

# 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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## Lift Up Your Eyes

What means this visit to the tomb  
So early Easter morn?  
What mean these spices, rare and sweet  
By loving hands now borne?  
It means that faith and hope have fled,  
And now they seek a Christ that's dead  
But no! "The stone is rolled away,  
And Christ, the Lord, is risen to-day."

And, so, we often think of him  
As crucified and dead,  
And fail to recognize that he  
Is now our Living Head.  
Then lift your eyes, ye saints, and see  
Your King in wond'rous majesty;  
For angels "rolled the stone away,  
And Christ, the Lord, is risen to-day!"

F. S. Shephard

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### Editorial . . .

#### " . . . WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS, WHICH IS CALLED CHRIST?"

This is the question that Pilate put to the Jews, when they had brought Jesus before him. However it is THE question which every soul must sometime face up to and decide for themselves. "What am I going to do about Jesus?"

We all must make a choice of two possibilities. We can accept him as Lord and Savior and follow him which means to obey his every teaching and commandment, or we can reject him. Any thinking that, once we have been confronted by his claim upon us, we can postpone our decision is plain folly. In any referendum, if one votes at all so as to have their name on the ballot, a refusal to vote on an issue is a vote "no". So it is in this matter. Jesus has all our names so there is no chance of avoiding a decision.

If one is among those who have professed to have accepted his claim upon oneself, just what does that mean, what have we committed ourselves to? Jesus said, ". . . therefore, I said unto you, that no man can come unto me, except he doeth the will of the Father who hath sent me." (John 6:65, I.V.) That's a stiff requirement. Also, "And he said unto them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life, must be willing to lose it for my sake; and whosoever will be willing to lose his life for my sake, the

same shall save it. For what doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and yet he receive him not whom God hath ordained, and he lose his own soul, and he himself become a castaway? For whosoever shall be ashamed of me, and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own kingdom, clothed in the glory of the Father, with the holy angels." (Luke 9:23-26, I.V.) This is also a very stiff requirement. But, "So likewise, whosoever of you forsaketh not all that he hath he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14: 34 I. V.) perhaps is stiffest of all. Have we squarely faced up to these requirements or are we, as some of which it is recorded in John 6:60 and 66, I.V. that they found some of Jesus' teachings a hard saying and from that time many of his disciples went back and no more walked with him? Have we without consciously realizing or admitting it, come to a point where we no longer walk with him? Have we at some point found discipleship too costly?

Whatever we think we have done, he knows far better that we, for, "Oh Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me; Thou knowest my downsitting and my uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassed my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but lo, O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether . . ." (Psalms 139:1-4, I.V.) God knows exactly what we

have decided to do with this man Jesus.

If we are among those who think we have committed ourselves to his discipleship, have we in any sense taken his name in vain? Consider Proverbs 30:7-9: "Two things I have required of thee! deny them me not before I die; remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches, feed me with food convenient for me; lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor, and steal and take the name of my God in vain." Will a close scrutiny

of our lives, our living, reveal that in any way we have taken the name of the Lord in vain? That our profession of discipleship is in vain because we do not keep his commandments?

It is not for anyone to measure or judge what any other is doing about Jesus, but it is imperative that each determine what he has done, is doing about him. Time is about to run out!

A.S.

## THE LORD SHALL BUILD UP ZION

A sermon by Apostle William Sheldon

(continued from last month)

If we will pray always, we will be in a spiritual frame of mind. The things that we do will actually be as a prayer unto God because they will bear testimony that we will have learned of Him. We have come to Him, and we are constantly coming to Him in every aspect of our daily lives. When we are spiritually minded, when we learn to become spiritually minded, that is a prayer to God and we can be praying always then. We do need to pray. We do need to lift our hearts in a conscious communication with God. The Master has told us very plainly that we shall enter into our secret chambers and close the door about us and then lay open our souls to God. Do you do that my friends?

Again he has commanded us to come together in the congregation of the saints, and to speak one with another concerning the welfare of our souls, and to lift our voices in prayer to him. Do you do that friends? Will you come and offer up your prayer in union with the saints of God? Not to be heard of man only that they might say amen, but to be heard of God. Yes, he wants us also to do those things. And he wants us to bear testimony to his loving kindness unto us. I'm giving us elements of that which God requires, that will make for us to be a people of Zion. I want you to think about that through all that I will bring to your attention. We must bear testimony of the loving kindness of God to us, and I don't think that we have to have some great astounding thing that has happened to us in order to bear testimony to the goodness of God. I remember Brother Flint, quite a few years ago, told of his father-in-law who was an old German who came to this country and didn't know too much English, he just could speak it in a rather broken way, but he came to have a belief in Christ. I believe he came into the Church of Christ, and he would stand up occasionally in the prayer meeting and he would say, "Pray for me that I be good," or something to that effect. We can do that; we can ask each other to pray for us, and these things are well-pleasing unto God. Then if we will just express ourselves in as simple a way as we know how, of how our

life has been blessed because we have had communion with God that would be pleasing to Him and He wants us to do that. And this is how we become trees of the planting of the Lord, by these things.

God wants us to offer hymns of praise to Him, and He wants us to obey His commandments. This is the one thing that the Christian world today scarcely seems to know anything about, and that is obedience to the commandments of God. And yet Christ said, "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say?" When we read any of the teachings of Jesus Christ, inasmuch as he has given them by way of counsel to us, we should consider them as his commandments and realize that in the keeping of his commandments is eternal life. Obedience is of a prime requisite with God as it always has been down through the ages as he has dealt with his people.

People talk about faith, and we are told in one place in the scripture, "Show me thy faith without thy works and I will show thee my faith by my works." And yet people will say that we don't need to have any works toward God. But you know, works are an evidence of our faith, and therefore if we really have faith in God we will obey Him, we will do the things He has commanded us to do. Faith is the assurance that God will do good for us, but also it gives evidence of a conviction that we must abide in His will, and if we abide in His will we are keeping His commandments. Therefore if we have faith toward God we will do those things He has commanded us to do, and if you don't keep the commandments of God you don't really have faith towards Him.

God has commanded us that in obedience to His commandments we must repent of our sins. And we are told that this, the one great thing that is required of the servants of God in these latter days is to preach nothing but repentance unto this generation. And repentance is not only required of those who are in the world who are perhaps committing the grosser sins, and

perhaps we have been able to put those things away, I hope that we have, but repentance is also required within the body of Christ. We must needs be continually repentant before him in order that we might be forgiven of our sins; and that we might come to him upon the terms of the gospel of Christ, and show forth our faith and our desires that we might have his Spirit to abide with us. Repentance is the forsaking of sins. I'll mention some of these gross sins. We speak of murder, we speak of lying. Did you know that is a very grievous sin in the sight of God? We speak of stealing in all the various aspects that might be made manifest. We speak of adultery, of fornication. We speak of homosexuality. These things are prevalent in our society today, and we say that we abhor these things, and rightly so. And I trust that that is true within the body. These things must be so foreign to the minds of the people of God that they actually abhor them. It's not just a matter of forsaking some of perhaps smaller sins that we might have even though we're not guilty of the grosser sins, but in the forsaking of the smaller things that we will become so like the Master that we may become pure in heart, and have his Spirit abiding in us.

Another of the grievous sins that is in the world today is witchcraft. And it's amazing the number of people that have been taken up with that sort of thing. This is one of the things that the Lord foresaw, and told through the words of the prophet, that would be a characteristic of the latter days; even witchcraft.

Let's consider some of the less obvious things. Hatred. Do you ever have any hate in your heart? It's not of God, and you are not keeping the commandments of God if you have it.

How about envy? Is there any there? Are you jealous of anybody? It's not right; it's something that needs to be repented of.

Is there any haughtiness of spirit? Do you feel above someone else because you see some things that you don't like, and perhaps it's not altogether right as far as that is concerned, but do you have a spirit of haughtiness or in other words is there pride within the church? These are things that are going to have to be cast out before our people become the planting of the Lord.

How about a spiteful tongue? Do you speak spitefully of your fellowmen? Or those within the Church? It ought not to be. We're told that we are to bridle the tongue, and I turn to James and find in the 1st chapter and 26th verse, "If any man seem to be religious, and bridled not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." If you don't bridle your tongue your coming to church is vain. That's what it says. You can come and hear the word, and hear it proclaimed with power, but unless that word finds place within our heart and causes a great change to take place there you're deceiving yourself, and your religion is vain and you certainly can't qualify as the children of

Zion. With regard to the use of the tongue we have the characteristic of boasting that is in the world today, and if you seek to exalt yourself, the Master has said, you will be abased; if you will abase yourself you will be exalted, so boasting has no place in the Church of Christ.

What about blasphemy, swearing, foul language? These are characteristics that are so prevalent in the world today; they certainly ought not to be in the body of Christ. Blasphemy is taking the Lord's name in vain and using foul language has become so commonplace in the world, and I've heard of it even in the Church of Christ. These things ought not to be. If we will obey God we will seek to cleanse the temple of our bodies; we will put away those things that are harmful to us physically as well as spiritually. And I'm thinking of the use of tobacco, of alcoholic beverages and of drugs. The world is being saturated with these things and their bodies are being brought down even unto the grave. They have taken these things and assumed that there was no harm in them. They're not only a harm to the physical body but a harm to the spirit as well, because you can't really be thinking of God in the use of these things. We have to put them away from us.

We may say, for instance, with regard to tobacco, that's no grievous sin. I'll grant you it's not that which God can look upon with such disfavor as on some of these other gross things I have mentioned here; but God wants us to be clean in our bodies and in our spirits. Those things today are bringing grievous sickness upon the bodies of the children of men; heart and lung diseases are caused by the use of tobacco, and these things are causing cancer, and other attendant illnesses are connected with the use of these things and it's been definitely proven by the scientific and medical community, and ought not to be a part of the people of the Church of Christ.

If we keep the commandments of God we are of course to be baptized. We are to take upon us the name of Christ. I'm convinced that it is not simply a matter of just going down into the waters of baptism, because he has commanded that, but in the final analysis, or in the reality of the thing, it should be that there is a change in a person's mind, in their heart, that the desires to put off the old man and become a new man in Christ. We're to become, in the words of the Master of men, as a little child. I'm going to read in 3rd Nephi, chapter 5, verse 40, "And again I say unto you, Ye must repent, and be baptized in my name, and become as a little child, or ye can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God." Did you catch that? If you don't become as a little child you can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God. And what is it to become as a little child? Is it not to become fully trusting in God? That you trust in all the commandments that He has given, that they are for our good. Is it not to be easily led of God? Not hard in our hearts. Is it not that we should put away malice from our minds? Is it not that there should be no guile or hypocrisy? Guile is lying or having a spirit of lying.

These are things a little child is not possessed of; he hasn't learned that as some of us have learned as we have grown older. But if we have gone that way, to put these things away is how we become as a little child and acceptable to God. If we do that thing, become as a little child, we will have no more disposition to do evil. We will be like the people of Anti-Nephi-Lehi who were of the Lamanites who were converted to Christ; it says they had not more disposition to do evil.

Speaking of love as being part of the gospel economy, and as part of the Celestial law, as being the very element of the Celestial law, we're to love our fellowmen as well as our heavenly Father; we're to have love in our families, and if we have love in our families we will teach our children the right way. I've mentioned this before but I think it bears repetition. There needs to be a teaching of our children in the ways of the Kingdom of God, because just as surely as the sun shines and the night follows day, in the world our children are being taught things that will make for their death; of the spiritual and the physical. That is sure and we need to offset that with all the power of our beings, by teaching those children in our homes and by bringing them to the Sunday School that they might learn of the ways of God.

We're to have that love in our families and to show forth that love to each other because it is Christ-like. If we have a love for our brethren in the Church we will be patient toward their weaknesses, as we may see them, and towards their lack of wisdom. If we have the love of our fellowman, or the love of the brethren in the Church, it may be necessary sometimes to exhort them, or rebuke, and yet that should be done in kindness and in consideration of the tender feelings of each other. If we have love to our fellowman we will also impart to them both temporally and spiritually. And I would like to read in that connection from the book of Mosiah, chapter 9, verses 60-64. "And again, Alma commanded that the people of the Church should impart of their substance, every one according to that which he had. If he have more abundantly, he should impart more abundantly; and he that had but little, but little should be required; and to him that had not should be given. And thus they should impart of their substance, of their own free will and good desires toward God, and to those priests that stood in need, yea, and to every needy, naked soul. And this he said unto them, having been commanded of God; and they did walk uprightly before God, imparting to one another, both temporally and spiritually, according to their needs and wants."

Yes we should impart temporally to the brethren and to all mankind. And I see that as truly a part of the law of consecration. But if we think that the law of consecration and the Celestial law only has to do with temporal things, or if we think that that's the important thing, I would remind us of a statement made by

Christ as we find recorded in chapter 23 of Matthew, verse 23, "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." And so we see that if the consecration only has to do with the imparting of our substance unto the church for the benefit of others, I think we have really looked beyond the mark. We have omitted the weightier things of the law, which Christ says here are judgment, mercy and faith.

Judgment is really the loving care that we have for those who stand in need; that really is what judgment is. In chapter 1 of Isaiah, verse 27, "Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness." In verse 23, prior to this, the Lord is condemning the people of Israel, "Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither does the cause of the widow come unto them." So it's the exercise of mercy and of love toward those who are the widows, the fatherless, and all of those who stand in need, that is judgment, and that's what Zion is going to be redeemed by. By the exercise of our love and mercy towards those who stand in need. But, I'll tell you it's got to be on a personal basis not just simply giving to the church and let the church do it; it must be on a personal basis.

Incidentally I think that we're seeing strides in that direction. I don't think there's room for us to just set back and be complacent that we've got Zion, because we know that we haven't; because when we really have come to Zion, when Zion has really come into our hearts and we are walking in accord with the Celestial law as I have given to you here in the words of the Master of men himself, that we shall love the Lord with all our heart, might, mind and strength, and love our neighbor as ourselves, when we have come to that we will find that the spiritual gifts of God will be a characteristic within the church, to a far greater extent than we have seen it in our time. The Lord will show forth his own works in that church that is called by his name that keeps the commandments of God.

I read again from the Book of Mormon, the 4th book of Nephi, chapter 1, beginning with verse 3, and here we find the condition that prevailed within the church upon this continent after Christ had come in their midst and had set up his church amongst them: "And it came to pass in the thirty and sixth year, the people were all converted unto the Lord, upon all the face of the land, both Nephites and Lamanites, and there were no contentions and disputations among them, and every man did deal justly one with another; And they had all things common among them, therefore they were not rich and poor, bond and free, but they were all made free, and partakers of the heavenly

gift." And I go over just a little further, this time the 17-20 verses, "And it came to pass that there was no contention in the land, because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people. And there were no envyings, nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredoms, nor lyings, nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness;" you know what lasciviousness is? That's lustful desire. "And surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God: There were no robbers, nor murderers, neither were there Lamanites, nor any manner of ites; but they were in one, the children of Christ, and heirs to the kingdom of God: You want to be happy? Well here it is, the things that I've been bringing to our attention are the things that will make us a happy people. If you want to be happy start looking into them, but there has to be a placement of those things within our hearts more fully than there has been. And those things that we've simply passed over, we think that they are true but we really don't think that we are guilty. Maybe we ought to look at ourselves and see whether we have really harmonized with the teaching of Jesus Christ in all of its aspects. We really ought to do that!

One more reading from 1 Peter, chapter 2, verses 1-5, "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile," which is duplicity or deception, lay it aside, "and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby;" in other words, you desire it; that's what he's saying here, "If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as to a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious. Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." And what are the spiritual sacrifices we are to offer? A broken heart and a contrite spirit. "Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious; and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded."

Well the time has come the set time for the Lord to establish Zion, and I think that the only reason it becomes the set time is because the Lord finds a people who are beginning to show forth the cause of Zion, which is the pure love of God in their hearts. When they have the pure love of God it will be manifest not only in their worship towards God and in the keeping of His commandments, those commandments that He has given with regard to our activities one with another, these things will have become precious and of great importance to our lives. When we do so, we will have the Spirit of God dwelling with us and Zion will be a reality. I think that Zion is growing but it's got a ways to go yet. Shall we join hands and try to do that more fully than we have in the past? Let's seek indeed to live the Celestial law of God; to love the Lord with all our heart, might, mind and strength and our neighbor as ourselves.

## "NO UNCLEAN THING CAN INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN"

by Tony Grzincic  
(Sermon Excerpt)

"But behold I say unto you the Kingdom of God is not filthy, and there cannot any unclean thing enter into the Kingdom of God," 1 Nephi 4:58. That's saying it like it is; there cannot be any unclean thing enter into the Kingdom of God. We find on page 325, (Book of Mormon) now I'd like to bring to your mind one thought here, that God isn't going to change His mind on anything; so we can't get up there and plea bargain, so to speak. Now in verse 35, "Neither doth he vary from that which he hath said; neither hath he a shadow of turning from the right to the left, or from that which is right to that which is wrong, . . ." have people gone that route? Yes they have. In the day in which we live, right has become wrong and wrong has become right. You may not have become aware of it. ". . . therefore his course is one eternal round. And he doth not dwell in unholy temples," this is to you and I, "neither can filthiness, or anything which is unclean be received into the Kingdom of God."

Another verse, page 341, verse 91 says, "And I say unto you again, that he cannot save them in their sins;" he's talking to Zeezrom but it applies to us, "for I cannot deny his word, and he hath said that no unclean thing can inherit the Kingdom of heaven."

On page 674, 31 verse says this, "And for this cause he fulfilleth the words which he hath given, and he lieth not, but fulfilleth all his words; and no unclean thing can enter into his kingdom." Now remember, if Zion is like the kingdom of heaven, how do we stand? We need to stand in perfection.

And now, all of us that have come to Christ, all of you who are coming to Christ, all of you that are beginning to know Jesus Christ, we've all gone that route, because none of us were born with the thought in our hearts and minds, that we were going to follow after him; A young lady made a statement that a lot of us are born into the Church, but you know you still have to make that choice whether to follow Jesus Christ or not. Because you are born into the Church doesn't mean you're going to accept it. But if we are to become perfected, if we are to stand perfect before God, and if we are going to become worthy to dwell in Zion, I believe that this is our purpose for being here, that we want to live and dwell in the land of Zion. On page 777, verse 29, I'm pleading with everyone, "Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, and deny yourselves all ungodliness, and if ye shall deny yourselves all ungodliness, and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is his grace sufficient for you, that by his grace ye may be perfect in Christ; and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, ye can in no wise deny the power of God."

And verse 30, "And again, if ye, by the grace of God, are perfect in Christ, and deny not his power, then are ye sanctified in Christ, by the grace of God, through the shedding of the blood of Christ, which is in the covenant of the Father, unto the remission of your sins, that ye become holy without spot."

## MY SONNET TO OLD AGE

by

Lucinda Scott  
written in 1981

After I became forty  
I started to 'live',  
My brain became busy  
And made my mind give  
Me more understanding and light;  
A future which was to be  
Much richer and bright.

When I was past fifty-  
What a beautiful sight,  
Like a rosebud opening  
Into full bloom;  
It seemed to me there  
Was no more room  
In my mind and heart  
To consume, so much  
Of the beauty and greatness  
of God.

But, as through the sixties  
And seventies I trod,  
I still saw more  
Of the beauty God  
Had for me; to the door  
Of His kingdom  
He gave me a key.

Now that I'm eighty  
Life's come to full bloom;  
I'm still growing -  
And there is yet room  
In my heart to partake of  
God's love so free,  
That it might, flowing  
From Him to me  
Pass on to others, causing  
All of us to become  
Sisters and Brothers.

And as I approach the  
End of my time,  
And my bloom as a rose  
Has reached its full prime,  
May I leave behind  
A memory bright  
That will lead many others  
To God's peaceful light.

## THE CROSS IS EMPTY

The cross is empty, it no longer stands  
To hold it's burden with all of it's bands.  
The nail pierced feet and hands, also the riven side

Mar the body of Him, who was crucified.  
His body was pierced and marred for all sin,  
That each one on earth, their race they might win.  
The cross is empty of His body so dear;

He rules in His heaven and lightens all fear.  
He is so far above us, but still so very near;  
Is our loving Jesus, our Savior so dear.

(In the chapel here at Beacon Light home there is a large cross on the wall behind the pulpit. During the Easter message the minister raised his arms toward the cross and said, "The cross is empty." This inspired the writing of this poem.)

Lucinda Scott

## THINK ABOUT IT

At the time of the ending of the Vietnam War I read an account of two American soldiers who opted to remain in Saigon and attempt to make a home for as many of the street-boys as they could persuade to join them. It was also their desire to teach them to believe in God. They found every effort to introduce God to them as Father met with defeat, for two reasons. One, Some of the boys had never known their father or a father-son relationship. The other is that for those who had known their father, the relationship had been one of such brutality and/or neglect that to give them a reference point for their picture of God would be to destroy any such hope of them building either faith in or dependence upon Him as He is.

In their experience lies a lesson for all fathers. Perhaps unwittingly and unknowingly you are coloring the concept your children will carry in their minds of God. You are either making it easy or more difficult for your children to have utter confidence in His love, mercy, justice or fairness and dependability, simply by the fact that to them you are the observable reference point for the meaning of the term FATHER. Does this seem like a burden too great to have placed on one? Not so if we remember that on each of us that profession of discipleship is placed the necessity of having the love, the mind and the Spirit of Christ in us. To the extent that those are found in us, just to that extent we accurately reflect God, or inaccurately portray Him not only to our children but to all the world's peoples who look at us knowing our profession of discipleship to Him; and our very lives either attract people to Him or drive them from Him.

# CROSS ROADS

## A BLESSED ATTITUDE

by Sherri Adams

Your attitude toward things is very important to the way you feel physically and mentally. I found this out the hard way. I always realized this to be true but for some reason had a hard time applying it in certain situations.

I'll give you an example of what I am talking about. A few weeks ago, while in Nebraska with my family, we had a study class and someone mentioned driving as an example of impatience or anger. This really applied with me for a time. When I first moved to this area I worked in downtown Kansas City and happened to be going to and from work at the same time as everyone else; these times are called rush hours. My should-be-fifteen-minute-drive was always anywhere from a half-hour to an hour — depending on the weather. Being used to having to go on open prairie highways in Nebraska, this wasn't appreciated. Soon I found myself complaining my way to work, a scowl on my face, driving close to the person in front so that no one could cut in, actually getting angry at people for doing the same things I was. Needless to say I would arrive to work in a bad mood, and in the same mood home.

One day after fighting my twice-daily battle with a large headache, I decided to pray. The Spirit of God poured over me as I drove up my exit ramp; I then became a courteous driver. I allowed people to cut in front of me (what's the big hurry for, anyway?) talking to my friend and master the Lord on my way to and from work. And without a radio, I sang occasionally, knowing the Lord would understand any off key notes or hums where I didn't know the words. This change in attitude caused me to be greatly blessed, and I'm sure I was more pleasant to my fellow drivers and workers.

This is only one example of how our attitude can change us, put us in a better mood, and save a lot of headaches (not necessarily our own). God is truly wonderful and understands our weaknesses. I have a long way to come with my patience, but with God and my new found or refound attitude I'm heading the right way.

### "THAT'S TRIPPY"

"That's trippy" isn't the way I would describe what happened at our YPCL meeting tonight, but that comment was made. In all honesty I'll have to admit it summed up what happened pretty well.

Tonight we had a study with Brother Alvin Harris.

(We have a study with him once a month.) Since we had finished the previous topic we were open for a new subject. Kim Oldham had a question about the 22nd chapter of Luke verses 35-38. We read them. Afterwards Brother Harris referred us to other scriptures in Matthew and Mark dealing with the same subject. At first they seemed to contradict, but we studied through them and found that they didn't.

We still had time for something else, so I asked how the LDS could believe in eternal marriage and polygamy; I especially wanted scriptures from the Book of Mormon to refute these fallacies. Brother Harris had us turn to Jacob chapter 2 verses 35-39. He showed us in verse 39 how the LDS had twisted that into meaning polygamy was alright. He showed us one other place in the Book of Mormon and one in the Bible that condemned that way of believing.

After we finished the study Brother Harris told us that our questions were easy to find references for since he had to look them up earlier today. A man had asked those same two questions at Brother Harris's house and he had already discussed them just a few hours before our study. By the way those two subjects aren't even remotely related so it was strange that we had picked those very two.

I don't know how many times Ronnie Sheldon and I would be talking to Jerry Case via the telephone (that's when I lived in Phoenix) and discovered that the same scriptures were read and the same points were made.

Many times these sort of things happen. I'm sure you can probably recall several right now. At the very least it should strengthen our faith in God. God's ways are sometimes mysterious to us, but He has a purpose in everything that is accomplished through and by His power. It's not enough to say, "That sure was neat" and marvel for a second over something we don't understand. We should take time to recognize these gifts for what they are and glorify God's name because of them.

Larry Sarratt

## YPCL NEWS

The young people have had their annual election and I have been voted in as the new reporter recorder, so let me take this opportunity to send our love to everyone from the young people and myself. The new officers are as follow:

Leader—Larry Sarratt  
Asst. Leader—Bob Hedrick  
Secretary—Cynthia Bruner



- Treasurer—Carrie Hedrick
- Reporter Recorder—Kim Oldham
- Parliamentarian—Kim Oldham
- Chorister—Carrie Hedrick
- Social Committee—Bob Hedrick
- Planning Committee—Dennis Bruner  
Cynthia Bruner  
Carrie Hedrick
- Auditing Committee—Bob Hedrick  
Dennis Bruner  
Nancy Case
- Cross Roads—Harvey Seibel (1)  
Michelle Brockman (2)  
Nancy Case (3)

Also, for conference, Saturday, April 2nd, bring your sleeping bags! We will be going to Becky and Randy Sheldon's for a campfire service and then we will spend the night there. We'll leave the church after the afternoon service.

Thanks for your support. We'll see you all in April.

Love in Christ,  
Kimberly Oldham,  
Reporter Recorder

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**DO MORE**

- Do more than exist, live.
  - Do more than look; observe.
  - Do more than read; absorb.
  - Do more than hear; listen.
  - Do more than listen: understand.
  - Do more than think; ponder.
  - Do more than talk; say something.
- Selected

**HAVE FAITH WHEN WE PRAY**

Today I was playing some Kate Smith religious music on our stereo and one of the songs she sang struck home very forcibly. I don't recall the rest of the words of that song only those from the chorus, "Have Faith and Believe When You Pray." I thought do we do that or don't we?

To me that meant a great deal for just recently I have gone through four trying weeks in the hospital. I know if it hadn't been for the many prayers offered for me that my myself I couldn't have come through that terrible ordeal of the severe tests given me.

The reason I was placed in the hospital was that a very severe pain developed in my right side just under the rib cage. I was x-rayed several times almost daily and the lighted probe down my throat revealed I had a duodenal ulcer. One was fairly large and two smaller ones. And the x-ray showed a dark mass on the lower lobe of my right kidney which was suspected as being cancerous.

My family and my church family became deeply concerned and the numerous prayers offered in my behalf were answered. The reports from four different labs of the fluid drawn off that mass was all, "no cancer cells or cancer material of any kind." It is no wonder that I give God the praise and honor for this blessing.

I am home now, but my strength isn't returning very fast. I had to walk for over a week with a walker or I couldn't walk. Even yet, if I over do and become extra tired, I have to use it. God sure has blessed me in so many ways; my family has been very supportive of me and that has meant a great deal, far more than words can convey.

One very good thing has come about in all this: you all know that I'm diabetic and upon entering the hospital I had to take 40 units a day of insulin. Now the blood sugar is down to such a marked degree I only have to take 12 units a day. This is indeed a great blessing from God.

I wanted you all to know how grateful I am for all your prayers offered in my behalf. God still performs miracles if we only will open our eyes and recognize them for what they are.

I can truly say, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," and mean it with all my heart and strive harder, "To Have Faith and Believe When We Do Pray".

Sincerely,  
Edna R. Smith

## OKLAHOMA NEWS

As I look out my window, I can see the budding trees and the small green sprigs of grass beginning to burst forth to begin another season. Even though the plants looked dead all winter, there was life deep inside these gifts from God. Springtime brings joy to our hearts and we are looking forward to the beauty that growing plants can bring us. Sometimes, I think we as human beings are like plants. We, too, find ourselves rather dormant at times. It is so easy to become stagnant and latent. It is effortless to become inactive and passive. It is so easy to become all these things in today's world. There are pressures all around us. There are so very many economic pressures. Social pressures are hard for young people to deal with, but all ages feel the social pressure of our day. Even so, we can experience more joy than springtime by our spiritual renewal.

As my mind ponders all these things, I remember Sunday, February 27, 1983. On this day, new spiritual food and joy was given to our local members and guests as we met together this sabbath day. We all felt that we grew (spiritually). We believe that God's spirit was with us for this growing to be so.

The Larry Beem home was the scene of our Sunday School and sacrament service. We welcomed two guests, Becky Fann from Warrensburg, Missouri and Betty Martin from Illinois. (By the time these words are read, she will be from Collins, Mo.) We also welcomed the new member of the M. G. Elwell family. He was one week old and looks like a perfect specimen of the male species. We continue to study church history in our Sunday School.

"We do this (sacrament) because we want to remember the things that God has given us, remembering our covenant, remembering He gave us the way to come back into His presence. Through repentance God will accept us. As we partake of the bread and wine, let's remember the way God wants us to live our lives, treat our fellowman, and project ourselves to the world," spoke our Brother Frank Fann as he began our sacrament service.

"And the first-fruits of repentance is baptism, and baptism cometh by faith, unto the fulfilling the commandments; and the fulfilling the commandments bringeth remission of sins; and the remission of sins bringeth meekness, and lowliness of heart, and because of meekness and lowliness of heart, cometh the visitation of the Holy Ghost, which Comforter filleth with hope and perfect love, which love endureth by diligence unto prayer, until the end shall come, when all the saints shall dwell with God. (Moroni 8:29)," read Brother Frank. "Let us think on these things this morning. Think of the ways we can improve our relationship with God and all mankind," he concluded. The prayers over the bread and wine, followed by prayers and testimonies concluded our service.

It was so good to have Betty Martin with us. We remember the days of meeting in the Truman Medders's home in Clinton, OK. The Martin family lived in Altus (about 90 miles south of Clinton). At that time, Mike, Andy, and Laura Mae were all teenagers. What a beautiful family! Now, each of them have their own beautiful families. Even though we seldom see each other, Betty and I are dear friends. The gospel of Jesus Christ helps us to remain dear friends and appreciate the value of other church friends, too.

I couldn't help but think of the scriptures that refer to being "slothful," when, through thoughtlessness or carelessness I lost my notes for the month of January. Not only did I lose my notes, I can't even read. When Benny Case wrote and told me what Sunday he planned to visit our local, I got all mixed up and missed Benny's visit and sermon in January. It is always a happy time to have Benny with us. We hope he comes again real soon.

Our little local is doing just fine. There are Sundays when only a few can be present. Then, there are those Sundays when the living room where we meet is almost too small. We ask you to continue to remember us in your prayers.

Oklahoma City and vicinity is a good place to live. Come and join us!

Alzada Massey, reporter

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## WARRENSBURG NEWS

Greetings from Warrensburg. It's been a long while since we've written and many things have been happening. We've had another election of officers with some jobs changing hands.

Elder George Brantner is still our Pastor with Elder Bob Eddy his assistant. Brother Charles Brantner is our Superintendent and Brother Don Case the assistant Superintendent.

We feel we have grown this past year in number and spiritually. We've purchased new song books and Books of Mormon, and because of the special love and concern of a Dear Brother we also have new Bibles. God is blessing us in many ways. We have had very little bad weather this winter, and have been able to get out every Sunday for Church.

A few of our members have had some illness but are now doing fine.

We have been blessed with many excellent sermons from our Elders and from Elders visiting from other locals. We are always thrilled to have them visit with us and give us their message of life. I wish we could visit more.

We are now meeting every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

at the home of Brother Charles Brantner for a Bible Study class; his phone number is 653-4569 if any one is interested in joining with us.

Your Sister in Christ  
Jeanee Stephens

## CHURCH OF CHRIST at Ava

February got off to a slow start around Ava. There were no meetings on the first Sunday because of ice. On the second Sunday there were still some small sicknesses around. Brother Arthur Smith was one of those suffering from a cold, so he was glad to have the AVVA story-slides, "A Light At Evening", to show in place of trying to force a sermon out through a hoarse, sore throat.

Vince and Cathy LaToma and boys were down that Sunday, and Larry and Pam Jenkins visited the third Sunday, Tony and Louise Grzincic were also down the third weekend.

Tony was just in time to get in on our first work Saturday on our church building. Art had already done quite a lot, and others had helped when they had time at the same time as he did, but this was the first time we got to work as a family. Tony and Art finished running the electric wiring through the attic and walls. We cleaned a little in the kitchen and some windows, and picked up a lot outside. An old chicken pen was torn down and the wire rolled up. Rabbit hutches were partly dismantled and some hauled off. Les Burgin and Cliff Engle thinned the orchard and trimmed trees 'way beyond their wives better judgment. The roof has been mended. The carpet in the main room has been shampooed and looks better than anyone except Barbara Burgin ever thought it could.

Brother Tony was the preacher that Sunday and took his first reading from the Lord's prayer, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." He spoke of faith being both active and passive; requiring both diligence and trust on our part.

Brother Arthur Smith was the speaker on the last Sunday. He based his sermon on II Cor. 4 & 5. He quoted an official of his children's school, saying "Unbelief is always deliberate." He compared those who choose not to believe with a leaf, drifting aimless and guideless to an unfruitful end; while those who choose to believe would be more like a seed, searching with roots for sustenance and growth.

Ella Engle — reporter

The cost of a thing is the amount of what I will call life which is required to be exchanged for it, immediately or in the long run.

H. D. Thoreau

## MINNEAPOLIS

Our Sacrament Service of the month of February was one where the atmosphere of quiet even with the young children, and prayers and testimonies of a number of those present assured us that "His Spirit" was with us. We believe His Spirit attended the blessing of baby John Michael Gill, near the opening of the service, and remained with us throughout the meeting. John Michael's blessing was asked by Elder Forest Maley assisted by Elder Thomas Maley.

The birthday of our "Sweetheart of the Minneapolis Local" is February 14. Following services on February 13, Sister Elizabeth Maley was surprised with a birthday party. A decorated cake and apple cider were served. Ours was a double celebration, because Tissie has recovered from discomforts resulting from a fall, some weeks back. The Bentsons, who rarely miss making their long drive to be with us, missed Tissie's birthday party. We were shocked to learn that Brother Gary had cut his knee with a chain saw, narrowly missing a tendon. He and the family were back with us on February 20. Brother Doug Ferrier slipped while working and cracked a rib. Others have been having colds and flu. All are now happily on the mend. Brother Gary's knee has healed well and he has the stitches out.

Some of the Minnesota farmers have had spoilage of stored corn because of moisture in the grain and the unusually mild winter. John Gill has also had some loss.

We are united in prayer with all who keep our Brother Bill Morris and family in their hearts.

We have no last name for a little four year old "Heidi" who has had many bodily ills from birth, and has never walked. She underwent surgery to remove a lung at the time John Michael Gill was in the hospital for repairing the cleft lip, which is healing well. Heidi is a bright, pretty little girl whose parents look to God for a miracle for her. Her bright cheerfulness makes those who see her, greatly aware of their need to count their blessings. Please remember "Heidi". God will know her last name.

Pastor Thomas Maley had his tests on February 3, which determine that his system is free of cancer. We thank our Heavenly Father for this blessing.

We ask your prayers for our visitors of the Hmong nationality. We recognize the magnitude of our responsibility toward them. We feel the urgency of God's bidding to help them understand the teaching of Jesus Christ. We hear it in carefully worded definition of words explaining repentance from our speakers. Pray that this planted seed may sprout and grow!

Please keep Brother Clarence and Sister Ida Boettcher on your prayer list. Ida's poor health has kept them from church much of the past year.

News from other localities tell us that there are many suffering from adversities, accidents, illnesses, and aging, and that some who have been a joy to us in their work and sharing among us, have gone a separate way. When we name those who come to mind at the time of writing, we do not seek to be selective of some and exclusive of others, for the entire body is afflicted and suffers from these ills.

There is only so much the heart can hold without breaking; only hard hearts are immune. Someone clever with words said, "God can do wonders with a broken heart if you give Him all the pieces." Prayers from tender, broken **righteous** hearts can bring love and courage to those in need; and this includes the entire church — and far more!

You will find in a separate announcement an invitation to the Tri-State Reunion to be held July 1, 2, and 3. Please come worship with us; and whether or not you can come, ask God's blessing upon the efforts of our small group. Our prayers are for you — the church and the coming Conference.

With loving regard,  
Irene Maley, Reporter

## COLLINS LOCAL NEWS

It feels like spring here in Missouri. It may be a little early, but I haven't as yet heard a single complaint. But just let it turn cloudy and cold and these warm sunny days will be forgotten as we complain about how miserable the weather is. I think as Christians we tend to do the same. While we have the "Son-shine" we're pretty content, but if "clouds" darken our way we begin to grumble over our misfortune. We can have "Son-shine" on the darkest of days, but it takes some determination, some strong faith, and humble prayers. We have to pray for one another. If we see our brother falter then it's our job, even our duty, to pray and help carry him through. We need each other. Our association one with another gives us strength from day to day. Through this gained strength we're better equipped to reach out and share the gospel and our love with others.

On January 9th Brother Larry Shaw spoke to us partly on covenants and what is really meant by the term. He said that a covenant is much more than a promise, but is a binding agreement between two or more parties. He spoke of a vertical and a horizontal covenant. The vertical meant to love God and the horizontal was to love our fellowman. Referring to the scribes and pharisees of Christ's day, he said that men knew their theology, but didn't know their Savior. I think that's only too true today.

January 16th was our dinner Sunday and we were privileged to have Brother Marvin Case as our guest

speaker. He spoke on faith and on the use of the word God. He said we use God's words to know what we should have faith in. God can not lie. What ever He says is true. You can bank your eternal life on it — in fact you do! Through the eyes of the power and spirit of God is how we see God.

January 23rd was a special Sunday as we gathered in the annex of the church to witness the baptism of Pamela Shaw and her three children, David, Tina, and Gary. They were each baptized by Brother Larry Shaw. The laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost was given by Brother Oren Caviness and Brother Leon Yates. It was a beautiful service and we're very proud to welcome them to the family of Christ.

February 13th Brother Caviness spoke to us concerning our free agency. He said God doesn't plant a hedge to keep us from committing sin. All the moralities of life are yours to choose. He quoted Joshua 24:15, "... choose you this day whom ye will serve. . . ." The Ten Commandments are NOT ten suggestions. If we believe there is a God and that he sent his son, we must DO something about it. After all, even the devils believe!

Brother Roland Sarratt was our guest speaker February 20th. He spoke considerable on covenants, such as with Noah and Abraham and the meaning and endurance of a covenant made by God. The Lord will keep ALL of his covenants — his word shall not return unto him void or without action. We must put on a spiritual armor. We can not of ourselves over power evil spirits, but must trust in God.

Brother Leon Yates has been giving a series of sermons on the Book of Mormon and will be finishing them on his next sermon and will follow them up by showing slides that evening.

I reserved a comment Brother Caviness made to close my news with for this time. Since it's almost spring and time to till up our gardens and get them ready again it seemed a very appropriate thought. He said, "Plant the seed of God and watch it grow."

Until next time, may God bless us with those things we truly need and be patient with us yet a little while longer.

Your Reporter,  
Czerna Kauffman

Dear God,

The little plans  
I tried to carry through  
Have failed.  
I will not sorrow.  
I'll pause a little while,  
Dear God,  
And try, again, tomorrow.

## "CONVERSATION"

It is, "The whole tenor of one's life, acts, and thoughts." Smith's Bible Dictionary. "Behavior or manner of life" Cruden's Concordance.

"For bodily exercise profiteth but little; but Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation. For therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, specially of those that believe. These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in **conversation**, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them, for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." 1 Timothy 4:8-13 and 15-16.

"For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our **conversation** in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward." 2 Corinthians 1-12

"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience; Among whom also we all had our **conversation** in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us; Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved!) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus;" Ephesians 2:1-6

"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus; That ye put off concerning the former **conversation** the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man

truth with his neighbor; for we are members one of another. Be ye angry and sin not? Let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice; And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:17-32.

"Only let your **conversation** be as it becometh the gospel of Christ; that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;" Philippians 1:27.

"Let your **conversation** be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have; for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Hebrews 13:5, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God; whose faith follow, considering the end of their **conversation**." Ibid, verse 7

"Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him shew out of a good **conversation** his works with meekness of wisdom. James 3:13. Read the whole chapter and also chapter 4 for a picture of a good conversation (behavior) in contrast to a bitter one.

"Bus as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye **holy** in all manner of **conversation**. Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear; Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain **conversation** received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot; Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from dead, and gave him glory; that our faith and hope might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently; Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." 1 Peter 1:15-23.

"Having your **conversation** honest among the gen-

tiles, that whereas they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation." 2 Peter 2:12.

"Likewise ye wives, be in subjection to your husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives. While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that of outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But, let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price . . . Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you; as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ." 1 Peter 3:1-4 and 16. Here again the whole of the chapter is a study in the contrast of the good and the un-good.

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of person ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless." 2 Peter 3:10-14.

"But this much I can tell you, that if you do not watch yourselves, and your thoughts, and your words, and your deeds, and observe to keep the commandments of God, and continue in the faith of what ye have heard concerning the coming of our Lord, even unto the end of your lives, ye must perish. And now, O man, remember, and perish not." Mosiah 2:49-50.

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## BELIEVE HIM

What we believe is not as important as Whom we believe. For when we truly know and believe Him who is the source of all truth we cannot long be left to believe a lie; as at the root of every lie is an opposition to Him who is all truth. When we truly know Him whom we have believed, we will come to know that truth cannot be otherwise than revealed in the life of Jesus. When we will not receive the Love of Jesus and all that he stands for into our hearts, we leave ourselves vulnerable to being deceived by any manner of lies.

## OBITUARY

### EDWARD JOSEPH McINDOO

Edward Joseph McIndoo was born March 29, 1904 in Greeley, Colorado to Emmanuel and Margaret McIndoo and passed from this life into eternal life November 3, 1982 at Phoenix, Arizona. As a young man Ed became converted to the Restored Gospel and was baptized into the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He later transferred his membership to the Church of Christ where he labored faithfully until his death.

On October 27, 1928 Ed married Louise Danforth and they made their home in Phoenix until his retirement from the Phoenix Fire Department after 36 years of duty, much of that time serving as Assistant Chief. To this union were born two children, Donald McIndoo of Phoenix and Patricia Shaw who preceded him in death. Ed is survived by his wife, son, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Pastor Jim Lacy, who officiated at Ed's funeral service, reminded us that the work of the Lord was of the utmost importance to Ed who had served as Pastor of the Phoenix Local, later the Collins Local and had been active in general church responsibilities. Brother Lacy reminded us that each of us is confronted with choices in life and that Ed had chosen early in life to walk with God and to live in accord with the Lord's Word. Therefore, there wasn't any task either too menial or too great for him. The testimony of his life displayed he could in the words of the Apostle Paul, ". . . do all things through Christ which strengthened me".

He reminded us that there was one ingredient in Ed's life, available to each of us, which enabled him to enjoy life as it was given and to give to others through his example and influence. That ingredient was the abiding presence of God in his life and character.

He once was afflicted — ne'r again will he be —  
 He who was bound is now free  
 Free from all bondage, misery and strife,  
 Gone from the shadows to newness of life —  
 Weep not for him who's gone out of sight;  
 He walked from darkness into the light.  
 He is now walking in paths we would trod —  
 He is living, and walking with God.

— Bonnie Sanders

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Jesus said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure ye mete withall it shall be measured to you again."

## A TESTIMONY

Dear Brother,

Someday, when I feel up to it, I will write a testimony as to my illness and the many times the Lord has spared me from death. Most recent was last month (January) when I was taken into the hospital because I was dehydrating as I have often done. For some reason my condition worsened and the doctor phoned my mother that I was going down fast and expected me to be dead by the upcoming weekend. That weekend (Saturday) I had a seizure and came out of it on Sunday. Monday morning I was still trying to fight off the drugs so as to stay awake and let my doctor know I wanted to go home. He finally gave in and let me come home by ambulance even though I was still in a dying state. This was January 17th. It was only with the prayers of the Brothers and Sisters and many others that I am alive. My doctor and nurses say I am a miracle, etc. and I let them know I give full credit to the Lord.

Please remember to pray for my mother; she has cancer and congestive heart failure. She is not expected to live, but she said if be the Lord's will she will live.

Sincerely,  
Sister Mary Hunter

(I know that Sister Mary didn't intend for me to print this letter, but I felt that it should be shared with all of you who have been praying for her and her mother. RLS)

## TRI-STATE REUNION

### AN INVITATION

Tri-State Reunion, sponsored by the Minneapolis Local, will be held on July 1, 2, and 3, at White State Park near Rochester, Minnesota. The camp is a place of unmatched privacy in a large and deep rock ravine where huge trees enhance the setting. The eight clean, secure cabins have capacity to sleep 132 people. Meeting room, dining hall, and kitchen are more than adequate. A trout stream skirts the camp, and a swimming pool is nearby. The Tri-State Reunion of the Fall of 1979 was held at this location. Come and participate actively.

Make two lists of things to bring: On the first, list good plain clothes, sleeping bags or blankets, sheets, pillows, towels - those things you will need for your comfort and safety. On the second list, number with care the intangibles, uniquely yours, of uplifting fellowship, Praise, Prayer . . . Precious items needed for a Spiritual Blending worthy of Our Father's blessing. This second list will prove of great value . . . In fact I've heard of the entire assemblage taking home with them more of the intangibles than they brought!

Pack with great care!

Come to Rochester, Minnesota. Go East out of Rochester on Highway 14 to St. Charles. Take Highway 74 North out of St. Charles, approximately ten miles, to the park office. When you arrive at the park office inquire about a required Vehicle Park-Use Stamp. We suggest a two-day stamp which will cost you \$4.00 per vehicle.

We ask God's blessing for your trip; and that He will give by His Presence, success to Tri-State Reunion 1983. We invite your prayers, also. Please call, if you are coming, Pastor Thomas Maley - 612-521-9423. Thanks.

(Irene Maley)

## COLORADO REUNION NOTICE

The 1983 Colorado Reunion will be held at the Orchard Mesa Local Church, 3233 B½ Road, Grand Junction, Colorado, on June 10, 11 and 12. For further information contact:

Marvin E. Ely                    303-434-8149  
236 - 32nd Road  
Grand Junction, Colorado 81503

## MICHIGAN STATE REUNION

The Michigan State Reunion will be held June 18 and 19, 1983, at the Bradley Local, Bradley, Michigan. As usual, meals will be potluck.

Camping facilities are available at Cottonwood Acres (formerly KOA), near Bradley. Telephone number at the campgrounds - 616/792-2725.

Anyone needing housing or other information regarding the reunion, may contact:

Elder Laverne Lussenden  
204 Oak  
Hopkins, Michigan 49328  
Phone: 616/793-7245

Please make a note of the dates and plan on attending and making this the biggest and best Michigan State Reunion ever. If you've never attended before, come and see what you've been missing. If you have, we don't have to tell you what a wonderful experience it is. Come and worship with us.

Reunion Committee  
Norman Trudgen  
Jeff Butts  
Jay Lee

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The 1983 Minister's Conference (general membership) for the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) will commence Sunday, April 3, 1983. The business sessions will start at 9:00 A. M. Monday, April 4. A Solemn Assembly will be held prior to the conference, April 1 and 2, 1983.

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