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

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That Little Fellows Dad

You know I may never be as clever as my neighbor down the street. I may never be as wealthy as some other men I meet. I may never have the glory that some other men have had, but you know one thing — I've just got to be successful as that little boys Dad.

There are certain dreams I cherish, that I'd like to see come true. There are things that I'd accomplish before my working time is through. But the task my heart is set on is to guide a little lad and make myself successful as that little fellows Dad.

Oh, I may never come to Glory; I may never gather gold; And men may count me as a failure when my business life is told. But if he who follows after shall deal justly with his fellow man and be true to his maker, then I'll be glad because I know I've been successful as that little fellows Dad.

It's the one job that I dream of, it's the task I think of most, for if I fail that little fella I have nothing else to boast. For the wealth and fame I gather, all my fortune will be sad — if I fail to be successful as that little fellows Dad.

Bill Gaither

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Editorial . . .

Windows and Candles

We are instructed throughout the word of God to let our spiritual light shine so that others might see. . . see Jesus Christ, that is.

Due to the various scriptures that symbolize our spirituality by candles or lamps, we probably rarely consider any other object in that symbolism. Consider, however, that electricity was not yet invented — neither were glass windows. Now that we have more options to consider when we try to symbolize our own spirituality, ask yourself if you're a window or a candle.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. (John 1:6-9)

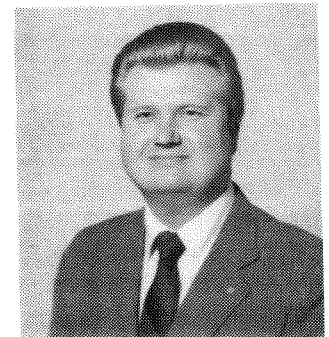
John, the Baptist, was a window. John, the revelator, said that Jesus was the "true light," and that Jesus "lighteth every man."

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ

Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. (II Corinthians 4:5-7).

It is important for us to recognize the need to be a window the light of Jesus Christ may shine through —and not attempt to create our own light (like a candle), even though we may feel the light we produce emanates the Lord.

You may ask, "realistically, what's the difference?" First, consider this from 2 Nephi 13:28: ". . . ye have not come thus far, save it were by the word of Christ, with unshaken faith in him, relying wholly upon the merits of him who is mighty to save;" The difference is this: We must rely "wholly," upon



Christ and "not perform anything unto the Lord, save in the first place ye shall pray unto the Father in the name of Christ, that he will consecrate thy performance. . ." (2 Nephi 14:12). With our own souls and the souls of those around us at stake, we cannot afford to be anything but 100% dependent upon God for everything we do, every decision we make. A window is dependent on another source in order to be a light — a candle is its own source. We must be certain that the life we lead creates a window through which God's light may shine, clearly, and without distortion.

We may think that we are personally very alert and knowledgeable, full of life's experiences and the wisdom those experiences bring, and may occasionally "forget" to pray for God's help and understanding. When we do so, we may cast a light upon

others, but only as from a candle. If you light a candle, then shine a bright light upon it (representing God's true light), the candle *and the flame* create a shadow! If we attempt, by our own brilliance, to illuminate another soul, we only cast a shadow upon them and are more likened to a wall than a window.

Many years ago, Elder John Jones told a story of a young boy who in Sunday School was asked to define "Saint." He thought for a moment — in particular, of the big church he passed each each Sunday morning with its big stained-glass window of the Apostles — and then said, "a saint is a person that the light shines through."

In the Church of Christ, there are windows and candles. If you're a candle, snuff it out and become "wholly" dependent upon God.

G.H.

Synopsis Of Sunday School Materials

ATTENTION LOCAL SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND ISOLATED MEMBERS!
HERE FOLLOWS A DESCRIPTION OF THE MATERIALS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE
GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION:

CHURCH HISTORY FOR JUNIORS — This 16 chapter booklet, written by Sister Donna Moser, concisely yet thoroughly tells about our Church history. The booklet starts out with a few introductory chapters about the Book of Mormon. Sister Moser describes some of the important events in the Book of Mormon. Chapter 4 explains how Moroni hid the plates, and how, years later, God directed Joseph Smith Jr. to find them.

Chapters 5-13 cover Church history events such as, the translation of the Book of Mormon, the restoring of the Priesthood, the setting up of the Church, the gathering of the saints to Independence, the false doctrines that entered the Church, the leaving of Independence, and the death of Joseph Smith Jr.

Chapters 14-16 describe the divisions which took place after Joseph Smith's death; the remnant of Church members which were left in Woodford County, Illinois; the return to Independence and the buying back of the Temple Lot. This booklet concludes the Church history with some information on the missionary work in Yucatan.

At the back of the booklet there are seven questions for each chapter. This quarterly also comes with a Teacher's Guide. This guide gives the answers to the questions and footnotes for the teacher. This quarterly could be used for teenagers as well as juniors (8-18) The quarterly and Teacher's Guide are free to local Sunday Schools and isolated members.

THE BOOK IN THE STONE BOX — This 7 page pamphlet, written by Sister Viola Henning centers around the theme that "ancient Americans left a message for the modern world." In other words, this booklet describes the Book of Mormon.

The quarterly briefly explains about artifacts and ruins in Central America, and how the Book of Mormon is a record of the ancient people who occupied that land. It tells how Joseph Smith found the gold plates in a stone box, and that archaeologists have found similarly engraved metal plates in stone boxes (the pamphlet includes a photo of a stone box and plates).

Sister Henning informs the reader that these gold plates found by Joseph Smith were not just a record of an ancient people, but that they are the Word of God and include prophesy and religious training. She describes many of the important events in the Book of Mormon.

The booklet concludes with some information on the Church of Christ. The questions, "what should the Church of Christ be like?" and "where is the Church of Christ today?" are answered. This pamphlet is an excellent introduction to the Book of Mormon. The booklet is free and for ages 8 through adult.

BIBLE STORIES TO GROW BY — This quarterly, written by Sister Darl Temple with color sheets drawn by Sister Marlene Cobb, is a series of 52 lessons. These lessons are divided into 12 different

themes; We Love God's House, God Will Help Us, God Sent His Son, Jesus Began His Work, Jesus Is Our Friend, Jesus Is Our Savior, Jesus Wants Us To Work For Him, Friends Of Jesus Work For Him, Missionaries For Jesus, We Worship God, We Learn To Pray, We Grow. It is for ages 5-7.

The lessons include a Teachers Guide which thoroughly explains what should be taught in each lesson. The Guide also includes craft ideas, visual aid ideas, finger plays and songs for each lesson. There is a cassette tape with all the songs on it.

There is a Student Pack for each student. This includes the lesson for each week, the Bible verse for that week and a color sheet. When you order your Student Packs, order 1 pack for each student in the class. All the materials for this quarterly are free to local Sunday Schools and isolated members. For all other individuals, the Teacher's Guide is \$10.00, the Student Pack \$5.00 and the Cassette Tape is \$2.00.

JESUS' LIFE AND TEACHINGS — This lesson has 4 quarterlies written by Sister Alice Larsen for the ages of 8 to 10 (but children a year or two older or younger could also find them profitable).

These quarterlies all together contain 52 lessons. Each lesson covers a specific topic on Christ's life or His teaching, along with a memory verse, quotes from the scriptures (or scripture references), an explanation of the topic, and questions to see if the children comprehend the lesson.

These lessons are a thorough study of Jesus' life and teachings. The lessons begin with "Our Creator" and end with "Jesus Taught the Nephites."

WE SING AND WE TALK ABOUT JESUS—This lesson consists of 14 large, colorful pictures of events in the life of Jesus. For example, there is a picture of the birth of Jesus, a picture of Jesus as a young boy in the temple, of Jesus being baptized, of Jesus blessing the children, etc. The pictures are laminated in plastic and on the back of each is a story to tell the children. The lesson also includes a cassette tape of songs. This program is very useful for small children, ages 3-6. This material is available on loan only.

WHO AM I? — Do you like Bible Trivia? Then try this Bible game which was prepared by Sister Doris Housknecht. This Bible game was prepared with three intentions for its use: 1. As a source for scripture reference; 2. As an educational and learning tool; 3. As a source of Christian entertainment.

The game consists of ninety names (on individual cards) from people in the Bible, including scripture references and dates. The game has rules and suggestions on how to use it. It is free to Sunday Schools and \$1.30 to individuals. This game can be used for all ages.

We encourage you to take advantage of these Sunday School materials written by our own Church members. Be certain to see the "Sunday School Materials" announcement on the back page of each issue of the *Zion's Advocate*. If you are interested in ordering any of them write:

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Why Apostles Without A First Presidency?

by APOSTLE ROLAND L. SARRATT

PART 2

Jesus Christ is the High Priest and Head of the Church. (This series of articles is written with the intent to explain why the Church of Christ does not have a First Presidency or High Priests as ordained officers within the church.)

What does the Bible and the Book of Mormon say about a First Presidency?

The answer to that question, in a word, is "nothing." Although several claims are made in an effort to substantiate the offices of a First Presidency over the church, the actual words — president, presidency or first presidency — are not

literally used in the Bible or the Book of Mormon in direct reference to such an office being in the church.

What about the office of High Priest?

The priesthood office of High Priest is found in both the Bible and the Book of Mormon.

The first High Priest to have existed in scriptural times, of which we have a record, was Melchisedec, king of Salem (Gen. 14:18-20, Heb. 5:10, 6:20, 7:1-10, Alma 10:7). During the time of Moses, High Priests were chosen from the sons of Aaron which were of the tribe of Levi of the Israelites, and that

office continued down through Aaron's lineage until the time of Christ and the Apostles.

In the Book of Mormon, Alma was the first High Priest of whom we have a name (King Noah had High Priests, Mos. 7:14). This office also continued down through the Nephites until the coming of Christ.

What were the duties of the Levitical High Priests in Old Testament times?

The detailed duties of the Levitical High Priests reflect the ritualistic ordinances of the Mosaic Law which placed great importance upon the executing of each function exactly as the law ordered it. Such duties had to do with being in charge of the sanctuary and the altar (Num. 18:2,5,7), the treasury (2 Kings 12:10; 22:4; 2 Chr. 34:9), lighting the lamps of the tabernacle (Ex. 30:8; Lev. 24:3,4; Num 8:3) and burning incense (Ex. 30:7,8; 1 Sam. 2:28). Their more significant duties included the offering of gifts and sacrifices for sins (Heb. 5:1; 8:3), the choosing of other priests (Num. 4:19; 1 Sam. 2:36) and to consecrate and purify the Levites (Num. 8:11-21).

Did the High Priest of the Jews at the time of Christ recognize and accept Christ and His church, and did Christ recognize and accept the High Priest's authority in His church?

As anyone who has read or heard the story of Christ's crucifixion can tell you, the answer to both questions is "no" (Matt. 26:3,4,57-66). But this brings up another question:

How did Christ's mission on earth, his death and resurrection effect the significance of the office of High Priest among the Jews considering that it was a required office under the law of Moses?

Jesus said that he came to fulfill the law (Matt. 5:17) and that the law of Moses had an end (3 Nephi 7:5,6). The making of sacrifices to atone for the sins of the people were done away in Christ as he made the ultimate sacrifice: "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; . . . So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." (Heb. 9:24,25,28)

All former blood atonements were a type of his crucifixion. He therefore fulfilled their purpose, the type having an end in the event of Christ's death and resurrection. This necessitated a change in the priesthood functions under the Mosaic Law as well as the law itself: "For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law."

(Heb. 7:12)

Did this bring an end to the office of High Priest?

No. But the office or position of High Priest did not continue to be occupied by mortal man as it was before; Jesus Christ fulfilled the type that served during the Mosaic dispensation when He offered himself as a sacrifice in the meridian of time thus becoming our High Priest forever.

David, the psalmist, prophesied of this event: "The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. . . The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." (Psalm 110:1,4)

Paul elaborates on this scripture in his letter to the Hebrews: "So also Christ glorified not himself to be made a high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to-day have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." (Heb. 5:5,6,10)

Later in the same letter Paul says, "We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer." (Heb. 8:1-3)

Paul continues to assert the fact that Jesus is our High Priest, speaking of Him in the present tense, which distinguishes between the old and the new, the former and latter, priesthood functions: "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." (Heb. 4:14-15) This statement proves conclusively that, as Jesus had already passed into the heavens, so also had the position and office of High Priest been retained by Him.

Did Paul recognize Jesus Christ as being the High Priest over the church?

Yes. Paul states that Jesus Christ was the High Priest over the "house of God" and that Christ had to take away the "first" (burnt offerings and sacrifices made by the High Priests under the Mosaic Law) to establish the "second" (the sacrifice of His body and blood): "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. . . Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish



the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all . . . Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having a high priest over the house of God. Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." (Heb. 10:1,9,10,19,22)

Did Paul say anything about there being a High Priest occupying the place of Jesus Christ over the church after Christ's ascension into heaven?

No. It is very noticeable that Paul had much to say (or write) concerning the church, which he compared to the wife or bride of Christ (Eph. 5:23-27), and the several parts making up the church or body of Christ (I Cor. 12:14-27). Surely he would have had something to say about such an office as High Priest being held by one of his fellow servants had there been one in the church during his time. His more significant statement was that the apostles were set in the church first: "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." (I Cor. 12:28) "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." (Eph. 4:11,12)

How knowledgeable was Paul with the authority and office of High Priest among the Jews?

Paul, formerly known as Saul, had been given authority by the High priest and chief priests of the Jews to persecute the saints (Acts 9:1,2,14; 22:4,5; 26:10-13) before he was struck down on the road to Damascus by a great light from heaven. Having the advantage of knowing the scriptures of the Jews and the greater revelation of the truth in interpretation of the scriptures by the Holy Spirit, he was able to make a knowledgeable comparison to the office that Christ held with that of the Levitical High Priest.

"For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins." (Heb. 5:1-3)

"For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the peoples: for this he

did once, when he offered up himself. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore." (Heb. 7:26-28) This makes it plain that Christ made one last sacrifice when He offered up Himself eliminating the traditional sacrifices of the former High Priests.

Is Paul's testimony the only testimony that states that Jesus Christ was to make the last sacrifice which was to end all shedding of blood for sacrifice?

No. A testimony which plainly declares that the Son of God was to be the great and last sacrifice was given by Amulek about a century before the actual event: "For it is expedient that there should be a great and last sacrifice; yea, not a sacrifice of man, neither of beast, neither of any manner of fowl; for it shall not be a human sacrifice: but it must be an infinite and eternal sacrifice. Now there is not any man that can sacrifice his own blood, which will atone for the sins of another. Now if a man murdereth, behold, will our law, which is just, take the life of his brother? I say unto you, Nay. But the law requireth the life of him who hath murdered; therefore there can be nothing, which is short of an infinite atonement, which will suffice for the sins of the world; therefore it is expedient that there should be a great and last sacrifice; and then shall there be, or it is expedient there should be, a stop to the shedding of blood; then shall the Law of Moses be fulfilled; yea, it shall all be fulfilled; every jot and tittle, and none shall have passed away. And behold, this is the whole meaning of the law; every whit pointing to that great and last sacrifice; and that great and last sacrifice will be the Son of God; yea, infinite and eternal; and thus he shall bring salvation to all those who shall believe on his name;" (Alma 16:210-215).

Who did Jesus say would take His place after he was to ascend into heaven in New Testament times?

At the last supper, Jesus made certain that His disciples were informed concerning his departure. He told them what they were to expect after He was gone, indicating that there was another who was to take his place until he was to return: "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth. . ." (John 14:16,17) He told His disciples that the Comforter is the Holy Ghost (verse 26), and he also made it plain that unless He went away, the Comforter would not come unto them (John 16:7-11). In none of his instructions to his disciples was there any mention of any one man to take his place as head of the church. There is no mention of a High Priest or a president being set aside for such a purpose.

Who is the head of the church?

The Church of Christ recognizes no one man as being the head of the church, other than Jesus Christ. The scriptures plainly tell us that He alone is worthy of being the head of the church.

"And he (Jesus Christ) is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence." (Col. 1:18).

"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should

be holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5:23-27)

Paul also tells us how this position of being the head over the church was given to Christ: "... the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory... hath put all things under his (Christ's) feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." (Eph. 1:17,22,23)

"And now, because of the covenant which ye have made, ye shall be called the children of Christ, his sons, and his daughters: For behold, this day he hath spiritually begotten you; for ye say that your hearts are changed through faith on his name; therefore, ye are born of him, and have become his sons and his daughters. And under this head ye are made free; and there is no other head whereby ye can be made free." (Mosiah 3:8-10)

(to be continued)

THE MAGIC KEY

Once there was a land called *Here* inhabited by innumerable creatures known as humans. They lived in the age of *Then*, and every potential need for survival, learning and happiness was available.

As a result of their own efforts, plus the heavenly gifts of rain and sunshine, a golden crop called grain grew in abundance in their fertile fields, and there was plenty for all. Their keen intelligence searched out the mysteries of earth, sea, air and eventually outer space; but with all their combined knowledge they could not learn the secrets of equality and peace.

Along the lovely streams and in the heart of the splendid hills they found coarse sand and rocks which contained glistening metals called gold and silver which they used to make objects of beauty, and for use as legal tender to barter with one another.

As time went on some were able to obtain more of the golden and glistening metals than others, and to use as a means of power over those who had less. Hatred and strife blackened their otherwise beautiful horizons. Classes began to form: the Highs, the Mids and the Lows, according to the amount of grain and precious metals each class could obtain and hold tightly in its closed hands — and sometimes according to the amount of knowledge each class could acquire — a knowledge too often used to exploit the less fortunate.

The age of *Then* passed unalterably into the age of *Now*, with many joys and sorrows; many triumphs and losses; many successes and failures marking its transition. Many good and noble humans applied

their superior intelligence to work out a plan which would assure equal distribution of grain and gold, and equal opportunity to gain knowledge, happiness and abiding peace. However, full success evaded their efforts, and war clouds never ceased.

A Noble Prince had visited them, long ago, and had given some rules for solving their problems which they had somehow forgotten. "Love thy neighbor as thyself," the Prince had said. And even more: "Love your enemies and do good to them that despitefully use you. . . ."

"Could it be that here was the key — the magic key to unlock the door of humane quality and peace?" the humans asked themselves. The Prince had also said, "He that is greatest of all is servant of all."

"How strange!" the humans exclaimed. "We thought that whoever had the fullest hand of grain and gold was the greatest! Can it be — *can* it be that the Noble Prince is right, and that LOVE is the magic key?"

These strange clues were spread throughout the entire land of *Here*, and the conscientious, consecrated ones of each class, the Highs, the Mids and the Lows began intensive study of how to apply the princely theories.

Slowly, as the burgeoning of a delicate flower, the solution began to unfold and somewhere between the puzzling *Now* and the promising Tomorrow lies humanity's glad Utopia of Peace and Equality, and its hope of unlocking even the secrets beyond the Sunset, using LOVE, that magic key given by the Noble Prince so long ago.

—Evalena Sills

A Great And A Marvellous Work

By Apostle William A. Sheldon

PART SIX

Returning, now, to consider the "marred" servant of Christ, let us go back again to the 9th chapter of III Nephi from which we had digressed in part four of this series.

In verses 79 and 80 we read:

"And then shall a cry go forth, Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch not that which is unclean; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord.

"For ye shall not go out with haste, nor by flight: for the Lord will go before you; and the God of Israel shall be your rearward."

Here we are reminded of Revelation 18:4, of the Lord's call to His saints, regarding Babylon: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues".

Indeed, III Nephi 9:79 refers to the same call from heaven, including an incidental charge to the Ministry.

Note that in verse 80, the Lord is to go before His saints, and will be their rearward. The Hebrew for "be your rearward", means also, "gather you up"; a beautiful expression of the Lord gathering His saints to Zion.

For more on the Lord's call to His people to escape the fall of Babylon, read Jeremiah 51:5-7, 13.

Again, we must digress somewhat to touch upon this gathering of saints. Let the reader turn to the 17th chapter of Luke and read verses 22 through 37, but we will only discuss the import of verses 31 through 37. At that great day of tribulation, some shall be taken and others left: from the housetop, the field, the bed and the act of grinding grain. These are only symbolic of the various activities and interests of men in the last days.

"And they answered and said unto Him, Where, Lord? And He said unto them, Wherever the Body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together." Verse 37.

The question here is, "Where are these who have been taken to go?" They are compared to "eagles" gathering to the place of the "body".

A similar text of Matthew 24:28 refers to the body as "the carcass". Of course, we normally think of a carcass as a dead body, and one may think to thus rule out the thought of God's people being gathered together to a dead body — to Zion?? But pause a little further, and read:

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection: knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. (Romans 6:3-6. Read also Colossians 3:3).

Therefore, when Zion has been sanctified by a body of saints who have become dead unto sin, yet fully alive in Christ, it will be a source of food for the "eagles", to which they (other saints) will be attracted, gathered and fed. Sad to say, those left behind must suffer the tribulation, and whether they shall then be purified to come later to Zion or to be cast off, we must leave in the hands of our Savior.

Babylon, which is personified by the great city of Rome because of corruption, is, in a larger sense, all that has been corrupted by the economic systems of the world, and all that is wicked, both temporal and spiritual. The saints of God must forsake the world and its allurements, which in any sense darkens the light of Christ within. If there is a failure to heed the warning cry, those whose trust is settled upon Babylon, with all her spiritual, moral and economic corruption, will fall beneath the crush of that weight; and *great shall be her fall*. Please read all of Revelation 18.

Make no mistake: the economic systems of the world, notably, those of the European nations and of the Americas, and yes, including the U.S.A., are doomed to collapse: "The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day." Isaiah 2:11. Read verses 7 to 11, and compare with II Nephi 8:23-27. These dramatic, tragic events will be the fulfillment of Daniel 2:34, 35, 44, 45, which reveals the impact of the "stone" (kingdom of God) upon the feet of the image, the whole of which is representative of the gentile nations from ancient times through those of the modern nations of Europe. The image (these nations) shall crumble into dust by impact of the power of the word of God; surely a stupendous exhibition

of divine might and intervention in the affairs of men for the purpose of establishing the kingdom of God upon earth, and a thousand year reign of peace! A great and marvellous work!

Now we are prepared to continue a discussion concerning the "marred servant", for he, with other servants of God, will be endowed with the mighty power of God to smite the earth with His word; some among the nations will be convinced in this powerful evangelism, while many more will continue to reject Christ and His gospel. Thus, this preaching, a final call to repentance, will signal the release of divine wrath to consume the nations. It is highly recommended at this point for the student to read Jacob 3:136-143 regarding this last appointment.

To get the context relative to this great work to be done, we will refer to III Nephi 9:56-61:

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.

And it shall come to pass that I will establish my people, O house of Israel.

And behold, this people will I establish in this land, unto the fulfilling of the covenant which I made with your father Jacob; and it shall be a new Jerusalem.

And the powers of heaven shall be in the midst of this people; yea even I will be in the midst of you.

Behold, I am he of whom Moses spake, saying, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me, him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

And it shall come to pass that every soul who will not hear that prophet, shall be cut off from among the people.

While Christ will be at times in the midst of His saints (verse 59) during this period, we should not assume by verse 61 that He will, Himself, speak to the nations; it will be done by His servants in the power of the Holy Ghost.

Now, then, returning to III Nephi 9, and beginning with verse 81 through 83, we read:

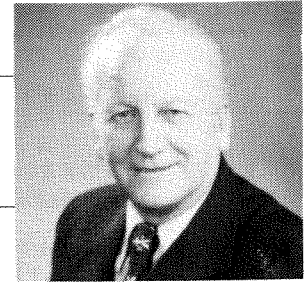
Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

As many were astonished at thee; (his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men,)

So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him, for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

This text is a duplicate of Isaiah 52:13-15, but again: while some Bible scholars attribute this serv-

Apostle
William A. Sheldon



ant as the Christ, the Book of Mormon clarifies the matter in the very words of Christ Himself:

And when that day shall come, it shall come to pass that kings shall shut their mouths; for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

For in that day, for my sake shall the Father work a work, which shall be a great and a marvelous work among them; and there shall be among them who will not believe it, although a man shall declare it unto them.

But behold, the life of my servant shall be in my hand; therefore they shall not hurt him, although he shall be marred because of them.

Yet, I will heal him, for I will shew unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil.

Therefore it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not believe in my words, who am Jesus Christ, whom the Father shall cause him to bring forth unto the Gentiles, and shall give unto him power that he shall bring them forth unto the Gentiles, (it shall be done even as Moses said) they shall be cut off from among my people who are of the covenant: (III Nephi: 94-98).

Christ here refers to this same marred servant, whose life will be in His (Christ's) hands; whom He will heal, and if they will not receive the words of Christ delivered by this servant, "they shall be cut off" (verse 98). Those of the nations will mutilate him horribly, and yet be unable to take his life; a characteristic treatment of the prophets of old. Why his life is to be spared is really only known of God, but perhaps it is because this ministry will be so very close to the time of the first resurrection, at which time the living saints on earth are to be directly translated from mortality to immortality — "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye" (see I Corinthians 15:52-53). It is the author's opinion that this marred servant is John the revelator, of whom it is said ". . . Thou must prophecy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings" (Revelation 10:11). Remember that Jesus said of him: "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee" (John 21:22).

(to be continued)

Path Lights

A Convert's Testimony

Letter Excerpt: If you are in need of testimonies . . . maybe you can accept one from someone who has not yet been baptized. I'm glad God has shown you His desire for a testimony section in the ZION'S ADVOCATE . . . It's His column, not yours, so just continue in faith and He will supply, right?

Mark Kirby

Most people in Western society learn of God in secular Christian churches. If they are brought up religiously they regularly hear scripture passages hypocritically interpreted to pertain to any circumstance. They go looking for the abundant life but get caught up in the world. I was such a rebellious one whom God has graciously delivered.

It got so that I preferred to associate with those who did not go to church, I learned philosophies that I liked and thought were right, but totally opposed those of our religious leaders. A favorite cliché was "if I'm not hurting anyone else then it might be alright." I don't think everything I was doing was wrong but I certainly was losing the love, hope and joy I had experienced as a child.

At the age of twenty, in my deepest despair as I sat in my car in my parents driveway, the Lord opened my mind with a sudden great and shining light making it obvious that He was Jesus the real and living Christ. I repented, knowing that the consequences could be having to lay down my life for others as Christ had done for me. I was sincere and went around telling everyone, making many commitments that night. Ever since, God has never failed me as I followed Him out of that awful darkness into His marvelous light.

We are commanded to be baptized, which I did at a large Baptist church where most of my relatives attend. I was known as a born-again Christian. As I studied the Bible and started understanding my new Heavenly Father, He revealed to me that He worked in power and through the Holy Ghost.

This revelation led me into independent Christian Charismatic churches. God's prophetic word spoke out against errors and abominations prevalent within these assemblies. Many came to a realization of the truth but experienced insurmountable resistance. This tribulation prompted me to read the Book of Mormon introduced by Mormon mission-

aries. To my great joy and relief it was a second testimony to knowledge I already had about the kingdom of God, and much more. Fasting and prayer confirmed it to be God's word and as a Mormon Priest I was excommunicated for preaching reform on seven basic doctrines of that church.

God's guidance gave opportunity for my next step. There was occasioned in my home town a rare missionary pilot project of the Reorganized Church of the Restoration. During fellowship all across Canada, I agreed with doctrines and remained an active member with them until last year when I requested and received withdrawal. I had read what former Apostle James E. Yates had done, in "Cut From The Rough." I notice all the growing problems in the RLDS church focused on the notion that man can take Christ's place as head of His church.

The Devil has appeared as an angel of light many times to me as I pressed forward through the great mist of darkness. Holding fast to the rod of iron and seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness had led to this testimony of various church involvements since my conversion nine years ago.

God looked at my weakness and gave me the desire to be with His people in His kingdom. It might have otherwise been easy to submit to the teachings of any group in particular.

I should have known that the Church of Christ would be as lowly as He was while on Earth, if it was being fashioned to be His bride. I wasn't sufficiently humble until lately to accept it as the beginning of His kingdom. I was seeking it, because He loved me He didn't let me find it until I was prepared.

If we seek eternal life, Christ will likewise give it to us if we follow Him.

Brother Mark Kirby
Woodstock, Ontario, Canada

If there is a testimony in your life I can use in this series, please send it to:

Path Lights
c/o Melissa McGhee
2533 Glen Lane
Independence, Mo. 64052

PATHLIGHTS (continued)**Pots and Pans Pilfered**

Living in England we order a lot from catalogs. Mostly J.C. Penneys.

Before Christmas I ordered a set of pots and pans from them. Today I received a box in the mail with the name of the cookware on the outside. I noticed they had sent my order to the wrong airforce base, because there was a Germany sticker on the outside instead of a London sticker. When I opened the package at home, I discovered there wasn't anything in the box except the packing. I was so angry to think someone had stolen it.

The post office said they could do nothing about it and to call the company. I was so worried they wouldn't believe me and I would end up paying 80 dollars for an empty box. I couldn't call right away because of the time difference.

I finally stopped to realize I should leave it up to God. I prayed that he would help me. When I finally got thru to the company, all I had to say was that I received the box empty and they said they would send me another. No extra charge.

I thank God for making it so easy for me. I'm so glad He's always there for me to talk with. I asked him after I got off the phone what I could do for him. The thought came to write in my testimony. What a wonderful God to give so much and ask for so little

Your Sister in Christ,
Betsy Trudgen
England

The Gift of Hearing

When our son Timothy was very young we had noticed that he did not react when spoken to. At first we felt that maybe he was ignoring us, but then he seemed to be harder and harder to get through to. One evening before a Wednesday service as he was playing on the floor we tried to get his attention, to no avail. We sat him on our lap and clapped our hands right by his ears and again no reaction not even a flinch of the eyes. I remembering hollering in his ears and again absolutely no reaction.

At church that night he was remembered in our season of prayer and after church we had him administered to. The Elders that came also got no reaction out of him. The next day we took him to the Doctor and had some tests done. At a distance he seemed to have no reaction, but up close he did seem to have some reaction to the tests. The Doctor said to keep an eye on him and that if the condition did not improve that he would send him to a specialist. But from that time on his hearing has appeared to be completely normal. We thank and praise the Lord for what we are sure was a great blessing.

Ken Oar
Phoenix, Arizona

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**Creation of Man**

(Who, What, When, Where, How, and Why)

by Andy Brantner, Warrensburg, Missouri

"Who" is our creator? Hebrews 1:1-3 tells us that God, the Father by His Son Jesus Christ created all. John 1:1-3 tells us that we were created by the "word" and referring over to the 14th verse we find that the "word" is none other than the Christ Jesus. In Colossians 1:12-18, we're told that not only are all things created by the Son, but also other things which will be discussed later on in this lesson.

It would be well for us at this time to realize that Christ is the "beginning of the creation of God," Revelations 3:14; "the first born of every creature," Colossians 1:15; and in Isaiah 43:10 we find that before Christ and after Christ there was no God formed. Therefore, even as Christ is our direct creator,

we realize that He too is a creation of the infinite God who created all things by Christ, Ephesians 3:9-12. And in John 4:34 we find that Christ is to "do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish his work."

"What" was created? The book of Mosiah 2:4 and 3 Nephi 4:44,45, exclaims that Christ created Heaven and Earth and all things that in them are. In Nehemiah 9:6 we see that the scope of creation encompasses everything that our minds can conceive. Follow this with Colossians 1:16 and this will include even the things that are invisible, even thrones, principalities and powers. *All* things then would include emotions, time itself, even the idea of an "idea."

"When and where" are so closely related that they

must be covered at the same time. Referring to Psalms 90:1,2 we find that the "Lord has been our dwelling place" and in the second verse "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world . . ."

On to Job 38:1-7, we see that before all these things were in existence (1-6) that, in verse 7, "all the sons of God shouted for joy." Now the 'Sons of God' are the followers of Christ, see 1 John 3:1-2, Rom. 8:14, 3 Nephi 4:47 to substantiate this. In Mark 10:6, we find that man was "from the beginning," that beginning being Jesus Christ, see Rev. 1:8. Now to tie the spiritual creation into this we go to the book of Mosiah again, in the 5th chapter, verse 44, which says "man was created in the beginning" and verse 45 saying "man was created after the image of God," God being a spirit (John 4:24).

We find it *is* possible to be created and still not exist in a temporal sense. Refer now to Genesis 1:1,2 where we see the heaven and the earth is created, yet it still is "without form and void." You can follow this scenario throughout the creation story which, as in 1:21,26,27 where the creatures and man, "all of them," were created. Does this not include *all* that ever was, is, and will be? Now chapter 2, verse 1. "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all the host of them." In other words, *all* was created in the beginning. Follow with 2:5 and see that the plants were created *before* they grew and man had not yet been formed until 2:7.

Remember, now, that in Alma 19:38 it says that "time only is measured unto men;" Therefore, a "day" of creation need not be limited to any length of man's time, as man did not exist in the physical sense until after *all* things of the spiritual sense were created. Even the plan of salvation was laid from the beginning (see Mosiah 8:53) through the foreknowledge of God (Romans 8:29).

Now to further reinforce the spiritual-first crea-

tion theme, let's look at Ether 1:79-81, where the Brother of Jared is told of his great belief and that he, being created after Christ's image, who is the "express image of the Father," Hebrews 1:3, was created in the beginning, "Yea, even all men." And in verse 81: "and man have I created after the body of my spirit." The Book of Commandments, chapter 29:35-40, is very explicit on this matter of spiritual, then temporal creation, and vice-versa.

We also find in Proverbs 8:22-31, that, before all things were made, that the sons of man were his delight.

We read in Zechariah 12:1 that we were formed within the Lord. And lastly as to the "where" we quote John 3:13 — "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven."

Just briefly touching the "how", in Alma 12:110 we're told that "by his hand were they all created from the beginning." And in the Book of Commandments again, in the 29th chapter, 35th verse, that it was "by the power of my spirit."

Lastly is the sweetest of all, and that is the "why" of creation, and for this we'll turn to 2 Nephi 1:94-99, to sum up all the previous items discussed. We see here the explanation, why the evil and the bad, etc., (v. 97) "it must needs be that there was an opposition." On the brighter side, and in conclusion of this brief lesson, we read in Revelations 4:11, "thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: For thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." And again from 2 Nephi 1:111-115, is the reason for the fall of Adam. In verse 115: "Adam fell, that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy."

Christ is the beginning and the ending (Rev. 1:8). We shouted for joy in the beginning (Job 38:7), we hope, through Christ, to shout for joy in the ending. Let us always shout for joy.

Collins Local News

It's another beautiful day here in the Ozarks. I think a day is what you make it or, at least, how each individual views it. And to me this day is beautiful! There is a light rain falling and everything is so refreshed. The rain is gentle enough that the birds are still singing and going about their business. It just lends a peacefulness to the morning — and I'm thankful.

I hope this news letter finds you all spiritually well. Yesterday (Sunday) was our sacrament service. It was a day that I needed. I'm so grateful for my brothers and sisters in the gospel and for a place to meet where we can share our burdens and gain strength to face another week.

After lunch yesterday we gathered together again to hold our annual business meeting. I'll give you a brief list of our officers: Pastor: Jack Martin; Assistant Pastor: Allen Kauffman; Secretary: Betty Martin; Treasurer: Allen Kauffman; Chorister/Pianist: Czerna Kauffman; Sunday School Superintendent: Allen Kauffman; Assistant Sunday School Superintendent: Larry Shaw; Sunday School Secretary: Pam Shaw; Sunday School Pianist: Olivia Yates; Assistant Sunday School Pianist: Larry Shaw; Primary Class Teacher: Pam Shaw; Junior Class Teacher: Norma Cook; Adult Class Teacher: Allen Kauffman; Assistant Adult Teacher: Larry Shaw; and your "semi"-faithful reporter is me again. I gave them a

talk on how they needed someone new so the readers of the Advocate wouldn't nod off as much—but here I am again anyway!

We've had some welcome guests from Phoenix recently. Brother Jim Yates and brother Don McIndoo visited our area before the conference meetings began. Brother Jim Yates agreed to be our speaker one Sunday and Brother Don McIndoo brought a scripture reading and short talk for our sacrament service the week following Conference.

I know when these men return from their missionary trip to Yucatan they must be about "preached out," but we are so eager to hear from them and they have been so gracious in sharing news from our brothers and sisters in Yucatan and guiding us along the gospel path. Thank you for coming!

Brother Rodger Bruner from Independence shared a sermon with us March 10th. He said what you put into your religion is what you'll get out. The information we need to live by is found in the Bible and Book of Mormon. There IS a work you can do to get to Heaven: TOTAL OBEDIENCE to the word of God. True children of God ACT like children of God. If we're dedicated to Jesus Christ it will show in our works.

March 17th brought Brother Nicholas Denham, also of Independence, to be our guest speaker. He asked a question: "Are we ready (prepared) for the things that are upon us?" He said the whole world is in rebellion and read Matthew 24:4-33. Later He read the Lord's prayer from Matthew and took it verse by verse and analyzed what is being said in those lines.

He said it doesn't make any difference how much we read or learn, there are still things Jesus taught for which we must reach deeper.

In April, our guest speaker was Brother Leslie Case of Independence. He told us of a disease that's going around — a virus of complaining. Does complaining hurt anything? It would seem that it brings with it rebellion and a turning away from God. Complaining in the church leads us away and gives Satan an opening to destroy.

This was a good sermon and something to consider. Are we complainers and what does our loving Father think of this? When He sees how we conduct ourselves in and out of church do you suppose He shakes his head in sorrow? These questions are more for me than you. I'm always having to whip out my inventory mirror and check things over to see what things I'm out of and what cob-webs need to be dusted down. I'm a weak person and in need of being taught from week to week. Remember me in your prayers from time to time. I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

Our rally here at Collins has been scheduled for one day — October 27th with services to begin at 9:00 A.M. I'll make mention of it again as time goes along.

I'll close with a thought from one of Brother Allen Kauffman's recent sermons: Don't always pray for God to take away all temptation, but pray that He will give you strength to overcome. Till next time, may God care for you.

Your Reporter,
Czerna Kauffman

Warrensburg News

What a beautiful time of year! Showers, spring flowers, warm weather — and all through God's goodness! How much we have to be thankful for. I think so many things we take for granted, don't you?

We've had many wonderful sermons brought to us in the last few months by visiting members of the ministry, as well as by those from our own Local. Those visiting us have been brethren Al Harris, Glen Gill, James Maynard Case, Roland Sarratt and Rodger Bruger.

Brother Don and Sister Bonnie Case and children were away for a few days in February. They drove to Grand Junction, Colorado, to attend the wedding of Bonnie's brother.

Brother Charles and Sister Jeanne Brantner were in Michigan the first weekend of March to get their first glimpse of a beautiful new granddaughter, Candace Dianne Pease, who made her debut on February 12, 1985. She is the daughter of Carl and Cheryl Pease, and has two sisters, Cindy, 14, and

Christy, 11. Candy is the eighth grandchild for the Brantner's. While in Michigan, they also visited another daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren.

Sister Jeanette Cunningham accompanied the Brantners on their trip. There's no doubt that each of her two sons and their families enjoyed their visit with Mom and Grandma, and you just know that Grandma enjoyed all the loving she received from her family.

Other travelers were the Bob Eddys and the Harold Adams, who made their way to Council Bluffs, Iowa, to visit the Paul Adams family.

Conference time has come and gone. We read now of all the Reunions being Planned. The one we are most involved with, of course, is the Missouri Reunion here at Warrensburg. Remember the date: August 9, 10, 11, 1985. Hope to see you there!

Reporter,
Jeanne Brantner

Greetings From Grand Junction

This has been a busy spring for some of here in western Colorado. We've celebrated two weddings and the birthday of our most senior member.

Forest and Irene Maley came from Minneapolis for the wedding of their son Mark to Rita Smith. The couple were married in the RLDS Church on a beautiful day, by the groom's father, Forest, and reside in Austin, Texas. Mark's sister, Bonnie Case, her husband Don, and their children came from Missouri and stayed long enough to enjoy a church dinner with us at the shop at Harvey and Alvina Bell's, who are the grandparents of Don. I'm another of Mark's three sisters, the oldest of the girls, so I had several reasons to celebrate then!

Our most senior member celebrated his 85th birthday in March at an open house held at the home of his daughter, Alice Larsen. Harvey Bell, the son of an Iowa blacksmith, moved with his family to Nebraska as a young man. He married Alvina Schnuelle 62 years ago. They farmed until 1936 when they moved to Ava, Missouri, where he was engaged in carpentry and cabinet making. They moved to Grand Junction in 1957. He and his wife are active in the church and enjoy camping, gardening and wood-working. They have six daughters, Alice Larsen and Lois June Bell of Grand Junction, Colorado; Irene Case, Edith Case, Fern Sarratt and Caroline Hedrick living in Independence, Missouri area; one son, John Bell of Clifton, Colorado; 23 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

The weather had been so unpredictable the previous week, that none of us really expected the beautiful day which dawned the morning of another celebration, the wedding of Jane Bell and Clifford Pennell (Toby to us). The air was filled with the sweet scent of freshly cut lilacs as friends and family witnessed their exchange of vows in the sight of God. Jane's father, John Bell, performed the ceremony with barely controlled emotion. It was a

happy day! The couple will reside in East Orchard Mesa, where they own a farm and apple orchard. Jane's brother, Jack, and his fiancée, Kellie, stopped by on their way back to Houston, Texas. They had been to Alaska where they will relocate after a June wedding. We were happy to meet Kellie and get acquainted with Toby's relatives.

The appearance of spring gives us assurance in this uncertain world. We've survived another year with our faith intact, and the flowers smell especially sweet in the spring. The fragrance of the lilacs at Toby and Jane's wedding started me thinking in this direction, reminding me to dig out the definition of assurance which David Larsen gave in his opening remarks to Sunday School one morning.

ASSURANCE:

Produced by faith—Eph. 3:12; II Timothy 1:12; Heb. 10:22.

Made full of hope—Heb. 6:11,19.

Confirmed by love—I John 3:14,19; 4:18.

Is the effect of righteousness—Isa. 32:17.

Is abundant in the understanding of the gospel—Col. 2:2; I Thess. 1:5.

His reading began in Romans 8:35-39, and his comment was this: that the Saints are privileged to have assurance (read Psa. 4:3; I Thess. 1:4). Who is a Saint? He who is righteous. Such a one whose delight is in the Law of the Lord. His closing remarks were this: "It is my hope that we may live in a manner that all will carry with them this assurance which is set aside for the Saints." That's my hope, too. God bless you in your endeavor to serve Him. We can't build a reputation on what we *intend* to do. We must begin today to re-dedicate our lives and serve with willingness and delight.

In gospel bonds,
Becky Downs, reporter

1985 Independence Bible School

Children's Church School is scheduled for the third week in June (June 17 through 21) with the program being held on June 23. If you are planning to bring your children to Independence for this learning and fun experience, please contact me advising of the ages of your children so proper provision can be made for teachers and crafts.

Marcia Christian (Chairman)
300 Ponderosa
Lee's Summit, Mo. 64063
816-373-7709

1985 Arizona Camp For All Ages

The 1985 Arizona Camp For All Ages will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 5 through 7, at the Walnut Ranch near Heber, Arizona.

For any needing information, directions, etc., please contact:

Ken Oar
3725 E. Presidio Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85032
Telephone
(602) 992-1758

— OR — Joel Yates
18819 N. 29 Pl.
Phoenix, AZ 85024
Telephone
(602) 992-3613

Second Annual Young People Cross Country Trip

Please plan well ahead to attend the second annual Young People's Bus Trip to the Arizona Camp for All Ages and points West. This year, the group will leave Independence, Missouri, July 4, and return approximately 12 days later (this is a change from that date listed last month).

It is extremely important that you contact the sponsors well ahead of time with either questions and/or reservations. Cost will be \$100.00 per person. Contact Brother Randy Sheldon at Route 1, Box 315, Grain Valley, Missouri 64029; or call 816-229-6712. For ages 13 to 30 only.

Considering the fact that this trip includes gas, food and lodging, and a very good time Spiritually (and otherwise) for two weeks, the cost is well worth it. Following the three-day Arizona Camp for All Ages at the Walnut Ranch in the Mogollon Rim Mountain Country, the group will spend time investigating nature in the remote regions of Northern Arizona's mountains.

COLORADO REUNION

The annual Colorado Reunion will be held at the Church of Christ, 3233 B $\frac{1}{2}$ Road, Grand Junction, Colorado, on June 14, 15 and 16, 1985.

Everyone is invited to meet with us and partake of the spiritual feast that can be ours. If you are not able to come, please remember us in your earnest prayers.

Please contact one of the committee to let us know how many we should plan to accommodate with housing and meals.

Call or write: Marvin E. Ely
236 - 32 Road
Grand Junction, CO 81503
303-434-8149

Ronald W. Church
322 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 27 3/8 Road
Grand Junction, CO 81503
303-241-5372

Robert L. Ely
3201 B $\frac{1}{2}$ Road
Grand Junction, CO 81503
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We are looking forward to welcoming you in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

MICHIGAN STATE REUNION

The Michigan State Reunion will be held June 15 and 16, 1985, at the Bradley Local, Bradley, Michigan. As usual, meals will be potluck.

Anyone needing housing, information on camping facilities, or any other information regarding the reunion may contact:

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

Please make a note of the dates and plan on attending and making this the biggest and best Michigan State Reunion ever. We need you all, and you all need to experience the spiritual enrichment you receive from attending and renewing acquaintance with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Reunion Committee: Norman Trudgen
Jeff Butts
Jay Lee

Missouri Reunion

DATE: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, August 9-10-11, 1985. First meeting to begin at 9:00 A.M., August 9.

PLACE: Warrensburg, Missouri, at East Hudson Conference Center (the same building as the past two years).

LOCATION: East Anderson Street, east off Highway 13 in Warrensburg.

LODGING: Rooms are \$14.00 for a single room and \$20.00 for a double room per night. Pay as you enter. Linens are furnished.

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

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

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

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

