

# The Bride's Message

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## Services

Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Service	11:00 am
Tuesday Prayer	7:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:30 pm

## Song of the Month: Revelation Song

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain*

*Holy, Holy is He*

*Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's Mercy Seat*

*Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty*

*Who was, and is, and is to come with all creation I sing*

*Praise to the King of Kings; You are my everything, and I will adore You*

*Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder*

*Blessing and honor, strength, and glory and power be to You the Only Wise King*

*Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty*

*Who was, and is, and is to come with all creation I sing*

*Praise to the King of Kings; You are my everything, and I will adore You*

*Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder*

*At the mention of Your Name*

*Jesus, Your Name is Power, Breath, and Living Water such a marvelous mystery*

*Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty*

*Who was, and is, and is to come with all creation I sing*

*Praise to the King of Kings; You are my everything, and I will adore You*

"Adoration of the Lamb" from the Ghent Altar piece (1427-1430), Jan van Eyck

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“Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you”—Matthew 6:33

## From the Pen of Rev. Hicks

### *The LORD's Shofar Shout at the Rapture*

Care is an altogether active principle in one's life. The careful man leaves no means untried in the pursuit of the object of his desire. Care motivates one to actual endeavours. Care is the opposite of negligence. The person who cares is willing and glad to see others exert themselves to help. Care is opposite to indifference. Care includes both responsibility and management (regulation and order). Care comprehends personal labour and employs a person's time in menial occupations. Care recognizes responsibilities in matters of trust and confidence.

As long as care is under the rulership of the Creator, Owner, and Master, the LORD God, it is a marvelous, necessary, and vital principle of life. However, when we rob God of His Headship over the vital principle called “care” and take it outside of God's Governing Fence, it becomes wildly destructive.

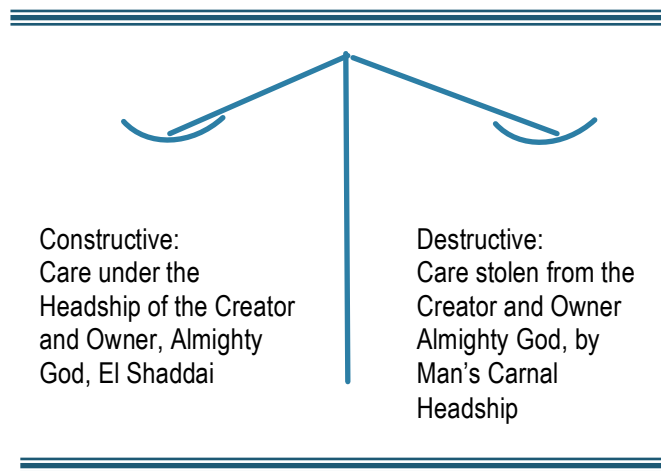
When man has stolen the vital principle of care and has taken it outside of God's Governing Fence, he becomes so obsessed with the many cares of this life that he has no time to care for his spiritual vineyard and his spiritual garden. The cares of this life are like vipers; they fill the heart with the poison of irritableness, anger, frustration, impatience, disgust, touchiness, sensitivity, ill-temperedness, huffiness, peevishness, tenseness, fretfulness, hyper-critical attitudes, easily offended attitudes, gloominess, snarling, moodiness, snappishness, fidgeting, waspishness, cantankerousness, sulkiness, sullenness, quick temperedness, crossness, annoyance, grumpiness, grouchiness, and resentfulness until the heart has little joy left in life.

When one's heart is filled with this noxious poison, it spreads until it permeates a person's whole world of working relationship with others. Thus, it is evident why Jesus warned us to take heed to the cares of this world so that we keep them inside His Governing Fence. If we do not heed Jesus's warning, the cares of life will cause our hearts to be overcharged with fretting and worrying about working to acquire material possessions for today and tomorrow until we forget the LORD's Coming. The cares of this life outside of God's Fence will continually distract

us from personal time in God's Word and prayer. The cares and responsibilities of this life are like a sponge that is ever ready to soak up the time that belongs to God for the study of His Word, for prayer, for praise, and for faithful attendance in [the] LORD's House. The fears, anxieties, and worries of this life prevent a person from watching for the LORD's Coming.

One way to know that the heart is unprepared for the day of the LORD's Coming is

when it is constantly filled with fear and worry about earthly, carnal things. God's Word commands us to, “[S]eek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33). A person who is heedful and always watches for the LORD's Coming will put the LORD Jesus Christ first in his heart and life by seeking God's Kingdom, first, and by bringing his cares inside God's Governing Fence.



# A Message from Our Elders

“In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you”—1 Thess. 5:18

Greetings in the Sweet Name of Jesus!

We have been learning that it is important to regard our circumstances rightly—that compared to the Infinite Divinity of our LORD, our situations are “small things.” Consequently, we owe our LORD a debt of gratitude for His Name in the midst of our circumstances and our lives. Paul’s exhortation to the Thessalonians, to give thanks to the LORD *in all things* is significant: “In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thess. 5:18). The LORD is the Great One—the Good One! When we find we have turned from Him—when He awakens our hearts to see our departure from Him—let us remember His cry. Because we are called by His Name, we ought to return to His Great Name—His Life-giving Authority. When we turn back to Him, to His Loving Rule, and when we seek His Face in grateful prayer, supplication, praise, and adoration, we find the strength to depart from the wicked ways of our hearts. And then—then comes His Attentiveness, His Forgiveness, and His Healing. It is a privilege to be called by the LORD’s Name; it is an honor to shoulder the responsibility, because of the complete work of Jesus Christ, to know and reveal His Name in the midst of all our circumstances.

The Grace and Peace of Jesus Christ be with you!

Revs. Herman Sr. and Tonja McGriff  
Elders, Christ Gospel Churches Northwest Coast Ministries

## Memory Verse

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14



# The Stars Speak

Rev. Hicks

## Gemini and The Tribe of Simeon and Levi

May 21-June 21

Sapphire

In God's Prophetic calendar is the sign of Gemini, the twins. This sign prophesies of the Millennial Reign in which Jesus Christ and His Bride will rule upon the Earth. During this time man's fleshly war clubs of anger and wrath, which presently are directed against the Divine Will of God, will be folded within their arms. There will be a thousand years of peace, for fallen Lucifer's full stature will be bound in the Bottomless Pit. He will not be present to stir up these emotions in human hearts.

The nature imparted by the light of Gemini was revealed in the Old Testament tribes of Simeon and Levi. These tribes were brethren, or twins, in their character and disposition. They were revengeful, fierce, and uncontrollable. Instead of using their swords as weapons of defense, they used them as aggressive weapons of violence to bring harm, evil, and death to others.

The blue sapphire light from Gemini gives us the power to see and follow the stairway of humility, which the Crucified Christ walked during His earthly journey. As this stone continues to shine, it illuminates the Resurrected Christ's stairway of exaltation.

When God rules the Creative Word and Light Energy from the sign of Gemini, these people can be magnetic leaders. When God has the Authority over these people, He converts them into special vessels of peace, with their inner war clubs folded within their spiritual arms. But, when Satan and human reason control the light from Gemini, these people worry, fret, and war within. Inner agitation causes them to vacillate; it makes them impulsive in their emotions and business dealings. As this light shines down, it transforms us so that our violent destructive energies can be used for the constructive purpose of the upbuilding of the Kingdom of Righteousness and Holiness.



*Happy Birthday to the  
Saints in the Tribe of  
Simeon & Levi:*

## Cancer and Tribe of Joseph-Manasseh

June 22-July 22

Agate Stone



*Happy Birthday to the  
Saints in the Tribe of  
Joseph-Manasseh:  
Sis Mayah,  
Bro Jesus, &  
Bro Javan*

Cancer, the crab, foretold the events, which will transpire at the end of the peaceful Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ and His Bride. This is when Satan and the Devil will be loosed for a season to try those living on the Earth. Even after they have known a thousand years of peace under the righteous Reign of Christ, great multitudes will forsake Him to follow this rebellious tempter. But, there will be a nucleus of people who will so love the Rock of Truth, Who revealed Himself to them as KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS and as their Bridegroom, that they will cling tenaciously to Him regardless of how furiously Satan and the Devil fight against them and the Rock.

The nature imparted by the light of Cancer was revealed in the Old Testament tribe of Manasseh, whose name means forgetfulness. Joseph passed to his son Ephraim the aggressive side of humility. This class of humility transformed Ephraim into a mighty archer who went forth shooting the penetrating arrows of God's Word. The defensive side of humility, which passed to Manasseh, differs outwardly, but its nature is no less strong than the aggressive side. The defensive, crablike humility light from Cancer permitted Manasseh to humble his heart, cling tenaciously to the Truth of God's Word, forgive his persecutors, and forget the suffering they had brought to him. In that low place, his heart experienced a gradual increase of the joining with the fiery agate stone of Truth. Through humility, Manasseh reached the place in which he could dwell in the Presence of the Rock of God's Word, which was hidden in the Head-realm of the Ark of the Covenant.

Directed especially to the people born between June 22nd and July 22nd, this agate Crab-light can penetrate all our hearts and influence us to cling tenaciously to the Truth of the Christ and His Headship, which permits us to be tested and proved. As we grow in our joining with this Truth and learn to dwell in the Rock and under its Mercy and Glory, we will be able to forgive and forget everything but the pleasure of His Holy Will and His Presence. Great is the Wisdom of God's Creative Word which set this Prophetic Light in the sky, for it is a visible witness to mankind that He possesses a degree of defensive humility that is powerful enough to resist all efforts (including those of Satan and the Devil) to separate him from the Truth of the Living Rock, called Christ.

## Leo and the Tribe of Judah

July 23-August 22

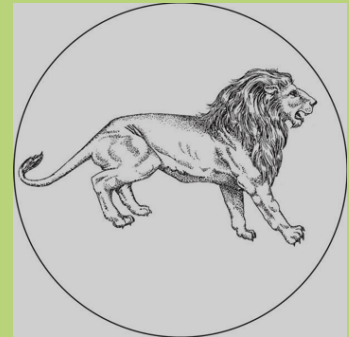
Sardius Stone

With the sign of Leo, the Lion, God completed His Message of His Dealings with mankind during the dispensation known as Time.

Leo prophesies of the coming Perfect Age of Eternity. This is when Jesus Christ will be unveiled as the Lion-Lamb out of the tribe of Judah. In the Lion-Lamb, we see the twofold pleasure of praise, which God desires from man in the humility place and in the exalted place. In order to perfect humility praise in our heart, God lets us fellowship the Sufferings of Christ through the Spirit and Word of God and through the painful experiences of life. Then, He blesses us and exalts us so that we might learn to give Him all the Glory, Honour, and Praise in the high place.

The nature imparted by the light of Leo was revealed in the Old Testament tribe of Judah, whose name means praise. In Jacob's prophecy to Judah, he described the maturity of Lion-Lamb praise which had grown in Judah's heart. The blessings of power granted to Leo are reflected in the sardius stone, which means to be red or rosy, to show blood in the face, to be ruddy. When the sardius-light from Leo kindles praise in our heart for the Life and Blood of Jesus Christ, for the privilege to grow, for the privilege to bend our knees to the Father's Headship and to eat the Meat of His Will, and for the privilege to abide under the shadow of His protecting Presence, our countenance will be rosy before our God and before the world.

We all can share and be blessed by the sardius-light, which kindles the Lion-Lamb's humility-exaltation praise in our heart. If we permit this praise to grow to spiritual maturity in our heart, now, we will be prepared and will have the substance to share a gift of praise with others so that they will be able to join in the songs of praise, which will be sung to God and the Lamb in the ceaseless ages of Eternity.



*Happy Birthday to the  
Saints in the Tribe of  
Judah: Sis Celestina,  
Sis Daffyette, Bro Abel,  
Bro Emmanuel,  
Rev Oscar, Sis Stacti,  
Sis Ellie, & Sis Emily*

## Virgo and the Tribe of Asher

August 23-September 22

Onyx Stone



God's Prophetic Calendar in the sky begins with the constellation of Virgo, the Virgin who holds sheaves of wheat or corn. This sign prophesied of the time that God would give to Adam-female the Promised Seed of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, Who was to be born later of the Virgin Mary.

The bowel, or digestive, section of the archetypal man in the sky is typified by Virgo. When Virgo's light reaches to the spiritual bowels, man is influenced to digest God's Holy Bread of Truth and Righteousness.

The nature imparted by the lights of Virgo was revealed in the tribe of Asher, whose name means happy or blessed. The bread prophesied of Asher in Genesis 49:20 fits together with the corn or wheat of Virgo, the Virgin. Asher's bread or seed was first described as fat. The Prophecy about the tribe of Asher said they were to become a very rich and prosperous tribe. They were to be furnished not just with the bread of necessity, but they were to be blessed with fatness and with dainties.

The sign of Virgo was reflected in the onyx stone, which represents the power of God's Word to bleach out the self-life and make the heart lustrous with the Life of God's Word and Spirit. It is no wonder, then, that Asher was called blessed or happy, for there is no happiness to compare with the blessing of being freed from the self-life and being filled with the Light and Life of Jesus Christ, the Seed promised to the Virgin.

We all can benefit from Virgo's light, which will nurture the Promised Seed, Jesus Christ, until it grows to full maturity within us.

*Happy Birthday to the  
Saints in the Tribe of  
Asher: Sis Taylor,  
Sis Brenda, Bro Josh,  
Bro Eddie, Sis Brandy,  
Sis Kimberly, Bro William,  
Bro Noah, Bro David, &  
Bro Gabriel*

# Prayer Tribes

**Issachar** – Meaning burden bearer, those belonging to the tribe of Issachar will help bear the burdens of others (Gen. 49:14-15).

**Zebulun**—Meaning exalted, those belonging to the tribe of Zebulun will pray for people experiencing trouble in their homes (Gen. 49:13; Deut. 33:18).

**Judah**—Meaning praised, the prayerful praise of those who belong to the tribe of Judah breaks and tears down walls and opposition (Gen. 49: 10; Deut. 33:7).

**Simeon**—Meaning to hear, those belonging to the tribe of Simeon are to pray for others to hear and act in obedience to the LORD (Gen. 49:5-7).

**Reuben**—Meaning “behold ye a son,” as the firstborn those belonging to the tribe of Reuben will fight against fornication and will fight for divorce settlements (Gen. 49:3-4; Deut. 33:6).

**Gad**—Meaning troop, those belonging to the tribe of Gad pray for the final victory over the enemy, as the tribes work with Christ to overcome (Gen. 49:19; Deut. 33:20).

**Dan** – Meaning to judge, those belonging to the tribe of Dan help to maintain balance and equilibrium by weighing the scales of God’s justice and judgment through wisdom, courage, and strength that comes from the Word and praying for others (Gen. 49:16-17; Deut. 33:22).

**Asher**—Meaning happy and blessed, those belonging to the tribe of Asher share the abundance that the LORD has blessed them with and are willing to serve (Gen. 49:20; Deut. 33:24-25).

**Naphtali** – Meaning to wrestle or fight, those belonging to the tribe of Naphtali are prevailing ones, who will continue to pray when others give up (Gen. 49:21; Deut. 33:23).

**Benjamin**—Meaning son of the right hand, those belonging to the tribe of Benjamin display the twofold nature of the LORD—humility and exaltation—as they pray for Christ’s second coming (Gen. 49: 27; Deut. 33:12).

**Ephraim**—Meaning fruitfulness, those belonging to the tribe of Ephraim depict blessing and fruitfulness that God desires to give in the natural and the spiritual, as they recognize and care for the concerns of those in need (Gen. 49:22-25; Deut. 33:13-17).

**Manasseh**—Meaning to forget, those belonging to the tribe of Manasseh pray for others to forgive and forget through humility (Gen. 49:22-26; Deut. 33:13-17).

**Levi**—Meaning to be joined to, those belonging to the tribe of Levi join in prayer for those who have a hard time being faithful to what God is doing and all the tribes (Gen. 49:5-7; Deut. 33:8-11).

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## The Twelve Governmental Names

Exodus 34:5-7, Ps. 12:7, Jer. 9:24-25, & Job 7:20

1. LORD
2. God
3. Merciful
4. Gracious
5. Longsuffering
6. Abundant in Goodness
7. Abundant in Truth
8. Preserver of Bountifulness
9. Forgiver of Iniquity
10. Forgiver of Transgression
11. Forgiver of Sin
12. Just Judge

*“But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will punish all them which are circumcised with the uncircumcised”*  
—Jeremiah 9:24-25

# COMING EVENTS

*June 30-July 4: International Convention*

*July 25-27: Youth Convention*

*November 9-10: CGCNWCM Revival*

## MONTHLY STUDIES

Women's Bible Study  
Men's Bible Study

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Month at 7:00 pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Month at 1:00pm

## Anniversaries

*July: Angeles*

*August: Babins & Humberts*

*September: Johnsons*

## Prayer Requests

- Our Leader, Rev Hicks
- Our Elders/Pastors
- Our Brotherhood at CGCNWCM
- Our deployed Saints
- The health of our Saints' family members
- The health of our pregnant sisters
- Wisdom and protection for our children, youth, and young adults

Always Remember to Pay Your...

**Tithes:** 10% of gross income

**Firstfruits:** First hourly pay of pay period

**Offerings:** Whatever the LORD lays upon you to give

**Love Offerings:** Offer to help those in need

**Alms:** Whatever you would have spent on food saved during a fast

**Missions:** For Jeffersonville to help other countries

**Benevolence:** \$5/month to help anyone in need

**Pastoral Benevolence:** Gifts to the Pastors

**Pledges:** Those that you have agreed to pay

**Nursery:** For supplies to use for our babies and toddlers

**Travel Funds:** To help with travel expenses for the Pastors

**Men's Group Fund:** \$10/month

**Women's Group Fund:** \$10/month

**Supplies:** Monthly offer to keep supplies on hand

*If you have any question about these items, please contact Sis. Gross (CGCT) or Sis. Dore (CGCP)*

## A Reminder...

### CHURCH WORKERS

All monthly reports are due by the first Sunday of the month or the fifth of the month whichever comes first.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS

Remember to greet one another in a Christ-like manner, keep one another encouraged throughout the week, and above all, pray for one another.

### HOUSEKEEPING

Please check the daily cleaning schedule and nursery schedule. Copies of the schedules have been given out and are posted on the bulletin board. If you cannot fulfill your time listed, please find someone to trade with you or contact Sis. Gross at CGCT and Bro. Dore at CGCP.

Before leaving the sanctuary, please check around your seat for your possessions. In addition, please help keep the sanctuary, the nursery, classrooms, and offices tidy, as they are part of God's house that we are entrusted to maintain.

Please check the bulletin board for church supplies that might need to be replenished (like toilet paper, paper towels, or cleaning supplies). Please let Sis. Gross or Bro. Dore know if they need to be replenished.