



#### CHURCH OF GOD NEWSLETTER

#### **God's Holy Days 2023**

Passover \*

April 5th

#### **Feast of Unleavened Bread**\*

April 6th-12th

Pentecost \*

May 28th

#### Feast of Trumpets \*

September 16th

Atonement \*

September 25th

#### Feast of Tabernacles \*

September 30th-October 6th

Last Great Day \*

October 7th

### \* 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

#### **Praises to God**

Minnie Lindsey entered into rest.

Gene Chrisman entered into rest.

Rachel Bollig entered into rest.

**Jim Morten** is believing God for healing of his prostate cancer and his last PSA test showed that the cancer is gone.

NOTICE: Our prayer list has grown so much that we have had to create a separate list. If you'd like to receive the whole list, please contact Stephen using the information on Page 3. We will continue to post all new requests and updates in the newsletter that we send out by-monthly. We will also be working to keep list on the church website updated as we are able.

#### **Prayer Requests**

**Jackie Lanier** has congestive heart failure. His legs are swollen really bad and he is having trouble breathing.

**Karen, wife of Jim Morten's client** is having kidney failure due to B.P. meds.

Mr. Wilder, Debbie Morten's boss cut off one of his fingers.

**Donna Shiffman** is fighting a bad cold and anxiety attacks.

Willie Roy Harden is having leg pain after having surgery. He wants prayers that they won't amputate his leg.

**Bonnie Chrisman** was having problems swallowing. She has been getting infusions and will return for more in 4 weeks. She has also been having some pain in her hands.

**Marlene Brown** is having difficulty with dizziness when riding in car or reading. She has been having trouble breathing and has some swelling in her ankles.

**Connie Griffith** advised us that she does not have cerebral palsy. She is doing PT to get her strength up to go home.

Pray for all of our overseas brethren.

Johnny Spannagel has flu or something else.

**Bill Waters** health is deteriorating and wants prayers that he can enter into rest without suffering.

Adele Camplin has teeth problems, but is doing better after getting a filling at the dentist. She still needs more prayers to be able to get more work done.

**North New Zealand** was hit by a cyclone leaving people without homes, food, and other needs.

Gary & Nancy Gieson, was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer which had gone into his bones, brain, and spine. He needs to gain weight, but his last diagnosis showed no cancer. He is having nausea and rash from meds.

**Joni Mendez** recently had surgery on her back. She is scheduled to have elbow surgery on March 10th.

Rosa Mendez has cancer in her liver and in her lungs.

**Harry Mendez** his cancer has returned. He has a lump on his neck that doctors will test.

**Kristen Hocker Update:** She is able to walk using a walker. Her dad is helping her and needs prayers. She continues to improve.

**Stephen Hicks**: I am still having pain in my lower back, but legs are doing better.

**John Monahan** recently travelled to TX for a lazer treatment to remove tumors. Doctors said the procedure went well and they got as much of the tumor as they safely could.

Tim Imboden has cancer.

**Samantha Hicks** had an infection in one of her eyes. One of the drops they gave her burned the surface of her eye. Her vision is still blurred at this time.

**Cliff Grantham** asking for comfort with his illness.

**Lelan Forester** is having instability problems with his back. The doctors are doing x-rays.

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 may remove them from the list believing that their prayers have been answered.



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

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Service begins promptly at 11:30 AM
Call: 1-712-832-8330
Conference Code: 4623707#

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# Prepare for Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread

Leviticus 23:2 "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts."

1 Corinthians 11:27-30 "Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep."

1 Corinthians 5:7-8 "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

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#### **JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDIES**

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# The Blessings of Giving and of Prayer By Stephen Hicks

Giving is one of the greatest feelings that a person can have knowing that they've helped someone else during a time of need. Giving should never be forced upon us. It should never be done out of guilt. Giving should come from a feeling of love and compassion, and it should be done willfully. 1 Corinthians 13:3 "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing."

2 Corinthians 9:6-12 "But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."

When we give ourselves to God in love and in service to Him, He will provide us with everything that we need to live.

Our God never forces us to give but He does ask us to give ten percent of all our increase to Him and He promises to bless us for our obedience. Our Heavenly Father deserves everything that we can give to Him. (Continued on Page 9.)

#### **Photos from Kenya**







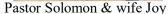




## PRAISE THE LORD!!!

#### Nigeria Churches of God







Pastor Ezekiel & wife

Dear pastor Hicks,

We thank God for his wonderful love. I hope is well with you all. We are praying for you always and we will continue to do so. Greet all our brethren for us. We have a nice service last week and I informed our local congregation that you will soon sent funds to us for toilet and bathroom and they are very happy.

Dear Pastor Hicks. Thank you for your love.

I got the funds.

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Dear Pastor Hicks,

We still thank you for your love and kindness. We now have a toilet and bathroom. May our good God bless you all. Please I will like you to pray for pastor Ezekiel, he always has to travel 5 miles to his station and then come back, but now he is weak. He needs a bicycle for transportation, please I wish you all to pray for him that God should provide him with bicycle. Pastor Solomon





# SABBATH SERVICES

# **MARCH-APRIL** 2023

The Sabbath Day
is a day of
Rest and
Worship

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

#### \*\*\*March 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

#### \*\*\*March 11th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM

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#### \*\*\*March 18th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM

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Meal after bible study

#### \*\*\*March 25th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM

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Meal after bible study

#### \*\*\*April 1st, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM

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Hicks Residence 816-380-7821

Meal after bible study

#### \*\*\*April 4th, Passover Service at Sundown

**Yeary Residence- 7:19 p.m.** 712-832-8330 Code: 4623707#

**Hicks Residence**— **7:43p.m.** 304-848-6940 Code: 1699932#

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

#### \*\*\*April 6th, 1st Day Unleavened Bread Service 11:30 AM

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

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Hicks Residence 816-380-7821

Meal after bible study

#### \*\*\*April 8th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM

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Meal after bible study

#### \*\*\*April 12th, Last Day Unleavened Bread 11:30 AM

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Meal after bible study

#### \*\*\*April 15th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM

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Meal after bible study

#### \*\*\*April 22nd, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM

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

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Hicks Residence 816-380-7821

Meal after bible study

#### \*\*\*April 29th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM

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Hicks Residence 816-380-7821

Meal after bible study

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

# JUST FOR FUN

#### Answers to Last Months Puzzle

- 1. **An ephod**. Ex. 28:6
- 2. **Zadok.** 1 Kings 1:39
- 3. Anointing, consecrating, and sanctifying. Ex. 28:41
- 4. **Ezra.** Ezra 7:11
- 5. **Melchizedek.** Gen. 14:18
- 6. **Almond.** Num. 17:8
- 7. **Day of Atonement.** Lev. 16; 23:26-32
- 8. **Bells.** Ex. 28:33-34
- 9. **Peter.** 1 Peter 2:5,9
- 10. **Jeroboam.** 1 Kings 13:33
- 11. **Jehoiada.** 2 Kings 11:1-4
- 12. Eli. 1 Sam 4:11
- 13. A gold plate engraved with Holiness to the LORD. Ex. 28:36
- 14. **Jehu.** 2 Kings 10:11
- 15. **Hilkiah**. 2 Kings 22:8
- 16. **Caiaphas.** John 11:50
- 17. **Joseph's wife.** Gen. 41:45
- 18. **Thirteen.** Joshua 21:19
- 19. **Ananias.** Acts 23:2-3
- 20. **Saul.** 1 Sam. 13:8-14

- 1. Who held discarded coats while Stephen was being stoned?
- 2. What were the Bereans famous for?
- 3. Who called himself the least of the apostles?
- 4. What apostle was related to the following people: Jude and Jesus?
- 5. Which two apostles raised people from the dead?
- 6. Who was Philemon's runaway slave?
- 7. Which apostle brought the boy with the two loaves and five fishes to Jesus?
- 8. In addition to Paul, what other preacher did Priscilla and Aquila work with, even teaching him the gospel?
- 9. Who was commanded to go lay hands on Saul (Paul) so that he would regain his sight?
- 10. Who was elected to replace Judas Iscariot as an apostle?
- 11. Whom did Paul circumcise?
- 12. Who addressed the Sanhedrin with a face like an angel?
- 13. How many descriptions are given of Judas Iscariot's death?
- 14. What was the name of the girl who let Peter in after the angel had freed Peter from prison?
- 15. What apostle mentions Paul by name in his epistle?
- 16. In addition to betraying Jesus, what other crime did Judas, Iscariot commit?
- 17. What was the name of the evil spirit that possessed the man who lived in the tombs?
- 18. Who were the only people Paul said he baptized?
- 19. What silversmith made shrines of the goddess Diana in Ephesus?
- 20. Who were the two women Paul urged to get along together in Philippians 4:2?

## **OUTREACH MINISTRIES CHURCH OF GOD**



## **PHILIPPINES**

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In his letter dated November 27, 2022, Pastor Nestor wrote: "Our love and bless filled greetings to you and to all our church family there in Missouri and USA from all of us here in the Philippines in the Name of Jesus, the Christ. Hope you are all fine and blessed richly by our Heavenly Father and keep you all safe always. Amen. Hallelujah! Our K.C. Church of God Ministries 6th national convention last November 19-20th, 2022 was very successful. All were so blessed and inspired. All who attended the convention enjoyed so much in singing of praise and worship in bible studies, and testimonies in every church, especially in hearing the Word of God. All were rejoicing in the Lord. Hallelujah, to God be the glory. The Lord is so great and wonderful to us. He save souls and healed the sick. New souls came into the church and were baptized. The church continues growing and the brethren stand strong in the Lord, being active and faithful, showing the light before men. Thanks for all your prayers and support. The Lord blessed the gospel and mission work here greatly with souls and revivals. The Lord is working with us and keeps us from all harm. The Lord blessed the works continually despite there are so many calamities we have experienced because of successive super typhoons that have hit our country. Beloved, we plan to open again our bible school that stopped because of the pandemic. We need your prayers. Thank you so much for all of your support. We keep you always in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all and God bless America. We love you all. Looking forward to hearing from you and excited for the newsletters and DVD's. Sincerely yours in Christ, your brother and sister, and fellow servants, Nestor & Edith."

Below: photos from November 19-20 K.C. Church of God 6th National Convention held in Natumolan, Tagoloan, Misamis, Oriental, Philippines.



**Top:** Ministers from Cebu, Cagayan de Oro, Hilltop Carmen, Bukidnon and Misamis Oriental - Children from Hilltop Carmen sing - Last Day Evening Service **Bottom:** Ruth and Maricris sing - Brother Dexter Bellita preaching - Women delegates from the churches.



## OUTREACH MINISTRIES CHURCH OF GOD KENYA



### **Uganda & Tanzania**

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Pastor Martin recently made a mission trip to Tanzania to meet with brethren and to encourage and teach them. All of the ministers in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania continue to reach out in their areas and spread the gospel to the people. The churches continue to grow in all of these places.

One of the orphan girls in Kenya was taken to the hospital after becoming very ill. After finding out, we lifted her up and God healed her, allowing her to return back home. Pastor Martin and Melda travel to Mombasa to buy food for the orphans and for other food needs every month. The cost of food continues to rise and they have to make due with the small amount of funds we can send them.

There are also droughts happening throughout the country causing more challenges for the churches there. Please pray for all of them and if you can help with an offering, it would be greatly appreciated. Please enjoy the photos below.



(**The Blessings of Giving and of Prayer**, Continued from Page 3.)

1 Chronicles 16:28-29 "Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!"

We should take every opportunity to give, to help, and to lift people up.

Consider what the Apostle Paul said in Acts 20:35 "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

Most people only think of themselves and what they can get from others. That is selfishness and is the opposite of what Jesus taught. He was selfless in all that He said or did.

We, as God's children, need to change the way we act towards other people and learn to give of ourselves to help better someone else's life. We are even told to be kind to our enemies.

Romans 12:20-21 "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

Giving is not just about money, clothing, or food. One of the best ways we can give is to lift others up in prayer. 1 Timothy 2:1-3 "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;"

Prayers of faith can break down barriers and move mountains. Mark 11:23-26 "For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Be forgiving towards everyone so that your prayers will not be hindered. Luke 6:27-28 "But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them

which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you."

There is so much for us to pray for. Matthew 26:41 "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Matthew 9:37-38 "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Luke 21:36 "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

Jesus prayed for all of us before He was arrested, beaten, and crucified. He showed us an example of love by lifting us up to the Father. John 17:20-21 "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

If the Master showed this kind of example, then so should we be praying for others. He gave us an example of how to pray in the Lord's prayer. Matthew 6:9-15 is an outline for prayer, reminding us of things that should be a part of our prayer, but the outline shouldn't be repeated as the prayer itself.

In giving of ourselves, money or prayers, the Lord gave us some guidelines to follow in Matthew 6:1-8 "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly. "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him."

Showing love though our actions show others that we walk in the Way of Christ as children of God. John 13:34-35 "A new (Continued on Last Page.)

commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Let us all continue in all the things that Paul spoke of in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 "See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it."

# Be still and know that I am God

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