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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.

Radio Ministry

***Every Sunday at 2:00
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3:30pm on 105.1***

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Can someone shout “REVIVAL!”? That’s exactly what took place at C.A.G.E Holy Convocation 2025. The theme was “Revival & Reform Phase 2: Lord, send the FIRE!;” it gets no better than that. Our sister Alicia Robinson said the “Convocation was just perfect. From the first night, it was nothing but power; this was the best year yet.” This was not just a few days of church services...this was a special appointment with God.

On Thursday, September 18th, we kicked off the first night of convocation. We received a word from the Lord, by way of Apostle Levern McKenny of Prayer Mountain Ministries entitled “The Integrity of God’s Word.” He came from Numbers 23: 1-19, and expounded on how important it is to be anchored in the holy word. The nineteenth verse states, “God is not a man that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent...” This alone is encouragement to the people of God that everything He speaks and has spoken is not vain words fallen to the ground. Apostle McKenny allowed God to use him to minister when we walk in our belief system, God’s holy word, nothing or nobody can succeed against us. It’s imperative that we do not lose confidence in what the Lord says, according to Hebrews 10:35. As Bishop Michael Cook says, “Don’t let the devil talk you out of what God has talked you into!”

Moving into Friday’s service, the saints moved from faith to faith, and glory to glory. Apostle Jeremiah Merritt delivered a potent message out of Matthew 25:1-12, speaking on the oil, the five wise and five foolish virgins. The sermon bears the title “The Oil is our Entry Fee.” Apostle Merritt utilizes this particular passage of scripture to admonish the people of God, that it's time to stock up on their own oil, which is the anointing. Living in the present day climate, believers of Christ can not afford to not store up, and rely upon the Anointed One. Wouldn't you get an oil change before you take a 12-hour road trip? We are unable to destroy yokes and relieve others of burdens, without the anointing of the Lord. By way of the Holy Ghost, the man of God challenged the saints and commanded us to retrieve our oil. WE ARE WITHOUT AN EXCUSE!

After such a mighty move of God on Friday night, expectations were high for the Saturday sessions. First, we started the day with a delicious continental breakfast. Then, we went into service with praise and worship. Next, we brought on Pastor Dean Page, to bring forth the word for the first session. Pastor Page taught on the topic “The Art of Not Knowing;” coming from Mark 8: 22-26. He expounded how we can be

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in trouble when we think we know everything. We, in a sense, start to play god in our lives. According to the word of God, the Lord admonishes us to trust Him with all our heart and to not lean on our own intellect; and in result, he will direct our path (Proverbs 3:5-6). It is just like the time God led Ezekiel to the valley of dry bones, and He asked Ezekiel if the bones could live; Ezekiel answered and said “O Lord God, thou knowest” (Ezekiel 37). Moments like these are the best opportunities for the Lord to express how much he’s the all-knowing God he says he is. After that, we had a break and then we received Chief Apostle Carlton Sydnor for our second breakout session. Apostle Sydnor came from Judges 7: 1-8, and posed the question “Did I Make the Cut?” as the topic. This word was for self-evaluation of our heart, mind, and spirit. According to this base scripture, Gideon is preparing to go to war but God was prohibiting him to go due to the amount of soldiers he had. He had to strip Gideon of the excess men he had, because that’s what Gideon thought would cause him to triumph. Sometimes you have to wait and be disciplined before you can accomplish what God has assigned for you to do. Following our sessions, we spent the rest of the Saturday fellowshiping, playing indoor and outdoor games, eating food and more praise.

Finally, to close our exhilarating weekend of convocation, we dressed in our Sunday’s best and had some good ol’ High Church. Before the word came forth, we were graced with an uplifting song from one of the baddest choirs, apart from C.A.G.E: King of Kings Mass Choir. After that, C.A.G.E’s very own Pastor Rick Jackson; Victory Faith Outreach, preached a sermon entitled “Stay Connected to the Fire.” He came from scriptures Jeremiah 20:9, Jeremiah 23:28, and Matthew 10: 34-39. After God sent the fire from the first service to the last, Pastor Jackson encouraged the people of God to stay connected to it. The fire of God takes on many different functions such as: source of light, it purifies, and symbolizes the Lord’s presence. Now that God provided, it’s up to us to pay the price to keep it.

NGT Reporter

Channing McCutcheon

Tent Crusade



On May 4th, 2025, New Grace Temple began its powerful 6-day tent revival. Elder Tony Jones brought forth the word titled “Calling: Whose call will you answer?”. Coming from Romans 12:1-2 he recommended that the people answer the call to sanctification. According to the Oxford dictionary, call is defined as an appeal or demand. Answering the call to sanctification is detrimental to the life of any believer who is going to be effective in the kingdom. Night 2 of the tent revival opened with anticipation as Elder Quintin Jones stressed the importance of continual encounters with the Holy Spirit. Ministering from Mark 10:46-50, he urged the people to come out of their comfort zones, warning them that staying comfortable leads to spiritual stagnation. We as the body of Christ should always be seeking for more of him. Matthew 5:6 gives us a clear prerequisite to having an encounter with the Holy Spirit as it says they that hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled. We know that in the natural hunger and thirst lead to malnourishment and dehydration but in the spirit, it leads to an infilling of the Holy Ghost.

After experiencing a night full of encounters Bishop Michael Cook ministered from the text Genesis 4:1-4 with the subject matter, “The process of time.” He expounded on God’s intent to bring about change in our lives through opposition and spiritual warfare. To bear the fruit of longsuffering you must first suffer, for it is often God’s instrument for change. He encouraged us not to give into frustration, because it breeds rebellion which aborts the plan of God. On night four Elder T. Jones came back to encourage us to bounce back. He admonished the people to beware

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of those Delilah's in our lives and how important it is to break constant cycles. As the revival continued, night five challenged the people to evaluate their decision makings. Elder Timothy Quillens ministered from Leviticus 10:1-2 with the message:

“Do the right thing.” He emphasized the importance of humbling ourselves before God, out of genuine need for change. These nights placed a demand on our hearts being postured for true revival through endurance and the putting away of evil.

Night six, Elder Q. Jones ministered to the people on “Living a life of praise.” Living a life of praise starts with the inward man rather than the outward. The speaker reminded everyone that praise does not stop at the altar, but it continues in our everyday life. As the week ended, it was clear that revival is not just a few nights of preaching, but a consistent choice to walk with the Lord daily.

NGT Reporter Joy McCutcheon



55th Church Anniversary

A New Generation

"...and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which He had done for Israel "
Judges 2:10.

What is the foundation on which we stand? While some stand on pedigree, fortune, and notoriety, we, as children of God, stand on His Word, his precepts, and promises. With that principle, comes a responsibility to establish and build as we continue in the grace of God, leaving in our wake a legacy and blueprint for those after us to follow and even fortify.

On August 21st through the 24th, New Grace Temple Church had the opportunity to celebrate its 55th church anniversary. This number is significant, as it symbolizes transformation and change; which are needed if we do not want to transgress those who look to us for godly counsel and direction. Ultimately, that is how the Body is built: by making sure those who are next in line to pick up the mantle are equipped to continue and be effective in doing the work

Joining us in our celebration we received the presence of Pastor Tamara Durant of Powerhouse Faith Ministries, located in Lamar, SC, who imparted a dynamic word on the opening night, which was also youth night, of which our young Brother Aiden Mitchell was the master of ceremonies. To bring the celebration to its close, Bishop Foley Smith from Liberia, West Africa, not only edified our spirits, but left us with the commandment to "GET UP!!"; for that is the only way we can achieve anything. While we anticipated the gift of Pastor T. Milo,



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certain malfunctions of the facility prevented his coming and impartation to the saints. Nevertheless, the celebration continued as the spiritual family came together at the Anniversary Gala, planned by the Church Anniversary team, led by our very own Missionary Marashea Davis and her assistant, Sis. Adrienne Phillips.

As aforementioned, we stand on the Word of God, because that is our sure foundation. He is the Solid Rock, and a foundation founded on anything other than Him will fall (Matthew 7:24-27). That is the essence of the message we want to leave for the next generation. We ought not impart a gospel that has been changed, so we can become more relatable. Also, we would be wise to think twice before altering doctrine to fit the narrative of what is popular in today's society. Times may change, and societal norms may waiver, but the Lord is the same today, yesterday, and forevermore (Hebrews 13:8). A foundation rested on Him is one that is fixed, steadfast, and immovable, and gives the next generation the stability and confidence to keep building the Body.

NGT Reporter, Kwamesha P.



Marriage Conference



“A Reflection of God’s Love”

Marriage is a divine reflection of Christ’s love for His bride—the Church. While many associate marriage with the beauty of the wedding day—the gown, the ring, and the venue—true marriage is far deeper. It is a mystery and a spiritual covenant established by God; joining two souls together for His glory and purpose in the earth.

This covenant reflects a love that sacrifices self for the good of another—a love that can only be demonstrated through the Spirit of God. Worldly love can never emulate God’s genuine love; for it is only through the Holy Spirit that we can experience and express agape love—the highest form of love.

As you read the powerful insights shared from this year’s Genuine Love Marriage Conference, may the grace of God rest upon every marriage represented in this ministry, and those yet to come. May divine unity in the Spirit strengthen every couple for God’s glory and purpose.

“... one can chase a thousand, and two can put ten thousand to flight.”

— *Deuteronomy 32:30*

This year’s Genuine Love Marriage Conference, was truly a transformative experience! Hosted by New Grace Temple Ministries, under the leadership of Bishop Michael Cook, the two-day gathering—held Friday, July 11th through Saturday, July 12th, 2025—brought couples and singles together for a time of restoration, revelation, and real conversation about God’s divine design for marriage.

Friday Night General Session

The conference opened with Pastor Eartha Edwards of Harvest Time Evangelistic Center in Mullins,

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S.C. Her message set the tone for the weekend—reminding every attendee that “Genuine love begins with God.”

Saturday Breakout Sessions

Saturday morning featured powerful breakout sessions, led by Pastor S. Richardson, Pastor A. Howard, Evangelist B. Cook, and Bishop M. Cook.

“I loved how Pastor Shonette Richardson gave 8 steps on how to prepare for your mate. Evangelist Cook told the women that we must submit to our husbands as unto the Lord (Ephesians 5:22–33). She explained that it is not bondage, but an honor to submit—a reflection of reverence to God. Bishop Cook also shared profound wisdom, reminding us that when conflict arises in marriage, we must first recognize it, discern the motive behind it, and deal with it head-on. He said, ‘To resolve means you must confront the spirit behind the issue—even if that spirit is in you!’ That was powerful!”

Missionary Carla M.

“The Marriage Conference of July 2025 was an awesome experience! Pastor Richardson reminded us that it’s never too late for God to bless you with your spouse. She shared a touching example of a couple in their 80s who had just gotten married—proof that God’s timing is always perfect. Evangelist Cook spoke boldly on God’s divine order, teaching that it’s not God’s will for wives to rule their husbands. Instead, He designed marriage as a harmonious partnership, where husband and wife work together to build a kingdom marriage. Bishop Cook emphasized recognizing conflict and the spiritual roots behind it. The word was fruitful, healing, and inspiring. I believe many marriages were strengthened and restored through this conference.”

-Missionary Marashea D.

The 2025 Genuine Love Marriage Conference reminded us that genuine love isn’t just about emotion—it’s about spiritual alignment, humility, and partnership under God’s design. Marriages were healed, hearts were encouraged, and many left with renewed hope for what God will continue to do through His divine order of love.

We look forward to what God will do at next year’s conference—because at New Grace Temple, we believe marriage is ministry, and love is God’s greatest covenant!

NGT Reporter – Ke’Aira Primes

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“New Grace Temple Spotlight”



Spotlight: Mother Bessie Jones

“... Your hands, a shelter, your heart, a home...”

On October 4th, 2025, New Grace Temple had the pleasure of partaking in the Family celebration honoring one of the matrons and pillars of our organization. Surrounded by family, friends, and many of those who esteem her highly, Mother Bessie Jones celebrated her 90th birthday; no small feat, but a milestone that warrants thanksgiving and gratitude. Like others who have reached this level of wisdom and experience, she can testify that there were many hurdles to overcome and battles to fight. However, above all else, there were many precious memories made.

Bessie Jones was born in Florence County on October 5th, 1935. She had two siblings: the late Wilbur Graham and Bernice Simmons. She was wed to the late Deacon Clayton Jones Sr. for 46 years before he departed this earthly life, and together, they shared 10 children. One generation eventually grew to five, as Mother Jones has a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great, great-grandchildren.

In addition to her domestic duties, she served as a cook in the Florence School District 1, where she made an impact on many, if not

everyone, she came into contact with. Even taking the opportunity to evangelize to those around her; she showed that true ministry goes beyond the four walls of a building, it lives in her heart. Mother Bessie is honored as one of the founding members of Grace Temple, the organization that is now known as New Grace Temple. In the ministry, she served as an usher, a missionary, the President of the senior choir, Head of the kitchen committee, and a member of the Gospel Choir.

As the senior member of the New Grace Temple family, she is now a pillar of the organization. She has guided many and prayed for even more. The sweetness of her soft spirit is enough to make the strongest of men be still in her presence, not out of fear, but out of respect. With her own prayers and the prayers of the saints, she has defied negative doctor reports time and time again and is the epitome of God's grace and favor.

We take this time to send thanks to our Heavenly Father for keeping her, for as long as He has and to worship Him in anticipation of the many more years to come.

NGT Reporter, Sis. Kwamesha P.

The Bishop's Corner

Unto God be all the glory;

*While the world goes down a dark volatile path, many throughout Christendom are following and slipping into unholy ways. We're seeing God's word manifest before our very eyes; 1 Tim 4:1, "In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." The Word of God is there for each of us to examine ourselves, whether we are **CONSTANTLY** relying upon the gospel truth to deliver us. Anytime I leave an auxiliary or ministry because of hurt, or offences, I have departed from the faith. If I leave my marriage because we're not seeing eye to eye, I have departed from the faith.*

*1 Cor 13:4, "Love suffers long." This is the gospel truth, and God is love; this also is the gospel truth. "Who/what shall separate us from the love of Christ (Rom 8:35)"? This is **THE FAITH**; examine yourself, o man/woman of God. Are you giving attention to a seducing spirit, doctrine of demons, or is it just the flesh?*

We are in "A season of Empowerment." For you to get there, it's going to take sacrifice; yes, giving up your valuable feelings, for something greater out of the kingdom of God. My brothers and sisters, you have Destiny; do not allow these seducing spirits to separate you from the love of Christ. We're moving forward; Glad to have you on Board.

Your Bishop



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