Senior Pastor Jim Kilmartin
Founder Bishop Bart Pierce

43rd Anniversary
CONVENTION

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Pastors Jim & Jessica Kilmartin

Welcome, Family!

Pastor Jess and I are delighted to welcome you to Rock City Church's 43rd Anniversary Convention! We gather with grateful hearts to celebrate forty-three years of God's faithfulness and with expectation for what He will speak and do among us. Thank you for being here and for standing with this house as we continue to build His Church.

This year's theme, "The Word | Our Foundation | Our Sword," calls us to be firmly grounded in the truth of God. His Word establishes our lives, reveals His heart, and equips us to stand faithfully in the battles before us. In a world filled with competing voices, we must know His truth, believe it, and walk in it.

As we enter the Hebrew year 5787, we are embracing the prophetic call of the year of the Sword. Our rallying cry comes from Judges 7:20: "The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!" God called Gideon and his company to face an overwhelming enemy, yet their victory depended upon His power. We, too, must prepare for battle with this settled confidence: the victory belongs to the Lord.

Gideon's company reminds us of the importance of partnership. We are called to take our places in the body of Christ, pray for one another, and stand shoulder to shoulder in fulfilling God's purposes. As we gather for these days of worship, fellowship, and ministry, Jess and I pray that the Lord will deepen our love for His Word, strengthen our commitment to one another, and prepare us to walk in the victory Christ has secured. Our battle is spiritual, and our strength comes from Him as we walk together in obedience.

We are honored to receive ministry from Bishop Bart Pierce, Pastor Allen Hickman, Bishop Joseph Garlington, and Apostle John Tetsola. We are excited to hear the Word proclaimed and ministry released through these tremendous servants of God as we focus on the importance of His truth. May we receive the Word, respond to the Holy Spirit, and be strengthened for our assignment.

Thank you for celebrating with us. Let us take our places together, lift our voices in faith, and move forward in obedience to the Lord!

In His Service,

Pastor Jim Kilmartin

Pastors Jim & Jessica Kilmartin



Bishop Bart & Coralee Pierce

We welcome each of you as we celebrate our 43rd year together! It is truly a miracle to be able to slow down and look back over all the great years the Lord has given us and the great family of Rock City Church.

As we look back, we are thankful for all that God has built among us through the years: our church body and leadership; our Cromwell Christian Equipping Center (Bible School, Leadership Training (8 weeks), and Cromwell College); Rock Church Academy; Camp Rock; Can Can Make a Difference; Adopt A Block - we recently gave away our 24th house; Christian Youth Athletics; The Hiding Place; the Rock City Church fellowships, including our newest church plant in Frederick, MD; and our newest ministry, Strawbridge Publishing, which has already sent 5,000 children's books to Madagascar, along with 2,400 backpacks to be given freely to the children there.

There is no end to what God can do when we build from the prophetic word and live in total surrender to Jesus!

This year's convention will be a continuation of God's Kingdom being advanced through loyal, faithful, committed men and women of God who don't know the words "can't" or "stop. Let's make the end of 2026 and the beginning of 2027 the Year of the Two-Edged Sword!

"Buy the truth and sell it not!"

We love you and welcome you to the house the Lord has built.

Bishop Bart and Coralee Pierce

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 10.30

7:00pm — WORSHIP //
MESSAGE // APOSTLE TETSOLA

SATURDAY 10.31

10:00am — WORSHIP //
MESSAGE // APOSTLE TETSOLA

SUNDAY 11.01

10:30am — WORSHIP //
MESSAGE // BISHOP JOSEPH GARLINGTON

7:00pm — WORSHIP //
MESSAGE // PASTOR ALLEN HICKMAN

MONDAY 11.02

10:00am — WORSHIP //
MESSAGE // PASTOR ALLEN HICKMAN
& BISHOP BART PIERCE

WEEKEND MATERIALS



Apostle John Tetsola

Dr. John A. Tetsola is the President of Ecclesia Word Ministries International and the Senior Minister of Dream Life Church International.

He is the best-selling author of several life-changing books. His teaching, preaching and his strong apostolic and prophetic thrust display the incredible strength of the mandate upon his life.

He has a B.S., MA, MBA, and a Ph.D. degree.

Dr. Tetsola is the President of the Reformers Bible Training Institute &, Founder of Reformers Ministries International, an Apostolic Network of cutting edge ministries and ministers.

Dr. Tetsola and his wife Dr. Vickie Tetsola, who Co-Pastors with him, live in the state of New York



Bishop Joseph Garlington

Dr. Bishop Joseph L. Garlington, Sr. is presiding pastor of Covenant Church of Pittsburgh, a large multiracial, cross-cultural Christian community he and his wife, Barbara, founded in 1971. For more than forty-eight years, the church has been a model for racial healing and reconciliation. Through it, they launched Reconciliation!, an international network of churches and ministries, for which he is Presiding Bishop.

In the late 1980s, he launched an outreach to recover Horner, an abandoned junior high school one block from the church's worship center in Wilkinsburg. It is now Hosanna House, an award-winning community center partnered with government, businesses, financial institutions, foundations, and churches. From 2000 to 2018, he served as president of Building United of Southwest Pennsylvania, an ecumenical coalition of bishops and clergy, which helped bring home-ownership to low and middle-income families through President George W. Bush's faith-based initiative.

An accomplished musician, recording artist, author, and scholar, Bishop Garlington has touched thousands through radio and TV and is a popular speaker at national and international conferences. He has ministered in South Africa since 1979 and consults for pastors, churches, and organizations seeking to develop similar models of racial reconciliation and healing.

He has been married to Barbara Williams Garlington for more than forty-eight years. They have seven grown children, thirteen grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



Pastor Allen Hickman

Allen and Amy Hickman live in Picayune, Mississippi and have been married since 1987. They have 11 sons and 22 grandchildren. Allen and Amy both knew at an early age that God's calling of ministry was upon their lives.

Allen graduated from Picayune Memorial High School in Picayune, Mississippi in 1983. He went on to attend Mississippi College where he played football and graduated in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Bible. After college, Allen felt God's call on his life to pursue ministry further, so he attended and graduated from Emmaus Road Ministry School in Texas.

Allen is currently ministering as Senior Pastor of Resurrection Life Worship Center located in Picayune MS where he has been since its inception in 1989. He also ministers to the church body at large. Pastor Allen served on the Life Outreach International board, Evangelist James Robinson's organization, for over ten years. He ministers to the body of Christ as an apostle, helping churches and church leadership become the true body of Christ.

In December 2019, Allen released "Irreplaceable: A Father's Guide to Raising World Changers," a book long on his heart to write. irreplaceabledad.com

"*When you really know who God is and know how He feels about you, you will have no trouble giving your life to Him and for Him.*"



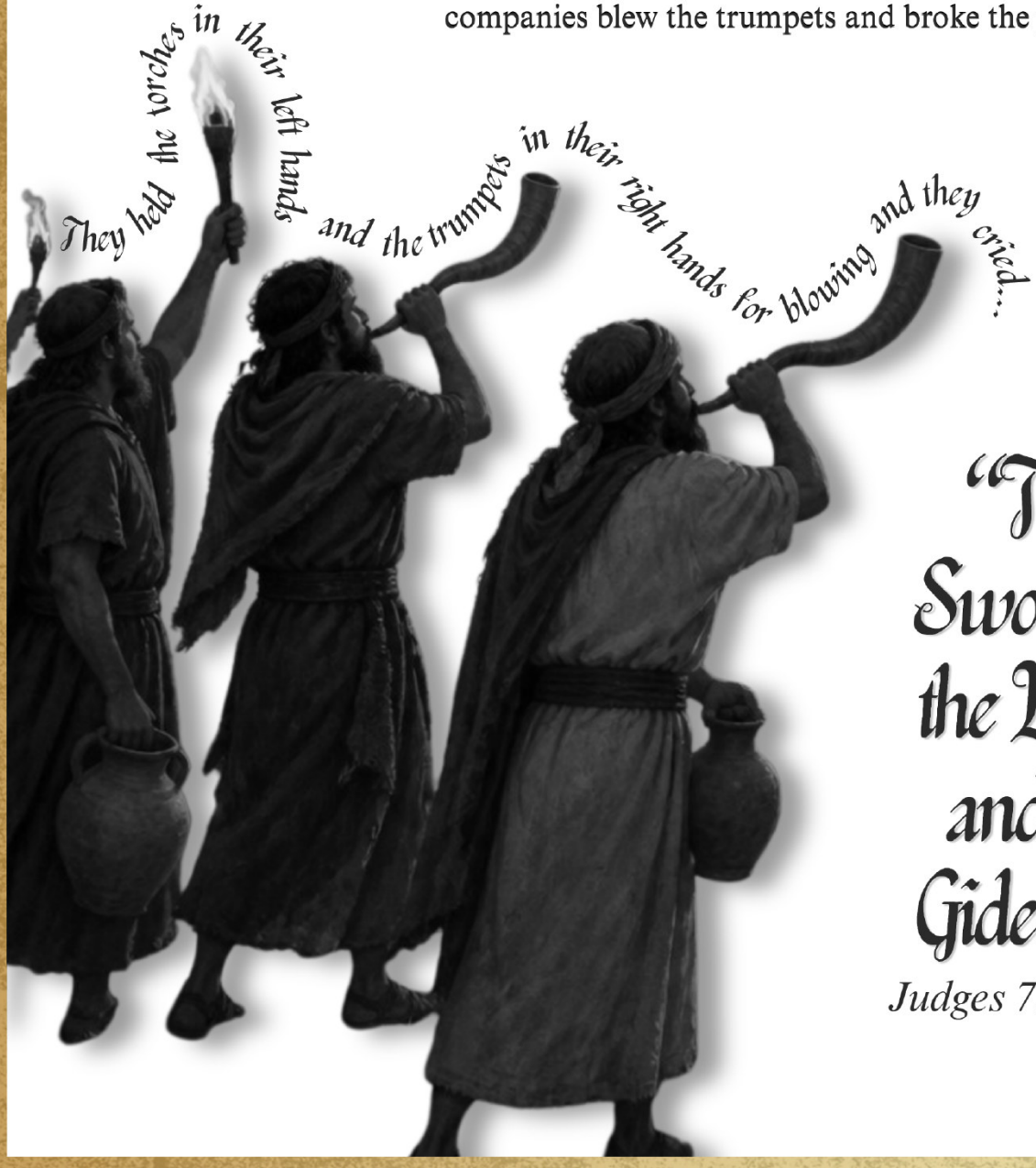
Bishop Bart Pierce

Bishop Bart Pierce is Founder and Bishop of Rock City Church in Baltimore, Maryland, and the Rock City Church Fellowship. He and his wife, Coralee, married since 1970, have three children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

For over fifty years, they have expressed God's Kingdom through compassion ministries, pioneering the Ministry of Compassion to reach the hungry, addicted, and those in crisis. Through Nehemiah House, over 14,000 men have been helped back on their feet. Can Can Make a Difference feeds over 150,000 people monthly, and The Hiding Place has seen over 1,500 babies born to mothers in crisis. His compassion network sent $1.2 billion in goods to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina, arriving before FEMA. Each year, Compassion Commission teens rebuild and give a home to a Baltimore City veteran.

Passionate about the next generations, Bishop Pierce founded Cromwell Christian Equipping Center and has served in Christian education for over five decades. He is President of Rock Church Academy, Camp Rock, and Christian Youth Athletics. He provides apostolic oversight to 163 churches worldwide, is a founding member of Peace for the City, and has written several books, including Make Your House a House of Prayer.

"When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then you also blow the trumpets on every side of the whole camp, and say, 'The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!' So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outpost of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just as they had posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that were in their hands. Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers...



"The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon!"

Judges 7:18-20



Pastor Jim Kilmartin

Jim and Jessica Kilmartin have been married for 26 years and share a deep commitment to faith,
family, and ministry. Together, they have raised six children, and their family has grown to include a son-in-law and a grandson, bringing them great joy and purpose. Their lives reflect a strong dedication not only to their own family but also to building and strengthening families within their community.

Jim serves as the Senior Pastor of Rock City Church, where Jessica ministers alongside him in a pastoral role while also serving as the Dean of the Cromwell Christian Equipping Center. Their leadership is marked by a passion for equipping others, fostering spiritual growth, and developing leaders who impact their communities.

In addition to their ministry work, Jim and Jessica are entrepreneurs who own Pinnacle Professional Services, a thriving commercial cleaning company, employing 75 people, demonstrating their commitment to excellence in both business and service. Over the years, they have founded and led numerous nonprofits and ministries, including HoopsFest - Pennsylvania's largest 3on3 basketball tournament; Joshua House, a youth ministry ushering the next generation into their God given purpose; Arrows Christian Academy; and Center City Church.

Through these initiatives, they have consistently invested in outreach, education, and community development. At the core of everything they do is a shared vision: to build people, expand God's Kingdom, reach the next generation, cultivate healthy families, and see lasting transformation in cities and communities.



Apostle Augustus Arthur

Apostle Augustus Arthur's journey began with a promise. When his sister, who lived in Italy, promised to take him abroad, he left his hometown for Accra, Ghana. A longtime member of the AME Zion church, he served as a pastor's steward and SU leader. After three days of prayer and fasting, a neighbor, Madam Sarah Lamptey, told him of a prophecy about planting Rock Church in Africa, with Ghana as the platform.

On June 20, 1993, Apostle Augustus started the church on Madam Sarah's front porch with 11 people. It soon moved to a classroom at Greenhill International School. Missionary Steve Crawford joined him to teach First Principles and baptize, and introduced him to Bishop John Gimenez. In June 1994, Apostle Augustus traveled to Kiev, Ukraine, for the Intensive Training School (ITS), where he first met Bishop Bart Pierce.

Intensive Training School shaped everything that followed. He founded Rock Christian School of Ministry and has sent pastors to train at ITS in Baltimore. Today, Rock City Church in Africa includes eighteen pastors, eight branches in Ghana, and one in Ivory Coast. A 2,500-seat sanctuary is under construction, and prayer camps are planned.

Last November, Apostle Augustus, his wife Lady Rose Arthur, and the branches across Africa gathered at the Accra headquarters for the 31st anniversary convention, celebrating the faithfulness of God.



Apostle Haja Rafidison

Apostle Haja Rafidison was born in Moramanga, Madagascar, and raised in a Catholic family. In 1990, a government scholarship took him to Kiev, Ukraine, to study civil aviation engineering. There he met and married Lucile, and the two came to know Christ and joined the Rock Church of Kiev, where Bishop Bart Pierce became their pastor. After attending the Intensive Training Bible School in Kiev, they returned to Madagascar and founded Rock City Church of Madagascar in 1998. His vision is to see communities, cities, and nations transformed by the Gospel, the Body of Christ restored and united, and the coming generation ready to walk in their destiny.

In 2010, Apostle Haja led "Entire Itaosy for Christ," dedicating seven counties around Antananarivo to Christ alongside mayors, leaders, and churches. He was also a key leader in the 2014 dedication of the Antananarivo province to Christ. In 2018, Bishop Bart Pierce visited Madagascar and installed him in the office of Apostle.

Today, Apostle Haja is Senior Pastor of Rock City Church of Madagascar and provides apostolic oversight to thirty-seven churches. He is also president of FIELD (Full Impacting Entire Life with Difference), an association that partners with the church to impact the community. In 2024, he opened Good News School, a private primary school in Antananarivo with 200 students enrolled.

Apostle Haja lives in Antananarivo with his wife Lucile, their two sons, and their daughter.



Apostle Paul Tan

Dr. Paul Tan is Senior Pastor of City Blessing Churches in Walnut, Colton, and San Diego, and Apostle to City Blessing Churches Worldwide. He holds a Doctorate of Practical Ministry from Wagner Leadership Institute.

He is president of World Blessing Foundation, a compassion ministry that has channeled over $1 billion in humanitarian aid to 15 nations, and founder of YISB (Indonesian Blessing Foundation), which has built schools and orphanages and trained farmers in Indonesia's remotest areas. He serves on the boards of Generals International and Somebody Cares America, and on the International Apostolic Team at Harvest International Ministries.

Dr. Tan honors Bishop Bart Pierce of Rock City Church in Baltimore, Maryland, as his spiritual father and covering. His business background and multicultural experience have helped him build marketplace networks that cross racial and denominational lines. He is also a Knight in the Order of Knight Hospitaler of St. John of Jerusalem in Malta.

He is involved in Revive California, launched in February 2021 when 12 apostolic leaders from different denominations united to pray, equip, evangelize, plant, and reform, believing for revival in California and the United States.

Dr. Tan ministers alongside his wife, Pastor Joyce Tan. They have two adult daughters, a son-in-law, and two grandchildren, with a third on the way.



Pastor Kevin Picott Sr.

Pastor Kevin Picott, Sr. is Senior Pastor of Living Word Ministries Christian Center, Inc. in Trenton, New Jersey.

He and his wife, Pastor Jeanette "Jhay" Spann-Picott, have a blended family of nine children, eight boys and one girl, and seventeen grandchildren. They endured the loss of one of their sons in 2019. The Picotts live in Beverly, New Jersey.

Pastor Kevin is moved by the Spirit to serve and please the Lord, and believes leaders are called to pour into the next generation. Together with Pastor Jeanette, he has partnered with the Trenton Health Team to share the benefits of positive choices for a healthier life with the congregation.

He is Vice President of the Concerned Pastors of Trenton and Vicinity, Inc., a group of 21 pastors and ministries that meets monthly to help inform the community about social services. He serves as spiritual liaison for the Trenton Public Schools Focus Group and the North Ward Citizens Police Advisory Council, under Councilwoman Jennifer Williams. He is also affiliated with the Cory McNair Foundation and the South Jersey Pastors Organization, led by Pastor Jamie Centeno. The Picotts are also members of On One Accord, an organization formed by pastors of smaller churches and the Rock City Church Fellowship.

At Living Word, alongside the Women's and Men's Ministries, Pastor Kevin has introduced breakfast during Sunday School and Funday Sunday for the youth.



Pastor Mark Mielnik Jr.

Pastor Mark Mielnik Jr. is Senior Pastor of Center City Church in Altoona, Pennsylvania. He is passionate about seeing people equipped by God's Word and empowered by His Spirit to live transformed lives and advance God's Kingdom wherever they go. He is married to Shannon, and they have four children: Mya, Addison, Matthew, and Hope.

Beyond the church, Pastor Mark is President of the School Board for Arrows Christian Academy, a K-8 school that educates students through a biblical worldview, and Board President of Joshua House, a youth outreach ministry. He also owns Set Apart Properties, a real estate investment company. A gifted teacher, he loves making complicated things simple and seeing people renew their minds in the truth of God's Word.

Pastor Mark was licensed as a Pastor on November 6, 2022, and ordained and commissioned into the ministry on September 8, 2024.

On the same day, Shannon was licensed as a Pastor. She helps lead the prayer and intercession teams, owns Crowned Boutique, and is a licensed Realtor. Together, they long to see lives transformed as people come alive in the true identity God intended for them.



Pastor Josué Santiago

Dr. Josué Santiago is an apostolic leader, pastor, and evangelist with a passion for reaching the lost, equipping the Church, and seeing nations transformed through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His ministry rests on three convictions: Do what Jesus did. Care for the people Jesus cared for. Make disciples. Born and raised in Cuba, he began preaching at age 13 and established his first church amid challenging political and economic conditions.

For more than 12 years, Dr. Santiago has pastored Family of Faith Community Church in Newark, Ohio, a multicultural, multigenerational congregation impacting communities throughout Ohio. He also serves as International Director of Kingdom in Action Family (KIAF), an apostolic network connecting churches and ministry leaders across Cuba, the United States, Argentina, and other nations, and he has helped plant, strengthen, and oversee more than 300 churches.

Under his leadership, KIAF provides food and assistance to more than 20,000 people every month in Cuba through feeding centers, orphanage and nursing home care, homeless outreach, and support for vulnerable families. In partnership with Wagner University, he has helped establish advanced theological and leadership education in Cuba, with 140 graduates and more than 1,500 prospective students.

Dr. Santiago holds a Bachelor's Degree in Theology from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba, and a Master's Degree in Advanced Theology from Wagner University. In October 2026, he earned his Doctor of Ministry in Apostolic Leadership and Applied Theology from Wagner University. He is also a professional musician, worship leader, and author. He and his wife, Leyanet, have three daughters: Daphne, Abi, and Bella.



Bishop Maksymilian Pyra

Bishop Maksymilian Pyra came to faith in 1974 and was ordained into ministry in 1977 after completing Bible School in Warsaw. He continued his biblical and leadership training through several Bible schools, including Word of Life Bible School in Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1988, he joined the Church of God in Christ in Warsaw, where he served as a pastor, Bible School director, prison chaplain, deputy bishop, and eventually presiding bishop.

In 1989, he helped establish the first open, revivalist and charismatic Bible school in Poland.

Since 2006, Bishop Pyra has served as Bishop of Word of Life Church in Warsaw.

During nearly 50 years of ministry, he has helped establish and strengthen 28 churches in Poland and 4 internationally, while supporting churches and ministries around the world.

Bishop Pyra and his wife, Sylwia, have three sons, a foster daughter, and seven grandchildren.

New Church Plant



Theron & Mizpah Glenny

Theron and Mizpah Glenny have served together in ministry for over 20 years. From 2005 to 2020, they served with Joshua House in Tyrone, Pennsylvania, helping the next generation discover their God-given purpose. In 2017, they were part of the launch team for Center City Church in Altoona, Pennsylvania, and in 2020, they helped co-found Arrows Christian Academy, a K–8 Christian school.

Theron currently serves as an elder at Center City Church, while Mizpah has overseen the worship ministry for the past three years.

Field City Church

Field City Church is a new church being planted in Frederick, Maryland, in the spring of 2027, sent out by Center City Church in Altoona, Pennsylvania, under the leadership of Pastor Mark Mielnik, being led by Theron & Mizpah Glenny.

We believe God has entrusted every person with a field, a place of influence, relationships, purpose, and responsibility where He invites us to join Him in His work.

Our desire is to cultivate authentic community, make disciples, and equip people to faithfully work the fields God has entrusted to them. As God works in our hearts, we become equipped to serve others, sow seeds of the Gospel, and participate in His harvest.

Field City Church:
Gather. Be equipped. Work your field

Convention Menu

Sunday Night

LEMONY WHITE BEAN & POTATO SOUP
LENTIL & ITALIAN SAUSAGE SOUP

HOT ITALIAN SUB SLIDERS
JALAPENO POPPER CHICKEN SLIDERS

CHOCOLATE CARAMEL SHORTBREAD BARS

Friday Night

ITALIAN WEDDING SOUP
BROCCOLI & CHEDDAR SOUP

CUBAN SLIDER
MEATBALL PARMESEAN SLIDERS

MINI CHEESECAKE BITES

Monday Lunch

CLASSIC CHILI

GRILLED CHEESE STICK (WITH & WITHOUT HAM)

ASSORTED DESSERTS

Saturday Lunch

CLASSIC CHICKEN NOODLE
CORN CHOWDER

NASHVILLE HOT HONEY CHICKEN SLIDERS
BBQ PULLED PORK SLIDERS WITH VINEGAR SLAW

LEMON BARS

All meals come with fresh salad & fruit

Vegetarian & gluten free meal options are available upon request



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