



# IN ONE ACCORD



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, 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.

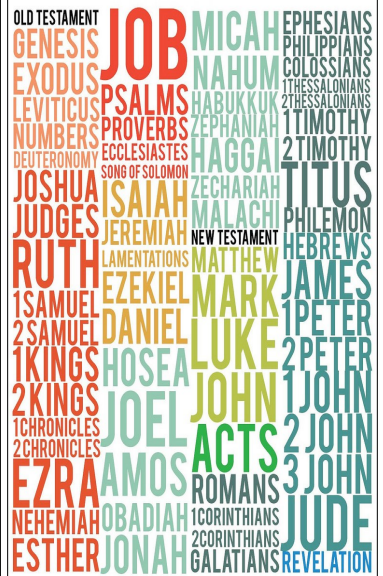
A new commandment I give to you, That you love  
one another; as I have loved you, that you also love  
one another.

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

## Praises to God

**Notice:** Our prayer list has grown so much that we needed to create a separate list. If you would like a copy, please contact us using the info on Page 3.

**Debbie Morten's boss Mr. Wilder** cut off one of his fingers. He is doing well now.

**Doug Greenfield** had a stroke. He is doing well now.

**Court Greenfield** is doing well.

**Lydia Eickner** has entered into rest.

**Rita (Priscilla Hawkin's)** neighbor entered into rest.

**Roger Easley** was suffering from herniated disc but is doing much better now.

**Jim Forester** hospitalized for high B.P. and possible blood infection. He is doing well now.

**Lelan Forester** is having instability problems with his back. He is doing well now.

**We have received no updates on the following people, so we are believing that their prayers have been answered.**

**Johnny Spannagel, Willie Roy Harden, James Taylor, David Mayes, Bradley Goscha, Ernesto?, Natasha?, Debbie Goulsby, Milea Moss, George Palmer, Andrew from Kenya's wife.**

## Prayer Requests

**Eugene Chase** was hospitalized with sepsis & renal failure. He is doing better but will need therapy and treatment for a long time.

**Kate Forester** was hospitalized due to heart problems. She had surgery and is still in the hospital. She has weakness on her left side and can barely walk. Her legs are swollen, and she needs to get an appetite.

**Jim Morten** is still believing God for healing of his prostate cancer. **Update:** After doing a biopsy they found that the cancer had spread and is at stage 4. He is taking radiation treatment 5 days a week starting May 1<sup>st</sup> and lasting 9 weeks.

**Pray for all of the overseas churches.**

**John Monahan** recently travelled to MD Anderson in TX for a laser thermal procedure to try to burn out the inoperable brain tumor. **Update:** He is still waiting for the MRI results.

**Jackie Lanier** has congestive heart failure. He is having trouble with swelling from fluid. He just returned home from the hospital.

**Olga Higgins** will have eye surgery on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Susie Booth** is doing dialysis 3 times a week. **Update:** She has developed a painful bump on her head. Her husband Rex needs prayers too.

**Bonnie Chrisman** is currently getting throat stimulation therapy, and it appears to be helping her to swallow. She has also been having pain in her hands from ulcers. **Update:** She got Botox shots in her fingers on April 17<sup>th</sup>, and the doctor said it could take a few weeks to see results. Having a lot of pain in her neck.

**Joni Mendez** had surgery on her elbow on March 10th. She is still having pain in her back and hip too.

**Harry Mendez** his cancer has come back. He has a lump on his neck that the doctors will need to check.

**Rosa Mendez** has cancer that has moved into her liver. **Update:** Cancer has spread to her lungs.

**Bill Morten** still needs prayer for healing of his prostate cancer.

**Marlene Brown** is having difficulty with pain.

**Connie Griffith** notified us that she does not have Cerebral Palsy. She is in Windsor rehab working to get stronger so she can return home.

**Adele Camplin (N.Z.)** needs overall pain for her health.

**Adele's daughter Toni (N.Z.)** has diverticulitis.

**Samantha Hicks** had an infection in one of her eyes. One of the drops they gave her burned the surface of her eye. They said it will heal, but it is still very blurry after several weeks.

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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**Wave Sheaf Offering Day**

By Wendell Yeary

The Wave Sheaf Offering Day was April 9,2023. It's not a Holy Day or a day to be in church but it is an important day for us. This day begins the count (the Feast of Weeks) toward the next Holy Day, the Feast of First Fruits.

Let's turn to Leviticus 23:9-11 *"and the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, when you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest, and he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, so that you may be accepted. On the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it."*

Now, let's go to Leviticus 23:15-16, *"you shall count seven full weeks from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, you shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath. Then you shall present a grain offering of new grain to the Lord"*. So, we see here that we are to count from the wave sheaf

offering day seven Sabbaths and one day to determine the Feast of First Fruits. The Sabbath that starts the count toward First Fruits is the weekly Sabbath that occurs between the first and last day of Unleavened Bread.

The Jews of today start counting from the day after the first day of Unleavened Bread, therefore, they are off on their count and their Feast of First Fruit will be on Sivan 6 (May 26<sup>th</sup>). We will celebrate it on Sivan 8 (May 28<sup>th</sup>).

Now folks this is important because I believe that Satan the devil was there convincing the Jewish leaders to reject Christ as the wave sheaf offering.

On the day after the First Day of Unleavened Bread Jesus, the Christ was in the heart of the earth, so, to the Jewish leaders Christ was not the Messiah so He couldn't be the wave sheaf offering.

I want all to understand, all the Holy Days, including the wave sheaf offering, all pointed toward Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Creator of everything. He came to fulfill all of this.

Let's look at some scriptures pointing to Christ being the wave sheaf offering, the first of the first fruits.

John 20:16 *"Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in* (Continued on Page 4.)

(Wave Sheaf Offering Day, Continued from Page 3.)

*Aramaic, Rabboni (which means teacher).  
“Jesus said to her, do not cling to me, for I have not ascended to the Father, but go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”*

So here we see that Jesus couldn't be touched by sinful mankind until God approved Him. And now we know that Christ went to the Father, as the wave sheaf offering. He returned later, and Thomas, for example, was allowed to touch His hands and side.

Now, let's turn to 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:20-23, *“But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order, Christ the first fruit, then at His coming those who belong to Christ.” It's clear that Christ is the first of the first fruits, that's you and I, those who belong to him.”*

In Act's 26:23 *“That the Christ must suffer and that by being the first to rise from the dead, He would proclaim “light both to our people and to the Gentiles.”*

In Colossians 1:18 *“and He is the head of the body, the church, He is the beginning, the first born from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.”*

So, we see that Christ truly was the first man raised from the dead as we will be raised, a spirit being with life everlasting, never to die any more. Revelation 20:4-6 tells us that in the first resurrection the second death has no power. Those in the first resurrection are the first fruits.

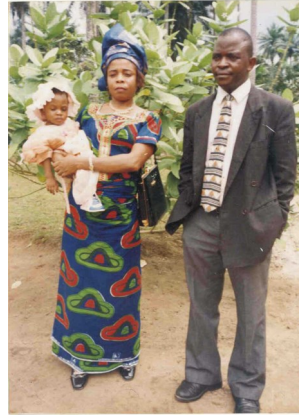
The fifty days between the wave sheaf offering day, and Feast of First Fruits was a time of harvest. Not all fruits ripen at the same time.

When we compare the physical harvest of grain to the harvest of souls into God's Kingdom, we can clearly see how the Feast always pointed to the spiritual harvest. God used the physical harvest of grain in the Feast of Weeks to show that the spiritual harvest would happen the same way, over a period of time. The Feast of First Fruits represents the first resurrection.

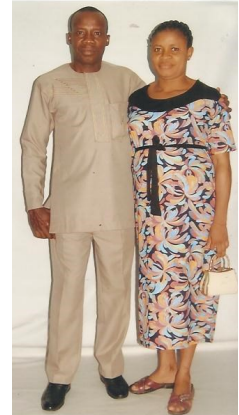
Where are we now in the real 'fifty days' period? I don't know, and it's not up to us to guess. But I believe we are heading toward and getting closer to the end of that period.

Remember the commission given to the church, which includes you and me. It is a commission to sow seeds of the gospel and to gather for that harvest on the Feast of first fruits. It's still our commission, so we have a lot of work to do. END

## Nigeria Churches of God



Pastor Solomon & wife Joy



Pastor Ezekiel & wife

Dear Pastor Hicks,

Thank you for your love we really have a good time with God in our holy holidays and all of us were highly blessed. We called Pastor Ezekiel and his wife. Pastor Ezekiel was very happy ,but his wife said he should not collect the money for bicycle because there are many hills and valleys on the road, so buying bicycle is a waste of money because before one mile he will have a hill and valley and he is old now and he cannot drive bicycle for this kind of road. Even if he can drive he wouldn't be able to carry me on the bicycle. She suggested a motor bike, but the money is not enough. The money is still in my hand. I will like to hear from you.

Pastor Solomon Emmanuel

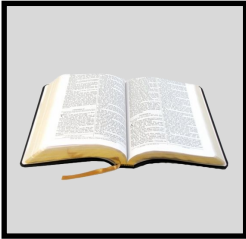
**Editor's Note:** Pastor Ezekiel has been walking five miles each way for services and is in need of transportation. We received a donation, but it won't be enough to buy a motor bike. I informed them to use the money for what they thought best. His reply is next.

Dear pastor Hicks,

Thank you for your interest in our welfare. I Informed Pastor Ezekiel and his wife on this new development, and both of them said that they should add money to this money here in my hand so that I can buy them a motor bike.

What ever remains they can use it for clothing, even if the motor bike is second hand they can still manage it.

Pastor Solomon



# SABBATH SERVICES

## MAY-JUNE 2023

The Sabbath Day  
is a day of  
Rest and  
Worship

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

#### \*\*\*May 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

#### \*\*\*May 13th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM

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

**Yeary Residence** 618-252-3176

**Hick Residence** 816-380-7821

Meal after bible study

#### \*\*\*May 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

#### \*\*\*May 27th, 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

#### \*\*\*May 28th, Feast of First fruits/Pentecost 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

#### \*\*June 3rd, 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

#### \*\*\*June 10th, 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

#### \*\*\*June 17th, 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

#### \*\*\*June 24th, Sabbath Service 11:30 AM

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

# JUST FOR FUN

## Answers to Last Months Puzzle

1. **Saul.** Acts 7:58
  2. **Searching the scriptures.** Acts 17:11
  3. **Paul.** 1 Corinthians 15:9
  4. **Jude.** Jude 1:1
  5. **Peter Acts 9:36-43 & Paul (Acts 20:9-10)**
  6. **Onesimus.** Philemon 1:10
  7. **Andrew.** John 6:8-9
  8. **Apollos.** Acts 18:24-28
  9. **Ananias.** Acts 9:10-18
  10. **Matthias.** Acts 1:26
  11. **Timothy.** Acts 16:3
  12. **Stephen.** Acts 6:15
  13. **Two.** Matthew 27:5 & Acts 1:18
  14. **Rhoda.** Acts 12:13
  15. **Peter.** 2 Peter 3:15
  16. **He was a thief.** John 12:4-6
  17. **Legion.** Mark 5:9
  18. **Crispus and Gaius.** 1 Corinthians 1:14
  19. **Demetrius.** Acts 19:24
  20. **Euodias and Syntyche.** Philippians 4:2
  21. **Obadiah, Philemon, 2 John, 3 John, Jude.**
  22. **600 years old.** Genesis 7:6
  23. **20 years.** 1 Samuel 7:2
1. For which two of Pharaoh's servants did Joseph interpret dreams?
  2. What was Pontius Pilate's job?
  3. Who were two tax collectors associated with Jesus?
  4. Who is the only witch mentioned in the bible?
  5. Before which two governors, whose names both begin with F, did Paul appear?
  6. Who was King Artaxerxes' cupbearer?
  7. What position did Joseph hold in Egypt after interpreting Pharaoh's dream?
  8. Who told Naaman to go see the prophet and be healed?
  9. What job did Abel, Rachel, and Zipporah have in common?
  10. What metals did Tubalcain work with?
  11. What did Amos do before he was a prophet?
  12. What was Luke's occupation?
  13. What was Potiphar's job?
  14. What occupation did Paul say the law held in regard to us?
  15. What is the occupation of the man other than the Pharisee in the parable of the two men who go to the temple to pray?
  16. Who was appointed governor of Judah by Nebuchadnezzar?
  17. What did Nebuchadnezzar appoint Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to do?
  18. What did Zimri do before he became king of Israel?
  19. Who was the priest of Midian?
  20. What did Huldah and Anna have in common?

*“Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.”* Deuteronomy 4:6

# OUTREACH MINISTRIES CHURCH OF GOD

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In his letter dated March 15th, Pastor Nestor wrote: “Love and greetings to you, and to your family and to all our brethren there, from all of us here in the Philippines, in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Hope you are all fine and doing good and in the best of health. The Lord bless you all and keep you safe always in our prayers. Amen. Hallelujah! To God be the Glory. We have received your recent letter of January 15, 2023 with the check for \$400. Thank you so much beloved Stephen and Teresa and all brethren for your continued prayers and support. Also for the CD’s and newsletters in which we are always excited in receiving it. We really enjoy and are blessed while listening to the CD’s and reading the newsletters. Our church’s 23rd thanksgiving anniversary was very successful and we are all blessed. We enjoyed all the activities, especially in praise and worship and the Word of God. This coming March 30th we will be going to Cebu City to attend the 9th Church of God thanksgiving anniversary in Catipla, Cebu City on April 1st. Also, to be with the brethren in preaching the gospel, and conduct seminars and bible study. We will stay there for a week or two. Churches here continue growing in the midst of pandemic and despite of all the tragedies. About the gospel and mission works here, it is fine and real good. The Lord continues to bless the work here in a mighty and wonderful way with more souls and spiritual understanding. The Lord continues working with us and keeps us from all harm. Praise the Lord. Beloved Stephen, Teresa and all, thank you so much for all your prayers and support that makes the work here continue and possible. We keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all and God bless America. We love you.” Sincerely yours in Christ, your brother and sister and fellow servants, Nestor & Edith.

Pastor Nestor with church brethren.



Pastor Nestor & his wife Edith with two of the women’s team leaders.



Pastor Nelson Jabonita and others sing



Pastor Resin Alaud preaching



Praise & worship



# OUTREACH MINISTRIES CHURCH OF GOD

## KENYA

### Uganda & Tanzania

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Several years ago someone broke into the orphan's housing and stole most of their things, which included table, chairs, clothing, among many other things. Since then, they have been subject to the elements, mosquitos and the chance of someone else breaking in again. For the last two years the church brethren and community have stepped up to help build a new, larger facility to house the growing number of children. It is being built close to Pastor Martin's house, so they can guard it better. You will see the structure in the pictures below. Providing for the orphans is very important to the churches there in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. Without their help, the children would be lost and left at the mercy of the government. They have need of \$2500 for roofing materials, doors and windows. If you'd like to help, send donations to us using the info on Page 3.



Eldoret Church of God Brethren



## Countdown to Rest

By Stephen Hicks

Leviticus 23:15-17 *"And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed. Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD. You shall bring from your dwellings two wave loaves of two-tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven. They are the firstfruits to the LORD."*

From the weekly Sabbath that fell between the first and last days of Unleavened Bread, we began to count. Seven weekly Sabbaths are in the countdown to the Feast of First fruits. This is the time of reaping for us. The harvest of the barley has already happened which represented Jesus, the Christ being presented before the Father as the First of the Firstfruits.

During this countdown we are still presenting the gospel to all who will listen and reaping towards the harvest which will take place in the future on the Feast of Firstfruits on the fiftieth day that most refer to as Pentecost today.

If we read on in Leviticus 23, we find a verse that doesn't seem to fit with the Feast of Weeks. Leviticus 23:22, *"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleanings from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger: I am the LORD your God."*

There is a spiritual meaning withing this verse. Because we are in the time of reaping, it is showing us that we will not reap the whole world right now, and that there will still be food available for those do not receive the truth now. They will be given a chance during the thousand year reign.

Many today are taught that if you don't accept Jesus today and you die, then you are lost forever and will be cast into hell to be tormented forever. First of all, hell has been mistranslated for years in the bible. The true translation is that the word hell is simply speaking of the grave or the lake of fire. But, that is a teaching for another time.

Many of God's people, for years, have been taught that the resurrection will occur during the Feast of the blowing of Trumpets when the Lord comes back to the earth. The problem with this teaching is that it does not follow scripture and leaves out many happenings that must occur before Jesus returns to the earth to take His throne. Because of these teachings

so many have tossed the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Firstfruits out the door, saying that it was all fulfilled by Christ. They focus on Pentecost as the giving of the law at Mt. Sinai, and say that it's only about the giving of the Holy Spirit. Though these two facts are correct, they are not the only meaning.

There are three harvest feasts mentioned in the bible. Deuteronomy 16:16 *"Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed."*

The Passover and the wave sheaf offering were fulfilled by Christ, who was the first harvest. The second harvest if the feast of firstfruits, (the saints of God) which is clearly shown in the bible to happen on the fiftieth day of what is called Pentecost.

There are many events that happen during the time between Jesus' first appearance when the saints will be resurrected, and the Feast of Trumpets when He returns. We will be presented before God, the Father while on the sea of glass before His throne, just like Jesus' was. The church (bride of Christ) will be joined to the bridegroom (Jesus) and we will eat of the Marriage feast prepared for us by the Father.

While all of this is going on, God will be pouring out His wrath upon the earth. There is nothing written about how long this period of time will last before Christ returns with His saints to battle the beast and his armies.

The Feast of the blowing trumpets is nowhere shown in the bible to be a harvest feast. It is announcing a return, which pictures the coming of our Lord with all of the saints. The third feast is the Feast of Tabernacles (Ingathering). That will be the time when the rest of the world will hear the gospel and will choose life or death.

The plan of salvation is shown in the Feasts of God, each one showing a time of salvation for all of mankind, including the tribes of Israel and Judah, which is shown by the Day of Atonement.

We will not remain in heaven as many religions teach. God's Kingdom is coming here. Read Revelation 21.

We are never to pick and choose scripture to fit our own ideas or theories. We have to look to the truth, and search it out and hold fast to what the bible teaches us.

Whether you agree with this information or not is between you and the Lord. END



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