



CHURCH OF GOD NEWSLETTER

God's Holy Days 2022

Passover *

April 14th

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, 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.

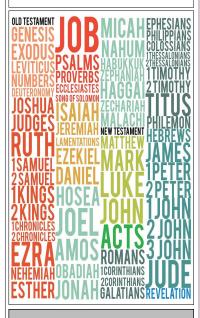
You will not bear false witness against your neighbor. You will not covet your neighbor's house, you will not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is your neighbor's.

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

Roger Kreke entered into rest. Pray for family

Stephen Hicks: My heart is working at 52% so I still tire easily. Thank God that the eight-month bladder infection is finally gone. The side effects of the antibiotics have affected my joints, muscles and tendons and is very painful. Thanks for the prayers.

Hank Green entered into rest. Pray for family comfort.

NEWEST PRAYERS AND UPDATES:

John Monahan is healing up after a fall and he is looking for a job.

Gene Chrisman He is still having problems with fluid build up making it hard to breath at times and causing him to cough when he lays back.

Bonnie Chrisman is still having pain in her foot and in her ribs.

Deborah Morten hurt her wrist and it is very painful.

Denise Volmer needs healing for a hiatal hernia.

Tim Hall hurt his leg and is wearing a brace to help with support.

Michelle Forester is having high pressure in her eyes, so they are watching for glaucoma.

Gary and Sandy Proffitt are still having some post Covid symptoms of weakness. Gary will have a heart oblation on the 30th to get his heart beating properly. He is having trouble breathing due to fluid buildup and his feet and legs are swelling.

Dan Curry is recovering after having Covid and having stints put in. He is still struggling with his breathing.

Kelly Curry is recovering from Covid.

Bert Devin's daughter Karmia has Covid.

Barbara Chase is still working to strengthen her legs. She is also having trouble with the nail on one of her toes.

Pray for all of our overseas brethren, as they are going through many trials and sufferings.

Marlene Brown is getting better, but still need prayers for healing.

Ann Gieselman had a spine stimulator put in her back but is still having pain there and in her knee.

Priscila Hawkins is asking for prayers that she won't have to take the Covid-19 shot to work for the health department.

Joni Mendez is looking for work that won't require her to get the Covid shot. Pray for peace with her siblings.

Joni's sister Margie has terminal cancer.

Pat Francy is still recovering after having a stroke. Update: She is still struggling with recovery.

Dale Murphy- Stage 4 cancer.

Kate Forester is having pain in her legs.

Shirley Nicholas is still having a lot of back pain.

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

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.

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. Nancy would love to hear from brethren. If you'd like to write or call her, please contact Wendell Yeary or Stephen Hicks for her info.

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

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

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



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OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

By Bert Devin

"And it came to pass, that as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." And He said to them, "When you pray, say Our Father which are in heaven..." Luke 11:1-2

Why did Jesus answer the disciples' request, and begin teaching them, and future disciples, how to begin a prayer with these words? He did it for the same reason He began to teach the children of Israel, from Mount Sinai, with these words: And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, which have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." Exodus 20:1-2 (I will be using the NKJV throughout, unless noted otherwise.)

The LORD God of Israel identified Himself to His people, from Mount Sinai, and again as Jesus, the Son of God, to His disciples. When WE pray, we must know, to whom we are praying.

The Sunday keeping church world does not know that they were in bondage, to the Pharoah (or the curse of sin) of the world.

When David was a lad, shepherding sheep, he looked up into the night sky and was inspired to write about it. Psalms 8:3-5 "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and stars, which You have ordained; (other translations translate "ordained" as "set in place.") What is man, that You are mindful of him? And the son of man, that you visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and have crowned him with glory and with honor."

David knew God as creator and owner of the night sky, and all that is on the Earth, and yet this God was also mindful of man, and the young son of man, herding sheep. What a privilege to look up at His marvelous creation and talk to the Creator of it all. Can you see how important it is to know some important details about the One to whom you seek to pray to? As in all relationships, it is important to know the other person in the relationship, and what is important to him, or her. If we know God as Creator, yet "mindful of man", then we will treat Him with proper respect. Knowing God, makes one less likely to follow Israel's example, and "everyman did that which was right in his own eyes." (The last words in the book of Judges.) God is Our Father. The Apostle John spent three and a half years walking with and being taught by Jesus. (Continued on page 4)

(Continued from page 3). Through years of trials growing in grace and knowledge, and being lead by the promised Comforter (Holy Spirit), John was able to write about God being our Father: in 1 John 3:1-3 "Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knows us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now we are the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that, has this hope in Him, purifies himself, even as He is pure."

God has many descriptive titles, and or names in the scriptures. When his disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray. Jesus chose to use the intimate word Abba, or Father. "Abba" appears only three (3) times in the Bible. The first time was when Jesus was praying to fulfill His mission. He is praying to His "Abba Father", for Himself, and for you and me in Mark 14: 36 "And He said, Abba, Father, all things are possible to You; take away this cup from Me; nevertheless not what I will, but what you will." Jesus was praying in an intimate moment of need, of His Father's presence.

Paul said, in Romans 8:15 "For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba Father." And in Galatians 4:6 "And because vou are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying Abba Father.'

Since religious Jews feared breaking the third commandment, by mispronouncing the Sacred Name of YHWH, they substituted a Chaldean word for father, ABBA, in prayers to Him. No wonder Paul told the Romans they had not received, "The spirit of bondage again to fear", whatever the nationality of their birth. "You are sons of God", Paul wrote to the Galatians. Sons (and female children of God.) have the right to cry Abba Father, as Jesus did in His hour of need in Mark 14:36.

Natural born Israelite, or adopted gentiles, God, "ABBA FATHER" is building a KINGDOM FOR HIS CHILDREN! HE IS OUR FATHER. God is our Father because mankind is created in His image.

The first command God gave mankind was, "be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth, with children. He created Adam and Eve to have children. And like all good fathers, God knows what we have need of, before we ask. Matthew 6:8 "Be not ve therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ve have need of, before ye ask him."

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Nigeria Churches of God







Pastor Ezekiel & wife

Dear Pastor Hicks,

In our last week service the topic of our message centered on "Glory" in the bible. "Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word." (Psalm 119:36,37).

The books of the Bible were written by over forty different people and yet by only one Author, God. God, by inspiration, used the pen of man to record His mind, His eternal plan, His purpose and His thoughts towards us.

I read that the Royal Albert Hall was filled some years ago with people who came in their thousands to render testimony to the value of the Bible. Here is the testimony given by the Emperor Haile Selassie, exiled then from his land, Ethiopia: "From my early childhood I was taught to appreciate the Bible, and my love for it increases with the passage of time. All through life I have found it a cause of unfailing comfort...For myself I glory in the Bible." As we daily read the Bible let its words be a comfort to our soul, an instruction to your heart and a motivation for your life. The Bible contains the Word of Life. It is real, relevant and alive. Jesus is called "The Word", and the Word is God. As you daily read the Word, receive the Word, and obey the Word, you will become the living word. Yes, our life will become a living Epistle that others will see and know that God is real, relevant and the only true security in our lives.

Please pray for us for we are doing so for all of you. Thank you. I am your brother and a servant of the lord. Pastor Solomon Emmanuel



SABBATH SERVICES

January & February 2022

The Sabbath Day is a day of Rest and Worship

KC Church of God Ministries & Harrisburg, IL

***January 1st, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM

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

Yeary Residence 618-252-3176

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Meal after bible study

***January 8th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM

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

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Meal after bible study

***January 15th, 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

***January 22nd, 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

***January 29th, 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

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

***February 5th, 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

***February 12th, 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

***February 19th, 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

***February 26th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM

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

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JUST FOR FUN

Answers to Last Months Puzzle

- 1. Genesis 25:23
- 2. Genesis 25:33
- 3. Genesis 27:16
- 4. Genesis 28:12
- 5. Genesis 31:19
- 6. Genesis 35:18
- 7. Genesis 35:18
- 8. Genesis 37:3
- 9. Genesis 37:7
- 10. Genesis 37:9
- 11. Genesis 37:19
- 12. Genesis 37:20
- 13. Genesis 40:8
- 14. Genesis 41:8
- 15. Genesis 41:29
- 16. Genesis 41:30
- 17. Genesis 41:34
- 18. Genesis 41:46
- 19. Genesis 48:17
- 20. Genesis 48:19

- 1. During the time of Ruth, who was ruling?
- 2. Naomi and her husband were originally from what city?
- 3. What country did Naomi, her husband, and her two sons move?
- 4. What crises caused the family to move to Moab?
- 5. Who was Naomi's husband?
- 6. Who were Naomi's sons?
- 7. Who were Naomi's daughters-in-law?
- 8. What nation was Ruth from?
- 9. What happened to all the men in Naomi's family in Ruth 1?
- 10. What city did Naomi want to move back to?
- 11. When Naomi returned to her hometown, what new name did she want to be called?
- 12. Who owned the grain field where Ruth harvested?
- 13. What kind of grain was in Boaz's field?
- 14. Who encouraged Ruth to woo Boaz?
- 15. What three beauty tips the Naomi give Ruth before meeting Boaz?
- 16. At what part of Boaz's body did Naomi lie during the middle of the night?
- 17. What was the name of Ruth and Boaz's son?
- 18. Who was Ruth and Boaz's grandson?
- 19. Who was Ruth and Boaz's great-grandson?
- 20. What is the last name mentioned in the book of Ruth?

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In his letter dated October 26th, Pastor Nestor wrote: "Praise the Lord." Love and greetings to you, and to all our brothers and sisters in the church there in Missouri, U.S.A., from all of us here in the Philippines, in the Name of Jesus, the Christ. We hope you are all fine and safe. God bless you all our deeply beloved in the Lord. Beloved Stephen and Teresa, only yesterday, we got your letters that you sent August 9th and September 8th, with the check of \$300 in each letter. We also received the CD's and newsletters. Thank you so much. Truly God answers prayers. Hallelujah! To God Be the Glory.

This coming Friday we are leaving for Cebu City to attend our National Convention (K.C. Church of God Ministries) and also give time to assist our brethren in spreading the good news and give seminars and instruction on being cordial and orderly in the Lord's work. We are now in times of trials. But the Lord works with us continually and that makes us strong and courageous. We will win the battle in the Name of the Lord. As King David said: "thou cometh to me with a sword and with a spear and with a shield, but I come to thee in the Name of the Lord." Amen. Hallelujah!

The church in Cebu City is growing by the grace of God through the effort of Pastor Nelson Jabonita, who leads the group. Hilltop Church, led by Pastor Chris Nino is also growing with some newcomers despite the crisis. We are busy preparing now, so I will write more next time.

Beloved Stephen and Teresa and all, thank you for all your prayers and support. God bless you all and God bless America. We keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. We love you. God bless you all and keep you safe. Your brother and sister in the Lord, Nestor and Edith.

Below are some pictures of the church in Hilltop during a bible study: Top left: Pastor Chris Nino leads bible study and prayer. On right: Church members pose for photo. Bottom left: Members Cosme and Lorena.







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Pastor Martin and the other ministers in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania have been facing many challenges as they continue the work of spreading the gospel. They continue to struggle for food due to the costs continuing to rise. His wife Melda was able to get out of the hospital and go home on Thanksgiving Day thanks to the support of brethren here and there. Martin is still struggling with malaria. It makes him real sick at times.

Many have asked me if they are allowed to grow vegetable gardens near their homes and the answer is yes. But there are many more people to feed then crops they can grow, even with the 2 acres of corn and beans they raise.

Pastor Martin continues to host many people who come to learn about God and the gospel. Many travel great distances, so as a good host, he and Melda will provide them with food to eat from whatever they have, oftentimes leaving them and their children less to eat.

It is hard for us here to understand all the challenges they face there every day of their lives. There are great food shortages. They can't get clothing or assistance for the orphans from the government programs or other religious organizations in the area, because the Catholic and Protestant leaders do not like the churches of God, because they believe that their members are being stolen from them.

In Uganda, there is still a lot of problems. Many people have been killed by the terrorist group ADF through suicide bombings and other acts of violence. Schools have been closed for more than 80 weeks due to all the turmoil. Ugandan opposition leader Bobi Wine was put under house arrest by security forces due to orders from the President. The police have arrested many people who they feel are a threat to the government. All of this has been going on for over a year and a half. A quote from Aljazeera News stated that the U.S. had announced days earlier sanctions against the military intelligence chief Major General Abel Kandiho, citing his involvement in serious human rights abuses including beatings, sexual assault and electrocution.

Opposition leaders in Tanzania have been arrested for pushing constitution reform there. They state that the government is violating their rights to freedom of speech and restricting their right to public demonstrations. The capital of Tanzania is facing a huge water shortage as the supply river is drying up.

All these factors affect the churches in these areas because it restricts their movements and abilities to spread the gospel. Quite often it leaves them without being able to get food supplies and other needs.





(Continued from page 4) Then Jesus went on to teach the disciples how to pray, in the next verses. In Matthew 5:1-2, Jesus sat and taught his disciples, just as it says in Luke 11, after they asked Jesus to teach them.

The first thing Jesus taught His disciples about prayer, was to pray to Our Father. He is our Father, also, if we are Jesus' disciple.

In 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, Paul said "But if our gospel be hidden, it is hidden to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine to them."

Because we do not fully understand the words, "Our Father, who art (is) in heaven," we are guilty, the same as the children of Israel, in the book of Judges were.

They came out of captivity, or sin, into the physical Promised Land, and the "CHURCH" today are delivered from captivity of sin into the spiritual Kingdom of God. But neither Israel, nor the church today, SET THE PROPER EXAMPLE FOR THE WORLD.

Ancient Israel took on the pagan customs of the countries around them. But God's church has allowed Evolution, abortion, and other evils into the schools, society and churches, while we allowed God, prayer and the Bible to be cast out. We also allowed civil wars, in the name of God, on both sides, plus total rejection of the HOLY LAWS of the universe. It is no wonder the children are confused about being male, or female! The presence of God left the Tabernacle in Israel's day.

Today people have pushed God out of their lives. THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S WORD is not allowed in many church pulpits or pews, today.

Both the Sunday Churches and Sabbath Churches have failed to stand up, like unbending "rods of iron" while these ungodly ways of pagans were suggested and imposed. The churches only made a whimper. The churches bent like reeds in the wind. (Oh, they thundered from pulpits, within their buildings where the world couldn't hear.)

Many have died through the centuries for being the children of God and for being followers of Jesus, the Christ. Hebrews 11:36-37 "And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and

goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; Yes, and some were destitute, slain by the sword and sawn asunder." They never gave up. They never compromised or bent with the winds of fear. Some died in faith, for "Thy Kingdom, come."

When the enemy comes for us in future days, who will stand up for us? The true followers of Jesus will be called the "enemies of society," and will be hated by many.

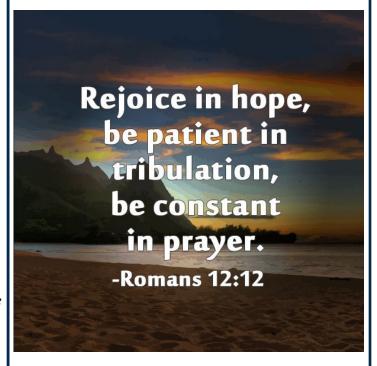
So, again, who will stand up for us? Our Heavenly Father will. He is waiting, looking down the road, for that day when He will orchestrate the return of His Son. Our Father will embrace us, give us a fine robe, and kill the "fatted calf."

Israel rejected God's law from the mountain, in favor of the ways of sinners they were supposed to overcome. Later, in history, God sent His Son, and His people rejected Him, in favor of their own religious traditions, peace, and tranquility with sinners like the Roman government.

Today, the Land of "IN GOD WE TRUST", has done the same. Most in the world have rejected God, as OUR FATHER! God has called a remnant of believers who know Him as THE FATHER.

At the beginning of this article, I wrote of how the disciples came to Jesus and asked Him to teach them how to pray. Where can we go, today? We have the example of the Lord's Prayer to guide us so that we can speak to the Father in Heaven who loves us.

When teaching His disciples how to pray, Jesus told us to address His Father as "OUR FATHER." END



Below are more photos of the Kenyan Feast of Tabernacles.







John 7:2-4 (KJV) Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand. His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. For *there is* no man *that* doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world.

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