

GIVING

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### **O** Holy Night

Mankind's Redemption, made Flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord

A New Covenant Church Pictorial of Service for God, His holy Son Jesus Christ, and to the Community

(Isaiah 9:6 KJV) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.







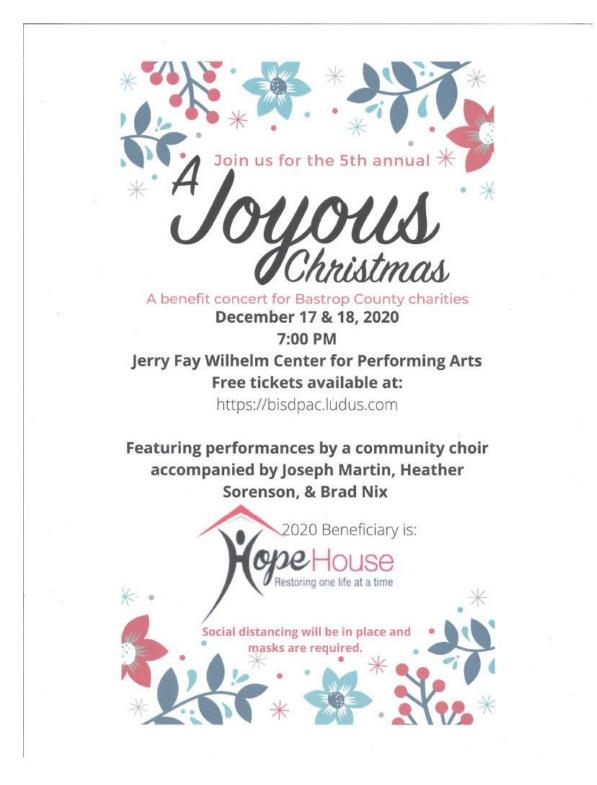


We give all the Glory to God through His precious Son Jesus Christ for raising up our Pastor, Bro. Eddie E. Willis Sr. to lead and support our events. The Lord also used Pastor Willis to deliver this year's Christmas message.

Sister Morris sings O Holy Night

6-9

This year the New Covenant Church assisted throughout this Bastrop annual community event. Our saints provided COVID 19 screening and usher services as well as being represented in the choir and support of honoring the late Bro. Charles E. Banks.



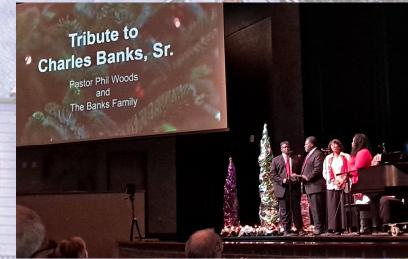
### Pictures from the Joyous Christmas Tribute for the late Brother Charles E. Banks featuring Sister LaVerne Banks and Family.



We truly want to thank the Lord for Pastor Willis coming out while still recovering to support the Banks family and the church in it's role as Temperature takers and usher staff for both days of the event. We also thank the Lord for his wife, Sister Lisa Willis for her accompanying him and her support.



Brother Manual Lopez introduced the Tribute



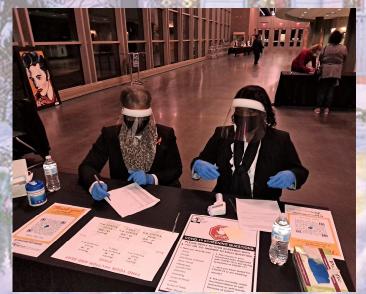




# The New Covenant Church supports the Bastrop community through service.











To God be the Glory!



### Introducing Servants for Christ A Biblically inspired Office in the New Covenant Church



Pastor Eddie E. Willis Sr. has been led by the Lord to establish a new office for mature sisters called Sisters in Christ. They have fulfilled certain scriptures in the Bible over the years. The honorees (from right to left) are Sister Sharon Crayton (picture insert), Sister Laverne Banks, Sister Christine Bailey, Sister Dorothy Bailey, and Sister Mary Sue Morris. Pictured also are Pastor Willis and Sister Lisa Willis and Associate minister David Gonzalez with wife Sister Francis Gonzalez. The installation was held November  $22^{nd}$ 

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# Operation Christmas Gift - Blessings in Action

Tres Amigos and the Five Below store allowed OCG to hold toy drop offs for this years community ministry. We thank the Lord for these fine businesses support. We are sharing pictures from these events held earlier this month.



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# 2020 OCG Toy Drive and Silent Auction

















### 2020 OCG and OCB Distribution at Overton Elem. School

















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## Vitamin D Can Help Reduce COVID-19 Risks

#### **HEALTH AND NUTRITION**

#### Vitamin D Can Help Reduce COVID-19 Risks

Excerpts taken from: https://www.healthline.com/health-news/vitamin-d-can-help-reduce-covid19-risks

New studies conclude that vitamin D can reduce your risk of developing COVID-19 as well as decrease the severity of the illness. Experts say vitamin D boosts the immune system, which can help fight off ailments such as COVID-19.

The best way to get vitamin D is through sunshine and healthy meals, but supplements can also be used. All data and statistics are based on publicly available data at the time of publication. Some information may be out of date. Visit our coronavirus hub and follow our live updates page for the most recent information on the COVID-19 outbreak.

Vitamin D is a well-known immune booster.

Now, a series of recently published studies say the supplement can also protect you from contracting SARS-CoV-2, the virus that can cause COVID-19. And vitamin D may reduce the severity of illness if you do test positive for COVID-19.

In one study Trusted Source, University of Chicago Medicine researchers led by Dr, David Meltzer, the university's chief of hospital medicine, found a relationship between vitamin D deficiency and risk of developing COVID-19.

The researchers studied 489 patients at the hospital and observed that those with a vitamin D deficiency (defined as less than 20 nanograms per milliliter of blood) were almost twice as likely (1.77 times higher) to test positive for the novel coronavirus than those with normal levels of vitamin D.

"These findings appear to support a role of vitamin D status in COVID-19 risk," the researchers wrote in their retrospective cohort study.

They also called for further clinical studies on the possible link between the vitamin and the disease. Meltzer told Healthline that he ranked getting adequate vitamin D in the diet "below masks and hygiene" in terms of COVID-19 prevention, but, "I think it should be near the top of everyone's list."

"There's a lot of evidence that we should be taking [vitamin D deficiency] very seriously," Meltzer said. "If you're taking a reasonable dose of vitamin D, it's hard to see how it hurts and it could help a lot."

"If you're deficient in vitamin D that does have an impact on your susceptibility to infection," agreed Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, in a recent Instagram Live interview with actress Jennifer Garner. "I would not mind recommending and I do it myself, taking vitamin D supplements."

> Please consult your physician before making any diet or lifestyle changes. NCC Health & Nutrition Team

# "...AND BE YE THANKFUL."

#### Biblical Words of Encouragement



"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you and expected end." Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)

#### WORD OF THE DAY

#### 11/22/2020 TOPIC: THE PATIENCE OF JOB

SUBJECT: BE YE ALSO PATIENT; STABLISH YOUR HEARTS: FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD DRAWETH NIGH. (JAMES 5:8)

11/08/2020 TOPIC: THE UNDER SHEPHERD'S ADMINISTRATION OF DISCIPLINE TO THE FLOCK OF GOD

SUBJECT: NOW WE EXHORT YOU, BRETHREN, WARN THEM THAT ARE UNRULY, COMFORT THE FEEBLEMINDED, SUPPORT THE WEAK, BE PATIENT TOWARD ALL MEN. (I THESS. 5:14)

11/01/2020 TOPIC: A SPIRITUAL BIRTHDAY REMEMBERING WHERE WE CAME FROM

SUBJECT: TO THE PRAISE OF THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE

#### **COVENANT CURRENTS**

December 17 & 18, 2020

5th Annual A Joyous Christmas

7:00 p.m.

Jerry Fay Wilhelm Center for Performing Arts

Free tickets available at:

https://bisdpac.ludus.com

December 20, 2020

A Glorious Christmas Program

New Covenant Church

Time to be announced



Norma Garcia James Boxton Mary E. Allen Victoria Banks Michael Bridges, Jr. Al Brown David Gordon Jeannie Nunn Andrea Cal\* Victor Giraud Ethel Byler

\*Belize Saints

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise. **Proverbs 11:30 KJV**