

Northeast Regional NEWSLETTER

2018

Overseer's Desk



We must Prophecy!

In Ezekiel 37 – there is almost an eerie silence that prevails until Divine speech is heard. Divine speech is heard and recorded throughout the passage “And he saith unto me” (v 3,4,9,11). How many of us can say that today?” And he said unto me.” The church today must let Him speak.

It is His speech and doings that make all the difference to this ugly, haunting, harrowing scene of death and overwhelming destruction. Yahweh speaks and that changes everything. The valley is transfigured from a ghastly wasteland to a place of a hope and renewal, as the dry bones respond to the Word of the Lord.

In this passage the initial thesis of despair (v1) is quickly contradicted by a counter thesis of hope as revealed later on in the passage (vv 12-14). Yahweh speaks, and life and hope are reintroduced and embraced.

Like the prophet Ezekiel we speak life over this church, over our communities and this generation. This church speaks life. We prophesy and as we prophesy as He has commanded, the entire landscape will be transformed pulsating with exuberant life! O ye dry bones, hear the Word of the Lord! (v4). For them to hear, we must prophesy.

MARRIED COUPLES' WEEKEND -

Retreat this year was indeed a blast with close to 80 couples in attendance. One of the reasons for this record high attendance was the new partnership that was forged with the Montefiore organization and Northeast Region Family Ministries, which sponsored 29 couples attending the retreat. From the beginning to end the sessions were inspirational, enlightening and motivational, challenging every couple to have marriages that are built to last! Simply put, it was an outstanding weekend getaway for couples at

the Marriott Turnbull hotel. It was a time of spiritual enrichment, fun, fellowship and re-consecration of ourselves to God and to our spouses. Much thanks to our fearless directors Bishop Roger and Lady Senikha Ball for putting together such a well-packed weekend for our couples. Begin planning NOW so as not to miss next year's Married Couples' Weekend Getaway!



Couples Weekend Getaway 2018 - Montefiore Sponsored 29 Couples who will receive a year of support with resources!

District Convention Fires Burn!

QUEENS AND LONG ISLAND – *What a convention! We sang, we prayed, we shouted, we preached but most of all the Almighty was pleased to show up and grace us with His awesome and most phenomenal presence. Our theme for this Convention was “A Right Spirit!” Dr. Michael Frith who served as the keynote speaker Friday and Saturday was indeed on target and truly inspired as he graciously ministered under the anointing. District Overseer Carlton Chambers was spot on, not only with the theme, but as he ministered the Spirit moved. It was truly a blessing to have our Regional Overseer and First Lady visiting with us on the opening night of the convention. Overall what a Spirit-filled event – challenging us to have “the right spirit” as we move only forward for His kingdom.*



Opening Night Ministry of the Word! Queens & Long Island

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BROOKLYN, NY – In each session such a sweet spirit prevailed as the saints simply worshipped and celebrated the presence of “the Holy.”



**Brooklyn
District
Dance
Team**

In fact, many are still reminiscing on the unique theme - “**God’s Church, God’s People, God’s Agenda.**” Guest preachers to the convention were Dr. James Gordon and Dr. Herbert Scott, who inspired of the Spirit spoke the Word with clarity and power. The venue for the first 3 days was Church Avenue, which saw an almost record attendance each session. As usual the convention climaxed at 7 Sutter Avenue on Sunday afternoon where hundreds turned out for the last day of the feast. Blessings on District Overseer, Bishop Carlton Walters and his ministry team for such an awesome convention and time of renewal! The saints left encouraged, refreshed and inspired fully assured that this is God’s Church, we are God’s people and we are on God’s agenda.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIENDSHIP & EVANGELISM MONTH

APRIL & MAY

**April 21st - REGIONAL OVERSEER’S
APPRECIATION – 234 Jerusalem Avenue,**

District Convention

27th – 28th - Capital & Hudson Valley

27th – 29th - Rockland, Westchester

May 4th – FULTON STREET CHURCH

50th Anniversary Banquet

**May 4-6th – Massachusetts District
Convention**

May 6th – 11th – SOPAS III – Bronx,
85 East 165th Street, Bronx, NY

May 14th – 18th – SOPAS NEXT GENERATION

Joy of Ministry - 234 Jerusalem Avenue

Applications available www.cogopner.org

May 20th – PENTECOST SUNDAY

650 Blue Hills Avenue, Hartford, CT

GENERAL OVERSEER, BISHOP SAM CLEMENTS,

GUEST SPEAKER

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

May 23 – 27th – Bronx, Manhattan & Bermuda

JUNE

June 1st & 2nd Western New York

June 9th – CHILDREN’S DAY

June 22nd – 23rd – SOPAS II – 179 Glenway Street,

JULY

17th – SPECIAL SERVICE AT FIELDS OF THE WOODS

18TH – 22ND – 100TH INTERNATIONAL GENERAL

ASSEMBLY,

CHATANOOGA CONVENTION CENTER,

CHATANOOGA, TENNESSEE

AUGUST

5TH – 11TH – Regional Youth Camp (Ages 6-17)

25th – Regional Family & Friends Olympic Day

31st – BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

SEPTEMBER

14th – 16th – Men’s Retreat

OCTOBER

13th – Pastor’s & Leadership Conference

Albany, NY

19th – 21st – Ladies’ Enrichment Weekend

*Pastors – Please be reminded that
All Churches are asked to raise a special
offering in commemoration of the
100th INTERNATIONAL GENERAL
ASSEMBLY*

(OFFERING TO BE SENT IN TO THE REGIONAL OFFICE)