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“Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.”

Psalm 119:1-6

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. Psalm 118:8

## GOD’S HOLY DAYS

2007

April 2nd  
Lord’s Supper  
(observed evening before at  
Sundown )

April 3rd-9th  
Feast of Unleavened Bread\*

May 27th, 2007  
Pentecost\*

September 13th  
Feast of Trumpets\*

September 22nd  
Day of Atonement\*

September 27th - Oct 3rd  
Feast of Tabernacles\*

October 4th  
Last Great Day\*  
\*begins evening before

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“We will go where the Spirit of God leads, and teach the Good News of the coming Kingdom of God.”

“OUR COMMISSION”- “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28: 19,20

“And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.**”

Exodus 3:14-15 KJV

## THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

*Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

*Thou shalt not make unto thee 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.*

*Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

*Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*

*Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the Sabbath to the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy 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 thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

*Thou shalt not kill.*

*Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

*Thou shalt not steal.*

*Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.*

*Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor’s.*

Exodus 20:3-17

# Kansas City Church of God Ministries

## Schedule May/June 2007

### May 5th - Sabbath Service, 11 AM

#### **Pearson Hall**

Cass County Information Center/Library  
400 E. Mechanic St.  
Harrisonville, Mo 64701  
816-884-6223

Take 71 Hwy to the second Harrisonville Exit,(2 Hwy). After exiting turn right and go to stoplights. Go straight through lights on Wall St. Follow Wall St. to town square. Go straight across square and off the other side. Keep following wall until you see a log cabin on your right. The information center/library is in the brick building next to the log cabin. Park in lot and come in the North doors. As soon as you enter building turn left and you will see Pearson Hall.

### May 12th - Sabbath Service, 1 PM

#### **Hicks Residence**

Potluck after service  
Call for directions: 816-380-7821

### **May 13th - Mother's Day**

### May 19th - Sabbath Service, 1 PM

#### **Marlene Brown residence**

Call for directions: 660-492-0423

### May 26th - 27th - Pentecost Weekend

(See Page 5 for details)

### June 2nd - Sabbath Service, 1 PM

#### **Hicks Residence**

Potluck after service  
Call for directions: 816-380-7821

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### June 9th - Sabbath Service

#### **Arkansas**

(Details will be in June newsletter)

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### June 16th - Prayer Breakfast 9AM

#### **Pancakes**

#### **Eggs**

#### **Beef Sausage**

### Sabbath Service 11 AM

#### **Henry County Library**

#### **Friends Room**

123 E. Green St.

Clinton, Mo. 64735

Located at the corner of Third St. & Green St  
Library Phone: 660-885-2612

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### **June 17th - Father's Day**

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### June 23rd - Sabbath Service, 1PM

#### **Bolivar, MO ?**

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### June 30th - Sabbath Service, 1PM

#### **Hicks Residence ?**

## MOTHER'S DAY

May 13, 2007

## FATHER'S DAY

June 17th, 2007

by Stephen Hicks

*Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*  
*Exodus 20:12*

In these times we live in, often we don't have time to spend with our loved ones that we should. The hustle and bustle of everyday life seems to force us to rush through life without having time, quite often, to stop and take a breather.

It is important though that we make time to honor our parents and give them the respect and love that they deserve and which is required by God, as you can see by reading the verse above.

In my case, both of my parents are asleep, resting until they are resurrected. Now even though they are gone, God has not left me without parents. In fact, I have many wonderful ladies who are just like moms to me. Jesus told us we would have them in the bible. Let's look in: Mark 10:29-30 And Jesus answered and said, ***"Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life."***

So you see, even though many of us have either lost our parents, or have been rejected by our families because of our beliefs, we still have those who are just like our parents in God's family.

Paul told Timothy how to treat the elder men and women in God's church. 1 Timothy 5:1-2 ***Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.***

Quite often in scripture Paul called those younger in the faith sons, or daughters. John referred to those of the faith as his children, and I'm sure that they respected him as if he was their dad.

So now, you should be able to see that God has provided for us in every way.

He also understands that many of you came out of homes with one, or both parents being abusive, physically and or, verbally.

This might be a good time, if you haven't already, to lay any hate, or bitterness aside and forgive them. I know that it won't be easy, and I say this not for their sake, but for yours. When we hold tightly to bitterness and hate, it will continue to gnaw away at us, and we open a door so that satan can get a foothold in our lives to continue building upon a foundation that we have laid. We are told to put away all bitterness. Let's read in Ephesians 4:31-32 ***"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."***

In Hebrews 12:15, Paul says, ***"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;"***

He's trying to tell us that any, even the tiniest, root of bitterness that keeps coming up within us will have an affect on our relationship with the Father. Love and hatred cannot walk hand in hand. They will battle against one another.

We have our advocate, in Jesus, the Christ, who took on the stripes so that we could be healed. He took the slaps, the spitting in the face, the crown of thorns that pierced through the flesh of his head. He took the punches, and kicks, and all of the verbal mockery that was thrown at Him. He was probably thrown to the ground, picked back up and thrown down again, all the while His captors were, saying to Him, "If you are the Son of God, then save yourself." "Tell us prophet, who just struck you?"

But yet, while He hung there on the stake, with His life slowly draining from Him, He looked up to His Father, and said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Jesus knew the influence that satan had on the people of His time, just like satan has had an influence in the lives of many abusive families in our time.

We have to remember (Continued on Page 4)



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*As for  
me  
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my  
house,  
we will  
serve  
the  
Lord.*

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that satan is the prince of this world for now. He will remain the prince until Jesus returns to take the throne that God has prepared for Him.

This world is heavily influenced by the evil one. Once we can hold on to this understanding, it will help us to cope with most situations that arise in our lives.

If we take time to realize who's throwing the darts at us, then we will realize that a person who doesn't know God, and doesn't have his Holy Spirit is of the world. Their minds have not been opened yet.

Now if they are of the world, then whose influence are they under? Let's take a look in Luke 4:5-7 *"And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine."*

Satan knew that Jesus was the Son of God, so how could he think he could get away with offering all the kingdoms of the world to Jesus, if satan didn't have possession of them? Well, it's because control of the kingdoms of the world were given to satan by God, and he will possess them until God's judgment on him is complete. So satan has great influence here in this world that we live in, because he is, at this time, the prince of this world.

You and I were once under satan's influence when we walked according to the ways of this world,

but when our eyes were opened and we understood the truth, we entered into God's family, receiving His truth and understanding. Many of our family members are still walking in the world and are still under satan's influence. The bible describes this in Ephesians 2:2 *"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"*

If we come to understand the influence that satan has on the world, we can get a better understanding of why evil happened to us as children, or why it continues to happen to us today. As children of God, it's not the people that we are fighting against, it's the spiritual influence that is within them, and that surrounds them. Paul tells us this in Ephesians 6:12 *"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."*

This is why, when Jesus was being crucified, He said, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do."

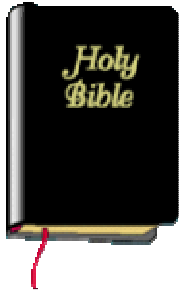
If we can come to this same understanding, I truly believe that we will find it easier to forgive those who have done evil against us. We also need to learn to forgive so that God will forgive us when we ask. Matthew 6:14 *"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."*

While we will hopefully take time to honor our parents, and our moms and dads in the church, let's also remember to honor our Father in heaven. This is something we should definitely do every day of our lives also.

Hopefully, by expressing our love towards our families, if they are not in the church, maybe, just maybe through the love that we show, we can testify to them about the love that God shows each and every one of us. This is the witness that Jesus gave Saul on the road to Damascus in Romans 26:18 *"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."*

Let's honor our parents in the way that God wants us to, and do it from the heart, willingly.





## FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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of this church group please contact  
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Judy Hermann  
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***“But go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.  
And as ye go, preach, saying,  
The kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the  
dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received,  
freely give. Provide neither gold, nor silver,  
nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your  
journey, neither two coats, neither shoes,  
nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of  
his meat.” Matthew 10:6-10 KJV***



## CLINTON, MISSOURI

Local Hosts:  
John & Jeana Booth  
660-890-2512

Or contact: Stephen Hicks 816-380-7821

## GOD’S CREATION IN OUR BACKYARD

Occasionally as I sit in at my obser-  
vation post (my lounge chair), I will  
have the opportunity to see some of  
God’s wonderful creation.

On this day two does with two year-  
lings were roaming about in the front  
yard. Our dog “Lilly” was trying to  
guard them from coming across the  
drive.

The yearling that is looking at her is  
one that she’s built a relationship with  
for the past year. When the yearling  
was a lot smaller, Lilly would run at it and bark trying to scare it. The deer apparently thought she was wanting to play, so it would charge back at her. She would tuck her tail and run at that point. Over time this became a game to both of them. Just about once a day I would see them taking turns charging at one another. After a while the doe would finally get between them and start stomping her front hooves to show the dog who was boss and that it probably wouldn’t be wise to find out. We thank God for the beauty and enjoyment of His creation.



**ANSWERS TO LAST MONTHS PUZZLE**

1. B. (Exodus 2:2)
2. FALSE. (Exodus 2:11)
3. B. (Exodus 2:11-12)
4. B. (Exodus 2:15)
5. A. (Exodus 2:19-20)
6. Tending Jethro's flock. (Exodus 3:1)
7. Holy. (Exodus 3:5)
8. False. (Exodus 3:11)
9. A. (Exodus 4:2-3)
10. True. (Exodus 4:10)
11. Nine. Water turned to blood, frogs, lice, flies, murrain, boils, hail, locusts, darkness. This does not count the killing of the firstborn. For a full account including surrounding events, read Exodus, chapters 5-12.
12. True. (Exodus 6:12, 30)
13. B. (Exodus 12:35)
14. D. (Exodus 14:16)
15. Servant (Exodus 14:31)

**ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S "WHO AM I?"**  
**"I am Lydia."**

# JUST FOR FUN!

Please don't be discouraged if you don't know some of the answers, just challenge yourself to learn. All answers will be published in the next newsletter.

1. True or False? Lydia's story can be found in the Book of Acts.
2. Philippe was: A. a country in Asia. B. a city in Macedonia. C. an island in the Mediterranean. D. a village near Bethlehem.
3. True or False? Philippi was an insignificant place.
4. On what day of the week was Lydia converted?
5. On that day, Paul and those with him went to: A. a river side B. a synagogue. C. a hilltop D. a garden.
6. They went to this place to: A. preach B. eat C. Pray D. meet other followers.
7. Lydia was from: A. Jerusalem B. Athens C. Nazareth D. Thyatira.
8. What was Lydia's profession?
9. True or False? Lydia was from a province where the Holy Spirit had previously forbidden Paul to go.
10. Was this woman Paul's first convert in this region?
11. True or False? Lydia was baptized the same day.
12. Those baptized were: A. Lydia only B. Lydia and her household C. Lydia and her neighbors. D. all of the above.
13. After Lydia's conversion, she offered Paul and his friends:  
A. lodging B. money C. dinner D. water for his men and beasts.
14. Did they accept her offer?
15. True or False? After Lydia's conversion, Paul's work in the region was complete.

## NEXT MONTHS WHO AM I?

*"Greetings, my friends. I was a good speaker. In fact, the LORD chose me to be spokesman along with my brother. We approached Pharaoh with God's request to release the Israelites from bondage. Regrettably, I messed up when I created a golden calf and let the people worship it. God forgave me and allowed me to continue in my appointed job.*  
I am? \_\_\_\_\_.

**Learn what you can about this person because next month's questions will be based on them.**

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**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

*We will begin listing all requests for one month unless there is a reason to keep them on longer. Please write down the prayer requests each month, or cut this page out to use as a reference. It is very important that we are kept informed of the progress of the people put on this list. If we have removed someone's name by mistake, please let us know and we will put them back on the list.*

1. Pray that God will continue to bless His flocks.
2. Pray for all of God's ministers.
3. Pray that the Holy Days will be full of Love, Joy & Praise.
4. Sasha. Pray that God will bless the new work that he has found.
5. Robert Bruce. God's strength and guidance with finding the right job.
6. Cathy Perry - Guidance & Healing.
7. Alan, Alana & Ryan Perry. Guidance, Healing, & Strength.
8. Jack Lynam. Health problems.

*"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16  
"Thank You for Your Prayers!"*

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***PRAISES TO GOD!***

1. Let us give praise to God for the healing that He gives us many times without us knowing it, and for the wonderful blessing He bestows upon each of us all the days of our lives.

*If you have a praise you would like us to share send it to us and we will be happy to post it.*

# KANSAS CITY CHURCH OF GOD MINISTRIES

## *Young Disciples in Training*

### **DARE TO BE YOURSELF!**

By Stephen Hicks

Yes, I can still remember my teen years. Some of the memories I have are bad ones, but for the most part, many of them are wonderful memories.

As a teenager, I stood about 4' 8" tall, or maybe that should be 4' 8" short. In fact, other than a couple of my friends, I was smaller than most of my peers. By those who seemed like giants to me, I was known as the "munchkin." Now don't let the name fool you. I might have been small, but I was a terror to kneecaps.

As I would walk down the hall, the seniors would holler, "Hey there, Munchkin!" I would reply back to them, shaking my fist in the air, "Keep it up, and I'm going to box your kneecaps." We would all laugh and continue on our way.

Now I could have gotten mad and allowed the nickname to get me down, but instead I chose to have fun with it, and by having fun with it, it didn't seem to matter. I found that this was how I could deal with most people. I discovered that most people, when they discovered that I was content with who I was, it didn't leave them any room to pick on me.

When I was growing up, there were several categories of titles that a person could be given. There were the freaks (these were the partiers), the jocks (sports players), the primps (these were boys & girls that were always concerned about their looks.), the brains (the A students), and a group called the outsiders (these were the ones that didn't really fit into any of the previous categories.). I'm not quite sure who came up with these titles, but this is the way it was. All of these people would only associate, pretty much, with the groups that they were in and on occasion the jocks would beat up some of the freaks, and then the freaks would retaliate against them in some fashion.

I suppose that I was considered an outsider on the inside, because I got along with just about everyone, and could hang out with just about any of them without any problems. If I had problems with someone wanting to fight with me, I never had to worry because someone would always take care of it for me. I guess that even then, God was watching out for me. There were a few times that someone would intend to harm me, but I found that I could just walk away if I chose to. The decision is always ours.

I began to realize that the things people said about me only became real if I started believing them. The only time I would get upset about something said was if I began to believe it was true. There were times when I would try to fit in with a certain group, but I found that it just wasn't me. It was just easier to be myself.

I found that true friends would accept me for who I am, not who they think I should be. So often we try so hard to change ourselves to be something that we're not. We spend lots of money on new clothes, makeup, and anything that keeps us up with the latest trends. The problem is that no matter how much you change the outside, it won't make a difference unless you change what's inside. Jesus, when correcting the Pharisees and the scribes about eating with ceremonially unwashed hands, told them that what went into the mouth as food, went through the stomach, and came back out again in the waste. He then went on to speak of how evil comes out of a person's mouth, not because of something that happens on the outside, but evil comes from the heart. We can read it in Mark 7:20-23 And he said, *That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.*

So you can see that if we don't change how we are inside, what we do on the (Continued on Last Page.)

(Continued from Page 9) outside won't matter. We have to be careful that we don't become the ones looking down our noses at someone else, because they seem different.

Why not start a trend where everyone's accepted? Oh, wait! Jesus already did that. He would go and visit with sinners. He would talk with anyone who would listen. Do you think that people followed him because he was keeping up with the new fads? They followed Him because He was sincere, He was honest, and He expressed great love for everyone.

His words were the truth? He could not lie. He never said, "Oh, your too fat, or too tall, or too short. You didn't come down from heaven, so you can't hang with me." Of course not! He received people with open arms, without preferring one over another. He was a living example of God's love.

He set the perfect example for us to follow today. As a young person today, I know that things are more difficult then when I was a teen. I know that there are a lot more temptations out there for you to overcome, but it's important that you remained focused on God above, and your Lord and Savior Jesus, the Christ, and do those things that you know are right.

In the end, it's only going to matter whether you pleased God, or not. Friends & family may let you down sometimes, but God will never let you down, and He will always be there for you, if you just turn to Him and let Him help you.

Dare to be yourself! Let people see God working in your life. Don't let people direct your path, or who you are, but instead let God guide you. As you serve Him, you will find happiness, and others will see His love working in you and many will desire to find out why you are so happy. What a great testimony of what God means to you. No matter what, **just be yourself.**

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