

# The Greater Light

## The End Time Messenger

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*“... For no greater responsibility was ever placed upon man than taking the Gospel to the nations of the earth in its purity: therefore, be true until your work is done...”*

*Message 26:1*



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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

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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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*Faith and Practice.*

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Secretary For The Twelve

## FOREWORD

**THE GREATER LIGHT**, the official publication of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord, Inc.*, comes to YOU as an expression of 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 17:11-13). The Angel first came in 1829, and Restored *The Authority Of The Son Of God*, that *The*

*Church of Christ* might be Established as in The Days of The Apostles.

In 1927, The Angel Messenger again appeared, and on numerous subsequent visits, has brought to us ***The Word Of The Lord*** that *The Church of Christ* might be set in Order, that a people might be Prepared to be *The Bride Of Christ*. This is *The Elijah Message* so many have looked for, *The Midnight Cry* has been Proclaimed, *A Warning of Destruction*, but to *The People Of The Lord*, a Message that Christ's soon Coming is near at hand. Fear God and give *Glory to His Name*, for *The Hour of His 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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## Special Announcement

Dear readers of the Greater Light and Church members:

It is with sadness that we notify you that brother Eddie Lee no longer represents the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message, the Assured Way of the Lord either as an apostle or office in the Church, nor as a member. He has been removed from his office, function and calling.

On behalf of the Quorum of Apostles,  
Apostle Mike Greenwell,  
Secretary of the Twelve

## From the Apostles

Richard Johnson

### Dear Readers

I want this work to bring together those that love and believe in the coming of the Messenger with the marvelous plan and Holy Priesthood Authority of God. The Authority and Power of God to again establish the Kingdom of God on earth. This final time before His return to claim His Bride and Body of Christ. I also want those who do not believe and cannot see or believe what God has brought to keep the way of their own choosing or come to doctrine in what God has given His people. The Lord calls those out of the way of the world with its false doctrines and styles of worship. The trees, the churches man has created to deceive and make them captive He will root up. They are not the Way of the Lord. There is no greater gift or gifts than what the messenger has given those that are contrite and humble like the man he came to. The man who trembled in the presence of God's Words and Glory. The Lord said to be firm and command peace. Have no part with those in darkness who cannot see the Light he has sent by the

Messenger. Those who will obey the knowledge and understanding he has brought to the earth are His called and chosen, His elect. They are His Church that has endured from 1929 and continues today. God is not playing church like the rest of the world. It is for those that are His own. All others must come to Him and His Church and Body. There is no other Church but His Church. He has plainly said all must come this Way in obedience to His instructions. God's Words he brings preclude the dilution and pollution's of unbelief and failure to learn. They can further unite all those that believe and add those that will believe and obey. God's Word's are gentle and sweet to His own. They are like a cleansing fire. They are a sword and a hammer. They cleanse, cut out, or break all false worship and spiritual food not good for eating and drinking.

**“Oh Lord” How sweet are your Words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth (Psalm 119:103)**

Amen,  
Brother Richard Johnson

## **An Address to Former Members of the Lord's Church Restoring Membership in the One Body of Christ**

Prepared by Apostle Richard A. Johnson

First please let me introduce myself. I am seventy seven years young this year and have served the Lord since I was baptized and confirmed a member in Nineteen fifty two by my father and J.W Savage. I was ordained an elder by W.A Draves and J.W. Savage in Nineteen Sixty Two and then called by the angel messenger, John the Baptist to the office and duties of Apostle in Nineteen Sixty Five and ordained by W.A. Draves and Charles Pritchard. I have been in and under the Holy Priesthood Au-

thority of the Son of God continuously since that day when I experienced His anointing.

The purpose of my writing today is to address the commandment of authoritative baptisms. It is the way of the Holy Priesthood after the order of God and the Son of God with the atonement of the son of man for those who have gone away from the Word of the Lord. They must bring forth repentance with a humble desire and contrite spirit to have their covenant rights restored for the gift and gifts and Power of salvation. The Power of the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ in the acceptable way of His commandment.

This will be as comprehensive as I can give of my own witness to the line of the Holy Priesthood Authority of the Church of Christ with Elijah Message, the Assured way of the Lord in this article.

There are two groups of people that have gone away from the Word of the Lord that I will address with this article. One happened in 1994 and the other in 2003. I must support and defend all the Words of the Lord His Angel Messenger has brought from the throne of God with Authority to set the Church in order. The Church of Christ with the Holy Priesthood Authority and Power to act in the establishing the Kingdom of God on earth and bringing in the Zion of the Lord (Message 86:60).

### **What about 1994.**

I am not moved by former members that say they have no reason to repent and be baptized. If you have not the knowledge and understanding of the directions of the messenger and are not already a member in this One Body of Christ it is your own failing. Everyone in the Church received a letter in 1994 after message 118-120 giving them the opportunity to know the truth and could have answered the call to stand with the those the Lord sustained in the Church. The locals and members that were visited by the brothers refused their words and the sacrament from them. It was offered to those willing to accept the Words of His messenger and prophet as in the days of Moses. The letter and the Authority of the brothers were refused and turned away

and those names were finally removed from membership and fellowship by the servants that followed the Lord's instructions. In the Words of the Messenger they removed themselves by not believing or defending his Words. Those that refused lost any claim to their covenant rights of those following His instructions which means they rejected the Authority of God's Word. I liken it to those of Israel who rejected the prophets in their day that had testified of the Word. You have the book the Word of the Lord before you. "They that reject my words and heed not, already they are without the Authority of this Work" (Message 82:15).

Let none take part in this Work until they come in by the Door of Baptism and are repentant of their sins and traditions of men, *their man-made doctrines and styles of worship*. Let none teach or preach that are not a part of this Work (Message 112:5.)

It is how the Lord said we are to discern and use wisdom choosing those that serve Him (Message 108:24). If you come to this understanding you will see it is not just the faithful brothers that requires your baptism. It is for the Lord to see who will obey His instructions for their cleansing and making their offering to God in a clean vessel and keeping the Holy Rites sacred. His commandment is for all who have gone away from the Word of the Lord (Message 12:4).

Then turn and discern them that be the Lord's, or them that serve Him not. They that serve Him shall have right to the Tree of Life (Message 87:20).

...I have relayed the Authority that we might destroy the ideals and works of man's own choosing; setting his own laws (Message 108:18).

Message 88:15-17. ***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.***

I speak the Lord's Will today. I am he that was prophesied in ancient times, of my coming before the Lord's return, to help prepare a people to

be ready to meet Him at His appearing.

I bring the Priesthood Authority, I speak as a Fountain of Truth, and with Power; and with Authority (Message 103:3).

In James 1:18, where we read, "Of his own will begat he us by the word of truth"; and with I Peter 1:23, saying, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

Myself and others are here to extend the hands of our love and the Holy Priesthood Authority of the Word of God. It is for your cleansing needed to renew your covenant by your obedience found with real repentance and the authoritative baptisms. The door is open for those that will come in the Assured Way of God and fully conform and obey His instructions. The Lord has told the servants to "Teach the whole truth, let not man have his way, unless it be the Way of the Lord. Worry not over that which you have no control." I may be old but I still can do that. (Message 98:12).

The Messenger has made it clear that when we fail to obey and follow or defend His Words and instructions we have denied and rejected our faith and belief in His Word and Spirit. We remove ourselves from this Way of Authority. Any actions that myself or the brothers might take is to guide and protect the Lord's body and people as faithful shepherds when they come to worship the Lord. I am writing this now for all to have. Are you ready to accept the Words and Will of God from this day forward. If you are not then I intend to follow the Lord's Words in Message 86:12-13,21 that says, let come what may and go what will (according to what God has given us). The Work must move forward again to fulfill its great purposes set before it. I must consider those that will not or have not conformed to the standard, rule and plan must repent and do so or they will also remove themselves (Message 80:14). Let all must come to attendance, to exhortations, to doctrine That the greater light may come (so the work can move forward in righteousness (Message 81:17). (Message 12:2,4; 28:4; 80:14; 81:8; 90:12;

92:14; 114:9-10).

**The commandment of the Lord is this:**

**Hear the Words of the Lord! Behold, the Lord has rejected all creeds and factions of men, who have gone away from the Word of the Lord and have become an abomination in His sight. Therefore, let those that come to The Church of Christ be baptized, that they may rid themselves of the traditions and sins of men; preparing themselves, that they may be fit and worthy for the Spirit and Power of the Holy Ghost ...and this must come to all that shall be permitted to dwell in the presence of Christ, for sin cannot receive the Glory of God, nor the Power of the Holy Spirit (Message 12:4).**

Since this commandment was first received there has been former members that have refused to obey it and follow the instructions given. Some have obeyed and found peace with God.

Let restoration be among those that are humble and repentant and will obey the True Doctrine of the Church and of the message of the faithful brethren, keeping the Holy Rites Sacred (Message 102:41).

Some that have rejected My Words will repent, others will not. Be at peace. Look to the Lord and some go onward with the work. **Let all come in by the door and prepare themselves to walk humbly before God** (Message 43:17).

Restore and preserve all that will repent and fold into this Way. If humility is their mantle and their cloak of walking this Way in sobriety, **let them follow the instructions and the Lord's Commands, He will deliver** (Message 102:21).

Now hear ye this Message and be firmly established in obedience to the commandment of this baptism I bring to rid yourselves of the sins and traditions of man-made doctrines wherein satan has deceived and befuddled the Work of God. Thus blindness has been in part. Now arise above it, bring it to pass of God's Great Plan. Receive this baptism. Build yourselves in the Circle of the Lord. Will it come to pass (Message 106:6-7)?

The baptism gives God witness of our washing of the Word. It is the acceptable act of your

offering to the Lord of a humble heart and a contrite spirit of your full repentance.

I am going to be referring to the last chapter of Isaiah. It tells what happened to Brother Draves and the Church in 1994. I will reference or footnote the verses when explaining the analogies and the Words the prophet wrote. We can interpret them because we know what they are about. The Lord spoke to His messenger and forerunner<sup>1</sup> in message 95:6: 'Who will go? Who shall I send?' saith the Lord, 'Run, speak again to the man<sup>2</sup>, even to him of a contrite spirit, who is humble before Me. Israel shall be gathered and Zion redeemed and established'.

Will any of the world and those that left us come this Way? Will they leave the past with its false idol worship (traditions and false doctrines) and unclean sacrifices<sup>3</sup> behind? Without cleansing your offering brought into the house of the Lord is not in a clean vessel.<sup>2</sup>

Footnotes: <sup>1</sup>M.98:5; <sup>2</sup>Is.66:2; <sup>3</sup>Is.66:3; <sup>4</sup>66:20.

Isaiah 66:1. Come bring your offering in a clean vessel to His house and place of rest for He will soon make the earth his footstool putting all things including death under the feet of His Authority (I Corinthians 15:25-26). In Isaiah 66:7 the manchild<sup>5</sup> is the personification of the ministry of the Holy Priesthood as the Sons of Levi<sup>6</sup> that was caught up to heaven in the Revelation and now restored to earth. This last time the the Woman (Zion) is called out of the wilderness<sup>7</sup> to be pruned and nourished and bring forth fruit. Footnotes: <sup>5</sup>Rev.12:5; M.34:6, <sup>7</sup>63:10

'Verily,' thus saith the Lord, 'I have sent My Messenger for to prune My Vineyard even this last time. My Zion shall be redeemed as the prophets of old have spoken. ***I have led the children of Israel in days of old so will I lead My people now as you come near unto Me and obey My voice in the instructions I send for your cleansing.*** Yea, I am God and I change not (Message 56:9).

And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard sent his servant; and the servant went and did as the Lord had commanded him, and brought other servants; and they were few. And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto them, Go



forth and labor in the vineyard, with your might. For behold this is the last time that I shall nourish my vineyard; for the end is nigh at hand, and the season speedily cometh; and if ye labor with your might with me, *ye shall have joy in the fruit which I shall lay up unto myself again the time which will soon come...* and **they did obey the commandments of the Lord of the vineyard in all things** (R.N. Jacob 5:67-77).

Isaiah 66:12-13 tells about the flowing stream of peace that comes with the water of life<sup>6</sup> and the Authority of the Words the Messenger. He has brought the everlasting Gospel again from heaven. It is like a flowing stream in its channels<sup>7</sup> of the Messenger and those with true Authority of the Holy Priesthood. Does not the vision say he brings the gospel to preach to those on earth. He comes that you might be fed and comforted with the fruit of the Tree<sup>8</sup> of Life, the Pure Love of God. Before she travailed she brought forth a manchild...for as soon as Zion travailed she brought forth her children (Isaiah 66:7-11). If you can see this your heart should rejoice and your bones flourish for the hand of the Lord shall be known toward His servants, and His indignation toward his enemies<sup>9</sup>. For behold, the Lord will soon come with fire sending his angels to the four corners of the earth from heaven to render His anger by the fire and sword of His Words to plead with all flesh. He pleads with all flesh and those slain of the false doctrines of those who proclaim them (Isaiah 66:15-16, Rev. 7:1, Matt. 24:31). Those who hid themselves behind one tree in the midst of gardens<sup>10</sup>. Their act done as hypocrites against the fellow servants. Yet claiming to love the Lord to hide their evil acts saying let the Lord be glorified. Yet the Lord knew their work and the thoughts and intents of their hearts (Isaiah 66:4). Their seeking to then sanctify and purify themselves before the people with a show of taking the Lord's communion while asking the courts for a restraining order to destroy him. It was rejected. It was the analogy equal to the abomination of eating the unclean flesh and blood of swine.<sup>11</sup> Instead of their cleansing and salvation their condemnation for trampling<sup>12</sup> on the Holy

Rights of the Lord. The hiding of their abominations performed in darkness as does the mouse<sup>13</sup>, will be slain and their names written in the earth<sup>14</sup>. Yet the name of the Word of the Lord and our Savior will be in the foreheads<sup>15</sup> of the minds and spirit of His election. Those continuing in God's Authority have rights to the fruit of Tree of Life<sup>16</sup> and their names written in the Lamb's book of life<sup>17</sup>.

Footnotes: <sup>6</sup>Rev. 22:1; <sup>7</sup>M.116:8-16; <sup>8</sup>Rev. 22:2;<sup>9</sup>Isaiah 66:14-15; <sup>10</sup>Is. 65:1-9; Gen 2:9; <sup>11</sup>Is. 63:3-4; <sup>12</sup>M.79:23; <sup>13</sup>kjv dictionary: unclean ravager of the harvest. <sup>14</sup>Is. 66:18, 23,24; Rev. 13:8; <sup>15</sup>Rev. 14:1; <sup>16</sup>M.49:2; <sup>17</sup>Rev. 21:27.

And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven (Mark 13:27). For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory. and they shall declare His Glory among the Gentiles. And they shall bring their brethren *for an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord* (Isaiah 66:18-20). **And I will take of them as priests and for Levites saith the Lord. For as the new heavens and the new earth, those of their seed and name shall remain. Amen** (Isaiah 66:21-22, 61:2-11).

### **The additional words and commands of the Messenger:**

Those that have rejected the Message have rejected the Lord, and the Lord has also rejected them and their work until they repent and are humble, and are baptized, that they may cleanse themselves of their sin...To all those that will repent and be baptized and prepare themselves and walk humbly, the promise is that they shall receive the greater Light and Power to carry on the work of the Lord (Message 19:12,14).

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 this Message I bring, the Way of Peace and blessings for the obedient

(Message 82:16).

In Message 84:34-37 the Messenger spoke the Lord's Words again saying: There are those that say I have not spoken, and they speak lightly of my injunctions and words of instruction and come not to doctrine and my decrees until I will be slow to hear their cry. For the faithful, the sojourn in the wilderness is nearing an end, the Gentile times are closing in. ***He said to His scribe W.A. Draves: You and those that are with you and defend the Words I bring are The Church of Christ in deed and works and are the church with the Elijah message, set in 1829 by my hands when the Holy Priesthood had been restored and kept sacred by establishing the Holy Priesthood Authority according to the laws of the land.*** The men with him spoken of by the messenger were Mervyn Johnson and Earl Baggerly in particular and others who first set forth and supported the Apostles Corporation. For the first time it would give the apostles legal leadership of the missionary supervision and watchcare of all the churches worldwide. The Church was now under the direction of the general conferences of the general bishopric of the Twelve (Message 86:66). It replaced what was known as the Bishops Corporation. It had been set up under the direction and vote of the church membership. The apostles correctly became the twelve foundations of the walls of salvation with the Holy Priesthood Authority of the Son of God. The Chief Cornerstone of the City of God and the Great High Priest and Fountain of Living Water is Christ. He sits on the Throne of God who has given Him all Authority in heaven and in earth (Revelation 21:14, Ephesians 2:20, Isaiah 28:16).

Let the apostles lead the Church and carry the Work on; preaching and teaching the same things, in the Way of Peace, in Christ Jesus-the Gospel of Life and Salvation (Message 86:30).

There were some bishops and some of the apostles who were opposed to the changes but forced to accept by the members of the old Corporation. This, in my humble observation and opinion fostered a rebellion starting with those who opposed it with their supporters that perceived their power and control was being

taken from their hands. Study the messages and you will see the messenger put the work in the hand of the apostles from the beginning. It was a small step for those with weakening faith to be motivated by personal feelings and revenge and not to see the knowledge and understanding of the full plan of God. The future work of the Church was being established to fill the earth.

Study the 85th and 86th messages following this event. The Lord quickly moved ahead to reveal great knowledge and understanding for the Church. The 2300 days of Daniel's vision were being fulfilled in the Lord's Church, the gospel and the Rock. He revealed more of what shall be the last of the indignation with Armageddon at the time appointed that the end shall come (Daniel 8:19). He quoted Isaiah 66:2 so we could see what happened to brother Draves and the Church. It was prophesied by the prophet of old.. The Nephite had told him before he was that man in verse two to whom the Lord would look who trembleth at His Word. To those he told who believed him, it would reveal to us the last chapter of Isaiah was about our day. I have witnessed his humility and seen Him and heard his voice tremble with the Spirit and Power of the Word of God (Message 85:36-37).

Isaiah 66:4.-5. I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not. ***Hear the Word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his Word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my namesake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.***

The namesake of the LORD are those that take His name and become His seed and are His first born of the Water and the Spirit. In 1994 we all watched the literal fulfilling of this prophecy when the evil of those that hated our brother and would cast him out was manifested. Again there were those who would stand with him and those that would not. I watched them choose their delusions and do evil. I watched and heard those that delighted in their abominations with glee. I saw the grinding of their teeth upon him. I be-

came sickened and dismayed at the actions and words of those I had loved.

Their planning and actions in 1994 resulted with these Words and instructions by the Messengers.

***“Fret not nor worry not, this is the Lord’s Work, mankind cannot run It his way. I come to you to give encouragement. The Authority and Trust is upon you. No one or none other can take it from you.”***

***“Some let satan drive them into bitterness and evil acts against you. Let these I shall give you: John O’Keefe, Howard Leighton-Floyd, Charles S. Martin, Edward Sechrest be released of Priesthood Authority and Terry Laws released of the apostleship. Take your place as an apostle, likewise Leonard H. Draves and Mervyn Johnson. Let Leonard H. Draves keep the records as he has been told to do and other works instructed in the office. Mankind cannot do the Lord’s Work his way, it must be the Way of the Lord, or therefore their own destruction. Unless there is repentance from the office of James E. Parker and James Sorgen, they too shall be released of their Authority. There will be other changes. In time the Lord will call others to fill vacancies. Be not disturbed of what your brethren sought to do. They destroy and release themselves for lack of believing and or obeying My Words I bring and Will of the Lord” (Message 118:2-3, 8-13).***

Have you been and are you part of their work of separations and factions that went away from the Word? The Lord had spoken to you in days of old with the following words? ***Yet saying you love the Lord and let him be Glorified, yet you were his brethren and the namesake of Christ.*** He and the Lord called you His friends and you cast him out even as the Lord’s brethren He called friends cast him out (Message 119:6 Isaiah 66:5).

Some you think to be your friends is laboring for satan, seeking to destroy your good and this Work (Message 90:8).

You see those that are filled with selfishness and bitterness; some you call your friends are seeking to destroy you and the good works you have established. ***Be firm and your works will***

***stand the test. Fear not what men may say of you and those that are with you.*** You were born for this Cause. Many will follow in this Way. Deliverance will be for the faithful (Message 96:11 Isaiah 66:5-6).

***The Testing has served its purpose,’ saith the Lord*** (Message 119:6).

***If you will not have enough faith in His Words to be obedient to His simple instructions and defend them you will not trust him when He sends you to a place of safety for your deliverance from His coming judgments and be part of His Bride and Church. That’s the test that has filled its purpose. Wake up! You are asleep! and your lamp is without the necessary oil*** (Message 119:6).

Behold! How great and good it is to defend the words I bring...Let all trim their lamps and fill their souls with the Spirit of God that their works may stand the test (Message 79:5-8).

Mankind cannot lift himself. He cannot be self-appointed. His works will not stand the test (Message 84:14).

They reject me. They have a veil over their minds. Their understanding is covered. ***They obey not the Lord's Command. They have not, because they do not the pleasing things of the Lord in defending all the words, directions and instructions I bring, and my coming.*** They are traitors to the Work I bring of the Lord. Will they repent and return to the Lord (Message 83:23)?

***Those that contend, believing not all the words I bring, let them have no voice or vote in this Work; already they remove themselves from your numbers. Pray that they may repent and obey the Lord's Will, for I speak His Will*** (Message 80:14).

***Those that hinder, let them be removed for already they doubt the words I bring, and fail to see the Lord's Hands moving*** (Message 80:8).

***There are those that seek to prophesy in the Lord's name, and in vain they do speak their own words, for they know not His Spirit nor His Power, for God speaketh not to blaspheme. Fear them not*** (Message 64:5).

When the former apostle the lord had removed came and prophesied to you that the messages

were false and some tore them from the book, did you seek out those they tried to remove that the Lord said to take their place? If you believed the messages why did you accept the Holy Rites from those who had no authority to call or ordain others? Did the man's words and spirit bear witness to the Words of the messenger. You know they did not, so you would have known his words and authority was not of God had you still believed the Words of the Lord. Be honest with yourself and with the Lord that you failed to defend and consider them.

And now a former member writes of her prophesy. Does it witness the Truth of the Word and bring her to repentance and baptism or further the errors and failures of the past with more polluted water?

Jesus said my Words are Spirit and Life (John 6:63). His Words are Truth and the Spirit is Truth (John 17:17, 16:13). The Spirit bears witness of the Word and establishes it or we know they are not from the Lord. The Lord has fully established the Messengers Words are His Words. The Lord has no place in His Church for those who do not believe that or doubt it.

From the twelfth message until this day the Articles and faith and practice along with the Words of the messenger were our rule and guide and not the words of any man unless they testified to the truth of the Message. Did you just forget or did you reject the Words of the Lord of His Prophet John the Baptist?

The messenger said to those that were confused by what was done the following: ***The Lord has heard the prayers of the faithful and peace has come in the hearts of many concerned to consider the Words I bring. In the Communion: the Sacrament of the Lord is salvation to the Truly humble and repentant.*** The Lord has and will forgive. Let your hearts be clean and your lives pure. Hear the Words of comfort and encouragement I bring (Message 119:3-4). Did you consider His Words and the prayers of the faithful that found peace in them?

Did you hear and consider the Words the Lord and the brothers sent and brought to you. Did you humble yourselves and repent of your doubts and confusion that those the Lord re-

moved had caused among you? Did you ever attend services with those the Lord affirmed held His Authority? Did you receive the offer of the Lord to accept the repentance of your doubts with Communion and Sacrament He told to take their place? Did you fail to offer your humble repentance and defend the message or did you continued in darkness? Apparently you did not consider His Word because from that day forward you took sacrament from those without the Lord's Authority. Are there those that are partaking of it from the Lord's servants? I pray not. That would be breaking the Lord's trust by serving it to those that are no longer members of the body of Christ. All churches are not the body of Christ. You bring condemnation upon those not in this body and further upon yourselves by defiling the Holy Rites. The way of righteousness cannot be twisted to cover sin. God is not fooled (R.O.N. 3 Nephi 18:27). Only those that have received the Lord's authoritative baptisms and members of Christ's one Church the one body of Christ with the Lord's Authority can take part in the Holy Rites. This has been the Lord's Doctrine from the beginning (1Corinthians 10:21, 11:27, Leviticus 10:1-3, Numbers 9:10,13). There is no church but His Church, all others are the works of men (Message 28:4, Ephesians 4:4-15). If you are not a member of this Church you need to be baptized and confirmed a member in particular of the Body of Christ (Message 116:6-7, 117:1-2)

...A good tree cannot bear corrupt fruit, nor corrupt tree, good fruit (Message 31:9).

Peace like a river of pure waters will flow to all the faithful that heed and obey. Give to them the words I bring (Message 82:17).

Jeremiah 17:13...all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.

All that will obtain the words of the Lord and His will obey, shall have right to the Tree of Life that is the Pure Love of God (Message 49:2). The pure love of God is the river of Living Water and the Power and Authority of the everlasting Gospel of the Word of God. It is the food and drink of the crystal clear water of the aton-

ing flesh and blood of the Word. It is for those with the rights of the one true Body and Church of Christ. It flows from the throne in heaven and our Great High Priest at the head of the Church. The flow of the river of life and the channel of the width of the street of it and on the banks of the soil of great faith in the Word of it. In the midst of it are the roots and channels transferring the life of it to the branches and fruit of the servants and ministry of the tree of Life. The one body of Christ and the one Holy Priesthood of the Son of God that is the Pure Love of God to those that have right to eat and drink of it. It is the atoning body and blood of Christ. The Power of Salvation to those that eat and drink of the Word of God the true water of life (Hebrews 3:1, 1Corinthians 1:18,23,24 26,30, Revelation 21 and 22).

The Message and Authority that I bring *is* the pure love of God, the priesthood after the Order of God. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Creator of all things, even the Lord Jesus Christ (Message 114:5).

Do you see any roots of this tree? Do you see the flow of the Authority and Power of the Gospel of Christ, the Words of the Water of Life from the Great High Priest and His atoning blood from heaven to His Holy Priesthood on earth that must have its flow to the nations.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne (heaven) shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: (Revelation 7:17). Every tree the Lord has not planted shall be rooted up. If they hear not this Message, the Light they claim to have will fade away. This is the Midnight Cry the Scriptures speak of-are you ready (Message 86:13)?

Every tree, the churches, the Lord has not planted shall be rooted up (Message 90:7).

You are in error if you believe all that are called Christians are members of the Body of Christ and you can serve them sacrament. The Lord has restored and established and organized His Church and Body that he has said will never again be destroyed.

Come out of her ye that seek truth, for My Word is Truth and My Law changes not. Christ will come to His own, and His Church, that is

again established as in the days of old. There is no other way than Christ's Way. ***There is no church but His Church, all others are the works of men*** (Message 28:4).

For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water (Jeremiah 2:13).

Proverbs 11:30. The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

Jeremiah 17:7-8. Blessed is the man that trusteth 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,*** and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit (See Psalm 1:1-3).

Establish the Work with a firm hand. ***Let not the Holy Rites be trampled on.*** Let all who come to this great Light come in by the door and lift their faith to Me,' saith the Lord, 'for I will be with you all the way" (Message 79:23).

Let the Sacred Rites be preserved and kept Holy in the Lord's Spirit. Be ye clean vessels of the Lord (Message 110:17).

***If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door*** (Genesis 4:7).

I see clearly that some are still under the influence and false doctrine and teaching of those they followed. You were removed because you were not willing to repent and come clean before the Lord with the opportunity he gave to everyone. Now there is His command of baptism. I see that you still lack knowledge and understanding for you still reject and twist the Words and Will of the Lord.

Psalms 119:9. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces (Jeremiah 23:29). (a refining fire and a hammer breaking the sins and traditions of men and false prophets. It burns, cleanses and purges all that is contrary to its Holy Standard of Truth).

A good example of this is found in Isaiah 28: (8),9-10). He says: " For all the tables, are full with vomit and filthiness, so there is no place clean. This verse is referring to the same metaphor of eating that Jesus uses so many times. It means that all the tables, which are places for eating, contains fouled food, not wholesome "bread, which means, "the word, or truth". It means, there is no knowledge on the table that is clean to "feast upon."

Message 88:20. I bring the Assured Way, the Way of the Lord, **to give Light** to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, *by my words cleansing out the dross, the sins of men, moreover, false doctrines and traditions of men.*

Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you (John 15:3, 17).

Message 102:26. I am the Servant of the Household, I am your fellow servant, the Elias, *'That Prophet'. I speak the Lord's Will and Words.* Smith's Bible Dictionary. The ordinary Hebrew work for prophets is *nibi*, derived from a verb signifying "to bubble forth" like a fountain; hence the word means one who announces or pours forth the decorations of God.

Leave all in the Master's Hands-it will bring you peace and deliverance. Little by little have I spoken; here a little, there a little, line upon line, precept upon precept. How long I have spoken, will the world hear it? Will the people hear it? You believe in God, believe also in my coming to prepare the Way. I speak Eternal Words, I am clothed with Light for a covering, gushing forth as a Fountain of Truth (Message 114:10-11).

Let come what may, and let go what will. You will see them fall on your right hand and on your left, for all that will not hear me-`that prophet' shall be cut off from among the people. I speak the Assured Way (Message 86:12)

John the Baptist has restored the Gospel and the Holy Priesthood Authority of the Son of God to earth. It is the Authority of the Words of the Lord God that he speaks that must be obeyed

and that judge us. Jesus said my Words are Spirit and Life and Truth and the Spirit bears witness of the Truth and establishes it.

### What about 2003

Let me address those that left us in 2003 so all may choose to stand with those that will continue to hold up the banner of Truth, the Ensign of God's Love. The Church of Christ with the Elijah message and the Priesthood Authority of God will be those that believe and defend all of the Words of the Lord. The Lord removes those that fail to defend His Words and seek their own plan of authority and power. The Lord has spoken: They remove themselves and their names will be written in the earth.

There were more who left His Authority in 2003 when the Lord called others through Mervyn L. Johnson by the Spirit of Revelation. It was not received by another member of the twelve in particular that had remained with the Church after 1994. It was apparent to myself he feared he could lose a personal balance of power he desired over the remaining brothers in the Quorum since the messengers last visit to brother W.A. Draves. I believe he feared that more than God callings. That is what I had seen. I am a witness that this man tried to destroy the work of Apostle Leonard Draves. The Lord had appointed and affirmed his place repeatedly was in the Work of the Church office (Message 93:26, 100:10, 103:28, 113:14, 115:3, 118:9). I submit the Lord chose Brother Mervyn Johnson to receive His callings because the messenger had confirmed in Message 118 his and Leonard Draves continuing Authority from the hands of Brother W.A. Draves. It would be seen by those who would seek it in the days to come.

In Message 118:12 the Lord promised in time to fill the vacancies of those who had just destroyed themselves for lack of believing and obeying the Words and will of the Lord he had brought.

On the other hand the brother opposing the revelation was seeking to destroy brother Leonard by removing him from the church office. He then was removing himself and those with him from the Will and Word of God through

brother Johnson. There are witnesses that I write the truth. Using his personal power over one former brother and apostle, he had enough votes to remove Mervyn, Leonard and myself who stood by Brother Leonard's calling and the revelation. We had never denied or not defended the Lord's Words. He did not get the vote or support of Brother Mike Greenwell who's testimony also bears witness to the words I write here. The brother who claimed only the messenger could call men to the office of apostle is on its face factually false. That claim denies the articles of faith and practice and past callings of apostles by the Holy Spirit. They were rejecting the Words of Articles of Faith and practice Article 10 and 12.

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.

Article 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.

By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established. (2Cor 12:21-13:1). Its a matter of record of the witness of the Spirit to many members and even non members that the Spirit of the Lord visited Brother Mervyn's callings. I am sure the brother who rejected the revelation will deny that he had prophesied to me Brother Mervyn's work was not yet finished when we did not know if he would recover from his heart surgery.

Therefore he removed himself and those that supported and followed him. They were not following the standard rule and plan of the Lord's Words we have been given (Message 1:1, 81:20, 108:13-20). Again men were seeking to have their own way. If not for the few willing to obey and defend this marvelous work and a wonder it would perish from the earth. Again there would be the curse the promised angel has lifted. Will anyone hear what God has said? This is the pattern for everyone going away from the Word of the Lord since 1929.

The Lord had given His approval of the work

the two men had performed among the people in Africa. They had no reason to seek to destroy the other brothers authority and work and grieve the Holy Spirit. (Message 118:14). The messenger promised the lord would fill other vacancies but did not name who He would speak through. The Lord only removes those that deny Him by rejecting and not obeying the instructions of His Words. A revelation by the Spirit of Truth is true and His Word if they're in agreement with the Divine Word of Scripture. We must prove all things with the words of truth in the Bible, the Record of the Nephites and the Word of the Lord (Message 102:18). A true revelation or prophecy must be in agreement with the written Word to be God's revealing Spirit with two or more acceptable witnesses (Message 102:16-18).

#### **The Standard Rule and Plan of the Lord that applies to all:**

Let all come to attendance to exhortations to Doctrine that greater Light may come, and it will to those that prepare for it, unto the measure of Christ, in all things showing good works. Remember there is one God, one Jesus Christ, between God and men who gave Himself a ransom for all-that mankind may be redeemed, even the saving of sinners, a Way of Deliverance... Let the words I bring be the Rule and Guide with the Articles of Faith and Practice, for upon all the Lord's Words, Will and Planning shall this Work be built (Message 81:17-18,20).

***Those that will not and those that has not nor will not come to the Standard rule and Plan of this work-let them be removed as you have done. They remove themselves. Let not man's ideals be taught. The Lord is unchangeable and will not accept the follies, bickering and ways of mankind.***

*The works and follies of men destroys hope and brings doubt and mistrust. Some have hardness of heart and will not conform to doctrine and this Work. I have relayed the Authority that we might destroy the ideals and works of man's own choosing; setting his own laws. See that all come to the Church's teaching; all preaching the same things. The Work is set in pace, the doctrine and program is given; follow thru*

(Message 108:13-20).

Message 85:33. I am that servant sent to give meat in due season. Now is the day of choosing—to serve the Lord, or fail to find peace. ***For all they that do not hear me heareth not God and shall not be found among the people of the Lord*** (Matthew 24:45-47).

I want all that have the Word of the Lord to understand and believe the Messenger's Words and obey them and follow their instructions. This Holy Priesthood and Authority is the Pure Love of God to those that believe and defend it keeping the Trust of it in the Way of the Lord for keeping it Holy.

Message 83:5. "The ways of man will not save you. I give the instructions and the Authority in its Assured Way". Amen.

## Mission Trip Report: Berlin, Germany

Richard Johnson

April 18-23, 2019, Berlin, Germany  
Apostle Richard Johnson and Michael Greenwell  
Baptism requested by Michael Alexander Janus  
(Alex) & Maria Jolanta Janus (Maryola)

### The history and record of our mission:

I was contacted by Michael Alexander Janus at least a couple of years ago and stayed in contact with him as did Apostle Mike Greenwell and other brothers. He sometimes goes by Alex and I usually call him Michael but will add (Janus) here to not confuse him with Mike Greenwell.

### Praises and Glory be to God:

Michael and Maryola Janus requested baptism before our last Quorum meeting. He was born in Berlin and his mother in Pleszew, Poland. He was born 12/18/1989 and Maryola on 8/22/1958. He with his mother have great faith with knowledge and understanding of God's restored Gospel and His Holy Priesthood Authority and Power found in the Church of Christ with

the Elijah Message the Assured Way of the Lord. He and Maryola have long been seekers of Truth and the Authoritative Baptisms with the Gift and Gifts of God's Holy Spirit.

Message 73:6 The Lord knoweth the hearts of mankind and wherein they desire to learn and do His will, it shall be like precious ointment poured out upon the faithful to dwell in this light of life and salvation. For unto them shall be great joy, that which the mind of man has not yet attained to.

Message 103:33 Let all that come to The Church of Christ be baptized; let the hands be laid on for the gift and gifts of the greater blessing, in the authority I bring. Peace and joy will come.

### Our decisions and arrangements for our trip to Germany:

I said I would go to baptize Michael and Maryola and Brother Mike Greenwell requested to go with me if his health and circumstances permitted. We were encouraged by our brothers to plan and make the trip there. I made the arraignments for our travel and plans with Brother Janus for receiving us when we arrived. There were many blessings we received on the trip coming and going and during our time there. Brother Mike and I both love them dearly and were blessed with their love and the wonderful care for us while we were there. I love them more than I can express in words. I pray the Lord's Spirit will witness our love for each other to you found in the words of Brother Janus and Brother Mike (Greenwell) who gave me permission to share with what was felt between them and ourselves.

### A couple of our emails to share with you after we were home:

Brother Michael, (Janus)

I am doing well and enjoying the memories of being there with you and Maryola. I still feel the peace and love we shared together with the Lord. It was truly wonderful and I will always remember it. Thank you for all you did for me and your kind words. My cup runneth over with God's goodness and love for you both.



I am going down to Independence for church Sunday and will share our experience with them and how you took such good care of us and your loving Spirit of God. Everyone is excited to hear about you.

Brother Richard

Dear Brother Richard,

Thank you so much for your kind and warm message. We will also never forget our meeting. What a wonderful time.

God bless you so much  
Brother Michael (Janus)

P.S.: I am happy about that you share our meeting with the brothers and sisters. Many greetings to them.

Thank you so much brother for the prayers for my former wife and us! You both are in my prayers also.

It touched deeply and moved strongly my heart when you nearly cried the moment you said you have many things upon your heart to tell me. I wanted to hug you this moment you said this.

I will never forget this great time we had together.

Dear Brother Mike, (Greenwell)

I wanted to ask you if you came home good and safely after the big travel. I thought yesterday you had maybe not reached at home yet. That's why I wanted to ask today. We miss and love you both.

We will never forget this great time we had with you together.

God bless you brother  
Sincerely  
Michael (Janus)

Dear Brother Mike (Janus)

I arrived in Kansas City yesterday afternoon and spent the night there. Then arose early this morning and drove the rest of the way home.

I have just arrived home. Thanks much for your concern. We will greatly miss you and Maryola but we will get together again either here or there or maybe in each of our countries.

Your love and humility is very much blessed in the Lord and we were blessed to be near you these past few days and we will never forget it.. We feel the same way about both of you...

The main thing is to just keep leaning on Jesus because He is always there for you every minute of every day, and if you do that then you will always continue to live a blessed life in every way.

Brother we love you and Maryola more than words can say.

I truly believe that the Lord Jesus will use you both to bring others into His wonderful Church and kingdom with the true Light knowledge and heavenly Peace and Power.

God bless you,  
Brother Mike (Greenwell)

**A few of the many Memories of our Trip:**

**Thursday:** We stayed the night of the 18th at the Sleep Inn close to the airport to be their early Friday for overseas flights.

**Friday:** We left Mike's car at the Sleep Inn and took mine to the airport. We left on time at 12:30 p.m. and arrived in D.C. about 4 P.M. Eastern time and left their on our next flight on time at 5:25 P.M. We arrived in Frankfurt Germany about 8:45 A.M. their time and changed planes arriving in Berlin on time at 9:55 A.M. Friday morning.

**Saturday:** Baptisms, confirmations, Communion, Discussion on the Church.

We all walked and rode a bus to a public pool for the baptism and then returned to our hotel for the conformation and communion sharing the Pure Love of God.

**Sunday:** Tour of city with Brother Janus: He took us to see the Brandenburg Gate, train station mall, the Parliament Building, and other sites.

In the evening Maryola brought food to the hotel that we shared.

We had a study of Message 86 by Mike. Shared our love and prayers with each other and with the Spirit of the Lord that blessed us in all that we accomplished.

**Monday:** Breakfast at hotel and trip to the airport with Alex by cab.

The flight from Berlin left at 9:40 A.M. to Newark NY, customs, TSA security check and flight to Kansas City arriving at 4 P.M. Central time on Monday September the 23.

Shuttle took us to the long term parking and my car. I took Mike to sleep Inn Motel and continued home arriving safely about 7 P.M.

Mike drove home safely Tuesday morning.

Going through all of the security checks at the airports and trying to get to planes was not easy for us but the Lord was with us. All our flights were on time and we made the connections. I thank my brother Mike Greenwell for all his help and support. I am grateful he could go with me and help me. God knows his faithfulness and righteous desire to please Him and bring forth fruit in the Vineyard. He is a wonderful brother and friend.

My personal thanks to all who prayed for us and gave their welcome to Michael and Maryola. May God Bless our new brother and sister in Berlin and each of you with His Holy Spirit is my prayer.

Amen  
Brother Richard

## Articles

### A Misleading Statement

Ellen Draves

I read in the Voice of Peace the following "Message 48:24 'It is the will of the Lord that you take your place in the quorum of twelve; there are those that will not be sustained. There are those the Lord has called that will not accept at this time. Be at peace. The Lord leads, and pleads; come all ye that will for the Lord will bless you.

Message 118:9 take your place as an apostle; likewise Leonard H. Draves and Mervyn Johnson. Let Leonard H. Draves keep the records as he has been told to do in other works instructed in the office.'

*Is there a difference in the above messages*

*message versus as pertains to take your place as an apostle? The answer is no. In both instances there needed to be an ordination in accordance with the Gospel all and prior decisions of the quorum.* In message 48:24 brother W. A. Draves was ordained as per the previous statement. In message 118:9 this was not adhered to. There were no correctly performed and authorized ordinations.

*In every instance in the messages where the Lord has told an individual to 'take their place; in the quorum of apostles,' there has been an ordination.*

### The appropriate response

The highlighted statements in the article quoted above made in the **Voice of Peace** are made in error of the following evidence of the Truth.

Brother Draves was ordained as an elder in 1932 and had never before been ordained as an apostle when the messenger told him to take his place in the Quorum of Twelve in message 48:24 in June, 1940. *It is patently obvious he would need to be ordained to the office and calling he had never held.*

The record will show that God did not recognize the error of the men that sought to remove the three men from their office and calling and that it was not the first time the Lord told men to take their place again that had been formerly ordained and the error of removing them was made and they were not re-ordained.

In 1957 C. J. Prichard was not sustained. Then in Message 76:11 "Let Prichard be restored..." **There is no record of him being re-ordained, because he was being put back into the same office that mankind had removed him from.**

In 1965 Message 82:27 the messenger called men to prepare for the apostleship and fill the vacancies as they came.

In 1966 Conerd Crownover was not sustained and the quorum vacancies was filled by the men the messenger had called.

Then in message 86:76 "Let Conerd E Crownover take his place among the twelve, the Lord will continue to bless him in his faith and

good works...” **He was ordained.** (*The quorum had been filled by the Lord in the interim of his removal*).

Message 58:6 “The Lord only takes the responsibility and authority from man when he denies it; and he hears those that are repentant before him. Go to your brethren, adjust conditions before them, speak not lightly of their efforts, be at peace. Take up your calling more sacred leave before them and they will uphold you. Man cannot glory of himself in this work.”

In Message 91:48 L. M. Thornton was told to take his place. ***He had to be re-ordained because he left the Church and he was being called again to the office of an apostle.*** In Message 111:7 Howard Leighton – Floyd was told to take his place in the quorum. ***He had to be re-ordained because he left the Church and he came back therefore he had to be ordained.***

In the above for instance one member was restored and not ordained. The other three had to be re-ordained, because they left the Church or they denied their authority and trust.

### **The Instructions men failed to follow:**

Message 60:7 “The authority and trust that was placed on you has not been taken from you, and will not be taken from you unless you deny the Lord God and my coming. For this work were you born. Be true and the Lord will bless you.”

Message 81:2 “Fret not nor worry not, this is the Lord’s work. I have come to you and given the message. The authority and trust is upon you. ***No one nor none other can take it from you.*** All that they have, you have given them of the Lord’s calling.”

Message 118:2 “Fret not nor worry not, this is the Lord’s work, mankind cannot run it is way. I come to you to give encouragement. The authority and trust is upon you. ***No one or none other can take it from you.***”

The Lord is telling us that man does not have the right to remove anyone. When the quorum meets they vote to take a man’s name off the record because according to the messages they recognize he has already removed himself because of unbelief and that the Authority taken from

him by the Lord.

Message 80:14 “Those that contend, believing not all the words I bring, let them have no voice or vote in this work: already they removed themselves from your numbers. Pray that they may repent and obey the Lord’s will, for I speak his will.”

Message 108:12 When a man is at peace with God, even his enemies respect him. 13 Those that will not and those that have not nor will not come to the standard rule and plan of this work—let them be removed as you have done. They remove themselves.

Message 118:10 “Mankind cannot do the Lord’s work his way, it must be the way of the Lord, or therefore their own destruction.”

Message 118:13 “In time be not disturbed of what your brethren sought to do. They destroy and release themselves for lack of believing and or obeying my words I bring and will of the Lord.”

In conclusion should W. A. Draves, Leonard H. Draves and Mervyn Johnson have been ordained. The answer is no. Did they deny the Lord? No. Did they deny the messages? No. Did they deny the authority and trust that the Lord gave them? No, Man removed these men not the Lord. Therefore when in Message 118:9 when the Lord told them to take their place they did not have to be re-ordained. They were in good standing with the Lord.

## **Primary**

Joy Draves-Dreher

### **Are You Lost?**

Luke 15:1-7 “Then drew near to him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. 2) and the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, this man received the sinners, and eateth with them. 3) And he spake this parable unto them, saying, 4) What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, that not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? 5) And when

he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulder, rejoicing. 6) And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them. Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. 7) I say into you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."

It is not much fun getting lost, is it? Have you ever been out with your Mom and Dad and ended up getting lost? How did that make you feel? You may have felt scared and alone. It's also scary for a parent to lose a child.

In this story we learn about one sheep that gets lost, and how we would care so much for our sheep that we just have to leave the other 99 to find the lost sheep. This is how it is with God. He seeks out the 'lost', the ones that are alone and scared. He wants to bring them into His family and show them love, friendship and fellowship. You may have noticed some kids at school that seem lost – in the way that they are alone, not joining in or have any friends. They may feel not as good as everybody else. God loves them too. Maybe you could show some friendship to those that feel this way, or if you feel lost like this, you can know that God loves you and wants to be your friend. He wants you to be part of His family. You need never feel lost in this way again when you come to Jesus. He is always with you.

If you feel this way and you want Jesus to come into your life, to be your friend, you may like to pray this prayer.

"Lord Jesus,

I ask you to come into my life to be my shepherd, and to be my Lord and Savior. Forgive me for the wrong things I have done and help me to follow you all my days and to really feel like part of your family. Amen"

You can be sure that all of heaven rejoices over just one lost person that comes to Jesus.

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"For the Son of  
Man came to seek  
and to save that

which was lost." -  
Luke 19: 10

Jesus I have felt so lost  
Unsure of where to go  
But you are my loving shepherd  
And the way you gladly show.

## Juniors

Thresa Ray

Dear Youth,

Do you know what is the 'Great Commission'?"

After Jesus was resurrected, he spent 40 days on the earth talking to His disciples and followers: Matthew 28: 18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying "All power is given unto me in heaven and earth. (19) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. (20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Amen.

In Mark 16:15-18 says: And He said unto them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (17) And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils: they shall speak with new tongues; (18) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hand on the sick and they shall recover.

This is a really big job that Jesus is giving the disciples to do. How can they accomplish such a huge task? Remember when Jesus was going to be crucified and the disciples were afraid for their own lives. Peter denied Jesus three times before the rooster crowed, even though Peter knew how much he loved Jesus. Peter was afraid and weak. How could the Apostles accomplish this great task that Jesus was laying before them?

Jesus explained that when He will ascend into Heaven, but He will send the 'Comforter' – the Holy Spirit to be with them.

John 14:16 "And I will pray the Father, and He shall abide with you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever.

John 14:26 "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost ( the Holy Spirit), whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

John 16:7-11 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you: but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. (8) And when He is come, He will reprove (convict) the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment: (9) Of sin, because they believe not on Me; (10) Of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and ye see Me no more; (11) Of judgment, because the Prince of this world is judged.

Remember also that we are to have two baptisms; baptism by water and baptism by the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:5 "For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) not many days hence."

Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Luke 24:49 "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Jesus is not giving this "Great Commission", this great task for the Apostles to accomplish without helping them. Jesus tells them when he leaves He will send the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, to be with them. The Holy Spirit will endow them with the strength and power they need to accomplish miracles and anything God tells them to do.

Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, ten day after Jesus ascended into Heaven, the Holy Spirit was given. This was called the Day of Pentecost when the people were filled with the

Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:1-8,12, And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. (2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (3) and there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as fire, and it sat upon each of them. (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (5) And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. (6) Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that ever man heard them speak in his own language. (7) And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? (8) And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? (12) And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

Some people mocked them and said they were drunk. But Peter was given great power and courage and boldness and proclaimed that the people were not drunk but it was the power of the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit). Peter quoted from the prophet Joel.

Acts 2:17-21 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: (18) And on my servants on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of My Spirit; and they shall prophesy. (19) And I will shew wonders in Heaven above, and sign in the Earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke. (20) And the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: (21) And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Peter also quoted from David. The Holy Spirit brought these things to Peter's remembrance and he was able to quote many scriptures. Three thousand believed that day and were baptized. (Acts 2:41) The gospel was already

spreading as the people that were gathered from all nations went home and spread the word of what happened on the Day of Pentecost!

Acts 3:1-11 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer being the ninth hour. (2) And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that enter into the temple; (3) Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. (4) And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. (5) And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. (6) Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. (7) And he took him by the right hand, and lifted Him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. (8) And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. (9) And all the people saw him walking and praising God. (10) And they knew it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened to him. (11) And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

Peter boldly spoke to the people giving his second sermon. He told them that the lame man was healed by the power of the Holy Spirit. He also spoke plainly and told them that they killed the Prince of Life, whom God hath raised from the dead, and that he and John were eye witnesses. (Acts 4:10) But Peter also told them to repent of their sins and Jesus would bless everyone of them.

Acts 3:19,20,21,26 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; (20) and He shall send Jesus Christ which before was preached unto you: (21) Whom the Heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. (26) Unto you first God,

having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away everyone from his iniquities. (sins)

As Peter spoke, the priests and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees were upset to hear what Peter was saying, because they did not believe in resurrection of the dead. They took Peter and John overnight in jail, since it was late. The next day, the priest and Sandhedrin commanded Peter and John not to speak about Jesus or to teach in the name of Jesus. Peter and John were filled with the Holy Spirit and told them that they had to speak about Jesus.

Since so many people were witness to the lame man being healed, the priests and those opposing the teaching of Jesus felt they could not hold Peter and John so they released them.

After the Apostles were released, they prayed to God asking that with boldness they may speak God's word and by stretching forth their hands to heal, that signs and wonders may be done in the name of Jesus.

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

See the change the Holy Spirit made in Peter! He was no longer afraid to be known as a follower of Jesus. He now boldly declared the word of God, telling of Jesus, and for the people to repent and be baptized. God made this great change in Peter by filling him with the Holy Spirit!

You can also ask God to fill you with the Holy spirit! The Holy spirit will guide and direct you. It will inspire your thoughts and actions. It will help you in understanding the scriptures when you study. It will bring to your remembrance God's word. It will help you to resist temptations. It will give you a boldness that you may testify and tell others about Jesus, His Church, and the great plan of salvation.

The Holy Spirit can bring you great joy and inner peace. It will give you guidance, comfort, and strength in your time of need. Just ask the Holy Spirit to come into your heart and abide in you!

Being filled with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles were able to do what God asked of them – “The Great Commission”. What ever God asks you to do, He will give you the strength and power to accomplish it – through His Holy Spirit working through you.

Matthew 19:26 ....with God all things are possible.

Love and prayers,  
Sister Thresa Ray

## Young Adults

Karen Wilkin

### Gifts and Talents from the Lord

1 Peter 4:10; As every man that received the Gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (11) If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Cor 12:1, 4-11; “Now concerning Spiritual Gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. (4) Now there are diversities of gifts, but the Same Spirit. (5) And there are Differences of administrations, but the Same Lord. (6) And there are diversities of operations, but it is the Same God which worketh all in all. (7) But the Manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

Verses (8-11)

- A. For to one is given by the Spirit the Word of Wisdom;
- B. To another the Word of Knowledge by the same Spirit
- C. To another Faith by the Same Spirit
- D. To another the Gifts of Healing by the Same Spirit
- E. To another the Working of Miracles
- F. To another Prophecy
- G. To another Discerning of Spirits
- H. To another Divers kinds of tongues

#### I. To another The Interpretation of Tongues

Those are the Spiritual gifts God blesses people with through the gift of the Holy Spirit. It doesn't require a “talent” to have one of these gifts, they are God given. Then you have the Personal, Natural gifts/talents that God has granted to you to use for Him throughout your life. It could be to play a musical instrument, or write stories, befriend the kid who no one else wants to accept, it could be helping your neighbor or helping the less fortunate people. Some are math genius's and some are computer whiz's. There are so many diverse talents/gifts God gives to each individual and sometimes it is hard to determine what gifts He has actually given you. Some talents are passed down from generation to generation. For example, there are groups of people who have been blessed with the talent to Sing. The talent may go way back for generations of a family having beautiful talented voices to sing. I met one family who has 10 children and every one of their children can sing and play one or more musical instruments. They chose to use these talents to glorify the Lord singing to audiences and performing in concerts.

God gives each person some sort of “talent” to use in this lifetime. While Matt 25:15 talks about basically “financial talents” it is also stating how God works with people according to their abilities to do certain things. Read Ch 25 through verse 30 to get a general idea of what the lesson is about using the talents. The Lord deals with each person in what he/she is capable of achieving or doing at that time in their life. What talents do you have? Do you recognize it as a talent? Does it inspire you to do something good with it? Maybe you aren't really that good at something but you really are intrigued by it and would like to be able to do more with that particular inspiration. If that's the case, then you should try to pursue it and see what happens. Sometimes you just don't know until you try.

Proverbs 16:3; “Commit thy works to the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.” Whatever you do, if you do it unto the Lord, to His Honor and Glory, it will spring forth as a blessing, not only for you but for others also. If

you put your trust in God to lead, guide and direct your paths, He will do just that.

The Gifts God was referring to in 1 Cor. are mainly very Spiritual gifts, but the more personal gifts are very rewarding and can be very unique in their own way, depending on what it is and how you can use it. The Spiritual gifts are extremely valuable because they are used to benefit a person who is in need or for the church. If you could receive one of the Spiritual Gifts which one do you think you would hope for or feel comfortable with? I guess if I could do that, I would ask for the gift of "Discernment." Why? Because in this day and time there are so many false preachers, teachers and other people who are renown, yet there is nothing Christian about them and they are exclaiming very serious facts that are totally fake. If we do not have discernment to some degree, then we could go down the wrong path, make wrong choices and end up going against God's word. We could end up believing in something false and without merit. All of God's Gifts are virtuous and vital in our walk with the Lord. It is a fact that many people use their God given talents for things other than to serve the Lord.

Romans 12:2; And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, Will of God. (3) For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly then he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of his faith. (9) Let love be without simulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. (10) Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.

May the Lord open your understanding and heart to what your Gifts and Talents are so you might be a blessing to others. If you don't know yet, seek Him with an open mind to show you, and as promised, "seek and ye shall find". Matt 6:1; Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them, otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Always remain Humble before the Lord, sharing

and blessing others with your talents. Always treat others with the same dignity and respect you want for yourself. If you feel your talents make you much better than another person, you become conceited and stuck up, then you have forgotten why God granted your gifts and talents to you.

Remember your gifts and talents are your Gifts from God, Using them to His honor and glory, is your gift back to Him. Amen.

## Obituary

### James Naslund

1938 - 2019

James was born April 28, 1938 at Chinook, Montana, and left this life on October 11, 2019 at Holden Missouri. He was the second son of Harvey and Thelma (Williams) Naslund.

James was baptized on July 12, 1964 at Independence Missouri by Vincent Yates and was confirmed by W. A. Draves and James W. Savage. During the confirmation W. A. Draves called him to the office of elder. He was ordained on that day.

Message 111:8 James was told to be added to the Elders. He was ordained by Vincent Yates, Jairus Yates and Mike Greenwell. He was ordained on October 13, 1991.

In a Revelation by Mervyn Johnson he was called to be Elder/Evangelist/Bishop by Mervyn Johnson. He was ordained in Independence on July 6, 2003 by Leonard Draves, Mervyn Johnson, Donald Thompson and Reese Johnson.

James was an accomplished musician and performed in Las Vegas, Nevada.

James was married to Rita Fox, Pearl Louise Chafin and Leora Greenman. James had two stepdaughters, Betty Sega and Patty Stephens.

James was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Harvey, Lawrence and Robert. He is survived by two brothers, Alan and Curtis and his stepdaughters.

Message 104:16 "There are those the Lord has taken to their reward. Their work on earth has brought forth fruit and will remain."