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The Church of God of Prophecy  
**TEXAS NEWSLETTER**

# TEXAS AT THE STAGE OF THE ASSEMBLY



Our state ministry will be very well represented at the upcoming 2022 International Assembly. On Friday morning our very own Dr. Felicia Payano will be ministering the word of God and on Saturday night our State Bishop, Daniel Felipe will

be addressing our international church. We come together as one Texas Church covering them with our prayers, that God will inspire them with a timely word for the body of Christ.

## Pre-register Online for the Assembly

You can now pre-register online for the International Assembly. Attendees who register will receive a commemorative assembly pin, an ink pen, name badge/lanyard, and a tote bag. The tote bag will also include a White Wing Messenger and

an Assembly program. The pre-registration is open for anyone who will be attending the Assembly. To register to go to [www.txcogop.com/dashboard](http://www.txcogop.com/dashboard) and click on the IA Registration button.





# RECONCILING *the* WORLD to CHRIST

101st International Assembly | Special Information Booklet

## FEATURED SPEAKERS



Sam N. Clements



Clayton Endecott



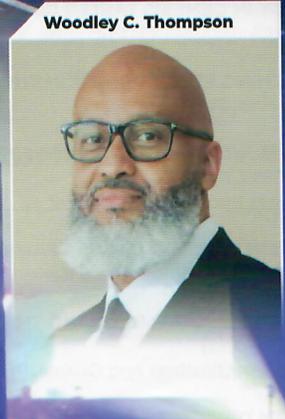
Felicia Payano



Daniel Felipe



Zach Kelley



Woodley C. Thompson

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## Oklahoma City Convention Center

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- INSPIRATIONAL PREACHING
- CHILDREN'S ASSEMBLY
- BUSINESS SESSIONS
- INSPIRATIONAL WORSHIP
- SPECIAL EVENTS
- EXHIBIT HALL

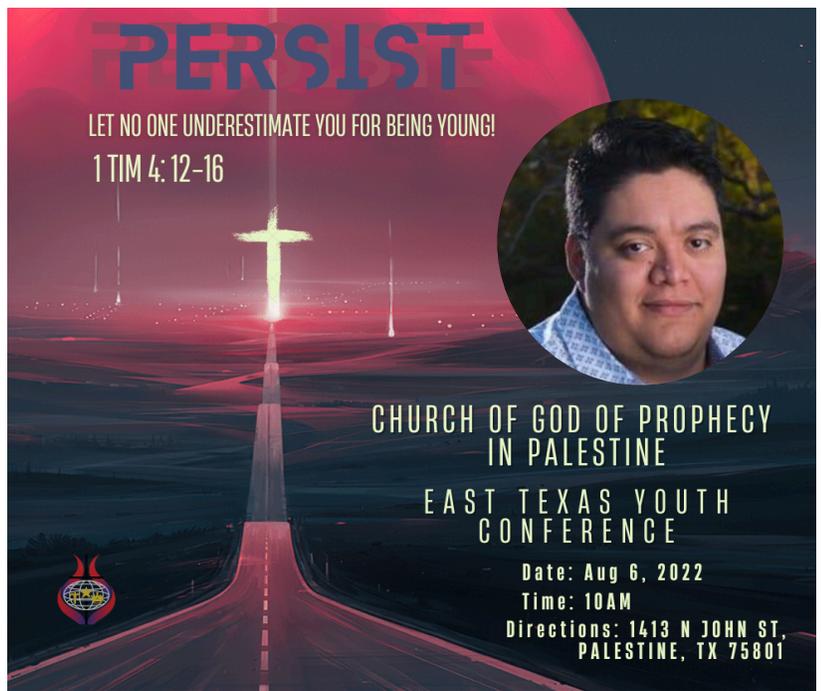


*By Brandon Felipe*

As followers of Christ, we often unintentionally misconceive worship as a genre of music, or as a few songs we sing on Sunday before the pastor gives their sermon. Worship is much too substantial to be confined to the moment the musicians begin to play their instruments or the playlist of songs on your phone. In the book of Romans, Paul asserts the idea that worship is an all-encompassing way of life; Paul continues to note that true worship is giving our bodies as a living sacrifice and submitting to him. We can express our worship to God in a vast amount of ways, whenever and wherever. Next time you give our father worship I challenge you to turn the music off, choose a different setting, and still give glory and honor to his name.

The measure of a leader is not the number of people who serve him but the number of people he serves.

JOHN C. MAXWELL



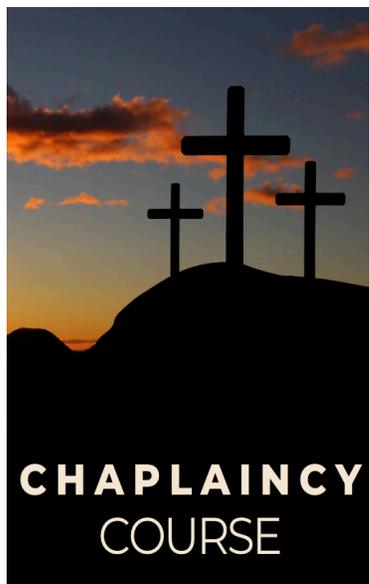
Join our Spanish East Texas Youth for their regional Youth Conference PERSIST on August 6 in Palestine TX. For more information contact Spanish Regional Youth Director Alex Gallardo at [nelsonglrd@hotmail.com](mailto:nelsonglrd@hotmail.com) or (903) 724-0395.



The Texas COGOP Ministry Team is connecting for a prayer night.

- English prayer on Monday, June 27 at 7 p.m.
- Spanish prayer on Tuesday, June 28 at 7 p.m.

Find the link details at [www.txcogop.com/dashboard](http://www.txcogop.com/dashboard).



Dr. Douglas R. Stephenson will be teaching an intensive two-day Community Service Chaplaincy (CSC) course 18 & 19 July 2022 two days prior to the International Assembly in Oklahoma City at the Oklahoma City Convention Center. The classes will begin at 8 am Monday and end around 6 pm Tuesday with graduation and *certification*. This course of instruction is certified by the Church of God Chaplains Commission and the Pentecostal Theological Seminary. This training will prepare you to minister to individuals who are incarcerated, emotionally, mentally or physically ill, or experiencing other crisis situations. This training will *certify you as a chaplain* and provide you with greater access to restricted institutions. This course is open to any Christian who wants to attend. The cost of the training is \$200 per person. If you are interested, register no later than June 15, 2022 at [www.ichaplains.com](http://www.ichaplains.com) with a deposit of \$100 to insure your place in the course. For more information contact Dr. Stephenson at [drstep@aol.com](mailto:drstep@aol.com) or 423-432-2715.

## Bishop Ordination

On July 21, during the Thursday morning program at the 2022 Assembly the International Presbytery will be anointing 5 new Texas Bishops. We celebrate the upcoming ordination of our following ministers: Pastor Michael Tomlinson from Abilene, Pastor Armando Contreras from Dallas, Pastor Noel Vasquez from Jacksonville, Pastor Joel De León from San Marcos, and Pastor Lelis Rodriguez from Dallas. We honor and recognize these brothers for having set an example of servanthood, and their commitment to empower the church forward under the leading of the Holy Spirit.



## Welcoming New Members

We celebrate with Pastor and Gale Wendell as they welcomed 5 new members at the Mount Pleasant Family Worship Center.

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Fall**

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# Regional WORSHIP ENCOUNTERS

TEXAS CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

Details Coming in July

MIDLAND

CORPUS CHRISTI

PALESTINE

HOUSTON

ABILENE

COOKVILLE



# Holy Ghost Anointed Ministries

**By Pastor Jimmy Brooks**

## The Holy Ghost Anointed Ministry Is Still Necessary In This 21st Century Church

The great need and the challenge the church faces today is to demonstrate the life and power of God to a lost and dying world. We believe, teach, and preach Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever." Therefore, we must be able to operate in the power of the "First Century Church" that we find in the book of Acts. In Paul's warning to Timothy concerning the perilous times of the last days, he spoke of those who would have a form of godliness but deny the power of God (2 Timothy 3:5). This must not be said of the church today, there must be a restoration and demonstration of the power of the Holy Ghost moving and working in our midst. Let us identify with the Apostle Paul, "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God" (1 Cor. 2:4,5).

If we are going to be effective in sharing Jesus Christ with a lost and dying world, we need a baptism of boldness that will allow us to stand in the face of ridicule and scorn and share without compromise, the Word of God. Satan has been effective to some degree in silencing the church through intimidation. The instruction Paul gave to Timothy seems appropriate today, "For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound

mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). It is said of those who condemned Peter and John for healing the blind man, "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." (Acts 4:13)

In His earthly ministry, Jesus was led by the Holy Ghost into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil 40 days (Luke 4:1,2). Afterwards, Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee (Luke 4:14) and came to Nazareth where He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood to read from Isaiah the prophet (Luke 4: 14), "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, Because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor: He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed: To preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19).

The proclamation of the gospel has never changed. It must be said of those who preach the gospel today, "And my speech and my preaching was not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that our faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God" (Cor. 2:4,5).