

# COGA NEWS



## WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE

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# YOUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY *Part 1*

*Bishop Cecil Reid*

*You have many gifts which you may not have received because you were not aware you had them. Starting this month and for the next few months we will explore these amazing gifts.*

**Your Gifts of Release:** One of the greatest gifts that God has given to his people is the gift of **Release!** Moses was instructed to teach the people of God how to use this divine principle for their prosperity and blessings in a certain way:

Every seventh year was a “year of release.”

Deuteronomy 15: 9 - this was a time when each creditor refrain from enforcing payment of that which was owed him. They literally forgave all debts.

In spite of the Hebrews excessive giving in a multitude of ways, they were never impoverished by it, but where prospered lavishly. They became a nation of millionaires.

Your Gifts of Release is available on the **mental, emotional, and physical** planes of life as evidenced below in Ecclesiastes 3:1-11.

### ECCLESIASTES 3:1-11: (THEY ARE LISTED AS “A TIME TO...”)

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- DIE
  - PLANT
  - KILL
  - WEEP
  - MOURN
  - CAST AWAY
  - REFRAIN FROM EMBRACING
  - TO LOSE
  - CASTAWAY
  - TO REND
  - TO KEEP SILENT
  - TO HATE
  - TO WAR

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### The Act of Release:

- Is one of the most effective ways to open your mind to receive.
- It releases you from tightness, tension, or grasping.
- Is the topside of forgiveness. The word “forgive” means “to give up.”
- It helps you to become an opening channel through which the God of the universe can flow to you to cleanse your life of worn-out relationships, and conditions and make way for your new blessings.
- The reason release is such a priceless gift is the function is twofold:
  1. It eliminates corruption in your life.
  2. It expands your good.

- Elimination of something from your life is always an indication that something better is on the way!
- Never be fearful of letting go.
- Release is a gift that works miracles!
- **Speak the words of release:**  
 “I let go of everything and everybody that is no longer a part of the Divine plan for my life. I forgive completely, I let it go. I am now open to receive fresh, new blessings that are my inheritance – in the name of Jesus.”



Coming in April "Your Gifts for Ministry" continues with Part 2. Learn more about "Your Gift of Prophecy"



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

Southern District--

23rd – 25th > Spring Revival Speaker:  
Bishop Greg Booke

Find more information on [www.cogainc.org](http://www.cogainc.org)

### APRIL

NW SE District--

17th > Easter Sunday

27th-29th > NW SE District Convention  
& AYPU Retreat

Southern District--

16th > Easter Cookout

17th > Easter Sunday



## A LITTLE SOMETHING TO LAUGH ABOUT

- I think I need a 2nd job, I have way too much month at the end of my money.
- Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by. What was I thinking!? There’s a reason people don’t take this road!
- “March Madness brings April Sadness.”
- My swimsuit told me to go to the gym. But my sweatpants were like, Nah girl, you’re good.
- It’s time to renew that gym membership that seemed like a great investment at the beginning of the new year. But now a strict budget sounds like a much better idea.

