

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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WHAT KEPT YOU FROM CHURCH TODAY ?

When Sunday morning came around,
I went to church in my little town.
I went inside hoping to see
Brothers and sisters I love and need,
But when I looked inside the chapel
The people were few and the space was ample.
What kept you from church today?

To church again on Wednesday night
I went to study both truth and right,
But through the door came very few.
I prayed the Lord to fill up the pews.
What kept you from church today?

I searched my mind both far and wide,
To see why people were not inside,
Something I wonder I might have said,
That made the people turn away their head.
What kept you from church today?

Things of the world we cannot see
Are turning us, Lord, away from Thee.
With flaxen cords we are bound
To go do things about the town.
What kept you from church today?

To let the world see our humility,
We go to God on bended knee.
To show the world in trust and faith,
The gospel of Christ must show on our face.
What kept you from church today?

Christ has said, I'm the life and the stay,
To enter the kingdom there's no other way,
To learn of His word and keep His token,
We must go to church and hear them spoken,
What kept you from church today?

As we go through life's toil and struggles,
We need the strength of one another.
To keep our feet on the narrow and straight,
Put off all sin and strife and hate.

To keep ourselves both clean and pure,
We must study the Word, that's for sure.
As I lift up my voice to God and say,
Keep us, dear Lord, in the narrow way,
I hope to see you in Church today!

Allen Kauffman, Elder

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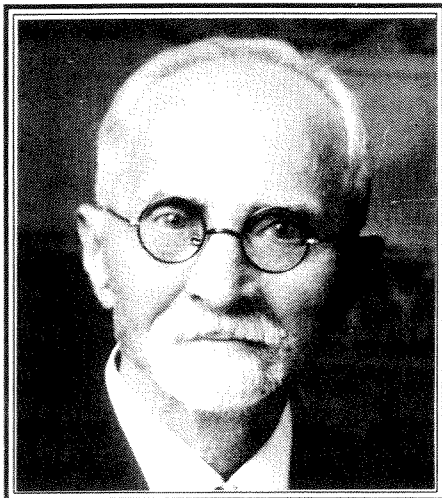
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The Modern Stumbling Block



By Elder Joseph Luff

Part III Continued from May

The second coming of Christ is now a theme in almost every popular pulpit, and the more venturesome ones among our preachers are vying with each other in trying to emphasize their faith in this glorious event. Scarcely a man of note among the Churches will now seriously question the probability of it. The press has fallen in line, and the popularity of the theme is already assured. Not only this, but scores of pamphlets and leaflets of various sizes are being published and circulated by the authority of popular Churches, through chosen committees, setting forth the Scriptural warrant and reasonable ground for belief in the doctrine of healing the sick by faith, including prayer and the anointing with oil and the laying on of hands. Thus, one by one, the points of doctrine embodied in what the world denounced as heresy seventy-five years

ago are being incorporated into the systems of the present, and are being hailed with delight as evidencing the progress of intelligence and piety in the Church.

As we enter these institutions where theology is prepared for the masses to suit the growing demands, it is at least interesting to be able to step up to the tables on which these doctors of divinity have been dissecting the old creeds, and to pick up a discarded fragment of Calvinism, or a dismembered branch of Arminianism, or a number of abandoned points of Protestantism, around which once clustered a devotion of worshippers a generation or two ago, and for the preservation of which the fagots were piled high and the torch applied, and to be told by the men who hold the scalpel that these are damnable heresies, and unfit to be taught and unworthy of place in the theology of this enlightened age. Our interest changes to gratification when we learn that the places from whence these offensive dogmas have been carved have been filled with fragments of what we recognize at once as being part of the doctrine proclaimed by Joseph Smith three quarters of a century ago. When he "piped" "they would not dance;" when he "mourned" they "would not lament." When he preached the above items of doctrine, or denounced the creeds, he was derided and persecuted, and slain as a dangerous and damnable heresy-breeder; but now that the despicable "mustard seed" has become a tree, and the tottering creeds are seeking shelter in its branches, or plucking twigs therefrom to cover the deformity discovered in themselves, they all enter for the dance. But who among them all has ever given credit to the young

man who first faced the fire and endured the obloquy that these doctrines invited or provoked?

The second part of our text tells of a poor wise man whose wisdom delivered the city, but who was not remembered by those who enjoyed the benefits of his service. Religious history of this and the past generation, if faithful, should tell of the divine wisdom given a young man by which provision was made seventy-five years ahead of the exigencies of Christendom. It should tell of the curses that were heaped upon him by those who should have loved him best. It should tell how, after denouncing his doctrine as infamous, they finally pilfered from that doctrine the points requisite to deliver their creeds from disaster. It should tell that, notwithstanding this was done and Christendom reveled in the temporary advantage thus secured, and the deliverance of their citadels from dishonor and ruin, they failed to even remember the same young man, but boasted in the advancement they themselves had made under the wise direction of hired theologians, and skilled revisers.

Reader, if these doctrines, now becoming popular, are true, they were no less true seventy-five years ago, and the clergy who denounced them were not the servants of God. If the religions of that time were the standards by which the religion introduced by Joseph Smith was measured when they pronounced him an imposter, what shall be said of the men who are now patching their "fleeces" or philosophy with pieces taken from his system, which was so utterly unholy and impious then as to invite upon it their most terrible imprecations.

Joseph Smith introduced his doctrine by God's command, and never

attempted to don any fleece then known to religious bodies in order to gain favor with the flock. For this boldness they denounced him as a false prophet. Since then the God who authorized him has been supplementing his work and the work of his co-laborers, and what is the result? Simply that the world is rising to endorse his utterance. If he voiced an untruth when he said the Churches were wrong and the creeds were an abomination in God's sight; if he was guilty of blasphemy in this, what shall be said of the wise men who are now revising a certain creed, and some of whom declared that specific features therein were damnable heresies, that they did not believe in and ought not to be held by them, and should not extend the infamy and disgrace of them to their children? In short, let us ask you to remember that the points referred to a few paragraphs back were no part of the creeds seventy-five years ago, and insofar as they may be now, they justify us in pointing to the men who use them in connection therewith, and asking you to "beware of false prophets, who come unto you in sheep's clothing." These doctrines belong not to the creeds, but to the gospel proclaimed by Joseph Smith, and for which he was denounced as a false prophet by the admirers of the very systems that have been repaired by material first declared in this generation by him. If it is now being discovered that he *alone* wore the genuine sheep's garment, then all those unlike him were false.

Hence, we submit finally the fact that "by their fruits ye shall know them." The fruit of a prophet is prophecy. If the prophecy is fulfilled, then he was a true prophet. If not, then he was a false prophet. This is the only legitimate test; but enemies misapplied this scripture, as they did the other part, and traduced his reputation, as the Pharisees did that of Christ. He was charged with various crimes against the law, including immorality, and these charges were held up as evidence that he could not be a prophet of

God. Those who thus vilified him were reckless of the fact that even were their charges true, such judgement as they passed thereupon would destroy the testimony of Moses, and David, and Solomon, and even Abraham and Peter, and numerous other Bible worthies. If they could show in Joseph Smith's life lapses from virtue, and

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these could prove that God had never chosen him as a prophet, and his revelations and testimony were false, then to be consistent, they would have to strike out all of the Bible that contains the testimony of the others, for they certainly lived wide of the mark appointed by God as a guide of moral conduct.

This will not do, however; for should I prophesy today in God's name of the coming of a pestilence one week hence, and it should come as predicted, it's coming would confirm me a true prophet, even though I fell into sin before it came and perished by it when it arrived. *By the fulfillment or failure of the young man's prophecies alone* we determine him a true or false prophet, and we submit the foregoing evidences in support of the claim that he was sent from God. Much other evidence is at hand, but we forbear introducing it, as we have already passed the limit of our intended space; hence, we conclude with our humble testimony to the truth of the gospel delivered to Joseph Smith by an angel of God and by him proclaimed to the sons of men. Of his character we only know what those who had opportunity to learn have said of him, and from that

we have always believed and do now believe him to have been a good man. If he lived by the doctrine he published, he must have been very good. Of the message he brought we ask no man's opinion. Its divinity is self-evident; its potency for good in the human character we have abundantly proven; its adaptation to human necessity is witnessed by its effects within the Church that has closely adhered to its principles. If an increased love for Christ and humanity, a closer communion with God, a more intense dislike for iniquity, and a more complete consecration to the cause and interest of holiness and heaven are the fruitage of heavenly sowing, then the claim for divine origin for the doctrine he published is fully vindicated, and we expect to lay these evidences at last, together with the testimony of the Bible, at the feet of God and His Son Jesus Christ, as reasons for our adhering thereto. To us this later revelation is a treasure of untold worth, and we rejoice in its possession, though to others it has proven to be "THE MODERN STUMBLING STONE."

(The foregoing was contributed by Apostle B.C. Flint, and copied verbatim from an old publication. Its relevance for our present needs is self-evident.)

B. C. Flint
Jan 1959 Zion's Advocate

Missouri Reunion Notice

DATE: August 13, 14, & 15
PLACE: Temple Lot Local
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The Kettle of Soup

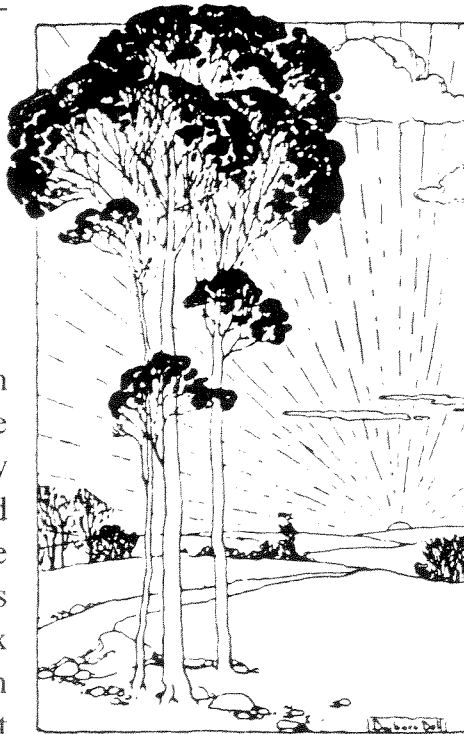
I'd like to relate just one of many experiences where the Lord has provided for us at an instant's notice, perhaps even anticipated our need.

My husband Bill's mother stayed with us during her illness until she passed away. Shortly after, a friend of hers came to visit us. She, her husband, their daughter and son-in-law dropped by. They wanted to hear about Bill's mother and her last days with us.

Now I must say that in those days we had kids at home and the cupboard was really bare by Friday evening. It had been my intention to go to the store before Bill left for his bowling league so I could fix him something to eat, but with the company there, Bill just fixed a sandwich and was off. I was mulling over in my mind just what I might offer our guests to eat, but I didn't have a thing on hand.

About this time, they said they had better be going. I got their coats for them, but I was feeling bad that I couldn't ask them to stay for dinner, as they had traveled a long way. As

they put their coats on, I couldn't stand it any longer and on impulse, I said, "Take your coats off, I'm going to fix you something to eat." So they sat back down and began talking



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while I went out to the kitchen and prayed, "Dear Lord, help me so that I don't send them away hungry." I looked in the refrigerator and found a little cheese and a jar of pickles. I checked downstairs in the fruit room, but found nothing! I

made coffee and said again, "Lord, I'm waiting." A second later, I heard a knock at the back door and there stood my next door neighbor man with a kettle in his hand. He asked if I could use it. Referring to the kettle of soup he held, he said "I don't know what is the matter with my wife. She cooked this kettle of chicken and noodles but now says she doesn't want any but wants to go out to eat!"

The Lord had answered my prayer! Well, I put this on the table and called my guests to come. After we sat down, with fervent thanks in my heart, I asked the blessing over the food. When I looked up, I saw surprised looks on their faces. Then, with a smile, the husband said, "We are Catholic and we're not supposed to eat meat on Friday, but I'm sure that after that blessing we will be forgiven." All I could do was smile and think to myself how good God is to us!

*Gladys Nast
Independence, Missouri*

The Love of Christ

Conference time has always been a very busy time for our family since Bob was elected the General Church Secretary. There is a lot of preparation that goes into getting ready for the business sessions. At the time of this experience, the church had not set up as many committees as they have now, and a lot more duties and responsibilities were on the shoulders of the Secretary.

I had gone to choir practice on Sunday afternoon, and in the course of the practice several complaints were voiced about the arrangements that had been made for conference that year. I was already tired, too sensitive and got my feelings hurt. Especially since so much of our family's time had already gone into the preparations. I went home and couldn't shake the hurt. I cried and complained and finally went to bed.

The next morning I woke up with a heavy heart. My family all left for their daily activities of school and work, and I found myself at home alone. I again was aware of my

hurt feelings as I started thinking about the upcoming service, and I felt guilty that I had let myself become offended. I wanted to come to the Sacrament service prepared, but I

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still couldn't shake the hurt I felt. I was so miserable that I knelt down in the middle of the kitchen and poured my heart out to my Heavenly Father, asking Him to soften my heart and help me to be prepared.

As I was praying, I had a vision. In this vision all of the church people were gathered at the site where we were going to have conference that year. We were all outside in a group. I was there with my children. Suddenly, I was aware that Christ was walking into our midst. People were pressing forward to be near Him and to see Him. I immediately started pressing my children forward and holding them up so that

they could be near Jesus. As He neared, I felt the warmth and glow of love that radiated from Him. I no longer just wanted to push my children to Him—I wanted to press closer myself. As I did, I realized that the hurt feeling dwindled to nothing in His presence. The great love that emanated from Him overpowered any problem that I might have.

The vision ended and I arose from my prayer. I no longer had any hurt feelings. I didn't have to worry about preparing for the Sacrament service—I couldn't wait to be there. I looked forward to it with anxious expectation.

I thank God for the vision and the lesson He gave me through the vision. This was the only vision I have ever had. I consider it a gift from God and I praise His name and thank Him!

*Jennifer Oldham
Independence, Missouri*



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From Evalena Sill's Journal

Prelude: I went through the daily journals Sr. Evalena kept in 1990, 91 & 92. This told and retold testimony seems worth keeping, don't you think?

Sr. Donna Moser

I gave a testimony at tonight's prayer meeting about my father, James E. Yates. Many years ago, he and an older, more experienced missionary were holding services in an Oklahoma town. The older man was called away

somewhere and Papa, young, inexperienced and scared to death, had to carry on the week-long series of meetings by himself! He was especially anxious and afraid because the elderly missionary, before leaving, prophesied through the Spirit that there would be several people converted and baptized as a result of those meetings! What if they didn't, he thought. This would be hard to face, especially since there was an evil-spirited heckler there to make fun and say,

"Where are the prophesied converts? Who is going to fall for this hoax and be baptized?"

But, after the close of the last meeting, one man raised his hands, asked for silence and gave his name for baptism! Others followed; about fifteen, I believe, held up their hands and said they wanted to be baptized! The prophecy was fulfilled!

*From the Journal of Evalena Sills
Phoenix, Arizona*

N O T I C E S , E T C .

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For years we in Wisconsin have been the benefactors of the missionary efforts of Buzz Brickhouse and Bob Oldham. We have been silent too long in expressing our appreciation of their efforts on our behalf, and in supplying nourishment for our spirits. Our thanks is profuse. I am sure that the Lord has also rewarded them by sending Elder Andy and Carole Brantner and their family to our area to further the work they started. We also wish to thank all of the Priests and Elders who have taken the time to visit us. We have met new people and made new friends, such as Aaron and Sue Heath, Gale Brantner, Bick Brockman, Mike McGhee and others. I know that we here in Wisconsin have all benefited greatly from their efforts on our behalf.

May the good Lord keep all of the Saints in His loving hands.

Sincerely,

Bro. Meredith "Bud" Gage

NOTICE

The name of the Council Bluffs, Iowa Local of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), has been changed to:

Bellevue/Springfield, Nebraska Local of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot). Apostle Robert H. Jensen is continuing to serve as Pastor.

Services are held at 780 Elm, Springfield, Nebraska 68059.

Mailing address is: 2230 Clay, Bellevue, Nebraska 68005.

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



Arizona Camp for All Ages

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 it's 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 young people! 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
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Missouri Camp for All Ages

The Missouri Camp for All Ages will be at Camp Aurora. It is a private 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, basketball and volleyball court, softball diamond, and archery range. There is a dining hall with kitchen, a covered outdoor meeting place, and an outdoor chapel.

We're planning a float trip down the Niagua River, as well as other activities that will 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*.

The Camp Coordinators are Rick Olson and Jeff Oldham.

1993 Tri-State Reunion

We have again procured the Whitewater State Park Youth Camp for our 1993 Tri-State Reunion, September 3-5, the three days preceding Labor Day. This facility on these dates has proved, for us, the best. The minimal cost, a use tax stamp procured for your car at the Park Office, has proven

favorable.

Time for prayers, group discussions, question and answer periods, and good, plain fellowship, together with addresses from the pulpit and time for the sacrament together. These together with the best food to sate our physical hunger keep us well occupied and our spirits gratified.

Come prepared for some cool

weather; the season breaks about that time. We have beds for 120, help us fill them. The road north from St. Charles, Minnesota, is well marked. You are wanted and welcome.

For more information address:
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SPECIAL FOUR PAGE PULL-OUT SECTION

General Sunday School Association



Learning Center

Jesus Christ in the Land Bountiful

Grade Level: 3rd or 4th grade

OBJECTIVE: To promote (enhance) an interest in reading by doing a variety of creative activities related to a particular text.

In this case, the specific text is the Book of Mormon, 3rd Nephi, Chapter 5.

Materials needed to construct the learning center:

- ◆ 2 colored poster boards
- ◆ Stencils
- ◆ Black marker
- ◆ 3" x 5" index cards
- ◆ Glue
- ◆ Envelopes to hold the index cards
- ◆ 2 folders; 1 for worksheets and 1 for answer sheets
- ◆ Basket to collect completed work
- ◆ Book of Mormon

The Center needs to be in an area of the classroom that has room for a work table, a bulletin board to display the student's work, and throw pillows on a rug for comfortable independent reading and/or writing. The poster board assembly needs to be attached to a wall or secured to a table.

Directions for Constructing the Center:

1. Obtain 2 colored posters. Cut them in half vertically. You will need only 3 of the sections.

2. On one of them, using the stencils, write "ACTIVITIES." Attach to this 3 envelopes, one labeled "A," one "B," and one "C."
3. On another piece of poster board, stencil the word "DIRECTIONS." Type up the directions and tape or glue them on the poster board. (A copy of the directions is included.)
4. On the third piece of poster board stencil the title of the book, "BOOK OF MORMON." If you would like, draw a picture of the book.
5. Attach the 3 poster boards together with the title of the book in the middle, the directions on the left, and the activities on the right.
6. Type the selected activities on 3" x 5" cards and place them in the appropriate envelope on the activities board. (A copy of the activities is included.)

Materials the Students will Need at the Center:

- ◆ Notebook paper
- ◆ Pencils
- ◆ Book of Mormon
- ◆ Worksheets
- ◆ Construction paper
- ◆ Colored chalk, crayons, markers
- ◆ Shoeboxes or paper milk

- cartons
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Play-Doh/Clay
- ◆ Paint/Paintbrushes
- ◆ Old magazines
- ◆ Glue or tape
- ◆ Felt
- ◆ Posterboard scraps
- ◆ White fabric remnants
- ◆ White yarn

What The Child Will Do At The Center:

The students will go to the Learning Center and read Chapter 5 of the 3rd book of Nephi, from the Book of Mormon. After reading the chapter, they will select two of the four activities from Group A that interests them and then complete them. Then they will select two of the four activities from Group B. After completing group A and B, the student will select one activity from Group C to complete.

After completing each assignment, the students will place their papers in the basket provided. Two of the activities in Group A allow the students to correct their own work. Thus, when these activities are chosen, the students will correct their work before turning it in.

The activities are meant to be fun and creative. They are devised with different ability levels in mind.

Evaluation Of The Student:

Evaluating will be done by checking the work the student hands in. Also, observe the students thought processes and interest while working. Two of the activities are self-correcting so the students can get immediate results. Some of the activities do not have right or wrong answers. They are designed to stimulate their imagination and get them interested in their reading. The activities promote a fun approach and a positive attitude toward reading.

Evaluation Of The Center:

To evaluate the Center itself, I would listen to the comments made by the children. By observing them while they are at the center do you notice them enjoying themselves or grudgingly doing the tasks? It would also be beneficial to have a mini-conference with the students when they have completed an activity.

A final step to the Learning Center would be for the teacher to gather all of the student responses to each creative activity and place them in a binder. These would be sitting on the reading table for all the students to read. This allows them to see how other students answered the same questions.

DIRECTIONS

1. Read the THIRD BOOK OF NEPHI, CHAPTER 5.
2. Pick two (2) activity cards from envelope A that interest you and complete the activity listed on the cards.
3. Pick two (2) activity cards from envelope B that interest you and complete the activity listed on the cards.
4. Pick one (1) activity card from folder C and complete the project listed on the card.

All of the materials you will need to do each activity are provided in the Center. The materials you will need to do each activity are listed in each specific activity card. After finishing each task, place them in the basket provided. Make sure your name is on your paper.

The answers to the crossword puzzle and the cloze question worksheets are in the "ANSWERS" folder. If you choose to do either of these activities, check your answers after you have completed it, and then place your paper in the basket provided.

***HAVE FUN! ENJOY YOUR READING!**

ACTIVITY A

Materials needed:

- ◆ Notebook paper
- ◆ Pencil
- ◆ Book of Mormon

Activity:

Write down 10 questions you

would like to ask Jesus. Once you have finished, put your paper in the basket.

ACTIVITY A

Materials needed:

- ◆ Crossword puzzle worksheet—in the folder labeled "WORKSHEETS."
- ◆ Pencil
- ◆ Book of Mormon

Activity:

Complete the crossword puzzle. Some clues include a verse number to refer to for help. You may use the book. When you have finished, use the answer sheet in the folder labeled "ANSWERS" to check your work. Then place your paper in the basket.

ACTIVITY A

Materials needed:

- ◆ Colored chalk
- ◆ Construction paper

Activity:

Using the colored chalk, draw a picture of your favorite part of the chapter. Then place your paper in the basket.

ACTIVITY A

Materials needed:

- ◆ Notebook paper
- ◆ Pencil
- ◆ Book of Mormon

Activity:

Write a poem or song using the Lord's Prayer (verses 102-106 in Chapter 5 of 3rd Nephi). Then place your paper in the basket.

ACTIVITY B

Materials needed:

- ◆ Cloze worksheet—in the folder marked "WORKSHEETS."
- ◆ Pencil
- ◆ Book of Mormon

Activity:

Fill in the blanks on the worksheet with the correct answers. You may use the Book of Mormon as a reference. As a challenge, try to fill in the blanks before looking at the verses in the book. When you are finished, check your own answers using the ANSWER sheet.

ACTIVITY B

Materials:

- ◆ Construction paper
- ◆ Crayons/Markers
- ◆ Scissors

Activity:

Create an advertisement so that someone else may want to read this book. Be creative; use your imagination. Put your project in the basket when you are finished.

ACTIVITY B

Materials needed:

- ◆ Plain white paper
- ◆ Pencil/colored pencils
- ◆ Book of Mormon

Activity

Create a cartoon strip following the story in the chapter, or choose your favorite part of the chapter to make your cartoon. Be creative, but keep the facts straight.

ACTIVITY B

Materials needed:

- ◆ Notebook paper
- ◆ Pencil
- ◆ Book of Mormon

Activity:

Write an essay paper answering these questions:

- 1) How does Jesus want us to be baptized?
- 2) Does this make sense to you? Why or why not?
- 3) Have you thought about being baptized?

(Essay paper means read the question, read the chapter verses 18-42, jot down some ideas to write about on scrap paper, and then put your ideas into your words.) Put your paper in the basket when you are finished.

ACTIVITY C

Materials needed:

- ◆ Old magazines
- ◆ Glue
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Construction paper

Activity:

Using the magazines provided, cut out pictures to make a mural/collage relating to the chapter. Glue your clippings to the piece of construction paper. When it is completed we will display them.

ACTIVITY C

Materials needed:

- ◆ Poster board
- ◆ Wooden sticks
- ◆ Glue
- ◆ Markers/Crayons
- ◆ Scissors

Activity:

Create a puppet show of your favorite event. Use the poster board for the character, and glue the character to the wooden stick. Put on your puppet show for the congregation between meetings.

ACTIVITY C

Materials needed:

- ◆ Shoebox
- ◆ Fabric scraps (white)
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ String
- ◆ Glue
- ◆ Dowel rod 12" long and 1/8" in diameter
- ◆ Paints/Paintbrushes
- ◆ Polyester stuffing
- ◆ White yarn—about 1'

Activity:

Create a diorama. A *diorama* is a three-dimensional art project. Use the shoebox for the earth. Paint the shoebox to look like the land Bountiful. Poke a small hole in the shoebox for the dowel rod to go through. Secure the dowel rod in place so that it will stand straight up. Make a Jesus figurine out of the fabric and stuffing. Use the yarn to tie his robe to the dowel rod. He is descending out of heaven. Make many people out of Play-Doh or clay to represent the multitude. Be creative. When you are finished we will display your work for everyone to enjoy!



1993 Conference Report

"We've had a peaceful waiting for the Lord this day," Apostle William Sheldon said, describing the first service of Solemn Assembly, April 2, 1993. Those who gathered for the Friday morning service shared in a quiet spirit of concern for the work of the gospel, the conference, and the desire to humble themselves in prayer and fasting. Apostle Sheldon and Elder Charles Brantner presided over the service.

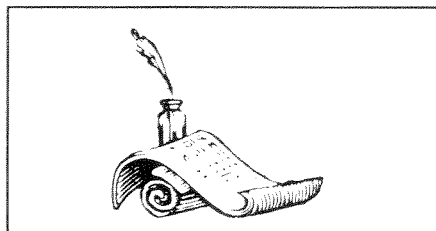
Brother Stephen Gould stood, following a season of prayer, and sung a song he'd received through inspiration. "For your hearts are heavy laden with the trials you must bear. But take courage now my children for your trials I will share," was the encouragement that was sung.

Elders Marvin Case and Joel Yates led the afternoon service. A special season of prayer was held for our sister Doris Rattaree concerning her immediate need for a blessing.

During the evening service of Solemn Assembly Elder Roger Bruner and Priest Aaron Heath presided. Priest Heath reminded us that the great responsibility of the church is to bring the Gospel to every nation, kindred and tongue. "Before we do anything we should consult our God for his guidance. That is what Solemn Assembly is about." The prayers that followed were after that pattern of praising God and asking for Him to make His will known.

On Saturday, April 3, we gathered in prayer again. Elders Nicholas Denham and Leslie Case presided over the service and we were asked, "How serious are you in seeking the will of the Lord? We have the promise that if we come in the right attitude, appealing to the Heavenly Father, He will reveal it."

After a break, our prayers and fasting continued into the afternoon service. Elder Joel Yates and Priest Randy Sheldon were in charge. Elder



SPECIAL REPORT

Yates reminded us that as children, most of us, when faced with a problem, trusted God to answer our prayers. "As grown ups we tend to forget those simple things," he said. "We need to return to the old paths."

After several seasons of prayer, the 1993 Solemn Assembly was brought to a close. Elder Yates had told us that even though we felt closer to each other after two days of prayer and fasting, we had not gathered for that purpose. We had gathered to draw close to God. As we sang the last song we felt He'd blessed us and had prepared us for the meetings ahead.

Saturday Evening, many returned to the Chapel for a presentation by the CARE Group. The program included three skits portraying conflicts and resolutions. The first conflict was between a husband and wife; the second, between a parent and child and child against child; and the last was a conflict between employees. In each skit a practical, scriptural resolution was demonstrated. From the response during and after the program, those attending could relate to the situations and had been encouraged to find better

solutions.

Voices sang in unity, "Come ye apart, It is the Lord who calls you," as the Sacrament service began Sunday, April 4. Apostle Marvin Ely presided and Apostle Don McIndoo shared his thoughts.

He read Christ's prayer from III Nephi 9: "I pray unto thee for them, and also for all those who shall believe on their words, that they may believe in me, that I may be in them as thou, Father, art in me, that we may be one."

Apostle McIndoo then added, "That is the prayer of Jesus Christ for us today, that we may be one. He calls us to unity, to love. He calls us to one purpose."

The Lord's supper was served, and testimonies and prayers followed. In the beginning, Elder Dick Wheaton challenged us: "Put your faith in the Lord, and you will be staggered by the answers He provides."

The testimonies that followed proved his statement to be true. Brother Romey and sister Nancy Harris shared with us how the life of their son, Chad, had been spared, and how Chad's heart had been turned to God. Others stood as witnesses to that Miracle.

Several shared spiritual dreams they'd had; others testified of God's intervention in their lives or their loved one's lives during operations and disasters; or how He'd enlightened their minds in study and prayer and in their efforts to take the gospel to those in need of it.

We were encouraged, challenged and chastised. Elder Bill Zabriski, who serves on the Mohawk Reservation, pleaded with the congregation for his family and all those who are left behind: "Don't fall asleep in Zion. Don't let Satan steal them by

taking away their desire to worship together. Don't let him steal your vision of Zion. You're the ones that are here. You'll have to pick up the torch. Get committed. Don't lose the vision."

At 3:00 p.m., the music program began with a special arrangement of "Let Us Pray for One Another," sung by the Temple Lot Choir, led by Janice

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Welch.

Manon Lawrence then directed the Senior and Junior Choirs through songs of praise and prayer. The older group, ages 12-17, sang "The Lord is Lifted Up." Then the Jr. Choir, 7-12 year olds, continued in praise, singing "I will sing of the Mercies of the Lord, Forever," "Jesus you are King of My Heart" and "Make Me a Servant."

Following their presentation, the Conference Choir sang a cantata, "Easter Song," an inspiring mixture of scripture and song, telling the story of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

"Who are we and what part does our little group of people have in God's plan?" Answering those questions was the focus of Apostle Jay Moser's sermon on Sunday evening, April 4.

He felt that if Christ stood before us today He would say the same words He said to another people long ago: "Take up your cross and follow me." Christ would remind us that we are to be a light to the world, "That they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven."

"This is our Mission. It has not changed," Brother Moser reminded us. "It's time we consider opening our hearts to all races, all people across the face of the earth and to learn to love all men as ourselves."

Sometimes we feel ill-equipped

as a church and individuals to do God's work. Brother Moser encouraged us though: "We are equipped. We are better equipped than any people on the earth."

He asked us to draw upon our heritage, comparing our role to that of the early pathfinders of the American wilderness. They had to find the best paths to their destinations, whereas we are confronted with finding the most effective ways of bringing the Gospel to those who need it.

He spoke of the challenges before us: the great mission of taking the gospel to the Indians; reaching out to other Restoration groups who feel lost; and ministering to our own discouraged members.

"Sometimes we are at a loss of how to get the gospel to them. This is who I feel we are—modern day pathfinders, looking for a way to accomplish this work."

Brother Moser read from Ether 1:60-68, where the Brother of Jared asked the Lord to touch the sixteen stones so that his people would not be in darkness during their sea voyage. He continued, "Our lives are like those stones. They must shine in a dark world. Try to keep your lives clean. He will touch you. Find ways to take the Gospel to those you know need it. Blaze the trail."

Apostle Smith Brickhouse preached a sermon of thanksgiving on April 5. After reading about the plan of salvation from II Nephi 6:105, he said, "What a marvelous blessing and promise, the fact that He died willingly to atone for the sins of the world, that we might be redeemed and brought into the presence of our Heavenly Father. We have to keep before us that hope of life eternal with our Father and with that hope we can endure."

Apostle Brickhouse reminded us of the prophecies of old that told of an apostasy and a restoration. "I'm thankful that our Heavenly Father saw fit to bring to us the restored gospel, the coming forth of the restoration of the church, that authority, His presence among us."

He also expressed thanks for the scriptures, for an increase in the church, for the work among the people in Yucatan, and new locals in the United States.

Apostle Brickhouse held up a jar partially filled with water. "Is it half full or half empty?" he asked. The visual aid was a familiar one, but

◆ "Put your faith in the Lord, and you will be staggered by the answers He provides."

Apostle Brickhouse had a new point to make. "We have the tendency to look at all our blessings and say 'Boy, we don't have all the blessings we used to have.'" Apostle Brickhouse turned to the jar again, "The jar is full!" He went on to explain that some blessings, like the water, are evident. We see them quickly. Some, though, are like the air, less obvious, but blessings that touch our hearts.

He then read the account of Christ's response when questioned about what the greatest commandment was, and said, "If we can practice those two simple commandments (to love the Lord thy God and to love your neighbor as yourself) we will be blessed beyond our comprehension; and our ministry will speak with power and authority. Hearts will be opened."

He reminded us of our responsibility of supporting the church financially and with our prayers, and of upholding the ministry on a daily basis.

The conference began early for some on Tuesday and Wednesday as we gathered for the 8:00 a.m. prayer services. On those two mornings, we heard testimonies telling of healings through administration, lives which were spared, the Lord's work in Yucatan, and the miracle of changed lives. If each was written here, the hearts of readers would be strength-

ened as ours were then. Following are a few statements from those early mornings.

"When the righteous cry, the Lord hears and delivers."

"I couldn't see ahead then, but I can look back now, and see his hand. Be calm. Trust him. He'll show the way."

◆ "... I feel we are... modern day path finders, looking for a way to accomplish this work."

A husband shared his dying wife's final request of her family, "Read the Book of Mormon."

"We felt like God had a hold of us."

Evangelist Hubert Yates lifted a warning voice to the church, on April 6, as he preached Jesus Christ. "The blood of Christ was shed to cleanse us, to bear hope within our bosoms, to develop a strength and power against the evil one, to give us the courage wherein we can look expecting the blessing of our God to be poured out upon us when we have set our course, and plotted our direction to be near to the heart of God."

Often, he said, the church lacks discernment. "We are like a horse turning our head back and forth, running the course we set instead of falling on our knees and telling our God, 'We must run the course you have set. Your paths are straight.'"

Elder Yates reminded us that the world was full of what it calls fun, but that lasting joy and peace came from Christ and his gospel. He talked of the word of God, as contained in the Bible and Book of Mormon, as the measuring stick, as the rod of iron that would "either condemn you or save you at the last day."

"Is that all there is? No, God continues to reveal himself to the chil-

dren of men. Revelation, by the power of God, must be very much alive in the body of Christ."

He warned us that he sees more sin entering the body of Christ and that when we are willing to turn our head and ignore it, we are making the church weaker.

"The gospel has a way to alter lives, to turn them away from the desire to sin and to single their eye to the glory of God." He believes the world is making it harder to know and follow Christ, even in this nation. "We must be a light, a voice crying repentance."

Elder Yates made Satan's desire to capture our souls a reality through his warnings, and pleaded with us to rely on the Holy Ghost and strength from God to make a commitment to Christ and to be doers of the word and not just hearers.

"There is a difference in bearing a cross and hanging on it. He asks us to bear our cross, that the heathen will know He has a people. Prepare yourselves for the coming of the Lord, for we are indeed in the last days. Maybe our forefathers had time to drag their feet, but you and I don't. This is our day of probation. Support the body of Christ, the work that must go out. If you want to increase your faith, serve him."

On Wednesday evening, preceding the preaching service, three young people were baptized. Debby Cobb, Melissa (Chance) Seibel and Matt Rooney were baptized by Priest Randy Sheldon. The Hand of Fellowship was extended to them following their confirmations.

The final conference sermon was preached by Elder Sam Gould on April 7. He began by questioning the congregation concerning our response to the previous sermons, "Is your life changing at all because of what you've heard? Are you going to change?"

He preceded to read from Psalm 19 and Colossians 3, explaining the worth and purpose of the law of the Lord, and bore his testimony of the law as found in Latter-day Revelation. Elder Gould suggested that many of us

are stubborn about turning from false doctrines, being like a man "chained to a big old stone," daring us to move him.

"Only God can unchain that chain, but God won't if it's not your desire." He continued to question us. "How are you praising him? Do you have the law of God written upon your

◆ "Find ways to take the Gospel to those you know need it. Blaze the trail."

heart, to be read by all mankind?"

Then Elder Gould reminded us with a comparison from the Book of Mormon that the commandments of God are like the Liahona. "They will tell you where to go; how to pray; how to overcome your frailties; how to crucify yourselves that you may be strengthened in the Lord."

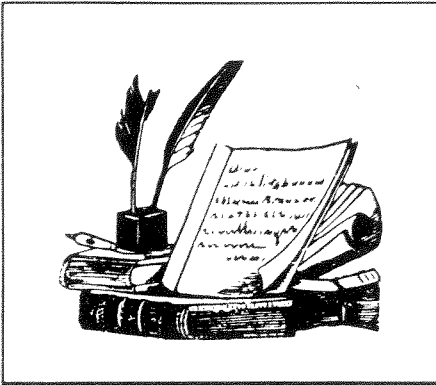
He concluded by admonishing us from Psalm 141:5. "Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness." How do you respond when chastised by the word? Do you take offense and harden your heart? Do you take the insult and allow it to stay within, not having enough faith to pray about it? Or do you consider the insult, pray about it and allow it to be a "kindness" that will draw you to change and draw even closer to God?

We have to get serious about the gospel of Jesus Christ, Elder Gould said, encouraging us through II Nephi 15, that if we believe in Jesus Christ, we will believe in his words, and they will teach us to do good.

With that scripture's bold challenge, the 1993 conference ended. In 1994, many of the same brothers and sisters will gather for another conference. That we might be more faithful when we gather again, let us continue to ask ourselves Elder Gould's question, "Am I going to change?"

Debra Vogel

N E W S



N E W S

Mogollon, Arizona

As I sit here alone in my home in the mountains, my thoughts are drawn out to God and all of you, to every Local that is and is to come, to the little bands here and there laboring to keep truth in the Earth. The world may see us as many things: small, extreme, etc., but as I mingle my thoughts with the Lord's, I know whose we are. This Church is the Lord's anointed.

The power that was in Mt. Sinai is with Mt. Zion. So we carry on until all things be fulfilled.

We've had some physical problems in our little local, but God keeps his hand on us. Tom has recovered from his surgery. Elmer was in the hospital and was very weak, but is out now. We pray for his continual strength.

Jim Yates gave us a surprise visit. We always love to hear of their travels and trials and successes. We had a wonderful testimony service. I thank Doug and Haley for coming to our Show Low service where we had a chance to talk about some different aspects of Christ. We shared some thoughts on what might have been in Jesus' life. Joel and Jenny Yates have been making the trip as well. My kids love a new Sunday School teacher besides me! We pray for all

of you preparing for Bible School and other youth activities.

A good question Tom pointed out: what holds you in the gospel, and why did you join the Church? It's the Lord's doing. He poured out His spirit on man that they would receive His word. The Spirit wrought a change in us to desire good and not evil. How do you keep from falling away? Be led of the Spirit: study, pray, gather, take heed, examine the events of your day, repent. Lastly, thank and praise God. Surely we have been a prideful nation; we must learn to bow down to this King, this magnificent King who is willing to share His Kingdom with us. A better world and peace truly are coming.

*Your Mogollon reporter and sister in Christ,
Kathy Cloyd*

Grand Junction, Colorado

This warm spring weather has given us "picnicitis." Easter Sunday was our first picnic of the season, followed by another picnic—a farewell picnic for Kenneth Carroll. Mother's Day was another occasion for a picnic.

As stated above, Kenneth Carroll is in California. He's a Navy man now. Anyone wishing to write to Kenneth can do so by writing to:

S.R. Carroll, Ke
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San Diego, California 92133-2000

Phoenix Local's gain is our loss. Charlotte Hinkle sold her house here and has relocated in Phoenix. Our love and prayers are with you both in your new adventures.

It has not been all sunshine and roses for all of us. Edith Arden had to undergo surgery, and then suffered complications from it.

Our prayers have been with her. Happy May birthday to Daniel Carroll, Lois Bell, Edith Arden, Bernice Ely, and Karen Bell. Toby Pennell has a June birthday all to himself, and Marvin and Hellen Carroll celebrate an anniversary in June.

A special thanks to Jim Shaw for sharing a Sunday with us, and for his special message to us which came from his heart.

*Kathy Larsen
Advocate Reporter*

N E W S

Ravenna, Michigan

At our meeting on April 25th, Elder Max Spencer preached for forty minutes, then our Pastor Gale Brantner gave some words of wisdom, after which we had a season of prayer concerning the ordination of Priest Aaron Heath to the office of Elder. Prayer and testimony were given by Elders Gale Brantner and Sam Gould on reports of calling and witnesses to the calling. There was also evidence from Priest Aaron Heath and his willingness to accept the responsibilities of this higher office. The ordination followed, then the hand of fellowship.

Elder Sam Gould then preached to us a very inspiring sermon, after which prayer was offered and thanks given for the food. We then went to the dining area in the basement to take care of physical needs. Forty were present. Brothers and sisters and relatives and friends witnessed the ordination.

Visitors present were from Missouri and Gaylord, Muskegan, Ravenna, and Roscommon, Michigan.

Sister June Haines played our piano (a gift from the Lord and Carol Sutton a dear friend).

After dinner, Brother Gale took the Goulds to meet their plane in Detroit, and went on to meet with those to help with the Indian Mission in Cherokee. He will be missed, although we still have two elders. We thank the Lord for the blessing of several ministry, and also our gift of a lovely piano.

*Sr. Lois Heath
Advocate Reporter*



Ravenna, Michigan

On May 2nd we received a message from Elder Max Spencer. He told of an article entitled "Is There Any Future For The Church?" In it a man asked, "Which one? If you're talking about the Church of Christ, yes, there is hope. Christ said 'I will build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.'"

Prayer is not an option. Prayer is our avenue with God. There were some remarks from a prayer service and a reading from III Nephi, in which they were all of one mind. Teaching the multitude,

we are here tonight because of our belief.

On May 9th, Elder Max Spencer preached about honoring our mothers and fathers. He also mentioned that we seem to have just our families here with us in church. He wondered where our neighbors were, and if we were doing something to encourage our neighbors to attend.

In a message by Elder Aaron Heath, he asked the question, "How long has Satan been around?" Answer: from the beginning. The Devil introduced evil. Genesis 6:5. In Genesis 1:4 God introduced the Light. The

theme today was *How Satan Uses People*. (1) Kills influence of minister. (2) Gets people to overwork on Saturday. (3) Stormy weather. He and his band of outlaws get results.

Brother Gale has been in the missionary field and has been greatly missed. We hope he will be back soon.

*Sr. Lois Heath
Advocate Reporter*



Farmington, Minnesota

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. Many people travelled to and from the Farmington local in April. John, Nana, Thomas, Laura, and John Michael Gill and James and Bill Brown returned from their prolonged journey to Central America. During their stay, many prayers were offered for their welfare and safety, and we thank our Lord for bringing them home in His time.

Julia Pena also shared a ride with the Gills. Julia came to the United States from Honduras, to see her daughter, Jahaira, graduate from high school. Julia attended a church service in April and has plans to attend more services. Please pray that God's will and "His plans" concerning Julia's visit will be fulfilled.

Also in April, Adam, Sue, Heidi, and Emily Porter met with

our local. We will remember both Adam and Sue's testimonies given during a sacrament service—chiefly, how Jesus will always be there for us as a constant friend.

Furthermore, when Jim and Bonnie Case met with our local, we were instructed, via a sermon, to remember our example to others. Jim admonished us to read Christ's words (found in the Bible and Book of Mormon) and went on to say, "I realize all can't read, but we can teach others through the way we live our lives." Jim gave several examples of teachers, in a public school setting, who because they prayed each day, were nominated, by their students, on a radio broadcast, to be the "Best Teacher of the Year."

During the Case's stay, a very fitting song, "More Like the Master," was used, which reminded us of our perfect example. Like the words of the song, "More earnest effort to bring His kingdom in," we appreciate the

earnest efforts of Joani Gill in "bringing in those of His kingdom." Joani brought her friend, La, to church in April. La could use prayers concerning her health.

The hearts of all were filled with gladness when the mentioned visitors blessed us with their presence.

On the other hand, when several members of the Farmington local left Minnesota to meet with other members of the Church of Christ, we missed their presence. Merlin, Eva Lin, Joey, Jakey, and Jenny Eddy and Jeannine and Alyssa Gould attended the 1993 Solemn Assembly. Later in the month, Merlin Eddy and family travelled to Wisconsin where a sacrament service was held. While in Wisconsin, the Eddy family also visited with Margie Cain. Margie continues to need your prayers.

*Your sister in Christ,
Patricia Gould*

Independence, Missouri

Greetings from the East Local! Quite a few things have happened in the last couple of months, so I will attempt to only highlight recent events.

The Women's Department has been having their once a month meetings, visiting elderly and shut-ins. They have also had a craft session and lunched at The Old Country Buffet. Recently, the Women's Department had an evening out with their husbands at

the Better Way Supper Club where they enjoyed good food and gospel music.

Baptisms have included Melissa Chance, Debby Cobb and Matthew Rooney. The Holy Spirit was felt in strength at the rebirth of our new siblings.

Harvey Seibel and Melissa Chance were joined in Holy Matrimony on April 9th by Elder Hubert Yates. We all wish God's blessing upon their union.

The YPCL has been growing by leaps and bounds and reached

about thirty members. Their activities include the 5th Annual Untalent Show, the 4th Annual Senior Citizen's Supper, educationals on Baptism and Creation versus Evolution, and a car wash fund raiser.

We would appreciate prayers for each item mentioned within this report, and our prayers will ever be for you.

*Love in Christ,
Betsy Gould*

N E W S

Collins, Missouri

Miracles abound. Never lose sight of that. God is the same and His power has not diminished. The lack, if there be any, can only be found in us.

In the early morning hours of January 31st, Chad Harrison, son of Roma and Nancy Harrison, lost control of his vehicle on a winding road. He was thrown several feet as his Bronco rolled off the road. He sustained head and lung damage and was in critical condition. Too many "unusual" things happened to give a full report, but suffice it to say that Chad is alive and recovering due to the blessings of our merciful Heavenly Father. He has been administered to several times. The Spirit of God touched not only his physical body, but has moved upon his soul. And not on his alone, but Chad's wife, Amber, has been a witness to the greatness of God.

On Easter Sunday our church house was full to overflowing as we gathered together to witness the baptism of Chad and Amber Harrison, but not them alone, for Chad's cousin, Craig Yates also felt a call and requested baptism as well. Craig is the son of Wallace and Geraldine Yates. The baptisms were conducted by Brother Allen Kauffman. Brother Jack Martin officiated in the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost for Chad and Amber,

and was assisted by Brother Kauffman. Then Brother Kauffman laid his hands on Craig that he might receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, and was assisted by Brother Martin. Following this, Brother Martin spoke of the blessing of little children, to which Chad and Amber were pleased to have their two boys, Cody and Colten, blessed at the hands of Apostle Don McIndoo. It was a beautiful service to witness. I'm sorry that I can not convey the details that brought this all about, or describe the joy and touch of God's Spirit, but surely you know what I mean from your own experiences of such wonderful services and events in your life.

On February 13th, our sister and dear friend, Irene Shaw, passed from this life. She had been bed-fast in a nursing home for such a long while, but never did her faith fail her nor did she lack a testimony of God's goodness. She had a hope that she would get well enough to go home, and told of a dream she'd had that she would walk again. All in God's time. Perhaps we never understand why someone we love must linger when it seems their service is done, but God knows best and what He has prepared for His own on the other side will surely make this life and its difficulties fade completely away. My intent in this writing is that you might know and remember Irene. She and Rhondal used to sing at church and at nursing homes and such.

Everyone loved them. They have two sons, Larry and Jim, who Irene often spoke of, told stories about, and cared deeply for the welfare of their souls. She was strict in her belief and didn't stand for any nonsense where the gospel was concerned. She was a wife, a mother, a grandmother, Sunday School teacher, friend, and a hard worker. She was a real person and her life has touched and influenced many, including mine.

Funeral services for Irene were held February 16th in Buffalo, Missouri, at the Cantlon Funeral Home with Elders Nicholas Denham and Jack Martin officiating.

In closing I will leave a few quotes from sermons that perhaps you will want to consider:

- ◆ Knowing the scriptures is of no use if you don't USE them.
- ◆ If we don't have oil (in our lamps) we don't show much light.
- ◆ What is gained when tempers are lost?
- ◆ If we would start first upon our knees...
- ◆ You don't have to go to the learning of man, but to the knowledge of God.
- ◆ TIME is a gift of God.

*Your Reporter,
Czerna Kauffman*

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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