

# The Greater Light

## *The End Time Messenger*

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**Happy Independence Day**  
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*‘The Patriot who feels himself in The Service of God, who Acknowledges Him in all His Ways, has The Promise of Almighty Direction, and will find His Word in his greatest darkness, a Lantern to his feet and a Lamp unto his Paths, he will therefore Seek to Establish for his Country in the eyes of the world, such Character as shall make Her not unworthy of The Name of . . . ‘A Christian Nation’*



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## 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 died 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 Watch care 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.

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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.'

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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*.

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# THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY

*To All People*

## THIRTY-SIXTH MESSAGE

*At 2:10 a.m., July 13, 1938, at my home, Nucla, Colorado, the Angel awoke me and said:*

-W.A. Draves

1. 'Again I come in *Peace* to you with *words of encouragement* for *The Church Of Christ*. Behold the day is when time is ripening, *The Harvest* must be gathered. Thus, *The Words of Salvation* must be carried to all the world, for Christ's Coming is near at hand and *This Warning* must be sent, *The Gospel of The Kingdom* preached-then shall The Lord come in *The Clouds of Glory*. For *The Righteous*, great shall be their joy-but to those that know Him not and that obey not *The Gospel*, *The Lord of Salvation* shall take vengeance on them.
2. May *The People of The Lord God* take on *New Courage*. Let not your hearts be troubled; for *The Lord* has *Blessed His Church* in that your actions at *The Assembly* were acceptable-yet *Greater* shall be your *Joy*. This is The Lord's Work and man cannot change *His Plans* nor *His Decrees* for they are *unalterable*.
3. Thus saith The Lord your God, '*Oh ye of little Faith and ye that have set your hearts, and have said; 'The Lord has not sent His Angel', for lo, I have sent Mine Angel from My Courts above, The Realms from on High, and he brings and has brought Words from My Speaking. But ye sit as judges, stiff necked and hard of heart, saying, 'The Lord speaks through me by His Spirit,' Yea verily, I say unto*

*you, I have not prompted you to speak thus-but through the emotions of your hearts, and not to wait upon The Lord-but to do My Work in your way you have sinned before Me by doing thus, that you may hinder My Work. In that you will fail. And it needs be that you humble yourselves before Me and repent, for know ye not that I, The Lord your God, knoweth your hearts, your very thoughts and deeds. I would Bless you and fill you with My Spirit if you would heed My Voice. Unless you will hear Me in My Way and heeding My Voice obey-you shall not be Called Mine at the last day, for you will yet fail. Others that are willing will carry My Work onward, for Zion will be redeemed and Israel gathered, The Jews must by gathered to their home land, and Israel's host to this land that shall be cleansed, then shall it be Zion, a Place of Peace, a Nation of Righteousness; wherein The Lord will Walk and Talk with His People, for sin shall not be there and The Lamb and The Lion shall lie down together. Peace and Love shall reign, and The Lord of Justice shall be over all. The Jew and The Gentile, The Bond and The Free shall be as one. Even The Lamb of God, which is Jesus Christ, slain for the sins of the world and raised to Eternal Glory, shall be over all till the completion of all things and The Father sees it well done, Thus have I spoken', saith The Lord your God.*

4, Let all My Servants that I have Called be up and doing for I will direct them. Let My young servants be at work and I will Bless them greatly. Let all labor in their Calling or idleness will let darkness cloud their minds and they will not enjoy The Spirit nor The Goodness of God. Let My young servant Raymond Bronson labor

with his parents as their work is pleasing unto Me. Let My servant Parkinson prepare to labor In Canada as much as possible as The Way will open before him. Let My servant Belcher labor in the field near his home and round about places, for much is to be done and laborers are few.

5. Remember the many things I have told you, that you have not been permitted to write. Be very humble before *The Lord*, Worry not about what man has done-those that reject *The Words* I bring to you. They do not reject you, but they reject Me and *The Words* I bring from The Lord; and The Lord has not and will not let His Spirit always be with them unless they turn and heed The Lord their God.

6. I am he who shall minister unto ten thousand times ten thousand and they shall be tried and purged. For I sit as a refiner of gold, and as with fuller's soap, purging the hearts of men and cleansing out the dross, the sins of men. For man must be made *Holy* before he can come in *The presence of God*, or *The Glory of The Lamb*, slain for the sins of the world, that mankind might believe on Him and be redeemed from that awful state.

7. Behold, The Lord soon comes and I shall be with *Him* when *He* comes to *His Temple* that shall be built by a people of *Clean Hands* and *Pure Hearts*.

8. These *Words* I have brought from *The Presence of The Lord your God*. I come to you in *Peace*, with a *Message* to bring *Peace* to *The Church*.

9. '*I bid you give these to Mine Apostles, as you did before, and publish them for The Church,*' The Lord has spoken it.

10. I leave and shall come again as *The*

**Lord will direct. My name is John, The Messenger of The Lord.'**

*He left, it was 3:20 a.m. As on other occasions the room was as light as noon-day and remained so for sometime after.*

## From The Editor

### **Good or Evil?**

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves  
Missouri*

1 John 1:9, ***'If we confess our sins, He is Faithful and Just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'***

Christians usually don't think of themselves as sinners. The Messages tell us, ***'All have sinned and come short of the Glory Of God.'***

Mankind has always been given the chance to choose between good and evil. Since the beginning of time this has been true. God did not tempt Adam and Eve. He merely made it possible for them to resist temptation and come forth victorious. However, they did not!

The same temptation that Adam and Eve faced, we face today. Adam and Eve allowed doubt to come within their minds and lost sight of *God's Wisdom and Plan.*

Message 80:7, ***'Mankind chooses this day, what his destiny in the hereafter shall be.'***

Message 81:13, ***'Remember The Lord Jesus Christ is The Truth, The Way, and The Life. No other way can mankind be Saved and that in the life of the flesh, this life of probation only. Mankind chooses this day what his destiny shall be in the hereafter-in the Resurrection.'***

God has given mankind 'free will', it has always been our doings that destine our

destiny.

Galatians 6:7-8, ***'Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.'***

***For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to The Spirit shall of The Spirit reap Life Everlasting.'***

God has always hated sin, but He loves the sinner. God suffers when we sin. Remember John 3:16, ***'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have Everlasting Life.'***

1 John 1:5-10, ***'This then is The Message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all.'***

***If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the Truth:***

***But if we walk in The Light, as He is in The Light, we have fellowship one with another, and The Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.'***

***If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and The Truth is not in us.'***

***If we confess our sins, He is Faithful and Just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'***

***If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.'***

1 John 2: 1-6, ***'My little children, these things write I unto you that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with The Father, Jesus Christ The Righteous:***

***And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His Commandments.'***

***He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar, and The Truth is not in him.'***

*But whoso keepeth His Word, in him verily is The Love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him.*

*He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked.'*

We all must let Jesus Christ come with us. We must ask Jesus to come into our lives, and to allow *His Spirit* to lead and direct us.

Jesus said, *'Behold, I stand at The Door and knock: if any man hear My Voice and open The Door, I will come into him.'*

My prayer is that we never close *The Door* to *Jesus Christ*. That we always walk *'The Path'* that Jesus walked; that we may never turn from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Message 94:8, *'Behold, there is a Cry for peace, but there is no Peace save in the hearts of them that do The Lord's Bidding; hearing His Voice, refraining from all contentions that disturb the soul.'*

John 15:1-10, *I am The True Vine, and My Father is The Husbandman.*

*Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.*

*Now ye are clean through The Word which I have spoken unto you.*

*Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in The Vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me.*

*I am The Vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing.*

*If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*

*If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

*Herein is My Father Glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My Disciples.*

*As The Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My Love.*

*If ye keep My Commandments, ye shall abide in My Love; even as I have kept My Father's Commandments, and abide in His Love.'*

It is by God's Great Love for us that He has provided a way to come unto Him. We do this by the taking of *His Sacrament*. We are told to take it often, and to keep it *Holy*. We dedicate our lives to *God* and to *His Will*. We give *The Lord Honor*, and *Praise* Him when we come unto Him and repent and take of *His Holy Communion*.

We know *'right from wrong'*. We know *'good from evil'*. We know the *'Straight and Narrow'* from the *'Wide and Crooked'* Paths. It is our choice. We destine our own destiny.

So rejoice, and be encouraged in The Lord. Stand firm for His Word. Be a Soldier for Christ. Be up and doing in establishing His Kingdom on earth. You are a Chosen Person of The Lord. God Bless you

## From The Apostles

### Take This Message Out!

Apostle Michael Greenwell  
Missouri

Message 5:10,14, *'To The Servants of The Lord, let your voice be heard everywhere, warning the people that The Coming of Christ is near at hand. Preach The Gospel, Cry Repentance to all people and nations, that all may be warned . . .*

***Let each one warn his neighbor in Love and Faith. Prepare the ground, then will your harvest be great. Think not that you are weak and cannot warn your neighbor, for the Lord is Strength, and inasmuch as you will Trust Him in your Work He will give you the Strength you need. Think not that satan will not tempt you, for his power will also be manifested, and unless you are Spiritually minded you will not detect his work by which he will seek to destroy your work. Ask, and ye shall receive as to your needs from day to day. Let all things be done in Love and Faith.'***

When you plant a good seed, some will come to life. Because there is 'Life' in these Words-Eternal Life.

Brother Jim Naslund sowed the seed to me, but it was God that revealed *The Work* to me before I even knew of it.

*The Lord is your strength.* When you take *The Word* out, you are showing your 'Faith'.

Satan will tempt you—it won't always be easy. Continue to believe, and he won't stop you. Continue to be obedient to *His Word*. Always be *Spiritually* minded. Be close to Jesus—pray often and study *The Word of God* everyday. Then you will be able to detect satan when he tries to deceive you.

This is a daily walk with the Lord. Read *The Word* daily; take of *The Daily Bread!*

Message 7/8:8-9, '***Teach The Law Of The Lord that the Millennium may come, for great shall be The Joy in Heaven and Angels shall sing aloud at that day. Hearken! The Lord has chosen His Servants to proclaim The Message. Then hasten, and do not delay His Work. The Lord will Bless you that labor, and the people you shall labor among, for your sake. Labor in Love; be harsh with no one:***

***qualify to be leaders; go to the rich and poor alike. Be not puffed up: be humble, and inasmuch as you will do this God will be with you.'***

It is encouraging that we shall behold *Angels* some day. *The Lord's Prayer* says, *The Lord's Kingdom* will come to earth as it is in Heaven. *The Powers of The Kingdom of Heaven* will be here in earth.

God has chosen us. *We Work for Him.* There's *Blessings* waiting for those who labor. Many people will be *Blessed* by you taking *The Word* out in *Faith*. God will reveal to people *This Work* is *True* as you plant *The Seed*. Never be harsh with anyone. Qualify to be a leader, follow *God's Instructions*. Go to the rich and poor alike. God loves them all. See yourself as an obedient *Servant of the Lord*. Be thankful that you can do for *The Lord*. He will be with you.

Message 9:6, '***. . .Worry not so much about The Temple, for Greater Work must yet be done than the building of The Temple, for the people must be prepared to meet Christ; The Gospel must be preached; the Glad Tidings must be taken from house to house; The Warning must be done.'***

If there is just one verse that tells us to take the Message out, that would be enough, but that is not so. It is almost in every Message. *The Warning* must be done. *The Gospel must be preached!*

Message 11:9, '***Let this Message be heard; send it to the ends of the earth. Those of your brethren who will assist you will be Blessed, those that refuse to assist shall lose thereby.'***

The difference I feel between Disciples of old and Apostles today are:

1. They were all together.
2. They saw the same thing at the same time.
3. They saw The Resurrection.

As for today, the Apostles will have to wait until The Temple is constructed to witness the three counts above.

Message 12:5, *'Let not the building of The Temple hinder the preaching of The Gospel, but let those that have been appointed and set apart for The Temple Work, see that all things be done after The Pattern that I shall give. And let those that have been Called and set apart to carry The Gospel Message to the nations of the earth do their work, as they have been instructed. Let them preach the things as they are found in The Bible, and The Record of The Nephites; let them take The Message to Jew and Gentile, to all classes, tongues and peoples. Let the men who have been placed in charge and appointed to look after and receive the tithes, offerings, and oblations, be mindful of their work, that the moneys so received are spent wisely. Let them give an accounting to The Church, that things may be done in justice to all, always being mindful that they are Ambassadors for Christ and The Church, and that they will be without excuse to God, for everyone must be Faithful to their Trust for this is The Lord's Work, and so shall it be required of him in the last day.'*

We all have a work to do. Not everyone has the same duties.

Message 16:1, *'I have come to you again, that you may not get discouraged in The Work that The Lord has placed upon you. You have seen that man is continually evil unless he is filled with The Spirit of God, and as it was in the days of Noah, so it is now, The Warning has come, and The Warning must be taken to the nations of the earth: you have borne witness to The Church Of Christ, now you must bear witness of The Message to others that*

*Christ's Coming is near; Cry with a loud voice; fear not those whose hearts are filled with selfishness, and are seeking their own glory and not The Glory of God.'*

We should not be surprised that most people will not listen to what we have to say. Only a few will hear. We are looking for those few. God said, it would be like in the days of Noah. Some ministers may believe, but they get mad because they think to themselves. If I do this, I will lose my congregation, so they fight against *This Way* because they do not want to lose what they have or have worked for. You talk to their people, they get even madder.

Message 18:5, *'Take the Message as I told you from house to house; many will be glad to heed it. Preach Repentance and Faith for all must have Faith in God and His Work. All must repent and be baptized for the remission of sin, the hands must be laid on all, that The Spirit of God might come to the children of men in Greater Power, and it will to those that are Humble and Full of Love and have Great Faith in God.'*

Message 19:1, *'I come to you with a Message of Warning. First, have no part in the work with those that reject The Message I have brought from The Lord.'*

If we do not take *The Word* out, the people will not get *The Warning*. They will not get *The Testimony* of *The Work* or see and understand *Baptism* and *The Authority*.

Sister Barbara Long, Missouri; We need direction from day to day. We do not have an automatic pilot. You receive your strength as you step out each day.

Message 16:4, *'Let your brethren labor in love with you, each in his place and calling: go from place to place, and house to house, warn the people. If you are*

*humble before the Lord your God, He will lead you and direct you from day to day. Remember satan will tempt you, and he will try you and many times your faith will be weak, but if you will not yield to the things satan will bring before you, then your faith will become strong; others have yielded to the whisperings of satan and where are they?’*

Message 20:7, ‘*Let the Church be established in other lands, that The Gospel might be preached, and The Warning be taken to all nations, as I shall direct you from time to time.*’

Message 21: 10, ‘*Take warning, those that the Lord has Called, let them be at work somewhere for the Lord has need of them. Let them preach Repentance and Warn the people. Seek not to please men but take your Message in Love to all men, and keep The Commandments of God.*’

Some go around making fun of *The Work* and of us. It does not bother me to be made fun of, but they do mock *The Gospel*. They try to stir up things and cause confusion about the Lord’s One True *Church Of Christ*, because of their jealousy

Message 39:17, ‘*All must labor somewhere in their Calling– or their minds will become dark; and doubt, fear, and jealousy will come within them– for they cannot see The Hand of God move.*’

Message 23:5, ‘*Be not contentious for this is satan’s work: work in Love with one another and with all men. Warn the people of the things I told you and let them judge, for the Lord will require it at their hands.*’

Some people can only be reached through *The Words of the Messenger*. We have to take *This Word* out. There is only one *Authority!* *A Way of Repentance!* The Lord will give *The Words* to speak if you are

doing *The Work His Way*.

God can not work with a proud heart.

Message 23:14, “. . .*Let no one be idle, for all must labor somewhere, or their mind will be in darkness, for the Lord will not assist an idler.*’

God will not assist an idler. You must be at work for the Lord. God is depending on us to get *This Word* out to the people.

Sister Debra Bogan, Nebraska; We are going to have burdens and we will think we are weak, but God said to ‘*Think not that we are weak.*’

Message 25:6, ‘*Let the Message be taken from nation to nation, from state to state, from city to city, from house to house, from heart to heart, for all must be warned of the things that will come to pass.*’

I love the wording here! Anywhere you are, you need to take this Message out.

Message 29:2-4, ‘*As you talk to the people be in earnest, that they may not treat The Message lightly, but be pleasant as you meet the people, for they have been led away by the traditions of men, and have suffered much by their folly.*

*For thus says the Lord, ‘I have given My Commandments to those that have named My Name to serve Me, and have made a Covenant with Me. I speak to those that are The Church of Christ and to all that will become My People and My Bride. I have given to Mine Apostles their Charge and Instructed them to do My Work in all the world, Be ye not slothful in your work, for I shall require it at your hands at the last day.*

*I have given To Mine Elders their work, and I shall require it of them in the last day; therefore, be ye not slothful lest you lose your reward.*’

Let the people know, by the way you tell

them, *This Work* is important. Be sure of your standing in *This Work*. Speak with *Assurance*. Your actions speak as well. God will require *This Work* at our hands.

Message 33:7-8, ***'Yea, the Just will suffer with the unjust lest they draw away from such, and not take part in contentions and dark sayings. The plagues shall sweep the nations, and floods shall have their house, and famines shall have their course, and famines shall take their place again. The plague of death in war has its effect on the nations. Many are taken to the beyond not knowing The Love of God, nor what the end shall be. A call for laborers in the harvest goes out for the harvest is ripening-behold, it is white. The Cry of the people come up before God. Their honest prayers shall be heard.***

***Lo, will My Servants do My Bidding, saith God, or must I call others? Fail not in your Calling; but lift up your voices and carry your burdens to Me the Lord, your God, and I shall hear-and lo, I shall help you one and all. Be Faithful, and I, saith your Lord, will stand you in Holy Places when the great destructions shall come. And I will not take vengeance on those that know Me when I come, but shall number you among My Jewels. Then great shall be your Joy. Out of weakness many shall be made strong.'***

Always have the desire to do God's Will, while you are here. Know what God wants you to do. Ask the Lord! Did God say, *'I will hear only men'*. No! He said, *'One and All'*. Be up and doing. It is a daily walk with the Lord. *Miracles are on the Way!* The more you do, the more you will know through obedience of *The Faithful* and by *The Power of God*, according to our Faith.

Great will be your Joy. You will get paid in *The Eternal Life*. In our hearts we have a taste of Heaven.

There are many more verses to read. Message 33:13, 34:3-7, 35:6-8, 36:4, 39:12,17, 40:4-5, 55:10, 86:13-18 and 34.

I like to give the 34th Message out when I go out to work. I love this Message. What is *The Lord's Bidding?* Passing out Messages door to door, heart to heart.

Many are slow to heed. Many will receive that are honest of heart. God is waiting for you and me to take it to them.

We are the planters. God will water and make the seeds grow. Satan wants to keep people so busy on their jobs, that they have no time to seek the Lord. The shaking is going on. *People are seeking!* Hey! We must find them.

A house divided will not stand. Out with the old, in with the new. Only *The Truth* will stand. I am a student of History. History does repeat itself. I have some understanding of *The Word* and about what is going on today in the world with our Government. Remember the stone that hit the statue and caused the feet to crumble, so will it happen again.

If you pray for the minister as he preaches or the elder while he is praying, God will use that man and His Will be manifested unto you. If everyone does this, God will Hear and will Bless those that is Crying Mightily to The Lord.

We need to bring *The Joy of Jesus Christ to the people*. There is a big problem of unbelief. *Faith without works are dead*. This Authority is *'The Pure Love of Jesus Christ'*. Jesus will show *The Way*.

The Lord reveals *His Love*. Practice it in your home. Do not take His Love or the Love of your family for granted. People

need to see you with *God's Love* written in your heart. That is part of '*The Standard*' they look for.

The Lord wants His People to be serious. Hasten means to *hurry!* Move and get up and go! We know that men are continuously evil if they do not have *The Spirit of God* in them. That is our goal, to be filled with *The Spirit of God* at all times.

We cannot stop until we have the Messages in every nation. People will be Blessed because we are out giving *This Message*. It is God's idea to take This Message to the ends of the earth. If we do not do it, He will call others who will.

If the people hear not *This Message, The Light* they have will fade away. Whatever they have, they will lose, and come to a sad end.

*The Righteous* are the ones that do *The Will of The Father*. Do it until the Lord says, '*Your Work is done*'.

I'll keep my *Salvation* if I do for the Lord. I can not stay in the same place or level. I must be out moving for the Lord, learning for the Lord. God will understand you because you do *His Will*.

Jesus will allow satan to tempt you, but he cannot stop you. There is always something you can do better. When you do, you put satan on the run.

Whatever hinders me from doing *The Will of The Father*, must be overcome. I must ask myself if I believe in *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message*. My actions will tell the story.

I praise His Holy Name. I pray that each one of us will be doing *The Lord's Bidding*.

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Let us all make today the day we start serving Christ with all our heart. Let us be True Servants unto The Lord by being up and doing works for The Lord and obeying His Commandments.

Let us not put off things until tomorrow when we can do them today. That is what satan wants us to do so he has more time to put doubts and confusion in man's mind. The Lord wants us to apply His Gospel to all our lives not just read it, but live it. If we do this then The Lord will Bless us and satan will have no power over us when we are walking in The Lord's Spirit. Man is continually evil without The Lord's Spirit.

Let us take time to be Holy and ponder and mediate on the things of Christ and His Word. His Love for each of us will show through. Take time out of your day to just think and pray and let The Lord fill your heart with His Love, so you can have Peace and Joy in your life.

I know some times it is hard to find the time in our busy schedules, but we all have little breaks in the day or chores we do at home, when we can use some of that time to pray and ponder on the things of Christ.

Another way to serve The Lord is for all of us to work together to promote The Lord's Gospel. To Love one another and help each other out when we can.

Message 57:11, '**Thus Saith The Lord your God, Let all be Established in My Doctrine, be not divided, be ye One in Purpose. For I have Designed The Way. Oh ye My Servants, I have Called thee to be Messengers of Peace among My People. My Love is unto you and I would have you Love one another. Help ye one another and I will send Deliverance unto You. My Spirit shall Bless you if you will**

## From The Bishops Serving The Lord Today

*Bishop Matthew Thompson*

**open your Hearts to Me. Bring My Sheep into The Fold, for I shall be their King and all mankind shall know I have spoken. The Words I speak, even by My Messenger, must be obeyed. Hear My Voice today.'**

We must hear His Voice TODAY, not tomorrow!

So The Lord is telling us to be a people of One Purpose and to not be divided. We will not be divided, if we are grounded firmly The Lord's Gospel and Church. Division comes when man starts thinking he knows more than The Lord and does not let The Lord Guide him in All Things and does not stick to The Written Word.

Message 57:12, **'The Lord will Comfort all that Come unto Him, therefore be not troubled, but Lift up and Rejoice, even all. Fail not lest The Lord turn to others. Be Overcomers in all things for satan seeks to set thee at variance one with another. Let it not be so.'**

The Lord is telling us He will give us comfort if we come to Him. He is telling us that satan wants to cause contention between the people of The Lord. If we stand together in The Lord's Ways then this cannot happen because we will be able to overcome all things with The Lord.

When we are trying to live our life for Christ, that is when satan really goes to work on us trying his hardest to destroy us. That is why we must pray, study, and stay close to The Lord at all times, so these things will not happen. The Lord wants people who are willing to be True Servants unto Him. That is why He gives us our free will to serve Him or satan. He tells us if we Love Him, then to answer by our Actions! Words mean nothing unless they are backed up by ACTION.

Another way to serve The Lord is to have Positive Faith in The Lord. Knowing The Lord can do all things. If we pray and believe with all our heart and soul that The Lord will watch over us, our prayers will be answered!

But if we have a negative Faith, then The Lord knows we do not believe, so we will not receive a Blessing.

We must remember that The Lord can do ALL THINGS. Man may not be able to change another person's way of thinking, but The Lord can if He chooses to do so. That depends on how much one study. We must Trust in The Lord, and not worry about things we can not control. What we can control is ourselves, our homes, doing more for The Lord's Church so The Work moves forward and paying our tithes.

We all know ourselves and we know if we are doing all that we can for The Lord. Let us each ask ourselves *'What can I change in my life that I know is not of The Lord?'* and be True to yourself and The Lord. Let us not look at others faults but our own and try to work on them so we can be more Christ like.

Let us put all our energy and efforts into things that we can change in order to be better Servants for Christ. Let us start doing these things today! Let us listen to The Lord and pray to Him. Ask Him to help us to change the things that are not of Him and to pray for others that they may overcome their weakness also.

TODAY is the day to serve The Lord. We should all be willing to serve The Lord with all our heart and Soul. The Lord says *'Many are Called, but few are chosen'* (Read Message 55:8-9). We all have a duty to do for The Lord.

The Lord Called us into His Work

because He wants us to be Servants unto Him. The Lord knows what He is doing. It is His Plan, it is His Way, but there are those that question His Words.

Why does The Lord Call men so young? Why would He speak to that man? The answer is, *'The Lord knows what He is doing, it does not matter how old or young you are'*, if your heart is willing to serve God and you Trust in Him, then Today is that day!

If you know in you heart that this is The Lord's Church and you want to live your life for Christ, and be able to receive all the wonderful things The Lord Promised, and if you want to endure to the end, then NOW is the TIME to be Baptized into The Lord's Church.

Time is short. We must not waste it. Let us take up our Calling, Trusting in The Lord. Let The Work move forward. Let us help one another out and show Love to our fellow man. When our hands are clean and we have a pure heart, we can help set up His Kingdom here on earth. Then we may help build The Lord's Temple.

Message 88:26, **'Little Flock be not discouraged, for Greater Things are yet to Come for you in your Hope and Salvation. Redemption draweth nigh. There is Hope for Eternity with God in what I have to bring you and in what I say.'**

Message 89:4-5, **'The Lord has seen your gatherings and your Assembly. He will continue to be with you.'**

**Read and study The Words I bring. Shape your Lives by'**

Message 88:15, **'Mankind shall Live by every Word that proceedeth out of The Mouth of God, The Very Eternal Christ The Lord and Maker of all. He cometh**

**down with Power in His Word.'**

Message 93:32, **'Let the young people Prepare-for The Lord will Call a Band of Elders that will Prepare in Great Love to help swing wide The Gate and bring Souls unto The Lord.'**

Message 101:8, **'The Work may move slowly. The young and old will be Awakened to The Greater Light.'**

## Let Us Study Together

*Sister Ellen Draves  
Missouri*

### Mockers

Isaiah 28:22, **'Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your \_\_\_\_\_ be made strong; for I have heard from The Lord God of Hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth.'**

Galatians 6:7, **'Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.'**

Jude 1:18-19, **'How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who \_\_\_\_\_ themselves, sensual, having not The Spirit.'**

Mormon 9:26-27, **'And now Behold, who can \_\_\_\_\_ against The Works of The Lord? Who can deny his sayings? Who will Rise up against The \_\_\_\_\_ Power of The Lord? Who will despise the works of the Lord? Who will despise The Children of Christ? Behold, all ye that are despisers of The Works of The Lord, for ye shall wonder and perish.'**

Proverbs 17:5, **'Whoso mocketh the poor \_\_\_\_\_ his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.'**

III Nephi 29:4-5. **'And when ye shall see**

these things coming forth among you, then ye need not any longer \_\_\_\_\_ at The Doings of The Lord, for The Sword of His Justice is in His Right Hand, and Behold at that day, if ye shall spurn at His Doings, He will cause that it shall soon overtake you. Wo unto him that spurneth at The Doings of The Lord; yea, wo unto him that shall deny The Christ and His Works.'

Romans 6:12, 'Let not sin therefore reign in your \_\_\_\_\_ body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.'

Message 25:14, 'Repent, ye \_\_\_\_\_ of pleasure, for your worship is not of the heart, your Prayers are only from the lips, and an outward show, and this is an abomination unto The Lord. For your effort is to get gain and your hearts are full of greed; therefore, The Wrath of God is Kindled against the \_\_\_\_\_, and the hireling, for they shall receive the greater damnation, for The Lord will send a Scourge and Destruction in the land; and He shall Cleanse the people of darkness and superstition and your mockery shall come to an end.'

Matthew 15:7-8, 'Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias Prophecy of you, saying, This people \_\_\_\_\_ nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.'

Message 74:4, 'False Prophets will Arise. False \_\_\_\_\_ will be made. Evil will grow worse and worse among the ungodly. Hearts will be sad until few will have faith in The Gospel of Christ. Mockery shall be among men, but The Truth shall go on to its Mission.'

Message 69:4, 'Yea, moreover, Israel will slowly Hear and Come forth \_\_\_\_\_. Heed The Warning I have sent by My

Servant, John. This is The Closing Hour—The Warning is Sent and to all that Hear, Life Everlasting, but to them that mock and scorn, Woe! Woe! Woe! and sad will be their end. Behold I have Spoken.'

Message 7&8:4, 'The Lord Requires This Work to be Done after The \_\_\_\_\_ that He shall Give you from time to time. It is well that you Choose a Wise Man who Fears God and who is no mocker, but one who will follow The \_\_\_\_\_ that God shall Give concerning The Building of This House. He may draw The Plans, and if he will give Heed to The Voice of The Spirit and The Instructions that I shall Deliver to you let him draw The Prints and Plans.'

Message 9:3, 'I will give you more of The Plans of The Temple, but be not \_\_\_\_\_ in Carrying out The Plans that I have Given you. Yet, as I have told you, a Wise Man whose Heart is Filled with The Spirit of God; who is no mocker. Let him Draw The Plan and Prints of The Building as far as he can, for Behold, This House is not Built after the \_\_\_\_\_ of men; for it shall yet be shown to many who doubt and question The Wisdom of This House, that The Lord has Directed, and that it was not the wisdom of men.'

Message 106:23, 'Choose a man who is no mocker, who is Humble and of Good \_\_\_\_\_, to bring up The Prints and Plans from The Instructions I have Brought and will Bring.'

## Food For Thought

*Sister Karen Wilkin  
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Most people think of the month of July as the month known for 'Freedom' which is

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recognized on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

We are Blessed with Freedom to do just about anything we want to do, so long as it is legal by Law. Sometimes it is easy to take our 'Freedom' for granted and forget it Truly is a Blessing to be able to be Free to exercise our Rights in America, whether it be something we may even disagree about.

Freedom of Speech is one of those things that can be a Wonderful Way to get our point across. However, some people take this Freedom way too far and misuse it. When someone uses their Freedom of Speech to 'hurt' someone else, that is not a good thing.

When someone uses Freedom of Speech to 'use profanity' at people or around children, is not a good thing. Freedom of Speech is not a good thing when someone writes something very derogatory about someone which affects not only that person's life, but several other people, even if it might be True.

We are Blessed with Freedom to Worship our God, for now anyway. There are those people who would like for this Freedom to be taken away from Christians. Religion is under attack and our Freedom for Witnessing and Worshipping is not at all like it once was. Satan knows his time is short so he is working hard to take the Christians down and out. He uses organizations like The ACLU to help his cause.

We have as Christians lost our Freedom to Talk about God in school. We have lost our Christian Freedom to Pray in school. Why? Their reasoning is it might offend

someone who doesn't Believe there is a God or they Worship a different God.

Message 3:4, **'The Gospel must be Preached, The Cry must go out, The**

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**Lord's Coming is near. Behold this is a day when the world with its greed and wealth and pleasure must be Warned as in the days of Noah. Pride and Vanity have filled the hearts of men, and The Law of The Lord is forgotten'.**

Message 86:42, **'There will be riots, strikes, outbursts against The Government, picketing and much destruction of property and people, confusion and dismay, emptiness and untrust toward many people. Labor shall rise up against the hand that feeds them: unrest everywhere'.**

*Does any of this sound familiar?* Many of the very things that were given in The 86<sup>th</sup> Message is even more Obvious Now than it was when it was given. The time is coming when it will be more and more difficult to spread The Gospel Message. The Freedom we have now will not be as Accessible to Christians. Freedoms we now taken for granted will become a thing of the past.

Freedom is not really 'Free' when you consider all the life's that are taken during the many wars we have been involved in recent years. Thousands of people have given their very life's to Protect our Freedom. Christ gave His very Life to give us a FREE Choice to Accept Him as our Savior, or Not too. Our Freedom of Choice was not Free for Christ, but He made it Possible for our Salvation to be Free.

Message 86:45, **'Salvation is FREE to all that will Hear and take Hold and Work this way'.**

More changes are coming and we must remain Vigilant in our Dedication and

Service to Christ and His Church. Our Freedom is at risk as satan tries to bring about more deception, spread his lies and bring about more confusion among people.

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He is out to destroy all he can and taking our Christian Rights away and our Freedom to Serve and Worship Christ is at the top of his list.

Don't take your Freedoms for Granted. Whether it be to Serve your Country, Pledge Allegiance to The Flag by continuing to say, '*One Nation, Under God, with Liberty and Justice for all*'; to Serve Jesus Christ, to Spread His Gospel, to Witness to the lost or Attend Church Services, be Grateful and Thankful to our Heavenly Father that it is Possible for these Freedom's to be Exercised and Practiced. The day may Come when those Freedom's as we know them to be now, just might not be the same.

## Testimonies Of The Past

**Michael Greenwell, Missouri:** When I was in my twenties, I was always falling. I asked the Lord for a Blessing. I had a dream that if I could get to this place, I would get what I asked for. I found the place, and everyone seemed kind hearted toward each other. I saw two men together afar, I thought they were Angels, however the men separated and one came to a group and asked if Mike Greenwell was there. I said, '*yes Lord that is me*'. We took a walk. I remember feeling I was not lacking for anything. I didn't know what to ask for, so I asked, '*Could you heal my allergies?*' '*That's easy, is there something else?*' I asked, '*Could you give me something to help me keep your Commandments?*' The Lord answered, '*Do the best you can today, until you can live for today it will be hard for you to keep My*

*Commandments.*' I woke up.

**Terry Weaver, Florida;** I am Blessed to be here. The last time I was here was in 1981. I am thankful that my wife and son are here

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with me. I am thankful to be here with Brenda and her family. I am thankful for my grandson. *I know that prayer changes things!* I am thankful for being here. Pray for us all and The Work in Florida.

**Brenda Humpert, Florida;** That special person that just testified, is my uncle. I love him dearly. I grew up in this Church. I was told that God placed me where I am to be. My job ends in July. Please pray that I will know what to do. I may have to move. I am thankful for being here, my husband sold his truck so we could come. Pray for us.

**Ola Thompson, Missouri;** This is the Day the Lord has made. I am so thankful for *The Three Books*. If you don't open them up, they mean nothing. When my brother spoke last night about who writes for our paper, I thought, '*I don't look at who writes what, I get Blessed by the Truth that is written.*' I feel he is doing a good job. Also, Leonard, continue your letter writings, they encourage others. *That is a Blessing*. You are Blessed by your obedience! I thank Leonard and Ellen for coming to Saint Joseph every other week end for Services. He has never complained. Sometimes he is tired and I have to ask for a smile. He smiles and the Lord Blesses.

**Leonard Draves, Missouri;** I remember when Ola and I went out to the Bellamy's home so I could administer to Wanda. She was carrying a child. When I administered to Wanda, half way through the prayer, I had to stop speaking, as the Lord showed me she was carrying a boy child. It was such a Blessing to me, but something new to me. When I finished the prayer, I could not say

to Wanda that I saw her carrying a boy, even though she knew not what the child was she was carrying. I remember Ola asking me, when we were leaving, what happened during that prayer. I could not tell her what I saw, as I feared in doing so. Darren is a wonderful young man, and I too love him dearly. I love B.J. and Jake dearly also. I tell them they are mine and that I let my sister raise them. Terry's boys are good and wonderful young men also; like Larry, these young men mean a lot to me as well. May God always keep them and Bless them, as they grow in *This Gospel Work*. These young men and ladies also, are a reflection of their parents. That says a lot!

**Barbara Long, Missouri;** I am thankful to be here. Thankful to God for the young Elders. I see God in them. I need to apologize to Phil. We use to ride to Pleasant Hill together for *Church*. I am sure I have been overbearing at times. I hope I did not add to his problems at the time. When you get self-righteous, you start to lose. I have been closer to God than I am today. Pray for me. Pray for *His Spirit, His Discernment, His Wisdom*, and always study *His Word*. I need more of *God's Spirit*. I want to be able to do a *Work* for God. I love you all. I need your prayers.

## ARTICLE

### From The Vineyard

### Sanctification

*Sister Oladawn Thompson*  
*Missouri*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

I have been pondering the things that have taken place in the past and realizing that the divisions were caused by lack of Sanctification in The Lord. Lack of The

Fruits developed within us to where The Gifts can manifest itself. First of all, we must have God's Spirit within us before we can receive The Fruits which are The Gifts given to us from God as we prepare to  
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For them to be given to us from God as we prepare to become the men and women God would have us to be in Service to Him.

This brings to my mind, 'Sanctification'. We must 'sanctify' ourselves to be Holy. To do this is to ALLOW God to work a Work within us by coming to OBEDIENCE to HIS WILL in The Written Words as well as in The Spirit, take upon us The Likeness of our Father, and become Holy as He is HOLY!

Lev. 11:44, '**For I am The Lord your God. Ye shall therefore Sanctify yourself and ye shall be Holy for I Am Holy**'

Lev. 20:7-8, '**Sanctify yourself there- And ye shall keep My STATUES, and do them. I Am The Lord which Sanctify you.**'

The dictionary states: Sanctify means to 'Make Holy'. Consecrate, to make free from sin, Purify.

Through True Repentance with REAL intent, we can begin our journey into Sanctification. We can cleanse our inner vessels, become Pure in Heart and have Clean Hands (Free from sinful thoughts, ways and actions).

Message 116:7, '**Be Discreet, be Humble, lift your Life Style to be Tidy, Neat, Patient and Full of Grace. Think again, you Represent The Lord's Body and Members in Particular, that your Humility will be Accepted of God and man. God is Just, He will Open The Door before you. My Message is to all that will Hear, Listen, Open and Obey. Deliverance will Come.**'

We have made a Commitment to Christ to live Upright and Holy. To become Holy we must Obey God and get to Know Him through The Gospel, Prayer, (Message 63:19) Meditation, Studying and even Fasting. We need to Know Christ's nature, to become like Christ. We need to Cultivate within our Hearts, His Fruits, which are Love, Joy, Peace, Long-suffering, Gentle-

ness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance (Gal. 5:22-23, Articles of Faith and Practice #8, Eph. 5:8-10, Message 34:6, Moroni 7: 1-47, Ester 12:28, I Cor. 13th and 14th Chapters). Take time to read these **Page 247**

Scriptures.

Our hearts are Purified by Faith in The Scriptures and in our Lord.

Acts 15: 8-9, **‘And God which Knoweth the hearts bare them Witness giving them The Holy Ghost, even as He did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, Purifying their hearts by Faith.’**

Message 51: 4, **‘Therefore The New Light is Promised continue to Prepare for it. The Greater your Understanding The Greater your Work shall be. All must Sanctify (become Holy) their Lives unto The Lord, for sin cannot Receive The Glory of The Lord nor The Power of The Lamb Slain’.**

Be rid of our besieging sins. Rise to a Higher Ground and be Holy in our every day Life. Develop The Fruits of our Lord in our Lives. Take upon us The Fasting Way of Life, one where we give up our will and Live in God's Will in all things. Fast from your own desires and will and Live in The Fruits of our Lord.

Message 95:14, **‘Be ye Humble, be Fruitful unto The Spirit- even ALL. This is The Assured Way.’**

Sanctification comes by Yielding our Hearts to God's Will. *The Record Of The Nephites*, Book of Ether, Chapter 4, verses 6-8, **‘For The Lord Saith unto me, They shall not go forth unto The Gentiles until the day that they shall Repent of their iniquity (sins), become Clean (pure) before The Lord;**

**And in that day they shall Exercise Faith in Me, Saith The Lord, even as The Brother of Jared did, that they may become Sanctified in Me, then will I Manifest unto them the things which The Brother of Jared saw, even to The Unfolding unto them ALL My Revelations, Saith Jesus Christ, The Son**

**of God, The Father of The Heavens and of the earth, and all things that in them is.**

**And he that will contend against The Word of The Lord, let him be accursed, and he that shall deny these things let him be accursed; for unto them will I show no July. 2012**

**Greater Things, Saith Jesus Christ; for I Am He which Speaketh;’** (read the whole Chapter of Ether).

God wants us to be Strong in His Power, and His Will, to Know His Voice in all things and be Filled with His Holy Spirit, to take upon yourself The Fruits of His Spirit and to Walk as Children of Light.

We must take upon us God's Nature to become Holy through The Word and be OBEDIENT.

We need to Apply these things to our every day life, be Sanctified in The Word, Cleansed from our besieging sins, be Strong in Christ's Love to Overcome our weakness, and 'MAGNIFY The Lord. (Ps. 34:4).

James 4:7-8, **‘Submit yourself therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

**Draw Nigh to God and He will Draw Nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners and Purify your Hearts, ye double minded.’**

So, let us be Single Minded unto The Lord. Strong Belief and Directed by His Spirit. Know your God in Word and in Spirit.

Remember, The Lord will Bless and bring Success by HIS Spirit (Message 120:7).

Let us Tidy our Lives by being True to The Gospel of Christ, Riding ourselves of sin and Applying The Word to our everyday Living.

Take time to Be Holy. If you are too busy to spend time with The Lord, then you are just too busy, and you are heading for disaster in your Life. Ask God to Show you things in your Life that are not bearing Fruit and Change that part of your Life. Look yourself in the mirror and ask, *‘What image do I bear?’* *Are you Carrying The Fruits of The Lord in your Life?* Be Honest and True and Know where you are in your Relationship with Christ!

God says, *'Awake Sleepers and Arise from the dead and Christ shall Shine upon you, and give you Light.'*

Make the most of your time because the days are evil (Eph. 5: 14-16), be Sanctified with The Washing of The Water by The Word (Read Eph., Chapter 5), and Learn The Will of The Lord. *'Put on The Whole Armour of July, 2012*

*God that ye may be Able to Stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but ... against Spiritual wickedness in high places'* (Eph., 6: 11-12).

Take time to be Holy, grow into the person God can use to bring about His Design and His Kingdom here on earth.

When we are Truly Sanctified, we are Pure and will do a Pure and Holy Work in Honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Message 52:13, **'Unto The Servants of The Lord: except you make Ready and Quickly Prepare your Hearts before The Lord The Greater Light will not Come to you. But you that Overcome Bearing The Fruits of His Spirit, do, and shall Understand Great Things of The Plan and Design of God. Much will yet be Revealed-even The Records that shall Prove and Reprove all men, berating them before God and their fellowmen that a NEW DAY may Come Forth.'**

May we all be Found with God's Fruits in our Lives, a Living Testimony to our Lord and His Gospel. May our Fellow Servant John The Baptist Come again SOON!

## Primary Department

*Editor: Sister Joy Ellen Draves  
New York*

## Honor Thy Parents

Exodus 20:12, **'Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which The Lord thy God giveth thee.'**

This is The First of God's Commandments with a Promise. God says if we will

Honor our parents then we will have a long Life. *But how do we Honor our parents?* One way is to OBEY them.

Ephesians 6:1, **'Children, Obey your parents in The Lord: for this is Right.'**

This is another time in The Bible when God Instructs us to Obey our parents.

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Notice that it is plural, saying parents, not just the father or the mother. Whew! What a job! We have to Obey not just one parent, but both of them.

*Have you ever wondered why God gave children such an impossible task?* It is because He Knows that it is hard for children to do it without asking Jesus to Help them. Jesus wants us to Pray and Talk to Him all the time, and this is one of the ways He gets us to do that. *And what about the parents?* In all the organizations in the world, especially The Military, they never give anyone *two* bosses. They only have one Commander, one chain of command. It would be hard for a Soldier to follow orders if he had two people telling him what to do.

But Jesus, in His Infinite Wisdom, put two parents in Charge of the kids. He Knew they would have to be talking to each other all the time to keep things straight. For example, *have you ever asked Mom to let you do something, and she said no. So then you went and asked Dad, hoping he would say yes without talking it over with Mom first?* Hmm? Well, the answer is because Jesus sees parents as if they are one person, not two. When your parents got married, Jesus stopped seeing them as two people, and He sees them as one. He Knows the only way that they can keep up with the kids is to Pray to Him for Help!

Genesis 2:24, **'For This Cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and**

**shall be Cleave (joined) unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh.'**

Wow! Jesus thought of everything! He Knew that children would have a hard time Obeying their parents without asking Jesus to Help them, and that parents would never be Able to rear children without Praying for Help. So a long time ago when  
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He gave Moses The Ten Commandments, He made this *The Fifth Rule*. And the wonderful thing is, He made a Promise when He Gave it.

Jesus Said to Honor our parents so we would Live long on the earth. *Have you ever wondered about that?* I have. *Now how does God Keep that Promise?* I am not totally sure about that, but I think I know one thing. *Who Loves you more than anyone else? God. Who loves you more than anyone else on earth?* Your parents. God Knows that if we Obey our parents, our parents will always be Watching out for us here on the earth. They will tell us things like '*look both ways before you cross the street*' and '*brush your teeth so they will not rot out.*' You see, our parents are Telling us these things because they Love us, just like Jesus does. And if we do these things, we will likely Live a long and Healthy Life.

## **Junior Department**

*Editor: Sister Thresa Ray  
Missouri*

Dear Youth,

*Do you have a personal relationship with Christ? Do you know Jesus as a friend?*

Many people claim to be Christians but they have not Come all The Way. Their Lives are no different from someone who does not claim to be a Christian.

Scripture tells us we must '**Repent and**

**be Baptized'**. There are two Baptisms; one by Water and one by The Holy Spirit. When you are Truly Repentant of your sins and ask God into your Heart He will Fill you with His Holy Spirit. That will Cause you to have a Change of Attitude—to Truly Commit yourself to God. When doing that, you will be a Changed Person. You will Desire to do  
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God's Will, to Walk in His Footsteps. Your Works will Show where your Heart is, because Good Works will Follow you.

People will see there is something 'Special' about you, because you will be Different from others that do not have Christ in their Life— because there will be a Goodness about you.

Message 86:53, '**Some try to Serve The Lord standing afar off. Some fail to Fully Dedicate their Lives to His Service—they Seek to Serve two masters. Until they meet The Lord Face to Face and Repent of their error they will not Fully find Peace**'.

Matthew 6:24, '**No man can Serve two masters for either he will hate the one, and Love the other, or else he will Hold to The One, and despise the other. Ye cannot Serve God and mammon**' (riches of the world).

Some Claim to be Christians, but have not Fully Repented, or been Baptized by Water or by The Holy Spirit, which will bring about a Change in them.

*Are you Truly Committing yourself to God—trying to Walk in His Footsteps, or are you holding back, because you are afraid you won't be cool or accepted by your friends if you don't do all the things they do?*

You will not Fully be Happy or find Inner Peace until you Serve only one Master—Jesus Christ.

God tells us to (Message 99:9), **‘Be very Careful what you Say, how you Speak, and where you Are . . .’**

Message 85:12-13, **‘Turn away from the secular (worldly) and Claimed Peculiar, but be ye a Righteous People.**

**The Lord’s People are Peculiar, but not sordid (dirty-filthy) in fashions and styles– July, 2012**

**or conspicuous in attractions (attracting attention) – not of Good Works. These will lead astray.’**

We do have to be ‘in’ this world, but we do not have to be ‘of’ the world. We do not have to have worldly ways.

God tells us in Message 108:12, **‘When a man is at Peace with God, even his enemies respect him.’**

If you are at Peace with The Lord, doing His Will, you can turn away from wrong doing–your friends will know there is something Right and Good about you and they will Respect you. (If even your enemy can Respect you–*don’t you think someone that is ‘not’ your enemy would Respect you and your Choice to do right?*)

We must Come all The Way– we cannot serve two masters. We must Truly Repent of our sins and Strive to sin no more. Truly Accept Christ in our Hearts. Be Baptized of Water and of The Holy Ghost. God’s Spirit will Cleanse you. His Spirit will Abide with you and Help you daily to do His Will and Resist temptation.

We need to be True Christians in Word and Deed!

Think about The Example Jesus Set for us. Try to Follow in His Footsteps. Jesus Loves us so much that He Died on The Cross for us that we may have Everlasting Life. What a Love He Has for us! What a Friend He Is to us! All we have to do is

Truly Ask Him to Come into our Life!

May God Bless you and Fill you with His Holy Spirit and Guide you in all Things!

***Remember, with Christ, all Things are Possible!***

## **Young Adult Department**

*Editors: Matthew & Ellen Thompson  
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## **The Resume of Jesus Christ**

*Submitted*

***This is a great way to Teach The Word of God with a modern twist***

**Address:** Ephesians 1:20

**Phone:** Romans 10:13

**Websites:** The Bible, The Record Of The Nephites, The Word of The Lord  
**Keywords:** Christ, Lord, Savior and Jesus

### **Objective**

My Name is Jesus -The Christ. Many call me Lord! I've sent you My Resume because I'm seeking the top management position in your Heart. Please consider My Accomplishments as set forth in My Resume.

### **Qualifications**

- I Founded the earth and Established The Heavens,  
(See Proverbs 3:19)
- I Formed man from the dust of the ground,  
(See Genesis 2:7)
- I Breathed into man The Breath of Life,  
(See Genesis 2:7)
- I Redeemed man from the curse of the law,  
(See Galatians 3:13)
- The Blessings of The Abraham Covenant comes upon your Life through Me,  
(See Galatians 3:14)

### **Occupational Background**

I've only had one Employer

(See Luke 2:49).

I've never been Tardy, Absent, Disobedient,  
Slothful or Disrespectful.

My Employer has nothing but Rave  
Reviews for Me,

(See Matthew 3:15 -17)

### **Skills Work Experiences**

Some of My Skills and Work Experiences

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include: Empowering The Poor to be poor  
no more, Healing The Brokenhearted,  
Setting The Captives free, Healing The Sick,  
Restoring Sight to The Blind and Setting at  
Liberty them that are Bruised,  
(See Luke 4:18).

I Am a Wonderful Counselor,  
(See Isaiah 9:6).

People who Listen to Me shall Dwell Safely  
and shall not Fear evil,  
(See Proverbs 1:33).

Most importantly, I have The Authority,  
Ability and Power to Cleanse you of  
your sins,  
(See I John 1:7-9)

### **Educational Background**

I Encompass The Entire Breadth and Length  
of Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding,  
(See Proverbs 2:6).

In Me are hid all of The Treasures of  
Wisdom and Knowledge,  
(See Colossians 2:3).

My Word is so Powerful; it has been  
Described as being a Lamp unto your Feet  
and a Light unto your Path,

(See Psalms 119:105).

I can even Tell you all of The Secrets of  
your Heart,  
(See Psalms 44:21).

### **Major Accomplishments**

I was an Active Participant in The Greatest  
Summit Meeting of all times,  
(See Genesis 1:26).

I Laid down My Life so that you may Live,  
(See II Corinthians 5:15).

I Defeated the arch enemy of God and  
mankind and made a show of them openly,  
(See Colossians 2:15).

I've Miraculously Fed The Poor, Healed The

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Sick and Raised The Dead!

There are many more Major  
Accomplishments, too many to mention  
here. You can read them on My Website,  
which is Located at: [www. The BIBLE/  
THE RECORD OF THE NEPHITES/THE  
WORD OF THE LORD](http://www.TheBIBLE/THERECORDOFTHENEPHITES/THEWORDOFTHELORD). You don't need an  
Internet Connection or Computer to Access  
My Website.

### **References**

Believers and Followers worldwide will  
Testify to My Divine Healing, Salvation,  
Deliverance, Miracles, Restoration and  
Supernatural Guidance.

### **In Summation**

Now that you've read My Resume, I'm  
Confident that I'm The Only Candidate  
Uniquely Qualified to Fill this Vital Position  
in your Heart. In summation, I will Properly

Direct your Paths,

(See Proverbs 3:5-6),

and Lead you into Everlasting Life,

(See John 6:47).

*When can I start?* Time is of The Essence,  
(See Hebrews 3:15).

### **Obituary**

***Sherri June Bryant Adams***

## **1950-2012**

Sherri was born on September 4, 1950 in San Jose, California. She passed from this life on March 22, 2012 in Saint Louis, Missouri. Family and husband Rod Adams were by her side.

Sherri was preceded in death by her parents, A. W. and Ina Mae Bryant of Holden, Missouri.

Surviving her is her twin brother Eddie Ellis and his wife Tricia, two daughters, **July, 2012**

Michelle Smith Schelp, Tara Lee Neely and her husband Shawn, one son, Larry Dean Smith Junior and wife Anne Marie, their daughter Kathryn Dawn Everett and husband Dan, all from Missouri.

Grandchildren: Warren Brown, Kayla Berg, Collin Ward, Zackery Edgington, Nathan Edgington, Nicole Marcille, A.J. Edgington, Jordan Schelp, Caleb Smith, Lindsay Smith, Lauren Smith, Conner Neely and Abbey Neely and a great grand daughter Kylie Edgington. Sherrie's grandchildren were very important in her life. She Loved her friends and family dearly.

Sherri Loved her Shih Tzu dogs and was a foster parent for rescued Shih Tzu'.

She lived in California as a child and moved to Springfield, Missouri with her parents. She Loved to roller skate at the local skating rink.

She was an over the road truck driver for many years and worked at Boeing in Saint Louis.

She married Rod Adams on August 31, 2001.

A Memorial Service is planned sometime in the future in Clinton, Missouri. The family plans to spread her ashes with her parents.

Sherri belonged to *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord*, being Baptized at age 20, on December 22, 1970, in Kansas City, Missouri, one cold winter's day by Elder John O'keefe. Brother John had to break the ice on the pond before The Baptism could take place. She was a Life Long Member and grew up in The Church, sharing many memories playing with her Church friends, Leonard Draves, Karen Rhodes Wilkin, Larry Oldham, and Patricia Mallory Oldham

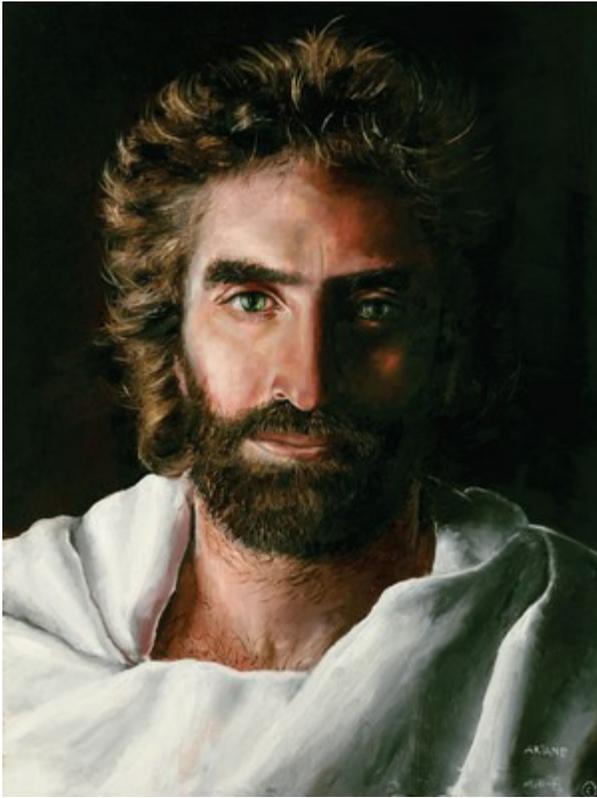
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## **Special Notices**

*The staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to our Brother Roger Bailey of Florida. We send our Love, Cares and Prayers to you. May God Bless!*  
The Editor

*The Church has a CD available of 'The Testimony of William A. Draves' spoken by himself, for \$5.00. Please contact The General Headquarters Office.*

## **Prince of Peace**



*Painted by Akiane Kramarik*

## *God Bless Our Military Men and Women*

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We must never forget who gets the credit for the freedoms we have, of which we are Eternally Grateful.

## **Fifth Grade Assignment**

*Submitted by Elder Carl Linton*

*Florida*

Wouldn't this be great if it was taught in every school. A fifth grade teacher in a Christian School asked her class to look at

TV Commercials and see if they could use them in 20 ways to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results.

## **GOD IS LIKE...**

### **BAYER ASPRIN:**

He works Miracles.

### **A FORD:**

He's got a Better Idea

### **COKE:**

He's The Real Thing.

### **HALLMARK CARDS**

He Cares enough to send His Very Best.

### **TIDE**

He gets the stains out others leave behind

### **GENERAL ELECTRIC**

He brings Good Things to Life.

### **WAL-MART**

He has Everything

### **ALKA-SELTZER**

Try Him, you'll Like Him

### **SCOTCH TAPE**

You can't see Him, but you Know He's There.

### **DELTA**

He's Ready when you are.

### **ALLSTATE**

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You're in Good Hands with Him.

### **VO-5**

Hair Spray; He Holds through all kinds of weather.

### **DIAL SOAP:**

Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

### **The U.S. POST OFFICE:**

Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will Keep Him from His Appointed Destination.

### **Chevrolet . . .**

The Heart Beat of America.

### **Maxwell House.**

Good to The Very Last Drop. God is like.

**B o u n t y . . .**

He is The Quicker Picker Upper. Can Handle the tough jobs. . . And He Won't Fall Apart on you.

BLESSINGS FROM MY HOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE, Peace, Love and Prosperity to all! Remember also, God is like:

**The Energizer Bunny:**

He Keeps Going, Going, and Going!

**A PRAYER FOR HELP**

Submitted by editor

How long will You forget Me, O LORD My God? How long will You Hide your Face from me? How long shall I take Counsel in my own Soul, having sorrow in my Heart daily? How long shall my enemies be exalted over me?

Consider and Hear me, O LORD my God and Loving Father: Lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death. Lest my enemies say I have prevailed against them, and those that trouble me rejoice when I am gone. Yes I have Trusted in Your Mercy: my Heart will Rejoice in Your Salvation.

O LORD my God, Lift me up. Show my enemies that Thou Art with me. Let me  
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Hold to Your Word, and Forever Speak of Your Goodness and Mercies.

O LORD my God, there is none that I can Turn to but Thee, and it was You that gave me Life. It was You that Called me while I was yet in my mother's womb. Forgive me O LORD my God, for forgetting that it was You that Called me out of darkness into The Light.

O LORD my God, You are my God Forever, and it is You that I will Serve. And now I Know that You did not Forget me, but

that it was me who Forgot that You are my God. Amen!

***Independence Day***

In The United States, Independence Day, commonly known as The Fourth of July, is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of The Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from The Kingdom of Great Britain. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, picnics, concerts, baseball games, political speeches and ceremonies, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of The United States.

We are a Blessed Nation, with freedoms that other countries do not have. People from all over the world come to The United States in search of these freedoms. One of those freedoms is 'The Freedom of Religion' that we all Cherish and Love. To Worship as we please is a wonderful Blessing to have.

***Message 53:2-4***

***'I come from The Presence of The Lord. I am The Elias which for to come. I***

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***am the man send from God. I am he that cried Repentance in the wilderness. I am The Messenger spoken of by The Prophets of old. I am John The Baptist. My Message is one of Love to all people and nations, color or race.***

***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.*

*Again the poor have The Gospel preached to them. I come with a Message of Life-heed ye The Written Word. Let not man speak his way for his heart is full of selfishness.'*

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## **Quorum Notes**

*June 23, 2012*

*Pre-Assembly Meeting of Quorums*

Once again The Twelve and Bishops met to ponder The Word of God and do Business for The Lord. Opening Prayers were given then Sacrament was Served.

There were discussion on The Scheduling for The 2012 General Assembly, also The Missionary Trip to The Philippines.

Arrangement are being made for Disciple Motubu of Africa to take a Missionary Trip to several countries within Africa. Please Pray for this effort and safety.

New Message Books were shown to the Brethren and are available in Headquarters Office.

Please Pray that funding for The Trip to The Philippines will come in for The Work. Trip was postpone due to lack of financing.

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