

Holy Convocation 2020

Clear Vision: Building the Foundation. Securing the Future.

FEBRUARY 5TH - FEBRUARY 9TH

Location:

*Union United Church of Christ
877 Goff Street
Norfolk, Virginia 23504*



Welcome to Holy Convocation. this year, we are going to experience signs and wonders. I anticipate fellowshiping with you. Let's make this Convocation unforgettable!

GENERAL OVERSEER, PASTOR ISHOD BRITT



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THE CALL TO CONVOCATION

Grace and Peace,

Welcome to the other side! It is my earnest prayer that the start of this year has been a sign that something great is about to happen!

Convocation in itself is a sacred time, called by God to gather HIS people for a time of collective edification, education, and instruction. This year in particular, The Lord has impressed on us the need to **align** and **adjust** where necessary, so growth and development can be **lasting and effective**.

During Holy Convocation, we are not just seeking a quick fix, but a resolve to whatever has been blocking movement and progress. We will leave free to flow!

Don't miss a moment of Greater Faith Fellowship's Holy Convocation. It is going to be such a joy to serve you! Document your Convocation experience by using the hashtag *#GFFHolyConvocation*. Let's worship!

Ishod Britt
Overseer Ishod Britt



ABOUT GREATER FAITH FELLOWSHIP

Greater Faith Fellowship is a network of Pastors and Leaders beyond the Hampton Roads area. Reverend Hugo “H.J.” Morrison serves as the Administrative Assistant and the Pastoral liaison. He is the Senior Pastor of Union United Church of Christ located in Norfolk, Virginia. He is the host Pastor for Holy Convocation 2020. Dr. D’Andrea “Dee” Evans serves as the Executive Administrator for Greater Faith Fellowship and Ishod Britt Ministries. She is also the Dean of the Education within Greater Faith Fellowship.

The advisory board is a collection of distinguished clergy that believes in the mission and vision of Greater Faith Fellowship. If you would like to become apart of Greater Faith Fellowship, visit the Ishod Britt Ministries table after each service.



OVERSEER ISHOD BRITT

Senior Pastor, The Gift Church
General Overseer, GFF



DR. DEE EVANS

Executive Administrator, GFF
Dean of Education, GFF



REV. HUGO MORRISON

Senior Pastor, Union United Church of Christ
Administrative Assistant, GFF

BIOGRAPHY OF OVERSEER ISHOD BRITT

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Innovative, keen, and captivating are just a few words that describe Pastor Ishod Britt. From his preaching and mentoring to his literary works, Ishod transcends generational boundaries and cultural lines. In addition to his local responsibilities, Pastor Britt is emerging as a choice vessel and trusted voice for prophetic accuracy and apostolic relevance

He is the Senior Pastor and Founder of The Greater International Faith Temple, also known as “The Gift Church,” located in Virginia Beach, Virginia. In addition to their pastoral duties, Overseer Ishod Britt is the founder of Ishod Britt Ministries, an equipping and leadership ministry that extends beyond liturgical borders. Overseer Ishod Britt is the founder of Greater Faith Fellowship, a network of pastors and leaders.

In 2018, Overseer Britt released his first book entitled, “The Horns of the Altar: A Seven Day Devotional on Strategic”. Aside from his literary publications, Overseer Britt is a spiritual life coach dedicated to releasing strategy to his clients.

Overall, Overseer Ishod Britt stands with an unquestionable anointing, a timely word, and a thought provoking delivery that results in countless souls being won to Christ.

BIOGRAPHY OF REVEREND HUGO MORRISON

Administrative Assistant & Pastoral Liaison, GFF
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Hugo Jamel mMorrison was born to the late Rosalind Morrison and Denis McDougal on July 19, 1981. His custodial parents are Linda and the late Milton Artis. Hugo is recently married to the former Tanika S. Owens.

Hugo is a proud alumnus of Old Dominion University holding a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications. At Old Dominion University, Hugo served in numerous capacities along with receiving many awards. Hugo was the Student Ambassador Vice President & President, member of Ebony Impact Gospel Choir, Preview Counselor, Student Services Mentor, and the student representative to the Men's Team, just to name a few. Some of the awards Hugo has received are Who's Who Among American College/University Students, Tidewater Builder's Association Scholarship, Black Alumni Council Stipend, and many more. Hugo was also a co-founder of the Old Dominion University's Power Ordained Worshippers. He is also a 2009 graduate of Regent University attaining his Master's of Divinity Degree in Practical Theology.

Reverend Morrison gave his life to the Lord at the age of 8 and has been running for Jesus ever since. At 8 years old, he became an active and faithful member of the Prince of Grace Church of South Portsmouth. God desiring to elevate Hugo to the next dimension placed the call of ministry upon his life. It was September 19, 1999 at the age of 18 that Hugo began to boldly proclaim the word of the Lord. God has blessed Minister Morrison with the burden of empowering and equipping the body of believers everywhere, while preparing for end time ministry.

BIOGRAPHY OF REVEREND HUGO MORRISON (CONTINUED)

Rev Morrison was authorized to ordained ministry by the Eastern Virginia Association (EVA) of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ (UCC) and installed as the first Youth Pastor of Zion Bethel UCC in September 2016. In September 2017, Reverend Hugo Morrison was elected as Senior Pastor & Teacher of the Union United Church of Christ located in the Huntersville section of Norfolk, Virginia. Alongside of the Pastorate, Rev Morrison serves on the board of directors of the EVA and the Southern Conference of United Church Christ. He is an adjunct Professor of the Union Christian Bible Institute.

BIOGRAPHY OF DR. DEE EVANS

Executive Administrator, GFF & IBM

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Dee Evans is a native of Asheville, North Carolina. In 2009, Dee accepted her call to ministry while attending undergraduate school at Winston Salem State University. In 2012, she moved to Chesapeake, VA to complete a Master of Divinity degree at Regent University. Dr. Dee is also a graduate of the Regent University's School of Business and Leadership seeking with a Doctor of Strategic Leadership.

Throughout her academic career, Dr. Dee has received numerous awards which include Winston Salem State University's "Outstanding Leadership Award", Regent University's "Global Missions Award" and many more.

In 2014, Dee Evans Ministries International was established both domestically and internationally. Dee Evans Ministries currently equips pastors, leaders and prophets throughout Ghana, West Africa and Pakistan. Additionally in 2014, The School of the Prophets was established to equip, train and release prophets and those with prophetic giftings.

Dr. Dee Evans has authored numerous books: The Vision Statement, The School of the Prophets Manual, A Book of Prayers: A Guide For Intercession, Deliverance and Spiritual Warfare, and Procrastination: A Kingdom Perspective On The Theology Of Work. Additionally, she is a internationally respected blogger and theologian.

BIOGRAPHY OF DR. DEE EVANS (CONTINUED)

Dr. Dee is the founder and owner of Koinonia Training and Consulting an international consulting business that specializes in strategic planning, branding, leadership development and coaching. Dr. Dee Evans is also the Dean of Education for the Greater Faith Fellowship of Churches. In summary, Dee Evans is a lover of God's presence and it is her desire to see God's people transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

WOMEN IN MINISTRY



Dr. Kelli Potts
Co-Pastor, Bread of Heaven
Community Church

There is so much I can say regarding women in ministry of which I have studied and served for just over 40 years. This auxiliary is one of the great power sources of church ministry. As we all know our churches and missions are surely driven by the hands of the majority, the women. I have watched the ladies of the church, young and old; labor, pray, and lead so many souls to the work of ministry. Many have been guided in their relationship with Christ through various choirs; the youth, the young adults and even the seniors depend on the strength and tenacity of the women. Our usher boards, Sunday school even hospitality ministry and certainly children's church can not operate to full potential without the presence of the women in the church.

The Women of any and all ministries are a stabilizing force. We have been instructed through the Bible in Titus 2:3-5 accordingly, the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. The Greek word rendered “in behavior,” or “in demeanor,” includes dress, appearance, conversation, manner; includes an outward deportment dependent on something more internal (Ellicott's Commentary). And so we have been entrusted as the teachers of our sisters and children, as we set the standard of holiness in the church as well as our homes.

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

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The duties of the powerful women of God in this age are as limitless as they have always been. And so, we must be careful not to make light of our position in the Great Commission. (St. Matthew 28:19-20) For by divine order we must make disciples for Christ. It is imperative that we evangelize and disciple the world with Jesus message of love and forgiveness while we cling to His sacrifice, believe in His resurrection, possess the Holy Spirit, and live to do His work.

Humbly Submitted,
Dr. Kelli Potts

WE ARE STILL THAT NATION

Overseer Ishod Britt



As we approached the beginning of this year 2020, the Lord began to impress on us the importance of obedience. By obtaining a pliable heart towards the will of God, sin and it's wages are unsuccessful against us.

“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.”
Proverbs 14:34

In 2019, the Lord taught us that the way to ascend was by coming into full agreement with the will of God. To be completely honest, everyone will not reach this point at the same time. It is easy to say you agree to the will of God when the promise is before you, but time has a way of proving the heart of man. Through the refining process, many individuals discovered they were not as ready as they thought. Their “yes” was honest and sure, but unfortunately some were unaware of the surgery this process and season would do on your heart.

Each quarter of the year 2019 brought it's own test of obedience and it's own unique increase of pressure. As the year progressed, it became harder to believe that something good could come from it. Not only did the weight of each season increase, but no area of life seem to be left untouched.

WE ARE STILL THAT NATION

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The support needed seem to be absent, but the requirements of you seem to increase. Even to the point where some are left so stretched from being present for everyone, they are left absent for themselves, and the ventures that needed to be completed.

Personally and internally, some were at the point of shutting down as a result of the mental weight last year caused. Internalization feels like the best option when there seems to be no trusted outlet, which ultimately creates more mental clutter and frustration. Thankfully, we've turned the corner. There is a spirit of expectation that has started moving on those that can hold on to the promise despite the pain of the process.

To be increased is the promise of the righteous, and after you have been made in this, something great will be made out of this. You are apart of the nation that has been through great hardships and trials, but through obedience to God, you've survived them all. Every element is working together to produce the you that's ready for what's next.

WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE GOD ISN'T THERE FOR YOU

Dr. Dee Evans



I'm unashamed to admit that I have encounter situations where I questioned God. Now, I'm not giving you the liberty to start a protest group against God and his ways, but I will admit that I've done my fair share of complaining.

In retrospect, some of my breakdowns are just down right embarrassing. I've had full blown temper tantrums and I've cried so hard that I lost my voice. No, I was having a psychotic break. No, I'm not mentally deranged. I just felt that God wasn't there for me. Most Christians won't admit this, but I really don't like when God decides to be silent. I like he when speaks about me... to me.

That's why I'm so grateful for technological innovation – actually I'm grateful for YouTube. I have playlist for every mood I'm experiencing. Secondly, I'm grateful for the Bible App. When I don't feel like reading the Bible.... it reads to me.

But reader, there may be moments when you feel like God doesn't have your back. Maybe you feel overworked, overlooked, unloved or pushed to the side. I want to take a few moments to dispel the lies of the enemy concerning God's faithfulness.

WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE GOD ISN'T THERE FOR YOU

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Blaming God Won't Solve Anything

Skepticism only feeds the flesh. The doctrines of men do not always come from the wisdom of God, but from the harshness of the heart. Suffering is inevitable. Even if you have CIPA disease, you are not excluded from pain.

If you fall down the steps, you're going to feel some pain. When your parents die, you're going to feel pain. I suffer weekly because Chick Fil A isn't open on Sundays. Just downright painful. I suffer every time my alarm clock goes off for work. Bed ridden pain.

On a serious note, there are things in life that are unavoidable. And guess what, pain and suffering is one of them. Rabbi Kushner makes a convincing claim in this excerpt from the book, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*:

All the responses to tragedy which we have considered have at least one thing in common. They all assume that God is the cause of our suffering, and they try to understand why God would want us to suffer. Is it for our own good, or is it a punishment we deserve, or could it be that God does not care what happens to us? Many of the answers were sensitive and imaginative, but none was totally satisfying. Some led us to blame ourselves in order to spare God's reputation. Others asked us to deny reality or to repress our true feelings. We were left either hating ourselves for deserving such a fate, or hating God for sending it to us when we did not deserve it [1].

WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE GOD ISN'T THERE FOR YOU

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In Deuteronomy 31:6, God makes a promise to us that he will never leave us. Since when do we take the promises of God lightly? If you feel far away from God, it's because you moved – not him.

Doubt causes separation.

Sin causes separation.

Procrastination causes separation.

Anxiety causes separation.

And guess what? God does not want to be separated from you. God wants to walk with you through every valley, even the valley of the shadow of death. He wants you to let him lead you.

Remember, God knows EXACTLY what he's doing, you don't. There is a strength that comes with knowing that God will be there when everyone else fades away. The enemy wants nothing more than to cause a war in your mind against the lover of your soul. I wish I could concretely state that, "God is more concerned with what's going on around you". I honestly don't know if that is the truth. I honestly don't know what God is more concerned with, but I do know that God's intellect is much higher than ours. Just because it doesn't make sense to us doesn't mean that God has developed a mental illness.

I'm challenging you to put your faith in God again. God has never stopped caring about you. He's working on your behalf. I pray that you see it. I pray that you won't resist his love and leadership. He's waiting for you... and he's extremely patient.

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Wednesday, February 5th
Intercessory Prayer: 6:30pm
Service Time: 7:00pm

Intercessory Prayer
Evangelist Alexandria Roberson

Scripture
Pastor Rhonda Vaughn

Worship

Offering/Convocation Announcements
Dr. Dee Evans

Greater Faith Fellowship Declaration
Reverend Hugo Morrison

Introduction of Speaker
Overseer Ishod Britt

Guest Speaker
Apostle Catherine McGhee
Kingston, New York

Altar Call*

Benediction

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Thursday, February 6th
Intercessory Prayer: 6:30pm
Service Time: 7:00pm

Intercessory Prayer
Pastor LeeTashia McHenry

Scripture
Reverend Hugo Morrison

Worship

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Dr. Dee Evans

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Reverend Hugo Morrison

Introduction of Speaker
Overseer Ishod Britt

Guest Speaker
Bishop Michael Rogers
Stamford, Connecticut

Altar Call*

Benediction



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Friday, February 7th
Intercessory Prayer: 6:30pm
Service Time: 7:00pm

Intercessory Prayer
Overseer Jordan Robinson

Scripture
Pastor Kenneth Taylor

Worship

Offering/Convocation Announcements
Dr. Dee Evans

Greater Faith Fellowship Declaration
Reverend Hugo Morrison

Introduction of Speaker
Overseer Ishod Britt

Guest Speaker
Bishop Michael Densmore
Stamford, Connecticut

Altar Call*

Benediction



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Saturday, February 8th
Breakfast: 9:30am
Opening Session: 10:00am

Morning sessions held in Union United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

Bishop J.L. Jackson
Roanoke, Virginia
10:00am - 11:00am
(60 minutes)

Dr. Dee Evans
Chesapeake, Virginia
11:00am - 12:00pm

Break/Transition
12:00pm - 12:15pm

This session will be held in the sanctuary of Union United Church of Christ

Musicians Clinic
12:15pm - 1:15pm

Elder Joshua Johnson
Detroit, Michigan



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Sunday, February 9th
Service Time: 10:00am

**Order of Service will follow the protocol of Union United Church of Christ*

Guest Speaker:
Bishop Michael Joyner
Conway, South Carolina

Sunday, February 9th
Intercessory Prayer: 4:30pm
Service Time: 5:00pm

Intercessory Prayer

Scripture
Shepherd Mother Gloria Britt

Worship

Offering/Convocation Announcements
Dr. Dee Evans

Greater Faith Fellowship Declaration
Reverend Hugo Morrison

Introduction of Speaker
Overseer Ishod Britt

Guest Speaker
Apostle Ivory Jenkins
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Altar Call*

Benediction













