



ANOINTED REMNANT GLOBAL ASSEMBLIES

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE

Greetings ARGA Leaders and Executive Staff,

As we collectively enter the latter portion of the year, our attention quickly shifts to events and fellowship that focus on relaxation, dinning and fun; it is imperative to keep Romans 14:17 (ESV) as our principal emphasizes: "The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit".

Every Christian's life needs elements of glitter, glamour, and balanced eating gratification, in order to maintain a valid understanding of society's unchurched, to adequately evangelize future Christians. The victory advantage God has given to us, as Kingdom residents, far exceeds the glitter, glamour, and personal gratifications of life.

When we intentionally allow God to direct our life, develop the events and delivery our joy, true

Spiritual relaxation, dinning and fun will be obtained.



It is vitally important as Christians during this last quarter we know who and what the righteousness of God has called us to be. Why, because it will provide a pulsating Spirit-filled Joy of rests in His peaceful atmosphere, which far outweighs any seasonal tradition of events. Please know traditions and the festivities that accompany them are important, but they should not command more of our focus than God.

ARGA Leaders, bask in Gods loving arms and allow His "Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Spirit" to direct your life events. Enjoy your time with family and friends but let's keep God in the center of it all.

Finally, please prepare to unquestionably attend our Virtual ARGA Fifth Annual Conference, November  $20^{th} - 22^{nd}$ . This year's theme: "The Power Within," Ephesians 3:16 and Philippians 2:13. Experience "Encounter Worship, Prophetic Fragrance Releases, and Word Deposits that will expose "The Power Within." We look forward to seeing you online.



To God be the Glory,

Willie L. Bradley, ARGA Bishop, Presiding Prelate

#### How to be Thankful in all Things

Are you thankful no matter what? Perhaps you have lost your job recently, as the economy has continued to struggle. Or you may have lost your health, or a loved one. Such circumstances can be tremendously difficult. But even so, we all have much to be thankful for. Look with me at the story of a man who had every right to be bitter—but wasn't.

The next footsteps in the corridor, he knew, might be those of the guards taking him away to his execution. His only bed was the hard, cold stone floor of the dank, cramped prison cell. Not an hour passed when he was free from the constant irritation of the chains and the pain of the iron manacles cutting into his wrists and legs.

Separated from friends, unjustly accused, brutally treated—if ever a person had a right to complain, it was this man, languishing almost forgotten in a harsh Roman prison. But instead of complaints, his lips rang with words of praise and thanksgiving!

The man was the Apostle Paul—a man who had learned the meaning of true thanksgiving, even in the midst of great adversity. Earlier, when he had been imprisoned in Rome, Paul wrote, "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:19-20, NIV).

Think of it: Always giving thanks for everything—no matter the circumstances! Thanksgiving for the Apostle Paul was not a once-a-year celebration, but a daily reality that changed his life and made him a joyful person in every situation.

Thanksgiving—the giving of thanks—to God for all His blessings should be one of the most distinctive

marks of the <u>believer in Jesus Christ</u>. We must not allow a spirit of ingratitude to harden our heart and chill our relationship with God and with others.

Nothing turns us into bitter, selfish, dissatisfied people more quickly than an ungrateful heart. And nothing will do more to restore contentment and the joy of our salvation than a true spirit of thankfulness.

In the ancient world, leprosy was a terrible disease. It hopelessly disfigured those who had it, and it permanently cut them off from normal society. Without exception, every leper yearned for one thing: To be healed.

One day 10 lepers approached Jesus outside a village, loudly pleading with Him to heal them. In an instant He restored them all to perfect health—but only one came back and thanked Him. All the rest left without a word of thanks, their minds preoccupied only with themselves, gripped with a spirit of ingratitude.

Today, too, ingratitude and thanklessness are far too common. Children forget to thank their parents for all that they do. Common courtesy is scorned. We take for granted the ways that others help us. Above all, we fail to thank God for His blessings.

Ingratitude is a sin, just as surely as is lying or stealing or immorality or any other sin condemned by the Bible. One of the Bible's indictments against rebellious humanity is that "although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him" (Romans 1:21, NIV). An ungrateful heart is a heart that is cold toward God and indifferent to His mercy and love. It is a heart that has forgotten how dependent we are on God for everything.

From one end of the Bible to the other, we are commanded to be thankful. In fact, thankfulness is the

natural outflowing of a heart that is attuned to God. The psalmist declared, "Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving" (Psalm 147:7, NIV). Paul wrote, "Be thankful" (Colossians 3:15, NIV). A spirit of thanksgiving is always the mark of a joyous Christian.

Why should we be thankful? Because God has blessed us, and we should be thankful for each blessing.

## Thank God for the Material Blessings That He Gives You

We seem never to be satisfied with what we have—rich or poor, healthy or sick. But what a difference it makes when we realize that everything we have has been given to us by God! King David prayed, "Wealth and honor come from you ... We give you thanks, and praise your glorious name ... Everything comes from you" (1 Chronicles 29:12-14, NIV).

Some years ago I visited a man who was wealthy and successful. He was the envy of all his friends and business associates. But as we talked, he broke down in tears, confessing that he was miserable inside. Wealth had not been able to fill the empty place in his heart.

A few hours later I visited another man only a short distance away. His cottage was humble, and he had almost nothing in the way of this world's possessions. And yet his face was radiant as he told me about the work he was doing for Christ and how Christ had filled his life with meaning and purpose. I am convinced that the second man was really the rich man. Although he didn't have much, he had learned to be thankful for everything that God had given him. Paul declared, "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want" (Philippians 4:12, NIV). A spirit of thankfulness makes all the difference.

Are you constantly preoccupied with what you do not have? Or have you learned to thank God for what you do have?

## Thank God for the People in Your Life

It is so easy to take people for granted, or even to complain and become angry because they do not meet our every wish. But we need to give thanks for those around us—our spouses, our children, our relatives, our friends and others who help us in some way.

I once received a letter from a woman who began by telling me how fortunate she was to have a kind, considerate husband. She then used four pages to list all his faults! How many marriages and other relationships grow cold and eventually are shattered because of the sin of ingratitude?

Do you let others know that you appreciate them and are thankful for them? The Christians in Corinth were far from perfect, but Paul began his first letter to them by saying, "I always thank God for you" (1 Corinthians 1:4, NIV). When a group of believers (whom Paul had never met) came out to greet him as he approached Rome, we read that "at the sight of these men Paul thanked God and was encouraged" (Acts 28:15, NIV). Thank God for those who touch your life.

## Thank God in the Midst of Trials and Even Persecution

We draw back from difficulties, yet not one of us is exempt from some kind of trouble. In many parts of the world it is dangerous even to be a Christian because of persecution.

And yet in the midst of those trials we can thank God, because we know that He has promised to be with us and that He will help us. We know that He can use times of suffering to draw us closer to Himself: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever

you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance" (James 1:2-3, NIV).

When the prophet Daniel learned that evil men were plotting against him to destroy him, "he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before" (Daniel 6:10, NIV). The Bible commands, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV). Paul declared, "You will even be able to thank God in the midst of pain and distress because you are privileged to share the lot of those who are living in the light" (Colossians 1:12, Phillips).

I don't know what trials you may be facing right now, but God does, and He loves you and is with you by His Holy Spirit. Cultivate a spirit of thankfulness even in the midst of trials and heartaches.

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## Thank God Especially for His Salvation in Jesus Christ

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The Bible tells us that we are separated from God because we have sinned. But God loves us—He loves you, He loves me—and He wants us to be part of His family forever. He loves us so much that He sent His only Son into the world to die as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. All we need to do is reach out in faith and accept Christ as our Savior and Lord:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16, NIV).

Have you opened your heart to Jesus Christ? If not, turn to Him with a simple prayer of repentance and faith, and thank Him for what He has done for you. And if you do know Christ, how long has it been since you thanked God for your salvation? We should not let a day go by without thanking God for His mercy and His grace to us in Jesus Christ.

## Thank God for His Continued Presence and Power in Your Life

When we come to Christ, it is not the end but the beginning of a whole new life! He is with us, and He wants to help us follow Him and His Word.

In ourselves we do not have the strength that we need to live the way God wants us to live. But when we turn to Him, we discover that "it is God who works in [us] to will and to act according to his good purpose" (Philippians 2:13, NIV). Jesus promised His disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:18, 20, NIV).

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----Billy Graham

#### The POWER Within

If there is one thing you must learn, it is that you will determine whether the life of God flows into or is blocked away by your flesh. Without a doubt, this can very well be the most profound lesson you need to learn. This truth will transform your life, give you better grasp of the Word of God and your perception of God.

Let me begin by reminding you that if you are born again, the same power that raised Christ from the dead is resident within you. When you got saved, the Holy Spirit came to take residence in your spirit. You therefore have, regardless of how you feel; joy, peace, and love in your spirit, even though you may be feeling unhappy, depressed, bitter or even angry. It is important that you grasp this very fact.



There is a power, an authority that is given to the Holy Spirit-filled believer for using in his/her day-to-day walk with Jesus. The Scripture says (Jesus speaking), "But you shall receive power ("dunamis") when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8, NKJV). "Dunamis" is a Greek word and means: "act of power" (Young's); "miraculous power, ability" (Strong's); "natural capability, inherent power; capability of anything; then, absolutely, not merely power capable of action, but, power in action" (Bullinger's). Jesus was declaring that through the Holy Spirit living within us there would be a resident power that has the ability for us to overcome every obstacle that would come against us (to stop us from being His true witnesses) and can enable us to go to the furthest parts of the earth.

Thus, the only limitations, are those we place on ourselves! That power

accompanies the Holy Spirit Who is the power of God NOW living inside of us! So when the Holy Spirit comes into our lives He brings with Him the power of God to enable us to serve God in "the power ("strength") of His might" (Ephesians 6:10).



The Holy Spirit is the anointing of God: "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power ("dunamis"), Who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him" (see Acts 10:34-48)! The same Holy Spirit now resides within us and we should also be going about doing good and healing all who are oppressed of the devil. This power is to make us true witnesses unto the Lord Jesus Christ, not only in our speaking, but in our whole manner of living.

Do you know the Holy Spirit is right now living inside of you?

Ephesians 1:13 tells us we have been "sealed ("impressed, stamped") with the Holy Spirit of promise." The Apostle Paul tells us that "the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). We have been sealed by God ~ sealed and filled with the Holy Spirit, making us to know we are part of the Kingdom of God. And we have come to the kingdom for such a time as this (Esther 4:14)! The power of the Holy Spirit in our lives should be so operating within us that our witness of Jesus is reaching out beyond our homes, churches, wherever we fellowship, to the regions beyond, even to the uttermost parts of the world.

#### WE MUST SPEAK THE TRUTH OF WHO WE REALLY ARE!

Far too often we are not able to convince others because we are not convinced ourselves about what God has already given to us by His Spirit. If we say we are filled/baptized in the Holy Spirit, then the anointing and power of God is in the Holy

Spirit Who is now residing within us. The minor prophet, Micah, lived in days when false prophets and ungodly chaos polluted the land; vet he dared to positively confess: "But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord, and of justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin" (Micah 3:8). That was his testimony: he was filled with power by the Spirit of the Lord! This is a power that is more than physical strength; it is a spiritual power, as Zechariah (another minor prophet) declared: it is "not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6).

#### GOD HAS INVESTED HIMSELF IN US!

When we begin to realize and understand that God has already given you and me this power (resident in the Holy Spirit Who is now resident within us), we will accept that truth and rejoice and glory in His Holy Name that we are indeed "endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). We have become true "Jesus people" because of the Holy Spirit anointing and power now living, moving and working in and through us. Our bodies have now become "the temple of the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 3:16 & 6:19). God has chosen your life and mine to place His Holy Spirit in so that He might live inside us forever (John 14:16-18). Right now He lives inside of us! Jesus sent Him to us so that He might indwell us for the rest of time and throughout all eternity! This is the same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead (Romans 8:11)! God's Word says so, and what God says is right! He cannot lie!

So many times in life ~ because we do not know who we are right now as Holy Spirit-filled believers ~ we spend so much time asking God to do things that He has already "endued us with power from on high" to do in His Name! Now, irrespective of our feelings, if we want to know more of the Holy Spirit power working in our lives, we need not cry out, "God, do it! Do something . . . save, heal, deliver this person or that, etc." we would be rather praying, "Lord, teach me more on how I can release Your power that is resident within me!"

#### HE TAUGHT US TO DO HIS WORKS!



Jesus came and taught these principles to His disciples (Matthew 10:1; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 6:7-13; Mark 16:15-20; Luke 9:1-6; Luke 10:1-20; John 20:19-23). His will was to empower them to do His works and, after the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit power came, they went forth and did the works of Jesus. This pattern has not changed.



The very first miracle (after the disciples of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit) happened through Peter and John on their way to a prayer meeting (not on the way home)! They knew the power of God was within them. They knew they did not get "more power" by being in a prayer meeting as the power was already resident within them. They did not tell the crippled man to wait until after the prayer meeting so they could ask God if it were His will or not to pray for him. They knew they had received a mandate from on high to exercise power and authority over all that was an enemy to the cross of Christ. Peter and John stopped walking and stared at the cripple, saying, "Look at us" (Acts 3:4). The man responded and gave them his attention. Then Peter spoke and said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." Notice they did not petition God to do the healing ~ they exercised the power and authority of the Holy Spirit that was within them. They

commanded the man to rise up and walk! And he did (read Acts 3).

#### "What I do have I give you."

The Apostle Paul had a revelation of the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. In Acts 19:11-12 we read: "Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them." Paul's heart and understanding were opened by the Holy Spirit to show him that the power of God was resident within him and that he could impart healing and wholeness from his body into a handkerchief or apron (or some other garment) that would bring healing and deliverance to others. Paul knew what it meant to release the power of God that was already inside of him! We need to know this too! We need to know that within each one of us there dwells the power of God ~ "But as many as received Him (Jesus), to them He gave the power (Greek word is "exousia" meaning "privilege, authority" – Young's) to become the sons of God" (John 1:12). God has given to you and me the power to overcome every obstacle, every thing that will come across your path. He has given you and me power to overcome, and to become a son of God. What an awesome privilege. But do we know it? The power of God was working in Paul, and from his body this power ("dunamis") of God was released. Yet his personal stance was: "And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony ("mystery") of God. For I determined not to know anything among vou except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power ("dunamis"), that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power ("dunamis") of God" (1 Corinthians 2:1-5). Paul did not present himself as an arrogant "know-it-all, look-at-me and what I can do" sort of person. His natural presentation almost defied his spiritual power and authority that he walked in.



## THE HOLY SPIRIT MASTERS OUR TONGUE!

Think of the tremendous victories that God has brought about when His believers (disciples) used their tongue, by declaring and speaking out the word of the Lord. And today we have been given a mandate to speak forth "all the words of this life" (Acts 5:19-20), to release the "dunamis" power of God to the people. That is why Jesus taught His disciples to "tarry until they were endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). The key to the early Church's power and authority was the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the enduement of power from heaven! We are powerless without it! How did they know that they had been endued with power from on high? Because the Holy Spirit so got a hold of their tongues and gave them a spiritual language to build themselves up on their most holy faith to enable them to pray in the Holy Spirit (see Jude 20). Praying in the Spirit language built their faith to the point of action! The most unruly member of the human body was harnessed at Pentecost. The Bible says, "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (see Acts 2:1-4). (Notice they only began at Pentecost to speak in tongues, not finish ~ the Holy Spirit language is still available for you today)!

## TESTED IN WILDERNESS EXPERIENCES

All who will walk in the power of the Holy Spirit God will use for His own praise, honour and glory. The power of the Holy Spirit is available for you and me today, even in every "wilderness experience" that we go through. Luke Chapter 4 teaches us this. Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness! Nobody likes the wilderness ~ it is a desert, a dry place, a place where we are tested and tried (we all need these times). Jesus came forth out of the

wilderness. He did not stay there and get overcome there! "Then Jesus returned in the power("dunamis") of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region" and then He declared: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He (God) has anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed ("downtrodden"); to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (see Luke 4). Jesus was not defeated or lost in the wilderness, like so many are today. He came out in the power of the Holy Spirit!

It is time for us to come out of our wilderness in the power of the Holy Spirit and proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord!

That includes releasing the anointing of the Holy Spirit out of us to preach the Gospel, heal the sick and brokenhearted, to set the captives free, etc.

#### WE ARE WITNESSES OF JESUS!



The apostles gave witness of Jesus and His resurrection power because the Holy Spirit was ministering in and through their lives. They carried the same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead!

#### And so do we!

They declared, "Knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. For our Gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power ("dunamis"), and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 1:4-6). Let me remind you "to stir up the gift of God which is in you . . . for God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power ("dunamis") and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:6-7).



There are sufficient Scriptures and statements by Jesus to show us that what He taught His disciples about releasing the power within, and what we are generally taught today, make us realize that we do need to re-examine our Christian stance on this matter. Do we believe Jesus, or our own feelings? Do we believe Jesus and do what He taught us, or do we keep our Christianity in the realm of theological belief without the accompanying releasing of the Holy Spirit power? Paul very plainly declared: "For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power ("dunamis")" (1 Corinthians 4:20). In the verse before that he said he was not looking to know the Corinthians Christians words but their power!

#### SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN OPERATION HELP US TO RELEASE THE POWER WITHIN!

Spiritual Gifts functioning out of our lives are a major means of releasing the power within. Those nine beautiful Gifts of the Holy Spirit are resident within us by and with the Holy Spirit. They are there to be used in obedience to the voice of the Lord, to enable us to release the supernatural of God into peoples' lives and situations that make them aware that "God is on their case"; that Jesus really does love them, knows all about them and has answers to set them free and bring them into a closer relationship with Himself. Spiritual Gifts in operation establish and build Christian believers and enable them to come to the maturity of the faith of Christ. They also cause unbelievers to know that God is real and can do great things for them if they will respond to those gifts that are released to help them and to give them answers to life.



We are living in a day when the natural world is more and more dominated by a "religious spirit." The only way a religious spirit is going to be truly combated is by Holy Spirit-filled Christians demonstrating the power of the Holy Spirit, plus Spiritual Gifts, thus giving witness to Jesus being alive from the dead! Unless we can demonstrate the power of God then the world will not be convinced that Christianity is the only way to God, heaven and eternal life.

## WHAT YOU ARE Looking for is not out there.. It's in you.

It is time to release the power within!

Jesus said: "... out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things" (Matthew 12:34-35).

Jesus said: "He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water. But He was speaking here of the Spirit, Whom those who believed (trusted, had faith) in Him were afterward to receive. For the [Holy] Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified (raised to honor)" (John 7:37-39, AMP.).

Jesus has now been glorified, and the Holy Spirit has now been given!

Release the power of the Holy Spirit from your innermost being today!

God Bless You!

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#### Calendar Dates for 2020

"Theme: Serving those that Serve Him"



Please forward your calendar for 2020; send to argasaves@gmail.com

If you have **December - January** events, please forward to <u>argasaves@gmail.com</u>. We will add your events to the monthly newsletter.

Are you interested in submitting an article to the Covenant Ministry Newsletter; please submit an inquiry by visiting <a href="www.arqasaves@qmail.com">www.arqasaves@qmail.com</a>

#### **BISHOP'S NOTES**

Executive & Legislative Staff, Pastors and Leaders, please pray as we continue to press forward in building our Global Sanctuary in 2020.

Please mark your calendars and join us for the ARGA 2020  $5^{th}$  Annual Conference (Virtual), November  $20^{th} - 22^{nd}$ 

Please continue to pray for Overseer Chism as she and her LIFE Team have entered the final dimension of starting a Charter School in Montgomery, AL.

Executive and Legislative Leaders please ensure your reports are emailed to the secretary by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month and the agenda is forwarded to Bishop Johnson by Wednesday.

All leaders please visit the website often for updates and changes to ARGA programs and events: <a href="https://www.argachurches.com">www.argachurches.com</a>.

Please join me in welcoming Pastor Minnie Mims to the ARGA Family. We are looking forward to a great relationship as we assist one another in building the Kingdom of God.

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Pastors/Leaders please communicate with our Pastoral Care Team when there are disasters, deaths, or support needed in your areas.

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#### PASTORAL NOTES/COMMENTARY

**Bishop J. Banks** – Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Living Word Christian Center sustained damaged, but not as catastrophe as some buildings, businesses, homes, and churches in the Lake Charles area. Please continue to pray for us and our recovery. If you desire to assist in any way, we ask that you send funds for the purchase of gift cards to support our congregates and community.



Living Word Christian Center Hurricane Laura/Delta Recovery

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Thank you to the pastor's and leaders that joined us for the "CALL" in October (https://fccdl.in/jCCoskTLSI). In the month of November, if you cannot attend the LES please designate someone, from your group or fellowship to share comments and ministry highlights. Thank you to those that support monthly with your financial contributions to ARGA.

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#### Intercessors

Your prayer intercessors would like to encourage you to continue to forward your weekly prayer request by completing an inquiry/prayer request form:

http://www.argachurches.com/connect.html. Please allow us to petition God on your behalf. Please contact Elder Toni Kelley if you have questions: tonikelley1@icloud.com

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#### **Anointed Remnant Global Assemblies**

A Kingdom Prospective Mouth" The Prophetic Year of 5780/2020

Date: January 03, 2020

#### **Greetings Leaders!**

On behalf of the Pastoral Care team, Happy New Year! As we have closed out 2019, we pray that you were afforded the opportunity to reflect on the goodness of God in spite of any challenges you may have experienced.

As we lean into 2020," the year of the mouth," we pray that your spirits are on fire as we prepare to align our mouths with the word of God and experience unlimited power.

"In the beginning God **created** the heavens and the earth. The earth was **formless** and **empty**, and darkness covered the deep waters, and the Spirit of God was **hovering** over the surface of the waters. Then God **said**, "Let there be light," and there **was** light."

We're standing on the threshold of a monumental transformation, keep your lampstands trimmed and your eyes alert. There's a changing of the guard at hand, are you ready?

As your Pastoral Care team, we are both humbled and honored to serve you. It is our objective to ensure that each interaction results in a 5-star experience.

We look forward to serving you in the following capacities:

- Birthday and anniversaries acknowledgements
- Hospital Visits
- Shut-Ins Wellness Checks
- Visiting Clergy Accommodations
- Bereavement
- Leader's 911 Confidential Support System An encouragement response system for leaders based on The Living Waters Concept –Who ministers to the Minister? Ministry burnout is a reality and every minister experiences it at some point during the course of ministry. Living Waters offers a lifeline and provides an avenue for Leaders to receive confidential direction and guidance during periods of burnout and the need for encouragement. This ministry is voluntary and available to leaders who desire to take advantage of the service provided. Leaders can make initial contact via email, the designated email <a href="mailto:rebirthdrrc@yahoo.com">rebirthdrrc@yahoo.com</a>.
- Supplementary support when necessary

"Each of you should look to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ...who took on the very nature of a servant..."

Philippians 2:3-4, 7

Please don't hesitate to let the team know how we can serve you.

Blessings,

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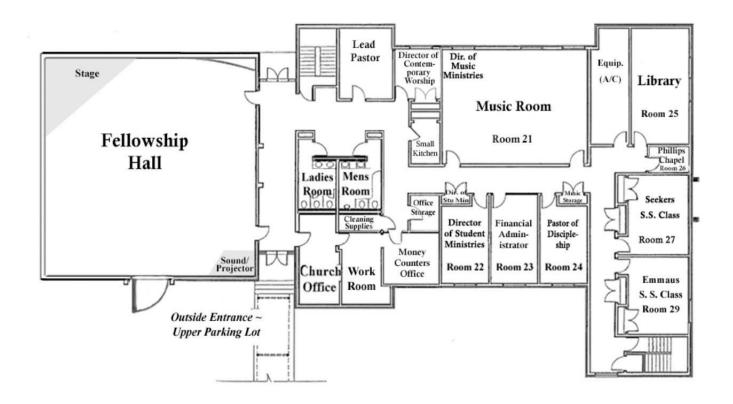
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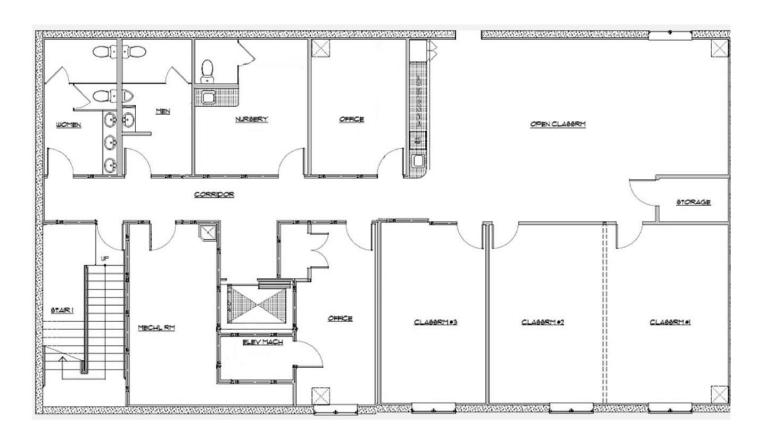
November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday: 10:00 – 11:30



**ARGA GLOBAL CHURCH** 









#### ARGA Family,

In many of our communities nationally and globally, our last "normal" Sunday was two months ago. Since then, many, if not all, have changed their format from traditional worship services to online streams with a total of no more than ten persons present. All of this I believe was necessary as the goal was to invite audiences locally and globally into our worship space. And while we've all enjoyed the weekly streams and many of you have plans to implement them as we move forward, they were always a temporary fix, as we all worked to follow our governmental leaders guidance to shelter-in-place and minimize social contact.

To this end, ARGA has patiently submitted to those in authority over us and has worked to protect our congregates from the very real threat of the COVID-19 virus. As your Prelate, I don't want to see this season of carefulness morph into what could become the strangulation of our biblical obedience to the Lord to assemble as a church as commanded in Hebrews 10:25.

As I have prayed, waited on the Lord, and sought counsel regarding what it will look like when we return to in-person services, one thing has been abundantly clear; our return for now as an organization and the ARIM main campus will be a phased project. Please note this is different in each of our individual cities and is based on the leadership of your State. I don't believe any return will be "back to normal," but will need to embrace a "temporary normal" for a season.

With this in mind, I encourage you, if possible, to rearrange your seating to accommodate the current social distancing requirements and requisition thermo thermometers to use as congregates enter and exit the sanctuary. Furthermore, I advise you continue to acknowledge directives for wearing mask in public and make disposable ones available at the door for those that arrive without them. Finally, hand sanitizer is a must after exchanges. I know God will take care of us, but I am asking our pastors to do their part as responsible leaders to ensure parishioners are comfortable with being in church as they are with going to the grocer, work, or attending other activities and events outside their homes. Please note, sanctuaries should be cleaned weekly and continue to disinfect.

Beloved, the reality is, returning to church is not as simple as opening the doors and saying, "Let's meet again." Other churches may do things differently, but this gradual re-entry phased approach is necessary as we continue to monitor our way through this crisis.

Also, it needs to be understood that if our community, city, or state worsens during this gradual phased "temporary normal," we may be required to quarantine again for safety sake. If so, I believe we will be better prepared for the next cycle.

We have patiently practiced Romans 13, but I think it is time to step out by faith to begin in-person services, beginning May 31, 2020.

As a leader covered by ARGA in different States and Countries, feel free to use this letter as a point of reference, or help as you are working on your plans to return to church. If you are a church member, I encourage you to continue to pray for your pastor and church leadership as they work through these weighty decisions with a desire to both protect the flock and honor Christ in corporate worship. Ultimately, the church belongs to Christ (Acts 20:28), and we want Him to be glorified as we pray and work toward a return to in-person services with a right testimony in front of our community and commitment to our Lord.

Bishop Dr. Willie L. Bradley, Jr. Presiding Prelate

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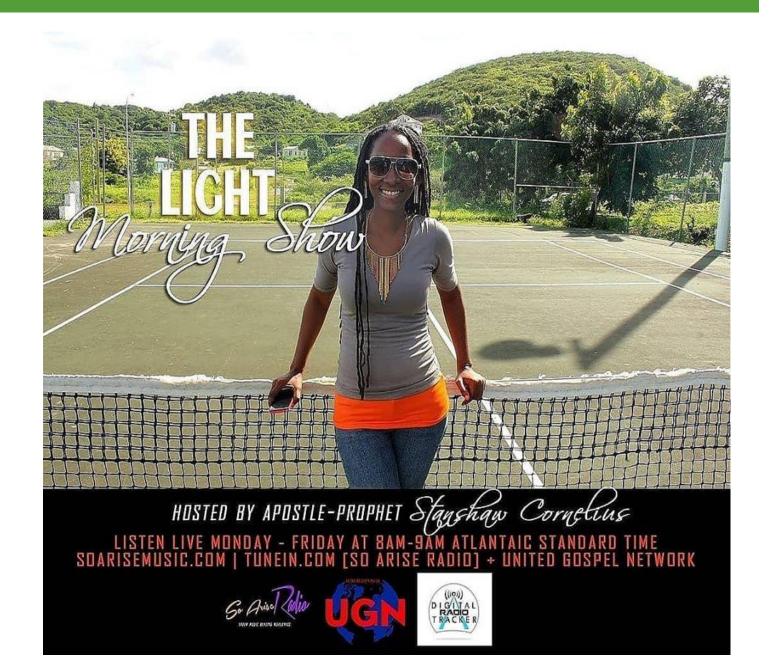


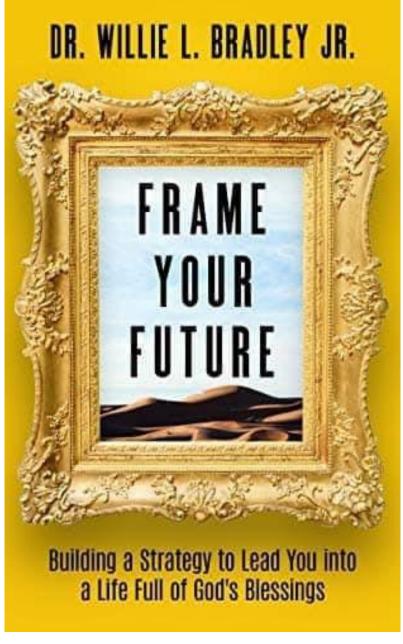
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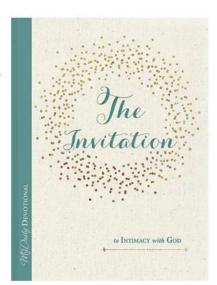
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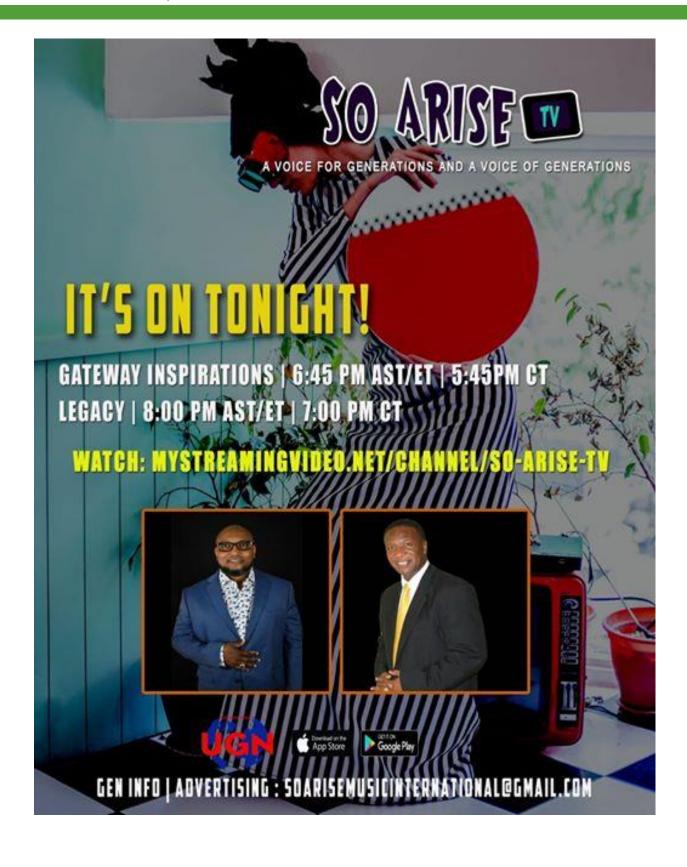
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