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NEW COVENANT CHURCH
A Ministry of the Roland James Allen Evangelical Association
NEW BUSINESS FOR 2025
STATE OF THE UNION
ENDEAVOR 2025

Giving all Honor and Glory to God and to His beloved Son Jesus Christ, to our Board of Directors and Trustees, to the Deacons and their wives, to the 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; to whom I have had the privilege and honor to be her Hubby now for 43 glorious years in Christ. She is my “Delicate Flower” and I love her and appreciate her loving me; nurturing our 4 miracle children and 7 grandchildren and for your **God given** love for the saints of God. We all appreciate more than we say sometimes the diligence and faithfulness you have shown in heading up the “COVID” screening committee, better known as the “Screen Team.” You and your team and the volunteers have made it possible for the saints of God to assemble together with a sense of security and assurance. We want to say Thank You.

By God’s Grace and Mercy, we have been blessed to see another year; and for this year the Theme we have chosen is **ENDEAVOR 2025**, which we will focus on as the Body of Christ. **ENDEAVOR** means to make haste, to be zealous and to give all diligence (Ephesians 4:1-3) in common language it means to try hard to do or achieve something. (2 Peter 1:5-10) (2 Peter 1:12-14) 1 Thessalonians 2:17-20).

ENDEAVOR 2025 has three main points as its focus; to give all diligence to achieve a higher level of health; for Body, Soul, and Spirit. Together they make up our human “being” existence. The body is the physical form, the soul is made up of our thoughts, emotions, and personality – your mind, will, intellect, imagination; and our spirit is the innermost part of our being that connects us to our creator God. It is my experience that they are inseparable - can’t be viewed individually but collectively; therefore, we should exercise all three with our Spirit being the top priority. Emotions are a gage and not a guide. Emotions let us know how we feel about something; however, as born-again Christians should not be guided by our carnal emotions carnal feelings, but rather the Holy Spirit which is in you.

The Bible says: “and the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thess. 5: 13) The verse in 3 John 2 reads “Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth”. In rightly dividing the word, 1 Timothy 4:8, reads “For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. The Apostle Paul was simply comparing how athletes exercise their bodies; Christians should exercise both body and soul because the soul profited more. Our bodies are indeed the temple of the Holy Ghost, and we should glorify God in our spirit as well as with our bodies (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

WHAT IS A “CARNAL CHRISTIAN”!

We may think of it as a believer who is still dominated or struggling with their old sinful, fleshly nature instead of yielding to their new spiritual nature. Granted, Spiritual minded Christians do carnal things, but either you are in Christ and His spirit in you, or you are not, and you are yet in your sins. (Romans 8:1-18, Galatians 5:14-26, James 4:1-6, 1 Corinthians 3:1-3, James 3:13-18)

BIBLICAL INSTRUCTIONS AND SEMINARS ON LIFE LESSONS

We hope to prayerfully do all diligence to achieve a better level of health in Body, Soul and Spirit and thereby will be presenting seminars and teachings on being less carnal and **more spiritual; more physical activity** and ways **to destressing to calm our souls**. We will have various instructors put together sound doctrine that can't be condemned. We also hope to present seminars on financial freedom, preparing your will, and pre-arrangements for burials, etc.

THE SABBATH DAY AND THE LORD'S DAY

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. (Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:8-11, Exodus 31:14-17, Numbers 15:25-36, Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Hebrews 4:4) which means to set aside the "Sabbath Day" or "Lord's Day" for New Testament believers as a special Day, all the day long, dedicated to God, where we should rest or cease from worldly labor and regular work and activities and focus on spiritual activities like prayer, worship, meditation, house meeting, visiting the sick and shut in and taking opportunity to tell our faith story to those we meet, etc. **This special time could also be a means of enhancing in our culture where all endeavor to reach out to our world with our faith story and the good news of the Gospel.** With the help of the Lord, we will bring forth a special lesson and teachings on the significance of the Lord's Day and the New Testaments observance of it.

TEACH THE NEXT GENERATION

Moreover, I will **ENDEAVOR** that Ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. (2 Peter 1:12-14) Entrusted with the Gospel (1 Thessalonians 2:4) the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. (2 Timothy 2:2)

Genesis 18:19, Psalm 145:3-4, Psalm 78:5-7, Joel 1:3

New business for 2025 will be to establish and structure our Sunday School classes where our "Next Generation" will have opportunity to review each Sunday School lesson and be privileged to come forth and review what they have studied and or got out of the Lesson. This group will be the Adults, and the elders will be classified as Seniors Adults.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Preparation for Easter/ Passover, Toy Drive, Gift distribution, Christmas Presentation; searching diligently for appropriate locations and marketing advertising and publicity strategies, utilizing the latest social media platform. Make use of the various forms of soliciting donations for the Toy Drive and Christmas Shoe Box distribution for the children. Have door hangers printed to advertise the Christ in our ministry (Just Jesus). Review and replenish our tracts and brochures in particular the booklet entitled "Do You Believe that Water Baptism Saves" written by our founder the Late Bishop Roland James Allen.

ANOINTED PRAISE HOPE CHOIR

By the dictation of the Holy Spirit, we would like to set aside some abbreviated afternoon Worship Services for choir rehearsals in an effort to keep pace with what's required to fulfill its purpose of opening the Hearts for the Gospel as well as praise and worship. When we have special programs according to the dictation of the Holy Spirit the entire afternoon worship service can be dedicated to rehearsal and the remainder of the saints can use the time to pursue witnessing.

YOUTH CAMPING TRIP / VARIOUS ACTIVITIES / MOVIE NIGHTS: TBD

COMMITTING SCRIPTURE TO MEMORY: Would like the Saints to continue.

READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR: Would like the Saints to continue.

NEW COVENANT CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL / FAMILY LIFE CENTER

To begin financing the preliminary procedures for the building of our Fellowship Hall; to include remapping the survey, hiring an architect, and putting together the Mechanical Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) and site plan. Enquiring into the required processes for Bluebonnet electrical, Aqua Water, Bastrop Flood Plan Administrators, Bastrop County planning commission, Sanitation Engineers, Geotech Drill, and First National Bank Bastrop for loan approval; just to name a few.

BROTHERHOOD PROJECTS:

Prepare and repaint our curbs, which will indicate parking and no parking areas. Prepare and repaint our fence on the side facing the Church. Prepare and paint our front doors as well as all the entrance doors. Make preparation to remodel our large Marquee sign. Prepare and design a large sign to place facing Hwy 21 which says something similar to “Come Feel His Love” or something that will catch the eye of many as they travel by. On the back burner so to speak is our Patio creek project.

THE BROTHERHOOD FISHING TRIP DATES:

The Brother Hood fishing trip will be from Monday June 2nd through Sunday June 8th; make plans to get off your jobs Lord’s willing and join in the fellowship. The Cost will be approximately \$71.00 dollars a night and the facilities will accommodate 30 brothers.

NEW COVENANT CHURCH VACATION DATES:

It begins Monday, June 30th and goes through Tuesday July 8th; returning to Church on Wednesday, July 9th.

LOVE FAMILY REUNION DATES:

It begins Friday, July 25th through Sunday, July 27th, returning to Church on Wednesday, July 30th.

THE SECOND TIME AROUND:

The New Covenant Church has an e-mail address where we can advertise gently used items we want to sell, and either give the money to the church or retain it for yourselves. The e-mail address is: nccaustin@yahoo.com. You will send a picture along with your suggested donation price to the e-mail address and the administrators (Bro. & Sis. Johnson) will send the items out to all the saints, to have the first opportunity to purchase. After a period of time the items will be placed on public platforms like Craigslist, Facebook Market and Offer Up.

BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen. (2 Corinthians 13: 14)KJV