

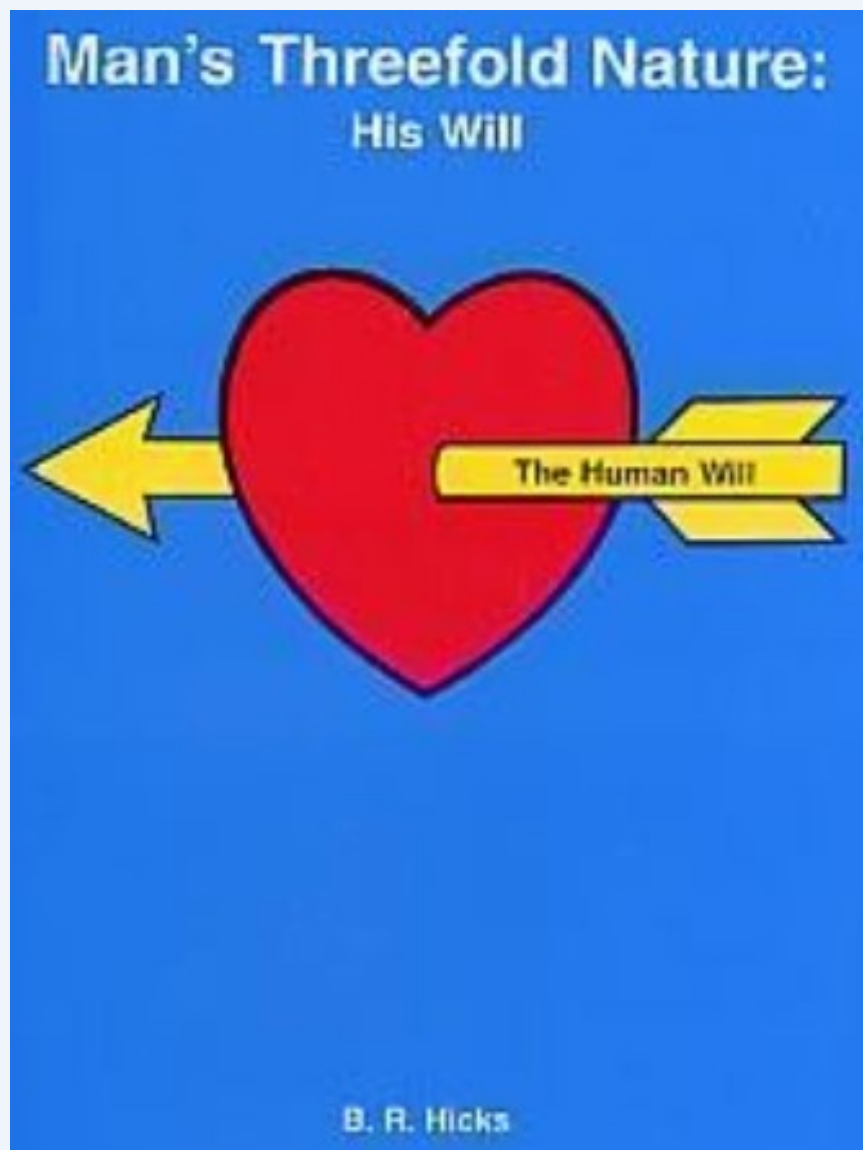
THE BRIDE'S MESSAGE



**Christ Gospel Church
Northwest Coast Ministries**

Preaching A Crucified And Living Christ To A Dying World!

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“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

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“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25).



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SONG OF THE MONTH

Promise Land

Come Lord take my hand and take me to the Promise Land. (Repeat)

In Your presence is where the Promise Land is, in Your presences is where it all lives, in Your presence. (Repeat)

Cause In Your presence You said there's a fullness, there's a joy and in Your right hand THERE forever more,

Well, well, I want to see the Promise Land.

Come Lord take my heart and take me to the Promise Land. (Repeat)

I want You know You more.

So deeper, deeper still You're calling me.

I want to be in Your presence.



EVENTS IN 2024



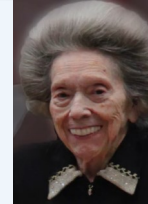
CGCII Conventions, Luncheons, & Bible Quiz — (Ministerial: Thursday, March 7 through Sunday, March 10, 2024, **March's Ministerial Luncheon**: Saturday, March 9, 2024, **July**: Thursday, July 4 through Sunday, July 7, 2024, **July's Ministerial Luncheon**: Saturday, July 6, 2024, **The Bible Quiz Nationals**: Wednesday, July 17, 2024, Youth: Thursday, July 18 through Saturday, July 20, 2024).

CGCNWCM — Tacoma's Church Renovations and Building Dedication, Weekly Services, **Fellowships**: (Men's Bible Study & Retreat, Women's Bible Study & Retreat, Single's Bible Study & Retreat, Married Couple's Bible Study & Retreat, Youth's Bible Study, Retreat, & Rally, Leadership Trainings, Financial Trainings, Annual “End of the Summer” BBQ. Contact local churches for more information.



FOUNDER

REVEREND B. R. HICKS



Sermon Study #1632 — Why Not “Easter.” Promise And Performance — Let us come over, now, to the Resurrected Christ. He went down into Death, Hell, and the Grave. Yes, and God put Him up there. Here was the LORD's Resurrection. And what has the Christian world done? The Encyclopedia Britannica says what I am going to tell you now. And you can do what you want to, but if you are going to be in this family, we are not going to use the word Easter any more. I will tell you why. Last year, a young man asked me a question: “Where did the word Easter come from?” And it stopped me cold in my tracks. I said, “I do not know.” But, then, my brain started working. I thought, “Oh, no!” My spiritual man started pushing the computer buttons in my brain. I thought, “No, no, do not tell me. It cannot be.” And I started thinking about the names Ishterat, Easter Estarte, and the origin of that word. So I said, “Go down and look in the library and find the Encyclopedia and look up the word Easter.” “What does that say?” It tells about how the Christian world, in the sixteenth century, put down the Resurrected Christ. The Devil always has to win, and then, he brought this goddess, this Phoenician goddess, Easter, into the picture. Can you imagine? The Devil won here by putting the Blood of the Crucified Christ down and putting the creation over it; then, he turned right around, came over here to the Resurrected Christ, and for all these years, the Holy Resurrection Day has been crowned with this goddess, this work of man's hands. No wonder the church had to go down through the Dark Ages! No wonder the Christian Church world has lost the Power. You can only go so far in keeping the Power in your life without removing the gods and the goddesses in your life; then, you are going to go down like everybody else. And, when this was made known to me, I wept and cried and repented for weeks. First, I repented for myself, “God, I cannot believe that I was so ignorant. I did not know.” We are just born into this thing. I always wondered how in the world the bunny rabbits and the eggs got into Easter? But it was as though I never had the compulsion and the urge to search it out. “Well, okay, they backslid, and they brought in the bunnies and the eggs.” And you kept going your way, hollering, “Easter.” How many times I have repeated the name of that goddess. You say, “Well, Easter is mentioned in the Bible.” Well, let me tell you what it is and how it happened, this one time. Now, let us get this straight so that we can go out celebrating . . . You have to understand this happened way back in the fifteen or sixteen hundreds. It started in Germany when they brought in this Phoenician goddess. This is what got Israel in trouble in her day. Idol worship was the reason God sent her to Babylonian captivity for seventy years. It was because of her idolatrous worship; it was because they had taken Ishtorath, Istheroth, as their goddess. (It is written in different ways.) Estarte is one way, too, but they all have the same root word. It was a worship of the moon called the queen of heaven. And, Baal worship was the worship of the sun god. See, how imitative it is of Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, and His Bride? So they bowed down to the creation. It is as old as Phoenicia. So Israel took that on, and for that God cast them into captivity. See. The Devil does not let his idols, his idolatrous images, die. He always finds somebody to carry his image. So he projected it into the church. And, now, here is the Glorious Resurrection crowned with an idol.



ELDERS/PASTORS REVERENDS

H. L. MCGRIFF SR. AND T. C. MCGRIFF



Greetings, Brotherhood, in the Precious Name of Jesus!

May the Word of God bless us all.

“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (2 Peter 1:4).

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

Amen and the Grace and Peace of Jesus Christ be with us all!

Elders Herman L. Sr. and Tonja C. McGriff

TRIBAL NEWS

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all of April's Saints!

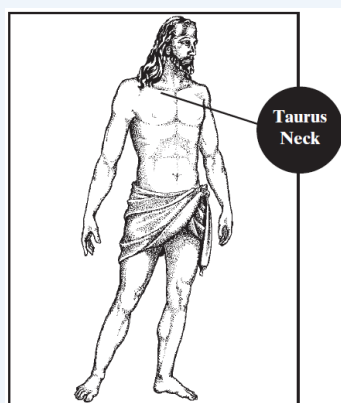
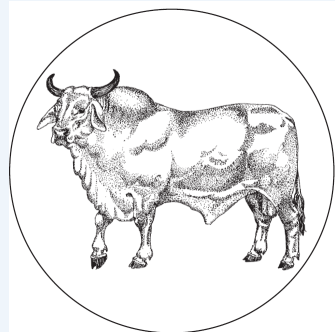
In *The Stars Speak* by Reverend B. R. Hicks, chapter eleven speaks on the astrological sign of Taurus and the tribe of Benjamin which means “son of the right hand.” The sun enters this constellation around April 20 until May 20. The blessings of power is reflected by amethyst stone .

The Blessings for the Tribe of Issachar

“Benjamin shall ravin as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil ” (Genesis 49:27).

“And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders”

(Deuteronomy 33:12).



BENJAMIN

Meaning: “Son of the right hand”

Symbol: Wolf

Stone/Color: Amethyst/Purple

Jacob's Blessing: “Benjamin is a ravenous wolf; in the morning he devours the prey, in the evening he divides the plunder” (Gen. 49:27).

BUILDING OF THE LORD'S TEMPLE “NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION CORNER”

“And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life ” (1 John 2:25).

[Food - How it affects you - Barbara O'Neill](#) — Living Springs Retreat YouTube channel.

[Healthy Eating On A Budget: 7 Money Saving Grocery Shopping Hacks](#) — Dr. Boddy Price YouTube channel.

[The Healthiest Foods you Need in Your Diet](#) — Dr. Eric Berg DC YouTube channel.

[Eat These Foods to Remove Stress, Anxiety, Depression, Insomnia Dr. Mandell](#) —motivationaldoc YouTube channel.

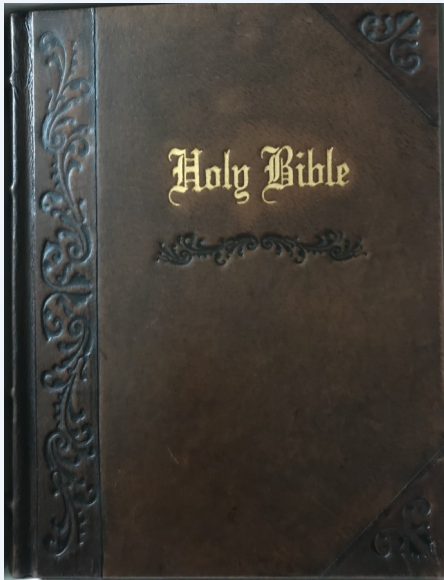
[The Benefits Of An Alkaline Diet](#) — Dr. Susan Brown YouTube channel.

“And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar” (Genesis 30.18).

The Northwest Coast Ministries

The Word & Spirit Ministry consist of the Elders/Pastors McGriff, Assistant Pastors, Associate Pastors, Reverends, & Exhorted Ministers.

The Auxiliary Ministry includes Bible Study, Cell Groups, Administration & Treasury, Evangelical, Mission, & Outreach, Sunday School, Prayer, Praise, & Worship, Music, Adult Choir, Junior Choir, Audio, & Media, Deacon, Deaconess, & Usher, Fellowship Groups: Men, Women, Singles, Married Couples, Youths, Children, Nursery, & Royal Regiment, Building, Hospitality, Housekeeping, & Congregation.



“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and shaper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12).

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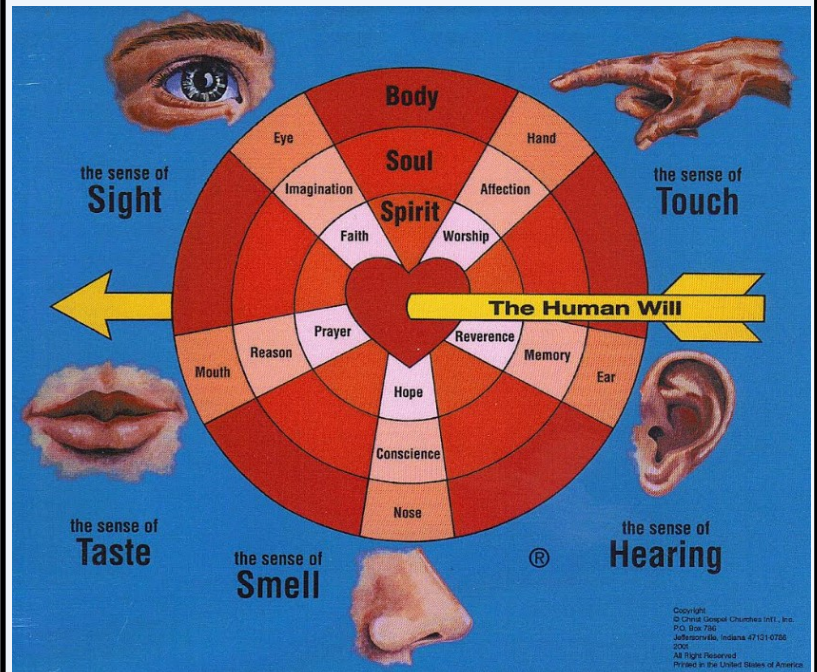
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

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The Northwest Coast Ministries Churches Within District 14: [Portland, Oregon](#), [Seattle, Washington](#), [Vancouver, Washington](#), [Wenatchee, Washington](#), & Oak Harbor, Washington.

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- Praying Always for God's Most High & Holy Will to be accomplished in All Things, Always!
- Brotherly Reminders to Department Heads & Church Workers submit all monthly reports between the first and third day of the month and Congregational Members remember to reach out to 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 weekly cleaning schedule and nursery schedule. Copies of the schedules are posted on the bulletin board. If you cannot fulfill your time listed, please find someone to trade with you or contact the Local Administrator or Secretary. 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 and/or email for church supplies that might need to be Replenished (like toilet paper, paper towels, or cleaning supplies). If you have any question about these items, please contact the Local Administrator or Secretary.
- Things to Always Remember: Tithes, First-Fruits, Offerings, Love Offerings, Alms, Missions, Benevolence/Outreach, Pastoral Benevolence, Pledges, Nursery, Building Fund, Travel Funds, Men's Fund, Women's Fund, Supplies, If you have any question about these items, please the Local Administrator or Secretary.
- Final Words: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might" (Ephesians 6:10). "Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe" (Philippians 3:1). "The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace" (Numbers 6:24-26).
- CGCNCM Offer (Private or Group) Bible Study Cell Groups via Online Applications. Contact the nearest CGCNCM Associated Church for more information.
- All materials can be accessed through the cgc app for Android or IOS.
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HEBREW BLESSING

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God Bless Us All!

Shalom, Shalom!



GO IN PEACE!