

# Zion's Advocate

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

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## Only One Life

*It takes only one smile to offer welcome,  
And blessed be the person who will share it.  
It only takes one moment to be helpful,  
And blessed is the person who will share it.*

*It only takes one word to lend real comfort,  
And blessed is the person who will speak it.  
It only takes one truth to light the darkness,  
And blessed is the person who will seek it.*

*It only takes one joy to lift the spirit,  
And blessed is the person who will give it.  
It only takes one life to make a difference,  
And blessed is the person who will live it.*

*Amanda Bradley*

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Editorial . . .

## THANKSGIVING DAY — A SIGNIFICANT TRADITION

Three hundred sixty-three years ago, a few pilgrims gathered together with their native friends at their settlement now known as Plymouth, Massachusetts to give thanks to God for the good crops they had harvested that year. It was a very simple happening compared to the varied activities that dominate our lives today. Nonetheless, it was of such profound significance that at least two nations on this land, the United States and Canada, have honored the occasion by establishing national holidays known as Thanksgiving Day.

As we observe this special day in 1984, we might do well to reflect upon the great changes that have occurred upon this "land of promise" since that time in 1621. If those few people who enjoyed that first Thanksgiving Holiday had had the privilege, as we often do, to sit down and look at some of our documentaries on film, and to look forward in time as we are able to look back in history, what a revealing incident that would have been. The founding of a new nation, the numerous inventions and the great increase in knowledge and science probably would have been incomprehensible to them. Yet we take all this so much for granted.

Such a revealing incident, however, as seeing into the future was not entirely unheard of; God has given prophecy and has revealed through vision many of the things that were to happen down through the ages to various individuals whom He chose. One of the first to have experienced such an incident was the Brother of Jared who lived around four thousand years ago. Because of his exceeding great faith, he could not be kept within the "vail" and he was privileged to see and talk with Jesus Christ some two thousand years before Jesus was to come in the flesh. He also saw "all the inhabitants of the earth which had been, and also all that would be." (Ether 1:90)

At a later time the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph along with Moses, the lawgiver, were blessed with promises and revelations concerning their posterity, the Israelites. God sent prophets among that people over a long period of time warning and foretelling of happenings that were shortly to come and of many events which were to transpire in future generations even reaching down to our day and beyond. The prophecies are found in the Bible and the Book of Mormon which identify the very time in which we live today—the latter or last

days—indicating that we are nearing that time that is called in prophecy as “the day of the Lord.”

The Father of this nation, George Washington, was also privileged to see through vision future events and the destiny of this nation. He was shown three great perils, two of which have already passed: The Revolutionary War and the Civil War. The last and greatest peril is yet future which is described as an invasion upon this land by vast armies from Europe, Asia and Africa, which will “. . . devastate the whole country.” Only by the intervention of God will this nation survive that peril. This means that except this people repent of their wickedness and turn to God in obedience to His will, they will not be saved.

This unalterable truth is brought out in the Book of Mormon and was known as far back as the Jaredite time. The decrees that God had made concerning this land is “. . . that it is a land of promise, and whatsoever nation shall possess it, shall serve God, or they shall be swept off when the fullness of his wrath shall come upon them. . . . And the fullness of his wrath cometh upon them when they are ripened in iniquity.” (Ether 1:31-32)

Moroni, the last prophet to write in the Book of Mormon, gives us a timely warning: “And this cometh unto you, O ye Gentiles, that ye may know the decrees of God, that ye may repent, and not continue in your iniquities until the fullness come, that ye may not bring down the fullness of the wrath of God upon you, as the inhabitants of the land have hitherto done. Behold, this is a choice land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it, shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven, if they will but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ who hath been manifested by the things which we have written.” (Ether 1:34,35)

The sad truth is that this warning is only known to just a few of the peoples of this land today, and sadder yet is the fact that many of the few are ignoring or rejecting this warning. As the devil and his angels work within the imaginations of the people's hearts, sin and crime of varied sorts are increasing daily at an alarming rate. At the same time, the very truth of the gospel of Christ, which would save this people, is being changed to fit with the modern world. Unless this people break with the power of their adversary by turning to God in repentance of their sins and committing themselves to Him in obedience to the Gospel of Christ, they cannot hope to escape the destruction that will inevitably come upon this choice land according to the decrees of God.

Like the pilgrims, the first people to inhabit this land, the Jaredites, took occasion to give thanks unto the Lord when they arrived here: “And when they had set their feet upon the shores of the promised land, they bowed themselves down upon the face of the land, and did humble themselves before the Lord, and

did shed tears of joy before the Lord, because of the multitude of his tender mercies over them.” (Ether 3:14)

Those people were greatly blessed for many generations leaving behind evidences of one of the greatest civilizations to have existed. Unfortunately, they eventually turned to wickedness and they were swept off even as God had decreed, only leaving their record as testimony of God's truth.

When Lehi and his people arrived on this land, the Lord made a covenant with Lehi much like He did with the Brother of Jared which is effective even today:

“Yea, the Lord hath covenanted this land unto me, and to my children for ever; and also all those who should be led out of other countries, by the hand of the Lord. Wherefore, I, Lehi, prophesy according to the workings of the Spirit which is in me, that there shall none come into this land, save they shall be brought by the hand of the Lord. Wherefore, this land is consecrated unto him whom he shall bring. And if it so be that they shall serve him according to the commandments which he hath given, it shall be a land of liberty unto them; wherefore, they shall never be brought down into captivity: if so, it shall be because of iniquity: for if iniquity shall abound, cursed shall be the land for their sakes; but unto the righteous, it shall be blessed for ever.” (2 Nephi 1:8-15)

Our hope is in that last statement, that we would be counted among the righteous. We are privileged at this point in time to look back in history and also to look forward in prophecy in contemplating the promises of God both fulfilled and unfulfilled. From His fulfilled promises, we are strengthened in hope and courage as we look forward in time to His promises that are yet to be fulfilled. With the many testimonies of those who have went before us, we have undeniable evidences of God's faithfulness in keeping His promises.

We, who have embraced the precious gospel of Christ and have committed ourselves to obeying the divine will of God through His word, have the opportunity to once more give observance to the sacred tradition of our forefathers by giving special thanks and praise to God on this Thanksgiving Holiday for the numerous blessings that He has poured out upon His people on this land. However, our personal praise and thanksgiving is not due just once a year, but we must express our deep appreciation in heartfelt praise and thanksgiving daily. We must also observe Jesus' instruction which points to our very day: “Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” (Luke 21:36)

# Oneness With God And In God

I would like to begin with St. John 14:5-15: "Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: No man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: And from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: Or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and the greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments."

In this reading we find in verse 9 that Christ says "He that has seen me hath seen the Father." We see by this that Christ was so in tune with the will of the Father that he knew what to do, and he did this through fasting and prayer. We, as Christians today, need to be in so close communication with God that we also should be able to say "If you have seen me you have seen the Father." We need to dedicate our lives to God in all that we think, say, and do.

In Matthew 19:16-22 we read of a man that had kept all the commandments and honored his mother and father and asked Christ, "what lack I yet?" When Christ told him to give all to the poor and take up his cross and follow him the man couldn't give up his riches. Could we give up our possessions and follow Christ or would we be like the rich young ruler and go away sorrowful? We have to be willing to make a sacrifice and act on faith. In Hebrews 11:6 it says, "But without faith it is impossible to please him."

In Romans 12:1: "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which, is your reasonable service." That means that everything we do we have to realize that we represent Christ here on earth, and everything that we do we need to make sure it will please God. (Read also I Cor. 3:16-21 and I Cor. 6:19-20).

In Matthew 6:33 it says, "Seek ye first the king-

dom of God, and his righteousness." Romans 12:2 says, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." This means that we must not conform to any of the doctrines of the world and do things just because everybody else does them, but we have to keep our minds on the teachings of God and his word, and read and study the scriptures to show ourselves approved, that we can prove what the will of God is in our lives, that he may accept our lives as a living sacrifice.

Romans 12:1-16. In verse 6 it says, "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to that proportion of faith;" When I read this I think of the woman in Matthew 9:20-22. Her faith was so strong that she knew all she had to do was to touch his garment and she would be healed; and she was.

Read Alma 16: 149-154 and then skip to verses 163-173. It compares the word of God to a seed. In verse 151 it says to "experiment upon my words, and exercise a particle of faith." To grow in faith we have to exercise our faith or it will become dormant and waste away. James says, "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." In verse 153 it says, "Now if ye give place, that a seed may be planted in your heart..." this reminds me of what it says in Moroni 10:4-5: "and ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the holy ghost; and by the power of the holy ghost, ye may know the truth of all things." Here again we have that gift which is ours, the holy ghost, revealing the truth to us.

Back to Alma 16, verse 154. The latter part of the verse says, "it beginneth to enlighten my understanding, yea, and it beginneth to be delicious to me." When we think of the word delicious, we generally think of food, physical food. We don't think of the spiritual food as being "delicious." "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled."

Verse 163 says, "and now behold, after ye have tasted this light, is your knowledge perfect? Behold, I say unto you nay; neither must ye lay aside your faith, for ye have only exercised your faith to plant the seed, that ye might try the experiment, to know if the seed was good." Now you have to exercise that faith... use it.

Verse 166: "But if ye neglect the tree and take no

thought for its nourishment, behold it will not get any root; and when the heat of the sun cometh and scorcheth it, because it hath no root it withers away, and ye pluck it up and cast it out." Read also the parable of the sower and the seed in Matthew 13. If we don't read and use the scriptures that we have, and nourish the word of God daily, they will wither and die.

Verse 171 says, "Because of your diligence and your faith, and your patience with the word, in nourishing it, that it may take root in you, behold, by and by, ye shall pluck the fruit thereof, which is most precious" (or delicious) "which is sweet above all that is sweet, and which is white above all that is white, yea and pure above all that is pure."

I like where Paul says in Philemon, "Paul, prisoner of Jesus Christ." Are we, as the Church of Christ, as the people of Christ, a prisoner of Jesus Christ? Are we cuffed with Christ in our daily walk? Or are we only linked with Him on Sunday or Wednesday nights in our prayer services? Does our daily walk include Christ or just once in a while?

Matthew 7:7-9, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

James 1:5 says, "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." This is the purpose of the Holy Ghost, to reveal things to us that guide us in time of need. I John 2:27 says, "But the

anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: But as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." Let's use that gift that we have . . . the promise of the Father. We must strive to serve God and our fellowman for this is a commandment of God. Let's think of others and not of ourselves. Let's not be selfish and greedy. When Christ hung on the cross he said, in Luke 23:34, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

I would like to close with St. John 15:12-17, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: But I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit; and that your fruit should remain: That whatsoever ye shall ask of the father in my name, he may give it you. These things I command you, that ye love one another."

We, as a Church, have to unite ourselves, our thoughts, and all that we do for God and the cause of Zion, and be ready to give of ourselves, our talents, and our time, to the work of God. We need unity with one another and with God.

Your brother in Christ,  
Allen Kauffman

## Crossroads

*The young people feel they have a lot to be thankful for and they want to share some testimonies with you . . .*

Our dog ran away from our house and we could not find him anywhere. We prayed all day long that we would find him. That night Darl Brickhouse went on a hay ride with the girl scouts and she thought she saw him. The place they had the hay ride was not near our home. She called my Dad and we went right over. It was our dog and he came right up to us. Then we knew our prayers were answered.

Jeff Oldham

One time when I was little I got a splinter in my eye. I went to be administered to. Then I went to the Doctor and he couldn't find the splinter. So we went to another Doctor but he couldn't find it in the eye either. And I thank God for it!

Kyle Temple

I'm sure I have a thousand testimonies to tell — all of us do, but I haven't ever thought really hard about any of them. As I sit here and stare at this blank piece of paper, it seems to be laughing at me. Thinking back, only one incident comes to mind.

I was a small toddler at the time, about six years old. My family lived in a trailer court in Southern Illinois. I had been visiting a friend across the street from where I lived. It was a rainy, dark night in July, I think, and the pavement on the road was soaked in stagnant water. It became late, at least for a six year old, and I headed home across the street. Like an "intelligent" toddler, I carelessly crossed the street without looking both ways; consequently, I didn't see the car coming from the right about 100ft. away until I heard the screeching of tires. I snapped my head to the right to see what was happening. The only thing visible was the headlights of the stopped car glaring at me. I was so petrified that I just sprinted on across the street crying my head off. It was a very trying moment.

Looking back, I wonder how in the world a car 100ft. away could have stopped in time on wet pavement. The only answer I can think of is that Someone was watching over me. At the time, however, I was just a scared child. As I see it now, I have two things for which to thank God: One is that He stopped that car to spare me; the other is that He made me realize that He, himself, was what stopped the car. It wasn't human effort by the driver.

Donald Gill

About a month ago I had a real bad ear ache. Well, I went on the canoe trip and I was told not to get water in my ear. Well, our canoe was tipped over and I got water in my ear. The next day my ear felt a whole lot better. I'm really thankful it didn't get any worse.

Thanks God!

Cory Geier

One summer day I went with a group to an apple orchard for a demonstration on apple picking. When the demonstration was over we could pick any kind of apples we wanted, but only two. When we stopped we got out of the car we had to walk through some tall grass to pick the apples. But what I didn't know was that my watch fell out of my pocket. It was my father's watch that he had given me. I did not know that I had lost the watch till we got home. So we went back to the orchard. The people who owned the orchard said it was a 100 to 1 chance that I would find it. So we prayed to the Lord that He would give us guidance so that we could find the watch. We thought that on down the road was where we stopped. We looked for 10 minutes and found it. Thanks to the Lord He gave us the guidance to find the watch. Without Him the watch would have been lost.

Jason Christian

Have you ever considered the value of friendship we have within the Church? Not just getting together for picnics, box socials and young people's meetings; but the love and caring that goes on between close friends. There have been many times when someone has been in particular need and the call went out for prayers; people dropped what they were doing and petitioned the Lord. This didn't consist of one local but of locals throughout the country. What greater deed can friends do, than to lift up their hearts in prayer in a time of need?

Why else would families give up vacations just to travel to sit through three meetings a day, for three days? It's not only the spiritual gifts they anticipate but the comraderie and companionship of reunited friends.

A friend is one who knows you as you are,  
Understands where you've been,  
Accepts who you've become and still gently  
Invites you to grow.

Kim Oldham & Cynthia Bruner

When I was eight years old my Dad and I almost got in a car accident. I wanted to give a testimony about it, but I had never given a testimony before. One Wednesday night at Church I decided to stand up. As I was starting to stand up I felt something trying to force me back down to the pew. I thought it was probably the devil. But, I grabbed the bench and stood up and gave my testimony.

Ever since that I had been fearful to bear a testimony, thinking that it might happen again. About a year later I was taking the Presidential Fitness test in school. I wanted to get the number one award. I really did good on all the events but the standing long jump. I practiced and practiced but I couldn't do it or even get close. My Dad could even jump farther than I. So, I asked my Mom what I could do to improve. She told me to pray about it and tell the Lord that if He helped me make it I would give a testimony. That night I prayed and the next day on the first try (we had three tries) I made it perfectly — right on the dot — just the length I needed! The next two times I was back down to where I had jumped before. But, I had made the score I needed and God had really helped me.

But, because of what had happened the first time I gave my testimony I just couldn't make myself give it. When I was twelve years old I still hadn't given it and one night at a prayer meeting the man in charge of the service called on me and asked me to give a testimony. So that gave me the strength to stand up and tell how God had helped me do the jump. At first I was mad at my Mom because I thought she had told Randy (who was in charge) that I needed to give a testimony. But she hadn't and he didn't know anything about it. That was God's way of helping me keep my promise.

Greg Brickhouse

*Hey! You other young people out there, we want your testimonies, too! Please send them to Becky Sheldon, Route 1, Box 315, Grain Valley, Missouri 64029. Let us all know how God has blessed you!*

# Path Lights

## ATTITUDE

Several years ago when I was teaching school, my district required me to transfer to a different type of school. I was to work with another teacher in a teaming situation.

I found this to be difficult as my teammate and I seemed to have little in common. Our philosophy, planning, approach, and even sometimes our goals were very different.

A year passed and I survived. The following year everything seemed worse. I became discouraged and sometimes felt like I couldn't continue on. However, there was no opportunity for me to transfer to another school so I felt somewhat trapped.

At the close of the second school year I decided that something had to be done. So I made my problem a matter of earnest prayer throughout the summer.

As the new school year arrived I was ready to face the challenge. My approach was totally different. I was no longer discouraged and down trodden. Instead, I was positive, congenial, and full of enthusiasm. I made a point to not say anything negative about my team partner.

My prayers were certainly answered. I don't know if the teacher I was working with really changed at all, but I had. My attitude was totally different which in turn helped me and the situation.

No matter what faces us in our lives, if our own attitude is good and positive, and right with God, we will be blessed.

Pat McCann

## MY FIRST TESTIMONY

I love to hear others give their testimony at prayer and testimony meetings, but always refrained from giving my own. Oh, yes, I knew that I loved Jesus, and Jesus knows that I love Him, but I would always find some excuse for not standing to tell others of my feelings. Maybe I'd be thinking: Now is the day I'll get the courage to rise to my feet. Then someone else would give such a wonderful heartfelt testimony that I'd tell myself I could never do that well, so why try.

We have sung the song "Are You Witnessing for Him?" in church many times. But one Sunday, as I found my place and rose to join the congregation in singing it, it was as though the "You" was in capital letters, as though a message was being sent to me, that the "YOU" was ME! It was time that I witness to others, in words, of my love for and belief in Christ.

I promised the Lord that the next Sacrament Sunday I'd stand to testify. So when that next Sacra-

ment Sunday came, you know I could have so easily not fulfilled my promise. But I did keep my word. I took a deep breath and said to myself, "now is the time." I was so shaky. But the Spirit of the Lord was with me for sure. I rose to my feet so smoothly and easily, with absolutely no effort at all on my part. As though I was weightless. I know I was being assisted by God.

Some may not understand my reticence, but if any of you out there are "back row persons," like I am, and desire to stay out of the limelight as I do, you might realize what a momentous step this was for me.

It was a beginning for me, and many times since then I've bore my testimony. Sometimes I've only said a few words, but I'm sure the Lord will hear "please pray for me," as well as a lengthy discourse.

Even now, it seems that I just can't wait to get these words down on paper, to tell everyone of my love for Christ, that I put my faith and trust in Him. Please pray for me. My prayers are for you.

Your sister in Christ  
Jeanne Brantner

## GOD MEETS DEADLINES TOO

As the deadline was drawing near for the printing date of this month's Advocate, I was feeling very down. When I started this column it was, I felt, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I really didn't, and still don't feel qualified to do the job, but that inner small voice kept tugging at my heart. When I could ignore it no longer, I gave it entirely into God's hands. I prayed that He would touch the hearts of our members to send their testimonies. I know there is an endless supply, as endless as His love for us. This month I didn't have any articles to turn in. Once again, before giving up completely, I turned it over to the Lord. Within a week of each other, two sisters hundreds of miles apart sent their testimonies and both expressed (if not in testimony, in separate notes to me) how the words just seem to come.

I can't say I don't have a testimony. For once again I've learned that when you turn it over to the Lord it's in the most capable hands of all. I pray God will forgive my doubts. I've learned a valuable lesson in using my faith.

Perhaps you, too, could be an answer to someone's prayer. Think about it. If you have a testimony please send it to me.

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## Whom Say Ye That I Am?

Jesus had just asked his disciples, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" Well, you recall the scripture in Matthew 16:13-18. Jesus received several answers from the disciples.

Some say thou art John the Baptist, some, Elias; and others Jeremias. In other words the general public of the time were divided on just who Jesus really was. So Jesus put the question to them personally. But whom say YE that I am?

Strange after two thousand years the nations are still wrestling with the answer to Jesus's question, but Peter received the answer. "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus told Peter that flesh and blood had not revealed this answer to Peter, "but my Father which are in heaven." What a profound statement by Jesus. It seems to me Jesus was saying, man can not tell you who I the Son of man am. It has to be REVEALED by the Holy Spirit. Of course today we have the scriptures, but his disciples had Moses and the prophets. They were all expecting the Messiah. Moses had said, "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; UNTO HIM YE SHALL HEARKEN;" Deut. 18:15.

The promise is again repeated in Deut. 18:18-19, only with a bit more detail. Moses was of the tribe of Levi and Yeshua (Jesus) was of the tribe of Judah, note the wording. "I will raise them a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him."

Jesus was a prophet, for example as it is recorded in the 24th chapter of Matthew, a chapter filled with prophecy. Verses six and seven tell how the

disciples came to him to show him the temple. Jesus had the spirit of revelation from the Father, he prophesied. "See ye all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." My point is this, the Father told Jesus what to speak. "For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak." John 12:49. Jesus explains this further in John 14:10 "... the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father THAT DWELLETH IN ME, HE DOETH THE WORKS."

Peter through the spirit of revelation that was in him at that moment declared, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus knew that Peter had received a revelation from His Father because that is the work of the Father, to reveal, to bear witness, of the Son. So Jesus said to Peter, "... flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." Then Jesus made another very profound statement. "...upon this rock I will build my church;..."

### UPON THIS ROCK

*WHAT ROCK? "THOU ART THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD." He is the Rock of our salvation, blessed be the Rock, the Rock of our salvation be exalted. "But the Lord is my defence; and my God is the ROCK of my refuge." Ps. 94:22; And again in Ps. 95:1 "O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the ROCK of our salvation." "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him in psalms."; "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker." "For he is our God; . . ."Ps. 95:1-2-6-7.*

*By Howard Leighton-Floyd*

### *In The Hollow Of His Hand*

The seventh last trumpet is sounding  
Down through the fast fleeting years  
Yet a short time is remaining  
To a world that is flooded with tears.

The nations grow ever more angry,  
Preparing to battle till death;  
The struggle for power is increasing  
While the world is holding its breath.

They are praying for peace and for safety,  
But waiting in terrified fear;  
The sound of the trumpet grows louder  
As the day of God's judgement draws near.

The eleventh hour is upon us  
And the minutes are passing away;  
We are nearing the end of the conflict,  
And the dawning of earth's final day.

Do we have on the wedding garment,  
With never a sin unconfessed?  
Are we ready to face the last conflict  
And to stand in the great final test?

When the last trumpet has been sounded  
And the judgements of God fill the land,  
He has promised to shelter His people  
In the hollow of His hand.

Florence C. Kanty in Quiet Hour Echoes



## Tri-State Reunion August 31 to September 3

Willingly captive from Friday afternoon until Monday morning were Church of Christ members from Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, at Whitewater State Park, Altura, Minnesota. It was remembered that 1983's camp had numbered twice as many present. But this year there was not one stranger among us; except perhaps our youngest baby, Jennifer Lynne Eddy, age two and a half months — daughter of Eva Lin and Merlin Eddy, and year-old Crystal Joy Ferrier, daughter of Leah and Doug Ferrier. Being so newly from God, Jenny and Crystal soon captured the hearts of all with their soul-winning ways.

The group camp provides more of the "comforts of home" than one expects of a State Park. New restroom and shower facilities, equipped for handicapped, had been built since last year, heated and well lighted, a good system of walkways lead to cabins, a good distance apart, which could have slept so many more whom we would have been delighted to welcome. Large walk-in cooler held food for a larger crowd. Many more voices could have joined in praise to God in prayers and testimonies; their songs 'round the wood fire could have raised the sturdy rafters even higher! The wish was heard again and again that "more" could have been with us . . . But has not experience told us that sometimes less is "More" in intent and fervor and invitation of the Holy Spirit?

Mists softening the tallest trees along the perimeter of skyline far above us gave us the feeling of being in another world. For those from Missouri that feeling must have been intensified by the fact that the day before in Missouri, the temperature had reached 113°! At Whitewater, light wraps were needed by day and blankets at night! The towering stone walls of the canyon obscured by continuous circle of green trees have secure sense of being cradled in God's almighty Hand, selected apart to be sheltered and strengthened in a soul-healing way . . . Perhaps to be reminded that He gives us power to shift each other's heavy burdens to a more bearable position, if our heartfelt desire to do so is great enough to reach the Heavenly throne.

We had not come specifically to revel in nature's grandeur, cool weather, the accommodations, or food. We had come to meet with God, because of hunger for righteousness and for loving fellowship. This "other hunger" generates the energy to bring everything necessary and to assemble together for worship.

The kitchen has a big, double oven stove, refrigerator, marvels of cabinets and work space. But everything else must be carted in, for meal prepara-

tion. The long list of equipment and food made a huge task for Ruth and Tom Maley, Merlin Eddy, and Forest Maley. — Here seems a good place to thank all who shared in providing sustenance, clean-up, and activities. The inspecting officer at close of camp said that we are on the park's preferred list as a group which leaves the premises cleaner than we find them. (If it were otherwise, how could we justify the identifying words of our signs placed to guide folks in —they read "Church of Christ".) The compliment belongs to Merlin Eddy and helpers. Merlin as camp coordinator does his job quietly and well and so sweetly that the huge bell which he tolls to wake us each morning in time for 7 a.m. prayer meeting holds an apology behind each "bong"! On Monday morning the bell tolled on schedule, then later a banjo played out there as gentle reminder to assemble for our last breakfast together and breaking of camp. We think it was Merlin doing his job creatively and uniquely.

Sister Ruth Maley who suffered severe neck and shoulder pain, was administered to many times during reunion and received a blessing each time. Brother Clarence Boettcher who has had to place his beloved wife, Ida, into a nursing home, was administered to, that God might relieve his anguish over her condition of almost complete loss of memory. We were so happy that he met with us. Please pray for Sister Ida & Brother Clarence.

Sister Bethany Gould was in charge of getting together and presenting an afternoon of "talent" which we enjoyed. Jeannine Gould held a class for the young children with study and art work at the far end of the dining room, with folding partition between, providing quiet for prayer and testimony services and our Sacrament Service on Sunday morning. At song service Sunday evening Jeannine and the children presented a song.

Each had made a tree which bore colorful "fruits of the spirit" and gave good definition of one of the fruits. Last year's reunion guests were impressed with Jeannine's relinquishment of attending meetings to provide quiet and order and minister to the needs of the children. Thanks, Jeannine, for this special service to the reunion. A treasure hunt was conducted by Jon Gould, which provided excitement for the young. Scripture references were read over and over which gave clues to the location of the hidden treasure. Many were led to a certain spot; but it took Ronnie Gill's sharp eyes and perseverance to find the item searched for. His prize was a badminton set.

Our speakers were: Apostle Robert Jensen, Elders Benny and Marvin Case, and Elder Alvin Harris.

One evening was spent with our five elders assembled to answer questions deposited in a question box considerably beforehand. References thoughtfully presented from Bible and Book of Mormon gave light which surprised some who have been faithful scholars of the Gospel of Christ through many years.

As a brief part of Brother Alvin Harris' sermon Sunday afternoon, we were given insight into hidden dangers of specific modern games which are more intriguing to youth than the ouija board of older generations, and more soul destructive, referred to as "Satan's new tools to open doorways into young lives". We were instructed to be *not fearful; but wary*. Apostle Robert Jensen verified the timeliness of the warning, telling us that *minds* and *souls* are being destroyed. He gave instruction to prepare by periodic fasting and prayer, with twenty-four hour vigilance and dependence upon God; so that if one is called upon to aid a victim of evil spirits, God will hear our cry. Preparation in advance is URGENT. Casual acquaintance with God cannot prepare us for the defense of our young. "The Lambs of our own fold are not exempt. Our counterattack must be to have God with us every moment". A testimony given by Brother Jensen, of the power of the Book of Mormon against Satanic forces, was an impressive part of this warning. Bro. Jensen stressed that there might not be time to call on the Elders of the Church; that God gives the power to rebuke evil spirits in the name of Jesus Christ, not to the ministry only, but also to baptized Church members. This warning and instructions given belongs to the whole church.

It was as if Our Father had provided a beautiful setting for family council, to tell us: The job is getting tougher and the qualifications tighter. Your strength is not going to be equal to the task already upon you. You must depend upon ME for your ability to warn and save your very own. I AM your only defense —Your ever-present Help.

I will now bring to you the testimonies of the Sunday morning Sacrament Service. As you read them please observe that we were being prepared beforehand, to hear the warning and instructions which came later in the afternoon's preaching service. In testimony, Elder Marvin Case said, "In trying to help each other along the way, we learn to love each other." He was shown in a dream as a young man, that we need not fear the different things "lurking in the shadows". We should not get involved in giving them "lots of attention". It is *not* important that we see and examine the things in the shadows trying to take us. It is all important that we stay in the Safety of the LIGHTED PATH.

Sister Joyce Harris's testimony was about the disabling control that fear can exert upon a young, healthy physical body, noting that fear is as crippling as alcoholism and not easy to overcome. The 21st

Chapter of Revelations was cited. Verse 7 says, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son". And verse 8, "But the *fearful*, and the *unbelieving*, and the abominable, and the murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (May I say — Note that the fearful and unbelieving are named *first* and are traveling in mighty unwholesome company!) Courage is a gift we can and must have to inherit eternal life. Joyce expressed thankfulness for her gift of courage.

Beverly and Fred Hesse are sharing their home and the knowledge of God's goodness with an 18 year old young woman needing a Christian home. We here, bask in the cheer and good will which radiate to us on infrequent visits of the Hesses. Beverly is Brother "Hook" Eddy's sister. Hook and Grace are a joy to us and also their niece, Cindy Scott. Both families are from Wisconsin.

Brother Jensen spoke of the gift of prayer, and agreed with Sister Joyce that courage can be a gift. He spoke of a dearly loved "little rascal" who would begin to sing when she was corrected. He found it irritating. But in looking back he came to see that it was her way of saying and demonstrating that, "I will obey and not hold it against you." We could be well advised to accept things in this life that are trial and tribulation, cease doing the things that cause them, and rejoice that Our Heavenly Father thought enough of us to correct us. We can accept courage as a "divine gift".

Edith Case says, "Courage comes in different forms. I always felt "The Lord will take care of it". When Edith was three years old she survived a ruptured appendix. The Lord has healed her through five major surgeries, cancer, and three severe heart attacks. Her desire and prayer is always to be helpful. (Their daughter, Dianne and nieces, Nancy and Carmine Case came with Marvin and Edith. Nancy was our sometimes pianist.)

Sister Ruth Maley testified of the blessing of "no pain" as the result of prayers of administration. She told also of being directed to Minneapolis through recurring dreams. Her girlhood home was Chicago, then San Diego, California. Finally, she made inquiry of Apostle James E. Yates, who forthwith brought her to the Church of Christ. The Holy Spirit had succeeded in directing her to the Church of Christ!

Rolland Sprague told about the gift of divine courage that comes to the spirit of man when his body quakes because of the knowledge of things man can do to him. When we hold uppermost in our hearts that it is God we must fear to displease — not man —then God provides the courage. He told also that my father, Arthur Yates, many years ago delivered to him a never forgotten lesson. The then young Elder,

was shaking hands with a number of folk in rapid succession at church. Father detained him with the words, "Look! When you are shaking hands with me, look me in the face. I am the one you're shaking hands with." We were reminded also that the late Brother Levi Maley had an open vision several years before his death in 1972, wherein it was necessary to run to read the words emblazoned across the sky in tall blazing letters which diminished in size and clarity as he ran to read them, for the sky was beginning to darken. The words were: "NOW IS THE TIME OF THE END and of the Lord's Vindication".

Brother Benny Case told of his trip to talk with Julie Tansey with respect to her baptism. He was somewhat concerned with the weight of his mission; but God did the leading in his talk with Julie (our daughter), making it correct to proceed with the baptism, in accordance with her expressed wish that "Daddy" conduct her into the Kingdom. Brother Ben spoke of his thankfulness for all the prayers he has had that he will be useful in God's eyes and always do His will.

The crowning event of the reunion, for many, (though here again we did miss many not present this year), was Sunday evening's song service, led by Brother Forest Maley, 'round the wood fire in the big, circular fireplace in our meeting room. It was purely soul-satisfying and brought us so close we had no doubt that God heard our prayer, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again". Though we sometimes differ in understanding, through song we are one. Caught up in the blending of voices, we never quibble over inspired words we sing!

Here I paused at this quite satisfactory ending, and leaned my forehead against the cool typewriter's surface. My eyelids were closed; but I saw in fine detail a thick, metal cable beside the typewriter . . . Did its entwined metal strands represent the blending and understanding of personalities in love and faith, signifying that something of strength and importance had been accomplished? Was our Father pleased with our use of his fine gifts? . . . My mind scanned the two and a half days: We thank the Lord for meeting with us. We had prayed that He would. He also gave respite from the heat, from the daily cares of life, safety upon the road for all. (Here I see the snowy hair of Sister Mary Johnston, who gifted with joyous courage, drove alone from Lamoni, Iowa).

What other strands were woven into our time together? Outdoor recreation including hikes, and a weiner roast; visiting at table and between meetings; our individual prayers in the seclusion of our cabins at day's end and morning's beginning; our enjoyment of the beauty surrounding us; our forbearance of one another. All are strong strands of the cable entwined with the additional strands which I have detailed for you.

What will next year bring? . . . We can't know. We hope it will be possible to share our good experiences once again, God willing. To use the camp to full capacity would be our joy! The strong message of the Tri-State Reunion was "**COURAGE and RIGHTEOUS PREPARATION**". Please read Ephesians 6:10-18 — Its message applies to every generation. Let us help one another in our urgent need to put on the full armor of God. Our souls are eternally dependent upon it!

"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen." Eph. 6:24.

Irene Maley reporting

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## Temple Lot Local News

From July on, we have had quite a busy time of it here. The weather was so hot and dry, and finally we are getting relief.

On July 18th, Esther and Alfredo Tovar welcomed a new baby boy into their family, namely Alfredo Yanez. On August 12th, Cindy and Jerry Case had another little girl, Suzanna Marie. All are doing well, and of course very busy.

On August 11th, Nicholas and Dorothy Denham's daughter Dorothy, and Jim McGhee were married. Bob Oldham officiated.

The Margaret and Glen Gill family have moved back into our area and have purchased a home in North Kansas City, and Glen will be employed by the city of North Kansas City. This fulfills a long awaited effort on their part. And we are all happy for them also.

Labor Day weekend the City of Independence has a celebration called Santa-Cali-Gon days. This odd title has to do with the old Santa Fe Trail days. Huge crowds attend. Brother Leroy Wheaton, with about nineteen helpers, operated a booth on a more quiet side street handing out religious tracts, and discussed religious topics with interested passersby. At different intervals, music was furnished by Janice and Gary Welch and also Martha Bruner. Ice cold water was offered to quench the thirst of quite a few who came by. John and Nana Gill came all the way down from the Minneapolis branch with many useful suggestions and to help with the booth. We especially wish to thank them for all of the generous assistance they gave us.

On September 18th, we held our annual local business meeting with officers much the same.

On September 21st, the United Workers held a picnic at George Owens Park. There was a lot of good food and fellowship and even friendly bees and birds joined in the fun.

We have had some good sermons this month also, which we need and appreciate along life's way.

Reporter, Katie Moyer

## A Report From Foundry Hill

(PURYEAR, TENNESSEE)

It's been a long time since I sent in a report to the Advocate, so after many months the Lord has finally put the words in my mind that I should put them down on paper for everyone to read.

I hope that this report will find everyone in good health and happy. Many things have happened since my last report so I'll begin with our last visitor. We had a great visit from Brother Sheldon and his lovely wife, Doris. We had a wonderful sermon on Sunday morning, and Sunday and Monday nights we were able to enjoy films that Brother Sheldon brought with him. They were about the Book of Mormon. It seemed to us a very short visit, but he had other places that needed him, too, so we had to let him go. We hope that they will return very soon because we miss them a lot, and also miss the teachings that they bring every time they come.

Jim and Carol Lowrey have a new beautiful baby girl. Her name is Veronica Diane. May God bless and keep her always.

Brother Glen Gill and Margaret have been able to come down once a month for several months now, but we were sad to hear that they were moving, which will put them further away so they won't be able to come as often. We hope their move will be successful and that God will go with them and be with them in everything they do.

Saturday, September 1st, we were able to get together (Glen, Margaret, their son Donald, and me and my husband Fred, my father David Cox, Carol and Jim, Sister Neil Paschall, Sister Elizabeth Paschall, Sister Hester Tyler and Neil's son-in-law, Hal Snyder) to start painting the church. We had lunch outside with everyone bringing something to eat. Not all was completed and we were able to continue on Monday. But because it rained, we were not able to finish the job. Maybe before winter it will be finished, the Good Lord willing.

Before I close, there is something I would like to say. There are not many of us here in our little church, but we would like to invite those of you who might be passing by to drop in. We hold Sunday School on Sunday mornings, but we really need to hear a sermon, too. So, please don't forget where we are and that we're very much in need. God bless you and keep you all.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Robin McBride

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Well done is better than well said!

—Benjamin Franklin

## Oklahoma News

October's bright, blue weather greets me this happy day! What a joy it is to be one of God's children! What a joy it is to have the gospel of Jesus Christ to pattern our lives by! With a thankful and happy heart, I will share with you some of our services for the past few months.

In July, the Marvin Cases were with us. It was Diane Case's sixteenth birthday and we helped her celebrate that special day. We met in the Elwell home and we listened intently as Brother Marvin spoke to us. "If you follow the true teachings of God, the fiery darts of the adversary will not be able to lead you away," proclaimed Brother Case. He went on to explain that the mission of the Book of Mormon was to make plain the precious things of the word of God. We have been given the tools to know what truth is. Fight against sin, not people. Ask the Lord to help you recognize your weaknesses. We can be helped through our weaknesses. We can share the great joy of the Lord now. We do not have to wait for a great city to be built.

In August, I was one of the privileged ones who attended the Missouri Reunion in Warrensburg. It was spiritually uplifting, not only to attend the good services, but also to see and visit with church friends. It is an excellent place to have our reunion, but I'm sure it is tiring for the Warrensburg local. I, as well as many, many others, are very, very appreciative of their efforts.

In September, we had Apostle Roland Sarratt and Elder Frank Fann speak to us. Both of these services were at the Beem home. Brother Roland spoke about our great religious heritage. He read from Joel, from Genesis, from John, and from various Book of Mormon books. All of these readings impressed on our hearts the importance of our heritage and why we should watch and pray to be ready for these "last days." We don't want to be counted among those who "shall sin against my gospel, and shall reject the fullness of my gospel, and shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations, and above all the people of the whole earth, and shall be filled with all manner of lyings, and of deceits, and of mischiefs, and all manner of hypocrisy, and murders, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, and of secret abominations." (III Nephi 7:34)

On September 23rd, we welcomed Frank and Carol Fann "home." It sure was good to have Frank speak to us again and to see Carol's sweet smile. Houston, Texas is so lucky to have these sweet people living there, and we hope they come back our direction someday. We also welcomed June, Stephen and Eric Sarratt, Karey Tillman and John and Mandy Farris. After our sacrament service, Brother Frank spoke to us. His sermon was dynamic. What makes a

man happy? Who gives us peace? Who gives us joy? Can money buy peace? God wants a happy, joyful people, not a "down-in-the-mouth" people. Our understanding of the gospel is expressed in the way we handle our tribulations. We are promised He'll be with us when we suffer sorrow, tribulations, etc. The true followers of Jesus Christ are promised joy and peace. True followers are promised protection. We can have joy and peace, too. Brother Frank finished his sermon when he read Helen Steiner Rice's beautiful poem "The Way to God."

And now, in the words of Paul, "Brethren, pray for us. Greet all the brethren with a holy salutation. . . . The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen." (1 Thessalonians 5:25-28)

Reporter: Alzada Massey

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## Collins Local News

Greetings to all. It seems like only yesterday that I wrote to you last. Time sure gets by me. Do you suppose that has anything to do with age?

We have had several welcome visitors in the month of August. Among them were Don and Betty McIndoo along with Jim and Wanda Yates from Phoenix; Ron, De Anna, Grant and little Nancy Hutcheson from Springfield, also Florence Comer of Springfield; Doug Keeney from Houston; Jack Martin's two sisters, Laura Vaughan and Vera Biles; M.G. and Laura Mae Elwell and boys, Greg and Jerry from Oklahoma; Margie Keller from right here in Collins and last, but certainly not least, our wandering Shaws (Rhondal and Irene) have returned home to us safe and sound. I thought I'd list them with our guests since they've been gone so long. Needless to say we were all very happy to have them back.

Speaking of visitors, friends, and family—the Missouri Reunion was held August 10th, 11th, and 12th at Warrensburg, Mo. It was so good to see so many come together. To visit? Oh yes; and fellowship too. But there was another reason to come together. We came to be spiritually fed—and to share our blessings with one another. There is a drawing power in these gatherings. That power is Jesus. May He continue to draw us and may we be prepared sufficiently enough to receive the spiritual food He brings.

Brother Marvin Case of Independence was our guest speaker for August. He told us of the Jews and how they lived by the letter of the law, but not from the heart. He told of the sons of Helaman (Nephi and Lehi) their works and hardships, making the point that sometimes the ones who had the most power of God had to bear the greatest privation. So, because we serve God does not assure us of a pleasant life.

On August 26th a brand new local was organized in Springfield, Mo. I had never witnessed an organization before. It was a lovely service. Brother Victor

Bates is their pastor. They elected other officers to help their local run smooth. I'm sure they'll give their own report in more detail.

Brother Allen Kauffman was our speaker September 9th. His sermon was on fasting and prayer and the importance of not giving up when you don't receive an answer right away. He gave for example when Jesus prayed the same prayer three times in Gethsemane before He received the assurance He needed. (Matt. 26:31-46)

Our guest speaker September 16th was Brother Jerry Case from Independence. Truly the spirit of God rested on him when he spoke to us.

Brother Jerry began by saying, "I'd like to share something we don't deserve—the Gospel of Christ." His text was the 12th chapter of Romans. He said we tend to adjust our life to a scale according to the people around us. We need to be leaders (examples of good) not just "the best there is" around. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds . . ." Is it hard to "give yourself a living sacrifice"—when you consider the SMALLEST rewards?

Brother Jack Martin was our speaker the following Sunday. He told of the promise given to the remnant of Jacob (the Indians) to inherit their land. That this is a chosen and promised land and as stated in Ether 1:30 that whoso should possess this land should serve God or be swept off.

Brother Oren Caviness was our speaker September 30th. This was the first sermon he has delivered since he was sick. It was certainly a pleasure to hear him.

Brother Caviness spoke on Christian preparedness. He listed three ways a Christian may prepare himself: Mentally, physically and spiritually. Must be mentally convinced there is a Christ and a pattern to follow, must physically follow, and must develop a spiritual quality to do the things you're called upon to do. Build your future today—mentally, physically, and spiritually. Be prepared!

I've heard so many good sermons and my intention here has been to share little bits of them with you. However, my ability to express what I've heard is pretty lacking. My hope is that some where some one will receive a little of the good that I received when I heard these things.

I'll close my news with a thought Brother Jerry Case expressed in his sermon. He said when you walk through life it's like walking in water waist deep—you can't move without sending out ripples. Quite a thought, isn't it? We're being seen. Our lives are touching others whether we're aware of it or not. The question is—HOW are we touching others?

May we all become a more prepared people. God Bless.

Your reporter, Czerna Kauffman

## Houston Local

Greetings from Houston Local in southern Missouri. We sure had lovely weather to begin another school year.

I'd like to share this poem of Helen Steiner Rice with you:

### A Favorite Recipe

Take a cup of Kindness,  
mix it well with Love,  
Add a lot of Patience  
and Faith in God above,  
Sprinkle very generously  
with Joy and Thanks and Cheer,  
And you'll have lots of "Angel Food"  
to feast on all the year.

This has been a busy summer with all of us here. Dorothy Wilson and Chris Ely had a vacation in Wisconsin with relatives. Mary Jane and Ike Medders attended a Medders family reunion in Denver, then on to Phoenix to visit relatives and friends. They also attended the Camp For All Ages at Heber, Arizona. Arden Ely and family had a vacation to Arizona and California. Sr. Martha Bell attended the Colorado reunion. Virgil and Jamie Addie visited relatives in Wisconsin. Marty and Janeen Addie also vacationed in Wisconsin in September. Diane Keeney spent several weeks in Phoenix this summer.

Alzada and Harold Massey were here visiting Alzada's parents, the Keeneys. Granddad and Grandmother Keeney have celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary.

Ava and Houston Locals had a great loss. The Lord called Cliff Engle home. We pray for the comfort of his family in their loneliness.

Bill Malone and family were here to visit on their vacation.

We enjoyed a visit with Brother Joe and Dennis Yates' family. We were blessed with their beautiful testimonies and special by Olivia and daughters.

Our ministry has given us reminders such as: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Galations 6:9.

"My Sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." John 10: 27,28.

Joel Yates reminded us that we had a choice of whom we were to serve. Jesus Christ said, "Yea, verily I say unto you, If ye will come unto me, ye shall have eternal life. Behold, mine arm of mercy is extended towards you, and whosoever will come, him will I receive; and blessed are those who come unto me." III Nephi 4: 42,43.

Everyone should read Rom: 18:32. Brother Ely read this and spoke of the world today. He also read Moroni 10: 15-17.

Brother Tony Grzincic gave us a good sermon on "Commitment." He used John 5: 1-15 and Luke 10: 38-42.

Life offers many ways for us to choose. We cannot see the way ahead. We can only be sure that God, who has been with us in the past, will continue to be our guide so we can go forward without looking back or hesitating. Great faith is required of us if we would commit our lives fully to the Lord and His work. It takes strength and courage for us to commit our lives . . . not courage against Kings and armies, but against false standards and easy living, and most of all against our own selfish desires.

We will have faith, strength and courage if we will love the Lord with all our hearts.

"A charge to keep I have,  
A God to glorify,  
A stewardship for life to hold,  
A call to magnify.

To serve the present age,  
My calling to fulfill;  
Oh, may it all my powers engage  
To do my Master's will!

Charles Wesley

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."  
Joshua 24:13.

Mary Jane Medders

## Phoenix Reunion

The 1984 Phoenix Reunion will be held November 23, 24 and 25, 1984 at 2929 E. Seista Lane, Phoenix, Arizona. We are looking forward to your fellowship with us.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

This months Sunday School lesson is from the Phoenix, Arizona local. They compiled these references while studying in their adult class.

### RETURN OF CHRIST

1. When will Christ return?
  - a. Job 19: 25 in latter day
  - b. Psalms 102: 16 when Zion built up
  - c. Zech 12: 10; 14: 2-4 after Armegeddon
  - d. Luke 12: 35-40 in time we think not
  - e. II Thes. 2: 1-12 after the apostacy
  - f. Book of Commandments 41: 20-21 time is at hand
  - g. Matthew 24: 36; Book of Commandments 41: 21 no man knoweth
2. What signs will precede His coming:
  - a. Ezek. 30: 1-3 day of the heathen
  - b. Mal. 4: 1-5 preceded by Elijah
  - c. Matthew 24: 3-31; Mark 13; Luke 21 after the tribulation
  - d. Matthew 25: 1-13 all slumber and sleep
  - e. II Peter 3: 3-12
  - f. Revelations 13: 1-18 after rise of anti-christ
  - g. Book of Commandments 48: 37 after remnant gathered
  - h. III Nephi 10: 1-7 New Jerusalem built
3. How shall He come?
 

Daniel 7: 13-14 with power and dominion  
 Matthew 16: 27-28 in the glory of God  
 Matthew 24: 27 as lightning  
 Matthew 24: 36-51; I Thess. 5: 2 as thief in the night  
 Matthew 25: 31 with all the angels  
 Matthew 26: 64; Acts 1:11; I Thess. 4:17 in the clouds  
 Revelations 1:7 every eye shall see Him
4. To whom shall He come?
 

Zech 2: 10;14:4; Book of Commandments 48: 41-47 to the Jew  
 Hebrews 9: 28; Book of Commandments 48: 37 to those who look for Him
5. His purpose in coming.
 

Deut. 30: 3 to gather Israel  
 Psalms 50: 2-5 to gather His saints  
 Zech. 12: 10 to restore Israel  
 Matthew 16: 27; Isa. 11-4 to judge and reward  
 Mark 13: 27 to gather His elect  
 John 14: 3 to receive His children

Acts 15: 16-17 that residue of men shall seek the Lord  
 Jude 14 and 15; Revelations 19: 11 to execute judgement

6. Where shall He appear?
 

Zech 8: 3; III Nephi 10: 3-4 in Jerusalem and Zion  
 Zech. 14: 4; Book of Commandments 48: 41 at the Mount of Olives  
 Mal. 3: 1; Book of Commandments 38: 6; 44: 29 to his temple

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