

# The Greater Light

## *The End Time Messenger*

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**Happy Mother's Day**  
2013

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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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It is each Elder's duty to Seek Guidance from and to keep The Territorial Apostle informed of his works in the region he is laboring.

Secretary For The Twelve  
Apostle Leonard H. Draves

## FOREWORD

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

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

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

*The Messages* so often mentioned in this publication are Messages from The Lord,

brought to earth by His Chosen Servant, John The Baptist, who comes to earth in a Glorified Body to finish The Work given to him of God; that of Restoring all things (Matthew 17:11). The Angel first came in 1829, and Restored *The Authority Of The Son Of God*, that *THE CHURCH OF CHRIST* might be Established as in The Days of The Apostles.

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

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

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# THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY

## *To All People*

### Ninety-Second Message

*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 to 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<sup>1</sup> 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 seen trials and afflictions but let all Arise to a Closer Walk with The Lord. Come away from contentions and bring Love and Obedience in you 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<sup>2</sup>.*

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 our 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<sup>3</sup>.**

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 will come a day when a True Gift will be given. With Great Wisdom will it work a Work and convince, moreover convict, but as yet is not among you in Measures 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 Message 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<sup>4</sup>, One Shepherd, One Spirit of God, One Baptism<sup>5</sup> 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 Preserve. Some will fail, others will take their Calling when The Lord speaks.

18. Peace I leave with you and The Church. Lift your Faith-The Way of The Lord is Sure. I will come again. Amen!

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. 1 Peter 5:8                  | 3. Daniel 7:22                             |
| 2. Psalms 14:1-3<br>Romans 3:23 | 4. 1 Nephi 22:25 (RN)<br>5. Ephesians 4:25 |

## From The Editor

### *Word of Encouragement*

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves  
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We know that every Tree The Lord did not Plant, will be rooted up. We do not have to worry about that, as The Lord has Called us from out of the world into His Kingdom and Holy Gospel and Placed us in His Church. What a Wonderful Blessing that is.

To be a Member of Christ's Church to enjoy The Full Gospel. No other generation on earth has been Blessed with The Fullness of The Gospel as we have.

This Message will bring us Peace and Joy as we shape our lives by the Words The Messenger brings for our Lord to mankind. Nothing will destroy our Faith and Good Works, as long as we remain The Lord's Humble Servants. Deliverance will come-Reach out to The Lord and His Word.

The Way of Deliverance has come, and it is Prepared for Greater Outpouring of The Spirit and Mighty Things will be Revealed, as we Humble ourselves before The Lord. We know that many more people will come. Many Miracles will come, Healings and a Better Way of Life.

There is no other way that mankind can be Saved except through The Lord Jesus Christ. How easy Salvation can be if mankind would listen to The Instructions and Warnings of The Lord, Believing in The Words of The Messenger.

It was said by Christ, that John would come not eating nor drinking and men would say he had a devil-but it is they wherein is the devil. John comes to bring Peace, Love, and The Truth. In Ancient Times, it has been told of John's coming in this day and time, The End Time, The Closing Time, The Mid-night Cry, The Time of Purifying The Ministry, Leading all Christendom into One Fold, wherein is One Shepherd, The Christ Jesus who shall Rule all nations and Peace shall be from one end to the other of this world. (Message 90:12)

It is Good that we Shapes our Lives by The Lord's Instructions in The Written Gospel of Jesus Christ. Revelation says That John will Come with The Everlasting Gospel, Preaching to them that dwell upon

the earth. Men may claim they have more, but they are wrong and works for self and not of God. Don't be deceived by them. As satan controls them. Know The Gospel and The Word so that you will not be deceived.

You are a Blessed Person. You have Heard The Call of God. You have thrust in the sickle and reap when The Call of God comes upon you. Continue to endure Sound Doctrine and show True Repentance to The Lord. Stay Close to The Lord and always remain Humble before The Lord.

The Lord wants us to remain Peaceful with all men as it lays in your power. Don't worry or fret over things you have no control. Be Calm in all things. Command Peace in your life.

The Lord has Given us much Encouragement! Continue to Hear and Obey The Words of The Lord. Seek Him, and Walk Righteously before Him. Heed His Voice and Great shall be your Blessings. Remember The Lord and Master who Drank of The Bitter cup-all must drink of The Cup of Trial to know what The Lord has Suffered for us. He has asked us to Hold High our Banner, Hold Firmly to The Iron Rod. Give a Righteous Call unto Him and His Countenance will Shine upon you.

There are those that will tremble in His Sight, and at His Word. But if they would Seek Him and Walk Righteously before Him, Heeding His Voice, they also can enjoy The Great Blessings The Lord would give.

I Pray that you would draw yourself out of the world and not take part in contentions and dark sayings.

When plagues and floods sweep the nation, and famines take their place, and war has its effect on the nation, many will be taken to The Beyond not knowing The Love

of God nor what The End shall be. Therefore it is important that we step up and take Hold of The Rod of Iron and Cry to the people that there is a Better Way. The Honest shall hear and come to The Lord. We must not fail in our Callings, but Lift up our Voice and Carry Burdens to The Lord, and God shall Hear.

If we be Faithful, The Lord will Stand us in Holy Places when The Great Destructions shall come. His Vengeance will not come to us, but we shall be numbered among His Jewels. Then Great shall be our Joy. Out of weakness many shall be made Strong.

We shall Rise up and go forth in The Strength of The Lord, for Love is our work. Be Faithful to The Lord. Bear The Fruits of The Spirit when people look for a Better Way and Higher Standards. We shall take The Gospel of Love to govern the feet of the weary and the wanderer. We want none to be lost!

Seek to be Just in all things. Continue to practice The Law of Love in your homes, for in your Hearts His Law shall be Written. The Lord's Work will be accomplished by Pure Hearts and *Clean* Hands, His House shall be Built. The Gospel will be Preached in all the world. The Glad Tidings must go forth, and Great shall be our Joy in the end.

Dear Ones, these Words are not my words, but God's Words.

I know that you want to be part of carrying The Words of Salvation to all the world. Christ's Coming is near at hand. This Warning must go out and The Gospel of The Kingdom Preached, then shall The Lord Come in The Clouds of Glory. For The Righteous, Great shall be our Joy, but to those that know Him not and that Obey not The Gospel, The Lord of Salvation shall take Vengeance on them. It is sad, but it is

out of our control. All we can do is to Obey The Lord's Command in getting out This Word and the rest is up to them.

We must Hear The Voice of God at all times for The Lord is Speaking today as in the days of old. It will be by His Spirit that we will Hear His Voice and when we Call on Him, He Will Answer to our Prayers. His Message is one of Love.

Many will Rejoice with us if they are Humble, and True to The Covenant they have made to God and as we all do this, God will be with us to the end. For God is The First and The Last, The Beginning and The End.

We have a Testimony of This Work and of The Words that come from our Fellow Servant, John The Baptist from The Presence of God Himself. He is The Lord's Choosing! It is True that no one will Understand except through The Lord's Spirit. Let us all be up and doing in The Lord's Work. If nothing else, we can Pray for The Work and for those that can do Missionary Work.

May God Continue to Bless you. It is my Prayer that God will Protect you and place a Hedge around you from the evils, dangers, illnesses of this world and from anyone that would seek to bring you harm. I Pray for your Loved Ones and your Homes. Be Encouraged in The Lord, for His Hand is Moving and The Work is Strong.

## From The Apostles

### What Is Reverence?

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Reverence is something we feel rather than something we do. It is difficult to describe in words. However, whenever you

have *The Feeling of Reverence it is usually shown by your Attitude and Actions.*

We have often been told to be Reverent in Church. *Does this mean simply to walk and talk quietly when in God's House?* One could do this and not be truly Reverent. However, if you were Reverent you would also act that way.

Reverence is an emotion or feeling within you. *A Feeling of Wonder, of Awe, of Affection and one of deep Respect.* You may feel Reverent in the presence of the beauty and power made evident in nature, a beautiful sunset, a tempest of thunder and lightning, the mystery of the wonderful parts of a tiny flower, the glory of a bird's song, Niagara Falls, and so on. They all 'speak' *The Creator* Praise. The feeling of Reverence in the presence of these should lead to a desire to worship *The Creator* of them.

You may feel Reverence in the presence of a person of unusual achievements, or of a young baby. In both situations, there could be a feeling of awe and wonder.

*Reverence is one of the most admirable qualities a person can reveal.* Only a cheap, thoughtless person hesitates or fails to show Reverence.

*Reverence felt and expressed helps one to grow into Greatness of Spirit and Action.* Reverence leads one into *The Presence of God*, for He is '*The Creator, The Power, and The Source*' of all that arouses the emotion. *Reverence leads to Worship.* Indeed, without Reverence, there can be no '*True Worship*'.

I would like to draw your attention to the first *Three Commandments*. They should help each of us to understand better what God Requires of us in *The Way of Reverence and Worship*.

Exodus 20:3, '**Thou shall have no other**

**Gods before Me.'**

This Commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be *The Only True Living God, and our God*, and to Worship and Glorify Him accordingly.

This Commandment forbiddeth the worshipping and glorifying of anyone but God. **For we Worship no other. We give Glory to no other. God is our Only Leader!**

The words '*before Me*' in this First Commandment teaches us that God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other God.

The Second Commandment, Exodus 20:4-6, ;**Thou shall not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.**

**Thou shall not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I The Lord Thy God am a Jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the father upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;**

**And showing Mercy unto thousands of them that Love Me and Keep My Commandments'**

This Second Commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping Pure and entire, all such Religious Worship and Ordinances as God hath appointed in His Word.

This Second Commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in His Word.

The Worship we bring to God should be very different. Unlike the early Hebrew people, with Moses at Mount Sinai, we need no image, for we know that God is forever

present with us. *We can feel His Presence and His Love.* We respond to that Love with *Praise and Gratitude.* We want to do the things He wishes. So in Worship we listen for *His Voice.* God speaks to our hearts telling us *His Will.* There should be Gladness and Joy in our Worship. For We have *The Fullness of The Gospel and The Truth* given to us by *The Only Living God.*

Do not be misled by the word 'jealous' in this Commandment. It is not the human jealousy which we think of as an ugly thing. God's Jealousy is the disappointment of a Great Love in seeing His Children turn away from what is best.

Jesus talked to a woman once about Worshipping. John 4:24, **'God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.'**

The Third Commandment is found in Exodus 20:7, **'Thou shall not take the Name of The Lord Thy God in vain; for The Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.'**

This Commandment requireth The Holy and Reverent use of God's Names, Titles, Attributes, Ordinance, Words and Works.

We are forbidden in all profanity or abusing of anything whereby God maketh Himself known.

The breakers of this Commandment may escape punishment from men, yet The Lord our God will suffer them not to escape His Righteous Judgment.

We must never use God's Name or Works lightly or irreverently. We must never say false or untrue things. We must never profess to Love and follow God in words alone, but we must be wholehearted and sincere in all we profess.

In John, Chapter 13, verse 34, we read, **'A New Commandment I give unto you,**

**that ye Love one another; as I have Loved you, that ye also Love one another.'**

We shall think of how Jesus Loved all people as we measure the way in which we should Love.

We have to look for evidences of it in something more than words. *Actions and Attitudes are the tests of love.*

Let us think of Jesus' Life and ask what His Acts and Attitudes show about the Love in His Heart.

I know we all feel that we will never be able to keep God's Commandments perfectly, however, we must try to keep them to the best of our ability.

We are Grateful to have Latter Day Revelations from God, through John The Baptist to help us live Rightly and Reverently. All through The Messages, God tells us to *Hold to His Truths* and to Shape our lives by *His Words*. If we can do this, and let Love dwell in us, His Love will be made more perfect, and we will Stand in *The Day of Judgment*.

We will be punished for our sins, and for our *Lack of Reverence*. We may feel that people are foolish to forget that God had Promised to Bless and Help us, if we would only Obey *His Voice*. But are we any less foolish when we let '*self*' come before *The One and Only True God*?

Message 52:3, '**There will be those that contend against *The Word of the Lord*. They shall be accursed, for unto them The Lord will show no greater thing. Those that are not *Humble and Forgiving, Obedient to The Truth*, shall fall by The Way.'**

If we are Reverent, and if we have Love, both working together, we will be Called '*delightful and a peculiar people*', for we shall be Called '*Righteous*'.

Message 52:14, '**. . . 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 . . .*'**

Jesus gave us not only a *New Commandment*, but a *New Way of Life*. Where there is indifference, neglect and hate, Jesus would substitute *Sympathy, Understanding and Love*. If the people of the world would adopt Jesus' *Way of Life*, how changed everything would be. There would be no actions of such done by those on September 11, 2001, in New York City, Washington D. C. or in Pennsylvania.

If only all who claims to be *Followers of Christ*' would keep *His New Commandment* in mind and try to obey it, they would have *Power* such as never before known to mankind.

Jesus puts the '*Emphasis*' on Love, and through that Love, may we all be found Reverent!

## From The Bishops

*Submitted by Editor*

### Tithes

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I am going to write about a not so popular topic that some don't even like to hear sermons on. 'Tithing' they say, '*We know what The Word says about 'Tithing'*! Yet those very people not paying Tithes for some reason or another.

*Is Tithing a Commandment from God or is it a choice that we as individuals can decide to pay or not to pay? Is it a Commandment for the entire Church, including The Ministry or just for members? Does doing Spiritual Oblations in The Church, omit a person to not have to pay Tithes?* These are questions I have heard mention in the past and I want to say *The Message Book* makes it very clear who is to pay Tithes.

Message 12:10, **‘Contact no debt with any man, for This Work must be done by Sacrifice and not by Promises. For Behold The People of The Lord are Glad to help in This Work of The Lord, by Tithes and by Offerings, for thus did the people in the days of old, which was pleasing unto The Lord, for this was The Law in Abraham’s day, who paid Tithes and The Lord Blessed him, and The Lord will Bless in your day All those that shall KEEP HIS LAW. Therefore pay your Oblations to The Lord in ALL things that your work may be accepted of Him, so that when trying times are upon the earth your work might stand The Test. Let The Gospel be Preached: let the poor be provided for; let The Temple be built that in All Things you may be Called *The Children of God.*’**

So The People of The Lord is to pay Tithes, that includes everyone! The Ministry as well as The Members. Not one person is left out or exempt.

Message 21:15, **‘Let those that have pay Tithes and Offering that The Work may go on and Warning be taken to all the world. For this is *The Word of The Lord.* He that will heed The Warning will gain thereby. He that will not will suffer and lose in the end. Live in Peace with all**

**men. For The Lord will Gather His Elect and bring Them to a Place of Safety; for destruction will come.’**

So we will be Bless if we heed The Warning to pay our Tithes. If you have a dollar, ten (10) cents of that dollar belongs to The Lord.

Message 22:19, **‘There are those that have robbed The Lord of One-Tenth of that which was The Lord’s. They have taken it for their pleasure and have said in their hearts. ‘this is mine’. Harken unto Me. says The Lord your God all that thou hast, I have given thee, and I shall REQUIRE one - tenth thereof, that the poor indeed may be fed: that The Gospel may be Preached and The Kingdom of God might be Established on earth in its Fullness and The Church set in Order in its Completeness.’**

So here He Requires us to pay Tithes! No choice, it’s a Commandment and part of The Standard we are to lift up.

Message 29:20, **‘Be ye saving in your traveling, lest ye be burdensome to the people ; send your Moneys as Tithing and Offerings to The Treasury of The Lord that The Bishops may have means, that others may go and take The Message.’**

So here Tithing and Offerings is our money, Not Works! And here is a Great Reasonability on The Ministry (Apostles and Bishops) that the money is spent Rightly and they be Saving. God sees the people Sacrifice in paying Tithes and expect it to be handled correctly.

Message 46 :4 speaks more sever and we need to take seriously. **‘Behold, there are those whose hearts are full of evil and selfishness. They have withheld that which is The Lord’s of Tithes and of Offerings. Their hearts are not right be-**

**fore Him. Therefore I say unto you, they cannot have part in This Work and are not of The Household of Faith. For they have failed to Obey The Word of The Lord.'**

So you see if we don't pay Tithes our hearts are not right, this is God's Words not mine and also He says they cannot have no part in This Work. That's serious and can not be dismiss.

So if we got ourselves in a bind and not able to pay our 10% then do what a young brother said not to long ago and pay what we can and work up to the 10% and watch The Blessing flow and it will get easier to pay as we strive to pay what we can. Let us be Honest with ourselves and not make excuses for not paying our Tithes and Offerings.

Message 49:10, **'Let all pay their Tithes that their works may stand The Tests when the trying times come. The Lord will Bless them and they shall not want for The Way of Deliverance shall be theirs.'**

What a Blessing that is if we pay our Tithes. God will see us through our trying times.

Message 54:15, **'Let the moneys be sent in that more may take the fields, for The Harvest is on and the sheaves are ungathered.'**

So for The Work to move we need to pay our Tithes so there will be money to send out Missionaries as well as to Print Books and do The Work that needs done at this time.

Message 66:17, **'Let all pay their Oblations to The Lord in Tithes and in Offerings ...'**

'Let all' this means everyone, no one excluded.

Message 82:21, **'Pay your Tithes and Oblations that The Faithful may carry on. Let the hindering causes be removed that The Work may roll on. The Wheels of Justice are turning. The Purging and Cleansing is on. Man cannot glory in himself.'**

Message 83:32, **'Pay your Tithes and Oblations that The Work may continue on.'**

Message 89:16, **'Let all be in the field that can go. Let support come. Bring in The Means that others may go, even from The Churches that shall be set up, and let them be Dedicated everywhere in The Name: *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message*, even The Words I bring. I am The Elias.'**

Message 91:28, **'Let the Tithes come in that The Churches may stay alive and build themselves up. For Great is The Call to be ready when men look for Standards and find it not elsewhere. Let it be found in *The Church of Christ* with The Words I being that God's Plan may be understood.'**

So Tithes are important even in The Locals, for they too must function and be able to do Work in The Lord. They can send someone somewhere to help in The Work to even help build up other locals. Locals can also be of great help to The General Church as their Tithes not only help The Locals but also part goes to The General Church .

Message 103:17, **'Have you robbed God? Have you taken that which is not yours? Would you take from God's Treasury and say this is mine?'**

This not only speaks about us not paying Tithes but how important it is The Church see that The Tithes is used proper and for the things God says to use it for. The

poor and needy, the Missionary Work, and Books and things The Church needs.

Malachi 3:8-10, **'Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In Tithes and offerings.'**

**Ye are cursed with a curse for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation.**

**Bring ye all the Tithes into The Storehouse that there may be Meat in Mine House and prove Me now here with saith The Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you The Windows of Heaven and pour you out a Blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'**

What a Blessing!, if we pay Tithes.

Luke 11:42, **'But woe unto you, Pharisees for ye Tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs and pass over Judgment and The Love of God: these ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone.'**

So here it says we not only should pay Tithes but Spiritual Oblations to The Lord. Both important and Both are needed!

Message 52:22, **'The Lord has seen the Humility of many and felt after them and Blessed their work. Let all pay their Oblations to The Lord that The Work may move on. There are those who obey His Law and are Blessed. So shall it be that Greater Peace will come to them and they shall be Delivered when the trying time come.'**

Nothing but Good comes from paying our Tithes. God is a *'Promise Keeper'*. He says He will Bless us in our days of trials if we pay our Tithes.

How Wonderful This Work can be and how much more we could step out and do if we all paid our Tithes. I am speaking to everyone, including The Ministry, and

Members and Teach our little children The Tithing Law while they are young so they will grow up knowing God's Law concerning this matter.

Exodus 30:14, **'Every one that passeth among them that are numbered from twenty years old and above shall give an Offering unto The Lord.'**

Here are a couple other Scriptures on Tithing, Alma 13:15, and 3 Nephi 24:8-12.

As Members you have the right to know where your Tithing are going, if you are ever interested in knowing all you have to do is ask The General Bishop or your Local Bishop and they will supply you with this information.

Message 12:5, **'... Let them Preach the things as they found in *The Bible* and *The Record of The Nephites*. Let them take The Message to Jew and Gentile, to all classes, tongue and peoples. Let the men who have been placed in Charge and Appointed to look after and receive the Tithes, Offerings and Oblations, be mindful of their Work that the moneys so received are spent wisely. Let them give an Accounting to The Church that things may be done in justice to all. Always being mindful that they are Ambassadors for Christ and The Church and they will be without excuse to God for everyone must be Faithful to their Trust for this is The Lord's Work and so shall it be required of Him in the last day.'**

The Lord tells us all to work together for the good of The Church. He tells The Ministry to lead the people aright. So by their example so will the people be.

So we know by The Scriptures that we all are to pay Tithes. This does not exclude any one person. We also know that Tithes and Offerings is part of The Standard The

Lord tells us to have.

We know Spiritual Oblations and Tithes are different things. Both are very important. Both part of The Law of God. Both needs to be obeyed.

So I ask that we all examine ourselves and see if we can do better in this area of our lives and strive to be Obedience to The Tithing Law.

God Bless us all as we work towards pleasing our Lord in all things.

## Food For Thought God's Garden

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There is so much beauty in the world around us. We as Christians can see God's Hand everywhere. The beauty fills me with Joy. But The Concept of God's Garden set my mind imagining what God Liked in His Garden.

*God must Love variety.* Even plants of the same species are different-some tall, some leafy, others with a profusion of flowers. He is not The God of an assembly line creation, but One who Loves and Appreciates the differences. Cloning is distinctly of man.

We often feel insecure when we perceive difference between ourselves and others. We feel that we may be somehow irregular and not quite right. The Truth is, God Loves variety, in all things but *His Gospel Plan*. This He has Laid out in His Simple Way for mankind to Learn and Follow through. All His Plants are different. That's the way He likes it. God made us this way and Loves us for our uniqueness. He created our uniqueness for His own Purpose. There is a beautiful verse in Zephaniah 3:17.

*'The Lord Thy God in the midst of thee is Mighty, He will Save, He will Rejoice over thee with Joy. He will Rest in His Love, He will Joy over thee with Singing.'*

Just as my Heart is thrilled and filled with Joy from the beauty of the earth, I am sure that, in the same way, God Longs to Rejoice, Sing for Joy, over *His People, His Church and His Gospel*.

Message 37:4-5, *'Behold, Saith The Lord, 'Those that have and will Profess My Name and Diligently Seek Me, yea, I will Open and no man will Close The Door before thee, for I will Give unto thee Power to Overcome, and he that Over Cometh shall have Right to The Tree of Life, to Eternity. Lo, there will you have Place with your Lord whom ye Seek and Desire to Please, Then The Righteousness of The Righteous shall be your Joy.*

*Ye, that are Called to Edify My Bride,' Saith The Lord, 'Keep ye My Sayings and The Ways of Righteousness in your Hearts. Sin not, but be ye Holy Vessels, and lo, I will quicken your Under-standing. Keep the thoughts of kindness in a willing manner toward your fellowmen. Fall not in the hands of the adversary, that is a thorn unto My Body. Hold High The Banner of Righteousness, and Zion's Cause shall be The Millennium Reign.'*

We are *God's Garden*, The Planning of The Lord. Singularly we are unique flowers, together a *Garden*. I Pray that He Enjoys Visiting *His Garden* on Sunday Mornings, and I Hope He Whistles in His Heart to The Songs we are Singing to Him.

Remember The Beauty of God's Garden. Remember, we are God's Garden. Remember to Study and Show yourself Approved, so your Beauty will Shine Forth to the world.

Message 102:52, *'I speak that all Christendom may Flow together and Abide by 'The Bible', Revealing Great Truths; The Coming Forth of 'The Record Of The Nephites', The Book, and 'The Word Of The Lord': Behold The Books that will Lead all mankind to Eternal Hope and Salvation, Deliverance in The Lord.'*

Eternity has a Place for all that Look for The Lord and View Him as their Saviour, Lord and King.

Mormon 9:21, *'Behold, I say unto you, that whoso believeth in Christ, doubting nothing, whatsoever he shall ask The Father in The Name of Christ, it shall be granted them; and This Promise is unto all even unto the ends of the earth.'*

What a Beautiful Garden, God has Prepared for us. We are a Blessed and Favored People of The Lord. Let us all Work Together to Bring about *The Lord's Plan* in its *Plain and Precious Parts*. God Bless all!

## Article From The Past

### He Is The Way, The Truth And The Life

By Evangelist C. A. Peterson

Jesus taught: *'All things are possible to them that believe.'* It is harder to say *'I believe'* than to say, *'I don't know'*. For the scientist seeking knowledge it is very hard indeed to say he believes unless he admits that the impulse drawing him to discovery is beyond proof. Belief is The Foundation and Wisdom and our Hope for the future. Faith is The Substance of things Hoped for.

The Bible tells us, the reality of things unseen. The ideas are deeply rooted in our minds and our subconscious. These are our

beliefs. It is what we think that determines our attitude and our speech. Continuing the process, our attitudes and speech determine our actions; our actions result in our habits; our habits determine our conduct, and our conduct determines our destiny. It is as The Bible said long ago; *'As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he'*. Man should be grateful to be able to think that he can believe. It is important to be careful of what one thinks and what one believes. Paul urged his beloved Philippians to strive for an integrated personality. He told them, whatever is True, whatever is Honorable, whatever is Pure, whatever is Gracious; if there is any Excellence, if there is anything Worthy of Praise think about these things.

These were the thoughts that motivated Jesus Christ when He Lived among men. Paul expressed this idea in The Word. You have the mind in you that was in Christ Jesus.

To the degree that we have in us the mind that was in Christ, to the degree that His Thoughts motivate us day by day to that degree. We can say with the Apostle Paul: *'I live, yet not I, but Christ Lives in me.'* And Paul also says, *'I can do all things-through Christ who strengthens me'*.

Jesus said, **'He that Believes in Me, though, he were dead, yet shall he Live; and whosoever Lives and Believes in Me shall never die.'**

**Believe Me, Believe in God, Believe also in Jesus Christ, Who said: I am *The Way, The Truth, and The Light*, no man cometh to The Father but by Me. Let not your hearts be troubled Believe in God Believe also in Me. In My Father's House are many Mansions if it were not so I would have told you. I go to Prepare a Place for you and if I go I will come again**

**and receive you unto Myself that where I am there ye may be also.'**

*Thank The Lord for Establishing His Church Anew in 1929 with The Elijah Message brought to us by John the Baptist, The Assured Way to become a part of The Bride of Christ,* if we qualify. He is The Messenger to prepare Christ's Second Coming and a Bride to meet Christ when He Comes.

May God Bless each and everyone of you until we all come to The Unity of The Faith; become as one, with The Pure Love of Christ in our hearts, Love to all.

## Article

### A Mother's Story

*Written by Temple Bailey*  
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The young mother set her foot on the path of life. Is this the long way? she asked. And the guide said: 'yes and the way is hard, and you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning'. The young Mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years.

So she played with her children and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathe them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them, and the young mother cried, 'Nothing will ever be lovelier than this'.

Then the night came, and the storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said 'Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come.'

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary. But at all times she said to the Children, 'A little patience and we are there'. So the Children climbed, and when they reached the top they said, 'Mother we could have not done it without you.'

And the Mother when she lay down at night looked up at the stars and said, 'his is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage, today I have given them Strength'

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth, clouds of war, hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said, 'Look up, lift your eyes to the light' and the children looked and saw above the clouds an everlasting glory, and it guided them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said 'This is the best day of all, for I have shown my Children, God'.

And the days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the Mother grew and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage, And when the way was rough they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather . . . And at last they came to a hill, and beyond they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide . . . And the Mother said, 'I have reached the end of my journey, And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them.' And the Children said, 'You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates.'

And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her.

And they said: 'We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a Memory . . . She is a living presence'.

Your Mother is always with you, she is the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she's the smell of bleach in your freshly laundered socks, she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not well.

Your Mother lives inside your laughter, and she's crystallized in every tear drop. She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love and your first heart break, and nothing on earth can separate you, not time, not space, not even death!

In Respect to our Mothers that are now in Paradise, 'I want to say thank you for your walk in the Lord that has inspired us to continue on.'

May we be the mothers God called us out to be! 'Happy Mothers day to each and every one of you' and may the Grace and Blessings be in your path.

## A PRAYER FOR HELP

Submitted by editor

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

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

O LORD my God, Lift me up. Show my enemies that Thou Art with me. Let me

Hold to Your Word, and Forever Speak of Your Goodness and Mercies.

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

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

## MESSAGE 59:10

*'The Lord is The Resurrection and The Life. He that Believeth on Him and Obeys His Will shall have Right to The Tree of Life and to Eternity, and in them shall be seen The Glory of God, for Christ Came to Redeem, and to Provide The Way. Therefore, I come to point The Way and that The Church of Christ, The Lamb's Bride, may be Prepared to meet Him when He Comes, when All men will Love to Serve The Lord, that The Millennium Reign shall be. And The Great Day of The Lord shall Come, when all the earth shall Rejoice and be Glad for a New Heaven and a new earth shall be in The Lord's Planning.'*

## Testimonies Of The Past

**Michael Greenwell, Missouri:** When I was in my twenties, I was always falling. I asked the Lord for a Blessing. I had a dream that if I could get to this place, I would get what I asked for. I found the place, and everyone seemed kind hearted toward each other. I saw two men together afar, I thought they were Angels, however the men separated

and one came to a group and asked if Mike Greenwell was there. I said, 'yes Lord that is me'. We took a walk. I remember feeling I was not lacking for anything. I didn't know what to ask for, so I asked, 'Could you heal my allergies?' 'That's easy, is there something else?' I asked, 'Could you give me something to help me keep your Commandments?' The Lord answered, 'Do the best you can today, until you can live for today it will be hard for you to keep My Commandments.' I woke up.

**Terry Weaver, Florida;** I am Blessed to be here. The last time I was here was in 1981. I am thankful that my wife and son are here with me. I am thankful to be here with Brenda and her family. I am thankful for my grandson. *I know that prayer changes things!* I am thankful for being here. Pray for us all and The Work in Florida.

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

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

have to ask for a smile. He smiles and the Lord Blesses.

**Leonard Draves, Missouri;** I remember when Ola and I went out to the Bellamy's home so I could administer to Wanda. She was carrying a child. When I administered to Wanda, half way through the prayer, I had to stop speaking, as the Lord showed me she was carrying a boy child. It was such a Blessing to me, but something new to me. When I finished the prayer, I could not say to Wanda that I saw her carrying a boy, even though she knew not what the child was she was carrying. I remember Ola asking me, when we were leaving, what happened during that prayer. I could not tell her what I saw, as I feared in doing so. Darren is a wonderful young man, and I too love him dearly. I love B.J. and Jake dearly also. I tell them they are mine and that I let my sister raise them. Terry's boys are good and wonderful young men also; like Larry, these young men mean a lot to me as well. May God always keep them and Bless them, as they grow in *This Gospel Work*. These young men and ladies also, are a reflection of their parents. That says a lot!

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

I love you all.  
I need your Prayers.

## 2013 General Assembly NOTICE

*June 23-26, 2013*

Dear Readers of *'The Greater Light'*;

Greetings in The Name of The Lord Jesus Christ. It is that time of the year again that we start thinking and preparing to gather together in *The House Of The Lord* to meet and worship with our Brothers and Sisters from all parts of the world.

We invite and encourage everyone to attend **The 2013 General Assembly of The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way Of The Lord, Inc.**, as we Study and Teach The Word Of God in Truth.

Come with a Prayer upon your heart that God will Rule and Overrule in all things. The Gospel of The Kingdom Of God must go forth from This Center Place to all the Nations. We shall meet at 2:00 p.m. at *The Community of Christ Church, 1316 South Osage Street, Independence, Missouri.*

The Independence, Missouri, Local will be holding Services at The General Church Headquarters at 10:00 a.m. 215 South Lynn St, Independence, MO 64050. They invite all to attend that we may Prepare for The General Assembly together.

Message 18:3, **'The Cleansing time has come. God by His Spirit, will touch the honest in heart in all nations and will gather them together to prepare a people that shall be His Church in very deed. I shall go before The Lord, to prepare The Way and prepare a people to meet Christ. This is my work.'**

Message 43:15, **'This is the day that ye who are Called must work with your might for The Pruning of The Vineyard**

**of The Lord for the last time. Therefore turn away from the traditions of men and things that cause contention.'**

### Attention

*Pre-Assembly Meetings* of the Twelve and Bishops will be held, **Saturday, June 22 2013**, at The General Church Headquarter' Office, 215 South Lynn Street, Independence, Missouri 64050 at **2:00 p.m.**

### Notice

The *Assembly Committee* request any donations to help off set for *The 2013 General Assembly*. Please send any and all donations to The Bishop's Office, 215 South Lynn Street, Independence, Missouri, 64050.

### Motel Listings

(All have 816 area code)

#### Grain Valley, Missouri (East of Indep.)

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Koxy Inn (I-70 & Grain Valley exit) | 229-2323 |
| Scottish Inn (I-70 and 24 Highway)  | 224-3420 |

#### Blue Springs, Missouri (East of Indep.)

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| American Inn (I-70&Wood Chapel Rd)        | 228-1080 |
| Interstate Inn (I-70 & Wood Chapel Rd).   | 228-6311 |
| Ramada Inn (I-70 & 7 Highway)             | 229-6363 |
| Motel 6 (I-70 & 7 Highway)                | 228-9133 |
| Motel 8 (I-70 & N. 7 Highway)             |          |
| Howard Johnson Express (I-70 & 7 Highway) |          |
| Hampton Inn (I-70 & 7 Highway)            |          |

#### Independence, Missouri

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| American Inn (I-70&NolandRd.)        | 373-8300 |
| Green Crest Motel (15014E.40Highway) | 373-7500 |
| Shoney's Inn (I-70&NolandRd)         | 254-0100 |
| Super 8 Motel (I-70&NolandRd.)       | 833-1833 |

#### Others In area

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| Best Western (635 Murry)         | 525-1400 |
| Blue Bird Inn (8920 40 Highway)  | 252-5488 |
| Budget Inn (9900 E. 40 Highway)  | 737-1922 |
| Comfort Inn (607 SE Oldham Pkwy) | 524-8181 |

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| Econo Lodge (8500 E. 350 Highway)      | 353-3000 |
| Fairfield Inn (2211303 NE Windsor Dr.) | 524-7572 |
| Frontier Motel (12015 E. 350 Highway)  | 356-8340 |
| Holiday Inn (4011 Blue Ridge & I-70)   | 353-5300 |
| Hyline Inn (15008 E 40 Highway)        | 373-0956 |

**Message 44:8**

‘Behold, there is a *Cry for Peace*, but there is no Peace save in the hearts of them that do *The Lord’s Bidding*, those that heed His Voice. Nations are in distress and kingdoms are crumbling. Fear not, for The Lord shall proceed to do a *Marvelous Work* and the powers of evil shall lose in the end. Study *The Full Word of God* and you shall know The TRUTH. Follow The Instructions I bring and it will be well with you. As I say to you so say I to all.’

**Message 38:2**

‘The Lord has Blessed His People, those that are willing to hear Him, for the Words I bring are His Words, and they that Heareth *The Words of The Lord* and Obey, shall be His Church in Very Deed.’

**2013 General Assembly  
Schedule (Tentative)**

**Sunday, June 23, 2012**

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

*Opening Remarks: Apostle Richard Johnson  
Speaking: Apostle Leonard Draves*

**3:30 p.m. Baptism And Sacrament  
Service**

*Apostle Donald Thompson  
Bishop Matthew Thompson*

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

*Introduction by Apostle Richard Johnson  
Speaking: Apostle Jairus Yates*

**Monday, June 24, 2013**

**10:30 Priesthood Meeting  
Church Ordinance**

*Apostle Richard Johnson  
Apostle Michael Greenwell*

**1:00 p.m. Message Study**

*Apostle Apostle Jairus Yates*

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

*Introduction by Apostle Leonard Draves  
Speaking: Elder Richard Sega*

**3:00 p.m. Prayer And Testimony**

*Apostle Richard Johnson  
Apostle Donald Thompson*

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

*Introduction by Apostle Donald Thompson  
Preaching: Bishop Matthew Thompson*

**Tuesday, June 25, 2013**

**10:30 a.m. Priesthood Meeting  
Church Ordinance**

*Apostle Richard Johnson  
Apostle Michael Greenwell*

**1:00 p.m. Message Study**

*Apostle Jairus Yates*

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

*Introduction by Apostle Donald Thompson  
Speaker: Apostle Michael Greenwell*

**3:00 p.m. Prayer & Testimony**

*Apostle Richard Johnson  
Apostle Donald Thompson*

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

*Introduction by Apostle Richard Johnson  
Speaking: Bishop Reece Johnson*

**Wednesday, June 26, 2013**

**10:30 Priesthood Meeting**

## Church Ordinance

*Apostle Richard Johnson  
Apostle Michael Greenwell*

### 1:00 p.m. Message Study

*Apostle Leonard Draves*

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

*Introduction by Bishop Matthew Thompson  
Speaker: Apostle Donald Thompson*

### 3:00 p.m. Music & Praise

*Apostle Donald Thompson  
Apostle Leonard Draves*

### 4:00 p.m. Testimony Service

*Apostle Donald Thompson  
Apostle Leonard Draves*

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

*Introduction by Apostle Donald Thompson  
Speaking: Apostle Leonard H. Draves*

### 8:00 p.m. Closing of The Assembly Sacrament

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves  
Apostle Donald Thompson  
Bishop Reece Johnson*

## Handmaidens of The Lord

Will Meet Monday through Wednesday.

Hours and Topics will come later.

*If you wish to help, contact Sister Thresa Ray  
Headquarters Office*

## Primary Department

*Sister Karen Wilkin  
Missouri*

After Sunday School Casey and Marty could hardly wait to tell their parents what they had discussed in class. It was a family tradition for the family to go to Grandma's house for Mother's Day Dinner. There would be tons of cousins to play with and the food was always so good.

'What did you learn in Sunday school

today' asked their dad? Casey was thrilled to talk about what they had learned. 'We talked about our mom's', Casey replied. 'Yeah' Marty cut in. We each got to tell something we love about our mom's.' 'Would you care to share with us what different kids said' asked dad. 'Well, some told how much they liked how their mom's helped them with homework, some said how they liked how their mom's read *Bible Stories* to them, some said they liked how their mom's did special things for them.' Casey replied. Marty added, 'And I told them I love my mom because she loves me just like Jesus loves us.' 'And I told them I Love it when you and mommy read to us out of *The Bible*, *The Record of the Nephites* and *The Word of the Lord*' chimed in Casey.

'That is so good Marty' his mom spoke softly. 'Jesus does Love us all just as we Love our children and other family members.' 'Right, and that means your sister too' Casey laughed. 'eeeeewwww' Marty frowned.

'You know in *The Bible*, Exodus 20:12 it says **'Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord my God giveth thee.'**

'Does that mean God will Help us Live longer if we Honor you and mommy?' Casey questioned her dad. 'Well, that's what The Scripture says honey and if we are Obedient to God's Laws and Commandments, then we are Blessed with His Promises.' 'I like that daddy' commented Marty. 'Me too' Casey chimed in.

After a wonderful day together sharing lunch, playing games and giving gifts to all the mamma's and grandma's some read some nice poems about Loving their mom's and talked about how Thankful they were to God for giving them the wonderful mommy

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they have.

On this Mother's Day be sure to wrap your arms around your mommy, give her a big ole hug and kiss on the cheek and let her know how much you appreciate her for all she does for you. *Mamma's are very special people and without them in your life it wouldn't be the same.* Your mommy Cherishes your Love. She Cherishes you. She feels like the luckiest woman in the world to have you for her child. She Thanks God every day for you and asks Him to Watch over you, Protect you and to Help her Raise you up in The Way of The Lord.

The gift you give to her whether home-made or bought, she will Love it, but it won't mean near as much to her as hearing you tell her how much she means to you and how much you Love her.

I also wish each and every Mother and Grandmother a very Wonderful, Blessed and Happy Mother's Day. God Bless you each one.

## **Junior Department**

*Editor: Sister JoyEllen Draves  
Missouri*

## **Young Adult Department**

*Editors: Matthew & Ellen Thompson  
Missouri*

Dear Young Adults,

Today I wanted to talk on the importance of Living our Lives for Christ. We need to stop and take time in our busy lives to think about what is important and what our priorities are. The Lord should come first in everything we do. We should have a Desire to be like Christ. One of the ways that we

can try to be like Him is to practice Article 8 in *The Articles of Faith and Practice*. It says, **'We Believe The Fruits of The Spirit to be Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance'**.

This can also be found in **Galatians 5: 22-23** where it tells us The Fruits of The Spirit just like in Article 8. There are so many Scriptural Verses on all these Fruits of The Spirit within The Three Books so I am just going to mention a few of them. These things The Lord Feels are Important that is why He has given so many References. The First Fruit mentioned is that of Love.

**Deuteronomy 6:5, 'And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might,'** This was The First and Great Commandment that The Lord Commanded us. He knew that if we Truly Loved Him this way then we would have that desire to Obey Him and do the things that He asks of us. Our goal is to be with Him once again and this is The Way that we need to follow in order to obtain our Salvation with our Lord. The Lord not only wants us to Love Him but He also wants us to Love others.

The Second Commandment He gave us was to Love our neighbor.

Matthew 22:37-39, **'Jesus said unto them, Thou shalt Love The Lord thy God with all thy Heart, and with all thy Soul, and with all thy Mind. This is The First and Great Commandment. And The Second is like unto it, Thou shalt Love thy neighbor as thyself.'**

**John 15:12, 'This is My Commandment, That ye Love one another, as I have Loved you.'** The Lord tells us over and over again to Love Him and Love our neighbor.

John 14:15, **'if ye Love Me keep My**

**Commandments.’** The Lord wants us to show Him by our Faith and Actions. It is so easy to say that we Love God, but our actions speak louder than words. We need to stop and ask ourselves *if our actions reflect what we say and do they show that we Truly Love God?* If our actions are contradicting what we say when we say that we Love The Lord then we need to change our ways. We also need to show that we Love our neighbor by our actions as well. One of the ways that we can show that we Love our neighbor is by showing Kindness. We should not want to be fault finding or gossip about others.

Message 91: 12-13, **‘The ways of sin grows worse and worse. Children will disobey their parents. Parents have and will disown their children and turn aside in sin and evil doings. Gossip and deceit are everywhere- thus destroying confidence in one another. Sin speaketh sin to cover their evil deeds. Be thou Clean that bear The Vessels of The Lord. Let your conversation be Clean, let Realness of Charity Rule your Lives. Lift up a Standard’.**

The Lord Knows that we are Living in evil times and He Warns us that it will just get worse. We need to follow The Lords Commandments that He has Given us so that we may be Strong in these end times. This is so Important because satan knows this and one of the ways we can destroy ourselves is by gossip and deceit. If we are taking time to gossip about our neighbor then we are not taking the time to do work for our Lord. There is so much that we can be doing for our Lord and time is short so we need to be using our time wisely for The Lord.

I Pray the we can Love one another and Lift one another up so we can Grow in The Lord. If we can draw Closer to one another

and The Lord we can Build Strength from one another and Overcome our own personal weaknesses whatever they may be. We all need to Rise to The Higher Standard that The Lord has set for us. I am Thankful for The Love that The Lord has for me and everyone of us. All that He ever wants from us is our Willingness to Serve Him, Worship Him and Love one another.

This is my Prayer for all of you as well as myself that we can be **‘up and doing’** for The Lord by our Works and a Willingness in our Hearts. The Lord has so much that He wants to Bless us with in our Lives if we Obey Him. So let us Rise Up and do what He Commands. This is my Prayer for all of you. God Bless you all!

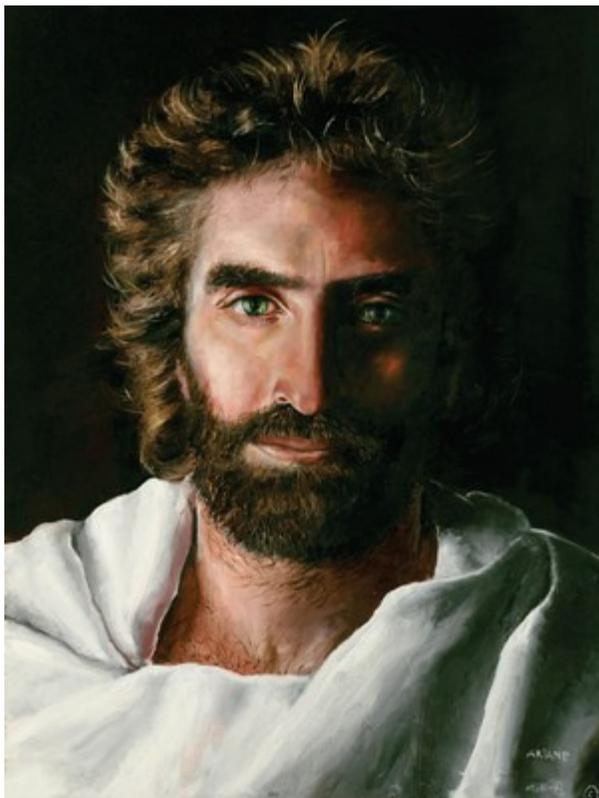
## ***Special Notices***

*The staff of ‘The Greater Light’ would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to our Dear Sister J.J. Simmons of Alabama. We send our Love, Cares and Prayers to you. May God Bless!*

The Editor

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

## ***Prince of Peace***



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*God Bless Our  
Military Women  
And Men.*

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