

The Overcoming Church of God of America, Inc.

~ Presents its ~

107th Annual Holy Convocation

October 3rd (thru) 4th, 2026



THEME: “Through Faith in Jesus Christ, we Believe ...”

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the Word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.

II Corinthians 4:1-2

~ To Be Held at ~

**Saint Stephen Overcoming Church of God
279 Hemphill School Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30331**

Elder Verna Funderburk Host Pastor
Elder Dr. Karey Price Presiding Elder, District #2
Bishop Napoleon LeSueur District Bishop, Mississippi District
Bishop Alex Allen, Jr. 1st 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 National Church Absentee penalty fees per national/local title. (See penalty listings, page #213 in the OCOGOAI Manual).

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 – 1:30PM

Bishop Colin Barton, Bishops' Board ~ Presiding

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

The 107th 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 St. Paul, St. Luke and Redeeming Delegates
Convocation Welcome..... Mother Kathryn Marshall, 1st Asst. General Mother
Convocation Greeting..... Elder Dr. Karey Price
Organization of Convocation..... Bishop Dr. Walt J. Higgins

Teaching Session: {The Overcoming Church of God of America, Inc - Governing Laws ~ “We Believe”}

Our Doctrine - Presiding Elder Dr. Karey Price

Church Name/Government & Objective/Purpose - Elder Susie Gilbert

Our Belief/The Bible/One God - Elder Barbara Thompson

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

~ Mid-day - Break ~ (30 minutes)

Teaching Session: Continued

The Name of Jesus Christ & Holy Ghost - Minister Bryant Green

Divine Healing & Jesus Coming Again /The Second Coming of Christ - Dea. John Dragg & Dea. Ordie Evans

Ordinances of the Church (The Lord's Supper/Feet Washing/Water Baptism) - Deacon Van Green &
Elder Dr. JoAnn Higgins

Summarizing - Bishop Colin Barton

~ Opening for Questions and Answers with Open discussion ~

Remarks & Announcements

Benediction..... Deacon James McDonald

~ Dinner Served ~



Saturday Evening Service - 6:30PM

Bishop Colin Barton, Bishops' Board ~ Presiding

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

Praise & Worship..... St. Stephen, Faith Temple and St. Peter Delegates

“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 Presiding Bishops/Presiding Elders Staff

Ordination Service for (Overseer) – Board of Bishops

Ordination Service opening Bishop Napoleon LeSueur
{Ordination candidate brought forward accompanied by family member}

Introductory Statement	Elder Dr. Karey Price
Opening Hymn.....	Deacon John Dragg
Scriptures:	
<i>{As a Overseer}</i>	
Acts 20:17-28	Elder Verna Funderburk
I Timothy 4:12-16	Elder Dr. JoAnn Higgins
I Peter 5:1-4	Elder Willie Dean Colquitt
Charge to Candidate.....	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>	
Offering & Registration.....	Deacons/Deaconesses & Bishops
Introduction of Speaker.....	Mother Iris Allen, <i>Assistant General Mother, OCOGOAI</i>
Selection.....	St. Stephen Combined Choirs

† *The Anointed Word* †

Bishop Alex Allen, Jr.
1st Asst. Presiding Bishop, Overcoming Church of God of America, Incorporated

Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....	Elder Cynthia Whatley
Announcements.....	
Benediction.....	Deacon George Peoples

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

~ Teachers ~
Deacon Larry Mackey – (All Adults)
Minister 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 Marilyn Lowe
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

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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”) Church Congregation
Holy Communion.....Bishop Dr. Walt Higgins, Presiding Bishop
Assisted by: General Mother Sarah Fambro, Assistant General Mother Iris Allen, 1st Assistant General Mother Kathryn Marshall, & Deacons/Deaconesses
Hymnal Deacon John Dragg
Time & Place Time & Place Committee
Church AppointmentsBishop 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 – 1st Assistant Presiding Bishop
Bishop Napoleon LeSueur – District Bishop
Bishop Colin Barton, Bishop Staff / Presiding Elder Duties, District #1
Elder Dr. Karey Price, Presiding Elder, District #2
Elder Dr. JoAnn Higgins, 1st Lady of the Overcoming Church of God

{Mothers’ Department}

Mother Sarah Fambro, General Mother
Mother Iris Allen, Assistant General Mother
Mother Kathryn Marshall, 1st 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, 1st 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, 1st 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

Minister 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 uses 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

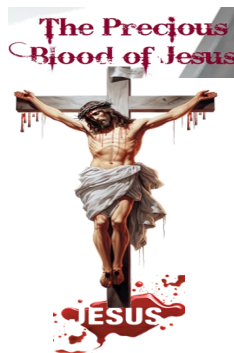
So, let us inspire ourselves to live a life of purpose, devotion, and sacrifice. May the color burgundy remind us of the depth and richness of God's love for us, encouraging us to seek Him daily as we stand firm in His promises and walk in His truth.

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"

