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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, visiting 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 hallowed 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

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

<u>John 3:17</u>

you have love one to another.

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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.

<u>NEW PRAISES TO GOD</u>	Carolyn Unnewehr is still in a healthcare facility.	
Gene Chrisman had a bowel blockage and was in	Needs prayers for healing and strength.	
critical condition.	Tonya Obrien has lymphoma cancer. She saw the doctor on the 20th to decide what to do.	
Katherine Ogwen's husband has ulcerative colitis. She recently had carpal tunnel surgery on both hands.		
They are both doing well now.	Neil Meyers has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.	
Dollie Schuster's husband entered into rest.	Kristen Hocker she is still unable to walk Update:	
NEWEST PRAYERS AND UPDATES:	Her dad is helping her and needs prayers. They are both very positive about her recovering process.	
J'Anna Mathes recently lost her job of several years and is in need of other work.	Barbara Chase has lost strength in her legs and has trouble walking.	
Stephen Hicks: My heart is working at 52% so I still	Roy Marlin is still fighting cancer.	
tire easily. Now I have been fighting a kidney infec- tion since March. I am on my 5th round of antibiotics and two hospital stays as the doctors try to find the	Gerry Marlin is in a nursing home recovering from a stroke which has caused dementia.	
cause. Thanks for the prayers, letters and cards.	Nancy Miles needs surgery for hiatal hernia.	
Bonnie Chrisman is still having pain in her foot.	Tim Hicks is having a lot of back pain and is not	
Stephanie Whalen is recovering from a triple by- pass and hear valve replacement. She is home recov-	sleeping well.	
ering, but struggling with low blood sugar.	Marlene Brown is having pain in her left shoulder and	
Bill Morten is recovering after having triple heart by	arm.	
-pass surgery.	Gary Gibeson has cancer of the liver. When the doc-	
Shirley Nicholas is still having a lot of back pain.	tors did surgery they found sever liver disease and an- other small tumor. They had to burn the tumors instead	
Ella Childs has cancer in her pancreas. She is home, and needs to gain weight before the doctors will do	of removing them.	
surgery.	Kevin Wright is fighting for his life and has been di-	
Norman Curran is presently in the Autumn Oaks Caring Center in Mountain Grove, Mo. due to a fall	agnosed with congestive heart failure.	
he took at home.	Minnie Mendez has Covid-19 and is in very serious	
Cosden Foland had surgery on his eye and needs	condition.	
prayers for his eye to be healed.	Ann Gieselman is still having a lot of leg and knee	
Bill Gossett is in final stages of prostate cancer. They have called hospice in for him.	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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The Only Solution	Would this really solve the problems we are fac-
By Stephen Hicks	ing?
Scientists continue to say that there is global warming caused by the depletion of the ozone layer of our atmosphere. They are claiming that this is the reason for all the climate change happening around the world. They show us pictures of polar bears stranded on small floating pieces of ice, warming ocean water, drought, damaging storms and floods, and say that they are all because of global warming. And they believe that they can fix the problem by limiting or completely stopping all carbon emissions. They want to eliminate the burning of all fossil fuels and in exchange use green technology to solve all our problems. This would mean eliminating all fuel burn- ing vehicles, stopping air flights, and shutting down coal burning plants, and getting rid of flatulent (gassy) cattle among other things they believe would help.	 There is warming going on around the globe, but the real cause is much more than burning fossil fuels and gassy cattle. The real problem is spiritual. Let's take a look at some scriptures and see if we can find the cause and the solution to the problems we face. This country was given as a blessing to us and has also been greatly blessed by God, because of the blessing given Manasseh by his grandfather Jacob (Israel). Genesis 48:17-20 "And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy Continued on Page 4.

(The Only Solution, Continued from Page 3.) right hand upon his head. And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: <u>he also shall become a</u> <u>people, and he also shall be great</u>: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations. And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh. "Great Britain lived under the blessing given to Ephraim and the U.S. has lived under the blessing of Manasseh. But only as long as they obeyed God and kept His commandments.

We can see these blessings by reading in: Deuteronomy 28:1-2 "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

The blessings of God were upon this country in its early years and as it went through many more years of growing pains. God was very patient as He watched an adolescent country attempting to walk with Him and walk on their own at the same time. But, in His love, He blessed and watched.

Deuteronomy 3-5 "Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

Our country grew and prospered. Our industries grew. We possessed many lands and natural resources around the world. We had an abundance of food and were able to help other less fortunate countries.

Deuteronomy 7 "The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways." As our country entered war, we saw victory in WWI and WWII, even after being attacked by Japan. We fought against Hitler's armies and won. God blessed us by saving us from our enemies and I believe that He put fear in them keeping a country like Russia from attacking throughout the cold war. And the blessings continued.

Deuteronomy 8 "The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; (Continued on Page 9)

Nigeria Churches of God





Pastor Ezekiel & wife

Pastor Solomon & wife Joy

Dear Pastor Hicks,

Last week we dwelled on the topic, our Heavenly Father loves us.

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come...'' Luke 11:1-2.

God, many times in the Bible, refers to us as children, sons, daughters and family. The disciples so admired the prayer life of Jesus, that they asked Him to teach them how to pray. He gave them the opportunity to address God as 'Father'. In a world that is lacking of good fathers and nurturing parents, God is looking to father and parent His human family.

We read the story of a man who had to make a selfless sacrifice to save his little eight month old daughter. He gave her half of his liver previously and was now ready to also give her one of his kidneys. As he and his wife prepare mentally, emotionally and spiritually for another surgery with all its risk, pain and concerns, their thought was: "We see the kidney transplant operation as the light at the end of the tunnel." This is a perspective of love.

Our Heavenly Father did not just give us His organs but He gave us His Son to die a cruel death on the cross for our salvation and freedom. In love the Father watched His Son tortured while thinking of us with His light in our heart as the light of the world. "Greater love has no one than this, that He lay down His life for His friends." John 15:13. God gave us life. We really thank God for his wonderful love and we know that the way out is Jesus.

Thank you.

I am your brother and a servant of the lord. Pastor Solomon Emmanuel.



SABBATH SERVICES

August 2021

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

KC Church of God Ministries

***August 7th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM

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Times & Locations are subject to change. We will do

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	1. How many chapters does the book of Habakkuk have?
Months Puzzle	2. How many days did Noah wait, after he had sent out the raven and the dove,
	before he sent out the dove again?
 Matthew 1 Leviticus 	3. How old were Abraham and Sarah when Isaac was born?
3. Exodus 2	4. How many children did Job have?
4. Mark 2:14	5. How many windows and doors did Noah's ark have?
5. 1 Kings 12:21	6. What famous king had seven hundred wives?
6. Joshua 16:1-4	7. How old was Abraham when Ishmael was born?
7. Luke 1:5	8. How high was the gallows Haman built?
 8. Revelation 21:12 9. Judges 12:4-6 	9. How long was Moses on Mount Sinai the second time?
10. 1 Kings 12	10. How many cubits did Jesus say we can add to our stature?
11. Joshua 3:6	11. Approximately how many souls were added to the church on Pentecost?
12. Judges 18	12. How many were in Jacob's group when he moved to Egypt?
13. Numbers 2:3-9	
14. Numbers 3:7	13. How many sons did Naomi and Elimelech have?
15. Matthew 10:6	14. How many days did Daniel eat "pulse and water"?
16. James 1:1	15. How old was Jesus when he left Mary and Joseph to be in the temple?
17. Judges 20:20	16. How many judges were there in Israel?
18. Judges 20:16	17. How many people did God tell Elijah there were who had never bowed the
19. Deuteronomy 3:13	knee to Baal?
20. Isaiah 7:2	18. How old was Methuselah when he died?
	19. How many were in a group appointed by Jesus to arrive in cities before He did?
	20. How many rows of stones were set in the breastplate that Aaron wore?



In his letter dated May18th, Pastor Nestor wrote, "A bless filled greeting to you beloved Stephen and Teresa, to your family, and to all our church brethren there in the U.S.A., in the Name of Jesus, the Christ. We hope you are all fine and may the Lord bless and keep you always. Hallelujah! To God be the glory. We have received the newsletters you sent last February 4th, with the DVD's and a bible lesson about leadership. Thank you so much. The lessons are very good and I can use it in my teaching. This coming July, I will be going to Cebu with the team to conduct a leadership seminar in our churches in Cebu city. We need your prayers. The churches continue growing despite the crisis we are facing. We are in times of trials. The Lord blesses the work continually with more souls and an awakening, even in the midst of the pandemic. We are all fine and the Lord blesses us and keeps us from all harm."

In his letter dated June 1st, he wrote, "We have received your letter of March 8th, that you sent March 28th with the check for \$300. Also we received the DVD's and newsletters. Thank you so much. God will bless you more abundantly and will return it to you a hundredfold. Amen. For God's glory. Hallelujah! About the gospel and mission works here, it is fine and real good. The Lord blessed the work here with souls and spiritual understanding. He blesses the work here in a wonderful way and many are coming into the church and also backsliders are now coming back to the church. Despite the pandemic, the work continues and nothing can hinder the work of the Lord. Hallelujah! To God be the glory. We are leaving for Cebu City the 2nd week of July for a missionary visit and to conduct a leadership seminar and also home bible studies and open air evangelistic meetings. Hope you will keep us and the work in your prayers." **Both letters were closed with the following:** "Beloved Stephen and Teresa and all our brethren there.



Thank you so much for all your prayers and support. God bless you all and God bless America. We keep you always in our thoughts and prayers. We love you.

Sincerely, yours in Christ, your brother and sister and fellow servants,

Joyfully,

Nestor & Edith

Left and below are photos from their church celebration.





Pastor Martin and the other ministers in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania are still working hard to spread the gospel, while under some strong restrictions. Martin has been given the opportunity to be on the local radio station. The results of this has been great with many people coming to see Martin and talk to him about the Lord. Because of the work he is doing, he has many enemies who continue to attack him by spreading lies and making false accusations against him.

The food prices continue to rise and as we wrote in the last month's newsletter, it has driven him to have to go outside of Migori to find enough food. He is having to drive to Mombasa, which is over 1000 miles each way, to get enough food with the money we send. The Covid-19 pandemic is growing in Kenya and around the world. Please continue to pray for them and if you can help financially for food and needs, please send it to us as soon as possible. The needs are not going away, but instead, they continue to grow in all our overseas churches that we help.

Photos below from Migori Church



(The Only Solution, Continued from Page 4.) and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, *if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy* God, and walk in his ways. And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee. And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee. The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them."

All those great blessings have ended, because most of the world does not want God to interfere or be a part of their lives. They want to go after their own heart's desires, doing what's right in their own eyes.

On June 26th, 2015, the Supreme court legalized same sex marriage and I believe that on that day God turned His face from this country and the blessings ended. Deuteronomy 31:17-18 "*Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us? And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods."*

Not long after this, we began seeing natural disasters like never recorded and they are continuing this day, not only here in the U.S., but around the world. Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and fires that are devastating the forests. Now many parts of the country are seeing a drought that is drying up the lakes and other waterways.

The curses have begun. Without God to bless and protect us, the world is now in the hands of Satan, and he wants to destroy everything that God has created.

Deuteronomy 28:15-25 "But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and

his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: *Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou* be in the field. Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me. The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it. The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed. (Consider the droughts) The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: (The world does not fear us any longer.) and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

Deuteronomy 28:26-29 And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away. <u>The</u> <u>LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and</u> with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed. The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart: (this will be from overwhelming fear) And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.

People are going to look to the government to save them instead of turning to God.

Brethren, during these times, still have God watching over them, but may face trials and tribulations to test their faith and trust in the Lord. We need to be preparing for the days that are coming upon the world. Even the prophets of old, who had God's protection, were taken captive, and faced physical trials and trials of their faith and trust. We cannot assume that it will be different for any of us. God does know what each of us can handle, so we can trust Him with our life. 1 Corinthians 10:13 *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common (Continued on Last Page.)*

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Change Service Requested

The only solution to what this world is facing is not putting our trust in man. Instead, the world needs to turn from their sins, repent and ask God to forgive them. We have a great example of repentance in Jonah 3:5 -10 "So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them: and he did it not."

God's people need to proclaim a warning of coming destruction and death to this nation and the world. All people need to turn to God, declare a fast, repent of their sins and turn to God. If they would do this, then God might stop the curses and heal this nation and the rest of the world. He is the only solution to the problem.

(The Only Solution, Continued from Page 9.) to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

James 1:12 "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown

of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

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