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NEW COVENANT CHURCH
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Giving all Honor and Glory to God and to his beloved Son Jesus Christ, to our Board of Directors and Trustees, to our Deacons and their wives, to our Trustees and their wives, to the Servants of Christ (Romans 16: 1 – 4) and to each and every lay leader in Christ. I would like to give special recognition to my darling wife Sister Lisa Michelle Willis, our Mother of the Church; and to whom I have had the privilege of being her husband now for 42 glorious years in Christ. She is my “Delicate Flower” and I love her and appreciate her loving me (A Preacher) and nurturing our four “Miracle Children” and 7 grandkids; along with her divine Love for the Saints of God. Thank you, Sis. Willis for taking on the task of heading up our COVID screening committee, better known as the “Screen Team” you and your staff have faithfully and fervently put in place and monitored an exceptional screening process to serve the saints of God and give our assembling together a sense of security and assurance.

Each New Year by God’s Grace we introduce a new theme, to march by and this year’s theme will be **ENDURE 2024**, which has three main points of focus: (1) not to compromise with the world as we with Courage and Wisdom stand and tell others about the truth of God’s word, and the **Cross of Christ**. (James 1: 12, 2 Timothy 2: 1 – 13, Gal. 5: 11) And Secondly by his grace and mercy to stand back up from past or recent failures, pitfalls, and shortcoming; and continue to live out our faith. (Prov. 24: 16, Psalms 34: 19, 2 Peter 2: 9, 2 Peter 3: 15) Lastly **ENDURE 2024** encompasses enduring chastisement. (Hebrew 12: 5 – 13, Job 5: 17 – 19, Revelation 3: 19, Matt. 24: 13 – 14) We are called **to ENDURE** for the furtherance of the Gospel and that the purpose of God according to election might stand. (Romans 9: 7 – 24)

JESUS CHRIST IS COMING BACK: Jesus Christ is coming back for a people without spot or wrinkle or any such thing and has styled the Gospel of his return for the Church as a marriage. If we change marriage, we break the Gospel pattern of his return. (Ephesians 5: 25 – 33) We are indeed the last strong hold for Biblical Marriage; lest continue to strive to be ready for his return and to fortify our marital vows through sickness and in health, for better or for worse, richer or poorer, so help me God! We hope to have more marriage sessions to aid with strengthening our marriages as well as individual marriage counseling.

THE LORDS SUPPER AND FOOT WASHING: Our vision is to hope to see Christ in peace and to purify ourselves (1 John 3: 3) by taking a penitent look at the sins in our own lives and through repentance and purifications make preparation for taking the Lords Supper and foot washing. (Luke 22:7-20, John 13:1-17).

SUNDAY SERVICES: By the dictation of the Holy Spirit, we would like to have Sunday School service and then plan to set aside some afternoon time for choir rehearsals in an effort to keep pace with what's required to fulfill the purpose of opening the heart and initiate an atmosphere for the Holy Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Selected groups could also use this time for their ministries.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER MEETING/ ADMINISTRATION: By the dictation of the Holy Spirit we will have our services to fulfill our main purposes, and to continue with the Girls Talk and Guys Talk / Boys to Men; however, on occasions we make have breakout sessions to minister to the Babes, Singles, Widows, Married couples, to Discuss Will, and funeral arrangements, finance classes, Health and Nutrition classes, Christian Home and Family life in general, etc. We hope to reserve time also for our "The Light of The World" assignments.

EASTER/PASSOVER PROGRAM: If the Lord says the same, we would like to host our Easter/Passover presentation on the military base of Fort Cavazos in Killeen. This season is a great time to be fishers of men and to tell others about the certainty of Hope that is found only in Jesus Christ. We are to begin preparation immediately.

BELIZE MISSIONARY ENDEAVOR: We are making plan for another trip to visit our Brothers and Sisters in Punta Gorda Belize, on Friday May 17th thru Tuesday May 28; and want to solicit the prayer of the saints for travel mercies and that the Lord would bless and prosper as only He can. While there we plan to Visit Sister Ancel in Belmopan who is living with her daughter Rosalie and Rudolph Gentle.

We own the church on the San Marcos Village and Sis. Victoria Cho is the only saint still with us; however, we are having move night and prayerfully as the Lord's direction for the course going forward.

We still own the property on New Road and would like to get an updated value of the property and place it up for sale, because we don't plan to build on it no time soon.

Would like to continue in prayer about researching a WATER FILTRATION SYSTEM to sell purified water to the community. Small businesses in the area are selling their five gallons for \$3.00 rather than going to the market and paying \$5.00. This could be a way to come into more contact with potential people who might want to accept Christ.

SAINTS IN GUATEMALA: Continue our support of Sis. Nydia and Hector Quinteros. We are sending lessons and requesting reviews of the Lessons.

SUMMER YOUTH TRAINING: As of this year there is still a Summer Youth program, but it has new management, and the process has been changed. There will not be individual locations sponsored by schools and churches, but a collective teaching location and they are asking for volunteers. Bro. Lopez has the full details for those who want to participate.

LOVE FAMILY REUNION: We are making plans for a Church vacation Sunday June 30th Returning to Service Sunday July 7th; as well as the Love Family Reunion in the month of July. The Love Family Reunion dates are to be determined but we are looking at Friday July 26 thru Sunday July 28th.

YOUTH CAMPING TRIP: TBD

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL WORSHIP SERVICE: YOUTH RECITAL: OPERATION CHRISTMAS GIFT AND OPERATION CHRISTMAS BLESSING: We ask that we continue to keep these endeavors in prayer, our Christmas program is scheduled for Sunday December 22. This time of year, is an opportune time to witness and seek to bring cheer and the hope of Christ to a world in need of both.

COMMITTING SCRIPTURE TO MEMORY: We would like for the saints to continue with committing scripture to memory; and to strive to raise our “scripture quoting barometer” above the 30% that was reached in the past 2 years. We will start over this year and keep a gauge for the next two-year period.

READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR: Let’s continue to resolve to read the Bible in a year and offer certificates and a card to those who complete the assignment.

MOURNERS BENCH: Continue in prayer for those on our “Mourners Bench” “Mercy Seat” and to seek the Lord for a space for their repentance, in meekness considering ourselves lest we also be tempted. (Gal. 6: 1, 2 Thess. 3: 6, 14 – 15)

MARKETING: Marketing is the action or business of promoting and selling a product or services, including research, advertising, strategizing and setting aside the resources to obtain success. “Victories don’t come cheap, they require strategies and resources” We ask that you would agree with us in prayer about ways to effectively prepare signs and literature to market the Gospel of Christ in this Ministry, as well as utilizing the latest technology.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE AND PHYSICAL ENHANCEMENTS: (1) Plans are in the making to have our parking lot and entire asphalt roads overlaid with additional asphalt. The estimates are in the \$100,000.00 price range however after 40 years of unimaginable durability we felt it’s time to do to reduce further erosion. (2) Plans are being made to upgrade both of the Church Marquees. (3) Plans are being made to have our front doors repainted. (4) Plans are being made to have new carpet installed. (5) Plans are being made to make repairs to our fence at the rear of the church property. (6) plans are being made to continue to assess what it would take to complete the building of our fellowship Hall/Family life Center, which will include a Baptismal pool, Commercial Kitchen, children's church, Operation Christmas Gift storage, a large stage for programs, a Cafeteria for the saints to eat their lunches and have fund raisers, and a facility to host our large gatherings and special occasions.

NEW COVENANT CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESS: An e-mail address has been created for the saints who may have gently worn items they may want to see if someone in the membership can use. The address is: nccaustin@yahoo.com. You can take a picture of the item and send to the e-mail address with any instruction you may have; then the administrator (Bro. Kendall Johnson) will send it out according to your instructions. When someone replies to the e-mail address the administrator will give you the originator’s phone number so you can contact them.

BENEDICTION: The LORD bless thee and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. (Numbers 6: 24 – 27)