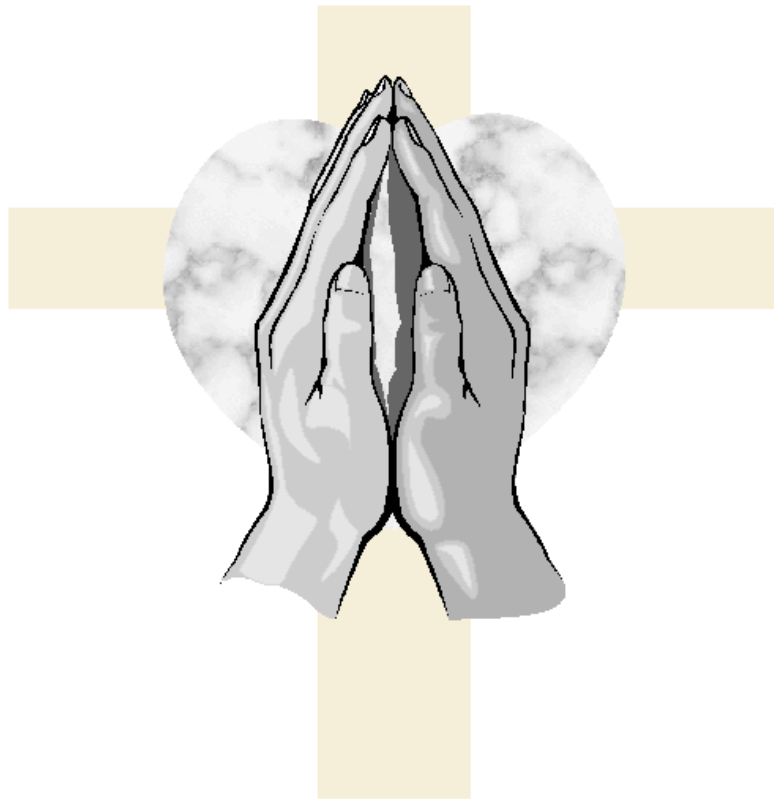


WELCOME TO A LABOR OF LOVE

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH



**THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT THAT YE LOVE ONE
ANTOHER, AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.**

ST. JOHN 15:12

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❧❧❧ Welcome to our Family ❧❧❧

Dear New Member,

Lady Alma and I are delighted to welcome you to A Labor of Love Christian Fellowship Church. It is always a blessing to add to our family of faith and we personally look forward to becoming better acquainted with you and the gifts that God Almighty has blessed and entrusted in you.



The Word of God teaches us that there are many blessings inherent in actively pursuing fellowship with likeminded believers in Christ. Our relationship to one another through faith is so important. We grow in our walk with Christ through the partnership of other Christians.

When we encounter things that would challenge us in life, we find strength and encouragement in the sharing of our faith with others. What a blessing to experience the joy of Christ through the common bond of the love we share in Him.

It is our sincere prayer that as you enter fellowship with us at A Labor of Love, you will discover a community of loving individuals that will help you achieve your goals for spiritual growth.

We invite you to explore the various ministries we offer and become involved in the activities that interest you. The bible teaches us that we are to encourage one another through fellowship and the exercising of our faith. Remember we are a healing church to those who are hurting, and we share in each other's burdens, that we enter one way but never leaving in the same condition. It is my prayer that you exercise the gifts blessed of you by God.

We would also like to take this opportunity to let you know that our ministerial team is only a phone call away, should you desire our assistance or prayers, please call the church at [281-635-8789](tel:281-635-8789). We are all grateful to have you with us and look forward to seeing you in church.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dr. Alvin W. Gills & Lady Dr. Alma Gills

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called today,
so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Hebrews 3:13 (NIV)

We Celebrate YOU and your FAMILY!

About our Overseer

✧ Pastor, Dr. Alvin W. Gills ✧

Pastor, Dr. Alvin Gills is a native Houstonian born and raised in the heart of Fifth Ward, Texas. A 22-year incumbent retired Police Officer, Alvin has been married for over thirty years to his beautiful, creative and anointed soul mate Lady Dr. Alma L. Gills. She is also a retired 22-year tenured police officer. This marriage is blessed with two daughters, Ariell L. Ramsey and Alnae' L. Wyatt.



December 10, 2000, Alvin preached his first sermon at the Second Mt. Olive Baptist Church under Pastor Arthur Ray Young and was classified as a Licensed Minister.

In 2005, A Child Is Born Church ministry was originated in the house of Alvin and Alma Gills. God gave Pastor Gills the vision of the Labor of Love Christian Fellowship Church. Being obedient to God's instructions, A Labor of Love Christian Fellowship Church was birthed on January 14, 2007. Rev. Dr. Alvin Gills was formally installed as Pastor Dr. Alvin William Gills, Founder of A Labor of Love Christian Fellowship Church.

He conducts religious worship and performs other spiritual functions associated with beliefs and practices of religious faith and provides spiritual and moral guidance assistance to the members and the community.

Pastor Dr. Alvin W. Gills is a member of the Potter's House International Pastoral Alliance (PHIPA) under the leadership of Bishop T. D. Jakes. PHIPA is a multicultural fellowship of economically diverse coalition of Christian pastors that recognize the need for covenant fathering.

In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps. Proverbs 16:9 (NIV)

CHURCH HISTORY

A Labor of Love Christian Fellowship Church was first established as A Child Is Born Church. It all began, within the walls of Pastor, Dr. Alvin and Lady Dr. Alma Gills home, in 2005. The vision was birthed out of the “A Child is Born” Ministry. A Child is Born is a nonprofit organization which redirects the lives of at-risk youth. After observing the many unsaved youth entering “A Child is born” God revealed Alvin Gills’ mission. The mission at hand, organizing a church body equipped to minister to these young people to ensure their salvation.



At its conception the church consisted of Pastor, Dr. Alvin Gills, his wife, their two children, James Reason III, Janete Pradia, their four children, as well as the youth of “A Child is Born”. After meeting in their home over the next year, a building was obtained for educational purposes.

Upon entering, God spoke to Rev. Dr. Gills instructing him to also utilize the space provided as a place of worship as well. Being obedient to God’s heeding, A Labor of Love Christian Fellowship Church was born. In 2006, Rev. Dr. Gills consulted with Pastor Arthur Ray Young of Second Mount Olive Baptist Church, his Father in the Ministry, which led to his formal ordination.

On January 14, 2007, Rev. Dr. Alvin Gills was ordained by Pastor Young and was then reformed as Pastor Dr. Alvin William Gills of the A Labor of Love Christian Fellowship Church. To date, Pastor Gills has ensured the salvation of and brought over 400 souls to Christ.

One of the first people to join the Labor of Love was, Sis. Billyssia Pierce. In the year of 2008, the first Deacon ordained was Bro. Rodgers Allen. As the man of God continues to be led by God, Bible study was implemented in the year of 2009 in home of Sis. Lillie Reason. Sis Ann Gills sitting in the privacy of her on home heard the voice of God to begin a building fund for the Labor of Love Church.

As we continue to meet the needs of the people Lady Dr. Alma Gills felt how can we continue to tell people that God loves them knowing that they are hungry and not feed them. The Labor of Love is proud to say as of March 15, 2010 we have received our certification from the Houston Food Bank with the assistance of Sis. Angela Reason to feed Gods people. Pastor Gills continues to teach and preach the whole Gospel in an effort to effectively equip the church family with the divine covering needed for spiritual warfare, in preparation for life’s many trials and tribulations.



MISSION STATEMENT

A Labor of Love Christian Fellowship Church's Mission is to teach, preach, and enlighten the lost souls of the world, equipping the essential covering needed for spiritual warfare, preparing God's people for the journey ahead, all while building up the Kingdom of Heaven.



VISION

A Labor of Love Christian Fellowship Church is an all-round end time army chosen to propagate God's Kingdom on earth with the ultimate aim of winning souls for Christ. In addition, A Labor of Love Christian Fellowship Church vision is to develop, empower, impact and help individuals, organizations, ministries, and businesses walk in purpose, achieve their goals and activate their vision, by connecting them with resources, workshops, and conferences. This is clearly expressed in our beliefs and commitments.



STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in the Holy Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Bible is the inspired Word of God and final authority for belief and doctrine. Ministering to the world that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.



A healing church for those who have been wounded.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

CHURCH DOCTRINE

We believe in the Holy Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Bible is the inspired Word of God and final authority for belief and doctrine. Ministering to the world that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. The basic and fundamental doctrine of this church shall be the Holy Bible standard of full salvation, which is repentance, baptism in water by full emersion in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. These fulfill: Acts 2:38, 8:16, 10:48, Acts 16:31, Acts 19:5, Matthew 28:19-20.

WE ALL PRAY TOGETHER

“They lifted their voice to God with one accord.” Acts 4:24. We believe in the power of corporate intercessory prayer.

HEALING, DELIVERANCE, MIRACLES, SIGNS & WONDERS

“Is any sick among you? “Let him call for the elder of the church: and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.” James 5:14, Mark 16:16-18, Acts 2:43, Matthew chapters 8-11.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

The tithe is given to God from our increase and for our increase. It is the way we open the door of our finances to give and then to receive God’s blessing. When we give the first tenth of our earnings back to God, we return to Him what was His in the first place, and what He asks us to give to Him so that He might give us even more. Malachi 3:8-12. Offerings were gifts, often of material goods, given above and beyond the tithe. People normally made offerings for specific reasons to meet a special need, for example, or thanksgiving for a special blessing. (See Exodus 35:4-36:7).

PASTORAL “FREE-WILL” LOVE GIFTS

Because of thy temple at Jerusalem, Kings shall bring presents unto thee; rich presents shall be brought, such as are fit for kings. Psalm 68:29; For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his wages." I Timothy 5:17, 18; I Corinthians 9:7-14; Galatians. 6:6.

WHAT WE BELIEVE CONT.

OUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Our Sunday morning worship is the time of corporate gathering for the Body of Christ to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. However, Sunday should not be the only day set aside to worship the Lord. Our bible study, which provides more in-depth personalized teachings is held Wednesdays at 7:30pm. In order to grow and continue faithfully in the ways of God, we encourage everyone to attend all scheduled services.

BAPTISM

Anyone who by faith has repented of their sins and has accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior should witness to their new life by being “buried” in water baptism and “raising” to new life (Romans 6:4). Those who desire to be water baptized should notify us immediately. Christian baptism is a sacred event in response to Christ’s command in which grace and assurance are imparted to the believer. It is a once in a lifetime experience, which will forever be a beautiful tie to Christ and a powerful reminder of this redeeming bond.

BENEVOLENT HELP

We realize that from time to time legitimate crisis arise in which immediate assistance (financial or otherwise) is needed. While the church is not a banking institution, we do minister to the social needs of our families. Monetary assistance is not guaranteed to anyone at any specific time.

WEDDINGS

Weddings are performed for members and non- members after they have completed the required pre-marriage counseling.

FUNERALS

We will officiate services for members and non-members, if the Overseer cannot attend, we will appoint a clergy to assist with the funeral services.

HOSPITALIZATION/ILLNESS

If you are seriously ill or will be hospitalized, we require that you or a designated loved one be responsible for contacting us. Information given should include name of hospital, reason for hospitalization, (optional) and key family members who may be reached for further communication and support.

LABOR OF LOVE MINISTRIES

GREETERS MINISTRY

Mission is to welcome the guest by positively displaying the love of Christ in our church, fostering warmth, kindness, and an inclusive helpful spirit to all who enter through our doors.

Ministry Leader: Deaconess Stephanie Jones

Email: hongryjones@earthlink.net

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NEW MEMBERS MINISTRY

The mission is to welcome, direct, and provide support (new membership welcome package, orientation scheduling, continual telephone contact informing them of Church events and absentee follow-ups).

Ministry Leaders:

Pastor, Dr. Alvin Gills

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Sister Janete Reason

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Sister Crystalyn Robinson

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Telephone Number: 832-439-1364

MEN'S MINISTRY – (MEN OF INTERGITY)

To empower men to stand in the gap in families, church, and community by serving, protecting, leading and mentoring by the guidance of God's Word.

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Telephone Number: 713-419-9659

Brother Carl Rogers

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Telephone Number: 713-248-3291

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LABOR OF LOVE MINISTRIES CONT.

ORIENTATION CLASS INSTRUCTORS

Give inspired and spirit-led study of God's word so that the body of Christ is prepared too actively serve and support the Labor of Love Ministry.

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Telephone Number: 713-538-4249

Sister Crystalyn Robinson

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MEDIA MINISTRY

To handle communication outlets or tools used to store and deliver information or data.

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WARRIORS FOR CHRIST MINISTRY (WFC)

A spirit filled ministry that reaches out to individuals, by helping them with being spiritual warriors. The mission is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Rev. Ron Greely

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LABOR OF LOVE MINISTRIES CONT.

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

To provide marriage coaching, program services and community accountability to strengthen and save marriages, while moving both husband and wives into a closer intimate relationship with God and each other. All while promoting a biblical view of sacrifice, unity, love, respect and order in the marriage.

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SINGLES MINISTRY

To help single men and women stand steadfast in their heart having no necessity for defilement; teaching them to exercise power over their will and giving them opportunities to pursue a greater relationship with Christ during their state of singleness by sharing corporately.

Ministry Leader: Sister Cheryl Glover

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WOMEN MINISTRY – (WOMEN OF DISTINCTION)

Our mission is to support women in their daily walk with Christ; leading to victorious lives through encouragement, fellowship with other Christian women, and groups to support specific needs.

Ministry Leader: Lady Dr. Alma Gills

Email: laboroflove6@aol.com

Telephone Number: 281-204-7071

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LABOR OF LOVE MINISTRIES CONT.

SENIORS MINISTRY

Is to serve the spiritual and emotional needs of the elderly living in nursing homes, long-term care centers or at home.

Ministry Leader: Lady Dr. Alma Gills

Email: laboroflove6@aol.com

Telephone Number: 281-204-7071

YOUTH MINISTRY

To encourage youth to develop and nurture a relationship with God. Engage the young people with stories and activities about God. Inspiring youth to live radical for Jesus and to be tomorrow's world-changers for Christ.

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT MINISTRY

To sing praises to our Lord and Savior ushering the Holy Spirit through songs and dance and saturate the sanctuary with praise and worship.

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LABOR OF LOVE MINISTRIES CONT.

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KONNECT 4 YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Is to cultivate and educate young adults and give them the opportunity to connect with God through worship fellowship, service and witness, while connecting with others, and the church.

Ministry Leaders:

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LIFELINE MINISTRY

Is a prayer line to glorify God through intercessory prayer? Encourage the lost, the saved, and the sick be it physically, emotionally and/or spiritually.

Ministry Leader: TBA

Email:

Telephone Number:

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Is to support and care for the Pastor by providing financial support, accountability, respect and through submission of the congregation to the Word of God.

Ministry Leaders:

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A LABOR OF LOVE 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2021

Holidays & Observances

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- Jan 01 New Year's Day
- Jan 18 Martin Luther King Day
- Feb 12 Chinese New Year
- Feb 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 15 President's Day
- Feb 17 Ash Wednesday
- Mar 14 Daylight Saving (begin)
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 20 Vernal equinox
- Mar 28 Passover
- Apr 01 April Fool's Day
- Apr 04 Easter
- Apr 13 Ramadan begins
- Apr 21 Admin Assistants Day
- May 09 Mother's Day
- May 23 Pentecost
- May 31 Memorial Day
- Jun 14 Flag Day
- Jun 20 Father's Day
- Jun 21 June Solstice
- Jul 04 Independence Day
- Sep 06 Labor Day
- Sep 07 Rosh Hashanah
- Sep 22 Autumnal equinox
- Oct 11 Columbus Day
- Oct 31 Halloween
- Nov 07 Daylight Saving (end)
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 25 Thanksgiving
- Nov 28 Hanukkah begins
- Dec 21 December Solstice
- Dec 25 Christmas Day
- Dec 26 Kwanzaa begins
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve

2021 Calendar with Holidays by Vertex42.com

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

MONTH OF JANUARY

Celebrate the Church Anniversary

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Celebrate the Pastor's Anniversary

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday School: 9:45 AM

Sunday Worship Service: 10:45AM

Mid-Week Worship Service: Wednesdays @ 7:30PM

See Website for Weekly Activities: alaboroflovefc.org

Email Address: laboroflove6@aol.com

NEW MEMBERS TRAINING

SESSION 1

MINISTRY HISTORY & VISION

During this session, we will discuss how A Labor of Love Christian Fellowship Church was founded and the vision that God has mandated for this ministry.

1. SERVICE MANDATE
Matthew 28: 19-20, Matthew 8: 11; Acts 1: 8; Acts 2:43; Acts 16: 31
2. A LABOR OF LOVE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH HISTORY
 - a. Origin & History (where we came from)
 - b. Vision (where we are going)
3. OUTREACH MINISTRIES INTRODUCTION
Services for Discussion
4. FUTURE MINISTRY GOALS

SESSION 2

CLOSING THE BREACH

The purpose of this class is to assist new members in processing their wholeness by releasing emotional hurt, losing past leadership breaches and/or religious soul-ties through the process of forgiveness and the breaking of unrighteous soul-ties. Matthew 6: 14-15; I John 1: 9; Isaiah 43: 18-19; Galatians 5: 22-23.

1. CLOSING THE BREACH
 - a. Identifying the Breach
 - b. Closing the Breach
2. FORGIVENESS
 - a. What is forgiveness
 - b. Processing forgiveness (who needs to be forgiven)
3. SOUL-TIES
 - a. What is Soul-Ties
 - b. Identifying ungodly Soul-Ties
 - c. Breaking the Soul-Ties
4. SALVATION
 - a. What salvation is and is not
 - b. What it means to be saved
 - c. Characteristics of salvation (Fruit of Spirit)

SESSION 3

CHURCH FUNCTION

It is important to understand how the local church is to be governed and run. All authority comes from God, and He places certain individuals in the church or ministry to carry out the business of His services mandates.

1. **THE CHURCH BODY**
For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same functions, so we who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Romans 12: 4-5
2. **WHAT IS A CHURCH BODY? (I Corinthians 12:12)**
 - a. Matthew 16: 18 – “Ye are the house of God,” Matthew 28: 19-20
 - b. Colossians 1: 18
3. **CHURCH STRUCTURE**
 - a. Christian – Ephesians 1: 22; Ephesians 5: 23
 - b. The Church is an organism – Ephesians 4: 16; I Corinthians 12: 12-14
4. **PURPOSE – WHY IT WAS CREATED**
 - a. Evangelism – Acts 1: 8
 - b. Discipleship – Matthews 28: 19
 - c. Pure Religion – James 1: 27
 - d. Common Misconceptions (Charity & Social Club)
5. **FUNCTIONS – WHAT DOES IT DO**
 - a. Develop maturity – Ephesians 4: 12
 - b. Exhort through fellowship & love – Hebrews 10: 24-25
 - c. Minister to needs of others – I John 3: 16-17; Galatians 5
6. **ORDER**
 - a. Pastor/Church Leadership – Titus 2; Ephesians 4: 11-12; I Corinthians 14: 40
 - b. Decent & Orderly – I Corinthians 14: 33
 - c. Unity & Peace – Psalms 133, I Corinthians 14: 33; Titus 3
 - d. Discipleship – Matthew 29: 19-20
7. **SACRED ORDINANCES**
 - a. The Lord’s Supper – Luke 22: 19; I Corinthians 11: 24-25
8. **LOYALTY – A SERVANT’S HEART**
 - a. Loyal to God – Matthew 6: 24; John 14: 21-24; James 4: 7
 - b. Submit to leadership – Hebrews 13: 17; Ephesians 6: 5-9
 - c. Be loyal to friends – Ruth 1: 14, Proverbs 17: 17; Proverbs 27: 6

SESSION 4

CORPORATE PRAISE, WORSHIP AND ANOINTING

In this session, we examine the scriptures to see why and how we ought to praise and worship God. We discuss the origins of many forms of music and give biblical reference for why our praise and worship is structured that way it is.

1. **WHAT IS PRAISE & WORSHIP**
 - a. Praise
 - b. Worship

2. **WHY PRAISE GOD?**

Because of His greatness – Psalm 48: 1

 - a. It is a command – Psalm 81: 1-4
 - b. It glorifies God – Psalm 50: 23

3. **WHEN DO WE PRAISE?**
 - a. Continually – Psalm 34: 1; Psalm 70: 4; Psalm 84: 4; Hebrews 1
 - b. Forever – Psalm 52: 9; 113: 1

4. **WHERE DO WE PRAISE GOD?**
 - a. In the congregation – Psalm 149: 1; Psalm 35: 19
 - b. At home – Psalm 149: 5

5. **TYPES OF PRAISE – Colossians 3: 15-17**
 - a. Psalms – A song of thanksgiving or praise
 - b. Hymns – A sacred song
 - c. Spiritual songs – Given by the Holy Spirit

6. **SOME COMMON PRACTICES**
 - a. Why do we stand when we sing? – II Chronicles 20: 19; Psalm 135: 2-3
 - b. Why do we clap our hands? – Psalm 47: 1
 - c. Why do we lift our hands? – Psalm 134: 2; Psalm 63: 4; I Timothy 2: 8
 - d. Why do we bow down and kneel? – Psalm 95: 6
 - e. Why do we vocalize our praise? – Psalm 34: 1; Psalm 119: 171; Psalm 149: 6; Ephesians 5: 18-19
 - f. Why do we dance? – Exodus 15: 20; II Samuel 6: 14; Psalm 149: 3
 - g. Why do we have this style of worship? – John 4: 23-24; Philippians 3: 3
 - h. Why do we use Anointing Oil? “Is any sick among you? “Let him call for the elder of the church: and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.” James 5: 14

SESSION 5

STEWARDSHIP

This session deals with giving of our time, talent, and more specifically our monies back to God. We show scripturally why we ought to tithe, and what God requires of us in every area of our lives in regard to giving and what He promised for us when we obey.

1. **DEFINITION OF STEWARDSHIP**
 - a. Biblical stewardship – Psalm 24: 1

2. **FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES**
 - a. The Principle of Ownership: God is Lord of All – Psalm 24: 1
 - b. The Principle of Responsibility – Faith requires action – James 2: 17
 - c. The Principle of Accountability – Matthew 25: 14-30
 - d. The Principle of Reward – Colossians 3: 23-24

3. **GIVING/TITHING/OFFERING**
 - a. Definition of tithe and offering
 - b. II Corinthians 9: 6-8
 - c. Expectations

4. **OLD TESTAMENT VS. NEW TESTAMENT VIEW**
 - a. Before the Law:
Jacob tithed – Genesis 28: 22
 - b. During the Law
It is Holy – Leviticus 27: 30-32
It was a commandment – Deuteronomy 14: 22-29
It opens God’s storehouse – Malachi 3: 3-12
 - c. After the Law
Jesus is greater than Mechizedek – Hebrew Chapter 7
Jesus said to do it – Matthew 23: 23
Do it timely – I Corinthians 16: 2

SESSION 6

UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

This session after coming into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, we begin to envision the reality of spiritual warfare, and the need for fulfilling the Great Commission of Evangelism. This session shows how to become equipped to do the true work of the church through the endowment of spiritual gifts. Each gift is explained, and scriptural references have been given.

1. EVERYONE HAS A SPIRITUAL GIFT
 - a. Gifts are for Believers – I Corinthians 12: 7-11
 - b. Desire – I Corinthians 12

2. SPIRITUAL GIFTS VS. TALENT
 - a. Gifts are God-given
 - i. Charisma – grace given
 - ii. Glories God
 - iii. For every believer
 - iv. Needed for the church to do the work of Christ

 - b. Talents
 - i. Learned skills
 - ii. Natural ability
 - iii. Usually self-gratifying

3. SPIRITUAL GIFTS VS FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT
 - a. Gifts – I Corinthians 12
 - b. Fruit – Galatians 5: 22 – The evidence of being filled

Romans 12: 6-8

Prophecy
Ministry
Teaching
Exhortation
Giving
Leadership
Mercy

I Corinthians 12: 8-11

Wisdom
Knowledge
Discernment
Faith
Healing
Miracles
Prophecy
Tongues
Interpretation

I Corinthians 12:28

Prophecy
Teaching
Healing
Miracles
Tongues
Interpretation
Apostle
Helps
Administration

Ephesians 4: 10-12

Prophet
Teacher
Apostle
Evangelist
Pastor

4. SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT (PROCESS FORMS)

SESSION 7

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING - PERSONAL EVALUATION

This session is to obey the great commission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by making disciples of all men who have by faith believed on Him and received His free gift of eternal life.

1. WHAT IS A DISCIPLE? John 8: 31
2. WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP? Mark 3: 14
3. STUDYING THE WORD OF GOD
 - a. For God's approval – II Timothy 2: 15
 - b. For outreach and witnesses – Matthew 28: 19-20
 - c. In order to stand – Ephesians 6: 17; II Peter 2: 22; Galatians 1: 7-10
4. FELLOWSHIP
 - a. Encourage
 - i. Hebrew 10: 25
 - ii. I Thessalonians 5: 11
 - iii. I John 1: 7
5. STEPS TO WITNESSING
 - a. Acts 1: 8
 - b. Mark 16: 15-20

SESSION 8

COMPLETION

In this session, upon completion all participates we will review and receive the Labor of Love Christian Fellowship Church policy and procedure manual.

1. POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL
2. COURSE REVIEW & TEST
Click the link for course test: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MK992PY>
3. COMPLETION CERTIFICATE AND GRADUATION SERVICE INSTRUCTION