

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;"*

I Nephi 3:187

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She Shall Rejoice in Time to Come

Who can find a virtuous woman?
Her price is far above rubies!

The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her;
She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
She works willingly with her hands, and through blessed sacrifice,
Provides sustenance to her household, day and night.

She emanates strength through her labors and faith
And fears not for her household when the rains may fall.

She stretches out her hand to the poor,
And gives of herself for the needy.

Strength and honor are her clothing;
And she shall rejoice in time to come.

She opens her mouth in wisdom
And in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She looks diligently to the ways of her household,
And eats not of the bread of idleness.

Her children arise and call her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praises her.

Many have done virtuously,
But in thee, O' fair Mother of mine, is found excellence divine!

Outward appearance may be deceitful, and beauty is vain,
But a woman that feareth the LORD shall be praised.

Give her of the fruit of her hands;
And let her own works praise her in the gates!

Proverbs 31:10-31 (paraphrased)

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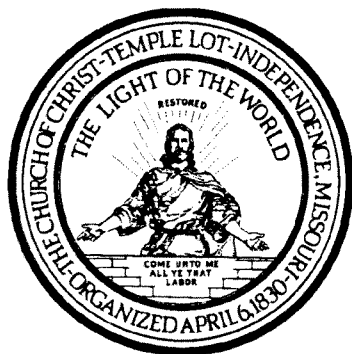
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Trust

Apostle Roland Sarratt

Trusting in others may seem difficult nowadays, but trust is a vital part of our present lives. It is a necessary part of faith and it should accompany love.

Like love, trust is exercised where a return in kind may not always be forthcoming. Trust makes no demands but honors all who will receive the honor. Those who will not receive the honor place value on lesser things, and therefore lessen the quality of their own character by making themselves less than trustworthy.

It seems that there is little emphasis placed on trust today, but everyone depends upon trust to some degree in their personal lives. Some people take advantage and benefit personally from the unsuspecting and trusting souls that have little recourse in their affairs but to trust, while many others thrive on the privilege to serve their fellow beings and prove their trustworthiness religiously throughout their lives. Some people consider their personal integrity of greater worth than of things that they might gain temporarily from others.

A trustworthy person knows how to trust others and proves his self-respect by fearlessly respecting others. By honoring others he honors himself without boasting or making a scow. He regards others as he would



want them to regard him.

Trusting and being trusted is a give and take situation that affects all aspects of life. No place is it more important than in family life. The security of the family is greatly dependent upon the bond of trust between husband and wife. At times it may seem a fragile thing, but that bond of trust has been proven to be a bulwark against adversity unequalled elsewhere. It has been the strength of nations which reflects a higher trustworthiness than that of man. It gives evidence of a sense of worth which can only be seen and gained through spiritual eyes. The importance of the bond of trust in the marriage covenant is God given: the twain shall be one flesh.

Marital love is often emphasized, and well it should be. Love without trust, however, is lacking and becomes more self-serving than true love. Love that includes trust allows oneself to become dependent upon

another and yet gain a sense of responsibility for their loved one at the same time.

The intimacy of a marital relationship was designed by God to break down the walls of self and to increase by the inclusion of another being, not dominantly nor for self-serving reasons, but in a sense of concern for their well-being. As God has increased us through our love for each other, so has He established a foundation whereby offspring may be added to the family and proper nurture may be given them. In this, stewardship over the dependent souls of children is given to us for a time.

Children trust implicitly in their parents. Being worthy of their trust is of utmost importance for they must have an example to follow that they may form a personal character that will stand them in good stead throughout their lives.

A child's trust cannot be measured nor judged by the adult mind of man. We have long since built defenses and declared our independence while our little children remain open and dependent upon us. In their childish innocence, however, they are our examples in the meaning of trust. As our little children trust us, we must in turn trust in the Lord.

On one occasion Jesus told his disciples: "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever

therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3,4)

Humbling oneself and becoming as a little child is against the very nature of most adults yet it is necessary if we are to learn how to put our trust in the Lord. Trusting and being trustworthy go together. We know the value of another's trust in us as we have occasion to need to trust others. However, in our personal weaknesses we learn the meaning of the commandment not to trust in the arm of flesh. At our best we may fail in

being the example of trustworthiness as we might have desired to be. Also those in whom we might have placed great trust may fail us. But we do have One in Whom we can trust and He is always worthy of our trust.

Nephi has shared with us some of his personal feelings that might give us an insight to our own concerns on this subject: "My soul grieveth because of mine iniquities. I am encompassed about because of the temptations and the sins which doth so easily beset me. And when I desire to rejoice, my

heart groaneth because of my sins; nevertheless, I know in whom I have trusted."

Later Nephi resolutely declares his trust: "O Lord, I have trusted in thee, and I will trust in thee forever." (2 Nephi 3: 32-34, 61)

To know the Lord is to know His many qualities of righteousness which makes Him worthy of our trust. We have reason to desire to be like Him, therefore, we strive to follow His example. Like Nephi, let us each resolve to trust in the Lord forever.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

All priesthood should make note that the date for the annual **August Ministers' Conference** has been moved up one week to accommodate the Missouri Reunion committee which has tried each of the past several years to hold the reunion on the weekend immediately prior to the August

Ministers' Conference. Therefore, by April Conference action, the 1991 August Ministers' Conference will commence Wednesday, August 14. The Missouri Reunion (see announcement elsewhere in this issue) will take place on the weekend just prior to August 14.

Special Issue of ZA on Baptism

The ZA Editorial staff is planning a special issue in August, dedicated to the subject of baptism.

We hope this issue will offer a rather comprehensive view of the subject of baptism(s) and shed a positive outlook on the subject. And, while it may be directed primarily toward children and teens, material for parents and other adults will also be needed.

Baptism-related testimonies, articles, lessons, (and even suggestions from a past *Zion's Advocate*, *Searchlight*, *Torch of Truth*, etc.) are solicited.

We cannot possibly use all of the submissions we hope to get, but we will consider each one very prayerfully. Thanks!

The Editorial Staff

Apocalypse Now!

Starting with the June issue of *Zion's Advocate*, a new regular one-page feature will commence, entitled, "Apocalypse Now." This monthly column will be edited by Harvey E. Seibel and will feature current news from around the world and how it may be a fulfillment of prophecy relating to the last days.

Submissions to this column are solicited and should be sent to Brother Seibel at 9800 E. 32nd, Independence, Mo 64052. Any fairly current news item from a reliable source is submissable, such as a major magazine, local newspaper, published journal, published non-fiction book, etc. Please identify the source and include dates and page numbers. No commentary is necessary, but if you have scripture quotations or other thoughts to suggest, please do so.

PRAYER: A Sunday School Lesson

For ages 2-5

Text: Luke 11:1-4

Have a large sheet of paper with the prayer written on it. Explain that when the disciples wanted to know how to pray the Lord gave them this example of a prayer. He did not mean for us to always say this prayer in particular, but he gave it because in it are all the things he wants us to pray about. If we remember this prayer we will remember the things that God wants us to pray for.

We always start every prayer saying who we are praying to: *"Our Father which art in Heaven."*

"Hallowed be thy name" is praise. God wants us to praise him, and also to thank him for the things which he has done.

"Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth." This is a prayer for Zion. If they need a definition of Zion I tell them it is the land we are going to live in (if we are good) and Jesus will be king.

"Give us day by day our daily bread." We are to pray for our needs.

"And Forgive us our sins;" We must ask for forgiveness. The definition of repentance is saying I'm sorry and not doing it again. The definition of God's forgiveness is that he is not happy that we were bad but he is willing to forget it. And when

he does, he will never remember it again.

"And Lead us not into temptation;" We need to pray for perfection.

We always end a prayer with: *"In Jesus name, Amen"*



Picture of a Hand

This is how we memorize the things that God wants us to pray about. The thumb is praise. The first finger is for Zion. The middle finger is for our needs. The third finger is for forgiveness. The pinky is for perfection.

Practice a Prayer

Before the prayer, decide who is going to say what. For example, have everyone say, "Our Father who art in Heaven," Then one child thanks God for something he did for them (or for someone else). Another prays that Zion would soon come. Another prays for a need that his family or another family has. Another child prays that he is sorry when he is bad. The last one prays that God would help him be good. Then everyone says, "In Jesus name, amen."

PROJECT:

Have a bunch of hand shapes. On the palm, write "Our Prayer." On the thumb, have them draw something good God did. On the first finger draw themselves with Jesus in Zion. On the middle finger draw some need that God will provide for. On the next finger draw a sad Jesus (because the child was bad). And on the last finger, draw a picture of the child doing something good.

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1991 April Conference Report

But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. - 1 Peter 4:7

It was in this attitude that Church members met at the East Independence local for the 1991 Solemn Assembly. With fasting and prayer the congregation voiced their concerns for the work of the gospel in these last days, and for the needs of the Church and its people. The services began on Friday morning, March 29th, and after five meetings ended on Saturday afternoon. There was a spirit of unity and desire at the meetings and each service was filled with many prayers by the elderly, the middle aged, and the young. There was an added beauty to the prayer meetings, for we heard prayers in Spanish. We were blessed by the attendance of our Yucatan, Mexico, Brothers, Evangelist Vicente Poot and Priest Placido Koyoc.



Placido Koyoc & Vicente Poot

During the Solemn Assembly several dreams were told. Brother Sam Gould related a dream and explained he was given to know that we needed to be assured of the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon, and that our hearts must be knit together in love before the work can go forward. Brother Ron Temple and Brother LeRoy Wheaton each told of a dream that they received recently. Their dreams were very similar to one another. The dreams indicated there would be danger and trials ahead but that God would provide a refuge.

Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. we were privileged to witness the baptism of Mark and Lana Hill. They and their two girls have been attending the Temple Lot local. It was wonderful to see this couple united in their commitment to serve Christ. The rest of the evening was filled with Young People's activities.

Sunday, Easter morning, at 9:00 a.m. we gathered at a rented facility for our sacrament service. Apostle Don McIndoo gave the opening remarks and scripture reading. He read from 3 Nephi 5:9-13 where it tells about Jesus coming to the people in America. Brother McIndoo admonished us to praise our Lord this day,

for He lives. He challenged us to share our risen, living Lord with each other and the world.

There were many testimonies of God's ability to heal, the power of love, and how good can come from trials. The testimonies glorified God and renewed our faith and hope. During the service there was a calling of Elder Smith Brickhouse to be an Apostle. After a season of prayer there were many witnesses to the calling.

At 4:00, under the direction of Sister Martha Bruner, the Independence choir performed an Easter cantata called "Then Came Sunday." After the cantata, Brothers Vicente and Placido received the hand of fellowship (really the "hug" of fellowship). It provided us with another precious memory, for we see that love has no language barrier, and we are all part of the family of God.

Apostle Roland Sarratt was the preacher that evening. He rehearsed to us the life and mission of Christ. Brother Sarratt brought to us the prophecies of Christ such as Isaiah 53 and Mosiah 8:16-27, and Helaman 3:47-48, 1 Nephi 5:44-47. He took us through the scriptures that showed that great cloud of witnesses foretelling of Jesus Christ.

After sharing these scriptures with us, Brother Sarratt went on to expound upon the purpose of Christ coming to the world as a man. Jesus suffered

pain, agony, and grief. He ministered to the people in love. Nephi's vision that tells about the tree of life and its most precious fruit. Jesus came into the world and died for us that we might partake of that fruit, which is the love of God. Why did Christ come to earth, die and arise from the grave?

Brother Sarratt's closing scripture, 3 Nephi 12:26,27, sums up the cause of Christ. "And the Father sent me that I might be lifted up upon the cross; and after that I had been lifted up upon the cross, I might draw all men unto me; That as I have been lifted up by men, even so should men be lifted up by the Father, to stand before me, to be judged of their works, whether they be good or they be evil."

Monday evening Apostle Jay Moser spoke to the congregation. He read to us from Helaman 2:43-62. Using this scripture he pointed out the things that God looks upon with displeasure. He especially admonished us to be beware of pride in our lives. As the scripture shows, pride can be the downfall of a once righteous people. Brother Moser reminded us that we are living in the last days. We much watch and pray, for unless the Lord puts his hand upon us, to strengthen us spiritually, we will be overcome. As individuals and as a church we must not take up the ways of the world.

Reading from Ether 1:109-117, Brother Moser explained to us how we can overcome our weaknesses. We must remove unbelief from our lives. We

must believe in the Lord enough that we will do what he had told us to do. A good starting place is to practice the principals taught in the sermon on the mount. We must forgive one another, and love one another by giving each other our best. Brother Moser gave the congregation counsel. In 3 Nephi 8:47-49 Jesus commands us, especially the ministry, to pray among God's people. Other scriptures tell us to meet together often. We must not absent ourselves from the congregations of the Lord.

In closing Brother Moser implored us to help in the work of the gospel. We need to pray and work and let our light shine. His closing scripture was Psalm 27:4 "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple." May that be the desire of this people.

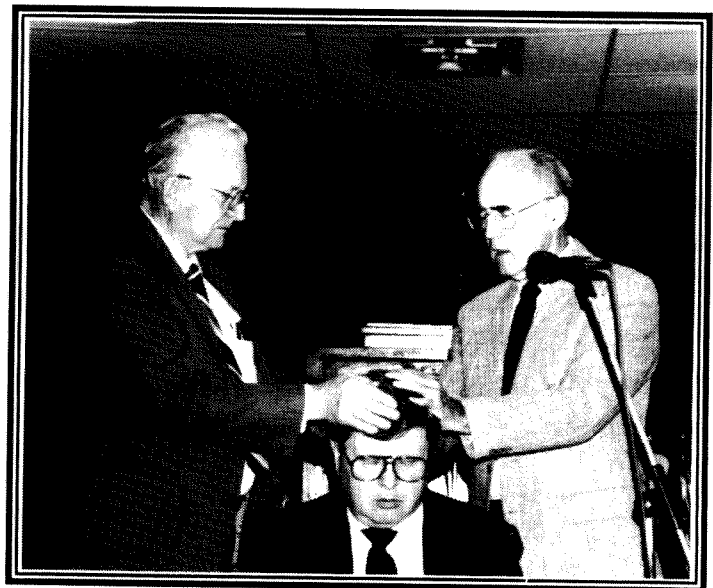
Tuesday morning April 2, the Apostles and Elders met at the East Local for a prayer service and to consider the calling of Smith Brickhouse to the office of Apostle. While they met, we also had a prayer service with Priest Aaron Heath in charge and

Priest Adam Porter assisting.

Tuesday evening at 6:30 was the ordination of Smith Brickhouse to be an Apostle. Brother Brickhouse has been a faithful servant for over ten years and we know his ministry as an Apostle will be a blessing to the church. Our prayers are with he and his family and this added responsibility.

After the ordination, Elder Frank Fann was the preacher of the hour. "All things are possible with God!" was brother Fann's opening statement. He read scriptures that show how God has accomplished numerous things that were seemingly impossible to man. He reminded us about the creation, Noah's ark, and the parting of the Red Sea. God has the power to perform spiritual miracles as well as physical ones. We must believe that he can change the sinner's heart. Brother Fann pointed to Apostle Paul as an example of this.

Brother Fann read from 1 Nephi 1:99-102. Nephi and his brothers had to go back to Jeru-



Apostles Sheldon (left) & McIndoo Lay on Hands in ordination of Smith Brickhouse to the office of Apostle — April 2, 1991



Eight is now the number making up the quorum of Apostles of the Church of Christ — April 3, 1991.
Top row, left to right: Smith N. Brickhouse, Donald E. McIndoo, Roland L. Sarratt
Middle, left to right: Robert H. Jensen, William A. Sheldon, Marvin E. Ely, Alvin (Jay) Moser
Bottom: Don W. Housknecht

salem and get the records. Laman and Lemuel murmured and questioned the responsibility. But Nephi took strength in the Lord. Brother Fann asked us if we question and murmur when things look hard. Do we limit God's power? Do we believe that are things are possible with God? We need to have Nephi's faith in our daily lives to face the world and it's temptations. With the strength of Jesus Christ and the gospel in our lives we can overcome the power of the adversary.

Matthew 21:19-22 says that we should not doubt when we pray, and Mosiah 2:13-17 tells us what is required of us. We must believe, repent, humble ourselves, and if we believe these things, we must see that we do them. Most importantly we must have charity. To close

Brother Fann read a poem called "We Can't, But God Can."

Wednesday the 3rd of April was our last day of the 1991 Conference. The services began with a morning prayer meeting. Elder Leslie Case was in charge with Elder Virgil Addie assisting. Several members gave testimonies about the blessings they received from visiting our Brothers and Sisters in Yucatan. There were testimonies of thanksgiving for health, for watch care, and for the benefits of the church and the gospel.

Wednesday evening, before the preaching service, Brother Charles Brantner was set aside as a Bishop of the church to replace Smith Brickhouse. Our prayers go with him and the other six having the responsibility to oversee the finances of

the church.

Apostle Marvin Ely was the preacher for our final service. He began the sermon by telling us that we need to persuade our children and fellow man to believe in Jesus Christ. We live in a time of great trial and responsibility. Each of us need a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. 2 Nephi 11:43-48 tells us that we must labor diligently to accomplish this task. According to 2 Nephi 13:29,30 we must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ. We must have hope and love for God and all men.

Brother Ely read to us several scriptures from Proverbs. We learned these truths 1) do not forsake God's law 2) do not consent when sinners entice you 3) seek after Godly wisdom, understanding, and knowledge 4) retain God's words and keep his commandments 5) living God's way will bring peace and joy. Nephi's vision also tells of the joy we will have if we partake of the tree of life.

Brother Ely expounded the scriptures from John 15:5-17. We are the branches and we can do nothing without Lord. We are his friends if we do what he has commanded. Charity and prayer are essential if we are to be true followers of Christ. He also emphasized the point that must search diligently in the light of Christ and lay hold of every good thing. As 2 Nephi 11:48 says, we must talk of Christ, preach of Christ, and prophesy of Christ, not only for our benefit, but for that of our children.

We enjoyed a good conference with God's spirit and blessings. We were blessed with the ordination of an apostle and the presence of two dear brothers from Yucatan. It was a time of praise, worship, fellowship, and counsel. As we sang the closing hymn we felt a sadness that comes at the end of a conference or reunion. The challenge, now, is to put into practice the instruction we gained from having met in the house of the Lord.

Becky Sheldon

Conference Reporter



The General Bishopric of the Church of Christ — April 3, 1991. "Bishop" is the title given in the restored dispensation of the Church to those seven men appointed by Church members to have watch-care over its temporal affairs. Pictured left to right: Charles Brantner, Frank Fann, C. Leroy Wheaton, Jr., Nicholas Denham, Leslie Case, and Alvin Harris (Ed Padhola was not in attendance)

Teen Challenge '91

August 4-9, at Camp Far Westa (one hour north of Kansas City), Junior and Senior High (ages 12-18).
Contact: Buzz Brickhouse (camp director), 5713 Logan Road, Kansas City, MO 64136.
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Wake Up Camp Anniversary

Due to mounting sentiment and repeated request, 1991 will see a 25th anniversary gathering in memory of the Wake Up Camp. The old site at Bemidji is not available and the Reed family is no longer there. However, the **Tri-State Reunion** will provide time and place for being together. Release time and social schedule in the Reunion will allow ample occasion for reminiscing. George and Lovita Reed plan to attend.

Your inquiry and plans may be addressed to Thomas Maley, 13021 Rich Valley Boulevard, Rosemount, Minnesota 55068.

The date for the Reunion is August 30 - September 1, and will be held at Whitewater Youth Camp, Whitewater State Park, Altura, Minnesota, about 8 miles north of St. Charles.

Please plan to attend!

1991 Colorado Reunion

On June 14, 15 and 16, 1991, the Church of Christ, 3233 B1/2 Road, Grand Junction, is the place to be for our annual Colorado Reunion. The following members make up our Reunion Committee. Please notify one of them to let us know when to expect you.

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Please take note that the Reunion is one week later than we have held it in the past. We hope many of you can come and join with us in our beautiful area to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. — Enid E. Bell, Secretary

TESTIMONY OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN AND THE STICK OF JOSEPH

Compiled by Harvey E. Seibel

Part 24

Though the roads of the Mayas were far superior to the Roman roads of the Old World and many times superior to our roads they did not compare to the roads of the Incas. According to William Prescott in his "Conquest of Peru" "...the roads of the Incas were among the most useful and stupendous works ever executed by man. Nevertheless the Mayan roads were built on beds of masonry. The width of these roads varied from 20 to 25 feet and were leveled and smoothed by paving of a bituminous cement. The Peruvian roads were cut for leagues through living rock, rivers were crossed by immense suspension bridges, precipices were scaled by stairways hewn out of native rock and ravines of hideous depths were filled up with solid masonry. Mountains and cliffs were pierced by tunnels and much of the surface was paved and surfaced with asphalt. One of these roads ran from Quito, Ecuador to southern Chile, a distance of over 3000 miles.

"Those who may distrust the accounts of Peruvian industry will find their doubts removed on a visit to the country. The traveller still meets, especially in the central regions of the table-land, with memorials of the past, remains of temples, pal-

aces, fortresses, terraced mountains, great military roads, aqueducts, and other public works which, whatever degree of science they may display in their execution, astonish him by their number, the massive character of the materials, and the grandeur of the design. Among them, perhaps the most remarkable are the great roads, the broken remains of which are still in sufficient preservation to attest their former magnificence. There were many of these roads, traversing different parts of the kingdom; but the most considerable were the two which extended from Quito to Cuzco, and, again diverging from the capital, continued in a southern direction towards Chile.

"One of these roads passed over the grand plateau, and the other along the lowlands on the borders of the ocean. The former was much the more difficult achievement, from the character of the country. It was conducted over pathless sierras buried in snow; galleries were cut for leagues through the living rock; rivers were crossed by means of bridges that swung suspended in air; precipices were scaled by stairways hewn out of the native bed; ravines of hideous depth were filled up with solid masonry; in short, all the difficulties that beset a wild and mountainous region, and which

might appall the most courageous engineer of modern times were encountered and successfully overcome. The length of the road, of which scattered fragments only remain, is variously estimated from fifteen hundred to two thousand miles; and stone pillars, in the manner of European milestones were erected at stated intervals of somewhat more than a league all along the route. Its breadth scarcely exceeded twenty feet. It was built of heavy flags of freestone, and in some parts, at least covered with a bituminous cement, which time has made harder than the stone itself. In some places, where the ravines had been filled up with masonry, the mountain torrents, wearing on it for ages, have gradually eaten a way through the base, and left the superincumbent mass - such is the cohesion of the materials - still spanning the valley like an arch.

"Over some of the boldest streams it was necessary to construct suspension bridges, as they were termed, made of the tough fibres of the maguey, or of the osier of the country, which was an extraordinary degree of tenacity and strength. These osiers were woven into cables of the thickness of a man's body. The huge ropes, then stretched across the water, were conducted through rings or holes cut in immense but-

tresses of stone raised on the opposite banks of the river, and there secured to heavy pieces of timber. Several of these enormous cables, bound together, formed a bridge, which, covered with planks, well secured and defended by a railing of the same osier materials on the sides afforded a safe passage for the traveler. The length of this aerial bridge, sometimes exceeding two hundred feet, caused it, confined as it was, only at the extremities, to tip with an alarming inclination towards the center, while motion given to it by the passenger occasioned an oscillation still more frightful, as his eye wandered over the dark abyss of waters that foamed and tumbled many fathoms beneath" (William Hickling Prescott, *The Conquest of Peru*, p. 764).

It is the opinion of a large majority of writers that iron, draft animals, and the wheel were unknown to the ancient peoples of this land. Consequently, such feats as the transportation of huge quantities of rock and the delicate carving of precious stones are unresolved mysteries. One author (A. Hyatt Verrill) expresses astonishment at the many intricate and delicate works which bear so abundant testimony to

the ingenuity of these people. He concluded, and no doubt rightly so, that they must have had steel tools, or at least hardened iron.

Mr. Verrill states that in Peru they moved blocks of stone weighing upwards to 200 tons for miles across country. He acknowledged that such riddles are without answer, nor do we have any reasonable theories to explain them. All we can do is marvel and wonder.

Evidence of commerce on a grand scale being carried on over vast distances is shown by the following:

Peruvian temples were possessed of lovely turquoise inlays, while the nearest known turquoise deposit is 2800 miles distant at Santa Fe, New Mexico. Objects made of red pipestone were found in ancient graves as far south as Chile, yet this material occurs only in the vicinity of the Great Lakes.

In speaking of the art of carving, Dr. A. Hyatt Verrill tells of an experiment he performed with five of his Indian workers. He states that Indians who have far more patience and perseverance than white men are unable to carve diorite, arsenite or jasper with stone tools. This he discovered through actual experience when he employed

five Indians for the task of carving a simple geometric design on a plain piece of diorite which had been cut and squared by the ancient inhabitants. He provided them with several dozen stone implements and for ten days they labored steadily. The result was that they wore out all the stone implements yet had failed to produce any recognizable carving on the diorite.

Mr. Verrill makes this interesting observation in regard to Monte Alban. "Can anyone actually believe, as archaeologists claim, that the colossal work (leveling off a mountain) was accomplished with crude stone implements and that the broken rock was transported in baskets carried on human head?" He goes on to remark that no one with an ounce of sense can believe that the ancient Zapotecs actually cut away hundreds of thousands of tons of rock, filling yawning ravines, etc., with rubble, leveling hundreds of acres and then building huge, imposing structures, all with no knowledge of steel tools, explosives, wheeled vehicles and beasts of burden.

Next Month:
Conclusion to this series

Temple Lot Local Youth Outreach Retreat Missouri (Spring) Camp for All Ages

The Missouri (Spring edition) Camp for All Ages will join with the Temple Lot Local's Youth Outreach Retreat this spring for fellowship and spiritual enrichment at Knob Noster State Park, Camp Shawnee, near Warrensburg, Missouri, on May 17-19.

More detailed information has been sent to local congregations in Missouri. Please plan to attend with us.

For more information, contact:

Don Case, 2400 Highway Blvd., Higginsville, MO 64037. Telephone 816-584-2429; or

Mike Smith, 5701 Logan Rd., Kansas City, MO 64136. Telephone 816-737-0846.

An Open Letter to the Youth

Dear kids,

This is just a quick letter to let you know about something exciting that's going on this summer. In case you haven't already heard, the church is sponsoring a camp called Teen Challenge. It was so successful last year that it's expected to be twice as big this year.

Maybe I should back up a bit to give you some background. Last spring a few concerned people got together to knock around some ideas about how to give the youth of the church a jump start.

After the dust settled, Teen Challenge emerged.

The camp has a theme which is emphasized every day. Last year's theme was "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." We studied about how to make good choices. This year's theme is "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart ... and he shall direct thy paths." With this theme we will explore steps you can take so that the Lord can direct you. We will especially consider important decisions you will have to make in the future such as marriage and a career.

But that's just part of it. There's swimming, ping pong, volleyball, horseshoes, football, and lots more! Last year we started each day at the flag pole. After raising the flag and a prayer, one of the kids would read their favorite scripture and maybe make a few comments. Then breakfast! After we got

breakfast cleared away it was off to classes. Hey they were neat classes, really! There was an archery class, silkscreen and photography seminars, first aid, computers, and even a career class on journalism which produced a Camp Journal. We plan to have lots of new classes the coming camp.

There's free time after lunch. You can spend your afternoons swimming, canoeing, sailing, playing sports or just getting acquainted. At night we have a camp fire. This was one of the kids favorite activities. It gives everyone a chance to get to know each other better, and to use their imaginations in the skits and songs.

The thing that I thought was most impressive about Teen Challenge was the personal touch the teachers and counselors provided. The study classes were excellent, and one boy was so moved that he decided to be baptized as a result of the love he experienced there.

Well, I could go on but I think you get the idea. Oh, I almost forgot to tell you when the next one will be. *It will run from August 4th—9th.* You can contact Buzz Brickhouse for more details (see announcement on page 73).

Please come! We'd love to have you. Plan on making memories that will last a lifetime.

Love, *Ronnie*
Camp Counselor

ARIZONA CAMP FOR ALL AGES 1991

WHO: All Ages

WHAT: Church Camp
With Fun And Worship

WHEN: Thursday Morning,
July 4 Through Sunday
Evening July 7, 1991

WHERE: Walnut Ranch—
Near Heber, Arizona

WHY: Fellowship In The
Gospel And A Closer Walk
With God.

HOW: Anyway You Can!
All Things Are Possible With
God

The requested donation
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for singles, \$10.00 for couples,
and \$15.00 for families.

If you plan to come,
please notify us as soon as
possible so we can get an
idea of the number of those
attending.

For information concerning
camp rules, location, etc.,
write or call:

Coordinator:
Joel Yates
2924 E. Rockwood Dr.
Phoenix, Az 85024
(602) 992-3613

Asst. Coordinator
Bob Hedrick
16220 N. 7th St. #2491
Phoenix, Az. 85022
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MISSOURI REUNION

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

Date: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 9-10-11, 1991. First meeting to begin at 9:00 A.M., August 9.

Place: Warrensburg, Missouri, at East Hudson Conference Center (The same building as the past few years).

Location: East Anderson St., East off Highway 13, in Warrensburg.

Lodging: Rooms are \$16.50 for single occupancy and \$26.00 for double occupancy per night. Pay as you enter.

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 rooms can be reserved. As soon as possible, notify:

■ **Jeanette Cunningham**
Rt. 5
Warrensburg, MO 64093
Telephone 816-747-5024

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

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

HOUSTON RALLY

The Houston Rally has been scheduled for Sunday, May 26, 1991.

We at the Houston Local extend an invitation to all who would like to attend. If any coming have need of a place to stay while they are here, please contact our pastor, Arthur Smith, or myself, Sylvia Addie.

Please let us know the number coming and when to expect you.

■ **Sylvia Addie**
P.O. Box 268
Houston, MO 65483

THE WASHBOARD HANDS

*I watched my Mother scrub the clothes for my Brother and me,
And never once on her tired lined face did discouragement I see.*

*And when she tucked me into bed and touched my fevered brow,
No roughness was there in her hands for God had seen somehow*

*The need for the Comfort of a Mom in all the things you do;
He gave to her loving hands to use for me and you.*

*She folded them each day in prayer as she knelt to pray,
Asking God to smooth the path that we would walk that day.*

*And as I go through Life today, I trust she understands
How much she did accomplish by the touch of loving hands.*

Sam Kidd — May 13, 1990

Collins Local News

It's spring! The lilacs are blooming, the trees are green-ing up, we've planted our gar-den, the fruit trees are decked with beautiful blossoms, and the birds are building their nests. It's a lovely time of year. I hope you are enjoying the springtime where ever you are.

We have two new members to report to you. Nancy and Wesley Harrison, wife and son of Roma Harrison, made the commitment to join themselves to the body of Christ and were baptized at the Collins local in February by Elder Allen Kauff-man. The laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost was conducted by Brother Kauffman, assisted by Elder Jack Martin. This was a Mon-day evening service, due to Nancy and Wesley's working hours, so not too many were able to attend, but Brother Rodger Bruner and daughter Cynthia and her two boys drove down from Independence in time to share in this special event. Our prayers and thanks go to God for the increase he has given.

The last week of February was a special time for Allen and I, one that shall long be remem-bered. We were among the 13 who were privileged to go to Yucatan and attend the 40th Anniversary celebration of the first Church to Christ estab-lished there. We visited several locals while there and got to meet many of our brothers and sisters in the gospel. Although I could speak almost no Spanish, I found there was no language

barrier with smiles and that you don't have to understand the words to express your love for one another. Those kind people gave us their best and treated us so good, but the honor and privilege belonged to us. Never had I supposed to be able to go to their country and meet with them. I will always be grateful and remember them all the more in my prayers.

The community Easter Sun-rise Service was enjoyed by all who could attend so early. Jack and Betty Martin, Norma Cook, and Shawna Herd represented our local this year. Brother Jack gave a reading for his contribu-tion to the program.

After the Conference busi-ness meetings were ended Brother Don and Sister Betty McIndoo came to Collins for a short visit. Brother McIndoo agreed to be our speaker Sun-day afternoon. Afterwards he and Betty headed for Spring-field to hold services and visit with our people in that area. We're grateful for the time we got to share with them. Our brother Rhondal Shaw drove himself to church and stayed through the afternoon service with us. I sure enjoyed hearing that bass voice of his again while we were singing.

Our Brother Harold and Sis-ter Dora Adams lost their mo-bile home to a fire recently. Thankfully neither of them were injured. They are now in the process of finding a new home and trying to get settled again.

You know, it doesn't seem to matter how old you are or how good or poor your health is, we

still have trials. Perhaps the Devil thinks that when we are less strong physically, or such, that he can tear us down or dis-courage us into not trying any more, but God is our strength no matter what our age or our physical condition and He is able to help us get back on our feet and continue the course. His promises are forever. Hold on to the Rod of Iron. May God bless you each one.

Your reporter,
Czerna Kauffman

Grand Junction News

Spring is finally here, at least the promises of Spring are. The globe willows show a hint of green on the limbs. Those faith-ful early flowers are coming up. For some lucky gardeners, even blooming. I've heard several flocks of cranes, (my favorite sign of changing seasons). We still have our snow flurries, but they come and go quickly leav-ing much needed moisture. Our Pastor, Marvin Carroll, has started planting his vegetable garden, so I know winter is over.

Unfortunately, March means wind, which we've had plenty of. The winds did blow us in some visitors, though. Marvin and Edith Case came out from Missouri and spent a week with us.

Spring time gives birth to new things in many different ways. Larry and Gerri Ann Sar-ratt, of Missouri, have given Alv-

ina Bell a reason to smile by giving her her 35th great grandchild. Congratulations go out to the Sarratt's on the birth of their new son!

While I'm on the subject, Thomas Arden celebrated a birthday in April. Daniel Carroll, Lois Bell, Berniece Ely, and Edith Arden celebrated a birthday in May. April 13 was Lloyd and Edith Arden's anniversary.

We, in Grand Junction, hope everyone had a beautiful Easter, and shine in the joy which God created in the birth of Life.

Love,
Kathy Larsen

TEMPLE LOT NEWS

Spring is the time of birth and rebirth. In keeping with this thought, we have several such blessings to relate.

On Sunday evening, March 24th, Lawrence and Geri Ann Sarratt were blessed with a baby boy. Jarron Zachary Sarratt came in an extra small size, weighing in at 3 lbs., 6 oz. At first, he lost a few ounces, as most new babies will, but he didn't have much to loose! His little heart didn't settle on a steady rhythm, causing concern. But he is gaining weight and strength. He will be a resident of Research hospital through April - possibly into May. His grandparents, Warren and Fern Sarratt, are thankful for his growing health and we all pray this little guy will be a BIG blessing to his family. Jarron has a

big brother, Andrew, who will be two in August.

We welcomed Mark and Lana Hill into the body of Christ on March 30th - Easter Eve. They were baptized by Elder Alvin Harris with the laying on of hands by Elders Glenn Gill and Alvin Harris. The East Local was filled with folks who were here for Conference, as well as East Local members, who joined us in extending the hand of fellowship. Mark and Lana have two daughters, Stacey (11) and Leslie (8). They live in Oak Grove, MO. Lana is Greg Evan's sister - Greg and Denise introduced them to us about two years ago.

This winter, Mark and Lana attended a weekly baptism class at our home. Tentatively, a May baptism date was set, when Greg and Denise could be here. However, during Friday night, after Mark read King Benjamin's proclamation, which begins in Chapter 1 of Mosiah, he knew baptism is too important to wait, after knowing a commitment must be made. He came to Alvin Saturday at noon to see if the baptism could be worked into the Easter/pre-conference weekend. Alvin assured him baptism is the most important thing we do and can always be arranged. Mark asked, "How could anyone read what King Benjamin said, and not know what has to be done?" How many hearts have King Benjamin's words called to Christ "out of the dust" and through the ages?

King Benjamin ended his speech in Chapter 3, verse 49: "But this much I can tell you,

that if ye do not watch yourselves, and your thoughts, and your words, and your deeds, and observe to keep the commandments of God, and continue in the faith of what ye have heard concerning the coming of our Lord, even unto the end of your lives, ye must perish. And now, O man, remember, and perish not."

Joyce Harris,
Reporter

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- **Parent's & Children's Responsibility** - by Apostle Marvin E. Ely
- **Progress** (a close and sober look at ourselves as the Church of Christ) - by Priest Aaron Heath
- **Apocalypse Now!** - Described on p. 68
- **Path Lights**
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- **Sunday School Lessons & Much More ...**

CHURCH OF CHRIST CONFERENCES

The 1992 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. All services will be held on the Temple Lot.

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