



# THE ASSURED WAY

**The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message**

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## One Hundred Thirty-Second Message

*Let the Assured Way continue to reach out unto the nations, that all may be blessed and encouraged.* — Mess. 123:19

*On March 23rd at 3:45 am the Messenger of the Lord, appeared unto me in my room in Nairobi, Kenya, He told me to awaken as he gently touched my shoulder, and said the Lord was keenly aware of the pressure my body and those of my fellow Apostles had been enduring.*

*For a few moments we spoke as two friends of the recent events. He handed me a pad and I wrote the Message as he spoke it. — Apostle Norman D. Lyles*

1) Behold I come from the presence of the living God. I am the Elijah, the Messenger of the Covenant, sent to guide and direct the work of the Lord. I bring forth a refreshing and encouragement. The Lord is still at the helm and shall bring forth success and joy.

2) The work of the Vice Bishops and Disciples in Malawi, has been well received and viewed with great honor.

3) Likewise, the work of Apostles Fred Mikangi and Apostle Norman D. Lyles is held in high regard and understanding the sacrifices which the brothers have given.

4) The work in Malawi and Mozambique is extremely important unto the Lord and critical to the work in Central Africa. Satan knows full well the work is continuing to expand and thousands are coming to Christ and His Church. Satan is fighting to destroy the work and those now have been called and chosen to move the work forward. It has not

been an effort without cost and sacrifice, however Christ's Grace and Power have overcome.

5) His People of Malawi shall walk after the Lord. He shall roar like a lion before them and then many will tremble and know the Power and grace of God has come to Malawi.

6) You have witnessed the Power of God, yea you have seen His Word fulfilled in spite of the efforts of Satan, as he seeks to destroy, the virus of the pale horse has cast a shadow across the nations and has brought His three apostles low, yet the Lord through His Power has protected their lives and in returning their strength that the work may grow.

7) Read and study the words I have sent by my Messenger. I have explained in these the days of tribulation. Study them and obey them fully and eternity will hold for you a place.

8) Behold, saith the Lord, 'those that profess my name and diligently seek Me, yea I will open doors that none can close.'

9) Hate evil, love the Good. Establish judgment in the gate, that the Lord of Hosts will be gracious unto all that enter herein.

10) The Lord has sent His messenger unto you; The promised Elijah, the Messenger to prepare the way for the coming of Christ.

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### 2021 General Assembly Notice

The 2021 General Assembly of the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message will be held from June 20, 2021—June 23, 2021 in the Kansas City, Missouri area.

We ask that you come with a prayer upon your heart that God would rule and over-rule in all things. "... As you meet in the assembly, counsel not your God, but seek ye counsel and wisdom at his hands." Mess. 25:11;

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**FOREWORD**

*The Assured Way*, the official publication of THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WITH THE ELIJAH MESSAGE inc. comes to you as an expression of hope we have in Christ.

In its pages are found the thoughts and expressions 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 1828 marked the beginning of the restoration of all things. It is a history of the people who once lived in the Americas, some who are the ancestors of the Native America Indians. Though it contains a record of two other groups of people who once lived in the Americas, 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 him of God; that of restoring all things (Matthew 17:11). The angel first came in 1829 and restored the priesthood 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 "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 coming is near at hand. Fear God and give glory to his name, for the hour of his judgment has come. Awake thou that sleep 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 Assured Way*.

**NOTICES**

The Quorum of Twelve recognizes the teaching and wording found in the Bible (Authorized King James Version), The Record of the Nephites, and The Word of the Lord: Brought to Mankind by and Angel, as our rule and guide as the stable wording of God.

It is the agreement of The Quorum of Apostles of this church that no minister of this faith is to ordain any man into the ministry of this church until said candidate has with all his heart and soul confessed he agrees with everything written in our *Articles of Faith and Practice*. It is each elders duty to seek guidance from and to keep the apostles informed of his works in regions he is laboring.

**Ministry Notice**

Be it known unto the membership and ministry of the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message that William Holden Jr. is no longer a part of the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message. He has rejected the Word of God and the Lord has removed him from the membership and ministry of His Church. According to Message 126:12 -

"...Those who reject the Words I bring shall not be found among the faithful of the Lord." We would ask that you Please do not give heed to any communication about the church that you may receive from Mr. Holden.

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The Lord is aware of your weakness in body and those of your fellow laborers, However, be ye uplifted and en-

couraged for he shall see you through these times.

11) Let nothing discourage you or your fellow brothers. He shall set His hand

upon you and strengthen you. I shall come again as the need be and until the Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ in all His Glory. Amen.

## Malawi Missionary Report

### Apostle Norm Lyles

On February 19th Apostle Fred, Apostle Larry and Myself departed Kenya for Malawi at Lilanwe, where we greeted by Disciple Lawrence and then began a 6 1/2-hour ride to our destination for the night: a town of Nkando. We shared our thoughts and our plans over the next several days. As we retired for the night Brother Larry tripped and hit his head on the door jam, reinjuring himself from an accident he had suffered two weeks earlier in Georgia.

The next morning were scheduled for services, however our brother Larry would defer to us to take care of services due to the injury to his head. By nightfall it became increasing understood that Brother Larry was suffering from a serious head injury and would not be able to continue on the mission.

I made arrangements to have Apostle Fred and another Disciple to have him transported back to Lilangwe for a better look his situation. We had gathered 13 new pastors for seminar and it was scheduled to begin the next day, having paid for their food and lodging; so. Somebody would have to take care of the work there and Fred and Larry would be in good hands of the doctors.

I began the next day teaching for ten hours a day doctrine and foundational structure of the Church and answering questions concerning the same and other side issues the pastors had. I kept in touch with Apostle Fred who informed they were going need to arrange a medical flight to Nairobi, as they didn't have the equipment and doctors to care For Larry. I instructed Fred to say with Larry until arrangements could be made and this was accomplished. Bishop John accompanied the flight both ways and Larry arrive in Nairobi Kenya in good shape. The Doctors there would later due brain surgery on one side of his head to remove some clots and relieve pressure. The surgery was very successful and although a second was later required on the other side of his head for the same thing; this surgery also went well

and we give honor and Glory to God for protecting his life and his health. His family was in constant communication with the doctor and this helped considerable.

I would teach for the ten days with the pastor's seminar and thankfully the pastors all accepted and were baptized and ordained. (thirteen in all)

On March 1st at all of the pastors request we agreed to move among new locals and teach them and help ground them on the Word of God. Our first stop was at Miso4. It was painfully apparent the pastor had said nothing to the local and although they listened intently, there was little understanding with the pastor himself showing up half way through the day.

On March 2nd we journeyed to the Mulange local amid a downpour and most of the local were absent due a funeral.

On March 3rd we traveled to the Nansamba Local and I taught for about twelve hours and the teaching bore fruit as we were above to walk about a mile to some rice patties and baptized eight souls.

On March 5th we traveled to the Nsupe local where we again taught for several hours.

On March 5th we baptized ten souls and Blessed many children.

On March 6th we traveled to the Kopicki and maoni locals and were blessed to baptize 23 souls and blessed 21 Children.

On March 8th we traveled to chigumla arriving about 1:30 pm and then walked down a three hundred rock strewn path and fell into bed. The flowing morning disaster struck and I woke up feeling as if I had malaria or worse. I had everyone awaken Fred and told him he would have to teach today; so, he went and showered and by the time he came back I had been tested for malaria, but clear.

At a little before eight am Fred came in and I said I am sorry but you are teaching today. My eyes rolled back into my head and I went to a hypoglycemic coma. I was gone for about ten hours and no one could awaken me. They called a doctor up and he

worked on me for a bit and said you need to get his man of this hill as he cannot be helped here and is dying.

Fred was able to an ambulance crew up and strap me to a gurney and six men carried me up to the Ambulance and they immediately began to pump full of sugar and oxygen. By the time I got off the hill ten hours later. I began to regain concusses and half way to Lilangwe, I was able to think and concentrate.

Arriving at the hospital they also discovered I had Covid 19 and could not admit me to a regular hospital. I was in the other hospital with Fred for a bit over a week They were confused on what to treat, so basically they tried many things. It was apparent from all concerned they were not competent and after a visit from and outside doctor we were suggested to Get Nairobi and at no small risk he made that possible, falsifying my records and two Covid Tests. We flew back and arrived on March 19th.

All in all, we baptized over 160 people, opened a few new locals and successfully got our brothers a post office box, a registration and thirty new Message books in their language.

Although this is a pretty sketchy report coming from this brother perhaps, you'll forgive the typos and misspelling. Today. Gillian who took care of Larry, suffering with Covid 19, Fred who still has Covid 19, and myself who was tested today to see if I am past the contagious side. If all goes well, I will get the shot this coming week as well as brother Larry and Sister Gillian. Fred will have to await his results in a week or so, but he appears on the mend.

God Has blessed us in spite of some horrendous conditions and we Praise him and Give honor and glory unto Him. Not everything here in the field is easy however it all needful.

God Bless you  
Your Brother in Christ,  
Apostle Norman D. Lyles

## To Those that Believe

Apostle Larry T. Gosier Williams

To those that believe and those that do not. The word of God is for sure. Remember Jesus said in Matthew 4:4 IT is written. Man must not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeded out of the mouth of God.

What could I say to you this day of myself that would take the place of God's Word? Nothing. So, I will share with you the Word of God and pray that each one that reads it will seek the Lord for understanding and to know that it is His word.

We are living in the last days, the time of Christ return to claim His bride ( His Church),

Message 86: 1-9:

**1 "Behold! Arise and write a message I will give you. I come from the Lord's presence. I speak His will. His words shall judge all men. color and kind. 2. Make haste. Are you ready? Will the People hear that they might live and have life in the hereafter? 3. This is the closing time, to open to the millennium reign of peace, with Christ on Earth ere there cometh a new heaven and a new earth. 4. There have been loses, loved ones have been taken from you. This is the Lord's planning, your companion also has been taken. Changes come. yet greater service and greater things will come to pass. The Lord has and will give comfort. 5. I bring a warning and a deliverance. All they that believe and obey the gospel**

**shall find it. 6. Many represent Christ and have faith to do many miracles. This is good, if they hear the final call=this the midnight cry and obey it. Their works will stand the test. 7. If they speak against this work believing not that I come. they have not God--and will not be of the Bride, the Lamb's Church in the end. 8. He that believeth not these words nor come not to obedience. hath not God. 9. God's plan will not change to suit them that believe not. they must conform to His will.**

I pray that the Lord by His Spirit will touch your heart this day and you follow through.

In the Love of Christ our Lord.  
Apostle Larry T. Gosier Williams.

## Easter Bible Trivia

1. When Jesus Entered Jerusalem during His Triumphant Entry. What was He riding on?

Horse  
Camel  
Donkey

2. What was the name of the High Priest Servant who had his ear cut off by the Disciple Peter?

Malchus  
Alexander  
Matthew

3. What did the Soldiers offer Jesus to drink while on the Cross?

Fruit Juice  
Water  
Vinegar

4. In what was Jesus wrapped before He was buried?

Sheep Skin  
Linen clothes  
Golden robe

5. How many times did Peter deny Christ?

Two times  
One time  
Three times

6. What was the Jewish feast being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?

Passover  
Pentecost  
First Fruits

7. For how many pieces of silver did Judas betray Christ?

10  
20  
30

8. What Color was the robe the Romans placed upon Jesus?

Green  
Purple  
Yellow

9. Who rolled away the tombstone?

Soldiers  
Angel  
God

## The Visit of the Nephite

W. A. Draves

While at the home of Evangelist Robert Gordon Newby, near Bemidji, Minnesota, on the morning of November 4, 1940, at about 8 a. m., I went to the well, not far from the house, for water. Just as I stepped through the thicket of spruce trees and approached the well, I saw sitting on the well curbing, the Nephite, whom I have met a number of times.

Many times he has given me directions, instructions, and spiritual help in the church work. I recalled very plainly his giving me direction to come to this part of God's vineyard; and when he gave that instruction he commanded me to see that I told no man of that visit until I saw him again. He smiled pleasantly and spoke, saying, "I come to bring you comfort; I have been sent here by the Lord, to this place and at this time. The Lord knows your heart and your strength, and I bring you encouragement that you and others may know the Lord's hand is in this work." At this juncture he reached toward me and I stepped near and we shook hands. I felt him to be a real person. The Spirit of God came over me in great measure.

He looked toward the pump and I understood that I should go ahead and draw the water. As I was pumping he reached out his hand, and in it was a cup of very beautiful, ancient design, with gold on the outside and silver on the inside. He caught it full of water and asked me to drink. I did so, and in a few seconds I felt something come all over me and I seemed to be swaying and moving higher. The whole surroundings seemed to change, except the well. He said: "You will see a Vision of that which shall take place hereafter." I looked at the surroundings: toward the north I saw beautiful green fields, tall trees,

meadows, rivers, lakes, both calm and rough, small streams and nooks, all seeming to reach out over many miles. I saw many people walking about; I seemed to be among them. I saw two large lakes, unlike the rest. One was very angry and tumultuous, rough and dangerous looking. The other was still trembling and a bit unsettled as yet. My visitor said: "These represent the last great evils to be overcome." I saw people drawn to the shore of the tumultuous lake, seemingly indifferent or unaware of the danger. I saw many swallowed up by the angry waves; some were cast out, their faces and bodies all bruised and mangled. I understood it to be the marks and stains of sins, of many evils. I saw a great precipice over which many saints fell or were pushed by others. Some were made white and pure by their efforts to climb back and regain the heights from which they had fallen.

I saw many from all nations coming into The Church of Christ through baptism by His ministry. I saw that many whom I personally knew were true and would remain so; others, I noted with sorrow, turned away and were lost. My visitor turned to me and said: "Will you yet be true? The victory will soon be won." Afterward I saw them eating the fruit of a large tree by a beautiful lake of clear quiet water. As they partook of the fruit their faces brightened and shone with knowledge and understanding. A great contentment came over them; their minds were at rest; a new and a great hope had been planted within their hearts; they were nourished by the fruit of the tree of life. I saw and understood the many trials through which the ministry must pass. I was grieved and wept when I saw that some failed. I beckoned to them to come all the way. I saw some

tossed about on the lake and drifting ashore. Some were dead; some still alive.

I, with others, worked hard and long to save as many of them as we could. Some I loved turned away, but still a few struggled on. One brother was continually by my side and though he spoke little, he did much. Many times this brother helped me to maintain my courage to continue on. Many people came to our assistance, standing for and defending the truth, upholding the church and the coming of the Messenger, John the Baptist.

I saw much more than I have written, but my visitor said, "You will see another vision." At this I turned and looked toward the south and saw the land far in the distance. There stood the Temple of the Lord in its beauty and splendor, seemingly raised so it stood above all the land around it. I was taken toward the building. As we approached it I noticed its architectural design. I noted the rounded shape of the pillars, the smoothness and perfectness of the polished gray stone finish; the number, size, and shape of the windows. We entered the temple, where I saw the great power of God manifested. There Christ met with his servants. The power of the Lord was felt by all who entered the temple. All were seeking greater light, and the changes noted in the faces of the people proved that they were finding it.

From here the servants of the Lord went out to the nations of the world and to the isles of the sea, teaching the gospel of the kingdom, and its great purpose toward mankind; while here in the temple many were busy and many came and went carrying the glad tidings to the hearts of mankind. I saw the faithful servants who had been true to the end. They

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were reaping their reward. Seemingly many months passed away, during which time the work in the temple was conducted much like a school or college where class work was carried on, while the really great gatherings of the saints came on the first day of the week. Truly the great endowment was now becoming a reality. Then came a great trembling of the earth. We heard a trumpet sound and from the east, in the sky came the Savior, Jesus the Christ, and a great host with Him.

With Him were the 144,000 who had not been defiled by women and who were angels from the beginning. Noticeable among the great hosts were 153 faithful servants who were martyrs for the sake of the Lamb, and His cause. Among the resurrected ones who came with the Christ were the small and the great from all lands and climes, yet all came in the likeness and power of their Savior.

I noted that Christ appeared on Friday. He instilled peace and the gospel law into the glad hearts of men, and the

great Millennium broke forth. The vision closed and I was standing by the well and my visitor bade me sit down by his side. I was glad to do so, as I was weak and physically exhausted from my experiences. I have written only a small part of what I saw and heard while the visions were open before me.

He began to talk; we visited as two men and spoke of many things that should take place; of the honest in heart, many of whom would yet come to a knowledge of the truth. He told me how and why many had failed and commanded, "Let it not be so with you." He warned me that plans are now being laid by certain ones within the church, to disrupt our work through false claims of visits of the Messenger, John the Baptist, to them. And he admonished me not to be moved thereby as the Lord has chosen the human instrument to convey His word to the Church by the medium of the Messenger, and that I was well aware of who it is; it being myself.

He told me that the angel mentioned in Revelation 14:6 had now come and that now the hour of God's judgment is upon us, and that through conditions that will arise, even the government will recognize the work of and mission of The Church of Christ. He told me something of the strength, weakness, sacrifice, faith, and accomplishments of the brethren, and that others also would soon be defending the cause and expressing their faith in the purpose and mission of John the Baptist in carrying out God's plan. As he arose he blessed me and said:

"The Lord delighteth in the faithful and obedient; they shall find rest unto their souls."

I went out into the woods to pray and the Lord gave me strength.

W. A. Draves,  
Apostle in The Church of Christ.

*This is an article from a previous edition of the Paper.*

## God's Creation

When \*GOD\* wanted to create fish, \*HE\* spoke to the sea.  
When \*GOD\* wanted to create trees, \*HE\* spoke to the earth.  
But when \*GOD\* wanted to create man, \*HE\* turned to Himself.

Then \*GOD\* said: "**Let us make man in our image and in our likeness**".

### Note:

If you take a \*fish\* out of \*the water\* it will die; and when you remove a \*tree\* from \*soil\*, it will also die.

Likewise, when man is disconnected from \*GOD\*, he dies.  
\*GOD\* is our natural environment. We were created to live in \*His\* presence.  
We have to be connected to \*Him\* because it is only in \*Him\* that life exists.

Let's stay connected to \*GOD\*.

We recall that \*water\* without \*fish\* is still \*water\* but \*fish\* without \*water\* is nothing.  
The \*soil\* without \*tree\* is still \*soil\* but \*the tree\* without \*soil\* is nothing ...  
**\*GOD\* without man is still \*GOD\* but man without \*GOD\* is nothing!!!**

*Submitted by Apostle Peter Wekesa Simiyu*

# Words of Encouragement

Apostle Edward Coffey

**“Hate evil, love the Good. Establish judgment in the gate, that the Lord of Hosts will be gracious unto all that enter herein.” — Mess. 132:9;**

The Lord commands us to establish judgement in the gate. And he has given us the way to establish it by hating evil and loving good, as all good things are from above. But, what is the gate. Do we understand which gate He means? It is the gate into the Kingdom of God, which is Faith, Repentance and Baptism.

**“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” —Matthew 7:13 –14;**

**“Open the gates, that the righteous nation may enter, The one that remains faithful.” Isaiah 26:2;**

**“Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the Lord.” — Psalms 118:19;**

We enter into the Kingdom of God by Faith on the word of God; repentance from dead works and then by receiving baptism by those having authority that we might receive the gift and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**“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.” — Mess. 81:23;**

Notice that the Lord commands that we establish judgement in the gate. How do we really accomplish this

command? He also commands us in other places in the word to establish justice in the gates. — **“Verily I have felt after the hearts of men and I plead that they will hear when I call. Seek good and hate evil, and establish justice in the gate ...” — Mess. 48:7;**

The definition of justice is to be fair and equitable to all. How can we be fair to all in this work of the Lord? Well, the Lord has commanded us to swing wide the gate and to take His gospel to all people — both black and white; Jew and Gentile; bond and free. We have the responsibility to preach and teach His gospel to the whole world that all might have a chance to be a part of His bride in the end. This is how we swing wide the gate.

**“Blessed art thou that seeketh to bring forth my Zion, for it shall be and the righteous shall have victory over all the oppressors. Therefore, I send the warning, even by my messenger in the spirit and power of Elias, that ye walk humbly before me, even all, teaching my law that mankind must come with full purpose of heart. Cleave unto me and I shall cleave unto you. 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 sacrifice of a broken heart; repent in a contrite spirit.” — Mess. 41:13;**

**“Before you stands an open door, 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.”**

— **Mess. 112:14;**

As we strive to be obedient to the word of God, we are swinging wide the gate into the Kingdom of God on earth. He has told us to publish this Elijah Message every way possible.

**“Let the message be published every way possible.” — Mess. 104:23;**

As we are obedient we will see the work grow and expand as God would have it.

**“I will put my Spirit upon him and it shall be upon all those that hear and obey this way. As you swing wide the gate, let my people come. He that is filled of this message and calling, let him thrust in the sickle and reap, saith the Lord.’ — Mess. 95:6;**

**“Yea, I will cause strength to be upon you that my strange act may be brought about. Nations shall yet know I have spoken and sent my Elias that all things may be in my planning. Bring forth my Zion and the righteous shall have victory over the oppressors. Enter in at the strait gate, abide and endure unto the end that ye may obtain life eternal. Repent in a contrite spirit and bring your sacrifice of a broken heart. Let all pay their oblations to me and I will be your reward, saith your Lord.’ — Mess. 56:11;**

Truly the Lord is still at the helm of this work let us hasten to be about the Father’s business as we swing wide the gate.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Apostle Edward Coffey

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## Thanksgiving

I thank God for the bright morning light  
And the dark sacred night.  
I thank God for the morning dew  
And every captivating view.

I thank God for the lush green trees  
And the cool breeze.  
I thank God for the bird that sings  
And its colorful wings.

I thank God for the pleasant nature  
And my surprising future.  
I thank God for everything  
And everyone in my life.

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