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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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everything written in *The Articles of Faith and Practice*.

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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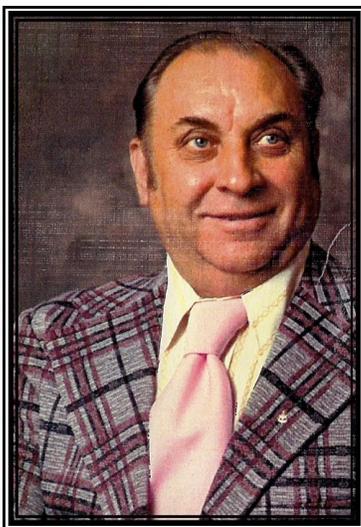
THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY

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 adversary¹ 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 short².

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 High³.

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, more-over 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 Fold⁴, One Shepherd, One Spirit of God, One Baptism⁵ 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!

1. 1 Peter 5:8

3. Daniel 7:22

2. Psalms 14:1-3
Romans 3:23

4. 1 Nephi 22:25 (RN)
5. Ephesians 4:25

2015 General Assembly

NOTICE

June 28-30, 2015

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 2015 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 tradi-**

tions of men and things that cause contention.’

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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.’

2015 General Assembly Schedule (Tentative)

Sunday, June 28, 2015

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 29, 2015

**10:30 Priesthood Meeting
Church Ordinances**

Apostles Leonard H. Draves

& Jairus Yates

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1:00 p.m. Ordinances Study

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& Jairus Yates

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2:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Introduction by Apostle

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Speaking: Apostle Michael Greenwell

3:00 p.m. Prayer And Testimony

Apostle Michael Greenwell

Apostle Jairus Yates

7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Introduction by

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Preaching: Apostle Joshua Sparks

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Introduction by

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Speaker: Elder Richard Sega

3:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Introduction by

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Speaker: Apostle Donald Thompson

4:00 p.m. Prayer & Testimony

Apostle Richard Johnson

Apostle Joshua Sparks

7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Introduction by

Apostle Richard Johnson

Speaking: Bishop Reece Johnson

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

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& Donald Thompson

Bishop Reece Johnson

From The Editor

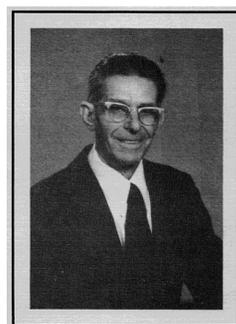
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Words of My Patience

Brother James W. Savage:1950

(Submitted by Sister Ellen Draves)



The year is rapidly going by and today is the first of March, the third month of the year of 1950. We have been seeing robins and other birds and if

that is any criterion to go by spring is nearly here and soon we will see one of the types of Christ – the resurrection of life and hope.

This year should be very interesting and eventful time. To millions of people, it is a “year of jubilee.” In our humble opinion it marks one of the “End of seven years” periods as spoken of in the 45th Message. It also marks 120 years since 1830 when the Church of Christ was set up in New York State. This being the first setting of God’s hand to recover his chosen people, in the latter days.

I met an old friend on the street the other day. We got to talking about the Gospel and the times. He said that years ago, Daniel MacGregor, (late Apostle 1927) told them to watch the years 1929 and 1950. Of course, we know now, that 1929 marked the renewal of The Church of Christ under the touch of the angel’s hands and all had to be baptized in conformity with the Twelfth Message. This was the beginning of the “Second Time” that God would set his hand to recover his people; the last time.

What then on 1950? Perhaps it we be a year of decision. Maybe, even more as the Messenger, John the Baptist, continues to direct the people and prepare them to be the Bride of Christ. As it was in the days of Noah, who shall be permitted to enter the ark of safety; stood in holy places as the indignation passes over?

In 1930, the Messenger (19:11) said, “For one hundred years the Lord waited and yet they have not heeded his words, this people that profess his name: but the Lord will establish his church in its fullness and will do the work amongst the nations, by the work will be done in haste.”

Since 1927 the Lord has sent his Messenger at intervals, in times of need—sometimes in answer to prayer. How few heed and obey. No wonder the Lord uses the following words as recorded in Message 66:24 and they are truly applicable today—more than ever. “Thus saith the Lord, heed ye the words of my Patience and I will deliver thee from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world to try mankind. Behold, I come quickly. Hold fast in faith and that which I have given thee that no man take it from thee. I the Lord and I give my word that it may bring life. My words shall judge you in the last day. I am the Christ, Your Lord and Savior. I am the God of the living. Those that drink of the water of life I give, shall never thirst, saith the Lord,”

Truly the Messages are the “Words of my Patience.” Message 64:9 “...I speak not my (John’s) words but the words and will of the Christ who has sent me...”

Most of our readers understand that the Messenger appears to Brother Draves in light and power and dictates the words that the Lord wishes to be delivered as a Message to the church and all people. He writes this down word for word. If Brother Draves doesn’t get the phrase or sentence right, it is repeated until it is right. Of course, the Messenger has talked to the Brother as one man to another. This not sent out as a message.

When this Angel was making his first appearances to Brother Draves, he delivered a severe rebuke in the 33rd Message because Brother Draves had withheld a paragraph of the 32nd Message and didn’t include it in the printed Message. An error crept in, in the 57th Message. In the very next Message. (58:10) “...Also publish the

fifty-seventh message with the rest for I have spoken it but see that it is correct..” Very similar thing happen when the Messenger came to Brother Fetting. Message 24:16 “..Send out no more of the twenty-third message until the correction has been made, for all things must be delivered as I gave them to you...” All through the messages, the Lord has been very zealous to keep the Message pure “...for this is the assured way to speak to mankind.” Message 62:17.

In spite of the weaknesses of man, the messenger spoke to the Brother thus: “... The Lord has seen favor in you in that you deny not my coming..” Message 66:15.

How about the rest of us if we reject the message? Well, we find statements like this one found in Message 60:11 “Let those that reject the message I bring be released fro there trust and responsibility, for they deny my coming, and the Lord rejects the. Therefore let them have no part in this work, for their hearts are not true and not in the Lord’s will. All those that oppose and fight against this work, except they repent, there end will be sad. They cannot overthrow the Lord’s work.”

We are enlisted in the army of the Lord and a great war is going on. A controversy between Christ and Satan is on. Obedience to the Commander’s orders is necessary or defeat may stare us in the face.

Well, the writer is trying to carry on and labor in the place pointed out in the messages. The farther along we go the more we realize that man in his own strength can do nothing. However we have felt that the good Lord has given us certain valuable experiences and privileges that has helped considerable especially through times of trial. I will mention a few and I hope it

won’t we too boring.

First we consider it a privilege to be born and raised in a home that was of the Restoration Faith. The Book of Mormon or Record of the Nephites we now call it, was always in evidence as far back as we can recollect, along with Bible. Our home was always the stopping pace of all the missionaries that came through, and many a time we remember the administrations of the elders in times of sickness and blessings were received too.

Next one of importance, we were privileged to hear form Brother Fetting own lips, the first time in public, the story of the Angel’s visitations and Message 1 and 2 read and remember the holy hush and the great amount of God’s Spirit that came into the room and one could heard a pin drop. This was the Spring Conference of the Church on the Temple lot, 1927. The we became personally acquainted with him and received testimonies of the truthfulness of the message—Some coming in times of weakness; when men sought to destroy our faith.

Passing over valuable, though some painful, experiences we value, the meeting in 1929 of a young brother, Wilhelm A. Draves and his mother and brothers and sister. They came to Colorado Springs Colorado to be confirmed member of The Church of Christ. I heard Apostle Barton prophecy over Brother Wilhelm’s head that his work would be peculiar, even amongst his brethren.

Later, after some further contacts Brother Draves and I found ourselves in Nucla, Colorado and we became very close friends and bosom pals. Naturally, we were told first of his experience of the Angel coming to him, October 4, 1937—and believed.

We knew him and knew of previous spiritual experiences.

After that, we witnessed the unreasonable persecution that followed and the opposition of men that should have been his helpers and friends. Because of this, we witnessed his reluctance to shoulder the responsibility of standing by the Messages delivered to him and also his strengthening in the time of need so that the Church of Christ accepted the "new" Messages as being Divine. From then until now have seen the downfall of those who seek to harm him and destroy the Messages. Some of this was the result of envy.

For myself, we asked for noting, but did receive testimonies various kinds, including feeling the Power of the Messenger's presence, and beholding the light twice that surrounded the Messenger's appearance (35th and 43rd Message). We consider as our greatest testimony in that as we read and study Messages we can see how they harmonize with other Scriptures. That they are not written in the phraseology of either Fetting or Draves and that the prophecies contained in them and also in the Bible are being fulfilled. Every one can have this privilege on reading and studying for themselves, and see how the prophecies of the Scriptures must be fulfilled in the coming of the Elias and see how his present words harmonize with the Gospel Statements of the past.

Exerts from a letter written by James Savage, March 1950.

From The Apostles

My Journey And Testimony.



Apostle Josh Sparks.
Kentucky

Apostle Josh Sparks was born on February 21st 1979 at Kings Daughters medical Center in Ashland Kentucky to two Apostolic Holy Ghost filled parents. Born prematurely and crippled in his right leg and very sick Bro. Sparks Dad and Mom believed God and Bro. Sparks leg was healed at 8 days old at the paramount arts center where the late Evangelist R.A West was preaching and laid hands on Brother. Sparks and God healed him.

Although reared up as a child under the ministry of R.A West and although attending the United Pentecostal Church where he was raised as a youngster Bro. Sparks walk with God began on January 23rd 1991 by the side of His daddy's bed where he knelt down and cried out to God in Repentance.

In July of 1991 Bro. Sparks was called to preach in a vision where the Lord appeared to him and called him as a 13 year old teenager to preach the revelation of Jesus Christ and Salvation in and through the name of Jesus (Acts 4:12).

Although Apostolic in Faith, Bro. Sparks parents were no longer attending church and Bro. Sparks ministry began in the Church of God (Cleveland Tennessee) in Cattletsburg Ky. After preaching several times to the youth group Bro. Sparks approached the pastor to ask if he could minister to the congregation and the pastor would'nt let him because and this is a quote' I can t let you because your Jesus Only".

This was the greatest thing spoken to Bro. Sparks because he left and ran to the

local United Pentecostal Church in Ashland where the late Rev. George O. Cumpton was Pastor. This proved to be the Lord directing Bro. Sparks because Bro. Cumpton mentored Bro. Sparks and helped him to develop his calling in God. Bro. Sparks attended there for 7 years

As a young teenager Bro. Sparks while living at home, was visited by missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of latter day saints. While never believing their doctrine, Bro. Sparks was intrigued by the Book of Mormon (Record of the Nephites) and when told of the promise found in The Record, he did in fact pray and ask God if the Record was true and the Lord revealed too him that it was true. This completely changed Bro. Sparks life forever. For years he tried to get away from the testimony he had received but the words of Moroni spoke too him, (Moroni 10:3-5) 3 Behold, I would exhort you that when ye shall read these things, if it be wisdom in God that ye should read them, that ye would remember how merciful the Lord hath been unto the children of men, from the creation of Adam even down until the time that ye shall receive these things, and ponder it in your hearts.

4 And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost.

5 And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things.

Even after this testimony, Bro. Sparks continued on in what he had been taught to be true. He continued preaching in the Ap-

ostolic Pentecostal Church. In 2000 Bro. Sparks was licensed with the ALJC and Pastored the Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ in Ashland Kentucky before entering Evangelism again and has been Evangelizing ever since

In 2005 Breaking the Silence International Evangelistic Ministries Inc was organized and became a non profit organization in the state of Kentucky with ministers and friends all over the world.

In 2002 Bro. Sparks came in contact with a Church that was Oneness in it's view of the Godhead, and believed in the True New Birth Experience, but this group had received Revelation from God, in our time through prophets just like those of old. This revelation (The Word of the Lord Brought to mankind by an Angel) was brought to these Prophets by the very Angel mentioned in (Revelation 14:6), Bro. Sparks had a vision and while he was seated in the local community Park in this vision, an Angel from Heaven appeared before him and Bro. Sparks couldn't understand why everyone else didn't see this Angel. The Angel unrolled a scroll and on it was written the Word of the Lord. Even after this testimony of the truthfulness of the coming messenger, Bro. Sparks continued writing, preaching and Evangelizing.

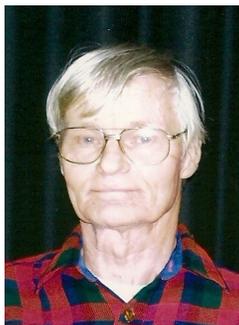
Finally after Bro. Sparks wife Melissa too had received a testimony that the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message. The Assured Way of the Lord was in fact the continuation or the restoration of the Church Jesus established in 33AD, Bro Sparks along with His Wife and oldest Son were Baptized April 17th 2015 by Apostle Leonard Draves in Independence Missouri, Confirmed members of the Church and received the gift of the Holy Ghost by the

laying on of hands by Apostle Leonard Draves, Apostle Mike Greenwell and Apostle Richard Johnson.

Apostle Leonard Draves, being led by the Holy Ghost, Ordained Bro. Sparks as An Apostle, and the quorum of the 12 Apostles all lifted up their voice in agreement, and Bro. Sparks was Ordained by Prophecy and the laying on of hands as an Apostle in the Lord's Church.

From The Bishops **Who Crucified Our Lord?**

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Why did they hate Him?

Because all during His Life, He had been tearing the masks of false goodness from *nice people*. Exposing the evil of men and women who lived in Accordance with the conventional standards of His Time. Finally a time came when the accused could no longer tolerate His Reproaches of what they were.

Our Lord was Crucified by *the nice people* who held that Religion was alright in its place, so long as its place was not here, where it might demand of them a change of heart.

The Cross of Calvary stands at the cross-roads of three prosperous civilizations as eloquent Testimony to the uncomfortable Truth that the successful people, the social leaders, the people who are labeled nice are the ones most capable of Crucifying The Divine Truth and The Eternal Love.

The gravest error of the nice people in all ages is the denial of sin. Yet this is always a hopelessly illogical stand for

any man to take. Even in the natural order, laws cannot be broken without disastrous consequences.

Gravitation will help a man if he builds the side of his house straight and plumb. Disobedience to natural law brings punishment: astronomy reveals that now and then certain stars get out of their orbits; as a penalty for that de-ordination, they burn themselves out in space.

It is a law of nature that the higher shall control the lower object in God's Hierarchy. In the biological order, death is the domination of a lower order over a higher order. For death ensues when the vital forces no longer can integrate, in the interests of the whole being, those physical and chemical processes which go on continuously in the cells of the organism. Life has been defined as the sum of the forces which resist death, which prevent this revolution of the amoeba. Gradually, as we grow old, the process of life wears away the substance of the cells and diminishes the power of our various vital functions. Our chemical processes become more and more independence of the controlling vital forces; and their rebellion makes it increasingly difficult for the organism to harmonize their activities in the interest of the whole man. At that precise point, where there is a balance of forces in favor of the purely chemical processes as against the vital controlling powers, death ensues; the chemical processed, having achieved full independence, have been able to disrupt the integrity of the organism. Such is the history of all terrestrial beings.

In human life the hierarchy extends higher-there is a Super Structure above the Physical, and the same great law applies here, too. For man is so made that

when all is in order, the moral order holds supremacy over the instinctive and the physical. At that moment when the carnal gains mastery over The Spiritual in a man—when the ego over-comes the social impulses, when the material dominates the ethical—a domination of a lower order over a higher order has occurred. Again, this results in death—the death called sin. ***‘For the wages of sin is death’*** (Romans 6:23).

Man cannot with impunity break the laws of his own nature; the punishment which invariably follows such attempts at rebellion may be most apparent in the psychological order. For example, it is clear that every self-centered person is a frustrated person. *Why must this be?* It is because frustration results when a natural longing encounters an insurmountable obstacle. Every natural longing, to find satisfaction needs to be turned toward an object; until that occurs, it remains a longing—an inclination for a certain sort of performance. But actualization of the longing can come only through something which is itself actual; the longing, as such, being a mere potency, cannot procure its own satisfaction. What does procure it is the object toward which the potency is ordained. As long as the person remains concerned exclusively with himself, instead of giving himself to the objective world of tasks and duties, such actualization cannot take place and frustration ensues. By violating the law of his nature man thus brings upon himself frustration and discontent.

Every man and woman alive experiences a sense of guilt when he or she breaks a natural law. *‘Every guilty person is his own hang-man’*, also fearful, for *‘Conscience Both make cowards of us all.’* Instead of callings in a fiction, it

would be truer to call it a friction, a *‘rubbing the wrong way’*. Guilt over un-admitted sins accounts for many of modern man’s psychological ills. Yet it would be unsound to say that the moral factor is always behind mental disorders; for it is not.

The condition of despair induced by un-repented sin often reaches a point where there is a positive fanaticism against Religion and Morality. He who has fallen away from The Spiritual Order will hate it, because Religion is the reminder of his guilt. Husbands who are unfaithful will beat their wives who are Faithful. Wives who are unfaithful will accuse their husbands of infidelity. Such Souls finally reach a point where, like Nietzsche, they want to increase evil until all distinction between Right and wrong is blotted out; then they can sin with impunity and say with Nietzsche, *‘Evil, be thou my good.’* Expediency can now replace Morality, cruelty becomes Justice, lust becomes Love, sin multiplies itself in such a Soul until it becomes a permanent residence of satan, cursed by Christ as one of the whited sepulchers of this world.

Such is the history of a *nice person* who believes he never sins.

The *nice people* do not come to God, because they think they are Good through their own merits or bad through inherited instincts. If they do Good, they believe they are to receive the credit for it, if they do evil, they deny that it is their own fault. They are Good through their own good heartedness, they say; but they are bad because they are misfortunate, either in their economic life or through an inheritance of evil genes from their grandparents. The *nice people* rarely come to God; they

take their Moral tone from the society in which they live. Like The Pharisee in the front of The Temple, they believe themselves to be very respectable citizens.

Very harmful effects can follow accepting the philosophy which denies personal guilt or sin and thereby makes everyone *nice*. By denying sin, *the nice people* make a cure impossible. Sin is most serious, and the tragedy is deepened by the denial that we are sinners. *If the blind deny that they are blind, how shall they ever see?* The really unfor-givable sin is the denial of sin, because, by its nature, there is now nothing to be forgiven. By refusing to admit to personal guilt, *the nice people* are made into scandal-mongers, gossips, tale-bearers, and super-critics; for they must project their real if unrecognized guilt to others. This, again, gives them a new illusion of Goodness: the increase of faultfinding is in direct ratio and proportion to the denial of sin. The *nasty people* do not like to gossip about the failings of others, because they are only too conscious of their own failings.

I could not believe that people close to me would be among those that Crucify The Lord, but some does fit the 'description' of *the nice people*. We think that only those 'labeled' evil and most wicked would Crucify The Lord, that is-murderers and bank robbers, etc. Wrong! The Good next door neighbors are also the culprit. Whether we want to accept it or not, self righteous people of Good report Crucify The Lord.

Why do people today ignore God? Why do they not want Him? Why do they teach evolution now in the schools? Why do they seem so desperate to prove The Bible a myth? Why have they put Biblical Stories in

Libraries under the label, my myths and Fables'? Why does everyone now turn to the Pope for their God? Why are churches uniting?

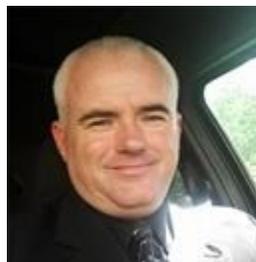
People have become settled with what they have and need no God. *How many today would have Crucified Christ?*

Jesus was betrayed in the house of His Friends, and His worse enemies were that of His own country. He further states that if they hate you, they hate Me first. This whole thing boils down to a mere handful of people who have become hated by humanity for Righteousness sake. Further more anyone professing Jesus Christ is also appointed to affliction even extra affliction the closer it gets to the last day.

'*The wages of sin is death*' and at the last day, those on His Left Hand may seem relieved a little because at least they will all be together in that wrong place. But I assure you that Eternal Space has ample room to separate all those un-saved far from one another. There is NO CONSOLATION in outer darkness!

Footnote: *The German Philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche: 1844-1900, believed in: "The Power to Will"- man's ambition to reach the highest possible position in life; "God is Dead" in which he claims that the Christian God is no longer a viable source of any absolute moral principles; and the distinction between "Master and Slave Morality"- Master morality weighs actions upon good or bad consequences unlike slave morality which weighs actions upon good or bad intentions.*

Letter



My Dearest Brothers,

Grace and Peace be multiplied upon each of you, and your families. I Pray for each of you everyday, and your wife's and your children and extended families. I am so Grateful to be part of The Lord's Work. I just wanted to share a brief

thought with you to encourage you in this Great Work we are Engaged in, knowing that The Lord is Working with us, Directing His Church, Standing at The Helm of His Church. Jesus Declared Emphatically in (Matthew 16:18)

‘ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this Rock I will build My Church; and the Gates of hell shall not prevail against it’.

Today The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord is still Built upon Jesus Christ. (*1 Corinthians 3:10-11*)

‘ According to The Grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid The Foundation, and another buildeth thereon,. But let every man take Heed how he buildeth thereupon..

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. That Foundation Consists of Jesus being The Cornerstone, the very Foundational Stone of The Foundation The Church is Built on, along with The Apostles and Prophets’. (*Ephesians 2:20-21*).

We are part of this Strong Foundation, and though we might have experienced trials and tribulations, and Church Splits and this one going here and that one going there, we nonetheless are The Foundational Stones that Jesus is Building His Last Days Church upon..

(Jacob 4:15-17), **‘And now I, Jacob, am led on by The Spirit unto Prophecy; for I Perceive by The Workings of The Spirit which is in me, that by the stumbling of the Jews they will reject The Stone upon which they might build and have safe foundation.**

But Behold, According to The Scrip-

tures, this Stone shall be-come The Great, and The Last, and the only sure Foundation, upon which The Jews can build

And now, my Beloved, how is it possible that these, after having Rejected The Sure Foundation, can ever Build upon it, that it may become The Head of their Corner?

Daniel, The Prophet, said he saw a Stone hewed out of a mountain and it Filled the whole earth.

(*Daniel 2:34:35*), **‘Thou sawest till that a Stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.**

Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the Stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.’

The Church, though small in Respect to The Church of the devil, this small Stone will grow and grow until it overtakes the kingdoms of this world. John declared in (Revelation 11:15), **‘And The Seventh Angel sounded; and there were Great Voices in Heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become The Kingdoms of Our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall Reign for ever and ever.’.**

So Brethren be Encouraged in The Lord.. Our Work will Stand when all of the kingdoms of this world have fallen. We are doing The Works of Jesus Christ in the earth. I Love each of you. May Jesus Bless you and keep you is my Prayers.

Your Brother and Fellow Servant,
Brother Joshua Sparks.

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God Always Keeps His Promises



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

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

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

God makes *Promises*. One particular *Promise* is *The Promise* that God made to a man named Noah. I'm sure that you know the story of how God sent a great flood to destroy the earth because the people had become so wicked and evil. God Destroyed everything He had Created except for two of every kind of bird and animal and Noah and his family. He spared them because Noah was a *Good* and *Righteous* man who Walked with God.

After the flood waters went down and Noah's family and all the animals could leave The Ark, God made a *Promise* to Noah. He *Promised* Noah that He would never again destroy the whole earth with a flood. Then He did something to remind Noah of that *Promise*. He placed A Rainbow in the sky and He said to Noah, (Genesis 9:9-13), '**Behold, I Establish My Covenant with you, and with your seed after you;**

And with every Living Creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of The Ark, to every beast of the earth.

And I will Establish My Covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

And God Said, 'This is The Token of The Covenant which I make between Me and you and every Living Creature that is and you and every Living Creature that is with you, for Perpetual Generations:

I do set My Bow in the cloud, and it shall be for A Token of a Covenant between Me and the earth'.

God Said that every time He saw *The Rainbow*, He would remember *The Promise* that He made.

God has kept that Promise, hasn't He? God Keeps all of His Promises. The next time you see a Rainbow, remember The Promise God made to Noah, and remember that just as He has kept that Promise, He keeps all of His Promises.

Junior Department

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Those That Never Met Death

Who is the oldest man who ever lived but died before his father?

The answer is Methuselah. Methuselah lived 962 years and died before his father Enoch, because Enoch never met death.

Enoch was a very Righteous and Faithful man and God took him in order that he should not see death. Read Genesis 5:18-27.

Enoch went directly to Heaven without dying. He had Victory over death.

Hebrew 11:5 & 6 says, **'By Faith Enoch was translated that he should not see Death; and was not found, because God had Translated him: for before his translation he had this Testimony, that he Pleased God.**

But without Faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must Believe that He is, and that He is a Rewarder of them that diligently Seek Him.'

So you see, Enoch was Translated, never experiencing death, because He Pleased



God.

Elijah, The Prophet, was also so Good and Faithful that God took him directly to Heaven.

2 Kings 2:11 says, **'And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, Behold, there Appeared a Chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into Heaven'**. Read more about this in verses 1-15.

There is one more person mentioned in The Bible that was Translated – John The Beloved. Jesus was speaking to His Disciple, Peter in John 21:20-23.

'Then Peter, turning about, seeth The Disciple whom Jesus Loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord which is he that betrayeth thee?'

Then Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what 'shall' this man do?' (Meaning, What about this man?)

Jesus saith unto him, 'If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to Thee?'

Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that Disciple should not die; yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but 'If I will that he tarry till I Come, what is 'that' to thee?'

So you see, it was John The Beloved's Desire to tarry or remain on this earth till Christ Returns

Yet, it is not perfectly clear hear that John did not die. However, through the following Scriptures in The Record of The Nephites we know that he never met death.

There are three more Disciples on this land, (America) that never met death.

After Jesus' Resurrection, He Came to what is now America and visited The Faithful here. Jesus asked these Disciples, one

by one, what they Desired of Him. All but three said they Desired that after they had Lived unto the age of man, that their Ministry that The Lord called them to do, would come to an end, that they might speedily go unto Jesus, in His Kingdom. Read Jesus Reply and the Request of the other three Disciples in 3 Nephi 28:1-40.

So you see, this is proof that John The Beloved never met death either.

My father, Bro. William A. Draves, was visited several times by one of The Nephites that never met death. The Nephite helped him in time of need.

One of Brother Draves experiences with The Nephite is printed in the book, 'Footprints in the Sands of Time'"

Brother Draves described The Nephite as a real person. He did not look unusual but very normal. Just as this Disciple helped Bro. Draves, the others that have not met death, may be helping someone.

I want to go back to John The Beloved. There was an article printed in our Church Paper in the past titled, 'A Stranger at The United Nations'. It was about a man unknown to any member of The United Nations Committee, that mysteriously appeared and disappeared before The United Nations Committee at Lake Success in 1950. This stranger spoke before The Committee and quoted over 35 Bible Verses in answer to The Committee's Questions. It has been thought that this stranger might have been John The Beloved.

Remember this verse: Hebrews 13:2, 'Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained Angels unawares.'

May God Bless each of you and may we Strive to be Faithful and Pleasing to God.

Young Adult Department

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Dear Young Adults;

We wanted to talk today on the importance of being Prepared for when The Lord Comes again.

You cannot turn on the television without hearing of something disastrous happen-

ing, whether it is flash floods, hurricanes, tornados, killings, or war.

In Mormon 8:26-32 it reads; **'And no one need say they shall not come for they surely shall, for The Lord hath Spoken it for out of the earth they come by The Hand of The Lord and none can stay it,**

and it shall come in a day when it shall be said that Miracles are done away and it shall come even as if one should speak from the dead.

And it shall come in a day when The Blood of Saints shall Cry unto The Lord because of secret combinations and works of darkness.

Yea, it shall come in a day when The Power of God shall be denied and churches become defiled and be lifted up in the pride of their hearts, yea even in a day when leaders of churches and teachers shall rise in the pride of their hearts, even to the envying of them who belong to their churches;

Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be heard of fires and tempests and vapors of smoke in foreign lands;

And there shall also be heard of wars,

rumors of wars and earthquakes in divers places.

Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be great pollutions upon the face of the earth, there shall be murders and robbings and lying and deceiving and whoredoms, and all manners of abominations when there shall be many who say, 'Do this, or do that and it mattereth not for The Lord will Uphold such at the last day. But wo unto such for they are at the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity.

Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be churches built up that shall say, 'Come unto me, and for your money you shall be forgiven of your sins.'

These verses were prediction of what were to happen during the end times before Christ is to Come again. These things are happening NOW! Time is Short! There are many more things to come-worse things before The Lord Comes again and we all have to be Prepared. If we are not Strong in The Lord, if our Faith is not Strong in The Lord, we won't be Able to Prevail against the power of satan when worse things happen. We cannot allow satan to have power to tempt us. The Lord has *Promised* us that He will Stand us in Holy Places when trials and tragedy surrounds us. In order to have This *Promise* from The Lord, we have to do our Part and be Faithful Servants unto Him. We have to continue to have our Faith in The Lord grow on a daily basis. We have to Study His Words, Pray daily for Strength, and have a Continued Relationship with our Father in Heaven, Jesus Christ.

Message 100:4, **'Satan is at hand in the minds of many everywhere to bring havoc and trouble.'**

Satan knows his time is getting shorter to the day when he will have no power over The Children of God. So he is trying his hardest now to obtain as many Souls as he can.

1 Nephi 22:26, **'And because of The Righteousness of His People, satan hath no power wherefore, he cannot be loosed for the space of many years, for he hath no power over the hearts of the people, for they dwell in Righteousness, and The Holy One of Israel Reigneth.'**

11 Nephi 30:18, **'Wherefore, all things which have been Revealed unto The Children of Men, shall at that day be Revealed, and satan shall have power over the hearts of the children of men no more, for a long time.'**

These verses tell us that there will be a day when satan will have no power over God's Children. The day when The Lord Comes again is when satan will be bound, for the space of a thousand years.

We have to Prepare ourselves for The Lord's Coming but also for The Return of John The Baptist. The Lord Tells us that John is *'The Forerunner'*, so he has to return before The Lord does.

Malachi 3:1-2, **'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 whom ye Delight in, Behold he shall come Saith The Lord of Hosts.'**

But who may Abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth for he is like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap?.'

Message 19:8-9, **The Temple will be Built by a People whose hearts are Pure. God will not Accept any unclean thing,**

nor the work from men that will not follow The Instructions given by His Servant that He has Sent.

But Prepare ye a People for The Lord. Prepare a Place for there is no place among the wicked for God's People to Abide.'

We need to Prepare ourselves NOW for The Return of John The Baptist, and also The Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us do all we can to Prepare ourselves for The Lord in Keeping our Relationship with Him Strong, as well as our Faith.

Remember to be Good Examples of Christ. You may never know who is watching your example.

Message 99:9, **'Be very Careful what you Say, how you Speak, and where you Are, so is My Message to all.'**

In closing, we wanted to let you all know our Thoughts and Prayers are for all of you

Notices

The Church Ministry On Radio

Beginning this month, we will begin broadcasting online Services from 11 AM to 1 PM (Est) for all who do not have a local or who Desire to attend our online meetings.

This we will do 2 times a week, on Sunday Mornings and on Wednesday Evenings for Scripture Study. Here is the link to our upcoming Service, on Sunday <https://www.anymeeting.com/WebConference-Beta/Default.aspx?code=122-898-401> we Pray it will be a Great Blessing to all who are able to Worship Jesus with us. Also we

will begin our online radio broadcast on blogtalk radio for evening Services.. I am broadcasting tonight but it will be available for listening to online anytime after it has aired live. It will be 30 minutes long and it has the capability of reaching the whole world.

Here is that link

[http://www.blogtalkradio.com/thechurchofchristassured-way/2015/05/18/05172015-divine-authority-from-god.](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/thechurchofchristassured-way/2015/05/18/05172015-divine-authority-from-god)

I Pray this finds each of you Blessed and Well. May The Lord Continue to Bless each of you everyday as we Work together to see that Rock hewn out of the mountain, Zion The Kingdom of Jesus Christ Fill the whole earth.

Your fellow Servant,
Brother Josh Sparks.

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.

Missionary Report

*Apostles Michael Greenwell & Leonard Draves
Missouri*

On Friday, May 22, 2015, Brother Apostles Michael Greenwell and Leonard Draves both traveled to Tuskegee, Alabama to visit our dear Sisters and Brothers of that Local. Once arrived we held Church

Services with eight in attendance. The Spirit of The Lord was felt by all. After studying the 72nd Message, we Administered to all those in attendance: JJ Simmons, Debra Joints, Gladys Moore, Shirley Green, Mort Armstrong, Farris Moore. We then Served The Sacrament, with a few Testimonies given. After Service we all enjoyed a wonderful meal from Sister JJ.

On Sunday, May 23, 2015 Brother Apostles Michael Greenwell and Leonard Draves traveled to Auburn, Alabama for Services at Sister Gladys Moore's home.

Once there, we studied the 29 Message, Again The Spirit of The Lord met with us and we had much Joy being together. We Blessed the Land they owned that God would watch over the land and protected it from the dangers of the world, and all that come on the land would feel the Spirit of God within them.

We then traveled back to Tuskegee, Alabama to Sister JJ Simmons home for an afternoon Service. After our Message study more Administration were given to Brother Eric Kidd, and Sister Alice. We also Blessed Eric's daughter, Eriyana LaShay Kidd.

Again after Services we enjoyed another wonderful Meal by Sister JJ.

Brother Mike Greenwell talked to Brother LaVonne Moore on the phone but we were unable to visit with him at this time. Due to his work he was unable to attend Services.

It was a long journey but one of many Great Blessings. We wish to thank all our members of Alabama for such an Enjoyable and Blessed visit. The Love of God's Gospel and The Church is Greatly Grounded in Alabama where The Lord Dwells with all. Our Prayers and Love goes to all there.

Testimonies of The Past

Richard Johnson, Iowa: I remember the story of the two men walking from Jerusalem after Learning that Christ Arose from The Dead. They met a Man on the road who continued walking with them. During the walk The Man asked them, *'What's new in Jerusalem?'* They proceeded to tell The Man what had happen to Christ. The Man asked the men, *'Did not you know these things were to happen?'* When the men reached their home they asked The Stranger to come eat with them. It was not until they asked The Stranger to Pray over the food did they Realized this was Christ Himself. Their eyes were Opened to The Lord and they Knew Him. It is a Good Story! We should see The Lord more Clearly today. See that He is our Savior! I am Lifted up from The Peace of The Lord.

Donald Thompson, Missouri: Hello to everyone. I want to Stand and Praise The Lord. I am Glad to be here. Glad for all of us. It is Good to see the young men that has come to visit. We all should have a Testimony of The Lord. He Loves us. I Thank Him. The Lord seen Fit to Call me to The Ministry so I want to make Him Pleased with me. Never thought I would be able to Stand up in front of people to even say this. The Lord has made this happen. I have seen some Miracles since I took up my Calling. He is a True and Loving God and He will do what He Says. I Glorify Him. We need a Closer Walk with God. I am Thankful for all of you. Always give God The Praise and Glory. That is why we have Life! He is The Rock, The Foundation we Built our Life on! If you have not yet Experienced anything with God it is now. the time to Stand Up and Praise The Lord and get to Know Him.

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