

# 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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## ANGELS - AND ANGELS

When I was small, before I knew the things I do now,  
I listened with enraptured ears of angels bright, and how  
They sometimes come to earth to bring a message, or bestow  
Upon some worthy, honored one a blessing here below.

They always wore a long white robe and a halo was their crown.  
Wings they had with which to fly and never make a sound;  
About them was a radiance beyond all earthly things,  
And the music that they uttered, was more beautiful than sings  
The nightingale at evening, when his mate is on her nest, and  
All the sleepy world has gone with weariness to rest.  
All that is very wonderful - but then I didn't know that  
God had given me an angel to live with here below.  
A very different Angel, for she hasn't any wings -  
But, ah she has two feet and hands  
And the sweetest voice that sings!  
And she isn't just a vision that is pleasing to the eye,  
Inspiring, but intangible, to be treasured and put by.  
No, my angel is a mortal, and a very real one too,  
Who in this cold, old world, is just the kind for me or you.  
Someone who is always right there to take your troubles to;  
And never slights, in fact invites, an extra load or two.  
Now don't mistake me, understand I have no fault to find,  
Nor any reason to complain of the radiant Bible kind  
Of Angels, but this much I know, since I have come to be  
"Grown up" - I'd rather have the kind my mother is to me.

Marion (Denham) Sprague  
Written in 1933

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Editorial...

# THE GOSPEL OF LIGHT



**By Apostle Roland Sarratt**

In the beginning God created the light and divided it from the darkness. He said, "Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good:" Genesis 1:3,4

The greater light, the sun, and the lesser light, the moon which reflects the light of the sun, actually typify a much greater light, the light of truth. The truth that has come to us by the power of God, both spoken and written, is the gospel of Christ, as all things good have come through him.

History bears out that the gospel of Christ has not always shined upon the earth in its fullness. During the time that the Law of Moses was in effect, a lesser light of types and shadows pointed toward the coming of that greater light, Jesus Christ. Jesus gave the Law of Moses and, when he came

to earth, he fulfilled that law bringing it to an end.

Christ's fulfillment of the Law of Moses, however, was only one aspect of the complete mission and purpose of his coming. He brought the greater law, the commandments of God, which were taught in contrast of the Jewish interpretations and practices of the Mosaic Law. Jesus manifested the kingdom of heaven with power and authority. The principles of salvation were preached: faith, repentance, baptism, the bestowal of the Holy Ghost, resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.

Jesus established his church, the Church of Christ. He called and ordained twelve men as his apostles and sent them into the world to preach the gospel. He called out seventy others also with a similar commission.

Jesus set an example to all people which was a way of life that was perfect. Most importantly he provided a way by which man might return into the presence of God. That provision was the sacrifice of his own life as an offering of atonement for the sins of men. His atonement was an infinite atonement: he came to save the world.

After his death and resurrection, Jesus sent another comforter to guide his disciples and the church in his absence, and the church flourished in the light of the truth for a time. As Jesus and some of his servants prophesied,

however, the opposition increased both within and without the church. The violent strove harder to take the kingdom by force and there was a falling away from the truth. Eventually a total apostasy from the fullness of Christ's gospel and doctrines occurred, and spiritual darkness covered the earth for a long time.

Was this to be the end of Christ's ministry and work? Did the adversary win the battle? No. All things are known of God and He had a plan which included His own timetable.

Many prophecies had already been given and the woman of the 12th chapter of Revelations (which was the church) had fled into the wilderness for 1260 days (years) or for a time, times and a half of time. The church went into complete apostasy in 570 A.D. and was restored again in 1830 A.D.

On April 6, 1830 in Seneca County, New York, six men met and organized the Church of Christ. The fullness of the gospel of Christ in written word had been given by way of the translation of an ancient record known as the Book of Mormon, and the priesthood authority, to preach the gospel, had been bestowed upon those who had been called and so ordained. Revelation and the gifts of the Spirit were also manifest.

Again the church flourished for awhile as it did in ancient times, but the

opposing forces were there right from the beginning. The violent once more sought to take the kingdom by force while the weakness of men allowed error to come in at a very early time in the establishing of the church. The adversary worked both within and without to destroy the work.

Joseph Smith Jr., the instrument by which the Book of Mormon was translated and the one by whom the revelations had come for the establishing of the church, was martyred in the jail at Carthage, Illinois only 14 years after the church was organized. The church became divided as various men arose to take Joseph's place as head of the church. The few errors that had been made formally now became foundations for more complex errors. A degree of apostasy was inevitable as great divisions of doctrinal differences and church organizations arose out of the tragedy.

Although it is evident that God has shown compassion and favor toward the honest in heart during the past century and a half, the errors upon which men built their organizations would prove to be the snares that would sooner or later trap the unsuspecting peoples.

Again we ponder, Was this to be the end of Christ's work in the latter days? No. Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery were told when they were ordained by a heavenly messenger, "Upon you my fellow servants, in the name of Messiah, I confer the priesthood of Aaron which holds the keys of the ministering of angels, and of the gospel of repentance, and of baptism by immersion, for the remission of sins, and this shall never be taken again from the earth, until the sons of Levi

do offer again an offering unto the Lord in righteousness." We can be assured that this gospel will never be taken from the earth again until all things are accomplished that God has foreordained to be.

Again we find that God had a plan and He had foretold what would happen in these last days. There would be another falling away. In 2nd. Nephi 12:13,16,17 we read: "Yea, ... they have all gone astray, save it be a few, who are the humble followers of Christ; nevertheless, they are led, that in many instances they do err, because they are taught by the precepts of men."

This church, the Church of Christ, has the claim of being part of

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the original church that was organized on April 6, 1830 in New York. At no time was the membership of this church rebaptized as did some of the others, and at no time was this church ever reorganized.

Although given to human weakness and error the same as other men, our church fathers endeavored to re-

trace the steps that the early church leaders made and have tried to correct the mistakes by comparing the early revelations with the Bible and the Book of Mormon. Two of the most important corrections made was to change the name of the church back to the Church of Christ as it was originally given, and to abolish the offices of First Presidency and High Priests leaving the twelve apostles to lead the ministerial work as it was in the ancient church after the resurrection of Christ.

Looking again into prophecy we realize with grave reality that we are living in the time of the end that Jesus told his disciples would come. This is indeed a day of deception and wickedness. We are nearing the time that the Gentiles will ripen in iniquity for they have, on the most part, rejected the fullness of the gospel. We are aware that the Day of the Lord will soon come which will be a time of great darkness upon the earth.

We ask, Must we again be enveloped by darkness as in times past? No. God has so declared that He will build up a place of refuge for His people in these last days, a Zion. You and I are among the most blessed of all people on the earth today for we have embraced the light of Christ's gospel and we are given the great opportunity to prepare to be a part of that Zion.

We, therefore, humbly offer you this gospel of the kingdom that we together might be a part of the building of Zion. We charge you with the responsibility to pray over these things that you might receive from God the knowledge of the truth. □

# BAPTISM

BY Elder Joseph Smith

Mark 16:16. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: But he that believeth not shall be damned."

The questions that arise when the subject of baptism is brought up are many and can become complex. Many believe that baptism is not necessary for salvation, and use various text to fortify their theory. Such as Eph 2:8-9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man

required.

Let us find what baptism accomplishes, then perhaps we can understand why it is necessary. Acts 2:38, Mark 1:4, Luke 3:3 tell us that baptism is for the removal of one's sins. Acts 22:16, "And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

In Acts 2:37,38, we find that Peter, after preaching Christ to the people at the day of Pentecost and after they were "pricked in their heart" and asked "what shall we do" commanded

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should boast."

It is by the grace (which means Divine favor towards man) of God, that a plan was provided whereby man could become "saved"; However because God favored man with his grace, does not relieve us of the requirement to obey His divine law. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." These are the words of Christ. "not of works", yet we find in James 2:17 "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." The works spoken of here is the fulfilling of the law of God; the doing of the things required to receive the grace of God. Doing what Christ has established as being

them "repent and be baptized." So we find that after one believes and repents he is to be baptized. Then Peter goes on to tell them that they "shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." We find the same course of events taking place again in Acts 19:4-6, "Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on Him who should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied."

We can see by this that baptism is a means of cleansing, in preparation for the receiving of the Holy Ghost. This is explained by the words of Christ, found in Luke 5:37-38. "And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But new wine must be put into new bottles and both are preserved." Eph. 4:22-24 tells us that we "put off ... the old man", and "put on the new man." And in Romans 6:3-6, Paul tells us to walk in the "newness of life". These and many other references speak of a change. Let us look at this change.

After one has faith in God to the extent that they repent of their sins and dead works, and "puts off the old man", by the burial of the "old man" in the waters of baptism, thus cleansing away their sins, then they come forth prepared to receive the Holy Ghost. What is this Holy Ghost and what does it do, or rather what does it mean when we receive it?

The first mention of the Holy Ghost in the bible is found in Matt. 1:18-23 "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise; when as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, She was found with child of the Holy Ghost..." on down to the 20th verse we find; "that which so conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost;" and finally the last of the 23rd verse we find that the child is to be called Emmanuel, which being in-

terpreted is, God with us." So we find that the Holy Ghost is connected with God. The first chapter of Luke gives a more detailed account of this event. Luke 1:26-35. I will quote only parts of this reference. An angel appeared unto Mary who was espoused to Joseph and told her she was to give birth to a son, who was to be called Jesus, and that the "Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and, the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

Let us go now to John 1: 12-13, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." Now let us go to John 3:3, and note what Christ has to say to Nicodemus; "Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." In my bible I have a center margin with a note made by the translators concerning this statement where it says "born again." It says that the word "again" could mean "from above."

How are we born of God? By what process is this thing accomplished? How do we take advantage of the opportunity to "become the Sons of God"? What is the "power" He speaks of in the first chapter of John? How do we implement that power? The only way we can find the answers is to look to the scriptures for examples as to how this was done in the Church of Christ established in Old Jerusalem, in the days of His Apostles.

Acts 19:6; "And when Paul had

laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them;..." Acts 8: 14-17, After being baptized the Samaritans received the Holy Ghost by the laying

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on of hands. Acts 5:32; The Holy Ghost is given to them that "obey" Him. Finally we find this in Galatians 4:6-7 "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a Son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

John 14:21-23. "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

"...Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

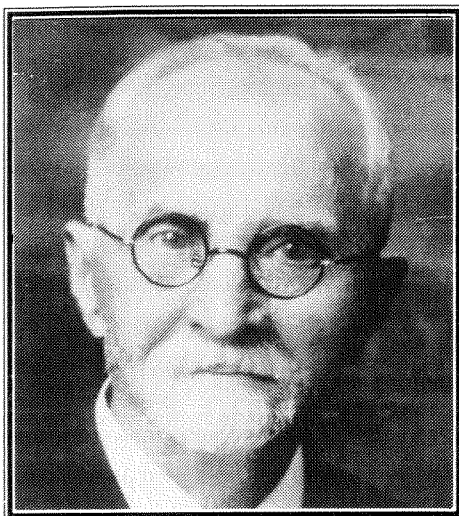
The "Power" spoken of in the 1st chapter of St. John is our willingness to keep his commandments. By being obedient to His words... "believeth and is baptized...", we take advantage of the power or opportunity to become the sons or daughters of God. As stated above from John 14, If we love him, and keep his commandments, He will make His abode with us.

For example lets take old J.W. Doe, born of earthly parents believes in God, repents of his sins, enters the waters of baptism buries the old man (J.W. Doe, born of earthly parents, or of the will of man) and comes up out of the water a clean new "bottle", new man; this new man receives the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands of one having authority and you now have— Mr. J.W.Doe "a son of God."

What are the first 2 words of the prayer Christ gave his disciples as an example? "OUR FATHER" Fitting isn't it?

Rev. 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." ❖

# The Modern Stumbling Block



By Joseph Luff

(continued from April part 2)

Now, compare the situation of that time with that of the age when Joseph Smith began his work. Where was the church that believed in those supernatural endowments, as a necessity, when this young man made his first proclamation? Every one of them declared that prophecy had ceased long centuries before, never to be heard again in the Christian church on earth. They had no confidence in such things; hence there could be no advantage taken of confidence that did not exist. There was nothing of the kind on earth. Satan's work of counterfeiting could not begin where no genuine was in existence. Suppose a banker should throw back a coin you presented, and tell you it was counterfeit. In reply, you ask how he has decided, and he gives

you nothing but his word to condemn it; therefore you insist that he shall produce a genuine coin for comparison, but he informs you that there is not one in existence. Would you not ask what the counterfeiter had to work by when yours was made? Would you not promptly tell him that all coin in existence of that denomination, according to his statement, must be spurious, and, if he had nothing but spurious coin to compare with, it was presumptuous for him to denounce yours? Might it not be that yours, being unlike what was in circulation, thus bore one evidence of possibility in favor of its genuineness?

If there was not a living true prophet on earth with whom to compare this young man, how could they pronounce him false. How could he come to deceive a people by imitation who had no faith whatever in any such thing as a prophet in the church?

Again, let us notice the description given of the king referred to by Christ: They were to come in sheep's clothing. But it will be well to keep in mind that true prophets would also appear in "sheep's clothing." It would be interesting in this connection to know just who were the "sheep" at the time when Joseph Smith began his religious career. The sheep's clothing referred to certainly will not bear a strictly literal interpretation. It did not mean that prophets would come with literal sheep skins on them. It can only mean

that they would, in every noticeable respect, bear a striking resemblance to the "sheep" or members "of the fold"—they would talk, and act and appear like them.

Let us see: The first announcement that this young prophet made to the churches was, "You are all wrong, and your creeds are an abomination in the sight of God." This he said on the strength of what the angel told him, and this was what provoked the bitter and persistent persecution which ever afterwards followed him, his language was unequivocal, and he placed himself on record openly before the world in a way to invite criticism and condemnation, rather than favor and flattery. The first announcement made by him was a virtual challenge to every religious body on earth. No hypocritical deceiver would ever attempt to openly denounce every religion in existence with the hope of ingratiating himself into the affections of those connected therewith. To reach this thought directly and avoid possibility of being mistaken, let us again ask, Who were the "sheep" in his day? There were Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, and possibly others, close to his home. If either or all these represented the "sheep", and his aim was to lure and destroy, did he put on the doctrine and enter the fold of either of them? Did he imitate the Methodist customs, or pat the Presbyterian con-

fession, or talk sweetly about Calvinism, in order to gain the good will of each or all? A deceiver would have so done, according to Christ's warning and prophecy, if they were indeed the "sheep", but an honest man and a true prophet, if he spoke on the matter at all, would do just as Joseph Smith did. He claimed that he had been visited from heaven, and the Lord had told him the churches "were all wrong, and their creed an abomination in His Sight." He served this notice on all the churches, on the authority of heaven, and took the consequences. Hence, as all thinkers must admit, he did not fill the program for a false prophet; therefore every application of this text to him and his work is a perversion of its divine intent. All who are acquainted with his history know that if he had agreed with the churches and favored their proceedings, he might have lived to this day. Whatever else may be said of him, he certainly presented himself and his calling honestly before the world. He donned no fleece for the purpose of affiliating with those of like appearance. He came before men with a doctrine so utterly unlike everything found in the churches of his time that all raised their hands and voiced against him. They loudly proclaimed that he bore no resemblance to the "sheep" whatever. Let this fact be noted, for it will be referred to later.

He claimed to have been visited by the angels of God and to have received information regarding the early inhabitants of America—that the descendants of Joseph of Egypt had dwelt here; that they had been visited by the Savior after His crucifixion at Jerusalem; that His church had been organized as in Jerusalem; that divi-

sions occurred among the people, followed by wars and calamities. He was told that a record had been kept on metal plates by the righteous among those people, and that just prior to the death of the last prophet—Mormon by name—he was commanded of God to hide up the plates in the earth, and told that in the latter days they would be disinterred, and in the Lord's hands become a testimony by which the restitution work among the Jew and Gentile would be introduced, and the identification of the offspring of Israel be made easier. The angel also showed Joseph Smith the location of the buried

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plates, and gave him authority to obtain them, after which, by inspiration, he translated them, and published their contents to the world. This was shown to him to be in fulfillment of Isaiah, the twenty-ninth chapter, also of Ezekiel 37:15-28, and other Bible prophecies.

During and after the time of the translation and publishing of this record (Book of Mormon) to the world, which was completed in 1830, many revelations were given to him, by the

authority of which the Church of Christ was organized after the ancient Bible pattern, men and women having been baptized, and a ministry ordained. Thus the strange work commenced on earth. But what of its doctrines? Did the representatives of this new church seek favor at the hands of the other churches by repeating the old theories and traditions had made popular? No! By the Holy Spirit given them they read and understood the Bible as it was intended by the writers of it, and they were helped by the plain teachings of the same doctrines as found in the Book of Mormon; hence they went forth and preached Christ after the manner of eighteen hundred years ago, and invited men and women into the church, reorganized by the command of God, in fulfillment of prophecy, and identical in organization and doctrine with the Church of the first century. They promised just what Jesus had authorized anciently (see Mark 16:17-18), and what had been included in the commission, as renewed to themselves.

Instantly the sects of the days rose up, and their pulpits scintillated fury. Creeds felt the force of the onslaught made by the Bible in the hands of inspired men, and Churches long at a disagreement combined to crush this new evangel. Powerless to resist by Scripture or reason the advancement of this divine enterprise, the creed worshippers seized up on this text and, prostituting it to unholy service, cried aloud, "Beware of false prophets!" Then, turning to their creeds, they exclaimed: "Great is our Diana! These men say that our creeds are an abomination in God's sight, and that they are doomed; but our ancestors have



framed them, and by them we will stand, for they shall never be overthrown!"

Against this combination, which was backed by the press and wisdom of the age, this little Church planted its proclamation of divine authority, and began to storm the citadels of heresy. The doctrine that damnation of infants was predestined, was attacked with such weapons as "Of such is the kingdom of heaven"; "Except ye be converted and become as little children ye can in no wise enter in"; "As in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive"; and other equally pointed scriptures. It was denounced as monstrous and utterly unlike the declared purpose and character of God. The dogma that hell was a lake of fire and brimstone into which all who failed to become Christians were to be cast, and there to be tortured eternally, never finding release or cessation, was declared to be an infamous misrepresentation of the divine purpose and without warrant in the Scriptures. It was shown that hell was a prison-house into which the unsanctified spirits of men were cast between death and the resurrection, and where the mercy of God could still reach them, and from whence redemption was possible, and that after the final resurrection even hell itself would be cast into the lake of fire (see Revelation 20:14), where none but the finally and hopelessly incorrigible would ever be cast. It was also proclaimed on Bible authority, that every act of goodness would be brought into account in the judgment, and not a cup of cold water given to a disciple would escape the notice and remuneration of God. That every man would be rewarded or punished ac-

ording to his earnings or desserts, some inheriting the "glory of the sun", others the "glory of the moon", and still others would differ in glory as the stars vary in magnitude. (I Cor. 15:41), that every man should receive according to his works.

It was announced also that the death of the body did not end human probation, but that every man and woman would hear the gospel of Christ in the spirit world before the resurrection, if no opportunity reached them while in the flesh; that the millions of heathen would there come into remembrance, and that atonement of Christ would be published till all who had lived on earth, would have privilege to believe and obey, and that Jesus had opened up the work of preaching in the spirit prison-house, just as He had commenced it among men in the flesh and for the same purpose. (See I Pet. 3:18-20; 4:5-6; John 5:25).

The prophecies of the Old Testament were freely used to prove that the Jews would again come into remembrance; that the former fertility and glory would be restored to Palestine; that Israel and Judah would return there and be reinstated; and that, according to Isaiah 29:11-17, as interpreted and explained by the Book of Mormon, the day of that wondrous restoration was at hand. The crowning result of all this was declared to be the second coming of Christ to dwell among His people on the earth. It was announced that His coming would be as literal as at the first. Further, it was taught that the new Church, as then organized, was to be one of the great factors in developing these promised conditions, and, as a testimony to those believing the proclamation, the Holy

Ghost was promised to give prophecy, tongues, miracles, healings, etc., as in former times.

In consequence of this proclamation, the pulpit and press retaliated upon the new religion with open denunciation and abuse, as well as secret methods to overthrow. The fire and brimstone definition of hell was more boisterously proclaimed than ever, the Scriptures were distorted from its original intent to bolster this fearful misrepresentation. Calvinism bristled and reasserted its predestination ideas with an enthusiasm worthy of a better cause, and all Churches combined in denouncing the Book of Mormon and Joseph Smith for daring to assert the approaching restoration of Palestine, and its reoccupation by the Jews. The second literal coming of Christ was branded as the base materialistic conception of an untutored carnal mind, and worshippers everywhere were exhorted to look for the coming of Christ only in the hour and article of death. It was only a figurative or spiritual coming. Probation after death was execrated on sectarian altars, and the old quotations, "There is no repentance beyond the grave," and, "as death leaves us, so judgment will find us," were vociferated loudly, though neither preachers nor hearers had ever found them in the Bible. The ordinance of "laying on of hands" for healing the sick and for the gift of the Holy Ghost was said to be a piece of blasphemous juggler, and everywhere holy hands were raised against this innovation upon popularized religious customs of the age.

Truly it was a time of testing the infant Church. Judged from a—human standpoint, all the odds were

against it. Palestine for seventeen hundred years had lain a barren desert; the Jew was a hiss and a byword in all the earth, and citizenship was denied him under popular governments. Not a circumstance could be pointed to as indicating the possibility of his return to build up and reinhabit the land of his forefathers. The wisdom of the world had for generations been strengthening creed fortifications till everything was being interpreted in their light and by their standards, even the Bible itself not escaping. What had these advocates of the new revelation to fall back upon in facing these giant conditions? Upon what could they rely on for support and defense in executing the mission assigned them of God? Simply the impregnable barrier behind which their Master sheltered Himself when confronted by the arch enemy—"IT IS WRITTEN." There they stood and compelled the Churches of the day to attack their own pretended foundation the word of God—if they would uproot or annihilate this faith. It was and is to this hour a duplicate of the spectacle heaven gazed upon when the early day apostles were denounced as heretics for contending for the faith as set forth in the very Scripture their persecutors pretended to revere. Christ, in the preparation work for a final "restitution of all things," is as great a stumbling—stone to this age as was Jesus the crucified eighteen hundred years ago. The gospel then too was too insignificant to command the admiration of the Pharisees, and to day it is too contemptible to enlist the respect of churchianity.

When the work began, however, notice was served on its despisers, as in Christ's day, that it was the kingdom of God in the germ, and though, like

the tiny mustard seed, it seemed too small to excite respect, yet it would grow until the birds of the air would lodge in the branches of it. And we who live in the time of its maturing, can see the fulfillment of this in the fact that its philosophy has extended and permeated society until every ounce of popular creed is tottering to its fall, and every revision thereof is being made that brings them nearer into line with this doctrine which provoked their hatred and called forth their anathemas seventy-five years ago. They are meeting the advanced education, sentiment, and demand of the present by striking out of their creed what this Church condemned over half a century ago, and they are beginning to introduce into their sermons and platforms now many of the features which were embodied in this faith when they despised it at that time.

The revision of the Bible has practically eliminated the old idea of hell, and scarcely any of the forward men of thought will now use sputtering brimstone as a means of winning souls to Christ. The creeds are being revised so as to eliminate the infant damnation feature, as also the theory of eternal roasting because God had ordained some there unto for His own pleasure and glory.

Many of the leading divines of England and America have either directly or indirectly taught or favored the idea of probation after death in some form, among whom may be named Cannon Farrar, Henry Ward Beecher, Professor Biggs, and others. The Congregational Church is divided pretty evenly upon this question, and some have been ordained to carry consolation to the heathen by publishing this doctrine. The chief school of the-

ology has been a feeder for this so-called heresy, until the law of the land has been invoked by creedlovers to stop it.

Twenty-three years after the Book of Mormon was first published, the early and latter rain, after seventeen hundred years' absence, returned to Palestine, and the land has since become fruitful, as in ancient years. This has caused the long-exiled Jew to turn his eye thither ward, and many thousands have gathered there to build the waste places and to abide until their Messiah shall come. A line of railroad has been constructed from Jerusalem to Jaffa, and from American shops have been furnished the locomotives that now dash across the territory once traversed by the weary feet of the Son of God. Meanwhile, the Jew has been relieved of much of the disability that once attached, and has climbed to the head of nations, and helped control and regulate the machinery of Gentile governments. Wealth unto multiplied millions has poured into his lap, and by it he has placed vast territory subject to his control, and made nations heedful of his diction. In fact, he has thus established his feet more firmly than some of the dynasties of the present. Religious leaders of the present are engaged in convening conferences wherein the Jew and Gentile pulpiteers may announce their views, and compare their arguments, and better understand and appreciate each.

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## The Special One



*How do you pick a Mother why God gives you a hand He merely looks into your heart to try to understand*

*The need a little girl or boy has for lasting love And then he picks the Special One and sends her from above*

*Then the Mother takes full charge in her usual loving way But before she starts to do the task, she must kneel to pray*

*“Oh, Father in the Heaven, I thank thee for this birth And pray that I may teach this child before he leaves this earth*

*To honor you every day and towards mankind do deeds That he may seek your wisdom and recognize their needs.*

*The Father said, “Oh, Mother, the things I cannot tell That you must do every day but you will do them well*

*The skinned up knee, the tearful eye the hurt is not so much 'Cause you are there with your soothing hand and he can feel your touch*

*Someday the child may stray afar and you wonder, “Did he learn?” But remember, as a child is taught, so will he thus return”*

*And so God makes the Mothers to handle special things Of course, He has the fathers standing in the wings*

*And He gives to them those special words that He does give no other Whenever a child asks father, “Why?” he says, “Go ask your Mother”*

Sam Kidd.  
Mother's Day 1992  
Church of Christ  
Collins Local

### Grandmother's Prayer

*I pray that, risen from the dead,  
I may in glory stand—  
A crown, perhaps upon my head,  
But a needle in my hand*

*I've never learned to sing or play,  
So let no harp be mine;  
From birth unto my dying day,  
Plain sewing's been my line.*

*Therefore, accustomed to the end  
To plying useful stitches,  
I'll be content if asked to mend  
The little angels' breeches.*

*Field.*

# TO HONOR OUR MOTHERS



*There is no better way to honor our mothers than to serve God and keep His commandments.*

Once, as Jesus preached, someone said, "Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. . . He answered . . . Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?" An odd question, on the surface. "He stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." Matt. 12:47-50. By doing the will of our heavenly Father, we have a close relationship with Jesus Christ. If we are children of God, we admit we are brothers and sisters. My heart is grateful for that relationship. I'm glad that a man is truly my brother, not just the son of someone I grew up with. I feel that kinship. It thrills my soul!

A question was put to Jesus, when enemies were trying to bring accusation against him: "And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus an-

swered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

**What is it to love God "with all thy heart?"** What is our heart? That thing in our chest, that pumps the blood, that we have so much trouble with, as we get older? No. Jesus was referring to that ability within us to reach out to our fellow men - to one another.

**What is it to love "with all thy soul?"** With all within us, that we feel to others with - we feel to God and place Him first.

**What is it to love "with all thy mind?"** With that brain that causes us to think. What are our thoughts? What's most important in life? To have a high position in your company? It's important. I appreciated, when my supervisor said, "We've decided to make you district manager." It felt nice. I liked it. Is that the most important thing? Not by any means! It was only a step, that

would soon fade away and become

nothing, because I retired. Why did I retire? Because life is passing rapidly away. It doesn't last. It isn't forever. We need to look for that which is for-  
ever without end!

**What is it to love "with all thy strength?"**

How do we expend our strength? The world expends its strength in riotous living. Like some of you, I've had to attend meetings and be "different" because everyone else was imbibing alcoholic beverages. Once, when offered my choice, I took 7-Up. They looked at me funny, and one said, "What's the matter with Denham?" Another said, "Denham doesn't drink." The next comment was, "What a man!" I do not applaud myself, but it takes courage to stand against the ways of the world, doesn't it. God gives us that strength. I didn't realize, until later, how much I raised myself in the estimation of my fellows. I was grateful for God's mercy, comfort, and strength that helped me stand where He called me to stand.

The apostle John recorded what was necessary, as Christ gave it, in beautiful terms: "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the

Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. John 14: 15-17, 23

Are we showing our love of Christ each day? As long as we are on earth, we are subject to temptation. God expects us to serve Him each moment, rather than when it's convenient. When we trip and fall and have to get up again, we are reminded how weak we are.

"The Sermon on the Mount," Matthew 5: 38 - 48, raises questions: "Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." Does that sound familiar? Of course. You hit me and I'll hit you. "But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also." How about it? Do we? "Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain" (two). Under Roman law, at Christ's time, if a soldier was walking down the road with a heavy pack, and someone came along, he could say to him, "Hey you, I'm tired of carrying this, you carry it for me," and force him to do it. "If he compels you to go a mile, go with him two miles." How do we really feel about that?

"Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of

thee turn not thou away." Were you ever in the situation where someone wanted to borrow, and you thought, "I don't know if I want to loan this, or if he'll take care of it and bring it back like he found it, or if he'll break it and I'll lose it. It's mine! I want it. I don't want to lose it!" Rough isn't it? Are you much different than I? Yes, I've been in that position. Selfishness rises up in a hurry. . . unless I've trained myself, through the mercy and love of God, to have such love for my fellow man that I'll give any thing I have.

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." "Be ye therefore" means

*"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."*

doing these things that have been commanded. Oh, I've heard so many times, "It's impossible to be perfect in this life, what are you talking about?" If that's the case, God has given us an impossible task. Would He? No. Then, why aren't we perfect? I will be blunt. Because we don't want to be perfect. Why? The cost is too high. We have to give up too many things.

A certain man made an investment of ten thousand dollars into a situation that promised him a whole lot more. Those with any business head say he made a pretty good investment,

if his investment was sure - if it would really bring a great deal more. What kind of business are we in? The business deal for you and I is the difference between eternal life and eternal damnation. What is it worth? What do you have, that you would give to be assured that, when you draw your last breath, you are going to come into the presence of almighty God, with confidence that you will be received with joy. That's what life is all about. That's why we were born, to make that decision - not once in our lifetime -but every day, every hour, every moment that we draw breath. That will determine where we shall spend eternity.

"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Revelation 20: 11-15

What caused me to do what I did today? What caused you to do what you did? I decided, in my own mind, to do this or that. Why do I ask this? It is important to think about the investment we make each day of our lives, that we might serve God and

keep His commandments.

We are living in a different day than we were 50, 60, years ago. Some of us go back before 70 years ago. Conditions have changed. My mother taught me. I say, in honor of her, I had as near an angel for a mother as any boy I ever saw. I thank God for my wonderful mother. I'm sure she had faults, but I couldn't tell you what they were. She was human. But, she wanted her son to be obedient to God, and he wasn't always, because the humanness came out. She had to do something besides just talk to him. On the kitchen doorknob hung my Dad's razor strap. He'd pull it out every morning and sharpen his razor edge, so he could cut his whiskers. But, that wasn't all that razor strap was used for. It was used to "sharpen up" my mother's youngest son. I haven't forgotten it, and I thank God it happened. I learned there is a price to pay for disobedience. She was training me to be ready to obey the commandments of almighty God, and I'm thankful for it.

Once in awhile, I hear someone say, "Wouldn't it be nice if we had Zion?" The Book of Mormon makes a promise: "**And after thy seed (the Lamanites or Indians) shall be destroyed and dwindle in unbelief, and also the seed of thy brethren; behold these things shall be hid up, to come forth unto the Gentiles by the gift and power of the Lamb; and in them shall be written my gospel, saith the Lamb, and my rock and my salvation; and blessed are they which 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: 185-187. That "gift and power of the Holy Ghost" is prom-

ised to the servants of God, by Jesus, himself. You will find it in Matthew and in each of the other gospels.

The world is departing so far from the commandments of God, that we are "ripening in iniquity" through-

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out this country and the entire world, at a rapid rate. That makes it tougher for our young people to face. What are we doing to prepare them, as my mother prepared me, for the things I had to face? They haven't been easy. I wonder what my grandchildren will have to face. I wonder what young people in this church will have to face. How well are we preparing them by our own examples? It's a responsibility second to none! I don't want to see any of them lost, and I know you don't.

I hope we can stir ourselves to keep God's commandments that He will pour out His Spirit, that we shall all be made to rejoice. I have seen it in

days past. I long for it today. I remember, when I was a teenager, some of the "old" people said, "What are we going to do to hold the young people?" I listened over and over, and I got so tired of hearing it. I thought, "Somebody had better tell 'em, and I'm the one to do it." In a prayer service I said, "If you (I pointed at those who were "older," because I was a teenager) can keep the level of spirituality in this church high, where it ought to be, you won't have to worry about how to hold the young people. The Spirit of God will hold them." If we don't have it, we are going to "die on the vine."

Let us arise. Let us keep the commandments of God. Let us be filled with the love of Jesus Christ. Let us put away those things that bring division. We can disagree, but let us keep contention out of the picture. I love this work. I love this church. I love you. I am thankful you are my brothers and my sisters. May God help us to rise and to serve Him with full purpose of heart.

Condensed from a Mother's Day Sermon

By Elder/Bishop Nicholas Denham.

Nicholas Denham was born in 1910, seventh of eight children of Charles and Marion (Frisbey) Denham. He was ordained a Teacher in April 1930; an Elder, in April 1941; and was set aside as a Bishop, in April 1987.



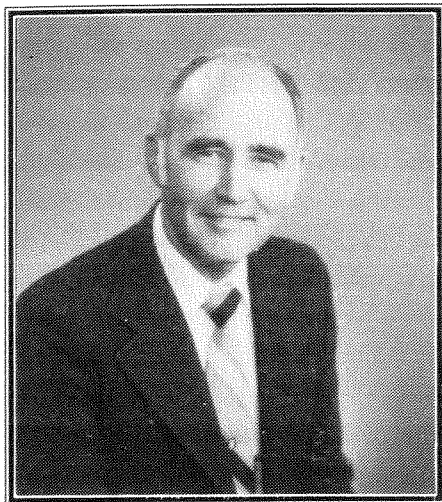
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*Testify to the Truth of the Book*

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**By Apostle Donald McIndoo**

The Book of Mormon directly connects the symbol of the cross with the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ for mankind. In the prophecy of Nephi we read, "And I looked and beheld the Lamb of God, that he was taken by the people; yea, the Son of the everlasting God was judged of the world...And I, Nephi, saw that he was lifted up upon the cross, and slain for the sins of the world (1 Nephi 3:86-87)" If the Book of Mormon is, indeed, a history of early Americans we should find a comparable relationship between the symbol of the cross and the bearded white God, Quetzalcoatl, who walked among the Indian people during the first century.

Was the symbol of the cross known and used in America? We would be interested in finding an an-

swer to this question. Let us examine a few of the discoveries of authorities in the fields of archaeology and anthropology.

The explorer and writer, Hanson <sup>1</sup> tells us, "Perhaps the greatest surprise experienced by the first missionaries to Mexico was when they discovered the cross as a sacred symbol among the people of this far-off land. Juan de Grijalva, in command of four vessels in 1518, found on the island of Cozumel and in Yucatan, buildings of stone, and evidences of a civilization far superior to anything he had before seen in the New World. He was "astonished also, at the sight of large stone crosses, evidently objects of worship, which he met with in various places."

So we find the cross was a symbol used by early Americans. This might establish a weak connection between them and the record of the Book of Mormon. But we must know if this cross was related to the bearded white God, Quetzalcoatl, for that would prove to be a strong link between the

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# THE CROSS

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religion of these ancient Americans and the story found in the Book of Mormon.

Irwin <sup>2</sup> writes, "The sign of the cross was found not only at Olmec La Venta but also Toltec Teotihuacan, at Mayan Palenque, and elsewhere. It is the symbol of Quetzalcoatl..." The archaeologist, Verrill <sup>3</sup>, gives a description of this God of ancient America: "...Quetzalcoatl is always represented as a white man with a full beard and attired in a black robe bordered with white crosses..." Certainly the connection is well established. The "Redeemer" of the Americas is always associated with the cross, just as foretold in the Book of Mormon.

*1. Hanson, Paul, Jesus Christ Among the Ancient Americans, p.182*

*2. Irwin, Constance, Fair Gods and Stone Faces, p. 166*

*3. Verrill, A. Hyatt, Old Civilizations of the New World, p.180.*





# PATH LIGHTS

## ONE WHO TOUCHED THE LIVES OF OTHERS

Sybil I. Ely, my Mother, was a person who remained firm in the faith throughout her lifetime. She touched the lives of many people, through her untiring efforts, several of which became members of the Church of Christ. She was one who influenced people by her goodly example. Early in the lives of her children she trained them in the way they should go. My brother, Bob, my sister, Margie, and myself all desired baptism because of her efforts and the efforts of the ministry who came to visit us. Also, my father, Ted Ely, desired baptism because of her efforts and those of the ministry.

My parents' home was where the missionaries often stayed and they were always welcome there. Mother loved to talk about the gospel of Jesus Christ. She was one who regularly attended church and took part in the services. Even when she grew older, she still bore her testimonies and offered her prayers during the prayer services and often times, this was with great effort because of poor health.

During the latter years of my mother's life, she had rheumatoid arthritis which caused her a lot of distress. She also lost the sight of one eye and had poor vision in the other one. Along with this, she had poor balance and other health problems, but she did not give up. She loved yard work and flowers. When she no longer could pull the weeds or hoe them, she would get my father's long-handled pruning shears and set down cutting the weeds off at the ground level. Mother did this up to a month of her passing away at age 82. She had a great determination to keep going and to attend church.

Even after the death of my father, she continued to influence the lives of others. She regularly phoned others to cheer them up or help them in the loss of a loved one. She lived a full life for five years after my father's death by continuing to help others in their time of need and often times, this was through a phone call. She was active up to a month of her death.

I really never knew how much she touched and influenced others during the last years of her life until various neighbors came to me and told me at her funeral how much they would miss her phone calls and regular contact with them. One neighbor lady said she had lost a very dear friend and another neighbor lady said, "I have just lost my best friend." Even last year (1992), ten years after my mother's passing, Sister Irene Shaw said to me, "I lost my best friend when I lost Sybil." Sister Shaw told me this when I was visiting her at a nursing home in Springfield, Missouri. Through the efforts of Mother, Irene Shaw was converted to the Church of Christ. (Note: Sister Shaw passed away February 13, 1993.)

After Mother's passing, I received this letter from Bill Wagner, a cousin by marriage:

"To all of Sybil's family: I want you to know that I loved Sybil very dearly, as she was such a wonderful person. She was always more concerned about everyone else, more so, than for herself and I for one will miss her very much. God has taken her away from us in life, but her love and spirit will always be with us. I shall never forget how she helped me through my sorrow of losing a loved one just a year and one half ago, with her calls to me, telling me that she was sharing a loss of a loved one. (His wife, M.E.E.) She was one of the finest persons I have ever known and I want you to know how I too will miss her very much. Love, Bill"

Mother's life could well be summed up in the following words by King Benjamin: "And beheld, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings, ye are only in the service of your God." Mosiah 1:49

By: Apostle Marvin E. Ely  
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# NEWS

## Ravenna Local

Greetings from the Church of Christ in Ravenna, Michigan.

March 24th Brother Aaron Heath read from the Book of Mormon how the people began to have "plenty," they didn't set their hearts of riches. At this time I just came back to church after being ill for some time. The ministry came and administered several times and each time I was blessed in some way. It is good to be back in church. I am very thankful for all the prayers, cards and gifts.

March 28 Brother Gall Brantner preached for the hour asking if we are living in a weary land of wickedness for of righteousness. From the Book of Mormon; The Spirit is always the same, salvation is free.

March 31st Brother Max Spencer said we are here to find strength for each other and also our talents.

Conference is over, some are back. Easter Sunday we had a real Spiritual Sacrament meeting Brother Gale called through the Spirit of the Lord Brother Aaron Heath to the office of Elder. Also Present that day were John and Irene Reeds. Their Son, Oscar, came and bore testimony of the Church and even to that of Baptism. We do hope some day he might be numbered among us.

Also it seems the Lord wants our Local to have a piano! We found one today, so we will have it in just a few days. The giver is ready to pay for it. She said, just thank the Lord

Sister Lois Heath

## Farmington Local

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 monthly report. Those who participated in the "Winter Workshop," on March 13-14, were thankful tha the spiritual blessings they anticipated, were granted as the Holy Spirit met with them. The 1993 "Winter Workshop" held at Ronnie and Joani Gill's residence, was " A two day fellowship with the purpose of gaining an understanding of the history and beliefs of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) and discussing how best to share the true gospel of Christ with all."

Activities for the weekend included: a sacrament service; prayer services; a song service; the slide presentation, "Mexico, Land of Mystery," edited by Apostle Don McIndoo and delivered by Elder Merlin Eddy; a lesson, "The Church of Christ (History and Beliefs), given by Ronnie Gill; adult Sunday school taught by Edward Linton, children's Sunday school taught by Elder Merlin Eddy; and discussions on ideas for this year's Tri-State Reunion and fair booth. Visitors for the "Winter Workshop" were: Kathy Rubio, Nelson Reyes, Martin, Maria and Martin Junior Péna, Dan Jerome and Robert.

Towards the close of "Winter Workshop," Elder Merln Eddy, his wife Eva Lin. and Doug Ferrier traveled to Wisconsin where Merlin administered to his father. Please continue to pray for Merlin Eddy Senior

(Hook). Hook is mow home from the hospital after surgery for an anorism, on March 5th.

On March 28, Elder Merlin Eddy was inspired, by the Holy Spirit, to give a sermon on "Forgiveness". He had these words to contemplate, "Every time we repent we are seeking to apply the atoning blood of Christ"

Your sister in Christ,  
Patricia Gould

## Colorado Reunion, 1993

he Colorado Reunion of the Church of Christ will be held June 11, 12, 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.

# NEWS

## **Houston Local, Missouri**

Greetings form Southern Missouri. We have had plenty of rain and are looking forward to some beautiful sunshine.

We had our business meeting in March and the following officers were elected. Pastor: Elder Aurthur G. Smith, Assistant Pastor: Elder Vergil Addie, Secretary-Treasure: Carol Keeney, Pianist: Lois Helseth, Assistant Pianist: Lovita Sieble, Reporter: Mary Jane Medders, Librarian: Margaret Keeny, Historian: Lois Helseth. Sunday School officers Superintendent: Vergil Addie, Assistant Superintendent: Ireatess Keeney, Secretary-Treasurer: Lovita Sieble, Adult Teacher: David Keeney, Assistant Adult Teacher: Brother Arthur Smith, Young People Class: Sylvia Addie, Primary Teacher: Margret Keeney.

On March 14, our visiting minister was Brother Loren Bryant. Brother and Sister Virgil Rudd came with him. We are so happy to have the Greg Evans family to attend church here.

Brother Marvin Ely was our speaker on March 21st. It is always a pleasure to have him in our services.

Oh, we have a little bundle from heaven with us. Erica Dawn Keeney was born to David and Carol Keeney on March 18th. She was blessed April 11th by Brother Arthur Smith and Brother Marvin Case.

On February 14, Gerry Case was our visiting minister. Brother Smith

and Brother Gerry Blessed our little Sarah Elizabeth Pierce. She is the daughter of Diane and Steve Pierce.

Mary Jane and Jared Medders attended church in Springfield on March 28th. That afternoon we attended a piano recital of Grant and Nancy Hutcheson.

We had such a nice Easter service, Brother Marvin Case was our speaker. We had as visitor the Hill family from Oak Grove. Lee Hobbs was a visitor from here in Houston. Dee Anna, Grant, Nancy, Andrew and Emily Hutcheson from Republic, Jamey, Sandy and Katy Addie from Springfield.

Our Pastor was the speaker for April 18th. We read Psalms 15 together, then he asked the question, "What is the Holy Spirit?" We each have a different definition. It comes from our experiences with the Holy Spirit. He went over Hebrews 6:1,2. Gods Spirit can not dwell in unholy places. We each must be sure that we have a place n our hearts for the Holy Spirit to dwell. If we have that Holy Spirit with us. We have no problem loving each other.

### **DRINKING FROM THE SAUCER**

I've never made a fortune  
And I'll never make one now.  
But it really doesn't matter  
Cause I'm happy anyhow.  
As I go along my journey  
I'm reaping better than I sowed  
I'm drinking from the saucer,  
Cause my cup overflowed.

I don't have a lot of riches,  
And sometimes the going's tough,  
But I've got my kids to love me  
So I think I'm rich enough,  
I just thank God for the blessings,  
That His mercy has bestowed.  
I,m drinking from the saucer  
Cause my cup has overflowed.

If He gives me strength and courage,  
When the way grows steep and rough,  
I'll not ask for other blessings  
Since I'm already blessed enough.  
May I never be too busy,  
To help bear another's load.  
Then I'll be drinking from the saucer,  
Cause my cup has overflowed.

Author Unknown

Submitted by, Mary J. Medders  
Advocate Reporter.

Thought this sorta fits me, for I,m  
planning to retire in May.

***"Then spake Jesus again unto them saying, I am the Light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, bus shall have the light of life." St. John 8:12***



### **Arizona Camp for All Ages**

It's time for the 1993 Arizona Camp for All Ages! The camp 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 it's inception in July, 1993, 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 chose to hold camp on Fourth of July Weekend 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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- ◆ **When: August 8-13, 1993**
- ◆ **Where: Camp Far Wesra**
- ◆ **Ages: 12-13**
- ◆ **Cost: \$85.00 (\$75.00 if paid before July 1, 1993)**

For Registration form and more information contact, Camp Director:

Buzz Brickhouse  
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### **Missouri Camp for all Ages**

The Missouri Camp for all Ages will be a Camp Aurora. It is a privet church camp located near Wendyville. We will have exclusive use of the entire camp. The dates are September 3-6, Friday evening to Monday morning, Labor day weekend.

The sports facilities include a swimming pool, basket ball and volleyball court, softball diamond, and archery range. There is a dinning hall with kitchen, a covered outdoor meeting place, and an outdoor chapel.

There will be a float trip planed down the Niagua river, and other activities to make use of the camp.

The cost for the camp and the float trip will be announced in the future. Please watch the Zion's Advocate.

Camp coordinators Rick Olson and Jeff Oldham.

**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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