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If we but realized what pain A word short-spoken might contain; What grief, what sorrow it might cause Perhaps ere speaking we might pause Until the sting of wrath was dead And all the bitterness had fled. But oh! we speak to loving ones, as tho' Their hearts were naught but stones, And when our burst of wrath is spent We then, but all too late, repent. The wound is made, and will not heal And oh what bitter pain we feel. If thou hast icy words to speak, Thaw them a little for mercy sake For frozen words may wound a heart And bitter pain to it impart; Yea more than that, for I have found There is no balm can heal such wound.

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Editorial . . .

WHY I BELIEVE IN PRE-MILLLENIAL ZION

Both the Bible and the Book of Mormon have considerable prophetic references concerning Zion, or the New Jerusalem, which is to be builded up in the latter days, with which many are familiar. However it is in latter-day revelation, understandably and rightly so, that the more specific instruction and commandment is given; upon which my expectations as to when Zion will become a reality, are founded.

In the very beginning of the work of the restoration of the gospel, in the months between July 1828 and into June 1829, the commandments to seek to establish the cause of Zion was given to various individuals; see Book of Commandments, chapters 5:3, 10:3, 11:3, and 12:3. Then in January of 1831 another was told, "Thou art called to labor in my vineyard, and to build up my church, and to bring forth Zion, that it may rejoice upon the hills and flourish." B. of C. chapter 41:12. This is strange language if Zion is simply a synonymous term for the millenial reign.

It is my understanding that Zion is even more a condition than it is a place. Therefore many of the laws and commandments which, being obeyed would produce that condition, were being given up to a year before the place for the City was revealed. That place, the land of Zion, is not nor ever can be Zion until those laws are honored and those commandments are obeyed.

A study of those instructions given has persuaded me that Zion, the condition, even at this time and long before our generation, could have been enjoyed by the people of the church had they, we, been willing to live by them. It is not the purpose of this writing to present the requirements of Zion, but those things revealed which indicate the time. The book is full of the former counsel much of which is an iteration of the teachings of Jesus in the other books of scripture, adding some specifics not previously stated, or at least not recorded by those who wrote aforetime.

We should also note that these admonitions and statements given concerning Zion were many of them given before the Church was organized, surely making its establishment an integral part of the whole restoration of the gospel, and they continued to be given, hand in hand, as it were, with the commandments concerning the preaching of the gospel of repentance and the building up of the church.

In January of 1831, He tells them of a land to be appointed for their inheritance, along with a description of the conditions that will prevail. This while they were still in New York, ch. 40:14-22, and then in verse 28 he says "... I give unto you the commandment that ye should go to the Ohio; and there I will give unto you my law, ..." And again in February of

the same year he speaks again concerning that law to be given, ch. 43:4-7: "Behold I give unto you a commandment, that ye shall assemble yourselves together to agree upon my word, and by the prayer of your faith ye shall receive my law, that ye may know how to govern my church, and have all things right before me. And I will be your Ruler when I come: and behold I come quickly: and ye shall see that my law is kept. He that receiveth my law and doeth it the same is my disciple; And he that saith he receiveth it and doeth it not, the same is not my disciple, and shall be cast out from among you."

Then in that same month February He speaks to them again thus, "Again I say unto you, hearken and hear and obey the law which I shall give unto you For verily I say, as ye have assembled yourselves together according to the commandment wherewith I commanded you, and are agreed as touching this one thing, and have asked the Father in my name, even so ye shall receive." ch. 44:3-4, and then He proceeded to give them those commandments by which the peoples of His church were to be governed, both in spiritual and temporal matters, so called, for He says all His laws are spiritual, even those involving what we call temporal. ch. 29:38-44. However in verse 47 of ch. 44. He tells them to ask and it will be revealed in His own due time where the City will be built, and in verse 51 He says, "The laws which you have received, and shall hereafter receive, shall be sufficient for you both here, and in the New Jerusalem," indicating that they were to begin even then to obey what He had already given, and that there was more yet to come.

In the following month He speaks again concerning the building of Zion, directing them to gather up their monies in order to be able to purchase their inheritance when the place was revealed, and identifying Zion and the New Jerusalem as being one and the same; and that it would be a place of refuge; a place of safety for the saints of God. Ch. 48:59-67. Also note that they shall be the only people that will not be at war. Surely world war is not the state of the Millenium, nor should the saints need a refuge after the millenium has begun. He speaks again in the same month, ch. 51:4-6, concerning saving money that they can buy their inheritance, and be gathered according to the laws He had given, when the place was revealed. Later, He speaks somewhat of the events and conditions which will precede and be at the time of His coming, saying, "But before the great day of the Lord shall come, Jacob shall flourish in the wilderness; and the Lamanites shall blossom as the roses: Zion shall flourish upon the hills, and rejoice upon the mountains, and shall be assembled together unto the place which I have appointed." Ch. 52:25-26. Does the Millenium precede the great and terrible day of the Lord? I think not, but this states that Zion will flourish before that great day. This too was said before the place for the

building of the City was revealed. That revelation did not come until June of 1831. ch. 54 1-4 and 43, and in August 1831, ch. 59: He gives further directions concerning the purchase of the land and for the gathering, verses 44-48, 62-70. And in this same chapter He says, verse 27, "Behold the laws which ye have received from my hand, are the laws of the church."

It was God's will that His people should be assembled upon the land of Zion according to His commandments ch. 64: 25-30, 38-40; in fact it is His business to provide for His saints that they can have such an inheritance in the land of Zion and declares that it shall be obtained, ch. 65:39-41. But, it will be the willing and obedient who will receive it, verses 44-46, and also by the time these things were said there were many of the people of that time who no longer observed to keep His commandments, ch. 64:24. The question is, will we be willing to become that obedient or will He have to wait for yet another generation upon whom to give this blessing; who will allow Him to make of them His Zion.

A thorough study of these revelations given to the early church will show a concise and orderly pattern of instruction from the Lord to a people concerning His will for them; His intention and requirements for a people of righteousness to be governed by the laws and commandments given of Him, in a place to be called Zion; the establishing of which was to be carried forward simultaneously with the teaching of the gospel to the world. And yet we still attempt to do the latter while ignoring the former, and meet with very little success. Is it that, "... Behold, verily I say uno you for this cause I have sent you that you might be obedient, and that your hearts might be prepared to hear testimony of the things which are to come; And also that you might be honored of laying the foundation, and of bearing record of the land upon which the Zion of God shall stand;" and, "And that the testimony might go forth from Zion; yea from the mouth of the city of the heritage of God:" ch. 59:7-8, and 16, and that the fulfillment of the promise spoken through Nephi will only come to those whose eye is single to this purpose? 1 Nephi 3:187, "And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and power of the Holy Ghost."

A. S.

I think when joy fills the heart at another's talent, a talent used to praise our Savior, it is because it is the breaking through of this pall-of-darkness o'ershadowing humanity by Him. The break through is another witness of His near Presence which Presence is sheerest joy; and we see these break-throughs more and more, and we're looking for the day when this shadow, these mists are all melted completely by His living, Resurrected return.

MEN AND BRETHREN, WHAT SHALL WE DO?

(Acts 2:37)

by William A. Sheldon (continued)

Immutability of The Gospel Law

Our purpose in all the foregoing is to lay the ground-work for a consideration and analysis of the teachings of Jesus, as being of paramount importance to all, being indeed the whole law of God, and the means of setting judgment in the earth, as just quoted. We have discovered that all nations are to be blessed in that one seed of Abraham, who is Jesus the Christ; and this can only be realized through adherence to his teachings and commandments, received from God the Father, even the Father of Jesus Christ.

We must understand that Jesus spoke not as a man, but as the Son of God; that He delivered only what He had received of his Father.

"For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, He gave me a commandment, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is everlasting life: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak." John 12:49, 50.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you. The Son can do nothing of himself, but what He seeth the Father do: for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." John 5:19.

So fully does Christ exemplify, in word and deed, the very will of the Father, that He is called the "Word" (John 1:1), and "the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" (ibid. 9). Without boasting, but simply as a statement of fact, He said:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6.

What, then, of his word? Can we reasonably suppose that the word of God, in the provisions He has made to reclaim mankind from his lost and fallen estate through transgression - can we believe this may vary from generation to generation? Surely not! Is not the basic nature of man the same in every age? Has he not demonstrated from the beginning the same proclivity for greed, lying, murder, whoredom, hatred, robbery, etc.? Then why should the law which governs and provides for his restitution vary during his generations?

"For do we not read that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever; and in him there is no variableness neither shadow of changing." Mn. 4:68.

"Neither doth He vary from that which He hath said, neither hath He a shadow of turning from the right to the left, nor from that which is right to that which is wrong; therefore his course is one eternal round." Al. 5:35.

Many are confused by the law of Moses, and as to what may or may not carry over into the Gospel economy. Did God give ancient Israel a law which is in effect today? If not, why not, in the light of our foregoing texts? Let it be noted from previous comments that we have emphasized the law of God in terms of man's reclamation or restitution. The ultimate purpose of God in giving man his law is for their salvation; it is a law ordained unto life.

"For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world! but that the world through him might be saved . . . And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." John 3:16, 17, 19.

There was also, however, a ministration unto condemnation and death which came from God; this was the law of Moses. But how could this be? Remember that Paul said (as previously quoted):

"... For if a law had been given which could have wrought salvation, righteousness would truly have come as a result of the law. But the scripture has included everything under sin, that the promise by the faith of Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe." Gal. 3:21, 22 (Lamas).

Again, he spoke to the Corinthian saints on this wise:

"But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: how shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation (Moses' law) be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness (the Gospel law) exceed in glory." 2 Cor. 3:7-9.

Why was it necessary that God should impose upon the children of Israel a "ministration of condemnation"? It was because they would not abide in the glorious light and liberty which they had received through the faith of Moses and by the evidences of divine power which led them from bondage. When Moses received the Ten Commandments on tables of stone, he had been communing with the Lord for 40 days and nights upon Mount Sinai. This was after only a few months of Israel's journey from Egypt. Yet,

in so short a time, and because of Moses' delayed return from the mount, the people demanded of Aaron (Moses' brother) that he fashion gods to go before them; so Aaron prepared a golden calf and proclaimed a feast," and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play" (Ex. 32:6). Now, the Lord had already commanded them, by the voice of Moses, that they should make no graven image in the likeness of anything in the heavens, upon earth, or in the sea, that they might bow down to worship before it (see Ex. 20: 4, 5); and so God said unto Moses:

"They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificied thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt." Ex. 32:8.

As a result, the whole nation was only saved by the supplication of Moses: God would have utterly destroyed them. Later, as they spied out the land of Canaan, their promised land, they might have entered in, as, by the faith of Joshua and Caleb, the Lord would have delivered their enemies into their hands; but they feared, and would not go in; so they wandered yet 40 years in the wilderness, until that first generation had passed away; and so, only their children, with faithful Joshua and Caleb, entered in. Even Moses was not permitted to enter because he took honor unto himself in providing water for the people's thirst.

Because of their stiffneckedness and unbelief, God chastised them severely, until, in repentance, they humbled themselves; but over and over they did tempt God. Therefore, He gave them a law which was condemnation, rather than justification; which engendered unto death, rather than freeing unto eternal life.

What then? Does this make God a changeable Being, contrary to His word? So it may seem; but consider this. As we have previously quoted, Paul tells us that this law was "ADDED because of transgressions" (Ga. 3:19), and was to continue "till the seed should come to whom the promise was made" (ibid.), that is till Christ should come. Further, Paul informs us that "the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ" (ibid. 24). So then, because they could not abide, or receive the voice of God, neither His counsel through Moses, which gendered to life, He gave them a law of harshness and physical death, as it were to whip them into obedience. Obedience to that law of carnal commandments could never save them, but still, it pointed in many ways toward Christ; and because of His obedience and infinite atonement in the shedding of His blood, it's efficacy would reach backward as well as forward to save the souls of men.

The law of life, which is the gospel of Christ was never changed, but because they would not receive it God added unto it this law of condemnation; a law

which continually required the high priest to offer sacrifice for his own sins, and then that of the people, until Christ, the great and last high priest, should come, making a perfect sacrifice for sins (see Heb. 7: 27).

When Christ came and offered his sinless body in sacrifice, as the "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8), then that which had been added through unbelief and transgression (the law of Moses) was done away; nor did He destroy the law.

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets. I am not come to destroy but to fulfill; for verily I say unto you, One jot nor one tittle hath not passed away from the law, but in me it hath all been fulfilled." 3 Nephi 5:64, 65.

"And He said unto them, Marvel not that I said unto you, that old things had passed away, and that all things had become new. Behold, I say unto you, that the law is fulfilled that was given unto Moses. Behold, I am He that gave the law, and I am He who covenanted with my people Israel; therefore, the law in me is fulfilled for I have come to fulfill the law; therefore it hath an end. Behold, I do not destroy the prophets, for as many as have not been fulfilled in me, verily, I say unto you, shall all be fulfilled. And because I say unto you that old things hath passed away, I do not destroy that which hath been spoken concerning things which are to come. For behold, the covenant which I have made with my people, is not all fulfilled; but the law which was given unto Moses, hath an end in me. Behold, I am the law, and the light; look unto me, and endure to the end, and ye shall live, for unto him that endureth to the end will I give eternal life. Behold, I have given unto you the commandments; therefore keep my commandments." 3 Ne. 7:4-11.

The Law of Moses Was Given by Christ

This will be a sidelight to our general theme, which is to declare and emphasize the Gospel of Christ as being the great law of God. Though our last text states the truth of this heading quite plainly, it is felt important to more fully portray the Christ as the very hub of the eternal round (wheel) of God; the only name given whereby mankind may be saved (see Acts 4:12 and 2 Ne. 11:39).

Some may be startled at the thought of Jesus Christ in existence prior to His appearance as a babe in the arms of His mother, Mary. Nevertheless, the scripture reveals that He was the Son of God before the foundation of the universe, before the earth was fashioned. Indeed, He was the creator of all things, both spiritual and temporal, under the direction of his Heavenly Father, and by the power of the Holy Ghost which actuates all living things.

It is not our purpose to enter into an exhaustive presentation of Christ as our God and Father, our Savior and Redeemer, but only to sufficiently do so to establish the fact. Let it be understood at the outset that we do not pose the Christ as the only Being with which we have to do, as God: He had a Father, who is "our Father which art in heaven" (Mt. 6:9), and there, in the heavens, He yielded perfect obedience to his God and Father, even as upon the earth. So perfectly did his Father trust Him that He gave all things into his hands to perform the Divine will.

"In the beginning was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him (the Word); and without him was not anything made that was made." John 1:1-3.

"Who (Christ) is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature: for by him (Christ) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and He is before all things, and by him all things consist." Col. 1:15-17.

"God . . . hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; who be ing 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; being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again when He bringeth in the first begotten into the world, He saith, And let all the angels of God worship him . . . Unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever; a sceptor of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." Heb. 1:1-9.

"Behold I am Jesus Christ, the son of God. I created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are. I was with the Father from the beginning. I am in the Father, and the Father in me; and in me hath the Father glorified his name." 3 No. 4:44, 45.

Extensive quotation has been offered here to fully establish the divinity of Jesus Christ, as being one of the godhead, exalted above all other beings, save the Father himself. He was the Son of God, not simply

because He was begotten of the Holy Ghost and became a man, but in the spiritual creation which preceded all physical formation, He was the FIRST BEGOTTEN, and indeed the ONLY BEGOTTEN Son of God. Therefore, Jesus Christ had a beginning before the worlds were framed. By and through him the whole creation was fashioned under the guidance of the supreme Being who had no beginning, our Heavenly Father. Jesus Christ is referred to as God, for He created us; He is our Father for the same reason, and because He cares for us. God, is a term employed with reference to deity, and is equally applicable to the supreme Being, to his Son and to the Holy Ghost.

It is not our purpose to make an exhaustive analysis of God. In fact, it is impossible, and would be highly presumptive for a finite being to attempt an adequate description of divinity; but it is well to search out what He has been pleased to reveal of himself.

There is another term used in scripture, which is given as the name of God: this is, JEHOVAH; it is also synonomous with LORD, where it applies to divinity.

"And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD: and I appeared unto Abraham and unto Isaac and unto Jacob by the name of God Almighty but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them. Ex. 6:2, 3.

He had previously identified himself to Moses, who had feared that the children of Israel would not accept him, and that they would ask the name of God who had sent him. Moses said:

"... What shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you." Ex. 3:12, 14.

Thus we find God appearing to Moses and identifying himself as JEHOVAH, and also, I AM. Now, it will be enlightening to read of an incident between Jesus and those of the Jews who sought to destroy Him. He said:

"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am." John 8:56-58.

Here, Jesus plainly revealed himself as, I AM! and the Jews understood it, as they attempted to stone him for what they felt was blasphemy. Therefore, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, Jacob and Moses, was Jehovah the Lord - I Am - He was Jesus Christ. These terms apply equally to the supreme Being, God the Father of all; for THEY ARE ONE; not as one person but a unity (one) in the creative process and the plan of salvation.

Our principal purpose is to reveal Christ as the God

of primary contact, by word and by deed, with the fathers of old, and as revealed in both the old and new testaments of the Bible. He is clearly revealed in the Book of Mormon, before coming in the flesh, as Counsellor to the Nephites, their God and Redeemer.

"... O have mercy and apply the atoning blood of Christ, that we may receive forgiveness of our sins, and our hearts may be purified: for we believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who created heaven and earth, and all things, who shall come down among the children of men." Mos. 2: 3, 4.

From all the foregoing, we may see that God, in the person of Jesus Christ, revealed himself to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses. These contacts contained elements of the pure gospel, the law of the kingdom of God, centering upon Christ as the rock of salvation in all the generations of man. Apostle Paul understood that the gospel of the Kingdom was had in the days of the fathers, saying:

"And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed." (that is, through his seed, the Christ, W. A. S.) Gal. 3:8.

"Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ." 1 Cor. 10:1-4.

Because of their wickedness and unbelief, God imposed (added) a lesser law upon Israel, that through its rigor they might be brought to Christ, or to that condition whereby they might receive the gospel of the kingdom, as minisered by Christ and his apostles. They had set aside the Rock of their salvation, and were seeking to build upon another foundation. Therefore, they did not recognize Jesus as their Messiah, notwithstanding that Moses had told them:

"The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall harken . . . and He shall speak unto them all that I (God) shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which He shall speak in my name, I will require it of him." Deut. 18:15, 18, 19.

Such unbelief was not had among the Nephites at the first, nor for many years. And so we read:

"And notwithstanding we believe in Christ, we keep the law of Moses, and look forward with stead-

fastness unto Christ, until the law shall be fulfilled; for, for this end was the law given; wherefore, the law hath become dead unto us, and we are made alive in Christ because of our faith; yet we keep the law because of the comandments; and we talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophesy of Christ, and we write according to our prophecies, that our children may know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins." 2 Ne. 11:45-48.

(To be continued)

In every human heart there lies
An unseen battlefield;
Where two opposing forces meet,
And neither thinks to yield.

Truth is truth whe'e 'tis found, On heathen or on Christian grund.

OBITUARY

LEORA AMELIA MARTIN

Leora Amelia Sarratt was born December 1, 1911 at Belvedere, Nebraska to Leonard and Jessie Ellen Self Sarratt. She passed away Sunday morning, May 2, 1982 at the Sac-Osage Hospital in Osceola, Missouri.

Leora lived her childhood years with the family in Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas and Independence, Missouri. After she had graduated from high school in Independence, they moved to the Collins, Missouri area.

On February 14, 1937 she was united in marriage to Orval Martin at Collins, and to this union were born four children. Orval and Leora farmed in the Collins area their entire married life. Orval preceded her in death on March 22, 1974.

Leora was baptized August 7, 1921 in Genoa, Colorado by Elder J. R. Sutton of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She transferred her membership to the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) in 1936. She was a charter member of the Church of of Christ at Collins, Mo.

Writing music was Leora's special talent. She had written over thirty pieces and four of these have been published in the church song book (Zion's Hymnal).

She was also preceded in death by one sister, Dorothy Ellen, in 1923, one brother, Aaron Leonard, in 1932, and her son, Floyd Duane Martin, in February, 1976.

Leora is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Melva Johnson of Hartville, Mo., Mrs. Czerna Kauffman of Collins, and Mrs. LaVange Johnson of Fairbanks, Alaska; four sisters, Mrs. Norma Cook of Collins, Mrs. Elaine Wilson of Trenton, Missouri, Mrs. Carol Cooper of Raytown, Missouri, and Mrs. Mary Palermo of San Jose, California; three brothers, Warren Sarratt of Bates City, Missouri, Derald Sarratt of Kansas City, Missouri, and Roland Sarratt of Independence, Missouri, eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral service was at the Goodrich Chapel at Osceola, Missouri with Apostle E. Leon Yates officiating and Elder Oren Caviness assisting. Interment was at the Robinson Cemetery near Collins.

A TRIBUTE TO LEORA

by Larry Shaw

Out of the comfort of eternity's light She was born into physical form, To parents who loved and taught her And kept her from worldly scorn.

She grew to womanhood uneventfully, In the golden age of man, Having learned early what God expects And she fully understood His plan.

She was besought by many trials, She suffered many griefs; She often wondered why she was used, From suffering she found little relief.

She seemed akin to Brother Job, Her suffering went on and on. One year blended into another; Trials besought her one by one.

This chosen vessel so maligned, So used, so insulted, so abused, Never forgot those early years And the spirit with which we are imbued.

She never lost her inner-strength, She never forgot her faith; She never succumbed to the evil That haunted her like a wraith.

She left behind a legacy, She made some tracks in the sand, She left us a testimony of song, Transcribed by a steady hand.

Leora gave and gave again, From a boundless store of love. Today she found relief, she escaped; She went back to heaven above.

We won't soon forget this soul who suffered, Who knew so much of sadmess, And considering her lot in life I view her departure with gladness.

For I know she understood, And I understood as well, Leora's gone home to her God, Where forever she will dwell.

REPORT FROM FOUNDRY HILL

Puryear, Tennessee

It's been a long time since I have sent in a report from our church, bu the church is still standing and the members are still living. Though some of us have been sick we give thanks to the Lord that we have been able to make it through our elements.

Sister Neil Paschall was sick and in the hospital two weeks ago, but is home now and doing well. Our prayers go out to Sister Bryna Grooms, for she is sick and isn't able to come to church very often. Also our prayers go to Sister Elizabeth Paschall for she has a lot on her. The Lord seems to have put a lot on her shoulders to bear, but He has also given her strength to see her through her troubles. So let us pray that God wil take away these and others' also, their troubles and their sorrow, and bring happiness back into their life.

Brother Glen Gill and his wife, Margaret, and Donald and Steve were able to be with us last Sunday. They gave two very special songs for us. One was a request that was made by the members for Donald to sing "Wings of a Dove." He has a very fine voice and he sang the song very well.

We are always glad when the Gills are able to come down and be with us. David, their oldest son, has joined the Marines and isn't able to be with them on their trips here, but we hope God is with him where he's at and hope he is happy to be doing what he is. He looks fine in his uniform and seems to be proud of it and his work.

We are always thankful when we can have visitors to the church and hope to be able to have many more. Well, I'll bring this short report to a close and hope next time I send in a report, it will find everyone in good health and great spirits. May God bless you and keep you.

Robin McBride

CHURCH OF CHRIST at Ava

Several of the Ava congregation were in Independence for Conference on the first Sunday of April. Those remaining at Ava held Sunday School and delayed Sacrament service until the second Sunday. Brother Arthur Smith was in charge of that meeting and took a scripture reading from the 24th chapter of Luke.

Tony and Louise Grzincic visited at Ava the third Sunday, and Brother Tony was the preacher. His first reading was of a people who "were more noble . . . in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily," "Feast upon the words of Christ . . . Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have it entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him . . . Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Brother Arthur Smith was the preacher the last Sunday of the month. He used the promises of the 8th chapter of Romans, and the story of Belshazzar in the 5th chapter of Daniel, to show the contrast of those who walk after the Spirit and those who walk after the flesh. He brought up the question of the possibility of a free enterprise system based on "give, not get."

The Ava group was especially happy to hear of the safe arrival of Scott and Dorothy Deewall's baby girl on the last day of April.

Ella Engle - reporter

COLLINS LOCAL NEWS

My apologies for being so late with our news. Our guest speaker for the month of March was Brother Tony Grzincic from Independence. His sermon was preceded by a beautiful special entitled "The Lighthouse". It was sung to perfection by visiting guests, Gary and Neva Housknecht.

Brother Grzincic opened his sermon by saying that we cannot let a day go by without Christ guiding our way. He spoke of us as ships and Christ as our lighthouse. He told us the most valuable possession we have is our own personal soul. He further stated that God must have first place in our lives or we will not be worthy of Him. To follow Christ we must have a will - - obedience. We must DO what-so-ever Christ tells us and seek after the understanding of what He says. (How are we going to be a "peculiar people" if we do the same as everyone else?) He said we have our own will and choices to make, the greatest of these being for our souls. We must prepare in this life for eternal life. He closed with a little cartoon that read. "Lord, I want you to direct my life." The Lord answered, "Let go of the steering wheel." This brought several chuckles, but it hit me right between the horns. I pray a lot, but I'm inclined to see that I'm trying to do the directing.

Easter services began pretty early here in Collins. It is our custom to share services with our brothers and sisters of the Baptist and Christian churches on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and for Sunrise Services on Easter. So at 6:30 Easter morning we all gathered together at the Collins Christian Church to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Baptist minister was to speak, but instead, arranged for their choir to sing and read the story for us. It was fan-

tastic! Afterwards we had breakfast together in the church basement and visited awhile before going over to our own church for our regular services.

We were privileged to have as a guest Easter Sunday, Evalena Sills. She participated in our Easter program by reading a story, "Six Feet From the Cross." We had several poems, talks, and songs which told over and over that same sweet story that Brother Oren Caviness summed up in his sermon as "the greatest love story of all time,"

The following Sunday brought Brother Roland Sarratt to us as guest speaker for the month of April. He spoke on riches, saying that anything the Lord gives us is rich -- indescribably rich. He said he has received many blessings and has paused to rejoice and give thanks - not sluffing off the opportunity and missing the reward of giving thanks. He also spoke on freedom and liberty, saying freedom costs a price - - that our forefathers paid, in regard to our country, and that Christ has paid for our freedom from sin. If you know the truth you can be free. You have the choice of accepting or rejecting it. Liberty and freedom come from God.

We held the election of our church officers after dinner April 17th. I'll give you the high lights. Pastor - Oren Caviness, Assistant - Larry Shaw. Secretary - Esther Caviness. Treasurer - Josephine Winkler. Chorister-pianist Czerna Kauffman. Assistant - Viva Shaw. Reporter - Czerna Kauffman.

I was going to close my report for this month, but I have some notes from a sermon Brother Joe Yates gave in March that I just can't leave out. He said we often see people conducting their affairs in such a way that they're miserable. He likened our lives to a garden and how we might live without having brambles, weeds, etc. He said life is full of opportunity to be happy or sad. He said he wished he could lead our thoughts in such a way as to bring a blessing. Sometimes bad thoughts may come to mind, but we can get them out. In reference to this, he said, a crow may light in your hair, but you don't have to let him build a nest! No one can take you away from God's blessings but you. In closing, referring to our standards, he asked, how high is the fence we're building around ourselves to keep us in God's pasture?

I hope these several notes will be a help to someone - - they have been to me. Never give up - - God can do anything. God bless!

> Your reporter, Czerna Kauffman

HOUSTON, MO. LOCAL REPORT

Jay Moser of Phoenix was here to visit with the family and was our speaker telling us the troubles

today are part of God's plan, that we'll find it necessary to look to God for deliverance from the evils of the world. It's frightening to see the powers of evil at work . . . lack of jobs and insecurity of those still working makes everyone uptight. Our only hope is in Jesus Christ. God wants us to repent, He can make it better. To get out of these troubles we need to follow Christ's commandments, watch our words, thoughts and actions, keep our households in order. Jesus told us to watch and pray always.

Hold up your light to the world. The Apostles and disciples of held up Jesus not each other. The answers to all our problems can be found in the Scriptures. Don't allow your moral values to become diluted from your worldly contacts, such as jobs, t. v., newspapers, books, magazines, etc. Rely on God to help you overcome. Look to the Lord for your protection in the troublesome times ahead. Trust and obey, is the only way to go, being meek, lowly in heart, lovnig God and your neighbor.

Brother Ikey Medders spoke to us about Conquering our Crisis, that we can and should become stronger in doing that. Each of us has our own coping skills. We're prisoners of our own stress and problems; illnesses, fi nancial problems, famliy discord, death . . . all are hard to deal with. When we are having problems and may be depressed, we need to stay in contact with others. Knowing that some one cares and is near is helpful. Helping others can take your mind off yourself and your own problems. The release of compassion has a healing effect. You'll need to retain as much control of your own life as possible. You are what you think, kind words to another get you further than mean ones. We have unused inner strengths. When you are down, talk things out with Jesus. Ask the Savior to help you, there's nothing weak in asking for his help. It's what he wants us to do. We must rely on Christ He promised us the Comforter and He will also give us inner spiritual strength to conquer the crisis in our lives.

Apostle Marvin Ely of Grand Junction, Colorado visited family and friends here over Easter and was our Speaker that day. He commented on the opening song, "Christ Arose", speaking of the meanings therein. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more aboundantly." (John 10:10) It's a promise of tomorrow, a life in Christ forever and eternally. Apply his teachings to your life and it can and will be more full and complete. We are living in times of great stress, trials and discouragement. We therefore need to follow Chrsit's words, searching them for invitation to do so. He is the way, the truth, and the light. Put your trust in God.

I understand the Easter morning program put on by the young people was very good, I'm sorry I couldn't be there to report it to you. Thank you, everyone for the time and practices involved and we appreciate all your efforts.

Visitors lately have been the Rogers family of Madison, Wisconsin, at the Addie household, Apostle Marvin Ely at the Arden Ely household, Jay and Chris Moser and family of Phoenix, Arizona, Jane Ann Stancil and Justin, DeAnna and Ron Hutcheson and Grant, Springfield, Joanne Hawkins and sons from Tennessee, Doug and David Keeney from their colleges, Gus and Thelma Schwegler, Vienna, Missouri and Tom Medders, Bolivar, Missouri.

I hope I didn't miss anyone, forgive me if I did, please.

May God richly bless you, Mary Addie

OKLAHOMA CITY NEWS

March brought Oklahoma church members good health and many blessings. We are thankful for each Sunday that brings us together.

The first worship service in March was held at the Kimball home. Your reporter could not attend, but Barbara Kimball reported this meeting beautifully when she wrote for me: "We read the complete story from Samson's birth through to his death. (Judges 13-16) After lots of discussion, the Kimballs asked everyone what they thought the moral of the story was. Several answers were given but the main one was: As long as we follow God's commandments, we are gvein strength. Sometimes it can be physical strength like Samson's, but mostly we receive the spiritual strength that we need to live and do the everyday tasks that face us and to face the trials we have to endure in todays troubled world. But, like Samson, if we put our trust in man rather than God and allow temptations to overcome us, then that will be our downfall and we will lose the spiritual strength that is so vital to all of us." Larry and Jewel Beem worshiped with us this

Our second worship service in March found us at the Kimball house again. We were delighted to have two guests. Barbara Kimball's mother, Doris Housknecht, from Phoenix and Jack Bell from Houston, Texas, worshipped with us. Bob Fann, came too, but we don't consider him a guest. There were fourteen of us worshipping together on this beautiful sabbath day.

Brother Frank taught our lesson from Mosiah 2 and 3. As we read and studied together, we know this beautiful scripture is true. Among the verses we read were Brother Frank's favorites. I challenge you to read them, too. Read Mosiah 2:13-17 and believe his words for these words are powerful and contain much wisdom. King Benjamin was an inspired teacher. He

was a powerful preacher as he spoke to his people so long ago and he spoke to us as well.

Our sacrament service was opened with a most beautiful hymn "God Wil Take Care of You." Laura Mae shared with us her thanksgiving for her protection on her recent trip to Illinois to visit her parents. She took Greg with her and she knew it wouldn't be easy a good safe trip. I shared my thanksgiving for my traveling alone with a three year old son, but she had a good safe trip. I shared my Thanksgiving for my safe journey to Missouri to visit my parents. I tend to get sleepy when I drive alone, but I didn't get sleepy and no scary happening did I see. We are promised He will take care of us and He does. But, we must remember to pray and as we ended our beautiful service singing "Did You Think to Pray," we sang with prayerful hearts for our safe journey to our respective homes.

In April, we got out of our routine and met on the third Sunday. We all drove to the Kimball home and were honored to have Apostle Marvin Ely meet with us. It was very uplifting to hear him expound the scriptures, relate his testimonies, and to shake his hand. He reminded us to "pray with all the energy of heart, that you may be filled with his love." He asked us to pray for the missionary arm of the church. We need to get more earnest in our prayers. There will come a day when the things that are the necessities of life, may not be. We need to work together. Husbands and wives need to pull together. Let the peace of God rule our hearts. We are totally and completely dependent on God. No matter what comes along, it cannot separate us from God.

We all gathered around the table, held hands as we blessed the food, and our happy hearts rejoiced.

Reporter, Alzada Massey

PHOENIX, ARIZONA LOCAL NEWS

Once again the Phoenix local greets you.

As we entered the new year of 1982, the choir presented beautifully, the theme for our lives for this and every year: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." By the time this reaches you via the pages of the Advocate, we will be nearly half-way through the year. Continuing the thoughts for our daily living, we've been admonished to live on the Positive side of Life and to take control of our lives by obeying God's commands — Now!

We have song service every Sunday evening before church and once a month on Wednesday night. If entered into whole-heartedly, these services become worship services. Sometimes they take the form of concern for others, sometimes dependence on God and at times the chapel fairly rings with our Praises.

We've been privileged to experience the beautiful ordinance of the Blessing of little children this spring as Adam Moroni Yates and Justin Allan Bartlett were the recipients of the loving care and blessing of our Heavenly Father.

We've also been reminded of the power we have if we increase our Caring and Sharing.

As always, our Sacrament services are rewarding times of "recharging" our souls. We need these times so that we may truly say, "It Is Well With My Soul."

I thank God for the ordinances he gave as gifts to us: the Blessing of Children, Administration for our needs, Sacrament for renewal of the commitment of our lives to God.

> Your reporter, Meredyth Baskett

EAST INDEPENDENCE LOCAL NEWS

Love and greetings to all my brothers and sisters in Christ. With the arrival of spring, and the renewal of life, I can't help but reflect on past blessings and give prayers of praise and thanks to my Heavenly Father.

He blessed us with a loving Spirit that abided with us through our conference, and He blessed us by enabling so many of our loved ones from far away to attend. We especially think of our Brother Schut and Brother Mason. We pray always that the Lord will keep them ever in his care. I count myself privileged to have been able to attend the services and to have joined in the fellowship there.

We've been doing a litle spring cleaning, so to speak, at our local. We have had many willing workers and helping hands to ge the work and repairs done. We owe our thanks to many of our men that spent their weekend putting a new roof on the church and to the women who prepared a special dinner for them. We owe a special thanks to Brother John Davies for his constant upkeep of the lawn for the past several years, and to Brother Bob McCubbin who has added his time lately to clearing trees and shrubbery to help improve our grounds. We are very grateful for these men and women who have so unselfishly given of their time and energy, because in this day that we live there never seems to be enough time for any of us.

We had our Sunday School election of officers last month. They are as follows:

Superintendent - Mike Smith
Asst. Superintendent - Mike McGhee
Secretary - Steve McGhee
Pianist - Kim Oldham
Special Program Committee - Jane Ann Stancil,
Neva Housknecht and Patty McGhee

Place:

Food:

Our dear Sister Ruth Randall has been hospitalized recently and undergone knee surgery. We've prayed for her to receive comfort and healing from our Heavenly Father and hope she has a speedy recovery. We miss her very much.

We'd like to congratulate Phillip Beem, son of Bro. and Sis. Larry and Jewell Beem, on his graduation from high school. We hope God leads his way in the career he chooses.

This about concludes the happenings around the East Local for awhile, but till next month may God keep you all in his care.

Love, Melissa McGhee

COLORADO STATE REUNION

An invitation is issued to all to attend the 1982 Colorado Reunion to be held at the Orchard Mesa Local Church, 3233 B½ Road, Grand Junction, Colorado, on June 11, 12 and 13.

We very much appreciate hearing from you so we can arrange for your housing and meal needs. Please contact one of the committee listed below:

We look forward to seeing you and sharing with you the worship of God at these meetings.

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MICHIGAN STATE REUNION

The Michigan State Reunion will be held on June 19 and 20, 1982, at Maple City, Michigan. Camping is available at the Lime Lake Campround. For housing and other information, contact:

Elder Conley Addington Rt. #2, Box 45 Maple City, Michigan 49664 Phone: (616) 334-4922

Let's all set aside this week end and make it the the biggest and best Michigan State Reunion ever. Reunion Committee - Norman Trudgen

Jeff Butts

Jay Lee

1982 MISSOURI REUNION NOTICE!

Efforts have been made for a more suitable arrangement for the Missouri Reunion in 1982. It was suggested that the reunion be held at Warrensburg, Missouri, at one of the college dormitories. After an investigation was made into the matter, it was agreed upon and the following arrangements have been made:

Date: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 13, 14 and 15, 1982. The first meeting will begin at 9:00 a. m. August 13.

Warrensburg, Mo. at the East Hudson Conference Center. The building contains rooms sufficient to house all who come, as well as a kitchen and a meeting hall which is plenty large enough for our gatherings.

Location: East Anderson Street, east off Hiway 13 in Warrensburg, Mo.

Lodging: All rooms contain two twin size beds. Rooms rent for \$12.00 for one person only (one bed used) and \$16.00 for two persons (adults). It is permissible for two small children to sleep in the same room with their parents in sleeping bags on the floor. Two rooms share one bath. Bedding and linens are furnished. Lodging is available in the dormitory for Friday and Saturday nights only; you can rent for one night (either night) if you choose. Pay for lodging must be made as you enter. Each family will be responsible for the cost of their lodging. Arrangements can be made for disabled and elderly if we are notified before time.

Meals will be furnished, desserts included. Noon and evening meals will be served on Friday. Breakfast, noon and evening meals will be served on Saturday and Sunday. Money donations will be accepted from those who dine with us. No food donations will be accepted as all food is catered and will be paid out of the reunion fund. Only college hired personnel will be allowed in the kitchen for food preparation, etc.

The expected result of this arangement for the reunion will be that all the necessities - food and sleeping quarters - will be taken care of in a way that we might all enjoy the time together in spiritual feasting. We can leave behind our worldly cares for a time and worship God in openess if we will. We encourage you all to attend and help make this the best Missouri Reunion ever.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA LOCAL REUNION

The annual Phoenix Local Reunion will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 26, 27 and 28, 1982. We anticipate your presence as we meet together and wait before our Lord.

If you desire to attend, please contact one of the following people prior to your arrival to make provisions for housing:

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TRI-STATE REUNION

MINNESOTA - WISCONSIN - IOWA

We have reserved the Zuya Group Camp at Lake Shetek, Currie, Minnesota for our 1982 Tri-State Reunion. The dates are July 2, 3, 4.

You are welcome and invited to come and meet with us for worship, prayer, and praise. This early notice will help you to plan.

For more information contact:

Elder Thomas S. Maley 615 Sheridan Ave. N. Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411.

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Rt. No. 1, Box 101B, Mack's Creek, Missouri 65786

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