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NEWSLETTER

Shield of Faith
Fellowship of Churches

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SHIELD OF FAITH FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

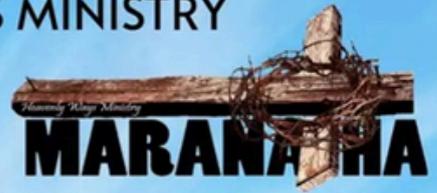
Beloved saints, I write to you today with a word of encouragement and urgency. It is time to move forward in faith! In this hour, the Spirit of God is calling His people to rise up with unwavering trust, to press beyond obstacles, and to walk boldly into the promises He has ordained for us. The enemy seeks to hinder, delay, and discourage, but we are not of those who draw back! (Hebrews 10:39). The same God who parted the Red Sea and brought His people into the Promised Land is moving on our behalf even now. Let us refuse to be paralyzed by fear, doubt, or the weight of past struggles. Instead, let us stand on the unshakable Word of God, knowing that greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4). The Apostle Paul declared, "Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14).

This is our posture in this season a posture of pressing forward, stretching our faith, and stepping into divine purpose! Whatever God has placed in your spirit to do, do it now! Souls are waiting, miracles are waiting, and revival is at hand. The Church must be mobilized in prayer, in evangelism, and in the demonstration of God's power. This is not a time for hesitation but for holy boldness! I decree and declare that doors are opening, chains are breaking, and victory is manifesting for God's people. Walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7), knowing that the Lord goes before you to make crooked places straight. Be strong, be courageous, and trust that God is faithful to perform what He has promised.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you, may His Spirit empower you, and may you go forth in victory.

In His Service,
Apostle Henry and Dr. Marty Alexander

MARANATHA HEAVENLY WAYS MINISTRY



PASTORAL APPRECIATION

March 23rd 4pm (pst)



**Bishop
Hershel Strother**

Guest Speaker



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Dr. Brinetta Thomas-Staples
Faith Carriers International

SINGLE AND SECURE

by

BISHOP CHARLES DORSEY

I want to take a moment to encourage you in this season of your life because I know that waiting on God can sometimes feel like a long and lonely road. But I want you to know you are not alone. You are seen, loved, and fully known by the One who created you, and He has a perfect plan for your life. Singleness is not a burden or a punishment it is a divine season of purpose, preparation, and pursuit of God's will. The world may tell you that being single means you are lacking something, but that is a lie from the enemy. The truth is, in Christ, you are already complete (Colossians 2:10). You are not waiting for someone to "complete" you; you are growing into the fullness of who God created you to be. This is a sacred season, not just a placeholder before marriage, but a time where God is shaping you, molding you, and equipping you for the future He has designed for you. I know the waiting can be difficult. I know the questions can feel overwhelming. "Lord, when?" Lord, have you forgotten me? Lord, am I enough? But let me remind you today God has not forgotten you. He is not ignoring your prayers. He is working behind the scenes, orchestrating your steps, refining your character, and preparing you for His perfect plan. Psalm 37:4 says, "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart." That doesn't mean He simply grants our every wish, but rather, as we seek Him first, He aligns our desires with His will. And His will is always best.

Do not compare your journey to others. Do not let the highlight reels of social media make you feel as though you are missing out. Every person's path is different, and your story is being written by the Author of Life Himself. His timing is perfect. If God is asking you to wait, then trust that He is doing something far greater than you could imagine. Remember that Sarah and Abraham waited for their promise, Joseph endured years of trials before stepping into his destiny, and Ruth remained faithful even when she didn't know what was ahead. God honored them in due time, and He will honor your faithfulness as well. Instead of focusing on what you don't have, focus on what you do have—time to pursue God without distraction (1 Corinthians 7:32-35). Use this season to grow in your faith, to serve in ministry, to build meaningful friendships, and to deepen your relationship with Christ. Let Him be your source of joy, your comfort, and your satisfaction. When you find completeness in Him, you will realize that no human relationship can replace the love and fulfillment that only God can provide.

SINGLE AND SECURE (CONT.)

When the time is right, God will bring the right person into your life someone who will complement your calling, not complete you, because you are already whole in Christ. But until that moment comes, I encourage you to live fully in this season. Don't just endure it, embrace it. Walk in confidence, knowing that your value is not determined by your relationship status but by the One who calls you His own. So keep trusting, keep believing, and keep pressing forward. God's plans for you are greater than you can imagine, and His love for you is deeper than you could ever comprehend. Be steadfast. Be encouraged. And above all, keep your eyes on Jesus and be led by the Holy Ghost.

PASTOR JO'KENA SCOTT FELLOWSHIP ADMINISTRATOR



In obedience to God's direction, Shield of Faith Fellowship of Churches, Inc. has embraced the corporate goal of participating in the establishing and oversight of many churches first in the United States, in addition to establishing various apostolic churches on continents around the World. We reverently acknowledge that God has kindly placed upon us the responsibility to plant and nurture churches and to provide direction for its leadership in these critical closing days of the Church Age.

PASTOR JO'KENA SCOTT (CONT.)

In the pursuit of these ministerial objectives, we identify the following terms as necessary for participation in The Fellowship.

Any church, para-church ministry or leader, including, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, bishops or overseer willing to agree with these conditions will benefit greatly as they share the blessings that God is providing to The Church through this ministry. Churches and its leaders may affiliate with the Shield of Faith Fellowship of Churches, Inc. under the following terms and conditions:

Receiving Apostolic Leadership and Oversight

There must be a willingness to receive Apostle Henry B. Alexander, as the yielded and authorized leader of this Fellowship, and as its “apostolic leader”, acknowledging the mandate that God has given him, and submitting to his authority.

Additionally, he is to be regarded as a consulting spiritual overseer who will watch for the spiritual condition of The Fellowship affiliate churches, its leadership and saints, without respect of persons, providing instruction for leaders as they seek to obey God in their respective places of service.

Financial Participation

As ministry partners our leadership team must be a willingness to contribute to the financial welfare of the Shield of Faith Fellowship of Churches, Inc. as directed by the Lord. Affiliate Churches through its leadership are expected to tithe (10% of church income) as a supporting offering for the many beneficial and benevolent activities of The Fellowship.

Maintaining Devotional Life

Leaders in our fellowship must make a commitment to maintain a consistent and regular prayer life with accompanying devotional habits. Despite busy schedules and the many demands of ministry, each church leader is challenged to be alone with God at least one consistent hour per day on a regular basis.

Ongoing Educational Development

Each church leader is asked to explore the feasibility of enrolling in an accredited distance-learning program to continue his/her study and education as to the Scriptures and ministry dynamics such as is offered through the official academic institution of the Shield of Faith Fellowship of Churches, Inc. or one at least commensurate with its standards and accreditations.

PASTOR JO'KENA SCOTT (CONT.)

Commitment to Biblical Truth

There must be an absolute and total commitment to teach and preach biblical truth as revealed in scripture, amplified by the Holy Ghost, and mutually embraced and understood by the Executive Council of the Shield of Faith Fellowship of Churches, Inc.

Church Planting

There must be a willingness to seek aggressively for the propagation of the faith through the planting of new congregations of believers, ministries and churches whenever possible. We reverently acknowledge that God has placed upon us the responsibility to plant and nurture churches and to provide direction for its leadership in these critical closing days of the Church Age.

Receiving Correction

There must be a willingness to receive correction and accept confrontation when any doctrinal error is detected, and to humbly take corrective measures when justified, especially in areas of teaching, preaching and lifestyle.

Godly Deportment

Each church leader must be accountable to the Executive Council concerning the lifestyle of personal holiness and deportment in all facets and aspects of ministry, church administration and related affairs, family, community, business, and generally in all activities as an ambassador of Jesus Christ.

Family Life

Each church leader is to recognize the critical importance of sensitive family leadership and must manifest the love of Christ in family relationships. Further, there must be a vigilant concern for other ministerial families, and a willingness to minister to them in times of crisis or need.

Maintaining Ministerial Excellence

Each church leader must commit himself/herself to excellence in all facets of pastoral and ministerial work, with an observable eagerness to obtain and obey the direction of God in all matters of ministry and personal spiritual growth. Leaders will be expected to coordinate church calendars and cooperate with other fellowship churches and their leadership in the immediate area for the mutual benefit of each other when possible.

PASTOR JO'KENA SCOTT (CONT.)

Godliness in Business Practices

There must be a willingness to conform business practices, both personal and ministerial, to the highest standards of godliness and biblical morality. All church business activities must be ethically sound, well organized, and executed in accordance with the spirit and letter of regulating agencies and authorities.

CONVENTION TIME!!

JUNE 18-20, 2025

Save the Date

**SHIELD OF FATIH FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES, INTERNATIONAL
SUMMER CONVENTION**

Loveland Church
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CHOSEN FOR A PURPOSE

by

DR. FRED SIMS

We as the people of God must encourage our youth to walk in their calling. We know and believe in 1ST Peter 2:9 "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." God has handpicked each of us for a purpose. We are set apart to be lights in the world. Do you see yourself as chosen? How can you walk in that calling? You Are Not Ordinary, you are chosen! God has handpicked each of us for a purpose. We are set apart to be lights in the world. When we fully embrace our calling, we walk in confidence, knowing that God has designed us for something greater. The challenge is to recognize this calling and live it out daily.

Setting an Example in Your Generation

No matter your age, you can be a leader in faith, purity, and love. First Timothy 4:12 reminds us not to let anyone despise our youth but to be an example. Young people have the power to influence their friends, families, and even their churches by standing firm in righteousness. Take a moment to reflect on how you can be an example where God has placed you.

Seeking God in Your Youth

Ecclesiastes 12:1 urges us to remember our Creator in the days of our youth. Establishing a strong relationship with God early lays a foundation that will sustain us through life's challenges. The world offers temporary pleasures, but only God provides lasting joy and purpose. Making time for prayer and studying His Word every day strengthens our walk with Him.

Walking in the Power of the Holy Ghost

Acts 1:8 declares that we receive power when the Holy Ghost comes upon us. This power enables us to resist temptation, be bold witnesses, and live a victorious life. A relationship with God is not just about avoiding sin but about living in the fullness of His Spirit. Seeking the Holy Ghost isn't just a one-time event but a continual infilling that guides and strengthens us.

CHOSEN FOR A PURPOSE (CONT.)

Standing Strong in a Tempting World

Psalm 119:9 asks how a young person can cleanse their way, and the answer is found in taking heed to God's Word. Today's world is full of distractions—social media, peer pressure, and ungodly influences. The way to overcome these challenges is by staying rooted in the Word. Surrounding ourselves with godly friends, immersing in worship, and staying connected to the church helps us stand firm.

Serving the Lord with Joy

Serving God is not a burden—it's a privilege. Psalm 100:2 encourages us to serve the Lord with gladness. There are many ways to get involved in ministry, whether through music, teaching, outreach, media, or simply being a support to others. True fulfillment comes when we give our time and talents to the work of the Kingdom.

Engaging Activities for the Rally

Worship will set the atmosphere, bringing everyone into God's presence. Skits or spoken word performances can illustrate real-life challenges and victories in faith. Testimonies from youth who have experienced God's power will inspire others. A time of altar call and prayer will allow young people to seek God's presence and commit their lives to His purpose. Afterward, fellowship activities such as games, youth mixers, or a shared meal will help build lasting connections.