

CHARLES TAYLOR

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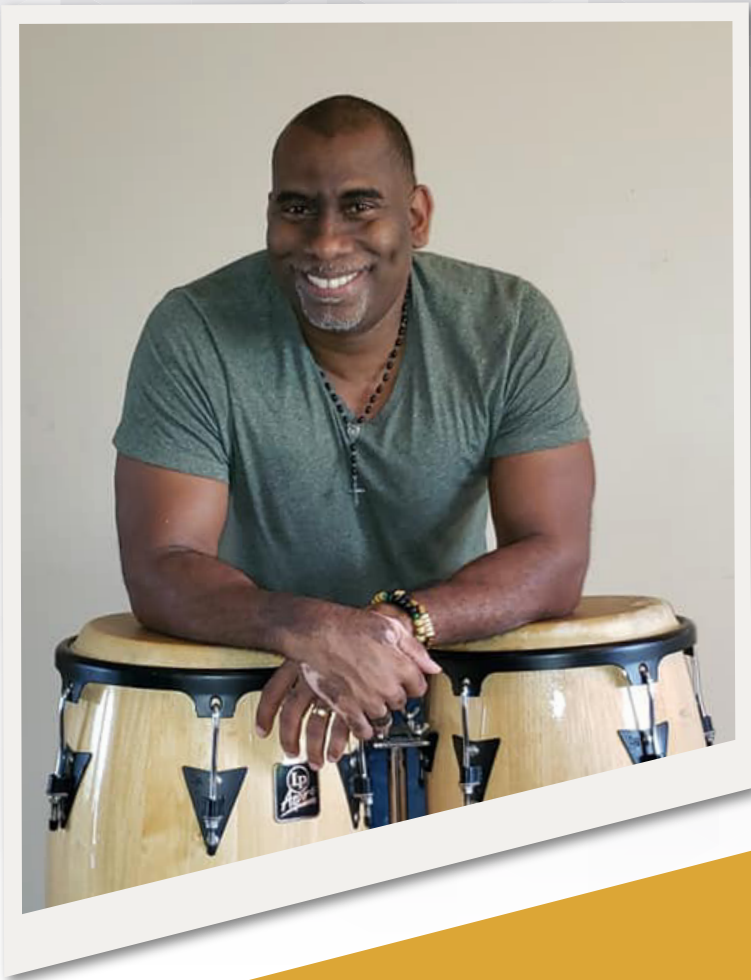
Background:

How do you serve in GCI? I joyfully serve in GCI as the pastor of GCI Miramar in Miramar, Florida.

How did you connect with GCI? My mother was pregnant with me when she was baptized into the Worldwide Church of God in 1968. I have been a part of the denomination since birth.

What are some of your reasons for choosing to participate with GCI in ministry? While in other ways I have been exposed to different denominations, some of my reasons for choosing GCI are the grace-filled atmosphere, the love and humility of the leaders, and the support for the local congregations and pastors, not just as employees, but as brothers and sisters in Christ, walking and growing along the journey of discipleship.

What is your ministry or calling? What is the legacy you hope to leave? The ministry I feel that God has called me to participate in is not only pastoral ministry, but also music and worship ministry. I feel I was designed to worship and, through words, music, and example, help others experience our amazing glorious Triune God of Grace. My call is first as a child of God, then husband to Keysha, father to Chakeyra, Kiana, and Caleb, and then community leader. I also feel a strong commitment to the youth and the elderly. The legacy I want to leave is one of grace-filled passionate love for God, my family, and all of God's humanity. I want to leave a legacy that points others to and lifts up Christ so all can be drawn unto Him.



Get to Know Charles

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: THOSE THAT COME TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS AND THAT HE IS A REWARDER OF THOSE WHO DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM (HEBREWS 11:6).



1.

For what are you most grateful?
God and family, and then the blessing of pastoring and working in a job that never feels like work!

2.

Struggle or life lesson you would like to share:
I struggle with balance. I want to run fast with everything I'm doing. God, through trials and my own mistakes, has and is showing me the importance of pacing myself and slowing down. The key for me is Abide Abide Abide in Christ, and seek God in everything. When I struggle or fall or make bad choices, it is always on the tail end of not abiding and spending time in God's wonderful, loving, grace-filled disciplining presence.

3.

Everyone who knows you knows you love:
God, my family, and humans of every kind, regardless of race, color, creed, belief, background, or culture.



MY REGION IS UNIQUE IN THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE NOT FROM SOUTH FLORIDA. IT LENDS ITSELF TO TRANSITION, AND THIS CAN BE A CHALLENGE. BUT OVERALL, NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE, PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR THE SAME THINGS: LOVE, ACCEPTANCE, TO FULFILL THEIR PURPOSE, A WAY TO PROVIDE AND CARE FOR THEIR FAMILIES, AN OUTLET FOR HAPPINESS AND FUN, AND, AT THE END OF THE DAY, EVERYONE IS SEARCHING FOR GOD AND COMMUNITY.

