



# IN ONE ACCORD



CHURCH OF GOD NEWSLETTER

## God's Holy Days 2021

Passover \*

March 27th

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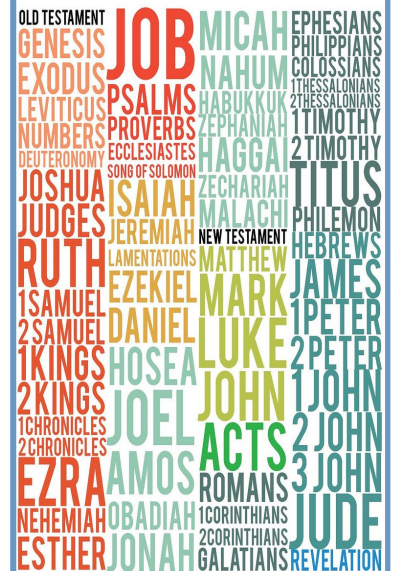
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*For God sent not his  
Son into the world to  
condemn the world;  
but that the world  
through him might be  
saved.*

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 30days of posting the prayer request, we will remove them from the list believing that their prayers have been answered.

## NEW PRAISES TO GOD

**Herbert Devin** (See Page 3.)

**Kate Forester** was having chest pain. She is doing better after getting treatment.

**Autumn Wilkins** She has a job, and has found a place to park her RV.

## NEWEST PRAYERS AND UPDATES:

**Stephen Hicks:** My heart is working at 52% so I still tire easily. Now I have been fighting a kidney infection for several weeks. I am on my 4th round of antibiotics as the doctors look to find out the cause. Thanks for the prayers, letters and cards.

**Bonnie Chrisman** is having pain in her foot and is wearing a boot for it, but the uneven height is causing her back pain.

**Bill Morten** is recovering after having triple heart bypass surgery.

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

**Ella Childs** has cancer in her pancreas. She is home, and needs to gain weight before the doctors will do surgery.

**Katherine Ogwen's** husband has ulcerative colitis. She recently had carpal tunnel surgery on both hands.

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

**Cosden Foland** had surgery on his eye and needs prayers for his eye to be healed.

**Bill Gossett** is in final stages of prostate cancer. They have called hospice in for him.

**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 recovering process.

**Barbara Chase** has lost strength in her legs and has trouble walking.

**Roy Marlin** is still fighting cancer.

**Gerry Marlin** is in a nursing home recovering from a stroke which has caused dementia.

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

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

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

**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.

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

**Minnie Mendez** has Covid-19 and is in very serious condition.

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

**Rachel Bollig** is still having breathing problems. She is living with her family at this time.

## **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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REPORT TO THE BRETHREN: Thank you, for remembering me, (Bert Devin) in your prayers to our Father, during these years of testing and trials with my Heart problems. I believe it is because of your prayers, that I never felt alone, no matter how I was feeling, physically. Six weeks ago, I had a pacemaker placed, as a last resort, as nothing else the doctors had tried had worked. Two hours after the procedure, I felt better than I had for years, except for brief periods. (Someday, I hope to dance a Kenyan dance with Pastor Martin and our brethren there. It will be a miracle, because I cannot dance American style, now.) Thank you all, for your faithfulness in prayers. May God richly reward each and every one! No, I did not forget to thank Our Father. He is always there, always faithful. I wonder. Is faith and healing like the "Gleaning Principle"? God just said to leave some grain in the

corners of the field. He will use however much, or little, the land owner decides to leave, and uses it to bless others.

**REPENTANCE: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF WEAKNESS**

By Bert Devin

Isaiah 55: 8-9 NKJV *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."*

Let us consider the parable, in Matthew 21:29-30, telling of the two sons who were asked to work in the vineyard. Both were asked to work in the vineyard. We assume that they knew the task to be done, there. The first one said, "No," but repented and then went. The next son said, "Yes sir," (Continued on Page 4.)

(**Repentance**, Continued from Page 3.) but went not.

From this parable, we can see that one has to know what God the Father expects. Romans 5:13 says, "Where there is no law, there is no sin. *"...but sin is not imputed when there is no law."* Then, like the first son, in Matthew 21, we can repent, and go do the work. Or, we can choose not to do what is expected, saying we will go, but we, "go not."

In Genesis 2:15, God put the first man, Adam in the Garden of Eden, "to dress and keep it." Adam had to know what sin was, or neither Adam, nor Eve could have sinned.

In considering the Firstborn, have you ever asked **WHY GOD CLAIMED THE FIRSTBORN? IT WAS AND IS HIS PLAN.** You see, Adam, was God's first son of flesh, born out of the dust. Jesus was the first-born Son, born of flesh and of the Spirit. As the first-born sons, they were required to pass along parental instructions to the younger siblings.

Consider Joseph who was the **FOURTH** firstborn son of Jacob. What I mean by that is that Joseph was the fourth born in the line of Jacob's sons, but he was the firstborn of Rachel.

Imagine the rivalry and hate of his siblings.

The father is the leader, symbolic priest/king of the family. The first son is to continue the legacy, first, to other children in the clan, then takes daddy's place, in time.

(Note, that God looks at the heart, and sometimes the first son was not chosen. Esau was more interested in hunting game, and doing his own thing, marrying the local women, etc.

Jacob, stayed around the camp and the tent of his father, learning from Isaac, God's way, as a good son should, so he could teach others, in time.

Going back to the vineyard parable, both sons knew what the father expected, when asked to go work in vineyard. The first son wanted to be thought good but did not do the work.

(That was Ananias and Sapphira's problem in Acts 5. They knew what God expected of them.

The first son expected reward, without work. He was a seed sown on rocky soil, without depth of roots.

When you consider the unrepentant heart of the first son, think about how many that were ever baptized without real repentance? The problem is that real repentance is not something we can discern, physically. Some people are classified as "People Pleasers". They seem to just know what to say, to please others. Some know (Continued on Page 9.)

## Nigeria Churches of God



Pastor Solomon & wife Joy



Pastor Ezekiel & wife

Dear Pastor Hicks

We greet you in this season of His great love. We also thank God for His wonderful love, He is a caring God and I love Him. In our fellowship last week, we were discussing about a friend, who sticks closer than a brother. (Prov. 18:24). Friendship is a priceless gift. Richard Exley says, "A true friend is one who hears and understands when you share your deepest feelings. He supports us when we are struggling; corrects us gently and with love when we err; forgives us when we fall; prods us to personal growth and stretches us to our full potential. And most amazing of all, he celebrates our successes as if they were his own." The song-writer Joseph Scriven wrote to comfort his mother when she was alone, "What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!" Jesus was criticized for being a friend of sinners. He called a paralyzed man 'friend'. He called Abraham, who had his list of bad experiences and mistakes, His friend. He eventually called His disciples friends and said to them: "you are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." Jesus is the Friend who will stick closer than a brother. He is the **ONE** Perfect Friend that we can depend on forever. He always saves us, helps us, defends us, forgives us, provides for us and protects us. Most of all He will never leave us, betray us, nor forsake us. He is our True Friend and Savior. We love Jesus and he is our true friend. We thank God for your desire to help us with money to complete our worship center. We always pray for your family and the whole congregation that goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life. I bought many items for the finishing of the church though it will not fully complete it due to the high cost of building materials. We thank God for your kindness. We also thank you for your teachings, it help us to grow with the full knowledge of God. Thank. I am your brother in the lord.

Pastor Solomon Emmanuel

Thanks to all who have supported the church in Nigeria.

*Sabbath*

# SABBATH SERVICES

## June-July 2021

*Remember the  
Sabbath day and  
keep it holy.*

*Exodus 20:8*

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

**\*\*\*June 12th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM**

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

**Proffitt Residence 816-776-2699**

Meal after bible study

**\*\*\*June 19th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM**

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Meal after bible study

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Meal after bible study

**\*\*\*June 24th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM**

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Meal after bible study

**\*\*\*July 31st, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM**

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### **Harrisburg, IL Church of God**

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Times & Locations are subject to change. We will do our best to contact you of these changes, but please call us before travelling.

# 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*

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|----------------------------|--|
| 1. Luke 10:29              | 1. From what tribe did Jesus descend?  |
| 2. Matthew 25:8            | 2. What tribe had a book of the Bible named for them?  |
| 3. Matthew 20              | 3. What tribe was Moses from?  |
| 4. Luke 18:1-8             | 4. What disciple of Jesus had the same name as one of the tribes?  |
| 5. Luke 15                 | 5. What two tribes gathered, planning to make war against Israel to regain the kingdom for Rehoboam?   |
| 6. Luke 14:26-33           | 6. Who received the allotment for the tribe of Joseph?   |
| 7. Luke 18:9-14            | 7. What tribe must John the Baptist have come from?  |
| 8. Matthew 13:46           | 8. In the city described in Revelation 21, are the twelve gates or the twelve foundations named for the tribes?                                |
| 9. Matthew 18:22-35        | 9. What word, which was difficult to pronounce, was used to trap the Ephranimites?   |
| 10. Matthew 25:15, 20:1-16 | 10. What king cause Israel to split into ten tribes and two tribes?  |
| 11. 2 Samuel 12            | 11. What was the first tribe to set foot in the Promised Land?   |
| 12. Isaiah 5:1-7           | 12. Which of the tribes established its own idolatrous cult?   |
| 13. Luke 12:16-21          | 13. When the Israelites camped in the wilderness, on what side of the tabernacle did the tribes of Judah, Zebulun, and Issachar camp together? |
| 14. Mark 4:21              | 14. What was the function of the Levites who were not priests?   |
| 15. Matthew 13:3-8         | 15. In Matthew 10:5-6, how did Jesus refer to the twelve tribes of Israel?   |
| 16. Matthew 13:4-7         | 16. What New Testament book is specifically addressed to the twelve tribes?  |
| 17. Luke 16:13             | 17. Against which tribe did the children of Israel wage war for evil done to the concubine of a Levite?  |
| 18. Luke 10:30             | 18. For what was the tribe of Benjamin famous?   |
| 19. Luke 16:19-31          | 19. Which tribe was often identified as a "half tribe"?  |
| 20. Matthew 13:47          | 20. After the twelve tribes were split into the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, by which tribal name was the kingdom of Israel referred?         |

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In his letter dated 3-16-21, Pastor Nestor wrote: “Love and joyful greetings from all of us here in the Philippines, in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Hope all is well with you, and in good health and safe. Our Thanksgiving Anniversary on March 6th was a very successful one. All who were present were blessed both in body and soul. All of us really enjoyed the service, especially the praise and worship and in hearing the Word of God. This coming April 3rd will be our K.C. Church of God Anniversary in Cebu City hosted by our beloved Pastor Nelson Jabonita. We plan to attend the anniversary and will inquire what requirements there will be there and what will be required to travel to Cebu. We are still under restrictions because of the pandemic. Hoping, God willing to get there. The Lord blessed the gospel and mission works here as usual and churches continue its growing stage. More people continue coming into the church and the church brethren stand strong in the Lord and stay active. Our weekly schedule continues and all are inspired. We are always looking forward to hearing from you. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Please send our love to all of our church family there. We love you. God bless you and God bless America.”

In his letter dated 4-13-21, Pastor Nestor wrote: “Our 8th K.C. Church of God Thanksgiving Anniversary in Cantipla, Cebu City on April 3rd was very successful. It inspired us all, especially the youth. All were blessed and the place was full of God’s glory and moving of His mighty power. All shout to the Lord what a great revival. We remembered you all in that great event and prayed for you all. Churches in Visayas, especially in Cebu continue growing and many youth are coming into the church. Our schedule continues and the team is busy spreading the gospel even in the midst of the pandemic. The churches in Cebu lead by our host Pastor Nelson Jabonita send their love to you all. The Lord continues working with us in reaching more souls and giving us spiritual understanding. We are looking forward to our 6th National Convention to be held in Cantipla, Cebu City on November 19th-21st. We need assistance and your prayers. Thank you all so much for all your prayers and support that makes the work her possible. Keeping you always in our thoughts and prayers. We love you. Sincerely yours in Christ, your faithful brother and sister and fellow servants, Nestor & Edith.

### **Pastor Nestor baptizes young people.**



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The food prices have gone up again in Kenya. This has forced Pastor Martin to look in other areas for food. He had made an agreement with a food supplier in Uganda. Pastor Martin recently sent funds to Uganda for the June food supply, but the funds were returned and he was told that the money was not enough to buy the food he requested. Because of this, Martin was forced to look in other areas to get the best deal for the funds we send. He found a contact in Mombasa and got on a bus to travel there to work out an agreement. He travelled 15 1/2 hours, going over 1000 miles just to get to Mombasa. Mombasa is located on the East coast of Kenya and is the oldest and second largest city there with a population over one million people. Martin made contact with a food supplier who will transport the food to him each month. It is still important for us to continue supporting our brethren as we are able through prayers and offerings. They are very thankful for everything that they receive. They are still growing crops on the two acres of land, but after it has been harvested, they have to treat it, which makes it unusable for several weeks. Below are photos of Pastor Martin on the bus and in Mombasa.





**(Repentance, Continued from Page 4.)** how to deceive others, especially those in charge, to impress them. There are examples of this, in the Bible. Jesus said that Satan would sow tares among the wheat.

We should not be surprised that not all people baptized are believers, willing to do whatever the Father asks. Some do not even know what the Father asks because their hearts are not towards God. They think that all they need to do or say is whatever it takes to impress the leaders, with their powers, or great personality.

Remember how Phillip preached, and Simon Magus “believed” and was baptized. (Acts 8:13.) Did Simon believe the preaching, or was Simon impressed with the miracles and wonders which were done?

Later, Paul was preaching to ministers from Ephesus. Acts 20: 30 “Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.”

What is it about Christians? Some do the work while some just want to be in charge. Then there are others who are content to do nothing, while they hope no one notices them. They do not feel qualified to do anything.

Moses did great things, yet he was meek, while God was in charge.

Peter and Paul did great things, but God was in charge. All lived lives as if Isaiah 55: 8-9 was a true statement. *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*

They all knew about how God had thinned Gideon’s army, so no one would doubt that it was God who delivered them.

Few realize that Exodus 20:2 is a very important part of the First Commandment. In fact, it is the foundation of all ten. Unless you know who God is, you will not know or care what God expects from you in the vineyard. Exodus 20:2. *“I am the LORD your God, which have brought you out of the land of Egypt, and out of the house of bondage.”*

THE BIBLE gives two examples of the first two kings of Israel. They are examples for our learning. The first king was named Saul. The second king was named David. The first king, King Saul, did not know God, or what God desired of him. If King Saul would have listened to God, he would not have “kept the best of the captured livestock, even to offer to God. We learned in Jericho, and Achan’s stolen loot, that

captured booty belongs to God, unless He says otherwise. And only the priests, or Samuel, were to present any offerings to God. King Saul never repented. He always asked Samuel to repent for him.

On the other hand, David waited years after being anointed king, to become king. And, along the way, God delivered King Saul into David’s hands. Once, in a cave, and once while Kings Saul slept in the king’s camp. David had the chance to take matters into his own hands and become King by his own hand. But he waited instead on God.

King Saul gave in to temptation, and took what was not his, like Lucifer, Cain, Korah, and Balaam, after him. David waited until it was his time, God’s time. (Like Joseph, David was prepared to be a king.

What about us? Revelation 1:6 Those born in First Resurrection, are made *“kings and priests to God,”* and Revelation 5:10 adds; *“And have made us to our God kings and priests; we shall reign on the earth.”*

Mark 1:14-15. *“Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. 15 And saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent you, and believe the gospel.”* Mankind is to repent. We are to repent.

The time foretold in what we call the Old Testament, was fulfilled. So repent.

When King Saul sinned, he asked Samuel to pray for him. When David sinned, he confessed to God. David admitted that he had thought like a human, and not like God.

As early as Genesis 39, Joseph said that sin was “against God”. If we think like God, we will not sin. If we slip, and sin, we can confess, our weakness, and ask God to help us think as He does and recognize our sins.

Jesus did that when the devil tempted him the three times recorded in the Gospels. TEMPTATION is not sin. Yielding to temptation reveals to us our weaknesses and can become sin. Repentance is a confession of weakness. When we think we are strong, we assume that we cannot be tempted. That is true, to a certain point. But, Satan is sly and even if we feel strong, sin can slip in on us if we are not careful.

Thousands of Protestants and Catholics have their check lists of sins they do not violate. However, it is like the Messianic Teacher that said about the Baptist minister, “the Baptist minister has his list of Clean and Unclean things he will or will not eat. It is just not the same list God gave man!

True repentance brings (Continued on Last Page.)

**(Repentance,** Continued from Page 9.) God's Grace. But God will not suspend the consequences of the sin, or we might never learn that sin has a price.

**SIN COST GOD, THE LIFE OF HIS SON.**

I personally spent my life eating too much salt and other things that probably weren't healthy for me. Plus, I was born under the curse of my father, grandfather, etc. I reaped from my heritage and from what I sowed. This all affected the health of my heart. Thankfully, I get to cry "ABBA FATHER, FORGIVE ME, I HAVE SINNED".

Now, I must adjust my actions more perfectly to fit into His Way, His Word. In my weakness, I see God's Strength. I now see it as a blessing to me, that God chose NOT TO suspend the curse and consequences of generations of sins, I reaped. Now, I can See God, much clearer.

It was NOT A MATTER OF "MY FAITH" being weak. It never was. I did not really understand the parable of the MUSTARD SEED, and other scriptures, so I thought it was my weak faith keeping me from healing.

And we must remember that God created the garden and we have spoiled it by our sins. Now, we are training for that day when we will get to help restore it, and also help to restore MANKIND, to God. But only when it is God's time. Until then, we need to repent daily and learn His ways. REMEMBER ISAIAH 55:8-9. We have the opportunity to learn how to think like God thinks if we desire it and put for the effort. And the best part is, we will one day get to teach others to do the same thing. END

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