

A NEW Ministry for the decade of 2020 – 2029 ...

God's people in Jesus Christ so treasure

# ADVENT!

**Advent definition:** Many of us know what the church means when it makes reference to “Advent Season” – as the definition goes, “the period including the four Sundays just before Christmas.”

But please note: “Advent” has another more basic meaning (etymologically speaking) and it's this: “a coming or arrival.”

In light of this understanding, we at Endurance Ministries wish to encourage a most God-honoring ministry idea, one which will both edify God's Church in Christ Jesus and honor our Savior.

**Ministry idea:** While honoring the celebration calendar of the church concerning *Advent*, we wish to ADD another most appropriate celebration, one tied to the **2<sup>nd</sup> Advent** of Jesus Christ our Lord. At this early juncture in this proposal, an example is appropriate ...

**Example:** **After** the (first-coming) *Advent Season* of 2019, this NEW *Advent Season* will follow. The **2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Season** of 2020 will begin in August and will be celebrated 4 weeks – the Sundays of each week introducing the new week's celebration emphasis. The structure of this *2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Season* will look like this:

The first 4 August Sundays of 2020 will highlight KEY topics, each relating to pressing aspects tied to our Lord's **yet-future** 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming! This expresses an *attitude of faith*, one to which God's people in Jesus Christ have been called. (The last Sunday of July allows for the introduction of the celebration of the *2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Season* – the series officially beginning on the first Sunday in August.)

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of August	Theme highlighted: KNOW our coming King
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of August	Theme highlighted: KNOW our present enemies
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of August	Theme highlighted: KNOW what our King has revealed concerning <i>the end of days</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of August	Theme highlighted: ACT upon this revelation
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of August	Theme highlighted: Worship – In the years allowing for a 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in August, set this fifth Sunday aside for the act of <b>worship</b> in light of Bible Truths. Examples of this include:

Select Psalms	A psalm-based worship time, one tied to the end-time themes presented in the Psalms
Rev. 2 & 3	Worship through obedience (in light of His exhortations)
Rev. 4 & 5	Worship through praise (in light of the examples in these chapters)
Rev. 6 – 11	Worship through endurance (in light of the <i>end of days</i> setting prior to our <a href="#"><i>final trumpet rapture gathering</i></a> )

Note: Years having 5 Sundays in August (through our 10-year ministry plan):

2020            2021            2025            2026            2027

We've been intentionally very **low structure** as to how this ministry unfolds. How this new ministry could take place in the setting of churches and/or in the lives of individuals will vary, allowing great freedom as to how they (that is, each local church) or how individuals wish this celebration to manifest itself.

We DO ask that the basic thematic emphasis for each August week (highlighted above) be adhered to given one goal of this effort: We wish the global Church in Jesus Christ to be celebrating together around this precious theme of our Lord's soon-to-arrive 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming.



Because **this** annual emphasis is different than the traditional

*Advent Season* (prior to Christmas – the one celebrating the first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ), we should name this new suggested church calendar emphasis (tied to the second coming of Christ),

**“2<sup>nd</sup> ADVENT”**

May our Creator God – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – be honored and glorified as we, His Church, minister in the end-time cultural setting in which we find ourselves today. YHVH God be praised.

P.S.

Dear Pastors serving God’s local churches,

Please prayerfully consider this Gospel and Discipleship ministry opportunity as we seek to be His lights in these end of days prior to our Savior’s initial appearing.

Co-laboring with you in His TRUTH, LOVE, PEACE and JOY,

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