

# Zion's Advocate

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

1 Nephi 3:187

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Beloved Brethren! sing his praise  
Who formed the world on high;  
Who taught the planets where to  
trace  
Their orbits in the sky.

O sing the fervor of his love—  
The owners of his grace;  
Who sent the Savior from above,  
To save a dying race.

In songs declare the works and ways  
Of our Eternal God,

Whose kingdom, in these latter  
days,  
Is spreading far abroad.

In Zion, let his name be praised,  
Who hath a feast prepared,  
The glorious gospel standard raised,  
The ancient faith restored.

Swift heralds the glad news to bear,  
O'er land and ocean fly,  
And to the wondering world declare,  
The message from on high.

—from the *Saints Hymnal* (1895)

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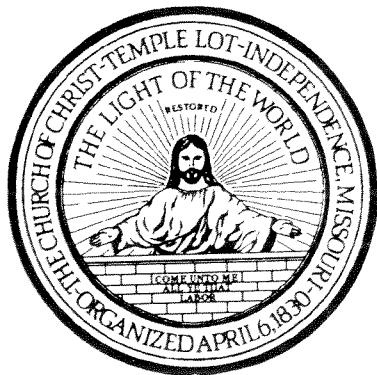
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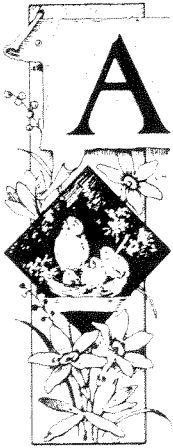
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# Love and Marriage

By Elder Allen Kauffman



A few days ago a young lady came to my house to see if I would perform a wedding ceremony. After visiting with her for a while I agreed to do so, but asked for her and her fiance to come to the house together some time before the wedding so I could visit with them both, and she agreed. That night as I tried to sleep, many thoughts came to my mind so I got up and proceeded to write them down. They were thoughts that I wanted to pass along to this young couple in their marriage ceremony. As I looked at those thoughts, I felt that I would also like to share them with the young people in the Church, through the Advocate. As I considered more closely, I felt that these were some things that even those of us that have been married for some

years might need to look at once again and consider whether we are in accord with what the word of God has told us about our marriage relationship with one



ing a family of your own, decisions to be made, raising your children to be responsible adults, and teaching them how to face the world. Marriage is a commitment, a commitment

between a man and a woman to be honest with one another, to be truthful and faithful to one another, but also a commitment to God; for God created marriage for man and woman. (Genesis 2:21-24) "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he woman, and brought her unto man. And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman because she was

another and with God.

Marriage is a great responsibility, a responsibility not to be taken lightly, but with great soberness. A responsibility of starting a new way of life, hav-

taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

Marriage and life has it's

difficult moments. They won't always be easy. There will be times when you may want to quit. Go to God and He will give you strength to carry on, for God

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says, "Till death do you part." There will be times when life will be full of joy and pleasure. Never forget to give thanks to God, for all good things come from God.

Love is a small word, but has big meaning. May your love for one another grow daily. Christ said "Greater love hath no man than to lay down his life for a friend." I hope that this is the kind of love that you have for one another.

Marriage is unselfish. Never think of I, or Me, or Myself, but always think of the other person, and give yourself, lovingly. (Ephesians 5:21-29) "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto

your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:"

I'm enclosing the wedding vows so you may repeat them, placing you and your spouse's names in the blanks and would like you to really consider the pledge you are making:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take thee, \_\_\_\_\_, in the presence of these witnesses, and God, to be my lawful wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part. Thereto I seal our marriage vows.

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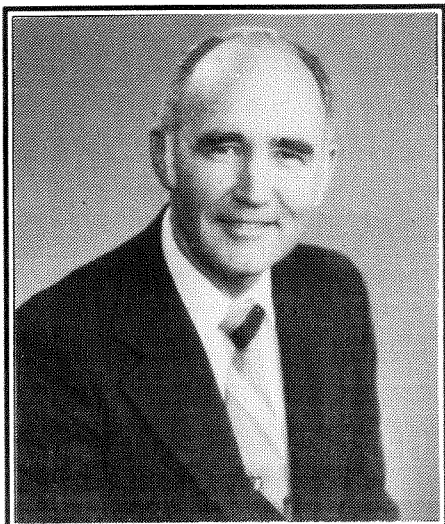
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It is my prayer that this article, as you consider these thoughts, will help direct you in the responsibilities and commitments of marriage in the eyes of God.



## Testify to the Truth of the Book



By Apostle Donald McIndoo

Nephi told his followers in America of ancient prophecies concerning the crucifixion of the Messiah who would come: "Yea, the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, yieldeth himself...as a man, into the hands of wicked men, to be lifted up according to the words of Zenock, and to be crucified, according to the words of Neum, and to be buried in a sepulcher, according to the words of Zenos, which he spake concerning the three days of darkness, which should be a sign given of his death, unto those who should inhabit the isles of the sea" (1 Nephi 5:240-243). Do traditions and legends of the Indian people show they were

aware of such prophecy? We shall see.

Alexander<sup>1</sup> quotes an early Spanish historian familiar with the traditions of the pre-Conquest Indians: "Las Casas, quoting a certain cleric, Padre Francisco Hernandez, tells of a Yucatec trinity. The Son, Bacab ...being scourged and crowned with thorns...was tied upon a cross with extended arms, where he died, but after three days he arose and ascended into heaven to be with his father."

Warren and Ferguson<sup>2</sup> also quote an early Spanish historian, the Bishop of Chiapas, who arrived in Yucatan in 1545: "About the Son, they say that he was killed and lashed and a crown of thorns put on him, and that he was placed on a timber with his arms stretched out. They did not understand that he was nailed, but rather they thought that he had been tied, and there he died. And he was dead for three days, and on the third day he came to life and went up to heaven, and that he is there with his father."

From the writings of these two early historians it is evident that the Maya Indians of Yucatan had traditions of the cruci-

fixion of the Savior that paralleled in detail the prophecies narrated by Nephi. Zenos also referred to three days of darkness which would be the sign of His death. Many years later Samuel, the Lamanite prophet (see Helaman 5:75-82), would repeat this prophecy and tell of great geologic changes which would affect the face of the land at the time of the Lord's crucifixion.

The Aztec historian, Ixtlilxochitl<sup>3</sup>, wrote as follows: "It was 166 years since they had adjusted their years and times with the equinox, and 270 since the ancient ones had been destroyed, when the sun and moon eclipsed, and the earth trembled, and the rocks broke, and many other things and signs took place.... This happened in the year of *ce Calli*, which, adjusting this count with ours, comes to be at the same time when Christ our Lord suffered...."

1. Alexander, Hartley, *The Mythology of All Races Latin America*, p. 143.
2. Warren, Bruce and Ferguson, Thomas, *The Messiah in Ancient America*, p. 157.
3. *Ibid.*, p. 35.

# Dare To Do Right

September 1992 Sermon  
By Elder/Bishop Alvin Harris

“Stand by your conscience, your honor, your faith. Stand like a hero and battle to death.”  
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In Alma, chapter 21, there is the climax of a story. Helaman has accepted responsibility for the people. Alma, his father, blessed him and his other sons. They'd had many wars. Alma was old and left Zarahemla. We don't know what happened to Alma, but we know he left Helaman in charge. Helaman was distressed because of the wars and dissensions. It was necessary that the word of God be declared, and that a regulation be made throughout the church.

They'd had success, reestablished the church, and appointed priests and teachers throughout the land. But, after success, something happened: complacency. It's human nature—it happens today. We “rest on our laurels.” Everything's going well. We “take a breather,” and say, “I'm going to ride the tide a while.” That might work for those who “Dare To Do Right,” but others may take opportunity to seek power or influence. That's what happened. They had a

polarization, a division into two opposites.

Helaman noticed, on one hand, after all Alma's teaching, after all the blessings, that they became lax and he had to remind them of God's word. Amalickiah, on the other hand, wanted to be king. He was a flatterer, who could tell a good story. He went out stirring up trouble, to drum up a following, causing a need for decision from the people. Who will we follow? Helaman, who teaches about God, or Amalickiah, who wants to be king?

The affairs of the people were “precarious and dangerous,” in spite of victory over the Lamanites and great rejoicing, because of deliverance by the Lord. How quick men forget God. How quick to sin, and to be led away by the evil one, and what great wickedness one very wicked man can cause to take place.

Moroni, commander of the armies, saw the dissension. He was angry with Amalickiah. He rent his coat and took a piece and wrote on it,

**IN MEMORY OF OUR  
GOD, OUR RELIGION,  
AND FREEDOM, AND  
OUR PEACE, OUR  
WIVES AND OUR  
CHILDREN**

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He fastened it on the end of a pole, and put on his headplate, breastplate, shields, and armor. He took the pole with the piece of rent coat, and he called it the Title of Liberty. He prayed for the blessings of liberty to rest on his brethren, so long as a band of Christians remained to possess the land.

Life's like that: there's always a decision time. No matter how well things are going, we have to stop, take stock, “rend our coat,” and say, “Wait a minute! I'm going to stand for right. Here's the way it is.” That causes consequences. But, Moroni was not “wimpy.” He told it the way it was: not overbearing, contentious, or “stirring up trouble,” like Amalickiah, for power. He stood for right, used might, and said, “This is the way it is.”

A similar story is in Chapter 24 of Joshua. Moses led Israel out

of Egypt, then leadership was given over to Joshua. Moses went to his reward and did not go into the promised land. Joshua led them in. He gathered the tribes together and

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reminded them of their story. Joshua told them that their fathers, who lived on the other side of the flood, served other gods. He took Abraham, from the other side of the flood, led him through Canaan, multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. He gave Isaac, Jacob and Esau, sent Moses and Aaron, plagued Egypt, and brought them out of Egypt to the Red sea. The Egyptians pursued them. When they cried to the Lord, He put darkness between them and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and they saw what He did in Egypt: and they dwelt in the wilderness.

Joshua reminded them God was forever "saving their day." They'd lull back, get in trouble, and He'd save them again, through the entire old testament. God brought them to the land of the Amorites.

He gave the Amorites into their hand, that they might possess their land. Balak warred against Israel, and sent for Balaam, to curse them. But God would not listen to Balaam. He blessed Israel and delivered them. When they went over Jordan to Jericho, He delivered the men into their hand.

But, Joshua was old and about to die, like Alma and Moses. He was worried. He knew what would happen, that they'd slip back into their old ways, that he had to revive a "Dare To Do Right" attitude. So, he did something like Moroni did. He said, "If it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; the gods your fathers served, or the gods of the Amorites: but,

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They said, "God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods," and argued, "you know we will never leave the Lord." Joshua knew better. "If you forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then He will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after he hath done you good." The people said, "Nay; but we will serve the LORD." Joshua said, "Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve Him." They said, "We are witnesses."

Joshua told them to put away the strange gods and turn their hearts to the LORD. They said, "The Lord our God will we obey." Joshua made a covenant with them, wrote the words in a book, and set

up a stone, a monument to remind them of their promise. Joshua wasn't "wimpy" either. When it was time for a decision, he made one. He wasn't afraid: he had right

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on his side.

In Revelation, the letters John wrote the "angels of the churches" encompass most sins or situations we encounter today. They warn us, as well as those pastors, but they also go along with the stories of Moroni and Joshua. John wrote God's words in Chapter 3: "These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou were cold or hot. So then, because thou art lukewarm, neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth."

The letters talk about riches, a complacent attitude, and comfortableness. They didn't want to make decisions, "make waves," or disrupt their lives. They were happy. Why, when someone presents a challenge, should we acknowledge it and get in trouble, when we're getting along all right? We might lose financially or get hurt. But, the Lord doesn't want "fence riders." Make up your mind! Choose!

Act! Don't be "wimpy!"

The church has a history of problems, dissensions, trials, and troubles. They often came from within—not without. Even

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ministry are "human." People have different ideas. Acts, Chapter 15 details the first "Conference." The ministry disagreed on how a subject should be taught. They came to Jerusalem; were received of the church, the apostles and elders; and reported all things God had done with them. The apostles and elders consider the matter. They had "much disputing." Each made speeches, like we do at Conference. Then, they prepared their missionary outreach. "Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send men of their own company...and they wrote letters by them after this manner." There the problem started; because, as men will be, they had preferences about who they wanted to travel with. A small thing. After they waited there, they left in peace, but Silas preferred to stay. Paul and Barnabas went to Antioch. Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached...and see how they do." Barnabas decided to take John (Mark), but Paul didn't want to. The contention was so sharp

between them, that they separated. Barnabas took Mark. Paul took Silas and left. Yes, even Bible ministry had dissension and had to make daily-life decisions.

Like Bible missionaries, our ministry has to make travel arrangements, buy airline tickets, and check their bags, just like you and I. It's "real life" out there—it's work to make a missionary trip. "The church," the people and all the ministry, have things to do in addition to studying or worrying about doctrines.

"Religion" is not just coming to church, sitting in a pew, or singing. "Religion" is our relationship with God in day-to-day living, practicing things the Bible and Book of Mormon tell us beyond coming to church on Sunday. We didn't build our new building coming to church on Sunday. Committee meetings; weekend work; time sacrificed to lift a shovel, drive a bulldozer, mix concrete, plant trees and grass, and paint, even though contractors did the major work. These things, with the Lord's help, built the building.

In IV Nephi, chapter 1, several burned cities were rebuilt; they had survived calamities, and they had success again, like in Moroni's time. They grew strong, multiplied quickly, married and were blessed according to God's promises. They did not perform ordinances of the Law of Moses, but followed commandments received from God, fasting, praying, and meeting together often, to hear the word of the Lord.

We do this today in preaching, sacrament, and prayer services;

baptism classes; study groups; United Workers; the C.A.R.E. group; Sunday School; Choir; and youth meetings. Why? To rehearse our belief to each other

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and the children. To ask questions and give answers. To remind each other what God said. To gain strength, because we will meet those who say, "You don't really believe that stuff, do you?" We stop and think, "Well, yes, I do." Friends and loved ones back us up and say, "Of course we believe that!" We are a big support group.

In Mosiah, Chapter 13, the people wanted a king, because it's easier when one person tells us what to do, we do it, and decisions are made for us. Mosiah knew that was wrong—easy—but a trap, because one person can make wrong decisions. If we follow, we will be in trouble. Mosiah wanted democracy. "Choose you by the voice of this people, judges, that ye may be judged according to the laws which hath been given you by our fathers, which are correct, and



which were given them by the hand of the LORD. Now it is not common that the voice of the people desireth anything contrary to that which is right; but it is common for the lesser part of the people to desire that which is not right."

Remember Amalickiah? Everything was going great. Everyone was prospering. One man wanted to be king. One person's idea would get them in trouble. Moroni rent his coat and told them, in today's words, wait a minute, no you don't! "Therefore this shall you exert, and make it your law, to do your business by the voice of the people, and if the time comes that the voice of the people doth chose iniquity, then is the time that the judgments of God will come upon you."

Our church follows that plan today. We have Conference, local business meetings, Apostles' and Bishops' planning meetings, priesthood meetings. United Workers meet to socialize and plan projects to support the church. Young people meet for fun or study, in an organized support group, a place of their own, where they can talk among themselves.

In II Nephi, Chapter 11, Nephi warned, "When the Spirit ceases to strive with men, then cometh speedy destruction, and this grieveth my soul." Mormon, Chapter 1, tells one time when that happened. "Wickedness did prevail upon the face of the whole land, (322 A.D.) in so much that the Lord did take away His beloved disciples and the work of miracles and healing did cease, because of

the iniquity of the people, and there were no gifts from the Lord and the Holy Ghost did not come upon any

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because of their wickedness and unbelief. I did endeavor to preach unto this people, but my mouth was shut and I was forbidden to preach unto them, for behold they had willfully rebelled against their God and the beloved disciples were taken away out of the land because of this iniquity. I did remain among them, but I was forbidden to preach unto them, because of the hardness of their hearts.

Things are going well. Finances are stable. The building is complete and paid for. We've had record crowds at recent reunions and Conferences; however, because we are doing well, we could forget to look from left to right or be careful where we step. We could stub our toe or step in a pothole.

Sunday morning services are well attended, but Sunday and Wednesday evening are not. If everyone came to business meetings, the pews would be full. They aren't. It's disappointing when a minority vote for the

majority of things. I commission each of you to be an emissary, to tell someone "We really need to be at local business meetings, prayer meetings, and April Conference. Abstinance is a vote. When "Amalickiah" comes along, and we are not there, we have cast our vote and given up our right to complain.

Dare to do right, like Joshua, Moroni, and Nephi. Be responsible. Have fun, sing, and be gracious - the shining side of religion; but, the other side of religion is hard work. We can't have one without the other, or an "Amalickiah" can rise up and get us. I'm proud of our progress in the church, but we really need grit to keep it going. We have workers, talent, and time. Even if you think you don't have time, you do. Find it. Then we can put it together and make it work. We don't all do the same thing and shouldn't expect each other to. We need to organize. I'll do this and you do that, together. Love your neighbor.

Please read the scripture stories this article summarized. It will give your heart a tingle and put you on the right track. "Dare To Do Right," in the name of the Lord.

# N E W S

## Ravenna, Michigan



### **Greetings from the Ravenna Local:**

In the sermon of January 10th, by Priest Aaron Heath, the song "In Thy Name O Lord" was used as the title for his sermon. He then gave scriptural references from the Bible and Book of Mormon.

We had visitors, Sr. June Haines and husband Ken. Sr. June asked our pastor about having her membership placed with the Ravenna Local. A vote was taken and a hand of fellowship extended to her. She was given something to do, that of playing the organ. We feel God has richly blessed us. Sr. Marie and husband, Alan Piatt, are in California and are fine. Our newest member, Kathy Wieten, is much in need of prayer. She has cancer. I hope all who read this will pray for her. She will be having surgery February 10th.

On January 17th, our preacher for the hour was Elder Max Spencer. The message was about the duty of our ministry to let the Indians know about the Book of Mormon, and that it is about their people. At this time we will be putting together our paper: the Prayer Line.

Elder Gale Brantner, our pastor, read Heb.4:4, in which God rested from all his work on the 7th day. When we enter into our rest we will have our rest.

2nd Peter 3:9, 'Promises given to us,' was used at our last sacrament service. Sr. Vivian realized there were four generations from our family who were baptized members of the Ravenna Local: Sr. Lois Heath, daughter Vivian Spencer, her daughter, Annette Horn, and her daughter, Kristi Horn.

### **Greetings from Ravenna Michigan Local Church of Christ:**

Elder Gale Brantner's sermon for January 24th was about how bad it had been in Sodom and Gomorrah, so wicked that God destroyed both cities. Watching the news it is very clear how wicked things are today. As it was in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah, so will it be when Christ returns.

We had a prayer service on Wednesday, January 27th. Reading II Corinthians, Elder Max Spencer stated that when we become ambassadors for Christ our attitude should change.

The January 31st sermon by Elder Max Spencer was about prophets. A prophet is someone who foretells; some are good and some are false. Christ warns against false prophets. They are deceived by their own heart. What is the chaff to the wheat? Bro. Max ended by telling about an Indian being asked what he had thought of the sermon. He said, "thunder and clouds but no rain."

On Thursday, February 4, Max and Vivian, my daughter Lois and husband and myself will be leaving on a trip to Carolina. We are now back from our trip. Brother Max Spencer was afflicted on the morning we left for home with Bell's Palsy. Sr. Cathy Wieten had surgery February 10. She came through good and is home from the hospital.

It's good to be home.

*Sr. Lois Heath  
Advocate reporter*

Farmington, Minnesota

**February 16, 1993**

In the trust of the blessings of Jesus Christ in each of our lives, the Church of Christ Farmington local also adds its testimony in this report for January 1993. A very appropriate message for the New Year, delivered by Brother Merlin Eddy, stated:

“Whatever we do in this physical body affects what will go before us to judgement, and those who are judged righteous—to life eternal; those who are judged wicked—to eternal damnation. We must repent, and pray, and God’s Spirit will help us.”

In this New Year, we pray for guidance and direction of God’s Spirit in our lives. A fitting quote, written by Andre Gide and shared by Edward Linton, exclaimed:

“It is one of life’s laws that as soon as one door closes another one opens. But too often we look at the closed door and disregard the open one.”

We also pray that Christ’s light will shine through us to affect and help the lives of those within and outside Christ’s church. Brother Merlin Eddy, and his family, travelled to Wisconsin in January for that purpose, and they were blessed through fellowship and study of the scriptures. We were thankful the Eddy family returned safely, and we pray that God will protect those travelling on the roads in 1993.

“Let us Pray for one Another” was sung by Ronnie and Joanne Gill, on January 31st, while visitors R. G. and Brad Truesdell, attended services. Our doors are always open to visitors, and we invite all to attend our “Winter Workshop,” on March 13-14, 1993, where we will learn more concerning being fitting “workmen” for Jesus Christ.

**March 4, 1993**

In the trust of the blessings of Jesus Christ in each of our lives, the Church of Christ Farmington local also adds its testimony in this report for February 1993. “Hark! ’Tis the Shepherd’s Voice,”

was sung as a talent offering by: Jenny, Jakey, and Brother Merlin Eddy on the first Sunday of the month. Just as the wording in the song is, “Help Him the wand’ring ones to find,” we, in the Farmington local are trying to help the “wandering and lost sheep,” by printing an article in a community newspaper inviting all to come and learn about the Book of Mormon on Sunday evening so that they too may discover how the “Shepherd’s voice” was heard in this land.

Also, on February 7th, during a sacrament service, the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt as those gathered gave testimonies and prayed. During a season of prayer, Enoch Gould felt led to tell Jahaira Pena, “We care for you, Jahaira, and want to help you,” which he did in a testimony following the season of prayer. Jahaira, in turn, gave a testimony stating, “How good is God that He heard my prayers!” Jahaira went on to explain how she desires to go to college but does not have the funding, and this was distressing her before we knelt in the mentioned season of prayer. Jahaira could use your prayers concerning this. In the same service, after I gave a testimony concerning my duties, it was comforting to hear Edward Linton say that the Sunday school lesson the following week would be, “Our Duty to God.” These events serve to remind us how, “That our hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love” (Colossians 2:2).

On February 13-14, Brother Merlin Eddy and family visited with Margie Cain and Grace and Merlin Eddy Senior, in Wisconsin, to discuss the gospel of Jesus Christ. Margie and Merlin Eddy Senior (Hook) could use your prayers for their health.

On February 21st, the Farmington local held its annual business meeting. All who hold offices could use your prayers.

On February 28th, Brother Merlin Eddy was led, by the Holy Spirit, to have a prayer service instead of a sermon. There are so many prayer needs. Some are mentioned above, but we also like to keep informed of any prayer requests you may have.

*Your sister in Christ,  
Patricia Gould*

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Phoenix, Arizona

***Hello again from the Phoenix Local,***

In the past year we have had two additions to our local. Kaitlyn Alyssa entered into Jim and Kim Yates' family on June 24, 1992, and Andy and Debbi Brown were blessed with Nathan Joseph on August 3, 1992. We are so thankful for these sweet babies in our midst. On January 1, 1992, Chris Meager and Lynne Chermak exchanged wedding vows with Elder Joel A. Yates officiating. Tom Karas joined Gary Frank and Sue Olewnik in marriage on December 18, 1992. On January 16, 1993, a reception was held for Gary and Sue at the church, where we gave our love and good wishes to the couple.

January 6 was our annual election of officers. Elder Brian McIndoo is once again our Pastor, and Elder Gordon McCann is our Assistant Pastor. Our prayers are with them, as well as the people chosen to serve in other offices.

On December 31, the local gathered to celebrate the New Year with food and frivolity. Some people played board games, while others opted to watch them in "fierce" competition. One group decided to ring in the New Year with a

game of (what else?) basketball! It was enjoyable being surrounded by the church family at the beginning of 1993.

Saturday, January 9, was the annual Yucatan fund-raising dinner. We feasted on soup and salad and good conversation, while raising money for our brothers and sisters in Yucatan.

The Young People met twice this month. On the 18th, the Young People met at Joel and Jennifer Yates' home for a Pizza and Planning Party. The Mosers hosted a Scripture Jeopardy Fun-fest on the 29th. The Young People were quizzed "Jeopardy style" on 1st and 2nd Nephi. The Junior Young People met once this month at the church. They played a short "Time Traveler" game, and talked about how we are all members in particular. Each of us is important in the work of the Lord.

We have been blessed with an abundance of visitors this month! Emery and Mary Pinder have been here for a few months, visiting from Michigan. Their daughter, Helen Farber, and her son, Tommy Elder, were here from Michigan also. Adam and Sue Porter, with their daughters, Heidi and Emily, were able to spend a week in Phoenix, also getting a reprieve from the bitter cold in Michigan. We were also

privileged to hear Emery and Adam preach the word of God. Sam and Helen Kidd traveled from Missouri to visit their daughter, Jennifer Yates, and her family. They were able to stay from Thanksgiving until the beginning of January. We are thankful for all of the visitors we have had. It is so precious to have such dear brothers and sisters in the Gospel.

Sister Evalena Sills passed from this life on January 6, 1993. She was a sweet and loving woman and had been in ill health for several months. On Sunday, January 10, a memorial service was held at the church with Apostle Donald E. McIndoo presiding, and Apostle Jay Moser assisting. Many family and friends gathered in her memory.

Sister Rowena Sloan entered into her rest on January 16, 1993. Elder Joel A. Yates led a funeral service for her on January 19th, where she was fondly remembered by family and friends.

Our prayers and thoughts are going with Gary and Jeri Adams, who are moving from the California area. We will dearly miss the frequent visits and the fellowship, but we know the Lord is with them wherever they go!

Many missionaries have gone into the field this month,

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carrying with them the prayers of their loved ones. Evangelist Hubert Yates left for Canada and the north-eastern U.S. on January 13. Apostles Don McIndoo and Jay Moser left on January 16 for Yucatan. On January 22, Elder Joel Yates and Bob Hedrick traveled to the Navajo Nation for a week and delivered clothing and spread the Gospel. Our prayers are with each of them.

On January 12, Jim Yates, Sr., had surgery to remove a blood clot in his leg. On the same day, Jennifer Yates had gallbladder surgery. Both are recovering quickly. Jim will meet Hubert Yates in February to complete the missionary trip with him.

During the month of January, two of our young people have had birthdays. Michelle Ely turned "sweet sixteen," and Holly McIndoo celebrated her twelfth birthday. God bless you both throughout your lives.

May God keep you in His care in the coming month!

Love and prayers,

*Jennifer R. Yates*  
*Advocate Reporter*

**Grand Junction, Colorado**

**Grand Junction Local News**

Despite all the snow and avalanches, we are still here. 1992 was our year of commitments. In November we witnessed new, and renewed, commitments of love. On the 20th of that month, Russell and Karen Bell began their life "as one." Bob and Shirley Ely invited their family and friends to reminisce about the commitment they made with each other in October, 50 years ago.

Tom Larsen, and his children, Tina, Shane, and Bobby, moved from western Nebraska to near Aspen. Tom got a job transfer, with promotion. That brings them closer to us. They fill up a little more space in the pews.

With the new year came the election of Officers. Marvin Carroll is Pastor again this year. Bob Ely is Assistant Pastor. Bob is also Superintendent of Sunday School, with Allen Downs as Assistant. I am the Advocate Reporter, and hoping to make up for my silence last year.

So far in January, we have had three visitors to our Local: Bob Oldham, from Independence, and Bob Hedrick and Ed Yates, of Phoenix. Thank you for sharing some time with us.

Let's not forget birthdays (though some of us would like to), and anniversaries. Allen Downs and Shane Larsen celebrated a birthday in January. Marvin and Kenneth Carroll, Russell Bell, Jean Larsen, and Nathan Arden are our February birthdays. For March, it was Aric Downs, John and Alice Larsen, and Bob Ely. April birthdays are Erin Larsen, Enid Bell, and Thomas Arden. Anniversaries for February were David and I. April anniversaries are Johnny and Enid Bell, Toby and Jane Pennell, and Lloyd and Edith Arden.

Spring is showing it's promise to reappear. The cranes are flying in out of the south. The early spring flowers are greening up, and the birds sound a little more cheerful. I hope you find warmth in God's promise to us, and bask in his love.

*Kathy Larsen*  
*Advocate Reporter*

# Will You Be In The Picture This Year?



1950 Conference—Courtesy of Forest Maley

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

## Conference

All services will be held at the new General Church Headquarters sanctuary commencing April 5.

Following instructions of the 1966 Referendum, the annual conference of the Church of Christ will begin on the Sunday of the week in which the 6th of April occurs, which this year, will be April 4. Business sessions will commence at 9:00 A.M. on Monday. A solemn assembly is scheduled for the Friday and Saturday immediately preceding the opening of Conference. All services and business sessions will be held at the new General Church Headquarters adjacent to the Temple Lot.

As per Bill #1, 1972 Referendum, "all committees and boards, etc., of the Church empowered to expend General Church funds or collect the same, shall be required to submit an annual report of their activi-

ties, to include a financial statement of funds received and disbursed and submit to a joint meeting of the Council of Twelve and Bishopric at least one week prior to the opening of Conference, a proposed budget for the ensuing year."

Officers and committee chairmen should see that their reports are filed with the General Church Secretary as early as possible. Persons needing a place to stay should contact a Conference Coordinator. Those wishing to donate food or money to the Conference, should contact the Dining Hall Committee. In accordance with action of the 1985 April Conference, all requests for funds should be submitted to the General Bishopric one month prior to the date Conference convenes.

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

*Elder Robert Oldham  
General Church Secretary*

## Colorado Reunion

The Colorado Reunion of the Church of Christ will be held June 11, 12 and 13 at 3233 B 1/2 Road, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Our guest list usually exceeds space available in our homes, so please contact our committee to reserve motel rooms, if needed.

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We look forward to hearing from you and greeting both old and new friends in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

*Enid E. Bell, Secretary*

"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*

*III Nephi 5:63*

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## Mark Your Calendars!

It's time for the 1993 Arizona Camp for All Ages! The camp will be held at Walnut Ranch, Heber, Arizona. It will start Saturday, July 3, 9:00 a.m., and run through Monday morning, July 5. Camp facilities will be open to everyone on Friday, July 2 and Monday, July 5, for camping, hiking, and fellowship.

Since its inception in July, 1983, it has been the desire of the camp to provide old and young with a good experience of the great outdoors. There are varied activities for both body and mind and as much food for thought as there is food for the physical appetite. We choose to hold camp on Fourth of July weekend as a way to promote the ideals of freedom, liberty, and patriotism: ideals that seem to be dying today.

Are you planning to attend? Have any questions? Let us know!

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## Teen Challenge '93

New friends! Old friends! Hard work! Clean fun! Great food! It's all at the Teen Challenge '93 Church Youth Camp!

The Teen Challenge camp is filled with exciting Camp Classes, thought-provoking Study Classes, Sports, evening Campfires, and much, much more!

Last year's Camp Teen Challenge was attended by 75 kids! Plan now to be among those at this year's Camp Teen Challenge!

### Important Information:

- When: August 8-13, 1993
- Where: Camp Far Westa
- Ages: 12-18
- Cost: \$85.00 (\$75.00 if paid before July 1, 1993)

### For Registration Form and More Information Contact:

Camp Director: Buzz Brickhouse  
5713 Logan Road  
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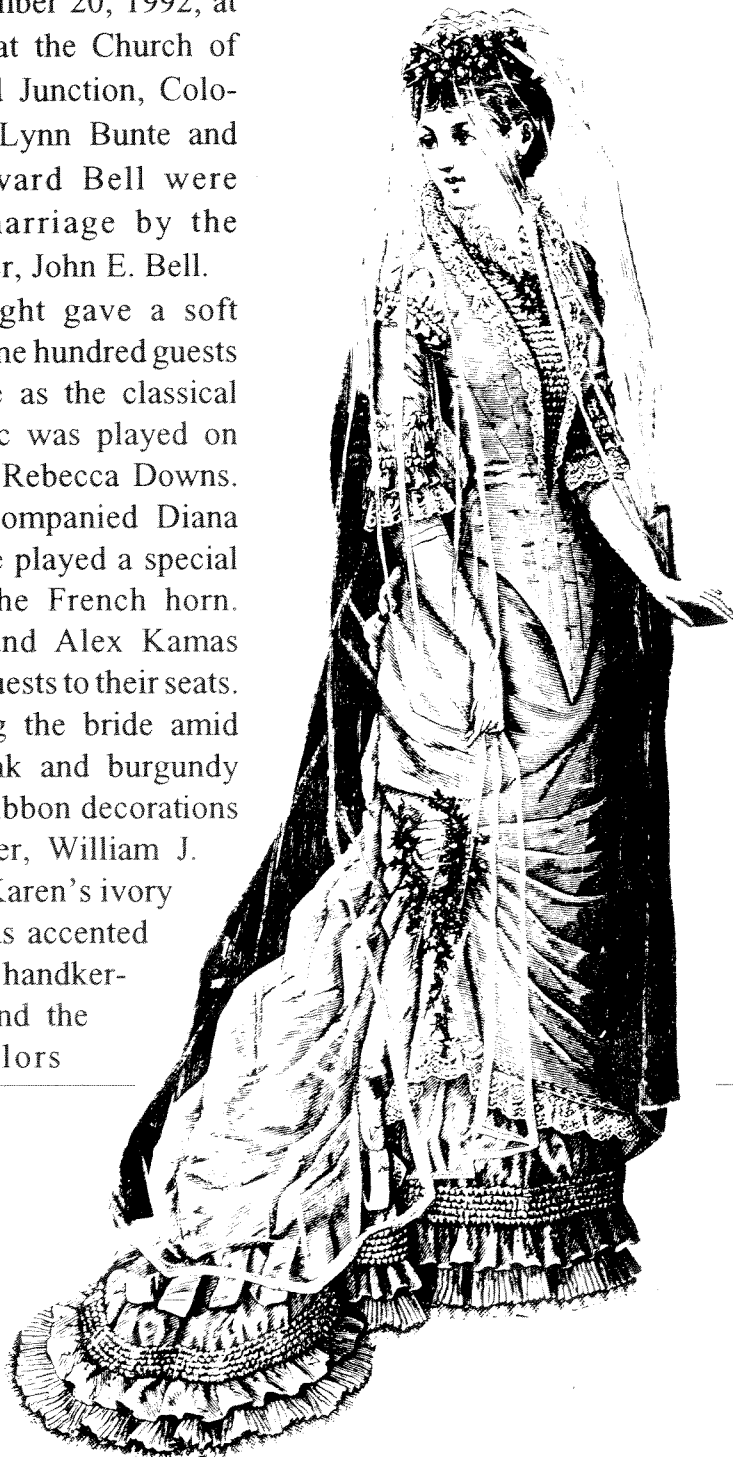
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# Bell - Bunte Wedding

On November 20, 1992, at 7 p.m. at the Church of Christ, Grand Junction, Colorado, Karen Lynn Bunte and Russell Edward Bell were united in marriage by the groom's father, John E. Bell.

Candlelight gave a soft glow for the one hundred guests of the couple as the classical prelude music was played on the piano by Rebecca Downs. She also accompanied Diana Nelson as she played a special request on the French horn. Bill Perrin and Alex Kamas ushered the guests to their seats.

Escorting the bride amid the blush pink and burgundy flowers and ribbon decorations was her father, William J. Floryancic. Karen's ivory lace dress was accented by pearls and handkerchief hem, and the wedding colors



were carried through in her bouquet of roses and greenery. Her matron of honor, Cheryl Harper, wore burgundy satin. Russell's best man was Brad McKee, a friend since their school days.

After the double-ring ceremony, a reception was held at Howard Johnson's banquet room. Linda Perrin attended the guest book and she and Jeana Harper assisted with the serving from the beautifully decorated tables. Jane Pennell, sister of the groom, cut the three-tiered cake, which was made by the groom's mother, Enid Bell.

Karen and Russell live in Palisade. She is shipping manager for Palisade Greenhouse and he is employed by Falcon Plumbing. We wish the new Mr. and Mrs. Bell much happiness in their future.

O B I T U A R I E S

## Myrtle Irene Earl

September 1905—November 1992

Services were held for Myrtle Irene Earl at 10 a.m., November 22, 1992, at Greenwood Mortuary, San Diego, California. Myrtle was a sister of Ruth E. Maley of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and daughter of the late Irene Yates. She passed from this life November 21, 1992.

Officiating was Priest Harold E. Gill of Mesa, Arizona, assisted by Elder Thomas Maley of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Born Myrtle Irene Frishkorn in Chicago, Illinois, September 20, 1905, married June 17, 1927, to Charles Everett Earl, Myrtle became a member of the Church of Christ by transfer from the Reorganized Church November 24, 1929. She has been a faithful, though isolated, member living in San Diego, receiving infrequent visits of the ministry, primarily relatives from Minnesota and Arizona. She was served the Lord's sacrament for the last time on Sunday, November 1, 1992, by Ministers Thomas Maley and Harold Gill.

Her death was precipitated by digestive failure due to blood clots. She was at home after having been hospitalized.

Preceding her in death was her husband on April 28, 1981, and her brother Elmer E. Frishkorn on May 29, 1967. Surviving her are sisters Winnette Frishkorn and Ruth Maley; son Robert Earl; daughter Irene Thorp; grandchildren Dean and David Earl, and Charles Thorp. Many relatives and friends attended the service.

## Rowena Mary Sloan

March 1908—January 1993

Rowena Mary Sloan, born March 19, 1908, in Milan, Missouri, passed from this life in Glendale, Arizona, on January 16, 1993. Rowena's parents were Charles Sidney Kibble and his wife Estelle.

Rowena married Richard R. Sloan on July 5, 1941, and this union of love endured for over fifty-one years until, through her death, they did part.

Rowena was baptized on October 20, 1968, by Elder Donald E. McIndoo in Phoenix, Arizona, and has been a member of the Phoenix local for twenty-four years.

Remaining to mourn her passing are her husband, Richard Roy; son, Nobel McConville, of Sun City, Arizona; two step-sons, Lester and James Sloan of Ogden, Iowa; one brother, Robert Morris; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one step great-grandchild; and a host of friends and brothers and sisters in the family of God.

On Tuesday, January 19, 1993, a visitation with family and friends was held at The Chapel of the Chimes Mortuary in Glendale, Arizona, followed by a funeral service conducted by Elder Joel A. Yates. Following the funeral, there was a short grave side service at the Resthaven Park cemetery in Glendale, Arizona.

# Evalena Pearl Sills

February 1899—January 1993

Evalena Pearl Sills was born on February 7, 1899—in a dugout under an overhang: dirt floor and walls, natural sod roof. Her mother, Lily, had two young children already and felt perfectly capable of giving birth with only the help of a midwife. Her father, James E. Yates, was a young minister in the R.L.D.S. church. They lived in Seiling, Oklahoma.

She and her brothers and sisters helped with the family budget by picking cotton there in Oklahoma between school times. She often told of the family sharing missionary trips camping on the Indian reservation during the hot summers.

In 1914 her father was assigned by the church to a missionary tour—in Arizona. She was just fifteen when the family climbed aboard a wooden wagon, its canvas covers flapping in the occasional breeze as they started for “the west!” She became a real Arizonan.

She had no children, but that didn't keep her from nurturing needy loved ones: her mother, her father, two stepmothers, two husbands, and a mother-in-law! By the time she reached her sixties, most of this caretaking was over and she decided to make her dream of higher education come true. She finished a two-year course in an Arizona Community College and graduated—with distinction!

She died in Phoenix on January 6, 1993, approximately a month before she would have turned ninety-five. An informal and very loving memorial service was held in the Phoenix Local Church at 2:00 p.m. four days later. Most appropriate to her life, this was on a Sabbath day. Apostle Don McIndoo officiated and several who had loved her shared memories with the capacity congregation.

## In Memory of Aunt Evalena

### *Remembering Evalena—with Love*

Silvery rang her words, her call,  
This lady, elegant and neat.  
Fearless, she proclaimed to all  
Her Church, her God, His  
Spirit sweet.

And fervent were the praises  
grand  
Heard by her dear Church  
Family.  
She knew Who'd always held  
her hand  
As she walked toward eternity.

Then—she slipped through that  
silent door.  
For now we cannot see her  
smile.  
But she sees beauty that holds  
more  
Of joy and peace than all  
earth's while.

*A Niece*

I prayed to God  
to help me remember  
you,  
just some little bit,  
that my eyes could view.

Of a life lived long,  
yet in service true  
to the Savior of men,  
and I thought of you.

From a little girl  
to a golden age  
I've tried to recall  
your life page by page.

There was much there  
on the pages of your life,  
pain and joy,  
calm and strife.

Yet, of all you left,  
what is most dear to me  
is the heritage of service  
to God and family.

You gave sweet stories  
and memories of old,  
things we would never  
have known  
unless we were told.

But you wrote them down  
for us to see,  
and showed us that service  
to God is our  
responsibility.

Yes, something passed on  
from years by gone,  
from family and friends  
we must carry on.

Your example was set  
in ways that were true.  
You endured life's  
temptations  
for me—for you.

That you might show us  
there is a way  
to live a Godly life  
day after day.

So, as I go on  
from day to day,  
I shall not forget  
her kind, sweet way.

The Gospel was  
in her heart so true.  
We best not forget her  
life,  
not me—not you.

To this heritage she left  
we should cling,  
so that we can meet her  
where the angels sing.

Farewell, our dear one,  
life's dark day is done.  
You dwell now in a place  
far brighter than the sun.

I hope to meet you  
there on yonder day,  
and with the Savior  
we will dwell always.

*With much love,  
Joel Yates, Grandnephew*

### CHURCH OF CHRIST CONFERENCES

The 1993 Ministers' Conference (general membership) for the Church of Christ will commence Sunday, April 4. The business sessions will start at 9:00 A.M., Monday, April 5. A Solemn Assembly will be held prior to the conference, April 2 and 3. All services will be held on the Temple Lot.

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