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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*

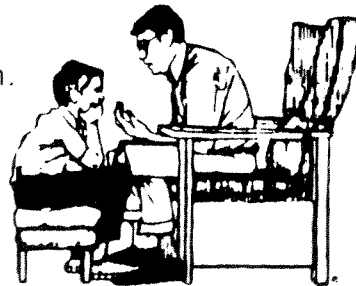
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## Like Father, Like Son

Examples play a part in all we do,  
And I would set one for my son today,  
Because I know he hears just what I say,  
Then measures it with how I follow through.  
Sometimes I think he only needs to hear  
My edict, then he'll quickly step in line;  
Instead, he patterns his life after mine.  
And thus ignores the standards I hold dear.



God's teaching me each day I struggle on,  
To recognize the challenge of each chance  
To demonstrate God's will is to advance,  
Empowered by the life of His own Son.  
Not thoughts nor words will e'er a son inspire;  
A father's life leads to a path that's higher.

Joseph A. Springer

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## Guest Editorial . . .

# What Is In Your Hand?

"And the Lord said unto him (Moses), What is that in thine hand...?" Exodus 4:2. Moses at that time was herding Jethro's sheep when the Lord called him to deliver the Israelites from their Egyptian bondage. Moses doubted his ability to accept such a task, and showing all his human weakness, began to seek an excuse. It was then that God asked him the above verse in a questionlike manner. Moses held a staff or rod, the one shepherds use when they herd sheep. But when used as God directed him, it was blessed. And with that blessed staff Moses was able to perform the wonders and miracles that in the end set the Israelites free to go to the land which was promised to them.

In the present world situation, it seems normal that we can expect almost any disaster. The threats of war and the destruction of the earth will even make the strongest heart among us beat with fear of what may come. But it is also no secret that the people of other nations feel the same way about such a war. These people marry and give birth, build homes, plant and harvest, and do the same things

we do. They are like us, helpless in the decision for war or peace, for living on or a complete holocaust which is in the hands of a few men.

We speak of our own personal freedom, but we select the few men who represent us in each land where we hail from. Even these men whom we choose as our leaders are, like all, equipped with man's weakness and have tendencies to fail, and it looks like millions of others are without power to put a stop to it.

At certain times, we might think we would be better off if we could return to the days when war was a thing to fear but with little possibility of ever getting into the middle of it. If we only could get back to the time when there was no radio and television, to those quiet evenings at home with the children playing under the street lights or running across the lawn playing their games. In those days, man came together to discuss things concerning their surroundings and the affairs of the world in general. They might even express their minds on the possibility of trouble with some foreign country. But

it was merely something to talk about and certainly no one worried about it.

Now it is a reality. Now we have to face it. The world has gotten smaller. Reality comes in many ways: We have radios, TV's, and newspapers and the fears are no longer fears only. They have become reality. But there must be a weapon which we are able to use against all these fears, and there is. Each and every one holds it in his hands — it is the privilege of prayer.

Since Christ promised recognition to the prayer of two or three who were gathered together and of one mind, what would be the results of thousands of us praying together? If we use this power of praying together, and we do, the world will soon be a better

place to live in. In thinking of this, we have to bear in mind that we are rearing our children, and if we do it the way we should, it can be a weapon against evil. We hold in our hands the shaping of the lives of the future. Whatever way of life they choose, they are messengers of Christ, and the mothers and fathers of the future. What we do with this life today, marks its way in all the days still to come. No one in our midst is without a talent. It might be teaching, music, leadership, or many things. It might look small to you, but with God's blessing, this talent has endless possibilities.

What have you in your hand? And what are you doing with it?

Elder John J. Schut

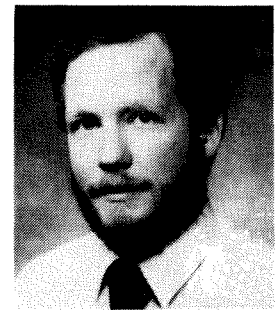
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## Steps Toward Zion

*By Elder Samuel Gould*

Condensed from a sermon delivered at the 1986 Phoenix Reunion

**(Part Two — Conclusion)**



**Elder Samuel Gould**

I'd like to go to Mosiah, second chapter, starting with verse 9. These children of God did something. It says, "And it came to pass that they did plead with their father many days, that they might go up to the land of Nephi." They did plead many days in their desire for the conversion of the children of the Lamanites to God. How many of us have poured out our souls to God that we might serve God in a greater capacity, that we might go to the teeming millions out there and bring them the light of the gospel? Some of us will go if asked, others go if commanded, but these men pleaded with their father. (Maybe it was hard for their father to accept that his sons wanted to go to such a ruthless bunch of people, those that hated the children of God. They wanted to go into the midst of them, probably be killed.) "And the Lord said unto Mosiah, Let them go up, for many shall believe on their words, and they shall have eternal life; and I will deliver thy sons out of the hands of the Lamanites." And they went. The Book of Commandments tells us that he who has the desire to do the work, God will call. Those who don't have the desire, or are pursuing the things of this world the Lord will not call and he will not send, and they will not be preserved by the mighty hand of God.

I don't know how many beg to go with you, Brother McIndoo, but there should be some. And I think this uncovers something else; that you

don't just go on your own, that you go under the direction of the Lord. Even though you have the zeal, the Lord knows how he can use you in his vineyard. So you must get the direction of the Lord.

I'd like to go to Moroni, the 9th chapter, the 6th verse, and while you're turning to that I'll tell you of a discovery that came to me in this last year. We had a new driveway put in for the Church of Christ, there. And we were worried about what was the right kind of sign to put out that would say, 'This is the Kingdom of Heaven'. Did you ever think of that? What do you put there? And do you know what drew me? It was the insignia that we have stamped on all of our literature; of Christ with open arms. So I asked my brother Stephen if he would make that on the sign. So he began to work the wood, a big circle he was going to have at the top of the sign, and then he writes out these words, "Come all ye that labor." When he showed me that, I was struck, Come all ye that labor, what does that mean? This is the calling together of Zion. Come all ye that labor, there's work to be done. The more I think about it the more I think it shows the divine hand of God when they selected that insignia, and I think back to my childhood when I first saw that insignia and I felt the presence of the Savior.

Come all ye that labor, This is a little statement here for all. You who might say, "Well, we won't be well received, if we go." They weren't well received

either, it says, "And now my beloved son, notwithstanding their hardness, let us labor diligently; for if we should cease to labor, we should be brought under condemnation; for we have a labor to perform whilst in the tabernacle of clay, that we may conquer the enemy of all righteousness; and rest our souls in the kingdom of God." Labor diligently. He had a well beloved son who was saying, these are rough times, these are tough people, and they don't like us. He said, labor diligently for whilst in this tabernacle of clay we have a labor to perform. Do you think you can stand before the lord when he returns in Zion, and say, "Lord, I've done what you asked me to do." There will be no need of it if you've done the work. And certainly you won't be standing there in the presence of the Son of God, if you have not done the labor. We have a labor to perform. Let's be about that business, and make sure our paths are being ordered of the Lord.

It's an interesting thing working with the Cherokee Indians in that there's very little fruit that one can quantify. I've heard things like: well, it's still the time of the gentiles; it's because you have a belief different than mine, Brother Gould; it's because - I don't care why, because the Lord came to me in a vision and said, "Redeem Israel." I said, "Lord, that is too much for any one man." And he said, "Redeem those that I have placed in thy charge." Therefore I have a labor to perform, and the Lord would not have sent me unless I had a work to do. We all have a labor to perform in this tabernacle of clay. It doesn't matter if you're a woman, a child, or a man.

I'll like to talk about Alma after his conversion, and this is found in the 17th chapter, the 22nd verse. He said, "Yea, and from that time, even until now, I have labored without ceasing, that I might bring souls unto repentance; that I might bring them to taste of the exceeding joy of which I did taste; that they might also be born of God, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. Yea, and now behold, O my son, the Lord doth give me exceeding joy in the fruit of my labors; for because of the word which he has imparted unto me, behold many have been born of God, and have tasted as I have tasted, and have seen eye to eye, as I have seen." That's an interesting concept. I've been told many times we're not going to see eye to eye until Christ returns. Here's an example of those who were truly converted by the Lord and they saw eye to eye. If we move to that Zion condition, don't you think we will see eye to eye better than we do today?

I believe that it's a command of the Lord, just like having all things common. I don't believe that everyone in the Church is going to have everything common before the return of Christ, but there will be

those who do. And there are those who are doing it today. I do not seek to be at variance with any of my brothers for one of us has to be wrong, and it might be both of us. But I seek for the unification of beliefs in the true doctrine of Christ. That doesn't mean that I'm going to bend like cardboard, it means that the Lord God Almighty must touch me and the other fellow. It says, "Therefore they do know of these things of which I have spoken, as I do know, and the knowledge which I have is of God." That's a requirement also, that which you know comes from God, and that's what you must stand upon. You look for that witness and testimony of the Holy Spirit. When a man gets up here and speaks the words of God by the Spirit of God, and it's carried into your heart, you still must receive it, or shun it. It's your responsibility.

In the 12th chapter of Alma, I'd like to read verses 2 through 5. "Now these sons of Mosiah were with Alma at the time the angel first appeared unto him, therefore Alma did rejoice exceedingly, to see his brethren; and what added more to his joy, they were still his brethren in the Lord; yea, and they had waxed strong in the knowledge of the truth;" that truth which comes of God. Many times I've caught myself wanting to do something different; I've seen others do it, you know, they have a belief and you ask them some questions that kind of unsettle them for awhile, and they go through and they confirm their belief by their favorite scriptures. What is the merit of this? You're still in the same old ditch, just to confirm your beliefs. Isaiah said, "Come let us reason together," that's not me and you reasoning together, that's me and you reasoning with the Lord that the truth might come from Almighty God and not from the mind of man, but by the gift and power of the Holy Ghost it be born into your heart that you cannot deny it: that you be truly born of God and taste of that precious fruit that we hear about.

He tells how it came about. And that's the next question, how do we do that; right? It says, "But this is not all: they had given themselves to much prayer, and fasting, therefore they had the spirit of prophecy, and the spirit of revelation, and when they taught, they taught with power and authority, even as with the power and authority of God." Because they had received it of God. Even as saints we must strive for perfection. As ministry we also must strive to that same sound knowledge that these men had, that we might teach with the power and gift of God in our ministrations. I know that you've seen that witness here at reunion. I have felt the presence of God and he is calling people back to Zion. It is the Spirit of the Lord and it's calling his people to that which will bring them unto salvation, that which will cause the gathering to take place; to prepare us spiritually for that which is coming upon this earth.

It is the hand of God.

It speaks here of the spirit of revelation and the spirit of prophecy, and there is a thought in this Church, some places anyway, that I do not like to see. You doubt everything until it's proven beyond a shadow of a doubt to be true. That person will never receive the truth. In the New Testament we read that they received the word with gladness. And then they searched the scripture diligently to see that the words are true and they be not deceived. But there was a glad receiving of the word of God. There are some today who would say, we are going to close the canon of scripture with the 15th chapter of the Book of Commandments, and that's it. That's no different than the world saying that the canon of scripture was closed with the Bible. John the Revelator says that the spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus Christ. You must have it within your midst. Do you think we can have a gathering without the spirit of prophecy and revelation in our midst in a much greater degree than we have today? It's something we should seek and pray after, that we would hear the voice of God in the assemblies of the saints; that we might hear his word; that we would not despise the revelations that come of God, those sacred utterances that come down from heaven.

I'd like to go to Jacob 3:29. I bring this to your attention for one reason, and that is, that when you are speaking under the power and influence of God Almighty, because of the anxiety of your hearts, sometimes you can be led astray. Therefore, it's a warning, it says, "Behold, my beloved brethren, I will unfold this mystery unto you; if I do not, by any means get shaken from my firmness in the Spirit, and stumble because of my over-anxiety for you." He was afraid tht the humanness might get in there and cause him to stumble because of our anxiety. Ther needs to be caution there.

When working in the Cherokee mission field, Peter and I suffered a great deal of rejection, physical abuse, and trial all in a single day. You know, that was hard on me. But this verse, diligently labor because you have a labor to perform, and there was that underlying assurance that drove me on. My brother was pretty well disgruntled too, so we got down and prayed, and not the words but the thought came to my mind, to enter into a 28 day fast and the Lord would show me the end of my labors in that land.

So I entered into that 28 day fast and on the last day of the fast I saw a dream that shows the days that the gathering will occur. We were in this little area penned in, fences up, and I was sitting there in the dust. There wasn't any grass to sit on, and there were children crying and mothers weeping; and they were all huddled together; they were trying to

console their children. I was praying, I didn't feel well. One of the mothers turned to me and said, "You take yourself to be a prophet of the Lord. Wherein is our deliverance?" It struck my heart chords and I prayed unto the Lord, and I saw an open vision there in this dream. I saw the coming of the Lord, and there was a huddled clutch of people in Independence that the Lord was returning to; a glorious day. And I saw, and understood that in a month or two, the Lord would return, maybe a couple of weeks but in a very short time the Lord would be there. Then I saw what was going to happen to us the next day. We were going to be killed, it was our day of death but that I would go to another clutch of the Lord's people. I stood up and looking at the little huddled mass I couldn't bear to bring myself to tell them that they were going to give their life for Christ that day, and I said, 'the Lord hath shone that tomorrow is the glory of the Lord.' And I sat back down and began to weep while they rejoiced. So I told my sons, there; what it was that I worried about, wept about.

But it didn't turn out quite that way. The next day, in the dream, I went forward, and there was this woman with a gun, she hated me more than all the others. She would hit me with it, my body was frail for some reason, and finally she hit me on the head, and I fell down and kind of slid part way under the fence. Then she cursed and spat at me because I was dead. But my spirit hovered above my body and when she left, it went back in and I went on down the mountain. Just as I started down the mountain I heard a ruckus, and my two sons came leaping over the top of the fence, and down throught the woods we went. We were going to console another little branch of Zion, another little clutch of the Lord's people. Sometimes I worry about these things the Lord has shown me, but they give me a strong direction. I had a lady once ask me, she said, "Knowing those things that are going to happen, how do you deal with that?" And I said, "I have the resolve that comes with the Holy Spirit, the directing power of God. For that reason I was created and I pray for the hastening of that day."

It will be a glorious event when the Lord returns, and I look forward to that day to stand before my Savior. I'd like to leave you with one last scripture reading, and that's found in Luke 21:34. It says, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life...." I'd like for you to think about how much the cares and comforts of this life weights heavy upon your heart, that you not be overcome, that you would seek to know what is required of you that you attain perfection in this life, that you come to the fulness of the stature of Jesus Christ. It goes on and says, "For as a snare shall it come on all them

that dwell on the face of the whole earth." If you're not prepared for Zion and the coming of the Lord, it will overtake you as a thief in the night, and so will the things that are coming upon this earth. You must prepare. "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Pray always. That's a command, to pray always that you will be counted worthy to escape the things coming upon this earth, that you might understand why God has placed you here, that you at that last day will be able to stand and know that you have fulfilled that which God has created you for. I thank you for your time.



## What The YPCL Has Been Up To In 1987

Saturday, the 3rd of January, the UPCL met at Jennie Kidd's home for a study conducted by Joel Yates on the subject of "fear." Perfect love, the scriptures tell us, casteth out all fear. Too, the fearful are counted among those who go to the lake of fire.

Saturday, the 10th of January, the Christian's living room was the site of a whole passel of parlor games. Taxing our brains with the trying task of making sense out of a page of phrases like: "26 L of the A", was one such game. An amusing (for the perpetrators) and perplexing (for the participants) game of "cohorts" was then engaged in. This, for the uninitiated, is a game wherein one person leaves the room, and upon returning identifies an object chosen at random by the people in the room. Following these and other friendly battles of wit, we descended like a Mongol horde to the Christian's basement, and there did awesome battle with a whole stack of pizzas. A quiet and subdued game of Pit polished off the evening, and such was the dignity and restraint exercised in the trading of barley and oats, the exchanging of wheat and rye, that the windows did come nigh to being shaken from their frames, and the very walls did tremble like a leaf borne upon a rambunctious breeze with the zeal and enthusiasm with which our mingled voices were lifted. (We were noisy....)

Saturday, the 24th of January, the YPCL met at the McGhee's for a session of instruction with two video movies: "Standing up to Peer Pressure," and "Lifetime Contract."

Saturday, the 31st of January, Harvey E. Seibel hosted a study at the Temple's on Humanism. Also brought to our attention was the full page ad in the USA Today newspaper advertising that the Christ, known as the Matriya, had returned, and is now in London awaiting the day of declaration, at which time he will reveal himself on television as world leader. He arrived in London by airplane, an odd way for a savior of the world to return. We are reminded, forceably, of the scripture saying that there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders....

Saturday, the 7th of February, the young people met at Sugar Creek Bowl, and while there put to worthy use our time in the toppling of defenseless pins that meant no harm to anybody with defective bowling balls ... they all had these three holes in them, see, and if they hadn't been made out of lead, they would have gone flat in no time. After this entertaining way of passing the time, we arrived unannounced and en masse at Bick and Diane Brockman's to, ah, *bowl* them over with our suddenness and enthusiasm, and to enjoy the good company of each other.

Saturday, the 14th of February, John Geier and Carrie Hedrick were united in holy wedlock. Our prayers and love go with them as they embark on their life together.

Saturday, the 21st of February, the young people viewed, at the Brickhouses, two video movies: "They Lied to Us," and "The Fantasy Explosion."

Saturday, the 28th of February, Harvey E. Seibel hosted another study, this time to clarify some recent actions of our government in the Contra affair.

Saturday, the 7th of March, elections for the YPCL were held at the Temple Lot Local. Randy Sheldon, assisted in great part by his wife, Becky, is again our beloved leader. Harvey L. Seibel remains assistant leader. Nancy Case was elected secretary; Kyle Temple, treasurer; Jennie Kidd, recorder/reporter, whatever *that* is; Benjamin Seibel, parliamentarian; and Holly Smith, pianist. Heidi Temple, Jennie Kidd, Holly Smith, and Ruth Seibel were elected to the planning committee; Harvey L. Seibel, Aimee Brockman, and Jason Christian were elected to the scrapbook committee, and Harvey L. Seibel and Bryan McGhee are on the Crossroads committee. So those of you out there who aren't submitting material to the Crossroads on a regular basis (or at all) are going to have to answer to Harvey and Bryan, and since Harvey is just now busy with typing what the young people did the

seventh of March, you'll have to contend with Bryan!

Saturday, the 14th of March, Bobby Hedrick educated the young people on the duties of paramedics. With two years of schooling, 500 hours of on-the-job training, and 20 months of on-the-job experience, eight of these as a paramedic, he was well qualified to do so. The young people were given a tour of an ambulance, instructed on the functions of the many and varied pieces of equipment found therein, and allowed to hear at close proximity an ambulance siren. Inside the Brickhouse home, Bobby ran an EKG on Greg Brickhouse, and we discovered that Greg has a whole gob of little electrical impulses going through his heart. Following the educational, we replenished famished frames and ravenous appetites at Pizza Inn. And upon leaving, we had the singular experience of discovering that had we but said the magic words, "two for the price of one," we would have gotten two pizzas for the price of one! Now wouldn't that just plumb pucker your pizza!

Saturday, the 29th of March, Harvey E. Seibel held a study at the Temple Lot on the subject of evolution. A very enlightening discussion, one proving beyond a shadow of a doubt that the *theory* of evolution doesn't have a, ah, missing link to stand on.

Saturday, the 4th of April, the YPCL, including members from far and wide here for the General Church Conference, met at Hope Day School Gymnasium, and there pummeled the court with games of basketball and volleyball. E'en an occasional battle of paddles and little white balls was enacted upon the ping pong tables. After the fun and games, our weakened and starving bodies were revived with healthy portions of sloppy joe slopped heavily on opposing slabs of bread, accompanied by a parade of chips. Our souls were then fed with words of inspiration delivered by Joel Yates and Andy Brown. We were entreated to put away from us the things of this world that would cause the destruction of our souls. As always, our hearts were greatly lifted by the association of our loved ones from far away.

Saturday, the 11th of April, the Lord blessed the young people with words of admonition delivered by Brother Hubert Yates at Sugar Creek Park concerning the time in which we live, and the path upon which our feet should be closely adhering. As his words edified our souls, the shadows of evening lengthened, a sprinkle of stars appeared above us, and the cool night breeze drew us close to a warm fire. It was in all ways an evening exceptional.

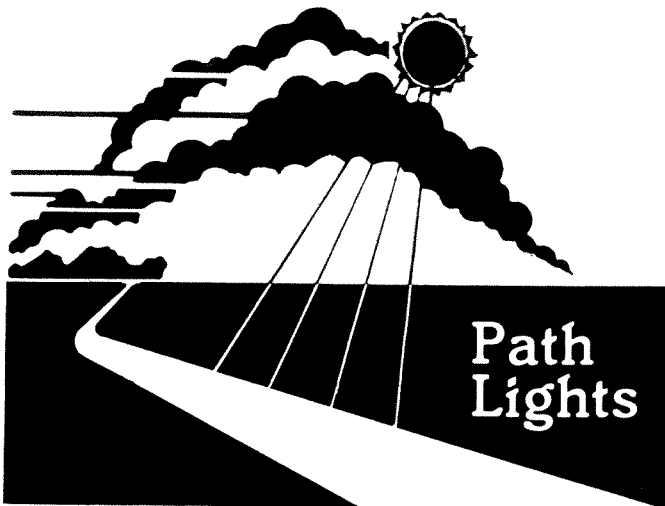
Saturday, the 18th of April, the young people met at Lake Jacomo and engaged in three merciless games of volleyball. The record would be incomplete were it not noted that the team whose

endurance and strength of character have made them a sterling example among those who have the insight to recognize players of superior quality, won the final and thrid game of a series of three. After the last stains of molten gold faded from the evening sky, and the heavens boldly draped velvet night with a brilliant array of diamond bright stars, Ron Temple instructed our eager minds on the habits of these and other heavenly bodies. We learned such interesting bits of information as the difference between first and second magnitude stars; how the big dipper can lead you smack dab into the North star; how now and again you can spot an insignificant lil' planet doing its best to emulate its superiors, the stars; the fact that that fuzzy star up there in Orion's belt isn't a star at all, but a measly ol' nebula; the rotational habits of the constellations; the reckoning of time according to the rotation of the big dipper; the absolute ages it takes for the light of the stars you see in the night sky to actually reach us; and as this is by far the longest sentence in this muddle of words, I deem it expedient to move right along to another Saturday, which happens to be;

Saturday, the 25th of April, the young people organized an evening conducted under the auspices of a "Dinner for Parents," which is just a fancy way of saying that the young people inscribed dear little cards to their parents inviting them to come to the East local to eat dinner. True, most of the parents already eat dinner on a nightly basis; however, it is not every night that they have the opportunity to compare photographs of themselves and their children as babies and toddlers, and strive to match these photographs with the people present. Some fond memories were in this way brought to mind, and the evening passed very pleasantly. Special thanks are extended to Michelle and Aimee Brockman for their efforts in preparing the meal, said meal being taco salad. Regular, ordinary thanks go to everyone else who helped. It might further be noted that Harvey E. Seibel celebrated his 50th birthday that evening, and as I know for a fact that this wasn't even a remote possibility three months ago, I must conclude that the toll of educating our young people every few weeks may very well have had a part in this unprecedented occurrence.

Postscript: Should the phrase, 26 L of the A, be niggling at the minds of anyone, it means simply this: 26 letters of the alphabet.

Submitted by  
Harvey L. Seibel



## Indeed A Blessing

The girl next door to us just moved in at the first part of April. She's a sad story. At 22 years of age and single, she has a little girl who's 3, a baby boy, 9 months, and she's 3 months pregnant with another child. All have different fathers. She's on welfare, has no car, keeps a dirty house, unclean kids and on top of being pregnant, is slightly over-weight.

The entire month of April I had taken great caution to avoid any opportunity to make her acquaintance. Finally, this past Monday, as I was outside working, she approached me and made her introduction. I found very quickly that my patience wouldn't tolerate either her or the little girl. It was all I could do to smile and be somewhat friendly.

I awake early on this particular Wednesday morning so that I might be able to get my housework done and work outside in our flower bed. As I was busy weeding and digging, she came out of her house and walked over to where I was. In her own rough way, she asked if I could take her and the children into Grand Junction so they could go to the Medical Clinic. I felt myself grow cold and with a bit of a grudge I agreed that I would.

As the time grew close for us to leave, I sat Bob and Charlie down on the couch and told them that we needed to show this lady and her children how to be good people. I explained that we needed to set a good example for them. I went on to say that mommy was having a hard time because I didn't really like the lady and I wasn't looking forward to this trip into town. I also explained that we needed to ask God to be with us and help us to be good and to help the lady understand that our life was very different from hers and we were indeed happy in our way of life. So the three of us got down on our knees and prayed to God for his guidance.

Our blessing was great.... We spent an hour and a half in the clinic in which time I read stories to the children and they played with little cars that I had brought with us. The time went fast and everyone got along and behaved wonderfully.

On our way home she said that she wanted to find a table because they didn't have any furniture. I stopped at various places that I knew of (junk dealers, I call them) but their prices were out of this girl's range. We drove on towards home and were nearly there when we passed by a house with an old table sitting out behind a shed. I turned around and drove into the drive where I got out and went to the door. A middle-aged lady answered my knock and she couldn't have been kinder. I told her of this young lady's financial need and the need for a table. I then asked about the one sitting in her back yard. A big smile came across the woman's face and with deep sincerity she told me to take the table, that I was most welcome to have it and she'd be glad to get rid of it! I was over-joyed!

That old table turned out to be of solid wood and very stable. Once it was cleaned up it would make a very beautiful piece of furniture. Into the van it went and on towards home.

As we were unloading the table into this girl's apartment, one of the other tenants from our building came over. She had 3 solid wood chairs that she was willing to sell for a total of five dollars. Somehow, my neighbor managed to dig up the five dollars with which to pay for her new chairs. You never saw a happier person in all your life.

We went to our own apartment where we ate our supper and dressed for our usual Wednesday night church service. I deeply thanked God for being with us that afternoon and for giving me the patience I needed to not only deal with my own children but with this young woman and her young ones as well. Not once during the afternoon did a foul word come from her mouth. Not once did she yell at her children (which she does often as I can hear through open windows). Her attitude was one of amusement and curiosity as she watched us with our gentle spirits and kind words. She didn't say thank you for the afternoon and the events that took place but she didn't need to. The gratitude showed on her face and through her actions. Our thanks came from God. The best thank you of all. Indeed, what a blessing we received!

"Let your light so shine before men,  
that they may see your good works,  
and glorify your Father which is  
in heaven."—Matthew 5:16

Jan Banta  
Palisade, Colorado



# Judge Or Judge Not?

by Harvey E. Seibel

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again" (3 Nephi 6:13-14)(Matthew 7:1-2).

We often hear people make the statement that we should not judge and of course it is based on this scripture. But like all other scripture the full truth is found by searching out the other lines of scripture. There are many kinds of judgment. We know that God will judge the world in the end. We are also told that the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb will judge the twelve tribes of Israel. This judgment may be a continuing work on their part over the tribes throughout eternity as they act as priests and kings unto God. Then we are told that the queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation and shall condemn it. By her righteousness in hearing the wisdom of Solomon she will condemn that generation who refused to hear the words of one who was greater than Solomon.

There is a kind of judgment which we are forbidden to execute. At such times we are to turn the other cheek, because vengeance belongs to God and God will repay. It is not in our place to administer repayment for personal wrongs. Then there is a time when judgment must be meted out. When the civil laws or the laws of the land have been broken, it is the right of kings and rulers to bring such to justice and to administer the law upon them, not as a personal vendetta, but in the interest of the welfare of the people as a whole. The same is true of the overseers of the church as we read in Mosiah 11:114-146 in which Alma inquired of the Lord how to judge the transgressor. Such that will repent will be numbered with the church, otherwise they will be rejected.

There are times when we are permitted to judge, but in so doing, we must exercise care that it is a righteous judgment. "... see that ye are merciful unto your brethren; deal justly, judge righteously, and do good continually; and if ye do all these things, then shall ye receive your reward; Yea, ye shall have mercy restored unto you again; ye shall have justice restored unto you again; ye shall have a righteous judgment restored unto you again; And ye shall have good rewarded unto you again, ... and be restored" (Alma 19:78-80). John tells us to "Judge not according to the appearance" (John 7:24).

From this we see that our own judgment in the end will be patterned after how we judged our brother in

this life. For this judgment to be just, we should not judge from appearances only. Yet at the same time it is by their fruits that we shall know them, so then that which is in the heart is reflected in the acts of a man. That is why it is dangerous to judge too quickly. "For behold, the same that judgeth rashly, shall be judged rashly again; for according to his works shall his wages be; therefore, he that smiteth, shall be smitten again of the Lord. Behold what the scripture says: Man shall not smite, neither shall he judge; for judgment is mine, saith the Lord; and vengeance is mine also, and I will repay" (Mormon 4:24-25).

Because of the proneness of man to make rash judgments it is better not to judge at all. And certainly it is not ours to bring personal retaliation against that individual. Only in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall a thing be established and judgment pronounced, whether by the laws of the land or by the law of God within the body of Christ. This too should be done in righteousness, not in a personal grievance to be carried out against a brother by way of revenge which is certainly a mark of an unforgiving spirit. That kind of judgment is forbidden to us.

As to outward appearances we have this word in Romans: "Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him ... He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks .... But why dost thou judge thy brother: or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ .... Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way" (Romans 14:3,6,10,13).

This says it better than I can and needs no explanation. We need not stand in condemnation of our brother because he is different than we are in the mundane affairs of life. Rather we should, "Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow" (Isaiah 1:17).

But if a matter of a more serious nature does arise we have this word of instruction: "Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world

shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?" (1 Corinthians 6:1-3).

What is our motive in bringing complaint against a brother? Is it out of a desire to get satisfaction from our brother, an eye for an eye attitude, or is it out of a sincere concern for the soul's welfare of that brother or, failing that, for the welfare of the body of Christ as a whole?

"Wherefore take heed, my beloved brethren, that ye do not judge that which is evil to be of God, or that which is good and of God, to be of the devil. For behold, my brethren, it is given unto you to judge,

that ye may know good from evil; and the way to judge is as plain, that ye may know with a perfect knowledge, as the daylight is from the dark night. For behold, the Spirit of Christ is given to every man, that they may know good from evil; wherefore I shew unto you the way to judge: for everything which inviteth to do good, and to persuade to believe in Christ, is sent forth by the power and gift of Christ;...And now, my brethren, seeing that ye know the light by which ye may judge, which light is the light of Christ, see that ye do not judge wrongfully; for with that same judgment which ye judge, ye shall also be judged" (Moroni 7:12-14, 17).

## Big Words For Little People

### Children's Sunday School Lesson from the Warrensburg Local

We have been learning four very important words. They are: compassion, politeness, kindness and patience.

*Compassion* means to care about, to share the suffering of another, or to sympathize. It is a way of being and a way of doing to show that you care. Compassion is being extra kind to your friend when he is sad about something. Compassion is not calling names even though everyone else is. It is also being a friend when someone needs one.

We read in the Book of Mormon, III Nephi 8:5-9, that Christ showed compassion unto the multitude. Other examples are found in Matthew 20:34 and Mark 1:40-42. Luke 10:25-37 tells the story of the good samaritan and how we should love our neighbor as ourself; and from I John 4:21, that he who loveth God loves his brother also. We conclude our study on compassion by reading Matthew 22:36-40.

Our second word is *politeness*, which means having correct manners, and to be courteous and considerate in noticing the needs and feelings of others. Politeness can be shown by saying thank you, please, you're welcome and excuse me. By giving your seat to someone, or carrying packages for someone also shows politeness.

We must remember to be helpful when we can, as it says in Proverbs 3:27 and in I Thessalonians 5:15. Let brotherly love continue, as it says in Hebrews 13:1,2. We read together the first great commandment, also the second, found in Matthew 22:36-40.

Our third very important word is *kindness*, meaning to show concern, to be understanding, to sympathize and to care. It is the act of love and good will. Kindness can be shown in things we say or do not say. It can be shown in things we do or do not do every day. Kindness is taking time to help someone in trouble, even though you are in a big, big hurry. Kindness is visiting a lonely grandmother or grandfather who lives next door. Kindness is not staring at someone who is different, but giving that person a smile instead.

It tells us in Psalms 117:2 and III Nephi 10:16 that the Lord will have mercy with everlasting kindness. We should show kindness, tenderheartedness and forgiveness to one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, did for us (Ephesians 4:32), and to love one another as God so loved us (I John 4:11). Qualities to strive to attain within ourselves are found in Galatians 5:22, 23, the fruit of the Spirit. Again, together we read Matthew 22:36-40 in closing.

Today we will talk about *patience*. Patience is a quiet thing — something that can grow every day in little ways. If we have patience we are capable of bearing delay and waiting calmly for the right moment, like waiting for a baby kitten to grow big enough for you to take it home. Patience is waiting quietly to tell Mother something until she is finished talking to someone on the telephone. Patience is waiting quietly to tell Mother something until she is finished talking to someone on the telephone. Patience is not giving up, but trying again and again when learning something new until something hard

becomes easy to do.

Galatians 6:5 tells us of having patience, so does Luke 6:35. Hebrews 10:36 shows us that we have need of patience, and in James 1:2, 3 we find that when our faith is tried, through temptations, we develop patience. In the Book of Mormon we are advised by Alma to have patience, to be humble, to be gentle and to keep the commandments of God at all times (Alma 5:39). Also please read Alma 7:40: "And not many days hence, the Son of God shall come in his glory; and his glory shall be the glory of the Only Begotten of the Father, full of grace, equity and truth, full of patience, mercy and long suffering, quick to hear the cries of his people, and to answer their prayers."

Let us read together Matthew 22:36-40, and remember that we should love our Lord with all our heart, and our neighbor as ourself.

If we try to show compassion, politeness, kindness and patience, we are being the kind of person God wants us to be.

In our class, we studied one word each week, making four lessons. You might like to use two words in one lesson, or all four words in the same lesson. It might depend on how much time is allowed for class, and also on how many children are in the class, and how much each contributes in relating his understanding of the word and his examples of the word in his daily life.



## Know Your Scriptures

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

Joshua, in telling of his own exploits (Joshua 10:12-14), describes the defense of Gibeon for the children of Israel and his subsequent commanding of the **sun to stand still** so that the people could "avenge themselves upon their enemies."

II Kings 20:8-11 and Isaiah 38:7-8 also describe instances where God purportedly altered the normal position of the sun.

**Question:** Where in the Book of Mormon does it prove that the sun's normal position was **not** altered — and why does this **not** contradict these Bible accounts?

(Answers can be found elsewhere in this issue.)

## OBITUARIES

### Nellie Jones Richards

Nellie Jones Richards was born May 19, 1894, in St. John, Idaho. Her parents were John L. and Margery Tovey Jones. She was the oldest of nine children. On April 16, 1987 she died at the Oneida County Nursing Home in Malad City, Idaho after a short illness.

She was united in marriage to Walter Scott Richards on February 2, 1917. He preceded her in death in December of 1939.

To this union were born four children, all of which survive. They are as follows: One son, Lorin Daniel Richards of Malad City, Idaho; three daughters, Erma Nellie Clark and Dorothy Mary Briggs both of Malad City and Vera May Morris of Portage, Utah. There are 19 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are three sisters: Hazel Lusk, Jane Jones and Faye Thomas all of Malad City.

She was a faithful member of the Church of Christ since her baptism in 1957.

Services were Tuesday, April 21, 1987 at the Benson-Horsley Funderal Home. Officiating in the service were Bishop Jerry Bush of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, family members and Apostle Marvin E. Ely of the Church of Christ. Burial was in Malad City Cemetery.

## A Note Of Thanks

This loving note is sent to our Missouri Brothers and Sisters. I would like to take this opportunity to let everyone in Missouri know how much my mother (Lois Heath), Sister Vida Filley, Brother Gale Brantner, and myself, Aaron Heath, enjoyed the 1987 Church Conference, and to express our gratitude to all those who made our stay so enjoyable. Our Temple Lot Building may be small, but it was large in spirit and love for each other. I'm sure all the other branches are equally as grateful for everyone's contributions to the conference and their overall kindness towards all of us out-of-staters! How wonderful it is to be a part of Christ's Church. Let us all continue to seek the Lord and bond together to bring forth the building of Zion.

Brother Aaron Heath  
Fruitport, Michigan

## Prayer Changes Things

To all of you who have offered prayers in my behalf I wish to express my gratitude. These prayers have been heard. The last four months have been a time of restricted activity and uncertainty for me. During this period many tests were made resulting in the conclusion that a valve replacement and triple by-pass surgery were needed. When I visited the cardiologist April 27th, his recommendations had changed, surgery did not seem indicated and I was advised to resume my normal activities. I can only give credit to the prayers of God's people. Once more I have been the recipient of God's blessings. My heart is full of praise and thanksgiving.

Your cards and notes are truly appreciated and they have been a source of great encouragement to me. This love for one another is such a necessary part of our lives. I hope in whatever time is left to me to affirm continually that the promises of our Heavenly Father are sure and true. May He bless each of you.

Louise McIndoo  
Phoenix, Arizona



## Wedding Vows

The setting was a beautiful one, made so by the soft candle light, the exquisite flowers and the lilting strains of music when Miss Kimberly Sue Oldham and James E. Yates Jr. met at the Independence, Missouri East Local Church of Christ altar to exchange the sacred vows that would make them husband and wife.

The church was filled to capacity that evening of April 10, 1987, as well-wishers, kinsmen and friends waited quietly for the formal event to take place. As they waited, Patsy Yates, grandmother of the groom, entertained with a quarter-hour prelude of appropriate piano music. While Neva Housknecht sang "You Needed Me," the family mothers and grandparents were escorted to their reserved front pews by Ushers Jeff Oldham, brother of the bride, and John Yates, brother of the groom. These were Walter, Ethyl and Jennifer Oldham, Bill and Gladys Nast, and James E. Yates Sr. and wife, Wanda Yates.

When the officiating minister, Apostle Robert Jensen, took his place on the rostrum, accompanied by the groom and his Best Man, Cousin Ed Yates, the audience sat in quiet anticipation, admiring the dignity and the poise of participants. After the ushers lighted the candles, marching in graceful alignment on their candelabra, the Flower Girl, little

three-year old Heather Berquist, niece of the groom, looking like a flower herself, tripped down the aisle with her escort, Ring Bearer, Kevin McGhee (about 7 years) and the two of them stole the hearts of everyone! Admiring eyes followed every graceful step of Maid of Honor, Miss Amy Chastain, the bride's best friend, as she took her place with the others.

Then came the bride, radiant and beautiful in her lovely sequin-trimmed gown with veil and train, moving gracefully down the aisle on the arm of her father, Elder Robert M. Oldham, both keeping step with the rhythm of "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring."

As the wedding participants formed a pleasing tableau amid candle glow and fragrant flowers, Neva Housknecht sang "I Can't Help Falling in Love with You." Minister Robert Jensen read a short love poem by Linda Elrod, and "Unchained Melody," harmonized by Chris Moser and Joel Yates filled the chapel.

An innovative and touching feature of the event was the minister's reading of a special love tribute to the groom written by the young bride, about to place her future life into his hands. The groom's appreciation of the tribute was etched upon his face as he looked deep into her eyes and silently acknowledged her soul's devotion and his own reciprocal love.

After Joel Yates' vocal rendition of "Devoted to You" and after the solemn and impressive matrimonial vows were spoken, the bride's cousin, David Rudd completed the main formalities with his beautiful solo, "The Lord's Prayer." Apostle Jensen had emphasized the solemnity of the occasion with reverent and beautiful counsel to the participants, as he performed the official legal rites of the ceremony. And the words of his invocational prayer and the prayer of benediction contributed their own touch of inspiration of the sacred ritual.

The wedding reception at George Owen Nature Park after the ceremony, was a happy affair, highlighted by the lively music of Katie Moyer at the piano keyboard, and the spontaneous singing of the young and the young at heart as they gathered around the piano like bees to the honey pod! Tasty refreshments and good fellowship combined to make it a joyous occasion.

The old saying that "all the world loves a lover" rings true, as we think of Jim and Kim beginning their lives together and experiencing the fulfillment of all the abundance of good wishes, spoken or unspoken, that reach out from our hearts to theirs, as the years unfold to them. We lift our hearts and voices in one sacred salute: **Vaya Con Dios!** God go with you!

Evalena Sills

## Minneapolis News

We have four in the local who share the speaking responsibilities, augmented at times by the Case brothers, Ben and John from Rochester, Minnesota.

The Minneapolis Local is still here. Our people have been very busy and there has been much travel to and fro. Nana Gill has been speaking by invitation over a widespread area including Canada in regard to the refugee needs in Honduras. Thomas and Ruth Maley attended Conference. Brother and Sister Merlin Eddy visited in Wisconsin as part of Merlin's established schedule. Elissa Brown and sons visited family in Missouri. Stephen and Judy Gould visited in Bemidji, also Enoch and Seth. Irene Maley visited in Cedar Falls, Iowa in mid-February, and in mid-April attended the 50th wedding anniversary of her brother and sister-in-law, Emerson and Georgia Yates, and the 25th anniversary of Rodger and Martha Bruner in Independence, Missouri on the same day, April 11.

On Easter Sunday our visitors were Hook and Grace Eddy; M.E. Picray and son Steve from Des Moines, Iowa, who are interested in the Honduran project; and Benjamin Igheighe, from Nigeria, who is hoping to study in the United States. Benjamin is the son of a college friend of John Gill, whom many saw in Independence 25 years ago. The children sang "His Banner Over Me Is Love". Brother Joh Gill was the speaker.

Our April 26 meeting was particularly well attended. Wayne and Leona Krause from Seaforth, Minnesota and Ben and Patsy Case, and Clarence Boettcher who had spent five days in the Veterans Hospital getting his diabetes regulated, were present to cheer us by their fellowship. Ida Boettcher remains in the nursing home. A talent offering "Book of Mormon" sung by Stephen Gould was most appropriate to the sermon by Elder Thomas Maley which followed.

One of our customs is so much taken for granted that it receives little attention: the consecrating of olive oil. We witnessed this done at the hands of four elders, one being spokesman. We saw beauty in this representation of faith, obedience, and preparedness for healing. This was followed by an administration which is another beautiful part of our spiritual experience. Though the congregation sits quietly we are nevertheless participating in the administration as believers in God's promises ... And that small bottle of olive oil increases the spiritual value of the home where it's kept and used.

**A SURPRISE!** July 3, 4, and 5 TRI-STATE REUNION site will be the Group Camp, a new facility of the WYSALUSING STATE PARK just south of Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin on the Mississippi River. A bridge north of McGregor, Iowa provides a crossing from the west. Coordinator Merlin Eddy has seen the camp and is delighted with the facilities. Each of four cabins (each with its own bathroom) will serve 27 — a total of over 100 people. The new, well-equipped, all stainless kitchen furnishes tableware, adequate refrigeration, dishwasher and soap.

REMEMBER NOW! JULY 3, 4, and 5 TRI-STATE REUNION - WYSALUSING STATE PARK - just south of Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin. Bring your bedding for the bunk beds - and as the bumper stickers say, "ESCAPE TO WISCONSIN". We will be delighted to see old friends and new friends there. Please contact Merlin Eddy in advance if you plan to attend. His address is: 12115 Rich Valley Blvd., Rosemount, Minnesota 55068 — Tel. (612)450-1939

Whenever you are in the Minneapolis area, come worship with us. We are located at 2922 Cedar Avenue South on Sunday mornings, and in the valley Sunday evenings.

Irene Maley, Reporter

## Greetings to All From The Ravenna Local!

It's Spring here in Michigan, finally! It was a moderate winter around here but we all look forward to Spring and the renewing of life around us. We hope you are all enjoying the beautiful Spring weather that the Lord has blessed us with.

We have been busy since our last report, we have been holding our services, since April 1, at the Community Education Building at 3550 Main St. in Ravenna. Services are held at the same time, 11 a.m., just two blocks away from where we were meeting. The rented building is working out just fine except for not being able to put out a sign, but hopefully word will spread by mouth, neighbor to neighbor and we'll see new faces added to our number.

March 15 we were thrilled to have special guests, Sr. Sarah Brantner and Sr. Jeanette Cunningham all the way from the Warrensburg Local in Missouri. It's always wonderful to see our dear loved ones even if only for a short visit. Also on that day two new Bibles were dedicated for church use in the memory of our departed Sr. Edith Hanes, we will treasure them always.

Our Pastor Gale Brantner, Sr. Lois Heath, Bro. Aaron Heath, and Sr. Vida Filley from the Flint area were able to attend the General Conference in Independence, Mo. the first week of April. They brought back a report to us on the happenings at the meetings and told us about the strong feeling of the presence of the Holy Spirit that was there through

the many sermons and testimonies. Next year's Conference will again address the issues of General "Peoples" Conference and the building on the Temple Lot, so let us all seek God's will in fasting and prayer so that next year Conference will be even more of a success.

Speaking of meetings, it is almost Michigan Reunion time again! This year it is June 20-21 at the Bradley Local. Last year was the first time that I can remember attending and then I only made it for the

Sunday meetings. I really wish that I had been able to be there on Saturday also. I can tell you I'm going to be there for both days this year and every year, God willing, for it was truly wonderful to gather with the other church members from near and far. I was able to connect many faces to names that I remembered from my childhood. This year I'd like to see many more familiar faces! Please try to be there!

May God Bless You All,

Sincerely, Your Sister in Christ,

Debbie Brantner Vogel

## Phoenix News

To our brothers and sisters in Christ: Greetings from Arizona. March was a month of spiritual preparation for conference in our local. Each Thursday night about 25 people gather for fasting and prayer in addition to the regular Wednesday night services. Some have continued to meet in prayer on Thursday nights throughout April. Saturday, March 21, was set aside as a special day of fasting and prayer with prayer services at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

About 35 adults and children were able to travel to Missouri for Solemn Assembly/Conference and stayed afterward to witness the marriage of Phoenix local member Jim Yates Jr. to Kim Oldham on April 10. Jim and Kim now live in Phoenix.

March 14 found the church yard bustling with those who gathered for an evening of volleyball, roasted hot dogs, homemade ice cream and good old visiting. Also in March, Elder Hube Yates and son, Ed Yates made a missionary trip to California and held services at the home of David and Suzanne Seibel. Meeting with them were Andy Yates, Bill Gould and Rex and Marie Weaver.

In June, Elder Jay Moser will begin laboring full time in the missionary field under the direction of Apostle Don McIndoo. Elder Hube Yates will go into the mission field full time in December under the direction of Apostle Don Housknecht.

Final preparations are being made for the Arizona Camp For All Ages. On July 3, 4, and 5, friends from all over will gather at Walnut Ranch near Heber, Arizona, in activities ranging from sunrise services under the tall ponderosa pines to cold mountain swims for those who dare. There will be hayrides, sermons, and campfires. We've always enjoyed the fellowship of those who have traveled great distances to gather with us and hope they have been blessed for their efforts. We welcome all to come and worship with us. T-shirts with the CFAA logo will be sold at camp. Prices are : \$7.00 for S,M,L,XL and \$8.00 for XXL.

March and April brought joys and challenges to our local, but they also brought sadness. Our sister Ruth Willard died on March 6 and brother Oren Caviness died six days later on March 12. In April our brother Dave Hinkle of Grand Junction, Colorado, died. There are those who shared lifetimes with Ruth, Oren and Dave. I leave to them the privilege of writing tributes. I shared but a few moments with each of them. It is not unusual to look back over a long acquaintance and say, "Yes, I benefited from knowing that person." Sometimes, though, someone special touches us in a short moment and they make a difference in our life. When I think of Ruth, I remember the Phoenix Reunion of 1986. Sitting in her wheelchair, she lifted her voice to share her testimony. Children who were fussy from several hours of service grew quiet. This dear woman's words touched my heart. She reaffirmed God's hand in her life and in this latter day gospel. I knew as I listened that she had known God personally. Her memorial service was held at the church on March 15. On March 22, a memorial service was held for Brother Caviness, also at the Phoenix local. The funeral for Dave Hinkle was in the Grand Junction local on April 16. As I listened to the family and friends of these two brothers share their memories, one thought kept coming to me: "I should have known them" We all have a right and responsibility to know such people — to be touched by their lives. In a tribute to a friend in 1927, Vida Smith Yates wrote, "Some people are vividly alive — others just stay here." These three were vividly alive. The lives of those who knew them testify of that. Also during April, Dave Vogel returned to Missouri to attend the funeral of his mother, Irene Vogel, who had visited the Phoenix local several times; and Maurine Karras attended the funeral of her grandmother, Sister Nellie Richards, of Malad, Idaho.

Debra Vogel  
5432 B Jemez  
Glendale, AZ 85307

## Arizona Camp For All Ages

The Phoenix local would like to invite you to spend the Fourth of July weekend (July 3, 4, and 5) with us worshipping the Lord in the cool Arizona pines at the Arizona Camp For All Ages. Meals will be provided; all you need are scriptures, bed rolls, personal effects (swim suits, change of clothing, etc.), and a prayerful attitude.

We want to share this wonderful opportunity to meet with the Lord.

The following fee will apply; however, if you are unable to pay, don't allow that to hinder your attendance: \$7.50 for singles, \$10 couples, and \$15 for families. For further information please contact:

Jim Yates, Jr., Camp Coordinator  
2317 E. Beverly Lane  
Phoenix, Arizona 85022  
(602)971-9674

We hope to see everyone there. If you cannot attend we hope you will seek the Lord in our behalf.

## Michigan State Reunion

The Michigan State Reunion will be held June 20 and 21, 1987, at the Bradley Local, Bradley, Michigan. As usual, meals will be potluck.

Excellent camping facilities are available at the Inglewood Campground, about 5 miles east of Bradley. For further information, contact Bernie Ritsema, 536 Irving Road, Hastings, MI 49058, phone (616)948-8335.

Anyone needing housing or any other

information regarding the reunion may contact:

Elder LaVern Lussenden  
204 Oak  
Hopkins, MI 49328  
Phone: (616)793-7245

Please make a note of the dates and plan on attending if at all possible. We would ask that you approach this reunion in solemn prayer that we can all come to a unity of faith and have that abiding love for one another that we have always had in the past.

Reunion Committee—  
Norman Trudgen, Jeff Butts, Jay Lee

## Missouri Reunion

We would like to invite everyone to attend our Missouri Reunion with us.

DATE: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, August 14-15 & 16, 1987. First meeting to begin at 9:00 A.M., August 14.

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

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

LODGING: Rooms are \$16.00 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. As soon as possible, notify Jeanette Cunningham, Rt. 5, Warrensburg, Missouri 64093. 816-747-5024.

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## ANSWER TO "KNOW YOUR SCRIPTURES"

Helaman 4:61-62 states that the sun only **appeared** to stand still to man, while in actuality the sun always stands still. When Joshua said "Sun, stand thou still . . . and the sun stood still," God had actually caused the **earth** to stand still, making it **appear** unto man that the **sun** was standing still.

Until we rise out of our youth, we believe that the sun rises in the East and settles in the West. We learn later in school, however, that it is the earth that is both revolving around the sun and rotating on its axis that gives the illusion that the sun is moving.

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Therefore, everything happened just as described by Joshua—as understood by the uneducated minds of that era. You can see a picture of the ancient astronomical observatory in the ruins of Chichen Itza, Yucatan, Mexico, in the Church of Christ's AVVA slide/tape program, "Mexico, Land of Contrast."

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