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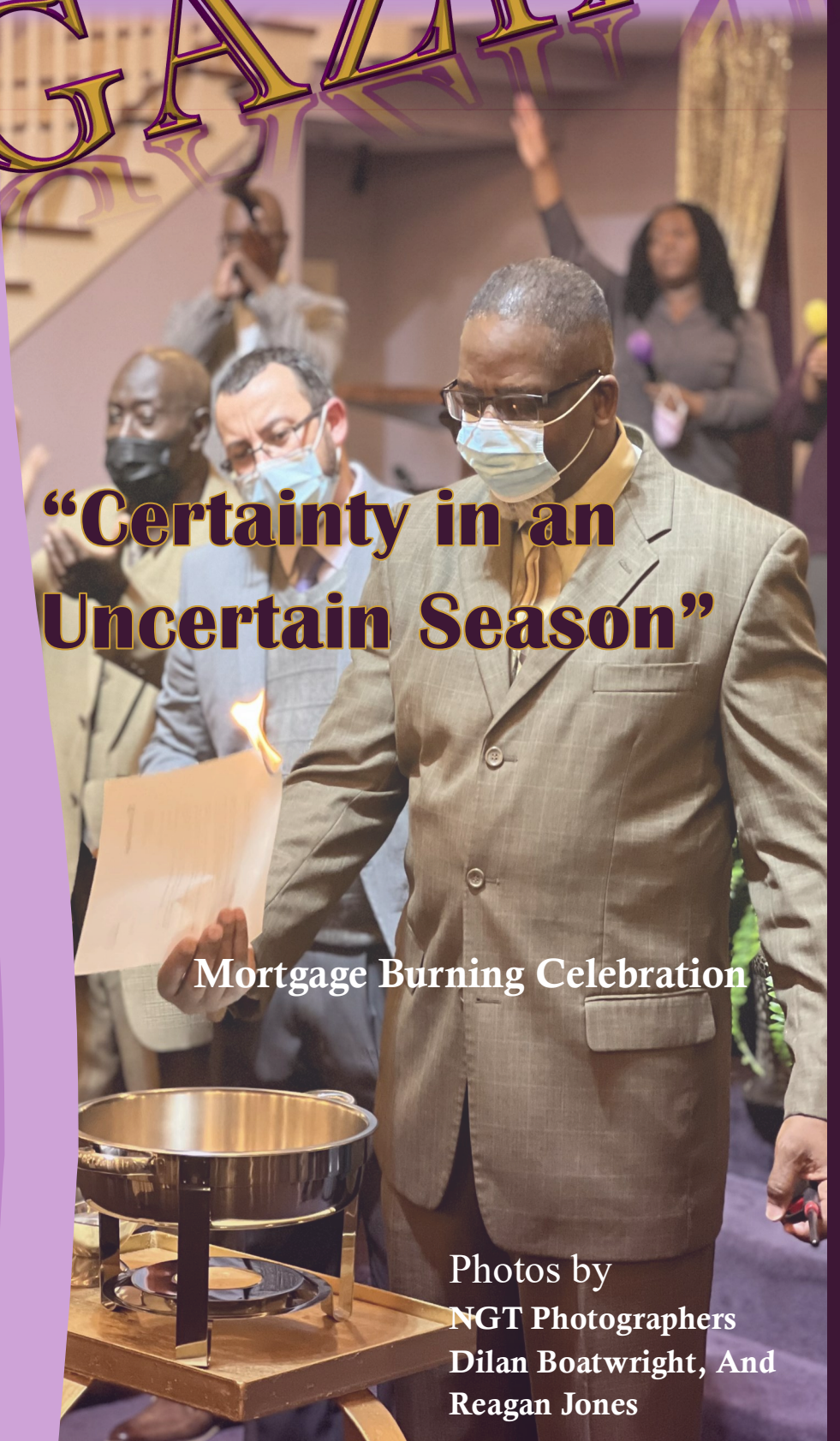


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"Certainty in an Uncertain Season"

Mortgage Burning Celebration

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“NGT Mortgage Burning Service”



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***

Television Broadcast

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am on Fox Channel 7
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.Many things can be said about NGT mortgage burning celebration. We shall get to the meat of the matter. Held Sunday The 2nd day of January of the year 2022. Concluding on Friday, the 5th day of January of the year 2022. The services held for this celebration hosted 4 speakers, who brought forth different but divinely coexisting messages. The mothers of NGT were honored & commemorated: having several of the rooms and halls within NGT dedicated to them. This church has been planted here since 1970. Not always called New Grace Temple, but it's no minute journey. For the current sanctuary that we reside in to have been built when it was, where it was, and the mortgage be paid off in the time it was is truly a miracle in itself. There should definitely be a sense of gratitude unto our lord and savior Jesus Christ for this blessing. Not many churches are still standing. The physical building as well as those professing their membership, fade away all too easily. There are even fewer churches that actually incorporate the word of God into its overall existence. We truly thank God for this monumental victory.

NGT Reporter
Josh Cook



“Seizing the Promise”



On Friday night August 19 and August 21, 2022 New Grace Temple celebrated their 52nd Church Anniversary with 2 dynamic speakers: Pastor Tommy Milo from Anointed World Bible Way Ministries, located Timmonsville, South Carolina, and Pastor Lathan Jones from Abundant Faith Worship Center, located in Florence, South Carolina. These mighty Men of God brought the word of God to us from the theme; “Seizing the Promise.” I Corinthians 1:20 -22 KJV states that for all the promises of God in him are yes, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. Now he which established us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God, who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. Therefore, we must not be afraid of the enemy, our adversary will try to put every obstacle in our way to try and cause us to stumble.

Both Pastors Milo and Jones came from the book of Joshua expressing how we must keep moving, despite our battles in this life. Despite the many challenges one will face, God is still in control of everything; if we will only trust Him, and take Him at His every word, then and only then, we will seize the promise. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD, thy God is with thee whithersoever thou go. (Joshua 1:9 KJV)

Webster has many definitions for the term seize; the definition that properly fits here, is to possess or take by force. Just like the Israelites at Jericho, it was taken by force; that force was obeying God. Joshua's strict obedience to God is a vital lesson from this story. At every turn, Joshua did exactly as he was told, and the Israelites prospered under his leadership. An ongoing theme in the Old Testament is, when the Jews obeyed God, they did well. When they disobeyed, the consequences were bad. Precise, obedience to God will allow one to possess what God has for him or her.

NGT Reporter
Tiwan Wilson

“On the Go”



The good times belong to the saints and we've been endeavoring to keep those good times going!

The Men of Grace went down to Myrtle Beach for a game of putt - putt golf and dinner at Rio's. As we already know, these are the real "Kingdom Men of Comedy," and they did not disappoint. Deacon Myers stated, "The turn out of men was tremendous and they all had a wonderful time." They are looking forward to more outings like this one!

The Ladies of Grace were invited to the home of our very own Minister Myers, for a Saturday brunch. While there, they enjoyed an endless spread of food, great fellowship and a Mary- Kay facial presentation. There was plenty of laughter and great conversation.

Earlier this summer our Youth Ministry took to the highway, as they set out to Raleigh, NC to hear Pastor G. Graige Lewis Teach. They gathered an enormous amount of info, as he set the standard straight against Hip-hop culture, and its influence in the past and present day; and also what we should be looking out for in the coming years. We then stayed overnight and enjoyed the fellowship with one another, and rested. The following morning we took to the road again to Rockhill, NC to spend the day at Carowinds. The Youth had a blast, and of course most of their time was spent at the wave pool; secretly they are all baby sharks!

In the Spring time our babies of the bunch, The Children of Grace, went to a Petting Zoo Symphony. This was no ordinary thing. They got the chance to inquire about the instruments and test them out in the fashion of a petting zoo. There were Violins, Harps, Flutes, and other wind and percussion instruments at their fingertips. We then sat down for a wonderful performance by the Florence Symphony. The children were able to recall hearing some of the instrumentals in movies they love. It was an amazing thing for them. When it was over we headed over to Timrod Park for Pizza and play time to let them release all of the energy from sitting for an Hour. They really enjoyed themselves!

NGT Reporter
LaToya McKenny

Men's Fellowship



1 Corinthians 12:12-14

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many.

Therefore, in the words of Hezekiah Walker and the Love Fellowship Choir:

I need you, you need me.
We're all a part of God's body.
Stand with me, agree with me.
We're all a part of God's body.
It is his will that every need be supplied.
You are important to me, I need you to survive.
You are important to me, I need you to survive.

In the picture above are the brothers that were in attendance: (from left, on the far end) Bishop Michael Cook, Elder Quillen, Brother Maurice Durant, Bro. Tawan Wilson, Bro. Dennis _____, Deacon Spears. (from the right on the far end) Elder Tony Jones, Brother _____ Elliot, Brother Zach Simmons, Brother Alvin _____, and last, but not least Deacon _____ Myers.

The Men of Grace set out on November 20, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. to a Fellowship Dinner to Rioz Steakhouse in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The Fellowship was time to come together and enjoy one another by sharing stories, current events, and just life in general. The greatest asset to this fellowship is the wisdom from the elder brothers, and how they were bestowing it to the younger brothers. Therefore, pure unadulterated fellowship is something that should not be taken for granted or neglected, fellowship brings a lot of knowledge, healing, comfort, strength, joy, and so much more. We need each other to survive!!!!

After interviewing several brothers, on a scale of 1-10, we gave Rioz a 10, and was pleased with the service and the quality of their food. Well done Rioz Steakhouse, we will be back and recommend your restaurant to others. Rioz served us with a variety of steaks (e.g., sirloins, fillet mignon, etc.), salmon with garlic butter sauce, sausages, and Parmesan Pork, and the freshest salad bar anyone could ever have with a variety of different salads, and toppings to choose from, that was appealing and satisfying to the taste.

NGT Reporting
Bro. Twain Wilson

The Hidden Truth about Halloween

In the first book of the Bible you see the creature who invented the philosophy behind trick or treating. “Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” Satan’s goal was to make evil seem good. He started by placing doubt into her mind. He convinced her that the forbidden fruit wasn’t really forbidden. Then he tried to convince her that eating the fruit would be good. He lied to her, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God; knowing good and evil.” She took what she thought was a treat. She ate the fruit. She didn’t realize she had been tricked until it was too late. At the root, those connected with the occult world desire to have power and control like God. They are willing to dabble in forms of witchcraft because they like the feeling of power, and the independence it provides.

Halloween is undeniably connected with the occult. Oct. 31st was chosen because of the ancient Celtic ritual of Samhain. It was the day that celebrated the end of fall and the beginning of winter. The orange and black of Halloween comes from the orange of autumn and the black of winter. Samhain was known as the day when the veil between the demonic world and the natural world was at its thinnest.

All Hallows Eve was established on Oct. 31st to distract from Samhain. It was supposed to prepare people for All Saints Day, which falls on Nov. 1. Instead of distracting from it, the name was shortened to Halloween, from All Hallows Eve, and the traditions became even stronger..

"Bonfires," soul bread, and wearing costumes to fool the spirits, were all accepted traditions that were brought to America during the nineteenth century. Halloween became known as a night of mischief; when youth would roam rural communities stealing gates from homes and farms. When Halloween came to the cities it got out of control. Some American cities considered banning Halloween, but they were afraid of the backlash so they tried to organize it and make it “family-friendly.” After World War II, the candy and costume industry took hold of the holiday and began commercializing it. They did such a good job that today, seventy five years later, most people think of candy and costumes before they think about the sinister history of Halloween.

Isn’t it interesting that our culture has fallen for the oldest trick in the book? It is no surprise because our society wants to make evil good and good evil. Actually, our society would like to stop using such outdated terms. Our society wants to dismiss Christians by saying, “That’s your opinion;” as if it doesn’t matter at all. If we wait long enough our society will give gifts to celebrate good people dying (Revelation 11:10). Just wait and see.

Many Christians will read this and think, “Why did they have to ruin our fun?” “It’s just kids having a good time.” If you take a short step back, you will realize that’s not true. What is fun about witches? What is fun about axe-murderer costumes and kids dressing up as vampires and zombies? “What partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? (2 Corinthians 6:14).

We can have real fun when our goal is to glorify God. So this year free your self from the trick that Halloween is good and stand for the truth of God!!!

Reporting

Evangelist Barbara Cook

Cage Convocation: "Unlocking The Incomparable Word of Truth"



Christian Alliance of God's Elect: Holy Convocation 2022 was amazing! As we like to say, "It was um umm good!" If you came hungry for the truth, you left full and enlightened. Full of power, full of knowledge, and on fire! The glory of the most-high God filled the temple. Beginning September 16th through the 18th we were richly compacted and solidified with the revelation of "The Prophetic Fire."

We are trees planted by the rivers of living water; created to bare fruit of righteousness. Apostle Jeremiah Merritt declared, out of our gut (belly) shall flow rivers... Our gut is a geyser! A rare kind of hot spring that is under pressure and erupts, sending jets of water and streams into the air. Whew! Right there, the Holy Spirit set us ablaze. No longer will we praise out of desperation but because our soul desires God alone. Mark September 16th on your calendar; on that night we buried some stuff. We put an end to our PAST! From the theme: "The Key of David;" Apostle Merritt spoke out of Isaiah 40:2 & Isaiah 22:20-25. Our warfare is accomplishment! What we're fighting now is prophesying to what we will do later. What are you fighting now? He admonished us to get free from sin and iniquities. Wash off the avon! Take the grave clothes OFF! We have the authority to open heaven's gate and close hell's gate. In closing, to obtain the key of David Apostle demonstrated a nail being fastened, anchored by a hammer (God's Word). We must not run from the pressure; it's anchoring us to be able to hold the weight of God's glory. Pressured for promises, power and a plan is our portion!

On September 17th Bishop Terry McZeke taught from the subject: "Reconstruction, it begins with me." In this lesson he dissected the office of the prophet versus the gift of prophecy. Beginning in Amos 3:7 ...God reveals his secret unto his servants the prophets. Numbers 12:6, answers one way in which God communicates his will. If there be a prophet among us the Lord will make himself known unto him by visions and dreams. Bishop McZeke informed us on the sole purpose of the gift of prophecy. Its purpose is for edifying, encouraging, and comforting the body of Christ. In addition, Bishop Levern McKenny taught from the subject: "Ministry of the Prophet." In the book of Ephesians 4, Bishop McKenny expounded upon how we all are one in the body of Christ. As sons of God, we all should be led by the Spirit of God, not led by prophets or prophetess. It's not enough to have the gifts and not the character of Christ to go along with it. Being a prophet is a serious position appointed by God only. Laughter is good medicine to the soul; let the church say, "Amen!"

In closing on September 18th Minister Quintin Jones II, informed us of the importance of pulling maintenance on our relationship with God. What has caused us to lose our position in God? How is it that our fire for God has dwindled? There was a time we once had the desire to fast, pray, and to meditate in the word of God. It's not enough to just preach, sing, and shout without the anointing; leaving the house of God bound and not getting free. Minister Jones

CAGE Convocation Continued

exclaimed, "It's gonna take the anointing to destroy these yokes"! Another problem in the body of Christ is the lack of spiritual discernment, being too busy, and the spirit of compromise. God is looking for someone who will stand for righteousness. Now is the hour that we must get in alignment with the will and the power of God. This message was preached out of Acts 2:16-17 and Isaiah 6:1-7. Minister Jones preached and proclaimed from the title, "Get in position; Lord send your FIRE"! This is the hour of the outpouring.

May God continue to pour out His anointing and favor upon our visionary Bishop Michael Cook, The CAGE pastors and leaders.

Words from individuals who partook in the fellowship.

"I would like to say that I really enjoyed the fellowship. It was very refreshing and encouraging. I'm looking forward to 2023..." -Pastor Charles Wright

"I wasn't feeling my best, but I came anyway. I'm grateful for the word that was spoken into my life. I receive the word! Prince also enjoyed himself with the youth." Sis Liz George

NGT Reporter: Ke' Aira Primes



Bishop's Corner

God Bless You all,

As we Venture into this new season of worship, Let's take time to examine what worship is. Deut.34:14 "Thou shalt worship no other god, For The Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a Jealous God." This worship means to submit oneself, to be careful what or who you're submitting to; Job, Political Views, Money; even sex or lust. Let Jesus Christ be Lord of all. Our God is jealous; very possessive of what is his, when its being devoted to someone or something else.

God Bless you all

Bishop M Cook