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# The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostles and Prophets Faith Newsletter

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**Service Times:**

**Sundays @ 11:00 AM**  
**Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM**

\*Service begins w/prayer,  
followed by praise &  
testimony, then the Word  
of God is brought forth via  
the King James Version of  
Holy Scripture.

**Monday Night Prayer:**  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month  
7:00 PM -9:00 PM

**Weekdays @ 12:00 Noon**  
Prayer & Meditation  
Wherever you are.

**Giving:**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-8**  
In person

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**Attn:** Pastor Aid Committee

## *From Pastor Butler:*

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

Our motto for January to December 2026 is:

***“HEAL ME, O LORD, AND I SHALL BE HEALED; SAVE ME, AND I SHALL BE  
SAVED: FOR THOU ART MY PRAISE!” (JEREMIAH 17:14 KJV)***

Let us hold on to the Faith as a Church Body seeking the Lord for the salvation of our soul. The Lord has called us to Holiness; therefore, we must remain faithful and obedient to the Word of God as a spiritual family. We must strengthen our foundation and prepare ourselves to meet the Lord. I am grateful to the Lord for sustaining us with determination and a firm stand despite every obstacle we faced this past year, and for what we may face this year.

I extend my thanks to everyone who has served faithfully and with charity these last days. Be strong; the Lord is with you! Thank you for the love and good deeds you have shown to me and to one another. I will express my appreciation to all who have taken the opportunity to serve in our community from the youth to the oldest; your efforts and deep values are appreciated year after year!

The following are **WAYS WE CAN GLORIFY GOD IN THIS UPCOMING NEW YEAR:**

1. Sing worship songs: Sing to the Lord a new song; make a joyful noise unto the Lord!
2. Stay connected to Him through praying and fasting
3. Serve others
4. Share the Gospel of Jesus Christ
5. Fulfill his purpose for your life
6. Pray for yourselves and others

May the Lord Jesus richly bless and keep us in his will. May God be with us all!  
**AMEN!**

*~Pastor John Larry Butler*

# *Jeremiah 17:14*

*“Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;  
save me, and I shall be saved: for Thou art my praise”*



*“Anger is a signal, not a sin.”*

~Anger alerts us that something inside us needs attention. It often reveals areas where healing is incomplete, boundaries are unclear, or expectations have gone unspoken. Scripture reminds us that anger itself is not condemned, but it must be examined.

*“Be angry, and sin not” (Ephesians 4:26, KJV).*

~Anger is an invitation to look inward before reacting outward. It asks us to pause and allow God to search our hearts.

*“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts” (Psalm 139:23, KJV).*

~When we respond in this way, anger becomes a tool for growth rather than destruction. God often uses anger to expose patterns within us that need refinement, such as pride, fear, control, or unresolved pain. Self-control is not weakness. It is spiritual strength developed through surrender.

*“He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city” (Proverbs 16:32, KJV).*

~Anger also teaches us responsibility for our responses. We cannot always control what happens to us, but we can allow God to shape how we respond.

*“Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath” (James 1:19, KJV).*

God meets us in our anger to help us mature, heal, and grow closer to Him. When anger is surrendered, it no longer controls us. It transforms us.

## *Prayer:*

Lord, help me recognize anger as a signal for growth. Show me what needs healing in me and teach me to respond with wisdom, humility, and trust in You. Amen.

# *Sisters of Unity*

## **New Year Greetings, Sisters of Unity,**

I thank the Lord for blessing us to see the year 2026! We are truly grateful for new mercies and thank God for His daily benefits. As we move forward, we will continue to look for greater blessings, allowing the love of God to work in and through us.

As we humble ourselves before the Lord, we look to Him to work miracles and to pour out His blessings among the women—in the church, in our families, and throughout our community. Therefore, as we go from day to day, let us remember to cast all our cares upon the Lord. We will remain watchful, prayerful, and steadfast on the battlefield for the Lord, determined to press through every obstacle.

Let us continue looking unto Jesus Christ, living holy and sanctified lives, and being the daughters God is calling for in these last and perilous days.

## **Looking Ahead – February Sisters of Unity Fellowship at the Temple**

Sisters, I thank the Lord for the Sisters of Unity (SOU) and our 2025 Fellowship. The ideas that were submitted will carry over into 2026. Planning is already a top priority as we prepare, Lord willing, for our first Sisters of Unity Fellowship at the Temple in February.

May peace and blessings continue to follow us and may the love of God abide deeply within our hearts and minds.

Love, Peace and Joy,

*~ Sister Gwendolyn O. Butler*

## **A Poem of Hope, “MY SISTERS I CARE”**

**S**ister, hold on to the promises of God, taking one day at a time!

**I** will be steadfast and unmovable in the Lord.

**S**tay faithful in prayer to save yourselves.

**T**ogether we are successful—so keep trusting in the Lord!

**E**ncouraging one another in the way of holiness, with

**R**eassurance and confidence that by faith we can make this journey.

**S**tay steadfast in the Lord to be saved, no matter what others may do.

## **Sisters of Unity Lunch**

***SAVE THE DATE:***

**Saturday, January 10, 2026 @ 1 pm**

**Sonny's BBQ, Capital Circle (near Sams)**

# *Jeremiah 17:14*

*“Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;  
save me, and I shall be saved: for Thou art my praise”*

*“Thou art my hope...”*

## **Greetings Saints, Family, and Friends,**

Ring in the New Year, 2026! May God ever bless us through this coming year.

The other day I was talking to a group of about 20 students, explaining a new technique they were going to need to use to advance in the class. A few were intently listening, some were talking, daydreaming, scrolling on their phones, and some even left the room and stood in the hallway. I thought, “How will these students be able to successfully complete this course without knowing and understanding this technique? I’m doing my part the best I know how, but most of them aren’t paying attention.”

I imagine that’s just how the prophet Jeremiah felt as he consistently told the people of Judah that God would bring judgement sooner rather than later. Jeremiah’s book records, over 150 times, “Thus saith the LORD.” Jeremiah was hearing from the LORD and giving the people His message, but they were not paying attention. He prayed “Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for Thou art my praise” (Jeremiah 17:14). Jeremiah knew God was watching. He knew the promise of God’s redemption and had hope for his salvation.

*Dear Heavenly Father, You are sovereign over and above all things. As followers of Jesus Christ, we know You are watching. May we listen to our pastors and brothers as they guide, instruct, and help us to walk in Your Way. In Jesus’ Holy Name. Amen.*



# *From Our Youth*

"Stay strong in your mind and keep being smart to make the right decisions! Let your light shine everywhere by being courageous and brave." ~*Brother Jahlani Agama*

## Youth Interview with Special Guest, *Jabriel Agama:*

**Jennifer:** Jabriel, what are some ways that you can show Jesus that you love him?

**Jabriel:** "To pray in your room and repent for everything you did wrong"

**Jennifer:** Jabriel, tell me about a time where you had to trust God.

**Jabriel:** "Okay, when I was doing a test and when I was doing a race.

**Jennifer:** What was the results of you trusting and believing God during your test and race

**Jabriel:** " I made it through both of them and God helped me with it!"

**Jennifer:** That's great sweetie, keep trusting in the Lord and praying, okay!

**Jabriel:** "Yes ma'am."

## Youth Interview with Special Guest, *Jayden Agama:*

**Jennifer:** Jayden, what is something nice you want to tell all the boys at church?

**Jayden:** "Do something more."

**Jennifer:** What do you mean do something more?

**Jayden:** "Do something more like be a preacher!"

**Jennifer:** Jayden what is something that the girls should do for the Lord?

**Jayden:** "Patience and do good!"

**Jennifer:** What song do you want to share with the whole church?

**Jayden:** "Oh Give Thanks Unto the Lord and He is Good!"

**Jennifer:** Is there anybody you want to say hello to at the church?

**Jayden:** "Briyaun, Butterfly, Caleb, and Jahlani my brother!"



# Jeremiah 17:14

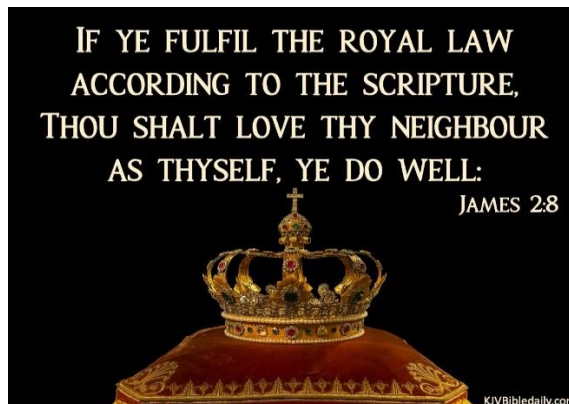
*“Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;  
save me, and I shall be saved: for Thou art my praise”*

## HEAR THE ROYAL LAW

*A Poetic Expression by Sister Jennifer Agama*

Hear ye, hear ye, all kingdoms in the land!  
Hear year, hear ye, there is a royal command!  
Hear ye, hear ye! A royal law arrived!  
Hear ye, hear ye! This royal law we must abide!  
What is it? What is it, the royal law that you speak?  
What is it? What is it, this royal law that we must keep?  
Hear ye, hear ye! Do you want to miss hell?  
Hear ye, hear ye! Do you want to do well?  
Yes, yes, I want to do well!  
Yes, yes, I want to miss hell!  
What is it? What is it, the royal law we must obey?  
What is it? What is it? My soul wants to be saved!  
Hear ye, hear ye, the King of Kings gave it!  
Hear ye, hear ye, James 2, verse 8 says it:  
"If ye fulfil the ROYAL LAW according to the scripture,  
Thou shalt LOVE thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well!"  
Hear ye, hear ye all kingdoms in the land!  
Hear ye, hear ye the royal law is a lovely command!

*~ Inspiration from Sister Harriet Moore ~*



# *Being steadfast in prayer...*

## **Prayer List:**

Pray for all those in our church family who have requested prayer. Pray especially for those who have recently lost loved ones. Pray for the sick and poor among us. Be mindful of those in great need, and be ye always kind.

## **Remember all of our groups:**

Helping Hands, Media, Choir, Youth, and Young Adults, the BOU and SOU and our Fruit of the Spirit teams.

Pray daily as our church grows to reach our community and to show the love of God to so many in need.

## **Daily Scripture Meditation:**

“Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for Thou art my praise”

**Jeremiah 17;14**

## **Prayer and Fasting:**

We invite you to join us weekly in prayer and fasting. The Lord laid on our Pastor’s heart to call for prayer. As we see in these last days there’s an urgent CRY to draw closer to God.

Prayer is more power-filled with fasting.

**Join with us Wednesday & Friday each week**



Keep lifting each other up in prayer and in our daily lives.

*Love is the greatest commandment!!!  
Joy is knowing Jesus and taking refuge in Him!!!*

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## *Reading through the Bible*

*January*

*Genesis  
Exodus*

## *Selected Scripture Readings*

Psalm 15; 27:1, 4-9; 29; 40:1-11; 147:12-20

Isaiah 9:1-4; 42:1-9; 49:1-7

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Micah 6:1-8

Matthew 3:13-17; 4:12-23; 5:1-12

John 1:1-18; 29-42

Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians 1:1-31

Ephesians 1:3-14

*Thank you!!!*

A special thank you to Sister Cheryl Pye for sharing her vision with the SOU to read the Bible in a year. I took a leap of faith, and in doing so, I've learned about scriptures I had never encountered in my 51 years of life. I am forever grateful and continue to look forward to the knowledge I will gain, the testimonies God will allow me to share, and the bonds He will allow me to form along the way.

My Sister in Christ, thank you for your heart, your dedication, and your unwavering drive to do God's will.

To God be ALL the glory! ~ *Sister LaTonya Johnson*

*Join me on the YouVersion Bible App:* <https://bible.com/reading-plans/63058/together/77896063/invitation?token=bioqUirXJSn2nSMgLpEYjA&source=share>

# *A Time to Serve...*

## *Volunteer Opportunities*

Want to volunteer and earn credit toward your Florida Bright Futures Scholarship?

Volunteers are critical to many organization's mission. Opportunities are available in Leon and Wakulla counties for anyone willing to serve with joy in their hearts.

All ages are encouraged. Younger than 18 most often will need to be accompanied by an adult.

<https://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/Government/Departments/Administration/Volunteer-Services>

<https://wcpl.wildernesscoast.org/become-a-volunteer>

## *Outreach Opportunities*

<https://www.capitalareajustice.org>

Stay tuned for additional opportunities...

*“Love the LORD your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength,  
and*

*Love your neighbor as yourself”*

*Mark 12:30-31*