Church Of God In Christ
108th HOLY CONVOCATION
NOVEMBER 2-9, 2015
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
GUIDE
14 PAGES
OF SPECIAL FEATURES
DURING THE CONVOCATION:
PREACHING & TEACHING, COMMUNITY ACTITIVIES, MUSIC, HEALTH, PRAYER, SOUL WINNING, REVIVAL, YOUTH, SACRAMENTS, AND MUCH MUCH MORE.

“Please note this is not a complete list of the 108TH Holy Convocation events and activities. For a complete list please go to www.cogic.org
HIGHLIGHTS

“A Cry At Midnight” All Night Prayer
Monday, November 2-Tuesday, November 3, 2015
Mother Frances Kelly & The International Prayer Team

COGIC St. Louis Community Clean-up
Wednesday, November 4, 2015
To volunteer please email your name, address and cell number to pr@cogic.org

OT Jones Institute
Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday, November 4-5 and 7, 2015

PK Connection
Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday, November 4-5 and 7, 2015

COGIC Health Fair
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, November 4-6, 2015

Urban Initiatives Job Fair
Friday, November 6, 2015 9am-2pm

Women’s & Men’s Day Service
Friday, November 6, 2015

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT
The Late Night Musical Extravaganza
Friday, November 6, 2015
For registration information please go to www.cogic.org

Presiding Bishop’s Forum
Saturday, November 7, 2015 11:00am

Christmas in November
Saturday November 7, 2015 9am-3pm For More Information please contact
Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten & Lady Shirley Wooten

The Presiding Bishop’s “We Care” Banquet
PRESENTED BY COGIC CHARITIES
Saturday, November 8, 2015 3pm
For More Information please contact slaw@cogic.org

Sunday School Session
Sunday Morning November 8, 2015 7am
Morning Gems with COGIC First Lady Mae Lawrence Blake
Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 10am
INTERNATIONAL HOLY CONVOCATION 2015
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.
International Department of Evangelism Schedule

Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.
Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle

For any and all questions pertaining to the

2015 HOLY CONVOCATION

please call the following individuals:

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313-585-5597

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901-282-6967

Dr. T. Marie Brown (Exec. Asst. to the President – St. Louis):
314-494-0016
SCHEDULE

1. 11/11/40
This is the 40 day consecration leading up to and during the Holy Convocation. October 2 – November 10, 2015.

2. Evangelism Booth
Volunteers are needed to man this vital station of information. To volunteer please contact our Executive Secretary, Evang. Charletta Benjamin at 323 733-8300.

3. General Body Meeting
Monday, November 2, 2015 at 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m. at the America’s Center.

4. Women’s Ministries
Dr. Rita Womack will lead the activities regarding the women of God, during the second half of our Bishop L. C. Page School of Evangelism; which takes place during the Bishop O. T. Jones Institute. This year our classes will be combined so all of our workers (male and female) can enjoy this fruitful and dynamic teaching!

5. Revival Fire
Dr. Dorinda Clark-Cole (Assistant Elect Lady) will lead this effort on Wednesday through Friday night, November 4-6. Services will begin immediately following the main evening service.

6. Pre-Con Soul Winning
Wednesday October 28 through Friday October 30, the host area of Evangelism (Saint Louis, MO and East St. Louis, IL) will lead this effort of reaching 15,000 homes before the Holy Convocation begins.

7. Jail Ministry
Evangelist Anita Dixon will lead us into the jails on Tuesday through Thursday of the Convocation. Evangelist Dixon needs volunteers ASAP. Please call her at 443-515-1148.

8. YMCA Ministry
Opportunities will be provided to minister to the community on Wednesday, November 4, 2015. Please call Evangelist Yvonne Martin at 314-705-0500 for the opportunity to minister to the seniors of the community.
The International Sunday School Department (ISSD) of the Church of God in Christ has a strong and rich history. We stand on the shoulders of great men and women who pioneered this work, traveling and building Sunday School departments in every state. Sunday School, the reaching, teaching, training and nurturing arm of the church is experiencing a “New Day, New Season and New Department!”

We’re living in a day where the church must remain current and relevant! Our visionary leader, Bishop Alton Gatlin, has developed a team that is taking this department to unparalleled heights! Supervisor Vanessa Gatlin works closely with our president and department.

Serving in Bishop’s Cabinet are International Field Representative Cleolia Penix, 1st Vice President Rodney Atkins, 2nd Vice President Darrak Scurles, 3rd Vice President Althea Sims, Assistant International Field Representative Charla Johnson and Chairman Wilfred Brown. Managing the day-to-day operations is Executive Secretary/Director of Finance, Waynell Henson.

An excerpt from “The Sunday School World Volume 1” published in 1956 states: “A well-planned, carefully executed, long range training program is a proven method of building a successful Sunday School...Trained teachers are important. They are more successful. They do a better job.”

To that end, the ISSD Sunday School University exists with 9 robust directorships, providing answers to growth, structure and administration issues that will catapult your Sunday School to the next level! Courses from this curriculum are also offered during the O.T. Jones Institute in St. Louis.

ISSD ministries birthed under Bishop Gatlin’s leadership include Love Alive Campus Ministry (Pastor
A.L. Shaw, Scripture Levite Ministry (Pastor Tony Simmons), and the Disability Ministry and Day Camp (Superintendent Eddie Miller and Evangelist Nancy Jones).

A partnership was formed with Joni and Friends International to match resources and provide assistance to churches desiring to become handicap accessible and provide training for meeting the needs of the disabled.

Our new face includes an unprecedented branding and social media presence that has catapulted the ministry of Sunday School onto the fingertips of our church on various platforms.

ISSD contributors are writing “Quarterly Commentaries” and “Teaching Tips” for the “Annual COGIC Sunday School Commentary,” providing resources for training and growth.


When Robert Raikes began Sunday School in 1780, he did it to address a specific need within his culture. His goal was to move people from dread to discipleship. It worked and it is still working today!

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CONVOCATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Our Saturday morning Annual Fellowship Breakfast in the Americas Center, boasting 400-600 attendees.
- Spirited Banner March with Gateway STEM High School Band!
- 500 opportunities to teach in the world's greatest Sunday School on Sunday morning. In appreciation for ministry service, each teacher will receive a special teaching resource gift pack.

For teacher registration or general information, contact our SUNDAY SCHOOL NETWORK at 800.246.0477 or www.cogic.org/SundaySchool.
If you read the last TWT article from the PK Connection, you remember that our initial topics included: “You treat the church children better than your own,” “I messed up, now what?” and “Letting go of the past to prepare for the future.” There was indeed an atmosphere of freedom and deliverance throughout that week. One of the other topics we discussed was understanding the job of the ministry and having a better understanding of what our parents do.

I appreciate that my father and mother made sure that my brother and I knew that pastoring was not only a ministry but also a job. However, unlike many other jobs, I knew my father was on call 24/7. There were many occasions when the phone would ring in the middle of the night because a member was in need or a couple was having a fight. Or knowing that I would not be able to see my father in the audience for my awards assemblies because he had to be at Bible study. As a child, I would often wish to see his face in the crowd, but now that I’m older, I understand that my father has always had a heart for people and was committed to his call. One thing that many of us PKs had in common was that our mothers supported our games, our assemblies, and our celebrations if our fathers couldn’t attend. Yes, I have had to share my father and mother with the congregation, but they have made it a priority to set aside time for our family. Because of that, I can have peace with the church.

With ministry comes many sacrifices, and it’s important for pastors and first ladies to sit down and talk with their children about the costs of ministry. As a pastor’s kid, there will be times when your parents can’t be there when you want them. But like our Heavenly Father, I pray they will be there when you need them. TWT

For more information regarding the PK Connection, please follow us on:
Twitter (@cogicpkconnect)
Instagram (@cogicpkconnection)
Facebook (pkconnectioncogic)

Kiara Davis, successful school teacher and blogger, attends New Life Tabernacle COGIC in Houston, TX where her father, Superintendent Carl A. Davis, is pastor.
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108th Holy Convocation

St. Louis, MO

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Presiding Bishop

"With My Hands Lifted Up, And My Mouth Filled With Praise!"

Register today for the 108th Holy Convocation

November 2-9, 2015 St. Louis America's Center

* Church of God in Christ 2015 Theme*

CHRIST'S EXTREME SACRIFICE

CALLS FOR OUR EXTREME COMMITMENT

II Corinthians 5:14-15

The Worship Experience of a Lifetime!

Register at www.COGIC.org
THE WHOLE TRUTH

We need your help!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:

• Ushers & Greeters  During Holy Convocation
• Registration Bag Stuffing  Friday and Saturday, October 30-31, 2015
• Registration Desk Attendants  Tuesday-Friday November 3-6, 2015
• COGIC St. Louis Community Cleanup Workers  Wednesday, November 4, 2015
• Christmas in November  Saturday, November 7, 2015
  Williams Temple COGIC 1500 Union Blvd.

VOLUNTEER DURING
The 108th Holy Convocation
November 2-9, 2015
St. Louis, Missouri

Please email your name, address, cell phone number and email address to pr@cogic.org
Please specify in subject line the area you would like to volunteer.
**Friday Night Youth Quake**

Join Pres. Ben Stephens, Chairlady Joyce Rodgers and the IYD on Nov. 6, 2015 for ‘Friday Night Youth Quake’. Come be apart as youth and young adults gather from across world for one night of change! This event will include singing, dancing, creative expressions, ministry in Word and so much more!

To join the program you can email iyd@cogic.org.

Don’t miss this the Quake!

**World Youth Day Service**

Saturday, November 7th, 2015 @ 12pm

It is sure to be an explosive time capturing the talents, gifts, and anointing of the youth of the COGIC across the globe. President Benjamin Stephens III and Chairlady Joyce L. Rodgers will lead the service as the youth minister in song, dance, and preached word. Should you or your youth group be interested in participating on program, please email: iyd@cogic.org.

Don’t miss this outpour of God’s Spirit!
The Lord’s Day Service
Sunday, November 8, 2015
Edward Jones Dome
Service begins at 9am