

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*

Vol. 60, No. 12

Independence, Missouri

December 1983

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wisemen.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus sake, Amen.

Robert Louis Stevenson

CONTENTS

The Anatomy of Anger	Page 178	With Every Rising of the Sun	Page 187
The Four Horsemen of Revelation Six	Page 179	Gethsemane	Page 187
In God I Trust	Page 182	If I Am Loved by Jesus	Page 187
Setting Better Examples	Page 183	A Testimony of Healing	Page 188
Sermon Excerpt	Page 184	Minneapolis Report	Page 188
Treatment for Sick Marriages	Page 185	Oklahoma News	Page 189
Certainly	Page 186	A Memorial	Page 190
The Efficacy of Praise	Page 186	My Sonnet to Old Age	Page 191
Why?	Page 186	My Testimony	Page 191
Members of The Body	Page 186	Notice	Page 191
Borrowed Vessels	Page 186	Walking on Water	Page 192
Divine Rights	Page 187		

Zion's Advocate

ZION'S ADVOCATE (USPS 699-300)

Official publication of The Church of Christ
Headquarters on the Temple Lot, 200 S. River Blvd.
Independence, Missouri 64051-0472
Phone (816) 833-3995 - 833-3914

EDITOR

Roland Sarratt, 15910 E. 36th Terrace, Independence, Missouri 64055
Phone 373-6605

ASSOCIATE EDITORS

Doris Ratterree, 926 S. Logan, Independence, Mo. 64050, 461-3779
Amy Schrader, 5625 Logan Rd., Kansas City, Mo. 64138, 356-6159

BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE ADVOCATE

Alvin L. Harris, 3405 South Leslie, Independence, Missouri 64055

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Temple Lot) 200 S. River Blvd., P.O. Box 472, Independence, Mo. 64051-0472

Second Class Postage Paid at Independence, Missouri

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Zion's Advocate (USPS 699-300),
P.O. Box 472, Independence, Mo. 64051-0472.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: Subscription rates to members paid from general funds. In bundles of twelve or more for missionary purposes, \$2.00. Non-member rates one year \$4.00. Canadian and all foreign rates \$4.50.

Send all donations for the Temple Fund, the Storehouse, Consecrations, Tithes, Offerings, and Subscriptions for The Advocate to:

Church of Christ (Temple Lot)

Att.: Alvin L. Harris, Business Manager, General Church

200 S. River Blvd.

P.O. Box 472

Independence, Missouri 64051-0472

Secretary, Council of Apostles, William A. Sheldon, 1011 S. Cottage,
Independence, Missouri 64050.

Secretary, Council of Bishops, Leslie P. Case, 8312 Lee's Summit Road,
Kansas City, Missouri 64139.

General Church Representative in the Office, James M. Case, 1106 E. Gudgell,
Independence, Missouri 64055.

General Church Secretary, Robert W. Oldham, 5709 Logan Rd.,
Kansas City, Missouri 64136.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

All individual articles published in this paper are opinions of the author and do not necessarily reflect the teachings of the Church or the opinions of the Editorial Staff.

All authorized declarations and notices coming from the General Conference, the Council of Apostles or the General Bishopric reflect the practices and beliefs of the General Church.

EDITORIAL

THE ANATOMY OF ANGER

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, **wrath**, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Galatians 5:19-21

"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 on your **wrath**:.....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 4:22-26 and 31-32.

Out of what does anger come? What are the factors that make it both a bitterness and a sin?

"Wrath is nought else but a frowardness and a contrariness to peace and love, which cometh of failing of might, or of wisdom or of goodness...." Julian of Norwich.

If this be so, let us define that statement and perhaps we shall see anger for what it is. The fruit of the Spirit is,

first, love, then joy, then peace.....surely in the soul filled with anger there is no joy or peace. So, anger is an agitation of spirit contrary to peace. There is a frowardness in anger contrary to love. Froward means—perverse, stubborn, ungovernable, disobedient. These are all temperamental qualities contrary to the meekness and humbleness of the spirit of one who loves the Lord with all their heart, might, mind and strength.

If when we are confronted with that which we find distasteful, unfair, unbearably wrong, and we can't do anything to change it (a failing in might), and we fall back to anger, a work of the flesh, (it's so much easier than to exercise the longsuffering—patience—of the Spirit) do we not then lose the peace of the Spirit?

If when we are met with problems and perplexities, and we don't know what to do about them (a failing in wisdom), and we let frustration and fretting and worry, anger in its parts, upset us, do we not likewise fall into the works of the flesh rather than maintaining that fruit of peace and meekness and trust of the Spirit?

If when we come face to face with injustice, persecution, false accusations, we take offense and resort to angry retaliation, do we not once again fall into the works of the flesh (a failing in goodness) and lose the love, peace, gentleness, kindness and the spirit of forgiveness of the Spirit?

If these things be true, does it not appear that the real cause behind anger is a mortification of self-

inadequacy? Pitted against that with which we cannot cope, do we cop-out with anger; a sort of face-saving shift of blame onto others or onto things or circumstances?

If we do not, cannot, by the grace of God's love, mercy and assistance overcome the spirit of frowardness with all its tempers of self-will, becoming meek and lowly like unto Jesus, how shall we be made fit to dwell in that

kingdom of God?

By all means let us put anger and wrath in all its forms away from us, "For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God." James 1:20.

A.S.

THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF REVELATION SIX

Part 2

BY WILLIAM A. SHELDON

THE BLACK HORSE

Let us now consider the opening of the third seal.

"And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine" (vs. 5 and 6).

Here, John was shown a horse of another color - black. As the red horse was indicative of direful events (and this because of Gentile rejection of the fullness of the gospel of Christ; because men would not permit the Lord of life and goodness to conquer their rebellious spirits), even so does the black horse signify a pall of darkness overshadowing the nations. The blackness develops because of the misuse of the elements God has provided for the well-being of mankind, which, in turn, is a direct result of man's carnal disposition wherein he becomes devoted to satisfaction of his temporal appetites, rather than to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; after this He promises to add the temporal needs.

This dominating human urge to satisfy carnal desires is voiced by the heavenly creature in a greatly simplified expression - "a measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny". It bespeaks the over-ruling passion of mankind for commerce - to get gain: money, money, money! There is nothing inherently wrong with commerce, if the end purpose is really for the welfare of others, more than for personal gain - but how many are able to keep their moral values so correct, or to have such desire?

"But before ye seek for riches, seek ye for the kingdom of God. And after ye have obtained a hope in Christ, ye shall obtain riches, if ye seek them; and ye will seek them, for the intent to do good; to clothe the naked, and to feed the hungry, and to liberate the captive, and administer relief to the sick, and the afflicted". (Jacob 2:23, 24).

Commerce is good, but commercialism, as the dominant feature of our modern society, has become a rapa-

cious god whose appetite is boundless unto the devouring of the human race; and when many of his subjects have run their course, they find themselves in spiritual desolation, if not also of the temporal.

But he shall come to his end, as is so graphically illustrated in the fall of Babylon, found in Revelation 18. It will be well for the reader to study that chapter in this connection, and how that the mighty ones of the nations shall mourn the demise of the economic system so alluring to our time.

One may wonder at the reference to Babylon as a city (see Revelation 18:10, 16, etc.); and Revelation 17 connotes her as a spiritual entity. This city is Rome - "the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth" (17:5). Her adulterous ways are both spiritual and temporal, and are so complicated and insidious as to escape the notice of the nations; but it will be revealed to all in due time, and to the utter despair of the multitudes. He that has eyes to see, let him see - even now.

Now to return to Revelation 6:5; the black horse's rider had "a pair of balances in his hand." This pair of balances has a connection to the measure of wheat and the three measures of barley, which we have affirmed to signify commercialism. What is that connection? What is it that enables commerce to have become the dark, foreboding specter of these last days?

The Lord revealed to Daniel that in the end time, "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Daniel 12:4). What a succinct, but yet encompassing statement!

Is it not discernible that most of our present day running to and fro is in pursuit of economic ends - and what about the increase of knowledge? The total knowledge of man has increased manifold, doubling and quadrupling in successively shorter periods of time, and this, most notably since 1830, with the appearance of the white horse, the restored Kingdom of God.

Incidentally, this black horse appears almost concurrently with the appearance of the red horse of war; and indeed, it is a sad fact that the demands of the

machinery of war produce the materials for its continuance and refinement of the art (?). Consequently, there are many by-products to feed the god of materialism/commercialism.

Scientific knowledge is a vastly increasing reservoir, continually being tapped by a corresponding increase of technology. If science is basic theory and understanding of the physical laws of the universe, then technology is the practical application of those laws to produce "things". These "things", or products, may be for man's good, but more often than not, will ultimately corrupt and destroy him. Consider the harnessing of the atom: it has produced power for good and for evil. Consider the strides in medical knowledge: in many ways a boon for civilization; and yet one wonders if the apparent good of the now will not turn to the curse of the future. In many ways this seems apparent even now. Thus has the Lord foretold: "The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof:"

Why?

"Because they have transgressed the laws (of God, W.A.S.): changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." Isaiah 24:5.

Therefore, it seems indeed that we have a rather tenuous "pair of balances": which are ready to tilt, permitting its devotees to slide into destruction. This balance may be illustrated thus:

Science + technology = commerce.

We want to notice also that the heavenly voice said: "...see thou hurt not the oil and the wine" (v. 6). Since this directive is coupled with the reference to the wheat and the barley, it may appear, in the light of this analysis, to include the oil and the wine in signification of the commercial plague of darkness. But again note: "see thou **hurt not** the oil and the wine." This is not only a directive, but is also a warning that divine protection would be upon these elements.

The matter is clarified in Revelation 7:3 wherein four angels are about to be released to their mission of destruction, and evidently because three of the four horses of the preceding chapter 6, which we are seeking to understand, are movements of great magnitude resulting from the wickedness of mankind. I refer to the red, the black and the pale horses (the latter not yet discussed). These angels were instructed:

"...Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."

In a few words: the oil and the wine of Revelation 6:6 are the servants of God. These are not to be hurt (destroyed) either by the black horse's rider (commercialism in its most brutal effect), nor by the angels of God's retributive mission. These servants are in a more general sense, the saints of God.

Oil, in this reference, would seem to be the fruit or product of the olive tree. The house of Israel is likened by apostle Paul to a tame olive tree, and the Gentiles to a wild olive tree (see Romans 11). Similarly, we find the Lord comparing Israel to "new wine...found in the cluster" and that there would be a "seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah

an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there" (see Isaiah 65:8, 9). Surely, then, the oil and the wine, which are not to be hurt, are the saints of Israel (including Ephraimite saints among the Gentiles).

In closing this phase of our study, we wish to quote from III Nephi 9:55, 56. The Lord has been speaking of the remnant of Jacob (evidently including latter day Lamanites) going through the Gentiles to tread down and tear in pieces:

"And thou shalt beat in pieces many people; and I will consecrate their gain (from commercialism? W.A.S.) unto the Lord, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth. And, behold, I am he who doeth it. And it shall come to pass, saith the Father, that the sword of my justice shall hang over them at that day; and except they repent, it shall fall upon them, saith the Father, yea, even upon all the nations of the Gentiles."

THE PALE HORSE

With the opening of the fourth seal, John was shown "a pale horse" (v. 8). For the first time in this vision of the four horses, we are informed as to the rider of the pale horse - he is simply called, Death; but Hell follows with him.

"And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them (in the margin: him, that is, death) over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth."

Pale denotes an almost total lack of color, of being pallid, or sickly. The picture before us represents sickness unto death; it also represents a spiritual sickness, whose end is hell. If we are correct, the tribulation of the earth in these last days which is represented by the sword, hunger, death and beasts will affect a fourth of the total population. This will probably be of relatively short duration lest the earth should be totally emptied.

Is not physical and mental illness reaching such staggering proportions, despite an increased average life span, so as to be a matter of alarm to health authorities, and of total concern to all for want of facilities and financial means to care for the ill?

We have the mental illness (so-called) which figuratively kills "with the sword". The spirit of murder, of robbery, and rape and other kindred major crime, with numerous other crimes against society of lesser degree, is filling prisons and jails beyond capacity, and requiring constantly enlarged and new facilities. The craving for alcoholic drinks and for drugs is a driving force beyond comprehension leading to death of those addicts, and to the death and murder of their victims. These not only suffer a mental anguish for want or craving the drug, but their faces are literally made pallid, and their bodies made to suffer in multiplied ways of illness leading to death.

Despite the relative financial security of many in our society, and the means to provide for health and well-

being, it appears that they, as well as those less fortunate, are subject to diseases of known effect which may be alleviated or cured (?) to some degree, but often still leading to death. At the same time, we are finding more and more "new" diseases for which there is no known help. It would seem that to a great degree our modern society falls victim to the advance (?) of civilization. In this connection, the wanton and careless pollution of our air, water and soil must bear a large portion of blame for desolating sickness which threatens to produce ever-increasing victims. "The earth is defiled under the inhabitants thereof". (Isaiah 24:5).

He that sat upon the pale horse was also to kill with hunger. No doubt there are those who make it their business to estimate the number of people who starve to death in a given year. At best it can only be an estimate, and the extent of which would stagger the imagination. We catch glimpses which sicken the soul and break the heart via our television pictures. Famine, as in generations past, almost to the beginning of man's existence, is a terrible force in the world today. We believe it will reach vastly greater proportions.

It appears likely that the ability of this "rider" (Death), to kill "with death" may allude to pestilential plagues which go hand in hand with famine; and also with war. Our farmers have a constant battle with crop disease, largely from pest infestation; and the insecticides used frequently become impotent as the pests develop an immunity; and the pesticides pollute the ground and water! Vast uncountable armies of insects are even now utterly destroying all vegetation in the areas of their inexorable march. How wide spread it may become, and what new plagues may develop, God only knows!

Death was also to come "with the beasts of the earth". At present, we know of no such a generalized attack by beasts to kill, but it seems certain that rabies will become a practically uncontrolled menace. And what if, by reason of famine and the plague, the wild animals should begin an unprecedentedly wide attack upon humankind because of starvation?

"How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate". Joel 1:18.

"Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come." Ibid. 15.

In our consideration of the pale horse, we have thus far dwelt upon its physical aspects. There are also those of the spirit, with hell as its end; by this, we mean God's "prison house".

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited" (Lamsa version says, saved). Isaiah 24:21, 22.

We will not attempt to fully delineate the spiritual sickness which prevails, and notably so since the coming

of the white horse (the restored gospel). The Gentiles **are rejecting** the fullness of the gospel as amply predicted in the Book of Mormon. The proliferation of Christian churches since 1830 is a wonder in itself, signifying the spiritual confusion of this age. Additionally, we find a great increase of spiritism in opposition to the Good Spirit; of the increase of astrology for daily guidance; of a resurgence of various oriental religions, and of Islam or Mohammedanism.

It seems apparent, too, that as Christ warned of "false Christs and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders, insomuch that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matthew 24:24), that we should expect such a revelation in our time. This is the warning in Revelation 13; we suggest a constant vigil in the direction of Rome. There is "a false Messiah which should deceive the people" spoken of in II Nephi 11:33.

In all the foregoing, we visualize the great physical, mental, emotional and spiritual sickness which has settled as a pale-colored blanket upon the nations, which shall continue to suffocate those who have forgotten God, as also the grossly wicked ones, until the Lord says it is enough.

It is certainly worthwhile to continue the study of Revelation 6 into the opening of the fifth and sixth seals, but this is beyond our purpose at this time.

HORSES OF ZECHARIAH 6

However, we have another text found in Zechariah, chapter six, which bears a striking resemblance to Revelation 6, and we feel is appropriate to our discussion. In verses one through eight, we find that in vision the prophet saw four chariots, the four being pulled by red, black, white and grizzled horses. The latter are also called, bay horses (or strong marginal reference).

All these horses are spoken of as "four spirits (winds marginal reference) of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth" (v 5). This indicates that the Lord permits and sends these earthly movements according to the righteousness or wickedness of the inhabitants, and according to His will.

The only difference, as may be thought, in these horses, by comparison to those of Revelation 6, is that in the latter, it speaks of a pale horse; here, they are "grisled" and "bay". "Grisled" is another form of "grizzled", which is defined as denoting one with a grey beard, etc. So here we find no disparity; the grisled horses of Zechariah 6 were greyish in color. Being "bay" horses, they were also very powerful.

We think the four sets of horses of Zechariah 6 denote the same worldwide conditions as do the four horses with their riders of Revelation 6.

However, we are given (in Zechariah 6) to see where the principle influence of these movements was to be made evident, at least in the times of the Lord's specification. The blacks were to "go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country. And the bay (grisled) went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro

through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth". See vs. 6 and 7.

"Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country." v. 8.

If we may visualize north and south in relation to Jerusalem, the holy city (or destined to be), then it appears that the "black horse movement", which denoted commercialism in its most visible form, would certainly include all of Europe, and in the western continent, the U.S. and Canada.

To the south went the "grisled bay" whose keynote is sickness and death; but afterward, he went "to and fro" through the earth. The "south" would be, principally, Africa, South America and India. In the light of our analysis, consider the terrible famine, pestilence, sickness and death which continually sweeps these areas, notably India and Africa.

It should be noticed that the white horses follow the black horses into the north country. May it not be that the rider of the white horse (the restored gospel), which is yet to go forth "to conquer", shall accomplish much among the Gentiles? Remember that the white horses, going to the north, will "have quieted my spirit in the north country". (v. 8).

After the terribly sad effects of this age of commercialism, when the Lord shall have removed the idols wherein the nations have trusted (the economic systems), then, in humility, some may be ripe for conversion to Christ and His gospel, proclaimed by an endowed ministry, which shall quiet the spirit of judgment and wrath from almighty God.

Nothing is said, in Zechariah 6 concerning where the red horses were to go, but we may assume that, as a representation of war, their presence is felt everywhere, or it will be so.

We realize that most of our presentation is of a gloomy, foreboding import: one of terror and sorrow. Yet, so it is with much of latter-day prophecy as recorded in the scriptures, and this because of the great wickedness extant. There must be a total cleansing (even as by fire) of the earth, and the Lord permits many things to happen which are only the results of man's willful ways. But additionally, He literally causes the very elements to revolt as a retributive action in response to those ways, or by other means will scourge the nations until they learn obedience through suffering.

It is not our purpose to unduly alarm the saints but simply to show the results of disobedience to the principles of righteousness, in which none may be entirely innocent.

Members of the Church of Christ are "falling away", of which God knows the extent and will judge in righteousness. Some may stoutly affirm their faith, and yet be careless and indifferent in various ways. It is indeed a time of warning, and a time for real self-examination in the light of the teachings of Christ.

He has said: "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at

midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." Mark 13:35-37. He is telling us to watch ourselves, lest our light shall have gone out, because we have failed to provide the oil of righteousness for our lamps (see Matthew 25:1-8).

We hope to make it clearly understood that the foregoing, relative to the three horses, which describes the world shaking events of the great tribulation as foretold by Christ, are not applicable to the SAINTS of God; please notice:

"For the day soon cometh, that all the proud and they who do wickedly, shall be as stubble; and the day cometh that they must be burned.

"For the time soon cometh, that the fullness of the wrath of God shall be poured out upon all the children of men:

"For he will not suffer that the wicked shall destroy the righteous.

"Wherefore, he will preserve the righteous by his power, even if it be so that the fullness of his wrath must come, and the righteous be preserved, even unto the destruction of their enemies by fire.

"Wherefore, the righteous need not fear: for thus saith the prophet, They shall be saved, even if it so be as if by fire."

The Lord will save His people in the latter days (though there must be a refining process to remove the dross) even as He provided an ark for Noah and his family. This is Zion, of which it is not our intent to elaborate here; but we will simply close by the following from Isaiah 26:20, 21:

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

IN GOD I TRUST

Let me no more my comfort draw
From my frail grasp of Thee.
In this alone rejoice with awe,
Thy mighty grasp of me!

Unknown

Help thy brother's boat across and lo! thine own has reached the shore.

Hindu Proverb

Two things are as big as
The man who possesses them,
Neither bigger nor smaller,
One is a minute, the other a dollar.
Channing Pollock

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Money will buy amusement, but not happiness; a bed, but not sleep; books, but not brains; food, but not an appetite; finery, but not beauty; a house, but not a home; medicine, but not health; luxuries, but not culture; a crucifix, but not a Savior; a church pew, but not a home in heaven.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The school of sorrows teaches us to trust God to solve our problems. Graduate school teaches us to trust God even when He chooses **not** to solve our problems.

SETTING BETTER EXAMPLES

I saw a wall hanging, or plaque, on the wall of my doctor's office the other day that made quite an impression on me. It made me really stop and think, oh, how carefully we must govern our lives and homes so that the wee folk God intrusts to our care will grow and develop into adulthood possessing all the qualities and attributes God meant them to have and enjoy when He sent them into our homes.

AS A CHILD LIVES, SO HE GROWS

If a child lives with criticism
He learns to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility
He learns to fight.
If a child lives with ridicule
He learns to be shy.
If a child lives with shame
He learns to feel guilty.
If a child lives with tolerance
He learns to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement
He learns confidence.
If a child lives with praise
He learns to appreciate.
If a child lives with fairness
He learns justice.
If a child lives with security
He learns to have faith.
If a child lives with approval
He learns to like himself.
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship
He learns to find love in the world.

Dorothy Law Nolte

Let us turn the looking glass inward on ourselves and see if we are doing the task as God would have us do, as parents. If we are always criticizing everything and everybody, that is what our children see. They will also condemn, not realizing it is wrong in the sight of God; we

are their parents, so it must be right and the way to live.

Children are little mimics - as monkey sees, monkey does - never was a truer statement made. Hostility in the home entices and instills the spirit of fighting in our children. To contend for the right, God says, is right. But, to contend for, does not mean to be contentious. If our children see this attitude in us, that is not favored of God, naturally they, too, will do as we do and think it is perfectly right. We're their parents and they want to be like us.

Are we always ridiculing others, yes, and oft-times our children too, unthinkingly? Our children will become shy, afraid to speak up and tell how they really feel for fear of our condemnation. I'm not implying children should be disobedient to their parents by any means. We as adults must realize they have deep feelings and thoughts worthwhile listening to. God has said, "And a little child shall lead them."

If we shame our children continually by the example our lives set, we instill an inner feeling of guilt in them to their great detriment in later life. Put a child in an environment of tolerance, where he sees acts of kindness towards persons and things and he too will become more patient. He will have more understanding of the needs of others around him, being a kinder person.

Everyone of us needs encouragement. A child needs a great deal so that he can develop the God given right to have confidence in himself as a person. Thereby, he develops confidence in people and is able to see and know what is right or wrong.

We must be very sure to praise our children where praise is due, for a job well done. In this way, our little people, for that's what they are, will come to realize they are appreciated. They will develop a more appreciative value of the good in others. Justice and right in all things, large or small, are taught our children when they see us, their parents, dealing strictly in fairness with our fellowmen. They will do likewise; they are mimicking us again.

One of the most important attributes for a child to acquire is security; a deep feeling of safety. If he feels this, his faith will grow. After all, faith is the very first principle of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is so important that our children like themselves as people. It's important that a child gains approval of his acts in life from those about him who love and care what kind of an adult he will become.

We all need acceptance and friendship, which is so necessary for our well-being and happiness. If our children see those qualities in us, they will be able to find love in this world of ours in spite of the hate and malice they see every day. They will have been taught by us, that all are God's children. Truly, He has taught us to love one another. Our children will apply all these attributes they have learned in the home from parents who care what their children become, setting good examples for them to follow. Though they may wander from the path of right, the good home example will instill in them the desire to seek the source from whom these qualities come, our Lord and Savior. They'll seek Him for guidance back to the path that leads to joy and happiness.

Our examples in life are far more important than a million words. I've heard so often the expression, "Do as I say, not as I do." It is wrong and a child is very quick to see the fallacy of such a statement. Although being completely different individuals, they want to copy our ways, before they learn to stand upon their own feet and face the world. When they become adults, they may change drastically. But, those seeds have been planted, and with God's help, may again grow and flower in their lives.

To see a child's life developing, opening as the petals of a rose - (as a thing of honesty and beauty with a deep love of God), reassures us older ones to renew our faith. It is definite proof there is a God who cares for those who truly love and obey Him. It renews our faith, to witness the child-like trusting faith developing in our youth. They are the hope, and the leaders of tomorrow.

My grandson, a mere lad of twelve, had to go to the hospital for tests to see what was causing the severe pain in his side. Although he is not a baptized member of the Church, he asked that his uncle, an elder in the Church, come and administer to him. He had faith and he told me that he just knew that he would be okay if he asked God's help in this manner. His mother was not a member either, however, she and our son have instilled in this child a firm belief that nothing is impossible with God. They have helped his faith grow until he believes this to be true, therefore, he turned to God in his need.

Are many of us losing sight of the fact that nothing is impossible to God? If our faith wavers, we are the losers. God has said in the Bible, except we become as a little child we can no way enter the Kingdom of Heaven. I'm quite sure God is telling us our faith must be absolute, such as a child has, in order for us to please Him. I'm wondering, do we have that kind of faith? If we do not, we had better get down on our knees and pray earnestly to acquire it. The world conditions are worsening daily and we'll need that kind of faith to be able to stand firmly for the right.

We see the signs God told us would come about just before His returning to earth. We see them all about us so we must be able through His strength to read them aright and know their true meaning. Let us strive harder to gird on the whole armor of God, not bits and pieces, but all that God has restored again here on earth, (through a mere boy with believing faith) back in the year 1820. That boy had faith and went to God asking for wisdom. He saw the turmoil the religious revival of that day wrought, so he went to the source of truth to obtain his answer.

To me, the gospel in its purity as restored in that day over a hundred years ago, grows more beautiful and dear each day of my life. I have never doubted its truthfulness since I entered the waters of baptism over sixty years ago. I don't need to go hither and yon, for this gospel has remained the same. I've had proven to me time and time again all through the years that this gospel Christ restored is true. It is a master plan to bring us back into His presence. He is a jealous God and does not accept any other plan but that which He has given. Those that say, Lord, Lord, and keep not His commandments, He says He never knew, for, although they draw near to Him with their lips, their hearts deny the power of His holy being. Take hold of His hand and let Him lead you toward Him,

just as we take hold of our children's hands to lead them aright. Truly you will find rest and peace to your souls. In no other way will that peace come. I have proven it many times in my life. Again, just recently it was proven to me when I spent four weeks in the hospital and went through a very distressing time.

Sincerely, your Sister in Christ
Edna R. Smith

"...If ye have love one to another."

SERMON EXCERPT

Marvin Case

I used to go and talk and listen to Brother A.M. Smith quite a lot and he told me that there was nothing that delighted him more than to have the Lord's Spirit rest upon his people; because as his people felt that Spirit upon them it was very gratifying to see tears of joy come to their eyes and the warmth of those tears flow down their cheeks and to see on their faces the thankfulness and the gratification of the Holy Spirit, and I came to know, as a young man how precious that was.

The Lord wants his people to have a love for each other that is almost impossible to put into words. A love for each other that rivals only their love for Him, but never exceeds it. I'm going to state a truth that's very simple and to the point, that if we love one another enough to always want to do those things that are right by each other, you'll find very little hurt pasting between us; because we will always consider each other, and that's why it's so important for us to be able to recognize the Lord's voice, to recognize his truth, to recognize the things that he wants us to do.

I'm going to read a part of John 15: verses 1-4, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you, Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me." When the Church of Christ was established here on this land, and in the land over there when Christ was here upon the earth, he chose men whose hearts were full of love, to preach the gospel, and Peter in one place, almost as a postscript to his letter tells us, "Greet one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus." I Peter 5:14.....

I'm going to read to you from I John 4: starting with the 14th verse through the end of the chapter. "And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as he is, so are we in the world. There is no

fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also."

These are not new things, no, but the depth of love that we need for one another in the days that are to come is a new thing for us. We must love each other, we must never let into our mind a deliberate thought to hurt another. How deep is our love? We must be willing always to aid one another, to support one another, to give our lives if necessary for one another, and we must do it willingly.

We are admonished to be a peculiar people. Aren't we? What peculiarity is it that we are to cultivate? I made that a matter of prayer some weeks ago, and the answer was this: there are other ways but the foremost that will be notable, and He sighted me a scripture, John 13:35, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." We must do that, and we must carry forth this gospel in such a way that when we talk to people we would be letting them know constantly that it is out of concern and consideration for them that we carry these things to them: that because our Lord Jesus Christ has asked us to love him and to love all men, we want to help them understand a thing that can give them a new kind of life, a new way of feeling towards their fellowmen and their own families even, their fathers and mothers; and it won't be comfortable to have to make the change, it may be painful.

As the Lord is my God, as you are my Brothers and Sisters, if we can love each other the way He asks us to love; because of our love and concern and gentle, tender understanding of each other, we won't have the antagonisms that have been known, and some of the problems that we have will be dissolved. The things that we have been trying to solve will be gone when we have turned ourselves over to the Lord, and are walking in his paths and love his ways.

I hadn't realized until the Lord brought these things to my attention that almost all the words that Christ spoke are so full of this one subject; are so full of trying to get people to learn how to treat one another right, to deal justly one with another, to be merciful. All the effort that he put forth is contained in those things, and why should we be surprised? Because the first and great commandment, he calls it, and the second is like unto it, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind....Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew 22:37 & 39.

And then we go on and it says that "on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets"; but, do we realize that all the law and the prophets are pointed to the fact that his people must repent, they must live right, they must follow his commandments, they must love one another, they must love their God? All the prophecies are full of this necessity, are full of this commandment. All have prophesied from the beginning of the world to the end that if the people will do this, he will

smile upon them, they will prosper, they will do well. But if they do not do it, he will withdraw the sheltering hand that he has over them.

The day is coming when, because of that that's going to come upon this world, that the prophecies show, we will need to have the shelter of the Lord's Holy Spirit every hour of every day of our lives. Our peculiarity is to be a deep love for each other and you cannot love in the way that I'm talking about without the assistance of the Holy One of Israel.

Treatment for Sick Marriages

THE OIL OF ENRICHMENT

Is there a marriage among you that is suffering?
Let the couple pray. Is any cheerful?
Let them sing praise. Is there a marriage
Among you that is sick? Let the couple call for
The believers of the church and
Let those believers pray over the couple,
Anointing that relationship with
The oil of counsel and enrichment
In the name of the Lord.
And the prayer of faith will save
That marriage, and the Lord will
Raise them both to a new life;
And if either has committed sins,
They will be forgiven. Therefore
Confess your sins to one another
And pray for your marriages
That your relationships might be
Made whole in the Lord.
For the prayer of a community
Of believers has great power
In its effect upon the marital
Health of its couples.

Based on James 5:13-16

by permission of the author, J. Paul Turner.

Can we learn a lesson from these lines? Do we honestly and earnestly do all the Lord would have us do to save our failing marriages and those of our children? Do we share, as a people, more responsibility in saving the floundering marriages among us than we have been willing to undertake?

Marriage requires many and constant adjustments; why are more and more of our number becoming unwilling to make them? Why are we, more and more, accepting the world's easy answer of coping out on the marriage vows made before God and man? Has the Church failed in giving sufficient support, at the first signs of trouble? Can and should we provide an atmosphere that will invite distressed couples to seek prayer and support of the body when their marriage begins to tangle?

These questions are worth thinking and praying about; and undertaking a saving program when the Spirit so leads.

CERTAINLY

Certainly I will be with thee-
Hast thou My promise heard?
Certainly I will be with thee-
Why shouldst thou doubt My word?

Certainly I will be with thee-
Why shouldst thou be afraid?
Certainly I will be with thee-
How canst thou be dismayed?

Certainly I will be with thee-
Shall I forsake My own?
Certainly I will be with thee-
Thou shalt not go alone!

Author Unknown

We are establishing an all-time world record in the production of material things. What we lack is a righteous and dynamic faith. Without it all else avails us little. The lack cannot be compensated for by politicians, however able; or by diplomats, however astute; or by scientists, however inventive; or by bombs, however powerful.

John Foster Dulles

THE EFFICACY OF PRAISE

"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth."
Ps. 34:1

"Giving thanks for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
Eph. 5:20

WHY?

Praise opens the way to His
Abundance, that it flow
unstintingly to All.
Thankful praise, joyful praise,
is healing praise:
Bring thy direct need-
thy agony of heart,
Thy sorrow, thy worry, placing
all in His hands.
And lift thy voice in
thankful praise:
Loving, adoring praise from
thy heart.
Praise: the key which opens
the avenue
For His interceding care
for thy welfare-
Oh child! His precious child:
learn to Praise!

D.S.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

MEMBERS OF THE BODY

1. The Tongue

- a. A kept tongue. Prov. 21:23
- b. A wholesome tongue. Prov. 15:4
- c. A kind tongue. Prov. 31:26
- d. A soft tongue. Prov. 25:15; 15:1
- e. A bridled tongue. James 1:26

2. The Ears.

- a. The hearing ear. Prov. 20:12
- b. The inclined ear. Prov. 4:20
- c. The applied ear. Prov. 23:12.
- d. Attentive ears. Neh. 8:3.

3. The Eyes

- a. The single eye. Matt. 6:22
- b. The lifted-up eyes. John 4:35
- c. The bountiful eye. Prov. 22:9
- d. The seeing eye. Prov. 20:12

4. The Feet.

- a. The shod feet. Eph. 6:15
- b. The unmovable foot. Ps 121:3
- c. The beautiful feet. Isa. 52:7

5. The Hands

- a. Clean hands. Ps. 24:3, 4
- b. Work with might. Eccl. 9:10
- c. The diligent hand. Prov. 12:24
- d. Wonders wrought by hands. Acts 5:12

BORROWED VESSELS

I Ki. 17:14 2 Ki. 4:3, 4

God's gifts are freely given.
We merit no acclaim.
All comes to us through others.
By God's Spirit, in His name.

Vida Filley

DIVINE RIGHTS

God has a right to a definite part of your time
 He has the power to take all of it!
 God has a right to a definite part of your money
 He has the power to take all of it!
 God has a right to be glorified through your tongue
 He has the power to take all of it!
 He has the right to be honored through your influence
 He has the power to take all of it!
 God has the right to your life
 He has the power to take all of it!

From The Jewish Hope

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

WITH EVERY RISING OF THE SUN

With every rising of the sun
 Think of your life as just begun.

The past has shriveled and buried deep
 All yesterdays—there let them sleep...

Concern yourself with but today,
 Woo it and teach it to obey.

Your wish and will. Since time began
 Today has been the friend of man...

You and today! a soul sublime
 And the great pregnant hour of time.

With God between to bind the twain—
 Go forth I say—attain—attain.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

GETHSEMANE

All those who journey, soon or late,
 Must pass within the garden's gate;
 Must kneel alone in darkness there,
 And battle with some fierce despair.
 God pity those who cannot say:
 "Not mine but thine"; who only pray
 "Let this cup pass," and cannot see
 The purpose in Gethsemane.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

IF I AM LOVED BY JESUS....

If I, poor wretched soul,
 Steeped in vilest sin;
 If I, despicable and black,
 Can be washed white within;
 If I, blind and ignorant,
 Lost in pleasures of vice;
 If I, wrapped in worldly filth
 Am beloved of Christ:
 If I, just as I am
 Can be redeemed by Him;
 If I, worthless nothingness
 Can be loved by Him:
 What hope, what joyous hope
 Excists for all mankind.

If He, nailed to the cross,
 Gave His life for me;
 If He, Son of Almighty God,
 Came to set me free;
 If He, Highest of the Most High
 Yet so gentle, meek and mild;
 If He, shed His precious blood
 To save this wicked child;
 If He, all strength, all love,
 All agony embraced for me;
 If He, The all of alls
 From the mire rescued me;
 What hope, what joyous hope
 Exists for all mankind.

Oh, truth: oh, joyous hope.
 It is reality.
 For I was just what I was,
 Hopeless utterly.
 Then Jesus, the Son of God
 Endured all for me.
 I am what good that I am
 For Jesus rescued me.
 A price He put upon my head
 And paid it with His blood.
 Look up, Look up to thy Saviour.
 He'll save thee from the flood.
 Look and see that joyous hope
 For all mankind and thee.

Margaret Winegar Smith



A TESTIMONY OF HEALING

My dear Brothers and Sisters, I have the most wonderful news to tell you. All those prayers that went up to our Heavenly Father for me were truly answered. As most of you know, I haven't been well for most of the summer. I had gone to many doctors, and even went through the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. The Mayo Clinic found all tests negative except for three swollen Lymph Nodes. They wanted to do a biopsy on them right there as they thought my condition was definitely cancer related, and there was a 90% chance it was located in these lymph nodes. My choice was to have the biopsy performed in Kansas City by a Doctor who used a surgical facility at St. Lukes Hospital. The testing completed was found to be non-cancerous. What a blessing.

After consulting with several others it was finally suggested that I consult an Orthopedic doctor. He thought it seemed like a pinched nerve, but doubting his own diagnosis, sent me to a Neuro-Surgeon. He confirmed the possibility of nerve pinching along with Osteoarthritis, but wanted to treat it medically rather than operating. This gave me greater confidence in him because I now knew he wasn't a man anxious to operate. He injected some medication into my veins. He said this medication helped many people, but carried no guarantee.

My condition became worse. I couldn't stand bed sheets, or anything touching my body. It seemed the nerves were all exposed on the surface of my skin. Ray called the doctor and explained the condition. The doctor thought I'd better come to the Hospital Emergency room where he would see me between operations. On seeing my condition, he ordered me admitted for further testing. I was there for five days of X-Rays and diagnostic work. On the fourth day they did a Mylegram which showed an abnormal growth of some sort on my spine. The doctor said there was no way of knowing what it was until he opened me up to see. An operation was recommended.

As you know, my brothers and sisters, there were many wonderful prayers going up for me, and the Lord heard everyone of them. I'm so grateful. Tuesday morning after being in surgery for over three and a half hours, the doctor came up to talk to the family. He raised his hands and said he didn't have much to say as he didn't find anything that could have caused the extreme pain I was having. He removed the small bone in the back to see what was underneath where the growth had shown on the Mylegram, and could find nothing but what might have been scar tissue. The membrane, muscle and bone sample was sent to the laboratory as required by law for testing, but he said it all looked healthy to him. Tests all proved negative as he was sure it would.

Our daughters, Sue and Cheri, both felt I had been healed but didn't want to say anything until they saw signs from me. After the operation I didn't have one bit of pain. I was offered but never took a pain pill. When they took me down for X-Rays several days later I got on that hard table on my back and it didn't hurt one bit. When I told that to Sue and Cheri they knew I had been healed but they didn't tell me. I didn't know until my first night home from the hospital. I did know the Lord had greatly blessed me.

The first night home I slept until midnight, then I prayed and talked to the Lord for about an hour and a half. From then on it's difficult to explain, but it was clearly revealed to me that I was healed. The doctor had to perform that operation to prove to me about the scar tissue. I had never had an operation on my back, but the Lord healed me and the scar tissue was evidence. Oh how wonderful. Praise his name. The Lord knew just how to handle it. If it wouldn't have been that way I'd have given the Doctor most of the credit; now I know it was the Lord. I'm so happy this has been revealed to me, and I feel very humble. So many things were made clear to me. I asked, "Why me Lord, there are so many more worthy". God knows. He works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform.

I must tell you this. In the afternoon, several hours after the operation, one of the nurses called to some others and said to come and see the incision as she said it looked like three days old. I have so much to be thankful for. Thankful for all the promises that God has given us in the Gospel. I'm thankful for my wonderful husband who has been so patient and kind, for my two daughters and their families, all my brothers and sisters in the Church, and the many, many friends who also were praying for me.

I really have a strong testimony for the Lord and pray that this wonderful miracle will help to strengthen the faith of all of us.

There are many other things, and some of you will hear me when I bear my testimony of God's goodness to me and mine.

I love all of you.....Your sister in Christ.

Darl Hunholz

MINNEAPOLIS REPORT

"There are two ways of spreading light: To be the candle, or the mirror that reflects it." — Edith Wharton.

Christ himself is the Candle. Some of the reflecting mirrors down the halls of time have been of glass which has greatly distorted, as human errors have come between men and the powerful light of Christ, smudging would-be "mirrors for Christ" and providing a faltering light to unwary eyes.

May I continue to infringe upon your right to read "news", to share with you a poem? I do not know its author.

If my heart were right
I could see God tonight
And in the radiance of **His Face**
I'd flame with light and fill this place
With beauty, and the world would know
The face of God down here below
Tonight, if my dull heart were right."

And another thought, by Edith Sitwell: "Winter is the

time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand, and for a table beside the fire. It is the time for home."

Last Spring a couple in our town (non church members) requested of the church a new roof for their house. When they were told we could not provide their formidable need of several layers of old shingles being removed and new roofing put on, they were not just unhappy....they were angry! We were concerned and our prayers went up for their need. God took note; and the couple found they were eligible for a new roof from another source. This fall, October, the church was invited to their home for a mid-week meeting. A good evening of study and fellowship was enjoyed. We were happy to see them ready for whatever weather comes.

This was a reminder of the encounter of Peter and John with the man who was asking alms of them. Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." The third chapter of Acts.

For another home event, some of our church members held an October Worshipfest at the Gill Farm which was well attended. Those contacted at the Church's county fair booth in August were invited. Some came and shared in the day. The weather cooperated well, to make it a fine day of fellowship. Friend, Victoria Prescott, and Bethany and Mike Gould from Bemidji, Carolyn Nelson and family and friend attended the worshipfest of Friday and Saturday; also church services on Sunday morning. Jerome Russell of Cambridge, Minnesota contacted through the Fair, has been an interested visitor.

Following our "Fifth Sunday" dinner at the church, we did some singing of hymns accompanied by Nana Gill on the guitar. Jerome and Nana sang, "They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love". Brother and Sister "Hook" Eddy, parents of Merlin Eddy, were on hand. Leona and Wayne Krause were down from Seaforth, Minnesota. Merlin's young cousin, Cindy Scott, has been a house guest at the Eddy's, and has gone to church with them.

Doug and Leah Ferrier's Crystal Joy who had a frail start in life, is truly a "Joy". We echo Leah's beautiful testimony of our Lord's bountiful blessing to them in caring for their baby, now "in the pink" of health. Radiant Leah expressing her thankfulness reminded me of another radiant young woman with babe in arms, standing in a prayer service in Independence, Missouri - quite a few years ago, to **sing** her praise to God, in a lovely, clear voice that needed no accompaniment. Golden Memories, Both! Thanks Leah Ferrier (and Olivia Yates).

Tom Maley and Ruth Gill visited Ruth's son, Glenn, wife Margret and family in Illinois. They attended church with the Glenn Gill's in Puryear, Tennessee: A separate jaunt was made to Missouri to visit Ruth's daughter, Bonnie Case, husband Jim and family, and Tom's sister, Katherine Moyer. Brother Tom and Sister Ruth have announced their plan to be married in January of next year; and have received the happy "consent" of family.

We will tell you again, we are so happy to have Brother Ben Case's shoulder to our wheel. Ben will be here a few years, and is building a home in Rochester, and brings us profitable messages, as do Brothers Tom

and Forest Maley, and Brother John Gill. Each one whom God chooses to reflect His light brings special encouragement.

We send to you our wishes for a blessed Christmas season, though it seems impossible that the year is winding down to a close!

Irene Maley, Reporter

OKLAHOMA NEWS

I am convinced the old adage "time flies" is true. It has been a long time since I have written to our church friends and told of our activities, but it seems only yesterday that I wrote our news report. When we are busy with worthwhile activities, especially doing for others, time does "fly" by.

We have had a busy summer and fall. It has been hot and it has been delightfully pleasant. But, we don't care what the weather is, for when Sunday comes, we all enjoy going to church.

In July, we had several visitors. June and Roland Sarratt, Gary and Neva Housknecht and sons, Doris and Rhea Housknecht, and Donna Gill. We also had a wedding shower for Becky Fann after church on July 10. On another July Sunday, Christie Beem and I were guests at the Ava local. That was a happy Oklahoma reunion right in the middle of the Missouri Ozarks!

August services were made happier because of our guests. Tony and Louise Grzincic and Elder John and Mandy Farris (RLDS) of El Reno were with us. Stephen Sarrett, who is a student at Tulsa University, joined us, too. We are hoping to make him an Okie.

September and October we welcomed Jim and Sharon Smith, Karey Tillman (Stephen's special friend), Roland and June Sarratt and Eric, and Elder John and Mandy Farris. I hope I haven't overlooked anyone who worshiped with us during these months. I mention all our guests for their presence means so much to us.

As a rule, we have a couple of dinner Sundays. These are happy times, with the good fellowship and delicious food. In Sunday School, we continue to study church history. Then, too, we have our sacrament once a month.

I would like to touch upon four sermons given by four different priesthood members. We always have good sermons and it is hard to capture the full import of what they say to us, but I shall do my best.

First, Brother Frank Fann spoke to us of "Loving Each Other" and he used the hymn of this title to express his thoughts. He continued with the famous quotation from Matthew 22:35-38. "Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment and the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." It is so easy to say we love God and our fellowman, but it is hard to show it in our everyday life. We should bring sweet peace to each other.

We need to encourage each other and not discourage each other. Brother Frank also read Romans 12:9-21 to refresh our memory of these powerful words. Read them and rejoice!

Brother Larry Beem, our pastor, spoke of putting away the old man and put on the new man. He read Ephesians 4:22-32. Verses 31 and 32 read, "Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice; and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." How joy and happiness will flood our souls when we try to apply these teachings to our lives. We must center our minds on what we will do now and in the future. What we are in our minds, so are we.

Brother Tony Grzincic spoke to us in August. He opened his sermon by asking us, "What can we give to God?" Little Greg Elwell (almost 5) spoke up, promptly, with "Our souls". (Our children listen, folks!) Brother Tony continued with thoughts about how very important we are to God. Jesus is so magnificent, he knows our intermost thoughts, of our deeds, and of our wholeselves. He asked our children and young people to remember their parents, their heavenly Father, and be thankful. Brother Larry closed this service with, "Our Father which art in heaven, thank you for letting us remember when we were children. Thank You that You loved us so much that You sent Your Son to show us the way. We pray that when we go into our school or work that we may carry Your spirit with us and not disappoint You. We pray that not one soul be lost among us. In Jesus name I pray, Amen."

In October, we listened to Brother Roland Sarratt's counsel. He emphasized that we must be spiritually minded. It is a marvelous thing. We have to have a standard and Christ is our standard. We are reaching for the standards of righteousness. This gospel must be projected to the peoples of the world. We do not build upon the mistakes of others. We build upon the word of the Lord. Bite your tongue before you spit out something that would lead someone in the wrong direction. "Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in Him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is His grace sufficient for you, that by His grace you may be perfect in Christ; and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, ye can in no way deny the power of God." (Moroni 10:29) That's our goal!

Thank you Brothers Frank, Larry, Tony, and Roland. Much preparation and study go into your sermons. We sit and listen to each of you and usually forget to say thank you, but I know everyone appreciates your good sermons.

Our local is unique in that we don't always have our church services in Oklahoma. Two or three times a year, those who can, journey down Texas way and church is held in the Fann home. This was the case on October 2. Brother Frank spoke the sermon. He read Psalm 16 and I shall quote Verses 8 and 9 for they are beautiful. "I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad; and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope."

I don't always get to attend our services and my sister in the church, Jewel Beem, is my helper. She never fails me and with her help I can report to you.

In the words of Paul, "My love be with you all in Christ Jesus," I am,

Your sister in Oklahoma,
Alzada Massey

A MEMORIAL

As a lot of you already know, our mother, Lucinda (Cook) Scott, passed away on the 8th of October at the Beacon Light Nursing Home in Marne, Michigan.

God was very merciful to her in that she was taken quickly of a heart attack. I can remember as a teenager that she hoped she would go as quickly as her own mother did and that she wouldn't be a burden in a sick bed. This may sound silly but God even saw to it that she had one of her very favorite meals at my brother's home of fresh tomatoes and toast that Saturday before He took her home.

We thought we were going to lose her this last year when she became so ill and collapsed. But we think God was warning us—preparing us—telling us to say good-bye to her in our hearts. God is so good, she even got to make a trip up here this fall where she was born, thanks to our brother Alan and family.

God truly gives the Peace that passes all understanding. We know where she is and that she is happy.

She spent her life here loving her Lord and Savior. We remember when she was so sick in the hospital that she said it was nothing compared to what her Savior went through for her.

Elder Laverne Lussenden of Bradly was in charge of the service down state and part of it was the reading of a poem Mother had written in 1981. Also there was a little story that says so much. When Conley (my husband) called our daughter, Dorinda, to tell her of her Grandmother's passing, she took it very hard and was crying. After she hung up, she and her husband tried to explain to their little boy, age six, what was wrong with Mommie. As he had two Great-grandmothers he was confused as to which one they were talking about. They found a picture of Mother and explained to him that she had died and gone to live with Jesus. He looked at them and shrugged his little shoulders and put out his arms and said, "Well, what's the problem then?" When he said that she stopped crying and peace came to her heart. Out of the mouths of babes! He knew that if she was with Jesus everything was okay.

Elder Conley Addington was in charge of a short service up here at Rose Hill cemetery where Mom was buried for the ones who couldn't get down state.

She loved to play the organ or piano, whichever one that the Lord would provide. We learned many of the old church songs singing while she played. I can never remember her playing the songs of the world. She also

loved to write poems and wrote many. Just this last year she said she had tried to write a poem without Jesus in it and she just couldn't do it. She also spent many years writing articles on different subjects of the Bible. These will always be treasured by all of us. Even when she was blind in one eye and had to use the strongest magnifying glass to see out of the other, it didn't stop her. She would go around and collect the clean paper placemats at the Nursing Home to write on in large black writing so she could read it back. We should all be so dedicated to our Lord and Savior.

She never had much in this world of its store but of the love of her Savior no one had more. She never had a house to call home but has a mansion now.

She will always be remembered in the simpler things of life, a walk in the woods, picking wild flowers, crocheting, sewing, watching the rain, watching the sun go down. She didn't leave much behind of this world's store to mark her passing but she did leave a gold mine of the Lord's riches in her children's hearts!

*Her children,
Thora, Alan, Lowell, and Marian*

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

MY SONNET TO OLD AGE

by Lucinda Scott

After I became 40, I started to live.
My brain got busy, and made my mind give;
Give me more understanding and light;
A future that was to be much more bright.
When I was past 50, what a beautiful sight!
Like a rose bud opening into full bloom,
It seemed to me, there was no more room
In my mind and heart to consume
More of the beauty and greatness of God.
But as through the 60's and 70's I trod,
I saw more of the beauty God had for me;
To the door of His Kingdom, He gave me a key.
Now that I'm 80, life's in its full bloom.
Now I'm still growing, and there is yet room:
Room in my heart that I might resume
To partake of God's love so free,
That it might flow from Himself to me,
So that I might pass it on to others,
Causing us all to become sisters and brothers.
And as I approach the end of 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.

1981

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

MY TESTIMONY

In the Lord's own special way, He has brought me to face that point of decision where I had to respond favorably to His calling or forever be disqualified for the high honor of being His special witness and servant. I fear and tremble at the great responsibility that I anticipate in the

fulfillment of His will. I know full well that in my own strength and wisdom, I am totally inadequate for such a work. My hope lies not in my natural abilities, but I find strength in the Spirit that floods my soul when I ponder God's condescension to me.

For ten years, the Lord has patiently striven with me that I might open myself to Him and receive the personal evidence that I have felt that I needed to answer my call to be an apostle of Christ. By unexpected ways and means, He miraculously removed the unseen and unexplainable obstacles that plagued my mind and brought to me an undeniable awareness of His precise will concerning this call.

This happened during a sermon that was being delivered at the East Independence Local Church September 11, 1983. Elder Victor Bates, an elder who has been a member of this church for less than a year, had been given a testimony of my call three times and he had told no one. While delivering his sermon, he gave his testimony and he addressed me with words of counsel. The power of the Holy Spirit rested upon me and it was as if everything swung around into focus for the first time. I was amazed at how quick and easy this happened.

The frustration and fear that comes with doubt was gone. I trembled at the awareness of what was expected of me, but at the same time I felt to rejoice and give praise to God for His patience with me these several years.

Although I have tried to serve God in other capacities to the best of my ability, I find myself still greatly in debt to His abundant love and mercy. Knowing that His goodness is to be shared with my brothers and sisters in Christ and to my fellowman, I dedicate myself to this cause declaring that all honor and glory be given to God, in the worthy name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Roland L. Sarratt

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

NOTICE

Elder Roland L. Sarratt was blessed and set apart to the office of an Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ on October 30, 1983 in accordance with the call given through the Holy Spirit, recommended by a meeting of the Apostles and Elders to a general conference, and approved.

The ordinance was performed by Apostle E. Leon Yates with Apostle Don W. Housknecht assisting, in a special service opened with prayer by Apostle Don E. McIndoo. It took place at the Collins, Missouri Local Church of Christ (Temple Lot), principally because of Brother Yates' difficulty in traveling at the time, and also because it was the first home local of Brother Sarratt.

The call came through Apostle E. Leon Yates on March 27, 1973, was considered by the council of apostles and elders April 9, 1975 and was approved by the Ministers' Conference April 10, 1975. (See Supplement to Zion's Advocate, Minutes of the Ministers' Conference of 1975.)

WALKING ON WATER

Thoughts presented and evoked by sermons and study lessons

In Matthew 14:25-34 is the account of Peter's attempt to walk on water, wherein Christ said his faith was faint. (Do we not all suffer because of faintness of faith?) Yet Peter walked back to the ship on the water, did he not? Once Jesus had taken hold of his hand there was no more sinking because of the fierceness of the waves.

Are there not lessons in this for us to dwell on, in the storms of life and the turmoils that rage around us? Can we not hear in our spirit-ear His voice saying, 'Be of good cheer, it is I: be not afraid; come.'

And how shall we walk the path He beckons to except by holding tightly to His offered hand? How shall we keep from sinking, from being overwhelmed by the raging seas of fears, doubts, worries, griefs, failures, and afflictions that continually assail us without the supporting strength and safety of our hand in His?

Often it is that Jesus bids us 'come' as it were, out upon the troubled and sometimes dark waters of life's experiences. One thing is sure, if He is there in the midst of the tossing waves, He will stretch out His hand, **immediately**, if we should sink and cry out for Him to save us. And He is always in the midst of any waters He bids us walk upon.

Written Material for "Zion's Advocate"

Articles, sermons, poems, news items, letters, notices, etc. which are appropriate to be printed in this paper are requested by the editorial staff. If possible they should be typewritten on one side of a sheet only, double spaced and grammatically corrected. If this is not possible, please send your material anyway. Send all material to one of the members of the editorial staff or to the general church (see title page). The deadline for each month is the 7th of the previous month.

CHURCH OF CHRIST PUBLICATIONS

Send all orders to: Church of Christ (Temple Lot)
P.O. Box 472, Independence, Missouri 64051-0472

ZION'S ADVOCATE SUBSCRIPTION RATE:

Non-members \$4.00; Foreign \$4.50 Per Year

	Price Each
Book of Mormon (Missionary Edition)	\$5.00
Outline History of Church of Christ	\$4.00
Book of Commandments (Paper Bound)	\$2.80
Book of Commandments Controversy Reviewed	\$2.90
The Marvelous Work and a Wonder	\$2.30
What the Restoration Teaches Concerning God	\$2.50
Historical Facts Concerning the Temple Lot	\$1.30
Temple Lot Deed	\$.30
Changing of the Revelations	\$.50
Comprehensive Comparison of Changes to the Revelations	\$1.30
A Brief History of the Church of Christ	N/C
The Principles of the Gospel, Faith and Repentance	N/C
The Principles of the Gospel, The Laying on of Hands	N/C
The Principles of the Gospel, Baptism	N/C
The Latter Day Restoration	N/C
Apostasy or Succession, Which?	N/C
The Book of Mormon (Tract)	N/C
Articles of Faith and Practice of the Church of Christ	N/C
Articles of Faith and Practice (Spanish)	N/C
Articles of Faith and Practice, No. 9, 20	N/C
Sermonettes on the Teachings of Jesus	N/C
What the Church Teaches in Respect to Matrimony (Spanish)	N/C
Mighty Acts of the Ages (Spanish)	N/C
Priesthood, Divine Authority	N/C
"Why"	N/C
A Synopsis of the Church of Christ's Beliefs and Practice	N/C
First Presidency or First Apostles	N/C
Marriage For Time and Eternity?	N/C
Baptism For The Dead?	N/C
Zion and the Temple of the Lord	N/C

NOTE: Donations accepted to cover postage and printing costs. Lot prices of tracts exclusive of postage are in packs of 6, 50¢ 100, \$5.85.

CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS

Speed delivery of your "ADVOCATE" by sending us your new address immediately. Mail to:

ZION'S ADVOCATE
(USPS 699-300)
P.O. Box 472
Independence, Mo. 64051-0472

Each undeliverable "Advocate" is now costing the church 25 cents. We would rather spend this on delivering your paper than its return to us.

ZION'S ADVOCATE

(USPS 699-300)

P.O. Box 472

Independence, Mo. 64051-0472

Second Class

Postage

PAID

Independence,

Mo. 64051

AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS

The following materials are available on loan from the Audio, Video, Visual-Aids and Archeological Committee:

"Mexico, Land of Contrast" — A 50 minute slide program with taped narration about how archeology supports the Book of Mormon.

"Out of the Dust" — A 55 minute slide program with taped narration about the story told within the Book of Mormon.

"A Lamp Unto My Feet" — A 35 minute slide program with taped narration about the story within the Book of Mormon (directed toward Indian viewers).

"Light of Evening" — A 35 minute slide program with taped narration about the bringing forth of the Book of Mormon and the Restoration of the Church of Christ.

"The Return" — A 12 minute slide program with taped narration about the return of the members of the Church of Christ to the "land of Zion" in 1867.

"We Sing and We Talk About Jesus" — A series of Sunday School lessons, each with a teaching outline, and illustration and a taped song to be learned by primary or intermediate age children.

Send all orders to the Office Secretary, Church of Christ (Temple Lot), P.O. Box 472, Independence, MO 64051. Slide projectors and tape players are not provided.

We also provide a Sermon-by-tape service. There is no charge for the issuing of a cassette tape on a loan basis. Write to the AVVAA Committee, Church of Christ, 2929 E. Siesta Lane, Phoenix, Arizona 95024.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Send all orders to: General Sunday School Association Treasurer, Church of Christ (Temple Lot), P.O. Box 472, Independence, Missouri 64051-0472. **Price Each**

Primary, Volume 1, No. 1 Childhood of Jesus (Out of Print)	
Primary, Volume 1, No. 2, Jesus' Ministry (Out of Print)	
Primary, Volume 1, No. 3, Jesus' Ministry, con't	N/C
Primary, Volume 1, No. 4, Life of Jesus	N/C
Church History for Juniors (34 pages) plus	
Teacher's Guide by Donna Moser	N/C
The Book in the Stone Box (7 pages) by Viola Henning	N/C
The Bible Game "Who Am I?" by Doris Housknecht	1.30

(No charge for single box to a Local Sunday School)