

England National Convention July 4 – 6, 2008

We give thanks to almighty God for a wonderful National Convention. The theme for the convention was **“Who is She,”** taken from Songs of Solomon 6:10. We were particularly honoured to have our General Overseer, Stephen E. Smith as our special guest speaker. He was a tremendous blessing to us.

We started our Convention Friday evening with prayers to God to bless every session of our Convention, after which our National Overseer, Philip Bennett officially opened the Convention and welcomed all in attendance. Our first message was preached by Pastor Beverley Anderson using the topic **“And other sheep I have which are not of this fold”** taken from St. John 10:16. Wilhelmina Brown did an outstanding job in moderating the Assembly Band Movement program in the absence of Delzie Reid.



Saturday morning Claudia Prince conducted the Women’s Missionary Band program with the theme **“Into His Harvest Fields – Fasting, Praying, Working”** and Julie Clarke conducted the Church of Prophecy Marker Association and Bible Training Institute programs. They both did a grand job.

Bishop Smith preached an outstanding message based on keeping the commandments of God using Deuteronomy 6:17,18. Other messages preached were **“For the marriage of the lamb is come and his wife hath made herself ready”** from Revelations 19:7 by Evangelist Armena Harrison and **“How dreadful is**

this place! This is none other but the house of God” from Genesis 28:17 by Pastor Frances Prince.

In the evening session we had a message on divine healing by Evette Edmeade followed by members passing through the healing line as the Spirit of God ministered to them. Lennis Muirhead preached on the topic, **“and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it”** using St. Matthew 16:18. Claudine Brown the new National Youth Director did a marvellous job conducting the youth program. It was a delight to see the youth in their uniforms as they marched around the building. During the program there was a skit emphasising the need for the young people to take instructions from their spiritual coaches (those over them in the Lord).

Sunday morning saw the Sunday School Director, Clement Edmeade leading the Sunday School scholars into the auditorium adorned in their uniforms. There were presentations from the various churches.

Our National Overseer, Philip Bennett did a good job moderating the convention and delivering his annual address. He encouraged us to pray for a divine revelation of The Church of God and to live holy lives as members of The Church of God.

The last message was preached by our General Overseer and was entitled **“but ye are come to Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God”** taken from Hebrews 12:22. During the message he emphasised the beauty of holiness and the pre-eminence of Mount Zion over Mount Sinai.

Throughout the convention we were treated to anointed singing, various boosts, testimonies, outpourings of the Holy Ghost and the continual demonstration of love and unity among the saints. We were blessed with many visitors over the three days and pray that some of these will find their way to The Church of God.

The attendance at the convention was 121. To God be the glory.