

# The Overcoming Church of God of America, Inc.

~ Presents its ~

## 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Holy Convocation

October 4<sup>th</sup> (thru) 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025



**THEME: “Chosen By God”**

*“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.”*

*St. John 15:18-19*

~ To Be Held at ~

**Saint Stephen Overcoming Church of God**

**279 Hemphill School Road**

**Atlanta, Georgia 30331**

*Elder Verna Funderburk ..... Pastor*  
*Elder Dr. Karey Price ..... Presiding Elder, District #2*  
*Bishop Napoleon LeSuer.....District Bishop, Mississippi District*  
*Bishop Alex Allen, Jr. .... 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Presiding Bishop*  
*Bishop Michael Higgins.....Assistant Presiding Bishop*  
*Bishop Dr. Walt J. Higgins ..... Presiding Bishop, OCOG*



**NOTICE: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY**

**SEND ALL MAIL**

**Church Report Correspondence TO:**

Deacon Van Green, Chief Financial Officer  
4474 Riverwood Forest Court  
Decatur, GA 30035  
Phone: (678) 294-5045

**SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS:**

Saturday Morning: 10:00 AM  
Saturday Evening: 6:30PM - Conclusion  
Sunday School: 9:45AM  
Sunday Morning: 11:15AM - Conclusion

**CHURCH REPORTS & REGISTRATIONS: Upon Arrival At The Convocation, All Churches Are Asked To Make Their Church Reports & Registrations To The Finance Committee!**

All District Bishops, Presiding Elders, National and General Evangelists should give their written report of works for the year to the Executive Secretary, Sister Tangie Weatherspoon or Convention Secretary, Sister Anitra Burns upon arrival to the Convocation.

**REGISTRATION:** Each person (18 years and above) is asked to register with a \$20.00 donation. All Youth 17yrs and below, and members not attending are asked to register with a \$5.00 donation.

**BADGES:** Bishops- \$7.00/ Executive officers, General officers, Pastors, and Ministers- \$5.00; Delegates, Members, and Friends- \$3.00.

**CHURCH PINS** - \$10.00 for all members; **CHURCH MEDALLIONS** - \$8.00 for all members.

**WRITTEN EXCUSE OF ABSENCE AND FEES:** All Bishops, Executive and General officers, Pastors, Evangelists, Ministers, and Ordained Deacons and Deaconesses and Mothers are **required and expected** to attend the Convocation from the first session to the last session. In the event that is not possible, a written excuse should be forwarded to the National Church Administrator, Mother Gerlain Green at the address below. These excuses will be given to the Presiding Bishop for his acceptance along with the appropriate fees. Amount- \$1.50 per day missed.

**Send to:** Mother Gerlain Green  
4474 Riverwood Forest Court  
Decatur, GA 30035

**All delegates and Preachers are automatically on program!** Even though your name may not appear on the program, please be prepared if you are called upon.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Holy Communion will be given during the Sunday Morning Service.

The Holy Convocation will be directed as the Holy Spirit leads under the guidance of Presiding Bishop, Dr. Walt Higgins, and the Board of Bishops.

**Conference Call-in Number**

**1 (425) 436-6356**

**Access Number: 854756#**



## **Saturday Morning Service 10:00AM – 1:00PM**

**Bishop Alex Allen, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Presiding Bishop**

*~ Presiding ~*

*(Asking everyone to please wear their new Annual Holy Convocation T-Shirts)*

The 106<sup>th</sup> Holy Convocation will open with Assistant Presiding Bishop (or) Church Deacon reading Exodus 12:16. Afterwards, the Convocation will be turned into the hands of Presiding Bishop, Bishop Dr. Walt Higgins to organize and set the standards of the Convocation.

Praise & Worship ..... Church Mothers of Overcoming  
Convocation Welcome..... Mother Regina Lee, District Mother  
Convocation Greeting..... Elder Dr. Karey Price  
Organization of Convocation..... Bishop Dr. Walt J. Higgins

**The symbolic Meaning of the color “Burgundy”** ..... Mother Gerlain Green

**Teaching Session: {Chosen by God}** Elder Barbara Thompson & Deacon Van Green

Offering & Registration..... Church Deacons/Deaconesses

*~ Mid-day - Break ~*

**(Cont’d)**

**Teaching Session: {Chosen by God}** Elder Barbara Thompson & Deacon Van Green

~ Opening for Questions and Answers & Open discussion ~

Remarks & Announcements.....

Benediction..... Deacon Jimmy Marshall

*~ Dinner Served ~*



## **Saturday Evening Service - 6:30PM**

**Bishop Alex Allen, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Presiding Bishop**

*~ Presiding ~*

*{Asking all Bishops, Ministers, Deacons and Mothers to wear their Ordination Attire}*

Praise & Worship..... Church Mothers of Overcoming

“Introduction of Bishop Staff” ..... Sister Tanganeki Weatherspoon, Executive Secretary

Welcome to All Overcomers & Visitors..... Deacon Van Green &  
St Stephen Church Family



*~ LM Mitchell Memorial Service ~*

**Mission & Prayer Band Department General Presidents**



*Lord, may we always remember the Saints who came before us, who has gone onto Glory. Though we miss them, we thank you God for their Spiritual Walk, a Holy memory, that will live on in our Hearts.*

**Presiding Bishop Dr. Walt Higgins and Bishops/Presiding Elders Staff**

**Ordination Service (Elders & Deacons) – Board of Bishops**

Ordination Service opening ..... Bishop Napoleon LeSueur

*{Ordination candidates brought forward accompanied by spouses (or) family member}*

Introductory Statement .....	Elder Dr. Karey Price
Opening Hymn.....	Deacon John Dragg
<b>Scriptures:</b>	
<i>{As a Bishop}</i>	
I Samuel 3:1-10 .....	Elder Ruby Kendall
II Timothy 2:1-15 .....	Elder Dr. Karey Price

Charge to Candidates.....	Bishop Dr. Walt J. Higgins
Ordination Prayer.....	Bishop Alex Allen, Jr.
Laying on of Hands .....	Bishop Dr. Walt Higgins
Charge to the Church .....	Bishop Dr. Walt Higgins
Closing Hymn.....	Deacon Roger Price
<i>{Hand of Fellowship and Congratulations by the Congregation}</i>	
Selection.....	St. Stephen Combined Choirs
Offering & Registration.....	Deacons/Deaconesses & Bishops
Introduction of Speaker.....	Mother Iris Allen, <i>Assistant General Mother, OCOGOAI</i>
Selection.....	St. Stephen Combined Choirs

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*The Anointed Word*
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**Bishop Napoleon LeSuer**  
**District Bishop, Overcoming Church of God of America, Incorporated**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....	Elder Verna Funderburk
Announcements.....	
Benediction.....	Deacon James Williams

**Sunday Morning – 9:45AM**  
**“Sunday School in Session”**  
**Elder Cynthia Whatley, General Superintendent**  
**Sister Juanita Scott, Asst. General Superintendents**  
**Deacon Cory Marshall, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. General Superintendents**  
**~ In Charge ~**

~ Teachers ~

Deacon Larry Mackey – (All Adults)  
Jr. Deacon Bryant Green – All Teens (Ages 13yrs – 18yrs)  
Deacon Stuart Green – All Young children (Ages 12yrs – 5yrs)



## **Sunday Morning Service 11:15AM**

**Bishop Michael Higgins, Assistant Presiding Bishop**

*~ Presiding ~*

*(All Bishops, Mothers and Preachers are asked to wear white)*

*~ and all Deacons/Deaconesses to wear black & white ~*

Praise & Worship.....Deacons of Overcoming  
Welcoming of Visitors..... Sister Amelia Green  
Selection ..... Combined Choirs of Overcoming  
  
Offering..... Deacon/Deaconesses & Trustees  
Selection ..... Combined Choirs of Overcoming  
Introduction of Speaker..... Elder Dr. Joann Higgins  
*First Lady of the Overcoming Church of God*  
Selection..... Combined Choirs of Overcoming

## **† *The Anointed Word* †**

**Bishop Dr. Walt J. Higgins**

**Presiding Bishop, Overcoming Church of God of America, Incorporated**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Prayer..... Elder Susie Gilbert  
“Holy Communion Song” ..... (“I know it was the Blood”) ..... Sister Angel Green  
Holy Communion.....Bishop Michael Higgins, Assistant Presiding Bishop  
*Assisted by: General Mother Sarah Fambro, Assistant General Mother Iris Allen, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant General Mother Kathryn Marshall, & Deacons/Deaconesses*  
Hymnal ..... Deacon John Dragg  
Time & Place ..... Time & Place Committee  
Appointments (*Bishops & Pastors*) .....Bishop Dr. Walt J. Higgins &  
*Assistant Presiding Bishops*  
Benediction.....Bishop Dr. Walt J Higgins, Presiding Bishop

*~ Dinner Served ~*

## **NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE OVERCOMING CHURCH OF GOD OF AMERICA, INC**

Bishop Dr. Walt J. Higgins– Presiding Bishop  
Bishop Michael Higgins, Assistant Presiding Bishop  
Bishop Alex Allen – 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Presiding Bishop  
Bishop Napoleon LeSueur – District Bishop  
Elder Colin Barton, Presiding Elder, District #1  
Elder Dr. Karey Price, Presiding Elder, District #2  
Elder Dr. JoAnn Higgins, 1<sup>st</sup> Lady of the Overcoming Church of God

### ***{Mothers’ Department}***

Mother Sarah Fambro, General Mother  
Mother Iris Allen, Assistant General Mother  
Mother Kathryn Marshall, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant General Mother  
Mother Gerlain Green, District Mother  
Mother Regina Lee, District Mother  
Sister Velicia Green, Bookkeeper/Treasurer

*{Mission & Prayer Band Department}*

Elder Dr. JoAnn Higgins, General President  
Elder Dr. Karey Price, General Vice President  
Elder Willie Dean Colquitt, 1<sup>st</sup> General Vice President  
Mother Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer

*{Sunday School & HYPU Department}*

Elder Cynthia Whatley, General Superintendent  
Sister Juanita Scott, Asst. General Superintendent  
Deacon Cory Marshall, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. General Superintendent  
Mother Kathryn Marshall, Advisor

***{Church Administration Department}***

Mother Gerlain Green, Internal Affairs Administrator  
Sister Tanganeki Weatherspoon, Executive Secretary  
Sister Anitra Burns, Convention/Convocation Secretary  
Sister Velicia Green, Corresponding Secretary

Deacon Larry Mackey, Sergeant at Arms/Assistant (Deputy) Parliamentarian  
Jr. Deacon Richard Green, Assistant (Deputy) Parliamentarian  
Elder Frances Copeland, National Evangelist

Deacon Van Green, CFO/ General Treasurer  
Deacon Stuart Green, Finance Officer  
Deacon Cory Marshall, Finance Officer  
Deacon Ordie Evans, General Trustee Board, Chairman  
Deacon James McDonald, General Trustee Board, Asst. Chairman/Parliamentarian  
Deacon George Peoples, Executive Board, Chairman  
Deacon Roger Price, Executive Board, Assistant Chairman

Jr. Deacon Bryant Green, Minister of Music  
Deacon John Dragg, National Director of Hymns

Elder Dr. JoAnn Higgins, Chairman, Church Public Relations Board  
Mother Annie Pierce, Chairman, Church National Usher Board



*“Convocation Notes”*

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## The symbolic meaning of Burgundy

The color Burgundy is created by mixing the colors of purple and red to achieve a deep hue shade of red. Just like the dark rich like red blood that runs through our veins.

It's velvet, rich and vibrant color evokes a sense of nobility, royalty, and divine purpose. Christians use the color burgundy in liturgical ceremonies, representing penitence, humility, and mourning. Burgundy and white stoles are worn by priests and ministers in various religious ceremonies as a symbol of their role as Shepherds between God and humanity.

While the Bible may not explicitly mention the color burgundy by name, its deep richness is reminiscent of the blood shed by Jesus Christ on the cross, representing sacrifice, redemption, and salvation. It reminds us of His unwavering love and His willingness to lay down His life for us. It also is associated with the divine presence and authority of God. It symbolizes His sovereignty and power, reminding us of His eternal reign.

In biblical times, the shedding of blood was often associated with, sacrifice, and atonement. It represented both the pain of sin and the redemption offered through the shedding of blood. Crimson and deep red shades were often associated with royalty and nobility, found throughout the Old and New Testaments.

*And they clothed him with purple, and patted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head, and began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews!*

**Mark 15:17-18**

When we see burgundy, let it remind us of the deep passion within us, the transformation that is possible through faith, and our royal calling as children of God. Let it inspire us to pursue an authentic and vibrant relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*"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:"*

**1 Peter 2:9**

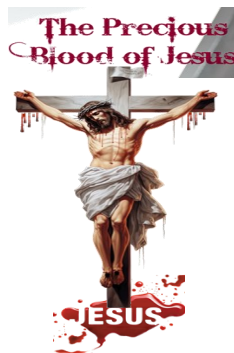
So, let us inspire ourselves to live a life of purpose, devotion, and sacrifice. May the color burgundy remind us of the depth and richness of God's love for us, encouraging us to seek Him daily as we stand firm in His promises and walk in His truth.

*For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depths, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Romans 8:38-39**

As we wear the color burgundy, let us wear it with honor. May it serve as a constant reminder of our identity in Christ and the eternal hope we have in Him.

**So, remember, there is no royalty without the "Blood"**





*"Our Beginning"*

