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Press Release

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“Creating a Culture of Honor”

In addition to a time of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for his numerous blessings and mercies, the congregations of the Church of God Chapel recognize a need to challenge our society and make a commitment far beyond the spiritual. For this reason the Annual Praise Gathering will focus on a number of glaring concerns in our community. One of those very obvious needs, now more than ever before, is to create a culture of honor. The mandate given in II Peter 3:17 is to all—not just Christians. It is a short verse, but full of meaning about our responsibilities to others. Our families are in turmoil; our society is in distress and the Bible has the answer.

Reaching beyond the development of citizens with a culture of honor, and a time of praise and thanksgiving to God, this event will also give some attention to other needs of the community. There will be a health screening opportunity on Sunday and Tuesday evening and counseling for those people who want to make sure that their bodies, their temples, are also given honor and care. We owe this to ourselves, to those that we are responsible for, and to the God who created us. Free legal advice will be given on Wednesday evening on stewardship of our resources and the importance of having a will. A number of attorneys connected with our church will be on hand and will be able to work with interested people on a one-to-one basis after the service.

Ministering again for the Praise Gathering is Pastor Troy Goode. The congregations were blessed to have him minister during the February 2011 Annual Convention and look forward to his further ministry. He is the senior pastor and founder of New Dimension Church in Providence, Rhode Island and has been in full-time ministry for the past 14 years. He holds a Masters of Ministry from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and has a passion to see revival fires burn in the church and reformation invade the society.

This Annual event is a much anticipated event in the life of the Church of God Chapel congregations, however the whole community is invited to participate in any and all events of this special occasion.

The regular services start on September 25 with a morning service followed by Holy Communion at the Family Life Centre on Academy Way at 10:30 a.m. The Sunday evening service will be also be held at the Family Life Centre at 7:30 p.m. with weeknight services being held at the sanctuary of the Church of God Chapel on Walker's Road. All evening services begin at 7:30 p.m. Both Sunday services will be broadcast live by Radio Cayman.

The Kick-Off Event for the Convention will be a Youth Rally on Friday night, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sanctuary of the Church of God Chapel, Walker's Road. All Youth are invited to attend this service featuring local youth groups. The featured speaker will be Pastor Felix Manzanares.

On Tuesday, September 27 the Triple C School worship team, band, choir and staff will be participating. Triple C School is a ministry of the Church of God Chapel congregations.

Chairman of the Assembly, Mr. Mario Ebanks, commented: “We must see ourselves as the total person that God sees. Our responsibility goes beyond ourselves to our community and we must touch the physical, emotional, personal, and practical areas of people's lives, not just the spiritual. The many-faceted emphasis of this Gathering will honor the Lord while strengthening and better equipping us to do His work.”

The Church of God Chapel has five congregations in the Cayman Islands—four on Grand Cayman and one in Cayman Brac. Pastors are: Bodden Town: Pastor Winston Rose; Cotton Tree Bay: Pastor Tom French; Frank Sound: Pastor Ellen Peguero; George Town: Pastor Alson Ebanks; West Bay: Pastor Stanwyck Myles. For more information on the 2011 Annual Praise Gathering, please visit our website at www.cogcga.ky or contact the General Assembly Office at 926-6150 or the Church office on Walker's Road at 949-9393. All are invited to be part of this special event.

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