

April



Sugar Land
BIBLE CHURCH

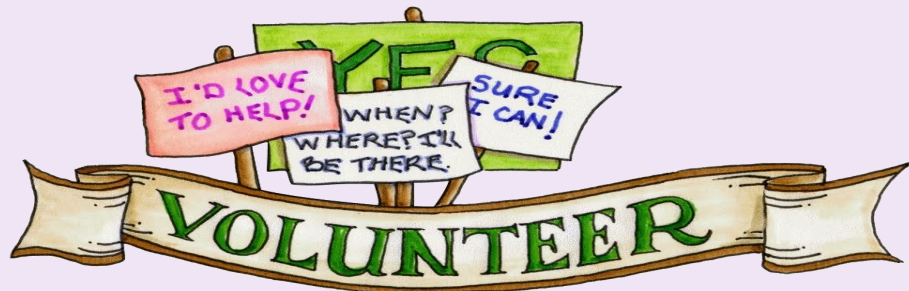
Bringing the Bible to life.

THE CORNERSTONE

APRIL 2021

Sugar Land Bible Church VBS

Volunteers make VBS happen!



Please see KC Cunningham for details.

Help us stay on track for VBS!

Thursday, April 8th

Thursday, April 15th

12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Missions for the Month

Samuel Student Center (Guatemala)

Kike on 2/8/2021:

God bless you Brother Hans:

This note is only to let you know that we have 38 children enrolled and 13 new children; in total there are 51 children enrolled, we are very grateful to our good God. The plan is to bring the children together Monday and Wednesday because of the situation we are experiencing they will only come 2 hours each afternoon, this is a decision made with the approval of the parents.

I would also like to inform you that, with God's help, the second level of multi-purpose building will soon be finished, the floor is already laid, the doors are already in place as well as the 2-window balconies that is the computer room. The electrical installation is also being placed. Please pray for the cost of the railings as it has 8 parts and 2 small ones, I have only quotes from one contractor and the price is high, he said it would be Q 5,000.00 i.e., an approximate \$660.

Response to the missions committee inquiry from December 2019:

Prayer Requests:

- a.- May our God continue to protect the children from the pandemic that is hitting the whole world.
- b.- May God meet the material and spiritual needs of children.
- c.- May God give health to our administrative and teaching staff as well as the incentive to continue caring for our children next year.
- d.- We need to ask our God for wisdom in order to draw up the program through which we may be serving our children next year.
- e.- We also need to pray for the children who will be enrolled in the project next year, since as in previous years, not all of them return and other new children enter.

Thank you, brothers, for remembering us in your prayers.

Now as for the needs of our ministry, we thank you with all our hearts for the desire to continue blessing the work:

1. I am very grateful to our God for giving me health, and I also thank God for the progress of the construction of the new building, especially the second level that will be used for the COMPUTER program. The building will be finished soon, the ceramic floor tiles are being laid, 88 m² (820 ft²), thanks to God this material is covered.



Dr. Andy Woods
Pastor

Signs of the Times for 2021

(Part 14)

In our first installment, we observed that the Bible places much emphasis on the signs related to Christ's return (Matt. 24:33; Luke 21:28; Heb. 10:25, etc.). Observing these signs helps us ascertain that general time of human history in which we find ourselves.

We noted that if the signs of the Tribulation period are rapidly approaching, and the rapture of the Church precedes the Tribulation period, then the rapture must be coming even faster. Thus, we began to ask ourselves, what are some of these signs that are now setting the stage for the coming Tribulation period? We selected the following *seven* signs as deserving of analysis to be covered in this series:

1. Signs related to Israel
2. Signs related to international politics
3. Signs related to economics
4. Signs related to technology
5. Signs related to spirituality
6. Signs related to society
7. Signs related to understanding Bible prophecy

Therefore, this series is dedicated to exploring the *seven* signs related to the soon return of Jesus Christ. As a result of this teaching, may we all grow in our understanding of the unique time in which we now live. As dealt with in the prior installments in this series, there are several signs meriting discussion concerning the modern state of *Israel* and *international politics* and signs related to *economics* and *technology*. In this installment, we turn our attention toward the predicted *spiritual signs* of the last days.

5. Signs Related to Spirituality

The Bible has much to say about the *spiritual* climate that will characterize the world at the time of Christ's Second Advent. While there is much to consider, for our purposes we will limit ourselves to just six categories. These include the advent of *global persecution against believers*, *global religion*, *ecumenism*, *ridicule of the doctrine of the Second Advent*, *the last days apostasy of the Church*, and *the rise of Antisemitism*.

Persecution of Christians

As mentioned in the prior installment, the Bible predicts that the end times scenario would be characterized by ever-increasing persecution against Christians (Matt. 24:9, Rev. 17:6; 18:24). We noted that even here in the late great United States of America, florists and bakers and other members of the creative industry are being harassed via the legal system merely because they refuse to offer their services to same-sex weddings. In fact, note the chilling words of Supreme Court Associate Justice Samuel Alito in

in his recent dissenting opinion in which the United States Supreme Court created a constitutional right to same-sex marriage out of whole cloth. There Alito described the ugly tone against people of faith that is now quickly descending upon the United States of America. He said, "I assume that those who cling to old beliefs will be able to whisper their thoughts in the recesses of their homes, but if they repeat those views in public, they will risk being labeled as bigots and treated as such by governments, employers, and schools." [Justice Alito's dissenting opinion in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 576 U.S. ____ (2015)].

Global Religion

In the prior installment, we had also observed that yet another spiritual sign that the Scripture predicts concerning the last days would be the advent of a global religion (Rev. 17:1-2, 15). Thus, we observed that we ought to be paying attention to a religious philosophy known as The New Age movement. More than any other single factor it is largely responsible for bringing about the conditions necessary for the one-world religion predicted in prophetic Scripture. Why? New Age theology teaches that we are all on the same spiritual path. If a person is sincere in their own personal religious or spiritual approach, the veracity of their religion or spiritual experience can never be challenged. So, if a person is seeking enlightenment through Hinduism, Mormonism, Islam, Roman Catholicism, Atheism, Humanism, Christianity, etc., then all these roads lead to the same place. The genius of the New Age movement is its ability to combine all divergent religious beliefs into a single coherent system, whereas formerly all these divergent belief systems were viewed as contradictory. Under such a religious fabric, the only unpardonable sin, or anathema, is claiming exclusivity, or that your path is the only way.

This mindset becomes clear simply by noting the New Age channelers whose ascended masters routinely speak to them about the future spiritual direction of humanity. Notice the words of New Ager, and former political candidate, Barbara Marx Hubbard, which record what her spirit guide was communicating to her regarding the future spirituality of humanity:

Your unfinished species is ready to evolve. The time has come on Earth for this quantum change to occur in many of you. I cannot "return" until enough of you are attracted and linked. I did not intend for you to deify me, but to deify yourselves as being at the same stage of evolution as I am. Suffice it to say, that if you do not choose to evolve into a wholesome, co-creative human, then you shall not...the fundamental regression is self-centeredness, or the illusion that you are separate from God. I "make war" on self-centeredness...At the co-creative stage of evolution, one self-centered soul is like a lethal cancer cell in a body; deadly to itself and to the whole. The surgeon dare leave no cancer in the body when he closes up the wound after a delicate operation. We dare leave no self-centered person on Earth after the selection process. [Barbara Marx Hubbard, *The Revelation: A Message of Hope for the New Millennium*, 2nd ed. (Novato, CA: Nataraj, 1995), 65, 66, 195, 233, 240, 255.]

New Ager Alice Bailey received a similar message from her spirit guide, who is named "Dijwhal Khul":

The coming of the Aquarian age also stimulates in man a spirit of universality and a tendency towards fusion. This can be seen working out in the present trend towards synthesis in business, in religion and in politics. It produces an urge towards union, and among other unions, towards religious understanding and tolerance...False and true standards will emerge in man's consciousness, and those choices will be made which will lay the foundation of the new order, which will inaugurate the new race, with its new laws and novel approaches, and so usher in the new religion of love and brotherhood, and that period wherein the group and the group-good will be the dominant note. Then separateness and hatreds will fade out and men will be merged in a true unity.

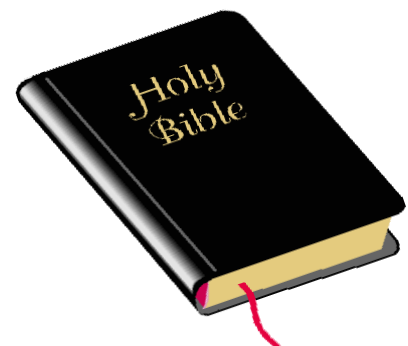
[Alice A. Bailey and Dijwhal Khul, *The Seventh Ray: Revealer of the New Age* (NY: Lucius Press, 1995), 198-99.]

Of course, from a biblical perspective, such ascended masters are fallen angels, or demons, masquerading as ambassadors of spiritual light. When Hubbard and Bailey are in contact with them, they are really speaking to demons without even realizing it. This deception explains Paul's warning in Second Corinthians 11:13-15: "¹³For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds." These demons, masquerading as sources of spiritual enlightenment, are preparing humanity for tomorrow's one-world religion.

In sum, according to prophetic Scripture, the last days spiritual scenario will involve a trend toward *persecution of believers* and the ever-increasing call for a *global religion*. In our next installment, we will continue to discuss the *spiritual* signs of the last days.

(To Be Continued...)

Scripture of the Month





Congressman Troy E. Nehls TX-22 Resource List

Home Repairs

<https://www.tdi.texas.gov/pubs/consumer/cb074.html>

What to do if your pipes burst:

- Document your damage by taking pictures
- Contact a plumber
- Contact your homeowners insurance (most homeowner policies cover sudden and accidental water damage)
- Contact your flood insurance (in the event your homeowners doesn't cover)
- Keep all receipts (pending reimbursement plan from state/federal partners)

Report Price Gauging

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection/file-consumer-complaint>

Report to Texas Attorney General Office at 1-800-621-0508

Help with Insurance Claims

Texas Department of Insurance
800-252-3439
www.tdi.texas.gov

Lone Star Legal Aid
713-652-0277
www.lonestarlegalaid.org

Help with Home Repairs

Samaritan's Purse
828-262-1980
www.samaritanpurse.org

Texans Recovering Together
281-332-3472
www.gulfcoastcenter.org

Just Serve
832-768-3062
www.justserve.org

United Way Brazoria County
979-849-9402
www.uwbc.org

Houston Catholic Charities
281-202-6200

<https://catholiccharities.org/>

United Way Ft. Bend County
281-207-2300

<https://www.unitedwayhouston.org/>

Fort Bend Recovers
www.fortbendrecovers.org

Pearland Area Citizens Corp
281-997-9777
www.pearlandcc.org

Homeland Preparedness Project
281-844-3653
www.homelandpreparedness.org

Mental Health

Texans Recovering Together Counseling Program
936-521-6331

SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline
1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746

Fort Bend County Mental Health Resource Line
832-363-7094

Texana Center 24 Hour Crisis Hotline
(Fort Bend County Residents)
1-800-633-5686

Fort Bend Crisis Intervention Team
281-341-4665 and ask for CIT

Access Health Behavioral Health
281-342-4530

Nami Gulf Coast
281-585-3100
www.namigulfcoast.org

Counseling Connections for Change
281-485-9280
www.counselingconnections.org

Food Pantries

Attack Poverty
832-847-4379
<https://attackpoverty.org/>

Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels
281-633-7049
<https://fortbendseniors.org/>

Katy Christian Ministries Food Pantry
281-391-5261
<https://ktcm.org/foodpantry/>

East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry
281-261-1006
<https://www.humanneeds.org/>

Second Mile
281-261-9199
<https://www.secondmile.org/>

Pearland Neighborhood Center
281-485-1987
<https://pnctexas.com/>

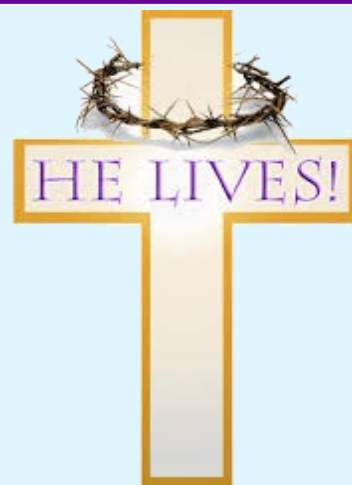
Alvin-Manvel Community Food Pantry
281-824-8871

Brazoria County Dream Center
979-388-0280
<https://www.bcdreamcenter.org/>

Christians Helping Hands
281-485-9776
<http://www.christianhelpinghands.org/>

REJOICE!

Christ is risen.



Springtime at SLBC

Sunday School

Adults: The Rapture — Pastor Woods in the Sanctuary

Youth Group— Gabe Morris in the Upstairs Youth Room

Children's Sunday School Downstairs:

Children's Director: KC Cunningham

Sidney Reichardt: Junior Church

Tuesday Bible Studies

Women's Bible lesson taught by Betty Cooke

Morning at 9:00 am

Evening at 7:00 pm

Men's Bible lesson taught by David Sandlin

Evenings at 8:00 pm

Wednesday Evening Services

Meal at 6:00 pm

Adult Prayer at 6:45 pm in Sanctuary

Adult Bible Study (The Book of James) at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary

Youth – Youth Room Upstairs

Children — Classroom 110

Now our need is the provision of 5 computers, since we currently only have 10 and we need to complete 15, which is the average size of the group of children taking computer lessons.

If it is possible to buy new ones that would be a blessing. Prices for computers in Guatemala have risen; last week I checked a Dell brand, but its price for the CPU only is Q 5,000 (US\$ 640), so we would need a total of Q 25,000. Perhaps it is possible to find another brand for Q 4,000 then we would need Q 20,000 an approximate of 2,600 dollars. The second option would be to buy rebuilt machines, their approximate value will be like 200 dollars each or less than half the price. Whatever God provides will be of great benefit to the children in this computer age.

2. - The second need is to directly assist a group of children who have very limited financial resources, especially a group of 15 children with study and health problems. It would be like some kind of scholarship, if you could help them with \$ 25 a month, for 10 months, that is a group that really needs it.

3. - Finally our teaching and administrative staff invest their time because they love the ministry, they only receive a monthly offering of \$ 50 dollars, my desire as administrator is that they would receive at least 65 or 75 dollars a month, it would be a great help to them, but everything is in the will of our God.

4. -- Dear brothers, everything that happens in our life, especially the tests, occur to trust our God more. Perhaps some member of the committee remembers that on March 10, 2016 the enemy snatched our model 98 minibus, which God had provided for the ministry. Having suffered this theft, at that time the mission committee sent a donation of \$3,050 to buy another minibus, thank God we managed to get a 2004 model, although the papers say it is 2008 model, but it is really 2004. Well, the important thing is that it is working wonderfully, but the reason why I have not sent a picture of this minibus is because there is still an outstanding balance of about \$2,335. Our "Coral Renovation" music group, which has always supported the children's ministry, had been contributing financially to cancel this balance, but unfortunately this year all the performances were cancelled. If some brother is willing to collaborate in settling this account, we would be very grateful.

Thanks again, dear brothers of the Missions Committee, God knows that we never pursue our personal interests, but only the joy of continuing to serve our children for 42 years, your' s truly and my co-worker Elizabeth who is the director in charge of teaching are now 64 years old, thank God our health is stable, she is diabetic, but God has taken care of her.