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"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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To Any Daddy

There are little eyes upon you,
And they're watching night and day;
There are little ears that quickly
Take in every word you say;
There are little hands all eager
To do anything you do;
And a little boy who's dreaming
Of the day he'll be like you.
You're the little fellow's idol;
You're the wisest of the wise,
In his little mind about you,
No suspicions ever rise;
He believes in you devoutly,
Holds that all you say and do,
He will say and do, in your way
When he's grown up like you.
There's a wide-eyed little fellow
Who believes you're always right;
And his ears are always open,
And he watches day and night;
You are setting an example
Every day, in all you do,
For the little boy who's waiting
To grow up to be like you.

—Author Unknown.

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EDITORIAL

FOR THIS IS THE LOVE OF GOD, THAT WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS

If God is love, and he is, 1 John 4:8, then love must be more a quality of being than a matter of feeling; it must be the ground from which feeling, actions and reactions rise. It must also be the governing power of his kingdom. It must be the root element of all his commandments given to the human family. There are many attitudes and feelings parading under the name, and it becomes desirable to differentiate between that which the scripture enjoins upon us, which is of God, and that which is simply of the human nature which passes by the same name.

Webster does not help us much as his definitions deal mostly with the simple feelings of attraction and affection for, interest in, and, toward God, devotion to. Perhaps the best he gives is, a delight in. Surely we should have a delight in all things pertaining to God.

The first and great commandment is to love God with all our hearts, mind, souls and strength, Mark 12:30-33, and I presume that if we were to be asked if we loved God there would be a resounding answer in the affirmative. And yet . . . loving God is more than having a good feeling toward him. He has given us a sign-post, a checkpoint, in a manner of speaking, by

which we can appraise ourselves as to whether we do or do not love the Lord.

How well do we know the Lord? How shall we really love one that we scarcely know? In the scriptures we are given a beginning of the knowledge of God; what his nature and character is, those attributes which comprise his love. Hosea 6:3, says, "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord; . . ." the fuller knowledge of God only comes by following diligently after him. We must pursue him. Jeremiah 29:13, says, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." It can't be any haphazard wandering around in his wake, if we are to find him and know him. Such knowledge and relationship is not something we will ever drift into. God will reveal himself to those who seek in all earnestness of heart and soul, so if we don't know him well enough to feel we really love him, it can only be that we have not so desired to know him enough to so seek him.

However getting to know God does not necessarily mean that we will love him. I know of only one scriptural criteria by which to determine whether or not we love the Lord, and that is obedience. "This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments

are not grievous." 1 John 5:3. And what could be more conclusive than Jesus' own words, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me:" "If a man love me, he will keep my words:" "He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word that ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me." John 14:15, 21, 23-24. It seems clear that if we do not obey we do not love him or to that extent only do we love him. If we do not obey it can be for one reason only, we do not want to.

There is none of the Lord's commandments so exacting that it is beyond the reach of his very weakest child, not even one, "Be ye perfect", for he has promised the Spirit of truth to lead us into all truth, John 15:26. & 16:13, and our word comforter comes from the root, com-fort, which means, to strengthen. That which we lack, it is promised, will provide;" work out your salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Phillipians 2:12-13. But we must want it. He will never coerce our choice or force us into an obedience that we do not desire. The most important thing of our whole life should be to find out and do that, and only that, which pleases him. If any other thing comes first we do not yet love him with all the heart, mind, soul and strength. It is said by the psychologists of the day, that when one has liberty to do so, in whatever matter, that in the final analysis one does exactly what one wants most to do. There will still be the temptation of the adversary to our human carnal nature to want to go the way of the world, perhaps, or in some illusion of a way mid-between, but the help of the strength of the Spirit is given to those who want to obey the commandments of the Lord more than they want not to.

God's commandments have all one end purpose, and that is to prepare us to be able to inherit in his kingdom, that kingdom which is governed by his love. Only those who will be so governed can dwell there, those who allow themselves to be possessed of the pure love of Jesus, Moroni 7:52, which is of the Spirit of Christ, ibid 7:14, and Christ always did what God had commanded, and what pleased him, John 8:29, & 14:31. It is something to consider. If we do not find all the commandments of God acceptable now, when do we think we will come to delight in them?

If there are those commandments which we are not yet obeying, what will be our excuse when we meet the Lord? Can we say that we did not know them? Has he not had them written for us? If we think that we do not or can not understand them, are we not still without excuse, for James 4:2-3 says ". . . . ye have not, because ye ask not" surely this applies to understanding too, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss" asking without full intent and purpose of heart to obey? And we are all familiar with James 1:5, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, and it shall be given him."

We can not be left in any doubt that the keeping, obedience to the commandments of God is vital if his purposes are to be fulfilled in us. The scriptures are full of those commandments, how we should search that we be not ignorant of any of them, as persons, and as a people who claim to be the people of the Lord. We have been given A Book of Commandments for the Government of the Church of Christ. It's small book of only 124 pages, yet the Lord uses those various forms of the word, command, commandment, commandeth, some 187 times on those few pages. The position has been taken for many years, that we do not know the validity of all those revelations. In view of the foregoing can there be any other reason for not knowing, than that we don't really want to? To know would put us under the onus to obey.

Do we lack any of his promised blessings? The Lord has said, "I, the Lord, am bound when ye do what I say, but when ye do not what I say ye have no promise." Revelation given through Joseph Smith, April 1832. It is obedience the promises are made. It is when we hunger and thirst after righteousness, that we are filled, Matthew 5:6, and it is the Holy Ghost that we are to be filled with, Inspired Version. And it is the gift and power of the Holy Ghost that will enable us to know the will of God, and to obey it and to find our greatest delight in so doing.

Then and only then can we know that we truly love the Lord.

A. S.

1983 CONFERENCE REPORT

Are we satisfied? This question was propounded to the congregation by Brother Leon Yates before reading the following Scripture from Psalm 46: "God is our refuge and strength, behold, the works of the Lord Be still, and know that I am God The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge," and from III Nephi 9:16-39, after much intense prayer, Jesus ". . . . commanded, ". . . . then that they should arise and stand on their feet but He also commanded that they should not cease to pray in their hearts."

Thus began the last service of the Solemn Assembly, the first service your reporter was able to attend. We were invited by song to, "Come Learn Of The Meek And Lowly."

Your reporter went away from this last session somewhat saddened. Not because of the wonderfully large attendance, for each brother and each sister was happy to greet each one they met; nor from the lack of participation as many raised voices in prayer and all sang the songs — the time was filled; not because those in charge were negligent or lacking — the admonition to the congregation was timely and humbly given — no, my con-

cern was that our prayers asked for what we wanted and expected of this assemblage and/or the Conference, not in praise and thanksgiving, hopeful that we were humble enough to receive the rebuke or blessings needed.

The little white church building at Lexington and River was very inadequate to accommodate the huge crowd that gathered to the Heart of America 4-H Building off Highway 291 for the Sacrament Service at nine o'clock Sunday morning, April 3. Our secretary gave us the count of 300 souls. Our hearts were made to rejoice by the representation from the family of God here on His footstool this cold, cloudy, wet day. Everyone met with smiles and embraces from every direction.

I must admit to seeing strangers in the audience — not strangers to the Gospel but that your reporter had not yet met these brothers and sisters. I learned that some were very new members to the family of Christ.

We hailed from Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Tennessee and across the sea from Wales, Wisconsin and the home state of Missouri. I apologize if you were there and I have missed naming your state.

Brother Marvin Ely was in charge of the Sacrament Service assisted by Brother Don McIndoo flanked by Brethren Jay Moser, Eugene Gould, Marvin Case and Ray Hunholz. Readings were taken from Jer. 6:16, "Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in ways, ask for the old paths, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls;" Moroni 6:6, "The church did meet together oft, to fast and to pray, to speak one with another concerning the welfare of their souls; and to partake of bread and wine, in remembrance of the Lord Jesus;" and when the disciples had eaten of the bread and wine. III Nephi 8:30, 31, 40 and 41 " he commanded that they should give unto the multitude this shall ye always do unto those who repent and are baptized in my name; if ye do always remember me, ye shall have my spirit to be with you."

I rejoiced this beautiful morning (Beautiful because of a night of rest and for life and mobility) as the prayers of thanksgiving and praise ascended to God. It seemed that we had completely changed our thinking since the day before and were willing to submit ourselves to our Creator. The audible prayers were beautiful and for the time to go by so rapidly (I can only speak for myself) and knees not give way, the silent prayers must have been compatible. After the season of prayer, five administrations were had and there was emotion and rejoicing when one of these was our brother who had undergone brain surgery for cancer as recently as January 24. He was granted the privilege of speaking to the congregation and expressing his love for all, gave thanks for the blessing he was receiving. What a blessing to see him stand before the people and be able to put those thoughts into meaningful words!

Those in charge felt led to give way for testimonies which were full of thanksgiving for blessings received. Some confessed to weakness and asked to be remembered in prayer. Some expressed joy at being able to be a part of the gathering. "How great to have faith! We are here because of faith," testified Brother Curtis Yates.

"Once I was blind and now I see," and Brother Leon Yates was very thankful to be of the great family of Christ.

"It takes an effort to serve God. There is no such thing as an automatic christian." Thus spoke Brother Warren Sarratt. Brother McIndoo extended greetings to the congregation from the believers in Mexico. Brother Robert Oldham was overcome by the size of the congregation. It was his first experience of worshipping with so many Church of Christ people all gathered in one place.

Our young Brother John C. Morris related that his father had said that there would be an outpouring of God's Spirit, but he knew not how or when. "It has been here," so John testified.

Sister Lovita Grace Seibel was thankful that our church has not only women in its congregations but also men: boys, young men and old men. A couple of young sisters touched our hearts with their testimonies. Carrie Hedrick told of an experience in which her spirit left her body, but a hand touched and a voice said, "Not yet." She was caused to realize how all things that plague young people in this world are of no importance. The only thing of value is our service to God. I am sorry that I do not know the other young lady but her testimony is important to relate. In her experiences she was impressed to investigate the church on the Temple Lot and this was the purpose for her presence.

There were many beautiful testimonies and in citing a few, I have tried to give a resume of the whole of the expressed thoughts.

When wisdom dictated, and it took several tries, Brother Ely closed this service at the hour of 1:45 p. m. while God's Spirit was still present with the admonition to, "Thank God for the blessings."

Would you believe that facilities at our gathering place enabled our so capable dining committee to serve and clear away the noon repart in 90 minutes? A musical program had been scheduled at the hour of 2:00 p. m. and the seats filled and quietness hovered over the area to allow the program to begin at 3:15.

"And a little child shall lead them," so says Isaiah, and wee Oliver Housknecht led the program when he sang, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," accompanied by his father Gary's guitar with his mother Neva standing by. The song, taken from the little rhyme we all sang at one time in our childhood, tells the story of God's wonders and how a little child can be a star in His Kingdom. Neva continued with their arrangement of "You Need-

ed Me" adapted to the need of people for God and His need for us.

The Glenn Gill family from Illinois continued the program with several numbers. Brother Glenn has often testified to the blessing their music — three sons on guitar, mandolin and banjo, the father's guitar, the mother's voice accompanied by the harmonizing voices of her family — has been to the family in giving them a common interest that has helped keep the family together. He strongly advises similar activities for others.

Four young people from the Independence area shared their talent in a flute quartet. The young folks expressed nervousness and a bit of fright but we in the audience were oblivious to anything except the beautiful strains from the flutes. Mark and Susan Harris, Patricia Hatcher and Michelle Reddis were the flutists. Michelle had only been playing the flute for six months.

Gary and Janice Welch gave us several folk songs to the accompaniment of his guitar, and one sits in rapt attention when Janice raises her voice and sings the hymn, "Amazing Grace."

An Easter cantata entitled, "Behold This Man," by Roger C. Wilson, was presented at six o'clock under the direction of Martha Bruner with Mary Lois Bryant at the piano. The narrator and one of the soloists was Robert Oldham. Stephen Sarratt and Janice Welch were other soloists. The personnel of the choir was from the Independence and Georgeville Locals. It is wonderful to be able to sit in a congregation and let the Spirit of God convey a message through the talents of our own people, and how refreshing to our souls after the things we hear and see as we experience activities in a world crowded with sin.

A song service followed the cantata and it might have been a continuation of the afternoon musical program. The LaVerne Lussenden quartet from Michigan sang several numbers. We also heard from the group from Phoenix and Annette Yates and her father, Hubert, had a contribution.

"Shall I Empty Handed Be?" speaking of our advent to the judgment bar, "Must I have a heart of shame With no works that my Redeemer there can own?" These questions were asked of us in song by Sister Janice Welch just before the first sermon, "Importance Of The Resurrection," was preached by Brother Robert Jensen. It began with a reading from Ecc. 3:1, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." He expounded John 20 then told of being in Rome in the underground caves, known at the Catacombs, mere crawling spaces where the Christians lived to be able to worship God. Christ and His Resurrection is a gift to us but a gift is not a gift until accepted by the receiver. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty and the first fruits of repentance is baptism. Those who have not made that commitment were asked, "What have you against baptism?"

Brother Jensen told of an experience in trying to find our meeting place in the morning, which experience is comparable to our spiritual growth at times. The air was foggy and moist making visibility difficult. In driving down the highway he was looking for a sign. There were signs pointing "left, right, forward, every way but up." The proper one had not yet appeared when Brother Ely in the other seat made noises that caused the speaker to realize he was going through a red light. Isn't that just like us sometimes? We proceed blindly, looking for a sign, much like Thomas. He was told by Jesus not to be faithless, but believing. After Thomas thrust his fingers in the prints of the nails in the Master's hands (his sign), he answered, "My Lord and my God." In our blindness, we are apt to stray from the path — yes, through that red light and we could be empty handed at our resurrection. ". . . . look unto me, and endure to the end, and ye shall live." III Nephi 7:10.

A long day! It was full of rejoicing and thanksgiving and praise to God for a peaceful time in His presence. There were refreshments in the kitchen and while all were enjoying this repast, the clean-up crew was at work for chairs and tables had to be stored and floors swept and mopped. Good nights were said with a, "See you tomorrow."

In the morrow business sessions of the conference began. These sessions will be reported elsewhere but this reporter will make an observation or so. Although there was as always division of thought present, everything was orderly and fairly quiet. The meetings were well attended. At one time a total of 107 votes were tabulated, the most available votes at a conference in many years. Often it was my experience to note in former conferences that the building quickly emptied of its occupants with the exception of a few as soon as the noon meal was finished or the afternoon business session adjourned. There was less space in which to move around at this conference but I noted that most of us stayed with the ship and spent time in visitation in the dining area, seated in the pews in quiet conversation or meditation, and/or near the piano in rehearsal for that special number that was to be presented. As one voiced the thought in Wednesday's business session, it appeared we "almost like each other." God did command, ". . . . that ye love one another." John 15:17.

I was disappointed that there had been no mention of a scheduled prayer service for Monday morning. I was thinking that not to have one created a void in the proceedings, but I would have missed it had there been one.

Seldom is there a conference but Old Man Winter lashes the area with at least one last fling. This year was to be no exception. The first thing to meet the eyes Monday morning was four inches of heavy wet snow on the ground and more falling. Your reporter got in her car determined to be bright and early at the church then discovered that in front of the home in which she was

staying was a truck in the ditch, a Toyota making a valiant effort to try to get up the hill and a school bus wanting to come down the hill, so she was all of 90 minutes late. The weather continued wet and cold throughout the Conference. Rain on Tuesday took most of the snow away but Wednesday saw snow flurries. The sun did shine through the clouds the day following adjournment so the homeward journeys were begun in partially sunny weather.

There were many special contributions of talent as well as hymns by the congregation at the evening song services under the direction of Sister Neva Housknecht. At Monday evening's song service she called upon three brethren — Hubert Yates, Rodger Bruner and Laverne Lussenden — to go out into the foyer and pick a song to sing for us. They came up with a lovely rendition of "Near To The Heart Of God." Put the songs of the service, "Christ Arose," "He Bore It All Alone," "Oh, It Is Wonderful That He Should Care For Me," "The Lily Of The Valley," "Whiter Than Snow" and "Brighten The Corner Where You Are," all together and there is a sermon before even getting to the evening sermon preached by Brother Don McIndoo.

"I Should Have Been Crucified." was a request sung by Brother Lussenden after which Brother McIndoo began with Alma 10:18, ". . . . Now is the time to repent," now is the day. Say nothing save repentance. We are a wilful people but it is important that we be submissive. We have an unchangeable God and He has decreed that for some there will be joy when Christ comes, for others there will be no joy. Sacrifice is not giving God what is His. It is giving of our own. Having recently returned from Yucatan, he told us again of the intensity and sincerity of the worship of our people in that part of the vineyard. There are six buildings for worship but 20 congregations. Many travel far to worship and do it on a daily basis because of their desire to meet together with God. "Can we not throw away the trivia and the trash and be a force to spread this Gospel?"

The tenor of the prayer services had definitely changed with the Sacrament Service. We were admonished by Brethren Jay Moser and Tony Grzincic Tuesday morning, "To be submissive as a little child." I felt that we were trying. We were confessing our weaknesses and giving praise and thanksgiving.

Time was taken before the business meeting for an administration, one of the ordinances we are so very thankful to be able to employ.

The song service that evening so well attended brought out more of the talent that is possessed by our people. Jeff Oldham told us of the mission of "John The Baptist" in song accompanied by the guitar in Dennis Bruner's hands. Stephen and Peter Gould sang that Christ said, "I'll Rise Again," and the shy sweet voices of five little girls proclaimed His love. Peter Gould asked us in his song if we know "What Kind Of Man He

Is?" Here is another sermon in songs chosen by the congregation: "Hark Ye Mortals," "Rejoice, Rejoice, Jehovah Reigns," "The Lily Of The Valley," "Jesus Is Calling," "Are You Witnessing For Him?" and "Thy Will Be Done."

Among the important things of the evening was the setting apart of one of God's servants. Brother Marvin Case was made an evangelist under the hands of Brethren Don Housknecht, Don McIndoo and Marvin Ely.

Sister Chris Moser informed us in song that "Joy Comes In The Morning," then the preacher, Brother W. A. Sheldon, began by telling us that our joy is in another principle beyond the six of Heb. 6:1 & 2 — "Endure to the end." II Nephi 13:19-21, 30, 31, "He that endureth to the end shall be saved. . . . this is the way; and there is none other way. . . . man can be saved in the kingdom of God." The charismatic movement is the most dangerous movement in existence and it does not endure. It does not endure sound doctrine. Obedience to the other principles is scarcely considered let alone put into practice, especially that of bestowing the Holy Ghost. We cannot stop at baptism — we must endure to the end. Another element is righteousness. Meekness is strength and we must have endurance of faith. Beware of the subtlety of deception.

This day's services were dismissed by "This God Is The God We Adore." The word "adore" carries with it obedience, submission, faithfulness, duty, praise, humility and worship. Let us pray that we qualify.

Brethren Silvanus Mason and Eugene Gould opened the prayer service of Wednesday morning with "Blest Be The Tie That Binds." Three administrations were taken care of and Brother Gould read that the promise is the hope we have through the atonement of Christ from Moroni 7:47-52, in part ". . . . if a man confesses that Jesus is the Christ, he must needs have charity; charity is the pure love of Christ, and it endureth forever." The vein of the prayers was meekness and endurance. They seemed to follow the thought of the sermon of the night before.

Sister Frances Yates expressed in her testimony that our purpose is to build the kingdom of God. Whenever we decide to get at it, Christ will help us. In his testimony Brother Orville Eddy expressed concern over the shortage of ministry to carry on the work in his locality.

The thought that because we as a church are not prepared to aid some in material distress and their leaving our midst and going elsewhere as a result, is not a pleasant one. Brother John Gill testified to the seriousness of this condition. On the other hand, a lady from the Mong refugees received administration and was healed after the language barrier was overcome and her desires understood.

Here is a challenge: Have you ever read your Book of Mormon from cover to cover? Sister Joyce Harris confessed that she had not until in later years. It is a book difficult to lay aside. Try it.

Our last song service brought out more lovely talent. Nana Gill and Peter Gould favored us with a medley. "Let Your Love Go Through Me." was contribution from Joel and Annette Yates. It was discovered that our Brother Eugene Gould was having a birthday, his seventy-first one, so we recognized this observance by singing "Happy Birthday, Dear Gene." Our dear Brother Mason from across the sea, granted a request by singing acapella from memory, "We'll All Be There." We know that "It Is Well With My Soul" for two little girls, Wendy Smith and Tricia Pennington. The Phoenix group, Don McIndoo, James, Wanda and Hubert Yates sang, "The Stranger Of Galilee." and two little girls called Him, "The Lily Of The Valley."

A very fitting introduction to the evening sermon, "If My People Will Humble Themselves," was sung by Brother Stephen Sarratt. Brother Marvin Ely delivered the message, "How to obtain Eternal Life." His beginning Scriptures were taken from Col. 2:8; 3:1, 2, 15; Gal. 5:25 and Eph 5:6-8, ". . . . Set your affections on things above, not things on earth," for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. We are to live and "walk in the Spirit." ". . . . now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light." John 8:12 reiterates this command. There are two forces. One is light — God, the other darkness — the devil. Alma 16:59-63 is an example of why we should not try to cope with the devil's power without the power of God. Try the spirits because the devil's work miracles. Psalms 37:3, "Trust in the Lord, and do good." and Matt. 24:4, ". . . . Take heed that no man deceive you." Gal. 1:11, 12: ". . . . the Gospel is not after man but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." Be a doer, be baptised and endure to the end. The reward is eternal life with God.

Brother Eugene Gould had received administration at the begining of the preaching service. He asked permission to bear his testimony at this time. He had received he blessing he sought in that he no longer was experiencing physical symptoms of impaired vision and dizziness. Praise be to God!

The Conference was a matter of history with the strains of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," followed by Brother Don McIndoo's plea to God to direct and care for his people as they returned to their homes.

An ordinance that is important to us, the blessing of two bottles of olive oil took place during our services. One was blessed at the Sacrament Service and the other just prior to Brother McIndoo's sermon.

There is no end to the possibility of improving our spiritual life but there is a beginning. As Brother Jensen asked in the first sermon and Brother Ely reiterated in the last one, what have you against baptism? Now is the first day of the rest of this life and this life can lead to one eternal with God.

When I accepted the task assigned by the Conference to be your reporter, the question arose, what is wanted?

I have a full understanding of the lack of contribution in years gone by. Whatever is contributed will reflect the reporter's thoughts of what was heard or seen. Please bear this in mind. Since I have been elected for another term, I will appreciate and solicit any suggestions, criticism, and/or commendation anyone cares to offer.

Your conference reporter
Lois Harris

NOTICE

Dear Readers:

Any information on the whereabouts or address of the people whose names are listed below, with their last known address, will be greatly appreciated. Please send information to; Elder Isaac Brockman, 1208 Baker Dr., Independence, Mo., 64050. Since I am the General Church Recorder, I solicit your help in any way.

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A LETTER OF THANKS

I would like to thank all of you for your prayers. On March 1, 1983 we had a new baby girl, Lisa Marie. Shortly after she was born, she developed a problem with her breathing. There was bleeding around the base of the brain that would cause her to forget to take a breath and to continue breathing. After a lot of tests, they found out what the problem was and what was causing it so they could start her on some medication.

When she was three days old, I asked my Dad, Apostle Robert Jensen, if he would administer to her. He did That night had she had one more episode of not breathing; it was the longest one she had yet, but it was also the very last one. I feel God has heard and has healed her, and will continue to let her be able to live here with us.

She has touched a lot of lives since she has been here. her nine weeks of life, and we all love her very much.

Thank you again for your prayers, and I will remember you.

Kathy Clark

CROSS ROADS

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GENESIS: The world was made
by God's creative hand.
EXODUS: The Hebrews marched
to gain the promised land.
LEVITICUS: Contains the law,
Holy, Just, and the good.
NUMBERS: The record that the tribes enrolled
all Abrahams blood.
DEUTERONOMY: Moses records
God's mighty deeds.
JOSHUA: Led the host of Isreal
into Canaan's land.
JUDGES: The people's rebellions
often provoked the Lord to smite the peo-
ple.
RUTH: The records of the faith
of one pleasing in His sight.
In First and Second SAMUEL
of Jesse's son we read;
Ten tribes in First and Second KINGS
revolted from his seed.
The First and Second CHRONICLES
see Judah captive made;
But EZRA leads a remnant back
by princely Cyrus aid;
The city walls of Zion,
NEHEMIAH builds again.
While ESTHER saves her people
from the plots of wicked men;
In JOB we read how faith
will live beneath affliction's rod.
And David's PSALMS are precious
still to every child of God.
The PROVERBS, like a goodly string
of precious pearls appear.
ECCLESIASTES teaches men
how vain the things are here.
The mystic songs of SOLOMON
exalts sweet Sharon's rose,
While Christ the Savior and the King
the rapt ISAIAH shows.
The warning of JEREMIAH
apostate Isreal scorns.
His plantive LAMENTATIONS
their awful downfall mourns.
EZEKIEL tells inwonderous words,
of dazzling mysteries,
Whilst of kings and empires yet to come,
DANIEL in vision sees.
Of judgement and mercy
HOSEA loves to tell,
JOEL describes the blessed day
when God with men shall dwell.

Among Lekous herdsmen
AMOS received his call,
While OBADIAH prophesies
of Edoms final fall.
JONAH enshrines a wonderous type
of Christ our risen Lord.
MICAHA pronounces Judah lost —
lost but again restored.
NAHUM declares on Nineveh
just judgement shall be poured.
A view of Chaldea's coming doom
HABAKKUK'S vision give;
Next ZEPHANIAH warns the Jews
to turn, repent and live.
HAGGAI wrote to those who saw
the temple built again.
And ZECHARIAH phophesies
of Christ's triumphant reign.
MALACHI was the last who touched
the high prophetic chord.
Its final notes sublimely show
the coming of the Lord.
MATTHEW and MARK and LUKE and JOHN
the whole gospels wrote,
Describing how the Savior died,
his life and all he taught.

WE READ THE BIBLE PAGE BY PAGE

The first to be made was Adam and Eve,
They were the two voted most likely to succeed.
But already they started off on the wrong foot.
The saying goes the problem starts from the root.
And so it started off Eve having Cain;
Able was fine but his brother was a pain.
Because Cain had killed Able one time,
Cain was cursed with a mark for his crime.
Later down the line came Noah and his sons,
Because of the world's iniquity God sent a flood.
After the flood had finally ended,
The gospel was soon to again be bended.
Because the Tower of Babel was built so high,
The people's language was confounded by and by.
Then the people scattered over land and seas,
Some of them had wars and some found peace.
Soon some families started a new life right here.
With faith, they thought the gospel to be clear.
But now we are in the present age
And the Bible we read page by page.
Jesus has promised us that in the end,
He will be with us on earth once again.

Written by Sarah Stephens, July 1, 1981.

Mankind is working hard to improve everything ex-
cept people.

JESUS

He is there in times of sorrow,
 He is there in times of dispaidd.
 He has been there all the times
 When no one really cared.
 When he died upon Calvary,
 He could have said, "I am not guilty."
 But he stood and bore our penalty.
 We owe all our thanks
 And praises to him.
 Because without him our future
 Would have looked terribly dim.
 So I thank you, Lord.
 For the price you paid,
 For the times I've left,
 And the times you always stayed.
 Wendy Smith

THINK ABOUT IT

Ah, spring! It's a beautiful season. Trees and flowers blooming and birds that are gone all winter have now returned. In all its a new beginning.

A new beginning! Each of us have new beginnings whether through baptism or simply by repenting of our sins. You have a chance to better your spiritual self, and God gives it to you through repentance. But you have to take it a step further. Each day try a little harder to make yourself better before God and to reach out to other people. If you make a mistake, ask for forgiveness and try not to do it again. Make today your new beginning.

Think about it.

Kimberly Oldham

EASTER

Christ was crucified on a day. He rose like God promised on the following Sunday. He loved everyone so much, indeed. He bled, died, and suffered on Calvary's tree to save people from their sins just like you, and me.

IF

If you have lived to lift the burden
 Of someone else along the way.
 If you have lived to spread some sunshine
 And let a smile behind you lay.
 If you have spoken words of comfort,
 And someone's troubles share.
 And lent your hands some times for service
 In showing that you really care.
 If you have stooped to hear the crying
 Of a child that's not your own.
 And wiped the tears of those in sorrow
 You are not far from heaven's home.

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"CROSS ROADS" is a publication of the "Young People's Christian League" of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot). Contributions of written material are solicited from all young people throughout the church.

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GRAND JUNCTION GREETINGS

We were pleasantly surprised this Sunday to see Brother and Sister Richard Wheaton. They had driven here from their second home in Vernal, Utah, to meet with us at our regular Sacrament Service. In sharing their testimonies, they told of God's goodness to them in many ways. Jobs were opened up seemingly just for them, and they were able to maintain good employment. Dick is between jobs now, and Velma is recovering from surgery earlier this spring. They would both appreciate our prayers. They will be traveling home to Independence in May, for Nanette's graduation and Patricia's wedding. Their family has all grown up! It was so good to hear Velma's familiar alto voice blending with ours.

Also visiting was Brother Bob Oldham, whose work brings him this way occasionally. He told of his opportunities to meet with isolated members, and to help his brothers and sisters at home. It is indeed a privilege to serve one's fellowman, which he so cheerfully does.

We hear so much in the media about negative effects of today's music on the young. In one of Brother John Bell's sermons, he reminded us that music can be used for good or evil. Some of our hymns are very rousing, urging a person to tap his feet or stand up. The Salvation Army has long used music to get people moving. He also said that the ministry of Christ should be the trumpet calling us to action. They help set an example for the rest of us, and we should also set a good example for our children. Children love to imitate what they see and hear. Have you ever seen children playing church, baptizing dolls, holding funerals for fallen sparrows and mourning in very grown-up ways? We need to be so very careful to provide our children (and others) with roll models, because children sometimes have a way of telling all they know and more. That should be enough to make us keep our laundry clean! Our ultimate goal is to raise responsible adults, people who can function in

the church and in society. Christ set for us the perfect example, and we should follow Him.

Brother Marvin Ely helped clear up a point about speaking in tongues. He explained to us that along with the new man, we also put on a new tongue at baptism. That our thoughts are of Christ, and our words of Him. We speak in no unknown tongue, but with a tongue of angels that longs to tell of Christ's great love. The tongue is an unruly member, and how much better that it speak of Great Things. Do we talk too much in negative tones, of what is wrong with the world today and how people are just out of control? Our brothers and sisters work very hard to keep sin and strife out of their homes. They achieve this goal by filling their lives with wonderful things, by honoring their children and helping them with their goals. They respect each others differences and help make this world a better place to live in. These things are what I personally like to hear about. By the way, a great big congratulations to Nanette Wheaton, on winning a scholarship which will permit her to visit Madrid, Spain. She is a very gifted young woman, and if you don't believe it, just ask her beaming parents. We must recognize the achievements of our talented people. Their gifts come from the Heavenly Father.

Our United Workers meeting in April was held at Sister Charlotte Hinkle's home. Dave was banished to the shop, our kids were sent outdoors to play, and we took over with our study and plans for the reunion meals. There aren't very many of us to care for the ones who come long miles to share with us, but we've never turned anyone away yet! We also talked more about the crafts fair we intend to be part of this fall. Charlotte and Dave would like sell their house and move to Phoenix, where they can be closer to their children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. That's lots of children! Dave still needs our prayers in behalf of his health problems.

Brother and Sister Jim Shaw have moved to Denver. Vieva found very good employment there as a supervisor for Hilton Hotel in Accounts Payable. We shall miss them very much, but hope that the Lord will watch over them and provide opportunities to spread their particular brand of sunshine. Jim expressed before leaving that they had been in Denver before, and have possibly something still to accomplish for the Lord. What a wonderful outlook. We keep all those seeking gainful employment in our prayers, and hope they can all see a little sunshine through the rain.

We have a new member of the Cradle Roll, little Erin Marie Larsen. She was born April 26, weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. Congratulations go to Brother and Sister David Larsen, who brought their little bundle to church Sunday for us to admire. And I do mean ADMIRE. Erin has lots of soft dark hair, and was so good we hardly knew she was there. Quite unlike my Amy, who at nine months, is finally teething and showing signs of a little duck down on her head. God makes these miniature

people with their own personalities from birth, and they are such a blessing to watch as they grow and develop right before your eyes. We need to be more like them, innocent and yielding to authority, so trusting and eager to please.

Our summer activities will sometimes take us far from home. Have you packed the milk of human kindness along with your fruits of the spirit? Make something good happen today.

Respectfully, Becky Downs

FLINT NEWS

Hello brothers and sisters. We've had some exciting news recently. On March 30, Dawn and Randy Hyde gave birth to a beautiful son. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 10 oz., and was given the name Christopher Scott. On April 17, a blessing was asked in his behalf by Pastor Ed Toulouse.

We had our local business meeting on April 25, which went real well. The election of officers are as follows:

PRIESTHOOD:	Elder Edward Toulouse
	Priest Orville Eddy
	Priest Emery Pinder
CHURCH OFFICERS	Pastor: Edward Toulouse
	SECRETARY: Dawn Hyde
	TREASURER: Grace Eddy
	PIANIST & CHORISTER: Velma Porter
	ASST. PIANIST & CHORISTER: Juanita Oppen
	TRUSTEES:
	Orville Eddy
	Emery Pinder
	Randy Hyde
	ADVOCATE REPORTER: Sue Porter
SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS:	SUPERINTENDENT: Adam Porter
	ASST. SUPERINTENDENT: Emery Pinder
	SECRETARY: Velma Porter
	TREASURER: Grace Eddy
	PIANIST & CHORISTER: Velma Porter
	ASST. PIANIST & CHORISTER: Juanita Oppen
	FLORIST: Velma Porter
	TEACHERS: Emery Pinder - Class No. 3
	(no other classes at this time.)

In a never ceasing stream our prayers are needed to help the sick and afflicted, and many who ask an interest in the prayers of all, for the Masters helpful hand. Such as 11 year old Jenny Toulouse, who has a brain tumor, and needs our constant prayers for a healing. If anyone would like to send her a card, the address is 3909 Winona St. Flint, Mi. 48504. The church membership should always be striving to keep in touch with brethren within and outside the church for the needs of the Lord's children as he has commanded us to do.

I would like to share this poem with you.

Is anybody happier because you
passed his way?
Does anyone remember that you
spoke to him today?
Can you say tonight, in parting
with the day that's slipping fast,
That you helped a single brother of
the many that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over
what you did or said?
Does the man whose hopes were fading
now with courage look ahead?
Did you leave a trail of kindness,
or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber,
do you think that God will say,
"You have earned one more tomorrow
by the work you did today?"
—Quoted in newsletter of the First Christian Church, Fairfield Ill. (Found in Readers Digest, May '83.)

Sue Porter
Reporter for the Flint Local.

MINNEAPOLIS

My intent has been to skip the report of our past month, because it has been a time when our numbers at church have been exceedingly few for the most part. My conscience, however, is behaving like the smoke detector does in the ceiling of a hallway not far from the kitchen, when an innocent whiff of smoke sails within its scope! I'm sure my conscience would continue to be almost as insistent if I fail to perform my responsibilities!

Conference time found the majority of our members in Independence, Missouri, in attendance. We had a gorgeous snow on April 6; and a blizzard with copious snow on April 14. The church doors remained closed because of treacherous roads one of our April Sundays. On two of them, Forest and I held our Sunday School class together in the big, quiet meeting room. Since we knew that no else would be coming, we closed our doors early.

We have been hobbling along without our beloved senior members, Sister Tissie (Elizabeth) and Pastor Tom Maley with us for services. Sister Tissie is confined to their home where Brother Tom does an excellent job of caring for her and their needs. Sister Ruth Gill back from her visit with her sister and family in California, has spent several days with Tissie while Tom prepared his yard for spring and summer. Sister Tissie enjoys visitors, cards, and remembrances; but she is seriously ill. We miss them both inconsolably; and request your prayers in their behalf.

It was wonderful to welcome Enoch Gould, Evalin and Merlin Eddy, Jeannine and daughter, Alyssa Gould, John and Nana and Gill and children, Jim Winegar

and Lee Lee all back from Conference. Brother Bill Gould, whose home is in California, came back with them also, for a few days visit and church attendance. We enjoyed seeing Bill again. The Conference Attendees were good to give us a report on the Conference Sacrament Service and the sermons.

Our May Day Sacrament Service found Elder Forest Maley in charge with Priest John Gill assisting, and almost all of our membership present. The floral tribute customarily part of May Day was absent from our sanctuary; and no one hung a floral basket on our door and scampered away — But our little girls in summery dresses and little boys enjoying warmer weather also; and just the wonderful "Remembrance" together once again of the great love and sacrifice made for us upon the cross — was so greatly "ENOUGH" as we partook of the emblems, and made offering of our prayers and testimonies. It is ever new and beyond our comprehension. We rejoice!

Our prayer list is long with urgent needs, our Sister Tissie Maley, who has given long years of usefulness; our Brother Edward Toulouse's granddaughter, Jennie M. Toulouse, in Flint, Michigan, who has a brain tumor; the grandchild of Brother and Sister Max Lee of Stanhope, Michigan who has meningitis; many others. Blessings received make another long list, for which we are thankful.

Have a truly blessed summer; and if possible make the Tri-State Reunion, (sponsored by the Minneapolis Church of Christ) part of your summer and ours.

With loving regard,
Irene Maley

COLLINS LOCAL NEWS

We have had more visitors during the months of March and April than we had all year. Ken Oar from Phoenix and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Banford Hoare, the McIndoos, Louise, Betty and Don along with Jim Yates, also of Phoenix; Laura Vaughn, Trudy, Louise and Tony Grizinic from Independence, Dennis and Olivia Yates and children from Warrensburg, Kim Austin of Buffalo and last but not least, Betty and Jack Martin from Illinois Jack and Betty are no longer visitors, though. They have built a new home here in Collins and are now permanent fixtures here in our community and local, and we are very grateful to have them.

On March 13th we had another guest, Brother Howard Leighton-Floyd was our guest speaker. He said that and Leighton-Floyd and his wife Kay. Brother Leighton-Floyd was our guest speaker. He said that men can hinder, but can't stop the fulfilling of God's word. God is moving. He spoke of Zion and Israel. He asked that we pray for Zion, for this nation, and for Jerusalem.

March 20th brought Brother Tony Grzincic to speak

to us. He began by reminding us to be enthusiastic about the word of God. He asked the question: am I a Christian? (A follower of Christ.) Are our actions to others saying, "I'm a Christian?" Christ said. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your father which is in heaven is perfect." Humanly, this is impossible, but through and with the Spirit of God it can be done. Be thankful for a God who hears your prayers no matter how big or small. It's tough sometimes, but there's nothing we can't do with God on our side.

Brother Larry Shaw spoke to us March 27th. He told us that Christ was here to teach us how to condition our thoughts, actions and minds. He asked us the difference between poverty and being broke and then answered his question by telling us that poverty is a state of mind while being broke is a temporary inconvenience. (I seem to be inconvenienced a great deal of the time.) We need to get excited — to realize the power with which we've been endowed. We are not one in purpose or belief because we don't say, "Thy will be done."

On April 10th we were privileged to have Brother Don McIndoo as our guest speaker. He rehearsed the familiar story of David and Goliath, comparing Goliath to our own lives and fears. With God we can become as David and overcome. Our fears, un-met, diminish the effectiveness of our lives. We have a challenge in the gospel placed before us. The need for commitment is greater than Goliath. If God be for us, who can be against us? David selected five stones when he went to face Goliath. What weapons do we have? Here are four suggestions: 1. RELIANCE upon the word of God. We're called to a battle—the word of God is our sword. 2. CONFIDENCE in the fulfillment of the promises of God. Paul said God has not given us the spirit of fear—but of power. Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 3. ABILITY to endure. 4. ENTHUSIASM for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Brother Vick Bates from Adrian, Mo. spoke to us April 17th. He told us to start testifying of this church to the Gentile world. Tell what we have. The Lord is at work in the Restoration Movement. People will be and are searching. We are stewards of something marvelous. Testify!

We held our annual election of church officers April 17th after lunch. They are as follows: Pastor—Oren Caviness, Assistant pastor—Jack Martin, Treasurer — Shawna Coberly, Secretary—Betty Martin, Chorister and pianist—Czerna Kauffman, Youth Leader—Marlene Cobb, and Reporter—Czerna Kauffman.

Brother Jack Martin spoke to us the following Sunday. He reviewed some of the history of our country telling of Columbus, the pilgrims, their quest for freedom, Paul Revere, and others. He stated that surely God's hand was there to guide them.

I guess this brings us up to date again. I hope this

finds you stronger in faith and love for your fellow-man and I would ask that you would remember to pray for one another that we might all become stronger. Brother Tony Grzincic quoted Ephesians 5:27, asking us to work towards not having spot nor blemish in the Church of Christ. May God bless you.

Your Reporter,
Czerna Kauffman

A STATEMENT FROM THE 1983 GENERAL CONFERENCE

THE SUMMARY STATEMENT OF BROTHER DON E. MCINDOO WHEN THE DECISION OF HIS CHAIR WAS APPEALED

I only wish that everybody could have some empathy for my position and could understand how when in the chair oft times you feel partly torn between the desires to reach out with sympathy and compassion to people that you love, but in a larger part you sense the need to protect and defend the church that you love. The chair ruled this motion to be an improper resolution and the ruling really had nothing to do with Roberts Rules of Order. Roberts Rules of Order were merely referred to because they point out that we, as a body, do not consider resolutions that conflict with the constitution, the bylaws or the governing rules of the church and that these could well be the teachings of the Bible and the Book of Mormon. Roberts Rules of Order simply stated that we do not entertain motions that would conflict with the constitutional law of this body. The church has adopted by conference action a Law of Jurisprudence. It has been adopted through great struggle, hard work and many years of study endeavoring to place with in this Law of Jurisprudence that which the Bible and the Book of Mormon teach us the way to handle problems that arise in the midst of the congregation. The conference sent them out to referendum and they went to all the church, not just the conference that was assembled. There they were received, studied and approved by a 2/3rds majority and thus became the law by which we shall be governed when problems arise in the midst of the congregation as they did in the times of the Bible and the Book of Mormon. These rules were endeavoring to incorporate what is taught there. Of course, I have to confess they seem to go far beyond that in their details and in their prescription of how to handle problems for the best protection of the congregation and the defendant as well. For his reason their rights to privacy have been built into the rules that we have accepted. All is not made public for the benefit and the protection of, not only the people, but the defendant.

A sister rose to her feet and she asked the question, "How can we, twenty years later, rule upon the inappropriateness or appropriateness of a decision made long ago when we aren't even aware of the facts or the evidence presented?" That sums the whole thing up in a nutshell. We can not! You can not and I can not, and for

that reason the law of the church is that these things will be ruled upon and decisions made by a court of Elders. Then the final decision is brought to the conference and it is within the rule, not Roberts Rules of Order, but in the rules of our church and the rules of Jurisprudence that no negative vote be taken. The body does not judge the guilt or the lack of guilt of an individual; the body merely sustains what the court has determined as they deliberated upon the evidence and so they vote sustain that decision.

If today we took it upon ourselves to circumvent this law that we have passed by conference action and by referendum vote we would be providing the opportunity for anarchy to enter into the church. By that I simply mean that no court decision would ever be valid again. No court of the past or of the future, established to protect God's people and His flock, would ever be valid. A small assembly of people gathered in conference could overthrow it and the body of Christ, that we hope will extend into all the world, could be damaged because of that action by a small group of people assembled in conference.

Now I can not say that I am completely satisfied with our Law of Jurisprudence and I'm not saying, as some have intimated here today, that we can not change things. Certainly we can change things, but it has to be done through the proper channels. We're not speaking about our right to change; we're speaking about circumventing the conference-adopted, referendum-approved Law of Jurisprudence. Now if it is in error, if there are weaknesses in it that do not protect the people, the ministry or the defendants that come before us, then perchance we do need to change it. These changes will have to be made properly; not by just submitting a new resolution to overthrow a court decision but by setting up a committee once again to labor with the help of God to write a better law by which we shall be governed. That's the decision that we're making today and the reason for the decision I rendered as the chairman.

THE MARTYRDOM

(Conclusion - continued from March issue)

Mary Fielding Smith's (Hyrum's wife) grief seemed to consume her and she lost all her power of speech. Her two daughters, and the younger, clung, some around the neck and some to the body falling prostrate across the corpse and wept loudly in their grief. In about ten minutes Mrs. Emma Smith, wife of the prophet, came into the room between two attendants in a half swooning state. She came toward Hyrum's body murmured something in a low tone, opened her eyes and said to her friends: "Now I can see him, I am strong now." She walked alone to her husband's bed, knelt down, clasped him around his face and sank upon his body. Suddenly her grief found vent and sighs and weeping filled the room. "Joseph, Joseph, are you dead?" "Have the assassins shot you?" Her children, four in number, gathered

around their weeping mother and the dead body of their murdered father and grief, that words cannot embody, seemed to overwhelm the whole group. Mrs. Smith continued to speak in low tones, but none of the words were audible save those which I have recorded. While the two wives were bewailing their loss and prostrate on the floor with their eight children, I noticed a lady standing at the head of Joseph Smith's body, her face covered and her whole face convulsed with weeping. She was the wife of William Morgan and twenty years before, had stood over the body of her husband found at the mouth of Oak Orchard creek on Lake Ontario. She was now the wife of Mr. Harris, who was a member of the church. She is a short person with light hair and very bright blue eyes and a pleasing countenance.

The multitude dispersed about dark. The next day was set apart for the people to come and see the bodies of the martyred victims. The scene was horrible to witness and it was necessary to tar, vinegar and sugar burning on the stove to enable persons to stay in the room. Thousands passed in at one door and out at another from morning until night.

The day was clear, June 28, 1844, and the sun stole down the western sky and set in a cloudless field of blue, glancing her rays on the thronging mass of nearly 20,000 persons that began to move off in every direction.

The rooms were then cleaned out and the bodies put into coffins and concealed in a small closet opening from the dining room hall. Two bags of sand had been prepared and also two rough outside coffins into which the others were apparently to be put. However, instead of that, these outside boxes received the bags of sand and were sealed up. W. W. Phelps read the sixth chapter of Revelations. The prophet, on the day before his death, while at Carthage, had sent word to his followers to read that chapter for it was about to be fulfilled.

The multitude after the reading returned to the mansion house and received what they supposed to be the bodies of the two men, but in reality the two bags of sand. The families of the Smiths had resolved on burying the bodies secretly concealing the fact from all persons but twelve chosen friends and the families of the murdered men. The coffins containing the bodies remained secreted in the small closet while the boxes and bags of sand were carried in solemn procession to the city cemetery followed by a vast concourse who chanted and wept around the graves of the bodies whom they really supposed they were burying.

When the Mormons began to rear the gorgeous temple, two tombs of hewn stone were built on the west side of the edifice, one for Joseph Smith, the other for Sidney Rigdon. The vaults were both completed, but the Mormons dared not trust the bodies there for fear they would be violently removed and desecrated by their enemies.

The task of conducting the actual burial was con-

fided to William Marks. I was at the time says the Doctor (Doctor Richards) staying with William Marks as a guest. I made an earnest appeal through him to be permitted to aid in carrying the bodies at midnight to their final resting place. My request was refused on the grounds that it would be a breach of the regulations they had agreed to adhere to.

The graves had been secretly prepared for the reception and midnight was the appointed hour to remove the bodies. At 12 o'clock precisely the bodies were brought from the closet into the dining room. The order were about to be given when a clap of thunder shook the very heavens and made the earth quake and tremble. The placid face of the Mississippi was covered for a time with ripples as though a light wind had passed over the stream breathing out a last requiem to the souls of the departed.

The day had been intensely hot; the sun set in glowing splendor down behind the broad prairie; the night was calm and warm. The stars glimmered in the blue dome of heaven and no sign of a storm appeared. At about 10 o'clock a cloud black and jagged rose up in the vault of night alone and unconnected with any other cloud until it hung in midair over Nauvoo. Precisely at twelve o'clock, while the men were removing the bodies from the closet and had the coffins in their hands, this crashing frightful peal broke in the zenith, fearful enough to stir the dead in their shrouds. The bodies were deposited on the floor in singular haste. The company became pale with terror, and appalled by the strange fear which death's darkness and thunder creates. A candle glimmered on the table and revealed the faces of these sorrow and terror stricken men to each other. Popular supposition has connected the movements in nature with the death of singular and great men. The Doctor confesses that this strange feeling came over him strongly at the time. He was standing in the street watching for the procession to pass out by the back way. Two lighter peals quickly followed the grand explosion, the cloud retired toward the horizon and in an hour no sign of it was to be seen. It was half an hour before the friends could rally courage enough to remove the bodies. They were alone with the dead, with enemies all around them and nature seemed in commotion hoarsely muttering among the clouds of heaven. During the parley they resolved on a new place of deposit for the bodies. The bodies were buried in a cave in a secluded part of Nauvoo which according to William Marks had been pointed out to him by Joseph Smith with the following remark: "This cave is or will be connected with my history."

"Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of me, neither be ye afraid of their revilings." (Isaiah 51:7)

LOOKING AT OURSELVES

If you were another person, would you like to be a friend of yours?

Character is what a man is - in the dark.

It is remarkable, the way preaching sounds personal when it begins to deal with the matter of sin.

The cost you will pay for NOT being a disciple is definitely greater than the cost you will pay for being one. Walter A. Henrichsen

Many of the suspicions we have of others are formed from the knowledge we have of ourselves.

The church is looking for better methods. God is looking for better men. E. M. Bounds

Taken from Pulpit Helps.

MISSOURI REUNION

Date: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, August 12-13-14, 1983. First meeting to begin at 9:00 A. M. August 12.

Place: Warrensburg, Missouri at East Hudson Conference Ctr.

Location: East Anderson St., east off Hwy. 13 in Warrensburg.

Lodging: Rooms are \$14.00 for a single room & \$20.00 for a double room per night. Pay as you enter, linens are furnished.

Food: Meals will be furnished, desserts included. donations will be accepted from those who dine with us.

We would like to know approximately how many plan on attending so the menu can be prepared. Please notify Jeanette Cunningham, Rt. 5, Warrensburg, Mo. 64093.

There is plenty of room for all; arrangements can be made for disabled if we know ahead of time.

Let us all try to attend, worship and associate together to make this the best Missouri Reunion ever.

ARIZONA CAMP FOR ALL AGES

This is to invite all to come to the first Arizona Camp For All Ages which will be held on July 2, 3, and 4 on the Walnut Ranch in Heber, Arizona. It is our intent that this camp will help in the spiritual growth of each who attend.

For further information please contact: Hubert Yates, 18819 N. 29th Pl., Phoenix, Az. 85024, Phone 602-992-3613; or Jim Yates, 18648 N. 30th St., Phoenix, Az. 85024, Phone 602-867-7232. Jay Moser, 4062 E. Danbury, Phoenix, Az. 85032, Phone 602-971-6697.

In Gospel Bonds, Joel Yates.

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

Come to Rochester, Minnesota. Go East out of Rochester on Highway 14 to St. Charles. Take Hiway 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)

PHOENIX REUNION NOTICE

The 1983 Phoenix Reunion will be held November 25, 26 and 27 at the Phoenix Local Church, Phoenix, Arizona. Any one able to come may contact: Jay Moser, pastor, 4062 E. Danbury, Phoenix, Az. 85032, phone 602-971-6697, or Tom Karas, assistant pastor, 14441 N. 36 Pl., Phoenix, Az. 85032, phone 602-867-9506.

Come and join in worship and fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. It is also a time to grow spiritually and grow in the love and unity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is our hope that you will each attend.

In Gospel Bonds, Elder Jay Moser.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN CAMPOUT

The 1983 Northern Michigan Campout will be held the third weekend of July (July 16-17, 1983) at the home of Jay and Evelyn Lee, near Marion, Michigan. So pack up your campers, trailers, tents, or whatever, and head for the North and a weekend of fun and spiritual enrichment.

Refer any questions about the campout to:

Jay Lee
Rt. No. 1
Marion, Michigan 49665
Phone: 616/743-6617

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OZARK CAMP MEETING

AT

PINEVILLE, MISSOURI

JULY 9th. and 10th.

1st Meeting 2 P. M. Saturday 9th.

Subject: Praise by the Believers.

Elder Don Hitt

Saturday Evening Sundown Camp Fire Weiner Roast.

Music Featuring Al and Joy Leighton-Floyd.

The Bruner Family, Michael Hitt and Tom Casey
(During this service there will be opportunity for others to contribute as the Holy Spirit moves.)

Sunday: Following Breakfast

Prayer-Thanksgiving-Praise and Worship.

Followed By

Subject: Rapture or Restoration.

Howard Leighton-Floyd

11:00 A. M.

Subject: Forgiveness.

Elder Al Leighton-Floyd

Followed By Lunch.

The afternoon will given to fellowship, and recreation, swimming, boating etc.

(All services will commence and end with a period of Praise. "The meetings will be conducted, after the manner of the workings of the Spirit, and by the power of the Holy Ghost." Therefore, there may be adjustments in this schedule.)

This is a Camp Meeting so everyone should bring their own camping equipment, and eating utensils.
etc.

You are invited. Kindly notify us if you are coming and how many. Thank you.

Elder Howard Leighton-Floyd (Pastor)

Church of Christ (Temple Lot)

Anderson, Mo. Local. 64831

Phone: 417-223-4631

CHURCH OF CHRIST CONFERENCES

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.

The 1983 Ministers' Conference (priesthood membership) of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 17th, 18th and 19th at Independence, Missouri.

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