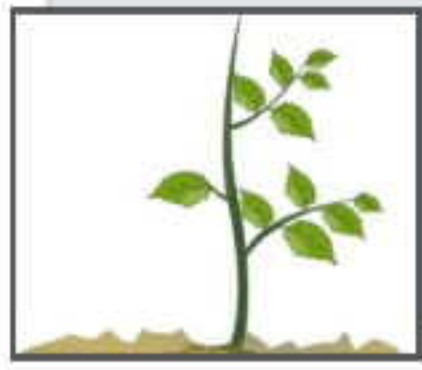




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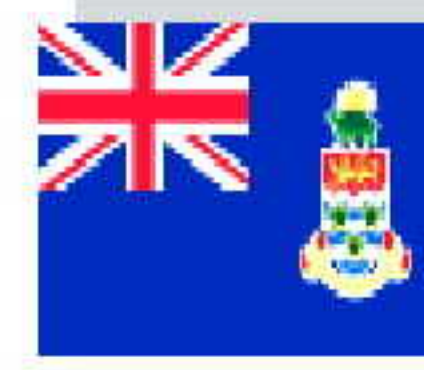


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New Year, New Beginnings

Millions upon millions of people celebrated the New Year by watching explosive, elaborate firework shows, from *Time Square* in New York, The River Thames in London, Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, ancient Acropolis in Athens, all the way to Hong Kong and Beijing.

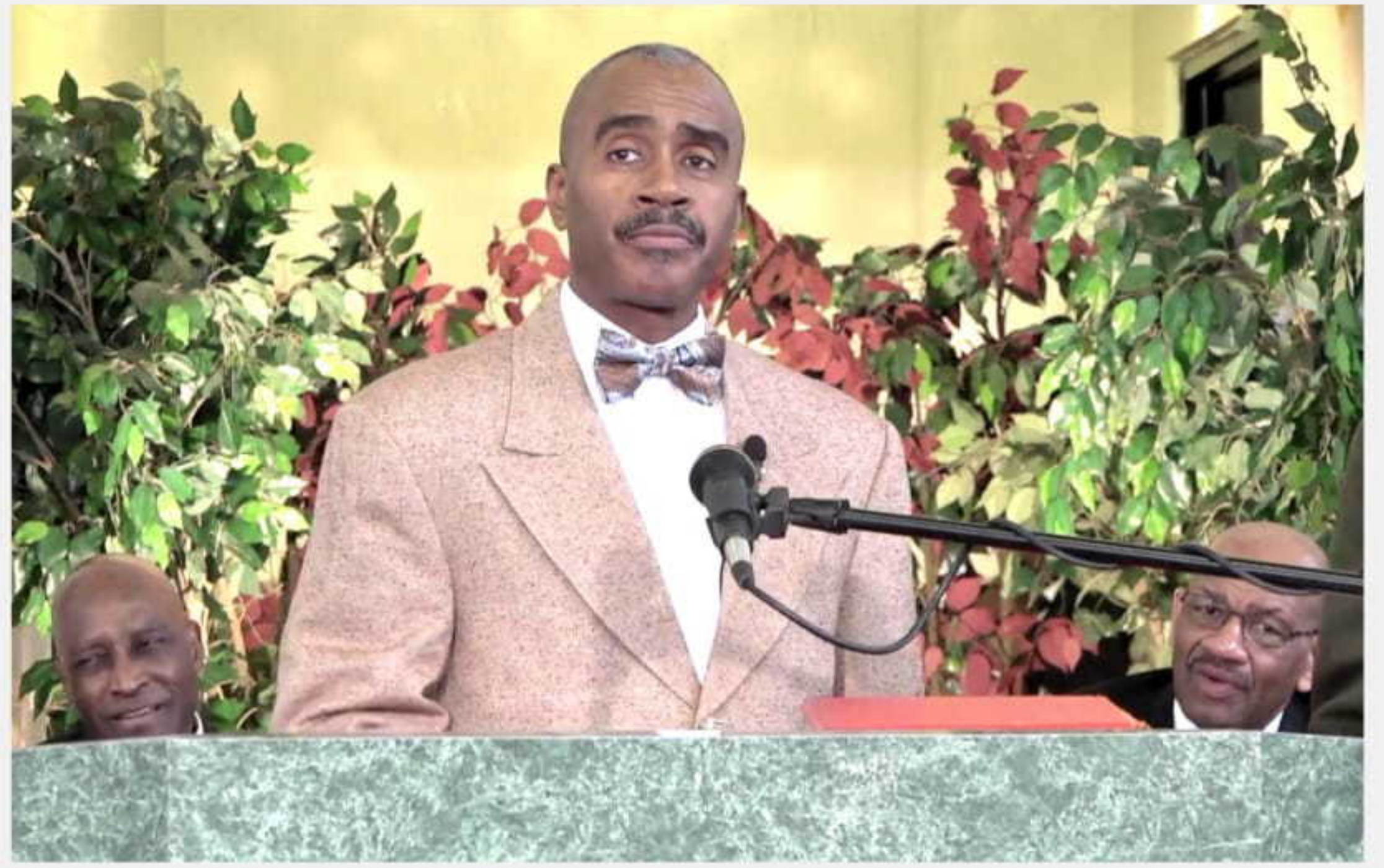
But the best place to be to bring in the 2018 year was in

Philadelphia, PA, USA; not for the extravagant display of fireworks at *Penn's Landing*, but for the blessed and glorious moving of The Lord Jesus right here at The First Church Headquarter Campus: From the jubilant songs of praise unto our God Jesus Christ, to the fiery preaching of His Holy and divine word through our beloved brother and General Overseer,

Pastor Gino Jennings!

Through the tender mercies and extension of life unto us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we celebrated our 29th Men's and 31st Women's Holy Convocation. We were blessed to have such packed services, that the utilization of overflow areas in the building's upper classrooms was mandatory every single service!

From December 28th thru



Pastor Gino Jennings: Min. Ellis (far left), Pastor Taylor (far right)

December 31st, the Word of God was preached across a variety of subjects: denouncement of heresies, water baptism (including the number of baptisms mentioned in

The Holy Scriptures and proper execution of), how men and women ought to carry themselves in character, behavior, and attire; Presi-

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TESTIMONY

The Prayers of The Righteous. . .

A Bishop's heart in the hand of God



Greetings Saints, Surely God is merciful. As you all know, our beloved Bishop Sibaly suffered a massive heart attack after service on the 21st of January.

He was rushed to the hospital with acute

chest pain.

The doctors there told us that his condition was critical. His heart was damaged and they only prevented it from worsening.

We were told to pray (Continued on page 3)

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The Prayers of The Righteous. . .

A Bishop's heart in the hand of God

"The doctors there told us that his condition was critical... We were told to pray..."

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and that we had to wait for 48 hours to see if there would be any improvement.

We immediately informed the church, locally and internationally, about the situation and asked everyone to pray.



Bishop Sibaly providing salutations during his recovery

It was a great fight of faith for all of us. That night, I received the recording in which our Apostle prayed for my dad.

It was a beautiful thing to hear how you all prayed to God in one accord! I shared it with my mother.

The next day when she went to see him, she was relieved to see my father was doing better. His chest pain was gone!

Later he had two angiographies. The doctor said that the treatment worked fine. We saw the goodness and the mercy of God!

My father once again thanks everyone for their prayers which God answered.

He also thanks Pastor Gino Jennings for his love and care.

I quote: "God always sees us through all our trials and gives us victory if we have faith. All Glory, Power, Honor and Authority belong to our Lord Jesus! AMEN!"

I personally thank the church for their continuous prayers, love and support. Keep praying for one another.

Peace be unto you,

- By: Sis. Jessica Sibaly (Island of Mauritius)



Sis. Jessica Sibaly

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Charged Before God

our leader often says, "We plan and God plans, but God is the best of planners."

In 2003, Pastor Jennings started the 'Wednesday Night Brothers' Class. It was during these classes that he allowed brothers to express the knowledge which we were taught.

As a result of these classes, Pastor Jennings gave me the opportunity to speak before the congregation during one of our anniversaries in 2004. From that point, he allowed me to speak once, sometimes, twice a year until 2006.

In 2006, Pastor appointed me as one of the ministering brothers for the Baltimore temple. I am privileged to be appointed a minister, especially knowing how particular Pastor Jennings is in placing brothers before the congregation. As the work of the Lord continues to spread throughout the world, Pastor Jennings gives me the opportunity to travel throughout America and abroad.

I have been blessed to have traveled to Canada, Jamaica, England, and Germany (and only God knows where else) to teach the Word of God.

During our Ministers Meeting at the 2017 End of the Year Services, Pastor Jennings stunned me when he announced that he would ordain me as an evangelist. When he called me up to lay hands on me to ordain me, all I could do was weep. I do not feel worthy of such a honor but am grateful. For the apostle to consider me for such an office is a blessing.

I have learned countless lessons from our leader. Not only has he taught me from the pulpit. He has also taught me by example. The love that God has given him for the souls of mankind drives him to travel and preach God's Eternal Word, despite how he feels.

His drive truly inspires me to do all that I can to help in any area of the work of the Lord. Continue to keep me in your prayers.



Min. Taj Utsey

- By: Bro. Taj Utsey (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA)

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Olive Oil: The Superior Oil!

All honor and glory to The LORD JESUS CHRIST: Honor to all the Holy Prophets and Holy Apostles of my leader and pastor: Apostle Gino Jennings.

One of my passions in life is health and fitness. Growing old is inevitable, if GOD extends life. But aging doesn't have to be undesirable: It is a blessing.

One key to a long healthy life is not only food, but food preparation. If it's not olive oil you're cooking with, get it out of your kitchen! Stop clogging your arteries risking yourself to heart disease.

Olive oil is high in monounsaturated fat, also known as a healthy fat. It provides a wide range of

vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients: vitamin E, K, potassium, calcium, iron and phytoosterols.

This loaded-with-nutrition cooking oil is also used in personal care and beauty regimens due to its nutritional value.

There are three, of many, olive oil health benefits:

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Growing in Holiness Keeping the Faith Through Early Youth

Greetings First Church Brothers & Sisters Worldwide;

When I was four (4) years old, my mother (Sister G. Palin) met Mother J. Jennings while they were employed together. Mother Jennings invited her to a service at our former church (Holy Temple Apostolic Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ) and that is how it all began for me.

At the time, church was a new concept for us because I was young. My mother, being a single parent, was at a point in her life in which she wanted a change. She knew that God was The One to enable her to do so.

While still attending our former church, my mother received the gift of the Holy Ghost by laying on of hands through Pastor Jennings; which he has spoken of on several occasions. This scared me at the time because I was very young. It's one of the many experiences I will never forget.

During my adolescence in Holiness, it was specifically hard attending school being dressed modestly.

A lot of bullying and harassment

took place because of our religious dress code. One that was very strenuous in the early years of our church organization's development. The only source that I could lean on was God. After going through this experience, I knew I needed the Holy Ghost.

At the time I received it, Pastor taught a lot about death, specifically what happens if one dies without The Gift of God. This,

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dent Trump, calling him a fool, referencing Proverbs 14:9; rebuke of the Republicans and Democrats, whom would pass a bill to challenge the Word of God; putting God first; the gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues as The Holy Spirit gives the utterance; and the birth of Jesus Christ (Telecast #1134-1138).

Pastor also addressed questions and comments made by viewers/listeners of the telecast. One viewer questioned the congregation's predominately "black" population. To which Pastor reassured the viewer, color does not matter: "Don't go to a church because the congregation is all white or all

Brothers & Sisters praising God



black." I'm not preaching services was the ordination of black; I'm not preaching white; I'm preaching Right."

Pastor Jennings, with the compassion of a father toward his little children, addressed the congregation and all viewers, reiterating how



Pastor Jennings demonstrates one of many incorrect baptisms: Catholic

blessed we were to see the New Year considering so much devastation occurred in the Earth during 2017; from storms, floods, and fires.

two new Bishops and an Evangelist. During the Ministers Meeting on December 31st (Sunday), Pastor ordained Minister Elvis Sibaly of the Mauritius Islands (to Bishop), Minister Willie Ellis of Mississippi, USA (to Bishop), and Brother Taj Utsey of Philadelphia, PA, USA to an Evangelist.

One of the highlights of the

along with experiencing issues of being harassed because of my religious beliefs, pressed me to really seek God. During my first year of high school, I was blessed with the Holy Ghost at age sixteen (16). Through the years the devil has tried to make me regret this. I am truly grateful that God blessed me to hold on to Him. As the years progressed, I became weak going through tribulations. But God is truly the Greatest and has seen me through.

My relationship with my father was not the best growing up because of our religious faith.

He was also a Vietnam Veteran. There are many complications that Veterans deal with. I saw firsthand how this affected my father greatly. Consequently, in 2014 my father was diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer. I wanted a closer relationship with him. This was something I prayed for often. God blessed me to be able to do so during his battle with cancer.

In September 2015, he passed away. I am constantly in disbelief that he is no longer with us. However, I am grateful for the support from my spiritual and natural family. The death of a parent is not easy; but God has truly blessed.

Most of all, I echo that God is truly the Greatest. Throughout my life there have been some serious tests. Had it not been

for his mercies, I would not have been able to handle the many pressures that occurred from those circumstances. My hope is that for all of us to hold onto God and respect the messages that are taught on a constant basis.

I want to thank our Teacher, Leader and Guide, Pastor G. Jennings for his diligence and faithfulness to God. Additionally, I appreciate all the ministering brothers for pushing the message of Holiness throughout the world. Lastly, I thank my mother, Sis. G. Palin, who truly is a mother indeed as the scriptures has outlined.

Peace Be unto You All.

- By: Sis. Nicole Palin
(Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA)

"...I was blessed with the Holy Ghost at age sixteen (16)."



The announcement of the new appointments during the Sunday morning service,

this convention was the importance of repentance.



Public baptism

brought much joy and elation throughout the congregation.

Pastor Jennings is passionate about what the people of God hear. He is determined that the people of God be focused and taught the Truth of God.

Pastor stressed the importance of sincerity and humiliation to the brothers that were ordained as well as to those who might be ordained in the future, exhorting, "[Don't] let anyone boost you up to be more than what you are . . . listen and follow leadership."

We thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for him. The listening audience is growing so much so that visits are scheduled in California, Chicago, and Detroit. At last count, there were 920 souls baptized in 2017. To The Lord Jesus be the glory! Peace be unto you!

- Bro Ricky Johnson (Philadelphia, PA, USA)

One thing that was consistent throughout

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that it was on "Good Friday." Before "Good Friday," there is "Fat Tuesday" also known as *Mardi Gras*. This is one day that, around the world, people give into sin and diverse lusts. After that, is "Ash Wednesday," also known as *Lent*.

Lent is observed by self-denial of sinful desires, praying, and asking God to forgive them. One would wipe "ash" on their foreheads to represent the filth of their sins committed during "Fat Tuesday."

To go through this, was to prepare one's self to celebrate the death of Jesus Christ on "Good Friday" or Easter. *Lent* was another part of the political discussion by the Ecumenical Council and was recognized by

Rome. Only difference was that during ancient *Lent*, people would not only give up sinful desires after indulging festivities, but go on a fast for as long as forty days. This was their way of following Jesus when he fasted for forty days while traveling in the wilderness (Matt. 4:1-2).

This swings right back to Tammuz and Ishtar. The word *Lent*, derives from the Anglo-Saxon word "*Lencten*" meaning "spring." The ancient Babylonians celebrated *Lent* for forty days before the Festival of Tammuz. They commemorated *Lent* by rejoicing and weeping for Tammuz, which explains the woman that the prophet, Ezekiel saw "weeping for Tammuz" (Ezek. 8:14-15). The Babylonians made Tammuz their "Messiah."

So, what have we learned? Society & civilization have been taught lies that have traveled through time and will live on through future generations. Things in our everyday lives that seem normal can be derived from paganism and vain traditions. Often traditions or personal beliefs derive from philosophies that indeed have NO scriptural truth.

Many of us have been groomed from childhood to believe in these "truths" that go unquestioned until adulthood. Therefore, it is vital to teach our young people not to believe in fallacies; but believe on that which is written by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Peace be unto you.

- By: Sis Samantha Thompson (Philadelphia, PA, USA)

Teaching: An Enriching Profession



Greetings my brothers and sisters; I thank our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for all He has done in my life. I have been in the school system for 8+ years, working with grades pre-kindergarten to 12th grade. I am currently a teacher with middle school students, grades 6th - 8th. This is one profession that I believe God had planned for me.

"... the teacher must show [the students] that they are not judging them and love them."

I did not grow up aspiring to be a teacher. However, I can say I truly love my job and the opportunities it has allowed me to have. Teaching can be viewed as a stressful job and sometimes it can be just that.

Students come to school for various reasons; some come to learn, to eat, to get away from problems at home, for protection and for support. I do not limit myself as just a teacher to the youth. As a teacher, one may wear multiple hats. For example, I am viewed as, and called teacher, father, brother, cousin, uncle, counselor and maybe even a protector for some. These titles let me know that I am what these students may not have at home.

When teachers are at work, we are the parents of these students and should care for them

like they are our own. I am able to relate to the inner city students because I was once one of them. Even though I am older than the students, my background and family life is no different than theirs.

I stress building positive relationships with the students, first. Teachers, who have a strong and positive relationship with their students, may be able to get more out of the student than the average teacher. Learning is unlimited and I know that students have to take certain classes to advance to the next grade. But one lesson that most students lack and teachers do not discuss...is life.



Bro. Jovan Bryant

No matter what they learn in the classroom, they must be able to know how to survive in the real world. No matter what students read or learn from a textbook, most times it does not prepare them for what issues may walk into the classroom. But no matter what condition a student may come into the classroom the teacher must show them that they are not judging them and love them.

As teachers, we may be the only positive role models some students see all day. Teaching is a great profession. I encourage others to help lead these students in the right direction.

- By: Bro. Jovan Bryant (Washington, D.C., USA)



... ALL OVER THE WORLD ...

"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped."

- Isaiah 35:5 (KJV)



UPCOMING EVENT

*** Come celebrate the goodness of The Lord Jesus with us during our International Holy Youth Convocation! March 30th—April 1st, 2018 (for more details visit truthofgod.com) ***

From: Klaas Marota



Jesus IS Lord! You see, I am live in South Africa; but God touched my life as I listened to the servant of The Lord Jesus: Pastor Gino Jennings. I no longer attend the churches in South Africa because of false prophets. Also, their leaders are given titles with which I don't agree. When I listened to Pastor Jennings my faith was revived. Now I am able to pray and read The Word. I thought maybe The Bible I read was faulty or that I was studying wrongly. However, when Pastor Jennings interpreted it, I understood! Thanks to The Truth of God team. You saved my life and today I believe what I studied! Thank you, thank you!! May The Lord Jesus Christ Almighty greatly add more revelation to open the eyes of the blind. God All Mighty is doing wonders through you. I bow my knees before God and pray that your enemies kneel down whenever they pass by the name of The Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Jennings,
You are a teacher of the living gospel! You are a blessing to me and my husband. We have been following you on YouTube for a month. To be honest, I have never heard any pastor preach The Word. Pastor Jennings, the way you breakdown The Word of God teaches me a lot I never understood for all the years that I have been attending church. May God's blessings be upon you. No weapon formed against you or your family may prosper under the "umbrella" of Jesus Christ. I am begging you to please set up churches in Trinidad and Tobago West Indies.

- Marlene C. Woods
(Trinidad & Tobago, West Indies)



"When will you be in Cleveland, OH? I watch your broadcasts repeatedly. Each time God gives me strength through His Holy Spirit and a little more understanding of His Word. I have been waiting for a long time to hear the Word of Truth taught. Praise God Almighty; I finally feel like I am being fed The Truth! I appreciate the way you teach God's Word. I know it was the Lord Jesus Christ who led me to the YouTube Program."

- Yolanda Gooden
(Cleveland, OH, USA)

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A Lie Through the Times

The true origins of the Easter Holiday

Greetings everyone, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is that time of year again; for another convocation and to give thanks to The Lord for bringing us into another year. However, as we plan to celebrate our upcoming Youth Conference, there are those that will gather for a different reason. You know what it is? If you guessed **EASTER**, you would be correct.

“This pagan tradition had such a strong influence, . . . other nearby countries began to adopt these vain practices . . .”

Every year, the world takes time out of their busy schedule to go to church two times a year: Easter and Christmas. But let us focus on Easter. When one thinks about Easter, what comes to mind: Decorative eggs? Easter bunny? Getting dressed up for church and having a big dinner with the family afterwards? Well, for years, people believed that Easter, or “Good Friday,” is the day when Jesus Christ rose from the dead. **WRONG**. Never did the Scriptures mention the exact day when Jesus Christ’s resurrection took place, and it certainly did not say it was on Easter.

Now you may ask, where did this holiday come from and how did it get mixed up with Jesus Christ? Glad you ask. Follow me as we take a walk through the past. Let’s start with our perception of Easter “traditions.” Mentioned earlier, we associate Easter with eggs/egg hunts, bunnies, Easter dinners, and getting dressed up in new clothes that one wears once a year. Unbelievably, this description dates back to before Jesus Christ was on the Earth.

This concept came from the Babylonians, who are mentioned in the scriptures, who celebrated the Feast of Tammuz and his “resurrection.” Tammuz was an idol god that was mentioned in the scriptures by the prophet, Ezekiel (Ezek. 8:14-15). Ancient Babylonians were polytheistic meaning they believed and worshipped numerous gods.

According to the Babylonians, Tammuz was believed to have died and was “resurrected” by his mother/wife, Ishtar, from the underworld. They also believed that Ishtar was the goddess of fertility and spring; all to symbolize re-birth and new beginnings. (This would explain all



Depiction of “First Ecumenical Council”

the eggs). As for the bunnies, they were a symbol for the Babylonian goddess and fertility. (I guess that is where the term “they breed like rabbits” comes from). Now, the name “Ishtar,” is translated and pronounced **EASTER**. Easter derives from the Greek word “pascha,” derived from the Hebrew word “pesach” meaning “Passover.”

How did the word “Passover” get mixed in with Easter and

Charged Before God

An Evangelist, ordained

Greetings Brothers and Sisters, I give the highest honor to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to whom we bear witness there is no other God but Him. I thank The Lord Jesus for the revelation that He gave to the former prophets and the apostles. I also thank God for our

present day prophet and apostle, Pastor Gino Jennings. I am thankful for the teachings that we receive to prepare ourselves to meet God in peace. Also I take this time to express the gratitude that I have toward Pastor Jennings for allowing me to stand before the saints of God to remind

them of what we have been taught. When I came to First Church in 1999, it was not my desire to be a minister. I was content with coming to church to learn the Word to be saved. In any area that I was able to help, I was willing. However, as
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what do they have to do with each other? Just stay with me. Both Easter and Passover (also known as the “days of unleavened bread” (Acts 12:3) were celebrated during the same time each year. But the connection ends there. Although they are recognized jointly, they are no related to each other. The timing of Easter had more to do with politics than the unification of Rome’s citizens.

The Jews and the Romans were continually at odds with one another. The timing of Easter was in direct conflict with when the Jews celebrated the Passover. It was later decided by the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, under the Roman ruler Constantine, that Easter would be commemorated after the first, full moon of the spring equinox. This goes back to Ishtar, who the Babylonians deemed the goddess of spring. At this time, she was believed to have brought

spring-time, fertility, and the renewal of life.

This pagan tradition had such a strong influence, that other nearby countries began to adopt these vain practices into their devotions. So much so, she began to be known as Eostre (Greece), Ostara (Germany), Astarte Phoenicia), Isis (Egypt), Eastre (Anglo-Saxon) and even the Jews called her Ashtoreth.

Going back to the eggs, they served as an offering to Ishtar that were placed on graves to symbolize the renewal of life. As for the Romans, they continued on in the celebration of Easter that followed the Julian calendar named after the famous, Julius Caesar. The Jews still celebrated the days of unleavened bread following the Hebrew calendar, keeping both separate from one another. Is that it? No. There is one final matter that must be addressed. I know. It is a lot.

The biggest LIE that the whole world recognizes as Jesus Christ’s resurrection to this day is Easter. Again, **WRONG**. The scriptures do not mention any specific date for Jesus’s resurrection or

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LIFESTYLE

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Focused AND Fashionable

Attending church is not about who is wearing the best suit or who is wearing the same dress as another person. However, you do want to look neat and presentable, because you are coming together to commemorate the goodness of God. Why not look your best?!

Here are some tips to help get you fashionably organized; so you can focus on the most important part of the convocation – The Message; and still get your beauty sleep during the convocation weekend:

1. Think Simple

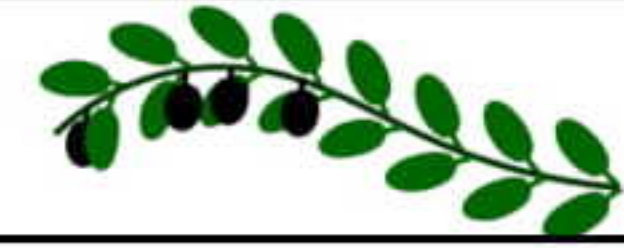
If you think about what you are wearing too much, you lose focus of why you are going to church in the first place. Think too little about it and you may end up looking like you need an intervention! Cameron Jennings, an organist, and fashion enthusiast says, "If you do not

understand certain fabrics or patterns leave them alone! Be observant. . . Start out with the basics. When it comes to different colors, you can do blue, your top can be taupe, and your shoes can be any color within that realm as long as you stay in the confines of being modest."

2. Make Sure It's Modest

"You do not have to wear something that is tight or something that clings to you. A lot of times people think that curves attract other people", says Taeshja Fordham, a nurse; "On Tuesdays and Thursdays, it does not matter if you are casual or dressed up. Just make sure you look presentable. If you are coming directly from work, that is understandable. On the other

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1. Heart

Olive oil is known as one of the most heart healthy oils. It contains large amounts of monounsaturated fatty acids which includes the essential fatty acids linoleic (omega-6) and linoleic acid



(omega-3): Well know to promote cardiovascular health by supporting balanced cholesterol levels.

Not only that; olive oil contains an antioxidant known as polyphenols that is able to reduce the risk of developing heart disease caused by oxidation along the artery walls.

2. Brain

Many studies have shown the consumption of olive oil may

help to protect brain cells from oxidative damage. The consumption of polyunsaturated fatty acids including EPA (eicosapentaenoic acid) and DHA (docosahexaenoic acid) from olive oil plays a crucial role in brain function, memory and performance.

Olive oil includes omega-3 essential fatty acids, which have a good effect on the brain's ability to acquire knowledge and memory over time. People with a higher intake of omega-3 had larger and more functional brains.

3. Immune System

Olive oil helps strengthen the immune system. Its antibacte-

rial properties protect the body and skin from harmful bacteria. A compound called oleuropein in olive oil helps increase metabolism and weight loss. The polyphenols in olive oil help balance the bacteria in your gut.

Olive oil is more expensive than the traditional oils; but don't put a price on your health. Unfortunately in today's world, most of the things that are good for you, boast a heavy price tag. I prefer the extra virgin olive oil. Not only for the health benefits, but it gives your food a better taste and look.



Sis. Vonna Tingle

Be Passionate About Your Health

- By: Sis. Vonna Tingle (Delmar, DE, USA)

hand, if your shirt tail is out, tuck it." "During conventions, everyone must be suited up," adds Jennings.

3. Test Drive

I usually test an outfit on a regular day before wearing it at the convention. It allows me to get acquainted with my new clothes. I can see what mistakes I made putting the outfit together and can swap out different pieces of clothing to make the outfit look better.

4. Wear Clothes That Give You Mileage

When you buy a jacket or a skirt, you want to make sure that you can wear it five dif-

Sis. Monique Harmon



ferent ways. This especially comes in handy when you have to pack lightly for a trip. For example, for a Friday night, I may wear a leather jacket, gray dress, black hat, and heels. Then the next day, I may ditch the jacket, keep the dress, tie a belt around my waist, put a matching scarf around my neck, wrap my head in a turban, and wear flats.

5. Pack Early

I dread packing! However, if I have the "work first, play later" attitude, I can plan my outfits months in advance; and then pack them as we get clos-

er to the convention.

6. Have Happy Thoughts

"I do get excited [about] dress [ing] up! For the most part, I work throughout the week, so when convention time comes, I forget about work. I forget about going out with friends and stuff. It is just me getting ready for the convention. It is an exciting time because you see people that you have not seen in a long time," says Fordham.

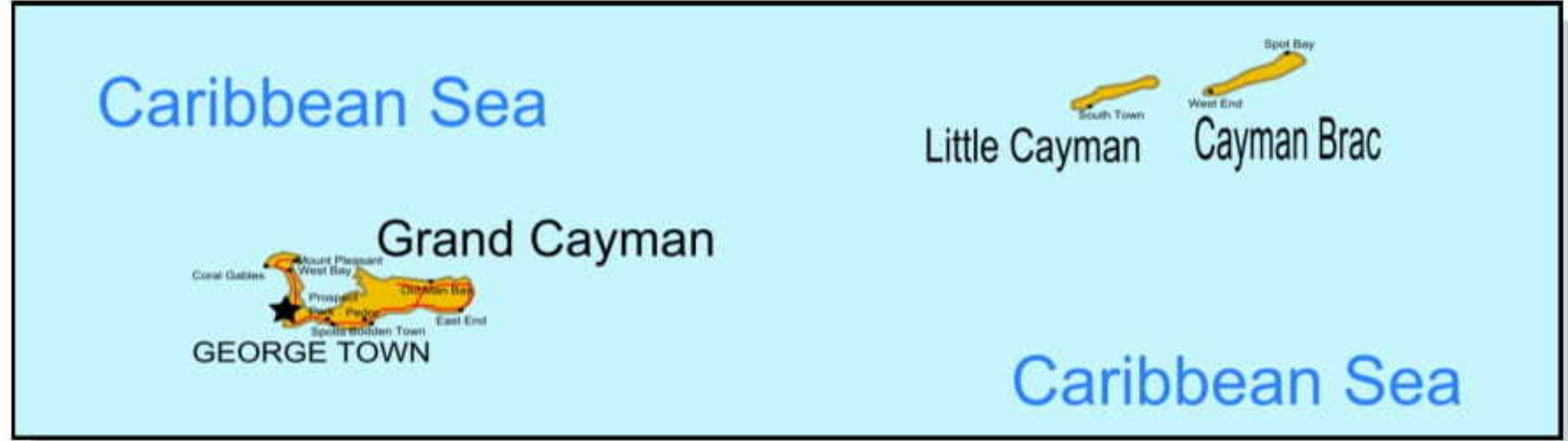
As long as you keep in mind: modesty, variety, and test drive, you will be well on your way to a relaxing, stress-free convocation weekend - at least in the fashion department!

- By: Sis. Monique Harmon (Philadelphia, PA, USA)



TEMPLE SPOTLIGHT

GREETINGS FROM... The Cayman Islands! A Call to The Truth



I am Brother O’Neil Taylor, a Jamaican, living and working in the Cayman Island. My religion was Rasta. My faith was that Emperor Silasi was the Christ. I started to fight against churches including my father’s, who is a pastor unto this day. I had a little knowledge of The Bible in those days. I knew the social churches were not obeying the truth.

One day I returned to Jamaica on vacation to spend time with my family. On a Sunday morning, I heard a sharp voice as I slept. I jumped up and ask my wife, Sister Michelle Taylor, who was that man. She responded, “It is just another preacher on TV.” But the sound I heard proceeding from him was different. The program on television that day was program # 483. Upon listening, it took a hold of me because that was my type of spirit to fight that which is not right. But now I have a serious problem with this teaching that shows me I’m not right.

Being a Rastafarian, I was caught between the rock and a hard place. I watched two other programs before I left for work back in the Cayman. I’m not the same anymore. My faith has been truly interrupted; but I had come to a decision to remain a Rasta. After I came back I called and asked my wife about the program. After a few years I went home. God was dealing with me and I had no idea. But I rejected the Lord. I went back to what I use to do. Now my wife want-

ed to reconcile with me, and I agreed. All this time I was still following the Truth of God program on YouTube. I surprised everyone around me who knew me well: I am watching a preacher in a church! It was not like me. My family was astonished. But they just couldn’t hear what I heard or see what I saw.

Shortly after reconnecting with my wife, she began watching Pastor Jennings with me. She knew I had high respect for this man. Now we started to have problems because of my lifestyle. So crying and stressed, she take the phone number off the laptop and called Pastor Gino Jennings. She didn’t get through. So, she left a message.

Then one evening, we went to visit my sister. While my wife walked ahead of me her phone rang. She answered and her countenance changed. She said, “Babe, PASTOR JENNINGS IS ON THE PHONE!” I was like, “you joking!!” She said “no I’m not!! Come talk to him!” So I took the phone. I heard the same voice that interrupted my life for all these years. I knew I’ll never be the same again!

I knew I just couldn’t run no more. I went with her to the last party. While we were there I realized it was only my body that was there my mind was elsewhere. So we left for home. She told me she had the same feelings. Both of us came to the conclusion that we couldn’t run no more. One Sunday morning I awakened

and ask her to cut my locks. She was frightened because she knew how much I loved my hair. But I told her “don’t worry; cut it all off”.

Then I repented of my sins and started to seek a church on the Island to baptize me. Because I watched Pastor Jennings so many years I knew the doctrine well. Then I realized no local pastors had it right. So, my wife called Headquarters again. This time she spoke to Mother Jennings. Mother Jennings connected us with Minister Gary Robinson; whom we met at a convocation in Jamaica at Montego Bay on December 23, 2012. On December 24th, we were baptized. We also meet Pastor Jennings for the first time and all the extended family in Jamaica.

Afterwards we came back to Cayman. Now we had no place to worship. After a search, we found a church called Holy Temple where we begin to worship. They seem to have the same teaching so we remained there.

Not too long after, I started to discover that Holy Temple was different. By this time my mother, brother, and both of my sisters were baptized and watching Pastor Jennings. One day we all visited the Holy Temple together where they were baptized.

I was filled with the Holy Ghost there too. Shortly thereafter, I started to fight them over their doctrine. We were

in dialog with Minister Gary and Sister Michelle to visit us in the Cayman. Finally, Brother Minister Gary came in November of 2013. And he gave us firm instructions not to go back to Holy Temple. So, we ask him “what shall we do for service?” He told us to fellowship with each other.

I lead praise service and encourage them a bit. We put on our best suits to walk from our bed room to the living room. We see God works wonders among us as we strive to be obedient.

We know and believe that God will grant us a church here through obedience. Sister Michelle was filled with the Holy Ghost. Minister Rob ministers and encourages us to trust God and to hold on. We started with 7. Two (2) left; but we keep pressing on. Another sister joined us in this walk. She was very faithful until her death. We ask God

for a place of worship, and He has blessed us with our present location. Now Ministers Gary Robinson and Stephen Baker come twice a month. We prayed to The Lord to send to us an Apostle. Four (4) years passed before God answered. But we believed God. If ask, “Who in The Truth?” all my family, and one friend, will say we all are! Thanks and peace be unto all!



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