

COGA NEWS



WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE

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A SEASON OF RENEWAL



Bishop Cecil Reid

Scripture tells us in Galatians 6:9, "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we will reap if we faint not."

Get ready for the harvest:

August marks the quiet turning point between the heat of summer and the coming of a new season. While many are wrapping up vacations and preparing children for school, the Church also finds itself in a time of transition—a moment to pause, reflect, and ready ourselves for the spiritual harvest ahead.

August may not always feel like a "spiritual highlight" month, but it is a perfect time to refresh our spirits and recommit our hearts to God's calling.

This is the season to water what has already been planted. The seeds of faith you sowed in the lives of your family, your church, and your community may not always show immediate growth, but God promises there will be a harvest in due time. Whether you've been teaching, serving, giving, or simply showing up when it's hard—know that God sees it all.

As a church family, we've come through a beautiful Convocation season with the powerful theme: **"Beholding His Glory: The Pathway to Grace and Truth."** That theme is not just for a conference—it's a daily call to open our eyes to the presence of God all around us. In our prayers, in our worship, and in our relationships, we are invited to behold Him more fully.

So what can August mean for us?:

- **A Time to Regather:** As vacations end and routines begin again, let's refocus on fellowship and connection. Reconnect with your ministry, attend a Bible study, and look for ways to be present in the body of Christ.
- **A Time to Reset:** Take stock of your spiritual life. Have you drifted? Are there areas of your heart that need refreshing? This is a great month to begin anew—with prayer, fasting, and renewed devotion.
- **A Time to Refocus:** With the final quarter of the year approaching, let's finish strong. Ask the Lord where He wants you to serve, what He wants you to give, and who He wants you

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Let's enter this season with purpose and hope. There is still much to do, and God is not finished with us yet. May we walk forward with grace and boldness, knowing that He who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion (Philippians 1:6).

As always, we are thankful for each of you—your faith, your commitment, and your love. August may be the eighth month of the year, but in the biblical sense, the number eight often represents new beginnings. May this be your month to begin again.

***Remember the Altar is waiting for you to approach the Throne Room for your Renewal.
LET US BEHOLD HIS GLORY THE REST OF THE YEAR***



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

23rd > Southern District Men's Brunch

SEPTEMBER

29th - 30th > NWSE Fall Retreat

Find more information on www.cogainc.org



A LITTLE SOMETHING TO LAUGH ABOUT

- August is proof that God believes in slow roasting.
- Our church air conditioning is now a sanctuary within a sanctuary.
- God bless the saints who still wear full suits to church in August.
- Church hats double as umbrellas in August. Multipurpose ministry!
- August: when "fire and brimstone" sermons hit differently.
- August is our annual reminder to be thankful for deodorant.
- If you're hot, just remember—you're on fire for Jesus!
- "When life gives you August, make ice tea and go to church anyway!"
- What's an August miracle at church? A full sanctuary when the AC is broken!

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