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### WHO WE ARE

Sabbath Keepers Fellowship & Prison Ministry is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the teaching and observance of all Scriptural commandments, and specifically of the seventh day Sabbath and appointed festivals of YHWH. We are supported solely by the grace of our Elohym and by the charitable donations, contributions, and tithes of our friends and of the general public. Sabbath Keepers Fellowship was founded in 1996 as a home fellowship and study group having an outreach ministry to believers in prison. Since that time, it has grown to become a nationwide charitable prison ministry that seeks to meet the needs of all Sabbath keeping inmates and their families.

#### WHAT WE DO

One of the mission efforts of Sabbath Keepers Fellowship is to try to arrange regular weekly worship and religious festival day services on all prison units that request them, then attempt to locate and train free world volunteers of Sabbath-keeping faiths who will go into these prisons and facilitate those services. Our main focus for volunteers is presently on the state of Texas, however, we do attempt to arrange services and find volunteers for Sabbath-keeping prisoners anywhere in North America. We provide concordances, the Siddur, Sacred Name Scriptures, New Moon calendars, and occasionally certain other items for worship (such as the prayer shawl, kippah, and women's head coverings), as well as other various programs and services, to prison inmates who qualify for them, and as funds allow. We sponsor a nationwide pen-pal program via our website. Inmates can request to be added to our website's Pen-Pal page, but we do not regularly recruit free world penpals for our inmate brothers and sisters. Unfortunately, our small staff does not have the time to regularly correspond with inmates as a pen-pal, but we do try to answer every letter or email we receive. We provide our beneficiaries with a host of written teaching articles of our own, as well as other study materials that may be obtained from the ministries listed in our free SKF Resource List. All of our ministry materials and programs are provided free of charge as mandated in the Set-Apart Scriptures in Matthew 10:8, "

freely you have received, freely give." We are, however, a materially poor and small ministry and we desperately need every donation we can get in order to provide our brethren the things that they need. We cannot give what we do not have.

#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Sabbath Keepers Fellowship & Prison Ministry is a fellowship of the children of YHWH Most High. Its purpose is to unite its members to serve and obey Him in all things. Its mission is to spread knowledge of The Way of the Most High, as taught by Yehoshua the Messiah, to the poor, the needy, to those in prison, and also to minister to their needs and the needs of their families. Our ministry is non-denominational, seeking to bring the living water of the Word and Spirit of YHWH Almighty free of cost to all who desire it as expressed in Isaiah 55:1, "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come buy and eat. Come buy wine and milk without money and without cost." In accord with His son Yehoshua's words of love, our ministry's creed is: "Then the righteous will answer Him saying, 'Adonay, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and take you in, or naked and clothe you? Or when did we see you sick or in prison and come to you?' And the King will answer and say unto them, 'Assuredly, I say unto you, inasmuch as you did it to the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me.'"

### **HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED**

We welcome everyone who comes to us in the name of the Most High. Inmates who wish to become a part of Sabbath Keepers Fellowship may do so simply by writing and requesting to be placed on our snail mail and/or email mailing lists, then filling out our Inmate Subscriber Form. Those in the free world are also welcome to contact us by phone or email. The only requirement for membership in SKF is a sincere faith in YHWH and His Son, along with an earnest attempt to daily walk in His commands as outlined in the Scriptures. Everyone who becomes a part of SKF is considered to be a member of our ministry family and are treated accordingly. Because we are small and poor, we cannot always answer each members' requests, as easily or quickly as some would like, but please be assured that we are always doing our best on behalf of all of those we serve. We receive a large volume of mail daily and we are unable to personally answer each and every letter we receive, but we do read every letter that comes to us, and we pray for each and every request made known to us by our needy members.

If you would like to send your donations or tithes to our ministry, you can do so in the form of a check or money order or by utilizing the PayPal option on our website. For those who don't have funds but still wish to make a contribution, you may do so in the form of stamps. As our mailing list continues to grow, so does the need for stamps. Donated stamps help us defer our postage costs, so that we can use our funds to purchase books, and other religious items and thereby meet the needs those who come to us.

Since we are a small ministry with limited funds, each person making requests of Sabbath Keepers Fellowship must meet certain requirements:

The Inmate Subscriber Form we send you MUST be legible, filled out completely and returned to us before any request will be considered.

Your prison records MUST show that you are of a Sabbath-keeping faith group such as: Qehilath Haderek, Messianic, Messianic Jewish, Assemblies of Yahweh, Churches of God, Sabbatarian, Hebrew Israelite, etc. We do not honor the requests of non-Sabbath-keeping faith groups. If you are new to a Sabbath-keeping faith, please make sure your records are changed to reflect your change of faith before requesting any of our religious items or services.

We MUST be made aware of any rules or restrictions your prison unit has regarding items you are not allowed to receive. If you fail to notify us and something we send you is returned to us, we will NOT re-send it.

Requests can sometimes take many months to fill. Please be patient with us as we work to meet your needs and requests and be assured that we are doing the best that we can. You can help us speed up this process by making sure we receive a copy of any paperwork your prison unit requires, showing you have approval to receive the items you have requested. This will save us time we would otherwise spend trying to reach your Chaplain and getting a verbal approval to mail your requested items. Also, please keep us and our ministry in your daily prayers and ask YHWH Most High to bless us in our efforts. Remember, the needs are many, but the workers are few.

Thank you for writing Sabbath Keepers Fellowship. We welcome you with the right hand of fellowship, and may you be blessed in the name of YHWH Most High. Shalom aleyka. (SKF Staff)



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# STATEMENT OF BELIEFS

YHWH is one. He is Creator of all that exists. He is eternal, all-powerful, all-knowing, and ever present. He is set-apart and unique, faithful, merciful, and just. We, the people of the commonwealth Yisrael are His children, and, through grace, He desires to draw us near to Him. YHWH is love, and we must love YHWH with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Yehoshua is the Son of YHWH. He is the living Word of YHWH and is the promised Messiah. He has existed from the beginning, and through Him YHWH created all things. He is the Shekanyah glory come in the flesh. He was conceived of the Ruach Haqodesh and born of a virgin. He lived as our perfect example and teacher, so that anyone who has seen the Son has seen the Father. He was crucified and died for us as the ultimate and final Passover sacrifice for our sins. He was resurrected to eternal life after three days and three nights in the grave and has ascended to heaven where He sits at the right hand of the Father. He now intercedes for us before YHWH as our high priest and will return at the end of this age as King of Kings and in power and glory to establish the kingdom of YHWH forever.

Ruach Haqodesh is the power, personality, and presence of YHWH. More than just a force, the Ruach Haqodesh is His very essence. Whereas Yehoshua is the Word of YHWH incarnate, the Ruach is that which dwells in the heart. The Ruach works in perfect harmony with the Word to instruct, convict, and empower His children to love, faith, obedience, understanding, and to do works of excellence in His name through spiritual gifts. While given only to certain chosen of YHWH's people in the past, a measure of the Spirit is now given in earnest to all His children who repent of their sins, then turn in obedience and walk in The Way of Yehoshua Hamashiach, His son and our savior. In YHWH's coming kingdom, the fullness of the Ruach Haqodesh will live in the hearts of all mankind.

Scripture is the divinely inspired and authentic written Word of YHWH. As such, in its original form it is perfect and infallible. Scripture is the revelation and complete expressed will of YHWH to Yisrael and to all of humanity. It is the foundation of all wisdom and knowledge and is the instruction in right living for His people. Scripture is one seamless whole from beginning to end, and is, along with YHWH's spirit, the supreme and final authority in the faith and life of the true believer. The Word of YHWH is truth.

The Law of YHWH is set-apart and righteous and perfect. The law defines sin. The precepts of the law are the basis of YHWH's covenant with His people and the standard used in His judgment. The great principles of the law are embodied in the Ten Commandments. Written by the very finger of YHWH in stone and ratified at Sinai, they were illuminated and magnified in the life and teachings of Messiah Yehoshua. They express the love and will of YHWH concerning human conduct and relationships and are binding and in effect until heaven and earth pass away. Keeping the law cannot save one to everlasting life, rather it is the natural outpouring of love and obedience which flows from where it is written on the heart of those in whom the Ruach Haqodesh dwells. Messiah Yehoshua summed up the whole law in the two greatest commands: to love YHWH with all your heart, and to love your neighbor as yourself.

The Sabbath was blessed and sanctified by YHWH at creation on the seventh day. It was made for man to rest upon, and it is set-apart. It is also one of the Ten Commandments and, therefore, it is forever binding upon the people of YHWH and immutable. To break the Sabbath by refusing to rest or by working during it is a sin. In addition to being a memorial of creation and a command, the Sabbath is also a sign between YHWH and His chosen people, and it is a testament to their freedom from bondage to the world and its ways. The Sabbath is an eternal mark upon His children of His covenant with them.

The Feasts of YHWH are appointed to be celebrated and kept by the people of Yisrael forever. The annual festival days have been observed by the obedient and faithful children of YHWH throughout the ages and shall be until the very end of time. The festivals bring order and rhythm to His seasons, and they bring blessings upon those who keep them. They provide opportunities for worship, fellowship, and instruction to YHWH's people; and they provide us a beautiful picture of His plan of salvation.

Salvation is the gift of YHWH to those who love Him. It came by the death of Messiah Yehoshua who gave Himself as the ultimate and final sacrifice of atonement for sins. Salvation comes without cost to all who believe and accept it and is freely given by YHWH in His perfect grace and mercy. It is obtained by faith in YHWH and by His atoning work through Messiah Yehoshua, whose is the only name under heaven and given among men by which one can be saved. When in faith one turns from their sin, truly repents, and humbly asks forgiveness of YHWH, that person will be saved. By salvation we are justified, made righteous, and redeemed to right standing before our Father YHWH. We are then adopted as His legitimate sons and daughters and are grafted into His family, the children of Yisrael. As children of YHWH, we then become fellow heirs to His promises and kingdom. If we endure in faith until the end, we will live in peace and perfection with Him for eternity.

Immersion is a ritual and symbol by which we confess our faith in YHWH and in His Messiah. It is a testament of our union with Him, of His spiritual cleansing and forgiveness of our sins and, then along with the laying on of hands, of our receiving His Ruach Haqodesh. It is done by immersion in water, following our repentance and a turning away from sin. At immersion, the "old man" of sin in us is put to death, and we are symbolically resurrected as the "new man" of the Spirit along with Messiah Yehoshua to walk after Him in the newness of life everlasting.

Yisrael are they whom YHWH has chosen to be His own special people, precious in His sight and setapart from the rest of the world. Beginning with Avraham, Yitzchaq, and Ya'aqov, they, their descendants, and those who have come out of the nations of the world to join them, have been set-apart by YHWH as a treasured people and a nation of priests. To them belong the covenants and promises, which are eternal and unchanging. Not all of those who are called and will be a part of Yisrael presently have belief and faith in Yehoshua as their Messiah and Savior, as has been written, "YHWH has given them a spirit of deep sleep, eyes not to see and ears not to hear unto this day." Yet, at the end of the age, on That Day, "they shall look upon Me whom they pierced, and they shall mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son." And so all Yisrael shall be saved, as it has been written, "The deliverer shall come out of Tzyon, and He shall turn away wickedness from Ya'aqov, and this is My covenant with them, when I shall take away their sins," and "For this is the covenant I shall make with the house of Yisrael after those days, declares YHWH: I shall put My Torah in their inward parts, and write it on their hearts." "And I shall be their Elohym, and they shall be My people. And no longer shall they teach, each one his neighbor, and each one his brother, saying, 'Know YHWH,' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares YHWH. For I shall forgive their crookedness and remember their sins no more."

The Kingdom of YHWH will be established finally and eternally with the return of Messiah Yehoshua at the end of this age. He will come in power and esteem as King of kings and Master of masters. His elect, both the natural and the grafted in, the living and those who have died, will rise to meet Him, and His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives. There will be a terrible war which will end with Satan bound and Messiah Yehoshua reigning in peace on the earth with His set-apart ones for a thousand years. After this time, Satan will be loosed for one final battle, which he will lose, and he will be cast into the lake of fire forever. This will be followed by the judgment in which all mankind will be resurrected to stand before the great throne of YHWH and be judged for their deeds. The books will be opened and those whose names are not written in the book of life will be cast into the lake of fire. Finally, there will be a new heaven and new earth. A new and perfect Yerushalayim will come down from heaven, and YHWH will dwell there among His children forever.



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## INMATE SUBSCRIBER FORM

If you have not already done so, please provide the requested information below. If you have already sent us this form, please do not send us another one unless the information you provided has changed and needs to be updated. Answer all questions as fully as possible and please print legibly. Illegible and/or incomplete forms will not be accepted. Unreturned forms will void any requests for religious items that you have made, and your name will be removed from our mailing list after 30 days. We will accept photocopies of this form and/or emailed copies from your Chaplain.

First Name:	Last Name:	Prison I.D.#:
Address:		
Your Age:	Length of Sentence:	How much time have you served?
What is the deno	mination / religion listed on your rec	ords?
What is your uni	t's Chaplain's name & phone number	r?
What is your free	e world volunteer's name and contact	information?
What is the Nam	e & ID of your inmate community le	ader?
How many Sabb	ath-keeping believers are in your pris	on community?
How long have y	ou been observing the weekly, seven	th day Sabbath?
What is the name	e of your Sabbath-keeping prison con	nmunity?
How often does y	your Sabbath-keeping community ha	ve services?
How did you hear about Sabbath Keepers Fellowship?		
I desire to be plant I also affirm that	aced on a mailing list to receive the	atement of Beliefs" of Sabbath Keepers Fellowship, and ir periodical newsletter and other mailings. on this form is true and that any falsified information ellowship's roster.
Your Signature:		Date:



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# Resource List

The following ministries provide various free and/or inexpensive resources to prison inmates for study and worship:

Shema Yisrael Ministry – (123 Court Street Herkimer, NY 13350) Todd Bennett has written a 12 volume Walk in the Light series of books that can be donated to prison communities upon request. This series explores the paganism of Chritianity, the importance of the Names, the Covenants, and various other topics. This series is available in both English and Spanish. This ministry uses the sacred names.

**Petah Tikvah Messianic Fellowship** – (165 Doncaster Road, Rochester, NY 14623-1348) Richard Chaimberlin provides a quarterly magazine called "Petah Tikvah" (inmates must send 4 postage stamps or a money order for \$2.00 to help cover postage costs), a Messianic Siddur for Shabbat (for 3 stamps), and a yearly rabbinical calendar with Shabbat and the festival days color highlighted, with weekly parashot (for 5 stamps), as well as a 16 month Messianic Jewish calendar (for 4 stamps). This ministry uses both the profane and the sacred names of the Most-High.

Gates of Eden – (PO Box 2257 East Peoria, IL 61611) Daniel Botkin provides a magazine called "Gates of Eden." A subscription is available for a donation of stamps. This ministry uses both the profane and the sacred names of the Most-High.

**Lion & Lamb Ministries** – (*PO Box 720968 Norman, OK 73070*) Monte Judah provides a monthly magazine called "Yahvoh" to inmates who make a donation of money or stamps. They also will also provide a free copy of "Yahvoh" to chaplains to share with Sabbath keeping inmates on their unit. This ministry uses both the profane and the sacred names of the Most-High.

Assembly of Yahweh (7<sup>th</sup> Day) – (109 CR 280 Rising Star, TX 76471) Provides free literature on various subjects. This ministry uses the sacred names of the Most-High.

Yahweh's Assembly In Yahshua - (2963 CR 233 Kingdom City, MO 65262) Provides In-Depth and Mini-Studies that cover many different topics of interest, The Beacon Magazine, "Study of Faith" Bible course, and free bookmarks. This ministry uses the sacred names of the Most-High.

The Assembly of Yahweh – (1017 N Gunnel Road Eaton Rapids, MI 48827) Provides a free magazine called "The Faith", as well as free literature on various topics. Also, they provide a free sacred name bible called "The Word of "Yahweh". This ministry uses the sacred names of the Most-High.

Assemblies of Yahweh - (PO Box C Bethel, PA 19507) Has sacred name literature covering many topics and a festival day calendar available upon request. They also offer audio taped sermons for a small fee. This ministry uses the sacred names of the Most-High and offer literature in Spanish.

WildBranch Ministry - (P.O. Box 97, Vernal, UT, 84078) Brad Scott passed away in July of 2020, however his wife Carol is continuing with the ministry. Wildbranch Ministry has donated various items to prisoners in the past and may donate free books or DVD's to inmates or their unit Chaplain's library as their funds allow. This ministry uses the sacred names of the Most-High.

HalleluYah Scriptures (P.O. Box 1132 Mount Vernon TX 75457) Has free sacred name bibles in English, Hebrew and Spanish available to inmates for free. Other literature/books available includes: Apocrypha, Enoch, Name Meanings Book, Titles of YHWH, Messianic Prophecies Fulfilled, Hebrew Flash Cards, End Times Booklet, and various audio DVD's. There may be charges associated with these other items. Please check when making your requests.

Sabbath Keepers Fellowship – (PO Box 972 Malakoff, TX 75148) We provide a semi-annual "Freedom's Call" newsletter, a sacred name bible, Siddur (Hebrew prayer-book), Strong's Concordance, sacred-name song booklet, \*woman's head-covering, \*tallith, \*tallith katan, \*kippah, an annual \*Passover package, as well as various booklets and articles which we have written over many years. We also provide an annual copy of the Complete Believer's Calendar, which is a new moon calendar that includes highlighted Sabbaths, weekly Torah portions, festival & fast days and other valuable teachings and information. All items are donated to inmates of any Sabbath-keeping faith freely as time and funds allow. We also provide a few additional items which can be specially requested by using our Religious Items Request Form, available upon request. Many of our materials can be ordered in bulk by state or unit chaplains by simply contacting us. \*These items require chaplains' approval before mailing.

Note: Please be aware that inmate mail sent to ministries other than Sabbath Keepers Fellowship may not be answered due to their lack of staff and time to do so. Unfortunately, there is nothing we can usually do to facilitate your communications with them.

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