

# The Greater Light

*The End Time Messenger*

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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 of persons.
2. We believe in Jesus Christ the manifestation of God in flesh, who lived, suffered, and died for all mankind; whom we own as our only 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 this to come, and is the medium by which we receive the 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 the added witness for Christ; and 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 man must be called of God by revelation and ordained by those having authority, to enable him to preach the Gospel and administer the Ordinances thereof.
13. We believe in the same Church organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in the Church is that of an apostle, of whom there are twelve, who constitute special witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have the Missionary Supervision and the General Watchcare of all the Churches.
14. The primary function of the General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is missionary and the building up and extension of the Kingdom of God in all the world.
15. We believe that Local Churches should govern their own affairs and that General Church officials should not dominate or interfere therewith. On invitation such general officers may, with propriety, give counsel and assistance. Local congregations are subject to the Articles of Faith and Practice and must be governed thereby.
16. We believe The Church of Christ comprehends the true brotherhood of man where each esteems his brother as himself and wherein the Divine command to "love your neighbor as yourself" is demonstrated by the prevalence of social equality.
17. We believe that all men are stewards under God and answerable to Him not only for the distribution of accumulated wealth, but for the manner in which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of stewardship is not the increase of church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to a realization of the common fatherhood and the universal brotherhood of man in all the affairs and expressions of life, and to maintain such social adjustments that each may enjoy the bounty and gifts of God, and be free to exercise his talents and ability to enrich the life of all.
18. We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of the Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when chosen or appointed by the Church to devote their entire time to missionary work, their families are to be provided for out of the General Church fund. The admonition of Christ that ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but good 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 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 a breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.
21. We believe oppose to war. Men are not justified in taking up of 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 New Jerusalem shall be built upon this land "unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, (Ether 13:4-8; III Nephi 10:17), which city shall be built, beginning at the Temple Lot."
25. We believe that 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 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 history of the people who once lived in the region around *The Great Lakes*, some of whom are Ancestors of The Native Americans. 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 Judgement* has come. Awake those 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

### Ninety-Sixth Message

*The Messenger of the Lord appeared to me in Kansas City, Missouri, Saturday morning January 8, 1977. Ordinarily it would be dark as I was hurrying to my basement room at work until I turned on the lights. But this time it was brighter than the daylight outside- I knew at once that the Messenger was there. On entering the room where my desk and chairs were- I saw him sitting there as if he was waiting for me. I spoke to him and he began speaking to me, instructing me to write, as he began to give the message which follows, speaking in the same distinct and commanding way as before. He had on the same white robe; also seeming to be in a hurry. He left at 8:10 a.m. I never did turn on the electric lights to see to write the Message. The light that radiated from him was all that was needed. The brethren met in the scheduled quorums meeting that afternoon and the Message had been given the.*

-W.A. Draves

1. "Behold! Write the words I shall give you at this time.

2. I come to you when you are discouraged and seeking to give up your charge and responsibility. This you must not do.

3. Trials will come and greater grief to the slothful and those that will not work in their place and calling. Let it not be so with you. As I speak to you, I speak to all. Take courage for greater works are before you and those that are with you in this Work. You have done the Lord's bidding; shrink not from your work. The Church is established; keep it so.

4. Let there be no contentions among you, keep the Church at peace. Prepare more to see that the Work does not suffer.

5. The Great Supper is being set. Those

that are bidden will not come.

6. Where is the watchman? Why do so many shrink for the Way of Truth and Light that I bring? Search the words I bring, study them. In them some think they do well to follow but are slow to understand. For all Christendom must flow together in the truth.

7. Proclaim this among the people: The great day of the Lord is near at hand, and the powers that destroy- them that destroy the earth- shall swing wide in the wind of war, strife and bloodshed: filling the earth with woe.

8. As the Powers of evil build for destruction, the Way of God will swell in the hearts of the righteous, honest and humble of the Lord.

9. Lo, the Lord has waited long for His bidden ones to awaken and press forward in preparing their lives for greater things to transpire, and build the Kingdom, the Zion of the Lord among mankind, but they have failed. Thus He looks to the remnant, that He shall fulfill His Work.

10. Be not shaken nor disturbed, for some will fail, but the humble and patient once will carry this Work on.

11. You see those that are filled with selfishness and bitterness; some you call your friends are seeking to destroy you and the good works you have established. Be firm and your works will stand the test. Fear not what men may say of you and those that are with you. You were born for this Cause. May will follow in this Way. Deliverance will be for the faithful.

12. that the quorum of the apostles be filled at this time: let James W. Savage and Seth LaVern Fife be set apart in the twelve.

13. As other vacancies occur: let Mervyn L. Johnson prepare for the twelve. Also, when R. David Temple is prepared. Let him be added to the bishops. Likewise, let George Rhodes be added to the bishops.

14. The work will become very heavy

in the Office and Headquarters records and preparing materials to help those that inquire and come to this Work. Let more prepare to help in this, that all things may be kept in order and carried on.

15. The Lord has given help when needed. He had prepared the hearts of men and those to desire to work in this Cause. He had given faithful companions, and those to support this Cause. Likewise, He has given you a faithful companion that will help and strength and aid you in your work. Keep the vigilance. Give this Message to the brethren.

16. I leave peace with you and will come again. Amen.”

## 2023 General Assembly

**Sunday, June 25, 2023**

**2:00 p.m. Preaching Service**

Richard Johnson

### God's Calendar for The Days of Man

**First: Genesis 1:14- In the evening and the morning of the fourth day of creation**

A. “And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:”

B. After finishing his work of the evening and morning of the sixth day of the generations of creation God rested on the seventh day and blessed it. ( Genesis 2:1-4.)

C. Then in God's Garden east of Eden he commanded Adam: In the day you eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you will surely die. (Genesis 2:17)

D. Being corrupted by sin the man being mortal was cut off from God spiritually

and physically; yet as measured by the days of men Adam lived for 930 years before he died physically.

**Second: Then God revealed how much time He had allotted for mankind.**

A. Many generations of men later when speaking of the last days Peter wrote: “But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that **one day is with the Lord as a thousand years**, and a thousand years as one day.” (2 Peter 3:8.)

B. Therefore Adam surely did also die physically in the day of the Lord that sin was created.

C. In Genesis 6:3 when all the generations of men but those of Noah had become totally corrupted by sin “the LORD said, My Spirit shall not strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.”

D. After Adam, man still lived more than 120 years and eventually man lived less as it still is today. This must mean something else for man and it does.

E. These 120 years allotted by God for man were to be measured in cycles of our time using weeks, seasons and years within each of the 1000 year Days of the Lord followed by a seventh day of rest in a reoccurring pattern in the similitude of creation. A Sabbatical year (Shemittah) was to occur every seven years, and at the end of seven cycles of seven years being a total of 49 Israel was told to celebrate the Yovel. The Yovel (Jubilee) year took place once every 50 years between the cycles of seven weeks of years.

F. In Leviticus 25 we learn the following rules for the calendar of one hundred twenty Jubilee years that are equal to six days of 1000 years each for a total of 6000 yrs In each of those days there are 20 jubilees of 50 years each that equals a 1000 year day of the Lord. Four days or 80 Jubilees cycles times fifty years each = 4000

years. Two days of  $40 \times 50 = 2000$  and  $120 \times 50 = 6000$  years.

G. All are important in God's plan. Four one thousand year days of the Lord from Adam until Messiah followed by two thousand until his return followed by a thousand year reign of the Lord beginning and ending with the resurrections and the Judgments of His Words.

H. Hosea 6:2, "After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight."

I. Some teach the cycle is 49 years and the Jubilee coincides with the last

Sabbatical year before it, or that the Jubilee coincides with the first year following of the next 49, years Cycle instead of a separate fiftieth year that the following records support.

J. King Hezekiah as an example celebrated a Sabbatical year followed by a Jubilee year, (Isaiah 37:30). The Sabbatical year instructions for Israel are found in Leviticus 25:1-8. Every seventh year under the law is observed as a "sabbath" during which the land was allowed to rest followed by the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee year before the cycle repeats.

K. *Leviticus 25:9-12 is clear: A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you: It literally means the blast of a rams horn or trumpet to signal the advent of a year of freedom and restoration (Deror) by the emancipation of enslaved Hebrews, restoring alienated lands to their former owners, and canceling of dept and omission of all cultivation of the land. These temporal laws can reflect their eschatological fulfillment in the coming of Christ with his forerunner John the Baptist who he told the disciples truly shall first come and restore all things.*

**Third: The Jubilee calendar point out the times of the ministry of John and Christ.**

A. Luke 1:76, John's father Zachariah prophesied: And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

B. Message 106:18-19, "Those that know the scriptures wherein speaks of my coming, the prophet like unto Moses, and all who will not hear me, that prophet, shall not be there when the Lord counts His Jewels. 19. The law and the prophets spoke until I come —now I speak for the Lord, that the work and plans of God will be carried through and accomplished and the Holy Sanctuary be made possible, the Temple of the Lord."

C. According to Luke 3:1 John's ministry began "In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar" who began his reign in AD 14 and by most historians it would have happened in AD or CE 29. Some calculate earlier dates.

D. Years ago, I wrote about this because John restored the Holy Priesthood Authority to Joseph Smith on May 15, 1829. He then appeared to Otto Fetting on July 18, 1929, when the Lord set His hand again the second time, to recover His people. (Message 85:32; Isaiah 11:11; II Nephi 6:14; Jacob 6:2 (RN)) I thought it must be more than coincidental. What would the next Jubilee signify? It was fifty more years in 1979 that the Messenger directed two apostle to established the Church in other nations. An added testimony to the calendar would be if the date John baptized Jesus was in AD 29. Also, the unknown date of the vision to the churches by him would fit well if it was in 79 AD.

E. When writing this I suddenly realized there are a 120 messages including those proclaiming the hour of God's Judgment has come. Is this another coincidence or does it signal the half hour of silence in heaven of the last hour of decision on earth? Message 95:12, "The hour of deci-



sion, of judgment is now on to all ye ends of the earth. See the light that I bring.” (Messages 53:1 & 78:6). Peter likened us to those who were sometimes disobedient, *when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah* (Message 22:18.) Message 93:2. “Those that hear not will be sad. In the end many will wish they had heeded the warning.” (Message 85:17-20.)

F. Message 1:5. “The coming of Christ is near at hand and Christ will not delay His coming because of the unfaithfulness of the people.” Isaiah 24:2-8 with few men left.

G. Message 113:12, “...The time is short, coming to a close.”

H. Hosea 6:1-2, “Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. 2. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.” (True Israel shall come forth rejoicing.)

I. In Luke 4:18-19 & 21, at his childhood church in Nazareth Jesus came and read from the dual prophecies of the first and second advent of the Messiah. 18. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he that sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. 21 And he began to say unto them, **This day** is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.” (Isaiah 61:1-2)

J. He did not recite the rest of the verse to be fulfilled at the end of the age.

K. John the Baptist had already pointed out Jesus as the Messiah. “Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the World.”

L. Out of the many types and metaphors available I have chosen a couple of particular importance. First that of John

being “that prophet like unto Moses” who the Lord has revealed in the 120 messages and second about the days like that of Noah. Remember that in the 120 messages, John has restored, instructed and led us like Moses led Israel that they might correctly worship God and come out of the wilderness prepared to enter his rest that still remains for us today. (Hebrews 4:8; Message 92:8, 93:1-6.)

M. Message 63:10, “The Lord has remembered Israel and His loving kindness is for them that hear. Let those that rebel have no part in this Work. Let Zion arise out of the wilderness and a people awaken from the desolation and slumberings, for there shall be brought forth those that shall inherit. The elect shall inherit it, and the Lord’s servants shall dwell safely.”

N. The last words he has said that included calling a few more elders in Message 119 was: 7. “The work in the foreign field has been well planted and will fill its mission. The word shall go to all nations and the world over. Henceforth it will reach multitudes and bring them salvation in Christ Jesus. 9. I leave peace with you and the Church. Amen!”

O. Moses was in the desert forty years preparing Israel to cross the Jordan river with Joshua into the promised land. Moses was 80 years old when he led Israel into the wilderness and 120 years old when he died after 40 years. (Message 41:9-10.) In AD 29, the ministry of John began preparing the way of the first coming of the Messiah. Still preparing a people almost 40 Jubilee years later for the second coming of Christ; the cleansing of the sanctuary with the Church, the Gospel and the Rock. Approaching the finish of the 120 years of man and the Great Day of the Lord.

P. Message 116:6,8 & 10, “The image of the Church is set in pace. The Authority established, the Power given. Let it develop and progress the Lord’s way. He will pro-



vide and show His hand. 8. ...The authority is given in its channels, let it be so. The Lord gives His Spirit to lead and hold the faith. Where is the progress? Why stand ye still when there is much to cover? 10. The pattern and form is placed before you. Who is man to claim to have more than this?..."

Q. 2 Peter 3:5-7, "For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6. Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 7. But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

R. Message 22:8, "Some will say, 'How shall I know that this is of God?' Have you not read the prophets of old? Did Jesus not tell you of these times that you see? For the Lord has spoken and sent me with the Message as in the days of Noah. Will you heed His words? Or will you reject it as in the days of old?"

S. For in Noah's day, it was in the second day that by the Holy Spirit Noah preached while the ark was preparing wherein eight souls were saved by water. The like figure today is God's Messenger and the Church as the Ark. Remember Peter's warning of the Great and terrible Day of the Lord when His greatest Law is forgotten and His indignation destroys the disobedient Kingdom of Satan with the fire of spiritual warfare and where unto even the waters of baptism doth also now save us through the atonement and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

T. Message 90:18-19, "As it was in the days of Noah, the doubter, the disobedient, the sinner were all taken away in their unbelief. 19. Does not the Revelation say that I come with the everlasting Gospel, to preach to them that dwell upon the earth? Who is man that claimeth to have more

than this?"

U. Message 102:4-5 & 40, "I am your fellow servant. I am John the Baptist. I am Resurrected. 5. I gave the Revelation and the Vision of the Churches to John the Beloved in his day. In its fulfillment, you will see much has passed and much more to come. 40. The Church is set in pace, let all be up and doing. The Vision has been uncovered. My words are plain and faithfully given for mankind to find Salvation, Hope and Deliverance. (Revelation 19:10; 22:9; Revelation 1:1; Chapters 2 & 3.)

Amen.

### Calendar Summary

The Creation: 6 Days + 1 Day of Rest  
 1 Day of Man = 1000 Year to God  
 7 Days = 7000 Years

The Days of Mortal Man = 120 yrs.

A Sabbatical Year occurs Every 7 Years  
 6 Service yrs. + 1 Sabbatical= 7 yrs.

1 Jubilee Year follows 7 cycles of 7 yrs.  
 7x7= 49 yrs. + 1=50 yrs.  
 Jubilee= 50 Years

120 Jubilees = 6000 Years or 6 Days

Jubilees	Years	Event
80	4000	Adam to Christ
+ 40	2000	Resurrection to 2nd Coming
120	6000	Mortal Man/ 6 Days
+ _____	1000	Millennial Reign of Christ
	7000	7 Days

### Dates to Note

- 29 John's Ministry  
 36 Jubilee yrs./1800 yrs. later
- 1829 Priesthood Restored-Joseph Smith  
 2 Jubilee yrs./100 yrs. later
- 1929 Again with Otto Fetting  
 1 Jubilee yr./50 yrs. later
- 1979 Church established in the Nations  
 2 men to Africa, India & Philippines

### 3:30 p.m. Baptism, Sacrament, Prayer & Testimony

Brother Stephen Baker was baptized by Apostle Richard Johnson with Apostles, Reece Johnson, Adam Stokes and Jairus Yates as witnesses. Apostle Richard Johnson and Reece Johnson confirmed him.

Sacrament service was held by Apostles Reece Johnson and Jairus Yates followed by prayer and testimonies.

### 7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Adam Stokes

(written from notes taken during service)

#### ***The Record of The Nephites is an Ancient Semitic Text***

I was experiencing a crisis in faith when I was first introduced to ***The Record of the Nephites***. I was sitting in a Marriot hotel room when I saw ***The Book of Mormon*** (the title by which the world accepts) sitting on the bedside table and picked it up to read. I instantly knew it was true and wanted to learn more about its origin.

There are 2 general views heldp about ***The Record***. The first is that the book is a complete fabrication with no historical or religious significance. Unfortunately, this now seems to be the widely held belief of the Community of Christ/RLDS church. The second is that ***The Record of the Nephites*** is the Word of God.

Is there any way that we can know for sure? Is it fabrication or the Word of God? Faith is always key but there are some clues.

***The Record of the Nephites*** is a witness in and of itself. It states that it is a semitic text rooted in Jewish learning and written in Egyptian.

1 Nephi 1:2, “Yea, I make a record in the language of my father which consists of

the learning of the Jews, and the language of the Egyptians.”

Mosiah 1:4, “For it were not possible that our father, Lehi, could have remembered all these things to have taught them to his children, except it were for the help of these plates: for he having been taught in the language of the Egyptians, therefore he could read these engravings, and teach them to his children, that thereby they could teach them to their children, and so fulfilling the commandments of God, even down to this present time.”

Mormon 9:32-33, “And now behold, we have written this record according to our knowledge in the characters, which are called among us the reformed Egyptian, being handed down and altered by us, according to our manner of speech.

33. And if our plates had been sufficiently large, we should have written in Hebrew; but Hebrew hath been altered by us also; and if we could have written in Hebrew, behold, ye would have had no imperfections in our record.”

Although written in reformed Egypt, the language, grammar and syntax would have been that of Hebrew. The reason for not using Hebrew was because there was simply not enough room; thus reformed Egyptian was used.

Information is lost with each translation. Take ***The Holy Bible*** for example: It was written in Hebrew and translated to Greek. Then Latin, English, Spanish, French, and so down the line. The translation is only as good as the translator and their care to preserve the original language’s grammar and syntax.

This is why the 1830 Palmyra Edition of ***The Record of the Nephites*** is the closest version to the original plates. Joseph Smith translated the plates, aided by God through the Urim and Thummim. However, through the years and in subsequent editions of ***The Record***’s language has been changed effectively illuminating the He-

brew indicators confirming it as a semitic text.

Lets compare a few verses from the Community of Christ/RLDS edition with those from the 1830 Palmyra edition. As we read through these verses, it is worth noting that not only have several words been changed but versing as well.

#### *Community of Christ Edition*

1 Nephi 1:30-32. “And he came down by the borders near the shore of the Red Sea;

31. And he traveled in the wilderness in the borders **which were** nearer the Red Sea;

32. And he did travel in the wilderness with his family which consisted of my mother Sariah, and my elder brothers, **who were** Laman, Lemuel, and Sam.”

#### *1830 Palmyra Edition*

1 Nephi 2:5, “And he came down by the borders near the shore of the Red Sea; and he traveled in the wilderness in the borders **which are** nearer the Red Sea; and he did travel in the wilderness with his family which consisted of my mother, Sariah, and my elder brothers, **which were** Laman, Lemuel, and Sam.”

#### *Community of Christ Edition*

1 Nephi 1:38-39, “Now this he spake because of he stiffneckedness of Laman and Lemuel; for behold they did murmur in many things against their father, because **he was** a visionary man, and **had led** them out of the land of Jerusalem, to leave the land of their inheritance, and their gold, and their silver, and their precious things, so perish in the wilderness.

39. And this they said he had done because of the foolish imaginations of his heart.”

#### *1830 Palmyra Edition*

1 Nephi 2:11, “Now this he spake because of the stiffneckedness of Laman and Lemuel; for behold they did murmur

in many things against their father, because **that he was** a visionary man, and **that he had** led them out of the land of Jerusalem, to leave the land of their inheritance, and their gold, and their silver, and their precious things and to perish in the wilderness. And this they said he had done because of the foolish imaginations of his heart.”

#### *Community of Christ Edition*

1 Nephi 5:11, “And it came to pass as my father arose in the morning, and went forth to the tent door, **to his** great astonishment, he beheld, upon the ground a round ball, of curious workmanship; and it was of fine brass.

12. And within the ball were two spindles; and the one pointed the way wither we should go into the wilderness.”

#### *1830 Palmyra Edition*

1 Nephi 16:10, “And it came to pass that as my father arose in the morning, and went forth to the tent door, **and to his** great astonishment he beheld upon the ground a round ball of curious workmanship; and it was of fine brass. And within the ball were two spindles: and the one pointed the way wither we should go into the wilderness.”

It doesn't seem like much...

1. were vs. are,
2. who vs. which,
3. he was vs. that he was,
4. had led vs. that he had led,
5. to his vs. and to his.

By changing these phrases to better fit their own language's syntax, is to eliminate the Hebrew phrases and indicators denoting it as such.

That brings me to the second view commonly held about *The Record of the Nephites*: that it is a fabrication, holding no historical or religious significance and purely a work of fiction. Joseph Smith was not an expert in Hebrew nor of reformed

Egyptian. If it was not on the plates, he would not have known the Hebrew syntax to “fabricate” it in book. Nor was he a skilled translator. He had to rely on God to help him translate the plates. The Lord would not have “smoothed” out the plates’ texts to fit the current language. That in and of itself, is proof that *The Record of the Nephites* is not only an ancient semitic text but is of God, true through and through.

## **Monday, June 26, 2023**

### **1:00 p.m. Ordination**

Brother Ethan Johnson was ordained an Apostle by Apostle Richard Johnson and confirmed by Apostles Reece Johnson, Adam Stokes, and Jairus Yates

### **Preaching Service:**

Richard Johnson

#### **GENESIS 1:3**

**“God said, Let there be light: and there was light.”**

God created time, space, matter and light on the first day of creation. Time requires there to be space, matter and light to be meaningful.

Genesis 1:1 & 3-4, Moses wrote: “In the beginning God created the heaven (space) and the earth (matter).

3. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4. ...and God divided the light from the darkness.”

Message 84:20 “When mankind will learn of Me, he shall be lifted from darkness unto Light and Power- and hearing Me I will hear him and heal your souls and your lands.”

John 1:4-10, “In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

6. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.”

John 8:12, “Then spake Jesus again unto them, I am the Light of the world; he who followeth Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the Light of life.”

Revelation 3:11-12, “Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

12. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar (member in particular) in the temple (the tabernacle) of my God, (who is Jesus Christ) and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.”

‘Jeru’ means King and ‘Salem’ means peace and righteousness. The coming of (Christ) the New King of Peace and Righteousness on earth; The City of God; The tabernacle of God. The Body of Christ; The Church of Christ.

Ephesians 5:30 & 32, “For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

32. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.” (the mystery of Genesis 2:23 being hid from the beginning.)

Revelation 21:2, "And I John saw the holy city (Ecclesia: the assembly/congregation of the City), new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

Revelation 22:16, "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."

Message 73:6-8, "The Lord knoweth the hearts of mankind and wherein they desire to

learn and do His Will, it shall be like precious ointment poured out upon the faithful to dwell in this Sight of Life and Salvation. For unto them, shall be great joy, that which the mind of man has not yet attained to.

7. Be not contentious. Speak the truth and be firm. A great Light has been given but few there be that perceive it, because of the precepts and commandments of men; which bind and destroy, closing their understanding. Remember, the greater your study and illuminating of your minds with the Words and will of the Lord, the greater your understanding and Light shall be; freeing your lives from the bands of satan and all his powers; making you a blessing among mankind.

8. Let your assemblings be, that, filled with peace. Let the Lord be honored. Let your conversations be yea, yea, and nay, nay, and no evil will come among you. Defend the truth and crush the evil. Be pleasant in all your doings. I speak to all that will heed. Defile not the Holy Rites but keep sacred the Plan of God."

Message 84:15-25, "Behold!" saith the Lord, "I have sent My Messenger to speak My will. My words shall not return unto me void but shall bring forth. There shall be those with faith when I come to earth to reign.

16. I am He that is called I AM. I am

the Great White Spirit. I am He that is called Shiloh. I am all in all. I am the only Living God, Creator of the universe, Ruler and Judge of all. I am the Chief Corner Stone, I am the Stone the builders rejected. I am the Christ, the Son of Man.

17. I am God, I change not. I am He that was called Jehovah. I am Jesus Christ. I am the Beginning and the End. I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. I am the Lord. I am He that was manifested in the flesh, in the flesh- death and resurrection. I am He that is risen. I am the Lord God.

18. All they that hear Me and learn of Me, hearing My Decrees and obey, shall have right to eternity with Me, your Lord God Christ forever.

19. I am He that formed the Heavens and the earth and all things that in them are. I am He that placed man in the garden and preserved Noah over the flood. I am He that chose Abraham for his great faith. His seed is as the sands of the sea-shores, innumerable. I am He that led Israel through the Red Sea and over Jordan and I will deliver My people today, if they will watch and pray and serve Me, your master and Lord God.

20. "When mankind will learn of Me, he shall be lifted from darkness unto Light and Power- and hearing Me I will hear him and heal your souls and your lands.

21. You will see many fall on the one hand and many more on the left because of the works of satan. They will not hear because of the teachings and pride of men, the traditions of men,' saith the Lord.

22. Lo, the evil is at work and will do all he can to destroy- and that through mankind and through some that claim to love the Lord.

23. 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.

24. All those that shall be there, those that shall be with Him are they that have had their lamps trimmed and burning: their lives arrayed in righteousness, their vessels filled with oil, their lives and works filled with the Spirit of God. Their works show their faith, shaped by the words I bring. None shall stand, none shall endure that will not heed the words I bring for I bring a restoration and restitution of all things- the Holy Priesthood of God after the order of God, manifested in the flesh decreed from the beginning- stretching out the Heavens, the earth to her former beauty, the waters above the firmament as well as in the deep.

25. The day comes when there shall be a new Heaven and a new earth. Sin shall not be there for there will be no more sa-tan.”

Message 39:11-12, “ ‘The greater Light and Power shall come as My people will prepare for it.

12. ‘Behold,’ saith your Lord, ‘My harvest is white and the laborers are few. Awake, go forth and labor, bring My sheep unto Me. Awaken! Pray ye that laborers may be sent forth and My work be accomplished. Look unto Me, for I am He that redeemeth thee.’ ”

Message 115:13-18, “Study deeply the Messages I bring. Illuminate your minds with this power of deliverance- victory in the Lord.

14. *Those inquiring of this work, teach them the Way of Life, and as they come this Way, they will bring others to the truth, they shall be in this ministry.* This is the Lord’s anointing and appointed way of Peace. Finding the truth in ‘The Bible,’ ‘The Record of the Nephites,’ and the book, ‘The Word of the Lord,’ the words I bring and will yet bring. Worship and find the gifts.

15. Repentance and faith is the beginning, the baptisms, the hands must be laid upon all that the Spirit might come to those

that prepare for it. Establish the words I bring in your lives. I will come again as the need might be.

16. It is through and in the atoning blood of Christ that mankind is saved.

17. There are many that have long represented Christ. Take to them the words I bring. Lead them into this Way with all its gifts and blessings, representing Christ and His Church. This Holy priesthood is the pure love of Christ.

18. Remember you are not alone, for far more than ten-thousand times ten-thousands are waiting at the gate to enter and be a part of the Kingdom and Zion of God. The outcast shall know where they belong and be delivered.”

Let all mankind having eyes to see and ears to hear accept and come under this Pure Love of God and walk in the Light and Power of Life.

Amen

## 7:00 p.m. Preaching Service Jairus Yates

### A Chair in the Woods

We are told in Message 84:6. “Keep the faith and endure and the sunlight of righteousness shall arise over you, with healing in His wings and ye shall be preserved in the hour when trials are upon you. Deliverance will come. Command peace and it will bring you through.”

This verse implies that we can lose our faith, or it requires some action on our part to be able to keep it. We cannot sit around spiritually, waiting for faith to drop in our lap.

Hebrews 11:6 tells us it is impossible to please god without faith. There are certain ingredients that gives us our faith. One ingredient is hearing the word of God.



We see this in Romans 10:17, “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

As I think of my mentors in life that have kept the faith, I think of men who have spent a lot of time in prayer. The word and prayer not only produced humility and meekness in them but all of the fruits of the spirit. Men like the Lord’s scribe W. A. Draves, my father Vincent Yates, and Mike Greenwell. They were led to pray through persecution, disability and responsibility. W.A. Draves would find a place alone to pray as he would seek strength to defend the messages. My father would pray in his bed because he could not move. Mike would often go to the woods and sit in a chair and pray. A place alone, in a bed, or in a chair in the woods represent a prayer closet. These men and others functioned in what I call the spirit of Elijah.

Someone might say what do you mean by that. Let me explain 2 Kings 2:1-15 says, “And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

2. And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel.

3. And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

4. And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

5. And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said un-

to him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

6. And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the Lord hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

7. And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

8. And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

9. And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

10. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

11. And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12. And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

13. He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;

14. And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

15. And when the sons of the prophets



which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.”

The mantle of Elijah was given to Elisha. The angel messenger speaks of this mantle. It is a mantle of humility. It is the power of Elijah.

Numbers 12:3, “(Now the man Moses *was* very meek, above all the men which *were* upon the face of the earth.)”

Deuteronomy 18:15, “The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;”

Elijah is the man like unto Moses, with the same meekness and humility. That power is with the servants today. If we want this power on us, we need to have that meekness

Message 30:1, “Let the old and the young remember that humility must be their mantle, for charity knoweth no evil.”

Message 33:10, “ ‘Remember,’ the Lord said, ‘Let the old and the young remember that humility must be their mantle for charity knoweth no evil.’ ”

Message 59:19, “ ‘Hear Ye! And let humility be your mantle and ye shall no more be confounded, for I come,’ saith the Lord, ‘that deliverance might be.’ ”

Our Brother Mike Greenwell always mentioned that humility comes from “humus” which is dirt. We must be down to earth.

Message 76:7. “Moreover the work of the Lord will continue. Groups will gather that they may have peace among them. Let humility and careful speaking be your mantle, in the faith of the Lord. The Lord is pleased with the work of the gatherings—let them continue that there may be examples of the Lord’s power in bringing peace to many.”

Message 77:2, “Continue to let humili-

ty be your mantle and speak in the way of the Lord.”

Message 81:19, “Let the shepherds feed the flock that they fear no more, and they shall not want. Let your cloak and mantle be humility, for grace shall come to all such. Christ giveth the life that they may have it more abundantly, a pure heart and faithful works, a good conscience toward God and your fellowmen.”

In the first message, the Lord speaks of humility as the only way that our work is accepted of men and God.

Message 1:11, “Be humble; if you want your work accepted of men and God, it will be by the spirit of humility. You will win favor with God and man and your success is in telling the truth in humility.”

Message 91:17, “They that are of God and are humble, seeking the Spirit and find it in righteous acts, showing charity beyond measure, will have the greater power and their works will stand the test.”

Message 44:5, “All must repent and be baptized for the remission of sin. Let the hands be laid upon all that His Spirit might come to them in greater power. For the promise is that He will send His Spirit to all those that are humble and full of love and trust in His words.”

Humility as our mantle is like a compass guiding us where we need to be. The more a person prays the more a person becomes humble and functions in the Elijah power. The more someone becomes humble, the more they have the spirit to be with them to reveal the will of God even concerning the calling of an apostle in the church.

Some would say that an apostle can only be called by the angel messenger and not by the spirit, not by revelation. Some would say this concerning the calling of Apostles in the Church.

There are those **who claim** to have received the Messenger. Case in point, the re-

cently claimed Message 141:17 says,

*“See those who claim to have revelations and special callings. Read again the Articles of Faith and Practice verse 13. The Apostles of old sought to call other Apostles by revelation; and God did not accept and instead called Apostle Paul as His Apostle to fill the Lord’s Quorum of Apostles.”*

How could anyone consider this as truth when the Word and history tells us otherwise?

Message 12:6, “Remember, the Lord committed to Joseph Smith a great work in his day, and power and authority to re-establish The Church of Christ in his day as in the days of old. He gave him the pattern to establish it as in the days of the apostles, and restored the priesthood and authority of the Son of God to the children of men. Yet, because of pride and the love and praise of men, he sinned before God, and much of his work has been destroyed, but he will be saved as by fire, and will be numbered with the prophets of old. Again, the Lord has called others to prune His vineyard, to bring the Gospel of peace, to establish His Church as in the days of old, that the power of the priesthood may be again enjoyed as in the days of old.

**Behold, the Lord changes not**, again He has sent me to instruct the children of men as to the building of the Temple, the size thereof, the inner court and the outer court, the construction of the building, the time to begin work, the time to complete the building of the Temple, the material it shall be built of, and I will come from time to time to instruct you, for thus was I commanded to instruct Joseph Smith. But because he was not true to the trust, this was withheld from him. Remember, you have been entrusted with this work, therefore be humble that you fail not in your work.”

The pattern that the Lord established in

the New Testament church in the days of old, was with 12 apostles. See Matthew 10:1-4, “And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

2. Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, **Simon, who is called Peter**, and **Andrew his brother**; **James the son of Zebedee**, and **John his brother**;

3. **Philip, and Bartholomew**; **Thomas, and Matthew the publican**; **James the son of Alphaeus**, and **Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus**;

4. **Simon the Canaanite**, and **Judas Iscariot**, who also betrayed him.

Acts 1:15-26, “And in those days **Peter** stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about a hundred and twenty,)

16. Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

17. For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

18. Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

19. And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, *Acedama*, that is to say, The field of blood.

20. For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.

21. Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

22. Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken

up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

23. And they **appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.**

24. And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

25. That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

26. And they **gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.**”

Acts 13:2, “As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, **Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.**”

Acts 14:14, “Which when **the apostles, Barnabas and Paul**, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,”

Romans 6:7, “Salute **Andronicus and Junia**, my kinsmen, and my fellow prisoners, **who are of note among the apostles**, who also were in Christ before me.”

I Corinthians 4:6 & 9, “And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and **to Apollos** for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think *of men* above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.

9. For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.”

Galatians 1:18-19, “Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

19. But **other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.**”

I Thessalonians 1:1, “Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians *which is* in God the Father

and *in* the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

I Thessalonians 2:5-6, “For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God *is* witness:

6. nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor *yet* of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.”

History will show that, in 1829, Oliver Cowdrey and David Witmer were called to be apostles by Revelation and later Joseph Smith was also called. Their failing was in not ordaining apostles until 1835. The Angel messenger did not call them.

In 1926 with the desire to follow the pattern given in the New Testament and the pattern of 1829, the men on the temple lot ordained apostles. These men were ordained as a Apostles on April 10, 1926. Daniel McGregor, Hiram E. Moler, Samuel Wood, Clarence L. Wheaton.

These men were ordained as Apostles on April 11, 1926. Frank Wipper, and Otto Fetting. Norris Headding was ordained an Apostle later the same year.

The Lord recognized these Apostles called by revelation when he sent Message 5:2-4, “Again in 1926, you, with your brethren, were set apart as members of the twelve to represent Christ and His Church, with the same authority as the apostles of old. Many are representing Christ but not Christ and His Church, but you men have been chosen to represent Christ and His Church as He established it when He was here.

3. Remember, satan in times past has led men away from the teachings of Christ and His Church, but let it not be so with you. Others have been led away by adultery because of following the whisperings of satan, but let it not be so with you. Some have been led by pride and the love of the praise of men, but let it not be so with you.



All these things and many more come from the whisperings of satan. Let not your hearts be tempted neither by the praise of men nor by the love of money, because it will rob you of the Spirit and goodness of God.

4. The Lord has called you men to assist in His work in these last days, to build up the kingdom of God; and to help in His work. Let there be added with you Elmer E. Long, B. C. Flint, and James E. Yates, as members of the twelve apostles in The Church of Christ. And if you men and brethren will work in peace with the love of God in your hearts, then God will bless you, and also the Church for your sake, and God will love you, and will bless you and the people and your work.”

In the same message, not only did the Lord recognize those who were called by the New Testament pattern, but also the pattern of 1829 and 1926, which is by revelation. He also established a pattern of those being called by the angel messenger.

The Lord confirms his pattern of calling apostles by Revelation again in Message 75:10, “Let Swanson and Thomas stand among the twelve.”

These men were first called by revelation.

Again in 2003 the Lord showed His will and his pattern when by revelation, he called apostles, bishops and elders through Apostle Mervyn Johnson.

Message 81:20, “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.”

Articles of Faith and Practice 9-10. “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 Scrip-

ture 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.”

Message 86:9. “God’s plan will not change to suit them that believe not, they must conform to His will.”

There are false messages and there are false revelations. There are true messages, and true revelations. God will use you any-time you let him and so will the devil. If you desire to **keep the faith and walk in the Elijah power in humility**; If you desire to know the pattern of how God calls apostles, look at history, look at the word, get alone with God; and find a bed, or chair in the woods to pray.

## Tuesday, June 27, 2023

### 1:00 p.m. Study

#### Message 92

*The Angel Messenger of the Lord came to me at 4:45 a.m., July 4, 1973 in my home at Independence, Missouri, and gave the following Message. The room was filled with light. He spoke calmly and slowly, as I wrote the words He gave. He left at five o’clock.*

-W.A. Draves

1. “Behold, I come you at this time. Arise and write the words I shall give you. I am John the Baptist, a resurrected being. I am the Elias. My mission is one of love and peace. The powers of the adversary cannot hinder my Work.

2. I come from the Lord’s presence. Look to the Lord, this is His Work. I bring a Message from His Voice and His Will.

3. The Lord’s people have see trials and afflictions but let all arise to a closer walk with the Lords. Come away from contentions and bring love and obedience in your lives. Continue in good works. The Lord

has heard the prayers that are of the heart, and this Assembly. And I bring peace and an answer to the problems when it becometh a need.

4. There is none that have done right in all things. They have fallen short.

5. Where is that great love and the Spirit that mellows the heart, is it still among you? I say unto you, yea, let it do greater work. Qualify to be leaders of men. Do good to all mankind. Love always, hate and bitterness is not your mission.

6. He that loveth the brethren, loveth God also. The Lord will uphold him and make him a blessing.

7. Follow the Pattern. Let all that come this Way be baptized into one Spirit. Teach and preach the same things in the way I have given you and it will be well.

8. The Church of Christ will never again be destroyed but will move on Her mission until Zion is established and the people redeemed from their sins— and the Lord come. The Kingdom and the Dominion shall be for the saints of the Most High.

9. A deception has gone out among the people and churches of mankind with doctrines of men with a cry to speak in tongues of unknown words. Such has no meaning but to harden the hearts of those that do so— making the authority I bring of none effect and will not be a part of them, neither will they receive nor obtain it.

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.

11. Who is mankind to claim more than this? He that will not recognize the authority and power I bring, faileth, and his works will not stand the test in the end. Let this evil not be among you for it will not calm the soul nor will it save you.

12. There cometh a day when a true gift will be given. With great wisdom will it work a Work and convince, moreover con-

vict but as yet is not among you in measure of saving grace.

13. Turn away from those things that divide and separate you one from another. The Lord knoweth the hearts and wherein powers of man and deception lies. Except such repent and cleanse their minds of these things they have no part of this Work.

14. I have brought and bring a Massage for mankind— that he may heed and conform to it; that he might be a part of the Lamb's Bride when He comes to make up His Jewels. I speak to fulfill the Word of God, to bring all the faithful in Christendom together to one Fold, one Shepherd, one Spirit of God, one Baptism with power for remission of sins and traditions of man that cannot save.

15. The Lord will call many into this Way.

16. Be firm, fret not, hold the peace and your reward will be sure.

17. In time the quorum of twelve apostles will be filled. There are those in the Lord's reserve. Some will fail, others will take their calling when the Lord speaks.

18. Peace I leave with you and the Church. Lift you faith— the Way of the Lord is Sure. I will come again. Amen.”

### 3:00 p.m. Sacrament & Closing Services

Sacrament Service was conducted by Apostles Reece Johnson and Ethan Johnson. The 2023 General Assembly was closed by Apostle Reece Johnson.

