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ACOG Newsletter

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Giving God Our Best Praise with Bishop Byron T. Brazier

9 AM & 11:30 AM

TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

Empowered By the Word with Dr. Isaac Hayes

11 AM – 12 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Growing in the Knowledge of God with Bishop Byron T. Brazier

7 PM – 8 PM

Welcome to the Apostolic Church of God.

We are a church of Grace, Hospitality, and Stewardship.

We invite you to join us in person or online and as we give our Great God Great Praise.



Bishop 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

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A HEART OF THANKSGIVING

November is the month where the colors of nature continue to change as we move into sweater weather. But more importantly, it is the month we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. A day where families gather together, sharing their thanksgiving meal that may consist of turkey and dressing, cornbread and collard greens, mac and cheese and sweet potato pie. Now, as believers, every day is a day of thanksgiving, but the thanksgiving holiday causes the country to pause and reflect on gratefulness. As believers, we acknowledge God's grace, mercy, faithfulness, and His never-ending love for us. We look back over our lives and the past months of 2026, and recognize the answered prayers, the blood-covering protection, and His healing power. We express praises of gratitude and thanksgiving to the Most High God because He is good and His mercy endureth forever.

This year, we may have experienced some challenges, some setbacks, and even some loss. But in **1 Thessalonians 5:18, Paul reminds us, *"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."*** Though we may not always understand the circumstances of our life, we know that we must trust our great God for He knows the plans He has for us. And we know that all things work together for our good. You see, a grateful heart remembers where God has brought us from. This memory recognizes the blessings that he continues to bestow on us daily. That recognition gives us the faith to continue trust God for our tomorrow.

Apostolic Church of God Family, continue to give thanks for the power of prayer, fellowship and the opportunity to serve. Because God remembers us always, our gratitude for His loving-kindness should go beyond words. We should show our gratefulness in the form of kindness and encouragement as we serve our neighbors and care for those in need.

So, as we gather this Thanksgiving for worship and fellowship, remember the greatest gift given to us is the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let our hearts express our gratitude, not just on Thursday, November 26, 2026, but every day and throughout the year. But more than an expression, let thanksgiving be the way we live. May our homes be filled with peace, joy in our hearts and praise in our mouths as we celebrate the goodness of our God.

Happy Thanksgiving! God peace and blessings be with you and your family.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

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Cast Your Ballot Today



VOTE NOW

Election Day
Tuesday, November 3rd

Hours

6AM - 7PM

Chicago **Voting Sites**

New Downtown Voting Supersite (137 S. State St.)

Your Precinct Polling Place

All 50 Ward Sites within Chicago including:

Southside YMCA
6330 S. Stony Island Ave.

Please Note: Any voter may vote at any vote center on Election Day, no matter where they live in the city

Scan for Voting Location

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Thursdays of Gratitude



Bless Someone. Share God's Love.

Our November Kindness Days

Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Be Grateful. Be Intentional. Be a Blessing.

Your kindness may be the blessing someone has been praying for.



Ordination & Licensing Ceremony



Join us for a special celebration of Calling, Commissioning, and Remembrance!

We will affirm ministers called to licensing and ordination, honor those whose years of faithful leadership have strengthened ministerial development, and celebrate their lasting contributions to our ministry.

We will also pay tribute to ministers who have gone home to be with the Lord, honoring their lives and faithful service.

Come celebrate our ministry's legacy, unity, and the continued call to serve!

Be a Blessing This Christmas



Every child deserves the joy of Christmas! Share the love of Christ this season by giving a toy, spreading joy, and making a difference in a child's life. Your generosity can turn a simple gift into a lasting memory. Give joy. Share love. Be a blessing!



Happening this Month @ ACOG

NOVEMBER CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

November 1st - 4th

1st | Fall Back

3rd | Election Day | Vote Today • 6am - 7pm

4th | Prostate Support Group • 6pm

1st | Communion Service • .9:10am & 11:40am

3rd | YAM the Alignment • 7pm

Coat Drive • Now through November 15th

*Registration Required - * = Registration link below* *** = See Registration Details*



Sunday, 1st
Fall back is here!
Remember to turn your clocks back one hour and enjoy an extra hour of rest.



Sunday, 1st
Communion Service
Location: Sanctuary • 9:10am & 11:40am
Details: Join us to remember Christ's sacrifice & celebrate His love



Now through November 15th
Coat & Clothing Drive: Donations Accepted
Location: Family Center Coat Room • After both services

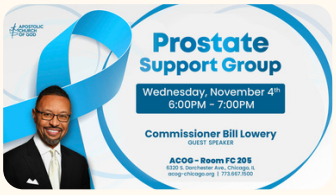
Distribution: Clothes Nov. 15th | Coats Nov. 22nd
Location: Family Center Coat Room • After both services
Details: Donate new/gently used coats, hats, gloves & clothing



Tuesday, 3rd
Election Day • Chicago Voting Centers Open 6am - 7pm
Details: Make sure you vote today if you have not already



Tuesday, 3rd
YAM The Alignment: Harvest and Overflow
Location: Room FC 205 • 7pm
Details: All ages 18 - 35 are welcome to join us for a bible experience with Bro. Stephen Emerson, Jr. teaching
Contact: Minister Gary Foster Jr. garyF@acog-chicago.net



Wednesday, 4th
Prostate Support Group
Location: Room FC 205 • 6pm
Details: Guest Speaker - Commissioner Bill Lowery

Blessed to Be a Blessing! Share God's love through generosity, kindness, and giving to others.

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November 5th - 8th

6th | Traditions in the Making Building Legacy, Love & Family • 7pm

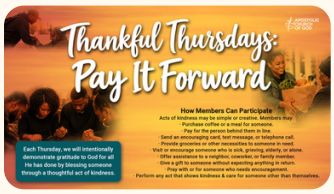
7th | Anchored by Grace Cruising on Lake Michigan

8th | Ordination & Licensing Ceremony • 11:40am

Thursdays | Thankful Thursdays: Pay It Forward

Thursdays | Recovering from Grief • 5pm

*Registration Required - * = Registration link below* *** = See Registration Details*



Thursdays in November
Thankful Thursdays: Pay It Forward
Details: Join us as we bless others through acts for kindness & care



Thursdays through November 19th
Recovering from Grief 13-Week Series**
Location: Room 203 • 5pm
Details: Join us for guidance & support to help you find relief
Register: Visit griefshare.org | Click In-Person Griefshare Support Group, select Apostolic Church of God Cost: $20 includes workbook



Friday, 6th
Traditions in the Making Building Legacy, Love and Family*
Location: Room 300 • 7pm
Details: Couples will share tokens as they build legacy and grow their love



Saturday, 7th
Anchored by Grace Cruising on Lake Michigan, 1st Lady Annual Senior & Physically Challenged Cruise



Sunday, 8th
Ordination and Licensing Ceremony
Location: Sanctuary • 11:40am
Theme: "ARISE: Walk Worthy of Your Calling"



Count Your Blessings! Every day is another opportunity to celebrate God's faithfulness.

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November 9th - 15th

9th | Toy Drive • See Times Below

11th | Veteran's Day

15th | Prayer Service • 9:10am & 11:40am

15th | Right Hand of Fellowship • 9:10am

*Registration Required - * = Registration link below* *** = See Registration Details*



November 9th - December 16th

Toy Drive

Location: Drop off donations in the decorated bins
Time: Monday - Saturday 8am - 4pm |
Sunday 7:30am - 4pm
Details: Spread holiday cheer & make the season brighter by donating a toy & bringing a little extra joy to someone's holiday!



Wednesday, 11th

Veterans Day

We honor and thank all the brave men and women who have served our country with courage, dedication, and sacrifice
Happy Veterans Day!



Sunday, 15th

Prayer Service | Uniting Together With One Voice

Location: Sanctuary • 9:10am & 11:40am
Details: Join us as we lift our voices together in prayer



Sunday, 15th

Right Hand of Fellowship**

Location: Main Sanctuary • 9:10am - 1st Service only
Details: Register at the kiosk by elevator before church service

A Grateful Heart, A Blessed Life! Give thanks in every season for God's goodness and grace.

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November 16th - 26th

20th | YAM The Kickback: Friendsgiving • 6:30pm

26th | Thanksgiving Service • 10am

*Registration Required - * = Registration link below* *** = See Registration Details*



Friday, 20th

YAM Kickback Friendsgiving

Location: Room 300 • 6:30pm

Details: All ages 18 - 35 are welcome to join us for fellowship

Contact: Minister Gary Foster Jr. garyF@acog-chicago.net



Thursday, 26th

Thanksgiving Service • 10am 1-Service only

Throughout this month, our church family has shared God's love through intentional acts of kindness, reflecting His goodness in action. Through every season, He has been faithful, providing strength, hope, and joy. May our hearts remain grateful, our faith remain strong, and our lives continue to reflect His love. Wishing our church family a blessed and joy-filled Thanksgiving!

Gather in Gratitude!
Celebrating God's goodness, the gift of fellowship, and the joy of giving thanks.





Join Us for Sunday Worship
Sundays • 9am & 11:30am
In-Person & Online





Children's Church & Teen Connect
Sundays • 9am &11:30am
Children 4-13 | Teen 14-18
In-Person



Empowered by the Word
Tuesdays • 11:00am
In-Person & Online



Wednesday Night Bible Study
Wednesdays • 7:00pm
In-Person & Online



Courageous Prayer
Monday – Friday
7:30am, 8am, & 8:30am
Online

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