

Overseer's Desk



For this Church, Easter is not just a time for us to go through formalities and act religious. It is not just another holiday giving us the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. But for us this is the most sacred of Christian holidays.

This is the crux of our teaching. It is the central message of the Christian faith. This is our hope! Upon this we pledge our faith. We solemnly believe according to the scriptures that Jesus died, was buried and rose again – 1 Cor. 15:1-4. Yes He arose! He is Risen! This is the capstone of our gospel. This is the apex of our message – the resurrection of our Lord and Savior and the hope it brings!

He is risen to ensure our complete redemption. He is risen to ensure the continuation of world events – Rev. 5:1-10. He is risen! Thank God He is alive to fulfill all the promises He made to the church.

As we solemnly reflect on Him and all He has effected for us in His redemptive work, may we as His covenant people seize the occasion to most reverently worship Him like never before. We celebrate most enthusiastically and with great vigor. Blessings!

New Church – Far Rockaway

What a brilliant way to begin the month! After much prayer, hard work and evangelistic outreach, the day finally arrived for the organization of the mission at Far Rockaway, NY into a local church. It happened on March 1st, - on this day the Regional Overseer, Bishop Greenaway added 22 individuals to the church by covenant and indeed what a time of rejoicing and praise-giving.

We were blessed to have some of the pastors from the District in attendance along with the District Overseer Bishop Carlton and Lady Chambers. Pastor Ashmeade and the saints must be commended for their tireless efforts to bring this mission to this point.

We congratulate them and wish them every success as they move only forward. We declare to God be the glory, great things He has done and continues to do for us daily.

Long Island & Queens District Convention

As the Saints gathered on March 7th – 9th at the Saint Albans Church, it was soon obvious that



this was not going to be just another religious gathering of the saints. The reality was heaven came down and glory filled our souls. What anointed singing, preaching, praying and worship. The atmosphere was charged with the presence of the Lord as the saints came in with great excitement and anticipation. One of the highlights was the youths and children's program culminating with a dynamic word from our recently appointed Regional director John Lee, Jr.

We were also blessed and challenged with a powerful word from our District Overseer Bishop Carlton Chambers. The Convention met under this timely theme of "Spiritual Renewal." It was an honor also to have our newly appointed Regional Overseer and first Lady in attendance for the entire weekend. We are grateful for the Lord visiting this our first convention of the season in such a dynamic way. We see this indeed as a foreshadowing of great things for this Region.

Jerusalem Avenue –

A cause to Rejoice!

To God be the Glory –
Great things He has
Done and continues
To do for the faithful



saints at Jerusalem Avenue! It was our distinct honor to visit, worship and celebrate with the saints at Jerusalem Avenue on March 8th in their brand new, God-given, God blessed sanctuary. The service was most uplifting and inspirational. Sitting there in the sanctuary automatically causes the individual to reflect on God's goodness to us His covenant people. You are compelled to sing with conviction – Great is Thy Faithfulness!

With great liberty the word went forth and was indeed well received. We salute Bishop Chambers and all the saints there for their hard work and diligent service!

Regional Men's Conference – March 21st – “Unlocking Your Destiny!”

Was a phenomenal blessing and success as approximately 150 gathered from all around the Northeast Region for a day of refocusing, refueling and recharging. In spite of the snow that came down relentlessly the night before the men still came with their cups upturned and their spirits lifted, determined to be blessed and inspired and they were not disappointed. From the first session to the last it was obvious that the presenters had done their homework and that much effort and thought went into the planning and execution of this event. Minister Cassell began the day with an enlightening class on “Arrows of Victory” and the morning session ended with a timely message by the Regional Overseer, taken from Acts 10. Having Dr. Carlton Barnswell in the house, added much flavor to the occasion. His presentation was well received and most informative. Minister Herchel Blackwood and staff ought to be commended for a job well done! Blessings on our Mens' Ministries!

Cathedral of Higher Praise

Continues to march forward! As we walked in we could sense the good presence of the Lord and excitement of the saints. How terrific it was just to be with Pastor Boone and the saints at New Haven on March 22nd. Undoubtedly, the word was well received and there was such a atmosphere of refreshing and outpouring of spiritual blessings as the people of God reached out and sought after Him in the altar service.

Thank God for the work of His Spirit in these parts. May greater works be done in this church and community to the glory of God and advancement of His cause. Let us continue to pray for an even greater harvest here. Blessings limitless upon Pastor and Lady Boone and the saints here!

FINANCIAL BREAKTHROUGH!

Please join us in prayer for a real financial breakthrough for this Region. We cannot begin to express the many urgent needs that are staring us in the face. Presently our local church at **Springfield** is in dire need of a new roof. On May 2nd – a benefit concert will be held in aid of this project during the District Convention.

Life Worship Center is in dire need of a financial miracle. We request not only your prayerful support but should you be led to respond tangibly - Please send any contributions to the Regional office made payable to the church of God of Prophecy. We are believing the Almighty for miracles. Help us Pray! Please give as the Lord inspires cheerful giving.

"Friendship Evangelism Months" (April/May).

We want to remind our local churches to participate in this evangelistic effort. The goal is to share our faith through "friendship evangelism" in the months of April/May. The forms (adult and youth) will help us to log how many people we engaged in relationship, built relationship with and how many we won to Christ. The most important goal is to impact people, by being friendly. Please make the necessary copies and make it available in your local church. Our hope is to recognize the local church who has recorded the most in each category. Forms are also available at www.cogopner.org.

Northeast Regional Convention

Theme:

Thursday July 16th - 7:00 pm

Friday, July 17th -

9:00am – 10:00 pm

Saturday, July 18th

9:00am – 1:00 pm



Grace Fellowship Church

20 Delatour Road #1, Watervliet, NY 12189

Get your Tickets NOW!!!

Mission Breakfast – 7:00 – 9:00 am

Theme: “Transformational Breakthrough through Prayer”

Saturday, July 18th - THE DESMOND HOTEL

660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211

Tickets are available – visit www.cogopner.org.

ROOMS ARE FILLING UP QUICKLY –

DON'T DELAY BOOK TODAY!

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COMING SOON



Gordon Conwell Rally – April 22nd

Saint Albans Church – 7:00 pm

SOPAS – May 18th – 22nd

Jerusalem Avenue Church

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