

First of the Year Notes

First things First (Deuteronomy 6, Matthew 6:33, Haggai 2:1-9) – 2 weeks

-We cannot forget about God. **(Deuteronomy 6)** If we are obedient to his commandments, **then** we will see God bless us like never before.

-Put God first. **(Matthew 6:33)** Give the first of your talent, time and treasure to God and you will be blessed in 2023! Be consistent in making God and His way of doing things a priority in 2023.

-God has more for us, but we've grown complacent and apathetic. We have more than we have ever had, but God still has more for us. Greater Glory is coming to this house!! **(Haggai 2:1-9)**

-Put the House of God first in 2023!

*****What do you want God to do for you? Make a list. What are you going to do for God in 2023? Make a list.**

-Your effort should match your expectations! Live like you want God to do something for you! Your lifestyle and habits represent your priorities more than your confession.

-How would the world know that God is first in your life? What is different about you than those who don't know God? Where is your fruit? We are supposed to be the salt of the earth.

-Are you a consistent tither? Prioritize God in your giving. Raise your weekly offering. Track your giving. Challenge yourself. Be a better steward over what God has given you. Be intentional and purposeful in your giving in 2023.

- Challenge everyone to a giving blitz for the first 90 days. Sow as much as you can in the first 90 days of the year. Ask God for seed to sow.

Miracle of Seed-Faith, by Oral Roberts (Bishop Williams/Elder D. Thomas) – 3 weeks

The 3 Key Principles of Seed-Faith Blessing-Pact Partnership with God

-How I discovered the miracle of the Seed-Faith Blessing

-The 3 key principles that changed my life.

-How Seed-Giving can give you control over insurmountable problems and help you solve them.

The Fruitfulness of an Uncommon Seed. (Bishop Williams/Elder S. Johnson) – 2 weeks

-Sowing into the life of your Leader.

-Giving to the least of the brethren.

-Giving someone a gift who can't pay you back.

-What do you do when you don't have enough?

-How do you sow in famine?

Budgeting – Give yourself a raise by increasing your gifts to God in 2023 (Bishop Williams/Deacon P. Woodson/Elder G. Hopkins/Elder T. Keys/Elder E. Keys – 2 weeks

- Create a budget (weekly/bimonthly/monthly). Track your spending and habits.
- Let's look at what your spending says about your priorities. If someone looked at your bank account transactions/spending habits could they tell that God was a priority in your life?
- Be specific in how you are going to increase your giving this year. Develop a plan. Track your success!
- Worshippers are givers. There is a link between giving (not just monetary) and worship.
- When you tithe God blesses the other 90%. We are commanded to tithe.
- Tips about credit cards, loans, 401K/403B, retirement and savings!
- Tips about homeownership.

Lent and Resurrection Sunday – 6 weeks

- Get the church on one accord as it relates to prayer. What are we collectively asking God for in this season? We need to master the power of agreement.

Pentecost Sunday

The Blessing of the 2nd Half of the Year