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Africa Crusade



Order Of Service

Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
 Morning worship..11:00 a.m.
 Noonday Prayer. Wed .
 Bible Study ...Wed 7:00 p.m.

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***Every Sunday at 2:00
 p.m. on WYNN
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Faith in a Foreign Land

“Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations...”

— **Matthew 28:19 NKJV**

How does one become a pupil? It takes structure, determination, commitment, and, more importantly, obedience. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we have been commissioned to go and make disciples of those in need of guidance and direction. Besides, how can one declare himself a teacher if he has no students who can learn from his training and instruction? New Grace Temple Ministry has eagerly answered the call of commission with ready and active obedience to fulfill the role of being teachers and forerunners in the kingdom of God. In the aftermath, a new generation will be born with the same determination to continue building the Kingdom; all for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 3:6-9).

At the onset of March, our Africa Crusade Team journeyed to Africa to assist in bringing about transformation, and the tools to be effective, for the enhancement of fellow believers. Leading the crusade was Bishop Michael Cook (Pastor), accompanied by Evangelist Barbara Cook, Elder Tony Jones (Assistant Pastor), Evangelist Donna Jones, Deacon Thomas Peguese, and Vondella Peguese. While opposition arose regarding various circumstances, the team was able to depart and return unscathed, enlightened, and renewed.

To bring this journey to life in the hearts of those who were not a part of the team, several of the team members were interviewed to capture the essence of the mission. When asked to describe any revelatory moments during the trip, Evangelist D. Jones had this to say, “This is my third trip to Africa, and every time I go, it is a completely different experience. The journey is long and challenging, but the assignment makes every mile worth it. Each time we fly to Africa, the Lord ministers a word that causes me to examine who I truly want to be in Him. Lately, I have been wrestling with the spirit of death, not the death of others but thoughts about my own life. That spirit of death that was revealed to me was the dying of old things in my life, making room for a greater place in God. It is about being truly dedicated to His kingdom and laying aside every weight and every sin (Hebrews 12:1).” Reflecting on her experience, Evangelist B. Cook submits these words, “The Africa Crusade experience this year was a lot more rewarding than it was in the previous years. We were able to touch more areas; we were able to visit 4 different churches, and we were able to visit the schools. So we were able to assist with

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getting schools established. We visited the classrooms and talked to the teachers, assessing what their needs are based on their current foundation. They even named one of the schools *Barbara's Academy*; After me, such an honor. Fellowship with our sisters and brothers, made *me* appreciate the things we have here in the U.S. They have little to nothing, and they worship God with their entire beings. It contrasts the worship assemblies here in that we have become so entitled, to the point where we take things for granted. But overall, this year was a wonderful experience.”

Assistant Pastor, Elder T. Jones stated, “Africa Crusade 2026 was nothing short of extraordinary. This was my third crusade, and each time the Lord seems to deepen the impact, widen the reach, and strengthen the call. The experience was powerful, Spirit-filled, and deeply affirming of the global work God is doing through His people. The churches we partnered with were incredibly receptive to the Word of God. Their hunger was evident — not only among the congregations, but especially among the leaders. Pastors and ministry heads from various churches came with open hearts, eager to receive a fresh Word from the Lord. Their humility and readiness to grow reminded me that the Kingdom advances wherever there is hunger for truth.”

Lastly, Bishop M. Cook encourages the congregants at New Grace Temple by saying, “The Africa Crusade experience was awesome from the beginning to the end. Our Travel there went well, and our arrival was VIP status, with a receiving party. The goal of the mission was to enhance the foundation and leadership of the Ministries under our Guidance; to assist them in being transformational. We do believe, partially, that the mission was accomplished. There's much work to be done in moving the Body beyond the traditions of men. There is a cultural difference in worship in Africa and that of the U.S., being Africa is a charismatic movement, totally; we are more conservative in our worship, with some charismatic churches. I would like to say to the saints at NGT, the sacrifice is worth the toll it takes on our bodies, minds, and finances. The people of God welcomed us with open arms, and let's get ready for another round of fighting in 2028!!”

Transformation comes through hard work and determination. Prayerfully, the sister churches in Africa were impacted in a way that provoked change within, that will be manifested without. With the work and commitment of this year's Africa Crusade team, there is no doubt that the Lord has a special blessing in store for them (Romans 2:6-7). The seeds have been planted and watered, and now only the Lord will give the increase!

NGT Reporter,
Kwamesha P

Family and Friends

Matthew 18:20 (KJV) “ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

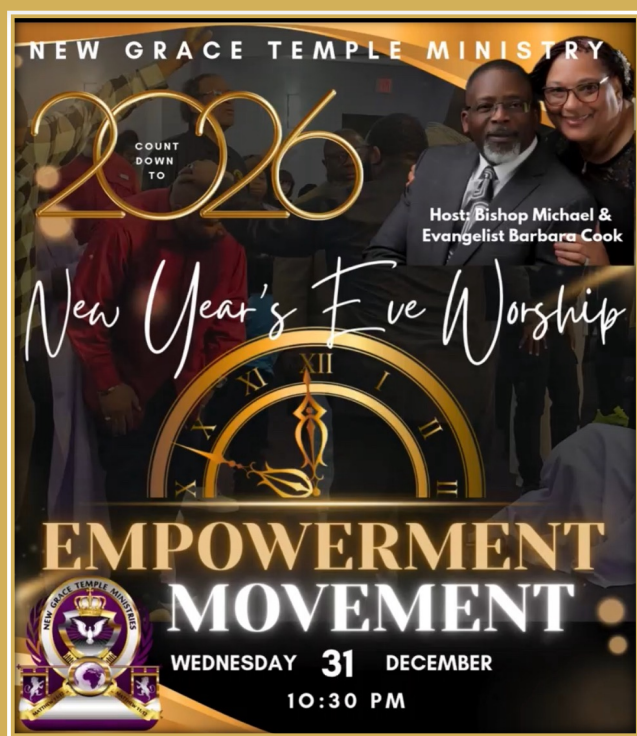
On December 7th 2025, New Grace Temple hosted its Friends and Family Day: a time of great fellowship with our loved ones, with the theme “A Force of One.” The service opened with a powerful time of praise and worship, bringing the congregation into a spirit of unity. Bishop Michael Cook then brought forth the word entitled “Who is your shepherd?” Coming out of Psalm 23:1-3, he warned the congregation of the danger of walking in a carnal and religious mind. He emphasized the need for the people to adhere to the word of God, as it is essential to the salvation of every believer. Romans 12:2 says, “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” Proving that the only way we can work out the perfect will of God in our lives is through living his word. Our sis Elizabeth stated, “2025 Friends & Family Day was special for me this year. I don’t have much family in Florence; however, God gives you friends that are closer than blood. My dear friend and her family came to worship with us, and they were truly blessed by the Word that came forth from the messenger. They said Bishop delivered the message with ease and simplicity—no fluff, just Jesus! Their experience was wonderful, plus they won an air fryer.” This is a testament to gathering as a force of one. It allows God to showcase his glory, not just in our lives but in the lives of those around us.

NGT Reporter

Joy McCutcheon



New Year's Eve Service



The Bible says in Isaiah 43:19, “Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.” This verse is God letting people know that he’s preparing something impeccable, but we have to believe, by faith, that his word is true. So I must ask, “Have you shifted?”

On the night of December 31st, members of New Grace Temple Ministries gathered together in unity, to praise and worship God as they entered the new year. This was more than just a traditional New Year Eve service; this gathering was for those who desire to be empowered and equipped for what the Lord has forthcoming. Bishop Michael Cook delivered a powerful message titled “The Shift,” coming out of Joshua 1: 1-3. This passage reveals Joshua was given the assignment, by God, to take charge in leading the children of Israel to the land of Promise.

This message conveys to believers, even in the face of adversity, and being in the wilderness, God always has a systematic plan for his people to reach his desired end. Furthermore, in order to experience the place God has prepared, we must be willing to shift—moving out of old mindsets and align with God’s will. Bishop Cook, by way of the Holy Spirit, preached in order for us to be a part of what God is doing, we are required to change. This first starts in the mind. Romans 12:1-2 encourages believers to continuously renew our way of thinking by the word of God. This equips us to stand firm under pressure, and not allow obstacles we encounter, to hinder us from experiencing the promises of God.

As we are well into this new year, it is perfectly clear: shifting is not optional—it is necessary. Each of us desire more of the Lord. James wrote “draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you (4:8).

Get into position people of God; The Lord is coming quickly, and His reward is with Him (Rev 22:12).

NGT Reporter
Channing McCutcheon

Seven days of Visual Prayer



Visual Prayer

At the beginning of this year, our ministry came together as one for visual prayer week– to seek the face of the Lord and lay aside the weights that hinders our progress (Hebrews 12:1). During this time of praying and fasting, deliverance took place in the hearts and minds of the people. There were grounds broken but healed by the Word of God that went forth. As we were fed with the Word, we grew stronger in the things of God, which transformed us out of the natural. We’ve been empowered and equipped through prayer that transcends beyond words. Through prayer we’re able to see the victory afar off and walk in it! God is raising up people of power not just in generations today, but in the generations to come from youth to old! The Word says, “But ye shall receive power, AFTER that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...” (Acts 1:8). The Lord wants to empower us and restore what was lost, and bestow upon us the means to succeed. This power comes to enable us to excel beyond the natural. Our sister Kamille said, “It (visual prayer) has helped me to yield to the Spirit even during tough circumstances, giving me the ability to see the victory, and [be in expectation] of God’s glory in the end.” After a week of Visual Prayer, we (NGT) are like pregnant mothers in waiting. If we hearken to the desires of the flesh, the end thereof is death (Romans 6:23)! Death to our Expectancy. The Lord invites us through *Visual Prayer* to contend for the faith; to be in expectation of what’s to come. Our sister Lorann expressed, that by faith she was able to visually see the manifestation of her prayers, what she has been believing God for. The Word of God says it best, “Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he” (Proverbs 29:18). Paul said we must press towards the goal (Phil 3:14). Don’t give up saints, you’re on the break of a miracle. By the Spirit of the Lord, God gives us all that we need to live a life of godliness according to His standards, that includes spiritual insight. As we press into the presence of the Lord, He reveals to us things to come, and enables us to deal with our circumstances through wisdom from on high. Our Minister Yvonne Quillens said that “visual prayer increased her gaze on Jesus Christ and enabled her to have a greater inclination to His voice.” Visual prayer doesn’t have to be left in January 2026; God is still looking for a people that will seek His face and cry out with an acceptable sound. The enemy wants us to live a life of defeat but through Christ, we have life more abundantly; no devil nor demon can take it away.

NGT Reporter

Diamond Nelson

Letter from Godgives School System



Dear New Grace Temple,

On behalf of the entire school leadership and administration, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to New Grace Temple, especially Bishop Michael Cook, for the generous payment of our teachers' monthly salaries. Your support has been a beacon of hope for our staff and a vital blessing for the school. We deeply appreciate your commitment and kindness, and we are honored to have you as partners in our mission. Thank you once again for standing with us.

Sincerely,

ADMINISTRATION

GODGIVES SCHOOL SYSTEM

BARBARA ACADEMY



Youth Worship Night



Possessing the Spirit of Excellence

“And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.”

Romans 12:2 *KVJ*

Culture, idols, and syncretism. It seems as though these dynamics are sweeping across the Body of Christ, making an impact on anyone who entertains them. Unfortunately, this is not an impact that pushes Believers closer towards Christ. Furthermore, culture, idols, and syncretism have gained the attention of young Christians; those who are still learning the ways of God and steadying themselves on the path that leads to eternal life.

On February 27th, New Grace Temple created a safe space for its youth to come together and worship; uninhibited and without restraint. The speaker gave a soul-stirring and thought-provoking message from the Book of Daniel, chapter 3, verse 16. The account of Daniel and the Three Hebrew Boys, illustrated how they did not allow what was being done around them to influence them, to be anything other than what God had called them to be. This is the impartation that born again Believers are busy instilling into the minds of young Christians.

To be influenced and distracted by the culture of the world will eventually manifest into idolatry and apostasy (Daniel 3:4-5). However, to be under the divine influence of the word of God will bring about the new birth through regeneration (Titus 3:5). This brings about a change in the hearts and minds of those who yield to the power of the word of God

Young Christians; (not just in age,) must know that regardless of their ages, statures, knowledge, or lack of popularity, God can and will use them if they will allow. You must be confident in the fact that being set apart at an early age has its challenges in society; it also has its rewards in the Kingdom of God. Like Daniel and the Three Hebrew Boys, Jeremiah, David, and many others, our young Christians today can make the same impact as they are being led and equipped by the power of the Holy Ghost.

NGT Reporter Kwamesha P.

Pastoral Appreciation

1 Timothy 5:17 KJV “ Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine.”

From April 9th to April 12th, New Grace Temple gathered in celebration of its 28th pastoral anniversary, honoring Bishop and Evangelist Cook for their years of faithful leadership and service. This celebration brought members, visitors, and guest speakers together for a powerful worship and time of appreciation.

On April 9th, Apostle L. Mckenny delivered a message on loyalty, based on Hebrews 13:17(KJV): “Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.” Through this scripture he encouraged the ministry to remain submitted and supportive of our spiritual leadership. As night one set the tone for what our leaders would encounter, we entered night two with expectation and a spirit of gratitude. Apostle Sydnor delivered the word from Genesis 32:24-25 entitled “The Limp and The Blessing.” Apostle Sydnor placed emphasis on perseverance through trial; teaching that it is through pressing and enduring difficult seasons the oil is produced. Our limp is often the circumstance, pruning, and purging that one cannot escape through human strength or wisdom. He reminded us that the trials are not in vain, but they come so God can receive the glory out of our lives; just as it is evident in the lives of Bishop and Evangelist Cook.

The 28th pastoral anniversary concluded on April 12th with a word given by Pastor Rick Jackson entitled “Keep Your Eyes on the Word and in the Word,” based on John 1:14 and Hebrews 12:2. He encouraged the congregation to remain diligent in their pursuit of the word of God,



Pastoral Appreciation cont.



and to be mindful not to allow compromise to impede their progress in the word. Throughout the services many were able to share powerful testimonies of the diligence of our leaders, as they have positively impacted their lives. These testimonies reflected the word of God as it says in Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV) “And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.” We are so blessed to have leaders who are not lacking in integrity, faithfulness, and godly character, as it is a reflection of God’s love for each one of us.

NGT Reporter

Joy McCutcheon



Bishop's 70th Birthday Spotlight



New Grace Temple Family Celebrated our Pastor's 70th Birthday with a surprise dinner @ Victor's Bristo. It was truly a blessed night of Fun, Love and Unity!



The Bishop's Corner

Unto God be all the glory;

We are the blessed of the Lord, and it seems there are times many of God's people can't discern it. Being we have made a decision to serve the Lord, let's glean from this great God. Many who have come to NGT over the years, have come from a distance, such as

Columbia, Sumter, and Marion. In

2025, the Lord called them all back to their home area; and our congregation has been made smaller. The Lord moves in seasons, and we need to ensure we are operating in our season. Take inventory, and don't get discouraged in your pursuit of the kingdom blessings. Get on your post, and let's accomplish what God has ordained for us!!

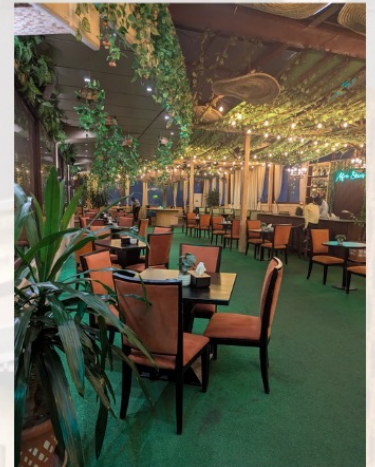
God Bless You all!!!

Bishop



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