

# Zion's Advocate

"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day,  
for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost;" 1 Nephi 3:187

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## Perfect Love

Jesus loves you my friend.  
He to Earth God did send,  
As a sweet sacrifice of love.  
More precious than the snow white dove.

Jesus died upon that cursed tree.  
The men of the world to set free,  
From the sins of the world,  
Which upon them had been hurled.

So come receive His love today,  
All you really need do is pray.  
Jesus is waiting for you now.  
You need not ask why or how.

That perfect love, there's none so sweet,  
As when you kneel at the masters feet.  
That perfect love, there's none so grand,  
None so great throughout the land.

Janeen Addie

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## Editorial . . .

### REAL LOVE BRINGS CORRECTION

We are told repeatedly that love for one another is the cure for most of our ills - - in the church, in our country, and in the world. This is most certainly true, but it is doubtful that we understand and exercise ourselves in love like we should. The love that we all need from time to time is that which will bring correction in our lives and ultimately save our souls. Therefore, the love that we are to have for one another is not a love that sympathizes with us in our weaknesses and self-indulgences, but it is a love that sees beyond the immediate wall of fear and personal cares, and reaches to the goal of self-improvement that is needed.

The work of the church in these latter days has been to carry the gospel of Christ to the nations of the earth. In many ways this work has been hindered, the most common cause of hinderance being the weaknesses of the people who are to do the work. Too often we have been our own worst enemies, letting our personal preferences and cares interfere with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

When we of the ministry feel to respond to the urge to go forth to preach the gospel to this sinsick world, we find ourselves chained to the immediate problems of our own people and of ourselves. We are almost unable to swim the tide of the ever demanding

needs of the membership of the church itself. Perhaps this is a very criticizing thought to express, but at present we, the church, cannot adequately help ourselves, much less the world.

Why is this? Why are we so crippled within ourselves? We haven't yet met the enemy in his full power. Most of us haven't really known persecution as we undoubtedly will know, if we remain faithful to the truth.

If we are to help the people of the world, we must be able to declare the truth in contrast to the wrongs and evils that are holding them in captivity. But before we can do that, we must be able to free ourselves from that which holds us captive. We must be liberated from the various personal prejudices and cares of the world.

Many of the things that hinder us from functioning properly in this work are extremely difficult to bring to the surface so that they can be dealt with openly. They are, what we might call, no win situations.

One type of problem, that we might generally identify, is the reserved right that some seem to retain in carrying a burden of ill will or distrust towards others. We are told plainly - - and more often than we care to count - - that our ill wills and distrusts of one another

er are the things that stand in the way of our greater blessings. Yet we still find those who stubbornly refuse to get rid of such feelings.

Many don't realize just how contagious an ill will or an attitude of distrust can be. Like any ordinary disease, a person can expose those around himself by projecting his feelings of ill will. Depending upon how convincing a person might be, many, who have no reason to be effected, end up carrying a burden that may very well prejudice them against some of their brothers and sisters in the church for an indefinite period of time. We must be careful not to communicate our ill wills to others; the result can be fatal to those who are already weak and extremely susceptible to the effects of the disease.

Looking at it from the other viewpoint, we should be careful that we do not allow ourselves to become burdened with someone else's prejudice. If they have an ax to grind with someone, then it is their responsibility to get with that person and get the matter resolved if possible. A third person should not become involved until first labor is performed and then only as a witness. If we would only follow the procedure outlined in the scriptures and not go around poisoning others' minds with our disgruntled feelings, we could do more than talk love - - we could know it first hand!

Considering another aspect to our problem, we find that many people are reluctant to acknowledge their faults or weaknesses. Some build up a wall of protection around their wrongs, and if any effort is made to expose them, the individuals become offended and usually draw sympathy from others in their behalf. The matter then becomes a test of fellowship based upon a person's right to be wrong. In most cases, it somehow becomes more correct to steer around the troubled area than to help the person overcome the wrong.

This kind of situation becomes even more complicated in that there is still another type of wrong that enters the arena, and that is "fault finding." Many people seem to thrive on their ability to identify another's wrongs. It could be said that their foundation of reasoning is based upon the logic that they are right because someone else is wrong.

The truth of the matter must be acknowledged if we are to correct the situation. Seeing another's wrongs does not make ourself any better. It may seem so at the time, and we may feel better momentarily, but we usually give ourselves the liberty to indulge in some self-gratification that leads to greater and more dangerous problems than those of the person we have judged to be wrong. Pointing the finger at another's weaknesses or sins draws our attention away from our own faults and clouds the reality of their existence.

Getting back to the idea of correction through

love, we might ask the question, How can we help another person overcome his/her faults if we can't judge them? The answer is simply that we can judge the sin, but not the sinner. We must be able to recognize the evil because we are told to hate evil. But as for the person, we must learn to have compassion for them before we can help them. If, in our minds, we have condemned the person for their sins and we have little or no compassion toward them, then we have judged them wrongfully. We have positioned ourselves against them, not just against the sin they have committed.

On the other hand, if we find it difficult to control our personal feelings toward people whose sinfulness is offensive to us, we are apt to cover our keen sense of right and wrong by pretending that we're not aware of sins for the sake of a peaceful relationship. This can be as wrong as being too judgmental. We are told to rebuke each other in our faults or sins. If we truly care for each other, we can't stand by and let a loved one fall away into sin.

Unfortunately, we are too inclined to be meddlers and gossipers. When an effort is made to help correct a problem, somehow the whole church learns of it and sympathizers flock to the aid of the victim, trying to console them and soothe their injuries. The problem becomes compounded many times over by the fact that each sympathizer becomes offended at the one who tried to help correct the problem. "If only he had kept his nose out of their business," is the common expression.

What is usually forgotten in situations like this is that any type of correction that we might need in our lives requires at least an initial hurt in learning and acknowledging one's own sins or wrongs. If the person is confronted by a friend or loved one about the wrong, he will likely be hurt or offended at the person who confronts him for a time. A certain risk is involved at its best.

There is always the possibility that a person will react in anger and will not recognize the good intentions of the person confronting him. The approach, no matter how tactfully made, will be considered unwarranted and unwelcome. Such reactions become the basis for our reasoning of not doing anything about the problem and "letting time work it out." This is also an easy way of consoling ourselves if we are inclined to be negligent in our duties.

The captivating power of sin is hardly realized by this people. The spiritual war that is being fought in the lives of each of us is truly a real war. Physical death may or may not come into play in this war, but spiritual death most certainly will if we lay down our arms and let the enemy have his way. Is your brother or sister's soul worth fighting for? Let your concern show even if it chances a temporary offense.

A statement in Paul's letter to the Galatians sums it up perfectly: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." (Gal. 6:1) The requirement of the one doing the restoring or correcting is that he be spiritual and that he is to do it in the spirit of meekness. Also he is to be aware of his own likeliness to be tempted and to sin.

Does this mean, then, that it is better to do nothing if we think we can't do it in the right way? If we can't humble ourselves sufficiently and correct ourselves, then we had better not try to help correct someone else. But this doesn't release us from the responsibility. If, indeed, we are aware of someone who is being taken captive by the power of the evil one, we have a duty to that person which means that we had better get busy and clean up our own wrongs so that we can help that person overcome his situation. If our sins stand in our way of helping our loved ones and we are aware of this fact, then our guilt becomes double if we do nothing about it. We are responsible not only for our

sins, but also for our loved one's sins.

While most of us would probably battle with the fear of our unworthiness to help another overcome their wrongs, it is true that there are those who would be inclined to be oversure of themselves. Such persons would likely be offensive just from the fact that they would appear to think of themselves as being superior to the person whom they are trying to help. A person's outward countenance can truly produce a problem. Their good intentions can be misread.

So we can see that our humanness can turn our best efforts to naught unless we have the Spirit of God to guide us in the act. Our hope, then, lies in the Spirit's direction and power in this particular function of the church, as well as in all other functions. We have only to pray and to fast for the Lord's favor in this work. But we must pray and fast until we have convinced the Lord that we truly are concerned about the souls of our brothers and sisters and then He will favor us in ways that show evidence of being above our own natural abilities.

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## FASTING AND PRAYER

It is our hope that this message will help to broaden your understanding as to your duty before God and the values of fasting with prayer.

We will try to limit comment and rather make citations to scripture and experiences that prove the values of fasting.

The 5th chapter of Luke is interesting and we cite verses 27 through 35. The story of the leper, a miraculous healing, the draught of fishes are all events after Jesus had fasted and prayed and had faced down this devil.

Almost without fail we find Jesus had prayed before meeting the taunts and reviling against Him and they could not understand the humility He exhibited in spite of the miraculous power and authority He possessed. No greater example did He give us of humility short of the cross.

This we point out in regard to our attitude in fasting and prayer. The Pharisees were rebuked for their lack of humility in fasting, as we well know. This, then, tells us the importance of humility before and during our fast and prayers. "After the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days." Well, the bridegroom was taken away, so we are "in those days," and are now of the household of faith, even the very same church that

Christ set up and restored out of the darkness.

Moroni, the 6th chapter tells of the ordinances of baptism following faith and of the bearing of fruit of repentance and humility, showing an evidence of determination to serve Him to the end, and also that "the church did meet together oft, to fast and to pray, and to speak one with another concerning the welfare of their souls: - - and to partake of the bread and the wine in remembrance of the Lord Jesus."

Fasting and prayer is not necessarily an 'ordinance,' but it is a commandment of no less importance than the six principles of the gospel, i. e., Heb. 6:1.

The principles of the gospel are important to us all the days of our lives, remembering that through faith we are able to abide in Him, recalling our baptism and the covenant we made before God at that event, and the partaking again and again of the body and blood of Christ and again and again approaching God in fasting and prayer that we might remember Him continually. Jesus said, "if ye continue in my word then are ye my disciples indeed."

When was the last time that you fasted, either on your own or at the request of your pastors and ministers? It is important that you remember this question!

Turn now to Exodus 34:27-28. Moses was directed

to go to the sacred mountain where he was to receive directions and commandments. Moses fasted and prayed forty days and nights during the time he was with the Lord. "And the Lord said unto Moses, write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel." (remember we have been adopted into Israel.)

In order for Moses to stand in the presence of God "he did neither eat, nor drink water," during the forty days and nights. (We will dwell more fully on this further on.)

This fast was not only for strength to stand in God's presence, but to later stand strong before God's people and guide them through hardship, and to continue in touch with God for guidance.

Another well known leader of God's people was Elijah, and we refer you to 1 Kings 19:1-8. Elijah had challenged the priests of Baal, had defeated them and driven them down to the ground. It made Jezebel, the queen, very, very angry at him and she rebelled against this act and declared she would have his life in like manner as he had dealt with the priests of Baal. Elijah fled into Beersheba of Judah where he left his servant and then fled into the wilderness where he prayed for God to take his life because he had acted as he did in running away. But an angel appeared before him and prepared food for him and told him to eat for he had a great journey to make into Mt. Horeb where he would meet God and be given great tasks to perform. Elijah fasted forty days and nights to prepare himself Spiritually for his ordeal.

Now we turn to the greatest of all, - - the Christ, the Son of God. The story is told in Matthew 4. Jesus has just been baptized of John, after which He fasted and prayed for forty days and nights and then to be tested and tempted of Satan.

Jesus withstood all that Satan offered and he came down from the mount and met each ordeal victoriously, ending the final ordeal of death on the cross. One might ask; could not Jesus have accomplished this without having to fast and pray?

We must remember that each act of His life was an **example** of which we may very well have to meet to some degree before we are ourselves successful in Christian endeavor.

Jesus knew of the things that he would have to meet, how He would be rejected, reviled against, would stand against those who would make God's house a den of thieves, would have to isolate himself in the garden and groan in agony while making the decision that God's will be done and not his own, knowing how his example would affect the lives of millions of people yet unborn.

Strength and wisdom came to him and to those great men before him, otherwise this story of hope of eternal life with God and Christ could never have been told.

Do we not know that a day is shortly to come when we will be put to a test of faith? Are we able to say that our understanding is complete regarding our strength to endure similar experiences yet before us?

We have not proven our faith before God that we can say in all honesty, "I shall not fail, I shall not deny him." Therefore Spiritual directives moves your writer to refer to the particular shortcoming among God's people today including very much the preachers of the World, wherein we have left off our fastings, not reasoning spiritually the Lord's coming soon, so very soon. Fasting and prayer is not meant to be used only two or three times in a lifetime under extreme pressure or extraordinary circumstances, and because it has been considered as such (if considered at all). We have many sickly among us and the "many spirits that are abroad in the world," have driven many into strange doctrines being unfamiliar with the workings of God's Spirit.

We hope, therefore, that all who receive this message will ponder it deeply for it holds out so great a lively hope of salvation for those who believe and practice it, and for such as continue to take it lightly, - - we fear they will become lost in the maelstrom and chaos of world strife.

If our forefathers found it necessary to fast from the worldly seasoned things and be thus humbled by soul afflictions: who are we that we have no such need? Are we better than Christ, Elijah, Moses, Paul and others whose strength came through fasting and humble submission of spirit before God? Revelations 13:11-18, is a prophesy of a time and condition that shall be in evidence sooner than one might think it to be.

Herein is described the former and latter power of Rome, and we are concerned with the latter power (present day - - or soon) which will have such power that it will control rights to buy or sell food and clothing, and in order for us to purchase or sell for our sustenance and well being, that we neither go hungry or unclothed, we will be required to bow down to this power and receive a mark in our forehead or our hands - - or go without, or possibly die for want of food.

This is the mark of the beast like unto the mark that Catholics receive each Ash Wednesday which is on both the **forehead** and the **back of the hand**.

Sufficient to say, it will be a trying ordeal for the faithful followers and true believers in deliverance through Christ.

Preparation is the watchword and fasting and prayer TODAY (not waiting 'till the last moment) should

be the uppermost thought in our hearts and minds. We fear for those who scoff at such an admonition.

When Saul (Paul) was struck down and made blind by the power of God, he realized the source of this power and said, "Who art thou Lord?" The answer given made Saul humble before God and he went for three days without food and drink that he might understand God when and if He should reveal His will.

These instances of great men using the medium of fasting and prayer to reach unto God should be evidence to us that it was a sure means of receiving the revelation of God, and we shall now bring evidence that it was taught as a principle of Christian worship by Jesus during His ministry, and likewise Paul and others.

By Christ, - - Matthew 6:16-18, Luke 5:35, 3 Nephi 5:108-109 (Book of Mormon)

By Paul, - - 1 Corinthians 7:3-5, 2 Corinthians 6:10  
By Amaleki (B of M) - - Omni 1:46-47

By Alma (B of M) - - Alma 4:6, Alma 12:4-5

It is wisdom that we point out further, **the purpose of fasting**, and we cite here the reasons that others have had in the past and compare them with ourselves by asking, "Is it any different now, have we any less reason to fast." For example, - - Ezra 8:21-23 - - Ezra a priest of God's house and scribe, was the one chosen of the king Artaxerxes to lead a people through the ranks of the enemy who opposed the rebuilding of the temple, and Ezra called a fast, "that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek a right way for us.

Jehoshaphat: 2 Chronicles 20:1-18 - - "Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, there cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side of Syria; - - and Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah." 9th verse, "(If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand in this house, and in thy presence - - and cry unto thee in our affliction, then wilt thou hear and help." (this for protection).

Joel: Joel 1:14-20/2:15-17, - - "Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of God?" - - "The beasts of the field cry also unto thee; for the rivers of water are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness." 2:15 "Blow the trumpet of Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly." (This, to stand at the last day).

Matthew 15:32, - - A great multitude hungering for the Word of God fasted three days that they might hear Jesus speak words for the soul.

The Nephites, - - Alma 21:1-2, - - were exceedingly rejoiced, because the Lord had delivered them out of the hands of their enemies; therefore they gave thanks unto the Lord their God: yes, they did fast and pray much - - ." (This was for past blessings).

During the reign of the judges in Zarahemla and the regions of the Nephites, about forty years before the appearance of Christ on this continent, the Church had been living in peace until about the fifty-first year of the reign of the Judges when pride began to enter into some who professed to belong to the Church and they began to persecute "many of the brethren." This evil caused the "more humble part of the people to suffer persecutions, and to wade through much affliction; nevertheless, they did fast and pray oft, and did wax stronger and stronger in their humility, and firmer and firmer in the faith of Christ, unto the filling of their souls with joy and consolation, yea, even to the purifying and sanctification of their hearts unto God." (This time to survive persecutions).

Now that it should be quite clear as to the need of fasting, a proper question might be, **how to fast**; is it simply doing without food and drink?

After the church was restored in 1829-30, God gave instructions, and commandments were given with instructions on how to abide by them, and a commandment was given in August of 1831 to the restored church, particularly regarding the sacraments or sacred ordinances. We reference the Book of Commandments, page 111, Chapter 60, "and that thou mayest more fully keep thyself unspotted from the world, thou shalt go to the house of prayer - - and on this day thou shalt do none other thing, only let thy **food be prepared** with singleness of heart, that thy fasting may be perfect, - - Verily this is fasting and prayer; or in other words, rejoicing and prayer." We find that food can be partaken of, but sparingly with reservations. Paul likewise gave instructions to the people at Corinth, (1 Cor. 2) when they came together to eat of the Lord's Supper, and as was the custom, they came fasting, but as you read the whole story, he ends the subject by saying, "and if any man hunger, let him eat at home; - -".

There are some whose physical deficiencies are such that partaking of a small amount of food alleviates the actions of the disorder and the mind can be more fully on the Spiritual aspect of the service. Any disturbing element can distract the mind from being centered on the purpose of a fast.

When we approach God in the proper attitude of fasting, the power of God is assured and He reveals Himself in such a way that no one is left in doubt and we lose thought of earthly needs; physical or material. We lose knowledge of all things that would prevent a clear channel through to God. We should not on a day or time of approaching the fast or during the fast, turn on the radio, or television, read the newspapers or laugh or joke, for certainly that which is of these things are not of the divine nature of God and Christ, and are not conducive to the allowing of the full indwelling of the Spirit and will of God in our hearts and minds.

The prophet Isaiah, in chapter 58, identifies two kinds of fasting. One is a hypocritical fast, (for show); the other, quite accepted and we quote in part, - - "Wherefore have we fasted, they say, and thou seest not? Wherefore have we afflicted our souls and thou takest no knowledge?" The answer, - - "behold in the day of your fast ye find pleasure and exact all your labors. Behold ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness; ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. Is it such a fast as I have chosen? **A day for man to afflict his soul.** Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens and let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? - - "

What is the result of such a fast? What promise does this affliction of the soul bring? The answer follows as we quote more of Isaiah 58, thus - - "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rereward. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth the finger and speaking vanity; if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: and the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in."

There is an old saying, - - "You have made your bed, now lay in it." But we don't want to do that; do we? "For the bed is too short that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than he can wrap himself in it." Isa. 28:20

There is no comfort in a bed too short, for we arise having had no rest, - - the cover is so narrow that we leave ourselves exposed, which is exactly the picture of our Christian endeavor: satisfied to live on the glories of the past, which are nice to remember but we are uncomfortable spiritually and we have tried too long to cover ourselves with only a part of all that God has promised us.

Are we satisfied to let our children and youthful one's go on with a too short bed of past glories that grandpa or an aged missionary tells them about, not tasting first-hand the real soul stirring restful and warming bed of experiences that God wants us to reach out for, which we will find waiting for us, perhaps through a **dedicated, humble, frequent** approach toward

Him, - - IN FASTING and PRAYER!

Sincerely, your brother  
and Apostle of Jesus Christ;  
Don W. Housknecht

## A MIRACLE THROUGH PRAYER

Almost a month ago something happened to our son, Stephen, that could have been a tragedy but because of the power of prayer, turned instead, into a wonderful blessing.

I know a lot of you know our story but there are some who know nothing about it. We all know that this kind of story gives us renewed hope and faith so we're going to try to tell the whole story so others will know about it too.

On Friday, May 7th, our family, (Mike, myself and our sons: Jeff 13 and Stephen 10) were on a hayride during a surprise party for the music director at our school, who was resigning. Stephen fell off the side of the wagon (a large haywagon carrying at least 35 teens and several adults).

As he tried to jump back on he missed the wagon and fell to the ground between the wheels on one side. The back wheel rolled over his head and leg. We aren't sure what other parts of his body it rolled over but we are sure of those.

We knelt beside him and prayed immediately. Paul Lofton, who was driving the truck that was pulling the wagon, a minister of another church here in Shawnee, went to the nearest home to call an ambulance and when he returned we asked him to say a prayer too.

We know, now, that Stephen received a blessing immediately. Not only was he alive (a miracle in itself) but right from the beginning he was conscious and lucid (enough to say a prayer of his own).

The para-medics put a neck brace on him and were afraid of internal injuries and broken ribs besides a broken neck. What was most frightening was what can happen when you have any head injury. He was bleeding from the ear and nose, and his head, by then, was so swollen he was hardly recognizable.

At the Shawnee Medical Center emergency room they worked on him for an hour or two. They put a tube through his nose and into his stomach to pump the blood and mucus that had collected there and they hooked an I. V. up to him. They took what X-rays they were able to and told us that he had "multiple fractures of skull" but weren't able to tell anything else yet. They were going to fly him by helicopter to St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City so he could have their Neurosurgeons look at him.

At St. Anthony's Neurological Hospital he had a Catscan and they reported that there were no "multiple fractures of the skull." They were still concerned about a couple of areas on his head. One was below the left eye (that is where the wheel went over his head), and one place at the back of his head, behind and below his right ear (where his head was against the road). He was too swollen to tell anything right then.

They put him in his room (our pastor, Brother Frank Fann, administered to him right then. He had just arrived from Texas) and for two days and nights he wasn't able to sleep because they weren't able to give him any medication yet. During this time he was administered to again by Brother Frank Fann and by Brother Larry Beem.

They took several more X-rays and reported no fractures - - no internal injuries - - nothing! After 2 days they removed the stomach pump and put him on a liquid diet. After 3 days they removed the I. V. and let him get out of bed - - and only 4 days after the accident - - he was home.

Now he has had his final check-up and has been given a "clean bill of health." Unless you know him very well you can't even tell anything had ever happened to him. He has a few bruises, some swelling, a few sore spots and some bad memories still, but he is quickly getting back to normal.

I've always known that if anything like this ever happened that the church people would be the first we would notify. We are very thankful we had enough common sense to do that immediately. Because of all the prayers and concern of our church family and our friends here, our son is healthy and normal. I guess we all need a little reminder now and then of the power of prayer and what God can and will do for us. The Kimball family knows what miracles we can have - - we have one of them of our own to see and remind us every day.

All our friends, especially the church people, were so good to us and were there when we needed them. Just before Stephen was put into the ambulance that night we gave Paul Lofton my dad's name and address in Phoenix. We told him to tell my parents about the accident and ask them to call the church people there in Phoenix and ask for prayers. The call for prayer spread so fast. Before we had been in the emergency room in Shawnee very long we began receiving calls.

We called Frank Fann from the hospital and through him the rest of our church members here in Oklahoma were notified. Laura Elwell called to offer her help. Later she told us that when she knelt down to pray, she felt a peace come over her and she knew things would be better. She called the Fann's back in Texas and they said they would leave immediately (at

least a 4 hour drive for them). They arrived before we even had Stephen admitted to the hospital in Oklahoma City. My brother called from Independence and offered to come down (an 8 hour trip).

It was wonderful to know that all we had to do was to notify one church member and all of you would do the rest. Because of Paul Lofton we were spared the anguish of having to tell anyone about the accident, he did all the calling. We received calls from Arizona, Colorado and Missouri telling of their prayers.

I'm not very good at expressing myself or telling a story like this but we did want to thank you all and tell you how grateful we are for your concern and mostly for your prayers in our behalf.

With Love, Mike, Barbara, Jeff and Stephen Kimball.

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## WE MUST FORGIVE

"And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Matt. 6:13. I. V.

These words from the Lord's prayer should make us stop and think; can we forgive those who sin against us as we would have the Lord forgive us? Jesus died for our sins not because we are worthy of so great a love as He bestowed upon us, no indeed, we have no worthiness except in Jesus, and if He does not forgive our sins we can find no forgiveness. We must pray for his Spirit to abide in us that we can forgive all who sin against us so that He can forgive us.

How very difficult this can be when a terrible sin is done to oneself or one we love dearly; forgiving is no easy matter, think what it cost Jesus on the cross. Receiving or giving forgiveness is a very serious demand.

When a dear lady whom we have loved for many years, one who has never harmed a living soul and has been careful to speak only good of her neighbors, who has been an adopted mother and grandmother to many people for many years, was brutally beaten and molested in her own little home, our hearts were sick with sorrow for her and with anger and hatred for the one who would do such an evil deed, till we could hardly endure it.

When I received the call from her neighbor telling of what had happened in the night to this dear elderly lady my heart cried out, "Oh my God, my Lord, where were your guardian angels?" As each heard the terrible news their hearts cried out likewise.

Our Pastor and his family were on their way to the Colorado reunion, so we had no one to call to minister. Later I called Bro. Marvin Ely so that those gathered there joined us in prayer for her. Also other prayer



circles in the area were notified and many prayers were offered in her behalf.

As soon as could be arranged my daughter Margaret came and we went to the hospital, our desire being to go to her side as soon as possible, and give her tender loving care and pray for her. On the way I said to Margaret, "You know we cannot pray for her if our hearts are full of anger and hate for the one who did this to her," and she said, "I know." So we prayed as we rode along asking the Lord to take away all our anger and hate toward this person, so that we could pray as he would have us pray for this dear one.

When we entered the room, oh the sight of her bruised and beaten head and face wrung our heart to the depths. I know the Lord strengthened us to be able to bear this and not break down. We each took a hand and kissed her telling her we loved her and had come to pray for her, and she wanted us to do so. I had brought the Consecrated oil with me, for I believe the saints have been given this to use in such times of sickness and pain. I told her I wanted to put the consecrated oil on her bruises, and she wanted me to do this, and as I gently put it on she said, "Oh it feels so good!" We then held her hands and we each prayed for her, and stayed with her until the lunch trays were brought in. She was able to tell us all that happened, which was good as she needed to get it all out to someone so it wouldn't bottle it up within her.

After her lunch time we returned, and again had a while to talk with her, and pray with her; I prayed and then after talking a while Margaret prayed again asking for a complete healing and also praying for the one who had done this thing that he might be brought to Christ and to know and repent of the sin he had committed. It was a simple and beautiful prayer.

When this dear friend was able to leave the hospital we took her home with us, telling her that she could live with us as long as she wanted to. I prayed by her bedside every night, and then going to my own bed I poured out my soul asking the Lord to enfold her in His loving arms that through His grace the horror of it would be swallowed up in Christ, and she be given that peace which surpasses understanding and be healed in mind, body and spirit, and be able to forgive the one who had done such a terrible thing to her.

I would still get so angry when I thought about it, and how could I keep from thinking of it as I cared for her? and weeping over it, so I would have to go to the Lord right away asking Him to help me forgive too. In forgiveness is healing, and without forgiving we cannot be completely whole, so I knew we all had to forgive this thing.

Perhaps those who have read Corrie Tenboom's book, "The Hiding Place" will remember how after the war ended Corrie and others built a home-hospital for car-

ing for returning prisoners from Hitler's reign of terror, people so cruelly mistreated, ill in mind and spirit as well as in body, they had to have extended care, nursing and rehabilitation. Those who learned to forgive what had been done to them were restored to health, those who could not forget nor forgive never quite recovered. It seems they could not while their hearts harbored the unforgiving bitter spirit.

Unforgiveness rankles the heart and mind and makes us spiritually ill; that is why Jesus tells us to forgive all who have sinned against us, not as much for their sake as for our own, yet, it must be with love and real intent and concern for the other or it is not true forgiveness. Yes in forgiveness there is healing for ourselves and those we forgive also. We must forgive!

This dear lary was with us for several months, and healing of mind and spirit did come as well as healing of the body, and she was able to return to her own little home.

Your sister in Christ  
Stella Winegar

## WHAT MIGHT BE DONE

What might be done if men were wise —  
What glorious deeds, my suffering brother  
Would they unite  
In love and right,  
And cease their scorn of one another?

Oppression's heart might be imbued  
With kindling drops of loving kindness;  
And knowledge pour,  
From shore to short,  
Light on the eyes of mental blindness.

All slavery, warfare, lies, and wrongs,  
All vice and crime, might die together,  
And wine and corn,  
To each man born,  
Be free as warmth in summer weather.

The meanest wretch that ever trod,  
The deepest sunk in guilt and sorrow  
Might stand erect  
In self-respect,  
And share the teeming world to-morrow.

What might be done? This might be done,  
And more than this my suffering brother —  
More than the tongue  
E'er said or sung,  
If men were wise and loved each other.

Behind the dim unknown  
Standeth God within the shadow,  
Keeping watch above his own.

## DOUBTERS: WITHIN AND WITHOUT!

### Part Three

DOUBT! hesitate to accept, hold as uncertain, distrust  
(Funk and Wagnalls Dictionary)

### DOOMS DAY

In the 2nd part of this article, I looked at some of the prophecies that were given by Joseph Smith in the early 1830's, and compared them with some prophecies contained in the Bible. They spoke of a "consumption" determined upon the whole earth. This "consumption" is looked upon by some as being a "Dooms Day." It is to be a day of doom for the wicked and rebellious; but to those who "hearken" unto the voice of our Lord, it will be a day of victory and freedom.

The world churches teach a popular theory that the righteous will not be required to be upon the earth during this time, using as their main source of evidence, 1st Thess. 4:17. "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." If we read the 16th verse we find that this will happen AFTER the first resurrection. Notice it says "with them," with who? With the dead in Christ. They (the churches of the world) speak of a "Rapture" of Christ's church. I can't even find the word in the Bible. The "consumption" spoken of by Isaiah, and Joseph Smith, and others which I will note later, is to transpire prior to Christ's second coming.

First let us look closely at this time of destruction, as Isaiah says, "consumption", that is to come upon the whole earth. Note this from Luke 21:34 through 36. "And take heed to yourselves, lest at anytime your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." (emphasis mine) To escape what things? ?? Why the very things Christ had been telling his disciples would come to pass in the earlier part of this chapter, namely wars, earthquakes distress of nations, famines pestilences, and "fearful sights." (verses 10, 11, 25 and 26).

Notice that Christ doesn't tell us to not worry about these things because the Church will be caught up into the air and will not have to face any tribulation; rather he warns us to "watch" and to "take heed," to prepare ourselves that we be found worthy to escape these things that are coming upon ALL them that dwell upon the earth. Thus, Christ knowing all things from beginning to end, here gives us a warning of what is coming to pass in the days just prior to his second coming.

"Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For behold the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: The earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." Isaiah 26:20 and 21.

And again this from Isaiah, 66:15 and 16. "For behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many."

With whom will the Lord be angry and who are the "inhabitants of the earth" that will be punished? Isaiah again answers: Chapter 1, verse 28: "And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed." And this from Psalms 21:8 and 9: "This hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee. Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: The Lord shall swallow them up in his wrath and the fire shall devour them."

From the above we can see that the sinners, the transgressors, the enemies and those who "forsake the Lord" shall be consumed. Psalms 145:20, says "... all the wicked will he destroy." The "consumption" spoken of by Joseph Smith in his Civil War prophecy, and spoken of by Isaiah, 28th Chapter, 22nd verse, is the destruction of the wicked. The results of this destruction is noted in Psalms 101:8, "I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; That I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the Lord." The 19th chapter of Revelations, beginning with the 11th verse is a good description of this destruction.

How can one read about this destruction of the wicked and not fear in his own heart, not only for oneself, but fear for the whole human race, and especially for those who are brothers and sisters in the Kingdom of Christ, who may have gone astray. The realization of its nearness should shake from our eyes the sands of sleep, and awake our awareness from the state of lethargy we have indulged in for so many years.

I want to list here a few prophecies contained in the Book of Commandments that pertain to this "consumption" that is to come upon the earth. It might be interesting to read them and compare with prophecies in the Bible and the Book of Mormon.

Chapter 1, verses 3, 4, and 6.

Chapter 29, verses 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

Chapter 36 verses 4 and 5.

Chapter 48, verse 57.

Chapter 64, verses 35, 36, and 59.

Some may wonder about the importance of the destruction of the wicked; or say, "What has this to do with the children of the Kingdom," Not only will He sever the wicked from out of the world, but he will also sever the wicked from out of His Kingdom. Note this from Matt. 13:41. "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of His Kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity:" Again this same message is brought to us in latterday revelations; chapter 64. Book of Commandments, verses 59 and 60. "And in a time to come, even in the day of the coming of the Son of man, and until that hour, there will be foolish virgins among the wise, and at that hour cometh an entire separation of the righteous and the wicked; and in that day will I send mine angels, to pluck out the wicked and cast them into unquenchable fire."

One need not suppose that Zion will shelter or protect the wicked, or those that do iniquity, for Zion will be a refuge for the righteous. Isaiah 33:14 and 15. "The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; . . ."

There is much yet to transpire before the sun sets on that "Doom Day"; but things can happen fast. One thing that will be completed is the establishment of Zion. Joseph Smith, and those of the early church were called to "lay the foundation of this church, and to bring it forth out of obscurity," and to seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion." (Chapter 1, verse 5 and chapter 10, verse 3. Book of Commandments) We today, having partaken of the fruit of their labors by way of baptism into the church, and acceptance of the authority of the priesthood established by Christ through them, have taken upon ourselves that same calling and responsibility. It is a great calling and a great responsibility, we need to begin to recognize this and to act accordingly.

Will yet the banner be unfurled  
that heralds Zion's day  
and will it fly  
in clear blue sky  
and mark the captive's way

Will yet the work once laid aside  
be undertaken once again  
will it be you  
who see it through  
or will his call be in vain

Come ye who truly love the Lord  
and will, His command obey  
take up the task  
no favors ask

and walk in his righteous way.

Your Brother in the Family of God  
Joseph F. Smith  
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Horseshoe Bend, Idaho 83629

## CHURCH OF CHRIST at Ava

This spring and early summer have been an eventful time for the Ava congregation wherever they are. One of the most dramatic was the experience of our young brother, T. C. Bell, son of Terry and Darla Bell of Rock Springs, Wyo. His grandmother, Sister Eva Bell, tells of it, "Terry just about lost their oldest boy, T. C., the last of April in a swimming doings at school. He got a cramp in one of his legs. He was splashing around in the water, then went under. No one noticed. One of the boys saw him on the bottom of the pool and yelled that T. C. was drowned. So one of the men teachers jumped in the pool after him; someone else called the ambulance. His heart had stopped. The teacher gave him mouth to mouth resuscitation and got some flutters. By that time he ambulance was there, so they got him in it and put him on some machines and got it going. He was at the hospital in a few minutes. The doctor told Terry and Darla he was in God's hands that night. A couple of Mormon preachers were there, so they administered to him. The next morning he talked a little to them . . . They were afraid he'd have brain damage. But he doesn't have any. He went back to school and graduated from the eighth grade with his class . . . I wanted to see for myself that he was okay. Thank goodness he's still our happy teasing T. C."

T. C. and the rest of the family welcomed a new little brother, Steven Edward, the 23rd of May.

Both Dorothy Burgin and Alex Smith have also spent some time in the hospital. Both are back home and doing all right now.

Sister Minnie Smith visited her daughter in Phoenix and went to the Colorado Reunion. Sister Martha Bell visited her son and family in Iowa, and also went to the Colorado Reunion.

There have been quite a few visitors at Ava, too. Georgia Tate brought her mother home and visited a week or so. Berchie and Lorraine Welton have had grandchildren visiting: Jason Speers, and Christy and Larry Beem. Diana Smith is home with her parents, Art and Ruth Smith, for the summer. Larry Jenkins visited one Sunday. Cindy and Bobby Riley and family, Scott and Dorothy Deewall and Dolly, Roger and Peggy Engle and Amber, all from Oklahoma, visited their families near Ava.

Cathy Jones and Vince LaToma were married in

Nevada, Mo., on July 3. They and their family visited her parents, Les and Barbara Burgin, that weekend.

The Ava group plans to rent the M. F. A. hall in Ava for our third Sunday meetings. We would like to share with our friends and neighbors the thoughts and messages brought by the Elders who visit us each month. These men bring positive attitude and food for thought. They do not criticize or belittle other people or their beliefs. Their sermons are not alike any more than Paul's and John's were, but they fit together like two fingers on the same hand. They are our friends and our brothers, and we would hate to think of how hard it would be to get by without them.

Joe and Sue Smith plan to leave their Idaho mountain and go visit our group at Toppenish, Washington one Sunday during August.

Brother Larry Beem was our preacher the third Sunday in June. He spoke of the fatherhood of God and the effect of names. He also presented the thought that we should not only know the name, but also the voice by which we should be called.

Brother Art Smith was the preacher June 27th and July 11th. He spoke of the signs which should follow believers, and of the coming of Jesus Christ as told of in Alma 3:71.

Brother Marvin Case was the preacher the 18th of July. "We are in the days of preparation . . . The day of the Lord cometh . . . the power of the Holy Ghost carrieth it unto the hearts . . . the fruits of the spirit are: . . . A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

Ella Engle, reporter

## OKLAHOMA CITY NEWS

"After being organized for one and a half years we add to our local it's first transfers - - the Beems. All in favor say 'yes.' (Yes, came from all membership voices.) Beems, you are in whether you like it or not," replied Brother Frank Fann with eyes shiny with tears.

"We are not about to load up and go back," responded Jewel, mirthfully.

This short business meeting of the Oklahoma City local on July 25, 1982, gives you a glimpse into our happy lives. We have tears of happiness as well as a good hearty laugh. The love we have for each other is contagious. We guarantee you'll like us, so join us sometime.

Before I tell you about the rest of July 25 services, I'll back up to the month of June. Your reporter is always going someplace, it seems, and misses a good

many services. (I will do better this fall.) I traveled through Europe for two weeks in June. I couldn't help but notice how neat and tidy the Europeans are. They appreciate the beauty of flowers, for everywhere you could see window boxes of beautiful flowers as well as flowers growing in gardens. I appreciated the friendly, polite people I met. I couldn't help but think, "Just imagine, all these beautiful people probably don't fully understand the gospel of Jesus Christ." I believe they will have that opportunity because I believe in a just God.

Of course, I missed the Sunday in June that the Grzincics worshipped with us and we do appreciate their coming. Brother Tony teaches us how to praise the Lord. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." (Psalms 1:1-2) "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is." (Jeremiah 17:7) Brother Tony went on to tell and read to us the story of Elijah when he confronted Ahab. (I Kings 18).

Could we trust in the Lord to protect us as did Elijah? Can we tell the difference between the prophets of God and the prophets of Baal? "And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word." (1 Kings 18:21). Ponder and consider thoughtfully that admonition.

"If we have pride and not humility, we are not servants of God," spoke Elder Larry Beem as he opened our services on July 25 in the home of M. G. and Laura Mae Elwell. "I don't know where I'd be if it weren't for my friends. I am thankful to God that he gave us this opportunity to come and share this love with you," he continued. Thus began our sacrament service on this beautiful sabbath, with the Elwell living room packed full of beautiful people. As we sang the "Old, Old Path," the touch divine seemed to be with us. We are all dear friends because we try hard to walk together down the old, old path.

After partaking of the emblems, we had prayer and testimony service. Carol testified of our blessings in our local. We have continued to grow. She was so thankful for Steven's great blessing after his accident. She was thankful for my (Alzada) safe return from Europe. Her concern now, is, that they can get services started in Texas. Jewel told of how very much she appreciated all the help they received when they moved, both in Independence and in Oklahoma. They couldn't have possibly gotten along without the help and love of friends. Jennifer testified as to her belief about how mothers always seem to know when to pray for their children. It seems to be a god-given instinct.

She praised the Lord for all her blessings. Other touching testimonies and prayers were given this glad day.

Elder Bob Oldham gave us the sermon. Everyone appreciates Brother Bob's gift of verbal expression and this sermon was no exception. The old, old story was strangely sweet as he expressed to us the sweet spirit of his heart. "I hope I can be a constructive builder of Zion. Bear witness of the great love present here. We are excited about being a witness of Jesus Christ. Share your enthusiasm, love, and excitement." Anyone who hears Brother Bob preach could not help but be enthusiastic and excited about the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Elder Larry Beem announced that we will have services every Sunday; Until we can arrange for a permanent meeting place, we will continue to meet in homes.

As we held hands and made a big circle to bless the food, we thanked the Lord for our food and our guests. Jack Bell from Houston, Texas joined us. Becky Fann was with us, too. Of course, Elder Bob and Jennifer Oldham always bring an extra dimension to our services. To be able to have the Beem family each Sunday, is beyond our greatest hope. So, as our services ended, the rest of us made sure our guests were aware of our love for them and we know they'll be back.

In the words of the psalmist, "O Lord my God, in thee do I put my trust; (Psalm 7:1).

I am, your reporter,  
Alzada Massey

## HOUSTON, MO. LOCAL REPORT

Our pastor, John Jones, was the speaker July 4th recalling events of American history, telling briefly of the three groups who came to the Americas, led by God, and whose history we find portrayed in the Book of Mormon. They were the ancestors of the Indians who inhabited the land when in modern times Columbus and others came. Studies made of these natives let us know that they believed in a Great white God, who existed and is alive today. Their legends tell of his visitation and that he taught them his true religion, he healed the sick, raised the dead, and established a government of peace. He came and left suddenly.

They regarded him as the creator of all things, came to earth in human form. His teaching was akin to the Bible, he promised to return (a second coming).

These traditions were preserved orally, and all tribes recall the same main themes, and gave him various names, describing him as a tall white man, bearded,

light complected, blue eyes, wearing loose flowing robes who came from Heaven.

He taught them a better life, to live by the golden rule, to love your neighbor. He had great authority, mountains obeyed him, water flowed at his command. He appeared after a period of deep darkness. His voice they had heard during this darkness. When he appeared he taught them his doctrine, to repent of their sins, and be baptized, to become humble as a little child. He healed their sick and lame, blessed the little children, organized the church, naming it after himself, the Church of Christ.

All these facts can be found in studying your Book of Mormon. Pleasant reading.

Roland Sarratt was our guest speaker this month, asking us what type of people are we? Are we doing all we can, doing all we should? Is there a need for greater knowledge? Have we backslid in bad attitudes or ways of life? Are we hungering and thirsting after gospel knowledge? Are we working towards obtaining the same?

We should be seeking motivation to do good rather than doing it by force. We should look to Jesus for such motivation. He gave his all, himself, the ultimate sacrifice. We can't do the same but we should be willing to do so.

The world can comprehend but not fully understand the sacrifice he made in giving his life for us. Are we inspired? or indifferent? Are we carrying his messages to the world? If not, why not? Are we selfish in not doing so?

If we want the blessing He promises we must do something to earn them. There is no restriction on what we can merit when in service to God. He gives us more abundantly than we think we deserve as a rule. Do you want hay and straw or gold and silver? Develop love and concern, and do good for Christ. Do good works for God but not for the reward promised but for love of your fellow man. Do not be selfish with your self-giving to others - don't count each task that you do. God should be the driving force in your life.

All would have been lost without Christ's victory on the cross and we'd have been subject to the devil's desires and would have died in sin. We can rise above that fallen state to salvation and merit even greater rewards. He asks us to have faith in God. Come back to Christ's teachings. Be obedient to God's will for us as Christ was obedient to God's commands to him. Look up to Christ. Do his work willingly, deeply appreciate every blessing you receive. Endure the crosses of our life here on earth to the end, that we might inherit the kingdom of God prepared for us from the beginning of the world and have joy forever.

Apostle Don Housknecht was our speaker here this month when he and Elder Harold Pollack came to visit us from Phoenix. He told us of a book called "No Man is an Island." We cannot separate ourselves; we need to reach out to others, to carry God's spirit and light to the world. We are necessary to one another's welfare. Use your God given talent to reach out and help another, that some one may see and hear good things of us. Seek understanding between ourselves, overlook another's faults so that he may overlook yours. Stand up for Christ. Pray. Meditate. Let's create an atmosphere of love and good will and bind our hearts together in Christian love.

Are we united in Christ? Do we have his mind? Put out discontent - - it's catching, you know. Have you caught another's? We don't have a right to do solely our own pleasures and hurt another in the doing. We have more influence on the lives of others than we realize, so we really need to set a good example. Be humble, do not over estimate your own qualities, gifts or abilities. Be not weary in well doing - think good of all men. Have charity toward all. Be good stewards of the gifts and talents that God has given you.

We may need to set aside our own personal ambitions to help out where needed. Avoid the very appearance of evil. Don't be critical of another when you may also be doing the same thing.

We need to meet together often at church, in our homes, in counsel, with freedom to ask questions, to be a part of a group not an island of self. We need to know the power of God, the healing of God, the teachings of God. We need to be lifted up, we can't live on past glory or miracles, but need new ones, new healings. God will answer our prayers to that end when we can all love and help one another and become as one in his love and spirit.

S/Sgt. J. O. Addie and family were here this month visiting his folks, the Virgil Addie's and brother Martin, from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S. D. Several of our church family have either been on vacation about the country, or have had visitors from away. I'm sorry I do not have a list for you.

Your Houston Correspondents  
Mary and Janeen Addie

## PHOENIX LOCAL NEWS

We here at the Phoenix church have been keeping busy physically and spiritually.

In May we enjoyed "May Madness" - - a Saturday of family fun. All morning was spent in organized games such as sack races, dunking volunteers into a tank of water by accurate ball pitching, horseshoes, pie-eating contests (chocolate, no less) and other interesting contests. At noon we all shared hot dogs and dur-

ing the afternoon, awards were given out and the door prize for the day was a basket of Hickory Farm goodies and the name drawn was Meredyth Baskett! Following was a hilarious skit presented by some of our talented members. Our thanks go to all, but especially to our Committee in charge: Chris Moser Marlene Oar and Michelle Yates.

Through the spiritual promptings of Jackie Lacy and Karin Malone, we have started a Women's Devotional Study Group. We meet each Monday night and our time is spent as the Lord directs. We pray together for one another, study the scriptures most ardently and are now seeing the fruits of our earnest supplications. God is working with us and through us.

Two of our members have gone into business for themselves. Jim Lacy has opened his own Cabinet-making shop. On Sunday, July 4 (how appropriate - Independence Day) there was a Dedication service in the shop when Apostle Don McIndoo asked God's blessing for the new business.

Bill Malone has been setting up a Printed Circuit Board manufacturing company since May. It's going to be ready to produce toward the end of July. It, too, will be dedicated to the Lord, that it may prosper to the Glory of God. Please remember these two endeavors in your prayers.

In June, the church honored our four high school graduates with an after-ceremony reception in the church annex. Graduates were: Gerald Gill, DeeAnn Connors, Annette Yates and Lorine Wallace.

In April, Becky and Johnnie Booth's baby daughter, Christina Anne, was Blessed and her life dedicated to the Lord.

This beautiful ordinance was again experienced during June as Lorraine Shandra and Nickola Ann, daughters of Kim and Michael Scher, were presented for Blessing under the hands of God's chosen.

Our dear Jackie and Don Bentz became the parents of another little gift from heaven on June 3, 1982. Her name is Melissa Marie, and she was Blessed at the ripe old age of 3 days.

June was a good month in our Church of Christ, Marcella Marie Lacy (Marcee) chose Father's Day to be baptized into the kingdom and we all rejoiced with her as we welcomed her into the fold.

June 12-16 found our young teachers and students busily engaged in summer Bible School, an always productive experience.

Don't forget our Reunion scheduled for Nov. 26, 27 and 28. Come fellowship with us.

Until next time, your Phoenix reporter,  
Meredyth Baskett

## 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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## A STATEMENT OF INTENTION FROM THE GENERAL UNITED WORKERS CONFERENCE MEETING

A motion was made and seconded that a statement be published in the Advocate for 5 consecutive times of our intentions to transfer the funds for the Old Folks Home Fund, collected and held by the United Workers, to a fund called Assistance to the Elderly in the Church, to be administered by the United Workers. Carried 17 for, 1 against.

A motion was made and seconded that we select a committee of 3, to be composed of the Chairman, Treasurer and one member by nomination to disburse this assistance as needed. Carried unanimously.

The selection of this committee was deferred till next year subsequent to the five consecutive publications of the statement of our intentions in this matter. Carried.

Respectfully submitted by  
Irene Case  
Secretary of the  
General United Workers

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"Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out; so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth." (Proverbs 26:20)

## NOTICE

Any information on the whereabouts or addresses of the people whose names are listed below, with their last known address, will be greatly appreciated. Please send information to:

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Since I am the General Church Recorder, I solicit your help in any way.

In Gospel Bonds,  
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## THINK ABOUT IT

All of our relationships must be in or through the Lord, as was David's and Jonathan's friendship in the Lord; whether it be friendships or families or our marriages. It is as a triangle, the Lord being the central point. Point B and C must needs be secured in their positions to each other through point A. As long as B and C are bonded in a fixed position to A they do not vary in their relationship to each other. Let either move out of their position with A and the other relationship varies too. Nor can we stay in the desired and required relationship with God if we remain out of the required relationship with and to our brother. We cannot love God whom we have not seen if we are unable or refuse to love the brother whom we have seen, no matter how frustrating he may appear to us.

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