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Welcome back to our Newsletter!

Praise the Lord Saints! This is the return of our newsletter in many years. Check out the content throughout. We are sure that you will find nothing but encouragement, inspiration and blessings all the way around. This is our goal and purpose to our readers.

This new year finds us here at The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith steadily marching on fighting the good fight of faith and proclaiming the

victory in Jesus' name
As our pastor, Bishop V. Bush has taught us for many years, we should all put on the whole armor of God. This is the only way



that we can stand in these last and evil days. So come on now everyone, do not forget your helmet of salvation, your

breastplate of righteousness, your shield of faith, the sword of the spirit, the belt of truth and remember to have your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

Though the battle has not always been easy, we are assured and comforted in knowing that the battle is not ours, but it is indeed the Lord's. We serve a mighty and loving God. So let us continue to keep our heads up high.

Oh Yes! We have the victory!

A Single Path to Righteousness

There is only one way to salvation.

*Have you found it today?
The broad way many have chosen.
Are you in the narrow way?
Quick, seek out the path,
That leads to eternal life.
If you follow the path of Jesus,
You will be sure to have traveled right.*

ONE WAY



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Scripture Reading

Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.
Psalm 36:5

Words from the Pastor All That Believed Were Together

By Bishop V. Bush



Greetings everyone. We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We thank God for the blessings that he has bestowed upon us. We know that The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith has the truth about everything. In Matthew 28:19, the scripture says, *“Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost...”* So it does not matter what your mind is about this gospel, God is the one that sent it out. This is what God said to the church. This is what is to be believed, obeyed and practiced. No matter where you go in the world, this is what should be taught. Whether you obey it or not, it is on your account.

Now all of those that are in the will of God, they are continuing with The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing can happen that you would leave the church and go out and start another church and be right.



There is no scripture to justify that. The bible says in Acts 2:44 *“And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 46And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 47Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”* This is written for our learning.

The bible says that many false prophets shall arise and many false spirits shall arise and false Christs and shall deceive many. When they got the Holy Ghost and lined up with what Peter taught in Acts the 2nd chapter starting at the 36th verse, they continued together in the church. This got written in the scripture so when the next generation comes on, we know how to take people into the church. You cannot be added any other way. You cannot come in and leave out and think you are still in the church. That is not the right thing to do. Whoever that is that left out of the church and went and started another one, you do not have

any scripture on that. We do not have scripture where someone left the church and was right. We have scripture where those that came against the church were wrong. Barnabas came in, and he and Paul were together. And Barnabas decided that something was wrong with Paul and he left and went as far as Cyprus and that was the end of him. But we kept on hearing from Paul.

So I say to every one of you that was baptized in the name of

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Jesus Christ and say that you are filled with the Holy Ghost, you have to continue with The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the only church there is. The

scripture does not justify another one.

Again the scripture states in Matthew 24:14 *“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.”* You cannot think that you can ignore this gospel and get away. That is impossible. So that is where it is today. You have to stay with The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. No matter how well one can speak or explain the scripture, if they are not one hundred percent with The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, then it is all in vain.

Words of Encouragement

By Bro. Gordon Turner - Dallas, TX

Praise the Lord to all the saints of God. We are thankful to hear that you all are continuing for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints. And thank God for the man of God, Bishop Bush whom God raised up in these last and evil days. He is preaching the word of God as according to 2 Timothy 2:2 *"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine."* And also Ephesians 4:14 *"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;"* I'm glad to let all of the saints of God know that we are doing the same thing in Dallas, TX. We are fighting the good fight of

faith and continuing in prayer one for another. We are having love one for another and being strong one for another because we are the children of God. We are the model for the world. The world has to pattern after us and not the saints after the world. We are living epistles read of all men. We thank God for Bishop Bush for humbling himself to let God use Him to speak the words of God by the Holy Ghost. Peace be saints.



To the saints of Olive Branch, MS



Praise the Lord and a shout out greeting to the saints of Olive Branch, MS! We thank the Lord for Minister Nelson, Deacon Nelson and the saints there continuing to hold on and shining the light in the Memphis, TN area. We always enjoy being in your presence and enjoy the words of encouragement when we visit. We look forward to being with all of you again real soon to lift up our voices together in praise magnifying the Lord. Keep on keeping on and may the Lord continue to bless and strengthen you.

Now Israel May Say

Now Israel may say, and that in truth,
If that the Lord had not our right maintained,
If that the Lord had not with us remained,
When cruel men against us rose to strive,
We surely had been swallowed up alive.

Yea, when their wrath against us fiercely rose,
The swelling tide had o'er us spread its wave,
The raging stream had then become our grave,
The surging flood, in proudly swelling roll,
Most surely then had overwhelmed our soul.

Blest be the Lord, Who made us not their prey;
As from the snare a bird escapeth free,
Their net is rent and so escaped are we;
Our only help is in God's holy Name,
Who made the earth and all the heavenly frame.

-Anonymous

My Old Bible

Though the cover is worn,
And the pages are torn,
And though places bear traces of tears,
Yet more precious than gold
Is this Book worn and old,
That can shatter and scatter my fears.

This old Book is my guide,
'Tis a friend by my side,
It will lighten and brighten my way;
And each promise I find
Soothes and gladdens the mind,
As I read it and heed it each day.

To this Book I will cling,
Of its worth I will sing,
Though great losses and crosses be mine;
For I cannot despair,
Though surrounded by care,
While possessing this blessing Divine.

- Anonymous

While There Is Still Time

How so very precious our time is
here on this earth. The Lord has
allotted us only so much and we do



not know when our last day will be. Each day that passes
by is one gone forever and pushes us one day closer to
eternity. How careful and vigilant we must be of our souls
given that there is only one chance at life to make it right
with the Lord. Prudent is that one who takes caution and
prepare while there is time. Make a living sacrifice today
and put your all on the altar. Why wait until there is no
time left and then spend unending time in torment. Save
your precious soul today. After all when we have done all
that we can and when we lay down this old fleshly
temple, our precious soul will be the only possession that
we will have left. Would it not make sense then to
prepare for life eternal? Obey the gospel of our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ while there is still time.

The darker it is,
the greater the need
for the light.

Are you letting yours
shine today ?

Featured Testimonies



*Sis. Cathy Hunt of
Lufkin, TX writes:*

To Bishop Bush:

Praise the Lord and holy greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank God for the whole truth and you. You are such an inspiration in my life now. In 1997, I received The gift of the Holy Ghost while visiting my father at the hospital. Me and some of my

family members were praying and the power of the Holy Ghost came upon me like a rushing mighty wind. My mouth got loose and I began to speak in tongues as the spirit of God gave utterance. My whole body was on fire and I shouted for joy in the room. Thank you Jesus Hallelujah!

After my father passed, who was the pastor of The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ in Lufkin, TX, I felt like a lost sheep without a shepherd. But later I realized that God said He would never forsake me or never leave Himself without a witness. A few years passed and one day I got a phone call. I was told that you were coming to Lufkin, TX to preach the word of God. So me and

another sister came to hear what the spirit had to say to the people. Later others began to come out to the services and witness to the truth. I thank the Lord for all of the saints of God that are believing this one and only plan of salvation.

God Bless you Bishop Bush and may God give you long life.

*Sis. Barbara Hurts of
Lufkin, TX writes:*

Holy greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I want to thank the Lord my Savior Jesus Christ for everything that He has done for me. I want to give double honor to Bishop V. Bush for coming into our lives and preaching the one and only plan of salvation. I thank the Lord for Bishop because he has been

a blessing for us. Without him preaching the truth, I don't know where I would be right now. So I want to thank the Lord for him. And I also want to thank the Lord for the saints and their encouragement. The testimonies the saints told me of receiving the Holy Ghost encouraged me to try harder



and to go on a fast for as long as it took. The good Lord came into my house December 17, 2009 and filled me with the precious gift of the Holy Ghost speaking in tongues as the spirit gave utterance. And I thank the Lord I can now say that I am not lost. Thank God.

**COMMEMORATION OF OUR
45TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
(November 26th – 29th, 2009)**

We are thankful for the 45th anniversary of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith that took place here in the City of Dallas, Texas. The establishment of this church here in Dallas, Texas has its beginning dating back to 1964. It was Brother Bush then, who gathered the saints together to worship the Lord in spirit and truth here in Dallas. The first location in Dallas was located on Second Avenue. Afterwards, the church was relocated on 1519 Second Avenue, still in Dallas. The saints of God stayed there until they were forced to move by the City of Dallas to make room for Fair Park. We tried to get assistance from 22nd and Bainbridge Streets, where at that time the church headquarters was located, but to no avail. Time was running out and we needed a church building. So we were fortunate with the help of God that we were able to purchase this building which we are in now. We have been here since 1978. Many have been baptized and many have claimed the gift of the Holy Ghost. Also many have gotten tired of this spiritual journey. Many have said that God is dealing with them and have thought to move on and build their own empire – not giving heed to what the scripture say (all that believe was together). There are some who come in trying to bring their own damnable doctrine, trying to pollute the true gospel of Jesus Christ. We are proud to say that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church of God – for we here at Dallas are standing on a true firm foundation whose builder and maker is God. We can say to those who have gone out and started their own thing that except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain.

We are grateful for our pastor, Bishop V. Bush. Through his teachings many scriptures have been opened up rightly dividing the word of God. May the Lord bless him and that he may continue to fight his enemies on every side. To the Saints who truly believe in this Church we must continue to fight. Fight, fight. The victory is not ours until the battle is won. God didn't bring us this far to leave us. We have come this far by faith, so let us all stand up together and work until the job is done. Surely, we will win, because we have the master on our side. And that master is Jesus Christ. If we labor and don't get tired and weary and continue to press on through all of our trials, rest assured that there will soon come a day when we all will cease from our labor, and God will reward us with a crown,

“God didn't bring us this far to leave us. We have come this far by faith, so let us all stand up together and work until the job is done. Surely, we will win because we have the master on our side.”

FIGHT ON MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, FIGHT ON!

Thank the Lord for the two souls that were baptized during this service. (Sis. Yolanda Porter and Sis. Scholanda Murphy. We also are praying for those that are seeking for the Holy Ghost that you will be filled soon.

Featured Testimonies

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*Testimony by:
Sis. Yolanda Porter*

Praise the Lord Saints. I'm Sis. Porter from The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith in Lufkin, TX.

This is my testimony:

When God came into my home on Dec. 17, 2009, He blessed me with the gift of the Holy Ghost. On that day, I received a phone call from my Dad saying that Sis. Barbara

had received the gift of the Holy Ghost. When I heard those uplifting words that is when I got down on my knees and called on the Lord to help me and save me. I did this for about 20 minutes but nothing happened. So I got up and read my bible for a little while and I



said to myself, I need to call on the Lord one more time before my kids awake. So I went to wash my face and to anoint my head with oil. I got back down on my knees and asked the Lord to help me and save me and I was calling and shouting out His name and saying "Save me, save me, please save me

Jesus." I began to speak in tongues. That is when I knew that the Holy Ghost had a hold of my tongue. That Thursday I testified in church saying that I received the gift of the Holy Ghost. I wanted to be persuaded in my own mind, and so I asked God to bring it back up on me again and He did. God is real. All you have to do is open up your heard and He will come in to your life like He did my life. Amen.



*Sis. Gertie Anderson of
Dallas, TX
Women Supervisor*

We thank the Lord for Sis. Gertie Anderson and for her support she willing gives to the church. She has been a faithful member for over 50 years. As she often testifies, "I have been running for Jesus for a long time, and saints I am not tired yet." Keep running and pressing your way. May God continue to bless and keep you!

Know the Truth

There are some who are teaching that there is a "Five-fold ministry" in the church. The scripture that is being used to justify this is Ephesians 4:11-12 *"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹²For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:"*



- Q. Is there such a thing as a "Five-fold ministry" as some are teaching?**
- R. There is no such thing as a "Five-fold ministry" in the church. If you read the scripture in 1 Corinthians 12:28 *"And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."* The bible states that he put in the church first apostles. It is the role of the apostles to then set up these offices as to be carried out within the church. The scripture (Ephesians 4:11) does not mean that the ministry is to be structured in a "five-fold" style in order for it to be legit.**

Read How Blessed We Are...

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Matthew 5:3-12

God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me,
 On Thy grace I rest my plea;
 Plenteous in compassion Thou,
 Blot out my transgressions now;
 Wash me, make me pure within,
 Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess,
 Grief and guilt my soul oppress;
 I have sinned against Thy grace
 And provoked Thee to Thy face;
 I confess Thy judgment just,
 Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin;
 Thou desirest truth within.
 Thou alone my Savior art,
 Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
 Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
 Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust
 By Thy wrath and judgment just,
 Let my contrite heart rejoice
 And in gladness hear Thy voice;
 From my sins O hide Thy face,
 Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,
 Make my spirit right and true;
 Cast me not away from Thee,
 Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
 Thy salvation's joy impart,
 Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me
 And return, O God, to Thee;
 Savior, all my guilt remove,
 And my tongue shall sing Thy love;
 Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
 And my mouth shall praise accord.

Bible Facts – Did You Know?

- Methuselah was the oldest person mentioned in the bible. He lived for 969 years. Genesis 5:27
 - David was the great grandson of Boaz and Ruth. Ruth 4:21-22
 - Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law. Mark 1:30-31
 - Sarah was Abraham's wife and also his half-sister. Genesis 20:12
 - There were two sets of brothers that were apostles. Peter and Andrew, James the son of Zebedee, and John. Matthew 10:2
 - Enoch and Elijah were two men in the bible that did not die, but were taken up by God. Genesis 5:24, 2 Kings 2:11
 - Two of King David's sons revolted to be king while he yet reigned. They were Absalom and Adonijah. 2 Samuel 15, 1 Kings 1:5
 - 40 marked several significant events in the bible. Some of them are:
 - It rained for 40 days and 40 nights. Genesis 7:4
 - Moses was on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights. Exodus 24:18
 - The Israelites wandered 40 years in the wilderness. Numbers 14:33
 - Jonah warned Nineveh that the city would be overthrown in 40 days. Jonah 3:4
 - Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days. Matthew 4:2
 - Jesus was seen by the apostles for 40 days after He rose from the dead. Acts 1:3
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Announcements

- If you would like CDs of the services, let us know. CDs are \$5.00 each.
- If you would like VHS or DVDs of our main events, the VHS tapes are \$10.00 and the DVDs are \$15.00 each.
- Check out the weekly broadcast online every Saturday at 1:30PM CT and 4:30Pm CT. See the website home page for more information.
- Join us each Sunday at 10:00AM for Bible Study. We are currently studying from the book of Psalm.

The Power of Prayer



Every day at 12 noon the saints are asked to go in prayer. We know that when we all are praying and on one accord, heaven will be in motion. Through prayer God will strengthen us and will gladly supply all of our needs.

Please help us in continuing to promote this newsletter by offering your suggestions and feedback. Submit any inquiries and information that you may have to Bro. Gordon Turner (g.turner21@yahoo.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

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Calendar of Events



SUNDAY, MAY 9th ANNUAL SISTERS' DAY

- Program starts at 12:00 noon.

WEEK OF JUNE 21st - JUNE 27th ANNUAL APOSTOLIC YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETING

- Services begin nightly at 7:30PM
and 11:00AM Sunday
- Friday the 25th (Youth Program)
- Saturday the 26th (Adult Program)

WEEK OF AUGUST 9th - 15th ANNUAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP MEETING

- Services begin nightly at 7:30PM
and 10:00AM Sunday
- Friday the 13th (Youth Program)
- Saturday the 14th (Adult Program)

NOVEMBER 25th - 28th 46th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

- Services begin nightly at 7:30PM
and Sunday at 10:00AM
- Friday the 26th (Youth Program)
- Saturday the 27th (Adult Program)