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SONG OF THE MONTH: HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Light of the World
You stepped down into
darkness
Open my eyes
Let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life
Spent with You

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my
God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

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You're wonderful to me
Here I am to worship
Oh God, you're wonderful to me

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From the Pen of Rev. Hicks

an expert from

Secrets to Spiritual Growth

God's Word commands believers to grow spiritually. Being a Wise, Just, and Faithful God, He does not command the believer to grow without first having given him the secrets to spiritual growth. The process of spiritual growth involves the gradual increase of Christ's Spiritual Stature in the believer's heart as, through study and prayer, he assimilates new and quickened portions of the Word of God into his new Spiritual Man. Recorded in God's Word are patterns and blueprints that show believers the spiritual experiences they must have if they are to grow to maturity in Jesus Christ. As with all growth, spiritual growth begins in a seed form, which is the believer's born-again experience – the act of faith when an individual personally receives Jesus Christ as his Saviour. Then, the newborn babe in Christ must feed upon Jesus Christ's Words of Life and daily seek the LORD in prayer in order to increase in His Spiritual Stature. In this way, the believer continues advancing toward spiritual maturity in Christ Jesus. As long as the believer is faithful to seek and to find new Truth in God's precious Word, spiritual growth will continue. No doubt the widely accepted teaching that all believers will have the same reward in Heaven accounts for much of the spiritual lethargy that keeps Christians, today, from progressing in spiritual growth. Ignorance about the different eternal Abodes that believers will inherit produces spiritual drowsiness and, eventually, sleep. It also produces forgetfulness and total indifference toward the need of maintaining a constant prayer and study life. It is a shame for Christian believers to be spiritually asleep above the ground as though they were dead and buried below the ground. The Apostle Paul warned the Christians of his day to awake from their spiritual sleep.

Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light (Ephesians 5:14).

Spiritual sleep prevents the Christian from being sensibly aware of the danger he faces if he allows this life to pass without his finding Jesus' loving, humility Footsteps that will enable him to grow into the his Creator's Likeness and Image. Spiritual sleep prevents believers from obtaining new daily visions of the Prize at the end of the Way. When believers awake from their spiritual sleep and repent of their slothfulness that has kept them from spending time in the Word and prayer, Christ will give them Light in His Word that will reveal what they need to do in order to continue in the process of spiritual growth. Spiritual sleep, like natural sleep, is a state of forgetfulness and unconsciousness.

The Twelve Governmental Names of the LORD

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

A Message From Our Elders McGriff

“THEREFORE IF ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATURE:
OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, ALL THINGS ARE
BECOME NEW.” - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Greetings in the Sweet Name of Jesus!

As we approach the coming of our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ, let us reflect on God's Word that reminds us He makes all things new, Hallelujah. This is a new year in time and a new day. As we choose to live in Christ each day, each moment, we are a new creature. We put off those things of the old man and take on the things of Christ. He makes us new continually as we grow up in His Stature. God's Word says that old things are passed away, as we repent, come to His altar, and get washed in His blood, fire, and water. There is no need to recall them, bring them up, try to justify them, or continue to condemn yourself and others for them. The old things are behind the back of our Father. They are in the Sea of Forgetfulness. God does not hold those old things against us once we have repented and released them to our LORD. As we continue to grow up in Christ and our Father's Stature, let us also choose not to hold those old things in our hearts and minds. Behold, all things are new.

The Grace and Peace of Jesus Christ be with you!

Reverends Herman Sr. and Tonja McGriff



“AND HE THAT SAT UPON THE THRONE SAID, BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL
THINGS NEW. AND HE SAID UNTO ME, WRITE:
FOR THESE WORDS ARE TRUE AND FAITHFUL.”
- REVELATION 21:5

The Stars Speak

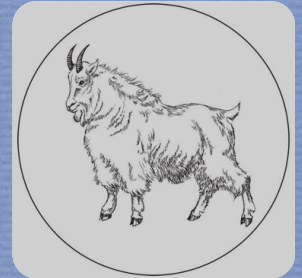
Rev. B.R. Hicks

Capricorn and the Tribe of Naphtali

December 22nd – January 19th

The Blessing Power of the Jasper Stone

The blessing power granted to Capricorn is reflected in the jasper stone, which signifies the prevailing power of humility. The sign of the Capricorn represents the knee of man, as a sign of servitude as one bows his knee and humbles himself to God's Headship, just as Christ. Likewise, when we join ourselves to Jesus, the Living Jasper Stone of Prevailing Power and Authority, we can bend our knees in humility and willingness to be a scapegoat for the LORD. However, under our headship, this humility quality turns to exploit and take advantage of the weaknesses of others, and thus it becomes difficult for us to obtain true spirituality. Yet as we learn to bend our knee and yielded to the LORD's Headship, every circumstance is an opportunity to know Jesus Christ better. Under God's Headship and Authority, we are prevailers and overcomers.



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Sis. Hilda, Rev. E. Harris,
Bro. Arturo, Sis. Ashley, Bro. Clint,
Sis. Mary Kate, Sis. Noemi,
Rev. M. Moseley, Bro. Caleb,
Sis. Shanathan, Sis. Delliah,
Min. M. Quiroz, Min. T. McMillian,
Sis. Aiyana, Bro. Isai,
& Bro. Shalom*

**Celebrating
another year of
marriage:**

The Tysons

Aquarius and the Tribe of Reuben

January 20th – February 18th

The Blessing Power of the Emerald Stone

The sign of Aquarius reminds us of water-like influence of the Holy Ghost and His overflowing nature in us as vessels of the LORD. When under the Headship of the LORD, we want to be vessels of worship, praise, and prayer the Holy Ghost can pour his overflowing Life into. His overflowing Life then flows out of us and extends compassion and comfort to others. Yet this overflowing nature under our headship is unstable; it can be poured quickly from a vessel of happiness into a vessel of depression or moodiness. Therefore, we must present our selves as new vessels of humility, surrender, obedience, worship, praise, love, and desire, so that Holy Ghost Life will flow in us and fill us to overflowing with His own overwhelming Presence.



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MINISTRY MOMENTS FROM AROUND THE NWCM

***“AND HE GAVE SOME, APOSTLES; AND SOME, PROPHETS;
AND SOME, EVANGELIST; AND SOME PASTORS AND
TEACHERS”—EPHESIANS 4:11***

Reverends Moseley *CGCNWCM Tacoma Assistant Pastors / Church Operations / Married Couples Fellowship*

Reverends Harris *CGCNWCM Tacoma /Oak Harbor and Wenatchee Bible Study Leaders / Single's Fellowship*

Reverend Humbert *Area Evangelist Tacoma & Seattle / Pastor Seattle* The Outreach housed the homeless, gave tents, blankets, clothing, hygiene packs, and hot meals, food baskets. We expect to help pay utility bills, provide food, and gift this holiday season.

Ministers McMillian *Outreach Ministry Tacoma* Praise God in the gift of giving since Jesus gave the ultimate gift. The outreach of Tacoma and Seattle raised monies and donated non-perishable food items and by the Grace of God we were able to give 20 Turkey Baskets and 2 Chicken Baskets to families that were in need during the thanksgiving holidays. The Outreach Ministry is planning to reach the surrounding communities for December by receiving donations (ie: Monies, toys, food).

Ministers Williams *Youth Ministers Tacoma & Seattle*

Ministers Lee *Royal Regiment Ministers Tacoma & Seattle*

Minister Gross *Sunday School Superintendent Tacoma & Seattle / Nursery Coordinator / Secretary Tacoma*

Ministers Quiroz *Seattle*

Deacon/ness V. & H. Nicolas *Seattle*

Deacon/ness A. & C. Nicolas *Seattle*



Dr. Reverend Hintze-Pothen *CGCNWCM Evangelist / Assistant Pastor Portland*

Women's Fellowship Portland We are excited to celebrate new life! We will have two baby showers, one in November and the other in December, to honor our mothers and their coming babies at our upcoming Women's Fellowship gatherings.

Singles' Fellowship Portland We have been building on John Gottman's insights on building healthy relationships. In order to anchor Gottman's view of the "four horsemen of the apocalypse" that corrode relationships (criticism, defensiveness, contempt, and stonewalling) to the Scriptures, we focused on the traits of the four horses and their riders (the antichrist nature of self righteousness, its divisive fury and impoverishing reasoning, and death) delineated in Revelation 6.

Ministers Miller *Worship Leaders / Youth Ministers Portland* We meet for two hours the 2nd Friday and 4th Saturday of the month. Currently, we have 3 youth attending.

MINISTRY MOMENTS FROM AROUND THE NWCAM

Brother & Sister Figueroa Married Couples Fellowship Leaders / Sunday School Superintendent Portland In November, our Marriage group began looking at John Gottman's books on marriage; "The 7 floors of the Sound Relationship House" will be our focus. In December, we enjoyed fellowship with a Christmas party at the Leigh's home. In January, we will continue with Gottman.

Ministers Miguel Assistant Pastors Vancouver / Outreach Program Directors Portland Outreach Ministry Portland: We provided Christmas food baskets for eighteen families and provided gifts for 15 children in our community.

Ministers Dore Assistant Pastors in Training / Church Operations Portland Deacons/ness Leigh Worship Team Members / Sunday School Teachers



Reverends Miguel Pastors of Vancouver

November 2017 "Marriage Meeting" This meeting was a great blessing for the couples that attended. All have said, "What a blessing it was and how necessary it is to have these meetings in a continuous way. We have realized that we are neglecting an important detail that determines the success of our marriages."

The Christ Gospel Church of Vancouver will be opening its doors on the third Saturday of each month at 6 pm so that all the couples who decide to learn more about the type of relationship that God wants for our marriages. We encourage you to invest at least 2 hours

each month, as this will bring great benefits for your family. An investment in knowledge will always bring great results.

November 2017 "Celebration of Thanksgiving" Psalm 133: 1 says: "How beautiful it is to live in unity." This was the experience we had in this celebration. Our goal was to invite new families that we are aware that they are in need. The Church of Vancouver was able to teach about God's grace and of how much we have received through Jesus.

December 2017 "Celebration to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" We will meet at 6:30 p.m. to thank God for the great love He has given us by sending to this earth His only begotten Son to save us from death and sin. For that reason, we are inviting as many children and families to listen to the message of Salvation.

December 2017 "Celebration of the New Year" We will meet a few hours before midnight to receive the Word that God has for each of us believing that He wants us to grow in stature each day (Ephesians 4:13). In the first minute of the New Year, we will give thanks to our Almighty God. We will ask for His wisdom and grace so that we may walk obediently in 2018.

"May the Peace, Grace and Love of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts with great harmony towards God and his family"

Ushers Rosales Vancouver

Ministers Medina Youth Leaders Vancouver / Music Directors



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. Tyson (CGCP)

Prayer Requests

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

EVENTS IN 2018

Jan. 7th

CGCS Building Dedication

Service begins at 3:30 pm

Feb

CGC Tacoma & Seattle Women's Retreat

March 24th

CGC Portland & Vancouver Women's Retreat

A Reminder...

CHURCH WORKERS

All monthly reports are due by the first Sunday of the month or the third 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 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. Tyson 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 or email for church supplies that might need to be replenished (like toilet paper, paper towels, or cleaning supplies). Please let Sis. Gross or Bro. Kyle know if they need to be replenished.