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## A Worshiper's Heart

*The Faithfulness of GOD is Eternal*  
*Psalm 119:138; 2 Timothy 2:13; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; Psalm 31:23; 1 John 1:9;*  
*Revelation 21:5; Revelation 19:11; Deuteronomy 7:9;*

As I sit and meditate on the scriptures regarding the faithfulness of GOD I am reminded of the fact HE has never changed. From when HE created time and space, to now and even to when time is no more, HE is and forever will be the same. HE is faithful to Who HE is and to HIS Word. Nothing and no one can change HIM. Circumstances can't change HIM. HE cannot be corrupted. HE cannot be altered. HE cannot be demoted. HE cannot be weakened. HE cannot be cut down. HE cannot be defeated. HE cannot be cut off. HE cannot be deceived. HE cannot be killed. HE is GOD! EL OLAM! HE is eternally the same! YHWH

HE deserves all our focus, worship, praise, and faithfulness. According to the scriptures, HE is faithful to help those who are faithful HIM. HE is faithful to those who no longer have the desire to be faithful to themselves, but have put all their hope and trust in HIM alone, remaining faithful to HIM in all their ways, whether alone or in business, or in school, or at the game, in traffic, wherever doing whatever. Because we know HE is eternally faithful, we also know, we are incapable of being faithful on our own in our own strength. But when we walk in HIM, HE is faithful to help us with HIS everlasting strength, and if we ask with a humble heart, HE is faithful to provide to us the wisdom and discernment we need to remain faithful to HIM.

## Thank You!

The Commissioned Youth Group would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Columbia Road Church of God family for your encouragement and financial support allowing your youth to attend Winterfest Youth Conference! We are looking forward to sharing with you our experience in this life changing revival! Please continue to pray for us to daily draw nearer to the LORD and overcome the ways of the enemy and the world.

*Commissioned Youth Group realizes according to Matthew 10:7-8 & 28:18-20*

*We are sent by JESUS CHRIST,  
Empowered by the HOLY SPIRIT,  
All to the glory of GOD The FATHER.*

## Church Events

- 3/3-3/5 – Winterfest
- 3/11 – Palmetto Men's Gathering
- 3/12 – Daylight Savings Time begins Spring Forward
- 3/14 – 6:30pm Ladies Meeting at the Fence
- 3/17-18 Teen Talent
- 3/20 – 7:00pm Men Of Power
- 3/25 – Youth Rally
- 3/26 – New Members & Baptism Sunday
- 3/31-4/2 – Men and Boys Campout

# Prophecy ~Sis Kathy Williams

*“But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the scroll until the end of time. Many will go back and for the and search anxiously [through the scroll], and knowledge [of the purpose of God as revealed by His prophets] will [greatly] increase.”*

I love prophecy. I know that is not the normal response of most people. Pulpits and Bible study classes tend to stay away from the prophetic scriptures. They make people nervous and unsettled. I have heard well known ministers state that they did not teach or preach Revelation because they did not understand it. So how important is it for us to know?

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants – things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.” Revelation

The first thing, Revelation is the only book in the Bible that promises a blessing for those who read it or hear it and keep those things which are written in it. Second, we all need to be aware of these things because scripture tells us the time is near. Third, for me, this is a source of great comfort knowing that Jesus Himself spoke this Revelation for John to write down. But Revelation is the end of the story. To get the whole picture, you have to go back to the Old Testament and read the prophets, Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, and Isaiah who were instructed to give prophecies to God’s

## Sunday School

*Is it really that necessary?*

It’s so early in the day, and honestly, I like to sleep in, so you should be glad I’m going to church at all. What’s the big deal? So, you learn about Moses and the Ark, and Noah and the whale, right?

If you’re moderately familiar with the Bible you caught the error above. It doesn’t take a Sunday School class to figure that out, however, in these times when Scripture is being twisted to say what the LORD never intended it to say, it is important to stay on your toes and not be caught unaware. And that is where Sunday School comes in. Yes, personal private study is extremely important and nothing takes the place of that, but Sunday School allows for discussion among faithful followers of JESUS CHRIST and brings clarity where the world has tried to bring confusion. Sunday School also allows the same faithful followers to be disciplined. Discipleship is of greatest importance if we are to accurately and wholeheartedly share CHRIST with our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. Sunday School is an excellent tool to learn to comfortably talk about Scripture with anyone.

So, yes, Sunday School is really that necessary.

chosen people. All prophecy given is in relation to Israel.

As we follow world events, we can immediately recognize that what these prophets revealed is no longer sealed from our understanding. It is like reading the newspaper every day. One of the most significant prophecies for us today is found I Isaiah 66:8.

“Who has heard of such a thing? Who has seen such things? Can a land be born in one day? Or can a nation be brought forth in a moment? As soon as Zion was in labor, she also brought forth her sons.” Isaiah

On May 14, 1948, the modern State of Israel was born, with the United States of America’s president, Harry Truman, recognizing the new nation of Israel, ALL IN ONE DAY, just as prophesied. Since then, the nation of Israel has become one of the most prosperous nations in the world, and the most hated. Jews have been returning, just as the Bible tells us. Even during the war in Ukraine, Jews continue to return to Israel. The desert land that once laid barren, has blossomed, just like God said it would in Ezekiel 36:8-10.

“But you, O mountains of Israel, will put out your branches and bear your fruit to My people Israel; for they will soon come [home]. For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you [in favor], and you shall be cultivated and sown. I will multiply people on you, all the house of Israel, [indeed] all of it; the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins will be rebuilt.”

There are many specific prophecies in the Bible that have already been fulfilled in detail. There are many yet to be fulfilled and WE are the generation who have the blessings of watching these prophecies unfold and be fulfilled. What a blessed generation we are!

## A Morning Prayer ~Sis Gail Turner

LORD, I ask YOU to help me put on YOUR armor.  
The Helmet of Salvation to keep my heart and mind stayed on YOU.  
The Breastplate of Righteousness so I may show forth YOUR righteousness.  
The Belt of Truth to know the difference between the Truth and a lie.  
The Boots of Peace so YOUR peace follows me wherever I go.  
The Shield of Faith to quench the fiery arrows of the wicked one to help me to trust YOU more than myself or anyone else.  
The Sword of the SPIRIT which is YOUR Word that I may read and store YOUR Word in my heart.



# Pastor's Pen

## *Greetings Church Family!*

We are so honored and excited to be your new pastors. Many months ago, the Lord began dealing with our hearts that the work at our former church had been completed, and it was time to move on to a new harvest field. We began to pray, fast, and seek the Lord for this new work that He would have us to do. When we received the call about the Columbia Road Church of God being in need of a pastor, we had no idea that the church was open, and we didn't know a lot about it.

We began to pray and ask the Lord to confirm to us if this would be the place He would have us to go and lead. When we came and "tried out" for the church, there was no doubt in our minds, that we were indeed where the Lord wanted us. We felt such a peace, calm, and genuine love when we came.

We knew that it wouldn't be long until we would be your new pastors. Indeed, the Lord answered prayer, and here we are!

There is a great harvest field in Orangeburg city, county, and the surrounding areas. Everywhere you look, there are those who are lost, hurting, hungry, depressed, and need a helping hand. While we want to love and minister to our church congregation, and their families as well, those who are unchurched, lost, down and out, and hurting are the ones that we want! Our desire for this church, is to be a lighthouse to the lost and to the community. We want to show kindness and compassion, while also ministering in love and preaching the gospel truth!

God has already been moving in a mighty way at Columbia Road Church of God. We have had some amazing services, with the Holy Spirit moving and drawing people to Him. We also have seen the Lord's hand of providence as He has worked out every detail for us to get here, and has also blessed this church greatly during this transition period.

So watch out church family! The Lord is up to great things, and is pouring His Spirit out. In Acts 2:17 the Bible says "In the last days, God says, I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams." We are hearing of revival breaking out on college and high school campuses and other places around our nation. Revival and harvest are the two words the LORD gave us for the vision of this church. Even now, we are beginning to see it all come together. We love you all, and are excited to work with you to reach the harvest and bring them in. If you need anything at all, we both are only a phone call away. May God bless each of you as we work together to labor for the Lord.

Love,  
Pastor Deryk and Sis. Tessa Morgan  
And "Spanky" too!



## Welcome Morgan Family!

*The people of Columbia Road Church of God  
welcome Senior Pastor Bishop Deryk  
and First Lady Sis. Tessa Morgan  
and fur baby "Spanky"!*

The LORD orders our steps and you, knowing this journey is uncertain, were willing to go as HE has directed you, whether it be calm waters or dark storms. Thank you for your obedient heart towards the LORD. CRCOG is a blessed family for your obedience to HIS Word and HIS direction! We look forward to you leading us into a holy revival that will draw in the bound, broken, and lost that they may be free in JESUS CHRIST and made whole by the baptism of the HOLY SPIRIT as they find their way to GOD THE FATHER through HIS church!

We understand just as the enemy fights against us, his attacks, deceptions, and distractions are even more so against our leaders. We pray for our leaders and your families as you teach us, lead us, and intercede for us and our families. We are here for our leaders as our own family, and hope that you will count it all joy as you call yourselves the Pastors of Columbia Road Church of God.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- **2023 Smoky Mountain Winterfest**-March 3-5; Remember to pray for the youth and leaders as they attend this SPIRIT-filled event and their travels.
- **Palmetto Men's Gathering**-March 11 at 10:00 am, Mauldin Campground, 306 Monroe Dr, Simpsonville, SC 29681; Walk-in cost is \$25men/\$15boys 10 and under. Bring your own unloaded gun for the Turkey shoot (12 gauge ammo provided, \$5 per shot paid on site); BBQ+Bean Competition (\$50 to enter; Car Show; remember to bring your own chair. See Mike Templeton for more details.
- **Daylight Savings Time**-March 12 ; Clocks get moved an hour forward. If you don't go to bed an hour earlier on Saturday, you will either lose an hour of sleep or you will sleep late and miss out on what the HOLY SPIRIT is doing at CRCOG! Prepare your family! Prepare yourself! Don't miss out!
- **Meeting at the Fence**-Ladies Ministries Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies from preteen to 100+ are welcome to come enjoy the food, fellowship, and especially the Word of GOD. Sign-up sheet is in the church foyer. See Sis Deborah Givens or Sis Freda Sykes for more information.
- **2023 Teen Talent**-Ages 13-19 March 17-18 at Praise Cathedral Church of God, Greer, SC. The Church of God Teen Talent showcases our teen's talents and gifts in the Bible, Drama, Music, Art, Multi-Media, Writing, Christian Comedic performance, Solo Contemporary Worship Dance, Group Contemporary Worship Dance, Raw Photography, and Digital Photography. Deadline to register March 1. See Sis Angela or Bro Raul for details.
- **Men Of Power Ministries**-Men's ministries meeting Monday, March 20 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Food, Fellowship, and the Word! Open to all men from teenage to 95+; Sign-up sheet is in the church foyer. See Bro Mike Templeton for details.
- **Youth Rally**-6:00pm March 25 at International Praise Church of God, 5071 Percival Rd, Elgin, SC 29045; See Sis Angela for more details.
- **New Members & Baptism Sunday**-March 26 during the morning service. If you have given your life to the LORD and would like to be baptized, or if you'd like to do your "first works" over again, or if you're interested in joining CRCOG, there is a sign-up sheet in the church foyer. Please see Pastor Deryk, Bro Raul, or Sis Angela for details.
- **Men & Boys Campout**-March 31-April 2 at the Pee Dee Campground; Cornhole, Skeet shooting, Cooking contest, Tomahawks, Air rifles, Archery. \$20 per person. Call 864-963-4751 for details.
- **Saved by HIS Grace**-Ages 3-19; April 15 at the Mauldin Campground; \$20 per person early bird, \$30 March 13-31, \$40 after March 31/at the door; T-shirt \$10; Please see Youth Pastor Sis Angela to register.
- **2023 Sparkle Conference: Glitz & Grace**-April 28-29 Mauldin Campground, 306 Monroe Dr, Simpsonville, SC 29681; Registration \$65 (includes t-shirt); Deadline to register is March 24. After March 24 \$75. [www.sccog.com/women/](http://www.sccog.com/women/) for more information

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## Weekly Services

Sunday Morning Choir and Band Rehearsal	9:15am
Sunday School	9:45am
Children's Church	10:35am
Sunday Morning Worship	10:45am
Tuesday Nehemiah Prayer Service	9:30am
Wednesday Youth: Commissioned	6:00pm
Wednesday Family Training Hour	7:00pm
Wednesday Choir and Band Rehearsal	7:50pm

*Anyone who is a faithful attending member and would be interested in joining the audio/video ministry team, please see Bro Raul Trevino or Bro Michael Templeton asap.*

*Training will be provided.*

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