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**“Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.”
Psalm 42:10**

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

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**GOD’S HOLY DAYS
2009**

April 8th
Lord’s Supper
(observed evening before at Sundown)

April 9th-15th
Feast of Unleavened Bread*

May 31st
Pentecost*

September 19th
Feast of Trumpets*

September 28th
Day of Atonement*

October 3rd-9th
Feast of Tabernacles*

October 10th
Last Great Day*
*begins evening before

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

“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 showing 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

“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

MINISTRIES

PRAISES TO GOD & PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAISES TO GOD

If God has answered your prayers, let us know so we can give Him the praise that He deserves.

1. **Alan Perry** got transferred to the Dillon's store closer to their home and received more hours.
2. **Norm Curran** during our last discussion said that his doctor didn't want to see him for several months because he was doing so well.

Entered Into Rest

1. **Melva Wallens.** Melva passed away a few days after suffering a heart attack. Please pray for her husband Gerald and the rest of her family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We will list all requests for one month unless we are notified to keep them on longer. It is very important that we are kept updated on progress. If we have removed someone's name by mistake, please let us know and we will put them back on the list.

1. **Pray for all of God's ministers & churches.**
2. **Barbara Farris.** She had a tumor removed and it was malignant, but the doctors believed that they got all of the cancer and she is now going through physical therapy to regain her strength.
3. **Darrell Loyd.** Cancer in right jaw & neck. Is doing radiation at this time.
4. **Cathy Perry.** She is having pain in her back which may be causing other symptoms of pain throughout her body.
5. **Perry family.** Pray for strength & guidance for them.
6. **Alan Perry.** Pray for healing of his back.
7. **Winnie Rounds.** Broke her ankle.
8. **Mary Callahan.** Having trouble with clogged arteries and is unable to have surgery.
9. **Bevvie Jean Mitchell.** She's being tested for Hepatitis.
10. **Judy Younger.** She is at 97% recovery after having a stroke.
11. **Tom Shadoin.** Pray that God will continue to help him overcome the allergies.

PRAYER REQUESTS-(continued)

1. **Harvey McDonald.** Cancer in head with multiple tumors. He is taking radiation at this time.
2. **Stephanie (Hicks) Downard.** She is pregnant with first child and is due in May. A staff infection has appeared and so they will have to give her antibiotics during delivery so that it won't infect the baby.
3. **Judy Tate.** Diagnosed with multiple cancers.
4. **Wanda Myers.** Has an ongoing problem with her blood that causes her to hemorrhage. It is life threatening.
5. **Amanda & Andy Culley.** Andy was laid off and needs work.
6. **Jacquelyn Bryant.** Having problems with diabetes, high blood pressure, degenerative bone disease & lymph glands.
7. **Berlin Shropshire** (Jeana Booths grandfather). His mind is nearly gone.
8. **Marlene Brown.** She is still having back problems and is not able to have surgery to fix the problem.
9. **Jerome Orbals** (Teresa's dad). He is suffering from short term memory loss and it seems to be getting worse.
10. **Roberta Vest.** She lost her job awhile back and needs work. They have just recently lost their home also.
11. **Glenda Minnich.** Has Lupus.
12. **Mary Lewis.** Pray for physical health, she had to have surgery on her wrist and hand.
13. **Betty Clark.** Has diabetes and is having trouble with an ingrown toenail that is infected.
14. **Richard & Mary Jordan.** Richards liver enzyme levels were found to be very high. Mary's daughter Eileen had a colonoscopy and they found cancer. She has begun treatment. Eileen was attempting to adopt two of the grandson's that were in custody of the court. Pray that she can get them. Pray for Mary's grandson Curtis. Pray for Tiffany, her husband Jason and their baby daughter. Mary's son Frank is scheduled for a colonoscopy to see what is causing his abdominal pain.
15. **Shelly Gorman.** Needs a job.
16. **Pray for our International brethren** in Trinidad & Tobago, the Philippines, Central Africa & Serbia.

"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!"

As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.



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Pray To God Our Father.

Greetings to Everyone! This month I wanted to share with you a short article about prayer written by our brother in the Philippines, Mr. Nestor P. Janier.

“PRAYER”

Nestor P. Janier
Philippines

There is only one thing certain: God answers Prayer!

One of the greatest privileges afforded to mankind is prayer, for it is through prayer that an individual can approach the throne room of heaven and communicate with Almighty God. This privilege is available to all, regardless of their status or position of life. The eloquent and profoundly worded prayers of a world leader have often been recorded by historians for future generations, while the whispered prayer of a mother or father on behalf of a child have slipped into the heavens and gone unnoticed. Whether a prayer changes the course of history on behalf of a nation and its people or only the life of a little child, one thing is certain, GOD ANSWERS PRAYER!

In (Daniel 6:22-23) when Daniel knelt down to pray in the lion's den, God sent an angel to shut the lion's mouth, and Daniel was delivered.

²²My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. ²³Then

was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

In (James 5:17-18) when Elijah prayed earnestly that it would not rain, it didn't rain for three and a half years. Then when he prayed again, the drought ended, the rain came and the earth produced a bountiful harvest.

¹⁷Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. ¹⁸And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.”

In (Daniel 3:26-27) when Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, prayed, they walked out of the fiery furnace, unharmed, not one hair on their heads was singed, and their clothes did not even smell like smoke, only the rope that had bound them burned.

²⁶Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire. ²⁷And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.”

Although each account involves different individuals and circumstances, one common factor prevails, PRAYER!

When we come to God in prayer, we acknowledge our inability and recognize God's ability to meet our needs and do the impossible.

The Key to power with God is PRAYER. END

“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

JUST FOR FUN!

The following trivia questions will be a mix of easy, fairly easy, hard, which may or may not be challenging. 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 month's newsletter.

1. The daughter of Herodias (Matthew 14:6-8)
2. The father of the prodigal son (Luke 15:25)
3. Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem (Nehemiah 2:19)
4. David (2 Samuel 6:14)
5. Sarah (Genesis 18:10-12)
6. Jesus (Matthew 9:23-24)
7. Miriam (Exodus 15:20)
8. Jephthah's (Judges 11:34)
9. Hezekiah (2 Chronicles 30:5,10)
10. Benjamin (Judges 21:20,23)
11. The women of Israel (1 Samuel 18:6-7)
12. Psalms (2:4; 37:13; 59:8)
13. James (4:9)
14. Sarah (Genesis 21:6)
15. Bildad (Job

1. According to Psalm 126, what caused laughter among the Jews?
2. What old man laughed at God's promise that he would father a child in his old age?
3. What group of people were busy dancing and partying when David caught up with them?
4. What graven image did the Israelites dance in front of?
5. What book says there is a time to weep and a time to laugh?
6. Who in the Beatitudes, does Jesus promise laughter to?
7. What book says laughter is foolishness?
8. What book says that even in laughter the heart is sorrowful?
9. Whom did Jesus speak of as dancing in the streets?
10. Who dance around the alter of their false god?
11. Whose wife despised him for dancing in the streets?
12. What instrument is usually associated with the dance in the Bible?
13. What book says, "Our dance turned into mourning"?
14. According to Job, whose children dance around and make music?
15. What Old Testament Character's name means "laughter"?

Kansas City Church of God Ministries

Speakers Schedule MAY

MAY 2nd - Sabbath Service, 11AM

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MAY 9th - Sabbath Service, 1:30 P.M.

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MAY 23rd - Sabbath Service, 11 A.M.

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MAY 30th - Sabbath Service, 11 A.M.

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MAY 31st - PENTECOST, 11AM

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Lunch after service.
Bring a side dish if you can.

I will be sending out a tentative schedule of services and activities in the next two weeks for Sabbath, May 30th & Pentecost, May 31st.

I was recently involved in a traffic accident and I am waiting to see my doctor to find out if I will need surgery on my neck again. If surgery is required I will have to adjust my schedule accordingly.

Thanks!
Stephen

JUNE 6th - Sabbath Service, 11 A.M.

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How to Keep the Sabbath

The Fourth Commandment, the Commandment telling us that we must keep the Sabbath, has often been called the test commandment. God, in His word, calls it a sign between He and us, His people. In Exodus 31:13 He says:

“Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you.”

And again in Ezekiel 20:12 God repeat:

“Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them.”

The Commandment itself reads as follows:

Exodus 20:8: **“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work; you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.”**

The Sabbath therefore is vitally important. And, unlike other of the commandments (such as murder, stealing, etc.), it is not one that man can intuitively KNOW but instead it must be revealed by God. We are not told a lot of details about HOW to keep the Sabbath but we CAN glean certain PRINCIPLES that would apply in doing so. When the world hears the word 'Sabbath,' their first thought often is that it is a burden. Usually they think of the burdensome long list of do's and don'ts that the Pharisees and others tacked onto the scriptures to, in their view, make sure the Israelites properly kept the Sabbath.

Brethren we must make a distinction between MAN'S ideas on keeping the Sabbath and God's true desire. In His word, God tells us that:

...The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath...Mark 2:27.

God's word also tells us that our Heavenly Father made the Sabbath to be a joy. In His words a “delight.”

Isaiah 58:13-14 **“If you turn away your foot from the sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the Lord honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words,
(14) Then you shall delight yourself in the Lord; and I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

Yes brethren, we should look forward to the weekly Sabbath, and ENJOY it as God intended. Before we leave these last scriptures, I want to camp on them for awhile, and see if we can't unfold its entire meaning.

Please read it again. Notice the miraculous blessings God has promised for those who keep His Sabbath. And make no mistake about it. He has called it “My holy day.” As Jesus said, He is LORD of the Sabbath. Mark 2:27. This is hardly a thing to take lightly.

Notice too that it says that we are not even to be speaking our own words. Yet I hear many so-called Sabbath keepers talking business or speaking about other mundane worldly problems on (Continued on Page 7)

(How to Keep the Sabbath, Continued from Page 6.) God's Holy Day. Brethren this should not be.

If the truth be told for many of us, me included, we would work seven days a week or at least PARTS of all seven days if given the chance. God is simply helping us workaholics to gear down and relax and take our minds OFF the world we live in. It seems to me that He is saving us from ourselves by COMMANDING us to rest. So, we should not work against Him in that regard.

Note too that the above scripture warns us not to be “doing our own ways or finding your own pleasures.” One thing we might want to consider along this line for those of us who do daily exercise (all of us I hope) is that we should not do the strenuous, taxing exercise that we do through the week. I do however think a Sabbath STROLL perhaps in the outdoors would be appropriate. There too we might be able to behold God's glorious creation and further turn our hearts and thoughts to Him.

Romans 1:20- “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead...”

In Matthew 12:9-13 we can read that Jesus healed on the Sabbath. While we may not have been imparted with this wonderful gift, it seems to me that we might find the Sabbath a good time to visit the sick and also shut-ins and the elderly. In other words, to do good deeds and so let our lights shine as Christ' followers.

Matthew 5:16 “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.”

It seems to me that along the lines of “doing your own pleasure” that would CLEARLY mean that we can do without movies, TV, ball games, etc. on God's Holy Day. I do think watching a light nature program and also news on the Sabbath is acceptable and uplifting. We are, after all, to watch and pray always and the general understanding in the Church is that we must watch world events.

Luke 21:36 “Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.”

Now brethren there ARE examples RARELY where we face a genuine emergency on the Sabbath and find it necessary to do some temporary work on that day. The scriptures refer to this as an "ox in the ditch."

Luke 14:5 “Then he answered them saying, Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the sabbath day?”

I would just give one caveat or warning on the matter of an ox in the ditch and that is that it not be abused. Be careful, brethren, that you do not THROW that ox in the ditch. In other words, some things can wait to be done another day. This is plain and simple and should be enough said I hope.

Some time back I used to have the pleasure of visiting a lady friend's house on the Friday night of the Sabbath where we did a Bible study. It seemed to me that she did much to capture the SPECIAL nature of the Sabbath in how she prepared for it. She had special scented candles lit and even though she had worked a long hard work day, she had put on a special dress and otherwise made herself presentable before God. We must remember brethren, that when we appear before God for a Bible study or Sabbath service, we come before the Lord of the Universe. And just as this lady tried to make herself and her home pleasant and presentable before God, so should we.

And that brings up another matter for the Sabbath. We are told in Hebrews 10:24-25:

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

(25) Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

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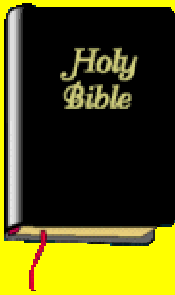
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We have purchased another domain name for the K.C. website. Now you should be able to use www.kansascitychurchofgod.org or www.kccogm.org to access the website. We found the need to get a small URL for advertising purposes. We will now be able to print the smaller link in larger print on posters, paper ads & web ads.

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

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

OUTREACH NEWS!

Our main goal is to reach out and help spread the Gospel of Jesus, the Christ to all who will listen and to go wherever He leads us. Everything that we offer, we give freely and this is made possible through the generous tithes and gifts of God's people.

Local: We are presently working on new ways to reach out to the world and spread the Good News of the coming Kingdom of God. On the previous page you will notice an announcement about a new outreach program. We believe that by putting posters in our car windows or in cooperating business windows, or by putting a postcard on a public bulletin board or by even handing out or placing a business card on a table when we are out and about, we can reach out to those people in our communities and make the website available to others.

As God directs people to these items and on to the website we hope that they will contact us so that we can refer them to local groups in the areas they live in so that they can receive more of God's wisdom and understanding.

Philippines: God willing, we will be able to make a trip there soon to fellowship and learn more about our brethren there and the work that they are doing to spread the Gospel. I am still waiting on permission from them to share their photos in the newsletter. This takes some time because it is weeks between our written communications. Hopefully we will be able to share the photos with you in next months issue.



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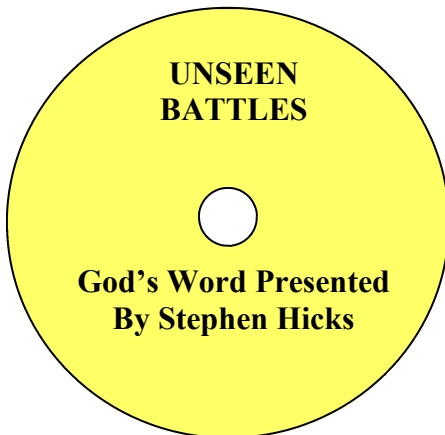
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It is indeed VERY difficult for many of God's people in these end times to meet for Sabbath service and my heart goes out to those who are alone. I understand because I have no family. We must remember that GOD says we are His, and we are members of a much larger family that one day will all be together.

Mark 3:33-35: "And He answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren?"

(34) And He looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

(35) For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is My brother, and my sister, and mother."

We must look to our deportment brethren, that is to our behavior, and no matter whether we are alone or meeting in a crowd of people on the Sabbath. Our God will look down on us and by conducting ourselves as men and women of God He will be pleased with us.

Yes, the Sabbath is a delight and a time for us to rejoice as God's people. Let's not shortchange it and ourselves by keeping it in an unworthy manner.

We will continue with the subject of "How to Keep the Sabbath" in upcoming newsletters.

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