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14 Dec 2024

“Reuniting Christianity with Its Hebrew Roots”

Upcoming Events!

Living Word Fast Day: Mondays

Weekly Bible Study: cancelled for 18, 25 Dec & 1 Jan

Prayer Meetings: 2nd & 4th Fri of each month at 7 pm @ LWM

Guest Speaker Brother Dejan: Sat 4 Jan 25 @ 6 pm

Panim el Panim: 4-6 April 2025 at the Heritage Conference Center in Charlotte, NC

<http://www.heritageconferencecenter.org/>

2024 Feasts Celebrations and Special Event Announcement

- Chanukah Celebration: Sat 28 Dec
- New Year's Eve Prayer meeting: Tues, 31 Dec @ 4pm

December Celebrations!

Birthdays: Sierra Skiles (1st), Olivia Aguirre (11th), Gary Epperson (15th), David Adcock (16th),
Marie Slade (29th), Deborah Medla (31st)

Anniversaries:

*Quote of the Week: “A true revival means nothing less than a revolution, casting out the spirit of worldliness and selfishness, and making God and His love triumph in the heart and life.”
Andrew Murray*

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Parashat Vayishlach (“and he sent”)

Torah: Genesis 32:3 – 36:43 (Table Talk)

Haftarah: Obadiah 1:1-21

Brit Chadashah: Hebrews 11:11-20; Matthew 26:36-46

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*Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself.
Remember also those being mistreated, as if you felt their pain
in your own bodies.” (Hebrews 13:3)*



Pray For

- Pray for the leaders of our country, state, city and the nation's military members.
- Pray for persecuted Christians world-wide.
- Pray for the nation of Israel.
- Pray for the congregation, their children and grandchildren; Pastors John and Barleny, their family; Pastor Sue and her family; and Pastor Gerry and the congregation of Living Word North.
- Pray for those on the mission field (Charles & Siouxsan Robinson (First Nations); Pastor Isa Balaji (Middle East), and Scott & Theresa Johnson of HaMiflaht.
- Pray for Cuban Pastors: Pastors Jose, Raul, Luis, Hugo, Enrique, Juniors, Orlando.
- Pray for M&S.
- Pray for Ha Geshet: The Bridge Ministry and Mark Burch.
- Those on the mission field: Dejan, Michelle, and Thomas Azdajic.

No Prayer, No Praise = No Power!



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JESUS AND CHANUKAH

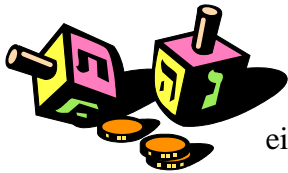
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To truly understand the Christian faith, one must study the Scriptures in the context of its Biblical, Hebraic roots. The writers of the Gospels were Hebrews who expected the readers to know and understand the idioms used at the time, the customs of the land and therefore, the context in which the Gospels were written. Jesus (Yeshua) was a Torah observant Jewish Rabbi who taught in the synagogues and the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. All of the Apostles were Jewish as well as most of His disciples.

Jesus celebrated all of the Feasts of the LORD as listed in Leviticus 23. He fulfilled the four spring Feasts in His first coming. He was the Passover Lamb; He was buried on Unleavened Bread; rose again on the Feast of First Fruits of the barley harvest. Then the Holy Spirit came, anointing the believers on the Feast of the First Fruit of the wheat harvest called Shavuot or Pentecost.

Jesus and the Apostles also celebrated Chanukah. In the Gospel of John, chapter 10 verse 22 it states “Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter.” We are expected to know that there are two Feasts of Dedication. The first is in the fall and is called the Feast of Tabernacles or Succoth. The second is Chanukah and it is in the month of December.

Chanukah is an observance commemorating the rededication (164 BC) of the Second Temple in Jerusalem after its desecration three years earlier by order of Antiochus IV Epiphanes, the Greco-Syrian king. Though modern Israel tends to emphasize the military victory of Judas Maccabeus over its enemies, the



distinctive rite of lighting the Menorah also recalls the story of how the small supply of non-desecrated oil, enough only for one day, miraculously burned in the Temple for eight full days until new oil could be prepared. Therefore,

Chanukah is celebrated for eight days and this is one of the Feasts that Yeshua celebrated! During this time, in addition to the lighting of the candles, gifts are exchanged and children play special holiday games. A special nine branch Menorah, called “Chanukiah,” is used during Chanukah. The center and most prominent branch is called the “Shamash” or “Servant.” It is used to light the other branches. Is a perfect representation of Jesus, the Servant Who came into this world as “The Light of the World.”



As Christians we need to understand our biblical, Hebraic roots. They provide the context for our faith, enrich our understanding of Jesus our Messiah and the Word of God. May His light shine upon you during this season of miracles as never before!!!