

# 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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He does not believe  
that does not live  
according to his belief!

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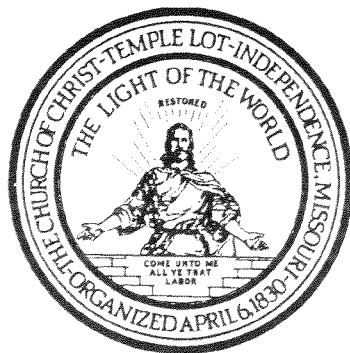
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To promote His Teachings & His Church, the Church of Christ;

To be a voice of warning to His people; To be Zion's advocate.

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helpful if you would be certain you are using a typewriter ribbon that gives a good, distinct image (not smudgy or too light). The most important thing, though, is to send the material — the staff can arrange for typing or otherwise prepare anything you send.

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## WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?

As retold by Don Case

"Daddy, why did Jesus have to die?" The sincere look in the small child's face told the father that the question needed a complete explanation in simple terms. So with his child held closely in his lap, he answered her question with a story, a parable if you will.

**A** long, long time ago, in a far away land, lived a king, a very good king indeed. He had untold riches and loyal subjects without number, but his most prized possession was his son. The prince was a bright happy child of five. The king found great joy in playing with the lad in the castle's great courtyard.

One day after playing, the king returned to the throne room to his kingly duties, leaving his son in the care of servants who quickly became bored with babysitting. The servants began talking together under the shade of a large maple tree and left the little chap to chase butterflies. The child, spotting one particularly large butterfly, followed it into the forest and was soon lost.

When the two careless servants realized the boy was missing, they frantically called his name and searched the grounds. But their efforts were in vain. Fearing for their lives, they were forced to go before the king to inform him of the terrible circumstances. The king commanded all of his knights and servants to comb the forest. But, as darkness

fell upon the deep woods, one by one, the king's men returned to the castle without success. Alas, the prince could not be found.

As for the young child, he had raced deep into the woods, chasing the butterfly. Realizing he was lost, he had spent his first fearful night crying alone in the forest. The next two days, he ran in frantic confusion further into the seemingly endless forest. Finally, at the point of total exhaustion, he stumbled upon a large village. Spotting a group of men, he found his last ounce of strength and ran to them, exclaiming. "I'm the king's son!"

With hoarse laughter, the men slapped their knees, "Sure you are, you dirty brat."

The frightened lad shrank from the mocking laughter of one group after another as he tried in vain to find someone who would believe he was the king's son. For days, the prince told his story over, but no one would believe such a story from a dirty, tattered urchin. He began to wonder himself if it really had been just a dream and he really was just a dirty little street urchin.

Weeks became months, and months turned into years, and the king's son grew strong and wild. He lived in the streets, forced to steal in order to eat. He became a leader of a band of thieves, for in his veins ran royal blood, and he was a leader by nature. They stole and plundered and killed for pleasure. The king's son finally became the most feared and the most wanted man in the whole

kingdom. A few of the bravest knights had made efforts to capture him and bring him to justice, but he always escaped them.

Finally, after much planning, six knights did capture the king's son. Bound with strong cords, they led him back to the castle, to the city where he was born, to his kind father, the king. As they walked through the city, he began to remember the sights from his childhood. As he recognized the castle, all the memories of childhood rushed back, and he knew of a certainty HE WAS THE KING'S SON!

He began to shout, "I'm the king's son!" But the knights ignored him. They only led him on to the king's courtroom, and there they presented him to the king as "The Most Dangerous Man in the Kingdom."

When the good king's eyes met his son's, he exclaimed, "My son! My long, lost son!" Turning away, he began to weep. Finally, he faced his son once more and said, "Son, when you were young, I did all that a father could do for his son. I cared for you. I played with you. I loved you. But, you have done wrong, and have stolen and killed, and plundered, and terrified my people. You have fallen. Therefore, by the laws of the kingdom, you must die. If I should set you free, justice would not be served. I wish I could give you a second chance. But if justice is not executed, the laws will have no meaning, and all of my people will become rebellious."

With tears in his eyes, the broken-hearted king turned and ordered the guards to take his son and cast him into the dungeon. A date was set and preparations were made for the execution of the king's son. As he awaited his punishment, the young prince's anger grew and hatred ruled his heart.

Finally, the night before his execution, the kind old king made his way down into the dungeon to the cell where his son was held. The good king unlocked the cell and went in. He sat down by his son and said, "After much thought, I have decided what I shall do. I shall set you free tonight. You may go, for it was in ignorance that you fell into a life of evil. Now you must make a choice. You may return to your fallen state and then reap the rewards of evil, or you may change your ways, do good to the widows and orphans, give to the poor, and love your fellow man. If you do so, you shall inherit my

kingdom. My son, I love you." With that, the royal king stood and walked out of the cell, leaving the door unlocked.

The son laughed at the stupidity of his father, and said in his heart, "He thinks he can shame me into being obedient. Ha!" He quickly raced through the door, up the stairs, out of the castle, and into the night.

A few days later, the king's son rejoined his gang of thieves to renew his life of violence. It was then he learned from his friends of the price by which he had gained his freedom. For on the morning that he was to be executed, justice had been carried out so that the law would not be destroyed. There was only one other who could pay for the crimes the king's son had committed, and that was the man who had put the laws into effect. And so, on that morning, the king had taken his son's place and had paid the price for sin. It was the good king who died at the gallows.

"And so it is," the father concluded his story for the young child on his knee, "mankind has done evil in the sight of our Heavenly Father. The punishment for sin is that we cannot go to live with God after we die on earth. The Lord, in his love, desired to give us a second chance. For this reason, he came to earth as Jesus Christ, and died on the cross to pay the price for our sins. He died for us. We are like the king's son, and we must now make a choice. If we choose to continue on in sin, we will receive the most awful punishment, never being allowed to live with God. If we choose to repent and live a life full of God's love, we will inherit the Kingdom of our Heavenly Father, and live with Him forever. The choice is ours."

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## MY DAY

*From The Church of Christ Reporter, Summer, 1990*

Those events of the day which demand our attention and action are ours in view of the fact that they make a demand upon us for decision and/or action. True, others may share in the flow, but each is effected by events as they assault each several one's perception. The assault and our reaction may be said to embody "our day".

We cannot avoid this invasion by events, and our reactive response to some degree may be governed by self preservation / self interest. Our self-interest is modified by what we envision our lives to be, and in this area Our Father plays a large part for it defines who we are and shapes the nature of our response.

To know the nature of our creation, its purpose, and the created universe supporting that purpose; these items of our faith make us a knowledgeable people, afforded a peace "the world cannot give" (John 14:27 KJ) and attended by a defining Spirit for resource in facing that which is "My Day". — *Elder Tom Mabry*

Plan to attend (in body and/or spirit) the 1991 August Ministers' Conference (Ministry Only), August 14-16, following the Missouri Reunion.

## YOUTH CAMP MEMORIES

From last August (1990)



I don't know how well they can play table tennis ... but they're certainly good at sitting on a table tennis table!

*"I think that the best thing about the Camp was the people. Everyone met a lot of nice people and made new friends."*

— Michelle Ely (Phoenix, Arizona)

*"The spiritual classes brought me closer to God."*

— Christy Tarbell (Hogansburg, New York)



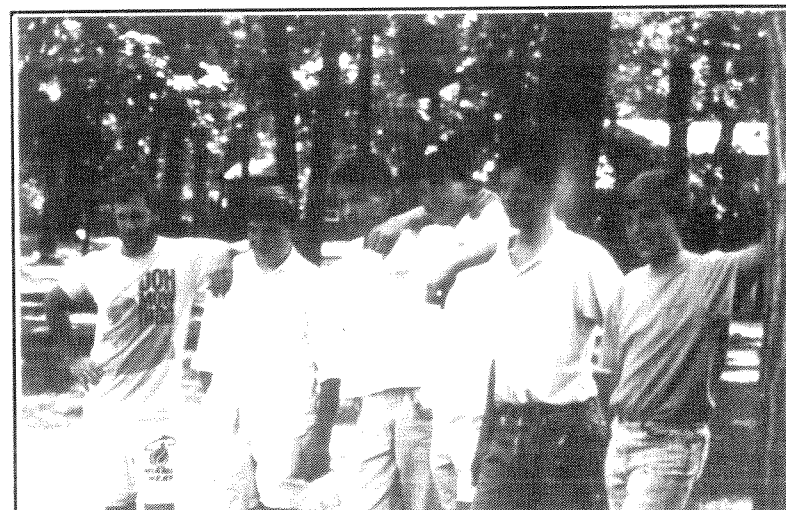
Computer technology reaches Camp Far Westa. Dan & Manon Lawrence teach some eager learners during one of many classes offered on a wide variety of subjects.

*"The Camp has been great! I've had a lot of fun here ... All the classes have been interesting and fun ... It's really nice to see all these kids and adults from around the country."*

— Jason Oldham (Kansas City, Missouri)

*"What I've gotten out of the spiritual classes is that the person I am now is little compared to the examples the Elders have left for us to follow."*

— Daniel Malone (Phoenix, Arizona)



Send in the girls!!!  
"Let's go play some table tennis, guys!"

*"Here at Camp, things are quite interesting and exciting; from swimming, canoeing, archery, and whatever else. It's strange we find time to rest."*

— Isaac Ferrier (Rosemount, Minnesota)

**P**lan to make some more memories at Teen Challenge '91 .... August 4-9, at Camp Far Westa, Missouri (one hour north of Kansas City). The Camp is for ages 12-18 (Church of Christ affiliation not required).

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Editorial ...

## NO ORDINARY PATH

This past month it became my duty to begin searching through old *Zion's Advocates* looking for articles or sermons that had been written concerning a subject planned for future publication. I must confess that as I looked at the boxes upon boxes I began to feel my ambition wane.

Priest  
Michael  
McGhee

As I looked at the boxes all I could see was the time I would consume on this paper puzzle, gleaning at best only a very few articles that might suit our purpose. My mind told me to give up; it would be foolish looking for "a pin in a haystack"! Fortunately I listened to my heart, which told me to begin and see what would happen. What happened was that I found not only several pieces that would be useful to our effort but I found much more than I had hoped.

Leafing through these pages I found baptisms, weddings, "*And the sun shines through Life's*

*dark storm clouds, From its home of blue,*" announcements of children being born and blessed, anniversaries, ordinations, "*Twill be ever new, For the Savior walks, All the way with you,*" sorrows, sickness, healings, "*Are my friends most dear, And I walk with them, With the angels near,*" death, hopes, desires, "*Shadowed vales between, Yet I fearless walk with the Nazarene.*" I found within these time-yellowed pages, "**The Old, Old Path.**"

It was informative and at times very amusing to read of events and circumstances in each of your lives as you grew up spiritually and physically within these pages, within this Church of Christ, within this old path. Some of you, reading this article, I had never thought of as being young and foolish; vulnerable to the world and straying from the path. Reading capsules of your lives it was easy to see wrong turns coming up and taken at times, and I wondered, "why make such a choice!" But, then, why do I or any of us make that wrong choice? Why are we not satisfied?

I believe my mind was expanded and I was able to see or perceive a path from the Garden of Eden all the way down to the Judgement Bar: The Old, Old Path. Reading those old Advo-

cates highlighted a number of years, a very small portion of this Old Path, that you and your fathers and mothers had lived and walked. As I read on I wondered, "now at this point in time do they realize they are on the right path?" Later I read and wondered, "now at this point in time are they aware of a wrong turn coming up or being made?"

God is no respecter of persons. He has provided the scriptures, His commandments, the Spirit of Christ to weigh good against evil, that we might know, the Holy Ghost to abide and guide each of us who have entered in by baptisms. He has not left us alone on this Path.

## LOOKING BACK

Looking back, we see the hopes and desires of our forefathers as they entered and began their walk on this Old Path. We are able to read of their journey and begin to appreciate the hard work, the sacrifice of physical pleasures to reach for and attain spiritual goals, the helping hand of God as He cared for His children. Even though some may have stumbled and turned from this Old Path, we begin to appreciate a path worn and tried, a path appearing straight from the distance of time, a path leading back to God.

## LOOKING WITHIN

Looking within, we have the same hopes and desires as those who have gone before, but are they stained by the concept of self? Do we place ourselves above serving others, even above serving God? Do we drag the pleasures of life along, robbing us of physical and spiritual strength? The choice of paths is upon us. Does the way seem unclear?

## LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead, by looking back! Unless we look ahead by looking back to the examples of Christ, the path will not be straight before us. There are causes that seem right and will cause our focus to be changed. Unless we look ahead by looking back to the commandments of God, not those of our choosing but ALL, we will stumble and surely fall. Unless we look forward and know the promises of God to His children, what hope have we in the future? How can our path possibly be straight?

Some time in the future, one of our brothers or sisters may look at a stack of old *Zion's Advocates* and begin to leaf through the yellowed pages. They will be looking at a capsule of my life and your life as we live and hope and struggle right now. Will the path we choose today appear straight to the next generation? Will *our* path be a part of "The Old, Old Path?"

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## SIGNS OF JESUS' COMING

Sunday School Lesson for ages 2-5

by Rebecca Burnett

**Text:** Luke 21:24-38; Revelations 6:12-13

Read the passage. Jesus is coming. He is going to come to Independence, Missouri, at the Temple Lot, and it will be called "Zion." We will know he is coming by some signs that we will see.

"Signs" are things we see that tell us something is going to happen. If we see a *stop* sign, what do we know is coming? We will come to an intersection. What are some signs that tell us summer is coming? What are some signs that tell us that it is time to go to bed? The signs that Jesus is coming are—the sun will be darkened, the moon will be as blood, stars will fall from the sky, and people will be worried because there won't be enough to eat, and there will be lots of wars, and people stealing and killing each other, even more than usual. If we obey God's commandments, then God will take care of us, but we will see others that are afraid. And that is a sign that Jesus is coming.

When you see a sign it means you need to do something. A

stop sign means you have to stop at the road intersection that is coming. What are you going to have to do when mom says it is time to go to bed? When we see the signs that Jesus is coming, we know that he will come to Zion.

There are things we need to do to prepare for the time when Jesus will come. We need to think of God and pray always. And we need to learn to share. Thinking of God "always," means thinking of what he wants us to do and how he wants us to act.

We should pray that we can act in the way he wants us to act, even though some boys and girls you know might not be doing the right thing. What are some ways that God wants us to act?

**PROJECT:** You will need for each child, four octagon (eight sides, like a "stop" sign) shapes of paper, and a bigger piece of paper with a car shape on it. Have the children color in the signs of Jesus coming on the sign shapes, then glue them to the bigger paper.

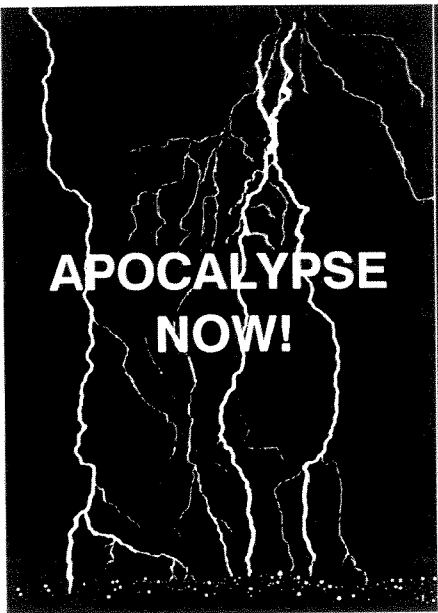
The car represents our lives, and the children are to draw things they can do to prepare for Jesus' coming — praying, and being good and thoughtful some way.



# AS IT WAS

“Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold they planted, they builded: But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. **EVEN THUS SHALL IT BE IN THE DAY WHEN THE SON OF MAN IS REVEALED.**” (Luke 17:28-30)

Emphasis by H.E.S. throughout



## Harvey E. Seibel

What was the sin of Sodom? Was it not Sodomy for which the city was named? The Lord is telling us that the society that was prevalent in Sodom will also be prevalent in the last time. Is this so today?

Consider: It hasn't been very many years since homosexuality was a closet sin and only mentioned in mocking or disparaging terms (as it should be). People

were ashamed to own up to it and kept it hidden because society frowned upon it. It was not at that time an accepted practice. But what has happened since?

A complete reversal of attitude concerning this gross sin has occurred. Now they talk of the homosexual community, apparently to give it respectability. They speak of homosexual rights, alternative lifestyles, domestic partnerships, homophobia (a disparaging term to describe those still holding to traditional values) and gay pride. They have become a formidable political power in this country and blatantly demand, without shame, public approval, not just tolerance of their aberrant lifestyles. They demand, among a host of other things, that schools offer sex education courses depicting all such lifestyles as being normal, that school libraries be stocked with books extolling homosexuals while books espousing a contrary view be banned, that schools establish homosexual clubs and counseling services that take a positive view of homosexuality. Because of new laws which are now being written, business, churches, and schools may not be able to discriminate against homosexuals in their hiring practices.

Enough has been said to illustrate that the prophecy in Luke 17 has been sufficiently fulfilled to identify the time in which we live. God is not pleased with this and no doubt the plague of aids is a retribution for this filthy sin, though even greater judgments are coming.

Perhaps the statement in Romans 1:27 is a part of that recompense now being poured out in the form of AIDS:

*And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.*

That God, indeed, does punish by such means is shown in Deuteronomy 28:58-61:

*If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD; Then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the Lord bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.*

Please send potential material from newspapers, magazines, etc., to Brother Seibel for use in this column. If you have thoughts or comments about what you send, that is fine, also – but not required.

The material should be from the last decade or so; the more current, the better. The content should in some way appear to be a fulfillment of some prophecy found in the scriptures or latter day revelation about the “end times.” Send to:

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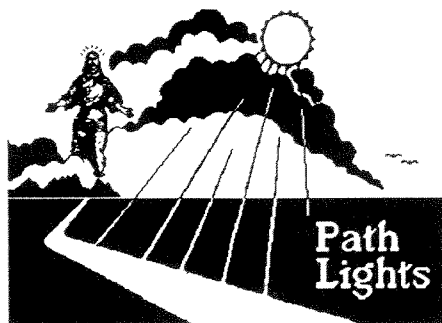


**Things for which  
I am Thankful:**

- ◆ The Gift of Life
- ◆ The Gift of God's Son, Jesus
- ◆ The Gift of the Gospel
- ◆ The Gift of Eternal Salvation
- ◆ The Restoration of Christ's Church in this dispensation of time.
- ◆ I am also thankful to God for having been born when I was, and to goodly parents in the Church.
- ◆ I am thankful for having been born in close proximity to the Land of Zion, in the United States of America which was founded upon a belief in God and His mighty work of creation and Divine Direction and Providence in all things.
- ◆ I am thankful for God's care all through the years of my life.

There have been serious illnesses for me and my family to

endure in faith, quite a few near-fatal. There have also been serious accidents of bruises, torn flesh, broken bones, periods of privations, at times seemingly threatening even life's survival. Through it all, I can see in retrospect that God's hand was over us all the way. Even, as the very touching poem indicates: "Foot-



prints In The Sand":

"Two sets of prints appeared in looking back over the sands of life most of the way; but, when there was only one set of footprints, it was those of the Lord's when He was carrying us over the otherwise unendurable trials

and pitfalls of life."

I now walk in the evening shadows of life with a continuing thankful heart of all of God's mercies and blessings. The dusk is fast approaching, and very soon thereafter will the night arrive wherein no further work shall be possible in my life.

There is a great spiritual excitement in realizing that one's life is nearly fulfilled, and that whatever the reward shall be is drawing near. Age can bring with it an ever increasing desire for righteousness and an upholding of the Gospel and Church of Christ. It also brings a calm and assurance that all is of God's creation and plan when we have tried to live with the best of our offered service to Him.

**Apostle Robert H. Jensen  
Bellevue, Nebraska**

**Send your testimonies to  
Melissa McGhee. Her address  
is on the front inside cover page.  
Thanks!**

## 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; \$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:

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## Mary Nell Raymer

Mary Nell Raymer, aged 60 years, passed from this life at 8:45 a.m., Sunday, February 24, 1991, at Murray-Calloway County Hospital, after developing pneumonia from a case of bronchitis with a bad heart condition.

Services were held in Miller Funeral Home, Murray, Kentucky, with Elder Glenn Gill officiating. Burial was in Elm Grove Cemetery in Murray. Mrs. Raymer was born August 10, 1930, in Calloway County. At the time of death she resided in Paris, Tennessee. She was baptized into the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) on September 5, 1971, by Elder T. W. Paschall, and was a member of the Foundry Hill Church of Christ, Puryear, Tennessee local congregation.

She is preceded in death by three husbands, the second of whom was Elder T. W. Paschall. She is survived by one daughter, one son, five step-sons, three step-daughters, four sisters, four brothers, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

## Puryear, Tennessee Reunion

The members of the Puryear, Tennessee, local Church of Christ (Temple Lot) invite all who can do so to join with them in love for a time of fellowship and Spiritual edification at the 1991 Puryear, Tennessee reunion.

The reunion will be held October 12-13, 1991, at the church at Foundry Hill near Puryear.

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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!

## Houston News

At the Sacrament meeting the first of March the Houston congregation had an extra reason for giving thanks. The night before, Gus and Thelma Schwegler's car had been struck by another car as they tried to turn in at the church. They were both taken to the hospital to be checked, but both of them were at church the next day. Plenty sore and with bruises, but surprisingly well.

The business meeting that had been scheduled for the night of their accident was postponed until March 10th. At that time Arthur Smith was re-elected Pastor, with Virgil Addie Assistant, and Sylvia Addie Secretary-Treasurer. The Sunday School election was held the next week and most of those officers were re-elected as in the past year.

Virgil Addie is Superintendent, and Ireatess Keeney is Assistant, with David Keeney Teacher of the adult class.

On that Sunday Greg and Denise Evans and Ashley visited from St. James. Little Kirk Pierce impressed every grandmother in the crowd as he came in his first long pants suit, complete with grown-up shirt and bow tie. As he and Ashley quietly tried to get acquainted, it was a mingling of past and future as many of us could see the influence of grandparents in the faces of the little ones: Rudd and Bryant, Keeney and Apperson. And we thought of the unseen influence, the character and teachings of those grandparents, parents and aunts and uncles. Arthur Smith said in a sermon one time that the heritage we give our children is our teachings. And these little compressed bundles of potential already are beginning to send out their own little ripples of influence. This day they made us glad that we

were there at church with them.

On Easter Sunday some of our group dutifully went to Conference and to visit with others there. Some others "came home" to visit with families at Houston. It was almost overlooked because it's not unusual here, that there were four generations in two different pews that day. Lois Helseth with Margaret and Ireatess Keeney, and Diane and Kirk Pierce had the front row. Anna Keeney and Mary Jane Medders shared their place with Deanna Hutchison and her children.

Someone tapes all the sermons at Houston so that the actual words of the speaker are available, along with all the inflections and pauses that give meaning to the words. I have not diluted or interpreted these sermons by trying to give a

re-cap of them in this report. If anyone would like a tape, you may contact Virgil Addie.

Brother Loren Bryant presented the sermon on April 14. To say that it was on righteousness (two or three kinds) is the truth, but it is an understatement. Virgil and Grace Rudd came with him. Greg Evans and Ashley were there, and Schweglers' grandson, Charles Renaud, Jr.

April brought coughs and colds and bronchitis to many of the group. It seemed to have hit particularly hard one Sunday and so many people were hoarse that David was having trouble finding anyone able to read aloud without coughing. We found we could all laugh, though, when he looked at Margaret and said, "Mother, if you can read ..."

— Ella Engle, Reporter

## Temple Lot Local News

United Workers started May with a Building-Fund Garage Sale, netting almost \$2200. Caroline Hedrick supplied the garage - God supplied the strength and much better weather than the weatherman predicted - and everyone gave things, support, and money. The Local's Building-Fund total is now \$231,867. We are thankful for God's help.

United Workers met at Bonnie Case's home in Lone Jack, and elected officers: Bonnie Case, Chairman; Manon Lawrence, Ass't Chairman; Jo Hiatt, Sec'y.; Marcia Christian, Treas.; Jean Chapman, Marcia Christian, and Jo Hiatt, Planning Committee; and Fern Sarratt, Study class Teacher. A very filling potluck lunch was walked off at the Powell Center, a botanical garden, near Lone Jack, affiliated with the University of Missouri.

We sponsored a Church of Christ youth retreat, called "Scripture Theme Camp," May 17, 18, 19, at Knob Noster, Missouri. Don Case and cousin Gerry Case organized the Camp, assisted by Bic Brockman and Mike Smith from the East Local, and planned for families with children. Camp opened Friday evening. Saturday activities included a tour of Whiteman Air Force Base and Fire Department; a video presentation and display of Indian artifacts, by Dick and Velma Wheaton; a Missouri Conservation naturalist program on snakes; lots of games, led by Mark and Lana Hill; topped off by a fun-filled, inspirational campfire at dusk, led by Gary and Neva Housknecht.

Sunday, Steve McGhee and Nicholas Denham led the Adult Sunday School, focusing on how to show forth Christ, letting our light shine in our lives. The 13 to 17 year old class was led by Randy Sheldon. They discussed motivations and temptations everyone faces daily. How to discern

good ones from bad ones, noting that God's angels are there to protect us - while also remembering the devil has his angels, too.

Scott and Catherine Harris had 35 four to twelve year-old class members. They said it was the most fun they ever had teaching Sunday School. Everyone participated - down to the smallest. When they asked if anyone had anything to offer, near the end of class, Cody Fann (4 yrs. old) said he wanted to sing the version of "Jesus Loves Me," taught to him by his Grandpa, Rodger Bruner. Cody also volunteered to say the class closing prayer. When children want to take an active part at four, we can have hope for the future of the Church.

Everyone came to camp with their favorite scripture. One person was chosen before each activity to read their scripture. Children were chosen to say prayers at meals. Families were chosen for cleanup crews - even down to little ones standing on chairs to do dishes.

Elder Jim Case's sermon, about making good choices, firmed up the underlying theme in testimonies and discussions about talents and choices. One person's testimony was of feeling they had no talents until they had endured great trial and stress and came to realize that through that trial the talent emerged. Looking back, the Lord's hand was so obvious, but at the time of the trial, it couldn't be seen.

We are looking forward to a very busy June - the time has arrived, at last, when the local people will be applying the finishing touches to the new Church. We look forward to our first service in the new building, mid-August. We hope lots of folks will attend the Missouri Reunion, in Warrensburg, and the August Ministers' Conference. We are excited to show what the Lord has given us, through his servants' help. — Sincerely, Joyce Harris, Reporter



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