

# Koinonia Messenger



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## From the Bishop's Desk



Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ:

It's that time of year again as we prepare to come together in worship for our annual Koinonia Jurisdiction Holy Convocation. This year's theme is "The Power of Oneness," and our theme Scripture is one that is familiar to many of us, Acts 2:1-4:

*"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."*

I encourage you to join us for five power-packed nights of prayer, worship, teaching and life-changing ministry from October 9 through October 13:

**Wednesday, October 9**  
Mt. Airy COGIC

**Thursday, October 10**

Miracle Temple COGIC

Speakers: Evangelist Vicki Todd & Pastor Luther Chambers  
6 p.m. Prayer, 7 p.m. Lecture, 8 p.m. Worship Service

**Friday, October 11**

St. James Chapel COGIC

Speakers: Evangelist Charnee Washington & Pastor Wade Duncan  
6 p.m. Prayer, 7 p.m. Lecture, 8 p.m. Worship Service

**Saturday, October 12, 10:00 a.m. (Women's Day)**

Mt. Airy Church of God in Christ

Speaker: Archbishop Mary Floyd Palmer

**Sunday, October 13, 3:00 p.m. (Official Day)**

Mt. Airy Church of God in Christ

Speaker: Bishop Ernest C. Morris, Sr.

Invite a coworker, a neighbor or a friend because this year's Holy Convocation is surely one you don't want to miss.

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In His Service,  
*Bishop Ernest C. Morris, Sr.*  
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# Greetings From Mother Myrick



Dear Daughters:

As a mother, my desire is to help people. If I see someone heading in the wrong direction, I want to stop them. However, I have learned that it's not always the Lord's will for me to intervene in people's lives because I could be getting in God's way.

Have you ever jumped in to help someone only to discover that your intervention did no good and may even have prolonged the difficult situation? Knowing whether or not to intervene isn't always a clear cut choice. As Christians aren't we called to bear each other's burdens, help those in need, and show compassion and kindness? Yes we are but we must also abide by God's will.

Since God is the only one who knows each person and situation fully, He alone knows the best way to help someone in need. That's why we should always seek to align our actions with His ways. To do so, we must read and follow His Word in order to discover His will.

The story in Matthew 16:21-26 is a prime example as Jesus told His disciples that He would suffer and die. Verses 22-23 says, "Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, 'Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!' But He turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.'"

Peter was trying to do what he thought was best but instead was going against God's will. Sometimes we are guilty of the same thing—our motives are not as selfless as we'd like to think. That's why it's important for us to seek the Lord to purify our motives and guide our steps so that we can do His will and not stand in His way.

With love,

*Mother Emily Myrick*

Supervisor, Department of Women

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## Jurisdiction Calendar

- Every Wednesday 7:00am-7:15am—Conference Call Prayer (1-641-715-0861 Access Code: 1045587#)
- 1st Saturday of Every Month—Jurisdictional First Saturday Meeting
- October 9-13, 2019—Koinonia Jurisdiction Convocation

## National Calendar

- November 4-12, 2019—112th Holy Convocation in St. Louis, MO

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# Jurisdictional Spotlight

In this issue we are highlighting the Pastor and First Lady Chambers of Voice of Deliverance Worship Center.



Pastor Luther M. Chambers Sr. is a native of Panama but it was while living in Texas that he initially received the call to ministry. After migrating to Philadelphia, he joined Mt. Airy Church of God in Christ, under the leadership of our prelate Bishop Ernest C. Morris, Sr. It was there that he served and grew in various capacities of ministry.

Continuing to heed God's call, he eventually went on to found Voice of Deliverance Worship Center. Under the leadership of Pastor and First Lady Chambers, the tight-knit congregation is committed to doing the work of the Lord and sharing the message of Christ with as many people as possible.

The church has grown to be a bright light in the local community. It's a place where people from all walks of life have come to find love, hope, healing and deliverance in Christ.

Among the church's many outreach efforts throughout the years include "give-a-way" days, where the congregation has gathered contributions of donated clothing and household items to be given away to community members at no cost. In addition, the church has extended its reach to support missions in countries including Panama, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

For more than 30 years and counting, Voice of Deliverance has been a church committed to the good work of the Kingdom. We praise God for all that He has done and will continue to do through this wonderful ministry.

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## Local Church Directory & Weekly Schedule

### **Better Life Ministries COGIC**

Pastor: Dr. Warren D. Wilcox, II  
1 West Wayne Terrace  
Collingswood, NJ 08108  
321BetterLife@gmail.com  
Facebook: @BetterLifeMinistries  
Sunday Service 8:00 a.m.



### **Church of God by Faith**

Pastor: Joyce Ladson  
6500 Wister Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19138  
Sunday School 11:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service 12:15 p.m.



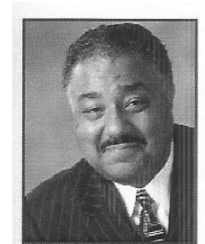
### **Cathedral of Praise COGIC**

Pastor: Stephen Banks  
263 South 60th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19139  
KHFCOGIC@aol.com  
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.  
Thursday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



### **Courtney Temple COGIC**

Pastor: Supt. Esau Courtney Jr.  
740 Pennington Avenue  
Trenton, NJ 08618  
609-278-9550  
Sunday Prayer 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Service 12:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Prayer 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
Friday Praise Night 7:30 p.m.



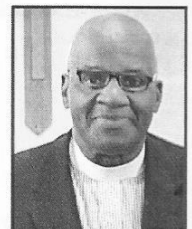
### **Christian Tabernacle Church of Philadelphia**

Pastor: J. Christopher Barmore  
Supt. R.T. Jones, Jr.  
\*Services currently being held:  
1000 Oak Lane  
Philadelphia, PA 19126  
Christiantabernacleofpa@gmail.com  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.



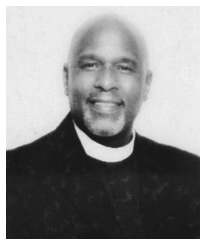
### **Faith Chapel COGIC**

Pastor: C. Wayne Baxter  
1212 Edgemont Road  
Harrisburg, PA 17109  
717-233-4247  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Service 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Prayer 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



**Faith Works COGIC**

Pastor: George E. Rush  
 1525 Washburn Street  
 Scranton, PA 18504  
 570-955-0088  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Service: 11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.  
 Friday Night Prayer & Joy Service: 6:00 p.m.

**Malachi COGIC**

Pastor: Supt. Anthony H. Lindsay, Sr.  
 5209-11 Master Street  
 Philadelphia, PA 19131  
 215-878-1115  
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Service 11:45 a.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study 7:00p.m.

**First Love COGIC**

Pastor: Manu Omawale

**Miracle Temple COGIC**

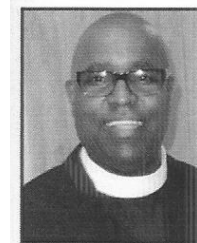
Pastor: Mother Emily Myrick  
 1409 East Main Street  
 Millville, NJ 08332  
 856-825-5508  
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Service 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00p.m.

**House of Judah COGIC**

Pastor: Philip Reid  
 4446 Frankford Avenue  
 Philadelphia, PA 19124  
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study 6:00 p.m.  
 Conference Call Prayer Wednesday  
 6:30 p.m. & Friday 7:00 a.m.  
 Conference Call #: 515-604-9099  
 Access Code: 226781664#

**Morning Star COGIC**

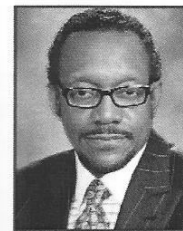
Pastor: Supt. Hezekiah Lampley  
 2326 North 31st Street  
 Philadelphia, PA 19132  
 215-221-5505  
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Service 12:00 p.m.  
 Sunday YPWW & Worship 4:00 p.m.  
 Monday Men's Fellowship & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday Prime Time Children's Program 4:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
 Thursday Praise & Worship 7:30 p.m.  
 Friday Prayer 7:30 p.m.  
 Daily Prayer Conference Call 6:00 a.m.  
 Conference Call #: 1-515-739-1033 Access Code: 427291#

**Kingdom Building Ministries**

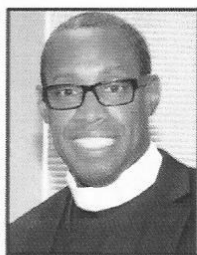
Pastor: Ronald Walker

**Mt. Airy COGIC**

Pastor: Bishop J. Louis Felton  
 6401 Ogontz Avenue  
 Philadelphia, PA 19126  
 www.mtairycogic.com 215-276-2960  
 Sunday Service 7:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship on Wednesday Service 7:00p.m.

**Lighthouse Fellowship COGIC**

Pastor: Overseer Lawrence Matthews  
 1925 Old York Road  
 Abington, PA 19001  
 215-650-3803  
 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday Prayer 6:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**Living Waters Christian Center**

Pastor: Jeffrey Gaskin, M.Div  
 5949-51 Spruce Street  
 Philadelphia, PA 19139  
 Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.  
 Radio Broadcast: Saturdays 12:00 p.m.  
 on 1110 AM Gospel Highway 11  
 Friday Prayer/Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**New Bethel Overflow COGIC**

Pastor: Samuel Pickett  
 3151 West Dakota Street  
 Philadelphia, PA 19132  
 Sunday Service 11:30 a.m.

**New Journey Christian Center COGIC**

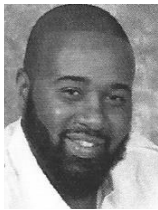
Pastor: Robert Harrison  
 100 West Cheltenham Avenue  
 Philadelphia, PA 19144  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m..  
 Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.





**New Mt. Zion Pentecostal COGIC**

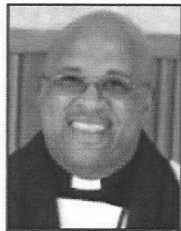
Pastor: Zan Chancy  
 Supt. William Chancy  
 1501 North 20th Street  
 Philadelphia, PA 19121  
 215-235-3820  
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Service 11:30 a.m.  
 Tuesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**(St. James Chapel COGIC schedule continued)**

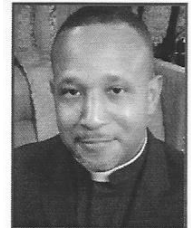
Tuesday Christian Education: 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Women's Prayer Call: 6:15-6:30 p.m.  
 Conference Call # 1-605-475-4810  
 Access Code: 1021464#  
 Friday Night Live Service: 7:00 p.m. (every other Friday)  
 Saturday Men's Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. (2nd & 4th Saturday)

**Oasis Sanctuary**

Pastor: Isaac Davidson  
 900 North 12th Street  
 Reading, PA 19604  
 Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer &  
 Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

**True Covenant Worship Center**

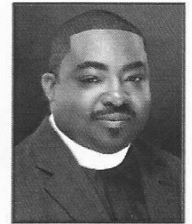
Pastor: Eric Butler  
 4415 Marlton Pike  
 Pennsauken, NJ 08109  
 Sunday School 9:10 a.m.  
 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
 Monday Prayer Call: 7:00 a.m.  
 Conference Call #: 641-715-0608  
 Access Code: 967477  
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**Power Through The Word**

Pastor: Latanya Franklin  
 4256 Paul Street  
 Philadelphia, PA 19124

**True Worship COGIC**

Pastor: Errol Nugent  
 7612 Ogontz Avenue  
 Philadelphia, PA 19150  
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Service/Children's Church 11:00 a.m.  
 Monday Conference Call Prayer 6:00 a.m.  
 Conference Call #: 515-739-1030  
 Access Code: 644-298-826  
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**Resurrected Life Evangelistic Church**

Pastor: Ronald W. Dunston Sr.  
 189 Anderson Avenue  
 Morrisville, PA 19067  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Service: 11:15 a.m.  
 Tuesday Prayer/Bible Study: 7:30 p.m.

**Shekinah Glory Ministries**

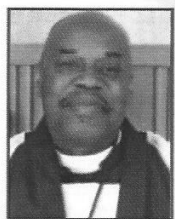
Pastor: Wade Duncan  
 P.O. Box 63  
 Coatesville, PA 19320  
 Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

**Voice of Deliverance Worship Center**

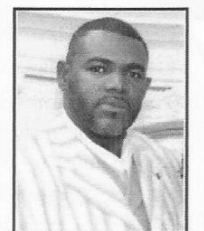
Pastor: Luther Chambers, Sr.  
 6832 Old York Road  
 Philadelphia, PA 19126  
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 p.m.

**St. James Chapel COGIC**

Pastor: Supt. Steven McCracken  
 11 South 9th Street  
 Reading, PA 19601  
 610-375-7537  
 Sunday Breakfast Ministry 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.  
 Monday Prayer: 6:00 p.m.

**Voice of Holiness COGIC**

475 North Burlington Road  
 Bridgeton, NJ 08302  
 Pastor: Hopeton Bartley  
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Service 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
 Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.



# Upcoming Special Events

*Mark your calendars for the following:*



## Christian Tabernacle of Philadelphia

- ⇒ October 6, 2019: Jones Family Founder's Day  
10:30 a.m. speaker: Daughter of the founders Evangelist/Pastor Rachel Jones-Baxter  
3:00 p.m.: Great Granddaughter of the founders Minister Briel Henderson and the Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren of the founders will serve in the worship experience.
- ⇒ October 8, 2019 7:00 p.m.: Bishop Reuben T. Jones, Jr. will be preaching at Starlight Apostolic Church
- ⇒ October 20, 2019: Pastor J. Christopher Barmore's 3rd Pastoral Anniversary  
10:30 a.m. speaker: Pastor Joe Thompson  
4:00 p.m. speaker: Pastor Parham
- ⇒ October 26, 2019 3:00 p.m.: Youth Department's Annual Harvest Fest (Location: TBD)
- ⇒ November 3, 2019 10:30 a.m.: Pastor Carolyn Porter will be our speaker
- ⇒ November 10, 2019 10:30 a.m.: Elder Greg Mitchell will be our speaker
- ⇒ November 17, 2019: Women's Day  
10:30 a.m. speaker: Evangelist Maxine Brockington  
Afternoon service will be at 3:30 p.m.

## Courtney Temple COGIC

- ⇒ October 27, 2019 12:00 p.m.: Church Anniversary/Family & Friend's Day
- ⇒ November 28, 2019 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.: Special One Hour "Thanksgiving Day" Service

## Living Waters Christian Center

- ⇒ October 6, 2019 4:00 p.m.: Ribbon Cutting & Worship Service at new location:  
5949-51 Spruce Street Philadelphia, PA 19139

## Morning Star COGIC

- ⇒ October 24 & 25,, 2019 7:00 p.m-10:00 p.m.: Two Night Prayer Revival

## Mt. Airy COGIC

- ⇒ October 26-December 15, 2019 (Saturday mornings): Future Phenom Pee Wee League  
A developmental basketball program for children ages 5-8. Registration is \$60.  
For more information visit [www.mtairybball.com](http://www.mtairybball.com) or email [mtairycogicbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:mtairycogicbasketball@gmail.com)
- ⇒ October 31, 2019: Family Fall Harvest Festival
- ⇒ November 16, 2019: Annual Community Thanksgiving Lunch
- ⇒ November 24, 2019: Thanksgiving Basket Distribution
- ⇒ November 27, 2019 6:00 p.m.: Thanksgiving Eve Service

## New Journey Christian Center COGIC

- ⇒ November 3, 2019 11:00 a.m.: Worship Service at new location:  
1030 E. Price Street Philadelphia, PA 19138



## A Moment of Meditation

*"What Shape is Your House In?"*

By: Erica Miller



Autumn brings a time of preparation – we prepare for not only a new season, but we also usher in the last quarter of the year. This type of preparation requires reflection and adjustment in order to be ready for what's next. However before we can truly move forward, we must first take time to examine what shape our "house" is in.

House in this sense doesn't mean the roof over our heads but our spiritual house meaning our mind, body and soul. The Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

Constantly maintaining the upkeep of your temple means monitoring what goes in and what goes out. The former part of this notion alludes not only to the importance of healthy foods and exercise but also the people, places and things that we surround ourselves with and let inside our hearts.

The latter part deals with our actions and our words. Our actions should reflect our Christian faith. Our words should be spoken genuinely from the heart, filled with encouragement and love. Psalm 19:14 says "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer." Words themselves are extremely powerful and can either be used as sharp daggers to destroy or as blocks to constructively build.

We would not expect to walk into Buckingham Palace and see stained linens and dirty cutlery. We know a home of this stature requires a certain level of upkeep and the master of the household strives to maintain that. We expect that if something is broken it's quickly fixed. If something gets soiled it's not left lying around but is cleaned. It would be unimaginable for inequities to knowingly be allowed to dwell within such a house.

The same standards should apply to our spiritual house. It doesn't matter if you are young, old, rich or poor, we must all strive to keep our godly temples in the most pristine shape. Our house should internally and externally represent Him. By maintaining the up-keep of God's temple, we will ensure that we are filled with the seeds that will give life. So do not be afraid to reflect and ask yourself: "What shape is my house in?"





# Jurisdictional Highlights

True Worship COGIC celebrated the opening of their new building location on Sunday, September 1, 2019.



International Youth Chairlady Evangelist Joyce Rodgers was the guest speaker for COGIC World Youth Day at Mt. Airy COGIC on Sunday, September 22, 2019.



Supt. Hezekiah Lampley was honored during his Pastoral Anniversary Luncheon on Saturday, September 28, 2019.

