



ACOG Newsletter

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Giving God our Best Praise!

with **Dr. Byron T. Brazier**
9:00AM & 11:30AM

TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

Empowered by the Word

with **Dr. Isaac Hayes**
11:00AM - 12:00PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

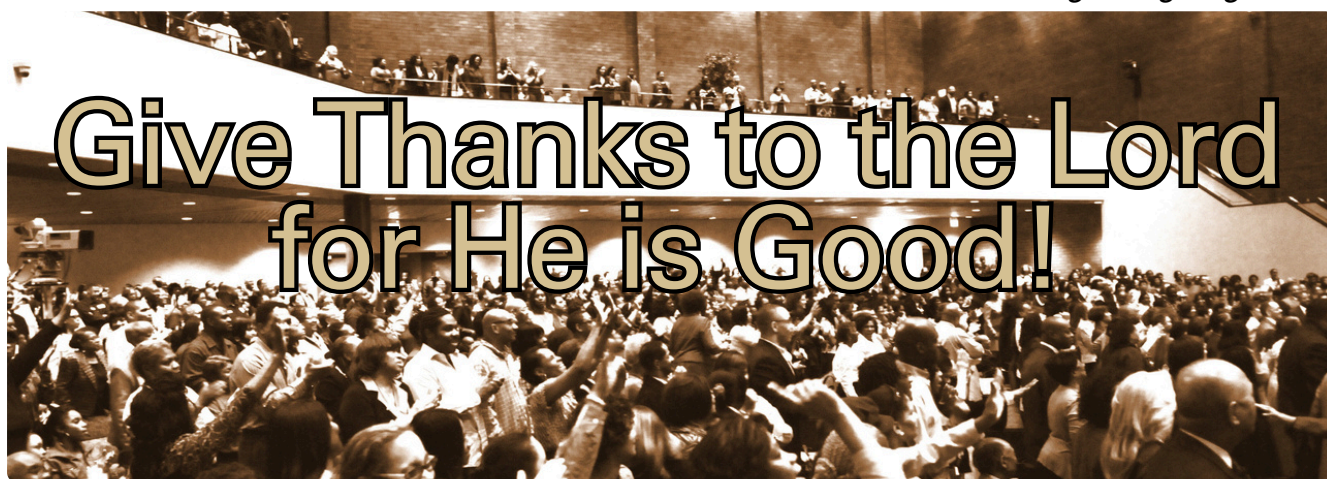
Growing in the Knowledge of God

with **Dr. Byron T. Brazier**
7:00PM - 8:00PM

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"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord"

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DR. BYRON T. BRAZIER

The cherished Visionary and Shepherd of the Apostolic Church of God, embodying an unwavering commitment to God's word and His mandate of spreading the Gospel.

A Message from our Pastor

“The Steady Heartbeat of a Surrendered Life”

Beloved Members and Friends,

Spiritual devotion is the sacred rhythm that keeps our hearts in tune with God. It is not a passing feeling or a seasonal expression of faith—it is **the steady heartbeat of a surrendered life**. In a world filled with noise, confusion, and constant change, devotion centers us in what never changes: the love and faithfulness of God.

When Moses spoke to Israel in **Deuteronomy 6:5–7**, he didn’t instruct them to merely believe in God, but to love Him with all their heart, soul, and strength—and to carry that love into every generation. Devotion, therefore, is not an act of duty alone; it is an act of love. It grows out of relationship. It says, “Lord, my life belongs to You.”

To be **spiritually devoted** is to cultivate a heart that seeks God daily, not because we must, but because we cannot live without Him. It means choosing God’s presence over worldly distraction, His truth over popular opinion, and His will over our own comfort.

“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.” —**James 4:8**. **Devotion** also requires discipline—not to earn God’s love, but to remain rooted in it. Prayer, Scripture reading, worship, and acts of service are the spiritual habits that shape our soul. These are not rituals to be performed, but pathways through which God renews us.

When we live in **devotion**, something profound happens:

- Our minds become clearer because we are anchored in truth.
- Our hearts become softer because we are filled with grace.
- Our purpose becomes sharper because we are aligned with God’s will.

In this season, I invite each of us to renew our personal **devotion** to the Lord. Let us not be satisfied with religious activity, but seek **relational intimacy**. Let us not only talk about faith, but live it in quiet moments of obedience and gratitude.

As we journey together, may we remember that **devotion** is not perfection—it is direction. It is the daily turning of our hearts toward the One who has already turned His heart toward us through Jesus Christ.

In His Service and Grace,

Dr. Byron T. Brazier, Pastor
Apostolic Church of God



GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, our hearts are drawn toward gratitude; not just for the blessings that God has bestowed upon us, but also for His amazing grace and new mercies we experience every day. Thanksgiving is more than a designated holiday full of food and family gatherings. It is a holy invitation to reflect on the goodness of God and His love for us.

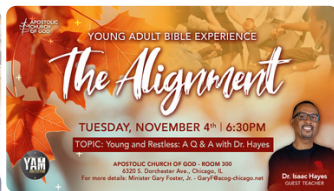
1 Thessalonians 5:18 declares that we are to “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” Thankfulness does not depend on everything in your life going right, it is the full acknowledgement that even in spite of life’s challenges, God is still good. He is still faithful. He is still loving. And He is still forgiving.

As the Apostolic Church of God Family, we have so much to be thankful for. We have seen the hand of God bring restoration, bring healing, and hope to our church family and community. We have heard the testimonies of answered prayers and miraculous blessings. We are to give God thanks for His loving-kindness towards us.

The song writer wrote, “Every day is a day of Thanksgiving. God’s been so good to me. Every day He’s blessing me...” Let’s not wait until Thursday, November 27, 2025 to express our gratitude to our Great God. But when you gather your family together around the table on Thanksgiving, give God thanks; with a grateful heart because He deserves our praise.

Happy Thanksgiving!

HAPPENING AT ACOG THIS MONTH



Stay in the know of all things ACOG

The Apostolic Church of God is a church doing the work of the Lord. There is always something going on at ACOG. Make sure you stay in the loop by subscribing to our ACOG app, following us on all of our social media platforms @acogchicago.

Evangelist Mary Brazier is hosting her annual Senior and the Physically Challenged Luncheon on **Saturday, November 1, 2025** at 11am in the Banquet Hall. This is a time to fellowship and an opportunity to enjoy time with one another, and our First Lady. This annual event honors our seniors and is full of great food, and wonderful prizes.

The Young Adult Ministry is holding its last quarterly bible study of the year. Join the Alignment on Tuesday, **November 4, 2025** beginning at 6:30pm in Room 300. Dr. Isaac Hayes will be the guest teacher with the topic: Young and Restless: A Q&A session. If you're between the ages of 18 and 34 make sure you're in the place!

The Covenant Partners Marriage Ministry is hosting a Couples Game Night on **Friday, November 7th**. Couples come out for friendly competition, lots of laugh and a lot of fun. Registration is required.

Calling all Singles! The Singles Ministry is hosting a Paint, Sip, and Taste event on **Saturday, November 8th**. Join us @ 11am for fellowship, food, and painting fun. Visit our website for information and registration.

The DayTimers Ministry is having their 17th Annual Retreat, entitled Fighting the Good Fight of Faith on **Thursday, November 13th** @10am with continental breakfast and lunch. Visit our website for details and registration.

It is prayer time... time that we pray and intercede for God's people, our community, nation, and the world. *"If my people which are called by my name, would humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven, and forgive their sin, and heal their land."*

Join us for our final Quarterly prayer service on **Saturday, November 15th** @ 9am in the Kenwood Sanctuary. Let's come together on one accord to change the world!

The YAM Collectives are hosting their Friendsgiving Kickback on **Friday, November 21st** @6:30pm in Room 300. If you're between the ages of 18 and 34 join the Collectives!

On **Thursday, November 27th** @10am, come and let us worship together for **one hour** on Thanksgiving. Put the turkey and dressing, mac and cheese, and sweet potato pies on warm, and let's fellowship together as we give God our best praise!

Visit our website to learn about all of these and more, and to register for upcoming events. We are serving at ACOG!

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Sundays @ 9:00am & 11:30am
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Children Ages 4-13
Teens HS students

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