

THE BRIDE'S MESSAGE

CHRIST GOSPEL CHURCHES OF NORTHWEST COAST MINISTRIES

Christ Gospel Church Tacoma
3909 Steilacoom Blvd. SW
Lakewood, WA 98499
(252) 584-3904

Christ Gospel Church Portland
161 NE Adams Ave., Suite #100
Hillsboro, OR 97124
(503) 693-7100

Church Hours

Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Service	11:00 am
Tuesday Prayer	7:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:30 pm
Royal Regiments	
1 st Saturday of Month	at 7:00pm
Women's Bible Study	
3 rd Monday of Month	at 7:00 pm
Men's Bible Study	
4 th Saturday of Month	at 1:00pm

Birthdays

Abigail Johnson	January 4
Mary Ann Lee	January 5
Elaine Harris	January 7
Ashley Woolbright	January 8
Arturo Rosales-Ortiz	January 8
Clint Leigh	January 12
Noemi Miguel	January 16
Mary Kate Lee	January 16
Miranda Moseley	January 19
Ahshua Neal	January 30
Isai Ortiz	January 30

Anniversaries

Bro & Sis Tyson	January 3
-----------------	-----------

Never let the answers to your prayers be more important than the One Who answers them.

A New Year's Greeting from the Pastors

We have been singing about belonging to Jesus this Christmas. We have sung, "Come let us sing a song, a song declaring we belong to Jesus. He's all that we need." Now we have to learn to rejoice that we belong to Jesus, the Son of Love. *We are children of His Love.* Consider the Scriptures that affirm this. God is Love (1 John 4:8). And God has created us in His Image and Likeness (Genesis 1:26). He has also declared his Son as the only one true image of His Nature. The writer of the book of Hebrews affirms this. He writes that God has spoken to us in the last days through His Son, "Who being the brightness of [his] glory, and *the express image of his person*, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (1:2,3 italics added). The Son of God has the same nature as that of His Father—Love (John 5:43). And since God has planted in us an incorruptible seed of His Love, let us grow in His Love to be a people of His Love this year. What a privilege!

Make it a great year.

THE STARS SPEAK

Rev. B.R. Hicks

“Naphtali is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.” –Genesis 49:21

The nature of the light of the sign of Capricorn was imparted to the Old Testament tribe of Naphtali, which was associated with the jasper stone. Let us go, then to the prophecy of Jacob concerning the tribe of Naphtali. “Naphtali is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words” (Genesis 49:21).

It is interesting to note, as we study the zodiac and the tribes, that one finds a great variety of dispositions, contrary to each other, and yet, collectively, they all contribute to the beauty, strength, and necessity of the Nation of Israel. For example: Judah is like a lion; Issachar is like an ass; Dan is like a serpent; Naphtali is like a hind. Likewise, in the church today, there are different statures, talents, gifts, abilities, and dispositions. As we come together to serve the LORD, God receives the worship, Honour, and Glory that is due to His matchless Name; the church is edified; and we are built up in the faith. Therefore, let us not censure or envy one another, but rather let us give thanks for the beauty and strength, which comes from each of God's children.

Naphtali is the tribe, which carries struggles in its name, for the name *Naphtali*, means, wrestling or the fighting of the enthroned one against the enemies. In the jasper stone, we see the blessing of power, which God's Creative Word from Capricorn pronounced upon this tribe. The word *jasper*

signifies polished, prevailing strength, or power.

The tribe of Naphtali was indeed like a loving hind with goodly words for the individual members of Naphtali and of the goat to bend in amiable kindness to others. He was affable and courteous, and God esteemed these qualities in Naphtali as prevailing qualities.

Tribal Reference
Naphtali—Jasper Stone
December 22nd—January 19th

The Espouse Bride in the Song of Solomon learned to know her Bridegroom as King of Humility, as Shepherd, as Roe, and then as Husbandman (Hicks *The Song of Love*).

Naphtali was promised, first, to be satisfied with the favour of God and man which would equip them with prevailing power over their enemies. Second, God promised to fill them with the blessings of pleasant, joyous revelations from the LORD. Third, He promised to give them prevailing power to possess spiritual treasures -- the Ark of Mercy and Peace on the west and the Candlestick of Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge on the south.

Although Naphtali was positioned northward in the land, Jewish tradition says that this tribe was so fruitful that its members were generally the first to bring their firstfruits to the Temple. Therefore, Naphtali was favoured with the first blessing

from the Priest. How greatly was Moses guided by the Spirit of Prophecy in these blessings; before the lot was cast from the lap of the Priest in Joshua's day, Moses foresaw and foretold the portion of each tribe.

The blessing of power of God's creative Word shone down on Naphtali through the jasper stone, which means polished and prevailing. Beloved, the Living Jasper Stone, Jesus Christ, has the strength of humility to keep going over a Truth until it is polished to perfection and shining brightly in our heart. God places us all in situations so that we may learn the Scapegoat Nature of Jesus Christ. Often we are prone to behave indignantly and proudly, saying, "No one is going to push me around.

I'll show them that they can't treat me that way." We think that the way to overcome and prevail in such circumstances is to elbow our way through, pushing the other fellow down.

That is not prevailing over our circumstance. We overcome by taking the low "scapegoat road" of humility, with bended knees, saying, "LORD, let them lay it on me. You were my Scapegoat with the humility bended knees. Now, I will be a scapegoat with humility bended knees for You." This is how we are joined to the Living Jasper Stone of Prevailing Power and Authority. Through humility, we prevail over our own proud flesh as well as the proud flesh of others.



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 are prayer warriors who will pray for people experiencing trouble in their homes (Gen. 49:13; Duet. 33:18).
- Judah**—Meaning praised, those who belong to the tribe of Judah praised the gloried and exalted resurrected Christ, and their praise breaks down 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).
- Rueben**—Meaning “behold ye a son,” as the firstborn, those belonging to the tribe of Rueben will fight against fornication and will fight for divorce settlements (Gen. 49:3-4; Deut. 33:6).
- Gad** - Means troop, those belonging to the tribe of Gad pray for the final victory over the enemy, as we work together 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 weighting 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 twofold nature of the LORD—humility and exaltation, as they pray for the advent of 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).
- Levites**—Meaning to be joined to, those belonging to the tribe of Levi join in pray 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).

Hope for the World: From Eve to Mary Part Two: The Promise Fulfilled

Alice Matthews



Then, in the tiny fifth-rate village of Nazareth, in the third-rate land of the Jews, the curtain went up on a scene that changed the course of history and the lives of millions of men and women. It is the familiar story we find in Luke 1:26-38.

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David.

The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible with God."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Imagine Mary's shock and wonder. For thousands of years, the Jews had talked about God's promised Redeemer. They had the words of the prophets and knew that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, south of Jerusalem. They knew He would be born to a woman who was a virgin. They knew He would be born to a descendant of the great King David.

Someday He would come. But now? And through a simple peasant girl who lived several days' journey north of Bethlehem in a Galilean town called Nazareth?

Mary knew the promises, as all Jews knew them. She might even have nurtured the secret hope, as many women must have nurtured it, that God would choose *her* to bear the Redeemer. But when the angel appeared to her that day, her shock must have been enormous. Can you imagine what she felt?

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, she was clearly troubled. She needed the word of comfort that followed: "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God" (Luke 1:30). After this came the announcement that she would become the mother of God's promised Redeemer, who was to be called Jesus, the hope of the ages.

Note Mary's first reaction in verse 34: "How will this be since I am a virgin?" She did not contradict Gabriel's message by saying, "Impossible!" She merely wondered how it was possible.

The answer came: God, by the Holy Spirit, would father the child. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35). Proof that God could do the impossible lay in the fact that Mary's cousin Elizabeth had become pregnant in her old age.

Before Mary lay a choice; she could say, "No, sorry Gabriel. Joseph would never understand such an arrangement. The people in this small town would gossip. That would create too many problems for the child as well as for us. I don't think I really want the troubles this would create."

Mary could have said all that. But she didn't. We hear her acceptance of God's plan in verse 38: "I am the Lord's servant. May it be done as you have said." End of conversation. Gabriel left.

"I am the Lord's servant. May it be done as you have said."—Luke 1:38



There are Christ Gospel Publications for sale. If you are interested, please seek out Sister Olympia Humbert at CGCT or Brother Jared Miller at CGCP to purchase or to request a certain publication.

COMING EVENTS

January Dates
 Monday, December 31st: Combined CGC New Years' Eve Service
 10.00 p.m. at CGC Tacoma
 Saturday, January 26th: Marriage Seminar 1:00p.m.-6:00p.m. at CGC
 Portland

Future Dates to Keep in Mind
 February 2012: Singles Retreat
 March 5-8 2013: Ministerial Convention
 June 30- July 4, 2013: International Convention

New Elders
 Due to the new assignment of the Pastors McGriff as the West Coast Region Elders, Rev Plack is no longer coming. However, we will continue to raise funds for the elders and a future Revival.

THE TWELVE GOVERNMENTAL NAMES

And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgressions and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. –Exodus 34:5-7

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

Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. –Psalms 12:7

Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah. –Psalms 32:7

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

I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? Why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself? –Job 7:20

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)

News from Jeffersonville, IN (812) 282-8458

Rev. Hicks has requested that we please fast for her, as there are powerful devils attacking her. Pastors McGriff have asked us to fast Monday at 6:00 pm till Tuesday at 6:00 pm. We will forgo our Sunday to Monday fast, so that we can fast with saints around the world. These are perilous times and the end is almost here, so let us do all we can to uphold our international



and local leaders who are faithful to fast and pray for us. When participating in the fast, please remember to pay alms for the days you are fasting.

Praise be to our LORD Jesus Christ for our Pastors, who are now the Elders for the West Coast Region. They have been assigned this post following their return from the Harp Warrior Seminar in October 2012.

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.

Encouragement

For I am determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ crucified. -1 Corinthians 2:2



**Song of the Month:
All Who are Thirsty**

All who are thirsty, all who are weak

Come to the fountain

Dip your hear in the stream of life

Let the pain and he sorrow be washed away

In the wave of his mercy, as deep cries out to deep

Come Lord Jesus come (x3)

Holy Spirit come (x3)

Memory Verse

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 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.”—Romans 12:1-2

January Daily Scripture Reading

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Genesis 1, 2 Matthew 1 | 16. Genesis 38, 39, 40 Matthew 12:22-50 |
| 2. Genesis 3, 4, 5 Matthew 2 | 17. Genesis 41 Matthew 13:1-32 |
| 3. Genesis 6, 7, 8 Matthew 3 | 18. Genesis 42, 43 Matthew 13:33-58 |
| 4. Genesis 9, 10, 11 Matthew 4 | 19. Genesis 44, 45 Matthew 14:1-21 |
| 5. Genesis 12, 13, 14 Matthew 5:1-26 | 20. Genesis 46, 47, 48 Matthew 14:22-36 |
| 6. Genesis 15, 16, 17 Matthew 5:27-48 | 21. Genesis 49, 50 Matthew 15:1-20 |
| 7. Genesis 18,19 Matthew 6 | 22. Exodus 1, 2, 3 Matthew 15:21-39 |
| 8. Genesis 20, 21, 22 Matthew 7 | 23. Exodus 4, 5, 6 Matthew 16 |
| 9. Genesis 23, 24 Matthew 8 | 24. Exodus 7, 8 Matthew 17 |
| 10. Genesis 25, 26 Matthew 9:1-17 | 25. Exodus 9, 10 Matthew 18:1-20 |
| 11. Genesis 27, 28 Matthew 9:18-38 | 26. Exodus 11, 12 Matthew 18:21-35 |
| 12. Genesis 29, 30 Matthew 10:1-23 | 27. Exodus 13, 14, 15 Matthew 19:1-15 |
| 13. Genesis 31, 32 Matthew 10:24-42 | 28. Exodus 16, 17, 18 Matthew 19:16-30 |
| 14. Genesis 33, 34, 35 Matthew 11 | 29. Exodus 19, 20, 21 Matthew 20:1-16 |
| 15. Genesis 36, 37 Matthew 12:1-21 | 30. Exodus 22, 23, 24 Matthew 20:17-34 |
| | 31. Exodus 25, 26 Matthew 21:1-22 |

**Keep in
Prayer**

- Our Leader, Rev Hicks
- Pastors McGriff
- The leaders and workers in our church
- Our deployed saints
- Our Youth and Young Adults
- The Brotherhood in the Northwest Coast Ministry
- The Garland family whose 8-year-old daughter is struggling with cancer
- Sis Cheryl Parent of Oak Harbor as she heals from surgery to her elbow