# New Grace Temple Times



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Our Prayer
Focus
the month of
October is:
"God
strengthen
my Prayer
Life"

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## "Blessed in the Midst of a Pandemic"



#### "Blessed in the Midst of a Pandemic"

Imagine having to encounter a new way of life within days of hearing "Pandemic," in which the uncertainty of whether I live or Die overwhelms the world and people are in a Pandemonium. It's not hard to imagine right, because here we are. Not only has this virus become widespread because of its genetic makeup, but failure to properly socially distance ourselves in the public made it that much worse. We go out and see many without masks, having no regard to their own health nor anyone else's. We see people who were not ready to have their traditional lives hijacked, and continue doing what's normal, when things are noticeably abnormal. What we've failed to realize is that having a mask or not, is the least of the world's troubles. Now, this is where we bless God for his covenant, because we are nor them, that are uncertain; lacking and without Power and Authority! Yes Covid-19 did arrive and cause mass chaos, but as we've heard it preached, "Take another look!" And this is what I decided to do.



#### **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 p.m. on WYNN 98.5 FM and 540AM

## <u>Television</u> Broadcast

Every Sunday at 5:30 am on Fox Channel 7 WFXB



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At a glance, I could see turmoil in the lives of them who need God, but only for comfort. Those who rejected God and were willing to steal, kill and destroy themselves for the sake of opportunity. But, God have been revealing Himself in this season also have seen many drawing nearer to God, because they have come to the realization that Jesus is the Way; they hunger for Truth, and desire eternal Life; they were cry ABBA FATHER! We know now that there was a separation taking place.

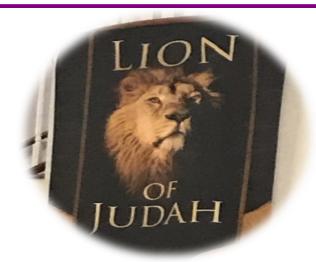
Where in this picture are "Them that are the called?" Well, let us think on this declaration first: "How great is our God!" His preservation is matchless! Hallelujah! As I saw these things around us, I then saw the saints of God as blessed! Hallelujah! Life as we know it as kingdom citizens have gracefully increased in favor. None of us are lacking; not in the least. All we have seen is God's unfailing love toward his people! Family members were saved, marriages were strengthened, Minds were loosed from satanic attacks, Healing Power was released; oh how we were increased in the Yoke destroying, burden removing, success producing, power of God! We can't go without mentioning the natural things in which many of us reaped as well; Houses, cars, increased wages, career opportunities. God is proving himself in the midst of chaos. He has shown satan who really was, and is, and will always be in charge.

We are not taking it lightly that this pandemic is real because it is, and even more, it's to be taken seriously. We are being taught that we're preparing for a war we pray will never happen. And now more than ever, we are preparing for the second coming of Christ. HALLELUJAH! Look at how fast Covid-19 reached us. Now think of the many who are unprepared for the coming Savior. Much like the 10 virgins... Were not only 5 of them properly prepared when the bridegroom tarried? We are presented with choices; We either get ready and remain ready, or do as the world does by living as if Christ is not coming. We do thank our Lord for tarrying in this time, so that those who are among the uncertain will come to fully realize Christ is the answer.

NGT Reporter Latoya McKenny

## Jubilee 50th Church Anniversary





New Grace Temple celebrates fifty years of ministry; serving the community in the beautiful city of Florence, as well as abroad, and as far as west Africa. The ministry started with humble beginnings in 1970. Service was held with about 25 members in a little old white stone church here on Jeffords street. The ministry suffered a fire and was renovated. As the church grew it was remodeled again and the white stone transitioned into all brick. In 2009 the Lord gave Bishop Cook a vision to build a new sanctuary to hold 500 occupants. The vision came to fruition and the new sanctuary was dedicated in June 2011.

We celebrated our Fiftieth year a little different than past celebrations due to the pandemic. We were not able to invite any guest speakers but we still celebrated. The pulpit, the IT, and the fundraiser committees put together a nice celebratory package for all the members to enjoy. Each week in the month of August, there were gifts given out to include a lapel pin, t-shirts with 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo, a DVD and CD. The DVD was truly a blessing and a trip down memory lane for many. The CD was filled with some old time classics from Mother Jones and the choir.

We were able to have reflections from two of our Mothers of the Church who have been with NGT ministry since day one. Mother Bessie Jones and Mother Ruth Davis both reflected over their years of service in the ministry and expressed how grateful they were for everything God has done for them and for the ministry. They also had warm remarks for our pastor and how they truly appreciate the Man of God and the vision the Lord gave him for the ministry. We will continue to have reflections the remainder of the year.

New Grace Temple continues to strive and thrive by the mighty hand of God. It is truly only through Jesus Christ, the ministry has been able to flourish and continues to flourish. We thank God for celebrating fifty years of ministry, and we praise him in advance to celebrate fifty more years. Thank God for Jubilee!!!!

Reporting

Deacon Rodney Davis

## New Grace 2020 Graduates

#### College Graduates

- •Minister Lakyaah Davis
- •Minister Twana Durant
- •Missionary Carla Mitchell
- •Sister Kwameesha Peterson

#### •High School Graduates

Kwaidaja Blakeney

•Destin Frontis

Minister Quintin Jones II

Honesty Robinson

#### Kindergarten graduates

- •Prince 4k
- •Sequan 5k
- •Nya crittenden4k

Alashia Crittenden 5k

#### Jr. High Graduates

- •Kyrah Davis
- •Shondrea Mclauglin

#### Middle School Graduates

Reghan Jones



## Bishop's Corner

Bless you people of God;

In this season when the cosmos is in darkness, New Grace Temple is in Kingdom. (Roman 14:17) It so reminds me when the disciples were on the boat, and Jesus came walking on the water, Peter trusted The Lord, defying gravity and matter; New Grace Temple will defy man's wisdom and ideologies and truest God!!!

God Bless you all Bishop M Cook

## 2020 Anniversaries

#### January

29- Elder Timothy & Missionary Yvonne Quillens **Feb** 

4-Tavaras & Tiphanie Scott

17- Stanley & Darlene Quillen

24 -Deacon Rodney & Missionary Lakyaah Davis

28 - Albert & Marshae Davis

#### March

7-Zachary & Ranae'Ja Simmons

8-Joshua & LaToya McKenny

#### **April**

15-Quintin & Kiki Jones

#### May

1-Deacon Charles& Lashondell Spears

5-Allen & Missionary Carla Mitchell

5-Ralph & Felicia Ward

7-Ron& Virginia White

15-Chris& Missionary Canella Brown

16-Deacon Jeff & Minister Sheera Myers

16-Frankie & Missionary Christel James 25-Deacon Thomas & Vondella Peguese

#### Julv

3- John & Alonda Crittenden

18-Elder Tony & Evangelist Donna Jones

#### Sep

12-Deacon Duncan & Barbara Robinson

29-Bishop Michael& Evangelist Barbara Cook

30- Richard & Sharonlyn White

#### **October**

10-Maurice & Minister Twana Durant

13-Jordan & Ke'Aira Primes

