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### Thanksgiving Day & Watch Night Services

Thanksgiving is not just a one day celebration in which we thank God for the material things of life. Thanksgiving is an ongoing occasion when we thank God for both spiritual and material things that are made available to us by Him. 1) We are to thank God for His love, kindness and faithfulness. 2) We should thank Him for His judgment and His great works of deliverance.

**THANKSGIVING DAY** is Thursday, November 28, 2024. I recommend that you meet locally or by districts on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 A.M. (or at an appropriate time for your congregation) for approximately one hour to render due praises to God for His goodness. Let us resurrect the practice of gratitude. The worship service should include reading of the Thanksgiving Lesson and other forms of worship.

**WATCH NIGHT** is Tuesday, December 31, 2024. As we faithfully assemble, let us gratefully praise and thank God for bringing us through 2024, while requesting His devout blessings and guidance of our souls throughout the coming year.

Seven Days fast

Let us join together wholeheartedly as we observe the SEVEN DAYS FAST beginning Tuesday, December 31, 2024 at midnight. The appointed time of the fast will be from midnight to 6:00 P.M. (or the approximate time of "sundown" / the setting of the sun in your location) on a daily basis and will continue until 6:00 PM or Sundown on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

The first seven days of the New Year are our annual fast days. This is a period of sanctification and consecration to help us abide in the True Vine. This will bless the Church to reunite into one body as we move forward with the Sixth Administration of this Church.

As we prepare for the Seven Days Fast, let us pray, cry, repent and allow God to fix our hearts so God will anoint and bless us as we go forth, fishing for lost souls in the "Great Sea of Humanity." Pray for God's anointing as we sanctify the altar in God's House, that the Church might be filled with the great harvest of lost souls.

For the fast that pleases God, study Isaiah Chapter 58.



THANKSGIVING LESSON P.5

# FALSE PROPHETS IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

**LESSON TEXT: Matthew 7:15-16** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

#### COMMENTARY

- 1. Many False Prophets. Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 1 John 4:1
- 2. False prophets will perform great signs and wonders. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

  Matthew 24:24
- 3.False prophets may be disguised as angels of light. For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
- 4.But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine

- heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him. Deuteronomy 18:20-22
- 5. Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. Romans 16:17-18
- 6. Then the Lord said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart. Jeremiah 14:14

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: **Ezekiel 13:9** And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

CHRISTMAS LESSON P.6



# WE HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM

**LESSON TEXT: Matthew 2:1-2** Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

#### COMMENTARY

- 1. Worship the Lord and him only. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Luke 4:8
- 2. Worship the Father in spirit and in truth. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. John 4:23
- 3. Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets Matthew 22:37-40

- 4. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Psalm 29:2
- 5. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart. Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. Psalm 111:1
- 6. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11

### IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO OUT GIVE GOD

**LESSON TEXT: 2 Corinthians 9:8** And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

#### COMMENTARY

Jesus said, I am come that they might God because God is the giver of all life. God gave his son and his son gave his life, which is the ultimate sacrifice. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John15:13 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. We cannot give more than that which has already been given to us by God through his son Jesus Christ.

1. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Ephesians 3:20-21

- 2. Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee. Jeremiah 32:17
- 3. I know that thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. Job 42:2
- 4. But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
- 5. Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38
- 6. Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Proverbs 3:27

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: **Malachi 3:10** Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.



January 1, 2025 P.9

## FAST DAY ONE | NEW YEARS DAY HUMBLE YOURSELF

**LESSON TEXT: Romans 6:1** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may ab ound?

#### **COMMENTARY**

Humility means to be humble. Be clothed with humility with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering. God resist the proud and gives grace to those who are humble. Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and he will lift you up. God requires that we walk humbly before him.

- 1. Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. Matthew 23:12
- 2. If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

- 3. When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom. Proverbs 11:2
- 4. By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life. Proverbs 22:4
- 5. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. Colossians 3:12-13
- 6. Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: **Luke 14:11** For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

JANUARY 2, 2025 P.10

## A WILLING MIND

**LESSON TEXT: 2 Corinthians 8:12** For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

#### **COMMENTARY**

Spiritually, A willing mind means to be ready to follow Jesus no matter the cost or difficulty. It means to be determined to stay with God's commandments at all cost. We are devoted and determined to follow him. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:8

- 1. Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:2
- 2. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Isaiah 26:3

- 3. Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5
- 4. God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7
- 5. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. James 1:8
- 6. Take from among you a contribution to the Lord; whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as the Lord's contribution: gold, silver, and bronze. Exodus 35:5

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: **Romans 7:23-25** But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

January 3, 2025 P.11

#### **FAST DAY THREE**

### THE SPIRIT OF REBELLION

**LESSON TEXT: Psalm 78:7-8** That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments: And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

#### **COMMENTARY**

If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them: Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; And they shall say to the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard. Deuteronomy 21:18-20

- 1. The eye that mock at his father, and despise to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it. Proverbs 30:17
- 2. 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

- 3. Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Colossians 3:20
- 4. The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. Proverbs 29:15
- 5. Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6
- 6. He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes. Proverbs 13:24

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: **1 Samuel 15:23** For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

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#### **FAST DAY FOUR**

### WALKING IN THE NEWNESS OF

**LESSON TEXT: Romans 6:4** Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

#### **COMMENTARY**

When we are walking in the newness of life in Jesus Christ, our steps are ordered by the Lord. Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

- 1. He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness. Isaiah 57:2
- 2. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20
- 3. This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind. Ephesians 4:17

- 4. That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24
- 5. Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4
- 6. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

  Romans 6:5-6

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: **Romans 7:5-6** For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

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#### **FAST DAY FIVE**

### LEADERSHIP: LEADING WITH LOVE

**LESSON TEXT: Matthew 20:25-28** But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

#### **COMMENTARY**

Leading with love means to lead with humility, compassion, and empathy. A humble leader is a caring leader, easy to get along with. We are trusting all leaders in this church to be men and women of good character, sound judgement and common sense. Can God trust you?

- 1. He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness. Isaiah 57:2
- 2. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

- 3. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20
- 4. A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps. Proverbs 16:9
- 5. Love suffers long, and is kind; love envies not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up. Love does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5
- 6. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. 1 John 3:11,18

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: And Enoch walked with God. And he was not; for God took him. By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

JANUARY 6, 2025 P.14

# HAVE NO FELLOWSHIP WITH THE UNFRUITFUL WORKS OF DARKNESS

**LESSON TEXT: Ephesians 5:11-12** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

#### **COMMENTARY**

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. 2 Corinthians 6:14-17

1. Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. Romans 16:17-18

- 2. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. Ephesians 5:11
- 3. Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.1 Corinthians 15:33
- 4. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

  1 John 2:15
- 5. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. James 4:4
- 6. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. Matthew 10:14

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: **John 15:18-19** If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you

JANUARY 7, 2025 P.15

### GOD HAS BROUGHT A CHANGE IN MY LIFE

**LESSON TEXT: Corinthians 5:17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

#### **COMMENTARY**

The sinful things that I use to do, I don't do anymore. God has brought a change in my life. I am not that way anymore. I have put off the "old man," which was corrupt, working deceit and following after lust. God changed me and renewed my mind and gave me a new way of thinking. I have put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Even though my outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 4:16

- 1. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Ephesians 4:28
- 2. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. Ephesians 4:29

- 3. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. Ephesians 4:31
- 4. Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:2
- 5. Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32
- 6. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 John 1:8-10

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: **Isaiah 43:19** Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

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Christmas Service

#### YOUTH CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:7)

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE / CAROL

PRAYER

CHRISTMAS CAROL

**SCRIPTURE** 

WELCOME/GREETINGS

RECITATIONS

**CHRISTMAS CAROL** 

CHRISTMAS SKIT

CHRISTMAS CAROL

SERMONETTE

ALTAR CALL

REMARKS

#### **CHRISTMAS 2024**

#### Why It Is

Though the presents are shiny and the paper is bright

And it is hard to wait through the long and cold night

To open them all the very next day
And bring out the wonderful new toys to play
It is important that we all remember
Why it is we give gifts at the end of December
Why it is we all gather and joyously sing:
To celebrate the birth of our Savior and King

#### Written In The Stars

Tonight, I look up at the stars in the sky
And remember another star, from days long gone by
That shone oh so brightly, to show men the way
To a small baby laid in a manger of hay

This baby was sweet, all shiny and new, But he means so much more to me and to you We know him as Jesus Christ or Emmanuel And his story is one we have long loved to tell

Because it is a story of the best of man
Of mercy and sacrifice and God's all-knowing plan
It is a story of love beyond measure
Of a Father who gave us His most precious treasure

I think of all this, as I look at the stars
I think about the love of this God of ours
And I close my eyes and I pray
That I will remember this love every day

#### Christmas Bells

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

#### Christmas Giving

Christmas is for giving And for showing that we care, For honoring the Christ Child With the loving gifts we share.

The wise men gave of riches; The shepherds, faith and love. Each gift, in its own measure, Was smiled on from above.

Let every gift be treasured; Not always size or price Determines the extent of love And willing sacrifice

Handsome gifts with festive trim Bring smiles of sweet content, But modest gifts of humble means are ofttimes heaven sent.

Whether it be large or small,
Each gift will share in part
The message of true Christmas joy
If given from the heart!

#### They Came With Haste To Jesus

As shepherds watched their flocks In a field in Judea one night, They were amazed and startled By a bright and shining light.

The angel of the Lord appeared To announce a very special birth. God sent His only Son, the Savior, To be born here on this earth.

A multitude of the Heavenly host, Praising God appeared to them then. Saying, "Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Then when all the angels went away,
To one another the shepherds said,
"Let us go to the town of Bethlehem
And find the babe in the manger bed."

Then the shepherds came with haste And found Jesus, the Christ child. He was wrapped in swaddling clothes, God's Son, so holy, meek, and mild.

Christ Jesus was born on the earth So He could one day die for our sin. Our Savior shed His precious blood. He died to save the souls of men.

Let us come with haste to Jesus. He can gloriously save you today. Yes, Jesus is patiently waiting To forgive and take your sins away.

#### Don't Forget Jesus

Christmas is a special time To reflect on Jesus Christ, The wonder of His lowly birth Brings meaning to our lives

There really is no other reason We celebrate this day, The birth of God's precious son And the life, He willingly gave

But so much seems to distract us
In the busyness of our lives,
We loose our focus in all the happenings,
Not knowing, we leave out Christ

We loose sight of the true meaning As we endlessly rush about, Trying to find that perfect gift Seems to cloud our Saviour out

We need to stop and reflect awhile, Remembering our precious Lord, His birth, His life, His sacrifice And all that He stands for

For thought the world may celebrate It seems, though, for other reasons, Let's keep in mind that Jesus Christ Is the true meaning of the season

#### If You Look For Me At Christmas

If you look for me at Christmas, you won't need a special star; I'm no longer just in Bethlehem, I'm right there where you are.

You may not be aware of Me amid the celebrations.
You'll have to look beyond the stores and all the decorations.

But if you take a moment from your list of things to do, and listen to your heart, you'll find I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be with, you're the reason that I came, and you'll find Me in the stillness, as I'm whispering your name.

Love, Jesus

#### Leave Christ In Christmas

Christmas without Christ?
Tell me, how can it be?
So many people change it
To suit themselves, you see.

Can't we say "Merry Christmas" Instead of "Happy holidays"? We take Christ out of Christmas In so many different ways.

It is nice to exchange gifts
This special time of the year,
But what do we give to Christ,
Our Redeemer and Savior so dear?

Christ is really what makes it A genuine Christmas season. If we take Him out of Christmas, We celebrate for the wrong reason.

I want Christ in my Christmas, For inside my heart Jesus lives. Jesus can be your Savior too, For free salvation He gives.

#### **Celebrating Christmas**

Celebration of the birth of Christ
He who is the Savior
Resting in a manger, in a bed of hay
In the light of the Christmas star shining above, showing the way
Shepherds and kings all followed the light to pay tribute to Him
To leave gifts at his feet and acknowledge their King
Mary's son, and the Son of God
A man, too, and mortal, able to die for our sins, and so
Save us from ourselves, and grant us eternal life

That's why we celebrate Christmas!

#### On This Christmas Morn

A promise to the world, a child to be given so many years foretold so all could be forgiven.

Moonless night shining, with the Morning Star calling watchful shepherds to come from afar.

Wise Men carry gifts, meant for only a King angels up in heaven Glory ~ Glory ~ sing.

God became a man, the Good News is born begotten Son arrives on this Christmas morn.

Our mighty God concedes, to the wickedness of man the Prince of Peace comes to bridge the empty span.

Wonderful is His name, Counselor to the meek the Son was born of flesh to give power to the weak.

Our everlasting Father, knows our fallen state so He sent His only Son to save us from our fate.

A promise to the world, our Lord and Savior is born sing ~ Praises to His Glory ~ on this Christmas morn.

#### The Christmas Story

Once upon a time, A long, long time ago. Begins the story of a baby, That most of you should know.

His daddy's name was Joseph, And Mary was His mom, This babe was very special He was God's only Son.

Some angels came from heaven, And they began to sing.

To the shepherds in the fields below, "Glad tidings do we bring!"

A bright star lit the heavens, To light the magi's way, To the baby in the manger Who was born on Christmas day.

And all who gathered round Him, Rejoiced and praised His birth.

For the babe, the King, named Jesus, Is our Saviour here on earth!

#### The Desire Of All Nations Came

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! The Desire of all nations came! He came to save us from our sin. Jesus Christ is His holy name!

All nations desire a leader Who will bring peace to the earth. The Desire of all nations came At the advent of Jesus' birth.

"Glory to God in the highest!"
Sang the angels, a glorious sight!
"Peace on earth, good will to men."
The Saviour was born that night!

God sent His only begotten Son From His home in Heaven above. God sent His only Son to die Out of His great, tremendous love!

Jesus came to this earth below. He came to die for the sins of all. He arose, and He lives forever. Upon the Saviour, let us call!

#### I Celebrate His First Coming

Some Christians say Christmas is pagan, While others celebrate and rejoice. Some are really just indifferent. We are all free to make our choice.

As for me, I really like Christmas. It is a time to think of God's love. I can thank my great Heavenly Father For sending His Son from up above.

In His great love, God sent Jesus.
Jesus had a very lowly birth.
On a manger bed, He lay His head
When He first came to the earth.

It might not have been in December. It could have been another date, But praise God He came to die for us, So His first coming, I'll celebrate.

#### God's Greatest Gift

God's greatest gift was sent to all He was born in a lowly manger stall The gift of Jesus to those who believe Is a gift of love and life for all.

God's love was shown in his Son He came that we may live as one Our thanks and praise can not express Our love for God that brings happiness.

So at this Christmas time rejoice Praise the Lord with your voice The miracle of that special birth Shows how much God thinks you're worth.

#### Christmas' True Meaning

Let Christmas' true meaning, rise up in you today... may you see the real splendor of Jesus' birth on this day.

May His beauty and grandeur, cause your heart to sing may the gift of His excellence become your eternal spring.

May His majesty you behold, with all dignity and honour may the fullness of His truth glorify His heavenly Father.

May the wonder of His grace, reveal its magnificence in you may the gratefulness you feel be in all you say and do.

Let Christmas' true meaning, bring your Saviour near today may you see the need for Him today, and every day.

#### Remembering the Birth of Jesus

Loving Father,
help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing
which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

#### Jesus Was Born On Christmas

Jesus was born on Christmas, on a very holy night, and in the sky above Him, shone the very brightest light.

All of the heavenly angels, Sang a song to praise His name. They told the lowly shepherds, so they left their sheep and came.

From the east the wisemen roam, bringing precious gift to share. Riches for the King of Kings, to show the Saviour that they care. Now we celebrate His birthday, in our hearts and everyday.

#### THE CHRISTMAS STORY

#### POSSIBLE STAGE LAYOUT

Stage Left: Zechariah's home, Wilderness hills for shepherds and wise men

Center Stage: The manger/stable, and the Temple

Stage Right: Mary's home, Herod's home

#### THE TEMPLE

Elderly LUKE and MATTHEW kneeling up front in prayer.

#### NARRATOR

(Pointing to MATTHEW)

They are done praying, you help the Apostle Matthew and I'll help Luke.

STORYTELLER helps MATTHEW rise up while NARRATOR assists LUKE to stand from their kneeling prayerful positions.

LUKE walks forward to speak to the audience.

LUKE: Ah, hello. I am Luke, a devoted follower of our LORD and Savior Jesus and was personally discipled by the Apostle Paul. With me...

#### MATTHEW (Quickly interrupts)

Hello, I'm Matthew, one of the original twelve Apostles and we are so excited to share with you the greatest story ever told! The true story of... uh... but, we'll let Luke continue.

#### Smiles and nods to LUKE

#### LUKE (Smiles kindly)

Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us. They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples. Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write a careful account for you, so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught.

LUKE gestures his hand toward STORYTELLER to present part of LUKE's account.

#### MARY'S HOME

#### STORYTELLER

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said,

**GABRIEL** 

Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!

#### **NARRATOR**

Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.

#### **GABRIEL**

Don't be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!

#### MARY

But how can this happen? I am a virgin.

#### **GABRIEL**

The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. For the word of God will never fail.

#### **MARY**

I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true.

#### NARRATOR

And then the angel left her.

Mary lays down and sleeps.

#### MATTHEW (Excitedly interrupting Luke)

So you see this is precisely how Jesus the Messiah was to be born! Here we have His mother, Mary, who was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Mary rises and begins packing and leaves home

#### ZECHARIAH AND ELIZABETH'S HOME

#### NARRATOR

A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary,

#### **ELIZABETH**

God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb

jumped for joy. You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said.

#### **MARY**

Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me. He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him. His mighty arm has done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones. He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands. He has helped his servant Israel and remembered to be merciful. For he made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children forever.

#### **NARRATOR**

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back to her own home.

#### MARY hugs ELIZABETH

#### STORYTELLER

When it was time for Elizabeth's baby to be born, she gave birth to a son. Zechariah motioned for a writing tablet, and wrote, "His name is John." Instantly Zechariah could speak again, and he began praising God. Awe fell upon the whole neighborhood, and the news of what had happened spread throughout the Judean hills. Zechariah, was filled with the Holy Spirit and gave this prophecy:

#### **ZECHARIAH**

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited and redeemed his people. He has sent us a mighty Savior from the royal line of his servant David, just as he promised through his holy prophets long ago. Now we will be saved from our enemies and from all who hate us. He has been merciful to our ancestors by remembering his sacred covenant—the covenant he swore with an oath to our ancestor Abraham. We have been rescued from our enemies so we can serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness for as long as we live.

#### MARY'S HOME

#### **NARRATOR**

Now when marry returned home to Joseph she was well over three months pregnant and Mary told Joseph all that had happened. Joseph needing time alone to think.

#### **MATTHEW**

(Joseph begins to fall asleep)

Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream.

#### **ANGEL**

Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

#### **MATTHEW**

All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:

#### **ISAIAH**

Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'

#### **MATTHEW**

When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born.

#### LUKE

At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home.

JOSEPH finds a stable and helps Mary lay down

#### STORYTELLER

He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee, and he took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant. And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born.

#### **MATTHEW**

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod.

#### **NARRATOR**

She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them.

#### **ANGEL**

Don't be afraid! I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.

#### STORYTELLER

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

#### **HEAVENLY HOSTS**

Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.

#### STORYTELLER

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other,

#### **SHEPHERDS**

Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.

#### STORYTELLER

So they hurried toward the village.

#### MATTHEW (Excitedly interjects)

About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking,

#### **WISE MAN**

Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

#### WISE MAN

We saw his star as it rose...

#### WISE MAN

...and we have come to worship him.

#### **MATTHEW**

King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked,

#### KING HEROD

Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?

#### **ADVISORS**

In Bethlehem in Judea or this is what the prophet wrote:

#### **MICAH**

And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.

#### **MATTHEW**

Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. Then he told them,

#### KING HEROD

Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!

#### **MATTHEW**

After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the East guides them toward Bethlehem.

#### LUKE

Hold on, Matthew let us not get ourselves ahead of the story, our shepherds have now hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby Jesus, lying in the manger. They were overjoyed and filled with excitement.

#### **MATTHEW**

Yes, thank you brother; we can't have a nativity without the shepherds. So the star, remember, guides our three wise men to Bethlehem, it went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were also filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

#### LUKE

After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

#### **MATTHEW**

And when it was time to leave, the three wise men returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.

#### LUKE

Eight days from his birth the baby was circumcised,

MATTHEW (Excitedly butting in) and Joseph named Him Jesus!

#### LUKE (Continues with a smile)

He was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel even before he was conceived. When Jesus' parents had fulfilled all the requirements of the law of the Lord, they returned home to Nazareth in Galilee. There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

#### MATTHEW (Interjecting)

And that is how it all began, let us give thanks and praise to our Father in heaven for this precious gift. For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

#### **PLEDGES / OFFERINGS**

THANKSGIVING DAY is Thursday, November 28th, 2024.

CHRISTMAS DAY is Wednesday, December 25th, 2024.

Please make an effort to collect the regular contributions of \$2.00 per individual for both Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. These offerings assist our evangelistic, soul winning teams and related efforts, including foreign missions.

OUR GENERAL COMPLEX RALLY DAY is the Fourth (4th) Sunday in January, January 26th, 2025. The contributions for this day remain the same:

All Bishops	\$400
All Elders	\$300
Ordained & Local Ministers	\$200
Exhorters and Deacons	\$150
Laymembers	\$100

Send all Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Complex Rally Day Offerings to:
The House of God Church
Attention: Mrs. Nova Walker-Carter
P. O. Box 22675
Nashville, TN 37202-2675

THE GENERAL PASTORAL DAYS for the 2025 Calendar Year are: March 30th, June 29th, August 31st, November 30th Please strive to have a complete report.

Contributions for each General Pastoral Day (5th Sunday):

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Chief Helpers	\$15.00
Bishops	\$12.00
All Elders	\$10.00
All Ordained Ministers	\$8.00
Local Ministers & Exhorters	\$7.00
All Deacons	\$5.00
Laymen	\$4.00
Children (not working)	\$2.00

Make all Fifth Sunday reports payable to Bishop Clary K. Butler, Sr. and mail to: Bishop Clary K. Butler, Sr. P. O. Box 30787

#### THE PRESENT GOSPEL SPEAKER

The annual edition of our church news magazine, the Present Gospel Speaker, will be printed for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

We are asking all reporters to begin submitting articles now.

The deadline for the submission of all articles is Friday, March 21, 2025.

Articles that warrant pictures, please send **High-resolution pictures**. **Color Pictures are acceptable**. **Limit** of **one** or **two pictures** for **each article**. (We cannot guarantee the quality of color photos). Please submit photos along with the articles for identification purposes.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING NEWS ARTICLES**

Please send ALL news articles typed in <u>12-point Times New Romans</u> font and <u>SINGLE-SPACED</u> to e-mail address, <u>novawc@outlook.com</u>, by March 25, 2025.

#### DO NOT DOUBLE-SPACE articles!

All articles are to be written as a **Microsoft WORD** document or a PDF file. Digital **Color** or **Black** and **White** photographs may be scanned and sent via e-mail along with (**not within**) your article. Reporters, you must **PROOF-READ** each article prior to submitting your work.

All monies (not articles) should be sent to Headquarters. ALL FINANCES should be made payable to <u>The House of God</u>.

The Present Gospel Speaker Bishop Clary K. Butler, Sr., Editor P. O. Box 22675 Nashville, TN 37202-2675

Please share interesting and noteworthy news with the church, such as:

- Church Revivals
- Evangelistic In-Reach and Outreach Activities
- > YFFU News
- ➤ High School and College Students/Graduates and their Activities
- ➤ Weddings, Births, etc.
- > Church Dedications, Anniversaries, New Programs
- Obituaries, etc.

#### CHARGES FOR NEWS RELEASES:

\$ 20.00
10.00
10.00
6.00/8.00

Adult registration packet will include a complimentary copy of the Present Gospel Speaker. Additional copies of The Present Gospel Speaker can be obtained at a minimum cost of \$5.00 each.

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY LODGING

Please do not send lodging deposits before the specified date. Sending in lodging deposits early does not guarantee receiving a room. People who received lodging reservations for on-campus accommodations for 2024 will receive first priority for 2025.

Lodging is available Friday, June 13, 2025 (arrive prior to midnight). Individuals and families that plan to arrive in Nashville before Friday must make arrangements in advance with the Director of Lodging, Elder Fran Jackson. Sister Deloris Shaw is Assistant Director of Lodging. ALL ROOMS ASSIGNED TO PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT CHECKED-IN BY MONDAY (OPENING DAY) WILL BE REASSIGNED. NO ROOMS WILL BE HELD BY THE LODGING COMMITTEE WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF LODGING. Upon arrival at check-in, your full lodging fee is due!

All requests for on-campus lodging must be made via the Lodging Request Form submitted to the Lodging Committee, c/o Elder Fran Jackson, Director of Lodging at P. O. Box 22675, Nashville, TN 37202-2675. These request forms must be postmarked annually on or after January 2nd each year. All request forms postmarked before January 2<sup>nd</sup> will be returned to the sender.

The **W. L. Nelson Dormitory** is reserved for Supreme Executive Council and General Trustee Board members. **The fee is \$275 per room** (2 double beds; private bath). The Lodging Committee is extending a courtesy to Bishops staying in the Nelson Dormitory by not requiring a room deposit to reserve the room prior to the General Assembly; however your lodging fee will be due upon your arrival.

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Jenkins Dormitory	2 double beds and private bath	\$275.00
Keith Dormitory	2 double beds and private bath	\$275.00
	1 double bed, 1 single bed/private bath	\$250.00
Lewis Dormitory	2 double beds and private bath	\$275.00
	1 double bed, 1 single bed and private bath	\$250.00
	1 double bed and private bath	\$225.00
Tate Manor Dormitory	2 double beds and private bath	\$275.00
	1 double bed and private bath	\$225.00
	1 double bed with adjoining bath	\$200.00

**Lodging Check-in & Check-out Hours:** Specific hours of operation have been set and will be **strictly adhered to** according to the schedule – There will be NO after mid-night check-ins!

Thursday and Friday June 12 - 13, 2025	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon 2:00 – 10:00 p.m.	
Saturday and Sunday: June 14 - 15, 2025	ne 14 - 15, 2025 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon 2:00 – 10:00 p.m.	
Monday: June 16, 2025	11:30 a.m 2:00 pm 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. 9:30 - 10:30 p.m.	Opening Day
Tuesday thru Monday: June 17 – 23, 2025	8:00 – 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. One Hour after last service for the Day	

<u>NOTE</u>: Submission of a lodging application form does not guarantee on campus lodging accommodation. As a reminder, do not leave personal property in the room upon your departure!

<u>NOTE</u>: Persons who pay their National Complex contributions in January will be given priority in room placements. If you are requesting a handicap assessable room, please provide documentation with your application. Any other personal conditions and/or circumstances requiring special consideration must be explained on the Lodging Request Form.

#### THE HOUSE OF GOD

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Bishop Clary K. Butler, Sr., Chief Overseer

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY LODGING FORM AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT: \$100.00

(Deposit will be refunded thirty days after the General Assembly closes, if no damages occur. Upon arrival, your Lodging fee is due in FULL, no exceptions.)

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NOTE: SUBMISSION OF A LODGING APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE ON CAMPUS LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS.

NO TRANSFER OF ROOMS WILL BE ALLOWED. (DO NOT LEAVE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN YOUR DORM ROOM UPON YOUR DEPARTURE. Exception is Nelson Dorm.) LODGING PERSONNEL MUST BE NOTIFIED OF ANY CANCELLATIONS!



# THE HOUSE OF GOD CHURCH Keith Dominion

### LOCAL FINANCE APPLICATION (LFA)



General Elder Harvey Shaw 401 Vista Drive - Columbus, OH 43230-5903

Email: <a href="mailto:shaw15222@outlook.com">shaw15222@outlook.com</a> Telephone: (614) 270-33557

#### March 1, 2024

Holy Greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! This updated support is an effort to help those churches who are in need of one-on-one assistance with the LFA program.

## We are assisting all Churches with issue/problems when using the Local Finance Application (LFA)

## As of February 1, 2024 we have the Most current version Microsoft Office Professional 2021:

- 1. Your device MUST HAVE 32 GBS OF Random-Access Memory (RAM) to install and run the New version of Microsoft Office Professional
- 2. Purchases maybe made:
  - a. Be sure device requirements are in place prior to Software purchase
  - b. From the General Headquarters Office (615) 329-1625
  - c. Cost of \$160.00

#### We are offering Support Service to **maintain the LFA** for churches that are:

- 1. Not utilizing the church financial application,
- 2. Having difficulties using the application, or
- 3. Don't have anyone or staff to run the application.

We believe that will be a positive contribution to the financial areas of local churches and alleviate stress for a few churches concerned and/or having no one to use the application.

#### The House of God Local Finance Application

The application was and is utilized in most of our churches. It holds and maintains offerings and contributions mostly paid by:

- 1. Members
- 2. Donations from other individuals
- 3. Businesses and other legitimate entities outside the organization.

With the LFA, the church is able to not only capture offerings, but print out over 50 various reports that are a great help to the local church:

- Reporting contributions for all Members:
  - ✓ General Assembly,
  - ✓ State Assembly,
  - ✓ Sunday Bible School,
  - ✓ Presiding Elder's semi-annual,
  - ✓ Yearly tax return contribution statement,
  - ✓ And many other local, state and general reports.

We are naming a few advantages of the application and how much of a time saver it is!

#### **LOCAL CHURCH SUPPORT:**

We are offering the services of obtaining and/or creating the LFA for any local band that:

- Can't get started,
- Can't use the LFA too few members,
- ➤ Lack of a technical person, *or*
- ➤ Just don't have the time neither a computer.

The required form to be submitted after completion of same, is attached. We will start all updates the first of the Year (March 1 2024) after most State Assembly or before the April 2024 State Assemblies.

# THE HOUSE OF GOD CHURCH Keith Dominion LOCAL FINANCE APPLICATION (LFA)

Band (City) Name:
Pastor's Name:
Chairman Deacon's Name:
Date:
Reasons (s) for Technical Support
Two (2) Local Contact Persons
Contact Person #1:
Phone (cell or home):
Circle One Email Address:
Mailing Address:
Contact Person #2:
Phone (cell or home):
Circle One Email Address:
Mailing Address:
Forward by US Mail or Email:
Elder Harvey Shaw (email address: <a href="mailto:shaw15222@outlook.com">shaw15222@outlook.com</a> )
401 Vista Drive
Columbus, OH 43230-5903
Phone: 614.270.3557
Thank You,
Pastor's Signature:
Chairman Deacon's Signature:
Secretary's Signature:

# BISHOP JAMES C. ELLIOTT NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

#### I. PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the scholarship program is to recognize and encourage with a monetary award, the educational pursuit and academic achievement of members who pursue higher education. Additionally, the scholarship award demonstrates the Church's investment in the educational pursuits of its members who will return and benefit the church with their learned skills and expertise.

#### II. CRITERIA

- 1. Those who seek consideration must present a copy of applicant's letter of acceptance from an accredited vocational, business, two-year, four-year college or university, or post-graduate school, or a current transcript that shows matriculation as a continuing student.
- 2. Must submit a full, one-page essay that discusses how applicant plans to use the educational training to benefit the church.
- 3. Must have achieved a letter grade of "C-plus" or better, or GPA of 2.5 or better. The award amount is based on GPA.
- 4. Personal conduct and character must be consistent with National YFFU guidelines.
- 5. Must be actively involved in one's local church services and activities, local Sunday Bible School and YFFU departments, and the diocese Sunday Bible School Convention.
- 6. Must be recommended and endorsed by the State Bishop or State Elder.

#### III. THE PROCESS

- 1. Applicant must submit a Scholarship Application, along with the required documents to the Pastor for the pastor's approval and signature; to the Presiding Elder, State Bishop, or State Elder for their signature; and finally to the Diocese YFFU Coordinator. The application and all of its required documents must be given to the State YFFU Coordinator.
- 2. The State YFFU Committee will review, evaluate, and select qualified candidate(s), and the State Coordinator should forward all applications and their supporting documents to the House of God Church, National Scholarship Committee Chairperson, P. O. Box 22675, Nashville, TN 37202 on or before May 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year.
- 3. Students may apply for a scholarship up to four years, as funds permit. First-time applicants, however, shall have priority consideration for an award. All awards are based on the availability of funds.
- 4. The National Scholarship Committee must receive the scholarship application(s) ON OR BEFORE MAY 30<sup>th</sup> annually.
- 5. Scholarship awards are mailed after the close of the Annual General Assembly and before September of the school year. They are mailed by the General Administrator, Exhorter Nova Walker-Carter directly to the recipient at the address noted on the application.



#### INTERNATIONAL DEACONS UNION

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Calling all local Pastors, State Deacon Presidents, District and Vice Presidents, Deacon Board Chairpersons, and other interested persons! Please join our IDU Executive Committee and Staff for an informational session introducing the International Deacons Union's newest youth leadership development initiative, the Young Stewards Mentoring Program on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 12:00 noon PST or Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 7:00 PM EST (please check your local time zone).

This program is designed to provide uniform training of young people to become future deacons, trustees and leaders of our church. Find out all you need to know to begin this new and exciting opportunity for the youth in your local church.

Zoom in at Meeting ID: 899 243 0090, Passcode: 815984 or Phone-in: 1-929-205-6099. Contact: Deacon John Fonville, IDU YSIT Advisor at email: ifonville1@suddenlink.net



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#### 2025 INTERNATIONAL DEACONS UNION AWARDS

The International Deacons Union is now accepting nominations for Deacons who may qualify for the following awards to be presented during the General Assembly Deacon's Program, in June, 2025:

- Bishop Rebecca W. Fletcher Distinguished Leadership Award
- Deacon Johnnie L. King Legacy Award
- Deacon Frank Blue Distinguished Service Award

Please complete and submit all nominations for these awards no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, 2025 as outlined for each Category listed on the Award Nomination Form. It is imperative that you use the updated Award Nomination Form that has the notation: *Revised:* 2024-2025 at the bottom of the form because the criteria and contact person has changed. Also, all required signatures must be on each form in order for the nominee to be eligible for review of and consideration for an award.

A Deacon can be nominated for each of the Award(s) if he/she meets all of the eligibility qualifications outlined. All nominations must be resubmitted for several reasons:

- a) The standing or qualifications of the Nominee may have changed from the previous year;
- b) The Nominator may desire to include more information about the Nominee that was excluded a previous year, which may enhance the Nominee's qualification and more closely meet the award criteria.

Therefore, you must submit your Award Nominations on the new forms for consideration each year.

The Biographical Sketch for each Nominee is the only document provided to the Awards Screening/Selection Committee prior to and after review and selection of the Awardees. All identifiable personal information is never disclosed to ensure

confidentiality. The only names revealed are those of the three Awardees. <u>No Nomination Forms are resubmitted by the Committee from previous years.</u>

For additional information, please contact Deaconess Nicole Gilliam, IDU Awards Committee Chairperson, (email: <a href="mailto:nikkig1933@gmail.com">nikkig1933@gmail.com</a> or phone: (786) 234-7551).

Please timely submit the completed form for your Nominee prior to the **1**<sup>st</sup> **of March, 2025.** The International Deacons Union Auxiliary Program is scheduled for Thursday during the General Assembly in June, 2025 when the Deacon Awards winners will be announced.

Deaconess Lilly W. Haygood



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#### **International Missionary Outreach Society**

## **MISSIONARY OF THE YEAR 2025**

June 1, \_\_\_\_\_ through May 15, \_\_\_\_

Title:	
Name:	
Address of Nominee:	
Number of Years in the Church:	
Water Baptism Year Holy Gho	st Baptism Year
Local Church Pastor:	Band:
or noteworthy community involvement a	onary work. In-reach & Outreach efforts, distinguished and service, etc. (For visits to nursing homes, prisons tations). Use additional pages if necessary.
Local President's Signature	Date:
Pastor's Signature	Date
State Bishop's Signature	Date



# The General Elder Evelyn Future Campbell Evangelistic Missionary of Excellence Award



Missionizing is sharing the Good News of God's restorative work in Jesus Christ. There are many authentic expressions of missionizing which can happen in many contexts and many settings; impacts and engages all generations; and requires relationship among a variety of persons.

Biennially (every other year) **The next award will be presented June 2025**. The General Elder Evelyn Future Campbell Evangelistic Missionary of Excellence Award is given to an individual in the Keith Dominion who exhibits outstanding commitment to IMOS and missions. The award is named for the General Elder Evangelist Evelyn Future Campbell, IMOS sixth distinguished Missionary president and renown evangelist, who served for over 60 years as a prolific missionary and soul winner.

The General Elder Evelyn Future Campbell Evangelism Award is the highest honor conferred by IMOS to missionaries whose exceptional ministry and meritorious services to the Great Commandment expressed in Word (what), Sign (why), and Deed (how) – brings people into a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ.

The International Missionary Outreach Society of The House of God Church presents this award not just to recognize the work of an individual, but so that we might all be aware of excellent models of making disciples for the transformation of the world.

The award recipient will receive a custom designed award and a monetary Gift. Any individual who is awarded this award may not be re-nominated for the same award.

Nominations for this award should be submitted in Times New Roman font size 12 by **May 15th** to: The House of God Church, Attn: Office of IMOS 2714 Scovel Street, Nashville, TN 37208.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

When submitting a letter of nomination, describe the qualifications of the nominee, considering the following eligibility criteria:

- 1) A full-time missionary who is an ordained minister.
- 2) Number of years of Missionary involvement must be a minimum of 3 years.
- 3) Media guest on television, radio, zoom services/meetings etc. to discuss the work of discipling.
- 4) Involvement in local church, State/Diocese, and community outreach/in-reach efforts.
- 5) Responsible for souls receiving and confessing the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
- 6) Validates discipleship methods to include block (street) services, canvassing, revival assists, convert breakfasts, luncheons, noon day prayer services, missionary workshops, etc.
- 7) Leadership given to developing missionary projects and programs... Calls missionaries together to plan and follow through with cultivating a culture for discipling.
- 8) Follows and keeps the examples of leaders.
- 9) Demonstrates a labor of love shining as rays of hope.
- 10) Wins souls and helps ignite the torch in a call to Win- Build-Send Missionary Disciples.
- The Local Pastor MUST sign all nomination applications, Presiding Elder, and Presiding State Bishop.

#### **National Courtesy Welfare Committee**

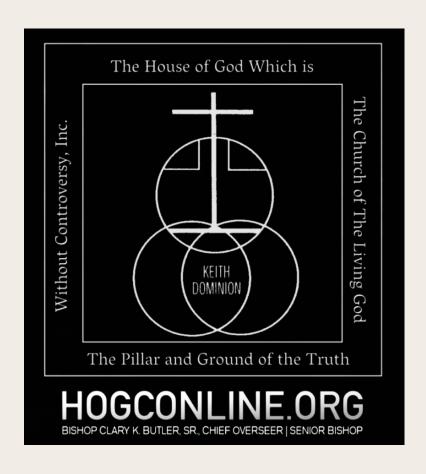
The National Courtesy Welfare committee is grateful for the continuous support of every local and state committee chairperson. It is your commitment to love the people of God that allows us, your national committee, to do what we do; thank you! We are asking that all appointed chairpersons, local and state to submit/update your address and phone number via email to tConstance18@aol.com.

The National Courtesy request forms are to first be addressed at the local and state levels prior to being submitted to the national committee. All forms with proper signatures and information may be submitted to State Elder C. K. Turner via email TConstance18@ aol.com or mailed to 4540 Victor Ave. Blue Ash, Ohio 45242.

"Let everything be done in Love!"

State Elder C. K. Purner

National Courtesy Welfare President



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