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Easter

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I get excited when I think about Easter. It is **not** the Easter Bunny, the colored eggs, or the candy that excites me. Although, I must admit, I do enjoy the eggs and candy and watching kiddos run to collect Easter eggs supposedly hidden by the Easter Bunny. **Easter** is special because **it is the reason** I received my **1st Gift** from my Heavenly Father – **Salvation!**

God's gifts **don't stop** at salvation. Salvation is the **FIRST gift** God has given us **with promise!** "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" Ephesians 2:8-9. The promise that came with salvation is **eternal life in God's presence**. You **will have** eternal life after you leave this world; however, **only salvation through Jesus** is the **key** to **being in the presence of God** upon your physical death. Remember in John 14:6 when Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." God does not stop giving us gifts; but **we can stop receiving** them if we so choose. What a sad day that is—when we reject gifts from God!

After salvation when you asked Jesus to forgive you of your sins and be the Lord of your life, the next gift you **should desire** is to **give yourself to Him** in an outward sign of water baptism. **Water baptism won't save you**. Water baptism doesn't make you any more saved than someone else. **Water baptism isn't the way to heaven**; but it is very important in the spirit realm. Water baptism is a **public sign** that says, "Yes, I am going to live for the Lord, and I want others to know that."

Another gift freely given to us after we have received salvation is the **Holy Ghost**. He is so important to receive. He brings comfort, peace, and guidance into our life if we seek Him. He will be our teacher when we want to know the truth of anything.

He is the revealer to us. He brings us joy, contentment, and love when we are in need. Neither God nor Jesus left us alone in this world. The **Holy Ghost is always present** to help us in any situation. John 14:26 says, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." To receive Him all you have to do is ask God, just like you did when you accepted salvation by asking Jesus to take away your sins, you ask God to fill you with **His very presence**; the **Holy Ghost** will come in and abide inside of you. He will come in **by faith** just like it was **by faith** that you received salvation.

Everything we receive from God our Father is **by faith!** That is powerful! If you ask Him, according to His will for your life and expect to receive what you ask Him for, He **will grant** your request. In the case of us asking for forgiveness or for the Holy Ghost, God **will always say, "YES!!!!"** He will never deny His children His power in their lives!

Water Baptism

Yes, we will have our **1st Water Baptism** service on **Sunday, April 22, at 4 p.m.** It is exciting to watch God use each of us to perform what He wants done. It has been a long time coming since we began this project by ordering the baptismal in the fall of 2016. However, let us rejoice with those who are being baptized!

Many have come to know the Lord and desire to declare to all that they are willing to announce publicly they are going to live for God. Now, that is exciting! It takes a determined person, in love with the Lord so much, that they want to 'shout it from the rooftops' and declare it to all who will listen.

If you desire to be baptized on April 22, please **sign the sheet** in the Godfather Fellowship Hall and see Rev. Julia Schwert for more information.

Wednesday Bible Study

- Our youth will have Bible Contests as they study about the Holy Spirit.
- Adults' study is from the book, Supernatural, by Michael S. Heiser. We are ready to begin Chapter 4. What a difference this enlightenment is making in our spiritual walk!



REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

9:15 to 10 a.m. Godfather Fellowship Hall Hospitality

9:30 to 10:10 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer

10:15 a.m. – Morning Worship

Wednesday

11 a.m. – Breaking Point

6:30 p.m. – Bible Foundation

6:30 p.m. – Youth Services

Thursday

6 to 7:30 p.m. – Recovery Outreach Ministry led by Rev. David Tucker. Need help to overcome an addiction? Come to these sessions. Our desire is to help you achieve and experience an abundant life in God.



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every week.



Announcing . . .

Fun Day Wednesday

Wednesday, April 25, will be our first **Fun Day Wednesday** for this year. It will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. We invite our parents to take advantage of this time. You will be able to leave your child with us so you can run any errands without them. They will be given a hot meal, and we invite our parents to feel free to join us for this time as well.

We will be doing this Youth Outreach every 4th Wednesday from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

WE NEED YOU!

- **CHURCH CLEANING** – Sat., April 14 from 9 to noon. Many hands make light work; we'd like to see you here.
- **Fund-Raising Committee Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, April 25, at 8 p.m.** Our current committee members are Sister Dell Kinsey, Pastor Juanita Llewellyn, Pastor David Rogers, Sister Charmain Smith, and Sister Julia Schwert. We will be finalizing our BBQ Fund-Raiser.



MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

for Sunday, April 29



Pastor Jacqueline Rogers – Opening
Pastor David Rogers – Ministering
Deacon Mark Hamen – Closing



NOTICE

- Give all announcements for the **May Channel** to Rev. Julia Schwert by April 22.



Upcoming Event

BBQ

May 18 & 19



Please see the posted information. We need volunteers to drive, cook, set-up, bake, and assist on both days.

Food donations are also requested to help us make more profit.

THE MINISTRIES OF YOUR SONS & DAUGHTERS

“Generational Blends”

2018 Ministerial Summit – Saturday, April 21

TIME	SPEAKER
8:30 AM – 9 AM	Continental Breakfast & Registration
9:15 AM – 9:50 AM	<p>WELCOME Dr. Robert L. Jones, Archbishop & Primate <i>"Sharing the Heart of RLWMII"</i></p>
10 AM – 10:15 AM	<p>Stephen Ruth, Gideons International, Helena, Ohio <i>"Reaching Out Through Technology"</i></p>
10:20 AM – 11:20 AM	<p>Dr. Greg DeRodes, Optometrist Fremont, Ohio <i>"Eye Care Information"</i></p>
11:25 AM – 11:40 PM	<p>Katie Tibboles, Croghan Colonial Bank Fremont, Ohio <i>"Using Technology for Contributions"</i></p>
11:45 PM – 1:15 PM	Dinner Time
1:20 – 1:45	<p>Lady Joyce Jones & Dr. Robert L. Jones <i>"Ministerial Effectiveness Through Hygiene Awareness"</i></p>
1:50 – 2:25	<p><i>"Time of Sharing"</i> Clergy Attendees</p>
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	<p>Rev. Savannah Marten Toledo, Ohio <i>"The Malachi Mandate"</i></p> 
3:45 PM – 4:10 PM	<p><i>"Time of Sharing"</i> & Snack Time Clergy Attendees</p>
4:15 PM – 5:30 PM	<p>Kathie Jenkins, Covenant Consulting <i>"What You Should Know & Understand by Law"</i> (Question & Answer Period)</p>
6:30 PM	 <p>Elder Derrick Starks Detroit, Michigan <i>"Generational Blends of Praise and Worship"</i></p>

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“Generational Blends”

2018 Ministerial Summit – Friday, April 20

Pre-Summit Meet, Greet, & Eat



Apostle Dr. Robert L., Apostolic Mother Joyce M. Jones, and the Corporate Board of Rivers of Living Water Ministries International welcome all ministers and aspiring ministers of every area of ministry to a **TIME OF MEET, GREET, AND EAT**. We are pleased to host this event and be your servants.

This pre-summit event begins at **5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 20**, at Rivers of Living Water Cathedral, 604 Howland Street, Fremont, Ohio.

This will be a casual time of fellowship, getting acquainted, sharing, and exchanging names of addresses and church information over good food. Please wear very casual dress and comfortable foot wear.

2018 Ministerial Summit – Sunday, April 22

Post-Summit Service

This service will begin at **10 a.m. at the church**. This is the time during our 2018 Ministerial Summit that we will license/ordain candidates into their called-out work for the Lord.

Water Baptism Service

We will be having a Water Baptism Service at **4 p.m. at the church**. Those who would like to enter into water baptism, please contact Rev. Julia Schwert at the church office at 419-334-7389 so that all pertinent information about this service can be exchanged. We need all information **before Saturday, April 7**, so we can present you with a baptismal certificate after baptism.