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The next 10 years 1995-2005

YEAR 1995

Pastor Jennings went on a 7-day fast for the church.

YEAR 1997

Pastor Jennings visited Elder Filbert Johnson of High Wycombe, England during their National Holy Convocation.

Pastor dedicated the Fredericksburg, Va temple.

YEAR 2001

April 14: Pastor Jennings and Rodney Muhammed discussed the subject "Was God Created from Triple Darkness."

Pastor visited the home of a Pakistani family.

NOVEMBER 28, 2004

Pastor Jennings and Harry Knox discussed "Is It God's Will for Men to Marry Men and Engage in Sexual Intercourse" in Philadelphia, Pa.

YEAR 1996

Pastor Jennings broadcasted from home after being seriously ill.

September: Dedication of the main upstairs sanctuary on Frankford Ave.

YEAR 2000

First combined men's and women's convention interpreted in Spanish and French.

November 11: Bro. Smallwood and some Sunni Muslims visited during the Men's and Women's Holy Convocation.

YEAR 2002

March: Pastor addressed the homosexual religious community during the 6th National Youth Convocation in Tallahassee, Fla.

YEAR 2005

Dedication of Newport News, Va. & Rocky Mount, N.C. temples.

YOUTH CONVENTION 2024

HE'S AN ON-TIME GOD!



Brother Ricky Johnson
TOG Times Publisher
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First Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc. celebrated its 28th International Holy Youth Convocation, 35th telecast, and 26th radio anniversaries on March 28th through the 31st of this year, 2024. The anniversaries were held at the headquarters temple in Philadelphia, Pa. Moreover, Pastor Gino Jennings commemorated 40 years of service unto the LORD as the church's General Overseer.

Young and old saints participated in the celebrations through various activities, workshops and rehearsals. More importantly, the Gospel was preached, and 64 souls were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.



Day 1: Thursday, March 28, 2024

On the first night of the Youth Convocation, Pastor Jennings encouraged the congregation to listen attentively to Minister John Pierre from the Bahamas Islands. Pastor Jennings always sets this standard when the congregation listens to a minister for the first time.

Minister Pierre spoke on endurance directly and succinctly. With a few points, he explained the need to endure whatever we may encounter on our journey.

Pastor Jennings followed up, reiterating some of the points Minister Pierre made. He also encouraged the youth to remember the purpose of the conference. He urged them to enjoy the outings and seminars, but the objective should remain: seek God through prayer and supplication for the Holy Ghost. Those few words set the tone for what would be a blessed convention.

Day 2: Friday, March 29, 2024



Photo by Sister Rachel Fuentes

On day two of the Youth Convocation, one of the inspiring presentations was the renditions from international locations. Technology has played a crucial role in expanding the work of the Lord and the ability of the Truth of God broadcast to reach our audience in several ways. As the saints from Kerala, India lifted their voices in joyful songs of praise to the Lord Jesus Christ, many, including Pastor Jennings, were moved. It was part of the vision brought to reality.

Day 3: Saturday, March 30, 2024

As usual, Saturdays are the busiest during the conferences—a day filled with ministers' meetings, several choir rehearsals, a vendors' fair and spaces for the children to engage. The 2024 Youth Convocation also had a panel of guest speakers for the "Adulting 101" seminar that addressed preparing to look for employment, preparing a resume and being financially literate.

Pastor Jennings spoke at the "Single and Striving" seminar, addressing questions and expanding on conduct in developing relationships through Holiness. He shared sound advice on what to look for in a spouse and proper conduct throughout singleness before marriage.

He also shared pertinent information about making a marriage work while revealing red flags to pay attention to before saying: "I do."

The audience was also encouraged to ask questions and inquire about various scenarios which Pastor Jennings answered according to the Scriptures.

After concluding the singles seminar, Pastor Jennings addressed the married couples in the "After the I Do" seminar. The forum was impactful. Pastor Jennings' scriptural advice covered various aspects of marriage, including financial management, parenting, mutual respect and conflict resolution.

The thoroughness of the session was well-appreciated; it was a valuable guide for those seeking wisdom in their marital journey.

YOUTH CONVENTION 2024:

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Service Time — Day 3

The evening worship started with a musical selection from the First Church Band, a choral selection from our International Mass Choir, and a live-streamed selection from the Cape Town, South Africa Choir. Again, Pastor Jennings, the laboring ministers, and the congregation were touched by this presentation — which fulfills part of the vision God gave the apostle.



The FC Youth Captains also shared a token of appreciation: a video compilation of our domestic and international locations, all giving thanks to God for Pastor Jennings' leadership.

During the evening feast, Pastor Jennings reflected on when he was in the basement and how different people would laugh and joke about his situation. He stressed the importance of waiting on God and how the vision God gave him kept him in those times. Apostle Jennings also reflected on his youth, reassuring the young people to keep God first and that he could relate to their difficulties.

He went on to preach an encouraging message about the Holy Ghost: what it is, who it is, how to seek God for it and what state one's heart and mind must be in to obtain it.



Photos by Brother Ricky Johnson

Day 4: Sunday, March 31, 2024

On Sunday, Pastor Jennings reflected on Saturday night's message and informed the congregation that several people received the Holy Ghost that night. He also shared that some viewers reported receiving the Holy Spirit while watching the message on YouTube.

Additionally, Pastor Jennings shared his reflections on traveling to Fredericksburg, Va, to preach to one person for ten years. The apostle taught how it takes God to make a leader and how important it is for ministers to prioritize people's souls over all else. The message was sobering as Pastor Jennings explained how the souls that the ministers handle belongs to God.

We thank God for all that transpired during the 2024 Youth Convocation — He gave us exactly what we needed to hear. We thank the Lord for using the man of God, Apostle Gino Jennings, to serve us. Indeed, he is an on-time God.

We also want to thank all those who worked so hard to make the Youth Convocation a success. To view those messages from the convocation, please click on the links below.

Thank you,

and peace be unto you

https://youtu.be/kj_Ezy86A9A?si=rEBRET0rOyMEDQbptext

https://youtu.be/ksceQCAKvvk?si=UH6PFo5vAvij_vdT

HISTORY OF THE IRELAND TEMPLE

The Work Continues to Grow



Sis Peggy Beckford
TOG Times Writer
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Like many brothers exposed to the life-changing salvation of Jesus Christ as delivered by Apostle Gino Jennings, Brother Sunday Joshua from the Republic of Ireland also became convicted and was determined to persuade leadership to establish a First Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Ireland.

Joshua first learned of the Truth of God broadcasts from the wife of a United Pentecostal Church pastor in 2018, who had forwarded a copy of Pastor Jennings' message to him.

The message stayed unwatched for some time before he listened to it, but once heard, he was hooked. He logged onto the church website and was pleased to learn that Pastor Jennings was scheduled to attend the 2019 conference in London.

He purposed within himself that he would travel to London to attend and seek an opportunity to approach the apostle directly.

Unfortunately, Pastor Jennings was unable to attend the 2019 conference. However, the powerful messages, preached by his replacement minister, Evangelist Taj Utsey, resonated with his core — so much so, he decided to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

He also seized the opportunity to appeal directly to Evangelist Taj to request a work commence in Dublin, Ireland.

After the evangelist had returned to the USA and reported the outcome of the meetings to Pastor Gino Jennings, by 2021 he received further reports from London-based Minister Winston Bogle of a number of requests coming from souls desiring to be baptized in Ireland.

Evangelist Taj volunteered to go to Ireland to conduct a meeting and baptize the candidates after receiving approval from the apostle.



The first meeting in Dublin was hosted at a local hotel in 2021 and was supported technically with audio production by brothers from the Netherlands and administratively by the London secretary.

Thereafter, Evangelist Taj continued to attend quarterly meetings in Dublin.

Brothers and sisters from other European temples also supported the meetings as more and more local believers gradually started attending and responding to the calls to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Today, the congregation has grown into a dedicated core of believers committed and loyal to the work in Dublin traveling from various regions throughout Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

The local brothers and sisters are encouraged to attend the quarterly live meetings in Dublin, tune into the various weekly Zoom meetings posted from the many FCOOLJC temples throughout the world, and, most essentially, to tune into the weekly broadcasts transmitted from Headquarters each Sunday on the TOG TV or YouTube.

Anyone interested in attending Dublin meetings, please contact **Peggy.beckford@truthofgod.co.uk**. Meetings are now regularly hosted at **ASLAA, Old Dublin Airport Road, Toberbunny, Dublin Airport, Co. Dublin K67 YV06**



All photos by Brother Sunday Joshua

MY TRAVEL EXPERIENCES AND TIPS TO CONSIDER FOR YOUR SUMMER BUCKET LIST



Sis Tatiana Smith
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Summer has always been the season of choice for me. Besides the thrill of days of beaming sunshine, it brings back the beautiful nostalgia of past summer vacations.

I have been traveling over the past few years, which has been quite eventful. Traveling has helped me be more open-minded--even when developing a bucket list of destinations.

I am blessed that my first two experiences abroad (Chile and Spain) were nothing less than exceptional. Chile was awesome! From soaking in the hot springs at Termas Los Pozones, located in Pucón, to sightseeing near the snow-topped Villarrica Volcano. It remains an experience I'll always cherish.



Chile- Villarrica Volcano

I recall my experience at Cerro Concepción, located on the hilltops of Valparaíso. A group of us exchange students took one of the city's historical elevators, known as an Ascensor, to the top of the hill. After arriving at the hilltop, I soaked in a panoramic view of the city and then took my time to explore street art, such as the famous piano stairs and offerings in local restaurants.

I also visited El Reloj de Flores (Flower Clock), located in Viña del Mar, another attraction that did not disappoint. El Reloj de Flores is a fully functional clock dating back to 1962. The clock has withstood damages over the years but continues to bloom yearly. This iconic flower garden attracts tourists from all over to Viña Del Mar and remains one of the city's landmarks.

My visit to Spain was equally enthralling. Barcelona, Spain, is filled with all types of intriguing sights and sounds. The city is indeed a melting pot of diverse cultures.

But if the culture doesn't grab your attention, then the fine dining, nifty shops, or Mercado de la Boqueria would spark your interest, as it did mine. Also, if you enjoy architecture and history, Spain has plenty of it.

I recommend booking a bus tour or a personal tour guide to help you get the most out of your stay in Barcelona. We did the same thing, and it was worth the penny! While on tour, we stopped by the famous Arc de Triomf and the Park Güell. It was a captivating experience.



Arc de Triomf Spain

All photos by Sister Tatiana Smith

If you're planning a summer vacation this year, I recommend researching your intended destination. Find out where the historical landmarks are and check out reviews of popular shops, cafes, restaurants, or my favorite: hotspots for walking and sightseeing.



Chile Famous Piano Stairs



Chile historical elevator

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Sightseeing in Spain

Photo by James Taylor from Seeker Magazine

Further, if you are traveling alone or with someone else, plan accordingly to get your full destination vacation experience. I have been planning on my own since my last trip abroad. As Apostle Gino Jennings continues to travel and the calendar stays filled with different events, I have decided to take advantage of traveling abroad to Berlin, Germany. This will be my first European conference, and I look forward to meeting the saints and fellowshiping with them.

There's no question Berlin is filled with rich history. While being there, I hope to embark on some guided tours. I plan to tour the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, the Memorial of the Berlin Wall, and Brandenburg Gate along with some local flea markets, cafes, and chocolate shops--Germany is known for its delicious chocolates.

Although my trip to Berlin, Germany would be for a few days, I hope to travel by train and see the countryside of Europe and other popular attractions--a stop in Paris to see the iconic Eiffel Tower followed by a plane ride to London to snap a photo of the famous Tower Bridge, which is definitely on my bucket list.

Lastly, I plan to end my trip to London with a cup of tea from a local cafe while soaking in the views.

So far, traveling has been an exhilarating experience for me. It has broadened my mind and perspective on life, culture, and customs. In many cases, it has also humbled me.

I encourage you to travel if you can. You can start by selecting the destination that works best for you, then make a bucket

list of places you would like to visit and things you would like to see and do.

You never know what life-changing experience you may encounter when you step out of your comfort zone. Therefore, seize the opportunity. Build up experiences for reminiscence and book a trip!



Picture of the Mercado in Spain

Photo by Sis Tatiana Smith

BABY BACK RIBS

With Honey Barbecue Sauce



Brother Curtis Clemons

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Consider scaling the recipe below based on your desired number of servings. You can determine the ratios by multiplying or dividing the measurements.

The rub ingredients

- 1 rack of baby back ribs
- 2 tablespoons of brown sugar
- 1-2 tablespoons of paprika
- salt and pepper to taste

Ingredients for the barbecue sauce

- 1 whole bottle of Kraft's Slow-Simmered Hickory Smoke Barbeque Sauce (17.5 oz or 496g)
- ¼ cup of honey
- ¼ cup of ketchup
- crushed red pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon Texas Pete Hot Sauce
- 1 tablespoon A.1. Sauce
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons of Heinz's 57 Sauce (Original or Infused Honey)
- 1 cup of apple cider vinegar



Photo by Brother Clemons

Directions

1. Preheat your oven to 250F (120C). If grilling, 752 F (400C).
2. Mix all the ingredients in a large bowl for the Honey BBQ sauce and test the taste. If needed, dilute the sauce with some water and set aside.
3. Mix the ingredients for the rub and set aside.
4. Line a cooking tray with aluminum foil.
5. Using a paring knife, remove the membrane from the bone side of the ribs. (This step is only necessary if you buy the rack with the membrane).

6. Puncture your ribs with a thin knife or rod.
7. Spread the mixture of rub onto each side of the ribs.
8. Wrap the rack individually with foil.
9. Place the wrapped ribs meat side down on the cooking tray.
10. Place the tray in the oven and bake the ribs for 1 hour and 30 minutes.
11. After the time has elapsed, remove the ribs from the oven.
12. Open the foil and brush the ribs with the prepared Honey BBQ sauce on both sides, leaving the meat side up.
13. Close the foil wrap.
14. Increase the oven temperature to 350F (180C) and return the ribs to the oven for 45 minutes to an hour.
15. Remove the ribs from the oven and slice ribs into strips.

Optional:

Glaze the ribs with extra sauce and place in the oven for 10 minutes.

*Cordially,
Brother Clemons*

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