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### God is with us, even, in troublesome times!

Pastor Jennings has stated many times that God is with the of money into First Church Truth of God, but this pandem-during a time when people ic has shown us how real this statement really is.

The Truth of God has continued to flourish in the midst of a pandemic where so many lives have been lost, businesses shut down, individuals laid off or furloughed, and families losing their homes. In the mist of the pandemic, souls have been baptized in record amounts and the work of the Lord. During many have come out of the water speaking in tongues. "Pastor Jennings mentioned to the congregation how one of the church's financial institution

was surprised at the steady flow have so little to give." However, to us who know God, it is no surprise, being that God is with us!

The church has had to make many accommodations in order to comply with the Coronavirus mandates in different cities, states, and countries; however, none of this has stopped this pandemic, Pastor Jennings received a blessing in which he had been praying to God for over 43 years.

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### We Need God

How unwise, you confess there is no God?

How foolish to believe your own thoughts?

He will prove thee wrong. Irons and steels are feathers compared to what he has created.

Soon you will realize the feeble man, without his spirit you shall not stand.

Now you need God; not one made by hands, in that case, who is greater the statue or the man?

Now you need God, when the heart skips a beat or two, or three, you blink again now you are on your knee. One more to go; how much air to blow?

Humbly the yearning heart utters Lord Jesus!

Sis Janeice Johnson Kingston, Jamacia



# Health & Wellness ... Relax your senses with ASMR

Greetings Brother and Sisters. My name is Taeshja Fordham, and I am an Asmrartist, (ASMR-artist). ASMR, is short for Autonomous Sensory Meridian Response, which simply means a tingling sensation that you feel, when any of your five senses are stimulated to the max. There are those who just watch ASMR, and there are partakers, called Asmrartists, such as myself. ASMR can range from watching someone eat a particular food, which is popularly known as Muk-

CRUMBLE

bang, to crumbling Gym-Chalk, which is a part of what I do.

Preparing for Impact-I started off just watching others do ASMR and realized how much of an impact it was to my life, just by simply putting in my earphones, pulling a video up and tuning the world out.

I was so inspired that I joined the ASMR community March 21st of 2019, creating an Instagram account called

@nemia asmra. I created

many short clip videos of me crumbling wet or dry molds. Each mold I would personally make, with recycled ingredients, then repeat the process.

Since then, I have grown in many ways from this relaxing technique. It gave me a greater peace of mind which is very important in this walk of life, because it is hard to find a fun hobby that does not contradict scriptures. ASMR has also molded me into being more patient and artistic, in my creative videos.

Getting started-

The ASMR community is enormously vast and diverse that it connects with many people, on many levels. Taking the time to see what interests you in the ASMR community is very important, because whether you love the simplicity of life, or the excitement, ASMR can and will be a gamechanger for anyone.

My content is mostly videos of me crumbling dry molds,

containing baking soda, Gym-Chalk, cornstarch and/or Comet, glitter and/or pigments. These ingredients are inexpensive and easy to find in your local store, or you can order them online at various websites, during this pandemic. Others that I follow on social media or YouTube use ingredients such as baby powder, cement, sand, and many more. It is simply up to the individual and what interests them. Overall, it is a fun, creative, yet simple hobby that can be a great stress reliever when you want a little "Self-TLC", whether you are a viewer or participant.

If you would love to try this real relaxing method, join me on my IG account and/ or YouTube Channel. Leave a comment,

and I'll be more

than happy to answer any questions or comments. Peace be unto you, Sister Tae!

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# Research

# Sometimes it is helpful to visualise the task that lies ahead.

In the United Kingdom (UK), the office of national statistics (ONS) recorded in 2014 that:

- UK population is approximately 60 million
- London as a population of 8 million
- There are 50 cities in England, 6 in Scotland, and 5 in Wales
- Only approximately 500,000 people in the UK are recorded as being members of a
- Pentecostal/charismatic church that represent less than 0.01% of the population



Sis. Peggy Beckford London England

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He mentioned that there were many times where he came close to receiving the blessing prior to the pandemic, but it was not time as of vet. He was surprised that God waited until the time of the pandemic to receive the blessing. This shows us even more, that all things are possible with God.

[We thank God for all the ministers that have been faithful and shown that they are dedicated to laboring prior to and during the pandemic.

In the midst of the pandemic, many of our branch locations have been renovated and we purchased several branch locations. God has not failed to bless the church both financially and spiritually doing such a time as this. We thank God for all the ministers that have been faithful and shown that they are dedicated to laboring prior to and during the pandemic. We want to give a special thanks to two ministers who have gone even further in labor.

The first brother is Minister Marama Tereu from Townsville, Queensland Australia. Brother Marama has been working diligently traveling and ministering in the following areas during the pandemic: Australia, New Zealand, Fiji Islands, Samoa, Tonga, PNG, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu Island, and Cook Islands. Due to coronavirus re-

strictions, we were not able to cover the entire South Pacific region. Minister Tereu will go to the following destinations next: Tahiti, French Polynesia, Guam, Micronesia, Melanesia, and Nauru. By God's permission, we will take the Truth of God there. Although we did not get to go into all of the South Pacific region, yet, a total of 75 souls were baptized in 2020.

The second brother that has been working incessantly is Minister

### **PROGRESS IN 2020**

● 116 SOULS BAPTIZED IN MIAMI FL ● STARTED LIVE STRAMING SERVICES TWICE ON SUNDAYS DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS OF OCCUPANCY WHILE ALLOWING THE MANY SAINTS AND VIEWERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THE SERVICES

 MORE PROVISIONS MADE FOR MOZAMBIQUE
 FIRST CHURCH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN FEATURED IN THE PHILLY TRIBUNE

### AUGUST

- SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM REVAMPED OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE
  - PROVISIONS MADE FOR KARAPA VILLAGE, INDIA • COMPLETION OF THE MUTARA MOZAMBIQUE TEMPLE

- FIRST MOBIL TEAM COVET SERVICE AND BAPTISM TOOK PLACE IN FT. WORTH, TX. 103 SOULS BAPTIZED.

  A TOTAL OF 103 SOULS WERE BAPTIZED IN FT. WORTH, TEXAS. THE PANDEMIC BROUGHT THIS VISION CLOSE TO ACTION A FTER MODIFICATIONS WERE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE THE RESTRICTIONS MADE TO THE PANDEMIC WADED TO THE PANDEMIC TO THE PANDEMIC THE RESTRICTIONS WERE MADED TO THE PANDEMIC THE RESTRICTIONS WERE MADED TO THE PANDEMIC

● DEDICATION OF MUTARARA MOZAMBIQUE TEMPLE. ● STARTED THE CONSTRUCTION OF MORRUMBALA PROVINCE TEMPLE.

### NOVEMBER

- RENOVATIONS OF MOBILE ALABAMA TEMPLE
  RENOVATIONS OF ATLANTA TEMPLE
  PURCHASED NEW TEMPLE IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
  PURCHASED A SCHOOL IN LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA

THE TOTAL COUNT FOR BAPTISM FOR 2020 WAS 4153 AND JUST THINK PASTOR JENNINGS DID NOT TRAVEL NOWHERE THIS YEAR

Vicente Santana from Lakeport, California. Along with a faithful crew, he traveled to cities throughout California, including: Fresno, Manteca, Madera, Newman, Stockton, Modesto, Los



Banos, Los Angeles, Big Bear, Lake Tahoe, San Leandro, San Fransisco, Fairfield, Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Windsor, San Diego, Santa Clara, Richmond, Oakland, Tiburón, Sacramento, San Bernardino, Porterville, Bakersfield, Victorville, Santa Ana, Alhambra, and Long Beach. Throughout his travels, a total of 472 souls were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

"Working on my new system so my brothers and sisters don't have to scream when they go down in water because the water is freezing."

Minister Santana was able to build portable, 9foot long, baptism pool that has the ability to heat water up to 100 degrees. The water was

both heated and treated with chlorine to protect baptism candidates from germs. Minister Santana stated, "Working on my new system so my brothers and sisters don't have to scream when they go down in water because the water is freezing." So even in the midst of a pandemic, God made a way for souls to be saved and left all without excuses. During the pandemic, Minister Santana baptized 472 souls in the name of Jesus Christ.

God has shown us that he has the ability to do exceedingly above what we can think or imagine. Therefore, let us continue to pray for the work of the Lord.



By: Bro. Ricky Johnson (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA)

# ART

## The Sisterhood II (right)

The art piece, "The Sisterhood II" is a commissioned piece from another smaller piece I did called, "The Sisterhood I." It is a mixed media painting on canvas. The piece depicts the community of women spiritually and my 8 natural sisters, both of whom I love dearly! I see them as a garden of flowers, each having their own beauty.





### Long Hair Lily (left)

The piece, "Long Hair Lily" is one of a series of young girls with long hair. It is mixed media on canvas. This piece is reminiscent of my childhood days out in the field with nature and my siblings. Both originals are sold, but giclee copies are available.

### MICHELE FOSTER LUCAS BIO

Michele Foster Lucas is a Folk Artist that speaks of people and culture through her existing and creative artwork. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Michele soon moved to southern New Jersey after high school years. She later attended Burlington County College where she earned an Associate Degree in Science. In 1993, at the urging of friends and family, and after visiting private exhibitions and museums, Michele began to master the art of charcoal pastel without formal training. She later moved on to painting with oils and acrylics on canvases, board, rice paper and just about any other thing she could find to paint on. Michele's subjects evoke a spiritual grace and yearning, reflective of her God-given talents. She was soon invited to exhibit her talent at the Woodbine Exhibition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Galleria in Manayunk, PA, and the Gallerie 500 in (Washington, D.C.) Michele was a featured artist at the Essence of African Fashion Show and the highly prestigious, October Gallery held in Philadelphia in the October gallery awarded her the "Best in Show" award. Her work has been displayed at the Remee Gallery, the Annual Art in the Garden, both in Washington DC, Community Art in Atlanta, Georgia, General Electric Fine Art Gallery, and the Picture That Fine Art Gallery in Connecticut.



# TRAVEL ... Throwback Story Before COVID-19



Traveling to India has been one of the most interesting experiences of my life. It was an honor and privilege to be able to participate in the services during the January and February 2018 convocations that took place in Karapa, India and Kerala, India. The travel was long, about 16 hours going to India and 18 hours returning home, but it was worth it.

The first convocation took place in Karapa, India where Bishop K.A. Samuel is the presiding Bishop. Bishop Samuel, his family, and the brothers and sisters of the church took very good care of us during our entire stay. I appreciate the hospitality and love that the saints showed me. Bishop Samuel transported us to wherever we needed to go (including a tour of Karapa) and his family cooked many meals for us at his home. Bishop Samuel showed us the orphanage that he operates, and we were blessed to meet the wonderful children that live there. During the services, we met the rest of the congregation including the many pastors that came from various locations in India. The services were very lively, and we were blessed by the many songs and messages preached by Bishop Samuel.

After the Karapa convocation ended, we traveled to Kerala India for their convocation. In Kerala, Bishop P.C. Johnson is the presiding Bishop. The hospitality shown to us by our brothers and sisters in Kerala was also excellent and we are

grateful. The brothers and sisters took us to many locations (including a boat trip to an island, the zoo, the mountains, and the beach). We also were welcomed into several church members' homes for meals during our stay. We were blessed to be able to participate in the church services and see how our brothers and sisters worship in Kerala. During the services in Karapa and Kerala, we were given the opportunity to give a brief testimony and greet the congregation. We were also able to be a part of the church youth awards ceremony that took place and helped in handing out the awards to the youth. We were blessed to witness souls being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ in both locations.

Being able to fellowship with our brothers and sisters of First Church of our Lord Jesus Christ Inc. in India was truly a blessing that I will never forget. I thank the Lord, Pastor Jennings, and all our brothers and sisters in India that allowed us to visit in 2018. We are truly thankful for all the love and kindness that was demonstrated to us during our stay and we hope that one day we will have an opportunity to return. I thank the Lord for keeping us on our journey and allowing us to return home safely. I had a wonderful experience during my travel to India in 2018.

Bro. Ranauld Williams Ewing, New Jersey

# **CULINARY...Cooking with Love**

Chilean sea bass with shrimp fried

rice with a tomato garlic sriracha

I have always had a passion and desire for cooking. As a young boy growing up, I watched my mother come home from work,

take some time to relax, and get cleaned up then go into the kitchen to prepare dinner. Weekend meals were the best! The aroma of bacon would wake you up out of your sleep in the morning. My mother would make fried chicken, fish, or pork chops as the main dish with Rice-A-Roni. She also mademashed potatoes, corn, string beans, spinach, or brussels sprouts which I did not care for. As I got a little older, my mother began to teach my brothers and I how to cook.

I watched, listened, and learned as she prepared our meals. I enjoyed having dinner

ready when my mother came home from work. One of the rules was clean as you go and that has stuck with me till this day.

My passion for cooking led me to go to Atlantic Cape Community College for Chef training. I informed my head chef that I

did not come to school to learn how to cook, however I came to learn the French way of cooking. My passion for cooking has not stopped. I love cooking big meals for my family and friends. "Cooking with Love" is a term I use which means cooking slowly with the right herbs and spices.

Will you join me in the First Church Kitchen to cook with love? All are welcome to sign up.



Bro. Darren Vinson Atlantic City , NJ

# THANK GOD FOR THE TRUTH OF GOD

### A LETTER FROM AN ANONYMOUS VIEWER

Good Afternoon Pastor Gino Jennings,

I'm 51 years old and I reside in Northern California (Campbell). I'm writing to you this day because I've been led, moved, witness to your teachings which I was recently led to you on YouTube. I thank the almighty God for these new social platforms the world has access to. Hadn't it been for YouTube, I'm not sure if I would have found you. As I've mentioned, I recently found you on YouTube on 1/31/2020 while I watched and listen to one of the many sermons you spoke on "GAYS & LESBIANS!"

Your teachings of truth moved me miraculously. I've confessed my sins many months ago as I was in full transgression of living the life as a Lesbian woman. I lived that awful, sinful, depressing, immoral lifestyle beginning at 18 years old. I knew better, I knew it was an abomination to God as I was raised in a COGIC / PENTECOSTAL church and household. To be or live GAY/LESBIAN was forbidden and I knew it. The persuasion, the rebellion, and the dysfunctions in my childhood placed me in the front row seat in Satan's service and like a fool I followed Satan's way and turned my back on God.

Believe me Pastor Jennings, I was NEVER HAPPY, NEVER SATISFIED as there were many times, I secretly slept with men to satisfy what I was truly missing. I wasted all my 20's, 30's, 40's until at the age of 50 I no longer wanted to live the life of LESBIANISM. I was using drugs (marijuana then gradually included methamphetamines along with alcohol) to pacify what I knew what was sinful! At this time of my life I recently became saved again as I backslid many decades ago (early teens).

I asked God to deliver, restore, and set me free from drugs and alcohol back in December of 2019 and he did. Hallelujah! I asked God to forgive me and deliver, restore, and set me free from LESBIANISM and God has done that for me. Hallelujah! Right now, at this time of my life I've been faithfully tuning in with a few pastors online every Sunday but for some reason I don't feel fed. I don't necessarily agree or find the messages they conveys of any substance. I don't feel anything!!!

As soon as I tuned into you and your message I said to myself this Pastor is teaching, speaking about things I knew was right and always wondered why these so-called ministers, preachers, evangelist, and prophets weren't teaching the way you do Pastor Jennings. You break it all down for all eyes to see in living color what the truth, what God is saying, and I'm sooooo thankful! I'm asking you, Pastor Jennings, if you'll pray for me, come into agreement with me that I be led to a righteous church home; that I be led or placed in a financial position where

I can take care of myself without depending on others!

Two days ago, I went on your Facebook page and filled out a baptism request and within 24 hours somebody was already calling me ready to set up the time to baptize me. I was overjoyed because when I first came out of the sins of Lesbianism, I confided with a woman who calls herself a prophetess, who claimed to help lead people all over the USA to be baptized. I asked her to help me and until this day she left me high and dry. I went to another lady with a ministry she does online, and she told me to baptize myself in my shower or bathtub! Then the third female prophet who's my in-law I asked her to baptize me last month and her answer was for me to wait until the weather gets warmer (summertime) as she said it was too cold to do baptizing!

With that said, I feel in my heart all three of these prophets are false prophets and this is probably why I've felt uneasy about all three of them! By the way, I bare witness to what you say about these TD Jakes, Creflo Dollar, Benny Hinn, Copeland and many other Mega-Church celebrity type folk, Jehovah's Witness, Muslim, Catholic. I never was led to any of them, and I always knew in my heart they were PHONY AND LIARS. As they worship and bow down to false idols!

Pastor Jennings, I want God to use me as his vessel to help deliver weary souls with his divine message! Get in touch with me if you can as I need direction, I'm hungry, and I don't necessarily know how to feed my soul in the proper format. I need fellowship!

I want to be JUST LIKE HIM WHEN HE COMES!

