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Let the church say amen:

The dedication of the Mobile, Alabama temple

Pastor Jennings wanted 2021 to be the year of dedicating many of our branch temples. Unfortunately, these dedications may not be held until next year because of the coronavirus and continued renovations. Regardless, we are thankful to God that we dedicated our Mobile temple on September 25-26, 2021 and that progress is being made on many other projects.

Pastor Jennings went to Mobile for the first time in 1993 when he held a meeting at the old Constatine Hotel on Government Street. The radio broadcast was heard on WLTV. Over time, Pastor Jennings established a temporary temple location in Chickasaw, Alabama. Saints from New Orleans, Louisiana, worshipped with the Chickasaw congregation until Pastor Jennings established a local temple in New Orleans. Eventually, the congregation outgrew the Chickasaw location and moved to Halls Mill Road. God continued to bless the church, adding many souls. As before, the congregation outgrew the Halls Mill Road temple, which brought us to the present location on Pleasant Valley Road.

Much anticipation and concern for space grew as the dedication service approached. During the dedication of any



temple, we want to conduct the services at that branch location. But because of the popularity of The TOG and the influx of new members, branch temples simply cannot accommodate the people. Headquarters is not yet completed, but we know from experience that when we move into the upper sanctuary, the lower auditorium will be at full capacity, requiring us to use overflow areas.

Nevertheless, the service in Mobile was beautiful. As anticipated, the building was filled to capacity with a tent accommodating the overflow. The building's design, renovation, decorations and grounds were pristine. Thank God for giving Pastor Jennings an eye for detail

and design. Minister Martin Shabazz and the saints of Mobile, New Orleans, and the surrounding areas came together and worked relentlessly to bring Pastor Jennings's vision for the temple to life. We knew the Word of God would be preached. Pastor Jennings taught on false prophecy, lying on God, giving instructions and following leadership, to name a few. To hear the messages in their entirety, go to *YouTube First Church Truth of God Broadcast 1586-1588*.

Rarely does Pastor Jennings sing songs while preaching, so everyone was surprised but happily joined in when he began to sing "Let the Church Say Amen" in the middle of service.

He also called for backsliders to be restored and return to God. By the end of the dedication, 47 souls were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. As you can see, this was a blessed dedication service. Continue to keep the Mobile temple, all other locations and the people of God in your prayers.

Bro. Ricky Johnson
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An evangelist's journey: Next stop Ireland

As always, we give the highest honor unto our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We thank Him for sending His servants the prophets and the apostles. We also would like to thank the Lord Jesus for sending our leader and general overseer, Pastor Jennings.

On September 3, Pastor Jennings granted me the honor of traveling overseas to hold services in Ireland. The services were held over two days.

About 40 brothers and sisters from various parts of the European Union attended the meeting. Saints from England, Germany and the Netherlands came to support the brothers and sisters of Ireland.

Our new extended family in Ireland expressed their gratitude for the Truth of God program. Many shared testimonies of how the Word of God opened their un-

derstanding to things they had never realized and how they prayed for the Truth of God train to roll into Ireland. Truly, God is faithful!

During our time in Ireland, eight souls were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, and one received the gift of the Holy Ghost! The congregation consisted of brothers and sisters from Jamaica, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Malawi, and Ireland, once again proving that our God is no respecter of persons but in every nation, he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted with him.

Peace be unto you.

Evangelist Taj Utsey

Philadelphia, PA



Keep your eyes and ears open ladies Sisters' safety and security

Recently in the UK, the kidnapping, rape and murder of a young woman by a police officer has resulted in an enormous outpouring and reaction.

The incident had me considering the various safety and security strategies mothers and sisters employ to keep themselves safe. However, when the perpetrator is someone in a position of trust (police, doctor, minister), the usual safety defenses are lowered.

To warn and guide mothers and sisters (for all are potential victims), this article will suggest various practical tips suggested by First Church sisters to ensure their safety while remaining alert at all times.

To start the debate, I remembered a few years ago that I found myself in a situation that caused me to question my choices that compromised my security. Despite my better judgment, I agreed to attend a meeting alone one evening in a large, dark church hall at the end of an alley with a very dubious 'pastor.' It was there that I became suddenly aware of the potential danger I placed myself in and how things could have quickly gone wrong. I originally went

there on a specific mission to negotiate the recovery of funds on behalf of a minister (now deceased) following a bad financial deal. I was aware from our previous joint meetings with the minister that his understanding of boundaries was questionable.

I never intended to conduct the meeting alone, but no one else was available to accompany me. Fortunately, by God's grace, covering myself in prayer and asserting myself professionally with a clear mandate, I was able to retrieve our funds while maintaining my credibility and safety.

Safety tips:

- 1) Be aware of your surroundings; always aim to travel or meet in well-lit spaces with people around.
- 2) Travel in pairs and groups when possible.
- 3) Have your mobile phone with you at all times.
- 4) Keep someone informed of your whereabouts.
- 5) Always position yourself near a point of exit.

Sisters in Holiness

*I thank God for the FCG sisterhood
A band of Holy women
Submissive unto the Holy God
As required by the God of heaven*

*We are of different ages
From the babies to the mothers
United under the One True God
To support and encourage each other*

*Holiness unto the Lord is our motto
Being prayerful is our mission
We have a purpose to fulfill...*

*The book of Scriptures is our guide
As declared by our Apostle Jennings
We want to obey and stay in the way
And will do...if we follow the teachings*

*So don't be discouraged my sisters
We have a great role to play
If we abide and follow an apostle
We will hear, "well done," someday*

*By Sister Barbara Walters
London England*

6) Wear sensible shoes so you can run if necessary!

7) Be conscious, and ensure you are not giving out mixed messages. There is a thin line between being friendly and "I'm interested in you." Make sure your action (including body language) is not being construed as a 'come on.'

8) Don't overestimate your physicality. Whether petite or large, women do not have the same strength as men. We might think we do, but we do not!!

If you have had a similar experience and are happy to share, please submit your account. In the meantime, mothers and sisters, by God's grace, be careful out there. Peace be unto you all.



*Sis Peggy Beckford
London England*