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# The Truth Of God Times

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## TOP STORY

# WITHOUT A VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH

We thank our Leader, Teacher and Guide: The Honorable, Pastor Gino Jennings for his hard work and obedience to the One and only True and Living God; Jesus Christ.

As you may or may not know we made settlement on our new International Headquarters Temple on June 29, 2016. This was no easy task and many obstacles were present.

Our Pastor searched by faith for another location beginning in early 2014 because the parishioners outgrew the Frankford Avenue location. Also, the deterioration of the building in which we worshipped, for over 25 years, was extensive.

Frankford was sold in April of 2016 but we did not have a place to worship. It was Pastor Jennings' faith in God that allowed us to finalize the deal.



Final service held on Frankford Ave. Pastor Jennings (standing to the far right) preaching and teaching on a variety of subjects

During this process, Pastor Jennings faced harsh criticisms and false allegations shortly after he announced the planned purchase and asked the saints to "sacrifice one thousand dollars." People speculated he would steal the money and leave the country. Members complained about the condition of the temple incessantly.

To add insult to injury, someone called the Licenses and Inspection Division of the city to request that the temple be closed in light of the problems.

All the while, approvals and inspections at the Lindley Avenue temple caused initial closure dates to be delayed or canceled. Nevertheless, *continues on page 4*

## TESTIMONIES

### God's Healing Power



In late November 2016, I [Min. Harrison] noticed random knots all over my body so I decided to meet with a physician who referred me to a specialist.

After meeting with three different specialists to complete a biopsy, the test results came back positive. I was diagnosed with lymphocytic leukemia on December 22, 2016. I was admitted to Yale Smilow Cancer Hospital where I began treatment in January 11, 2017.

I had chemotherapy for three weeks. While at the hospital, I learned that I had blood clots in my left leg. I woke up one morning and was unable to move my body.

During my hospital stay I had 2-3 different spinal taps to evaluate the cancer's progression.

In April 2017, I had two bone marrow biopsy where I learned that there were cancer cells in my body. In the month of May 2017, more

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### A Note From the Editor & Chief

I thank God, in the name of Jesus Christ, for all of his many blessings. I give double honor to the former Holy Prophets and Apostles, the true messengers of Truth. I also extend double honor to my Leader, Teacher, and Guide, the honorable Pastor Gino Jennings.



Bro. Ricky Johnson

It is an honor and pleasure to present you with our first official National and International Newsletter. After speaking with one of the First Church travel secretaries, the idea was generated to create a newsletter so that we could connect with all of our temples; domestically and abroad.

We hope this will be a means for everyone to stay current with what is happening globally with our organization.

I have been blessed with the opportunity to accompany Pastor Jennings to many locations. This has allowed me to see, hear, and learn so much from him in addition to those whom I have met in our travels.

I have also been blessed to capture the events of our travels through photography. This opportunity allows us to document and share the growth and diversity of First Church.

Our mission is to lift up the name of Jesus Christ and provide our audience with the accomplishments, current events, projects, and inform you of schedules and locations for upcoming services.

We hope you find it informative, inspiring, and motivating. Be on the lookout for future editions. We have some big plans!

## God's Healing Power

*Cancer diagnosis meets unyielding faith*

blood work was drawn to ensure that I was cancer free. I underwent two more cycles of chemotherapy to ensure my blood levels were normal. Within three months, I was cancer-free. I am not employed but I am committed to doing the Lord's Will. I have no plans of going anywhere but to the Truth of God by His Divine Will. My mind is made up! This just goes to show that God is true to his word. He will never leave his people and does not

# Ask & Ye Shall Receive

*A new place of worship for the Spanish speaking saints in Florida, USA*

In the year of 2010, we begin to pray to God for financial help, since He is the owner of everything in the universe. Taking hold of the promise of providing for His people, God lead me to some wealthy people which me and my family work for in the construction industry. Between them and the help of the saints, we went to work.

In 3 months, God blessed us to build this beautiful building together for his people. So that we can have a comfortable place of worship. Many people donated many hours of professional labor to get all this work done. Everybody took a lot of pride on the part they were doing. Definitely nothing less than professional work was done.

The new building seats 175 people. It has two (2) air condition units that cool the place in the sunshine state {100 degrees} in the summertime. During the cold weather, the same central unit warm the sanctuary. We have no doubt that God has and will provide for his people. The estimated cost of this project was between \$100,000.00 and \$150,000.00 dollars.

We have no mortgage on the building. All is paid in full. The most amazing thing is that the people who provided the money have not even come to see if we put the building up or not. A lot of the people just came to help for the love of truth and nothing else. All praises are due on to God.

Este era el comienzo de la construcción de nuestro nuevo templo en la ciudad de Greensboro, en el estado de Florida, en el año 2010 comenzamos a orar para que Dios nos ayudara económicamente, puesto que él es el dueño de todo lo que hay en el universo y tuvimos que confiar en la promesa de sabiendo que el proveerá para su pueblo, Dios me llevó a algunas personas que han logrado tener riquezas por medio de su trabajo, yo y mi familia hemos trabajamos para ellos en la industria de la construcción y entre ellos y con la ayuda de los santos nos pusimos a trabajar y en 3 meses Dios nos ayudó a levantar este hermoso edificio, para que su pueblo pueda tener un lugar cómodo

donde podamos rendir culto, muchas personas donaron muchas horas de trabajo, todos realizaron su trabajo con mucho profesionalismo y orgullo en la parte que estaban haciendo, definitivamente pura mano de obra profesional se utilizó en este edificio, contiene espacio para 175 personas, tiene 2 unidades de aire acondicionado que mantienen este lugar fresco en el estado de sol {100 grados} en verano y cálido en el tiempo del frío. Sin quedamos ninguna duda confesamos que Dios proveerá para su pueblo, el costo estimado de este proyecto está entre \$100,000.00 y \$150,000.00 dólares y todo está pagado. Lo más sorprendente es que las personas que proveyeron el dinero, ni siquiera han venido para ver si hicimos así o no, muchas personas ayudaron por el amor a la verdad y nada más, toda la gloria es para Dios. Amen.

*By: Min. Abraham Aviles (Greensboro, Florida, USA)*



Greensboro, FL (USA)



Min. Abraham Aviles



Min. Harrison

give us any more than we can bear. This was a life experience, which proved that God is a healer and a way maker.

This experience has also brought me closer to God. Sometimes to walk with God you have to go through something. I was not worried about anything. I believed that God would

deliver me. My faith never wavered.

I have returned back to the Bronx Temple where I preach the word of God every Sunday as God permits. Currently, I go to the clinic every Monday for a weight check and blood testing.

*Submitted by: Bro. Shane King (Bronx, New York, USA)*



LIFESTYLE

“Plant a seed of positive affirmations that tells you that this is only a test . . .”

Keys To A Positive Outlook & Self Motivation

Self-help tips provided by published author & motivational speaker

Learning to Ride the Waves

Have you ever had one of those days where everything just seems to go wrong? From the moment you wake up in the morning 'til the time you rest your head on your pillow: things just didn't go right.

To make matters even worse, you wake up and it happens all over again. It just seems like everything that can possibly go wrong, does. We all experience moments in our lives like this. It happens to the best of us. Periods like this can really sabotage our goals and aspirations in life.

How do we stay focused even when it feels like there is absolute chaos everywhere? Well, here are a few things you can do that will really help you ride those waves of life's challenges instead of experiencing a wipe out.

Don't Give into The Doubts

Your mind will try to tell you all kinds of things when you experience a period of strong adversity. Always remember that before you experience breakthrough results, adversity will be there. You will begin to hear statements of doubt that you've heard from those around you and those from your own inner voice as well. Do not give in to these thoughts as they only contribute to a self-defeating attitude.

Continue to push forward to whatever you are trying to accomplish. Doubt is an evil seed. If you water it with your negative thoughts and the thoughts of other people, it will begin to sprout. Once this branch appears it starts to grow and develop other branches. Instead of one branch or one negative thought, you now have several! Soon these negative thoughts start to bear fruit. In this case, fruit represents your actions.

Those actions will be self-sabotaging, self-defeating, and completely against anything that will contribute to the goals you want to achieve. They lead to depression, fatigue, lack of motivation, and a host of many other things that will destroy the opportunity you have to achieve your goals. The waves of life

are strong but don't give into doubt. Plant a seed of positive affirmations that tells you that this is only a test and merely a speed bump on your way to accomplishment.

Don't Look Back

When obstacles hit you unexpectedly, it is very easy to look back on the past. Don't fall into the trap of thinking about past failures.

We start telling ourselves that things would have been different if we did this or that. Maybe our relationships or financial situations would be different.

There is nothing you can do about the past. The best thing you can do is learn from those experiences. Failure is simply just "feedback". Learning experiences that bring us a step closer to the person we aspire to be. As long as you are alive and breathing, you have the opportunity to completely change your future.

The past does not have to repeat itself. Dwelling on your past mistakes keeps you in a state of mind that prevents you from looking towards the future. You won't be prepared for any future or present opportunities if you're spending most of your time crying over spilled milk. Take accountability for your past actions, and use your past experiences as a guide to shape your future. Our past mistakes are actually a road map which helps us determine what we should and should not do in the future. Learn from the past, acknowledge the past, and move on.

Stay Positive

I know this is easier said than done but it is definitely a must. There isn't anyone in this world that hasn't struggled with staying positive at some point in their lives. Sometimes, unexpected things occur in our life. In some cases, they can be very devastating. This is when our minds are really put to the test. No matter what happens we have to look at the positive side of things.

Trust me, there is always a positive even though it may seem like the world is completely crashing down on you. The way we look at things can really determine how quickly we bounce back from those tough moments we experience.

“Failure is simply just ‘feedback’.”

One of the most important things you can do for yourself is to constantly feed your mind with positive things. I, for example, pray very often, read books, limit the amount of TV I watch,

and I make it my business to surround myself with positive people. Regardless of your lifestyle or religious preference, you must keep yourself away from negativity. Feeding your mind negative thoughts is the equivalent of giving your computer a virus.

Our brains are the most advanced computers ever created. Let's make sure we store the right information in our hard drives. We need as much positive data as we can, to combat the tough moments that will inevitably happen in our lifetime.

Life definitely has its curve balls from time to time. However, we have a choice on how we wish to respond to whatever gets thrown our way. You can react in the best way possible when you program yourself to focus on finding the positive in every situation. This will keep you moving forward even when the going is tough.

Here's to developing a character so strong that you will achieve any goal in your life even while you're riding the waves!

“Feeding your mind negative thoughts is the equivalent of giving your computer a virus.”



Bro. Meiyoko Taylor

By: Meiyoko Taylor (Browns Mill, New Jersey, USA)



# Without A Vision, The People Perish

## “Tell Me Where Are You Building.”

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Pastor remained focused. Through his faith in God, he persevered through the discouragement of people and innumerable setbacks he encountered.

On Sunday July 24, 2016, the last radio and television broadcast convened at

*“[Pastor Jennings] foresees the new construction of a facility that seats 6,000 to 8,000 souls.”*

the Frankford location. As you might imagine the temple was filled to capacity. Parishioners packed the facility from the pulpit to the back of the church. Pastor Jennings began the broadcast with a musical selection “God Is Not Dead; He Is Still Alive.” The congregation sang along with Pastor.

Then Pastor spoke about the journey which began at Jerome Street; then to Briar Road, to Hunting Park, to Frankford Avenue and finally to our new Headquarters location at Lindley Avenue. He remarked on how God just continues to increase.

Headquarters moved from an 18,000-square foot building to a 200,000-square feet campus. Anyone who knows Pastor Jennings understands: he is truly a visionary.

He foresees the new construction of a facility that seats 6,000 to 8,000 souls. In fact, he sketched the design and layout of his vision; though reconstruc-

tion of the existing building is incomplete.

He preached from Psalms 127:1. Pastor explained if

one does not involve God in his/her plans he or she has failed already. He said that we should include God in everything.

This is how First

Church has advanced as much as it has: by following the Word of God.

Furthermore, he stated that God made him in a way that is necessary. Criticism, lies of people, nor threats deter him because he has a charge from God.

The message was not just about the relocation, but various topics such as the plumb line in the midst of the people; as it is an instrument of straightness. He refused endorsement of homosexuality, transgender restrooms, and crooked politicians. He also preached about the name that should be on God’s Church, speaking in tongues, and having an interpreter: just to name a few more topics.

The service ended with one soul being baptized and the restoration of those who had backslidden.

He concluded the service with the song, “Tell Me Where Are You Building.” The service was high and energetic.

Lastly, Pastor had all the saints and guests to stand in front of the Frankford temple in a line formation and



Settlement of new headquarter’s campus: located on Lindley Ave (Pastor Gino Jennings—left)

wave farewell to Frankford Avenue.

By: Bro. Rick y Johnson

(Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA)

## Quest for Truth: A Journey Across *The Pond*

*The beginning of The Truth of God work in Germany*

*“... [I] came across Tony Smith talking about Pastor Jennings [on YouTube]. . . This was how I started my HOLINESS Journey.”*

One of the experiences I had, while searching for the truth, was traveling to Nigeria to get baptized. After coming into the knowledge of the truth, I found out that my baptism was wrong because it was performed in the titles of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost.

After I realized that it was incorrect, I decided to travel to the United States to get it right. I came into the knowledge of the truth August 2010. In my quest of searching for the truth, I went to YouTube to try to learn the truth about God. In my search, I came across many preachers; some oneness, some Trinitarians, some Islam etc..

However, on one occasion, I came across Tony Smith talking about Pastor Gino Jennings. I asked myself, “Who is this Pastor Gino Jennings?” I then I typed in his name and I started listening to him.

At that moment, I felt something different from every other preacher I had heard. This was how I started my HOLINESS Journey. After that, I introduced Bro. Asama to it and we both decided to travel to America to be baptized. He could not obtain a visa, so I came alone to be baptized and met with Pastor. He promised to come to Germany.

In July 2011 he came and met with me and Bro. Asama, and was further introduced to Bro. Isaac and Bro. Enoch. That was the beginning of the Branch in Frankfurt, Germany.

By: Bro. Philip Darah (Frankfurt, Germany)



Bro. Philip Darah

Eine meine Erfahrungen, die ich hatte während meiner Suche nach der Wahrheit, war als ich nach Nigeria reiste um getauft zu werden. Nach einigen Gesprächen mit meinem Cousin, der mir als erstes die Wichtigkeit der Taufe erklärte, Frauen als Prediger und die Kopfbedeckung. Als ich zu dem Wissen der Wahrheit kam musste ich feststellen, dass die Taufe falsch war, weil sie im Namen des Vaters, des Sohnes und des heiligen Geistes erfolgt war. Ich kam zu der Erkenntnis der Wahrheit im August 2010, in meinem Streben nach der Wahrheit zu suchen, ging ich zu youtube um heraus zu finden, was die Wahrheit über Gott ist. Während meiner Suche schnupperte ich bei vielen Predigern rein, einige einheitliche, einige dreifaltige, einige islamistisch

usw. Bei einer Gelegenheit während der Suche kam ich zu Pastor Smith, wie er über Pastor Gino Jennings sprach und fragte mich selbst: wer ist dieser Pastor Gino Jennings? Dann gab ich seinen Namen ein und begann, ihm zu zuhören. Von da an fühlte ich einen Unterschied zu all den anderen Predigern, die ich gehört habe. So begann ich die „Heiligkeit“-Reise. Danach stellte ich es Bruder Asama vor und wir beide entschieden nach Amerika zu gehen um getauft zu werden aber er erhielt kein Visum, so dass ich allein kam um getauft zu werden und traf den Pastor und er versprach nach Deutschland zu kommen. Im Juli 2011 kam er und traf mich, Bruder Asama zusammen mit zwei anderen Brüdern. Er stellte Bruder Isaac und Bruder Enoch vor. Das war der Anfang der Zweigstelle in Frankfurt Deutschland.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

'How Often Should I Workout?'

Focus on quality verses quantity of days you exercise at a gym or in your home. Let's say you go to the gym for five days for an hour but only spend twenty minutes working out each day.

But another week you go to the gym for three days for one hour and you put in the work; go hard for an hour. As you see quality will out due the quantity any day.

Depending on the goals you have; the days will differ. Some may want to build muscle, training for a race, want to lose weight or just want to maintain an overall fitness and shape.

The training will be different in the amount of days you work out. I personally say four to five days a week is a good number. Even if you choose, for a couple of those days, to only go and walk on the treadmill for thirty minutes; walk some and run some mix it up.

My training consists of weights, stretching, jumping rope, cardio, walking and running. No I am not crazy.

I know before I even say this. Choose a good mark to do a day: 10,000 steps a day. It is doable. You would be surprised how many steps you take a day without even noticing it. You can track it by a fitness tracker. There are tons of free apps out there on iPhone and androids.

Always remember exercising is about doing it at your own pace and enjoy what you are doing. Don't look at anyone else; everyone is at different levels of fitness.

So, get off the diet and eat healthy in moderation and incorporate exercise in your weeks. There are so many aspects of health and fitness. There is much to write about. I hope to encourage you to take charge of your health. And I hope you enjoyed this segment of the newsletter.

Take Charge of Your Health While Walking in Holiness.

I am open for any questions you may have. E-mail brother Ricky Johnson or myself. I will include one question and answer it in each article. Remember, have fun working out!

Peace Be unto You.

By: Sis. Vonna Tingle (Delmar, Delaware, USA)



Sis. Vonna Tingle

The Fight of Faith

Faith prevails in the midst of tragedy

Greetings Brother and Sisters. We greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you have been following the news nationally you may have heard of an incident that happened in my community of Portland, Oregon that really hit home for me and my family.

During a busy afternoon around 4:30 p.m. at the end of May, my 16-year-old niece and a friend were riding a public transit MAX train and were the victims of racial/religious hatred and harassment. This resulted in multiple stabbings and two deaths.

Though my niece and her friend were not injured, they witnessed two (2) men lose their lives. The perpetrator began his tirade by verbally attacking them with racial slurs.

To make matters worse, he, with a hidden knife, lunged at my niece and her friend. Three men intervened to protect them. Two (2) of them were stabbed to death. Chaos ensued while two men lay dead. Now my niece, her friend, and the entire community were burden with the realization of the trauma of this life-changing event.

In the days to come many mourned and came together. Many will come to the tragic realization that their skin color and religion could possibly result in attacks or death.

Brother and sisters, when I found out what happened to my niece and her friend, I had anger within me that I have not felt in years. The anger felt uncontrolled. I am thankful to God that I can admit that. Since that time, I have begun praying to the Lord for discipline of my spirit. I was very saddened for my sister and my niece. Their experience weighed heavy on my heart.

I knew that now is a time that the faith would be tried. I needed by God's permission to

represent stability in my family. There were two (2) scenarios that I needed to address.

The first was helping my sister work through her anguish and the fear of letting her daughter leave the safety of their home.

The second was reconciling the fact that in one hand you have a stranger who has racial animosity towards you, and on the other hand that stranger who intervenes to protect you. I wanted my sister to understand that the core of

the lawlessness was not about black and white but rather right and wrong.

In conclusion, Romans 8:28 teaches us that, "All things work together for good to them that love GOD."

For me this was another example

on how to lean on God through any situation and how wisdom can be extracted through any situation for the betterment of his saints.

I would encourage us to fight against all sin especially the sin of racial pride. Instead of us getting caught up in the color of perpetrators, we should cling to what is right and flee from unrighteousness.

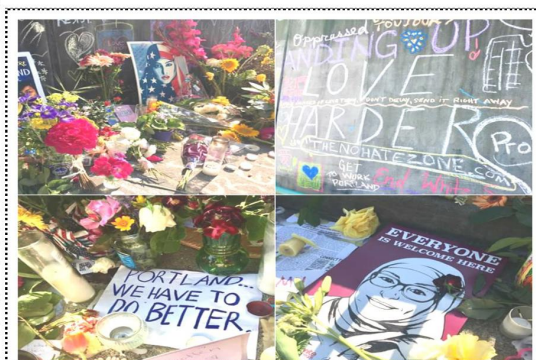
Please pray for my family and the greater community. We must fight the good fight of faith and hold fast to what we have been taught. That holiness may be proved within any circumstance.

Peace be unto you.

By: Min. Bo Stephens (Portland, Oregon, USA)



Min. Bo Stephens



Established memorials, after the fatal attack



TEMPLE SPOTLIGHT

# Mauritius & Rodrigues Islands

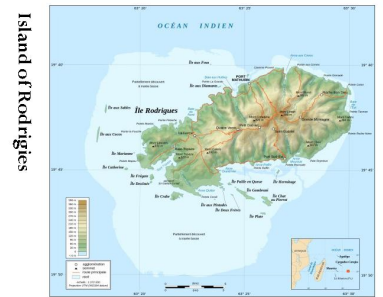


## Hailing from the Indian Ocean

Mauritius Flag



Mauritius Island in the Indian Ocean



Island of Rodrigues

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

This is a brief story of First Church in Mauritius and Rodrigues Island. Series of events led us to the Truth of God. On March 3, 2002, First Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ began here.

Our Pastor, Brother Sibaly Elvis, who was a former preacher in the United Pentecostal Church (UPC) for more than ten years says, "I left UPC after witnessing many disobediences concerning the word of God. From the start, I did not believe in: women preachers; pastors being paid; and women praying with their heads uncovered.

I was not allowed to preach these things. As a result, I resigned as a pastor. I always wondered if there was a preacher who preached the Truth of God. At the UPC, we were told a lie: that they were the only church in the world preaching One God.

One night, after leaving the UPC, I went on the net searching for a church where One God and Holiness is preached. I found the First Church site with our Apostle denouncing the same lies as I did at UPC.

Around 9:00 p.m., I asked my friend, Brother Ajay Maddoo, who was also a preacher in UPC, to come over and watch the broadcast because God convinced me this was the truth. I thank God because my brother in Christ left UPC, also. Then he and I began ministering to a body of believers. We started off with four adults and 4 children. We named the church "The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Many from the U.P.C, where Brother Ajay Maddoo was in charge, followed him. However, when they heard about the Truth of God they couldn't abide in holiness. So many of them left. Brother Sibaly Elvis contacted Pastor Jennings. Shortly

thereafter Bro. Daniel Thompson invited him to the November 2002 Holy Convocation in Philadelphia, PA. In November 2003, Pastor Jennings came to the Island for the Holy Convocation. At that time, we had only ten baptized members and six children.

In September 2006, Pastor Sibaly contacted a U.P.C preacher on the Island of Rodrigues who said he was seeking for truth. The latter ended up following the Truth of God and was given the responsibility of the church there.

We started the first one at Rose-Hill, which is the Headquarters. Seven years ago the second on the Island of Rodrigues with currently 60 members began.

Three years earlier, the third one at La Gaulette, currently with fourteen members and newcomers, began.

This year, the fourth church was established at St. Croix with nine members and newcomers.

In Mauritius, we have 47 members with many newcomers. From year 2002 to 2014, we have had ninety baptisms. Some have left the church for the love of the world. On the other hand, we are now striving to have a fifth place of worship - God willing—at Rose-Belle, the center of the island.

Keep us in your prayers as we are strive to bring the truth of God to all the neighboring islands in the Indian Ocean. It's a great struggle, due to the fact that we have many idolatrous here but nothing is impossible for our God.

Peace be unto you.

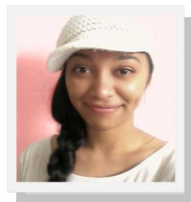
*"I went on the net searching for a church where One God and Holiness is preached. I found the First Church. . ."*



In March 2007, he left First Church. However, this did not stop the work of God from reaching Rodrigues Island. During the same year, another brother decided to walk with the Truth of God. He is now our Bro. Minister Stephenson Félicité.

*"This year, the fourth church was established at St. Croix. . ."*

The determination to walk in holiness has been fruitful and the church there has reached sixty members for the past 7 years under the leadership of Pastor Sibaly. Mauritius Island has three places of worship and one in Rodrigues Island.



Sis. Jessica Sibaly

Submitted by: Sis. Jessica Sibaly (Island of Mauritius)



### Who Am I?

People crowd around me, I'm not intimidated by competition.

I have no mercy against the weak, no one has stopped my mission.

I reveal secrets of many and I oftentimes betray confidence. I am nobody's friend, but I've been around every since.

I look for opportunities, to cause bitterness, anger and pain. After I arouse people's interest, nothing is ever the same.

Women are not the only ones that's found guilty of me I also befriend men, they enjoy my company.

I have no regards for others and I easily tear down homes. Rather than admit truth, I thrive on what is wrong.

I can swiftly tarnish a relationship and can ruin an entire town. It's almost next to impossible to try and track me down.

Every effort I try to accomplish, I find it easily achieved. The more I am repeated, the more I am believed. So many fail to see, how dangerous I can be.

Where there's two or more people, most likely, you'll find me.

I am gossip.



By: Sis. Rose Hoof (Memphis, Tennessee, USA)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS



First Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc. 2017 Calendar of Events



July 27 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	29th International Holy Convocation 33rd General Assembly Church & Pastoral Anniversary ( Headquarters Temple )
August 12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Combined 12 <sup>th</sup> Newport News, VA & 29 <sup>th</sup> Fredericksburg, VA Church Anniversaries
August 19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Millville, NJ
August 25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup> Jamaica, W.I. Holy Convocation
September 9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mobile, AL Church Anniversary
September 22 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	Rodrigues Island Holy Convocation
September 25 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mauritius Island Holy Convocation
October 14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sumter, SC
October 21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>th</sup>	Combined 4 <sup>th</sup> Baltimore, MD & 18 <sup>th</sup> Delmar, DE Church Anniversaries ( Baltimore Temple )
October 27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	Nassau Bahamas <b>SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>
November 4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Portland, OR
November 11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Oklahoma Church Anniversary
November 25 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> New Brunswick, NJ Church Anniversary
December 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup> Jamaica, W.I. Youth Convocation
December 16 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Trenton, NJ
December 28 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	End of the Year Services 29 <sup>th</sup> Men's & 31 <sup>st</sup> Women's Holy Convocation ( Headquarters Temple )

**\*\* All schedule dates/ times are subject to change and there may be unannounced visits to branch locations by Pastor Jennings\*\***

### Praise Ye The Lord!



Around the age of five, I began playing the piano in a small holiness church in rural Mississippi. I have since written approximately 150 songs and learned to play several instruments on my own.

As a result of my joy of music, I began teaching kids from ages 7 and up at Grace Academy School (operated by the local First Church temple in Enid, Oklahoma) in 2012.

I began teaching music history and music theory. I have since taught vocals and instruments for the Grace Academy Choir and Ensemble. Additionally, I assist with vocals and instrumentation for the children's First Church Oklahoma Choir.

My prayer is that one day, the entire FC organization will record songs and music, written by brothers and sisters of the temples and have an international orchestra to magnify God in praise and worship during services.



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