

The End Time Messenger

“... Let all have Faith. Turn to The Lord and obey His Commands. Heed Repentance and Baptism that The Way of The Lord shall be among men. His Kingdom shall fill the whole earth. The hands must be laid upon all that THE GREATER LIGHT might come to them.”



The Way

Selected: 1949

*To every man there openeth
A Way, and Ways, and a Way,
And The High Soul climbs The High Way
And The Low Soul groups The Low,
And in between, on The Misty Flats,
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A High Way and a Low,
And every man decideth
The Way his Soul shall go.*

The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message

THE ASSURED WAY OF THE LORD, Inc.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION FOR THE AMERICAS, AFRICA, ASIA, AUSTRALIA, AND EUROPE

**The
Greater
Light**

Articles of Faith and Practice

1. We believe in God the Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of the Universe; Ruler and Judge of all; unchangeable and without respect to persons.

2. We believe in Jesus Christ the manifestation of God in the flesh, who lived, suffered and dies for all mankind; whom we own as our Leader, Witness and Commander.

3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter, which searcheth the deep things of God, brings to our minds things which are past, reveals things to come, and is the medium by which we receive Revelation of Jesus Christ.

4. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression, and that as a consequence of the atonement of Christ "all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without the Law. For the power of redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent, and unto such, baptism availeth nothing." (Moroni 8:22)

5. We believe that through the atonement of Christ all men may be saved by obedience to the Laws and Ordinances of the Gospel; viz. : Faith in God and in the Lord Jesus Christ; Repentance and Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; Laying on of Hands for: (a) Ordination, (b) Blessing of Children, (c) Confirmation and The Gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 8:17), (d) Healing of the sick.

6. We believe in the literal second coming and Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ; in the Resurrection of the Dead, and in Eternal Judgment; that men will be rewarded or punished according to the good or evil they may have done.

7. We believe in the powers and gifts of the everlasting Gospel: viz: The word of wisdom; the word of knowledge; the gift of faith; the gift of healing; working of miracles; prophecy; discerning of spirits; divers kinds of tongues; interpretation of tongues.

8. We believe the Fruits of the Spirit to be Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance.

9. We believe that in the Bible is contained the Word of God; that The Record of the Nephites is an added witness for Christ, and that these contain the "fullness of the Gospel."

10. We believe in the principle of continuous revelation; that the canon of Scripture is not full, that God inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom he may choose.

11. We believe that where there are six or more regularly baptized members, one of whom is an elder, there the Church exists with full power of Church extension when acting in harmony with the Law of God.

12. We believe that a man must be called of God by revelation and ordained by those having authority, to enable him to preach the Gospel and administer the Ordinances thereof.

13. We believe in the same Church organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in the Church is that of an apostle, of whom there are twelve, who constitute special witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have the Missionary Supervision and the General Watchcare of all the Churches.

14. The primary function of the General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is missionary and the building up and extension of the Kingdom of God in all the world.

15. We believe that Local Churches should govern their own affairs and that General Church officials should not dominate or interfere therewith. On invitation such general officers may, with propriety, give counsel and assistance. Local congregations are subject to The Articles of Faith and Practice and must be governed thereby.

16. We believe The Church of Christ comprehends the true brotherhood of man where each esteems his brother as himself and wherein the Divine command to "love your neighbor as yourself" is demonstrated by the prevalence of social equality.

17. We believe that all men are stewards under God and answerable to Him not only for the distribution of accumulated wealth, but for the manner in which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of stewardship is not the increase of Church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to a realization of the common fatherhood and the universal brotherhood of man in all the affairs and expressions of life, and to maintain such social adjustments that each may enjoy the bounty and gifts of God, and be free to exercise his talents and ability to enrich the life of all.

18. We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of the Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when chosen or appointed by the Church to devote their entire time to missionary work, their families are to be provided for out of General Church fund. The admonition of Christ that the ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but go trusting in God and the people, is applicable.

19. We believe that the temporal affairs of the General Church are to be administered by the general bishopric under the supervision and direction of the general conferences of the Church. The temporal affairs of the Local Churches shall be administered by local bishops under the supervision and direction of the local congregations.

20. We believe that marriage is ordained of God, and that the Law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock for either man or woman. In case of breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.

21. We are opposed to war. Men are not justified in taking up arms against their fellows except as a last resort in defense of their lives and to preserve their liberty.

22. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel, and in the restoration of the ten lost tribes.

23. We believe a Temple will be built in this generation, in Independence, Missouri, wherein Christ will reveal Himself and endow His servants whom He chooses with power to preach the Gospel in all the world to every kindred, tongue and people, that the promise of God to Israel may be fulfilled.

24. We believe that a New Jerusalem shall be built upon this land "unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph. (Ether 6:6-8; III Nephi 10:17), which city be built, beginning at The Temple Lot.

25. We believe the ministry and membership should abstain from the use of tobacco, intoxicating liquors and narcotics and should not affiliate with any society which administer oaths or covenants in conflict with the Law of God, or which interfere with their duties as freemen and citizens.

THE GREATER LIGHT

(The Americas, Africa, Asia, Australia and Europe)

BUSINESS OFFICE: 201 W, Lexington Ave. Suite 100, Indep. MO 64050
Phone: 816-836-1913

OFFICIAL MONTHLY PUBLICATION

**The Church Of Christ With the Elijah Message
The Assured Way Of The Lord , Inc.**

EDITORIAL STAFF

EDITOR/BUSINESS MANAGER

Leonard H. Draves, 14612 E. 41st St. S. Indep. MO 64055
Send all materials for Publication and Subscription to the
Editor/Business Manager

ASSISTANT EDITOR

Donald Thompson, 17009 E. 4th Terr, S. Indep .MO 64056

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Joy Ellen Draves, 14612 E. 41st St. S, Indep., MO 64055

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Thresa Ray, 1231 S. Spring Ave., Indep. MO. 64055

YOUNG ADULT DEPARTMENT

Matthew and Ellen Thompson, 4317 S. Union St., Indep., MO 64055

All articles and letters must be submitted by the 5th of the month preceding publication.

HEADQUARTERS' OFFICES

Suite 100, Towne Square Professional Building, 201 W. Lexington Ave.
Independence, MO. 64050, Leonard H. Draves: Representative for 12
Phone: 816-836-1913 Fax: 816-254-2849

CHURCH HISTORIAN

Mervyn L. Johnson, 1904 S. Arlington Ave., Indep., MO 64052

Secretary-Treasurer of The Bishops: Reece Johnson

Suite 100, Towne Square Professional Building, 201 W. Lexington Ave.
Independence, MO. 64050
Phone: 816-836-1913 Fax: 816-254-2849

SEND ALL TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE BISHOPS' OFFICE

Chairman of The Bishops; Reece Johnson

1801 Cheyenne Ct. Greenwood MO 64034

CHURCH RECORDER'S OFFICE

Leonard H. Draves, Suite 100, Towne Square Professional Building,
201 West. Lexington Ave. Independence, MO. 64050
Phone: 816-836-1913 Fax: 816-254-2849

BOARD OF PUBLICATION: The Twelve

CHAIRMAN OF THE TWELVE

Michael Greenwell, Rt. 1, Box 60 C, Preston, MO 65732

SECRETARY OF THE QUORUM OF TWELVE

Leonard H. Draves 14612 E. 41st St. S., Indep., MO 64055
Phone/Fax: 816-254-2849

DONATIONS FOR TRACTS

(By Availability)

David Whitmer's Address (reprint including Tract) \$2.00 each
\$1.00 per dozen

Brief History of W.A . Draves	What Must I Do To Be Saved
And If Ye Receive It	Prophecy Being Fulfilled
Brief Historical Background	A Great Awakening
Church of Christ, Her Apostasy & Restoration	Authority
Sanctification	Tithing

The Restoration Of The Church Of Christ (A Brief History)	\$.10 each
Reason Why	\$.10 each
The Church Of Christ Established Anew in 1929	\$.30 each
The Coming Forth Of The Record Of The Nephites	\$.25 each
Why The Record Of The Nephites	\$.25 each
The Solution Of The Mormon Problem	\$.25 each
Changing Of Revelations (by Daniel MacGregor)	\$.75 each
Single Messages	\$1.00 per dozen
The Word Of The Lord (120 Messages)	\$6.00
The Word Of The Lord (audio cassettes)	\$20.00
The Record OF The Nephites (soft bound R.P.E.)	\$7.50
Light At Evening Time	\$5.00
Book Of Commandments	\$5.00
Footprints In The Sands Of Time	\$2.00
Is Jesus God?	\$2.00
Concordance To The Word Of The Lord	\$25.00
Testimony of W.A.Draves (On CD)	\$5.00

Address all orders to *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message
The Assured Way Of The Lord , Inc.*

Suite 100, Towne Square Professional Building, 201 West Lexington Ave.,
Independence, Mo 64050

Websites-johnthebaptist.info

theassuredway.org

ancientofdays.org

THE GREATER LIGHT is published monthly by *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord, Inc.* Suite 100, Towne Square Professional Building, 201 West Lexington Avenue, Independence, Missouri 64050. Subscription rates: One Year \$5.00; six months \$2.50 *Postmaster:* Send all undelivered copies or change of address notice to **The Greater Light**, Business Office, Suite 100, Towne Square Professional Building, 201 West Lexington Avenue, Independence, Missouri 64050.

Message 53:3, **“Give ear, Oh ye people of the earth. Hear The Warning today. I speak The Words and Will of The Lord. Let all have Faith. Turn to The Lord and obey His Commands. Heed repentance and baptism that The Way of The Lord shall be among men. His Kingdom shall fill the whole earth. The hands must be laid upon all that THE GREATER LIGHT might come to them.”**

Message 53:10, **“Yea, I have brought a Warning and few prepare for THE**

GREATER LIGHT, but be thou Faithful even all who hear, for The Lord's Will shall be fulfilled in all things. All have their work to do and the day comes when The Lord shall breathe upon The Chosen and they shall do His Work in Mighty Power for their love toward the brethren. All that offend and that do not keep His Commandments shall not be His in the Last Day. Moreover, it is Christ's Words that shall judge all men."

THE GENERAL MISSIONARIES

Every Elder's Duty is Missionary where opportunity permits.

APOSTLES

Leonard H. Draves, 14612 E. 41st St. S., Indep. MO 64055
 Michael Greenwell, Route 1, Box 60-C. Preston, MO 65732
 Mervyn Johnson, 1904 S. Arlington Ave., Indep. MO 64052
 Richard Johnson, 301 South Oak Street. Lamoni, IA 50140
 Donald Thompson, 17009 E. 4th Terr. S., Indep. MO 64056
 Jairus Cree Yates, Rt. 1, Box 60-D, Preston, MO 65732

BISHOPS

Brad K. Evans, 3210 Speer Blvd., Denver, CO 80211-4726
 Reece Johnson, 1801 Cheyenne Ct, Greenwood, MO 64034
 James Naslund, 2005 S. Lexington, Holden, MO 64040
 Matthew Thompson, 4317 S. Union St., Indep. , MO 64055

THE QUORUM OF TWELVE

TERRITORIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Leonard H. Draves- Montana, North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, and At Large. (816-254-2849)

Michael Greenwell- New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Bahamas and Mexico. (417-722-4578)

Mervyn Johnson- Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Eastern Canada. (816-461-0995)

Richard Johnson- Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Central Canada. (641-784-3451)

Donald Thompson- Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Alaska, Hawaii and Western Canada. (816-257-1832)

Jairus Cree Yates- West Virginia, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. (417-722-9733)

It is the agreement of *The Quorum of Twelve of This Church*, that no Minister is to ordain any man into *The Ministry* until said candidate has with all his heart

and soul confessed he agrees with everything written in *The Articles of Faith and Practice*. It is each Elder's duty to seek guidance from and to keep The Territorial Apostle informed of his works in the region he is laboring.

Secretary For The Twelve
 Apostle Leonard H. Draves

FOREWORD

THE GREATER LIGHT, the official publication of *THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WITH THE ELIJAH MESSAGE, The Assured Way of The Lord, Inc.*, comes to YOU as an expression of the Hope we have in Christ.

In its pages are found the thoughts and expression of a united people, whose only aim is to promote *The Cause of Christ* by spreading abroad to every nation, tongue and people, *The True Gospel of Christ* that through Obedience to His Laws we might be found worthy of *Eternal Life*.

In this publication, *The Record of The Nephites* is quoted many times. This Book was Revealed and Translated by *The Gift and Power of God*: the year 1829 marked the beginning of *The Restoration of all things*. It is a history of the people who once lived in the region around *The Great Lakes*, some of whom are Ancestors of The American Indians. Though it contains a Record of two other groups of people who once lived here, it is for the most part a Record of The People of Nephi.

The Messages so often mentioned in this publication are Messages from The Lord, brought to earth by His Chosen Servant, John The Baptist, who comes to earth in a Glorified Body to finish The Work given to him of God; that of restoring all

things (Matthew 17:11). The Angel first came in 1829, and restored *The Authority Of The Son Of God*, that *THE CHURCH OF CHRIST* might be established as in the days of The Apostles.

In 1927, The Angel Messenger again appeared, and on numerous subsequent visits, has brought to us *The Word Of The Lord* that *THE CHURCH OF CHRIST* might be set in order, that a people might be Prepared to be *The Bride Of Christ*. This is *The Elijah Message* so many have looked for, *The Midnight Cry* has been Proclaimed, *A Warning of Destruction*, but to *The People Of The Lord*, a Message that Christ's soon Coming is near at hand. Fear God and give *Glory to His Name*, for *The Hour Of His Judgment* has come. Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you *Light*.

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of Prayer and Fasting in Humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God has again Spoken and Revealed *His Will* from Heaven. To this end, we dedicate *The Greater Light*.

THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION
THE QUORUM OF TWELVE

NOTICES

Please make all checks for Tithes and Offerings, payable to *THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WITH THE ELIJAH MESSAGE*. Please notify any change of address by the fifth of the month, if possible. It will save the return postage of \$.42. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Thank You!

Secretary-Treasurer of Bishops'
Bishop Reece Johnson

THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY *To All People* FOURTEENTH MESSAGE

The Messenger was with me in my room at the home of J.G. Pointer, 1041 Van Horn Road, Independence, Missouri, from 4 a.m. to 4:30 a.m., October 7, 1929, and spoke to me as follows:

-Otto Fetting

1. **‘There are those that will oppose The Message that I have given you, and at times this will delay *The Work* on *The Temple*, but there end will be sad. The Lord will Bless The Hearts that are Pure and The Hands that are Clean before Him.**
2. **Fear not because you are hated by some, neither fear the words that they shall say, for you must bear Witness of The Message, not only now, but you shall be called upon from time to time to bear Witness of that which I have given you. The time is near at hand, when you shall be called upon to bear Witness not only to The People of *The Church of Christ*, but you and your brethren must bear Witness to the world of these things which I have told you.**
3. **As I come to you in your language, so am I Comanded to bring a *Record* from other people in their language, which will also bear Witness in like Manner of God's Dealings with them. There will be people from time to time to bear Record of *The Truthfulness* to them, of The Things which I have given to you.**
4. **Let Walter L. Gates take charge of *The Temple Work* here on the ground and**

at the office, for a season; let Thomas B. Nerren labor among *The Churches* in the East, and let James E. Yates labor in Utah among the people whose hearts are open to receive The Message I have given you. Prepare to send a man to Holland next year among the people there who are ready to receive This Work.

5. Be not boastful, neither harsh with the people, when you take The Message to them, but be Humble and Full of Love, and when you are in need of *Light from Heaven*, wash yourself that you may be Clean, anoint your head with Oil, and in Fasting and Humility go before your God, that He might *Direct* you in His Work.

6. As The People of The Lord who have a Desire to Cleanse themselves of the traditions of men shall come to The Lord's Servants, Baptize them. Be Careful in all your Words, and Works that you shall do, for satan will try to destroy The Work that I have been *Comanded to Instruct* you to do.

7. Let W. P. Buckley, as a Bishop, be out in the field and labor among the people, Preaching both *The Principles of The Gospel and The Tithing Law*, and let Walter L. Gates help keep The Records that all things might be kept in Order.

8. As you labor among the people, Call the Elders together and Instruct them to be Humble and Labor in Love.

9. Write this and place it with the rest that I have given you, but send it not to the world as yet, for I will come again to you.'

Do Not Doubt The Lord

Charles Spurgeon

Isaiah 33:16, '**He shall dwell on High: His Place of Defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.'**

*Do you doubt? Do you doubt as to whether God will Fulfill His Promise? Shall the munitions of rock be carried by storm? Shall The Storehouses of Heaven fail? Do you think that your Heavenly Father, though He Knoweth that you have need of food and raiment, will yet forget you? When not a sparrow falls to the ground without your Father, and the very hairs of your head are all numbered, will you mistrust and doubt Him? Perhaps your affliction will continue upon you till you dare to Trust your God, and then it shall end. Full many there be who have been tried and sore vexed till at last they have been driven in sheer desperation to exercise Faith in God, and the moment of their Faith has been the instant to their Deliverance, they have seen whether God would keep His Promise or not. Oh, I Pray ye, doubt Him no longer! Please not satan, and vex not yourself by indulging any more those hard thoughts of God. Think it not a light matter to doubt Jehovah. Remember, it is a sin; and not a little sin either, but in *The Highest Degree Criminal*. The Angels never Doubted Him, not the devils either: we alone, out of all the beings that God has Fashioned, dishonour Him by unbelief, and tarnish His Honour by mistrust. Shame upon us for this! Our God does not Deserve to be so basely suspected. We have Proved Him to be True and Faithful to His Word, and with so many instances of His Love and of His Kindness as we have Received, and are daily Receiving, at His Hands. It is base and inexcusable that we*

Across The Editor's Desk

Submitted by Editor

suffer a doubt to sojourn within our heart. May we henceforth wage constant war against doubts of our God—enemies to our Peace and to His Honour; and with an unstaggering Faith Believe that what He has Promised. He Will also Perform! 'Lord, I Believe, help thou mine unbelief'.

From The Apostles

Fasting

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves
Missouri*

Matthew 6:16-18, **'Moreover when ye Fast, be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to Fast. Verily I say unto you, they have their rewards.**

But thou, when thou Fastest, Anoint thine head, and Wash thy face;

That thou appear not unto men to Fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.'

Fasting means that we do not eat or drink for a time, that we may give all our thoughts to God and Pray for His Blessings. While we Fast, we should not let our thoughts be upon food but upon the things we are Praying for. When we do without food and drink that we may obtain Favor with God it makes us more earnest in Prayer, more Humble in heart, and The Lord can give us more of His Spirit so that we can Receive The Blessing we seek.

God is always Willing to Bless us, but we are not always in a condition to receive His Blessings, and therefore He has to keep them from us. Fasting helps us to get in the condition to receive His Favors.

Remember, man is continuously evil without The Spirit of God.

We realize also, that when we Abide in Christ, He Will Abide in us. Having His Countenance upon us, brings us closer to His Will.

Message 23:18, **'Keep The Law of The Lord in all things and keep ye The Sabbath Day Holy unto The Lord. Let your Fastings be in Humility that The Lord Will Hear your Prayers in The Hour of your need.'**

God's People from the beginning of the world have Fasted and Prayed to The Lord when they felt that they needed Special Help from God. The Lord does not ask us to Fast in order to see us suffer for want of food, but that we may draw nearer to Him by giving our whole minds to The Prayers we desire Him to Hear.

When we Fast, we may ask God to support our bodies by His Spirit so that we will not suffer from hunger or thirst and The Loving Father will see our Faith and will send us the Help we need.

If our Lord can Sacrifice food and drink for forty days and nights that He might draw closer and obtain The Power that He would need for His Life Work, surely we can sacrifice a few meals once in awhile, that we may get the strength we need.

The Prophets and men of God long ago Fasted a great deal and were Wonderfully Blessed because they did.

Moses Fasted twice during his life, that was recorder, forty days at a time, and because of his Fasting and Prayers he was able to talk with God and to receive from God The Tables of Stone upon which The Father had Written *'The Ten Commandments'* with His Own Finger. When Moses came down from the mountain where he had

been talking with God, his face shone so brightly that the children of Israel could not look upon him.

Deuteronomy 9:9, **‘When I was gone up into the mount to receive The Tables of Stone, even The Tables of The Covenant which The Lord made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat bread not drink water:’**

Elijah Fasted forty days, after which he saw God and talked with Him.’

1 Kings 19:8, **‘And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb, The Mount of God.’**

Daniel Fasted and Prayed a great deal, and The Lord gave him many Wonderful Dreams and Visions, and Delivered him from many troubles. God also sent His Angels to him at different times to talk with him and to Deliver him out of the hands of his enemies.

Daniel 9:3, **‘And I set my face unto The Lord God, to seek by Prayers and Supplications, with Fasting, and Sackcloth, and Ashes.’**

Paul Fasted many times, and was Blessed of God as very few men have ever been.

People are often very happy while they Fast. If we put our Trust in God that our bodies may be supported during our Fast, there is no reason why we should not feel cheerful, and sometimes joyful while we are abstaining from food, that we may draw near to God. There is no Joy so great as *‘The Joy’* that comes from The Spirit of God, and we Receive The Spirit by Earnestly Fasting and Praying for God’s Favor. His Spirit will come to us, giving us *Peace, Comfort, and Joy.*

Let us Anoint our heads with Oil and

Wash our faces when we Fast, and be happy and Cheerful in Heart while we seek to get Close to God in Prayer that His Blessings may come to us.

Some people, when Jesus was here, did not Fast right, and our Lord said they would get no reward from Him for it. When they Fasted, they looked mournful and sad, that they might draw the attention of the people to themselves and make them think they were very good, because they Fasted so much. Jesus said that was all the reward they would ever get.

We do not want to Fast that way. We want God to see our Fasting and to be Pleased with it and draw us Nearer to Him because of it. This is why Jesus said to His Followers; (Matthew 6:17) **‘But thou, when thou Fastest, Anoint thy head and Wash thy face, that thou appear not unto men to Fast, but unto thy Father who is in Secret; and thy Father who seeth in Secret, shall reward thee openly.’**

There were some folks in Isaiah’s time who made another mistake in Fasting: they Fasted to obtain wrong things. They Fasted to get advantage over each other, and The Lord would not Answer them. But The Lord did tell them how to Fast that their Prayers might be heard. Jesus said, *‘if they would put away evil out of their hearts and give their attention to doing good to those around them and would keep The Commandments of God, He would pour His Blessings out upon them’* (Isaiah 58:3-12).

So, if you decide to Fast, remember these things! (1) Fasting and Prayer draws us nearer to God. (2) Through Fasting and Prayer, many Blessings are Received. (3) Our Fasting should be done as Secretly as possible. (4) We must Fast for The Right

Things. (5) Anoint thy head with Oil and Wash thy face when you Fast. (6) Be bright and cheerful while we Fast and keep our minds on God and the things we are asking God to give us.

The Lord expects us to Fast! It brings us Closer to God and His Will.

Message 6:2,6,8, (Speaking on The Temple) ‘. . . so that the lower rooms may be dry; for the people shall gather there for their Prayers and Fasting unto The Lord . . .

. . . I gave you a Commandment, that you should Call your Solemn Assembly, that your Fasting and your Mourning might come up into The Ears of The Lord your God.

. . . and let the lower part of the inner court be Dedicated unto Me for your Sacrament, Offering, and for your Preaching, and your Fasting, and your Praying, and The Offering up of your most Holy Desires unto Me, Saith The Lord . . .’

In closing, I want to say, ‘let us all take new Courage’ Let us Preach and Teach ‘Faith and Repentance,’ that mankind may Prepare to be of The Lord’s Bride.

Message 58:12, ‘. . . Be Prayerful that the evil one will not trouble you . . . ‘

Message 59:3, ‘. . . For Salvation only comes to those that are Humble and Full of Love and Obey The Will of The Lord. My Message is One of Love to those that Heed and Obey it.’

Articles

I WAS THERE

Written 10th, October 2009

Jairus C. Yates

Missouri

On September 22, 1991, I was Called as a Bishop in The 111th Message, verse 9, and Ordained April 11, 1992. I filled a vacancy left by Bishop James Parker who was Ordained an Apostle the same day, having been Called in Message 104:29. I was a young man of 24.

On September 4, 1993, The Angel Messenger, John The Baptist, came with The 116th Message and released 4 men.

Message 116:13-14, ‘Therefore, let James Nabende be released from The Apostle’s Office, Function and Calling. Also, Fanuel Andango be released from The Bishops Office, Function and Calling. Slothfulness has destroyed their Calling. The Spirit of This Work has faded from them. Let the moneys also go where The Work is being done.

Also, George Rhodes be released from The Bishop’s Office and his Charge in the field. Likewise, George Wilkin be released from The Apostle’s Office, Function and Charge’.

This created vacancies in both The Quorum of Apostles and Bishops. On September 12, 1993, The Messenger came and Called four men to fill these vacancies.

Message 117:7, ‘To fill vacancies in The Quorum of Twelve let Terry Laws and Charles S. Martin be added to The Apostles. Let The Hands be laid upon them that The Lord will Confirm their Callings, likewise to all’.

Message 117:8, ‘Let Edward R. Sechrest and Scott Lyles be set apart as Bishops to fill the vacancies’.

Sometime in the following winter of 1993, I received a phone call from the Secretary of The Bishops, Jim Sorgen, and was told that Apostle W.A. Draves had a bank account entitled ‘The Library Fund’. I

was asked to meet with him, Bishop Eddie Sechrest, and Apostle James Parker. I drove 150 miles, from Preston, Missouri, to meet with them at a restaurant in Lee's Summit, Missouri. They told us, Eddie and I, what was going on with this bank account. Parker turned to us and said *'What are you going to do about it?'*

An outside audit was done, revealing that W.A. Draves received these funds from Church Members and used the funds for The Work of The Lord: he bought a video camera to record Church Services, cassette tapes to send recording of Services to people. He spent money on postage, also used funds to help those in need: including his son, Leonard Draves. Leonard Draves paid his father back the money when he received money from his home burning. Adding to the money he gave his father \$8000.00, (which did show up in the audit), but the men chose to ignore it. Brother W. A. Draves personal spending came from his personal money in the account and not from any Church funds.

February 26, 1994, W.A. Draves, Leonard Draves, and Mervyn Johnson were removed as Apostles. Howard Leighton-Floyd made the motion to remove them. Howard Leighton-Floyd told Brother Draves that if the men were doing wrong in removing him and the others, then The Messenger will come and remove them all. Brother W. A. Draves answer to that statement, *'if The Messenger would come and remove you men, you would not believe it.'* This was at a special meeting called to specifically address the results of the audit.

On March 3, 1994, Message 118 came to Brother W. A. Draves. In verse 2 it says, **'... The Authority and Trust is upon you. No one or none other can take it from**

you.'

This was just over a month after their removal by the special meeting.

The title, *'The Library Fund'* was used on a Church Account several years ago, when The Church was putting Message Books into the Libraries. The Messenger comments on the effort in Message 100:13 and 101:19

Message 100:13, **'Let The Work continue of placing *The Word of The Lord* in Libraries—that it may be available when it is known abroad of my coming with The Message to mankind of Christ's soon Coming to Claim His Saints and set up His Kingdom on earth in its Fullness'.**

Message 101:19, **'Again I say; let The Work continue of placing *The Word of The Lord* book in Libraries, that it may be available when it is known abroad of my coming with The Message to mankind of Christ's Church and His soon Coming to Claim His Saints and set up His Kingdom on earth in its Fullness'.**

At the special meeting on February 26, 1994, there was a presentation of the audit. Afterwards, The Apostles left the room. The Bishops remained.

The Bishops that were present at the February 26, 1994 meeting were: Jairus Yates, Eddie Sechrest, Eddie Lee, Dohn Weaver, Scott Lyles, and Jim Sorgen. Michael Johnson was in West Africa, where he resides. After learning of *'The Library Fund'*, The Bishops in the US unanimously voted to take W.A. Draves and Leonard Draves off Missionary Allowance. The Bishops' vote took place before The Apostles voted.

The Apostles returned to the room. All Bishops remained in the room. Apostles that were present at the February 26, 1994

meeting were: W.A. Draves, Leonard Draves, Mervyn Johnson, Richard Johnson, Howard Leighton-Floyd, Steve Martin, Terry Laws, James Parker, John O'Keefe. Norm Lyles, Larry Gosier-Williams, and Godwin Inyang were overseas.

Howard Leighton-Floyd made the motion to remove W.A. Draves, Leonard Draves, and Mervyn Johnson. Leighton-Floyd, Martin, O'Keefe, and Parker voted to remove all three. That adds up to four (4) votes in favor of their removal.

Godwin Inyang was contacted by James Parker and his vote taken, making the vote five (5) in favor. The four against: W.A. Draves, Leonard Draves, Mervyn Johnson, and Richard Johnson. Terry Laws, being the chairman, gave the final vote, making the vote six (6) in favor and four (4) against.

Norm Lyles and Larry Gosier-Williams votes were never taken. If their votes had been taken, the count would have been six (6) for and six (6) against.

Message 118:2 & 9 came March 3, 1994, and supported W.A. Draves, Leonard Draves and Mervyn Johnson:

Message 118:2,9, **'Fret not nor worry not, this is The Lord's Work, mankind cannot run it his way. I come to you to give Encouragement. The Authority and Trust is upon you. No one or none other can take it from you . . .**

Take your Place as an Apostle, likewise Leonard H. Draves and Mervyn Johnson. Let Leonard H. Draves keep The Records as he has been told to do and other Works Instructed in The Office'.

Message 118:8, **'Let these I shall give you: John O'Keefe, Howard Leighton-Floyd, Charles S. Martin, Edward Sechrest be released of Priesthood Auth-**

ority and Terry Laws released of The Apostleship'.

Message 118:11 gave a Warning: **'Unless there is Repentance from The Office of James E. Parker and James Sorgen, they too shall be released from their Authority'.**

There became two Quorums of Apostles: 1) W.A. Draves, Leonard Draves, Mervyn Johnson, Richard Johnson, Norm Lyles, Larry Gosier-Williams, and Terry Laws, who, according to Message 119:5, was Restored (March 19, 1994):

Message 119:5, **'Restore those that show forth Repentance and Terry Laws to The Apostleship; in their Ministry and Position and it will be well to the Obedient'.**

If any other Apostles or Bishops would have Repented at that same time, they would have been named at the same time as Terry Laws. The only Bishop that went with this group was Scott Lyles, even though he was involved in the vote as a Bishop to take away their allowance. (*Taking away an allowance is one thing, and voting to remove somebody is another*).

2) The other Quorum of Apostles was: Leighton-Floyd, O'Keefe, Parker, Martin, and Inyang.

The Bishops aligned with the 2nd group of Apostles were: Weaver, Sorgen, Sechrest, Lee, Yates, and Michael Johnson.

Some of the men of this Quorum received Sacrament in Independence in an attempt to comply with Message 119:4 (March 19, 1994):

Message 119:4, **'In The Communion, The Sacrament of The Lord is Salvation to The Truly Humble and Repentant. The Lord Has and Will Forgive. Let your hearts be Clean and your lives Pure. Hear**

The Words of Comfort and Encouragement I bring’.

Yet they continued to remain separated from the other Quorum.

Message 120:4-5 came on April 22, 1994, Calling Bishops and Apostles.

Message 120: 4-5, ‘When there cometh vacancies in The Bishop Quorum, let these Prepare to fill vacancies: Richard Massman and Marvin Zink.

Likewise of The Apostles; Alan Crownover, Jim Rolfe, Darrell Bellamy and Mike Greenwell. The Lord Will Bless by His Spirit as they take up their Calling’.

The Messenger said ‘. . . when there cometh vacancies . . .’ There was a Grace time given to those that were removed in Message 118:8. On March 3, 1994, The 120th Message came and by April 21st, 1994 these same men were at The Court House in Independence, Missouri filing a restraining order against the Draves’ group. They did not Repent. *We* did not repent. Instead, *we* decided to wait on The Lord for a Witness of Messages 118, 119, and 120. If we Believed them, *why did we wait for a witness?* I never missed a Quorum meeting with this Quorum, for 15 years, from 1994 to June 28, 2009, the date of my Baptism. And in all that time, we never voted to accept Messages 118, 119, and 120. It wasn’t until 2009 that we even voted to print the last three (3) Messages.

Message 118:8, ‘Let these I shall give you John O’Keefe, Howard Leighton-Floyd, Charles S. Martin, Edward Sechrest be released of Priesthood Authority and Terry Laws released of The Apostleship’.

Howard Leighton-Floyd received a (false) prophecy August 4, 1994, stating that

Message 118, 119, and 120 were not of The Lord. (The False Revelation is given below):

1. Behold, to my people, those that love truth and desire to follow after righteousness, I say unto you, I am the truth, the life and the way, follow me; do the things you have seen me do in my church.

2. I am the Lord your God. I change not, contentions are not of me, saith the Lord. The work of my servant W. A. Draves was terminated on the 26th day of February, 1994. All messages after that date were not of me, saith the Lord. To avoid contention from coming among my people it is not my will that anyone accepting them as being given of me have no voice or vote in the offices of my church. It is not wisdom to elect those that do believe those messages to any office in the churches that are a part of my church.

3. Remember contention is not of me, neither is my doctrine, and you have my doctrine written before you. Behold, contend not; neither do or say those things that are my will and my words in a contentions voice or spirit. Let peace flow, that my pure love have it’s way, and you will be a delightful people, saith The Lord unto you. Amen!

Howard Leighton-Floyd

The joint Quorums did not reject the (false) prophecy or accept it. **We** did nothing!

In the year 2000, George Wilkin and I (Jairus Yates) went to Kenya and Uganda in Africa. We brought Books with all 120 Message printed without The Quorums’ approval. George and I sat in a room and tore Messages 118, 119, and 120 out of The Books. It even took part of Message 117 out because it was on the same page as 118. *I felt sick.*

While in Africa , George Wilkin gave the (false) prophecy given through Howard Leighton-Floyd to the brothers, to show that he believed the (false) prophecy, and not Messages 118, 119, and 120.

The Lord Chastised me for being a part of it. *Although I was there*, I did nothing. I did not speak up. I am speaking now!

A Testimony To Message 120, Regarding The Restraining Order

*Bishop Reece Johnson
Missouri*

What I would like to convey to all is a Testimony and Witness of The 120th Message. In the Article, '*I Was There*', written by Brother Apostle Jairus Yates, he said '*They did not repent...We did not repent. Instead, we decided to wait on The Lord for a Witness of Messages 118, 119, and 120.*' I would contend that a Witness had already come to all who were paying attention. Following is The Witness:

1. *According to the court document (the restraining order), it was stamped on the upper right hand corner by the Jackson County Court at 11:50 am on April 21st, 1994. This made the lawsuit and restraining order official according to the laws of the land, although not binding until served by the Court. The Messenger delivered The 120th Message at 5:30 a. m. on April 22nd, 1994.*

2. *The Messenger delivered The 120th Message at 5:30 a. m. on April 22nd, 1994.*

3. *The court document (available to anybody who wants to research the court records) clearly shows that W.A., Leonard,*

and Mervyn were served by the court sometime on April 22nd, 1994 (definitely not before 5:30 a. m.).

These three facts are a Testimony to the fact that The Lord was very Aware of what was happening on April 21st. The Grace Period ended the moment the court stamped the lawsuit and restraining order on April 21st at 11:50 am. Up to that point the course of action could have been reversed. The Lord sent The Messenger to Call other men even before W.A. and others were aware of the lawsuit and restraining order, as they did not find out until later in the day on April 22nd. Some people may be under the delusion that W.A. simply concocted The 120th Message because he was upset after finding out about the lawsuit. This could not have been the case as he and The Church were quite surprised by The Lord Calling others in The 120th Message, until it all became clear after the restraining orders were served later in the day on April 22nd.

Junior Department

*Editor: Sister Thresa Ray
Missouri*

LOVE

Love, Love, Love. Since February is thought of as '*The Love*' month because of Valentine's Day, I wanted to talk to you about Love.

Do you know the song, 'Love Lifted Me'? The chorus says: '*Love lifted me! Love Lifted Me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.*' Just think about those words. *Isn't that so True?* When you are hurt or disappointed, perhaps really feeling down, and someone says a kind word, does a kind deed for you, or shows you Compass-

ion in some way – *don't you feel Lifted or Encouraged?*

Remember what we do to others, we do to Jesus also. Jesus told us that **'The First' and 'Second' Greatest Commandments are to Love God First with all of our Heart, Soul and Mind, and Second to Love others as ourselves!** (Matthew 22:36-40).

John 4:8 tells us that *'God is Love'*. God Tells us *'Love is our Mission'* (Message 95:10).

I Corinthians 12, verses 1-13 tells us all about Love. Verse 13 says, **'And now Abideth: Faith, Hope, Charity, these three; but The Greatest of these is Charity.'**

Moroni 7:46-47, **'Wherefore, My Beloved Brethren, if ye have not Charity, ye are nothing, for Charity never Faileth. Wherefore, Cleave unto Charity, which is The Greatest of all, for all things must fail.**

But Charity is The Pure Love of Christ, and it Endureth Forever; and whoso is Found Possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with them'.

So Charity – *'The Pure Love of Christ'* – is the most Important Gift because it is The Greatest of all.

Message 72:5, **' . . . The Greater your Love, The Greater your Joy shall be.'**

Message 95:10, **'The eyes of mankind hath not seen, nor the ear hath not heard what is in store for them that Love The Lord, shaping their Lives by The Great Plan and Will of God. Love is your Mission. Charity suffereth long and is kind, is not puffed up and seeketh not prominence. Neither will She Dominate or Destroy'.**

If we Possess *'The True Love of God'*,

we will Show that Love to others in kind words, and deeds and help to lift them. In so doing, we are likewise lifting ourselves and feeling A Greater Joy and at the same time Blessing God. To have Charity in your Heart and Life is Truly a Blessing to all.

May your *Heart and Soul be Filled with Love! Praise God for His Wonderful Love!*

Special Notices

The staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to Brother Jim Naslund and the family of our Dear Sister Leora Naslund. We send our Love, Cares and Prayers to all of you. May God Bless!

The Editor

OBITUARY

*Leora May Greenman Naslund
Holden, Missouri
1923-2019*

Leora May Greenman Naslund of Holden, Missouri, passed away from this life to go home to be with her Heavenly Father at age 86 on January 13, 2010 at The Holden Manor Care Center after a long illness. She was the wife of Brother Bishop James Naslund.

Leora was born on April 1, 1923, in Lamoni, Iowa, to George and Anna Weedmark Greenman. She attended The Evergreen Country School west of Lamoni, Iowa. She married Winfield Bowen Jr. in 1943. She lived in Kellerton, Iowa, for many years and then moved to Holden, Missouri, in 1965. Leora worked for many years enjoying and caring for elderly people in her

home until she retired. Her hobby was having a beautiful flower garden and raising vegetables in the spring and summer. She later moved to Preston, Missouri, where she married James Naslund in 1996. They moved back to Holden, Missouri, in 2008. She and Jim later moved together to The Holden Manor Care Center in 2009.

Leora was a member of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord, Inc.*, with headquarters in Independence, Missouri. Leora was preceded in death by her mother and father, George and Anna Greenman; a daughter, Judy Schmidt; her sister, Florence Johnson; three grandsons, Joseph Stephens, Jason Jaitley, and Joel Jaitley; and a great nephew, Berton Johnson.

Leora is survived by her husband; James Naslund Holden, Missouri; three children, Patricia Stephens and her husband, Harold (Dale) of Holden, Missouri; Betty Segal and her husband Richard of Los Angeles, California; and a son, Lindon Bowen and his wife Penney of Slater, Iowa; twelve grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren; two nephews, nieces and numerous friends who will miss her very much.

Eulogy

Leora's Greatest Love in life was Serving The Lord and Reading and Studying God's Word. She Loved to play hymns on her organ; also listening to Gospel Music on the radio or television. She enjoyed having beautiful flowers and fruit trees in her yard and she Loved her cats. She enjoyed going to flea markets and knitting. Everyone who knew Leora knew her favorite color was red. Her kitchen was even red, which she was very proud of.

The highlight of her year was The General Church Assembly. She moved to Preston on the land believing that she was being Obedient to God's Commandment given in *The Word of The Lord* about going to the land and preparing a Place of Safety. She Believed right up until her death of Preparing for things that she Believed would come to pass as Prophesied in *The Bible, The Record of The Nephites, and The Word of Lord*. She never backed down on her Beliefs of going to the land and the storage of food, clothing, and survival essentials. She would share this information with anyone who would listen.

Leora had a Compassionate Heart and Cared very much about people in need. She had a Tender Heart when someone was sick and would Pray together with others for those people. She had a Love for her animals and when one of them would have to be put to sleep or die, it would hurt her a lot. Whether it was her cow or goat, she treated them all like her pets.

She suffered many trials in life but always looked to The Lord to see her through. She never lost her Faith and Trust in The Lord. One of her Greatest Hopes was to see all of her family and grandchildren come to The Lord. If she could speak today, she would tell them not to wait until too late to accept The Lord and get your life Right with God. Her Hope and Desire was to see all of her Loved Ones in Heaven with her throughout Eternity.

Jim and Leora would have celebrated their Fourteenth Anniversary and he will miss her very much, as will all her family and friends.

Heaven's Stairway

William A. Draves

Thursday, September 9, 1926

You'll meet me on Heaven's Great
Stairway,
Where I am longing to be,
Some Bright and Happy hour,
You'll find me waiting for thee.

In The Beautiful Meadows of Heaven,
Glenn The Shinning Rays of Light.
That leads you to Heaven,
Either by day or by night.

Along The Beautiful Stairway to Heaven,
You'll find these Rays of Light,
Shinning on The Stairway,
Through the day, and through the night.

Gravesite Services was held at The
Clarke Cemetery at Hermitage, Missouri, on
January 17, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. with viewing
at 9:30 a.m. Apostle Leonard H. Draves
officiated.

A dinner was held after Services at the
home of Apostle Michael Greenwell and
wife Nawassa of Preston, Missouri.

*Our Love and Prayers are for you
Brother Jim and the family of Leora
Naslund. May The Dear Lord keep you all
safe in the days ahead. Keep Sweet!*

Happy Valentine's Day Love At Work

*William A. Draves
March 5, 1978*

When *Love* must do some lowly task,
She stitches reams of beauty-
Into a bodice and a basque
To cover once naked duty.

When *Love* must melt a frozen heart
She emulates the sun.
Her warmth soon makes the teardrop start
To trickle down one by one.

When *Love* must heal a broken heart
She weaves a magic spell,
And pours it on the aching part,
Then suddenly- alas- it's well!

When *Love* has found a sin sick soul-
To save him from despair,
She shares her crust and wooden bowl-
And low! The Christ is there!

When *Love* is seated deep within
She sees' no fault at all
In him she holds so free from sin
But Praise, Praise to God for all.

For change of Address, Submit to Business Manager by the 5th of the Month
Suite 100, 201 West Lexington Ave Independence, MO 64050

The Greater Light

Business Office
Suite 100, 201 West Lexington Ave
Independence, MO 64050

