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Assembly Notes



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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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Secretary For The Twelve

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 17:11-13). 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

Message 42

1. "I come to you in peace. I bring a message from the Lord; He that has loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that he might man redeem.

2. This is the Lord's work. You men are called from among men to represent Christ and his church. Therefore be very humble. Meet in your assembly in peace and let the Lord by his Spirit remain among you. Behold, the Lord will meet with you, for truly this shall be the beginning of great things to come to pass.

3. See that all teach and preach the same thing—and wander not off on strange doctrine, for such will not save you.

4. Those that shall not labor in full purpose of heart to defend this cause shall be not of the chosen of the Lord. Hardness of heart and under deception is not of the Lord. There are those that are traitors. Let them repent lest the Lord reject them for this work shall go on and the purpose of the Lord accomplished.

5. Contend with no man, only for the truth. Remember the Lord Jesus who intercedes to the Father for mankind that he shall draw all who will come into life eternal.

6. Repent ye that have erred and ye that are not right before God, for the church work is holy and it must be carried on under the just plan of the Lord. Let no contention come among you; they that contendeth against the word of the Lord contendeth selfishly to their woe. Let all ye servants be as one and great things shall come to pass that shall awaken

many and hosts shall gather to learn the will of the Lord.

7. To the servants of the Lord: Do as I have bid you. Let the twelve counsel together much and consider this great work and the Spirit of the Lord shall abide with you to enlighten the way for in principle, justice and righteousness shall ye consider the way. The Spirit of the Lord shall fill your souls with joy, and with a conqueror's tread shall the work go on. With your faith ye will accomplish. It shall be done.

8. Let the bishops counsel together much. Be kind and humble that ye may understand the ways and needs of the people. Let all be saving that more might go to the field.

9. Let all pray much that when the evil powers arise, they shall not harm the work of the Lord. As ye labor, labor in love. As one, stand together and the powers of darkness shall fade before you. Be kind to all men. Be ye observant.

10. Make your preparations that the gospel may soon be preached in Norway, for this is an opportune time to take the message to that humble nation.

11. Let more set their homes in order that they may go to the fields and labor. Hasten, arise go forth in faith; your mission is one of love.

12. I come as the messenger of the Lord. I speak his will and my name is John. I shall come again to instruct in this work, for so is the will of the Lord. Amen."

Assembly Notes

2016 Assembly Notes

Sunday, June 26, 2016 2:00 p.m.

Opening Song: "Higher Ground"

Opening Prayer: Jairus Yates

Sermon: **Richard Johnson**

Conference or Assembly? What Difference does it make!

Message 86:69 "The Assembly is for the people to learn this great Work and follow through. The work of the ministry is in the hands of the apostles-lead them aright."

If you are like me I have read this verse many times without fully grasping its significance to the church. This year the brothers are following through on these instructions given us by the Lord and we want everyone to more fully know the reasons the messenger spoke this about the Assembly, the apostles and then later spoke of the bishopric of the quorum of apostles.

Monday and Tuesday afternoon at two p.m. Jairus, Reese and I will be teaching about the bishopric of the church. Be sure to attend if possible. This afternoon to begin our assembly I will speak briefly about God's Gift and Gifts to the Church and then I want to talk about the history and importance of two words. They are conference and assembly. I will be following a timeline and history about them in the messages. I hope it will be helpful for us in our teaching later.

Message 12:8 "... remember, Christ is at the head of the Church, and will direct His Work. He is the Great High Priest of His people and **He will direct the Work as in days of old...**" **Who will direct the work? Christ will!** Articles 1,2,3 Articles of Faith and Practice.

His decrees are unalterable and they reflect His sovereignty over all His creation. It must be this way so there will be unity of faith in His body the church and for all those believers in Christ who are now under the great worldly confusion.

How was the work directed by Him in the days of old? After His resurrection and ascension into heaven He gave some, spiritual gifts to represent Him and continue His direction of the work of the ministry and also some he sent and some were born for this cause.

Ephesians 4:8 "...When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. 11. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

Oxford Dictionary: instruct or improve (someone) morally or intellectually. synonyms: educate, instruct, teach, school, tutor, guide, enlighten, inform. Message 86:69 is correct.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. 7... the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit thereby: 18. **But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.** 27. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." and also: John 1:6. "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John"

Message 24:2 "...I am the man sent from God and my name is John..."

Message 28:7 "Thus saith the Lord your God: 'I have sent My servant John to you with the Message, for behold he is

My choice, and for that purpose was he born, that he might take My Message and My Covenants that I have made. He shall prepare the way before Christ as in former days: John the Baptist is his name. All that he has brought and all that he shall bring has come from My presence, and My Words that I have sent shall judge you in the last day.”

The coming of the Lord's messenger and the Words and his scribe was a gift from God that was taken from us to soon because of unbelief of some in the Words and Directions. There still is the promise the church will never again be destroyed and he will come again until the work is finished.

Romans 12:5 “So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.” (All members are connected by the gift of His Spirit and the Life that is in Him and must work together in unity) 6. “Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us...”

Ephesians 2:8 “For by grace you are saved through faith; and that not of **your-selves, it is the gift of God—**”

Message 92:10 “**There is no greater authority or gift, or gifts given to man than that which I bring of the Lord God, after the order of His Son.**”

We must not now lose the gift or the gifts!

Now let's take a look at the history and timeline of General Conferences and General Assembly in the Church.

On the face of it the meaning of the two words conference and assembly would not appear to be a game changer. Who would believe these two words could be involved in another major turning point for the church. I will need you to come with me to

see some things past that can help us going forward together and to even return more of the lord's people to this Way.

When the Lord sent His messenger to Otto Fetting the Church of Christ that He had restored needed to be set in order again. He needed to fully and correctly establish it anew so it would again please Him. The Lord has said: so called Restoration had added to: offices, officers, and creeds He does not accept. (Set: to put in the proper or desired order, ordain to set in order. To appoint or assign to an office or duty, fixed by authority, rule. To put in order: arrange, **establish** according to rules, organization.)

By directing the work the Lord has said He had placed the work of the churches and the preaching and teaching in the hands of the apostles to establish His church in its fullness in all the nations. With their **planning and programming of the work with the proper representation and image** it would be set to grow with His Authority to be established among them in the far reaching. They were to **direct in all things as the Lord will direct you.** Message 26:10 “...Wait for His direction in all things, lest He reject your work...”

I want to show how important these and other instructions were before I finish. First a little more background for us.

Our first interpretation and definition of the term General Conference came to us as another former restoration church tradition. If you haven't I recommend you read the article by Brother Jairus in the Mar/Apr. Greater Light.

A Quote from it: “After the 1925 church conference, many men separated themselves from the Reorganized Church because of false doctrine and traditions of

men which were allowed in the church...In 1925-26 the Lord gave them revelations, prophecy, tongues and dreams with many witnesses that they should, as elders ordain apostles...this was the pattern in 1829-30 when David Whitmer, Oliver Cowdery and Joseph Smith were indicated as apostles, to select other apostles was thus being carried out."

By revelation and the approval of the people, committees were formed and recommendations made to the General church conference that was approved. Apostles were chosen as the spirit directed and finally men were ordained. The messenger first came beginning in February 1927 and on March 1928 he said In Message 5:2 that those that had been set apart as members of the twelve had been chosen to represent Christ and His Church. Time doesn't permit me to comment further but you should see that they were following the former traditions of the General church conferences directing and approving what God was revealing by His Spirit. In reality they were the churches governing body. They were doing well then because by their vote they (Quote) **"Expressed their determination to further perfect the organization of the church" and "they resolved to petition the Lord for direction as the choosing of the Apostles, and such other matters as He may see fit to impart unto us."** (End quote). Amazingly most would soon reject God's answers to their prayers because It did not fit their traditions or of the men they followed. And so it has been and will be.

I also have borrowed the following from brother Jairus. Men will go away from the Word Of The Lord when they choose to not listen to the Holy Spirit. Words came

through my Great Grandfather in 1927 that said. "You asked for me to lead you but do you know how to follow?" Will you follow my words when they conflict with your imperfect humanity. People have two problems. Not knowing how to hear and not knowing how to follow.

Hebrews 12:25 "See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not we escape*, if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven." I ask you how has he spoken from heaven? Where are those who have turned away not defending the Words of His angel or the revealing power of the Spirit of Truth.

Christ the head of the body was still in heaven. In answering their prayers He would speak from heaven by sending His angel with His Word with full Power and Authority to set the church in order. He would establish the church anew by giving God's directions to those that would represent Him on earth. To represent requires being made a representative in an official capacity. It is a member or members in particular chosen or appointed to act or speak for another or others.

Conference is found in the Articles of Faith and Practice and in the words of the messenger in the first message to Brother Fetting about the spring conference. It is then found again in the 86th and 90th messages given to brother Draves, making the necessary corrections for the understanding the Lord directed.

So: General Conference or General Assembly? What difference does it make?

Conference can be a formal meeting of a governing body. "he gathered all the men around the table for a conference" **Syno-**

nyms: discussion, consultation, talk, debate, conversation. (Here the question is who has God set (ordained) to be the governing body of His Church?) Is it a conference of the apostles, or the bishops, or an assembly of the people? **General conference** does refer to the top legislative bodies of some churches.

Assembly: a group of people gathered together in one place for a common purpose: **synonyms:** gathering, meeting, congregation, convocation, assemblage, group, body. Oxford Dictionaries.) **General Assembly:** The highest ecclesiastical court of various national churches. Here the question is the common purpose of the assembly of God's people. Should it have continued as the churches governing body instead of the general church conferences of the Twelve Apostles?

A good synonym for general is worldwide. Then is it a worldwide conference of the Lord's governing body or is it the assemblage of His people to learn the work and follow through or is it the quorum bishops?

A.F.P. article 1 states the apostles have the highest office in the church and the missionary supervision and the general (worldwide or universal) watch care of all the churches.

From the beginning the messenger had been giving the instructions and decrees we should have followed to keep order in His household. The time had come for the church to expand to other nations. The supervision of the General Bishopric of the quorum of bishops by the church conference was not God's plan for establishing His Kingdom in all the world. Kingdoms are governed top down not bottom up. It was time and the need was to correct it.

Directing and establishing the work in all the world in reality was not yet in the hands of the apostles.

General assemblies were first spoken about in:

Message 5:7 1927 "...Let the basement or first floor be finished, that the Lord's people in Independence may gather there for their services. Let the main floor be used when the Lord's people gather for their **General Assemblies...**" It is the only reference of a **General Assembly**. The rest of the messages speaks of Solemn Assemblies or Assembly, Assemblies and the solemnness or solemnity of the Lord's people. The Solemn assembly without objection became the General Assemblies to replace General Conferences. Assembly was also given in a 1931 prophecy by George Backus.

Solemn Assembly

He said in Message 6:6, 1928: "...I gave you a commandment that you call your solemn assembly; that your fasting and your mourning might come up into the ears of the Lord your God."

In Israel God commanded a Solemn Assembly of His people and again today for a true remnant of Israel.

Joel 1:14-15 "Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders *and* all the inhabitants of the land *into* the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord, Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord *is* at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come."

Joel 2:15-16 "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly. Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth from the chamber, and

the bride out of her closet.”

The Greek word for church in the bible is eklesia and it means assembly or congregation.

It was in Message 18:17, 1930 that the Lord said “...I am sent from God with full power and authority to set in order...” This was long, long before the Lord said to include the words of the messenger with the Articles of Faith and Practice as our rule and guide Messages 81:20, 85:44, 86:60.

Message 21:8, 1930 “Follow not the traditions of men, for the Lord will direct in His own way. Seek not to please man, but keep the Commandments of God. The Lord will direct further that the Church will be established in its fullness, but prepare ye a people...” (Follow the Lord's directions and lead the ministry aright and teach the people that they be prepared and follow through. Same as Message 86:69.

Message 26:6, 1931 “The Lord has placed the work of the churches and the preaching and teaching in the hands of the apostles as in the days of Christ when He was here; and the finances and the care of the poor and needy in the care of the bishops. Therefore see that the work is done as the Lord will direct...” (Who is to direct the work (the Lord) and who is to see that it is done? (the apostles or the bishops or the people?)

Message 29:3, 1932 “...I have given to mine apostles their charge, and instructed them to do my work in all the world...” (worldwide). Charge means a duty or responsibility laid upon or entrusted to one as in the function of His ministry or Bishopric.

Message 33:9, 1938. “**Read the Words of the Lord, study them, read ye what the Lord saith in the Twenty-Sixth Mes-**

sage.”

Apostles: Work of the churches and preaching and teaching in their hands and seeing that it is done as the Lord will direct.

Bishop's: finances (the management of revenues; revenue synonyms are income and receipts) and the care of the poor and needy in their care.

Message 41:2, 1939 “...The time shall soon come when all that offend shall be cut off from among the people of Lord. Therefore, I come to do the Will of the Lord. Will the people heed it?” A warning what was coming and would happen to the church.”

Message 49:20, 1940 “...I come to set in order, I come that the work may be fully established...”

Meanwhile the directing of the funding of the work of the apostles and the welfare of the churches in all the world continued to be in the hands of the bishops and administered under the supervision of the assembly of the people as the church's governing body. It was and administered under the authority of a Bishop's Corporation and an General Assembly that was formerly a General conference business meeting. (administer synonyms: direct, govern, oversee-rule, command, and control.)

In 1944 the general assembly instructed the seven bishops: “to form a Corp. for the church”. This act was accomplished. It did several things including members voting their privilege in the direction of the temporal affairs of this church and the affairs and management of the Corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Trustees, in numbers not to exceed seven, consisting of the Board of Bishops. Ellen provided me with a copy of a Zion's advocate article of No-

vember 1928 titled The quorum of the Twelve and The Bishopric quoting Peter just before the day of Pentecost, wherein he states the Office of the Bishopric was within the quorum of Twelve noting the margin footnote (Greek –episcopo; office or charge. W.J.S. -Willard J Smith.)

Let's move up to 1958 and these excerpts from a document found in the September 1958 Voice of Peace by then secretary of the twelve Howard Leighton Floyd for the quorum. They reveal there was errors among those in the quorum of twelve and as well as some in the quorum of bishops and show why the messenger had to direct us again.

*"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 assembly** of the church." (A.F. P. 19) and also: "The general church has a quorum of seven bishops, they are ordained and set apart for the particular responsibility to administer the temporal affairs of the general church in harmony with Acts 6:1-6." Notice general conference Is replaced with general assembly changing the articles and actually it is not in harmony with Acts.*

What are the results of this arrangement of the church organization and like I said: "What difference did it make."

The governing body of the temporal affairs of the church's work and commission in all the world was set as a General Assembly and the vote of the people.

The quorum of bishops was set as the general bishopric of the general or world wide church that administered the temporal affairs of the missionary work and welfare of the churches under the supervision and direction of the general assembly. The quo-

rum of twelve was without proper representation of their commission and charge of the supervision and worldwide watch care of all the churches.

The messenger would use his authority to correct the errors in the order of the church and understanding of the bishopric. He would give correct functions and duties of the gifts of the members in particular that God had set in His body as it had pleased Him.

Message 76:10,1959 "The Lord accepts the humility of the gathering of the assembly of His people..." No mention here was made about accepting their supervision and direction of temporal affairs of the church.

Message 80:12, 1964 "Meet in the Assembly, 13...Sanctify the people in Holiness and good works, obedient to the words I bring..."

Message 81:20, 1965 "Let the words I bring be the Rule and Guide with the Articles of Faith and Practice, for upon all the Lord's Words, Will and Planning shall this Work be built."

There was a church separation in 1965 over a change made from the church corporation made in 1944 by the bishops. The messenger approved of the new Corp. in Messages 81:6,1965 and 86:27,1968.

An excerpt from article by one of those opposed. The primary reason for the convening of an annual assembly is to provide a set time for all the members of The Church of Christ to do the business of supervising and directing in the temporal affairs of the church.

Message 84:23, **1966** (Prophecy.) "Fear not, the Lord will raise up those to defend this Cause. Even now, the great power of peace and deliverance is coming and at work, yea, even till the Bridegroom comes

and the door is shut.” (Free dictionary.com thesaurus: **raise up** - change the arrangement or position of; cause to move or shift into a new position or place, rise is a synonym.)

Message 81:44. 1967 “Give the message to the church. Publish it, make it the church's **rule and guide.**”

Message 86:12, 1968 “Let come what may, and let go what will. You will see them fall on your right hand and on your left, for all that will not hear me-‘that prophet’ shall be cut off from among the people. I speak the Assured Way.” Acts 3:23.

Message 86:20 (Prophecy.) “Unless the servants of the Lord arise and be no more oppressed-arise to their place and calling; cease their error of negligence and hindrances turn away from, their choice and work will come to nothingness. The Lord will call others to work and carry this Work onward.” (**arise means to rise; a synonym of raise.**)

Message 86:22 “Some are born to be with you in this Cause-**lest they stay with you defending the words I bring they destroy their gift.** Some are true and will yet be true to their righteous calling-not thinking themselves to be great.”

Message 86:60 “In the Bible and Record of the Nephites contains the teachings and pattern of the Fullness of the Gospel in its plain and precious parts. **But my words and authority gives the right to set the Church in order--**The Church of Christ with the Holy Priesthood Authority and Power to act in the establishing the Kingdom of God on earth and bringing in the Zion of the Lord. The Kingdom and Dominion shall be for the saints of the Most High.” Will the people heed it?

This should have been done after Message 18:17 in 1930 when given to Fetting. It was not something Bro. Draves made up. It was always directed by the messenger.

Message 86:66, 1968 “Let the article in the Articles of Faith and Practice read ***‘conferences,’ the several yearly meetings of the quorum of twelve in their planning and programming this Work and it will be greater in the future even with proper representation.*** 67 Let not the Work be frustrated by the way of man.”

69 “***The Assembly is for the people to learn this great Work and follow through. The work of the ministry (bishopric) is in the hands of the apostles-lead them aright.***” (Refers to Message 26:6 he told us to study about placing the work of the churches in the hands of the apostles and the management of revenue and the care of the poor and needy in the (safe) hands of the bishops.) and 86:70. “Much of the leadership rests with you in defending my words. Keep the Holy Order Holy and Right. Let this be done in the Way of the Way of the Lord.”

The proper representation is found in the different areas of the functions and duties and authority of the offices and officers of the ministry and the membership as the messenger has given us in our rule and guide.

The messenger finally gave directions about it for us in Message 86:66-69 to tell us:

The governing body of the church was the formal meetings of the general conferences of the quorum of twelve in their planning and programming this Work.

The purpose of the church assembly of the Body of Christ is to Sanctify the people in Holiness and good works, obedient to

the words the messenger has given. With solemn prayers establish peace blessing and consecrating the time set apart. Peace and Power will dwell with you.

Message 90:24, 1970 “Let the Assembly of the people be in peace. Let the **conferences** of apostles and bishops continue throughout the year and always to come closer to each other and the Lord's Will.”

Message 102:59, 1985 “...See that all preach and teach the same things in the Precious Way of Love in haste.” (Obviously there would have been a need for this instruction.)

Message 103:28, 1987 Here in this message the Lord set the proper representation in administering the finances of the church.

Let Leonard H. Draves (an apostle) help in the office and records, also in the planning of finances. Let his name also appear on the deposits and signing of checks going out of the office, from the funds out of the monies. Heed the instructions and it will be well with all, that **the quorums, Apostles and Bishops, may be properly represented in the goings on of the Church Work.** Instructions given in the past have not been rightly arranged.

Message 104:29, 1989 “That the Apostles' quorum may again be filled *in the Bishopric of the Church*, now, and as other vacancies come...” (This message finally revealed that the word bishopric was not correctly or completely understood by pointing out to us the bishopric of the church included apostles.)

Apostles and Bishops are to be properly represented in the general (worldwide) church headquarters office with of a member of each quorum.

Message 116:10, 1993 “The pattern and form is placed before you. Who is man to

claim to have more than this...”

Hebrews 12:22-23 “But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels...(25) To the **general assembly** and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven... 28. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. Amen.”

Song: Never Be Discouraged

Prayer: Jairus Yates

Sacrament blessed and passed by Donald Thompson and Mike Greenwell.

Special by Marianna Johnson

Donald Thompson said a prayer before the sacrament was passed. He prayed for Brother Mobutu to get to the states and prayed for one another to look to the Lord in all things. Help to strength us and praise his name. He also prayed for the assembly. Prayer and Testimony Meeting: Donald Thompson opened with a season of prayer.

Tammy Thompson Praise the Lord for blessings in my life. Pray for blessings for my family, the military, and the youth. I ask the Lord to forgive us of our sins. Pray for Hannah and Jessie for their pregnancies. Thank God for the precious gospel. Pray for Brother Mobutu.

Ola Thompson: Thanked the Lord for family, ministry, three books, the Holy Spirit that lies within us. “Forgive us for out besieging sins. Draw us closer to you Lord. May your spirit linger within us continue to bless our families. Fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit. Thank you for your miracles. Direct us Lord in all things.

Gladys Moore: We pray for a revival of the Lord’s vineyard. We need the direction of the Lord. Pray for the youth, and the ministry. We ask you to send John the Baptist. “Cleanse our hearts, sanctify us Lord. Send the Holy Ghost to those in Alabama.

Thresa Ray: Thank you for family, ministry, and assembly. “Help us to be up and doing for the Lord. Draw us closer to you Lord. Bless your church and for Brother Mobutu to come to the states. Forgive us for our shortcomings.

Brother Lee: Praise the Lord for all blessings.

Jason Jaitley: Heal Joshua, he is in the hospital because of heat stroke. Heal my mom of weaknesses.

***Reece Johnson ordained to Apostle by Richard Johnson & Jairus Yates**

Testimonies given:

Donald Thompson: I love the Lord and all of the members. I am thankful to be here and to do the Lord’s work.

Mike Greenwell: Told a story about his guitar. He had an expensive guitar that he had to sell to make his house payment. He prayed to the Lord that he would be able to save his money to buy another one. Lord answered his prayer and he bought another guitar. He named his guitar, “Deliverance” and that is the one that he uses today.

Gladys Moore: The Lord is able to carry us through the storms. Thank God for Job. He did not give up or quit. You have to fight to stay in this Kingdom. The reward is at the end. I am thankful for Brother Leonard Draves. Leonard helped me in my decisions. We need to wait on the Lord. We need to follow his footsteps, and he will guide you. Depend on the Word of God. I feel the Holy Spirit is coming. The Lord washes our Spirit, the new beginning, the new anointing. This is our inheritance. Pray for me, pray for our inheritance, having the spirit of God. The Lord’s work is the best thing we can have. This is our inheritance from the Lord. Hold onto this and don’t let it go. God will set you free.

Brother Lee: It is a blessing to be able to make the assembly. 2016 is a pivotal year, a new transformation. a revival, and a greater day is to come forth. The best is yet to come. A new day is coming. There is going to be a mighty healing. He is going to use young people to do his work.

Tammy Thompson: Praise the Lord for all the blessings in my life. Thank you everyone for your testimonies. They give us strength. Satan is working hard to destroy our families. We have to battle harder so the devil will not win. The song, “Precious Lord Take My Hand” helped me through cancer. Continue to pray for one another. We don’t know each other’s battles but be kind to one another.

Brenda Humpert: I am thankful for all of you. We need to do things the Lord wants to have done. I really enjoyed Brother Richard’s sermon. I thank the Lord for all of you guys and am praying that you will be blessed during the assembly.

Sheila Crow: I needed a change in my spirit. The Lord took the burden off my

shoulders. The Lord's spirit is here within the church. I will be baptized this week, and I want my husband to be here. He said to be sure of your decision. We didn't understand the past, but we understand the past now. I told my husband to pray about it. Our lives will change because of this. I don't know what day I will be baptized but I know that it will happen this week. I appreciate your prayers and I love you all. I am grateful to be here.

Ola Thompson: My heart is so joyful. Help us to do your work. Pray for one another. The gospel of Jesus Christ brings joy to your hearts. I have been praying with Candace this week. There is so much discord in families. Move out of the way and let the Lord's spirit work. Walk in the Lord's spirit daily. Thank God for this assembly. We need to truly forgive and move forward. I love you all.

Congratulations to Reece on his calling as an Apostle.

Closing Prayer: Reece Johnson

Sunday 7:30 p.m. Service

Opening Song: "The Old Old Path

Opening Prayer: Richard Johnson

Special Musical Number by Kristy Johnson

Sermon by Jairus Yates

Matthew 26:75 "And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly."

Matthew 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and ston-

est them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"

Message 86:4 "There have been losses, loved ones have been taken from you. This is the Lord's planning. Your companion also has been taken. Changes come, yet greater service and greater things will come to pass. The Lord has and will give you comfort."

Og Mandino –The tides recede. Winter goes and Summer comes. Summer wanes and the cold increases. The sun rises; the sun sets. The moon is full; the moon is black. The birds arrive; the birds depart. Flowers bloom; flowers fade. Seeds are sown; harvests are reaped.

Matthew 22:29 "Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God."

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. (9) For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Message 105:11 "Few there be that behold the truth or are desirous to bring it to pass the Lord's way."

Matthew 27:51 "And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;"

Josephus the historian said the veil of the Holy of Holies was:

60 feet high/long

30 feet wide

4 inches thick

Took 300 priests to manipulate/move it.

Message 25:15 Many have said, "Lord, Lord," yet they have their idols in their

heart, and will not follow in the ways of their God. But the time will come when their cries shall be heard, when through suffering they will learn obedience.”

Besieging sins

Message 52:14. “Let all be humble and repentant. Grieve not the Lord in slothfulness. Let not your goings displease Him, nor become shameful in disobedience and justification in evil doings and that against the gospel law. Betray not one another, but love your brother. Some have been untrue to their fellows; their end will be sad for in their hearts they know the better way, yet fail to obey. Blessed be those that are true, for they shall shine forth in brightness in peace of God. All men must overcome besieging sins. The world in sin is retrograde to the plan of God.”

Definition of siege

noun

1. the act or process of surrounding and attacking a fortified place in such a way as to isolate it from help and supplies, for the purpose of lessening the resistance of the defenders and thereby making capture possible.

verb (used with object), **sieged**, **sieging**.

8. Verb

to assail or assault; besiege.

Definition from Merriam Webster – **Retrograde**

l a (l) : **having or being motion in a direction contrary [or backwards to a prior or worse state]**

Alma 32:1-6 “And it came to pass that they did go forth, and began to preach the word of God unto the people, entering into their synagogues, and into their houses; yea, and even they did preach the word in their streets. (2) And it came to pass that after much labor among them, they began to have

success among the poor class of people; for behold, they were cast out of the synagogues, because of the coarseness of their apparel; (3) Therefore they were not permitted to enter into their synagogues to worship God, being esteemed as filthiness; therefore they were poor; yea, they were esteemed by their brethren as dross; therefore they were poor as to things of the world; and also they were poor in heart. (4) Now as Alma was teaching and speaking unto the people upon the hill Onidah, there came a great multitude unto him, which were those of which we have been speaking, of which were poor in heart, because of their poverty as to the things of the world. (5) And they came unto Alma; and the one which was the most foremost among them, saith unto him, Behold, what shall these my brethren do, for they are despised of all men, because of their poverty; yea, and more especially by our priests; for they have cast us out of our synagogues, which we have labored abundantly to build, with our own hands; and they have cast us out because of this our exceeding poverty, that we have no place to worship our God; and behold, what shall we do? (6) And now when Alma heard this, he turned him about, his face immediately towards him, and he beheld, with great joy; for he beheld that their afflictions had truly humbled them, and that they were in a preparation to hear the word.”

Necessary evils

Message 87:15. “When the storms and wars do their sweeping as necessary evils in destruction, the people become humble and learn to inquire of the Lord. Let the standard be found among you, in The Church of Christ, with the Elijah Message, the words I bring, the gospel of hope and

salvation, the words of life, deliverance for mankind.”

Message 97:8. “Say not, the Lord speaks not today, for He does. He will speak greater and more severe. He will shake the heavens and the earth. The necessary evils will run rampant to awaken mankind. Fear and repentance obey; come to the Lord. He will add to this fold such as shall be saved.”

Message 98:27 “Be not weary in well doing, the end is not yet—trying times will make the work firm. Let not the necessary evils sweep none away.”

Message 99:11 “When ripened in iniquity they shall slide into destruction. The necessary evils they cannot overcome.”

Message 102:23 “Do not be moved by the necessary evils of the **waster**, the false teachings of the past of many false doctrines—weird and twisted teachings. Even yet some err in all such.”

Isaiah 54:16 “Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the **waster** to destroy.”

Full Definition of necessary

1 : absolutely needed : required

2 a : of an inevitable nature : inescapable

b (1) : logically unavoidable

(2) : that cannot be denied without contradiction

c : determined or produced by the previous condition of things

Isaiah 45:7 “I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.”

II Corinthians 12:7 “And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was

given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.”

Psalm 119:71,75 “It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes. (75) I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.”

Message 25:15 “Many have said, “Lord, Lord,” yet they have their idols in their heart, and will not follow in the ways of their God. But the time will come when their cries shall be heard, when through **suffering** they will learn **obedience**.”

Classical Conditioning

Ivan Pavlov studied the behavior of dogs and developed a theory of **classical conditioning**, which explains how people associate two stimuli in their minds and react to one of them as though it was the other.

Colossians 2:16-17 “Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: (17) Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.”

Hebrews 10:1-4 “For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. (2) For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. (3) But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. (4) For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.”

Hebrews 10:19-25 “Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, (20) By a new and

living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; (21) And having an high priest over the house of God; (22) Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. (23) Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) (24) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: (25) Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

II Chronicles 7:14 “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

II Nephi 2:25 “Adam fell, that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy.”

Message 106:25-26 “The Lord does not change His mind or plans, and is no respecter of persons. He will not forget His promises, nor will He alter His standard or ways of values, but merciful and long-suffering, He would that none ignore His laws forever. Yea, not even His chosen people. Lo, the work is not yet finished, His message is valid today as when it was first uttered. (26) Thus saith the Lord, “I will give you a new heart and put a new Spirit within you, and you shall walk in my statutes. I will put my laws in your minds. There shall be peace throughout the land of Zion, and Jerusalem, and the remnant, whom I shall call my strongholds, deliverance will be there.”

Closing Song: “Trust and Obey”

Closing Prayer: Richard Johnson

Monday June 27, 2016

1 p.m. Service

Opening Song: “Give Me Thy Heart”

Opening Prayer: Reece Johnson

Bishopric Study

Richard Johnson handed out study guides, and led the study on the Bishopric of the Church.

(There are some available for the people who would like one.)

Closing Song: “I Love to Tell the Story”

Closing Prayer: Jairus Yates

2 p.m. Preaching Service

Opening Song: “Meditation” (Beloved)

Opening Prayer: Donald Thompson

Sermon by Mike Greenwell-

This work is so great it is not comprehensible.

The roots are your soul.

Put your trust in God. He is the potter, we are the clay.

Fully trust the Lord.

Message 86:18 “Warring powers will continue to conspire and a day of decision will come when Armageddon will begin in the nineties (90’s) and when it ends—few men left in battle alive. But God will appear to the delivering of the righteous and as Christ places his feet on earth—there shall be a great trembling; terrible and dreadful for the wicked, but great relief and

deliverance for the righteous. Then the saints of God shall know the days of trouble are over.”

We are in Armageddon, the whole culture is falling apart.

Prepare yourselves

Pay your tithes – Not about the amount, it’s about the concept of obedience.

Times are changing quickly.

Message 50:12 “The three unclean spirits have gone and bringing bondage, suffering, and idolatry. They deceive and they are not the justice of the Lord. This generation of mankind shall not all pass away, for the son of man shall come in his glory. This is the time the prophets spoke of, in man’s inventions, destructions, and war. Like clouds the enemy has gone over, and in noise they destroy; but Israel shall be delivered and brought to the land the Lord God has decreed her boundary. The Lord of lords shall be their king, and the gospel, their law forever. For he shall rule from sea to seas and all nations will obey him.”

Isaiah 42 – People looking for the standard
If you pay your tithes you will be blessed
We need to be obedient to the Lord’s commandments

Closing Song: “Have Thine Own Way Lord”

Closing Prayer: Donald Thompson

3 p. m. Service

Baptism of Jason Jaitley, 10 yrs. old

Opening Prayer: Reece Johnson

Songs: Open My Eyes That I May See”

Second Song: “How Great Thou Art

Jason was baptized by Reece Johnson

Confirmed by Reece Johnson, Richard Johnson, and Richard Sega.

Testimonies

Kristy Johnson: Mike’s sermon helped me understand the story of Job more. I needed to get more in to the word. I have done more studying in the word, and the books. The Lord has blessed me with more understanding. The urgency that we are in the last days, I encourage you to get more into the word. This has brought me a ton of strength. I am missing Leonard, he was a great strength. Love you all and glad we are all together.

Richard Segal: I am thankful to be here. The Lord provided for our airfare. I am thankful for that. I feel that the Lord is coming soon. The Lord in James talks about the rich man’s ways. The Lord has always provided for his people. We need to be close together and pray together. We need to love one another. We need to get serious with the Lord and pray, the world is falling apart. If you have no charity in your heart, you are not his. I miss Brother Leonard, but we need to hang in there.

Ola Thompson: Praise the Lord for the baptism that we just had. We need to become like little children the Lord says. My favorite bird is the hummingbird. They are so small, and they are always moving. I was praying for several people. I was praying for each individual in their homes to have peace in their homes, to cherish the written word of God together. It is important to stand together. I prayed that if I would see a hummingbird then I know this is going to happen. Sure enough, a little hummingbird came out. I hadn’t seen one all year. This just shows that we are a family of God and that we can fight this. We need to come together by obedience, and having faith in God. We need to have discernment, open up our hearts, and love with

the pure love of Jesus Christ. I was thankful for my hummingbird and the Lord's answer to my prayer. I thank the Lord for this assurance that we will have peace in our homes. We need to love people, and rejoice in the Lord. God will work with you. Pray for me and my husband. Be grounded, so we can go through the storm. Thank you.

Candace Irrizary: I thank God for being here and thank you for praying for me. I have been praying a lot. Keep praying for me and my family. I love you all.

Theresa Ray: Thank you for all of your prayers. It's been a tough year with Aavely. It's been hard for Jessie & Ryan: They now have a baby boy due in October. Then Leonard went into the hospital. Gary's dad passed away then Leonard passed away. Thank you for your prayers. Glad to be here with all of you. Love you and please continue to keep my family in your prayers.

Brenda Humpert: Today is my birthday. It is such a blessing that my birthday comes at the assembly. The assembly is my birthday party. I have a special birthday. The Lord is so mindful. I miss Leonard, especially at assembly time. When Leonard got sick I felt that he had more work to do, so when he died, it was hard. This song "Betty's Song" reminds me of Hebrews Chapter 11. The Lord tells us to read Chapter 11 of Hebrews often.

*Brenda sang Betty's Song
We serve a great God. He provides for all our needs. I love all of you.

Lurlene Anderson: The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message the Assured way of the Lord is the right way. In 1972, I found my way into the Church. God answered my prayer right then and there when my husband was in the hospital. I know this church is true and the Lord is

real. I thank God and thank you all for your love. Continue to pray for us.

Reuban Anderson: You have to live right. I know God, and I love all of you. If you don't live right you are not going to make it. You never know when your time is, you have to show your love.

*Candace Irrizary administered to for peace and strength.

Eddie Lee and Jairus Yates did administration

Closing Prayer: Jairus Yates

7 p.m. Service

Opening Prayer: Richard Johnson

Special Musical Number: Brother Mike Greenwell

Special Musical Number: Ele Thorpe & Brenda Humpert: "I Am Turning to the Light"

Sermon by Eddie Lee:

If you don't live right, it is in vain
If you are going to be anything for the Lord you need to overcome 3 things:

- Fear of Man
- Fear of the Devil
- Fear of Failure

Habakkuk Chapter 3

"Lord revive us."

We need a spiritual awakening.

We need this in order to survive.

Build your life upon the Rock.

The Rock is a person- Challenge you to believe God

God is a man of his word. Will you believe? You must have a spirit for the burden of the Lord. The Lord can make the impossible possible. Praying women have great work in the Church. 2016 is a pivotal year.

Young people, the devil has tricks for you. Believe, pray, and ask God for burden. Help me to pray through. You have got your own faith, own love, own testimony of Christ. You can't lean on anyone else's testimony. Protect your children from being deceived by the devil. You cannot live in fear. Be bold strong and courageous if you are going to battle in this war.

(This is all of the notes submitted.)

Revelations 3

Closing Song: "The Angel Message"

Tuesday June 28, 2016

Bishopric Lesson:

Opening Prayer: Eddie Lee

Opening Song: Tell me the Story of Jesus

Message 104: 28-29 "As the vacancy comes in the bishops' quorum, let Jim Sorgen prepare for the office work, love and justice continue to prevail. That the apostles quorum may again be filled in the bishopric of the church now, and as other vacancies come; Norman Lyles, Dale S. Milne, George Wilkin, James E. Parker, and Jim Bolan"

Message 26:6 "The Lord has placed the work of the churches, and the preaching and teaching in the hands of the apostles as in the days of Christ when he was here; and the finances and the care for the poor and needy in the care of the bishops. Therefore see that the work is done as the Lord will direct. Let the elders preach the gospel, baptizing those that come to the church of Christ. Let them labor among the people, healing the sick, blessing the children as they are brought to them. Let them lay their hands on them that the Lord may con-

firm their work by the Holy Ghost, that the Spirit of God may lead them in all truth."

Message 29:3-5 "For thus says the Lord, "I have given my commandments to those that have named my name to serve 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. (4) I have given my elders their work, and I shall require it of them in the last day; therefore, be ye not slothful lest you lose your reward. (5) I have given to the bishops their work and mission, and I shall also require their stewardship at the last day, for the Lord has entrusted this great work to you that his law shall be kept; be ye therefore not slothful, for your work is no idle tale."

Message 86:66 "Let the Articles of Faith and Practice read "conferences", the several yearly meetings of the quorum of twelve in their planning and programming this work and it will be greater in the future even with proper representation."

Message 81:23 "The church is organized. I have given the type and leadership, the way through the gates is open. Repentance and faith are the beginning, worship and receive the gift. The hands must be laid upon all that the Spirit might come to those that prepare for it."

Articles of Faith and Practice 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 supervi-

sion and the general watchcare of all the churches.”

Closing Song: Trust in Jesus

Closing Prayer: Jairus Yates

Opening Song: Under his Wings

Opening Prayer: Reece Johnson

Preaching Service:

Reece Johnson introduced **Richard Segal**

Highlights of his sermon:

Be prepared, stand in his word.

Witchcraft is very evil

Anoint your family, keep evil out

Your house is the temple of the Lord.

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.”

Romans 10: 9-10 “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Ephesians 2: 8-9 “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God—Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

Galatians 5:22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.”

Mark 10:14 “But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said, unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God”

Acts 3:19-21 “Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And

he shall send Jesus Christ, who before was preached unto you, Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.”

Work out your salvation, repentance is vital. It took me 6 years to give up drink I was weak

Closing Song: Count your Blessings

Closing Prayer: Reece Johnson

3 p.m. Service

Opening Song: Special musical number by the young class

“There’s been a change in me”

Opening prayer: Jairus Yates

Sheila Crow Baptism:

Apostle Jairus Yates- asked Sheila about her intent. My father Vincent Yates couldn’t walk I was always sitting on the floor. Sheila was one of his favorite. They loved each other. Through the years we have always had a kindred spirit, we always had that love between us. I didn’t have to talk Sheila into this. The Spirit of God puts something in our hearts to make us believe when we don’t understand. God opens our eyes and that is what the Lord did to me. I still don’t understand a lot of things but the Lord’s spirit draws us to the truth I couldn’t deny. He knows every hair on our head. When John baptized Jesus, John strongly said to Jesus you should be baptizing me and Jesus said, “Suffer it to be so to fulfill all righteousness.” Today is my birthday. Seven years ago I was baptized. Brother Draves passed away on this date too. Now we share our “Birth” day.

Moroni Chapter 6

Shelia have you truly repented of all your sins? Answer yes

Do you have determination to serve the Lord? Answer yes

Jairus and Sheila went into the fountain and our precious sister was baptized. Praise God

Song: Just as I am

Song: The Old Old Path

Richard Johnson and Jairus Yates and Donald Thompson confirmed Sheila Crow into the church and Baptism of the Holy Ghost

Prayer and Testimony is to magnify God, pray sing or testimony

Sheila Crow: There is nothing better. God has accepted you, the Lord is here. I love you so much, the thing you want to know is your sins has been forgiven. Some people will say I'm swayed in darkness but God doesn't want us to stay in darkness. I have a child spirit. I'm so happy. I thank God for our ladies and handmaidens meeting.

Tammy Thompson: I am thankful for Sheila's baptism and I have a spirit of God, child like Sheila. I've been praying for the assembly. My daughter said 3 times while at Mom's house, if we come prepare we are ready to receive. Count your blessings.

Nicole Kern: When Grandpa administered to me I was healed.

Thresa Ray: Praise the Lord for Sheila. I know we have a wonderful blessing. There is a greater hunger and thirst for the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Kristy Johnson: A testimony for more prayer and study. It's the little things. Sunday night I had a good sleep, even though I usually never sleep well. When I'm at

work, I'm hard on myself. I have to enter our sales into the computer. I don't like it when I make mistakes. I've noticed this week I wasn't shaky. Monday, I not only did not shake, I felt like I could be 15 in my mind. It's the little things. I thank God. He is so kind to me. I had to go into this area, and I was scared. Then I remembered what Eddie said, "Go, don't be afraid." A large guy said you can't park here. I said, please I have to drop this order off. So he finally said go in. I'm a very sensitive person. People were rude before, yet today and yesterday everyone was sweet. Praise God. There are kind people out there. I encourage all of you to study and pray.

Eddie Lee: There is no greater reason to rejoice so let's rejoice and be glad nothing greater than a person finding her way. Rejoice and good things will happen. Command the morning, command the day and be blessed.

Gladys Moore: I thank God to receive this witness. This morning I thanked God and I thank God for Richard Sega service. Thank God for my witness to Sheila baptism and I wanted to go into the water with her. Separate yourselves from those who reject me or those in the world, come out from among them. Reform yourself. Our ministry must feed us.

Ola Thompson: Testify of Gods protection and healing.

Reece Johnson: Thank you for your faithfulness. Every Sunday I thank you for the handmaidens who comes, the ministry the handmaidens and the servants. We're a family of God.

Closing Song: In the Light

Closing Prayer: Reece Johnson

7 p.m. Service

Opening Song: Special number by Marianna Johnson and Kristy Johnson

Opening Prayer: Richard Johnson

Special musical guitar number by Richard Sega

Sermon given by **Donald Thompson**

Good evening, it's good to be up here serving my Lord and His church. It's good to see each and every one of you. I want to first say, what a blessing this assembly has been for me. God has been in our midst, I have enjoyed each and every one of the sermons, testimonies, and lessons we have had so far.

I want to speak on how important it is to not only ask God for forgiveness but to forgive others.

Forgiving and forgiven; what this mean when we come to worship.

Message: 47:12 "Many will come to worship the Lord and because of those that keep and do His will, He will cause that they shall overcome. They that are patient to keep His Words shall be delivered from the hour of temptation. They that overcome shall drink of the water of life freely."

Message: 88:3 "Praise the Lord in worship, lift up and rejoice. Bask in His life given light. I bear witness of that light. The earth is lightened by the words I bring. I come to moderate the will of God. I proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Only through His atoning blood can mankind be saved."

So here we must **REPENT**, not only asking God to forgive you for your trespasses, but truly tell him you have forgiven those who trespass against you. So much of the time one repents of their sins but still holds grudges of those who have sinned

against them. We cannot truly receive complete forgiveness from Christ until we have forgiven others as this puts a wall up against God forgiving you. Matthew 6:12 in the Lord's Prayer: "And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Now see verse 14 "Now if we forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you (15) but if you forgive not men their trespasses neither will your father forgive you, your trespasses."

You see when we repent we must repent with real intent of the heart, wanting to be forgiving to renew our commitment to God and also wanting to release and forgive those who have hurt us in anyway, this is a big part of true forgiveness for our self because if we can't find it, truly find it in our hearts to forgive others the hurts and sins they have done unto us. Christ will not forgive us. This hurt will stand in the way of our spiritual growth. To truly forgive is to never bring it up again, to not go there where the hurt lies but to clear it from your heart and mind and to know as God erases your sins; we must do the same for others.

If you are constantly bringing up things others have done unto you in the past and saying things unkind about the situation, **YOU HAVE NOT TRULY FORGIVEN THAT PERSON OR PERSONS.** True forgiveness is to put it behind you, to no longer have any ill feelings.

Now forgiving others and asking God to forgive us is the beginning of worship as to truly worship Christ, we must develop within us His Fruits which is wrapped in the pure love of Christ Loving others and allowing God to love us.

Christ says: "God is Spirit and they that worship Him must worship him in Spirit and Truth." So to have his spirit and feel

his forgiveness we must be true and faithful to forgive others as Christ forgives us. If we have unforgiving feelings towards another then we are not allowing our self to truly worship Christ in purity of worship and truth.

Now to really walk in the spirit we must get in the word. Grow in the fruits of the spirit and check out self in these fruits daily, if we are failing to show them in our actions towards others then we are not being true followers. Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruits of the spirit is Love, Joy, peace, Long suffering, gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, temperance against such there is no law." (These are the fruits of your Lord and Savior)

Keep in mind the things Christ has done for you and do the same for those who you feel has committed sin towards you or hurt you. Forgive them then go to God and ask for forgiveness. Truly give your heart and soul to the Lord.

When you come into a place of worship leave all else behind. Ask God to clear your mind forgive your sins and declare to Him that you have forgiven others. Then worship him in Praise, in song, in adoration, joy, truth, and don't be afraid to lift your hands up in praise to God or your voice in honor to His name.

Ephesians 1:17-19 "That the God of Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and Revelation in the knowledge of Him. The eyes of your understanding being enlightened: that ye may know what the hope of His calling is and what the riches of the Glory of His inheritance in the saints and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward, who believes according to the working of his mighty power."

Let us put on Christ and his fruits and rejoice that we are the men and women and children of his bride. Let us be truthful within our self and to forgive as Christ forgives us to no longer harbor hurt feelings or bad attitudes towards one another. Let's rejoice stand together in the ways of the Lord and be thankful for this Gospel and thankful for Christ love and come together whether we are few or many always desiring to come closer to Christ and to rejoice in His love to grow in His ways and to truly represent The Church of Christ with the Elijah message. Let's not be tossed about with sin, but to overcome our weakness and our sins and put on the whole Armour of Christ. In the next few weeks consider: what Christ expects of us when we come to take His sacrament and when we ask for forgiveness and when we forgive others, let's get this right and then God can use us accordingly to His will if we work at moving self out of the way.

I would also like to speak about on the two little words "I AM" these two little words "I AM" are strong words, they begin sentences such as a confession, I am sorry "or an announcement. Think about these words and how powerful they can be such as I AM sorry for what I have said or I am sorry for what I did. "I am sorry for my behavior "When these words are spoken from the sincerity of your heart, they heal, not only you but to those who you have offended.

Sometime you hear these two words used in a positive way such as "I am a good person or "I am a person of integrity " if we say these things long enough we just might start acting like it.

For those of you who have a journal, if you write things about yourself positive, it

might help you to become more positive and be inspired and encourage you to be that kind of person. Then some might say "I am what I eat or what I drink I am what I watch and what I play and listen to the things that are good "I am compassionate and loving. I am a caring person. Obviously these things most likely came from somebody else statement about you. But your get the Idea that positive thinking can bring on positive Attitudes.

Jesus say "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD" in the Gospel of John a wonderful story unfolds in Chapter 8 it's the story of a woman who has been caught in adultery and she's drugged before Jesus. Jesus deals with her stone throwers and deals with her too. He said to the stone throwers. "he that is without sin among you, let him cast a stone at her and again he stooped down and wrote on the ground and they which heard it being convicted by their own conscience went out one by one beginning at the eldest even unit to last. And Jesus was left alone with the woman standing in the mist. When Jesus had lifted up himself and saw none but the woman said unto her "woman where are those Accusers? Hath no man condemned thee? She said no man Lord, and Jesus said unto her. Neither do I condemn thee: go and Sin No More than Jesus went straight to his teaching. He begins with this wonderful "I AM" Statement. He says "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD; HE THAT FOLLOWETH ME SHALL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS BUT SHALL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE. (John 8: 7-12).

When Jesus claimed to be the light of the world, He was making a claim to be the Messiah promised to come for generations. When he made this announcement "I AM

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD "He was saying" I am the Messiah promised "He was saying "I am God in the flesh "If you had known me you would have known the father and we are one. Jesus says whoever follows me are his disciples. If ye continue in my word then are ye my disciples indeed. (John 8: 31).

To follow Jesus is like being a soldier who is following his commanding Officer. (Isaiah 55:4). If you are a true follower you will do everything your captian says. You will listen careful to orders your commander tells you and then do exactly what he says. You will show up for duty and you will do what your commander has trained you to do. You have been commissioned into service to assist and to make sure that everything is done right, and to do this you must read and know what is expected out of you. Study the three gospel books, know what's in them, Follow the written words, and take time to know your commander officer Jesus through Prayer.

Think of yourself as your Savior and Lord personal attendant, you want to please Him in every way. Make sure you have everything needed to do the job he's asking you to do. Ask Him is there anything I can do today to serve you? Then follow up by your actions.

To be a follower of Jesus is to accept personal counsel: it means to really take notice of the written words in the Holy Bible, The Record of the Nephites, and the Word of the Lord. And apply our Lords counsel to our actions. It is good to have quite time with the Lord. Read the scriptures, pray, meditate on the things of God, attend worship services. Find Gods wise counsel and Discern Gods will in your life. Heed His spirit. God does send angels to

inspire out thought, take counsel of what's spoken to you in spirit and in the word. We have people in our life which you can turn to for Godly counsel as well. Sunday schools teachers, our ministry, relatives whose years of experiences and walk with Christ have seasoned life to such an extent that you know God is speaking through that person to you. When they give you spiritual advice then follow it.

To truly be a follower of Christ means we Obey the law given in the scriptures, We step up to a higher ground of service to Him, to follow Jesus means to change your way of thinking because of the scriptures or a sermon seasoned with the Spirit of God, has influenced your actions. You may have heard something that convicted your spirit and you made a decision to change your way of thinking or living, it may not be the speaker himself that changed you but the words from God that he spoke that whispered through his words. Gods spirit that influenced you at the moment, and caused you to repent of your sin. That's the beginning of your commitment, you made a promise to take a step further with Christ to walk with him and be a true follower of Christ and to come to his church and be part of His family, to be baptized to wash away your sins and to desire to serve Him. This is the beginning of a wonderful life with your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You must heed the spirit of God that stirred up things in your heart or what you receive will soon grow dim, So step up when Jesus Calls you in the spirit, Don't take him lightly, and when this is done your burdens will feel much lighter . Your soul will rejoice in what Great Love your Savior and Lord Jesus Christ long ago sacrificed for you. Your senses will be awaken to His

Great Love and your desire to please him and to help prepare for His coming to claim His bride will swell within your soul that you cannot contain it.

Be a self Identifier as a Christian as Saints in God's Army and a member in the church. A true believer is one who strives to obey the written words in everything, Not saying well this or that is not as important as something else but consider the Gospel fully and as all is important, and strive to Obey in everything, not picking or choosing or not saying that this was for another time and not for today! Remember God says "His words are the same yesterday, today and forever. Be a true follower of Christ and the written Gospel. (Honor his church)

You can be a member of the church and not have met Christ face to face. In your mind you know the work is true but yet you are still Luke warm, you want to do things your way and not surrender yourself completely to Christ, this will stunt our spiritual growth, you will wither up and die. You must know the Lord and be like a good solid tree planted by the waters, to grow you must care for your spiritual growth and you got to take time to feed your soul to study the gospel, to pray and be quite and Know that God is the great "I AM"

To be a true follower of Christ is to be obedient in all things. Christ does and will change your way of life. It makes you see others in a different way, you will cry for the unsaved, your heart wants to reach out and help others to see this marvelous Christ we serve and His wonderful Gospel. To tell others of the words given from our Lord through our fellow servant John the Baptist to see others fall in love with our Lord and his bride (church). Your heart pulls at you

to bring others into this way of the Lord and to teach them the true meaning of the Love the Lord has for you and me the day he took upon himself such suffering and such pain for you and me even before we were born. He loved us so much that He took upon Himself to suffer and die so you and I can have life eternally with Him. Feel the depths of this! Take hold of what he did for us. Yield to his love, he has for you and truly be part of the family of God, take hold of this adoption. He so freely gave to us. (Romans 8:15)

We honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ this day for taking upon Himself to give us a way back to him. It's a choice. Completely up to you and me, but freely given, once we make up our minds to follow through with Christ Jesus.

God has protected you and I in ways that we many never understand this side of heaven. A relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, God himself took upon flesh walk this earthly life so he could feel your pain and then suffered and died to take our sins away, given us a chance to come back into his grace. This day let us rejoice in our Lord and savior as we take the sacrament lets renew and review our relationship with Jesus Christ and repent of our sins and be strengthen in the word to where we rise up and walk a little closer to Christ and we obey His will. Learn to love each other with the same love Christ loves us.

Jesus said "I AM, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD" "Then he quickly said "you are the light of the world" (his followers) What a great challenge that is for each of us. " You are the light of the World "A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden Let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to

your father in Heaven, let's be a life given source in our community where ever we are. Let's not hide what God has given us, but share it with others and let our actions always be faithful to our lord and His church.

I will end this with Message 108:8 "Let mankind respect the Lord Christ and Honor Him; His sacrifice on the cross and resurrection, bearing the sins of all that will come unto Him and receive deliverance and salvation."

I hope that I have said something today to stir your heart, pray and look to god in all things. God bless you all and thanks for listening.

Sacrament Service:

Blessed and passed by Don Thompson and Richard Johnson

Testimonies given:

Gladys Moore: Thank God for being here. Love you all dearly. You all have lifted me up. Give God the glory and the praise.

Mike Greenwell: I am thankful for a really nice assembly. I am glad to see you all here. I am glad to see Brother Lee's son and Sister Patty. I am glad for Jason Jaitley being baptized. I miss Brother Leonard, too, miss him a lot. I did missionary work with Leonard. I am blessed the Lord picked me to be his traveling companion. I am glad to be able to spend that time with him. I am thankful for Donnie's sermon. If we do these things the church will do great things.

Brother Lee: Take time to appreciate one another. I miss Ole Draves and Brother Leonard. Take time to value people and their legacy. Praise the Lord and thank

God for them. Don't forget the good works people do for you. Bless the Lord for these people.

Richard Johnson: I have been blessed every day that I have been here. I am glad that I was here. I am glad to do the work for the Lord. I see the Lord's hand working and moving. Things will get better. Pray for one another until we come together again. God Bless.

Richard Segal: I have been really blessed. I am just getting really tired because I live so far away. I prayed that the Lord would bring me here and he did. I thank everyone here.

Brenda Humpert sang the song "My Grandma's Rocking Chair"

Donald Thompson: Thank God for the baptisms that we had and all of the sermons that were given. Our church has grown. We need young people to take the reins.

Jairus Yates: This is a good birthday party. We have done a lot this assembly. We need to make sure that we stay in touch with one another. I have a prayer request for my uncle. He is a really sweet man.

Tammy Thompson: read 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." Great things are coming.

Closing song: God be with you till we meet again

Closing prayer: Donald Thompson

Handmaiden's Meetings:

Our handmaiden meetings was in the morning Monday and Tuesday.

We had wonderful meetings and was

blessed by the ladies comments, testimonies, and love and prayers for one another, please continue to pray for one another daily. We didn't get through all our lessons so thought we'd put them in the church paper due to space in the paper we will put a topic of our lesson in one at a time .

Love is the center of all good marriages:

The best example of real Love is Jesus Christ, So what better center for two people that loves one another than to put Christ the Author of love in the center of your life. (I Corinthians 12:4-23, Book of Moroni Chapter 10.)

True and Real love brings on the right Attitudes towards others, it is not selfish nor is it mean. It puts others before your self. Real Love, is the center of the Bible, the word of the Lord and The record of the Nephites .

Nothing good happens in the Bible without love driving it. All the troubles that the Bible reports springs from lack of love / God's love.

Love is both Declaration and Obligation, totally transforming the point and purpose of life. The scriptures declares that God is Love (1 John 3:16)

Love created the heavens and the earth and love moves the story of the creation towards its climax.

When finally love is fully manifest in the glory of God revealed everywhere and everything the greatest Love one can have is the Love of our Lord brought to us upon the cross he took upon flesh to live and die, to wash away our sins if we accept this love and follow through by obedience and commitment to our lord, then the love he showed and died for us becomes real in our own lives. In Jesus Christ the love of God

Appears, (read Titus 3:4 and chapter 4).

The Bible uses two kinds of words to express most love references, AGAPE: Is other centered concern, the love of a mother for her child, God for sinners. Its sacrificial, the need of another before one self. PHILEO is brotherly love; kindness, sharing and affection. Agape leans towards love and not earned by but lavishly given. Phileo leans towards the love of close friends. Both convey the key attitude which leads to a happy life. The Bible urges people to express both agape and phileo . Its natural to love. Its God given to love. It's sad when a person soul has shriveled to the "bab humbug "level of relationships or worse to exploitation and greed.

When Jesus was called upon to explain the old testament teaching He summarized all of it Centuries of tradition and complexity with two commands: "Love God and Love each other as you do yourself" (Matthew 23:37-39)

To Love God and others, fills the intentions and purpose of every part of God's law .

To love is to obey God and to follow his ways, Paul wrote the Bible's great love poem. I Corinthians chapter 13, Take a moment to read this whole chapter. These are the fruits of Love that will keep a marriage free from trouble good to read often, take them serious and apply them to your marriage develop within each person. Love is Patient, Love is kind, Love is full of Hope because it fully trust each other.

Loves value exceeds money, or any worldly things. Great words and great minds are hallow without Love. Love persists when all else fails. Among all that one treasures, Love is Supreme. God's love was supreme towards us when He took upon

himself to live and die as a man so that we could have eternal life if we accept this love and is baptized and follow His commandments.

All your difficulties of life are overcome in love (Romans 8:28). None of your trials of burdens can match the power of God's love (Romans 8: 37).

Love is our inseparable bond with God and through that love, to each other for timeless eternity (Romans 8: 38-39) To sum this up Ephesians 3:17-19 "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height (meaning what is the depths of Christ love ?)To know the love of Christ, which passed Knowledge (of men), that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God .

To truly have the love of Christ in our marriage, you must respect each other and to develop within you the Fruits of the Spirit. Which are Love, Joy, Peace, Long suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness Temperance: against such there is no law. In other words if you have these qualities of Christ within you. You will overcome sin and your marriage will be most blessed and these fruits causes us to treat others with respect and love. (Galatians 5:22-23) Now in Galatians 5: 16-21 Tell you what you shouldn't be or do. Verse 16 tells you that if you walk in the spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh (sin). Now verse 17 through 21 tells you what type of spirit you should never allow within your heart , mind or home.

For the flesh lusted against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh and these are contrary to one another; so that you cannot

do these things that you would (meaning always tempting you) if ye be lead by the spirit you are not under the law. (will not sin) ... now the works of the flesh (mans mind and Satan influences) are manifest which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, Lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, (contention between you) emulations (jealousies), wrath (anger), strife (self ambition), sedition (discord between one another) heresies (fighting against doctrine mostly church), envying, murders, drunkenness, reveling (celebrating with wine or strong liquor) and such like of which have told you before in past time that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God

Like the Messenger says: Message 115: 9 when cares and burdens come up, take them to the Lord in prayer, in wisdom and deep concern, he will answer to your blessing. You will see his power move. (so start changing your attitude live your life together in prayer and respect each other. Let your love for one another grow into a deep love and as you develop your relationship with Christ, your love for each other will grow in a more deeper and peaceful love and your home will be a place you look forward to coming together with one another after a day of work. Pray together over your problems and seek Gods counsel in all things . The scriptures on Love in the Holy Bible and in the record of the Nephites as well as in the word of the Lord (angels message) are full of wisdom and hope on love and respect and living a good life in obedience to Christ, wonderful blessings to behold. Start your day off with a prayer and asking God to direct you, in all things.

Take time to be Holy, to read the scriptures and bask in the Holy Spirit .

Junior Department

Dear Youth,

In the Holy Bible and in the Messages, we are told that God calls many but only a few are chosen.

Matthew 22:14 “Many are called but few are chosen.” Also in Matthew 20:16.

Message 6:6 “...there are many who have been ordained among you whom I have called, but few of them are chosen...”

Message 55:8 “...Many are called, few are chosen. few are faithful to the end.”

Why are some chosen and some not chosen? What makes someone a chosen one?

Doesn't God choose all those he calls?

God loves everyone. You don't have to be rich or famous or have many degrees from a University, or a person with power to serve the Lord. He loves us all equally.

Message 33:14 “...Remember, I call the weak, (humble) and endue them with my Holy spirit, causing great things to transpire among my children and those that call My name.”

Message 39:8 “...I call those that will heed My Voice, even many that are unlearned to bring about My wise purpose, that man may not glory in himself, for knowledge and wisdom shall be given to the lowly (meek-humble) and those that do humble themselves before me.”

Message 41:6 “...The Lord will call many honest that shall be enlightened with knowledge, with understanding and the deep things of the kingdom.”

Message 41:7 “...Many are called for a special work...”

We see that the Lord calls many and will help and guide them, fill them with His

Spirit and direct them. So what makes one chosen?

Message 42:4 “Those that shall not labor in full purpose of heart to defend this cause shall be not of the chosen of the Lord...” (So to reverse this verse --- **Those that shall labor in full purpose of heart to defend this cause shall be the chosen of the Lord.**)

Message 44:11 “...Ye servants the Lord calls and chooses in these days, **be ye faithful that ye may be among those that be with Him when He comes, that he called, chosen, and faithful.**”

Message 98:5 “... **The Lord has been and will be with His Spirit, and His Peace shall linger with the faithful until they become the Jewels of God, called, chosen and faithful.**”

Message 88:12 tells us that some go through trials to determine if they be the chosen of the Lord. How does some react when going through difficult times. Do they leave the Lord or grow closer to the Lord?

Message 38:14 “...They that be with Him are called, chosen and faithful.

Message 88:2 “...All ye that follow are my fellow servants. Many are called, those that prepare are chosen...”

So, how does one become a chosen one?

1. We must serve the Lord with all of our heart and defend this cause.

2. We must be faithful to the end.

3. We must prepare ourselves by studying and learning God’s word, by following in Jesus’ footsteps and trying to please and obey God in all we do and say.

That is the difference of just being called or being called and chosen! I want to be a chosen one of the Lord. Don’t you? So love the Lord, study His word and

do your best to serve and please him daily!

God will bless you as you strive to do His will!

Love in Christ,
Sister Thresa Ray

Primary Department

God Always Keeps His Promises

I'm sure that everyone has seen a wedding ring. It is a very simple ring. In most cases it has no diamonds or any other precious stones. It is just a plain, simple band of gold, but it is very special because it is a reminder of a promise that is made when a couple gets married. On the day that they are married, a husband and wife make a promise that they will love and stand faithfully beside one another "for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, for as long as they live." Each of them wears a wedding band as a reminder of that promise that they made. The ring also tells everyone who sees it about the promise that the couple made.

We all make promises, don't we? You might promise your mother that you will clean your room and do your chores before you go out to play. Or you may promise to keep a secret told to you by your best friend. You may promise to return something that you borrowed from a neighbor.

Has anyone ever broken a promise they made to you? How did that make you feel? What did you say? You were probably very disappointed and said something like, "But you promised!" Sometimes we aren't very good at keeping our promises.

God makes promises. One particular promise is the promise that God made to a man named Noah. I'm sure that you know the story of how God sent a great flood to destroy the earth because the people had become so wicked and evil. He destroyed everything he had created except for two of every kind of bird and animal and Noah and his family. He spared them because Noah was a good and righteous man who walked with God.

After the flood waters went down and Noah's family and all the animals could leave the ark, God made a promise to Noah. He promised Noah that he would never again destroy the whole earth with a flood. Then he did something to remind Noah of that promise. He placed a rainbow in the sky and he said to Noah, And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

And I will establish my covenant with you, neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. (*Genesis 9:9-13*) God said that every time he saw the rainbow, he would remember the promise that he made.

God has kept that promise, hasn't he? God keeps all of his promises. The next

time you see a rainbow, remember the promise God made to Noah, and remember that just as he has kept that promise, he keeps all of his promises.

Sunday, July 24th

We had a wonderful service. Richard and Mike talked to us. When we were about to close the service, Brother Mobutu arrived and we got spend a few minutes with him.

The majority of us went out to eat together.

At 3 p.m. we had an afternoon service.

Brother Mobutu was ordained to the office of Apostle by Richard Johnson and Jairus Yates.

River Thompson was baptized by his grandfather Donald Thompson and confirmed by Richard Johnson and Brother Mobutu.

Larry Crow was then baptized by Jairus Yates and confirmed by Jairus Yates and Richard Johnson.

Shirley James was baptized by Jairus Yates and confirmed by Jairus Yates and Brother Mobutu.

Joshua Skinner was baptized by Brother Mobutu and confirmed by Brother Mobutu and Jairus Yates.

Matthew Thompson was then ordained to the office of Apostle by Jairus Yates, Richard Johnson and Brother Mobutu.

We had sacrament and all of us were so filled with the Holy Spirit that we could hardly contain ourselves. Praise the Lord.