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CHURCH OF GOD NEWSLETTER

God's Holy Days 2022

Passover *
April 15th

Feast of Unleavened Bread *
April 16th-22nd

Pentecost *
June 5th

Feast of Trumpets *
September 26th

Atonement *
October 5th

Feast of Tabernacles *
October 10th-16th
Last Great Day *
October 17th

*** 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, vis-
iting 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 maid-
servant, or your cattle, or your stranger that is with-
in your gates:

For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the sev-
enth 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.

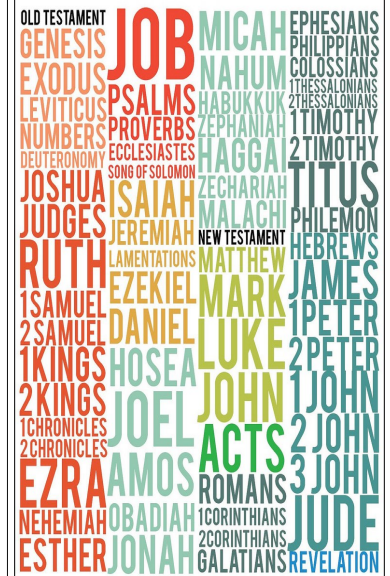
You will not bear false witness against your neigh-
bor. You will not covet your neighbor's house, you
will not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manser-
vant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or any
thing that is your neighbor's.

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.
John 13:34-35

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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

NEW PRAISES TO GOD

Cosden Foland had surgery on his eye and now he needs to keep his pressures down. He thanks everyone for their prayers.

Larry McCoy entered into rest. Pray for family

Gene Chrisman went in to have other arteries checked for blockage. He is at home now and is doing well.

Ella Childs entered into rest and is no longer suffering. Please pray for James and family.

Jackie Cross entered into rest. Pray for family.

Gary & Sandy Proffitt are recovering well from Covid-19 and thank all for the prayers.

NEWEST PRAYERS AND UPDATES:

Will ? 8-9 year old boy is bleeding badly after experimental cancer treatment. Blood count low.

Joni Mendez sister Margie is in ICU with high blood pressure, acid reflux and stage 4 cancer.

Barbara Chase still needs prayers for physical strength and healing. She is presently at home after going through PT.

Kate Forester is having a lot of leg and foot pain.

Bonnie Chrisman is still having some pain and swelling in her foot and recently cracked a rib.

Stephanie Whalen is recovering from a triple bypass and hear valve replacement. She is home recovering, but struggling with low blood sugar.

Shirley Nicholas is still having a lot of back pain.

Tom & Audrey Kerry had Covid-19. Tom is still on oxygen while recovering.

Myrna Campbell is still in hospital recovering from Covid-19.

Karma Devin is scheduled for hip replacement in mid January due to deteriorating socket.

Many more brethren got Covid-19 while attending their feast sites this year. Pray that they will all heal quickly without any long lasting effects from it.

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

Tonya Obrien has lymphoma cancer.

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.

Roy Marlin is still fighting cancer.

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

Nancy Miles healing from facial cancer removal.

Gary Gibeson has cancer of the liver. When the doctors did surgery they found severe 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.

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

Dale Murphy has stage 4 cancer.

Norman Curran is presently in the Autumn Oaks Caring Center in Mountain Grove, Mo. due to a fall he took at home. Update: He has double pneumonia

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

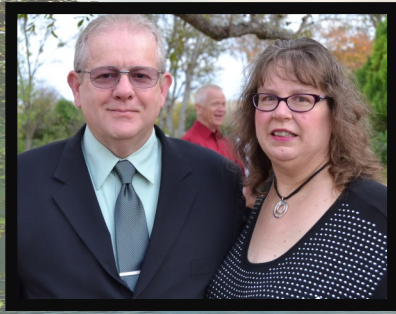
Stephen Hicks: My heart is working at 52% so I still tire easily. I have been fighting a bladder infection since last March. I am now on my 8th round of antibiotics and believing that it's being killed.

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.



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FRIDAY'S AT 7PM (CST)

SATURDAY'S AFTER SERVICE

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Where is God when I'm suffering?

By Stephen Hicks

There are many people today that are asking that exact question. Suffering has been a part of life since Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden. They were covered by God's protection until the day they sinned.

Genesis 3:16-19 *"Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."*

So did God abandon them and leave them to suffer through the rest of their lives on their own? The

answer is, "No." They brought about their suffering due to their disobedience. But the Lord was still with them throughout the rest of their lives, and I am sure they were blessed in many ways for their obedience to Him.

So, today everyone is still born under that curse of sin and those that continue walking in sin and wickedness, without repenting and turning to God, will suffer for their choice of paths, whether now or later.

The curse is written in Exodus 20:5-6 *"Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy 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;"*

We can find many of the curses for sin written in Deuteronomy 28:15-68 and Leviticus 26:14-39. Please take time to read them.

In Leviticus 20:6, we see the blessings for obedience. Verse 6, *"And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."*

But what about those that choose to give their lives to the Lord and to walk in His way keeping the commandments? Why do so many of them still suffer?

That is a question that is asked quite often, along with many wondering (Continued on Page 9.)

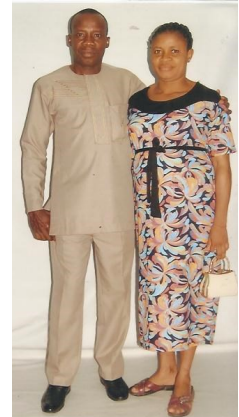
PHOTOS FROM NIGERIA



Nigeria Churches of God



Pastor Solomon & wife Joy



Pastor Ezekiel & wife

Dear pastor Hicks,

We are now in a new place of worship because for long we weren't able to fellowship. Life here is very hard, so pray that the work of God here should not suffer any shame. We don't feel fine here because of the heat of the sun so we need your prayers for help.

See attached pictures of our new place.
thanks.

Pastor Solomon Emmanuel

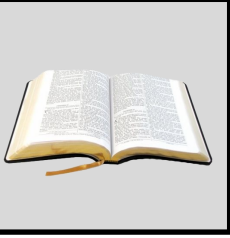
Dear Pastor Hicks,

We have a nice service last week, though it rains heavenly but God was glorify. How are our brethren over there, i hope all is well. Our work here still need prayer for survival. Please still pray for us for we are doing so.

thank you.

I am your brother and a servant of the Lord.

Pastor Solomon Emmanuel



SABBATH SERVICES

November - December 2021

The Sabbath Day
is a day of
Rest and
Worship

KC Church of God Ministries

*****November 6th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM**

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

Yeary Residence 618-252-3176

Hicks Residence 816-380-7821

Meal after bible study

*****November 13th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM**

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

Yeary Residence 618-252-3176

Proffitt Residence 816-776-2699

Meal after bible study

*****November 20th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM**

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

Yeary Residence 618-252-3176

Hicks Residence 816-380-7821

Meal after bible study

*****November 27th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM**

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

Yeary Residence 618-252-3176

Proffitt Residence 816-776-2699

Meal after bible study

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

& Harrisburg, IL Schedule

*****December 4th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM**

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

Yeary Residence 618-252-3176

Hicks Residence 816-380-7821

Meal after bible study

*****December 11th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM**

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

Yeary Residence 618-252-3176

Proffitt Residence 816-776-2699

Meal after bible study

*****December 18th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM**

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

Yeary Residence 618-252-3176

Hicks Residence 816-380-7821

Meal after bible study

*****December 25th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM**

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Proffitt Residence 816-776-2699

Meal after bible study

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JUST FOR FUN

Answers to Last Months Puzzle

1. Genesis 1:1
 2. Genesis 1:2
 3. Genesis 1:3
 4. Genesis 1:3
 5. Genesis 1:3
 6. Genesis 1:5
 7. Genesis 1:8
 8. Genesis 1:11
 9. Genesis 1:11
 10. Genesis 1:16
 11. Genesis 1:16
 12. Genesis 1:20
 13. Genesis 1:24
 14. Genesis 1:26
 15. Genesis 1:28
 16. Genesis 1:28
 17. Genesis 1:29
 18. Genesis 1:30
 19. Genesis 1:31
 20. Genesis 2:2
1. What did God say would be the relationship between the twins inside of Rebekah's womb?
 2. What did Esau sell to Jacob?
 3. What did Jacob put on his arm to make it seem hairy like Esau's?
 4. Who was ascending and descending the stairway to heaven in Jacob's dream?
 5. When Jacob ran away from Laban, what did Rachel steal from her father?
 6. Rachel died after giving birth to which son?
 7. What did Rachel originally name Benjamin before Jacob changed it?
 8. What gift did Jacob give Joseph?
 9. Joseph's first dream involved sheaves of what bowing to another sheaf?
 10. Joseph's second dream involved what three objects in space?
 11. What nickname did Joseph's brothers give him when they saw him approaching them in the field?
 12. What did Joseph's brothers throw him into?
 13. To whom did Joseph say all dream interpretations belong?
 14. What two groups of people could not interpret Pharaoh's dream in Genesis 41?
 15. What did Joseph interpret the seven fat cows to mean?
 16. What did Joseph interpret the seven skinny cows to mean?
 17. What percentage of crops did Joseph suggest should be collected and stored for the lean years?
 18. How old was Joseph when he started serving Pharaoh?
 19. Who switched his father's hands, thinking Jacob was blessing the grandsons in the wrong order?
 20. Which of Joseph's sons was younger but got the older son's blessing?

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In his letter dated August 10th, Pastor Nestor wrote: “Love and greetings from all of us here in the Philippines in the Name of Jesus, the Christ. Hope you are all fine and in good health. May the lord keep you all safe and blessed richly even in the midst of trials. Hallelujah! To God be the glory. We have received your letters of May 12th and June 21st on the same day. They had the DVD’s and newsletters and also a check for \$300 in each letter. Thank you Stephen and Teresa and all the brethren for being with us in spirit and in prayers and support. Please send our love to all our brothers and sisters, our church family there in Missouri and the U.S.A. God bless you all. Our bible training school was closed for a time because of the Covid-19 pandemic, but the students are all staying active and are faithfully serving the Lord. They are always there to help in all the church activities and soul winning programs. We are now conducting a leadership seminar in Cebu, in Hilltop and in our main church in Cagayan de Oro City to raise up leaders for the future. All is going well here although there are places here under general community quarantine and many under lockdown with restrictions. But so far the spreading of the gospel is still going well. We are looking forward to our convention in the first week of November. We need your prayers for this. The Lord blesses the work here continually and souls are coming into the church despite the pandemic. The Lord continues to work with us and keeps us from all harm. Hallelujah! To God be the glory. Beloved Stephen and Teresa, again thank you and all the brethren for all your prayers and support. God bless you all and God bless America. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. We love you. Sincerely yours in Christ, your brother and sister and fellow servants, Nestor and Edith.”

P.S. We now have a service car, but still need \$600 for final payment. We are using it already.

NOTE; As you can see, mail service has been greatly disrupted in the Philippines due to Covid, earthquakes, typhoons and heavy rains. We have not received any other letters from Pastor Nestor as of the printing of this newsletter. The photos from right to left clockwise. 1. Baby and mother wait for Pastor Nestor to pray a blessing on the child. 2. Another child is presented to God and blessed. 3. Bible study in Cebu before going out to share the gospel.



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The churches in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania celebrated successful feasts this year. Even though they were short of physical food to feed over 5000 people at the five feast sites, they all received a whole lot of spiritual food. Please keep them in your prayers. They are struggling to supply food and needs to the orphans and people due to rising costs and shortages. Pastor Martin's wife Melda fell recently and broke her right leg again. She is in the hospital after having surgery where they put a rod in her leg. They will not release her until the bill for services and medicine have been paid.

Pastor Martin is still conducting services over the air at a radio station. It is reaching a lot of people and more are wanting to come into the church family. This increases the needs of the churches, but this is what we call a good problem. They are all thankful for your support and prayers. Below and on the last page are photos of Melda in the hospital, Martin at the radio station and pictures from the feasts. We will publish more of them in the next issue.



(Where is God when I'm Suffering?, Continued from Page 4.) if God has abandoned them.

I will say for certain that the answer is a big, NO. God never turns His back on His children. The Apostle Paul, in Romans 8:38-39, said this: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

God places a hedge of protection around His children, just like the one Satan said was around Job. Job 1:10 "*Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.*"

No one can get through that hedge unless the Father allows it. Now with that said, then what is the answer to why we suffer?

God's hedge will keep others out, but will not keep us in if we choose to separate ourselves from the Father. When we turn our back on Him and begin to walk contrary to Him, we are walking outside that hedge. God then will allow us to suffer enough to try to turn us back to Him, as a form of correction. The more we resist, the more we may struggle and suffer as He works to lead us to repentance and to returning.

In Job's case, God called him righteous, but yet He allowed Satan to test him. In the first test of Job's faith and commitment to God, Satan was allowed to take away Job's possessions and family, but was not allowed to harm him. Job 1:12 "*And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.*"

But, Job didn't curse God, he praised Him instead. Job 1:20-22 "*Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.*"

Job had just lost everything except his wife. Of course he grieved, but he remained true to God, knowing that everything he had came from the Lord.

I wonder how many of us could do the same if we were tested like that?

When Satan saw how Job reacted, the devil approached the Lord again. The Lord bragged to Satan about Job, and said he was a perfect and an upright man. The Lord also reminded Satan that Job had passed the test that was put upon him. In reading the following verses, we can see that Lord tells Satan that He didn't appreciate the devil's accusations.

Job 2:2-3 "*And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.*"

Now Satan wasn't through. Job 2:4-5 "*And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.*"

Satan was accusing Job of being willing to give up everything, including his family to save his own life.

Job 2:6-8 "*And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.*"

The Lord knew that Job was strong enough to get through what was about to happen to him or He wouldn't have even mentioned Job to Satan. Did the Lord know how Job would react to this situation. No. But, he knew Job's strength and he wouldn't have tested him beyond what He knew Job could handle.

1 Corinthians 10:13 "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common 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."

God had not abandoned Job. He was still protecting his life. He had only opened the hedge enough to allow Satan to try Job.

He treats us the same way by allowing His children to face different trials in the hope to make our faith stronger.

We don't know how long Job suffered, but he stayed strong even when things looked grim and even while three of his friends gave him no support. He trusted God with his life even if he would die.

This is just one story of many in the bible that show us the trials of God's people. God never abandoned His people in any of these trials.

As you and I draw closer to the Lord, we can be sure that we will face trials. If we meet these trials knowing that God is with us, and that He will never abandon us, then we will be able to overcome any trial and temptation that we might face in our life. END

Below are pictures of the Kenyan brethren as they are waiting for sundown to break the fast on the Day of Atonement. They had water and food available for the young children during the day.



Matthew 6:31-33 *“Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

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