Sabbath Services 10:00 AM – Friday sundown 7:39 PM
Columbia Independent School – Arts Center Room, north side
1801 North Stadium Blvd
Columbia, MO 65202

Assignments for Today:

- Pianist: Jessalyn Caple
- Song Leader: Ray Harris
- Sermonette: Brent Martin
- Sermon: Greg Sargent

NEXT SABBATH – April 15, Services at 10:00 AM

SPRING HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:
April 9 – Passover service 7:45 PM
- Location: Moss Building (see announcement below)
April 10 – Night to be Much Observed (sundown 7:41 PM)
April 11 – 1st Day Unleavened Bread – Services at 2:30 PM
- Location: Diversified Management Co.
April 15 – Regular Sabbath - Services at 10:00 AM
- Location: Columbia Independent School
April 17 – 7th Day Unleavened Bread – Two Services at 10:00 AM and 2:30 PM
- Location: Diversified Management Co.
April 22 – Regular Sabbath – Services at 2:30 PM
- Location: Columbia Independent School

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Passover - From Greg Sargent: Passover this year will be held in the Moss Building just south of E. Stadium Blvd, off Old Highway S. 63. It is very easy to find. Passover is on April 10 but kept on the previous evening April 9 just after sunset. Services will begin at 7:45. Directions below are both coming from the East. One can also drive from the West on Stadium Blvd and turn right on Old Hwy 63 south.

Location:
Moss Building
1907 Hillcrest Drive
Columbia, MO 65201

Directions:
Off Interstate 70: exit 128, Highway 63 south> south on Highway 63> right at second exit (west) onto E Stadium Blvd. (Hwy 740)> go to second traffic light to Old Highway 63 South> left (south) to Hillcrest Drive on left> left onto Hillcrest Drive to Moss Building, 1907 Hillcrest Drive on left.

From Jefferson City, go north on Highway 63> left (west) onto E Stadium Blvd (740)> go to second traffic light to Old Highway 63 South> left (south) to Hillcrest Drive on left> left onto Hillcrest Drive to Moss Building, 1907 Hillcrest Drive on left.

The Night to be Much Observed - From Greg Sargent:

- Please see the separate email sent out on STER. I thought it would be good to quote this section of the article on going to a restaurant:

"Today we most often meet in smaller groups in homes, where Church families host other members. Sometimes others meet in private rooms at restaurants and, on occasion, smaller congregations still convene at church halls with everyone contributing special dishes. For those who want to commemorate this evening in a restaurant or other public place, it's wise to make advance plans for a private room. It is important to enjoy the fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in an atmosphere that allows us to truly put our minds and conversation on the meaning of the evening.

Also, please let us know if you do not have a place to meet.

Holy Day Offering Envelopes: The Church of God, a Worldwide Association, Inc. has printed a supply of holy day offering envelopes for use during the spring holy days. The envelopes were mailed along with the new booklet, Why Does God Allow Evil and Suffering? Using these envelopes for your holy day offerings makes processing much easier.

If older children turn in an offering separate from their parents, they are welcome to have their own envelopes. We are legally required to issue a receipt to the person whose name appears on the envelope. If parents want a child's offering added to their record, the parent's name must be on the envelope. If you do not want a receipt, please write "No Receipt" on the envelope.

Please clearly print your complete name and mailing address as they should appear on your contribution receipt. Please also include your donor envelope number, which was printed on your annual receipt. If the envelopes you are using do not include a space for the donor envelope number, please write your donor envelope number beneath the date in the upper left-hand corner of the envelopes (see image below). This information should be filled in on the printed side of the envelope. This will enable us to include the holy day offering in your contribution receipt.

Most local church areas will be processing the holy day offerings. Make sure checks or money orders are made payable to Church of God, aWA.

The envelope should include only your holy day offering for that specific holy day. Including any additional items makes processing much more complicated, so please do not include tithes, offerings for other holy days, notes, etc., in the envelopes.

What is Leavening? Every year, questions are asked about what leaven is. In Leviticus 23:4-8 God proclaims that we are to observe seven days in the spring in the northern hemisphere (in the first month of the year on the Hebrew calendar) during which avoiding leaven and eating unleavened bread has deep spiritual meaning. In God’s only holy, special nation of Israel, Israelites would be cut off from Israel if they ate leavened bread. Today we are spiritual Israel obeying God and keeping these same Holy Days. Leaven, during the days of Unleavened Bread symbolize sin. We want to make sure that we don’t eat any leavened food, therefore we need to know what leaven is, so we know what to throw out.

From an article in Life, Hope and Truth we read:

According to the American Heritage Dictionary, the definition of leaven is: “1. An agent, such as yeast, that causes batter or dough to rise, especially by fermentation. 2. An element, influence, or agent that works subtly to lighten, enliven, or modify a whole.”

Leavening includes yeast and chemical leavening agents, such as baking powder, baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) and potassium bicarbonate. (Other ingredients that are sometimes confused with leaven include brewer’s yeast, yeast extract, torula yeast, autolyzed yeast, cream of tartar and cornstarch. These are not leavening agents.)

So why would God use leaven as the subject of a set of special days that are holy to Him? Leaven is an ordinary household product that most of us eat every day. What spiritual lesson does God want us to learn? To understand this, it helps to look at some history for context.
For the full article, click on the following: Feast of Unleavened Bread—What Is Leaven?

Festival registration opens on April 16, 2017, at 10 a.m. Eastern time. We ask that ALL COGWA households please complete the online Festival registration—whether attending in the U.S. or internationally. If adult members in one household are attending different sites, they will need to register individually. We also ask that those NOT attending please register as well—this gives us more accurate figures for planning.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Eastern time on Sunday, April 16, members can begin accessing the http://feast.cogwa.org/ web page for Feast registration. The email address of the registrant will be used to identify that person’s or family’s registration account. After accessing the COGWA Feast web page, simply click on the “REGISTRATION” tab and begin the process. All registrants will receive an email verification immediately after completing the first step of registration. To complete the process, simply access that email, click on the link provided and finish your Festival registration.

Members without Internet access should be assisted by their local Festival adviser.

2017 Camp Applications: The COGWA Youth Camps video should be out 1st part of April. More information to follow.

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REFRESHMENTS for April 8:

Beverly Christal  Marlene Dallas
Alyssa Degagne    Jodie Enochs

REFRESHMENTS for April 11

Ann Bennett      Janet Caple
Penny Harris     Margie Ross
Sheila Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES for April

Jonathan & Johanna Wear  4/25/2009  8 years
Kyle & Alyssa Degagne  4/27/2013  4 years

BIBLE TRIVIA . - The Passover (Answers below)

1. The Passover is … (Exodus 12:14)
   a. A Feast
   b. A Holy Day
   c. A Sabbath
   d. A Leap Year Day

2. In the Old Testament the blood of the sheep or lamb was put … (Exodus 12:7)
   a. On their forehead
   b. On the two doorposts and lintel
   c. On the doorknob
   d. On the door

3. The Passover should be kept on the 14th of the first month of God’s calendar … (Exodus 12:6)
   a. At the end of the calendar
   b. At midnight
   c. At twilight just after sunset
   d. At noon time

4. The blood was a sign for Israel … (Exodus 12:12-13)
   a. That God would pass over them
   b. That all Egypt’s firstborn would be struck
   c. That all Egypt’s firstborn animals would be struck
   d. All of the above

5. How many times a year should members take the Passover? (Exodus 12:14)
   a. Once a month
   b. Once a year
   c. Once every other month
   d. Frequently

   a. Christ kept the Passover with his apostles
   b. Christ was crucified
   c. Christ was buried
   d. All of the above

7. Paul’s instruction for the Passover was … (1 Corinthians 11:20, 22, 33, 34)
   a. To come together in one place to eat
   b. To only partake of the bread and wine, not a supper
   c. To eat supper before coming to the Passover
   d. All of the above

8. Before instituting the New Covenant Passover, Christ washed the apostles’ feet and told them … (John 13:1-20)
   a. To wash His feet
   b. To wash one another’s feet
   c. They would never understand what He had done
   d. The act had no significance at all

   a. With His mother, brothers and apostles
   b. With all the disciples
   c. With only the 12 apostles
   d. With only Peter, James and John

10. Both the Old Covenant and New Covenant Passovers required … (Exodus 12:48; Colossians 2:11; Exodus 12:1-13; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)
    a. Circumcision
    b. Eating symbols of the Sacrifice
    c. Accepting a covenant by blood
    d. All of the above

11. One reason Christ instructed the apostles the night of the Passover was … (John 16:33)
    a. To assure them He would not die
    b. To assure them they would not have trials
    c. So they would have peace
    d. None of the above

12. The last words of Christ before singing a hymn were … (John 17:26)
    a. Go into all the world
    b. You will go to heaven
    c. I will come back soon
    d. God’s love would be in us

Answers: