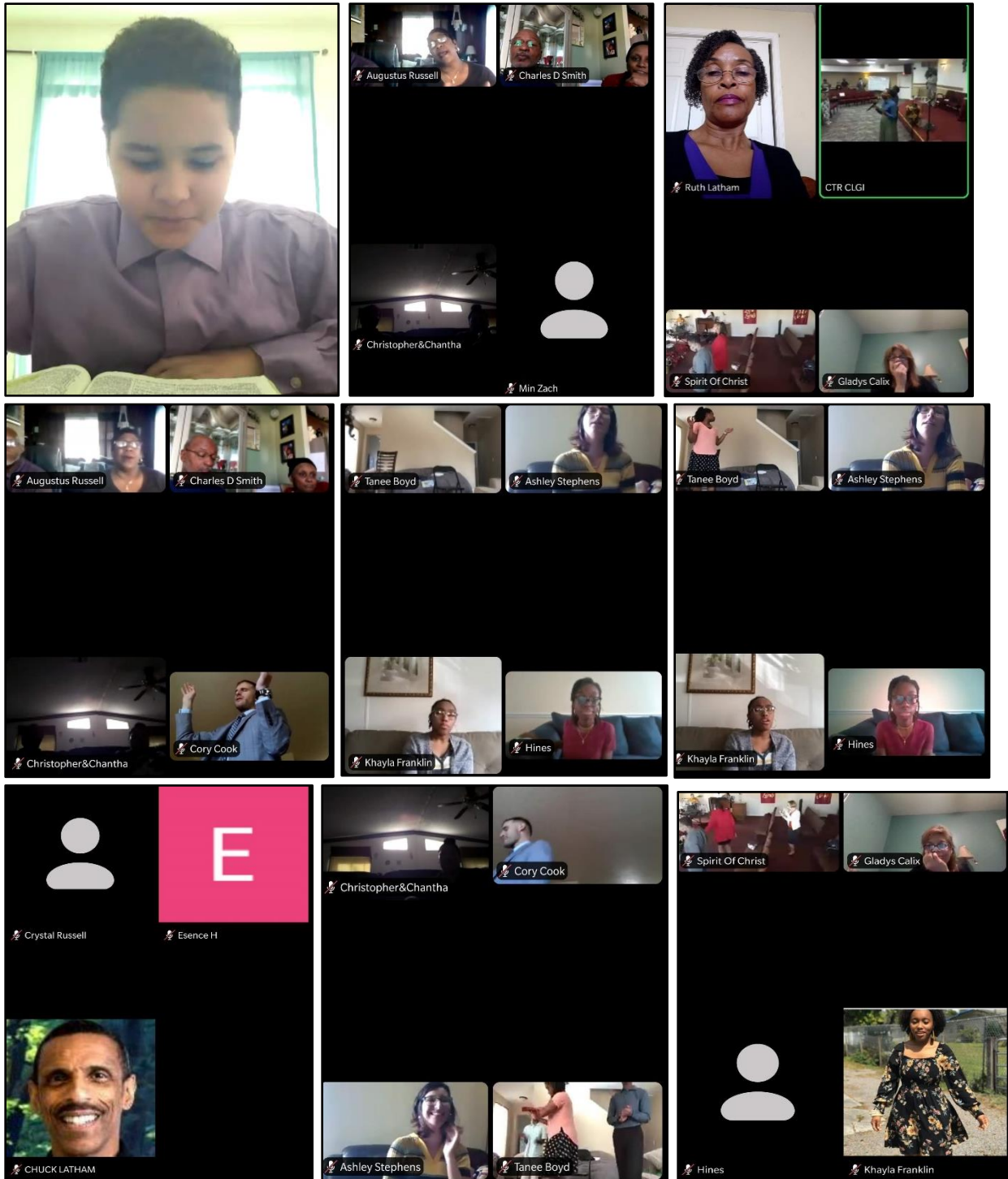
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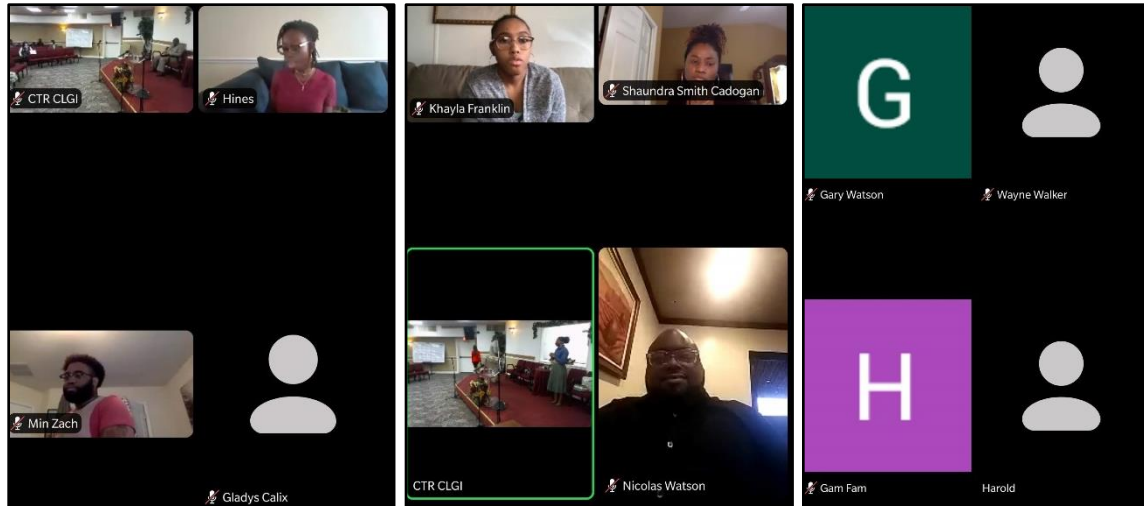
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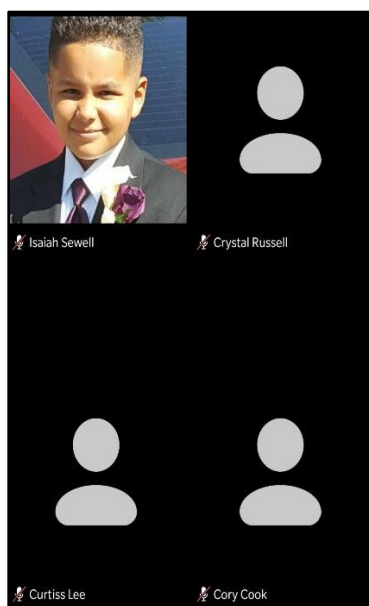
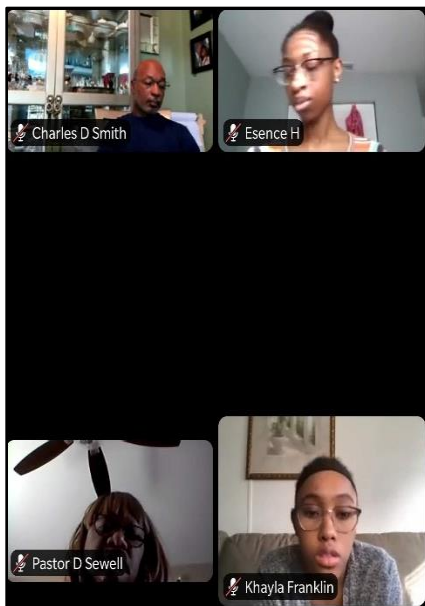
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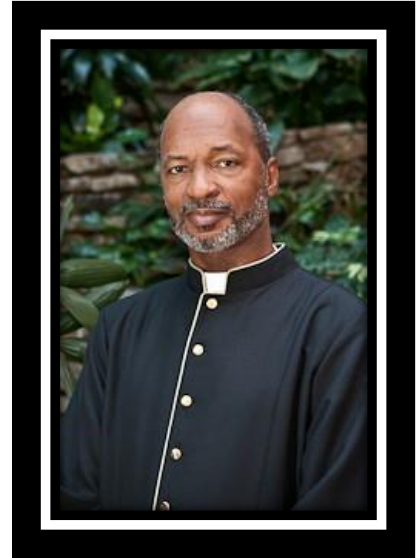
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The Bishop's Corner

Hold on Until Jesus Comes

Praise the Lord Saints,

“Wherefore we labour, that whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. Wherefore henceforth know we no man after flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (II Corinthians 5:9-10, 14-17,21 KJV).



We want God to accept the work we do in Him. If it had not been for the blood of Jesus, none of us would be saved. We must use the blood; and the way we use the blood is to repent. We must never stop repenting because we live in the mercy of God. We've done so many things that are worthy of death, but God's mercy did not let us die; therefore, we never have a reason to give up and go back into sin. We all have the same tools in God, the difference among us is who uses them the most. We want God to deliver us from those things in our lives that are not pleasing to Him, not just repress them because of our strong will.

We are our own biggest distraction in our lives, and the devil uses that against us. Our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, and we need to be aware when someone or something comes into our temple to distract us. We must make sure that we avoid doing things in our bodies and in our minds that do not align with God's Word and will for our lives, and those things may not always be sin. When Jesus directed His anger toward the money changers, He was cleansing the temple of distractions, not sin (Matthew 21:12-14 KJV). The true sanctuary of God is in our spirit. Therefore, we must learn to recognize distractions, and pray and worship God so we can keep ourselves in His love.

Don't be like the people in the world, and don't adapt to their ways. Our light must be greater than that of sinners. We must keep ourselves separate from the world and come out from among it not only where sin is concerned but also where our attitudes or mannerisms are concerned. Walk upright and keep on believing. When we stop believing, our heart becomes evil, as the Word of God warns us not to have an evil heart of unbelief. Be encouraged that a life in Christ is an easy life because we have hope that sinners do not have. We must make up our mind that the bible was written by eye-witnesses and every word in it is true.

God bless you,

Bishop Charles D. Smith
Gulf Coast Jurisdiction

Category: Prayer Request

The saints need healings 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).

Elder T'Angela Rogers (Healing)
Minister Norma Taylor's Mother (Healing)
Minister Joseph Johnson (Healing)
Brother Joshua Henderson (Healing)
Elder Paulette Harrison (Healing)
Brother Anthony Burrell (Complete Healing)
Elder LaToya Smith's Father (Complete Healing)
Minister Chemiese Hall's Niece (Healing)
Minister Chemiese Hall's Sister (Comfort)
Sister Francesca Di Chiaro (Healing)
Sister Alyssa (Minister Desiree Sewell Walker's daughter) (Healing)
Minister Danni Garcia's Mother (Healing)
Minister Tina Martin's Father (Healing)
Sister T'Shaura Gay's Mother (Healing)
Minister Sirita Loiseau (Healing)
Mother Dorothy Harrison (Healing)
Minister Lajoya Shelly (Healing)
Jeffery Byrd (Elder Angela Jenkin's Uncle) (Healing)
Deaconess Lisa Gibson (Healing)
Minister Leslie Allen (Healing)
Mother Judy Jones (Healing)
Minister Priya Luchmun (Healing)
Minister India Rogers (Healing)
Elder Paula Smith (Healing)
Elder Deborah Sewell (Healing)
Minister Eartha Howard (Healing)
Elder Bonita Russell (Healing)
Sister Barbara Cooper (Healing)
Exhorter Travis Sewell (Healing)
Minister Kourtney Littlejohn (Healing)
Bishop William Lee III (Healing)
Elder Carolin Taylor (Healing)
Minister Janice Spivey (Healing)
Elder Deborah Sewell's Mother (Lois Franklin) (Healing)
Elder Deborah Sewell's Sister (Loretta Green) (Healing)
Minister Monique Pullin's Uncle (George Pullin) (Healing)
Minister Lynn Knox's grandson (Elijah) (Healing)
Minister Crystal Derico (Healing)

Sister Frankie Ware (Healing)
 Elder Kim Chisolm (Healing)
 Brother Arthur Thompson (Complete Healing)
 Elder Gary Watson, Jr. (Healing)
 Elder Jacqueline Terrell (Healing)
 Pastor Luther McCaskill's Uncle (Rickey Golden) (Healing)
 Pastor Luther McCaskill's Mother (Janice McCaskill) (Healing)
 Minister Janice Spivey's Father (Brother Leon Motley) (Healing)
 Minister Keta McCaskill's Mother (Louise Knox) (Healing)
 Sister Eleanor Rogers' Mother (Ms. Rosa Welcome) (Healing)
 Sister Joanne Holt and Family (Condolence)
 Evangelist CoTinna Harris and Family (Condolence)
 Minister Rhonda Walton 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 Administrative Staff:** Saints please be mindful of these upcoming events.

The 2021 Gulf Coast Jurisdiction Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jan 4	CLGI Consecration Begins	N/A
Jan 16	GCJ Youth & Young Adult Conference	Gulfport, MS
Jan 22-24	Southeast Jurisdictional Conference	Augusta, GA
Jan 27	CLGI Consecration Ends	N/A
Feb 6-7	Bishop Smith Anniversary & B-Day	FWB, FL
Feb 13-14	Southwest Jurisdictional Conference	San Antonio, TX
Mar 18-21	Bishop White's Anniversary	Columbus, OH
Apr 9-11	GCJ Elect Ladies/Brotherhood Conf.	FWB, FL
Apr 9-11	Northeast Jurisdictional Conference	Waldorf, MD
May 1-2	Elder Sewell/Sewell Pastoral Anniversary	Thonotosassa, FL

Jun 1	CLGI Consecration Begins	N/A
Jun 5-6	Elder Harrison Pastoral Anniversary	Jacksonville, FL
Jun 23	CLGI Consecration Ends	N/A
Jun 25-Jul 4	IYYAC/Brotherhood/General Assembly	Mobile, AL
Jul 24-25	Elder Russell Pastoral Anniversary	Montgomery, AL
Aug 6-8	First Jurisdictional Conference	Columbus, OH
Aug 19-22	South American Jurisdictional Conference	Paramaribo, Suriname
Sep 4-5	Elder Calix Pastoral Anniversary	FWB, FL
Sep 17-19	International Missions Conference	Columbus, OH
TBD	GCJ CE Recreational Fellowship	TBD
Oct 9-10	Holy of Holies Tabernacle Anniversary	Holiday, FL
Oct 8-10	PNW Jurisdictional Conference	Honolulu, HI
Oct 22-24	European Jurisdictional Conference	Rodenbach, Germany
Oct 29-31	Central States Jurisdictional Conference	Kansas City, MO
Nov 19-21	Gulf Coast Jurisdictional Conference	FWB, FL
Dec 4-5	Elder Thompson Pastoral Anniversary	Gulfport, MS

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*
