



# The Lighthouse Lens *Focusing His Light*

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## Ex Cathedra

Welcome to our First Publication!!

Every thing with life grows and develops according to its particular design. This is true of groups as it is with individuals. There is expansion and with expansion evolution. In order to serve the needs of our Family we have created the "Lighthouse Lens" to inform, encourage, and instruct our members focusing his Light within us.

It is our sincere hope that this newsletter will be used as a resource to enhance ministry and to provide opportunities for us to express yourself as well. This section, *Ex Cathedra* (literally, from the chair) is the place where we the leadership will share our thoughts and highlight the features of each issue as well as speak on issues affecting the Kingdom of God. The "Lens" will only be circulated throughout the family at first and then placed on our webpage ([www.locogicoc.org](http://www.locogicoc.org)) when fully developed. We sincerely covet your prayers and support in this new move to effectively share information as well as increase the visibility of our "light".

Grace and Peace

+ *Wayne Channer*

Presiding Elder and Overseer  
LCOGICOC



### Event Dates:

- September 17-20  
LCOGICOC  
Holy Convocation:
- Ordination of Min. Aaron Kerr, Friday Sept. 18 during Convocation
- May 17, Sunday Evening. Victoria Day Sing-along. Stewart Memorial Church, Hamilton, Pastor Lionel Albert
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## Salvation 101

### THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION

The Hebrew and Greek words for Salvation imply the ideas of deliverance, safety, preservation, healing, and soundness. Salvation is the great inclusive word of the Gospel, gathering into itself all the Redemptive acts and processes:

1. Justification---Declaration of Righteousness

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## The Master's House Bible Fellowship, joins LCOGICOC

"In my father's House there are many mansions..." John 14:2

The third Saturday of February not only brought a snow storm to Toronto, but brought a new member to the LCOGICOC family. **The Reverend Elijah Smalling**, pastor of the Master's House Bible Fellowship joined our family in the midst of praise and well wishes from the Brotherhood.

The storm that came on Saturday evening interestingly enough kept most of the sisters away but drew all the men who outnumbered the sisters 3 to 1.

Host Pastor Paul Channer (Word of Life COGIC) expedited our service with direction and sensitivity to the Spirit. Minister Hilry Neale led the Saints in worship followed by a thoughtful homily rendered by Reverend Lionel Albert, who received the Rite of Fellowship a year ago.

Our Overseer performed the Rite of Fellowship bestowing



the Cross and Cord to the

inductee and Pastor Albert prayed a prayer of success and blessing. The night was capped with a love offering to our new Pastor with a promise of continued support and resource. We all enjoyed the warmth of the Spirit while it snowed outside.

"Old men are  
for counsel,  
young men are  
for war."

Rev. E. Gary Grosse  
Assoc. Minister, Open  
Door Fellowship  
COGIC, Amhurstberg,  
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## Rev. Gary Grosse "keeps it real" during the conference

The 13th to the 15th of March brought our annual **Keep it Real Conference** with the topic, "What God Wants".

Pastor Paul Channer of Word of Life COGIC graciously opened his doors to our conference which was rich in both worship and the word. Friday night, Rev. E. Gary Grosse, Adm. Assistant to the Overseer used the story of end of Saul, King of Israel in a sermon titled, "A Battle of Wills" demonstrating the danger of following our will over God's own that left all on the "Wall of Shame". We were

encouraged that Christ took our place on the "wall" thus freeing us from such an end provided we submit our wills to him. Saturday night's sermon was simply titled "The Church". We were encouraged to understand what the church was and how it was framed on obedience to God's design, his "will" for the church. We were blessed to have many churches in attendance all three nights. Pastor Cyril Romeo and the Saints from Restitution Tabernacle were in attendance every night along with the brethren

from Members in Christ Assemblies (MICA). Sunday night our Overseer, Rev. Wayne Channer had a word for us based on the Conference Topic, giving the conclusion of the matter.

We all left challenged and charged to "keep it real" and to give God what he wants.

## Salvation 101 (cont)

2. Redemption---To buy back by paying a price
3. Grace---God's favour to mankind without merit
4. Propitiation---To actually care for sin, and appease God's wrath against sin.
5. Imputation---To reckon, or put to the account of.
6. Forgiveness---To absolve from sin and forget
7. Sanctification---To set apart positionally, and progressively in behaviours
8. Glorification---To perfectly conform the believer to God's moral

attributes in the future.

Salvation is in three tenses:

1. The believer has been saved from the guilt & penalty of sin. Luke 7:50; I Cor. 1:18; II Cor. 2:15; Eph. 2:5,8; II Tim. 1:9.
2. The believer is being saved from the habit and domination of sin. Rom. 6:14; Phil. 1:19; 2:12,13; II Thess. 2:13; Rom. 8:2; Gal. 2:19,20; II Cor. 3:18.
3. The believer will be saved in the sense of entire conformity to

Christ. Rom. 13:11; Heb. 10:36; I Peter 1:5; I John 3:2.

Salvation is by grace through faith, is a free gift, and wholly without works. Rom. 3:27,28; 4:1-8; 6:23; Eph. 2:8. The divine order is first Salvation then works. Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 3:5-8.

*The following article is from Teacher and Apologist, Rev. Mark Stevens, ThM. Rev. Stevens is a member of the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) in New Jersey USA and heads the New Jersey Institute of Theological Studies Online*

## The Heart of Shepherding

1. **confronted conflict** - Paul remarks (1 Thess 2:2) that "we had the **boldness** in our God to speak to you the gospel of God amid much opposition" That is the heart and soul of our ministry; the essence of a great leader is how courageously he accepts conflict while pursuing unselfishly a greater cause.

2. **committed to God's truth** - (2:3) "Our exhortation does not come from error or impurity or by way of deceit;" His ministry was characterized by **integrity**, ethical behavior, high moral standards and unquestionable honesty.

3. **commissioned by God's will** - (2:4a) "Just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak;" His **authority** came from God and he told Timothy to command, to teach, and to rebuke with all authority and advised Titus to let no one evade that. The preacher is marked by his authority.

4. **compelled by God's omniscience** - (2:4b-5) "We

speak not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts. For we never came with flattering speech, nor with a pretext for greed... God is witness." **Accountability** to God in your heart determines your victories/successes on the outside. The real battle is fought in the conscience and in the heart, which is generated by God's omniscience.

5. **consumed with God's glory** - (2:6), it resulted in **humility**. He had no interest in seeking glory from men, which is very difficult to manager personally.

6. **compassionate with God's people** - (2:7-12). Paul's tender expression of love and **sympathy** is a most enriching insight into the heart of ministry. Like a caring parent to a young child, he shares untiringly, in the long process of nurturing, expecting no reciprocity.

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Look for more articles from Pastor Albert in upcoming issues.



"You are the light of the world..."  
Matthew 5:14

## Rays of Light

Dates to Remember:



May 2nd: **Praise with a Purpose** sponsored by Toronto Manna Ministries, moderated by Min. Aaron Kerr. Located at St. Gerald Catholic School 200 Old Sheppard Ave, Scarborough at 7pm. Featured Speaker: Pastor Richard Brown



May 19th: At 6:30pm we will be having a **Pre-Victoria Day Outreach and Sing-along** at Stewart Memorial Church in Hamilton located at 114 John Street North. Rev. Lionel Albert, Pastor



Sept 17-20, Annual Holy Convocation, nightly services @ 7:30pm and 6:30pm on the final night. Stay tuned for final details.

"If we are faithful, we will please God; a pleased father will prefer his children, since they are the source of His pleasure." Rev. Lionel

Albert, Pastor, Stewart Memorial Church in Hamilton, Ontario

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**On the Horizon: The Lighthouse Keepers**



**Our Founder:  
Bishop Vinnel T. Channer**

Next Issue we will introduce "The Lighthouse Keepers". This section will chronicle the contributions of various members of our Family of Ministries. We will start with our Founder, the Late Bishop Vinnel T. Channer.