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"Three-in-

**O**n July 30, 2017 we celebrated our 1st anniversary at our new headquarters campus and the conclusion of our 29<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation.

We had a wonderful, wellplanned, and executed host of events that included: financial planning, an art expo, culinary, college preparation, and a cultural fair.

Of course, as always, our Pas-

tor brought forth the Word of God each night without compromise.

On the final day of the convention, Pastor Jennings hosted a biblical discussion with Minister Wayne Smith from The United Church of God in Christ of Brooklyn, NY.

The topic discussed was. "Does The Holy Scriptures mention, teach, or support the Trinity."



Pastor challenges the entire Church of God in Christ organization and their bishops

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# **TEMPLE SPOTLIGHT**



### The Son of a Preacher Man

Greetings to you all in the name of Jesus

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Christ.

I give the highest honor to ness; who is also my natu- ful for his mercy towards our Lord and Saviour, Je- ral father, Pastor Gino Jen- me daily because I truly sus Christ. Giving honor nings. I'm so thankful for don't deserve such. to the Holy Prophets, and his dedication, determina- thank God for my mother, the revelation that was giv- tion, and his hard work Sister Darlene Jennings, en to his servants, the Holy daily, sacrificing his life who always has my fa-

sending a man in this day repented of my sins and and time to show us, and was baptized in the name lead us in the way of Holi- of Jesus Christ. I'm thank-

the Lord Jesus Christ for I'm thankful for the day I Apostles. I am thankful to for The People of God. ther's back through the

#### **TESTIMONIES**

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achieved, by faith



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# The Son of a Preacher Man

"I always looked up

to my father. To me,

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good and bad. She is always understood Holiness, and the elled to Delaware, Virginia, doesn't mean I'm closer to the thing. She raised all seven (7) shoulders. of us in The Way of Holiness and always kept us in remembrance even when my father was absent. It's a lot behind the scenes that many people do not know.

I grew up in a house of seven come home; (four boys and three girls). I then am the fifth child. I never same day we would've thought that God all, as a famwould bless me to be raised in out and do something. The Holy Way.

books. He "pounded" in our heads the went by so fast. importance of keeping GOD first and to, "always remember Him while you're young".

I always looked up to my fa- not ther. To me, he was "THE MAN": his boldness, strictness, and the knowledge that was truly given to him from GOD. I was so intrigued. When I was younger, I never

lending a hand with every- work my father had on his North Carolina, and South throne than others.

I remember, often crying as a Now the travel has increased: kid, asking my mom, "when is more constant. It bothers me a

dad coming back home? I miss him." He would \_ that

ily, would go will

Yes, he would be tired and I remember those days when worn out from teaching for he would sit us all down and two, three, or four days. start teaching us the scriptures Sometimes he preached a including the spelling, writing, whole week prior to our conand pronunciation of the ventions on Frankford Aveconsistently nue. It's so amazing how time

> My father travels non-stop almost every week, to some place new: Always. He does travel for glorification, but to lift up The Lord.

Work has grown tremendous- ers because of who I am. ly. I remember being much younger when the family trav-

Carolina, frequently.

lot to see him gone so often, especially when he's I hope to God he

come back alive. Though threats come from

every angle, he never backs down. The threats put fear in me when I was younger. know if they can't get to him, then the next step is the people he loves dearly.

Being a pastor's child is not the easiest thing in His Spirit may pour on those the world. I have a lot to come up to like any other child does. I am not perfect, Peace be unto you, With the passing years, The nor do I put myself above oth-

I am a Jennings; but that

paints this picture of a pastor's children as being preppy, stuck-up, wild or barbaric. In Holiness, we all must serve God, if not we will all be lost. I am a brother in The Church just like all the other brothers. However, because of my name, lies are continuously put out. People will say and do anything to bring him down, but it never works.



**Bro. Cameron Jennings** 

The Jennings Family is strivto live, ing serve, and please God like the rest of First Church. Keep us in prayer that God will continue to have mercy on the Jennings Family. Also pray that

who have a desire for it.

By: Brother Cameron N. Jennings (Philadelphia, PA, USA)

# **Redemption Through Family**

We give the highest honor that can be given to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is God Almighty.

We thank God always for that knowledge: Double honor to the former Prophets and Apostles of old. And double honor to our leader and latter day Apostle, Pastor Gino Jennings. To Deacon Jennings and likewise to all of the Ministering Brethren that do labor in word and doctrine of a truth.

showed toward my family an anointed vessel of God, and I. I thank God for my nothing can be compared to lovely wife.

"With man, this thing was not possible for me, but with God all things are possible."

came in and how the Word him. trials I had to endure, which day, back in the mid 90's. were very heavy for me at and she was listening

We thank God always for that time. When the word of His mercy that He has God is being taught, out of

> My Father Mother had been following Pastor Jennings since '92. mother would always tell me

about her young Pastor and I remember when I first how she wanted me to hear I walked into my was keeping me through the Grandmother's house one

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# A Lesson, in Faith

First, I must give all honour and praise to my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I thank Him for sending unto us His Holy servants, the Prophets and Apostles which have passed on. Also, I thank Him for our current Apostle, Pastor Gino Jennings as well as the ministers that labour along with him both locally and abroad.

It is truly a blessing to understand The Way of Holiness that I might have an opportunity to eternal life. Prior to my introduction to Holiness, I was an athlete. I participated in various track and field events here in Jamaica. I performed well academically and

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#### **LIFESTYLE**

**How Much Could** 

You Save?

How many times have you gone to the market and spent way more than you should have or wanted to? If there was a way you could get all the things you wanted and more but spend less, would you be interested? Would you be willing to put in the work to make your grocery bill less and free up money to use on other bills or leisure? Let's have a chat!

It is no secret; coupons have been used for many years. As a child, I watched as my mother used cou-pons and sadly I stood in embarrassment. I didn't understand the struggle until I started having children of my own!

I had just given birth to my second daughter and quickly realized how much additional money I needed to spend so they had all they needed. I now had two children in diapers. If you had to buy diapers, you understand my pain! How could I reduce my grocery bill?

I didn't have the means to buy bulk cloth diapers. Though they would last much longer, they were expensive! So, I turned to my mother and asked if she had coupons, which of course she did! The bills were still too high. So, I began some research. Now I am teaching her! I found that certain stores in my area doubled coupons; that you could combine multiple coupons; and how to get

coupons in bulk without buying many Sunday papers. family friend gave

me a lot of she was a fellow advice, as "coupon-er."

"Yes, you can walk out

of the store paying

absolutely nothing!"

She showed me how to create my coupon book. Yes, I go to the store with a big book full of coupons. I tote them somehow....right! I fi**HEALTH & WELLNESS** 

### Health and Wellness: What does it mean?

Health and wellness may mean many things to many people. The federal initiative Healthy People 2020 provides reasonable 3. guidelines for health promotion and illness prevention.

Healthy People 2020 recommendations are based upon statistical data that reveal 4. incidence, prevalence, and resultant complications of various acute and chronic diseases.

In an effort to minimize the 5. occurrence of such, age and gender specific interventions have been suggested.

The following suggestions are reflective of some of the recommendations towards health and wellness for all.

#### **HEALTH and WELL-NESS** tips:

Striving to incorporate • healthy choices in daily . living can be quite challenging if this is not your normal routine.

Try healthy • making

changes gradually, takes time to modify behaviors that have been life-long routines.

- Make a realistic, achievable plan of action. Don't set goals that are extremely hard for you • to accomplish.
- Get a partner(s) who shares the same healthy • living goals as you do. Support is always help-
- Don't give up, even if change is not happening fast enough.
- Include your children in healthy practices. The earlier you start teaching your children, the better.

### Healthy practices includes:

- Proper nutritional intake
- Adequate exercise
- Proper rest and relaxation

#### Food for Thought:

Eating the right amount/

portions from the five food groups is a healthy

- Fruits & vegetables together should make up 50% (half) of the plate
- Whole wheat grains are preferred over refined, processed grains
- Protein is very important. should and from come different sources
- Dairy products should make up the smallest portion of the plate/meal



By: Sis. Roshelle Howard, MSN, RN, OCN, FCMU National President

knowledge and went to basically paying you! work. I began finding deals and using my coupons as I

watched my bills just drop! I quickly saw them drop by fifty

As I got better, achieved seventy-five percent.

Now have ninety to one hundred per- March. cent! Yes, you can walk out ran out of paper of the store paying absolute- towels and diapers ly nothing! come home in the surplus. gust. I then real-Imagine going shopping and ized I was really on

nally had my book and my coming home with the store to a good thing. I had freed

I have gotten to the point where I needed to buy shelving for items I purchased. My freezer and fridge were percent. full of meat. I had no need to shop for toilet paper or laundry detergent for months

I can at a time. remember stocking Sis. Tiffany Fletcher up on toiletries, they detergent, and other dropped household items in I finally Sometimes I for the kids in Au-

up money to spend in other areas. Also, I was able to give groceries to my family and friends! I thank God for allowing me to understand how to coupon and I want to teach anyone willing to learn! With just a little work

> you can save thousands of dollars a year! What will you do with all your savings?

> > By: Sis. Tiffany Fletcher (Philadelphia, PA, USA)









# The Great Debate



There was excitement in the air, suggested more than one. the building was packed, and people were literally sitting on the edge of their seats. Pastor rose to address the people:

"Greetings brothers and sisters; as always we bear witness there is no God but one.

There is no God with him, there . is no God beside him. there

". . . you cannot fight against the Word of God and win. It is impossible."

no God equal to him, He has no partners,

He has no rivals. He is God alone. We thank him for the know what's coming next. Way of Holiness revealed to His servants for our learning."

Pastor Jennings allowed Mr. tinctive personalities." Smith to speak first.

Smith stated that they, The United Church of God in Christ, believed in one God; but contradicted himself when he integrat- (M)inister (S)mith: "YES." ed various terms and languages (Hebrew, Greek, and Latin) that

Then he integrated nouns, pro- PJ: "Is He by nouns, and verbs.

After demonstrating much pa- MS: "Yes." tience, Pastor approached the podium to question Minister Smith, for clarity. He wanted to

> make Mr. Smith **-** believed in The Smith

went on to say there is 3 in 1 and quoted 2 Corinthians 4:13. But Mr. Smith Of course, when you make a would not give statement like that to Pastor, you up. He went on

"Give me scripture, chapter and verse that says God has 3 dis-

Pastor then set him up, again:

(P)astor (J)ennings: "Is God alone?"

PJ: "Is there another with Him?"

**MS:** "NO."

Himself?"

PJ: "Does He have any partners?"

sure that MS: "No."

**PJ:** "I GOT 'EM!!!!!"

congregaone God. tion erupts in thunderous and joyous applause!

> to quote numerscriptures ous that did not support his philosophy.



Minister Smith (right) stacks three water bottles in

He tried to use other strategies credited Mr. Smith's statement such as raising his voice to that "no man has seen God at prove his point through intimi- any time." dation. Pastor Jennings went on to break down John 14:10.

Finally, Mr. Smith thanked Pastor Jennings and hugged him. Then he, with scriptures dis- Pastor Jennings thanked him for

# **Redemption Through Family**

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to tape 326.

I said to her, "I thought you said he was a young man." She said, "he is." I didn't start listening to Pastor until late 1999. I was

very burdened down at the time because she had told \_ me years prior how the woman I married was not mine.

"... if you just believe God, He will see you through."

remembered said.

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prove her wrong because I want- no preaching that day. What I ed to be saved and stay with that was getting had my soul famwoman. Little did I know, my ished but I did not know it. As

not against her, but God.

Needless to say, that was a los-I had a little knowledge concerning battle from the start. I thank ing Holiness but, I wanted to God for giving me enough bebelieve it was okay because her lief in Him to know that even husband had committed adultery though I didn't understand most against her. Nevertheless, when things, I knew not one scripture God began to could fight another and there pull on me, I had to be an explanation.

what she had One Sunday morning, while changed going to that church, sleet and that moment forsnow began to fall so we got out ward. While attend- right after Sunday school. I was a false very hungry and starving for the church I began Word of God. I just felt some to search the scriptures daily to type of way because there was quest to prove her wrong was soon as I got to the house, I re- March 5, 2000 I traveled to

membered my mother had gave me 2 or 3 of Pastors tapes and

an old jail house bible (is what I called it) because it was all taped and rag-When I gedy. put that first tape in, my life from



It was taught that if you had another man's wife you would go to hell. Even though I didn't have a complete understanding, I believed everything that was taught on that tape.

either. I was hurt but, I got over it because that was my mother and I loved and respected her belief.

She did not come to the wedding



challenged the entire Church of God organization and their bishops.

his sincerity in defending his faith. Pastor Jennings went on to break down other scriptures as well as to help Mr. Smith see that the resurrected body of Jesus Christ was not flesh.

> knew the Truth of God (ToG) would prevail. Simply said you cannot fight against the Word of God and win. It is impossible.

> This was an incredible and blessed service. All the praise

> > By: Bro. Ricky Johnson (Philadelphia, PA, USA)



n order to illustrate "three-in-one".

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Pastor Jennings & Minister Smith embrace at the conclusion of the debate

Philadelphia with Brother and Sister Stewart and went down in water in the name of the Lord Jesus. The fight was on full tilt after that.

Saints of God, I can't begin to tell you all that transpired during that time but it was noth-

ing but the Most High that brought me through. No matter what you are going through, if you just believe God, He will see you through.

With man, this thing was not possible for me, but with God all things are possible.

Pray my strength in the Lord and that I soon receive the gift of God according to Acts 2:4. Peace be unto you all.

> By: Bro. Eric Hall (Minneapolis, MN)

team and with his knowledge and experience in the security industry, organized and orchestrated the teams operatproceing and dures training curriculum.

There are currently six (6) temples in the

island that have FC Security Team in Jamaica an official security team functioning.

tain and Deputy who is re- reports. sponsible for the day to day operations of the teams in tandem with the already established operating protocols.

Order on the Island

Development of F.C. security in Jamaica

Greetings

brothers and sisters; I troduce the

Auxiliary Team from First Church Jamaica.

The Security Auxiliary commenced operation in December 2013 at the National

Youth Convention, with only four (4) members functioning.

As God would have it, all four (4) members that formed that initial team were members of

the Jamaica Constabulary Force.

bring you greetings in The construction of the the name of The Lord Security Auxiliary was Jesus our soon coming as a direct result of sevking. This serves to in- eral acts of theft that Security occurred at different

> temples which spurred discussion that a security team would be necessary to prevent future dis-

turbances to the order of services.

Brother Collin Burgher who is the current President of the Security Auxiliary spear headed the formation of the



Bro. Collin Burgher



refer to

This ensures that the management of the security team is always knowledgeable of any incidents that occur in the dif-These middle managers as we ferent temples during services.

them Currently there are fifty-six communicate directly to the (56) brothers and sisters who President, Collin Burgher, continue to give exemplary Each team has a Security Cap- monthly through operational and dedicated servitude to the team

> By: Bro. Collin Burgher (Jamaica)





#### TEMPLE SPOTLIGHT

### From Darkness to Light

Thank God. Thank Pastor Jen-Thanks all the ministers, the nings. saints, and you Brother Rick for thinking of us: May God bless you. May God bless all the people who are following the Truth of God in the name of the Lord Je-

I will report about the churches from of which I came. The first was an Assembly grams of God. The second and third assemblies in were Pentecostal. They all had the same church beliefs. They believe in women preach- to ers. The ladies did not clothe themselves lect like servants of God. They had no money. knowledge about the baptism as they bap- When I saw that, I wanted out of those

They did not teach the baptism of the Holy Ghost. On Sunday mornings, they divided the church into different Each teams. team had

Sunday school. those

Within one of the local brothers teams. money was collected and given to the

team won the competition. They also had all kind pro-

tized, "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost". churches. Afterward I began to go to dif-

some of the members.

After 3 months, we rented our first building to begin services

with the mind to be different. Because I wantto have ed good knowledge about what I was doing, I listened to preachers online. Also, I prayed for the best knowledge of the Word of God. Then, I found

Pastor Jennings preaching the Truth of God. After two years of listening to Pastor Jennings, I made the



Picture of the local saints in the Dominican Republic. (Forward front; second from the left: col- Minister Abraham Aviles)

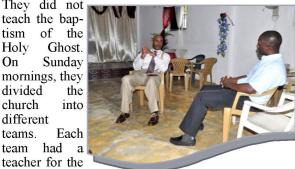
decision to contact him.

ferent houses to pray with He answered me and came to my area to preach. Minister Abraham accompanied him. I, and the other faithful Brothers & Sisters got baptism in the name of Jesus Christ. We are praying for the Holy Ghost

speaking in tongues.

Presently, we are all following the Truth of God. Thank God and all of you of the Truth of God. May God bless you all in advance!

By: Bro. Sonel Vilson (Dominican Republic)



Pastor Jennings providing wise counsel to

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athletically. After my high school graduation, revealing. By so doing, I auto- So I stuck to my decision. I received a full athletic schol- matically lost the scholarship arship to attend a university which left most persons espeabroad.

In May "The Lord Jesus, through of 2013, was His faithfulness, provided introduced to

the Truth of God program. I was immediately convicted to serve God as He requires. Having garnered this knowledge, I understood

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coach at the institution, distraught.

he expressed that his desire ness, provided the was to meet my pastor, then means each year punch him in the mouth.

that I had to cover the shame My coach in addition to other of my nakedness in public. teachers at the institution tried completed my stud-This meant that I had to quit to convince me to use my tal- ies and graduated track and field since the gear ent to pay my tuition, since with first class hon-

per- they knew my financial stand- ours in November of this year formed in ing. Despite this, I was ada- (2017).

> I applied to a local university where I was accepted. I pursued my studies on faith since

dollar would come from to pay my tuition.

He was so The Lord agitated that through His faithfulthrough various methods. I

Many times I was very mant in wanting to obey God. threatened by the university to be deregistered because the tuition deadline had passed for me to pay. But God provided right on time to prevent that.

I never knew where the first Today, I am truly thankful to

Him. I appreciate all that He has done for me.

It is my desire to continue in this Way of Holiness until the last breath leaves my body so I can hear "well done."



**Bro. Sonel Vilson** 

By: Sis. Lasnia Pryce (Spanish Town, Jamaica)





## **Southern Voices on the Rise**

"Growth...The Mobile Temple Adult Choir"





Mobile, AL choir rendering praise unto God during the 23rd Mobile Temple Anniversary

The 23rd Mobile Temple Anniversary was held recently, and the Mobile Temple Adult Choir was blessed to sing during the celebration. We now have a productive choir that is striving to improve its talent with the help of the Lord.

When the idea of an adult choir was suggested in March, 2015, we only had one volunteer (Sister Stacey Hall) to direct, and by the grace and mercy of God, Saints signed on to join the newly formed auxiliary.

Participation, cooperation, dedication, and much prayer is her motto. She often encourages us to sing with understanding; listen to the words, with sincerity of heart, as if we are truly talking to God. We are not singing to the glory of man but to the glory of the Almighty God.

It has truly been a blessing to be part of

the Mobile Temple Adult Choir. The choir members travel from Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi for weekly rehearsals, for fellowship, and for occasional gatherings of the choir members to create a bond of unity amongst the members.

Pray for us that growth may continue and that we may please God with every song we sing."



Pairzetty Woodard (Mobile, AL, USA)

By: Sis

Sis Pairzetty Woodard

words of the Holy Scripture.

Six months later, I met Brother Stephenson who further explained to me the Word of God. Thanks to our Lord, The Truth had come to me in Rodrigues Island!

After this I talked to my wife. She had difficulty understanding at first. Now I am happy that my wife understands and has been convicted by the Word of God. After some time, my wife

and I decided to get baptized in the

Bro. Milana Eric

Name of Jesus Christ, as it is written in

Acts 2:38. Since then there have been changes in my life.

All my questions have been answered by the Holy Scriptures. Moreover, we are feeding our soul with it. The most wonderful thing is that my daughter understood the importance of the baptism. So, she too was baptized in the name of The Lord.

Presently, I pray that my son makes God his priority. I also pray that he decides to walk in God's Way. The

The Salvation of a House

This is my story of how God turned me from darkness to light.

The change began when I was a member of Assembly of God - now an assembly of evil. The Lord Jesus Christ opened my eyes and my heart to believe in His Name.

A moment came where I felt upset and tired of "the assembly" place, without knowing God was working on my soul and my heart. Every Sunday my wife and I were "in war" because I was not willing to go in that church.

On the other hand, my wife's desire to attend that church was based upon teaching by its false prophets. However, I always felt incomplete when I was there.

When I was without a job and God, my life was a nightmare. I thought nothing was good. I had many questions, without any answers. Though I was alive I felt dead.

One day I got into a big dispute with my wife. To refresh my mind, I left home. While I was out I met a man, who offered me a job which I accepted. This job took me far away from my village where I thought that I would not be able to adapt. But when God does something, He makes it well.

During my time away, I met Brother Elizée who talked to me about Jesus Christ, in a way I had never been taught before. I felt convicted by the

"Every Sunday my wife and

role of a parent is always to pray as well as to fight to keep our children in The Way of Holiness and goodness of God.

understood the importance of We as parents must always be attentive, the baptism. So, she too was soft, and let God work through us. Final-baptized in the name of The ly, I feel we are supposed to be humble Lord.

Lord.

By: Milana Eric (Island of Rodriguez)





#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS



# Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc. 2018 Calendar of Events

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Dates	Locations
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January 26th - 28th	Andhra Pardesh, India Convocation
February 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup>	13th Kerala, South India Convocation
March 17th - 18th	Monroe, LA
March 24th - 25th	Atlanta, GA
March 30 <sup>th</sup> – April 1 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Youth Convocation / 29 <sup>th</sup> Radio & 20 <sup>th</sup> Telecast Anniversary ( HEADQUARTERS TEMPLE )
April 7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	Prattville, AL
April 21st - 22nd	Selma, AL
April 28th – 29th	Montgomery, AL
May 12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Combined 13th Rocky Mount, NC & 25th Florence, SC Church Anniversaries (Rocky Mount, NC)
May 19th - 20th	Cayman, Islands
May 26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tallahassee, FL
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AND STREET	

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



#### RESOURCES

Health & Wellness: What does it mean?

1) https://www.healthypeople.gov/

# A True Friend

A true friend shows their feelings of Love.

A true friend is a gift from God above.

A true friend will give words of comfort to the heart.

A true friend's love will never part.

A true friend is worth more than money.

A true friend is sweeter than honey.

A true friend loves to share and always care.

A true friend will answer your call day or night.

A true friend loves with all of their might



Mother Norma Cooper

A true friend counter nance shines bright.

A true friend's heart melts with love and kindness, as the sun-

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