



#### 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

\* Begins 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**

Denise Volmer had a hiatal hernia and is doing well now.

**Michelle Forester** was having high pressure in her eyes, but she is doing better now.

**Priscilla Hawkins Aunt and cousin** entered into rest. Pray for comfort.

Mary Green's sister entered into rest. Pray for comfort.

#### **NEWEST PRAYERS AND UPDATES:**

**Bettie Yeary** needs prayers for healing of her heart and for strength. She is supposed to have surgery on the left ventricle sometime in the future. They are waiting for a blood clot to dissolve. Pray for Wendell as he is taking care of her.

Carmen Proffit is having pain in her lower abdomen.

**Juanita Scharig** is healing well from intestinal problems, but is still building back her strength.

**Laura Becerril's mother** has Covid and is in the hospital still having problems breathing.

John Monahan is 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 having trouble swallowing and will have an endoscopy on February 24th. Her daughter **Marci** has a lingering cough that is troubling her.

**Deborah Morten** hurt her wrist and it is painful.

**Gary Proffitt** still has an infection that has to be gone before they can work on his heart valve.

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

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

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

**Tom Harvey** is fighting pneumonia and metastic cancer. He is planning to fight it naturally.

Ann Gieselman is still having pain.

**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.

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 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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#### **JOIN US FOR JOINT SABBATH SERVICES**

Fellowship 11:00—11:25 AM Service begins promptly at 11:30 AM Call: 1.712.832.8330 Conference Code: 4623707#

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#### Is The End Near?

By Stephen Hicks

As we watch the world spin farther and farther into darkness it is hard not to think that the end must be very near. In fact, many get their hopes up only to become discouraged when it doesn't happen.

Many false prophets and ministers of different church organizations continue to try to predict the time that Jesus will appear. When He doesn't show up according to their prediction, then they must act quickly to explain why, and then will immediately set another date for His return.

The disciples wanted to know, and Jesus said that it was not for anyone to know the time of His return. Acts 1:6-7 "When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power."

He also made it clear that He didn't even know what time He would return. Mark 13:32-33 "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know

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not when the time is."

Why would God keep this a secret from us? My own thought on this is that if we knew the exact day of His return, how many people would choose to continue doing their own thing up until a short time before He comes back and then repent? Knowing the thoughts of man, God would have many reasons not to say.

Many leaders seem to believe that they will be seen as someone special if they can pick the exact time and day of His return.

Even sadder are all those people that listen to these false predictions instead of believing what Jesus said in the verses we just read. It is not for us to know the exact date and time.

In the 70's, the Church of God predicted Jesus' return, and many brethren blindly followed their direction. Because they followed man instead of God, it cost them their savings, property, and other assets. When the date passed with no return many became bitter at the leaders for lying to them. Yes, the leaders were wrong, but so were those that listened and followed.

What did Jesus say in Matthew 15:14 "Let them alone: they be blind leaders (Continued on Page 4.)

(Is the End Near, Continued from Page 3.) of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.'

Isn't it enough of a challenge for us to learn to walk as Jesus walked? This is where I time should be spent, learning more about Him and what God desires of us. We have been given a commission to spread the gospel and to watch for the signs of His coming.

Mark 13:34-37 "For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

The signs and warnings are all throughout the bible, but we must take the time to study them before we can begin to understand what to watch for. Let's look at what Jesus said in Matthew 24:1-24 "And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

These first two verses are a prophecy about the destruction of the temple in 70 AD. The next verses are about future events that are happening and will happen in our time.

*Matthew 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Ol*ives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? They were asking, "What should we look for?"

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

There will be many deceivers from inside and outside God's church.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. There have been wars and rumors of wars for many years, but they will continue to increase as time goes on.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. We are now seeing the threat of (Continued on Page 9.)

#### **Nigeria Churches of God**







Pastor Ezekiel & wife

Most recent email from Pastor Solomon:

Dear Pastor Hicks.

We had a very nice service last week and we are still in prayer about the government's plan to demolish our church. We are very serious in prayer that God should help us because it will be a shame for us if we don't have a place of worship. So, please pray for us because life is very hard and we are really suffering from hunger, and our children cannot go to school again, so we need your help please.

Pastor Solomon Emmanuel

Note from Editor: Nigeria, like many of the overseas churches are really struggling due to higher food and supply costs. The church building in Nigeria is partially finished, but they are still unable to use it because it is not completed.

Because it is not finished, the government is threatening to tear it down. The cost to finish the building is over \$4000, and that is more than we can supply. Please pray that God will protect the building until He can provide a way to finish it. Thank you.

"This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

John 15:12-14



## SABBATH SERVICES

### March - April 2022

The Sabbath Day
is a day of
Rest and
Worship

#### KC Church of God Ministries & Harrisburg, IL

#### \*\*\*March 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

#### \*\*\*March 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

#### \*\*\*March 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

#### \*\*\*March 26th, 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

#### \*\*\*April 2nd, 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

#### \*\*\*April 9th, 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.

#### April 14th, Passover Service at Sundown

\*\*\* Yeary Residence 618-252-3176 7:30 P.M.

\*\* Hicks Residence 816-380-7821 7:54 P.M. Bring a towel and tub for foot washing.

#### \*\*\*April 16th, 1st Day of Unleavened Bread 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

#### \*\*\*April 22nd, Last Day of Unleavened Bread 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

#### \*\*\*April 23rd, 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

#### \*\*\*April 30th, 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

\*\*\* Phone conference: 1-712-832-8330 Code: 4623707#

#### Stephen will be using the number below for Passover.

\*\* Phone conference: 1-304-848-6940 Code: 1699932#

# JUST FOR FUN

# Answers to Last Months Puzzle

All answers found in the book of Ruth.

- 1. Judges were ruling.
- 2. Bethlehem, Judah
- 3. Country of Moab.
- 4. A famine in the land.
- 5. Elimelech.
- 6. Mahlon and Chilion.
- 7. Orpah and Ruth.
- 8. She was from Moab.
- 9. They all died.
- Wanted to return back to her home in the land of Judah.
- 11. She wanted to be called Mara.
- 12. Boaz.
- 13. Barley.
- 14. Naomi.
- 15. She told her to bath, anoint herself with oil and put on her best garment.
- 16. At his feet.
- 17. Obed.
- 18. Jesse, the father of David.
- 19. King David.
- 20. David.

- 1. What sacrifice were Mary and Joseph to make when they brought Jesus to the temple to present him to the Lord?
- 2. How many loaves of shewbread were to be on the table in the tabernacles Sabbath after Sabbath?
- 3. How many pieces of gold were used to make the candlestick for the tabernacle?
- 4. Who alone could enter the Holy of Holies and on what occasion?
- 5. Why wasn't David allowed to build the temple?
- 6. How long did it take Solomon to build the temple?
- 7. How often did the high priest burn incense on the golden alter?
- 8. Who supplied the materials to build the tabernacle?
- 9. What were the holders on the lampstand in the tabernacle designed to look like?
- 10. What separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place?
- 11. What material was to be used to make the tent pegs of the tabernacle?
- 12. What son of Shealtiel is credited with helping to rebuild the temple after the Babylonian captivity?
- 13. Who destroyed the temple that Solomon built?
- 14. When the Israelites moved into the Promised Land, what city became the permanent home of the tabernacle?
- 15. On what site did Solomon build the temple?
- 16. What two types of materials were used to make the curtains in the tabernacle?
- 17. On what article of the high priest's clothing were the Urim and Thummin placed?
- 18. How did God show His presence at the dedication of Solomon's temple?
- 19. How many days did the people celebrate following the completion of Solomon's temple?
- 20. What writer of the Psalms was a supervisor of the music at Solomon's temple?

#### **OUTREACH MINISTRIES CHURCH OF GOD**



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The last letter we received from Pastor Nestor was dated November 9<sup>th</sup>, and that was before a very large typhoon hit their area in December causing a lot of destruction (See photos on Last Page). In his letter he wrote, "Greetings to all of you with love and joy, from all of us her in the Philippines, in the name of Jesus, the Christ. We hope and pray that you are all fine and safe. God bless you all. We love you. Beloved Stephen and Teresa and all, our Annual Convention in Cebu City on November 1-2, was very successful despite of the hardship in travel cause of restriction and many requirements to comply with. The Lord blessed all our church activities during the convention. Many young people were inspired and were baptized (See photos below), and the church grew in a wonderful way. All of us enjoyed singing praise and worship, bible studies and the testimonies from each of us from different places in Visayas and Mindanao. Churches here in the Philippines (KC Church of God) stand strong in the Lord in the midst of the pandemic. Church and soul winning activities continue house bible studies, visitation, and open evangelistic meetings and crusades. The team enjoys working for the Lord and feel too much joy as we see souls being saved. For now we are preparing for our 22<sup>nd</sup> Church Thanksgiving Anniversary in Cagayan de Oro City on the first Sabbath of March, 2022. Thank you for all your prayers. Thank you all for you prayers and support. God bless you all and keep you all safe is our prayer. Stephen and Teresa and all, we love you and keep you always in our prayers. Sincerely, yours in Christ with love. Your brother and sister and fellow servants, Nestor and Edith."



Clockwise from right: Chris Nino leads bible study/ Praise & Worship during recent convention./ Chris Nino & family/ Nestor baptizing new convert/ Brethren watching and celebrating newly baptized members.





# OUTREACH MINISTRIES CHURCH OF GOD KENYA



#### **Uganda & Tanzania**

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As of the completion of this newsletter, Pastor Martin and Melda were driving to Mombasa, a 2000 mile round trip, to pick up food. Prices for food in their hometown of Migori are extremely high, so they either have to drive to the border of Uganda or to Mombasa. Uganda is closer, but with all of the turmoil going on their it could be dangerous for them to go there.

The church vehicle is broken down, so they are trying to get \$500 to fix it. It is a big part of the ministry work their. All of the churches in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania continue to grow, even through the hardships they face daily. All of the ministers in these areas are working hard to spread the gospel and this makes them an enemy of many of the other church organizations there. All of this makes it hard for them to get clothing and food donations.

The orphanage still has many needs for the children. About a year ago someone broke in and stole most of their supplies, blankets, tables, chairs, and other things they use daily. They are still working to replace what they can. Through all of their difficulties the children stay positive and cheerful.

We continue to send what we can each month, but it is getting harder and harder to meet even the smallest of their needs. Please pray about it and if you'd like to help, you can send it

**Photos:** Far right top: Martin's kids. Far right bottom: Martin's family

Middle: Pastor Martin

Below: Brethren working outside.





(**Is the End Near**, Continued from Page 4.) nations rising against other nations, and we are seeing famines, pestilence, earthquakes, volcanoes, and disasters like have never been seen. As the next verse says, it is only the beginning.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. As the world drifts farther away from God, God's people will be hated by many. Families will betray one another and hatred will grow.

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. As people continue walking contrary to God many more will be led astray by false prophets.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. Many, even church brethren, will lose hope because of the rise of evil. Hold fast to your hope and faith in the Lord.

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. We must endure all hardships, running the race and fighting the good fight to the end of our life or the return of the Lord.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. The truth of God will be preached to the whole world before Jesus returns. This includes the witness of the two witnesses and the other saints of God during the last 3 ½ years of the great tribulation.

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) This is a very important sign that we are told to watch for. Let's look at Daniel's prophecy. Daniel 12:11 "And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days."

The daily sacrifice of the Jews will be stopped halfway through the seven years of tribulation, and the beast and false prophet will set up a speaking image of the beast that will order all of God's people to be killed.

Matthew 24:16 *Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:* 

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: The armies of the beast power will surround all of Judea and they will take Jerusalem by force and cause destruction around the world during that time.

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. This will be a time of death and destruction like

nothing anyone has every seen. It will be so bad that if God does not intervene, there would be no one left alive.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

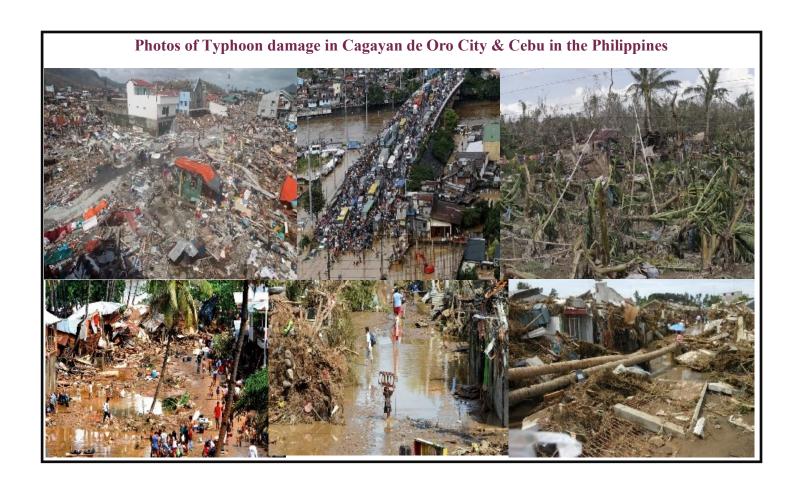
We need to stay focused and watch for the signs of His coming. We are not to follow after those who are predicting dates for Jesus' return. As patience wears thin, people will begin to look for hope wherever they can find it. Some things will seem right, but will only lead to them falling in a ditch.

2 Peter 3:1-4 "This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

God will carry out His will no matter what you or I think about the way things should happen. It is a time of patience and trust in the Lord for us.

2 Peter 3:8-14 "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."

The Lord will appear during a time of great darkness, and He will send His angels to gather His elect, both dead and alive. This will happen at the end of the Great Tribulation period. Right now, our focus needs to be on serving and obeying God and preparing ourselves for the day of His appearance. Stay in the Word of God and you won't be deceived by false prophets or false predictions. END



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