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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 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*

Sixty-Eighth Message

*The Messenger appeared just after 3:00 a.m.,
August 21, 1946, at my home in Independence, Missouri,
and gave the following Message.*

-W.A.Draves

1. 'Behold, I am The Servant of The Lord. Arise and take The Message I will give you. I come from His Presence, I come, for so have I been Commanded, to bring a Warning and Instructions that The Work of The Church may go on. That Salvation may be found by many whosoever will heed my coming and obey The Words I bring; for it is The Christ's Words that shall judge all men in the last day. He cometh to bring Judgment and to Preserve The Hand of The Righteous. Moreover, His Reward shall be with Him, even He that Liveth, who is Ruler and Judge of all.

2. I speak His Words that His Judgments might go forth to the ends of the earth. As a flood The Righteousness of Saints, by The Faith of The Faithful, shall move forward. It shall not fail for this is The Work of The Lord.

3. I come to you with a Message for all that will heed and obey. My work has begun and gladness has come to many. Man cannot have his way in This Work except it be The Way of The Lord.

4. The Lord has spared you. The Lord has preserved many and He Heareth the Prayers of The Humble and Faithful.

There are many Honest that will yet heed my coming. Be firm, be True. Let humility be your Mantle. Be not discouraged. Let all take Faith and be lifted in Gladness. Let not confusion come among you, The Lord your God is The Author of Peace. Be calm and sedate. Heed Repentance, Teach it to all men; baptizing them. Let The Hands be laid on them for The Authority is given and this is The Church Of Christ that shall be His Bride at His Coming.

5. The Lord is Mindful of His People and has heard the Prayers from the heart. I am Commanded that answer shall come. Therefore,, I came to speak Life and The Will of The Lord. I am The Elias. I am set to Refine and make ready a People before The Lord. This is my mission. Deliverance shall come to many.

6. Conditions have come as I told you. Much sorrow is yet to come, suffering and sadness on every hand. Only among the more Righteous shall Peace be found.

7. Let The Lord's Servant, Waldemar Korth, know The Lord has preserved him for a Great Cause. His Faith has made him whole. Let him continue on that The Glad Tidings may reach many in his land and its borders. Send all the help that can be to the fields in the foreign lands.

8. Let there be set apart in the quorum of Twelve Apostles: Bert H.F. Blackmon, Luther Levell and as the vacancies occur, R. G. Newby who has repented and returned to The Work, and W.C. Wilson, if they will continue to be humble.

9. Let there be ordained as Elders: Samuel Guthmiller, Clifford Clary, George Blackmon, Alfred Butler and LaVern Fife. Let them be very humble in This Work. Let all labor in Faith and in

Love that Great Good may be accomplished.

10. Let The Message go far and near, preaching the same things of The Gospel of Peace, and Lo, saith The Lord, 'I will stand you in Holy Places while the Indignation passes over.'

11. Let William Nevels be set apart as an Evangelist. Let him carry The Message to others and The Lord will Bless him.

12. Be ye United and My Peace shall remain with you. Continue on in Service and Action heeding The Lord's Will. Be calm, be pleasant in your work. As I speak to you so speak I to all.

13. Be not discouraged over what man does, and those that are not true and that deny This Work and The Message I bring. Some will repent, but keep Holy and Sacred This Trust The Lord has given.

14. Peace be with you and The Church. I leave this with you. Give it to the brethren and The Church.

15. I will come again until The Work is finished and The Christ comes. I will be with Him when He comes. Amen.'

While this is not a part of The Message, it occurred at the end of The Messenger giving the above words. He had been seated in a rocking chair and I sat across from him by the table writing The Message as he gave it. This is the first time another personage has appeared with him standing by his side. They were of similar size and with beautiful countenance. In his arms he held cradled very carefully a brown-colored box as it seemed-not appearing to be extremely heavy but from the way he held it, very precious.

I noted then it was not a box, but records, as I noted one large ring near the top end on the side toward me, which apparently would indicate the front of the record. It had a glittering effect which was more noticeable from each move or change of position of the records carefully cradled in his arms.

The Messenger arose and placed his right hand on The Records and said, 'This is some of The Great Work yet to come forth. A Record.'

They both left, leaving me very weak in body because of the Presence of The Resurrected Ones.

From The Editor's Desk

Faith In Jesus Christ

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves
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Faith in The Lord Jesus Christ is the first principle of The Gospel. It is necessary to our Salvation. King Benjamin declared, 'Salvation cometh to none. . .except it be through repentance and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ' (Mosiah 3:12).

Faith is a '*hope for things which are not seen, which are true*' (Alma 32:21 see also Hebrews 11:1).

Would we study or learn if we did not believe we could obtain wisdom and knowledge? Would we work each day if we did not hope that by doing so we could accomplish something? Would a farmer plant if he did not expect to harvest? Each day we act upon things we *hope* for when we cannot see the end result. ***This is Faith!***

Many *Scriptural* stories tell how great things were accomplished through *Faith*. By *Faith*, Noah built an Ark and saved his family from the flood (See Hebrews 11:7). Moses parted the waters of the Red Sea (See Hebrews 11:29). Elijah called down fire from Heaven (See 1 Kings 18:17). Nephi called for a famine (See Helaman 11:3-5). He also asked The Lord to end the famine (See Helaman 11:12). Seas have been calmed, visions opened, and prayers answered all through *The Power of Faith*.

As we carefully study *The Scriptures*, we learn that *Faith* is a strong belief of *Truth* within our souls that motivates us to do good. This causes us to ask: *In whom should we have Faith?*

To have *Faith* in *Jesus Christ* means to have such *trust* in Him that we obey whatever He commands. There is no *Faith* where there is no obedience. Likewise, there is true obedience only where there is *Faith*. As we place our *Faith* in *Jesus Christ*, becoming His Obedient Disciples, Jesus will forgive our sins and prepare us to return to Him.

The Apostle Peter preached that *‘there is none other Name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.’* (Acts 4:12). Jacob taught that men must have *‘perfect faith in the Holy One of Israel (Jesus Christ), or they cannot be saved in The Kingdom of God’* (2 Nephi 9:23). Through *Faith* in *The Savior* and through repentance, we make his atonement fully effective in our lives. Through *Faith* we can also receive strength to overcome temptations (See Alma 37:33).

Knowing of the many Blessings that come through exercising *Faith* in *Jesus Christ*, we should seek to increase our *Faith* in Him. *The Savior* said, *‘If ye have Faith as a grain of mustard seed, . . . nothing shall be impossible unto you’* (Matthew 17:20). A mustard seed is very small, but it grows into a large tree.

How can we increase our *Faith*? The same way we increase or develop any other skill. How do we develop skills in woodcarving, painting, cooking, making pottery, or playing a musical instrument?

We *study* and *practice* and *work* at it. As we do so, we improve. So it is with *Faith*. If we want to increase our *Faith* in *Jesus Christ*, we must work at it. The Prophet Alma compared increasing our *Faith* to planting a seed.

Alma 32:27-29, **‘But behold, if ye will awake and arouse your faculties, even to**

an experiment upon my words, and exercise a particle of *Faith*; yea, even if ye can no more than desire to believe, let this desire work in you, even until ye believe in a manner that ye can give place for a portion of my words.

Now, we will compare *The Word* unto a seed. Now if ye give place, that a seed may be planted in your heart, behold, if it be a true seed, or a good seed, if ye do not cast it out by your unbelief, that ye will resist *The Spirit of the Lord*, behold, it will begin to swell within your breasts; and when you feel these swelling motions, ye will begin to say within yourselves, it must needs be that this is a good seed, or that *The Word* is good, for it beginneth to enlarge my soul: yea, it beginneth to enlighten my understanding, yea, and it beginneth to be delicious to me.

Now, behold, would not this increase your *Faith*? I say unto you, Yea; nevertheless it hath not grown up to a perfect knowledge.’

So, we can increase our *Faith* in God by acting on our desire to have *Faith* in Him.

We can also increase our *Faith* by praying to *The Heavenly Father* about our hopes, desires, and needs (See Alma 34:17-25). But we must not suppose that all we have to do is ask. We are told in The Scriptures that *‘Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone’* (James 2:17).

There must be works with *Faith*. How foolish it would be to ask the Lord to give us knowledge, but how wise to ask the Lord’s help to acquire knowledge, to study constructively, to think clearly, and to retain things that we have learned.

Message 5:13, **‘Let all your work be done in *Faith*, for behold you can do nothing without *Faith*’** (See Hebrews 11:5).

Faith will make you strong. Prepare yourselves to be a People who can meet the Lord at His Coming.'

Faith involves doing all we can to bring about the things we hope and pray for.

Another important way to increase our *Faith* is to **hear and study** *The Word of the Lord*. We can study *The Scriptures*.

By *Faith*, miracles are wrought, Angels appear, *The Gifts of the Spirit* are given, prayers are answered, and men become *The Sons of God* (See Moroni 7:25-26 and 36-37).

Message 83:4, **'Teach *The Reign of Peace*. Teach *Faith* in God and His Plan and *Decrees*. Proclaim *The Word* commanding all mankind everywhere to *repent* and *obey* for the time has come when *The Way of Truth* alone shall stand. All else will come to naught.'**

Message 104:18, **'Wherefore you may also have hope, and be partakers of *The Gift* if ye will have *Faith*. God has prepared a more *Excellent Way* and it is by *FAITH* that it has been fulfilled.'**

Some additional *Scriptures* you may wish to look up to read on *Faith* are Hebrews 11, Alma 32, Exodus 14:19-22, and Mark 5:25-34.

May God Bless you all as you learn to exercise your *Faith* and come closer to *God* and *His Plan*.

I send you all my love, cares and prayers.

From The Bishop's Desk

How To Receive God's Promises

Bishop Matthew Thompson
Missouri

There is only one way to obtain The

Promises from God, and that is through Obedience. We all desire to be in God's Kingdom, but how can we if we do not obey God's Words and Commandments.

His Words are *'The Assured Way'*. It is up to each one of us to live by them. We must have knowledge in *The Word* in order to know what God expects from us, but with knowledge comes responsibility and obedience. God wants each one of us to receive His Beautiful Promises. He Loves us so much. He gives us our own free will to choose Him or man's way (satan's way).

Josh 24:15, **'Choose this day whom you will serve, as for me and my house, we will serve The Lord.'**

The Lord allows us to choose our own way. If you choose your own way you will allow satan to guide your paths and end up in darkness. When you choose your own way, then you reject The Lord and His Gospel, *The Holy Bible, The Record Of The Nephites, and The Word Of The Lord*.

Message 88:33, **'But woe, woe, unto the rejector-their days are numbered. The power and ways of satan and of man's idols and ideals shall fail and come to nothingness.'**

God warns us about rejecting Him and This Work. We do not want our days to be numbered.

Let us choose to Serve The Lord so that we will have Peace and Joy in our lives and to receive The Promises of Everlasting Life with Christ our Lord and Savior.

It is not always easy to choose God's Way, it requires much prayer and strength to overcome the things of the world, but Trusting in God and allowing Him to lead you, you will overcome your weaknesses. We were all made to Glorify The Father, Trusting Him, Walk in The Light of God's

Glory. Let God's Light shine through you and be rid of the things that are not fulfilling your Commitment to Christ. Let Christ be your Strength and Who you Trust and Lean on!

Endure to the end, be obedient and God's Promises will be given unto you. Trust God in ALL THINGS! God Bless you.

From The Apostle's Desk

God's Provision Brings Glory To Him

*Apostle Donald Thompson
Missouri*

Psalm 50:15, 'Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will Deliver thee, and thou shalt Glorify Me.'

Psalm 50:23, 'Whoso offereth Praise Glorify Me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew The Salvation of God.'

Did you know that you bring Glory to God by Calling upon Him when you are in distress? God promised He would deliver you if you turned to Him. You deny The Lord Honor that is rightfully His every time you find yourself in difficulty and you fail to Call upon Him for help! There may be times when God allows you to reach a point of need so that you can Call upon Him, and thus let Him demonstrate to a watching world the difference He makes in the lives of His Children. If God never allowed you to experience need, people around you might never have the opportunity to witness God's Provision in The Life of a Christian. If you never faced a shortfall, you might be tempted to feel self-sufficient and without any need of God in your daily life.

Pride will tempt you to think that you do not need to seek God's Assistance. Self-

regard will seek to convince you that you can handle your dilemma through your own wisdom, resources, and hard work. Pride will also rob Glory from God and seek to give it to you. Don't allow your pride to take what rightfully belongs to The Lord. Call upon your Lord and wait exclusively upon Him to rescue you. Then give Him The Glory that He deserves.

Self-sufficiency can greatly hinder your ability to experience God and bring Him Honor. The next time you are in distress, turn to Him! Pray and Glorify your Lord!

2014 General Assembly NOTICE

June 22-25, 2014

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 2014 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. **4215 South**

Hocker Street, Suite 120, Independence, MO 64055. 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 21 2014**, at The General Church Headquarter’ Office, **4215 South Hocker Street, Suite 110, Independence, Missouri 64055** at **2:00 p.m.**

Notice

The *Assembly Committee* request any donations to help off set for *The 2014 General Assembly*. Please send any and all donations to The Bishop’s Office, **4215 South Hocker Street, Suite 110 Independence, Missouri, 64055.**

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(All have 816 area code)

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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.’

2014 General Assembly Schedule (Tentative)

Sunday, June 22, 2014

2:00 p.m. Opening Service

Opening Remarks: Apostle Richard Johnson
Speaking: Apostle Leonard Draves

3:30 p.m. Sacrament And Prayer and Testimony Service

Apostle Donald Thompson
Bishop Matthew Thompson

7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Introduction by Apostle Richard Johnson
Speaking: Apostle Jairus Yates

Monday, June 23, 2014

10:30 Priesthood Meeting Church History

Apostles Leonard H. Draves & Jairus Yates
Bishop Reece Johnson

1:00 p.m. History Study

Apostles Leonard Draves & Jairus Yates
Bishop Reece Johnson

2:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Introduction by Apostle Leonard Draves
Speaking: Apostle Michael Greenwell

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 24, 2014

10:30 a.m. Priesthood Meeting Church History

Apostles Leonard Draves & Jairus Yates

Bishop Reece Johnson

1:00 p.m. History Study

Apostles Leonard Draves & Jairus Yates
Bishop Reece Johnson

2:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Introduction by Apostle Donald Thompson
Speaker: Elder Richard Sega

3:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Introduction Apostle Leonard Draves
Speaker: Apostle Donald Thompson

4:00 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

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

Apostles Leonard Draves & Donald Thompson
Bishop Reece Johnson

(Wednesday Meetings Tentative)

Handmaidens of The Lord

Meets Monday & Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. , If you wish
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Testimony Of The Past

Disciple B. M. W A. Mobuto
Africa

Greetings in The Beloved Name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Known all men by this present that we The Disciples and Vice Bishops; Elders; Evangelists; Handmaidens of The Lord; Members and Priesthood of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message; The Assured Way of The Lord; Inc.* Africa, we add our Personal Testimonies to The Great Work of our Lord Jesus Christ through His Servant Apostle William August Draves that is True.

God Lives, He is The Creator of The Universe. Jesus is The Christ; The Messiah of the world; King of Kings, Lord of Lords: He lives!

Apostle William A. Draves of Independence Missouri; is a True Apostle of our Lord Jesus Christ, although he died in flesh he is still Alive in our Hearts, Mind and Thoughts. Spiritually he is Alive in PARADISE: he is with all other Apostles and Prophets of old. His Work still Shining in Africa and all the rest of the world. We are The Fruits of his Endurance to the end.

The Authority and Trust is upon him. No one or none other can take it from him, forever and ever. All The Messages he Received from The Presence of The Lord; through The Messenger, John The Baptist is True.

The Book, *The Word of The Lord Brought to Mankind by an Angel* is True. It contain *The Fullness of The Everlasting Gospel.* All The 120 Messages is Full of Inspiration of Divine Authority. Each one who will be Bound with all it Precepts will be Blessed and his work will stand The Test in time of troubles.

The Biological and Spiritual family of our Beloved Brother Apostle William A Draves; are a Holy and Blessed Family in the world. May God Bless those who will Bless them.

Article From The Past

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THE GREAT A WAKENING

'Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee Light.'

The Twenty-Fifth Chapter of Matthew lays before us the picture of a great people-God's People-lost in Spiritual slumber-dead to the cry for reapers; blind to the fields white for The Harvest. The Midnight Darkness of sin and tradition had lulled them to sleep, and they ALL slept there was no voice to awaken.

'But at Midnight there was a Cry made, Behold The Bridegroom Cometh, go ye out to meet Him.'

From whence The Cry?

Plainly NOT from the sleepers. More surely not from the evil and unbelieving. Only One Source remains and that from The Realm of Him who *'fainteth not, neither is weary,'* and by The Voice of His Messengers The Angels.

God has made Angelic Contact with man in every age and at the hour of His Greatest Need. His Messengers were of human form, having body and personality, and who many times. mingled with men in their activities. They came to Abraham to proclaim the beginning of a Chosen Race; to Moses to rescue that Race from Bondage; to Elijah to call it to Repentance; to Joseph and Mary to announce its Coming Redeemer; to Cornelius, Peter, John and Paul that The Message of Redemption and The Gospel of The Great Millennial Kingdom might go to Israel and The Gentiles.

'For I Am The Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed' (Malachi, 3:6).

Has 'The Unchangeable One' changed? Or has He Wearied with the wavering and disobedience of His People? We all say 'No.' Does this day hold The Promise of Heavenly Visitation as in the ages past? The bigot, the unbeliever, the false shepherd, say "No"! But what saith the 'more Sure Word

of Prophecy'?

'Behold, I will SEND My Messenger, and he shall prepare The Way before ME, and The Lord, whom ye seek shall suddenly come to His Temple, even The Messenger of The Covenant. . . He shall come, He shall Purify The Sons of Levi, and Purge them as Gold and Silver' (Malachi 3:1-3).

The *'ME'* who here speaks can be no other than The Christ for He says He will *'suddenly come.'*

But who is this MESSENGER of whom He speaks, **'he shall prepare The WAY before ME'?**

Malachi 4 records The Promise of a Messenger who was to appear just **'before The Coming of The Great and Dreadful Day of The Lord,'** His arrival was to be *The Great Signal* for The Beginning of The Consumption of *'all that do wickedly'* and for The Rising of **'The Sun of Righteousness, with Healing in His Wings for those that fear The Lord'**.

John The Revelator saw The Sunset of Righteousness in The Primitive Church, 1,260 years previous to this Latter Day Event, when The Woman, Zion, (The Righteous of the earth) fled from the dragon, debauched and denuded of Her Glory. Revelation 12. The Record of Malachi is the only one in The Scripture. recording in exact language, the rising again of *'The Sun of Righteousness'* to Glorify 'The Woman' whose seed are just ones of the earth,

Who is this 'Messenger of The Covenant', 'The Elijah'? Let The True Christians' only Unquestioned Authority answer. Christ, speaking of John The Baptist in Matthew 11 says, **'For this is he of whom it is written, Behold, I send My Messenger before thy face, which shall**

prepare The Way before thee. . . and if ye will receive it, this is Elias (Elijah in Hebrew) which was for to come. And again, some time after the death of John The Baptist, The Disciples questioned Christ concerning The Promised Elijah to precede His Second Coming, He replied,' Elias Truly SHALL first come, and RESTORE ALL THINGS' (Matthew 17:11; Malachi. 4:5).

John bore Witness to The Latter Day coming, for when questioned by the priest and Levites, *'Art thou Elias?'* he, knowing that The Scriptures Promised such an Event only just preceding The Judgments. replied, **'I am not'**, (John I: 20-21).

The Mission of John The Baptist as The Promised Messenger is five fold, ie. 1.The Messenger of The Covenant. 2.The Restorer. 3.The Preparer of The WAYS. 4.The Herald of The Judgments. 5.The Purifier of The Sons of Levi (The Ministry.)

John The Revelator saw his coming to restore *'The Everlasting Gospel'*, to Cry Repentance, and to Warn of The Impending Judgments, (Revelation 14:6-7). If *'The Everlasting Gospel'* were here in 'Its Fullness', then The Angel's Mission would be impossible.

In Luke 1 :76, Zacharias Prophesies that John should *'Prepare' 'The WAYS'* of The Lord. In the days of old, John in the flesh, Prepared The WAY for Christ in The Flesh. In this day The Resurrected John is Preparing *'The WAY'* for The Resurrected Christ.

The *'Day of His Preparation'* of Nahum, 2:3-4, a day of raging chariots jostling one another in *'The Broad Ways'* marks as plainly the time of *'The Coming of The Angel'* as does *'The Time of Judgments and Destruction'* of Malachi 4 and Revelation

14:6.

Again we find The Promised MESSENGER in the person of *'The Servant'* sent out to gather the guests for The Great Supper', (Luke 14).

Isaiah reveals him as **'A Mighty and Strong One'** bringing The Judgments in the day when **'The Lord shall Rise Up . . . and do His Work, His Strange Work; and Bring to pass His Act, His Strange Act'** (Isaiah 28). Because of The Latter Day mockers The Lord has said, **'Therefore, Behold, I will Proceed to do a Marvelous Work among His People, even a Marvelous Work and a Wonder; for The Wisdom of their Wise Men SHALL PERISH . . .'** (Isaiah 29:13-14).

Fellow man, look about you everywhere, man is failing-chaos is upon us,-desolation is near. If you would endure, temporally and Spiritually, incline your ear to *'every Word that proceedeth out of The Mouth of God'* for He Speaks in Living Tones today as in days of old.

The Messenger appears in Daniel 7 as *'The Ancient of Days'* with *'thousands'* Ministering unto Him and a Great Host Standing before Him in Judgment. Christ, The Embodiment and Finisher of *'The Covenant of Peace'* God made with Israel (Isaiah 42:6; 49:8; 54:10-13; Ezek. 34:23-28; 37:26) appears in The Clouds of Heaven, and in The Glory of His Humility, stands before The Great Preparer to receive this people,--a nation prepared in Righteousness. Then shall The Resurrected and Righteous Saints, those who in all ages FREELY give their all for His Sake, begin their Glorious Reign with Him.

Malachi 3: 3-4, reveals The Great Work of Purging and Purifying The Sons of Levi, for The Lord has Promised, **'I will give you**

Pastors according to Mine Heart, which shall feed you with Knowledge and Understanding' (Jeremiah 3:15.) A Ministry 'IS' being Purged of Selfishness and the Traditions of men.

Are events of these days verifying *'The Promises'*? In Revelation 11 and 13, The Gentile Beast Power headed by *'The man of sin,'* was given power to overcome *'The Saints'* for forty and two months or 1,260 days, (years in prophecy).* In 569 A.D. 'The man of sin' exalted himself as head of *The Church of Christ,-* thus completely denying Christ, The True Head. Just 1,260 years later, in 1829 A.D., The Messenger, John The Baptist, was sent to earth, and by The Laying on of Hands Restored The Priesthood and Authority of The Son of God to men. That Authority and Priesthood was never removed, but The Power from Heaven was in large measure lost because of disobedience and transgression.

In 669 A. D., The Glorious Sun clothed 'Woman' of Revelation 12, had completed Her 100 year flight into *'The Place Prepared of God'* where She was Nourished for 1,260 years 'from the face of the serpent.' In this year the last portion of *The True Church of Christ,* in The British Isles, whither God had gathered many of The Israel race, succumbed to the power of the 'man of sin.' Nowhere upon the earth was Christ longer acknowledged as *'The Head'* of The church. *'The Great Falling Away'* was complete.

On February 4, 1927, The Messenger came, the second time, bringing *'The Word of The Lord'* and giving Warning of the impending Judgments (Revelation 14:6). Instructions were given for The Restoration of *The Church of Christ* as it was in Former Years. On July 18, 1929, The Messenger laid his hands upon the head of Otto Fetting,

of Port Huron, Michigan, and Restored the source of 'Greater Power' to all who would Obey, and Established 'The Church of Christ' anew. Once again, and for all times, Christ, is The Accepted HEAD and Director of His People.

Exactly 1,260 years (669-1929 A. D.) from the final 'Falling Away', The Church was Re-established and 'The Woman' began to Prosper again under 'The Healing Rays' of 'The Sun of Righteousness', (Malachi 4:2) and one by one The Twelve Stars of Her Crown are being replaced; Her Seed' Gathered and Purified.

The Promise is 'For then, (in the days of The Judgments) will I turn to the people a Pure Language, that they may all Call upon The Name of The Lord, to serve Him with One Consent.', (Zephaniah 3:9).

'The Great and Dreadful Day of The Lord' is at hand. 'The Midnight Cry' has gone forth. 'The Trumpet Call' to The Righteous has Sounded, **'Come out of her, My People, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues'**, (Revelation 18).

'The Cry' has gone to Israel and to all the world, **'Arise, Shine, for thy Light has Come, and The Glory of The Lord is Risen upon thee'**, (Isaiah 60).

'Awake, Awake, put on thy strength, O Zion', (Isaiah 62).

* 569 A. D. was the initial date, 570 A. D. was the date of the first open Declaration of Assumption of Authority and 607 A. D. was the date of The Formal and Legal Assumption of Headship of The Church by The Roman Pontiff.

Primary Department
God Loves The Truth

Editor: Joy Ellen Draves
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Deuteronomy 32:4. **'He is The Rock, His Work is Perfect: for all His Ways are Judgment: a God of Truth and without iniquity, Just and Right is He.'**

Does God ever lie? NO, He cannot lie. He is a God of Truth and does not sin, so He never says anything that is not True. Everything in His Word is Absolutely True.

God wants us to tell The Truth, too. *Have you ever told a lie?* Sometimes we plan ahead of time to tell a lie, maybe to cover a mistake we've made. Maybe your little brother rubs a whole can of red Play-Doh into the carpet because you weren't paying attention when you were babysitting him, so you decide that when your mom gets home, you'll tell her that it happened when you had to go answer the phone.

Other times, lies just sort of slip out when we're under pressure. Maybe your dad asks if you fed the dog, and you say you did even though you didn't because you're in the middle of a video game and didn't want to stop.

We have all lied about something, and sometimes we don't take those lies seriously. Lying is sin. In fact, *The Bible* even says that God hates lying. In Proverbs 6, God lists six things He hates. Only one sin is listed twice in that list: lying! God wants us to tell The Truth. When we tell a lie, we need to Confess our sin to God, and then we need to Confess our sin to the person we lied to and tell The Truth instead.

God is Truth, and He hates lies.

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Young Adult Department

Editors: Matthew and Ellen Thompson
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Dear Young Adults;

In today's world with everything so fast paced, we need to focus on the important things in our Lives. I know for myself I have to constantly focus on doing things that The Lord would have me do so. He can be in my daily walk. In Matthew 5:14-16, states ye are **'The Light of the world'**.

A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick and it giveth Light unto all that are in the house.

Let your Light so shine before men that they may see your Good Works and Glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

This Scripture is telling us that we need to be doing Good Works for The Lord. We need to be Showing **'The Light'** that we carry on to others. Good Works means we need to treat others with Goodness, be Kind to people. Live our Lives Representing Christ.

The end of The Scripture says that men will see our Good Works and they will know that these Good Works Represent our Lord.

The Lord is always Pleased when we do things for Him because it is just one way that we Show we Love Him and want to Serve Him.

We Desire for The Lord to be in our daily walk with us because it makes our burdens a lot easier knowing He is always with us.

In order to have The Lord Walk with us in our Lives, we need to do the things He would have us to do.

Message 81:17, **'Let all come to Attendance to Exhortations to Doctrine that Greater Light may Come, and it will to**

those that Prepare for it. Unto The Measure of Christ, in all things Showing Good Works.'

By doing Good Works unto others we not only Represent and Glorify our Father in Heaven, but we also Represent being a member of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord.*

You never know who is watching us but there are people looking for The Lord's Gospel and may be Touched by The Lord's Spirit by watching 'The Good Works' done by you.

When people are Touched by 'The Good Works' we do they may be one to Come into The Fullness of The Lord's Gospel and be Baptized.

Like I said before, you never know who may be watching us and 'The Good Works' we do. Always remember, The Lord is Watching us also.

There is nothing that we do that He does not See or Know about, so we want to remember and do 'Works' that Glorify and Praise Him. The Lord is Always Pleased when we do.

Remember our Goal is to Live in His Glorious Presence. In order to do that we have to do The Things He has Commanded and Endure to The End.

Take time in the day to Study and Ponder The Scriptures. Even if it is only for a few minutes, take time for The Lord.

Again, remember that everything that we do should be for The Lord so we show we Glorify Him. May we all Strive to be The Person that The Lord wants us to be. God Bless you all.

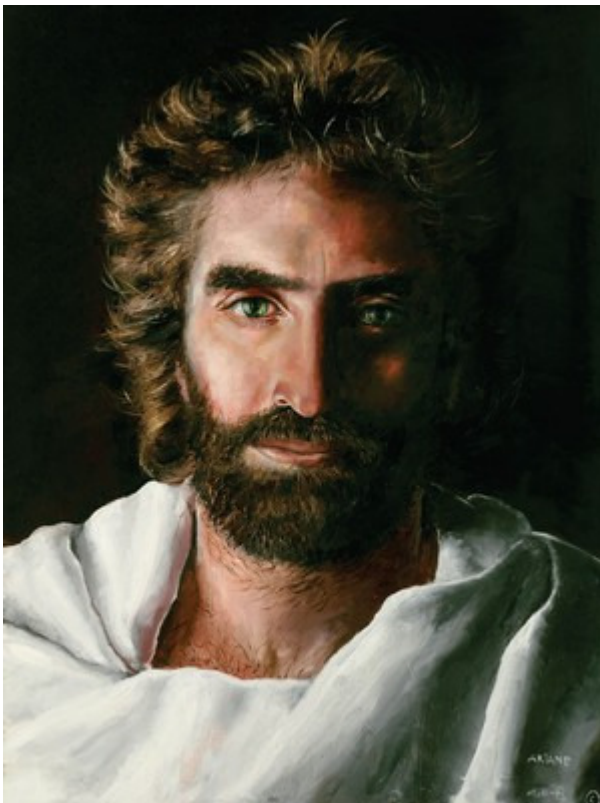
Special Notices

The staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to our Dear Brother, Elder Gary Ray of Missouri. 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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Days OF Elijah

*Taken from Sermon by Apostle Jairus Yates
Missouri*

We are Truly Living in 'The Days of Elijah'. Elijah stood alone against five hundred prophets of Baal. He was the only man of God in all of Israel who stood

against the evil forces. He knew God had Spoken to Him. He stood on his Testimony. He knew . . . that he knew . . . that he knew that he knew . . . that he knew, that God had Spoken to him.

There are two men I think of who Knew that God had Spoken to them. They are Otto Fetting and W. A. Draves. They gave a '**To Whom It May Concern**' statement. At some point in Life we need give a to whom it may Concern Statement. We need to do this in Writing and more Importantly by The Lives we Live. At some point we need to quit tip-toeing around; quit walking on egg shells afraid we are going to make someone angry by telling them The Truth. We need to tell The Truth even if we have to Stand Alone like Elijah did.

Most of us have not been slapped by an Angel of The Lord. But in a sense we **are** slapped by The Angel of The Lord, The Messenger of The Covenant, who Comes with Words to set The Church in Order; to Prepare a People, to Prepare a Bride for when Jesus Comes. The slap comes when His Words conflict with our will, and when He puts us in our place.

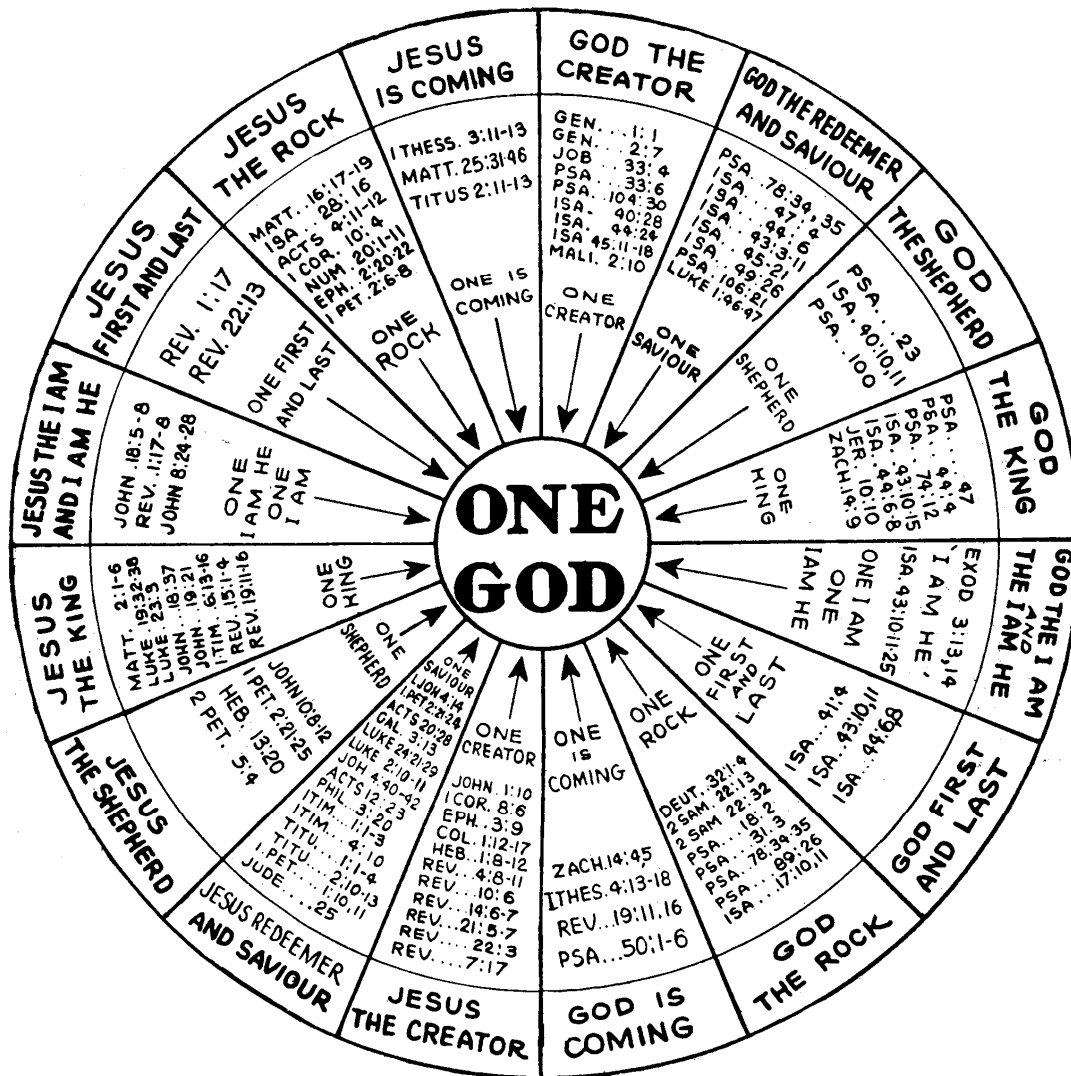
God is One God

II Nephi 26: 12-13, '**And as I spake concerning the convincing of The Jews, that Jesus is The Very Christ, it must needs be that The Gentiles be Convinced also that Jesus is The Christ, The Eternal God.**

And that He Manifesteth Himself unto all those who Believe in Him, by The Power of The Holy Ghost: yea, unto every nation, kindred tongue, and people, working Mighty Miracles, Signs and Wonders, among the children of men, according to their Faith.'

'Hear O, Israel: The Lord Our God Is One Lord'

Deuteronomy 6:4



Message 84: 16-17, '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.

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.'

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