

# 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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## Reunion

*Definition . . . A gathering of persons after separation, as members of a family.*

How great it is to reunite with friends who all agree  
That the shortest path to Heaven is to walk uprightously,  
To seek the Lord in earnest prayer and join to do His will,  
To eat His bread and sup with Him, but never get our fill,  
Of hearing of His gospel that He sent back to earth,  
And taking time to meditate and measure up our worth.

In the not too distant future, a reunion there will be  
With Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and I think that you'll agree  
That now is the time to plan for this reunion with our Lord  
And all those ones that's gone before, the loved ones we've  
adored,  
But as a parting warning, lest we go to a place much worse,  
In order to reunite with Christ, we must have known Him first.  
And unless you seek Him fervently with humility in your heart  
The final day will come about with you and Christ apart.

Sam Kidd

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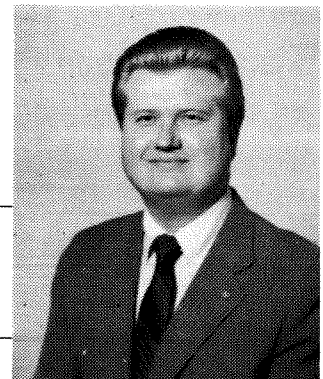
Editorial . . .

# Sexual Activity Outside Wedlock Is Forbidden

Let there be no doubt in anyone's mind: Without respect to age or gender, and without regard to the era of time in which one lives, sexual intercourse by an unmarried person with anyone, under any circumstances, is strictly and expressly forbidden by God. And, as I will explain later, it is a sin that, by its nature, stands apart from any other sin. It is called "fornication."

Without going into a lengthy discourse into the subject of "adultery," let it suffice to say that this sister sin to fornication is sexual intercourse by a married person with someone other than their spouse. I mention this now, and so briefly, because of its close relationship to the sin of fornication and because many of the scriptures about one, refer directly or indirectly also to the other — but I wish to more specifically deal with fornication in this editorial.

Elder  
Gary A. Housknecht



## A CHALLENGE TO TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS!

The first challenge I put to you is to **read this** whole editorial and give it a chance to sink in. The second challenge is to be bold enough and spiritually strong enough to **stand by the word of God** and obey His commandments in spite of the social pressure of your peers.

### WHY ALL THE FUSS?

Even as young as I am, when I graduated from High School (1968) it was widely understood that sexual activity between unmarried persons was neither acceptable by society in general nor by God's law. Those who participated in that evil were then still in the minority and pregnant adolescents were looked upon with disapproval.

But a new generation of parents have largely yielded to humanist principles and have become the majority and dominant force that makes up today's "society" that sets the trends for its standards — what is acceptable and what is not. Little is left in the latter category. *No longer can anyone assume* that even parents know that fornication is a gross sin — let alone today's youth.

### LOOK AT THE EVIDENCE

One can turn to any number of sources for statistics regarding the large numbers of teenagers that will use, at least part time, tobacco, alcohol and/or drugs before they graduate from high school — Most estimates exceed 75%, or three of every four. The numbers regarding those same teens active in sexual intercourse now approach the same numbers. According to two 1979 studies as reported in *Winning The Battle for Sex Education* by Irving R. Dickman, page 24, half of all boys and one-third of all girls aged 15-17 in the U.S. has had sexual intercourse. From 1961 to 1979 there has been a 75% increase in births to 14-17 year olds: 30,000 girls a year are under 15 when they get pregnant. In the July 1986 *Prevention* magazine an article on the subject reported that "it is the exceptional young person who has not had premarital intercourse by age 19." One shocking aspect of these statistics is that they don't seem shocking *enough* to America to do anything other than start putting free condoms (birth control device and AIDS protection) in high school rest rooms and advertise condoms on television!

In many parts of the country the idea of condoms in high school restrooms is only now up for consideration and approval. This is the case right here in the Kansas City area. I have seen some commercials advocating the use of condoms by our youth. I heard an attractive young lady appeal to her peers to use condoms because, like her, they shouldn't jeopardize their lives (referring to A.I.D.S.) by engaging in sexual intercourse without condoms! Nothing was said about not engaging in the act in the first place. A news report in the February 7, 1987, *Independence Examiner* told of a New York church minister who became concerned about the A.I.D.S. disease hitting the general populous so he passed out condoms to his congregation!

How do you, as a parent, anticipate explaining away such things to your adolescent age children and yet instill in them the firm belief that such activity is absolutely wrong?

### A CHALLENGE TO PARENTS

If a Christian parent believes he or she can shield their children from exposure to such things, that parent is dangerously fooling themselves. The Christian community by itself does not escape similar statistics, though not quite as bad. Likewise, private secular and parochial schools as compared to public schools don't escape exposure to the same problems, although some may be better alternatives in many respects. A 1981 study (reported in the book referred to earlier, by Dickman) indicates that more than 85% of all basic sexual information and concepts have been acquired by the time youngsters are 14 or less. Half of all eleven year olds know about sexual intercourse. You should know, however, that 37% of that knowledge comes from their peers, 22% from literature, 17% from "Mother," and 15% from school programs. The challenge I make to all parents of adolescents is **not to depend on others** to teach your son or daughter what is right and wrong — even though the subject may be a sensitive one, and one which you may feel very uncomfortable addressing. We must all realize that there is absolutely no room for compromise — such things as are now occurring so regularly in the sub-culture of our youth, are an abomination in the eyes of God!

### A SIN WITH PERMANENT CONSEQUENCES

Like any sin, no matter how evil (other than the sin against the Holy Ghost), the offender may repent and turn from their wicked way and be forgiven by God. At least for the sin committed, forgiveness may be granted and one's soul may be washed clean once again and salvation may be obtained.

But neither male nor female can even be a virgin again — chaste and pure of body to a future companion in wedlock. In the case of the female, a permanent change in her physical makeup occurs. There is no indication that forgiveness of the sin reverses the physical change that has taken place.

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind . . . shall inherit the kingdom of God . . . Flee fornication. Every sin that a man (meaning "mankind, male and female" — GAH) doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his (or her — GAH) own body." (I Corinthians 6:9,10,18)

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctifica-

tion, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor: Not in the lust of concupiscence (strong sexual desire — GAH), even as the Gentiles which know not God:" I Thessalonians 4:3-5

### ZION'S ADVOCATES

Webster's definition of an "editorial," is an "article that gives the opinion of the editor." This speaks of an "opinion," versus facts, or an opinion "of" the facts.

As the Editor of this Church periodical, I feel responsible to occasionally give my opinion of facts related to the establishment of Zion. Coincidentally, as this goes to press, I will be moderating a four-week Sunday night study/discussion of Zion at the Independence, Missouri, East Local Church.

In this case, I am expressing my opinion — but under what I discern to be the strong urging of the Holy Spirit: We must provide sex education for our youth, but of a nature and quality far superior than what the "world" has to offer — one that includes above all, that such things are reserved for those

bound by Holy matrimony. I believe strongly in the cause of Zion and believe it will be a reality. I am deeply concerned about every soul that has the potential of being a citizen in that Kingdom that is to come. That includes our next generation of leaders: Today's teenagers. It is up to us, as responsible adults, to steer this generation onto the sacred paths that lead to eternal life.

We must declare, unabashedly, to our people what is right and wrong in the face of ridicule and peculiarity — reminding ourselves constantly that God does not change. We must be "Zion's advocates."

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savor.

"But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints . . . For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." (Ephesians 5:1-3,5)

Editorially speaking . . .

Elder Gary A. Housknecht

## The Cleansing Power of Blood

Adapted from a sermon delivered at the 1985 Phoenix, Arizona, Reunion  
by Apostle Robert H. Jensen, General Church Historian

### (Part One of Two)

We live in a special time in the history of the world. It has been said regarding many past dispensations of time that the prophets of old desired greatly to see them. They also desired especially to see the transpiration of events in our day and time, because they knew that this time of our's would be in the end-time just preceding the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ back to the earth to bring with Him the advents of the Resurrection of the righteous and the beginning of the Millennial Reign of Him on the earth among the righteous.

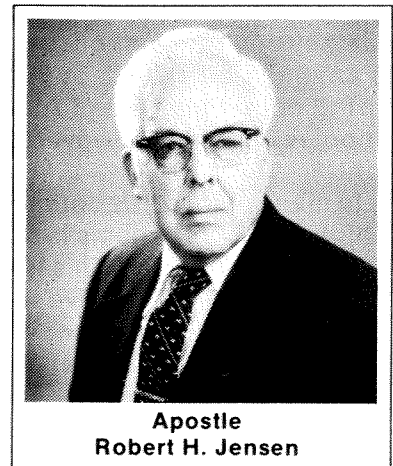
The prophets of old also knew and forewarned that the onslaughts of Satan would increase with the passing of time in order to deceive as many as possible: "For behold, at that day shall he rage in the hearts of the children of men, and stir them up to anger against that which is good;" (2 Nephi 12:24)

God is not without His resources, nor is He limited in His resources with which to combat evil and to strengthen His people if they will just listen to and obey His commandments. His power and ways

are far beyond the total of which we can know and comprehend.

With the increase of evil forces in the world God also causes a multiplication of greater witnesses and understanding of His truths. Indeed, in the last several years there has arisen a renewed opposition

in the world to the Restored Church and Gospel from seemingly nowhere. Archaeological discoveries in both the "old world" and the America's continue to bring forth evidences of past civilizations of pre-historic times (except for the sacred historic record of the Holy Scriptures). Also, God has caused



Apostle  
Robert H. Jensen

to be shed forth into this world a greater and deeper understanding of the Scriptures. The Gospel of Christ which exists in the world from the beginning of man's existence has held a deepness of meanings that has continued to shine forth with increasing clarity for the understanding of mankind. The Gospel is a living force. That is the reason for its continued meaningfulness to all generations. It shall never diminish in power in the lives of the righteous.

In order to supply an even greater increasing bulwark against evil, God continues to bring additional understanding of many things in the Scriptures. Not only archaeology, but medicine and all fields of technological advancement almost weekly now identify more discoveries of the mysteries of God's creation. Man no sooner discovers a mystery of God's world (think back to the discovery of atoms, now of common knowledge and understanding), but that there is a new subdivision to matter or function never before dreamed of.

There continues to come additional testimonies and witnesses and understanding of the grandeur and truths of God that attest to the truthfulness of the Holy Scriptures. A point in example is the oft-repeated phrase in the Scriptures: "The Cleansing Power of Blood." It is heard quoted many times today by the various contemporary sectarian evangelists, but without understanding. When we think of blood outside of its role in carrying life-giving substance and oxygen to the body, it is generally in the vein of it being a staining element when it contacts clothing or other fabric and substances. That quoted phrase, however, carries with it a much deeper meaning that has just recently been discovered in medical science. It in fact has an absolute parallel witness in its physical function within the human body to the cleansing of the soul through the shedding of blood.

Beginning with the Book of Genesis we find a pattern of likenesses of the cleansing power of blood. It was not just a meaningless or empty expression, but had a very definite purpose within God for the spiritual cleansing of his people, and had as a witness an absolute direct parallel in the function of the mortal body. The following are example references (all emphasis is the author's —RJ):

2,348 years before Christ, Genesis 9:3-6: "Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall you not eat. And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man."

1491 B.C. Exodus 30:9-10: "Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither shall ye pour drink offering thereon. And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonement: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the LORD."

1490 BC. Leviticus 16:18-19: "And he (the priest) shall go out unto the altar that is before the LORD, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about. And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and *cleanse* it, and *hallow* it from the *uncleanness* of the children of Israel."

Leviticus 17:10-12: "And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people. For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood."

Numbers 35:33: "So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it."

And then coming on down to just 574 years before Christ, God said to Ezekiel (43:18-20): "And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord God; These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon. And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that be of the seed of Zadok, which approach unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord God, a young bullock for a sin offering. And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou *cleanse* and *purge* it."

In those ancient times the people did not understand the physical cleansing power of blood, only that God had commanded them to perform the prescribed ordinances unto Him. He told them that by so doing it would cleanse and purge the sins of the people.

Turning to the Scriptures of the Book of Mormon, just 124 years before Christ, we find King Benjamin also telling the people that Christ's blood should atone for the sins of those who had fallen by the transgression of Adam: (Mosiah 1:102-107): "And he shall be called Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the

Father of heaven and earth, the Creator of all things, from the beginning; and his mother shall be called Mary. And lo, he cometh unto his own, that salvation might come unto the children of men, even through faith, on his name; and even after all this, they shall consider him a man, and say that he hath a devil, and shall scourge him, and shall crucify him. And he shall rise the third day from the dead; and behold, he standeth to judge the world. And behold, all these things are done, that a righteous judgment come upon the children of men. For behold, and also *his blood atoneth* for the sins of those who have fallen by the transgression of Adam, who have died, not knowing the will of God concerning them, or who have ignorantly sinned."

Aaron told his people, Alma 13:13: "Now Aaron began to open the scriptures unto them, concerning the coming of Christ, and also concerning the resurrection of the dead, and that there could be no redemption for mankind, save it were through the death and suffering of Christ, and the *atonement* of his blood."

Helaman pleaded with his people: (Helaman 2:71): "O remember, remember, my sons, the words which King Benjamin spake unto his people; yea, remember that there is no other way nor means whereby man can be saved, only through *the atoning blood* of Jesus Christ, who shall come; yea, remember that he cometh to redeem the world."

Nephi confirmed the declaration: (1 Nephi 3:115-119): "And he (angel) said unto me, Thou remembereth the twelve apostles of the Lamb? Behold they are they who shall judge the twelve tribes of Israel. Wherefore, the twelve ministers of thy seed shall be judged of them; for ye are of the house of Israel; and these twelve ministers whom thou beholdest, shall judge thy *seed*. And behold they are righteous for ever; for because of their faith in the Lamb of God, their garments *are made white* in his blood. And the angel said unto me, Look! And I looked and beheld three generations pass away in righteousness, and their garments were white, even like unto the Lamb of God. And the angel said unto me, These are made *white in the blood* of the Lamb, because of their faith in him." It has only been until the last several years that the knowledge has come as to what was ever meant by the cleansing power of blood. Blood stains fabrics and other substances, so there must have been another meaning to the statement about the cleansing power of blood.

I recently came across an article by a medical doctor, a Paul W. Brand, M.D., a man of considerable professional credentials; (Paul W. Brand, M.D., is chief of the rehabilitation branch of National Hansen's Disease Control Center of the U.S. Public Health Service in Carville, Louisiana). He had a very revealing experience, and I believe this man in his

professional field was permitted to stand before God as a witness for Him and His truths that have been spoken and recorded unto all generations. This is just a portion of the interesting article by him:

### **THE MIRACLE POWER OF BLOOD**

*by Paul W. Brand*

During one evening of my stint as a premedical assistant at Connaught, a small hospital in London's East Side, my whole view of medicine — and of blood — permanently shifted. That night hospital orderlies wheeled a beautiful young accident victim into my ward. Loss of blood had given her skin an unearthly paleness, and her brownish hair seemed jet-black in contrast. Oxygen starvation had shut down her brain into a state of unconscious.

In the glare of hospital lights she looked like a waxwork Madonna, or an alabaster saint from a cathedral. Even her lips were pallid. She did not seem to be breathing: I felt sure she was dead.

The nurse arrived with a bottle of blood and buckled it into a metal stand as the doctor punctured the woman's vein with a large needle. They fastened the bottle high and used an extra-long tube so that the increase in pressure would push the blood into her body faster. The staff told me to keep watch over the emptying bottle while they scurried off for more blood.

Nothing in my memory can compare to the excitement of what happened next. Certainly the details of that scene come to me even now with a start. As the others all left, I nervously held the woman's wrist. Suddenly I could feel the faintest press of a pulse. Or was it my own finger's pulse? I searched again — it was there, a tremor barely perceptible, but regular. The next bottle of blood arrived and was quickly connected. A spot of pink appeared like a drop of watercolor on her cheek. It began to spread into a beautiful flush. Her lips darkened pink, then red, and her body quivered with a kind of sighing breath.

Then her eyelids fluttered lightly and parted. She squinted at first, and her pupils constricted, reacting to the bright lights of the room. At last she looked directly at me. To my enormous surprise she spoke, asking for water.

That young woman entered my life for only an hour or so, but the experience left me utterly changed. I had seen a miracle.

For most of us, the organ of blood, if one can think of this fluid mass as an organ, comes to consciousness mainly when we begin to lose it.

A view through a microscope clarifies the various components of blood but gives no picture of the daily frenzy encountered by each cell. Red

cells, for example, never sit motionless. From their first entrance into the bloodstream they are pushed and shoved through rush-hour traffic. Beginning the cycle at the heart, they take a short jaunt to the lungs to pick up a heavy load of oxygen. Immediately they return to the heart, which propels them violently over the Niagara Falls of the aortic arch. From there, highways crowded with billions of red cells branch out to the brain, the limbs and vital internal organs.

Sixty thousand miles of blood vessels link every living cell; even the blood vessels themselves are fed by blood vessels. Highways narrow down to one-lane roads, then bike paths, then footpaths, until finally the red cell must bow sideways and edge through a capillary one-tenth the diameter of a human hair. In such narrow confines the cells are stripped of food and oxygen and loaded down with carbon dioxide and urea. If we were shrunken down to their size, we would see red cells as bloated bags of jelly and iron drifting along in a river until they reach the smallest capillary, where gases fizz and wheeze in and out of surface membranes. From there red cells rush to the kidneys for a thorough scrubbing, then back to the lungs to eliminate the carbon dioxide and refill with oxygen. And the journey begins anew.

Consider the biblical phrase "washed in the blood." Nothing in modern culture corresponds to the idea of blood as a cleansing agent. We use water, with soap or detergent, to clean. Blood, in contrast, soils or stains. It is something we try to scrub off, not scrub with. What possible meaning could the hymn writer who used that phrase, and Bible writers before him, have intended?

This man is a professional man, a doctor, and a Christian, some are not. Some do not know to give God credit for His miracles, but this man did, and I thank God that he did because now we have his testimony as to God's truth.

He referred to the "organ of blood," and perhaps you never thought of the blood in your body being an organ, but it is medically, just as our skin is classified as an organ. There are 60,000 miles of blood vessels linking every cell in the human body (some of us with mature figures may have even a few more than that). And even yet with all the discoveries of modern medical science, man has yet to find out all of the secrets and mysteries of God's creations. Every time they find a division of nature such as a cell, a corpuscle, a gene, they think they have found the ultimate division of matter, and the first thing you know someone else off in Hong Kong, Paris, or Seattle finds yet another division. There seems to be no end of the infiniteness of God's creation or the

complexities of all things He has created.

I don't know that this man ever heard of the Latter Day Restored Gospel, and here is his most profound discovery and testimony of the analogy of the cleansing power of the blood. Dr. Brand continued:

Blood's quality of cleansing appears throughout the Bible, from the earliest books to the latest. In Leviticus 14, for example, we read that a priest sprinkles cleansing blood on a person with an infectious skin disease and on the mildewed walls of a house. New Testament authors often refer to Jesus' blood "cleansing" us, and Revelation describes a multitude who "have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Does this frequent reference to blood indicate primitive Christianity's remoteness from modern culture? To the contrary, modern medical science has shown that the symbol of cleansing conforms closely to the function of the actual substance. Presumably, biblical writers did not know the physiology behind their metaphor, but the Creator chose a theological symbol with an exact analogue in the medical world.

No, they didn't know, because it was not until the 1600's that physicians even discovered the blood circulated in the body.

God prevented that secret to come to our knowledge until now, and I believe for a purpose in Himself, He knowing that there would arise this new great wave of opposition against the Restored Church and Gospel in these latter days, and He would need another witness to stand for His truth.

Again, Dr. Brand continued:

All that we have learned about physiology in recent years confirms the accuracy of the still-jarring linking of blood and cleansing.

If you truly wish to grasp the function of blood as a cleansing agent, here is a simple experiment. Find a blood pressure test kit and wrap the cuff around your upper arm. Have a friend pump it up to about 200 mm. of mercury, a sufficient pressure to stop the flow of blood in your arm. Initially your arm will feel an uncomfortable tightness beneath the cuff. Now comes the revealing part of the experiment: Perform any easy task with your cuffed arm. Merely flex your fingers and make a fist about ten times in succession, or cut paper with scissors, or drive a nail into wood with a hammer.

The first few movements seem quite normal at first as the muscles obediently contract and relax. Then you feel a slight weakness. Almost without warning, after perhaps ten movements, a hot flash of pain strikes. Your muscles cramp

violently. If you force yourself to continue the simple task, you will likely cry out in absolute agony. Finally, you cannot force yourself to continue; the pain overwhelms you.

When you release the pressure and air escapes from the cuff with a hiss, blood rushes into your aching arm and a wonderfully soothing sense of relief floods your muscles. The pain is worth enduring just to experience that acute relief. Your muscles move freely, soreness vanishes. Physiologically you have just experienced the cleansing power of blood.

The pain came because you forced your muscles to keep working while the blood supply to your arm was shut off. As muscles converted oxygen into energy, they produced certain waste products (metabolites) that normally would have been flushed away instantly in the bloodstream. Because of the constricted bloodflow, however, these metabolites accumulated in your cells. They were not cleansed by the swirling stream of blood, and therefore in a few minutes you felt the agony of retained toxins.

Perhaps in the car you have had to jostle a foot or leg to start the blood circulating again, that the nerves and the other tissues might function properly. When a hand or foot first begins to "wake up" there is a period of agony, but then in a moment or two the relief is tremendous.

Dr. Brand continues:

No cell lies more than a hair's breadth from a blood capillary, lest a poisonous by-products pile up and cause the same ill-effects demonstrated in the tourniquet experiment. Through a basic chemical process of gas diffusion and transfer, individual red blood cells drifting along inside narrow capillaries simultaneously release their cargoes of fresh oxygen and absorb waste products (carbon dioxide, urea and uric acid) from these cells. The red cells then deliver the hazardous waste chemicals to organs that can

dump them outside the body. Medically, blood sustains life by carrying away the chemical by-products that would interfere with it — *in short, by cleansing*. As I reflect on the Body of Christ, the blood metaphor offers a fresh and enlightening perspective on a perpetual problem in that Body: sin.

What goes on inside our bodies gives us new insights about our souls. To some, the word sin has become dusty, timeworn and freighted with unfortunate connotations. And the metaphors commonly used to describe God's relationship with sinful creatures have faded too. God is the judge, we the accused — although biblically accurate, that metaphor loses force as the modern legal system grows less trustworthy and more capricious. Metaphors age over time; as culture and language change, sometimes the metaphors crack and the concept inside them leaks away.

In blood, however, we have the perfect analogue to reveal the nature of sin and forgiveness with startling clarity. Medical knowledge has only enhanced our understanding. Just as blood cleanses the body of harmful metabolites, forgiveness through Christ's blood cleanses away the waste products, sin, that impede true health.

On the day Christ died, the thick Temple veil of separation split from top to bottom. Now all of us can enter into direct communion with God: "We have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body."

It now becomes the contention of many that science supports Scriptural truths. It really does not conflict with them — only sometimes in the erring misunderstanding of the finite mind. We find today that modern science is increasingly recognizing — those who will open their mind — that everything they discover supports the truth of God's word.

(conclusion next month)

## Pass It On

Would you like to be a missionary for Christ's Church? You can, it's easy!

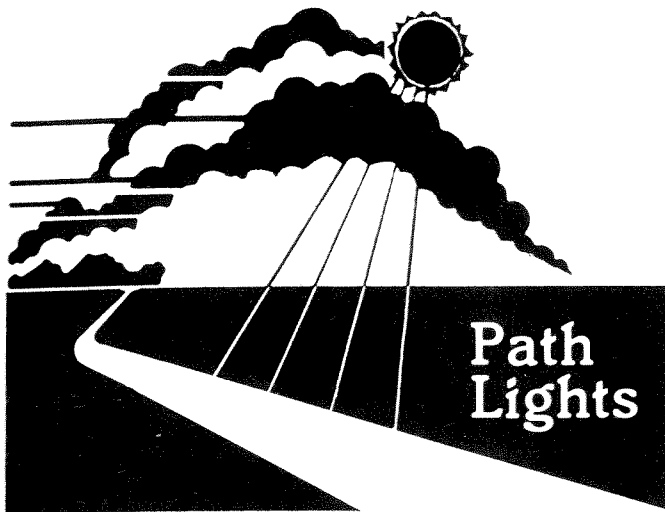
Pass It On. Yes, by merely passing on each issue of the *Zion's Advocate* to a friend not yet a baptized member of this Church, you will have greatly expanded the missionary potential of this paper.



If you need extra copies of any issue, write or call the Business Manager of the *Zion's Advocate* listed on the top half of the inside cover page before the editorial.

Sincerely,  
Your Editorial Staff





## NO ACCIDENT

It is no accident that the birds are singing in the tree by your window.

It is no accident that you arrived at your destination unharmed.

It is no accident that a neighbor gave you a bushel of fresh grapes in season.

It is no accident that year after year you are invited to harvest all the sweet corn you can use, at no cost.

It is no accident you find a new dress with the tags still on, in your tall size and lovely, at the used clothing store for one dollar.

It is no accident that you are searching for a just-right pattern and find one you never knew you had.

It is no accident that you found those Bible story books at a yard sale for ten cents each.

It is no accident that your neighbor gave you that new pair of hush puppies in your size.

It is no accident that you opened to a scripture that fit a moment's need.

It is no accident that you are made poor that you have a humble soul and be made rich.

You are a blest child of God.

Shirley Rose Bailey  
Lamoni, Iowa

## UPLIFTING AS RAIN TO A FIELD OF RYE!

(From a personal letter from G.B. and submitted with his permission to share with the family of The Church of Christ.)

We're doing fine here — can't remember the last time being sick — referring to colds, flu, etc., when I say *sick*. The wolves were moving in last night and the dogs had a job to push them back. Sometimes it gets as bad as northern Minnesota. But the Lord watches over His flock, you know.

Three inches of rain last week has made the rye grass germinate. I lost a seeder part ten inches long, when drilling in rye last month. I asked four year old daughter Carmen to pray about it with me. I then looked and drove over fifteen acres with the tractor. Carmen came out and rode on the tractor. After she got on we made the very last round — there it was in the grass! The guys at the feed mill where I borrowed it were amazed also; and I gave them a testimony of prayer (whether they were ready for it or not). Carmen and I broke down on the side of the road one time at night. I shut off the motor and the battery was dead. We had prayer; but no help was in sight. I told Carmen we would have to walk, adding, "Maybe we're not praying *hard enough*." Carmen prayed harder, she said.

Two guys went flying by in a pick-up. A fourth mile down the road they turned the truck around and came ripping back; put jumpers on. Away they went and away we went! (They looked too young to be Nephites and only two of them! Driving an old Chevy.)

Now we remind each other of these occasions when we're on trips together and we laugh with joy. Also remember how the rye grass came up last year. Also that our milk gets sold in the stores. All from just knowing to call on the Lord in Jesus' name for our needs; and in return, thank Him for our daily food and place to abide. And it makes life nicer to know about others who are of like mind with you, and with similar goals and trust in the Unseen.

Gary Bentson  
Hallettsville, Texas  
Formerly of Milac, Minnesota  
and the Minneapolis Local  
Church of Christ

Mail your testimonies to:

**PATH LIGHTS**  
c/o Melissa McGhee  
2533 Glen Lane  
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## Conference To Convene April 5, 1987



Following instructions of the 1966 Referendum, the annual conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), will begin on the Sunday of the week in which the 6th of April occurs, which, this year, will be April 5.

Business sessions, however, will start at 9:00 a.m., Monday April 6. A Solemn Assembly is scheduled April 3 and 4.

As per Bill #1, 1972 Referendum, "all committees and boards, etc., of the Church empowered to expend general Church funds or collect the same shall be required to submit an annual report of their activities, to include a financial statement of funds received and disbursed and submit to a joint meeting of the Council of Twelve and Bishopric at least one week prior to the opening of Conference, a proposed budget for the ensuing year."

Officers and committees, as noted in the directory, should see that their reports are filed with the conference secretary as early as possible. Persons needing a place to stay should contact a Conference Coordinator. Those wishing to donate food or money to the conference, should contact the Dining Hall Committee.

In accordance with action of the 1985 Conference, all requests for funds should be submitted to the General Bishopric one month prior to the conference covening.

We are looking forward with eager anticipation to greeting each of you and pray that the Lord's will be done in all things.

R. W. Oldham  
General Church Secretary

*(See notice about Sunday Services — p. 47)*

## Missouri Reunion Notice

The 1987 Missouri State Reunion will be held at the Conference Room, Hudson Hall, Central Missouri State University, on Anderson Street in Warrensburg. The dates will be Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 14-16, 1987. More details will be published later.

Reunion Coordinator,  
Elder Isaac Brockman

## Thank You!

We would like to send a special "thank you" to all the ones that helped and prayed for our brother and sister that had a house fire and lost everything on January 1st, 1987. We are so thankful to God and for all of you for your love and prayers.

I would like to quote some words from the Book of Mormon (Mosiah 1:48-51) that mean so much to me:

"Behold, I say unto you, that because I said unto you, that I had spent my days in your service I do not desire to boast, for I have only been in the service of God.

"And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings, ye are only in the service of your God.

"Behold, ye have called me your king; and if I, whom ye call your king, do labor to serve you, then had not ye ought to labor to serve one another?

"And behold, also, if I, whom ye call your king, who has spent his days in your service, and yet has been in the service of God, doth merit any thanks from you, O how had you ought to thank your heavenly King!"

Thank you, God, and thank all of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

May God bless all of you and keep all of us in his straight and narrow path.

Your brother and sister in Christ,  
Jeff and Bev Butts

## 1987 Colorado Reunion

The Colorado Reunion will be held on June 12, 13 and 14, at the Church of Christ, 3233 B½ Road, Grand Junction, Colorado.

We want to invite all who can to come and worship with us. Please notify one of the committee members about your intentions, so we can plan for your comfort.

Allen Downs — 303-243-5777  
299½ Holly Lane  
Grand Junction, CO 81503

Robert Ely — 303-434-8090  
3201 B½ Road  
Grand Junction, CO 81503

Marvin Ely — 303-434-8149  
236 - 32 Road  
Grand Junction, CO 81503

We look forward to greeting you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

## OBITUARIES

### **Mary Esther Bell Johnson**

11/15/04 - 12/27/86

On Wednesday, December 31, 1986, at 10:00 AM, family and friends gathered at the Slade & Duerr Funeral Home in Lamoni, Iowa, to mark the passing of Mary Johnston. Officiating at the service was an old friend Joe DeBarthe, an Elder in the RLDS.

The service, planned by Mary, was with music of her selection played by Shirley Bailey. The songs, "How Great Thou Art" and "In the Garden," were sung by Gail L. Duerr.

Mary was a member of the Church of Christ, and with a firm mind of her own. This served to sustain her during years of being an isolated member. Her presence and voice was found yearly at the Tri-State Reunion in Minnesota. The roots of her faith extended well into the most early years before the establishment of Nauvoo, Illinois.

Her husband and one child had proceeded her in death. Today she is survived by three brothers, her son, James and family, and a sister, Rosella. She was an active official in a local veterans' organization and in her senior years was a student at Grace-land College, at Lamoni.

#### PASSING

She has gone! Her mark is made,  
Each stone in place, securely laid.  
The passer-by in days to come,  
Can look to see the lasting sum  
Of things she wrought e'er passing swift  
She went her way.

*In Memory of*

### **Wayne O. Lussenden**

Our brother Wayne was born at Moline, Michigan. He went to be with the Lord on January 14, 1987, at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Services were held at Archer-Hampel Funeral Home in Wayland, Michigan, January 16, 1987, at 1:00 P.M., brother and Pastor Laverne Lussenden, son of the deceased, officiated.

Brother Laverne, with the help of the Lord and with the Prayers of the people, did an excellent job.

I would like to say that I would have been proud to have had Wayne for a father, as I know my Brother Laverne is. Paul tells us in Timothy 5:1,2 "Rebuke

not an elder, but entreat him as a father, and the younger men as brethren; The elder woman as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity." Paul tells us to treat our elder brethren as fathers, as I tried to do with Wayne, who would have given me his last bite of food if I would of asked him for it, just as the woman did to Elijah in I Kings 17:10-17.

Wayne was a farmer all his life until he retired in 1980. He loved to see the crops he planted grow in the good soil the Lord put on this earth, and to see the beautiful rain come down from Heaven to water the good soil so the seed the Lord gives us would grow until the time of the harvest, so we would have food to eat. The food the Lord gives us is to give us strength to worship the Lord and thank him for all he does for us.

Brother Wayne did love to worship his and (our) God and went to church all his life. He and his dear wife, Rosetta, started coming to Christ's Church in 1974, and were baptized on June 6, 1976. This was a great day for all of us in our local to see them go down in the waters and come up new creatures in Christ Jesus.

Brother Laverne was the honored servant of Christ who baptized his parents. One reason this was so special to God and all of us was because Wayne and Rosetta were scared to death of the water all their lives. They both felt they would drown in the water while they were being baptized, but it didn't matter to them for they knew the word of God said they must be baptized so they were willing to give up their lives for Christ.

Brother Wayne loved gospel music, especially the songs his son, LaVerne, and his wife, Joyce, and their son, Rick, and his wife, Pam, sang together. One of his favorite songs in our song book was "Near to the Heart of God."

All of us would love to have our brother back to talk to, but we cannot, so we must follow Christ as he did, and if we follow Christ as he did we will meet our brother again at the throne of God.

Brother Wayne's flesh is gone back to the earth and his spirit is gone back to God who gave it and the memory of our dear brother will be in our hearts forever, of the good times we had with him and his dear wife.

May God bless Rosetta and family and give them a long life.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Jeff Butts



# Know Your Scriptures

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God . . ."  
 II Timothy 2:15

What is an "epistle," and why are they part of the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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While on the subject of Paul's epistles, **what makes the epistle to the Romans unique to all of Paul's other writings?** \_\_\_\_\_

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(See page 47 for the answers — but not until you've studied out an answer yourself.)

Editor's Note: Contributions from readers for this feature are welcome. Include both questions and the answers. I cannot return or respond to unused material.

*This feature is returned to Zion's Advocate pages by request. Formerly, this was entitled "Questions and Answers," and asked a question one month and answered it the following month. Starting this month, the answer will be found on the inside back cover — upside down at the bottom of the page in the same issue. One question will be for teens or kids and one for adults.*

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Paul, from the New Testament in the Bible, was a missionary like some of the missionaries in the Church today that travel to other people's homes and strange towns to tell them about Jesus. Paul also wrote some of the "books" in the New Testament, like Corinthians and Colossians and Titus. The Bible calls them "epistles."

**WHERE IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST?**

Besides missions overseas in England and the Netherlands, and several locals in Mexico, established locals of the Church of Christ are as indicated on this map. Also, locations of historical significance to the Church are indicated by star and asterisk.

Members have expressed an interest in knowing addresses of local Church news reporters, so in addition to including mailing addresses with submitted news reports, I thought it would be interesting to see where our local churches are geographically.

- Editor

## Notice To News Reporters

Due to the blessing of having submitted feature-type articles to *choose* from — rather than having to dig and scratch for material to fill these pages, I am having a real dilemma with regard to overly long News articles.

When several news reports reach me in a single month, their combined length takes up too many of the Advocate pages.

So, for those of you submitting long (more than two typed, double-spaced pages) news reports, I am asking that you shorten your reports considerably.

Otherwise, like this month, I will occasionally have to hold it over until the following month.

But don't stop writing the news because there is genuine interest in the affairs of your local.

Editor

## Phoenix (Arizona) News

To our brothers and sisters in Christ: Greetings from your church family in Phoenix, Arizona. 1987 began with a prayer service started on December 31, lasting late into the evening. It was followed by a skit, snacks and visiting for those who stayed to meet the new year together.

The following Tuesday night found many gathered at the church for the annual "Yucatan dinner." Homemade soup and good fellowship were served in an effort to collect additional funds for the missionary work in Yucatan. The brothers and sisters there are dear to the hearts of this local. Though many of us may never meet them in the flesh, our hearts are bound across the miles by our mutual love for the gospel of Christ. Their physical needs and spiritual concerns are in our prayers daily and we praise God for the increase of \$2,000.00 contributed that night that shall help relieve them of their physical burdens. It is with mixed emotions that we anticipated Apostle Don McIndoo and Elder Jim Yates, Sr.'s departure for Yucatan. Having experienced their ministry on a regular basis, we know well what a strength they will be to our friends, yet we miss their presence with us, also. Our brothers left January 15 and will return to the States in time for Conference in April. It is our prayer that God's protection will be over them and that His Spirit will cause them to preach and teach with power to God's purposes, to God's glory.

In their absence, though, our local missionary efforts continue forward. Many of the ministry are going out in the evenings, two by two, to visit, encourage and strengthen the members of the fold. Also, with renewed commitment, Elders Jay Moser and Joel Yates and Teacher Andy Brown have been visiting some of the twenty-three Indian reservations in Arizona. The Church of Christ has the conviction that the Indians are part of the House of Israel — a people with a promise. We in the Phoenix local are surrounded by possibilities to bring ministry to these people and our brothers hope to make

personal contacts with as many as possible to acquaint them with the Church of Christ. At the end of January, twelve reservations had been visited and permission to make missionary contacts had been granted by three of them. Members of the ministry also traveled to Payson to minister to the needs of our saints and friends in northern Arizona.

January was also a time of elections. Our pastor for 1987 is Elder Gordon McCann. He will be assisted by Elder Joel Yates. The other offices and committees were filled quickly by willing volunteers. The local also voted to have 1000 Spanish hymnals, *Voz de Sion*, printed.

We continued in January to enjoy the company of Francis Yates and Oren and Esther Caviness. Two children, Sabrina and Gina, were brought by their mother, Elaine Stewart, to the Elders for blessings on January 25. She was accompanied by her brother Nelson.

We rejoice in the word of God as it was expounded to us in January. I will close this letter with two timely reminders given to us by members of the ministry. Elder Gordon McCann read from Titus 2:11-15 which admonished us to deny "ungodliness and worldly lusts," and to "live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world." He spoke with conviction of refraining from activities of the world: "Satan can take innocent things and cause them to become stumbling blocks, separating us from God." He read from a revelation given in 1971 which also warned against "innocent enjoyments" that are harmful to our souls because they consumed time which should be spent on spiritual endeavors. Elder Hube Yates reminded us in the first sermon of the year that we were now one year closer to the coming of the Lord. Did we use the last 365 days in preparation for that special event? What will we do with the days ahead of us in 1987?

Debra Vogel  
5432-B Jemez  
Glendale, AZ 85307

## British Isles News

(Reporter: Kate Rosen)

Hello from the British Isles!

Please forgive us for not letting you know sooner just what is happening here, but let me try and put that right.

We were privileged to have Elder John J. Schut visit us from the Netherlands and to be such an encouragement in our work here. Interest is now growing again after a fall in attendance at church meetings and we are holding a baptismal class on Friday evenings.

On November 5, 1986, Jennifer Kay Rosen entered the world. We feel so blessed and grateful to our Heavenly Father for this beautiful baby and is a tremendous blessing to our little group.

Jennifer was blessed and dedicated to God on November 16 by Elder Schut. The attendance was not as high as usual, but the Spirit of the Lord was there in abundance and we know that what we were doing was the will of the Lord.

Door-to-door work is still high on our priority list and is the main source of missionary work done by us here. Although we still continue in other personal witness by distributing leaflets in various local shopping centers and leaving witness to the Restored Gospel of Christ.

We value your prayers and know that the Lord hears them and blesses accordingly. It may seem strange, but although we have never met the majority of members, still we feel such a love and a bond that is so deep and real.

The weather has affected our outreach at times, with temperatures dropping to 20° below freezing, although we are not the only ones to suffer from adverse weather conditions.

Anyway, keep the faith, pray always and remember that we love you all and think about you often.

Please pray for us — we are a small group. We send all Love in Gospel Bonds.

## Minneapolis Report

Exactly a half dozen faces smiling merrily looked up at me: There was "Linus" with his security blanket trailing, and five friends, one of whom had dropped an open umbrella. Lazy snowflakes were falling disinterestedly. The gloved hand of a child awaiting the school bus earlier had made the lawn smile through a shallow layer of snow. School bus long gone — no child was in sight. Initials and the number "9" identified the artist; likely a delightful nine year old and apparently liked well enough that his or her drawing was not obliterated by stamping footsteps of other children. Something of the happy spirit of the child-artist hovered there lending joy to my frescoed lawn. I felt it from my window view. Even a child is known by his doings!

It has been exceptionally mild here coinciding with a busy time for the people of our local branch. Two new homes have been under way during the period. Doug Ferrier and wife Leah will soon be in their new house which is near that of the Merlin Eddy's. Doug works in the building trades and is doing his own carpentry work with help from others. Sister Leah Ferrier has recently been in the Kansas City area for professional training in food service management. Our Pastor, Thomas Maley and wife (Ruth) Gill are now settling into their new house on the Gill farm in Rosemount, which replaced the Civil war-aged house which was previously on the place. This is right across the drive from the home of John and Nana Gill. At present Stephen and Judy Gould have an apartment in the Gill house.

This farm locality has been the site of some rather

intense activity lately as packages of relief supplies for Honduran refugees have been inspected and repacked for shipment by government aircraft to Honduras. An estimated twenty-five tons of supplies donated by people of many faiths and locations were flown out in time to arrive just before Christmas. Sister Nana and about a half dozen volunteers flew down to receive the shipment and see to its distribution. The one item which perhaps brought the greatest joy to both the recipient and the donor — was the gift of a wheel chair to a teen age boy, crippled from birth. Nana and volunteers are now back and planning another shipment in May. Anyone wishing to share in this work can reach them at: John and Nana Gill, 13021 Rich Valley Blvd., Rosemount, MN 55068. Phone 1-612-423-3548.

Jim and Bonnie Case accompanied by Glenn and Margret Gill brought material from Independence, Missouri, to be sent to Honduras in the middle of December. Glenn preached for us at that time. Their stay was too brief; but they returned at Christmas time with son, Donald, for a longer visit. Sorry to tell you that Donald had "flu" while here. Margret joined our singers, Merlin and Eva Lin Eddy, Judy Gould, and Lisa Brown in singing "It Is Well With My Soul". Very young, Jenny Eddy, stood beside Merlin with open song book from which reflected light illuminated her face. We enjoyed the talent offering, and Jenny. We think that artist Norman Rockwell would have enjoyed the scene as we saw it. Earlier we heard separate Christmas solos from Tommy and Laura Gill and enjoyed their sweet young child voices.

We have another walk-in visitor, from Canada, who had found our place of meeting through one of our reports in the Zion's Advocate. Mark Kirby drove down from the Duluth area to meet with us. We hope for another such visit. Previously David Majoros, our favorite baritone opera singer had found us the same way. So, again, for other readers who may find it handy to drop in and meet with us on Sunday as they are passing through the areas:

Meeting time — 10 a.m.  
 Place: 2922 Cedar Avenue, Good Temple Hall  
 Minneapolis, Minnesota

Pastor:  
 Thomas S. Maley, now at his new home:  
 13021 Rich Valley Blvd.  
 Rosemount, Minnesota 55068  
 Phone: 1-612-423-1394

We chose the last Sunday of any month having five Sundays to have a pot-luck dinner after the morning meeting, usually at the hall where we have excellent kitchen and dining accommodations. Visitors need only bring themselves and a smile. Welcome! Not only Sunday morning at the hall in Minneapolis; but again Sunday evening "out in the valley" a meeting is usually held about 7 p.m. in one of the homes, for Scripture study, discussion, and prayer. Check with either of the above addresses on how to get there. Tom and Ruth anticipate the time when some of these get together will be their pleasure to host in their vast new basement.

A warm breeze wafts up from Hallettsville, Texas, now and then in the form of letters from Brother Gary and Sister Gloria Bentson, formerly of Milac, Minnesota. Gary told of his prayers concerning passing English tests (on his return to college after a lapse of

eighteen years). His professor confided that out of his 120 students in three classes only six passed and the rest failed. Gary was one of the six who passed and he says, "It isn't to brag — but to give God the obvious credit and praise that belongs to Him." The needed credits enabled Gary to obtain a Building Inspector job. The family operates "Monarch Dairy" in Hallettsville. Gary delivers Grade A Pasteurized Goat Milk over long miles to surrounding cities. When I asked Gary for permission to send his testimonies from his letter for publication, his response was, "You may share anything from my letters: We of the Church of Christ are all one family." — You will find these testimonies in the Path Lights column. I took the liberty of captioning them "Uplifting As Rain To A Field of Rye". For the Bentson Five, January and February are "kidding" time with 400 kids expected! "Gloria treks out to the barn in the wee hours of the morning to find more, and more, and more newborn kids; twenty mothers with two or three babies each, in one week," Gary says. (Say a little prayer for her when you're up with a small family heir!) High school youngsters Robert and Lynne are employed in the production. Four year old daughter Carmen helps out and is the precious praying partner. We love this hard working family and their letters to us brimming with gratitude to God.

A recent study shows that we have twenty-six adults, 17 young children, and one teen, counting when our membership frequently come from Rochester and Wisconsin. This count compares encouragingly with years when attendance was very small. We have facilities to handle a hundred — "So-o-o-o-, Y'all come now! Y'hear!"

Irene Maley, reporting  
 201 Satellite Lane N.E.  
 Apartment 9  
 Fridley, Minnesota 55432

<b>LOCATION OF SUNDAY SERVICES                  AT APRIL CONFERENCE</b>		<b>ANSWERS TO "KNOW YOUR SCRIPTURES":</b>
<p>Sunday sacrament service will commence at 9:00 a.m. April 5, and all services that day and evening will be held at the 4-H building as has been done the past several years.</p> <p>If you have questions regarding conference meetings accommodations or about housing needs, contact one of the following Conference Coordinators:</p>		<p>An "epistle" is a letter, just like the ones we all write today and mail to our distant friends. The letters that Paul wrote to his friends in the Church became part of the Bible because people who later found his letters knew they were written with God's help and would be good for people like us to read, hundreds of years later.</p> <p>Paul's letter to the Romans was written <b>before</b> Paul ever visited Rome. He wanted to introduce both himself and the basics of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to possibly make his future missionary visit there go more smoothly. He evidently anticipated that the Gentiles of that worldly city might be hardened to the Spirit of understanding.</p> <p>All of Paul's other letters were written <b>after</b> he had visited and known the person or persons he addressed.</p>
<p>Smith Brickhouse                  5713 Logan Road                  Kansas City, Missouri 64136                  tel. 816-356-9214</p>	<p>Mike Smith                  5701 Logan Road                  K.C., MO 64136                  tel. 816-737-0846</p>	
<p>Rodger Bruner                  1705 South Hands                  Independence, Missouri 64055                  tel. 816-254-6213</p>		

**CHURCH OF CHRIST CONFERENCES**

The 1987 Ministers' Conference (general membership) for the Church of Christ will commence Sunday, April 5. The business sessions will start at 9:00 A.M. Monday, April 6. A Solemn Assembly will be held prior to the conference, April 3 and 4.

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