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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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istry until said candidate has with all his heart and soul confessed he agrees with 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

TWENTY-SECOND MESSAGE



The Messenger came to me at my home, 441 Rural Street, Port Huron, Michigan, at 7:25 p.m., July 29, 1930.

Otto Fretting

1. 'Satan has delayed me three days in coming to you with The Message I will give you. Write it, and send it to the world.

2. Remember, satan has great power. He has enthroned himself in the minds of the people by the traditions he has planted in the hearts of all men, and the pleasure of the world, and pride; so that he has the controlling power among those that claim to Love The Lord. Be not deceived by him.

3. I come to Remind you of The Warning I have brought, and This Warning is to all people.

4. As you read The Message I have brought, read *The Words of Christ* and *The Prophets*, for the same Lord has spoken. I have come from *The Presence of The Lord your God*. The Words I speak are His Words, The Message I have brought is His Message, a Warning to all people, and nations. Change them not, for The Lord has sent them. You have been entrusted therewith. See that no man change them.

5. Fear not man, for he is as the grass of the field, here today and gone tomorrow. Fear God and keep His Command-

ments, and it will be well with thee. The people must be warned. Take This Message to the Jew and to the Gentile, for the time has come when the Gospel must go to the Jew and to Israel as a people, for they will again go to The Land that God Promised to them in *The Covenant* He made with Abraham.

6. For all must Stand before The Judgment to receive as their works shall be, and all shall have a chance to Save themselves from the wrath to come, for The Prophet Daniel spoke of this day and the things that shall come to pass.

7. Man will say, '*Oh that these things were hid from me, for my heart burneth within me and my bones are weak. What next will it be that shall come to pass?*'

8. Some will say, '*How shall I know that this is of God?*' Have you not read *The Prophets of Old*? Did Jesus not tell you of these times that you see? For The Lord has Spoken and Sent me with The Message as in the days of Noah. Will you heed His Words? Or will you reject it as in the days of old?

9. Verily, verily, The Lord has spoken, and it shall come to pass. It will be well with him that will follow His Words in time of trouble; but sad will be the hearts that will follow their own way, and will say in their hearts '*These things will never come to pass.*'

10. Let those that come to *The Church of Christ* come in Humility and Prepare themselves to Work in Love, for God wants a Humble People, for Great is The Work that is before you.

11. For thus The Lord Commanded me to Instruct you in all things, that you might send *The Warning* to the people. Verily, verily, it is expedient that The

Gospel be taken to all nations and people, and a Warning of Christ's Coming. Many things will Come to Pass for The Lord God has Spoken, and has sent me as His Messenger to Prepare The Way before Him.

12. For The Lord Almighty will Stretch forth His Arm and will Scourge the nations. Repent ye, for your wickedness has come up before The Lord your God; for The Lord will Cut short the time in Righteousness, for there shall be wars and plagues, and the destruction will come, for The Lord will Humble the people that they may inquire of Him, and Walk in His Ways.

13. Young men will suffer, and children will be fatherless, and women will weep for husbands, and all the world will lament and weep, and the rich will howl when their riches will fade away, yet sathan will work for he knows his days are short.

14. Remember: Zion shall not be moved out of Her Place, nor Jerusalem from her former dwelling place, for The Lord made a Covenant with Israel at Horeb, and He will Gather His People that are Obedient, in their land, And their cities shall again be Cleansed and Righteousness shall again be in its borders. And The Lord shall Remember them, and they shall accept *Christ* as their Savior and *The Gospel* as their Law forever.

15. And this nation shall be cleansed, and then shall it be Zion, for The Lord will Bless this land and the people that will keep His Commandments and Walk in Humility before Him. But the heady and high minded He will visit with destructions, and those that have robbed the widow and fatherless, and have taken

that which is not their own.

16. For there are those that have taken that which is not theirs, they have polluted the land with their unrighteousness, they have filled their hearts with vanities and unbelief, they have sought their own glory, therefore The Lord will not accept their Offerings, and will not hearken unto their Prayers, save it be a few who are Humble before Him.

17. Behold, they have taken that which is not their own; they have lied that they might get gain: they have taken from the aged, and they will not part with their substance to feed the poor and needy, but they have taken the widow's mite in un-righteousness and have used it for their pleasure, and The Gospel Work they have treated as naught, yet they have said, '*We Love The Lord.*'

18. Oh man, thou that profess The Name of The Lord, remember *The Eyes of The Lord* are upon you; you cannot continue in your unrighteous ways before The Lord your God who has Created thee. *He is Long Suffering and Full of Mercy*, but He will Reward thee as thy works will be.

19. There are those that have robbed The Lord of one-tenth of that which was The Lord's. They have taken it for their pleasure, and have said in their hearts,

'This is mine.' Hearken unto Me, says The Lord your God, '*all that thou hast I have given thee, and I shall require one-tenth thereof, that the poor that are poor indeed may be fed: that The Gospel may be Preached, and The Kingdom of God might be Established upon earth in its Fullness, and The Church set in Order in its Completeness.*'

20. I have come to you to exhort you: to instruct you: to bring to you *The Words and Instructions of The Lord*; that all people may understand more clearly *The Words of The Lord*, and the things that shall come to pass; for I am The Messenger of The Lord to Prepare the people for His Coming, and a place to come to; to set The Church in order, and to Instruct the people in Humility that they may Prepare themselves for His Coming, for The Lord will Bless those that will do the things He Commands.

21. I have been sent to you, for you are of The Seed of Abraham, and The Levites, thine forefathers, have Ministered in *The House of The Lord*, Be thou Humble, isolate yourself from the business world that you might Commune with The Lord your God, for this is a day when trying times will come upon the earth.

22. Instruct the people as they shall come to you to be Humble and Full of Love; save your strength as I told you, or your time will be short.

23. I will come to you from time to time to bring Light; to Direct; to Help; and Instruct the people of The Lord; to Warn the world, that none will have an excuse at the last day, Amen.'

Obituary

Pauline M. Draves

July 31, 1919—August 10, 2014

Pauline M. Draves was born July 31, 1919, to Leonard J. and Emma (Zinger) Barthel in Lookeba Oklahoma. She passed away Sunday, August 10, 2014, at the Binger Nursing Home in Binger, Okla-

homa, at the age of 95. Pauline united in marriage to Willie Taylor and later married Lehi (Lee) A. Draves May 5, 1951 in Wichita Falls, Texas and he preceded her in death February 19, 1991. (*Lee was a younger brother to William A. Draves*)

She has lived in the Lookeba area all of her life. Pauline Loved sewing. Gardening, yard work, and a very good cook. She was Baptized into *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message* and followed The Church in *The Assured Way of The Lord*.

She was preceded in death by her parents, infant daughter, three sons: Billy, Rick and Troy Taylor. Six sisters: Mary Warren, Leona Taylor, Fern Franklin, Lizzie Strandrige, Emma Jean Paxton, and Annie Collins, and one brother: Raymond Barthel.

Pauline is survived by two daughters, Juanita Lenhart and her husband Norman of Yukon, Oklahoma, and Kathy Bratcher and her husband Muriel of Lookeba, Oklahoma, daughter in law, Karen Parker and husband Eddie of Binger, Oklahoma. Carlyn Reed and husband Bill of Yukon, Oklahoma, and Virginia Taylor of Lookeba, Oklahoma, eleven grandchildren: many great-grandchildren and a host of great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, an other relatives and friends.

Services were held at The New Covenant Pentecostal Church, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., August 13, 2014, in Lookeba, Oklahoma. Rev. Carl Marrow and Rev. David Beck officiated. Burial was in Lookeba Cemetery at Lookeba, Oklahoma.. Services entrusted to Turner Funeral Home, Hilton, Oklahoma.

Independence Local Service

Sunday School Service

10:00 a.m.

Services opened with Brother Bishop Reece Johnson of Missouri. Opening Song, 'Trust And Obey'. Opening Prayer by Brother Bishop Reece Johnson.

Brother Bishop Reece Johnson taught The Adult Class.

Study Lesson **(No Notes Submitted)**

Closing song 'Stand Up For Jesus' Chorister Sister Kristie Johnson. Closing Prayer by Brother Bishop Reece Johnson.

Church Service

11:00 a.m.

Pastor: Apostle Leonard H. Draves
Missouri

Services Opened with Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves: Pastor. Brother Draves welcomed all to The House of The Lord. This is a Time of Fellowship and Worshiping The Lord Jesus Christ with all our Hearts, Souls, and Minds. Let us give unto The Lord our Best in Serving Him This day and throughout the week.

Opening Song, a Special by Sister Marianna Johnson, 'Come Ye Meek and Lowly'. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves.

Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves introduced our Speaker, **Brother Apostle Richard Johnson of Iowa..**

Sermon Notes

The Beauty of The Unity of The Brethren

Apostle Richard Johnson
Iowa

Psalm 133:1-3, 'Behold, how Good and how Pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in Unity!

It is like The Precious Ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon The Mountains of Zion: for there The LORD Commanded The Blessing, even Life for Evermore.'

Message 72:5. 'The Lord has sent me with Salvation and Life in The Words I bring from Him to those that Hear and Obey. Fear not, The Reward is at the end. The Gospel of Christ will bring you to Life, and away from the valley of the shadow of death, for He is The Good Shepherd. His pure unbounded love shall rule when there is unity among the faithful. The greater your love the greater your joy shall be.

Message.119:6, 'Thus Saith The Lord, 'Ye are My friends . . .

John 15:9-17 gives The Relationship of Believers to Christ

'As The Father hath Loved Me, so have I Loved you: continue ye in My Love.

If ye keep My Commandments, ye shall Abide in My Love; even as I have kept My Father's Commandments, and Abide in His Love.

These things have I Spoken unto you, that My Joy might remain in you, and that your Joy might be Full.

This is My Commandment, That ye Love one another, as I have Loved you.

Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his Life for his

friends. (For a friend men have sometimes given their Life but unlikely for an enemy but Jesus Laid down His Life for us when we were still ungodly.)

Ye are My Friends, if ye do whatsoever I Command you.

Henceforth I Call you not Servants; for The Servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth: but I have Called you Friends; for all things that I have Heard of My Father I have made known unto you.

Ye have not chosen Me, but I have Chosen you, and Ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth Fruit, and that your Fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of The Father in My Name, He may give it you.

These things I Command you, that ye Love one another.'

In The Garden when God said: Adam where art thou he knew he was in big trouble in his Relationship with God and he lost Favor with God by breaking God's Covenant with him.

Romans 5:12, 'Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (Becoming enemies of God instead of His Friends.)'

Romans 5:6-12, 'For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

For scarcely for a Righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a Good Man some would even dare to die.

But God Commendeth His Love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ Died for us.

Much more then, being now Justified by His Blood, we shall be Saved from

wrath through Him.

For if, when we were enemies, we were Reconciled to God by The Death of His Son, much more, being Reconciled, we shall be Saved by His Life.

And not only so, but we also Joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now Received The Atonement.

Through Christ The Favor and Grace of God was Restored to men.

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by The Obedience of one shall many be made Righteous'.

We became helpless no more; Sinners no more; Enemies no more because of His Atonement for our sins.

Message 34:8, 'Oh ye sons of men, Hear My Voice, for I Am your God and I Speak as in days of old. By My Spirit ye shall Hear My Voice, and when you Call on Me, while you yet speak I will Answer,' Saith God. For I send My Messenger at this time with This Great Message of Love. Many will Rejoice with you. Be Humble, be True to The Covenant ye have made to God, and lo, I Will be with thee always, even unto the end.'

A Covenant can say: Everything I am, my very self I give you. I am no longer my own, I now belong to you and we are one.

Message 119:6, 'Thus Saith The Lord, 'Ye are My Friends.'

Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard Draves.

2014 General Assembly

Sunday, June 22, 2013

2:00 p.m.

Apostle Richard Johnson

Iowa
Apostle Leonard H. Draves
Missouri

Apostle Richard Johnson speaking: 'It is my Privilege and Honor to Welcome you to our Church Assembly this year. So, Welcome to The 2014 General Assembly of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord*. It is Great to be here in The House of The Lord. I know that God Will Greatly Bless us all for our efforts in Serving Him. I know you will be Blessed for Attending.

Let us open This Service by singing '*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*', Sister Marianna Johnson Chorister. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson of Iowa.

Before I introduce our speaker, I would like to read a few verses to remind us why we have The Assembly.

Message 72:5, '**The Lord has sent me with Salvation and Life in The Words I bring from Him to those that Hear and Obey. Fear not, The Reward is at the end. The Gospel of Christ will bring you to Life, and away from The Valley of The Shadow of Death, for He is The Good Shepherd. His Pure Unbounded Love shall Rule when there is Unity among The Faithful, The Greater your Love The Greater your Joy shall be,**'

Message 6:6, **Verily, thus Saith The Lord unto you, whom I Love, and whom I Love I also Chasten, that their sins may be forgiven, for with The Chastisement I Prepare a Way for their Deliverance, in all things, out of temptation; and I have Loved you; wherefore you must needs be Chastened, and stand rebuked before My Face, for ye have sinned against Me a very grievous sin, in that ye have not considered The Great Commandment in**

all things, that I have given unto you, concerning The Building of The Temple, preparation wherewith I Design to Prepare Mine Apostles to Pune My Vineyard for the last time, that I may bring to pass My Strange Act, that I may Pour our My Spirit upon all flesh. But Behold, verily I Say unto you, there are many who have been Ordained among you whom I have Called, but few of them are Chosen; they who are not Chosen have sinned a very grievous sin, in that they are walking in darkness at noonday; and for This Cause, I gave you a Commandment, that you should Call your Solemn Assembly, that you Fasting and your Mourning might came up into The Ears of The Lord your God.'

Message 54:13, '**Thus Saith The Lord, Let My Servants Lewis and Lear Prepare that they may be set apart to fill the vacancies in My House as Apostles. Let all Work together in Love for Great is The Responsibility before you. Be Humble and let your Light Shine. Be at Peace with all men. Come before Me in Humility and meet in your Assembly and I Will met with you. Love one another, bear ye each other burdens. Remember what I have Suffered for you that a Way of Deliverance might be. Behold, I will give Greater Light and Power as My People will Prepare for it.'**

Message 86:69, '**The Assembly is for the people to Learn This Great Work and Follow Through. The Work of The Ministry is in The Hands of The Apostles—Lead them Aright'**.

Message 91:41, '**Let The Assembly be conducted in Peace and Teaching The Word. Let all Learn This Way more Perfectly that they may give a Reason for**

The Hope in them in Defending The Words I bring.'

At this time, I would like to read to you a letter Brother Bishop Matthew Thompson received from Disciple Mobutu by his permission.

'Please let us know if you receive the funds, The Scripture says that even those who are poor may contribute something for The Kingdom, Inspiring with The Book of Paul to Corinthian 9:7, 'Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? Who planteth a Vineyard and eateth not of the Fruit there of? Who feedeth a Flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? You must to test a bit for The Fruiths of the Everlasting Gospel that you sworn in Africa. It is not bad if you have sworn unto us Spiritual Things it is not a Great Thing if you shall reap our carnal things.'

We Thank you for continue to Water This Great Work of our Lord Jesus Christ here in this African Vineyard that Brother Apostle William A Draves suffered for a long time with his fellows Apostles and Bishops.

We Thank all our African Heroes of The Gospel of Jesus Christ and their families and all those who supported them to left every Good Things in America and accepted to come to suffer here in Africa to bring us This Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. Among those Heroes: James W. Savage, Lavern Fife, George Wilkin, Jaruis Yates, our Living Apostles, each and every one by name among of others, I mention here are the people who reached Africa already.

We Thank all of you to Preserve This Work until we reached it. We insure you that we shall not let you down. We shall do what ever we can and doing everything to

make sure that This Work is expanding every where according to help of God, your help and our abilities.

We Thank you for this Laptop computer that we are using now to send this message and reports to God be The Glory.

We Thank all the joint Quorums of Apostles and Bishops for working hard to make sure that The Work is well Established in Africa.

We Thank all members of our Church there in The United States of America for your Love and Cares for This Work.

We Thank you, each and every one who contributing financially to help us in this African Vineyard.

We send our Love to all Brethren and Sisters and all those who will attend The General Assembly.

May God Bless you, on behalf of The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord, INC.

Your Brother Disciple Bama wa Mobutu Gloire: Africa

Brother Apostle Richard Johnson then introduced the speaker of The Hour: **Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves of Missouri.**

Sermon Notes

Word of Encouragement To Abide in Christ Jesus

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves
Missouri*

I also want to Thank you for being a part of this years Assembly. My Prayer is that you all receive many Blessings from God as we share this time together. I Hope what I have to say will bring you Encouragement and Blessings from The Lord

We know that every Tree The Lord did

not Plant, will be rooted up. We do not have to worry about that, as The Lord has Called us from out of the world into His Kingdom and Holy Gospel and Placed us in His Church. What a Wonderful Blessing that is. To be a Member of Christ's Church to enjoy The Full Gospel. No other generation on earth has been Blessed with The Fullness of The Gospel as we have.

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

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

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

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

It is Good that we Shape our Lives by The Lord's Instructions in The Written Gospel of Jesus Christ. Revelation says That John will Come with The Everlasting Gospel, Preaching to them that dwell upon the earth. Men may claim they have more, but they are wrong and works for self and not of God. Don't be deceived by them. As satan controls them. Know The Gospel and The Word so that you will not be deceived.

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

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

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

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

I Pray that you would draw yourself out

of the world and not take part in contentions and dark sayings.

When plagues and floods sweep the nation, and famines take their place, and war has its effect on the nation, many will be taken to The Beyond not knowing The Love of God nor what The End shall be. Therefore it is important that we step up and take Hold of The Rod of Iron and Cry to the people that there is a Better Way. The Honest shall hear and come to The Lord. We must not fail in our Callings, but Lift up our Voice and Carry Burdens to The Lord, and God shall Hear.

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

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

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

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

I know that you want to be part of Car-rying The Words of Salvation to all the

world. Christ's Coming is near at hand. This Warning must go out and The Gospel of The Kingdom Preached, then shall The Lord Come in The Clouds of Glory. For The Righteous, Great shall be our Joy, but to those that know Him not and that Obey not The Gospel, The Lord of Salvation shall take Vengeance on them. It is sad, but it is out of our control. All we can do is to Obey The Lord's Command in getting out This Word and the rest is up to them.

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

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

We have a Testimony of This Work and of The Words that come from our Fellow Servant, John The Baptist from The Pres-ence of God Himself. He is The Lord's Choosing! It is True that no one will Un-derstand except through The Lord's Spirit. Let us all be up and doing in The Lord's Work and for those that can not do Mis-sionary Work, we can Pray

Matthew 28:19-20, **'Go ye therefore, and Teach all nations, Baptizing them in The Name of The Father and of The Son, and of The Holly Ghost.'**

Teaching them of Observe all Things whatsoever I have Commanded you; and oo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world, Amen!.'

This was The Great Commission that Jesus gave His Disciples just before He re-

turned to Heaven.

So it was then, it remains the same today.

Message 119:7, '**... The Word shall go to all nations and the world over. Henceforth it will reach multitudes and bring Salvation in Christ Jesus.**'

Many seeds has been planted by our Missionaries and Blessed by The Lord and as He spoke shall bring Salvation to many.

Salvation comes by Endurance! Jesus often spoke in a parable.

Lets read John 15:1-10, '**I Am The True Vine , and My Father is The Husbandman.**

Every Branch in Me that Beareth not Fruit He taketh away and every Branch that Beareth Fruit, He Purgeth it, that it may bring forth more Fruit.

Now ye are Clean through Te Word which I have spoken unto you.

Abide in Me and I in you. As The Branch cannot bear Fruit of itself, except it Abide in The Vine, no more can ye, except ye Abide in Me.

I Am The Vine, ye are The Branches; He that Abideth in ME and I in him, the same bringeth forth much Fruit: for with out Me ye can do nothing.

If a man Abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered, and men gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

If ye Abide in Me, and My Words Abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.

Herein is My Father, Glorified that ye Bear much Fruit; so shall ye be My Disciples.

As The Father hath Loved Me, so have I Loved you; continue ye in My Love.

If ye Keep My Commandments, ye

shall Abide in My Love, even as I have kept My Fathers' Commandments, and Abide in His Love.'

In this parable of The Vine and its Branches, Jesus showed His Disciples that they need not work depending just on their own strength. He Promised to Guide them, He would give them Strength and Power and would give them Courage when they needed it. *Is not this Message for us today, just as it was for The disciples years ago.* Perhaps The Disciples and even you, wondered how this Help and Guidance would be possible. Jesus toll them how The Vine sends up The Life giving Sap into all its Branches and makes it possible for Fruit to grow and ripen.

Then Jesus said that in just this same mysterious way He would give Help and Power and Spiritual Graces to all who would Abide I Him. Jesus also said that without His Guidance His Followers could do nothing.

They could not accomplish Work The Heavenly Father wanted them to do unless they were United to Him as closely as The Branches are United to The Vine.

We all want to do our part in God's World so let us ask how we may Abide in Christ, as He has told us to do. Jesus tells one Way by which we may know that we are Abiding in Christ and He in us. Jesus said, '**If ye Keep My Commandments, ye shall Abide in My Love.**'

I Pray that I have said something here today to Encourage you in This Great Work. I Hope The Lord will Continue Blessing you and yours in every way. It is my Prayer that God will Protect you and place a Hedge around you from the evils, dangers, illnesses of this world and from anyone that would seek to bring you harm.

I Pray for your Loved Ones and your Homes. Be Encouraged in The Lord, for His Hand is Moving and The Work is Strong.

Closing Song, 'The Angel Story' Sister Marianna Johnson, Chorister. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson.

Sacrament And Testimony Service

3:30 p.m.

Apostle Donald Thompson

Missouri

Bishop Matthew Thompson

Brother Apostle Donald Thompson opened Service. Opening song a Special by Sister Marianna Johnson, 'Come Learn of The Meek and Lowly' Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson.

Second Special by Brother Elder Richard Sega playing his guitar.

Brother Apostle Donald Thompson spoke on The Importance of The Emblems. I Pray you will be Blessed here today and have something that you can take home with you. Consider The Lord everyday. I know some day we will meet up in Heaven with Loved ones and meet The Lord. Always Pray for one another. Be Kind to one another and Calm, showing Humility.

The Record of The Nephites tell us 'To Bring forth Bread' and to give it those that are Baptized members only. We Honor The Lord in this practice. We want only to Obey God's Commands.

But before we take The Sacrament, we will have a *Season of Prayers*. Many request were given for Prayers.

Season Of Prayers

Those that took part in *Season of Prayers* were Brother Apostle Donald Thompson, Brother Apostle Leonard Draves, Sister Oladawn Thompson, and Sister Tammy Thompson.

Sacrament Service

Brother Apostle Donald Thompson Blessed The Bread. **Brother Bishop Matthew Thompson** Blessed The Wine. Those that Passed The Emblems were Brother Apostle Donald Thompson and Brother Bishop Matthew Thompson.

Brother Apostle Donald Thompson then opened up for Testimonies. Brother Bishop Matthew Thompson passed the mic to those that Testify.

Testimonies

Donald Thompson, Missouri: I am glad to be here, it is a Precious Time. We need to Love one another. I am Thankful for The Blessings of Life. God has helped me physically. I am weak. I talk to the Lord every day. I Pray for all and for The Lord to help us to spread The Word. I Hope we are doing the best we can. Please Pray for The Ministry. I Thank Disciple Mobutu for Working for The Lord in Africa.

Richard Sega, California: I am glad that we were able to make it out to The Assembly. The Lord helped us out for a car rental. The Lord has done miracles for us. After Thanksgiving, I lost my job and started receiving unemployment, then Social Security at 65. I inherited the family home with low taxes. I keep Tithing no matter what. I go on Faith when I don't understand. The Lord already made a way for us to come to The Assembly next year. I wont have to use credit cards at all. I want to share This Gospel with others. I am Thankful for my wife and family.

Oladawn Thompson, Missouri: I am Thankful for The Blessings Don and I had this year. Years ago, we has Services in our home. Then we opened *The Holt Local*. We had garage sales and donations to get started. I Thank God were He has placed us. God will continue to Work with everyone. We have *The Anointed Authority*. I saw the new Independence Local building, The Spirit of God is there. They are a part of us and we of them, so is The Preston Local. I would like to read a small letter I received from Brother Mobutu in Africa:

Dear Mom and Sister in Christ: Oladawn, We Thank you more than very much. Let The Glory be to God for this Prayer list that allow us to Pray for one another. We Thank Him for the past and Trust Him for the future. We Thank each and every one who Prayed for us in this African Vineyard, Truly, God Answered many of our Prayers and Requests. There is no way to speak one by one as it is so many Good Things and Miracles. We saw His Hand move mightily as we have many Testimonies of Deliverance and help in different ways. We Thank all of you that God used also to answer many of our Request and Needs by Actions. God Bless you and return much more to all of you Brothers and Sisters. We are Praying to you every day and we will continue it all the days we still alive. We Thank God also for Water, Air, Life, Shelter, and Breath of Life, Protections, Health, and our Daily Bread. We Thank you too my mom and Sister Oladawn for your time you will take to arrange this Prayer List, and send it to all Brethren and Sisters around the world to Pray for us and one another. Because we know it not easy to complete and accomplish this list as it is or as it must to be, we know it is a Great Sacrifice. Thank you.

Keep Sweet. Send our Love to all that God will allow to attend this 2014 World General Assembly, let each one know that we Love them and This Great Work of our Lord Jesus Christ so much, through your Prayers, The Work continue to be expanded here in Africa. Here below we present another list of Prayer Request please continue to Pray for us as The Work still have much needs, we will continue to Pray for each other and all of you. Your son in Christ,

*Brother Disciple WA Mobutu Gloire
The Church of Christ With The Elijah*

Message, The Assured Way of The Lord,

Thank you, I will remember also all of you in my Prayers.

Tammy Thompson, Missouri: Hello, I Love you all. I do miss Sister Nawassa and family. I Love to see you all. Last year I hit a deer, it tore up my car. I Prayed I could get another car. There was a contest in Cameron at a dealership giving away a car. Ashley wrote in on my behalf. They called and said I won it. Turned out to be another Tammy in our town that won the car. When she called her, she told them she already got a van from her family, so they gave the car to me. I Thank God for that. Last year I got to spend a lot of time with my sister—one on one time. She is my best friend. I am Thankful for our local in Holt also. It is nice to have it. I am Thankful for my kids. They bring Joy to me. I and my grandkids were out shopping and they saw a lady at the door asking for money for her and her kids to get something to eat. I was so into shopping, I didn't even see her. We got into the store and my grandkids ask me for a loan to give the lady and that they would pay me back. I told them no on the loan, so I gave them money for the lady, They took it to her and the lady jugged them for it. I

am so Thankful for them. I Thank The Lord everyday for my kids and The Love they have within them. I would like you to Pray for Ashley, she has some health issues. My parents are a Blessing to me, so are all of you. Pray for me and my family. I Love you all.

Karen Wilkin, Missouri: I am Thankful to be here. I want you to know that I Love you all. I Love this Work. If I have done something or said something that may have hurt or hinder you, I am sorry. Please forgive me. It is the Desire of my Heart to Serve The Lord. Pray for me and my family. I will Pray for you as well. God Bless.

Matthew Thompson, Missouri: I am Thankful to be here with all of you. I Thank The Lord for being part of This Work. I appreciate the letters and words I received from you of encouragement. I apologize for my weaknesses. I know that I can do more. I want to be a Good Servant for The Lord. I don't understand everything but I keep studying The Gospel. Pray for me. We are United in The circle of The Lord. I Pray for Unity so that we all will be together. I want to make it to Heaven. We are a Blessed People. We Love the most. I fail in a lot of things. I want to be concerned for the people. I want us all to Work together, to make decisions as The Lord wants. Pray for me, as I fall short. I will Pray for us. We all Love this Work. The Lord is allowing us to get things right. I want all to be strong, to grow in The Lord and Enjoy Life. I Hope you have a Blessed Assembly. Trust in The Lord. If you are messed up, ask forgiveness. Thank you. \ Brother Donald Thompson Thanked all for their Testimony. Let us meet back here at seven this evening. Closing Pray by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson. (5:25 p.m.)

Preaching Service

7:00 p.m.

Services opened by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. Opening Song, a Special by Sister Marianna Johnson. Opening Prayer by Brother Richard Johnson. Second Special by Elder Richard Sega on his guitar. Brother Richard Johnson introduced the Speaker of the evening, **Brother Apostle Jairus Yates of Missouri.**

Sermon Notes

(Notes in Parts)

Thank you Brother Richard. I had a conversation with Brother Matthew Thompson. We shared advice on Relationships and I'm keeping lines of communication open and never wear spandex.

We need to be approachable. Why am I here? God gave me a Duty and Responsibility and I understand The Mission. We all have a part of building the wall.

Alma 4:19 tells us that we all have a duty and responsibility. Some get weary and forget about their duties.

Ecles. 12:13 Tells us to hear God and Keep His Commandments.

Message 28 tells us all to labor somewhere.

Alma 32:1&6 tells us no matter what ever the situation is you are going through, God still sits on The Throne.

Alma 2:20 tells us that even when The Church is going through tough times, God has us where He wants us to be.

Luke 8:5-13 tells us to see The Word of God. Keep it, be Thankful and Fulfill His Will. Be Faithful.

We know that practice makes perfect! Remember the devil can take it away if we let up studying.

Acts 15:36-40 tells us about how Paul set a Good Example for us. Go and give The Word to others. Read also *2 Timothy 4:11*, *1 Peter 1:5* and *Romans 1:16*, all about The Gospel and Power of God.

Closing Song, 'Great And Marvelous'
Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. (7:33 p.m.)

Monday, June 23, 2014

Priesthood Meeting

10:30 a.m.

Apostle Leonard H. Draves,
Apostle Jairus Yates

Meeting opened by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Jairus Yates

Lesson today will on the early Church History prior to The Coming of The Messenger, Refer to June's issue of 'The Greater Light' for complete article of Brother Apostle James W. Savage.

Study Notes

The Messenger Starts His

Last Mission

Voice of Peace, January – July 1962
Brother James W. Saavage

Not for a hundred years had The Religious World been shaken by an Angelic Visitation Announcement.

It was in 1823-1829—such news came forth from a very young man of Palmyra, New York, as he was being Prepared to Execute the given task of Translating an A Record. Then finally Authority was given to Represent Christ and Establish again *The Church of Christ* as it was in the days of old. Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery Received The Laying on of Hands by

John The Baptist on May 15, 1829—'this Authority which shall remain on earth that The Sons of Levi may yet offer an Offering unto The Lord in Righteousness.'

A Remnant in and around Bloomington, Illinois, of The Church Established in 1829 & 1930, had returned to Missouri in 1867, because of a Revelation given in 1863 through one of The Elders—Granville Hedrick. They bought the famed Lots for \$1,175.00—and held it against all efforts to dispossess them until the time when once again this same Angel Appeared to Otto Fetting, and he read The First Message (also Second) to them in their April 1927 Conference.

Otto Fetting had been Called and Ordained first in 1899 through Elder Barr who had been Ordained by Joseph Smith. Brother Fetting worked in the part of The Restoration Movement, known as The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. In 1918 there was a Working Harmony Agreement between this Church and The Church of Christ (Temple Lot). They Recognized each other's Authority and Baptism.

Because of The Rise of a New Doctrine of Supreme Directional Control with effective discipline to be placed in the hands of the President of The Reorganized Church many Transferred to The Hedrikites (so called). Among them were Daniel Macgregor, Otto Fetting, H. E. Moler and other notable Preachers.

In The Spring of 1926—on that famed Lot The Hedrickites now Reinforced by The Transfers met in General Conference. A three day Prayer and Fast was had for Divine Direction. Their Prayers were Answered. There was a Gift of Tongues and its Interpretation told them that it was time

for The Church to move forward—choose out The New Apostles God would send His Messenger to Direct. These men were Chosen and Ordained: H. E. Moler, Daniel Macgregor, Samuel Wood, Clarence Wheaton, F. F. Wipper, Otto Fetting and C. N. Heading.

By the time of The Spring Conference of 1927, F. F. Wipper had been Released from his Apostolic Office. The Church of Christ had grown from a mere handful to Thirty Locals with around two thousand Membership.

This is a very Brief Historical background to The Return of The Messenger and start, for The Second Time in This Dispensation, The Restoration of *The Church of Christ* as it was in The Days of The Apostles and of all things as Spoken of by The Prophets and by Christ Himself.

Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson. (11:45 a.m.)

Study Class

1:30 p.m.

Services opened by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves, Opening Song, *'Jesus I Adore You'*. Open Prayer by Brother Leonard Draves.

Lesson for today is only early Church History prior to the Coming of The Messenger. Refer to this morning Priesthood Meeting for lesson discussed.

Closing song, *'Trust and Obey'*. Sister Marianna Johnson Chorister. Closing Pray by Brother Apostle Jairus Yates. 92:20 p.m.)

Preaching Service

2:30 p.m.

Service opened by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves. Opening Song, *'In The Light'*. Opening Prayer by Brother Leonard Draves.

Brother Leonard Draves introduced the speaker of the hour, **Brother Elder Richard Segal of California.**

Sermon Notes

Learning By Falling

Elder Richard Segal, California

(Notes giving in parts)

Paul said, *'don't think of me more than my children'*. We know that the human flesh is wicked without The Lord. Some churches believe that Adam's sin is our sin in this flesh.

People must give themselves to The Lord and don't worry about other people sins except for yo own. You can only change yourself. Paul says *'what I want to do, I don't, what I don't, I do'*.

Peter gave his life for The Lord; upside down.

Other Churches say we are the one that preaches another Gospel. They say God is not the same today as He was in olden days, So they are actually the ones preaching the other gospel. They even twist Paul's letter to suit there belief in the rapture. They create their own doctrine from Paul not that of Jesus Christ. They also believe if you are not well and rich, you are not Blessed of God. *Flesh is flesh and Spirit is Spirit.*

Salvation is a day by day process. We must Endure to the end to Receive it. Faith without Obedience is dead.

Message 86:46-50, **'There are many The Lord has Called that Represent His Word and are doing a Mighty Work. But**

when they ear this Message, The Words I bring from The Lord, and The Spirit Reveals to them it is True, they shall Accept it and their Calling to Higher Work. They will be Filled to Overflowing with Power to Represent Christ and His church, The Lamb's Bride: Overwhelming with The Power and The Spirit and The Working of Miracles on many of The Gifts of The Gospel. Hear, Oh Hear! Ye ministers of Peace and God will give you The Soul Winning Power. Come all The Way.

Fellowship not with those that twist The Lord to thwart The Plan of God to justify their own evil means.

God's Plan is Plain and Simple, converting The Soul and a Deliverance to those that Truly Obey.

Worry not about those that will not hear My Message now, they will know of it if they are to be found in Fellowship with The Lord.

I come that The Restoring of all things shall take place. I am The Fore-runner of The Christ. I am The Elias, I bring a Message of Life and Hope.'

These Words are Guidance and Revelations from The Lord. Only The Humble and Honest of Heart can work in This Church. We increase in The Lord and decrease in satan. Be like John The Disciple.

We have three pumps to get us started, they are the Tree Books of The Gospel.

Closing Song, 'Give Me Thy Heart'. Closing Prayer by Brother Leonard Draves.

Prayer and Testimony

Service

4:00 p.m.

Services opened with Brother Apostle Jairus Yates. Opening Song, 'Each Step I Take'. Opening Prayer by Brother Jairus Yates. Second song a Special by Brother Elder Richard Sega on his guitar.

Jairus Yates, Missouri: It is good to ne hers. I am here to be counted for. To get support and to support you. It has been a busy year. I added on to my house, but I always take time for The Lord. I know it is getting close to the endl

I always Pray for my family. I still put Blessed Oil on my son every night. If I forget he comes to me for it. I think I have my wife trained also concerning The Oil. Through Obedience , God can make a Blessing.

Oladawn Thompson, Missouri: I am Thankful for all the Blessings this year. When you get on your knees you can have Victory in The Lord. I Love to read helpful books that are written under The Influence of The Lord. I am part of This Church. I will talk to anyone that will listen. God looks upon the Heart. I boast for Jesus Christ. I can not deny The Spirit and The Anointing . I Love This Church. We all have a part in This Work. Pray for me and my family. I Love you all.

Betty Sega, California: I Thank you for your Prayers for my grandson. I have custody of him until March 17th, court day is April 11th. I came out in April, everything moved very fast. I had three visitations; them temporary custody. Took full responsibility . It was a Miracle. I am so Thankful to The Lord. Pray for us.

Thresa Ray, Missouri: I Thank The Lord. The women has had some very good lessons. I am Thankful for the Three Books and This Gospel. I find inter Peace. I Pray

for the return of John The Baptist. Pray for my family.

Richard Johnson, Iowa: I Thank and Honor The Lord. I am Thankful for all of you. There is Great Joy in The Assembly. I have been to Montana for the past three weeks visiting family. I miss my brother Mervyn. There is a big whole in my life without him. I appreciate all that helped Mervyn in his last days. Be Encourage! We have no power of our own, we must open our Hearts to The Lord. Our efforts must be His Efforts. All Good Things come from The Lord. I Raise my hand and heart to The Lord. This Work is so Great—no deeper profound Work than Knowledge of This Work. I am Thankful for Brother Mobutu for his work in Africa that is being done. I am always Blessed for being at The Assembly. Thank you.

Closing Song, 'In The Garden' Sister Marianna Johnson Chorister. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Jairus Yates.

Preaching Service

7:00 p.m.

Services opened by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson. Opening Song, 'Joyful Tithings', Sister Marianna Johnson Chorister. Opening Prayer by Brother Donald Thompson.

We should Pray for one another and help one another out when we can. I would like to read a poem by my father-in-law, William A. Draves, called:

'The Faithful Few'.

*When The Master Calls to Order
And Look about the room,
You are sure to see some faces
that from, out of the shadows loom;*

*They are always at the meetings
And stay 'till all are through;
The Ones that I would mention
Are always The Faithful Few.*

*They fill the vacant offices
As they are always on the spot'
No matter what the weather,
Though it may be awful hot.*

*It may be dark and rainy,
But they are Tried and True;
The ones that you rely on
Are always The Faithful Few.*

*There are many Worth Members
Who will come when in the mood
When everything 's convenient
They can do The Church much Good;*

*They have Knelt in Worship Altar
And are necessary, too;
But the Ones who Never Fail us
Are always The Faithful Few.*

*If it were not for these Saints
Who put their shoulders to the wheel,
Keeo our faith Moving forward
So our Light we may Reveal*

*The Church could not Flourish,
Its Work it could not do.*

*It would shrink and slowly perish
But for these Faithful Few.*

I would also like to read from The Scriptures.

John 3:16, 'For God so Loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever Believeth in Him should no perish, but have Everlasting Life.'

Luke 2:10, 'And The Angle said unto them, Fear Not: for, Behold, I bring you Good Tithings of Great Joy, which shall be to all people.'

These are two Scriptures that are Keys to our Belief. Only The Lord can bring us *Everlasting Life*, and through an Angle we have Messages that brings us *Great Joy*.

I know I have borrowed enough time from our speaker this evening, so I will, with pleasure introduce my son, Brother **Bishop Matthew Thompson of Missouri**. Please give him you undivided attention.

‘Good Evening, I want to Thank Sister Marianna Johnson for my favorite song. Also I am Thankful for The Blessings I Received yesterday in The Services. I Thank you all for your Prayers in my behalf. I Love all of you I know that you Love me! Thanks for not giving up on me and having patience with me. What I would like to talk about tonight is *‘The Body of Christ’*.

Sermon Notes

The Body of Christ

*Bishop Matthew Thompson
Missouri*

First and most important thing is to remember that we are not The Head of The Body of Christ – we are only members that take Direction from The Head, which is Christ. The Church, or the Body of Christ is composed of many members. Not every member has the same function or calling.

Message 29: 1-7 says, ‘**I am sent to you with The Words of The Lord. I have come to Instruct you and The Church and bring a Warning to all people, for all nations must be Warned of the things that are Coming upon the earth, for all must know The Will of The Lord.**

As you talk to the people be in Earnest, that they may not treat The Message Lightly, but be Pleasant as you meet the people, for they have been led away

be the traditions of men, and have suffered much by their folly.

For thus says The Lord, I have Given My Commandments to those that have Named My Name to Serve Me, and have made a Covenant with Me. I Speak to those that are *The Church of Christ* and to all that will become My People and My Bride. I have Given to Mine Apostles their Charge, and Instructed them to do My Work in all the world. Be ye not slothful in your work, for I shall Require it at your hands at the last day.

I have Given to Mine Elders their Work, and I shall Require it of them in the last day, therefore, be ye not slothful lest you lose your Reward.

I have Given to The Bishops their Work and Mission, and I Require their Stewardship at the last day, for The Lord has Entrusted This Great Work to you that His Law shall be Kept; be ye therefore not slothful, for your Work is no Idle Tale.

I have Given The Women their Work that The Message might be taken to the homes that all may be Warned, for I have Heard the cries of the people that they have been led away by the traditions of men, and My Spirit shall Feel after them.

Find not fault one with another, for all have their Work to do and I The Lord shall Require it at the last day.”

We all have a Work to do for The Lord, we each have Responsibilities. Everyone is important! You each count! You’re a Blessing! Your needed! We should be Thankful and Recognize other parts of *The Body of Christ* and not criticize them! God has not given to any of us complete and full Understanding of everything. We do not

know what God has Called others to do or put on their Hearts to do a Work for Him. We should Assist, Encourage, Bless, and Pray for other Members of The Body.

(Read I Corinthians 12: 12-27)

Many Members in God's Church one can't function without the other. Let's Work together, Uplift and Encourage one another!

Message 72:5 says, **'The Lord has Sent me with Salvation and Life in The Words I bring from Him to those that Hear and Obey. Fear not The Reward is at the end. The Gospel of Christ will bring you to Life, and away from the valley of the shadow of death, for He is The Good Shepherd. His Pure Unbounded Love shall Rule when there is Unity among The Faithful. The Greater your Love The greater your Joy shall be.'**

Ephesians 4:11-16 says, **'And He gave some Apostles, and some Prophets, and some Evangelists, and some Pastors and Teachers.'**

For The Perfecting of The Saints, for The Work of The Ministry, for The Edifying of The Body of Christ.

Till we all Come in The Unity and The Faith, and The Knowledge of The Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto The Measure of The Stature of The Fullness of Christ.

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of Doctrine by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.

But speaking The Truth in Love, may grow up into him in all things, which is The Head, even Christ.

From whom the whole Body fitly joined together and compacted by that

which every joint supplieth According to The Effectual Working in The Measure of every part, making Increase of The Body unto The Edifying of itself in Love.'

Satan's purpose is to cause DIVISION! The devil wants to bring division and strife to *The Body of Christ* over anything and in any possible way. We must Resist the devil and Walk with God in Peace and Love.

Mark 3:24-25 says, **'And if a kingdom be divided against itself that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house divided against itself that house cannot stand.'**

I Corinthians 1:10 says, **'Now I beseech you brethren by The Name of our Lord Jesus Christ that you all speak the same thing, and there be no divisions among you but that ye are Perfectly Joined together in The same Mind and The same Judgment.'**

Message 92:13 says, **'Turn away from these things that divide and separate you one from another. The Lord Knows The Hearts and wherein powers of men and deception lies. Except such Repent and Cleanse their Minds of these things they have no part in This Work.'**

Love as Christ Loves. Jesus Commands us to Love with an Unselfish, Self-sacrificing Love. He said people would know those who were His Followers because they would display His Kind of Love. (This would be The Fruits of The Spirit) Then they will say *'See how they Love one another!'*

John 13:34-35 says, **'A New Commandment that I Give unto you that ye Love one another as I have Loved you, that ye also Love one another. By this shall men know that ye are My Disciples, if ye have Loved one to another'**

I am trying to move forward. I look forward to Working with my Brothers. God Bless you all. AMEN

Closing Song, 'Oh, How I Love Jesus'.
Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson.

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Priesthood Meeting

10:30 a.m.

Apostle Leonard H. Draves, Missouri

Apostle Richard Johnson, Iowa

Meeting opened by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson

Lesson Today will again be on the early Church History prior to The Coming of The Messenger, Refer to June's issue of 'The Greater Light' for complete Study of Brother Apostle James W. Savage.

Study Notes

The Messenger Starts His Last Mission

Voice of Peace, January – July 1962

Brother James W. Saavage

The whole world was napping as Otto was napping on that early morn (5:00 A. M. February 4, 1927.) Brother Fetting was rather rudely (as he thought) awakened by a powerful slap on his shoulder. In 1929 the whole world received its first shock--in all cases, things hasn't been the same since.

Now let us direct our attention to what this Messenger had to say. Read the First Message.

The Articles of Faith and Practice was mentioned the very first thing, and Fetting and all were told not to change what was written in 1923 by the Elders of this rem-

nant on The Temple Lot. They were not formulated to be used as a Creed but as a brief statement of their beliefs to save repetition in correspondence, as the task was heavy to answer the many inquiries concerning this group and their beliefs that were then beginning to come in increasing number, from their brethren of the Reorganized Church. It contained twenty-five Articles on which all could meet on common ground. In fact The Messenger was using these Articles to Establish the ground work of Unity so as *The Church of Christ* could be Re-established as per The Former Commandment. It is the only Document of its kind to state a definite Belief in the building of The Temple to which Christ would come to Endow His Servants for The Last Preaching of The Gospel to the world as a Witness.

Joseph Smith had many Revelations purporting to Come from God. These were first published in Book Form in 1833 in Jackson County, Missouri as *The Book of Commandments* for The Government of *The Church of Christ*. In 1835 a Book containing these Revelations with considerable changes plus many more were published as *The Doctrine and Covenants* of The Church of The Latter Day Saints.

There had been a considerable disbelief concerning The Divinity of these Revelations more particularly amongst those now associated on The Temple Lot. Some doubted them all but The Messenger states (in second paragraph) that one concerning The Building of The Temple on The Consecrated Spot was True and (happy days) the construction would soon start.

It has already been noted that there were seven men in The Apostolic Quorum. Now The Messenger says: **'Three more**

will be placed in The Twelve, this Spring Conference.’ Those men were Ordained: Thomas Sheldon, Walter Gates, and Arthur M. Smith. The latter is a grandson of ‘The Prophet’ Joseph Smith.

The Church assembled did Accept this Message as Divine and Wished to be Guided by it. Thomas E. Barton was up for Ordination: he was one of ‘*The Good Men*’ named in paragraph 10. But this Ordination was postponed until the next year as it would have made (4) men added to The Quorum instead of the three (3) as Spoken of by The Messenger. Joseph H. Camp was not Ordained until *The Twentieth Message* in which was a Specific Call. He was Ordained April 1930. A. O. Frisbey never was an Apostle but remained a Bishop, as he was in 1927.

The Message affirms definitely, The Temple will be built—The Work would soon start but does not state that those in charge would build it. If (4th paragraph) not by those in charge The Lord would Raise up a People that would build it.

The Temple is not built unto this day, over thirty years has passed. A people is still in the process of being Raised Up or Prepared. The prime Requisite of God’s People is Obedience. Moses and The Israelities found that out in their forty years wandering in The Wilderness. Only two that started out over twenty years old ever made it to The Promise Land.

Christendom as a whole have had a faint idea on when the long looked for return of The Christ would be. Now comes a Definite Pronouncement from Heaven ‘*Christ coming is near at hand.*’ He would not wait until churches would unite into one True Faith or the whole world Prepared itself in Righteousness But, as *The Book*

of Revelation tells in (Chapter 19:7) The Bride hath made Herself Ready. God has a Definite Time Table. It is not going to be upset by any nation, group, church, or individual. *He will not Delay His Coming.*

The wicked shall grow worse and worse. The blame shall be laid directly at the feet of The Professors of The Name of Christ, and there are many in the nations, even among the rulers.

About the time this *First Message* was given The Elders of this Remnant were Directing their Preaching against the mistakes of The Restoration Movement of 1830—on. God would not hold them responsible for these mistakes but He would Require them to be True to The Preaching of an Affirmative Gospel of Truth and Love. There was a Hope for a Brighter Future which was mentioned in the next Message, as the traditions, sins of men, priest crafts and etc., were eliminated. The Sons of Levi would offer unto The Lord an Offering of Righteousness.

In reading this *First Message* we should remember that Brother Fetting wrote it from memory and the explanations was in his own words. ‘**Now this is the essence of what he said**’ Later, as The Messenger continued his Visitations he Dictated The Message, Word for Word. It was as near correct as he could give it. This is what he was sure of: He saw the form of man, he heard the voice. He felt the slap of his shoulder. He felt the influence in the room.

We Believe there is a complete agreement among all Believers in *The First Advent* of Jesus The Christ and His Forerunner, John The Baptist that there came to a people who Believed in The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The looked for a Deliverer, a Messiah, also an Elijah to

come, which was According to Prophets, God had sent unto Israel, His Chosen People. The Master said, **‘I Come unto My Own but My Own Received me not’**. The foundation had been laid in The Old Testament Scriptures, but men lacked understanding. He came in a way, to a place and acted differently than they thought He would.

Now in the end time which commenced in 1927-1929 it is noteworthy to recognize that once again The Forerunner begins his last Mission amongst those who had in their Foundation of Faith, a definite Belief that God would Speak and send Messengers in the latter days. Apostle Paul wrote: **‘Without Faith it is Impossible to Please God. Those that come to Him must Believe that He is; a Rewarder of those that Diligently Seek Him.’** (Hebrews 11)

If a man does not Believe that God is; or in other words, does not Believe God can or will not speak now as in former times, well—God will not Speak to him, because he lacks Faith. To The Faithful His Voice has the volume of thunder in the skies but to Faithless—he doesn’t Hear a sound.

The Remnant on The Temple Lot, *The Church of Christ* (Temple Lot) nick-named Hedrickites had in the fore-mentioned *Articles of Faith and Practice* this Article (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.’

This was The Smallest, The Humblest part of the people of The Restoration. They had held the Temple Lot in Trust and Desired The Church to be Set in Order.

The first words that The Messenger

said to Otto Fetting were: **‘Don’t change The Articles of Faith and Practice.’** This *‘through whom He may Choose.’* Brother Fetting had been heard to say, *‘I never Invited The Messenger to come to me. When he did, I never Invited him to come back.’*

At the time of this First Visitation (February 4, 1927), Otto Fetting was a mature man of 55 years of age. Besides giving much time and money to The Church of his affiliation, he had massed a considerable fortune in the business world. He owned farms and properties from Alberta, Canada to The State of Florida. He had cause to be built some 250 dwellings which he sold for \$50.00 down and small monthly payments. He had a reputation of Honesty which would be hard to surpass. He had no time, need, or inclination, to dream up some deception with the idea of gaining prominence or financial gain. He wasn’t exactly happy to entertain This Heavenly Being or shoulder the responsibility and persecution which always follows such an event, in other ages.

His first emotion was one of anger as he was slapped so hard by This Messenger as he was dozing, or as he wrote, about to doze in his chair. Otto Fetting was an athlete in his early manhood. Nevertheless the Angel’s slap jarred him—the pain was felt for days afterwards. This was not a dream. Christ told His Disciples, **‘You have not Chosen Me, I have Chosen you . . .’**

Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson.

Study Class

1:30 p.m.

Services opened by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson, Opening Song, *‘Jesus’*,

Jesus'. Open Prayer by Brother Richard Johnson

Lesson for today is a continuation of The Early Church History prior to The Coming of The Messenger. Refer to this morning Priesthood Meeting for lesson discussed.

Closing Prayer by Brother Bishop Matthew Thompson. (2::00 p.m.)

Preaching Service

2:30 p.m.

Services opened by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. Opening Song, 'Let Us Pray For One Another'. Sister Marianna Johnson Chorister. Opening Prayer by Brother Richard Johnson. Brother Richard Johnson then introduced the speaker of the hour, requesting our undivided attention for **Brother Apostle Donald Thompson of Missouri.**

Good afternoon. It is always Good to come together. Each one of us can be doing something for The Lord.

I would like to start with some Scriptures.:

Message 82: 7-21. **'Remember the day comes when there will be no more evil in all The Land of God's People. For Peace and Tranquility will be Serene there.**

Where are those with Patience that Believe in God's Words and Plan?

Blessed are all those that Defend This Cause Believing all The Words I bring. Truth shall Live and bring to naught all error. Shape you Lives by The Words I bring to you and it will be well with you.

There are those that are traitors to This Work, they have no part in The Work of The Lord.

Teach Diligently The Doctrine of The Gospel of Christ Jesus. Let your conversations be in Humility, for this shall be your Power in winning your brother—whose mind is in the dark.

Those that speak lightly of My Coming and of The Words I bring have lost The Spirit of God and of This Work of Salvation. Satan has sought to have them, Save all that you can.

Oh! That they would repent and Heed The Words I bring and The Still Small Voice of The Lord. Defend This Cause for it is, that mankind may be Lifted from The Curse.

Behold! The Lord will Speak in Greater Power—would mankind Heed, that he may be Filled and find Life and Light in Living, yea, and come forth in The Resurrection of The Lord's Calling?

They that Reject my words and Heed not, already they are without The Authority of This Work.

How Great a Work could be accomplished if all would be Humble and Obedient with no jealousy, envy or strife. Doubts enter, then bitterness and hard feelings, then they oppose This Work and seek to destroy you and The Message I bring, The Way of Peace and Blessings for The Obedient.

Peace like a River of Pure Waters will flow to all The Faithful that Heed and Obey. Give to them The Words I bring. Let Gladness and Peace in God be in your Hearts and the oppressors will fade away.

Seek to Save. Seek to remove the doubts, lest it destroy the doubter.

Some will Rejoice to know I have come. I come not to another, but I come to you and have come. This is your work

to take The message and give it to The Church. Many will accept it, some will reject it, some will blaspheme and destroy their Usefulness and Service to God in His Planning.

Man cannot lift himself without The Spirit. He will fail. With The Lord's Powers, Great Things will be accomplished everywhere and Peace shall be there.

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

Sermon Notes

The Tree Of Life

Apostle Donald Thompson, Missouri

I would like to talk about 'The Tree of Life', 'Eternal Life, Eternal and Eternity'.

To a five-year old, it seemed so easy. He helped his parents dig a hole in the ground into which his dad placed the root ball. Mom and he covered the area around the base of the thin trunk with dirt. Everyone stood back to admire the addition to their backyard landscaping. Then the boy asked to call his grandparents. He wanted to tell them he had planted an apple tree and he was now ready to hang the apples on it! Instant apple tree! Just add water . . . or in this case, apples. But as you and I know, it is not quite that easy, *is it?*

Another family, Another yard. Another dad. This man bought 25 apples trees for his family's acreage. Four years later, all but one of the trees finally begun to bear fruit. The orchard keeper Loved caring for the trees and picking the apples. He did it

for a dozen years.

One summer he decided to visit a nearby orchard to ask about the tree that had never born a single apple. The horticulturalist there explained the mystery. When orchard workers till the ground around the trees, they make sure to hit the trees' trunk until they weep-until the sap runs from them. Apple trees must be wounded and 'weep' before they can produce fruit.

The man went home and drove a 16-penny nail through his barren tree until the sap flowed from the wound. The next year that one tree bore more fruit than all 24 others combined. That tree had 12 years of fruit-bearing potential locked up inside, yet none of it could be released until the tree had been wounded.

Do wounds mark your life? The pain of suffering those wounds have caused you to have deep, deep roots. Those roots have grown all the way down into the soil of the garden you and I know as Eden. You likely know the story from Genesis 2:3. The Creation of the tree, the Command regarding the tree, the tempter lurking in the tree, and the people standing at the base of the tree listening to the temptation. And, finally, the bite those people each took from the tree's fruit.

Adam and Eve's disobedience left wounds on every single person who would at any moment in history plant their feet on God's Created earth. Well, not on all people. All but one-the One Named Jesus Christ. The Heavenly Father came down as The Son to take the sins of the entire world upon Himself. He did this in order to bring complete Healing to you, to me, to all who would Believe in Jesus as their Savior. In Jesus, we have Forgiveness for all our sins and The Gift of Eternal Life-right now as

we Live here on earth. 'The Gift of God' is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:23).

One day, we will experience that Life, that Healing, that Glorious Rescue in The Banqueting Halls of Heaven.

Yes, 'His Story' Jesus' Story-which has through Faith become our story-also involves a tree. That tree Rose up from the ground, taking The Shape of a Cross. NO one drove 16-penny nails into tree; Roman soldiers drove spikes into it, spikes that also pierced through The Flesh of the One Named Jesus. While the severity and gruesomeness of our Lord's Wounds makes our eyes turn and weep still today, those Wounds also continues to pierce Hearts and turn Lives toward The Savior in Repentance and Faith. Yes, The Tree of Christ's Cross bore Blessed Fruit.

That Fruit is personal. Because of what happened on The Cross, God has brought Blessing upon Blessing into your Life, and mine. God has Poured out His Grace upon each of us, and He now Considers you His Beloved Child, an Heir of Heaven's Incredible Beauty and Glory.

Man of Faith, The Holy Spirit has Plans for you! He has Planted you in the fertile, wee-watered Soil of God's Love. He is Growing you into a 'Mighty Tree', a Tree that provides Shelter, Stability, and Hope to others whose Lives are battered by the fierce storms Life often brings.

Listen to The Words The Prophet Jeremiah uses to describe you. **'Blessed is the man that Trusted in The Lord, and whose Hope The Lord is. For he shall be as a Tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river'** (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

On a Tree Jesus gave His Life for

each of us. In turn, He gives all The Faith-Filled a Blessed Life.

Blessed are you, Man of God, whom The Lord has Planted in His Kingdom. You draw up The Living Waters your Savior Promised you as you sink your roots deep into The Soil of His Word. You receive Nourishment through His Presence and Promises. Blessed are you, whom your Savior Protects, even during the weeping days of drought and pain. Blessed are you, Man of God, as you place your Spirit-Created Faith in the One who gave His Life on a Tree, The Tree of The Cross.

In Greek thought Eternity indicates timelessness, a state qualitatively different from time.

If we are to be True to Biblical Thought, however it is probably more Accurate to Conceive of Eternity as an endless span of time. The Fourth Gospel Teaches us that whoso eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood hath Eternal Life (John 6:54). Obviously this does not mean that Christians are exempted from physical death but that The New Relationship to Christ is such that it is not Affected by temporal boundaries of Life.

God is Spoken of as Eternal, in that He is Absolute Lord over time and is in no way bound by it (Psalms 90:4). Frequently The Hebrew and Greek words which are translated Eternal simply indicates the unknown length of a Lifetime or any indefinite span of time.

John 6:38-40, **'I Came down from Heaven, not to do Mine Own Will, but The Will of Him that Sent Me.'**

And this is The Father's Will which hath Sent Me, that of all which He hath Given Me I should lose nothing, but

should Raise it up again at the last day.

And this is The Will of Him that Sent Me, that everyone which Seeth The Son, and Believeth on Him, may have Everlasting Life: and I will Raise him up at the last day.'

John 6:47, 'Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that Believeth on Me hath Everlasting Life.'

Romans 6:22-23, 'But now being made free from sin, and become Servants to God, ye have your Fruit unto Holiness, and The End Everlasting Life. For the wages of sin is death;

But The Gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

Titus 1: 1-7, 'Paul, a Servant of God, and an Apostle of Jesus Christ, According to The Faith of God's Elect, and The Acknowledging of The Truth which is after Godliness;

In Hope of Eternal Life, which God, that cannot lie, Promised before the world began.

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

But after that The Kindness and Love of God our Savior toward man Appeared,

Not by Works of Righteousness which we have done, but According to His Mercy He Saved us, by The Washing of regeneration, and Renewing of The Holy Ghost;

Which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior;

That being Justified by His Grace, we should be made Heirs According to The Hope of Eternal Life.'

Message 35:4, 'To those who have not Covenanted with Me, This is The Way that shall Lead you to Life Eternal.'

Message 41: 8, 13, 'Let all Come in by The Door, and Humble themselves before God. For This is The Way that Leadeth to Life Eternal for all who Endure to the end. Hold High The Standard of Truth, The Ensign of The Love of God for man . . .

Reject not My Words, Quench not My Spirit. Let all the erring Repent. Teach men to Come Partake of The Tree of Life. Enter in at The Strait Gate, Abide in The Way which is Narrow and Endure unto the end that ye may Obtain Eternal Life, Saith your Lord. For I Am He who Speaketh. Bring your Sacrifices of a Broken Heart. Repent in a Contrite Spirit.'

Message 42:5, 'Contend with no man, only for The Truth. Remember The Lord Jesus who Intercedes to The Father for mankind that He shall Draw all who will Come unto Life Eternal.'

Message 49:3, 'Behold, Saith The Lord, The Field is White already and The Harvest is Ripe. Let those that will, Come unto Me that they all my Obtain Life and Obtain it more Abundantly. Yea, whosoever will Thrust in their Sickle to Reap is doing My Will, and if they Endure to the end the same shall Obtain My Gift, even The Gift of Eternal Life.'

Message 52:4, 'But to The Faithful, thus Saith The Lord, Harken! Ye, My Servants, Arise to your Calling. Oh, I have Plead! Few have heard. If you Believe in God, Believe also in Me, for it is My Words that shall Judge you in the

end, for I Am The Eternal One!

Message 55:10, 'Preach Repentance and Baptism that mankind might find Life Eternal in The Way of The Lord. Let The Hands be laid on all.'

Message 56:11, '. . . Enter in at The Strait Gate, Abide and Endure unto the end that ye may Obtain Life Eternal.'

Message 62:4, 'Thus Saith The Lord, O Israel wilt thou Come Forth that you might be Delivered? I have Called thee. I have Named thee. I have Chosen thee. I Am The Great High Priest. I Am He who scattered thee and I Am He who shall Deliver-who shall gather. I will Bring

Back all the outcast, moreover all those that are dispersed. Learn ye My Ways and Come unto Me and Life Eternal shall be your Reward.'

Message 64:21, 'I am to Direct in all Things of The Work of The Lord, I am to Bring The Instructions that The Spirit of God may Lead men to Righteousness and Life Eternal. His Sheep shall Know His Voice.'

Message 83:21, 'Those that are Covenant breakers, turn away from and those that count My Words and This Work as evil. Let them alone. Thus Saith The Lord, They Know not My Gospel, for I Am The Lord and Savior. I Only Am The Eternal God.'

Message 84:36, 'The ideals in man's Heart will fade away. The Great Truth and The Church in Her Bright Garments must Shine and Stand forth. This is Light and Truth that Jesus is The Christ, The Eternal God.'

Message 85: 9, 14, 'Miracles are for Witness and Proof of God's Power. Yet it is only God's Flow and Power to His own

and all that will be His of all nations, color and kind through The Gospel of Salvation of Christ Jesus, The Everlasting and Eternal One . . .

The Lord Rested in the hands of evil men and they Caused to be brought about The Plan of God-Redemption and The Resurrection of Himself to an Example of Life Eternal. For all mankind, Resurrection, but to many a ransom to all that Hear and Obey-Enduring to the end that they might be Saved.'

Message 88:15, 'Mankind shall Live by every Word that Proceedeth out of The Mouth of God, The Very Eternal Christ The Lord and Maker of all. He Cometh down with Power in His Word.'

Message 97:3, 'The Authority is Given that This Work Move on and Salvation be Preached in and through The Atoning Blood of Jesus Christ, His Resurrection and Eternal Living: His Coming again to Reign with mankind.'

1 John 2:23-25, 'Whosoever denieth The Son, the same hath not The Father: But he that Acknowledgeth The Son hath The Father also.'

Let that therefore Abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in The Son, and in The Father.

And this is The Promise that He hath Promised us, even Eternal Life.'

Message 59: 10-11,18, 'The Lord is The Resurrection and The Life. He that Believeth on Him and Obeys His Will shall have Right to The Tree of Life and to Eternity, and in them shall be seen The Glory of God. For Christ Came to Re-deem and to Provide The Way. Therefore, I Come to Point The Way and

that *The Church of Christ, The Lamb's Bride, may be Prepared to meet Him when He Comes, when all men will Live to Serve The Lord, that The Millennium Reign shall be. And The Great Day of The Lord shall Come, when all the earth shall Rejoice and be Glad for a New Heaven and a new earth shall be in The Lord's Planning.*

This is The Way for mankind to find Eternal Peace, to Endure to The End . . .

This is The Lord's Work and I am His Messenger sent to bring The Warning. *Will mankind Heed it that their feet may be Guided in The Way of Peace and away from the shadow of death out of confusion and darkness into Life Eternal?'*

So God tells us if we Believeth on Him and Obey His Will, we shall have Right to The Tree of Life and to Eternity.

We all have our own Walk with The Lord, let us try to Obey His Will, that we might be a Blessing to our Lord, and those around us.

May God Bless you all!

Prayer And Testimony Service

3:00 p.m.

*Brother Richard Johnson, Iowa
Apostle Donald Thompson, Missouri*

Donald Thompson, Missouri: I Thank The Lord what God has done in my Life. I Thank Him for my wife, my family and my Church family that are Believers in This Church. We are on The Right Tract. I have Witness a few Miracles in my Life. We need to put God first in our Lives. It is easy to get caught up in worldly things. I talk to

The Lord every day. I am Thankful that God looks only on the heart. I know that at times our words may seem harsh, and they can hurt more than any physical hurt. We need to watch out for satan. I Hope that we all can Endure to the end and be with our Lord. I didn't have the zeal to be here at The Assembly this year. I asked God to get rid of this feeling in me that I might be of some use to Him in This Assembly. I am Encouraged much and God got rid of that feeling. I am weak because of my health, but God has given me strength. I Thank Him for that. Remember to Pray for all The Church People.. There are Good Works being done over the seas. Thank you. I Love you all.

Administration

Brother Apostle Richard Johnson placed The Holy Oil upon **Brother Richard Segal** and gave The Prayer of Faith, assisted by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson.

Jessie Rowlen, Missouri: I am Thankful for my family. I have Learned a lot from them. I Love you all. Pray for me and my family.

Tammy Thompson, Missouri: I worked with the children yesterday. It was such a Great Blessing. I had only five children, but they helped each other. We had a Good Discussion on things. They are such a Blessing, even ten fold. Two months after I got my van, a man backed into me, damaging the front of the van. He said that he would take care of it. I did get my head light fixed. I didn't want a Blessing of mine be someone else hurt. So I told him not to worry about fixing my van. I know that it made me a better person. I am

Thankful for being here. I would like to read Message 103:24:

‘Remember, there are thousands whose hearts are tender, who are looking for ‘The Word of The Lord’, who will be glad to Receive The Message; take to them The Gospel of Love.’

We can not see what is in people’s hearts. We need to take This Message to them with Love, like The Message speaks of. See what we have! I Love you all, I Love The Assembly. Pray for us and I will Pray for you.

Oladawn Thompson, Missouri: I remember coming to The Assembly with Sister Mable Wilson. We would talk and sing to pass the time. I enjoyed that so very much. She gave my She once gave my kids \$1.00 each. I kept those checks. Another memory, we were in Church and The Minister was Filled with The Holy Ghost. As The Minister got loud, Matthew (two years old) said, *‘I don’t want that old Holy Ghost’*. Then another memory, We were living in a trailer in Saint Joseph, Missouri, and I dreamed that my children burnt up in a fire in the trailer and they wouldn’t let me go back in to save them. I was filled with great fear. Shortly after, Sister Mabel Wilson wrote me a letter, she said to me, *‘Satan wants to trouble your Life.’* I went to Dad and we Prayed. Dad said to me that I was not allowing God to work with me, and that satan wants to hurt me. We Prayed again and I was Healed, because of my Father’s Faith. I was Administered to and I felt at Peace. I Love The Blessed Oil. When I was weak, others were not. I Praise The Lord. Thank you. I Love yo all.

Marianna Johnson, Missouri: I Love to be around my father. I Loved the mountains. I always did what my father said to

me. He always tried to mode me. After High School I got a nice job. I was very happy, I even sung in Church Choir. My Life was Good. The Branch I attended in The RLDS Church was Good. I was also a delegate to Conference so I came by train to Independence. I went to Lamoni and checked out the collage there. I did so and then went back home. Two weeks later my Dad told me I must to go to College. So I went to College in Lamoni, Iowa and I mwt Merv and became part of The Work.

Administrations

Brother Apostles Richard Johnson and Brother Apostle Donald Thompson Administer to The following:

Betty Sega of California and **Kristal Wetzer of Missouri** was administer to by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson, assisted by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. **Ellen Draves of Missouri** administer by Brother Apostle Leonard Draves and Brother Apostle Richard Johnson, assisted by Brother Bishop Matthew Thompson and Brother Apostle Donald Thompson.

Jessie Rowlen, Missouri: I have a friend that need Prayers for his bad back. His name is Ed Gordon. Thank you.

Brother Apostle Richard Johnson gave a *Special Prayer for Ed Gordon*.

Closing Prayer by Brother Bishop Matthew Thompson.

Preaching Service

7:00 p.m.

Services opened by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves. Opening Song a Special by River Thompson on the piano, *‘Tell me The Story of Jesus’* Opening Prayer by Brother Leonard Drave. Second Song by

Brother Elder Richard Sega on his guitar, 'Classical Back'

Brother Leonard then Introduced the Speaker of the evening, **Brother Apostle Richard Johnson of Iowa.**

Thank your Brother Leonard. I am Thankful to be able to speak to you this evening.

Sermon Notes

Doors and Gates And Porters

Psalm 118:19-20, **'Open to Me The Gates of Righteousness: I will go into them, and I will Praise The Lord:**

This Gate of The Lord, into which The Righteous shall Enter'.

Message 101:7, **'Let Repentance and Faith be Taught and Remission of sins through The Atoning Blood of Jesus Christ, with Authoritative Baptisms I bring'.**

Message 104:1,6, **'... Deliverance is found only in The Teachings of Christ. Only through His Atoning Blood can Mankind find Remission of sins through Obedience to The Gospel ...**

Through Faith, Repentance and The Baptisms, The Deliverance will be upon you'.

My purpose today is two-fold as always. I want to Strengthen your Faith in Christ and His Gospel and to give Reason for our Faith in *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message*, where His Gospel is found today. To that end I try to follow The Lord's Instructions He gives in: Message, 82:18, **'Seek to Save. Seek to remove the doubts, lest it destroy the doubter'.**

Last time I spoke about how The Messenger Strengthening Brother Fetting's

Faith with 11th Chapter of Hebrews in The 8th Message. When others stepped back from Believing him and The Messages he moved forward through The Door of Faith (an open door) doing what The Lord asked of him. Acts 14 Speaks of God opening a Door of Faith to The Kingdom of God. I included some Scriptures about *Doors, Gates, and Porters*. Afterwards I felt I needed to talk some more about this so today we will be Searching and Learning about *Doors, Gates, and Porters*.

1. Door: A door can be a **means of approach, admittance, or access** or any Gateway marking an entrance or exit from one place or state to another

2 Gate can be a **barrier to be opened** or closed to a fence, wall or enclosure. It can be a means of access or entrance. Archaic or older use: a path; a way. You can see that they are the same basically.

3. A **Porter is the one in charge** of an entry or exit, an opening, or a passage, a place of entry or departure. He is the keeper of a passage through a gate or door-a gate keeper.

In reviewing quickly for those who were not here I had used The Parable in Mark 13:34. **'For The Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave Authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded The Porter to watch'.**

2 Chronicles 23:19 tells us that God set Porters at The Gates of The House of The Lord, that none which was unclean in any thing should enter in.

These Porters were Priests and under The First Covenant or Testament with Israel. They and the people were also sprinkled with blood by Moses to Sanctify and Purify them saying: This is The Blood of

The Testament which God hath Enjoined unto you. (Hebrews 9:19-22)

In Message. 6:5, **‘The Lord said: ‘And inasmuch as My People build an House unto Me, in The Name of The Lord, and do not suffer any unclean thing to come into it, that it be not defiled, My Glory shall Rest upon it, and My Presence shall be there, for I will Come into it, and all The Pure in Heart that shall Come into it, shall see God; but if it be defiled I will not Come into it, and My Glory shall not be there, for I will not Come into unholy temples’.** (Comment: It looks here like the people could be compared to The Porters found in 2Chronicles.)

Today in The Full Assurance of Faith our Hearts are sprinkled from an evil conscience and washed with Pure Water through The Everlasting Covenant of The Blood of our Lord Jesus that Great Shepherd of The Sheep. (Hebrews 13:20, 10:22, 9:14) In Revelation 1:5-6 it says that He Loved us, and Washed us from our sins in His own Blood and hath made us Priests unto God and His Father. Finish reading Hebrews 9:23-28. We see a Purified and Sanctified Priesthood and People of The New Covenant. Also 1Peter 2:5: **‘Ye also, as lively stones are built up a Spiritual House, an Holy Priesthood, to offer up Spiritual Sacrifices, Acceptable to God by Jesus Christ’.**

Then I quoted 2nd Nephi 9:41, **‘Who told the people that The Keeper of The Gate is The Holy One of Israel; and He Employeth no servant there; and there is none other Way, Save it be by The Gate, for He cannot be deceived; for The Lord God is His Name. He said that The Way for man is narrow, but it is a Straight Path that is Righteous’.**

Employeth or employ: to engage or make use of the services of (a person) in return for money; to hire; the state or fact of being employed for wages or a salary. (A hireling)

Nephi also explains we must be willing to take upon us The Name of Christ in.

2 Nephi 31, **‘He Teaches about The Atonement and then says The Gate or Door by which ye should enter is Repentance, and Baptism by Water; and then Cometh a Remission of your sins by Fire and by The Holy Ghost. Then you are in this Straight and Narrow Path which Leads to Eternal Life having entered in by The Gate. You must continue with Unshaken Faith in Christ Enduring in that Faith to the end. Then you shall have Eternal Life.’**

If The Holy One of Israel is The Keeper of The Gate then it follows that He is also The Porter.

I Believe what Nephi is explaining is what Jesus Revealed in The Parable he gave in John 10. If that is True then we have some issues to reconcile with what Nephi said about The Gate or Door. In John 10 Jesus says He is The Good Sheppard of The Sheep and that He is The Door of The Sheep and they must Enter by The Door. Nephi said The Gate or Door is Repentance and Baptism and The Holy One of Israel is The Keeper of it.

This Parable was given for the benefit of The Pharisees and Scribes because many of them had flocks of sheep that were enclosed at night in a sheepfold or sheep pen to protect them from predators and thieves. The wealthier owners hired a Porter to open and close the entrance at night and in the morning to protect them. The chief Shepherd or owner of the sheep led them in at

night and out in the morning to pasture them. To Him the hired Porter opened the door and the sheep knew the voice of their Sheppard who often gave them names and would call them out. The Porter usually slept in the opening or way into the sheep pen to protect them from robbers or thieves. This is what the first five verses of The Parable is explaining.

Let's continue with verses 7-17,30, Then said Jesus unto them again, **'Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am The Door of The Sheep.**

All that ever came before Me are thieves and robbers: but The Sheep did not hear them.

I am The Door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be Saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am Come that they might have Life, and that they might have it more Abundantly.

I am The Good Shepherd: The Good Shepherd giveth His Life for The Sheep.

But he that is an hireling, and not The Shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

I am The Good Shepherd, and know My Sheep, and am Known of Mine.

As The Father Knoweth Me, even so Know I The Father: and I lay down My Life for The Sheep.

And Other Sheep I have, which are not of This Fold: them also I must Bring, and they shall Hear My Voice; and there shall be One Fold, and One Shepherd.

Therefore doth My Father Love Me,

because I Lay Down My Life, that I Might take it again.

No man taketh it from Me, but I Lay it down of Myself. I have Power to Lay it down, and I have Power to take it again.

This Commandment have I Received of My Father . . .

I and My Father are One'.

In verse seven Jesus while making The Point that He is The Door of The Sheep and in Verse 11 gives His Life (Life) for The Sheep (The Life of The Sheep), He Points out that **a hireling** is not The True Shepherd but seeing the wolf coming flees because he is a hireling. Verse 15, and I Lay down My Life for The Sheep. Verse 17, I Lay down My Life, that I might take it again.

Three times Jesus makes The Point that He is Laying down His Life for The Sheep. He makes The Point as The Father Knoweth Me, even so know I The Father and says I and My Father are One. No man taketh it from Me, but I Lay it down of Myself. I have Power to Lay it down, and I have Power to take it again. This Commandment have I Received of My Father.

We can see that Jesus gives His life/Blood that we might have Life. By The Power of The Heavenly Father that is The Holy Spirit He became The Door to Life through His Death and Resurrection. This Power makes Him The Keeper of The Door and The Gate to Eternal Life and they are One God. (John 1:1-14) He had Power to Lay down His Life and to take it again. Remember what is written in Leviticus 17:11, **'Life is in The Blood and makes Atonement for The Soul'.**

Now we should be starting to get the picture but we still need to know how The Life, Death and Blood of Jesus is The Door

and Baptism is also The Gate?

Paul explains with his words in Romans 6:3-5, **‘Know ye not, that so many of us as were Baptized into Jesus Christ were Baptized into His Death? Therefore we are Buried with Him by Baptism into Death: that like as Christ was Raised up from The Dead by The Glory of The Father, even so we also should Walk in Newness of Life. For if we have been planted together in The Likeness of His Death, we shall be also in The Likeness of His Resurrection:**

Are we not then Baptized into Christ taking His Name and therefore into His Blood and its Atonement for The Souls of men and His resurrection symbolically? The blood of Christ is not literally applied to us but it is spiritually through the baptism of water and of the Holy Spirit and is compared to the sprinkling of blood for cleansing of sin. Wouldn't this make the gates of the baptisms the Way of entering the door of Christ's death and resurrection?

Message 92, **‘Follow The Pattern. Let all that Come This Way be Baptized into One Spirit’.**

In John 3:5 Jesus answered Nicodemus' question about being Born again saying, **‘Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be Born of Water and of The Spirit, he cannot Enter into The Kingdom of God’.**

Message 104:1, **‘. . . Deliverance is found only in The Teachings of Christ. Only through His Atoning Blood can mankind find Remission of sins through Obedience to The Gospel’.**

Hear what Jesus said: **‘For this is My Blood of The New Testament, which is shed for many for The Remission of**

sins’ (Matthew 26:28).

What is said of The New Covenant is also said of The New Testament. For instance:

1. Jesus:. Mediated The New Covenant (diatheke)—Hebrews 12:24.
 - b. Mediated The New Testament (diatheke) - Hebrews 9:15.
2. The Blood of Christ:
 - a. Dedicated The New Covenant - Hebrews 12:24.
 - b. Dedicated The New Testament - Hebrews 9:14-16, 17-22.

The Book of Hebrews describes Jesus as The Mediator of The New Testament with His Blood, and who through The Eternal Spirit offered Himself without Spot to God that we might Receive The Promise of Eternal Inheritance. (Hebrews 9:14-15). Mediator is one who Intervenes between two parties

He is The Testator, and His Testament or Will is now in force through His Death (Hebrews 9:16-17). When a sinner meets the terms of His Will, he obtains an Eternal Inheritance (Hebrews 9:15).

There are essentially two types of Covenants. A Covenant which is made between equals is called a *‘Parity Covenant’*. Obviously, since man and God are not equals, this is not the sort of Covenant which exists between God and man. God's Covenants with man are not parity Covenants, they are *‘Vassal Covenants’*. Man does not stand in a position of strength or power before God. Rather, we are those who have been overcome by sin, and God in His Mercy has Established a Covenant which will Bless us when we, by Faith, Obey His Word and Will. Man does not validate God's Covenant so as to make it effective. God's Covenant is Binding from

the point at which He Commands it.

Psalm 111:9 describes this as the type of Covenant God makes with man: ***'He sent Redemption unto His People; He hath Commanded His Covenant forever: Holy and Reverend is His Name.'***

He Validates His Covenant with us sending The Holy Spirit when we exercise our Faith in Him and His Commandment of Repentance Confessing our sins and being Baptized into Christ. Faith Requires us to do The Commandments. Abraham's Faith was counted as Righteousness following his Act of Obedience to The Commandment.

Covenants can be entered into either by individuals or by groups of people such as families, tribes, clans, etc. When a group of people are Prepared to Enter into a Blood Covenant with another group or individual, they will select a man from among them to 'Represent' them in The Covenant making. This person becomes the 'Substitute' for the entire group. The Representative had to be of the same Blood as the family, or group, he was Representing and was Known as 'The Guarantor of The Covenant'. When The Representative enters into a Blood-Covenant with another, the people he Represents are said to be ***'in him'***, or they are ***'in'*** the person doing The Representing because he is Acting on their behalf as a 'Substitute' for them. The Substitute has perfectly ***'Identified'*** with the group he Represents; therefore, the group and 'The Guarantor' are Acting and Speaking ***'as one'*** in The Covenant making Process. With His Blood as The Son of Man (Flesh and Blood) he is our Representative for us making a Blood Covenant with The Father. Jesus Shed His Blood 'For The Remission of sins,' Peter told us how to Receive Re-

mission of sins.

'Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be Baptized every one of you in The Name of Jesus Christ for The Remission of sins, and ye shall Receive The Gift of The Holy Spirit' (Acts 2: 38).

In Acts 22:16 Jesus had sent Paul to His Servant Ananias who would tell him what he should do. He said ***'Why are you waiting? Arise, and be Baptized and Wash away thy sins'***.

Now we can see that Jesus is The Door to The Kingdom of Heaven through The Atonement of His Blood and by His Holy Spirit He holds The Power and Authority of The Holy Priesthood of God giving him The Authority of The Porter to Open or Close it. Holding The Keys as Keeper of The Gate. He Requires our Enduring Faith in His Atonement while being Baptized for its Remission of sins We have Entered and have Right to The Mercy of God's Everlasting Covenant and His Testament Sealed and Confirmed by our Baptism of The Holy Ghost.

Having gained this Understanding let return to The Parable Jesus gave about His going away.

What are the implications of that for The Sheep when He Leaves them?

So Christ, when He Ascended on High, went to Heaven, The Land afar off; He Left His House, His Church and His Sheep in The Care of His Apostles, and gave them Authority to Govern it, According to The Laws, Rules, and Directions Prescribed by Him; and Assigned every man his Particular Work, for which he gave him Proper Gifts and The Porter was Commanded to Watch or be Vigilant.

What was he watching for?

In this Parable Jesus was Answering

His Disciple's Questions about how they would know The Time of His Second Coming. He gave them Signs to Watch-told them to Heed them and Watch and Pray that they might be Ready. He told them of that Day and that Hour knoweth no man, no, not The Angels which are in Heaven, neither The Son, but The Father.

This means that The Son of God being in The Flesh as The son of Man (Flesh and Blood like themselves at that time was not given to Know or to Reveal it. The Father Holding The Power and Knowledge of all Things and is Spirit knew what was not yet to be Revealed. Watch and Pray are The Key Words here for that day to Come when He is Revealed from Heaven.

Message 59:23, **'The Days of Judgments are upon all men and a Way of Deliverance for The Just shall be. Watch against The Days to come. Pray Always'**.

Message 64:13, **'Keep Holy The Sacred Rites of The Lord. Defile them not. Let not The Plan be Changed'**.

1 Peter 4:7, **'The End of all things are at hand, be ye therefore Sober and Watch unto Prayer'**.

In 3:13-19 Mark Records Jesus' Selection of The Twelve when He Ordained them to go Forth to Preach having Power to Heal Sicknesses and to Cast out devils.

John 1:29-35 tells us they were Disciples of John The Baptist who God had sent to Prepare The Way for Christ. John would have Baptized them with the rest of Judea. He also Baptized Jesus and Witnessed His Anointing of The Holy Spirit saying The Lamb of God would also Baptize them with The Holy Spirit. John Testified to The Questioning Rabbi that God did not measure The Spirit given unto Jesus.-John 3:34.

Matthew 28:16-20, **'Before departing**

Christ tells them He is Given all Power in Heaven and in earth. He Commissioned them to Teach, Baptizing all nations that they might Observe all things whatsoever He had Commanded them. Luke wrote that He told them to Preach Repentance and Remission of sins in His Name among the nations as Witnesses of these things beginning at Jerusalem waiting there to be Endued with Power from on High. He Lifted up His Hands and Blessed them.

Question: *What is This Power from on High?* My answer: it is The Greater Power of The Priesthood Authority of God and of The Son of God that would Flow to them from Heaven. Jesus gave The Opening for it with The Blessing of His Hands.

The Apostles had Authority before but not yet The Greater Power spoken off.

Remember He was going Away. The Keeper of The Gate and The Door was going Away from them but The Presence of His Spirit and Authority was Promised to Come and Baptize them with Power from on High and to Comfort them with His Love. In my King James Version the word Authority is foot noted with the reference in Matthew 16:15-19 to The Keys of The Kingdom of Heaven.

Perhaps The Porter in The Parable in Mark who was told to Watch for the time of His Return in His Absence are the people who are The Members in Particular of The Body of Christ being built up a Spiritual House, an Holy Priesthood given a Trust like The Porters of old. With John 10, I said by The Power of Holy Spirit Jesus was The Porter. Because we Represent The Body of Christ and Members in Particular are we not The Temple of His Spirit being in Him and He is in us by being Baptized into One Spirit. By His Revealing Spirit

there is Power to Open and Close when we Watch and Pray. By His Spirit He has sent among us He is still The Keeper of The Gate. Another way of saying it to go along with John 10 and Nephi would be His Sheep know The Voice of The Good Shepherd who is The Keeper of The Gate and if we Watch and Pray Keeping Sacred The Holy Rites then by His Spirit He Will Allow nothing to Defile The Way of The Lord.

Message 72:10-11, **‘Choose The Clean, Upright and The Faithful, that The Sacred Work will not be defiled.**

Fear not when evil arises; Act in your Place and Calling, and put it from your midst. For unto those who Qualify is Given Power over unclean and unholy spirits-those whom The Lord Calls and are Touched with His Spirit. The Hand of Power and Trust are His . . .’ (Read Message 116: 5-11)

Message 84:26. **‘Behold! The Work is in The Hands of The Faithful. I give Charge that you see that it is Directed Humbly and in Love. That which you bind on earth will be bound in Heaven’.**

Message 91:26., **‘Go Forth, Swing Wide The Gates, Step Forward and The Way will Divide’.**

Message 93:66, **‘I will put My Spirit upon him (Israel) and it shall be upon all those that Hear and Obey This Way. As you Swing Wide The Gate, let My People Come’.**

Message 112:14, **‘Before you Stands an Open Door, (The Door of Faith.) move onward through it. Go Forth, Swing Wide The Gate. Pray much and The Way will Open. Let all Learn This Way. Take Courage. Keep The Vigilance. The Lord will Comfort all that Come unto**

Him. Be Humble, be not troubled, be Overcomers in The Lord's Way’.

Rev.3:7...He that hath the key of David, He that openeth; and no man shutteth; and shutteth and no man openeth. (The Key of David is a term found in Revelation and Isa 22:22 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

A key indicates control or authority; therefore, having the Key of David would give one control of David's domain, i.e., Jerusalem, the City of David, and the kingdom of Israel and was promised to the Messiah in both the Old and New Testaments (Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:31-33).

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isa 9:7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.

Luke 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name. Jesus.³² He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: ³³ And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Now we will look at Matt.16:15-19. We can see that God revealed to Peter that Jesus was the Christ the Son of the living God. Not by the Power of flesh and blood

but by the revealing power of the Father in heaven the creator of all things that is the Spirit and Power of God. (Not by human might or power but by my Spirit sayeth the Lord Almighty to Zachariah in 4:6.)

The New Testament speaks around 100 times of power – but the word we translate as power there refers not to the strength of men and women, but to the almighty power of the almighty God. And when Jesus promised to his disciples “power from on high” THAT is the kind of power He was talking about. The Greek word in question is *dunamis* and from that root we get two significant English words. The first is *dynamo* – which generates electrical power. The second is *dynamite* – the explosive. Jesus promises to give his disciples the power of the Holy Spirit, *dunamis* that is the Power of Life. I have heard Brother Leonard describe feeling something like a shock when the spirit reveals some ones calling to him.

The Lord told Peter that upon this rock I will build my church. (Christ the rock that brought forth Water/Spirit in the wilderness.) and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19th verse: And I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Msg.37:4. `Behold,' saith the Lord, `Those that have and will profess My Name and diligently seek Me, yea, I will open and no man will close the door before thee, for I will give unto thee power to overcome, and he that overcometh shall have right to the Tree of Life, to eternity.

Msg.48:11. Behold! I have sent My Spirit among you and opened the gate, even

designing your deliverance and a Way of Preparation.

Let's turn to the eighty fourth message verse eight with the first two sentences

The angel Messenger said: I bring the authority and trust. **I give the opening of the Way for the flow of God to come unto mankind.**

Of Course the word opening caught my attention in this message.

Because he brings and gives something for us it must be a gift that we need and God wants us to have.

Then he documents what he has given.

I have given the Holy Priesthood after the order of God, after the order of His Son. This authority was given and relayed on unto the Church and the ministry of The Church of Christ, the Church with my Message, the Elijah Message, ordained in 1829 upon the heads of Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and reiterated a hundred years later to Otto Fetting, an apostle in the remnant the Lord had preserved on the Temple Lot.

We can conclude that with the Holy Priesthood Authority he opens the Assured Way for God's Love and Spirit to flow to us that was closed. When was it closed? When the man child was caught up to heaven and the church fled into the wilderness.

The meaning of the word translated wilderness here is used to describe a flock deserted by the shepherd; a woman neglected by her husband or from whom the husband withholds himself.

The apostle was told of things which must be hereafter in Rev.4:1. It was many years since Christ ascended to heaven and the Power of Pentecost was revealed. Rev.12 is a picture of what would happen

to the church/Israel. Christ would remain in heaven until it was restored by the one He told them would restore all things when the times of refreshing would come from the presence of the Lord. Acts 3:21 and Matt. 17:11-13 and **be sure to study Msg. 12:4**

Msg.111:6. Let all repent and receive this Authority I send for mankind, the Pure Love of God,' saith the Lord Jesus Christ.

With the touch of His hands the Way was opened for the Spirit and Power of Holy Priesthood Authority of the Son of God to flow again flow to earth as a river of Life and Peace like he showed the Apostle.

In Revelation 22:1 he showed John a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

These are spiritual pictures. Jesus calls heaven "God's throne" in Matthew 5:34. A heavenly throne is place or seat of a Deity and King. It is referred to in the Scriptures as a place of Power and Authority, Majesty and Honor, Perfect Justice, Sovereignty and Holiness and a place of Praise and Purity, Grace and Eternal Life.

Revelation 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Again hear Msg.48:11. Behold! I have sent My Spirit among you and opened the gate, even designing your deliverance and a Way of Preparation.

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

Closing Song, a Special by Sister Marianna Johnson,. Second Special by Sister Brenda Humpert, '*My Grandma Rocking Chair*'

Sacrament Service

*Apostle Leonard Draves
Apostle Donald Thompson
Bishop Reece Johnson
Missouri*

Sacrament were Blessed by Brother Apostles Leonard Draves and Brother Apostle Donald Thompson. Emblems were passed by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson and Brother Bishop Matthew Thompson.

Closing Song, '*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*'.

Closing Remarks

Brother Apostle Leonard Draves of Missouri: I Thank God for His Many and Wonderful Blessings Received This Assembly and how Thankful I am for those that were able to Attend This Assembly. I wished you all Well and Admonished you to Pray and Pray Often.

Brother Leonard Draves then asked his fellow Brothers in The Ministry if they wish to say a word to The Congregation.

Brother Apostle Donald Thompson of Missouri. I am Thankful for all The Blessings we have Received. Pray for one another and be Kind to all. Stay in The Word everyday and make sure you come back next year.

Brother Apostle Richard Johnson, Iowa: I know that we all have Received many Blessing this Assembly. I Pray that you have Learned something in our Studies and that you enjoyed all The Good Sermons. I Hope you have Received what you

wanted in coming here for the last few days. God Bless you all. Pray for one another.

Brother Elder Richard Segal of California: I know we all have been Blessed This Assembly. Remember everyone in Prayer and Serve The Lord when opportunity provides. Share your Light.

Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard Draves.