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Honoring 30 Years Of Faithful Service



Pastor Dr. Darnell Thomas and Lady Phyllis Thomas

A Legacy Of Love

Anniversary Weekend August 14-16, 2026





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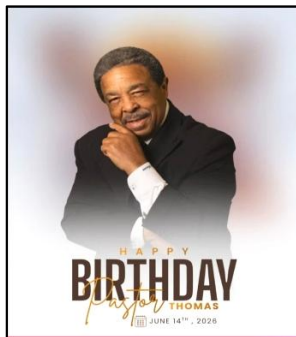
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Showers' Ministries And Members Recognized The Birthday Of

Pastor Dr. Darnell Thomas, Superintendent



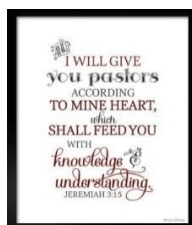
Birthday Blessings!
(June 14th)

Thank You Pastor Darnell Thomas for your leadership, love and guidance.

We are strengthened by your tireless labor of love, devotion to studying the Word of God and commitment to follow God's Will.

You continue to amaze us with your demonstration of love for all of God's people.

*Love,
The Showers Family*





All Are Invited And Encouraged To Attend Youth Department Weekend's Services
Friday, July 17th at 7:00 p.m. * Sunday, July 19th at 10:00 a.m.

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS CHURCH

Youth Department WEEKEND

FRIDAY, JULY 17 TH	SATURDAY, JULY 18 TH	SUNDAY, JULY 19 TH
7:00PM	10:00AM-1:00PM	MORNING WORSHIP 10:00AM GRAD NIGHT SERVICE 3:00PM
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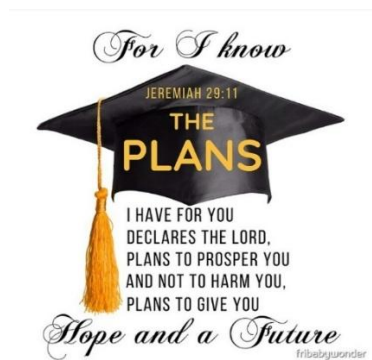
MISSIONARY DESHO' NAI BURTON

OUR PRAISE DANCERS WILL BE DANCING AT THE CA STATE FAIR

PASTOR PRINCETON PARKER @ 10AM

California STATE FAIR

Congratulations To All 2026 Graduates! We Are Proud Of You!
Stay Encouraged!





September 13, 2026

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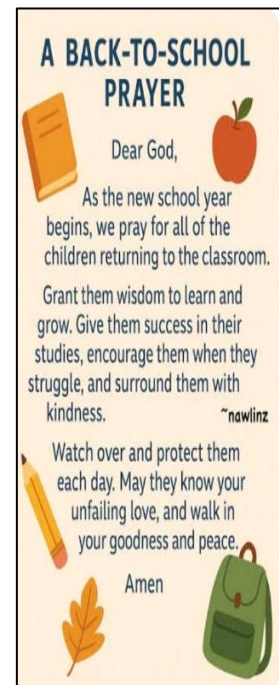
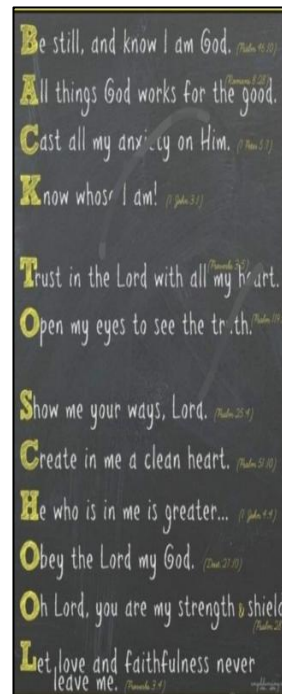
**Connect And Create Lasting Memories
With Your Grandparents**

*Take A Walk Together
Review Old Family Photos
Share A Special Meal Or Treat
Make A Phone Call or Video Call*

GRANDPARENTS

Grandparents are special people
with wisdom and pride.
They are always offering love and kindness
and are always there to guide.
They often make you feel
so confident and strong.
Their arms are always open
no matter what you did wrong.
They try to help out
in every way that they can.
They love all their grandchildren
the same whether you're a child, woman or man.
They are always there to listen
and to lend a helping hand.
They show you respect
and they try to understand.
They give their love, devotion and so much more,
that's easy to see.
Grandparents,
what perfect examples
of the kind of person that we should be.

~By Stacy Smith~





TRUST GOD

Missionary Phyllis Thomas

This article features excerpts from Your Personal Prayer Journal © 2001 by Phyllis Thomas.

Scripture:

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path. Proverbs 3:5-6

The Importance of Trust:

It is important to realize that “trust” begins and ends with God. You must trust God explicitly and without reservation, because He has the best plan outlined for you. When you trust God He surrounds you with His mercy and He gives you His understanding and directs your path. As you trust God, He turns your trials into triumphs and your apparent defeats into victories. All it takes is a little faith in the Lord and then you can receive a bountiful windfall of blessings. Just remember that in every desert or trial, God has an oasis of comfort - so keep trusting Him.

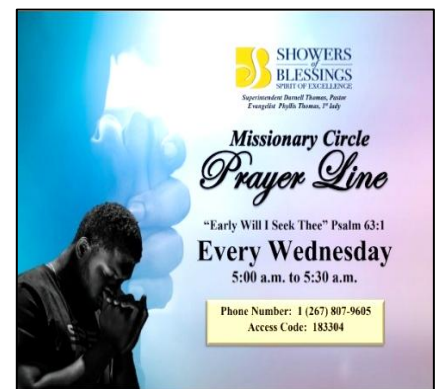
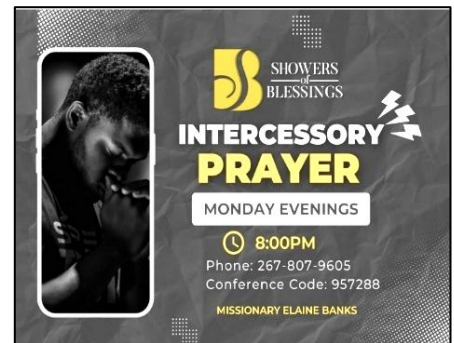
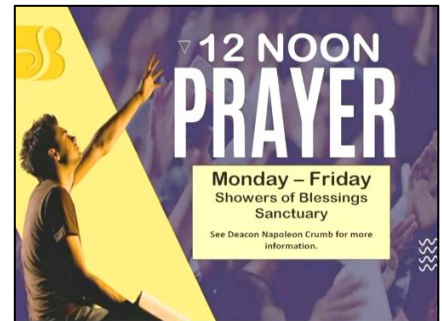
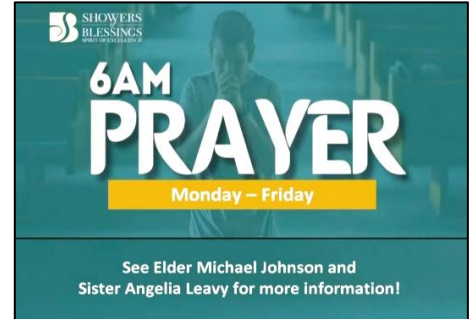
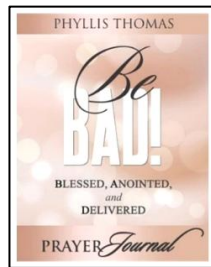
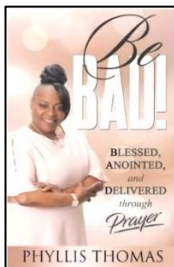
Spiritual Food for Thought:

God wants to be the one that you look to for everything in life. He knows those who really “trust” Him with their whole heart. (Nahum 1:7)

To “trust” God is putting faith in action, expecting only positive results. (Hebrews 11:1)

“Trust” God for prosperity and success by meditating upon His word daily. (Joshua 1:8)

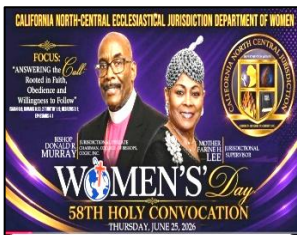
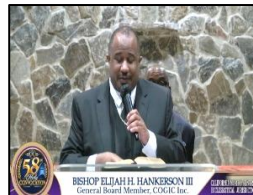
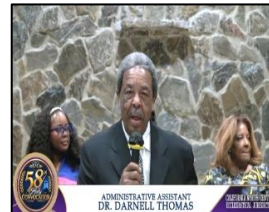
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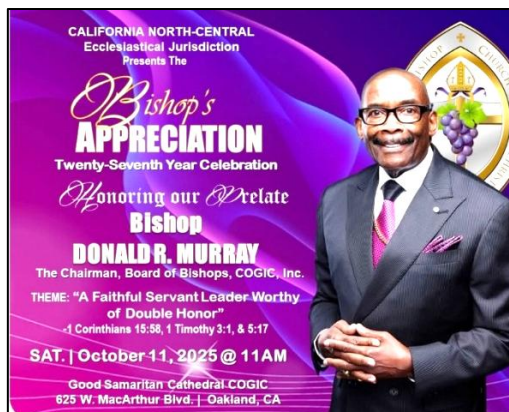
Upcoming Events



The 58th California North-Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction's Holy Convocation Was Held June 24-June 26, 2026 And Inspired All To Continue To Answer The Call With Justice, Mercy And Humility.



Thank You Bishop Donald R. Murray For Your Continued Excellent Service And Leadership In The Church Of God In Christ.



Bishop Donald R. Murray Was Honored For Twenty-Seven Years Of Service As A Faithful Servant Leader Worthy Of Double Honor On October 11, 2025.

The Historic Board Of Bishops Conference Was Held in Philadelphia



The COGIC Board Of Bishops is led by Presiding Bishop J. Drew Sheard and First Assistant Presiding Bishop Jerry W. Macklin. The September 2025 conference celebrated Bishop Donald R. Murray as the newly elected Chairman of the Board.



The 2026 Board Of Bishops Conference Will Be Held September 14-17, 2026.



Pastor Augustes Newsome, Junior Memorial Scholarship Committee Invites You To Help Recognize 2026 Graduates During Our Morning Worship Service On Sunday, July 19th At 10:00 a.m.



Biography: Pastor Augustes Newsome, Jr.

Augustes Newsome, Jr. was the second of nine children born to Ollie Bell and Augustes Newsome, Sr., in Monroe, Louisiana. Augustes earned his high school diploma while living in Los Angeles, California and then moved to Phoenix, Arizona where he became a member of the Trinity Church of God in Christ (C.O.G.I.C.). Augustes met and fell in love with Deborah Smith; it was love at first sight. Augustes and Deborah were married on August 23, 1964, and moved to California in 1965. The couple began their family shortly after they wed. God blessed the couple with their first child, Lonell. While attending the Good News Church of God in Christ, the couple was blessed by God with three other children, Kimberly, LaTrisha, and Angela. Augustes Newsome, Jr. accepted his call to the ministry and became an ordained Elder under the late Bishop Crouch. In 1972-1973, Elder Newsome

attended college in Chicago and became a general manager for a McDonald's Corporation franchise. Elder Newsome hired and trained many high school students. To ensure that the students would



Pastor Augustes Newsome, Jr.
November 5, 1943 - June 10, 1995

always complete their homework, he would not let the students work long hours. Elder Newsome would always encourage young people. He would often say, "Go to school and get your education. Jobs will be better and more will be available to those of you with a higher

education."

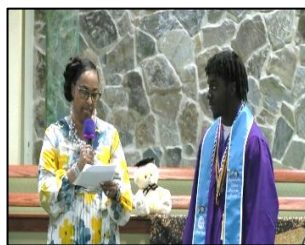
While living in San Jose, California, Terrell, the last of five children was born. Listening to God's word, Elder Augustes Newsome, Jr. and family soon found a home in Sacramento, California. The Newsome family joined the Moments of Blessings House of Prayer, under the leadership of Bishop George Archie.

On May 12, 1982, Elder Newsome, Jr., after hearing and obeying the voice of God, established the ministry of the Showers of Blessings Church of God in Christ, also known as, "The Little White Church In The Field." Pastor Newsome was an awesome Man of God and was referred to by many as a "Singing, Preaching Machine." He was passionate about life, possessed great zeal when spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ, and believed in showing love to God's people. In Pastor Newsome's memory, this scholarship is offered so his legacy will live on.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

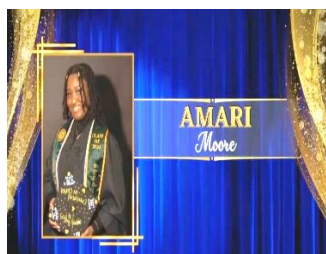
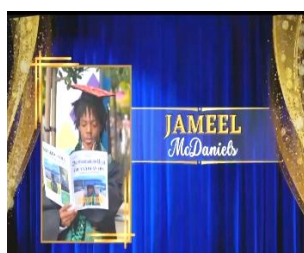
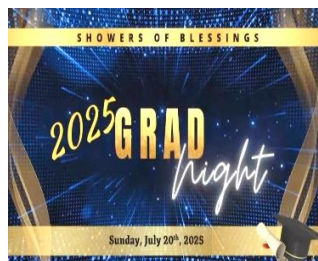
Missionary Deborah Newsome
Sister Jovonne Newsome (Chair)
Sister Wendy Moore
Missionary O'resea Mitchell
Deaconess Patricia Leggette
Sister Jasmyn Starke
Sister Samantha Mooror
Dr. Leah R. Johnson
Deacon Stephen Bright
Missionary Deborah Bradford
Sister Patricia Robinson (Honorary)
Missionary Karen Williams

Founding First Lady Missionary Deborah Newsome, Sister Jovonne Newsome and The Showers Family Honored and Encouraged 2025 Graduates During The Grad Night Program on July 20, 2025.



Eric Morris was recognized as the 2025 Scholarship Recipient and received \$4,000 and a laptop.
Tyler Easter was recognized as the Resilience Award Recipient and received \$2,000.

Congrats To The 2025 Graduates On Their Achievements And Continued Pursuit Of Excellence!



MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Encouragement Committee



Men Encouraging Men

HE WALKS WITH GOD DAILY

A godly man isn't just spiritual on Sundays. **He seeks God consistently in prayer, in the Word, and in how he lives.**

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked... but his delight is in the law of the Lord."
— Psalm 133:2

Man Of God Prayer

Heavenly Father,
As a man of God, I seek Your heart and Your will above all else. Help me to walk in Your ways and to be a reflection of Your love and grace. Guide me in all that I do, so that I may honor You in every aspect of my life. Fill me with Your Spirit, so that I may be a light in this world and glorify Your name.
Amen.

A GODLY MAN DOESN'T
JUST SAY HE LOVES
GOD - HE SHOWS IT
THROUGH HIS ACTIONS

Man of God

— ERIN ELISE KID



Distinctive Daddies of Showers

Monday, August 3, 2026
7:00 p.m.



MEETING ID: 831 9398 7939
PASSCODE: DDOS

PLEASE SEE
DEACON MARVIN RICHARDSON

*Please Check Website
For Upcoming Meetings And Events*

Rising Men
Ages 5-15

Young Men Of Valor
Ages 16-25

[Men's Department Meetings](#)



Join Us
Women's Department
Monthly Meetings
 7:00 p.m.
 Second Fridays Of The Month
 Showers of Blessings Church

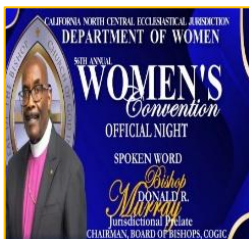
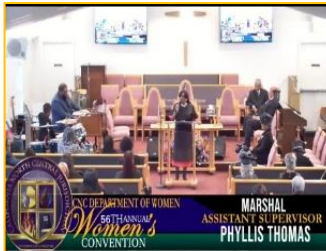


Mark Your Calendar
August
Women's Shelter Outreach
September
Women's Conference

SPOTLIGHT

The 56th CNC Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Women's Convention Was Held March 18-20, 2026.

Theme:
 Godly Women Meeting And Answering
 The Call Of God During Troubling Times



Women's Department Presented Powerful "There Is Purpose In My Pain" Play on July 10, 2026.



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Showers' Ministries Continue To Unite For Uplifting Performances.



How Does God Help You Reach Your Academic, Career and Personal Goals?



Keeping my faith, putting God first and holding fast to His Word (Psalm 139:8

The Lord will perfect that which concerns me.); have been the keys to balancing school, newlywed life, two jobs, and still showing up for my family and ministry. God has shown me who He is on numerous occasions. He has brought up my name in rooms I wasn't even in and set favor before me. As the first in my family to break generational bloodlines, God has blessed me to pave a new trail and open opportunities that never existed before. As I align my life with His will, He orders my steps and causes the works of my hands to flourish. My wife, Natalie, is a vital part of this journey. She supports me and pushes me as I strive to be a living example . . . not only for those to come, but for my household and my little man, RJ, who is witnessing God work first hand in my life.

Minister DeShawn Ware



God helps me reach my goals in many ways. His Word reminds me of the truth of who I am in Him and that I can do all things through Christ. His grace provides me a new day and opportunity to continue to try and give my best. His love always reminds me that even when I fall short and get it wrong, He is always there!

Nichole Newton



God helps me reach my academic, career, and personal goals by keeping me grounded in His Word and reminding me that my purpose is bigger than me. He not only strengthens me in my studies and my work with children and families, but He also equips me to serve in ministry by encouraging youth, supporting scholarship recipients, or simply being a light in my church community. Whenever I feel overwhelmed, I turn to Him in prayer, and He gives me strength and direction to keep moving forward. Proverbs 16:3 (NIV) reminds us, "*Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.*" Trusting Him with every step allows me to confidently pursue my goals, knowing He is ordering my path.

Sister Jovonne Newsome

Studying The Word Of God

JOIN US WEEKLY!
Wednesday Night
Bible Study
@7PM



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LIVE Showers of Blessings Church

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING

SUNDAY SCHOOL

8:30 A.M.

PLEASE JOIN US AND GROW IN GOD'S WORD!

CEB CLASSES RESUME
30 Days to Understanding the Bible
TUESDAY, JULY 7TH 6:30PM

A class designed to help us see how the Bible fits together.

Open to Everyone

Zoom Details: Meeting ID: 821 2294 7971 Passcode: CED

FOR DETAILS PLEASE SEE MISSIONARY SANDRA DAVIS



HOMELESS COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH 6:00PM

Please see Sis. Pamela Hornback & Sis. Nikki Henderson

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS
Church Board Room
3836 48TH AVE. SACRAMENTO, CA 95823



GET INVOLVED

HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

Monday and Thursday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
and Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
Please wear comfortable walking shoes and join us as often as you can.

EDWIN A. SMITH COMMUNITY PARK
8210 Meadowhaven Dr., Sacramento 95828

See Missionary Deborah Bradford



ALTAR WORKERS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22ND, 2026
6:00PM

CHURCH BOARD ROOM
3836 48TH AVE.
SACRAMENTO, CA 95823

PLEASE SEE MISSIONARY SHEILA IRVING OR SISTER PAULA CURRY



Showers of Blessings Church
Youth Department

Young Ladies 13-20

Cherished & Chosen

Thursday, July 23rd, 2026
6:30pm

Executive Plaza, Suite 330
7100 Bowling Dr.
Sacramento, CA 95823

Sis. Jasmyrn Starke or Sis Aja Powe



SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS
PART OF THE CHURCH

Music Department

Do you enjoy singing?

We are currently looking for dedicated singers.

If you can sing, join this awesome ministry

Please see Missionary Benita Anderson for more information.



SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

PRAISE-N-MOTION

ADULT PRAISE DANCE MINISTRY

Rehearsals held every Tuesday and Thursday
6:30pm-8:00pm

REHEARSALS HELD AT THE EXECUTIVE PLAZA

7100 Bowling Dr.
Sacramento, CA 95823

SEE SISTER TIFFANIE JAMARI



SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

Youth CHOIR REHEARSAL

EVERY 2ND & 4TH 4:00PM-6:00PM
SATURDAY 6:00PM

PLEASE CONTACT SIS. KATRINA NUNEZ 408-561-4760

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YOUTH & ADULT Mime Ministry

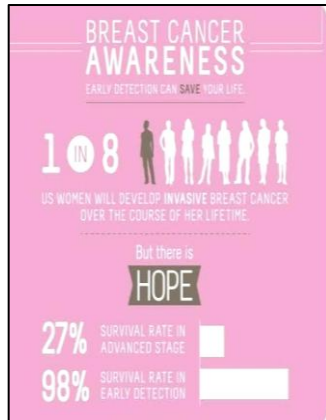
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Please See Sister Elaine Fortson

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During Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, the Church Of God In Christ (COGIC) actively promotes health and healing through “Pink Sundays” and community outreach. Local COGIC congregations emphasize early detection, hold health seminars and provide vital resources to address the disproportionate impact of the disease.



Things You Should Know about Breast Cancer

What are the statistics?

- 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime
- 30% of all new female cancers diagnosed each year are breast cancer
- There are over 2.6 million female breast cancer survivors in the US

What is it?

- It is a type of cancer that starts in the breast when cells begin to grow out of control
- Not all breast cancer is the same - there are several types of breast cancer depending on where it is in the breast and the specific cells that become cancerous

Who does it affect?

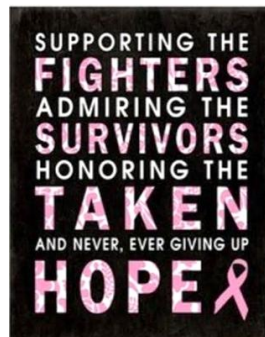
- Breast cancer occurs almost entirely in women, but men can get breast cancer, too
- The median age of diagnosis is age 62
- The majority of female breast cancer risk is established during the years between puberty and menopause

What about prevention?

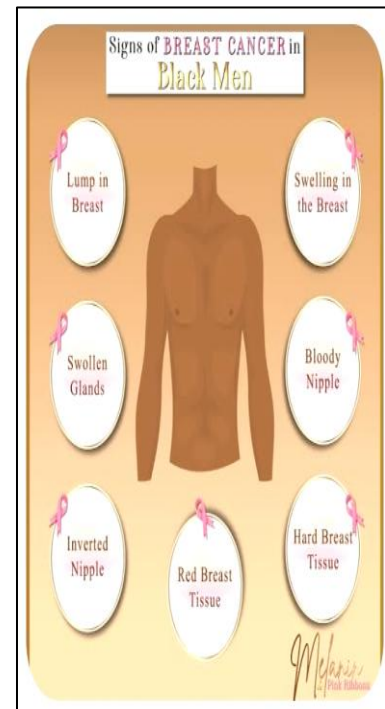
- The most common sign and symptom is a new lump or mass
- Screening mammograms, clinical breast exams, and breast self exams can detect early stage breast cancer before signs and symptoms appear

What are treatment options?

- If you are diagnosed with breast cancer, treatment is based on the stage and type of your cancer
- Common treatment plans include radiation therapy, surgery, or chemotherapy

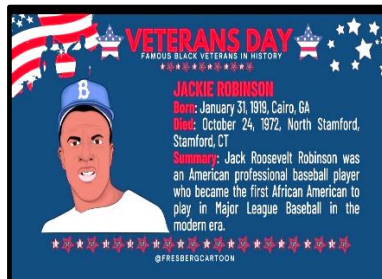
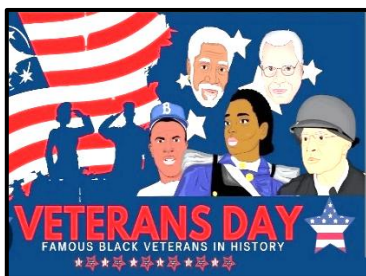


Pink Sundays
Many churches dedicate a Sunday in October where members wear pink to honor survivors, remember those who have passed and promote screening.



Happy Veterans Day

November 11th



**Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 26, 2026**

Christians celebrate Thanksgiving by centering the holiday on spiritual gratitude to God, enjoying family feasts and dedicating time to serve those in need.

SO VERY
thankful
INCREDIBLY
grateful
UNBELIEVABLY BLESSED





Join Us For Fun, Spiritual Growth, Resources And More!

Please Check Website For Youth Services And Special Events.

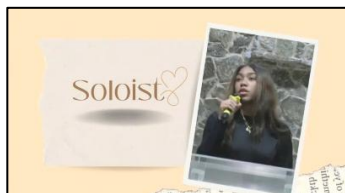
Sister Carlissa Jones, Youth Director



MEDIA MINISTRY



Mime Ministry



Praise Dancers



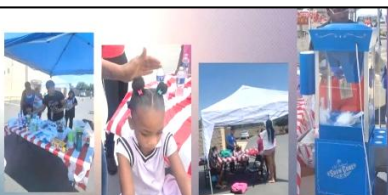
Skating



Great America

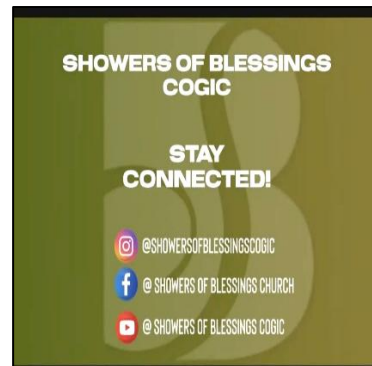


Kickball



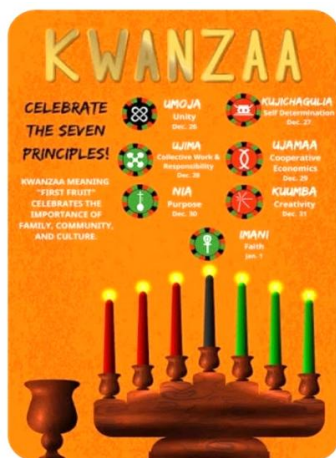
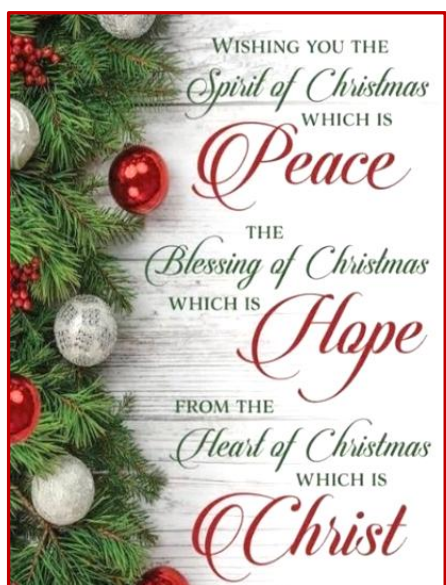
Stay Connected With Showers Of Blessings Church Of God In Christ. We Will Do You Good!

*Join Us Sundays at 10 a.m. for Morning Worship Service
and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Bible Study (Word On Wednesday).*



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*Merry Christmas
And Happy New Year!*



Happy Valentine's Day

