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CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT 101

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Grace, mercy, and peace be unto you!

It is with Jesus joy that we welcome you to the Revival Center Family as well as the New Members Training.

Acts 5:14 says, *"And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women."* So today we are delighted that you have connected with us, as we enlarge the Kingdom of God!

This training has been designed *"to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. Until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12 & 13."*

It will also give you a deeper understanding of the spiritual community you are now affiliated with. It is our desire that after you have completed this comprehensive orientation, you will indeed have a better revelation of your place in this ministry.

Let us prepare to grow together in the Grace of God! For we are reminded of the scripture in **Philippians 1:6** *"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."*

Humble Servant,

Dr. Derek Parker

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THE NEW MEMBER'S TRAINING

"For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another."
Romans 12:4-5 (NRSV)

The New Members Training is a mandatory program designed to introduce you to all aspects of the ministry. Most importantly, the kingdom mandate that God has specifically assigned to the Revival Center Church of God in Christ.
In the training we will review the Plan of Salvation and the Gift of the Holy Spirit. In addition, we will introduce our Affirmation of Faith while learning about Stewardship, Tithes and Offering.

Revival Center wants all the members to stay connected, so the Women, Men, Youth, Military, and Campus Ministries have ways through social media for you to gain necessary information of activities going on in the ministry.

The training is scheduled as we receive new members monthly, and upon completion of your session, you may connect with your selected auxiliary. In addition, our New Members Graduation is held quarterly. In the graduation you will receive your Certificate of Membership.
Again, the New Members Training Team welcomes you to Revival Center and look forward to growing together in Christ!

THE NEW MEMBERS TEAM

New Members Director

47 Praising God and having favour with all the people.
And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.
Acts 2:47

The new members' team consists of women and men who are here to guide you through the early steps of officially becoming a member of this beloved body of Christ. Some of you joined the church when the pastor made an invitation to come either by meeting him at the altar or raising your hand. Others joined by receiving a card from the hospitality team, you filled out the card and turned it back in. Now that technology has advanced, others joined through our RC app or on the Website. No matter the process of joining we are delighted you are with us!

In your first week of turning in your information, you should have received a letter from our pastor welcoming you to Revival Center.

The New Member's Team has the responsibility to introduce you to the New Member's Training, where you will be educated and will grow in learning about this great ministry. We will continue reaching out to you for the first 60 - 90 days making sure you are comfortable with your new family.

It is our concern that you do not get lost in the process, but you graduate to greatness and even join one of the auxiliaries that we offer through the ministry. If you have any problems feel free to reach out to us and we will help you get to the necessary person on the team to further assist you!

Dr. Derek & Lady Ushell Parker

Pastor & First Lady

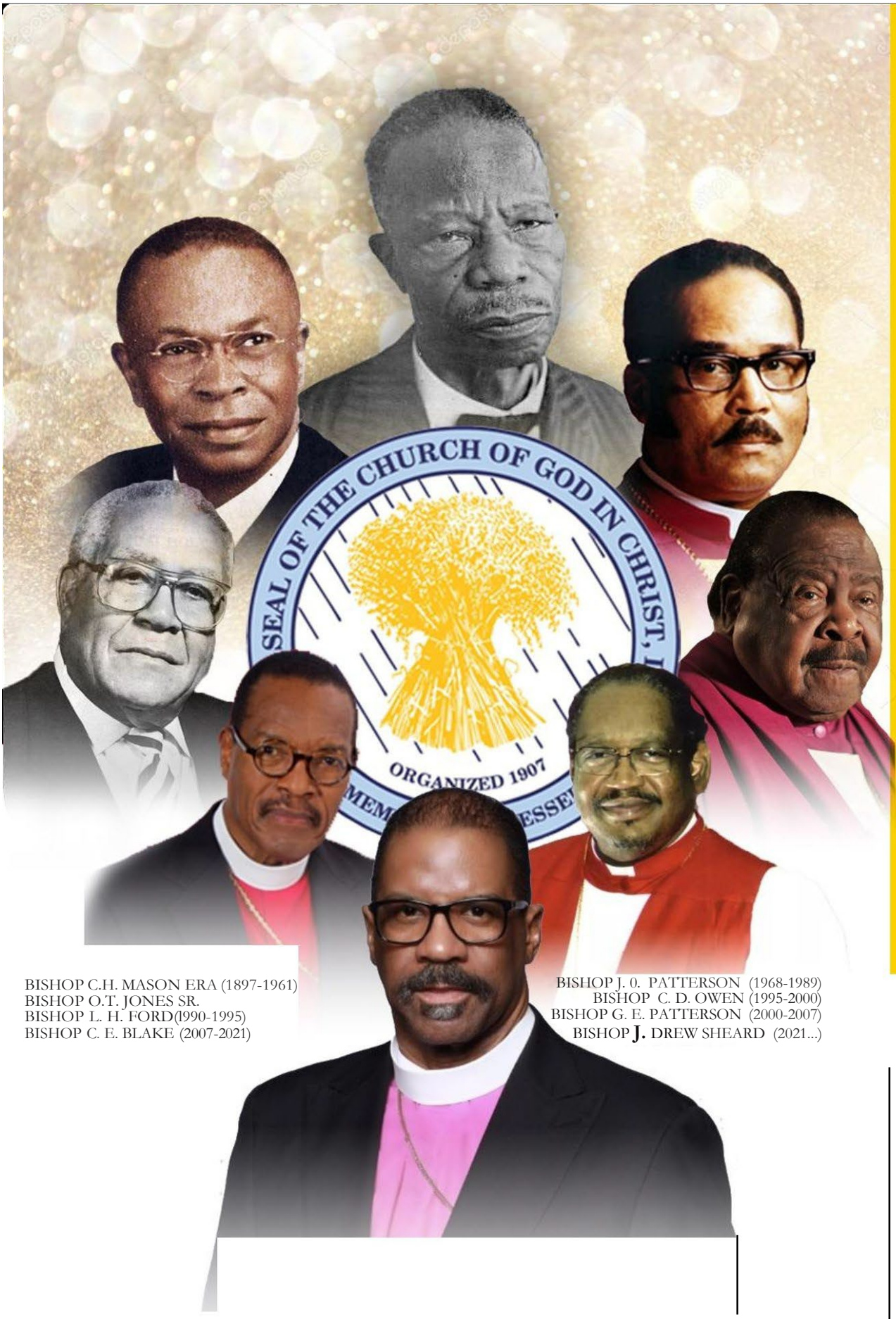


REVIVAL CENTER COGIC

Elder Myron & Yvette Thompson

Assistant Pastor & Sheffield Campus Leader





BISHOP C.H. MASON ERA (1897-1961)
BISHOP O.T. JONES SR.
BISHOP L. H. FORD(1990-1995)
BISHOP C. E. BLAKE (2007-2021)

BISHOP J. 0. PATTERSON (1968-1989)
BISHOP C. D. OWEN (1995-2000)
BISHOP G. E. PATTERSON (2000-2007)
BISHOP **J.** DREW SHEARD (2021...)

OUR LEADERSHIP

International, Jurisdictional & District Leaders



Bishop J. Drew Sheard
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ



Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis
General Supervisor
International Department of Women



Bishop O.L. Meadows
Jurisdictional Prelate
Alabama First Jurisdiction



Mother Pegh Jones
Jurisdictional Supervisor
Alabama First Jurisdiction



Superintendent Bobby Sledge
District Superintendent
WRMH District



Mother Delois Pendleton
District Missionary
WRMH District

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Revival Center Leaders



Elder
Myron Thompson
Assistant Pastor



Evangelist
Deloris Pendleton
Communion Instructor



Evangelist
Ushell Parker
First Lady



Evangelist
Diane Pearsall
Missions President



Evangelist
Mary Horrison
Sewing Circle President



Missionary
Vaniece McCrary
Sunday School Teacher



Deacon
Napoleon Mitchell
Chairman of the Deacon Board



Deacon
Bobby McCrary
Sunday School Teacher



Sister
Diedra McQuitery
Church Clerk



Sister
Angie Graves
Finance Department



Sister
Patricia Johnson
Finance Department

HOW THE CHURCH IS ORGANIZED

Church of God in Christ Chain of Authority

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Supreme authority of the church on matters of faith and practice

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GENERAL BOARD
Twelve bishops elected by the General Assembly to four-year terms

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ECCLESIASTICAL LEADERSHIP

Bishop J. Drew Sheard
Chief executive of the Church of God in Christ

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JURISDICTIONAL BISHOP
Bishop O.L. Meadows
Alabama First Jurisdiction

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
Superintendent Bobby Sledge
WRMH District

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PASTOR
Dr. Derek Parker
Revival Center, Florence and Sheffield

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN

GENERAL SUPERVISOR
Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis
International Department of Women

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JURISDICTIONAL SUPERVISOR
Mother Pegh Jones
Alabama First Jurisdiction

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DISTRICT MISSIONARY
Mother Delois Pendleton
WRMH District

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CHURCH MOTHER
Evangelist Pearsall
Revival Center

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THE LOCAL CHURCH
Assistant Pastor • Elders & Ministers • Deacons • Mothers & Missionaries • Auxiliary Leaders • Members

The Presiding Bishop, with the General Board, appoints Jurisdictional Bishops. Each Jurisdictional Bishop appoints District Superintendents and Pastors. The General Supervisor leads the women of the church; Jurisdictional Supervisors and District Missionaries carry that work into each jurisdiction and district.

MISSION & VISION

CHURCH MISSION

Revival Center seeks to be a Biblical ministry of Excellence. Our ministry is designed to Encourage life transformation through our threefold purpose: to Evangelize, Edify, and Equip the whole person to serve the community, and to reach the world for Jesus Christ. We strive to be compassionate in our love, excellent in our service, holy in our living, passionate, and reverent in our worship. We are motivated by the love of God and will spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through preaching, singing, testifying, and meeting the needs of God's people.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision for Revival Center is simple. We exist to

Love God and Love His People.

REVIVAL CENTER WELCOME SONG

At Revival Center,
We welcome you in,
To a place where you will find
Peace and joy and be revived,
Come on in, take a seat,
Invite Jesus into your heart,

At Revival Center,
Revival Center,
Revival Center,
Come be revived

For all your church needs please feel free to contact us at 256-425-5129

THE HISTORY OF REVIVAL CENTER

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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The Church of God in Christ started in Florence, Alabama in 1932. Elder Hannah was the Pastor. The Saints worshiped in an old building called, "The Hall." In 1935 the Lord sent Elder J.A. Hardison who began prayer meetings and revivals. In 1939 the Lord sent W.R. Morrow to Florence to lead His people. Hand clapping, drum beating, and foot stomping, the Saints were praising and thanking God in Florence. Prayer meetings continued in the homes. Door to door and jail house ministries were held. Street services were even conducted and people came to "The Hall." Soon there was not enough room. In 1940 Elder Morrow rented a house on Sweetwater Street, started a revival and souls were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Many of the souls added are the heritage of the Saints of the Church today.

Under the leadership of Elder Morrow, young people began to get saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Some of these young people are now Church Mothers and Missionaries. During this time, God gave Elder Morrow the name Faith Temple COGIC. In 1943, land was purchased on Bunting Hill for the building of the facility at 802 Kinnard Street by the Late Mother Annie Blackburn. The Lord allowed Elder Morrow to pastor over 50 years which resulted in the church being renamed in his honor. Faith Temple became Morrow Temple. Elder Morrow led many lay men and women, Deacon, Mothers, Missionaries, and Ministers which included a young man by the name of Larry Anderson. This young man would become Minister Larry Anderson and upon being ordained, Elder Larry Anderson.

One year after being ordained, the Lord gave Elder Anderson a vision to find a new church in the city of Sheffield, Alabama. The sweet spirit of Christ spoke to Elder Anderson's heart and gave him Psalms 127:1, "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." With that scripture in his heart, Elder Anderson took his wife and two daughters and on October 11, 1983, founded the New Life Church of God in Christ in Sheffield, Alabama. The name was given to Elder Anderson by the Lord as he sought the Lord for a name. "My people are like sheep having no shepherd and are gone astray. Go and take care of them", said the Lord to Elder Anderson, "and I will give them NEW LIFE."



Revival Center Church of God in Christ, 101 Lanett Street, Florence, Alabama

Church services were held in the Mission for two and a half years, during which time Elder Anderson endured hardship and persecution. In spite of the difficulties, souls were added and people were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord began to compel Elder Anderson to find the Saints a church home of their own. This proved, after several inquiries to be a not so easy task. Financial institutions were uncooperative. After much discouragement, he looked to the Lord for guidance. God led him to William Franklin, Pastor of the Tuscumbia Church of God. Pastor Franklin and congregation were in the process of building a new church and had the present church for sale. Pastor Franklin recommended Elder Anderson to Valley Federal Savings and Loans where he would meet the Vice President, Steve Davis. The Lord moved upon Steve's heart and he said YES when so many others had said NO.

On August 29, 1986, Elder Anderson and congregation became the new owners of the Tuscumbia Church of God, renaming it New Life Church of God in Christ. The devil reared its ugly head in March 1987. Vandals, persons unknown, forcibly entered the sanctuary, pillaging and then setting fire to God's house. It would cost better than forty thousand dollars to repair. By the grace of God, the church was restored to its full beauty and splendor.

The small membership cried out to God and humbled themselves with sacrifices. The church was opened again for saving souls, feeding the poor, giving comfort to those in prison, clothing the naked, and teaching the Word of God.

Tuesday, May 30, 1995, the Lord called Elder Morrow home to be at rest. On August 19, 1995, Bishop O.L. Meadows, Jurisdictional Bishop of Alabama 1, officially appointed Elder Anderson as pastor to the now named Morrow Memorial Church of God in Christ. Under the new leadership, members were added to the church, such as should be saved. Through the vision of Elder Anderson, a church van was purchased, Children's Church was started, and other ministries were going forth. The pastor is seeing the vision unfold through the Van Ministry, Nursing Home Ministry, Youth Ministry, and others. In 2001, land was purchased for building the Lord a new house. Yet, Elder Anderson was pastoring two churches, preaching at each church every Sunday. Lord how long could this go on? God had a time frame in mind.



Revival Center clergy and church leaders in the sanctuary

On February 27, 2002, a new chapter in the history of the church was written. In a joint business meeting the church body of New Life COGIC and Morrow Memorial COGIC unanimously voted to merge and become one church body. This decision was ratified by the Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop O.L. Meadows, and his Executive Committee on March 20, 2002. AND THE TWO BECAME ONE. Morrow Memorial became the site for week night services and special events such as the Easter Drama and Youth in Action. Sunday Worship Services were held at the New Life location along with the weigh down program and choir rehearsal. A name for the united church had not been given. However, we believed that as God would again write the vision and make it plain.

Superintendent Anderson's mother, the Missionary Jennie Anderson, wrote:

"This is your life" as a tribute to Elder Larry Anderson. She wrote how Elder Anderson was born June 23, 1953. She wrote of what was thought to be his stillborn birth because he was not breathing when he was born. She told of her cry unto the Lord for her child and how the Lord answered her prayer. "Mother" tells of his childhood sickness and the Lord's healing. "Mother" tells how Elder Anderson was never lazy or selfish: how she could count on him to help. She tells of him meeting a beautiful young lady to whom he joined himself in matrimony and the family they created together. She tells of their being saved together. She tells of the training she instilled in him and the prayers she prayed for him. "Mother" tells how she taught him to trust in God.

It would be that trust in God that would cause Elder Anderson to again seek his maker for a name for the new church.



The Revival Center church family

After much prayer and supplication, the Lord revealed to Supt. Anderson, Hosea 6:1-3. On April 13, 2002, Supt. Anderson announced to the congregation the new name of the church would be Revival Center. The newly merged church continued to go forward in the work of the Lord. On November 9, 2002, at Mason Temple Headquarters of the Church of God in Christ in Memphis, Tennessee, the Lord needed a rose in his garden and he called our leader, Supt. Larry Anderson, our beloved pastor, home from labor to reward. Another home going had visited the church again. The Lord also had a ram in the bush. Prior to his call home by our Lord, Supt. Anderson had given Deacon Walter Johnson the opportunity to announce his calling into the ministry. No one knew that Minister Johnson was the Lord's ram in the bush. Bishop O.L. Meadows ordained and installed Elder Johnson as pastor of the Revival Center COGIC.

Under the leadership of Elder Walter Johnson, the church continued to move forward. The services were spiritually uplifting and souls were added to the ministry. He began using the slogan, At Revival Center, "Where Every Sunday is a Revival!" Along with the spiritually uplifting services, Pastor Johnson had a vision to enlarge our outreach. He prayed and labored hard to keep the people encouraged that the vision would come to pass sooner than you think.

At watch night service on December 31, 2008, the subject of Elder Johnson's message was, "The Blessings of the Lord are mine in 2009." On October 29, 2009, the vision came to pass. The church located at 101 Lanett Street was purchased from Bank Independent. On November 1, 2009, the first services were held with singing, shouting, and praising God!

On December 17, 2020, the Lord called Pastor Walter Johnson home. This was a tremendous loss to Revival Center yet the family and members were determined to remain steadfast and carry out the vision.

On May 1, 2021, Bishop O.L. Meadows appointed Dr. Derek Parker as the new Pastor of Revival Center COGIC.

On February 4, 2022 Pastor Parker appointed Mother Margene Thompson as Church Mother of Revival Center COGIC where she served faithfully until her passing.

On January 12, 2025, the Lord led Pastor Parker to a second campus in Sheffield, Alabama. Revival Center became one church in two locations. He appointed Minister Myron Thompson as the Campus Leader over the Sheffield Campus.

Bishop O.L. Meadows ordained Elder Myron Thompson at the Jurisdictional Convocation on August 16, 2025. October 1, 2025, Elder Thompson was appointed as the assistant pastor of the Revival Center COGIC.

On October 12, 2025, Pastor Parker appointed Elder Thompson as the Assistant Pastor of the Revival Center COGIC.

After the death of Mother Margene Thompson, Pastor Parker appointed Evangelist Mable Pearsall as the new Revival Center Church Mother on August 9, 2026. He also appointed Ann Davis as the Usher President.

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC. HISTORY

The Church of God in Christ was founded by its great spiritually endowed Leader, the Honorable Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, in the year 1905, and has since grown into a church of enormous size and influence (approximately 6.5 million).

Its teachings are worldwide. The church was an out-growth of a spiritual drought that swept the entire Christian World. At that time the Christian Church degenerated into a rut. There was no spiritual ecstasy of fervor to be found. Bishop Mason was impelled by the Holy Spirit and led by the spirit to start the Church of God in Christ, which was to enliven the Christian world by calling it to a way of "Sanctification"!

While reading the scriptures, he found that one could not be saved without Holiness. He was sanctified through this truth and began to preach this doctrine to his listeners. Because of this doctrine, he was ejected from the Baptist Church of which he was a member.

God called him to attend a revival meeting in Los Angeles, California where he received the Holy Ghost, with signs of speaking in tongues according to Acts 2:4. He returned from that meeting with God's inspiration and founded the Church of God in Christ where faith is founded upon the doctrine of the Apostles as received on the day of Pentecost.

God revealed the name of the church to him through the scriptures, I Thessalonians 2:4, 9 & 14.

> ***4*** *But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.*
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> ***9*** *So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.*
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> ***14*** *For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:*



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What Do We Believe?

Our Belief Concerning the Bible - *We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.*

Our Belief Concerning God - *We believe that there is only One God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and, God the Holy Spirit.*

Our Belief Concerning the Church - *We believe in the blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ, at His return.*

Our Belief Concerning Sin - *We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious Blood of Jesus Christ.*

Our Belief Concerning Salvation - *We believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.*

Our Belief Concerning Christ- *We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the Cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer.*

Our Belief Concerning the Holy Ghost - *We believe that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.*

Our Belief Concerning Sanctification - *We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in the present world. Amen*

THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

THE BIBLE

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and contains one harmonious and sufficiently complete system of doctrine. We believe in the full inspiration of the Word of God. We hold the Word of God to be the only authority in all matters and assert that no doctrine can be true or essential, if it does not find a place in this Word.

THE FATHER

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Author and Creator of all things. The Old Testament reveals God in diverse manners, by manifesting his nature, character, and dominions. The Gospels in the New Testament give us knowledge of God the "Father" or "My Father," showing the relationship of God to Jesus as Father, or representing Him as the Father in the Godhead, and Jesus himself that Son (John 15:8, 14:20). Jesus also gives God the distinction of "Fatherhood" to all believers when he explains God in the light of "Your Father in Heaven" (Matthew 6:8).

THE SON

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Second person in the Godhead of the Trinity or Triune Godhead. We believe that Jesus was and is eternal in his person and nature as the Son of God who was with God in the beginning of creation (John 1:1). We believe that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin called Mary according to the scripture (St. Matthew 1:18), thus giving rise to our fundamental belief in the Virgin Birth and to all of the miraculous events surrounding the phenomenon (Matthew 1:18-25). We believe that Jesus Christ became the "suffering servant" to man; this suffering servant came seeking to redeem man from sin and to reconcile him back to God, his Father (Romans 5:10). We believe that Jesus Christ is standing now as mediator between God and man (I Timothy 2:5).

THE HOLY GHOST

We believe the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. The Holy Ghost precedes the Father and Son, which is the same substance, equal to power and glory and together with the Father and the Son. The Spirit is to be believed in, obeyed, and worshiped. The Holy Ghost is a gift bestowed upon the believer for the purpose of equipping, empowering the believer, and making him a more effective witness for service in the world. The Holy Spirit teaches and guides one into all truth (John 16:13, Acts 1:8, 8:39).

KINGDOM EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS

1. Members after being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost are subject to the discipline and doctrine of the church.
2. Members should be faithful to the church by attending services.
3. Members should be committed and dedicated to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
4. Members should give tithes and offerings.
5. Members are expected to live a holy and separated life.
6. Members should become active in auxiliaries in the church.
7. Members should support the Pastor's vision and purpose for the church.

KINGDOM EXPECTATIONS OF LEADERS

Disciples are produced one by one, because someone has taken the time to instruct, discipline, nurture, and enlighten one that is spiritually younger.
Therefore, as we mature into leadership, be reminded that: Leaders are to obey God.

Leaders give tithes and offerings.

Leaders must be faithful to church services.

Leaders must foster the Pastor's vision and purpose.

Leaders must be prayerful, understanding, and fair in all dealings.
Leaders must show love, be impartial and demonstrate the lifestyle of Christ. Leaders must be saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and have a totally committed life in Jesus Christ.
Leaders must lead by example.



KINGDOM STEWARDSHIP

Christian Development 101 is training designed specifically for New Members to enhance their biblical knowledge prior to merging into the general congregation bible study.

SOTERIOLOGY (SALVATION): Salvation deals with the application of the work of redemption to the sinner with his restoration to divine favor and communion with God. This redemptive operation of the Holy Ghost upon sinners is brought about by repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, which brings conversion, faith, justification regeneration, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

REPENTANCE is the work of God, which results in a change of mind in respect to man's relationship to God (Matthew 3:12, 4:17, Acts 20:21). Faith is a certain conviction wrought in the heart by the Holy Spirit, as to the truth of the Gospel, and a heart which trust in the promises of God in Christ (Romans 1:17 3:28, Matthew 9:22, Acts 26:18).

CONVERSION is the act of God, whereby He causes the regenerated sinner, in his conscious life, to turn to Him in repentance and faith (II Kings 5:15, II Chronicles 33:12-13, St. Luke 19:8 9, Acts 8:30).

REGENERATION is the act of God, by which the principle of the new life is implanted in man, and the governing disposition of soul is made holy, and the first holy exercise of this new disposition is secured.

SANCTIFICATION is that gracious and continuous operation of the Holy Ghost, by which He delivers the justified sinner from the pollution of sin, renews his whole nature in the image of God and enables him to perform good works (Romans 6:4; 5:6; Colossians 2:12; 3:1).



WATER BAPTISM

We believe that Water Baptism is necessary as instructed by Christ in St. John 3:5 **"UNLESS MAN IS BORN AGAIN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT…"** However, we do not believe that water baptism alone is a means of salvation but is an outward demonstration that one has already had a conversion experience and has accepted Christ as their personal Savior. As Pentecostals, we practice immersion in preference to "SPRINKLING", because immersion corresponds more closely to the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord (Colossians 2:12). It also symbolizes regeneration and purification more than any other mode. Therefore, we practice immersion as our mode of Baptism. We believe that we should use the Baptismal Formula given to us through Christ "IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST" (Matthews 28:19).

WATER BAPTISM REQUIREMENTS

To participant in Water Baptism, one must: • Must Personally Confess Salvation • Complete New Members Training • Attend Baptism Class. • The Water Baptism Orientation & Official Ceremony will be announced. • Participates are encouraged to invite family and friends.

PNEUMATOLOGY (BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST):

We believe that the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is an experience subsequent to conversion and sanctification and that tongue speaking is the consequence of the baptism in the Holy Ghost with the manifestations of the fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23; Acts 10:46, 19:1-6). We believe that we are not baptized with the Holy Ghost in order to be saved (Acts 19:1-6; John 3:5). When one receives a baptismal Holy Ghost experience, we believe one will speak with a tongue unknown to oneself according to the sovereign will of Christ. To be filled with the Spirit means to be Spirit controlled as expressed by Paul in Ephesians 5:18-19. Since the charismatic demonstrations were necessary to help the early church to be successful in implementing the command of Christ, we therefore believe that a Holy Ghost experience is mandatory for all men today.

TITHING AND GIVING

WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Bible has a lot to say about Christians and their money. In fact, the Bible contains more than 2000 Bible verses on the subject. Time and again, the Bible associates our money with our commitment and relationship to the Lord.

THE PRINCIPLE OF TITHING

Old Testament law required God's people to give 10% of their income, which could include flocks, herds, or crops. This 10% was known as Tithe. In addition to the tithe, God's people were required to give offerings to the Lord for the care of the temple and the salaries of the priests. In the days of Israel, tithing was not voluntary giving but was demanded as a form of taxation.

IS TITHING FOR TODAY?

Dr. J.B. Gabrell made this observation: "It is unthinkable from the standpoint of the cross that anyone would give less under grace than the Jews gave under law." God makes an incredible promise to those who give to His work. He promises He will "open the windows of heaven and pour out for you such a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10)

WHAT IS GIVING?

The word "give" has been defined as "to make a present of." One of the many ways we can help others is to give financially. Through giving, the early church helped one another and invested in what God was doing. Sadly, the concept of giving has become distorted today. Yet our giving is vitally connected to who we are.

GIVING IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP

Giving is a spiritual sacrifice, expression of love and gratitude, because everything we have comes from the Lord (I Chronicles 29:14). Some people say, "I can't afford to give" but in reality, we cannot afford not to give. David said that he would not give to the Lord that which cost him nothing (II Samuel 24:24). No matter what we give to God, what is left will always sustain us better than if we have not given at all.

Giving is a Test of our Faithfulness

The way that we give indicates a great deal about our spirituality. Our giving reveals our value system. Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). God does not ask us to give because he needs our resources, rather; He challenges us to make Him the focus of our lives instead of our money and possessions.

MOTIVES FOR GIVING

God promises to bless us if we have the right attitude toward giving (Luke 6:38; Proverbs 3:9-10). However, some people give with the wrong motives. They may give in an attempt to manipulate God, to relieve guilt, to increase self-worth, to achieve recognition, to obtain power, or to gain tax advantages. The Bible instructs us to "let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (II Corinthians 9:7). The motives that God desires for our giving are: to express our love to Him, to please Him, to lay up treasures in Heaven, and to help reach the world for Jesus Christ.

CHURCH LIFE AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Live at RC Florence
3:00 PM Live at RC Sheffield

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Prayer Line (256) 425-5129
Transportation (256) 425-5129

GENERAL MINISTRIES

Men's Ministry – RC APP & MEN'S PAGE Women's Ministry – RC APP & WOMEN'S PAGE
IMPACT Youth Ministry – RC APP & IMPACT PAGE Future Generation – RC APP
New Members – RC APP

WAYS TO GIVE

Thank you for sowing into good ground at Revival Center.

Cash App $RevivalCenter2002	**PayPal** @RCCOGIC1 *PayPal.me/RCCOGIC1*
Givelify Revival Center Church of God in Christ *Search the church name in the app*	**Text Giving** 256-935-2383

You may also give in person at either campus.

OUR CHURCH DATABASE: BREEZE

How Breeze Church Management Serves Our Members

Revival Center uses Breeze Church Management (Breeze ChMS), a secure, web-based system that helps our church care for members, plan events, receive gifts, and stay in touch. Because Breeze works in any web browser, our leaders can serve you from any device, and no technical skill is needed.

HOW BREEZE WORKS FOR YOU

1. **You are added to our church family**
   When you join, your contact details, family members, and ministry interests are saved in your Breeze profile.
2. **Your attendance is recorded**
   Breeze tracks worship, Sunday School, and event attendance so leaders can notice when you are missed and follow up with care.
3. **You are connected to ministries and events**
   Breeze organizes groups and events, tracks who takes part, and can print name tags at check-in.
4. **Your giving is recorded**
   Online, text, and in-person gifts are recorded, and Breeze prepares your contribution statement for your records.
5. **You stay informed**
   Leaders use Breeze to send emails and text messages to the whole church, your ministry group, or you directly.

KEY FEATURES

Member Management *Unlimited information on each member, plus attendance and engagement tracking.*	**Event Management** *Event scheduling, participation tracking, and on-site name tags.*	**Giving and Donations** *Online and text giving, contribution reports, and giving statements.*
Communication *Emails and text messages to groups or individuals using tags and lists.*	**Reporting** *Custom reports on attendance, giving, and member information.*	**Data Import** *Existing records imported from Excel or other church systems.*

HOW TO LOG IN TO BREEZE

ON A COMPUTER	ON YOUR PHONE OR TABLET
1. Go to **rccogic.breezechms.com** 2. Enter your username and password. 3. Click Sign In.	1. Download the free Breeze ChMS app from the App Store or Google Play. 2. Enter our Church ID: **rccogic** 3. Sign in with the same username and password.

First time? Ask the church office for a Breeze invitation. It will be sent to your email so you can create your username and password.

Forgot your password? Click Forgot Password on the login page to reset it by email.

Once logged in, you can view and update your profile and family information and see your giving statements.

Give online: rccogic.breezechms.com/give/online

Your information is used only for the care and ministry of Revival Center. To update your address, phone, email, or family details, contact the church office at (256) 425-5129 or rccogic1@gmail.com.

GETTING CONNECTED

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

The Right Hand of Fellowship is an Official Ceremony inducting new members into the general membership of Revival Center. We will serve the Lord with gladness and worship Him in the beauty of holiness. In Galatians 2:9, we find that James, Cephas (Peter), and John gave the Right Hand of Fellowship to Paul and Barnabas. There will be an announcement of when this ceremony will take place.



RC AUXILIARY AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We are so pleased that you have completed your New Members Training Sessions and you can now move further by becoming involved in the ministry. The greatest way to feel connected to your new church is to become an active member.

Revival Center has many auxiliaries and ministries. Although some are appointed by the pastor, others can be joined immediately after completing the New Members Training.

When making your selection of auxiliaries please be prayerful and ask God to direct your path. We thank you in advance for your time and talent as you move into another phase of this great Ministry. May favor, blessings and increase be your portion.

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU AT REVIVAL CENTER

Share Your Gifts. Serve with Purpose.

Once you become a member of Revival Center COGIC, we invite you to serve by sharing your gifts and talents through an Auxiliary in Ministry, Band, or Unit.

Whether you enjoy singing, teaching, encouraging others, reaching out to the community, or working behind the scenes, your willingness to serve can make a difference. Join with your church family as we grow in faith, support one another, and serve God together.

AUXILIARIES IN MINISTRY (AIM)
• Music
• Youth
• Missions
• Evangelism
• Sunday School

BANDS AND UNITS
• Artistic Fingers / Sewing Circle
• Business & Professional Women's Federation
• Christian Women's Council (CWC)
• Church Mothers Board
• Deacon's Wives Circle
• International Nurses' Unit
• Overcomer's Unit
• Prayer & Bible Band
• Purity Class
• Sunshine Band
• Young Women's Christian Council (YWCC)

GET CONNECTED

After joining Revival Center, speak with a ministry leader about your interests and how you would like to get involved. Learn about opportunities to participate and find a place where you can share your gifts, develop your talents, and build meaningful connections.

Your gifts matter. Your service matters.
There's a place for you at Revival Center!

Hello New Partners,

It is with great pleasure that Dr. Derek and Lady Ushell Parker and the New Members Team welcomes you to the Revival Center Church of God in Christ family. Thank you for completing the New Members' Training sessions. Next, you will receive notification regarding graduation and receiving your official New Members' certificate.

As our leaders are navigating this ministry through the pandemic, please stay connected to further develop the whole man/woman. As mentioned by the facilitator there are various platforms to team up with so that you may get involved in the ministry.

Again, we welcome you and are delighted you have joined this progressive ministry. We look forward to you receiving all that God has in store for you.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact the church administrative office or myself.

Yours In Christ

New Members Director

GET THE FREE RC APP

revival-center-app.pplx.app

Scan the code with your phone camera to open the Revival Center RC App. It puts service times, campus maps, the King James Bible, this New Members Manual, ways to give, Breeze login, prayer requests and church contacts in one place. Save it to your Home Screen for quick access.