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CHURCH OF GOD NEWSLETTER

## God's Holy Days 2021

**Passover \***

March 26th

**Feast of Unleavened Bread \***

March 28th - April 3rd

**Pentecost \***

May 16th

**Feast of Trumpets \***

September 7th

**Atonement \***

September 16th

**Feast of Tabernacles \***

September 21st - 27th

**Last Great Day \***

September 28th

\* **Begin Evening Before at Sundown**

*Fulfill you my joy,  
that you be  
likeminded, having  
the same love, being  
of one accord, of one  
mind.*

**Philippians 2:2**

## The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying,  
I am the LORD your God, which has brought you out of  
the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

You will have no other gods before me.

You will not make yourself any graven image, or any  
likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is  
in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the  
earth:

You will not bow down yourself to them, or serve  
them: for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visit-  
ing the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto  
the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

And showing mercy to thousands of them that love  
me, and keep my commandments.

You will not take the name of the LORD your God in  
vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that  
takes his name in vain.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Six days you will labor, and do all your work:

But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD your  
God: in it you will not do any work, you, or thy son, or  
your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant,  
or your cattle, or your stranger that is within your

gates:

For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the  
sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day:  
wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hal-  
lowed it.

Honor your father and your mother: that your days  
may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God  
giveth thee.

You will not murder.

You will not commit adultery.

You will not steal.

You will not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
You will not covet your neighbor's house, you will not  
covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his  
maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is  
your neighbor's.

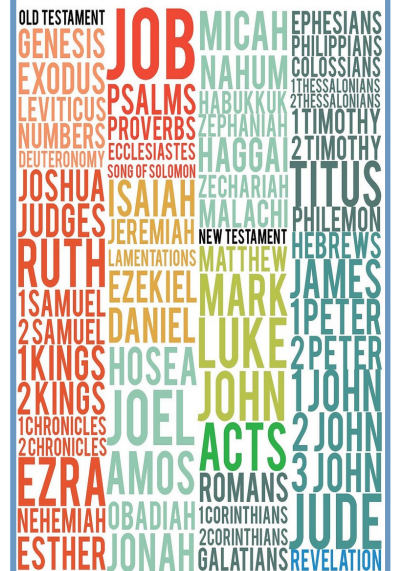
John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, That you love one  
another; as I have loved you, that you also love one  
another.

By this shall all *men* know that you are my disciples, if  
you have love one to another.

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*For God sent not his  
Son into the world to  
condemn the world;  
but that the world  
through him might be  
saved.*

**John 3:17**

# Prayers and Praises to God

Do you have prayer requests or do you want to give our Lord the praise he deserves, for an answered prayer? Please contact us.  
(Contact Info is on Page. 3)

It is also important that we receive updates on any prayer requests. If we have not received an update within 30 days of posting the prayer request, we will remove them from the list believing that their prayers have been answered.

## NEW PRAISES TO GOD

**Verna Walker** entered into rest.

**Wanda Rhodes** entered into rest.

**Autumn Wilkins** is doing much better now.

**Barbara Chase's brother George** entered into rest.

**Jerry Sellers** entered into rest.

## NEWEST PRAYERS AND UPDATES:

**Pat Cooper** is having some problems with her heart getting proper blood flow. She recently had stints put in.

**Shirley Nicholas** is still having a lot of back pain.

**Ella Childs** was having severe pain from pancreatitis. She is home from hospital recovering now.

**Katherine Ogwen's** husband has ulcerative colitis.

**Norman Curran** is presently in the Autumn Oaks Caring Center in Mountain Grove, Mo. due to a fall he took at home.

**Lelan Forester** is healing from a staff infection.

**Marlene Brown** is having pain in her left shoulder and neck.

**Kate Forester** is having ankle pain.

**Barbara Chase** is having sever pain in her hip and leg.

**Roy Marlin** has cancer.

**Gerry Marlin** is recovering from a stroke.

**Nancy Miles** needs surgery for hiatal hernia.

**Tim Hicks** is having a lot of back pain and is not sleeping well.

**Cosden Foland** will be having surgery to repair vision in his left eye.

**Kimberly Edwards** has wounds appearing on her legs from unknown cause.

**David Bruckner** is struggling with cancer. He is still trying to work but is very weak.

**Ann Gieselman** is having a lot of leg and knee pain.

**Faith Ammel** is recovering from a stroke and has Covid-19.

**Daniel Baum** has Covid-19 and is doing better now.

**Bob Theimer's** blood clot has reduced, but his heart is enlarged on the right side.

**Gary Gibeson** has cancer of the liver. When the doctors did surgery they found sever liver disease and another small tumor. They had to burn the tumors instead of removing them.

**Billy Porter** was in a major car accident along with his pregnant wife and two children. They all suffered some injuries.

**John Akin** is recovering at home after having his leg amputated due to cancer. UPDATE: Is in need of a prosthetic for his leg.

**Judie McCallum** had a partial hysterectomy on October 12th. They could not do a complete due to finding a fibroid tumor attached to her intestines. UPDATE: In our last communication with her she was having a lot of pain and may now be in a nursing facility.

**Kevin Wright** is fighting for his life and has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure.

**Rachel Bollig** still has breathing problems and is in a nursing home at this time.

**Carolyn Unnewehr** is still in a healthcare facility. Needs prayers for healing and strength.

**Tonya O'Brien** has lymphoma cancer. She saw the doctor on the 20th to decide what to do.

**Neil Meyers** has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

**Kristen Hocker** she is still unable to walk Update: Her dad is helping her and needs prayers. They are both very positive about her fully recovering.

**George Curry** fell and has hairline cracks in his hip. He is now home. He is not eating much and sleeps a lot.

## **Psalm 42:8**

*Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.*



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**Learning to Forgive**

By Stephen Hicks

It has been a question for years. How do I truly forgive someone who has done me wrong? How can I just let it go without any recompense for the hurt that they did to me?

This is a problem that many will have to face during their lifetime, and they will have to deal with it if they are going to be able to move on and find peace.

When counselling or giving a sermon about forgiveness, I have had people tell me that I don't understand or that I've never experienced what they are going through. My answer to them is to reassure them that I have been cheated by many, been stabbed in the back by friends who I loved dearly and have been lied to by people I trusted. So, how do we get past these happenings?

Well, for years, I walked around disappointed,

angry and continued harboring bitterness towards the people that had hurt me. I don't know if the other people felt bad, but I was miserable. They didn't seem to care what they had done, but I did. If they didn't care, then why should I be concerned about forgiving them? I needed help to know what to do, so I turned to the bible to see what Jesus had to say about forgiving. In the following, Peter wants to know how often he should forgive

Matthew 18:21-22 *"Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven."* Although Peter refers only to a brother, this question would also pertain to a sister too. Peter thought he was being very considerate by suggesting that forgiveness should be given at least seven times. Jesus corrected him by saying that he should forgive 490 times. (Continued on Page 4.)

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Why this number? It is so high that the average person would not try to keep count of how many times they had forgiven someone. In this instance there is no mention of the person asking for forgiveness, which is very important for us to pay attention to.

Jesus speaks a parable about forgiveness in the next verses of Matthew 18:23-25 *“Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made”* The kingdom spoken of here is all of mankind. We are all born under sin and remain sold to sin until God draws us to His Son and offers us redemption. We owe this great debt and have no way to repay it on our own.

Verses 26-27 *“The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.”*

When we repent of our sins, because God loves us, He has offered His Son to pay our debt so that forgiveness can come and we can have a relationship with Him.

Verses 28-35 *“But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.*

This person after receiving the Lord’s forgiveness, chose not to forgive the one who had trespassed against him. Because of this, the forgiveness the Lord, was removed and he was turned over to the tormentors.

Verse 35 *“So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from* (Continued on Page 9)

**Nigeria Churches of God**



Pastor Solomon & wife Joy



Pastor Ezekiel & wife

Dear Pastor Hicks,

We greet you in the name of Jesus our soon coming King. We thank you for your love you have for us in Nigeria. We also thank you for your prayers. We hope that God can use your people to help us from this condition that we are in now. Thank you. I am your brother, Pastor Solomon Emmanuel.

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**Note from the editor:**

**The brethren in Nigeria are struggling to continue to pay rent for a building to meet in because they have many other expenses to take care of. They continue to ask for our support to help them finish the building they own so that they can start using it. Our budget barely allows us to provide what we do to the other churches, so we have no extra funds at this time to send to Nigeria.**

**If you can help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. We continue to pray for all of the churches we support, but many are still suffering are need food and other needs.**

**Thank you for your prayers and support.**

*Sabbath*

# SABBATH SERVICES

## January 2021

*Remember the  
Sabbath day and  
keep it holy.  
Exodus 20:8*

### **KC Church of God Ministries**

#### **\*\*\*January 2nd, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM**

This is a joint service, See Page 3 for info.

**Hicks Residence** 816-380-7821

Meal after bible study

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**Proffitt Residence** 816-776-2699

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# JUST FOR FUN

The puzzle of the month will be a mix of easy, fairly easy, hard, which may or may not be challenging. Please don't be discouraged if you don't know some of the answers, just challenge yourself to learn. All answers will be published in the next month's newsletter. Hope you enjoy!

## *Answers to Last Months Puzzle*

1. Genesis 1:1
2. Matthew 1:18
3. Genesis 2:8
4. Genesis 3:1-6
5. Mark 15:24-25
6. Romans 6:23
7. Exodus 7:1
8. Genesis 4:8
9. Daniel 6:16
10. Genesis 1:27
11. Matthew 6:9
12. Matthew 14:15-20
13. Genesis 2:21-22
14. Matthew 12:31; Mark 3:29
15. Genesis 2:7
16. Genesis 7:7
17. Matthew 26:69-74
18. Matthew 27:29
19. Genesis 4:9
20. Exodus 34:1; Deuteronomy 5:22

1. How many apostles followed Jesus?
2. Who was directed by an angel to see baby Jesus?
3. What is the Second book of the Bible?
4. Before David became king, what was his occupation?
5. What is the first book of the Bible?
6. What is the first book of the New Testament?
7. How did David kill Goliath?
8. Where was the "wilderness" in which John the Baptist preached?
9. What was written at the top of Jesus' cross?
10. In what did Jesus sleep after His birth?
11. Who was willing to offer his son as a sacrifice to the Lord?
12. What was miraculous about Jesus' mother?
13. After Noah built the ark, how many days and nights did it rain?
14. Who was placed in an ark of bulrushes and placed in a river by his mother?
15. What curious thing happened to Jonah?
16. How was Ruth related to Naomi?
17. To whom was Mary engaged when she became pregnant with Jesus?
18. What book of the Bible contains hymns written by David?
19. What animals drowned themselves in the sea when demons cast out by Jesus entered them?
20. What psalm begins, "The Lord is my shepherd"?

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At the printing of this newsletter, we still have not received any word from Pastor Nestor. We don't know if the mail has been shut down due to the typhoon that passed through recently, or if it is something else preventing them from contacting us. Please continue to pray for all of them. They are facing many difficulties, but in his last letter, Nestor said that the work was continuing on. Thank you for your support of their work.



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Pastor Martin says that the work is really growing in Kenya. The churches continue to grow as do the needs. Food prices continue to rise. Many groups have chosen to join with us to receive teachings from us. A church group in Sudan has even asked to join with us. The gospel message of truth is spreading throughout Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda and it is drawing more people to learn the truth.

They all appreciate the support that they receive. Without the monthly offerings, many would go hungry, so thank you for what you give to support them.

**Uganda News:** Tensions are rising as Uganda gears up to a general election. President Yoweri Museveni, in power for 36 years, changed the constitution to be able to run again. Experts fear that the violence will not stop at the polls. Violence in Uganda escalated after Bobby Wine (a local rapper running for President) was arrested and released on bail in November. At least 50 people have been killed in countrywide protests. Chances for a peaceful election look slim. Museveni has no intention to relinquish power to a new generation.

The church of God in Uganda has gone into hiding to avoid the violence happening around them. They are having problems getting food due to this. Pastor Martin visited them a few weeks ago. Photos (clockwise): Uganda church feast site, Pastor Martin with brethren, a visit to the lake, women gather water from the lake, Migori feast site.





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*your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.*” When we choose not to forgive, then God cannot forgive us, and we dwell in the torment of bitterness until we repent and forgive. When we do not forgive, we are breaking the two greatest commandments. We are disobeying God and we are not loving our neighbor.

In the outline for prayer that Jesus spoke of, He stressed again the importance of forgiveness. Matthew 6:12-15 *“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”*

We are going to be hurt, offended and taken advantage of if we walk in the way of Christ. When we have love for others, some will take advantage of that love, some will disappoint us, and some will even turn against us. Even in the worst moments of our lives, during the hurt and the pain, we still need to show the same love and forgiveness that God has shown us.

Luke 6:27-31 *“But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also. Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.”*

Jesus wanted people to love Him and to love the Father, so He showed them love, mercy and compassion. Throughout His ministry people said terrible things about Him. He was physically abused after His arrest. He was shamed in front of the people, but He still loved and died for them and us. Even on the cross, He asked the Father to forgive. Luke 23:34-35 *“Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.”*

Jesus understood why the people did what they did to Him. They were under the influence of the spirit of anti-christ. That is why He said that they didn't know what they were doing.

Stephen, when he was being stoned, knew the same thing, so he asked God to forgive them too.

It is not our place to seek revenge. It is not our place to hate, even through our thoughts.

God will punish those who hurt His children. Unless they repent, they will face God's wrath.

Luke 17:1-4 *“Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come! It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the*

*the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.”*

God is the Great Judge. He will judge all matters and situations. We just need to obey Him and forgive as He commands us to.

We are to show the fruit of the Spirit, which are the fruits meet for repentance that John, the Baptist and Paul both spoke about.

Matthew 3:7-8 *“But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:”*

Acts 26:20 *“But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.”*

Galatians 5:22-23 *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”*

Ephesians 5:9-10 *“(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.”*

We must show these fruits to everyone around us. How can we do this if we are harboring bitterness and un-forgiveness towards anyone?

Many brethren are still angry about things that happened to them in the past, whether it be because of brethren, a minister or the church.

No matter what has happened to us in the past, we cannot change that. Put it in the hands of God. Take the wrong that has happened and let it go. I personally have found great peace by doing this.

1 Corinthians 6:7-8 *“Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded? Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren.”*

I have learned from my own past experiences that humans have flaws and organizations are not perfect, but God can be trusted in all things. I realized that I had to take a lot of the blame for things that happened to me. I made the mistake of putting my trust in a person instead of heeding the warnings in the bible. We need to put our trust where it belongs and leave it there.

Psalm 4:5 *“Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.”*

Psalm 40:4 *“Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.”*

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Consider this, that whatever happened to you may have been done for your own good. Maybe it started you on a different or even better path or maybe it strengthened your faith. Take time to think about what happened to Joseph. He was angry for awhile until he realized the reason everything had happened. Genesis 50:17-20 *“So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants. And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.”*

Forgiveness is for our benefit. The other person may not forgive you or even accept any apology or kindness you offer, but that is on them. God sees what you do, and He knows your heart. Forgiveness will not only bring peace, but it will bring about healing, mentally, spiritually and in many cases physically.

If we want God to hear our prayers, then we need to get rid of any anger or bitterness we harbor. If we want Him to forgive us of our sins, then we are required to forgive others.

Mark 11:24-26 *“Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.”*

Let us all walk with the Lord in love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness. END

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