



WELCOME HANDBOOK

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WELCOME MESSAGE



“**Pastor Dr. Carline Brooks and the
Late Min. Keith Brooks**”

Praise the Lord! I thank God that you have chosen to become a member of Amazing Grace Church of Deliverance. Was it the genuine LOVE that drew you in? Or was it the power and moving of the Holy Spirit that fell on your heart the moment you surrendered to the plan that God has for your life? Either way, I welcome you with open arms! I believe that it is within God's plan that we should come to know you and be part of your life as you also become part of ours. I invite you to take a closer look by participating in the services and ministries that are relevant to your needs. Our worship services are designed to give God the ultimate glory because He is faithful and good, and they are also designed such that the Word of God can permeate the depths of your heart. Do not hesitate to contact us if you need any assistance. We have a voluntary staff of men and women who love God and seek to serve him and their fellow brothers and sisters in a manner that will bring glory to God's name and also advance the coming of His Kingdom.

It is my prayer that you will grow to know God and experience His love and relationship in our worship service, especially through inspiring, relevant messages from the Word of God. If you have not already come to know and experience God in such a close way, I pray that you will come to know Him here at Amazing Grace Church of Deliverance. I am willing to walk the road with you and fight the good fight of faith. By joining Amazing Grace Church of Deliverance, you have joined one big family of God's people who enjoy life as a community and enjoy fellowship with God and with one another. We are a caring church that seeks to remain true to the firm foundations of the Christian church as outlined in Acts chapter 2 and 2 Timothy 3:16 (where we take inspiration for our ministry). In short, you will find us to be a God-centered, caring community of individuals who are excited about having the opportunity to extend to you the same love, hope, and joy we have receive from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



ABOUT PASTOR DR. C. BROOKS

Pastor Dr. Carline Tillman Brooks is the seventh of nine children born on September 1, 1964 to Edward and Francis Tillman. Her father was a preacher who had a personal encounter with the Lord during a near death experience. That encounter started his evangelistic walk of visiting those who were sick and afflicted in the hospital wards. Specifically, Charity Hospital knew him well. It was his encounter and walk with the Lord that created an atmosphere of “staying in fellowship with others as you do the Lord’s Will.” Following in her father’s footsteps, Pastor Dr. Carline sought the Lord at an early age and ministered in various local churches in New Orleans, but her deepest walk with God was when she was invited to attend a service at Divine Grace Temple under the leadership of the late Bishop Jimmie Martin, Apostle Alice Martin and Pastor Harvey Smith.

Her gift of worship through singing and bringing God’s people into the presence of God through worship was immediately recognized. During the 30 years that she served at Divine Grace Temple, she wore many hats. Her many hats included various leadership roles including: Minister of Music, Church Board Member, Leadership of Women of Example, Church Assistant Administrator, Sound Technician, Event Coordinator, Intercessor Prayer Warrior, and Bible Study Teacher. She was sent to numerous trainings and in-services during those 30 years. Apostle Alice Martin placed then, Minister Brooks, under her, as Elijah did with Elisha and as Apostle Paul did with mentoring Timothy. Before Apostle Martin transitioned in March 2019, she prayed the pastoral mantle onto Minister Carline. Pastor Dr. Carline will tell everyone that she was not ready and that she ran from her calling, like most. However, God spoke directly to her, delivering the mandate at 3:00am on April 7, 2020 to cease running. It was then that Amazing Grace Church of Deliverance was birthed from the spiritual realm and into the earth realm. On May 11, 2024, she received her Doctor of Philosophy and Theology (Divinity) degree from Ambassador Christian University.

God blessed her to be married to the late Minister Keith Brooks Sr., who was her partner spiritually and was supportive in their joint calling to “seek those who are lost and to lead God’s people” for 8 years. She is the mother of seven children and a countless number of spiritual offspring. She has 14 grandchildren. Her favorite passage of scripture is Psalm 62:2 (ESV)- “He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken” and her favorite song is “Gracefully Broken” by Tasha Cobbs.

WELCOME MESSAGE



“ **Co-Pastor Willie McRae** ”

I am incredibly blessed and honored to serve as co-pastor of Amazing Grace Church of Deliverance; and I am excited to be part of what God is doing with our church family, the local community, the nation, and in our world.

Here at AGCOD, we are passionate about helping people experience a deeper revelation of God in their lives, grow in Biblical truths, develop a stronger relationship with Jesus, strengthen families and marriages, and spread the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ. We invite you to join us as we follow after the heart and will of God, expand as a community, fulfill God's calling for us, and share the love of Jesus with everyone we encounter and in every aspect of society.

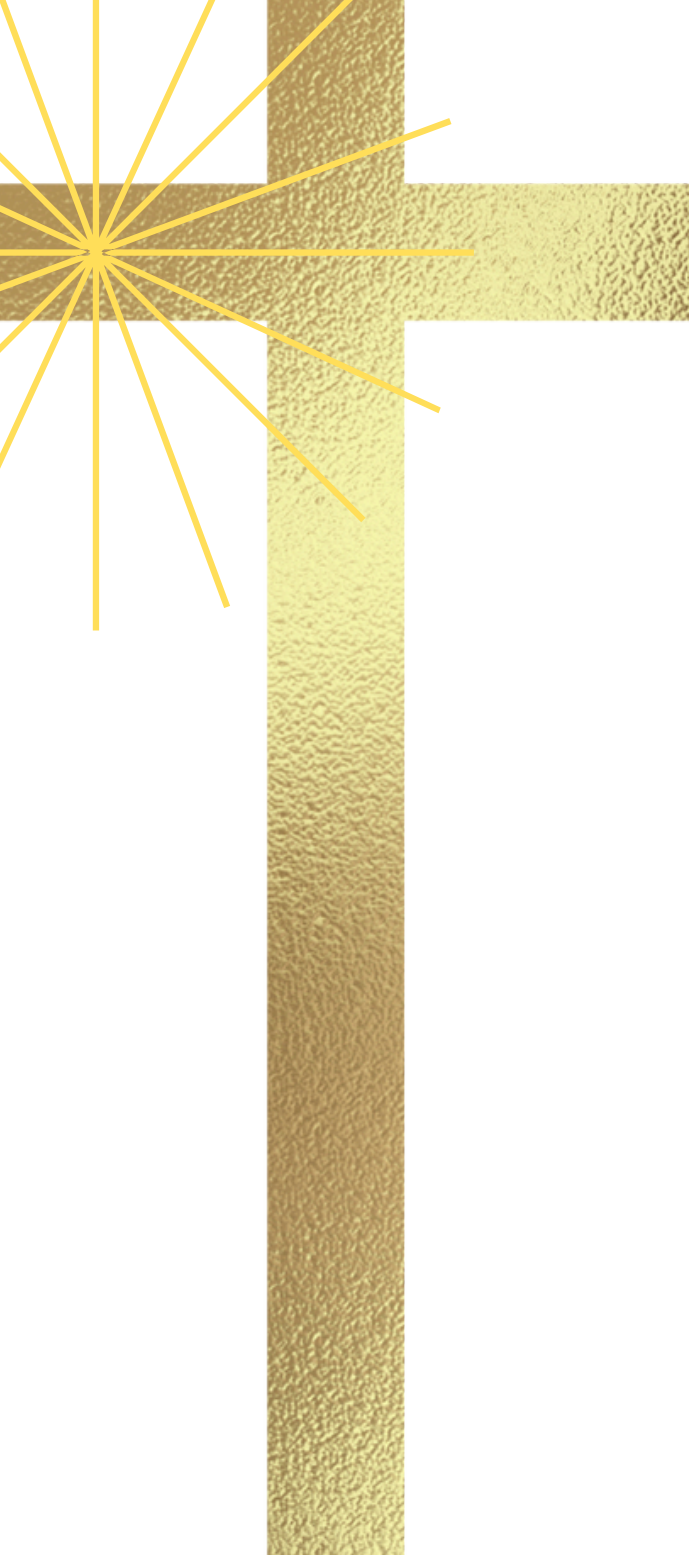
We welcome you as a new or aspiring member of our ministry. We also invite you to join us in our endeavor to lead and serve God's people, all while magnifying the name of our Lord at every turn. Feel free to explore and actively participate in our various ministry offerings that are designed for fellowship and edification of your entire family. Should you need support of any kind, we are here to serve you and are only one call away. We look forward to getting to know you and helping you develop your walk with Christ! Welcome!



ABOUT CO-PASTOR W. MCRAE

Co-Pastor Willie C. McRae, Jr. is the eldest of four children born on December 18, 1954 to Willie C. McRae, Sr. and Daisy G. McRae. Brother McRae and his siblings, Beverly, Cynthia, and Stanley, were raised in an atmosphere to reverence and fear the Lord. Willie McRae Sr. was Gaza Baptist Church's Head Deacon and his mother, Ms. Daisy, was known as Missionary Daisy McRae. Living a life dedicated to God was the norm in the home where he was raised. In the McRae household, they practiced, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. Brother McRae was taught at an early age to seek the Lord. He served at Gaza Baptist Church in New Orleans and accepted the Lord as his Savior at an early age. A little over 20 years ago, after visiting a church in the lower ninth ward of the City of New Orleans, Bro. McRae was led by the Spirit of God to place his membership there. Divine Grace Temple was a place to experience dynamic worship, teaching and preaching. Bro. McRae met Pastor Carline T. Brooks at Divine Grace Temple. After joining Divine Grace Temple, Bishop Jimmie Martin saw his faithfulness and took him under his wings. He saw his willingness to serve and ordained Bro. McRae as a licensed minister. After Bishop Martin transitioned in 2003, Minister McRae decided to remain and support Apostle Alice Martin in continuing the work that was assigned to her. Apostle Martin continued to see Minister McRae's faithfulness in the ministry. Over the 20 years there, he was appointed as a Board Member, Worship Team Member, Intercessory Computer Prayer Line Partner and Men of Example Leader. Minister McRae showed his faithfulness in spiritual leadership, but also, in the upkeep of the sanctuary and sound/engineering oversight. After the transition of Apostle Alice Martin in 2019, and now the transition of her son, Pastor Harvey Smith in 2021, still under the unction of the Holy Spirit of the Most High God, Minister McRae has been led to join forces with Pastor Carline Brooks to win souls for Christ at Amazing Grace Church of Deliverance.

Co-Pastor McRae is married to Sis. Donna N. McRae. To this union, God has blessed them with seven children and eight grandchildren. Co-Pastor McRae and Sis. McRae's prayer is to continue to raise their seeds to have their own personal encounter and relationship with God so that their seeds will walk in this world to the Glory of God. Not only was he taught this in his father and mother's home, but he also witnessed his parents walk in the walk of faith. His favorite passage of scripture is Isaiah 53:5 (KJV) "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and by His stripes we are healed" and his favorite song is: "I Am The God That Healeth Thee" by Don Moen



STAY CONNECTED

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Service Times

Fellowship Sunday:

- Intercessory Prayer 9:30am
- Weekly 10:00am-12:00pm

Manifesting Miracles Prayer Line:

- Tuesday & Thursday 6:00am
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Youth on Fire-Youth Sundays:

- Every 4th Sunday 10:00am-12:00pm

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** To reach department heads, for **counseling appointments, baby dedications, funeral services, church facility usage, spiritual guidance, hospital visits, any comments, concerns**, or other needs, please feel free to contact the secretary's office. If at any time you wish to meet with the pastor or pastoral staff for any reason, please contact the church office to schedule an appointment.

OUR PURPOSE

SOUL PROSPERITY 01

To the family of believers, to those seeking salvation, and to those who desire a bonafide relationship with Christ and the receiving of the Holy Spirit, Amazing Grace Church of Deliverance extends the Word of God in your direction through Biblical teaching, spiritual nourishment, and praise and worship of the Most High God (3 John 1:2).

FIVE FOLD MINISTRY GIFTS 02

Members of the five-fold ministry (Eph. 4:11) and staff are positioned to serve, edify, and support every member and non-member in Godly Love as we embark on our journeys of accepting Christ into our hearts (John 3:16), spiritual deliverance, and the nurturing of our spiritual and natural gifts.

WHO WE ARE 03

AGCOD is “a church without walls”. We believe that the Spirit of the Living God cannot be contained and the promise of everlasting life extends beyond our building. Every one of our souls make up the Body of Christ and together we are...

- TRUE WORSHIPPERS. (John 4:23)
- BOLD BELIEVERS. (1 Thessalonians 2:2 ; 1 John 5:14)
- VICTORIOUS. (Ephesians 6:13 | 1 John 5:4)
- Imperfect, yet FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE. (Psalm 139:14)
- KINGDOM MINDED. (Mark 1:15)
- SOUL WINNERS. (Proverbs 11:30)



OUR MISSION

Founded in 2020, Pastor Carline Brooks was led by God to establish a church that would **be a place of worship that aids in healing our broken world through Godly Love.**

At Amazing Grace Church of Deliverance,

- You will experience agape love and the presence of God.
- From every touch point, you should leave sensing that you are loved and accepted.
- You can hold fast to the expectation that your life will be changed and set free.
- You will find healing and deliverance from things that have wounded your mind, body, and soul.
- You will experience the power of God through evidence of miracles, signs, and wonders.

OUR VISION

Our endeavor is to create a worship atmosphere where the Holy Spirit is unrestricted, allowing God to have intimate, life-changing encounters with EVERY individual.

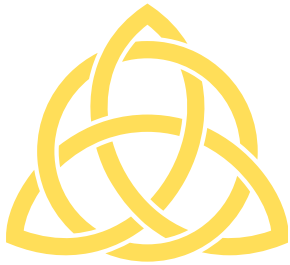
We invite all of God's people to come experience the goodness of the Lord at AGCOD (& bring a friend!).

OUR CORE VALUES

These are the guardrails that keep us focused on our mission to build ministry and accountability:

- Love - our activity
- Acceptance - our approach
- Unity - our method
- Service - our goal
- Growth- our mission
- Stewardship - our responsibility
- Holiness- our posture
- Prayer- our attitude
- Relationships- our heartbeat

OUR BELIEFS



- **The Triune (The Holy Trinity)**

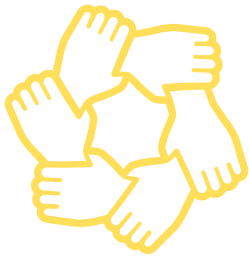
We believe in one God--omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. He is perfect in holiness, justice, truth, grace, wisdom, power, mercy, and love. God as "three Persons in One" expresses the distinctive Christian understanding of God, and reflects our view at AGCOD.

God the Father created all things and planned the redemption of his people from all eternity (Genesis 3:14–15; Ephesians 1:3–12); God the Son accomplished that redemption on the cross (Romans 3:21–24; Galatians 3:13–14); and God the Spirit applies the benefits of that eternal redemption to all believers (John 3:5–8; Titus 3:4–7). The doctrine of the Trinity is a way of describing this biblical revelation of the nature of God. It states that God is one in essence, but that He exists in three Persons who are equal, eternal, inseparable and interdependent. We must note that our English word, "Persons," falls short as a way to describe God because it can give the impression of three separate individuals; rather, a more accurate view is that God is one being with three personal self-distinctions. Genesis 1:1,26; Exodus 34:6; Deuteronomy 6:4; 2 Samuel 24:14; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Psalm 9:16; Psalm 31:5; Psalm 139:7-10; Isaiah 46:9; Isaiah 6:3; Jeremiah 33:11; Matthew 28:19; John 1:1,3, 3:16, 4:24; Romans 1:19, 20, 11:33; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 5:7; Revelation 19:6



- **We are Saved by Grace**

God's Word says that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus and not by our own efforts or works (Ephesians 2:8-9) but by "Grace Alone. Faith Alone". Grace alone means that God loves, forgives, and saves us not because of who we are or what we do, but because of the work of Christ. Our best efforts can never be good enough to earn salvation, but God declares us righteous for Christ's sake. We receive that grace through faith alone. God even gives us the faith that trusts Him. We are not saved by obeying a list of do's and don'ts, but by grace through faith in Christ. Our salvation is in God's hands. That's Good News (the Gospel)!



• Church Unity

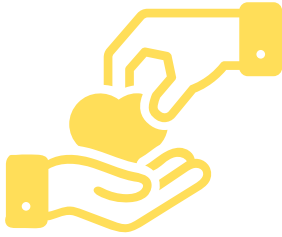
All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)



• Water Baptism

It is important to understand the symbolism of baptism in order to grasp its significance. The New Testament tells us that the **washing with water** symbolizes the washing away of our sin (Acts 22:16; 2:38). Being “**under**” the water (whether figuratively or literally) symbolizes being dead and buried with Christ (Romans 6:3–7; Colossians 2:11–12); only when we identify with Christ in His death and burial can we share in a spiritual resurrection to newness of life that will be followed one day with our physical resurrection. Even more significant than this is the symbolism of the **water itself**. In the Old Testament, water often symbolized the judgment of God.

For example, at the flood, most of humankind was consumed by the waters of God’s judgment while Noah and his family passed through; at the crossing of the Red Sea, the Egyptians were consumed by the waters of God’s judgment while the Israelites passed through. Neither Noah and his family nor the Israelites were any less sinful or deserving of God’s judgment than those who were consumed by God’s wrath; rather, God showed great mercy to them and saved them by His grace. In 1 Peter 3:20–22, Peter calls the flood a baptism and compares it to the baptism we experience in the Christian community. The water poured out in baptism symbolizes the fact that a person is rightly under the judgment of God and only God by His mercy and grace can bring him through that judgment and save him. This salvation, of course, is through faith in Christ, who is our “ark.”



• Tithes & Offerings

God has a plan for the financing of the work He has ordered the Church to perform – through tithes and offerings. Tithe means the Tenth part, especially as offered to God. Tithing is a practice of obedience of returning 10% of your income to God. Originally, the tithe was given to the temple in the form of produce or livestock since this was the only real income the people had. As society shifted to a monetary exchange system, the tithe began to be paid in currency. Tithing is first mentioned when Abraham presented a tithe to the Priest-king of Jerusalem, Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18-20).

Abraham's grandson, Jacob, pledged to offer to God a tenth of all that God would bless him with (Genesis 28:20-22). What was His 3-fold expectation? **1. God's presence - "If God will be with me"** **2. God's protection - "will keep me in the way that I go"** **3. God's provision - "will give me bread to eat and raiment to put on"**. In Jesus Christ, Malachi's 3:1-4 prophecy is fulfilled. Jesus taught in Matthew 23:23 that acceptable living includes the tithe and the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith. For the Christian, tithing is a practice of obedience, faith, and worship given in recognition of the blessings that God has given to us.

Our tithes provides for: **a) The financial support of the total ministry operations of the church b) The financial support of the pastoral staff c) The management of the church campus and facility d) The tithe is our starting point; it's the minimum we should give.**

We believe in God's plan for everything, and we believe that every member of the church should be a tither, bringing to the Lord a tenth of their income. If all members were tithers, God's plan of finance would meet all of the financial needs of the church. If you aren't tithing, step out on faith and see God move. Begin consistently giving until you can build your faith.

Offerings I Corinthians 16:2 teaches that believers are to give "as God has prospered," us. This scripture teaches of giving above and beyond the tithe. Consider the tithe as the seed you "owe" and offerings as the seed you "sow" for increase or toward an expected need or outcome, through your faith. Offerings are voluntary giving above the tithe. Offerings bring in the overflow or the abundance of whatever you need from God. It's not always money. It can be health in your body, better relationships, peace of mind, etc. Why is it important to have the right attitude when giving? Giving begins with what you decide. Whether it is your attitude, whom you will give to, and what you give, it's about your personal decision.



• Service

Serving is our response to what God has done for us in Christ and for what He is doing through the Holy Spirit. We should see serving in church as a privilege and a responsibility. As members of the Body of Christ we are to connect to where God is calling and empowering us to serve **TOGETHER** so the ministry of Jesus Christ can be effectively carried out in the local church and in the world today.

- Benefits of Serving in Ministry:

- Serving in ministry allows us to follow the example of Christ.
- Serving in ministry allows us to do the good works we were created to do.
- Serving in ministry offers us opportunities to exercise our gifts and talents
- Serving in ministry offers us an opportunity to bless others.
- Serving in ministry offers us the opportunity to convey the love of Christ to the community.



• Spiritual Gifts

The 9 Gifts of the Holy Spirit have to do with God imparting part of His divine nature into the core of our personalities to help make us into a much better and holy people.

God's ultimate aim for all of us is our sanctification in Him, and part of that sanctification process has to do with the Holy Spirit Himself transmitting 9 specific divine qualities and attributes into our personalities for the betterment of the church.

Gift of Prophecy The gift of prophecy is a special ability to speak forth the message of God. A prophet is basically a spokesman for God. He or she delivers the Word of God to people by means of direct revelation. Prophetic utterances can deal with certain individuals, the church, or a larger context. It does not always refer to the future. The word is used far more to proclaim the Word of God rather than to predict the future. The main reason for the gift was the instruction and encouragement of the church. For it is written, For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints (1 Corinthians 14:31-33).



• Spiritual Gifts (cont.)

Gift of Different Kinds of Tongues The gift of speaking in tongues is a spiritual gift. It means speaking with words or in a language one doesn't know in order to edify both oneself and others. Jesus foretold of speaking in tongues: "And these signs will follow those who believe... they will speak with new tongues." Mark 16:17.

The gift of speaking in tongues was one of many given to believers to aid in the building up of the body of Christ, which is the Church. Speaking in tongues can help you express what is in your spirit and which you cannot express with words. Paul makes it clear that the best way to edify the church is to speak prophetically, with "plain" words that build faith and understanding for all who hear the message. 1 Corinthians 14:18-19. However, speaking in tongues can also be of "profit to all" in a Christian assembly if it is interpreted to a common language of those in the gathering. When used in this way, the gift of tongues should be used to emphasize and support the spiritual message, and not because you feel strongly moved in your emotions. In this way, others besides the one speaking in tongues will be edified. It is also used as a sign to the unbeliever and to benefit those who attend a gathering but have not yet committed their life to Christ. 1 Corinthians 14:21-25. When used in an orderly and appropriate manner, it can be used to build up the individual and other members of the body of Christ.

Gift of Interpretation of Tongues The Holy Spirit gives some believers the spiritual gift of tongues to glorify God and, with the help of an interpreter, to edify the church. This gift is dealt with extensively in the Scriptures and its use should be encouraged. That said, it should be used properly with pure motives and intentions, of course in the power and prompting of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:10, 30, 14:4, 39, Acts 2:4, Acts 19:6). A person with the gift of interpreting tongues will exhibit the supernatural ability to translate a foreign language into the language of the hearers—the interpreter having no prior knowledge of this language. The goal of interpreting tongues is so that all present may understand and benefit from God's message, spoken directly to people in their own native language. In the New Testament, Tongues-interpretation was vital to tongues-speakers, for if no interpreter were present, then no one would know what was being said and the gift of tongues would be rendered useless.

Laying on of Hands The laying on of hands is a symbolic act that sets individuals apart and signifies the imparting of spiritual blessings, authority, and/or power. In the Old Testament, a blessing was often conferred in this way Genesis 48:13-20. The laying on of hands, then, serves to show that God works through His ministers. Another purpose for the laying on of hands is that of ordination. An example is found in Acts 6. Here, seven men became deacons when the apostles prayed and "laid hands on them" (verse 6). This ceremony is mentioned as one of the basic doctrines of His church in Hebrews 6:2.



• Spiritual Gifts (cont.)

Gift of Healing The spiritual gift of Healing is about the restoration of the mind, body, and soul. The spiritual gift of healing is the supernatural manifestation of the Spirit of God that miraculously brings healing and deliverance from disease and/or infirmity.

It is the power of God that destroys the work of sin and/or the devil in the human body, such as the healings that Jesus and the disciples performed (Matthew 4:24; 15:30; Acts 5:15-16; 28:8-9). The gift of healing given to the church is primarily noted in 1 Corinthians 12. Those with this gift feel compelled to render aid to those in distress and are often part of hospital, elder care, or other medical missions within the body. While the gift is not all about instant healing or curing of diseases, it is about prayer and faith that God will act to restore the person as He sees fit. People with this gift bring restoration and wholeness to the sick and diseased and use it as an opportunity to communicate a Biblical truth and to see God glorified, pray, touch, or speak words that bring healing to one's body and mind, has a calming presence about them, great empathy for the sick and burdened, and bring together members of the body and remove divisions within the body.

Gift of Discernment The spiritual gift of discernment is also known as the gift of “discernment of spirits” or “distinguishing between spirits”. In the New Testament, Paul prayed that believers would have and apply the spirit of discernment: “And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ” (Philippians 1:9-10). The Apostle John also urged the first century Christians to practice the spiritual gift of discernment because of how quickly they could be deceived if they weren't grounded in the truth (1 John 4:1). Scripture implies that if we are wise and walk in the ways of the Lord, our lives are evidence of a spirit of discernment. “Who is wise? Let them realize these things. Who is discerning? Let them understand. The ways of the LORD are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them” (Hosea 14:9). If you have the gift of discernment, then, it isn't something that is evidenced by your wisdom and savvy in the workplace or your strong opinions that stand out among unbelievers. If it is truly a gift, it is given to you to uplift and encourage the body of Christ. The highest use of the gift of discernment is not to see what the enemy is doing; It is to discern what the Spirit of God is doing.



• Spiritual Gifts (cont.)

Gift of Miracles Miracles were given by God to the church to reveal the presence and glory of God among His people and to create a sense of awe and wonder and Godly fear. Though there were many enemies of the church, often the result of miracles being performed was more people coming to faith in Jesus and glorifying God, as well as greater faith and boldness within the church (Acts 4:29-31; 9:35, 42).

This gift is often accompanied by prayer and strong petition by these individuals for God to reveal His glory to people. They do not claim power themselves, but always give credit and glory to God for His mighty works. Often, God will deliberately humble them to keep them relying on His grace and pointing to His Son, rather than miracles. True miracles are the work of the Holy Spirit and not of a human with the gift. They are the result of prayer and God's will. Those with the gift of miracles are able to bolster the faith of the body and bring to light God's influence in our daily lives.

Gift of Wisdom Wisdom is God-given knowledge, not learned from books, that provides us with a more intimate and joyful insight into God and His mysteries. This gift enables us to better know God and divine things. It can be illustrated by the words of Jesus when He states, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike." (Matthew 11:25) In other words, there is a type of revelation that no amount of studying can produce, as it is directly infused into our soul by God. It allows simple souls to "see with the eyes of God".

Gift of Knowledge The spiritual gift of knowledge is also known as the "word of knowledge" or "utterance of knowledge." The Scriptural emphasis in 1 Corinthians 12:8 is on the ability to speak this knowledge to others in a given situation. In the opening passages of 1 Corinthians, Paul spoke of knowledge and recognized that the highest form of knowledge among men is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit gives this spiritual gift to some believers to bring about understanding and to inform the church or individual believers. Those with this gift are usually well-versed in the Scriptures and often has much committed to memory. They can retain the truth and communicate it effectively at the appropriate times. The gift of knowledge allows a believer to relate the Scriptures, and particularly the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to all aspects of life in this world. They can see how it connects to every situation and circumstance and how the reality and truth of the Gospel is to inform every decision a Christian makes. The Holy Spirit enables those with this gift the ability to understand in an exceptional way the great truths of God's Word and to make them relevant to specific situations in the church.

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

**In order to reach department leaders, please contact the communications department (225) 281-4778 to be connected.

Name	Leaders	Description
Altar Workers	Elder Dennetta Gibson + Min. June Williams	Operating with the heart and attitude of grace, the altar worker team is spiritually alert in order to assist in the needs of an individual during Altar Call.
Armor Bearers	Campus Pastor Donna Turner	The armor bearer team is responsible for the care of the pastor, which includes, refreshing, protection, assistance, and prayer.
Baptism Ministry	Elder Ronald Gibson II + Elder Jamie Williams Sr.	Our team leads baptism services and orients candidates in preparation for the Baptismal ceremony as well as, the planning, coordination, and execution of baptismal ceremonies.
Baptismal Classes	Elder Cherri Seiber + Elder Wanda Lacy	The Baptismal Team organizes and facilitates educational classes for the candidates to understand what they will undergo.
Beautification/ Decor	Open	Our team addresses and maintains an excellent physical appearance of our worship facility so that members and visitors always see a reflection of the standard of excellence of God throughout the seasons.
Bible Study	Elder Jamie Williams Sr.	We help plan and lead regular Bible Study sessions that aim to provide Biblical insight and teaching along with prayer and mid-week support.

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Name	Leader	Description
Communications	Elder Terra Williams + Campus Pastor Donna Turner	The purpose of the communications ministry is to create, organize, plan, and implement effective communications messages and strategies to church and community audiences. The church secretary handles a wide range of office tasks from coordinating special events and new member procedures, filing and answering phones and responding to emails, and also acts as a liaison between the members and the church's administrative branch.
Communion	Elder Cherri Seiber + Elder Wanda Lacy	Our purpose is to prepare and distribute communion as an act of worship in community with one another.
Culinary Ministry	Elder Dennetta Gibson	The culinary team coordinates and provides meals and beverages for select events.
Deacon Ministry	Open	Deacons consist of select spirit-filled individuals who display wisdom to serve the church and the needs of the congregation as directed by the Pastor.
Graced with Vision	Elder Ronald Gibson II + Elder Jamie Williams Sr. + Elder Dennetta Gibson + Elder Terra Williams	Our purpose is to empower youth through mentorship and to motivate the children of our community (ages 5-18) with Godly wisdom. We primarily teach our youth how to use Biblical principles when tackling issues that appear in everyday life and teach practical responses to real-world problems. We also provide educational support, embark on educational field trips, celebrate achievements, and provide socio-emotional and family support monthly (4th Tuesday).

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Name	Leaders	Description
Intercessory Prayer Warriors	Campus Pastor Donna Turner	The individuals on this team are called and accountable for all the prayer needs of the family. They dedicate themselves to continual intercessory prayer on behalf of the church, leadership, members, and community. Sunday morning Intercessory prayer at 9:30 a.m./ Midweek prayer at 6am Tues./Thurs.
Marriage Ministry	Pastor Dr. Carline Brooks + Campus Pastor Donna Turner	Our purpose is to support Christian marriage as an institution and to promote family values based upon God's teachings and principles. We exist to encourage and challenge married couples in their spiritual journey by inviting the Holy Spirit to lead us through the Word of God and to build and support marriages in God's way.
Media	Youth Pastor Sha'Myra Lewis	This ministry provides social media, graphics, press releases, and technical support for church services and special events including the operation of sound, light, photography, and video equipment.
Hospitality	Min. June Williams	Our purpose is to aid or render assistance to others in the church with compassion and grace and always seeking to "lend a hand".

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Name		Description
Men's Ministry	Open	<p>The purpose of the Men's Ministry is to bring men together, in the name of Christ, to speak about critical issues and challenges that we encounter in our spiritual walk and everyday experiences. Adult men of all ages, single, married, divorced or widowed are welcomed and encouraged to attend meetings.</p>
Music Ministry	Min. Darren Lewis	<p>AGCOD's music ministry exists to bring God glory through instruments, music, songs and Spirit filled lifestyles.</p>
Outreach/ Evangelism Ministry	Elder Cherri Seiber	<p>The purpose of the Outreach Ministry is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet; through personal witnessing, and sharing the Word of God. We provide spiritual, educational, and social events and activities throughout the community that will promote Godly love and build relationships. We also aim to equip individuals to serve one another; first within their families, communities, our nation, and throughout the world.</p>
Singles Ministry	Open	<p>It is the vision and mission of the ministry to see singles growing spiritually, emotionally, and actively succeeding in every area of life. Overall, the ministry will cover ages 18 and up. We regularly sponsor different events for different age groups as the need varies.</p>
Special Events Coordinator	Elder Ronald Gibson	<p>The Special Events Team coordinates and pre-arranges church functions and updates Pastor(s) on timelines from conception to completion.</p>

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Name		Description
Student Education	Youth Pastor Sha'Myra Lewis	This team prepares education opportunities and activities in an atmosphere of spiritual growth, by planning, conducting and evaluating the on-going student ministry.
Ushers/Greeters	Min. Wendy Petty	The Usher/Greeter Ministry is the standing backbone of endless successful services. This group of dedicated men, women, youth and children serve during all worship services, special ministry programs and events with both pride and excellence. This ministry maintains an orderly service, greeting, seating and helping members and visitors with a smile.
Women's Ministry	Campus Pastor Donna Turner	Our purpose is to inspire, equip, and support women in order to live in God's purpose. We will fulfill our vision by creating opportunities and resources for women to discover their gifts and be empowered to fulfill His purpose.
Youth on Fire	Youth Pastor Sha'Myra Lewis + Youth Pastor Wilbert Lewis	Our purpose is to draw youth ages 3-18 through Godly concepts and cultivate their gifting(s) through knowledge and understanding of the Word of God made applicable to their daily lives. Youth Sunday is held every 4th Sunday (monthly).

AGCOD MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

- ☒ Have a sincere Christian faith.
- ☒ All new members must wait a minimum of 6 months before Pastor Brooks can actively use them in the ministry. Changes may occur when the Holy Trinity speaks to Senior Pastor Carline Brooks.
- ☒ Let all things be done decently and in order (1 Corinthians 14:40).
- ☒ Update contact information as needed in the church office, i.e. change of address, phone number, or email.
- ☒ Join the AGCOD Band App- our church communication tool and other social media outlets as soon as possible to remain connected and abreast of announcements and upcoming events.
- ☒ Contact the church office as soon as possible during his or her time of sickness and/or hospitalization or if he or she is unable to attend worship for an extended time.
- ☒ All special occasions (dedications, ceremonies, events) must be cleared through the communications department prior to issuing flyer requests and/or promoting events.
- ☒ Attend worship services and church meetings regularly.
- ☒ Pray regularly, particularly in the family.
- ☒ Participate in the life and work of the Church, according to the talents God has given.
- ☒ Give regular financial support to the church in proportion to personal resources and circumstances.
- ☒ Uphold Christian values and strictly watch over one's personal character.
- ☒ Seek and follow the guidance of God in the affairs of your daily life, particularly with regards to business.
- ☒ Show friendly care for the poor, struggling, lonely, weak, or sick.
- ☒ Promote the spirit of harmony and unity within the church, seeking always to follow the way of the God through understanding and love.
- ☒ Seek to bring the love of Christ and the joy of fellowship to others.

We are EXCITED and FORTUNATE to formally welcome you into the Amazing Grace Church of Deliverance Family! May your journey be filled with fellowship, salvation, and blessings you won't have room enough to receive!
- Pastor Carline Brooks & Co-Pastor Willie McRae



AGCOD Ministry Interest Form

Name _____

Date _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

***Check all ministry areas in which you possess a unique skill set and/or are interested in serving.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate Ministers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Baby/Toddler (0-2years)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seniors
<input type="checkbox"/>	Congregational Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Choir	<input type="checkbox"/>	Christian Education
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gatekeepers (Ushers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greeters	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth on Fire (3-18)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guest Relations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Media	<input type="checkbox"/>	Graced with Vision Outreach (5-18)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Health
<input type="checkbox"/>	Security	<input type="checkbox"/>	Music (Musicians)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Interior Design
<input type="checkbox"/>	Custodial Team	<input type="checkbox"/>	Event Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Outreach/Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intercessory Prayer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fellowship Ministry (see AGCOD Ministry Directory--please specify below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Culinary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/>	College Students

Other (please specify below—we are always seeking creative ways to reach God's people!):

Thank you for your interest in serving! A member of the senior leadership team will contact you to learn more about your ministry experience and share important information regarding training opportunities.