

# 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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And now we can behold the decrees of God concerning this land, that it is a land of promise, and whatsoever nation shall possess it, shall serve God, or they shall be swept off when the fullness of his wrath shall come upon them.

And the fullness of his wrath cometh upon them when they are ripened in iniquity; for behold, this is a land which is choice above all other lands; wherefore he that doth possess it shall serve God, or shall be swept off; for it is the everlasting decree of God.

And it is not until the fullness of iniquity among the children of the land, that they are swept off.

And this cometh unto you, O ye Gentiles, that ye may know the decrees of God, that ye may repent, and not continue in your iniquities until the fullness come, that ye may not bring down the fullness of the wrath of God upon you, as the inhabitants of the land have hitherto done.

Behold, this is a choice land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it, shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven, if they will but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ who hath been manifested by the things which we have written.

Book of Ether 1:31-35

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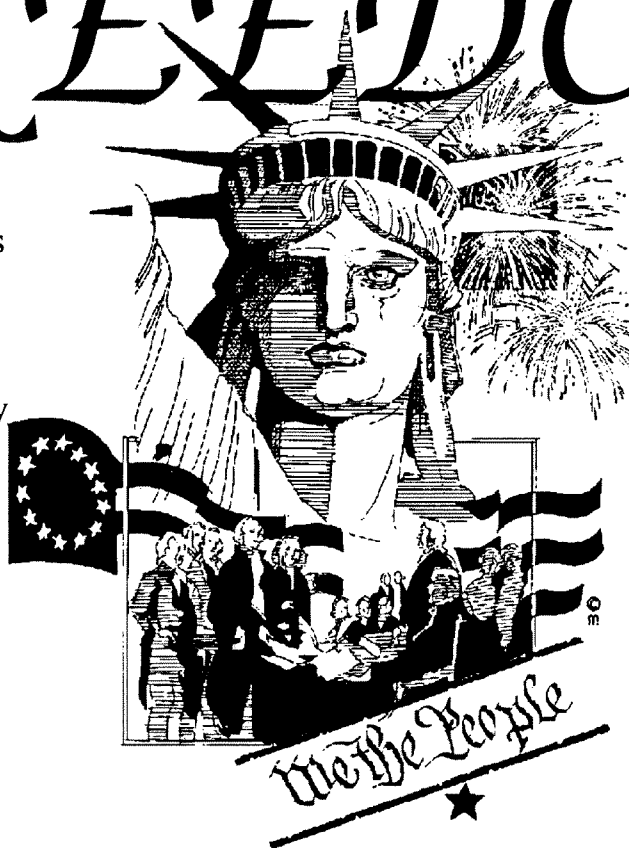
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# FREEDOM

This historic speech is recorded in Manly Palmer Hall's, "The Secret Destiny of America" (1944), pages 166-171, and in Roy Weldon's, "Book of Mormon Deeps", Vol. II, pages 283-285, from which it was taken.

On July 4, 1776, in the old State House in Philadelphia, a group of patriotic men were gathered for the solemn purpose of proclaiming the liberty of the American Colonies. From the letters of Thomas Jefferson which are preserved in the Library of Congress, I have been able to gather considerable data concerning this pretentious session.

In reconstructing the scene, it is well to remember that if the Revolutionary War failed every man who had signed the parchment then lying on the table would be subject to the penalty of death for high treason. It should also be remembered that the delegates



representing the various colonies were not entirely of one mind as to the policies which should dominate the new nation.

There were several speeches. In the balcony patriotic citizens crowded all available space and listened attentively to the proceeding. Jefferson expressed himself with great vigor; and John Adams, of Boston, spoke and Franklin, quiet and calm as usual, spoke his mind with well chosen words. The delegates hovered between sympathy and uncer-

tainty as the long hours of the summer day crept by, for life is sweet when in danger of losing it. The lower doors were locked and a guard was posted to prevent interruption.

According to Jefferson, it was late in the afternoon before the delegates gathered their courage to the sticking point. The talk was about axes, scaffolds,

and the Gibbet, when suddenly a strong, bold voice sounded- "Gibbet! They may stretch our necks on all the gibbets in the land; they may turn every rock into a scaffold; every tree into a gallows; every home into a grave, and yet the words of that parchment can never die! They may pour our blood on a thousand scaffolds, and yet from every drop that dyes the axe a new champion of freedom will spring into birth! The British King may blot out the stars of God from the sky,

but he cannot blot out His words written on that parchment there. The works of God may perish: His words never!

“The words of this declaration will live in the world long after our bones our dust. To the mechanic in his workshop they will speak hope: to the slave in the mines freedom: but to the coward kings, these words will speak in tones of warning they cannot choose but hear...

“Sign that parchment! Sign, if the next moment the gibbet's rope is about your neck! Sign, if the next minute this hall rings with the clash of falling axes! Sign, by all your hopes in life or death, as men, as husbands, as fathers, brothers, sign your names to the parchment, or be accursed forever! Sign, and not only for yourselves, but for all ages, for that parchment will be the textbook of freedom, the bible of the rights of man forever.

“Nay do not start and whisper with surprise! It is truth, your own hearts witness it: God proclaims it. Look at this strange band of exiles and outcasts, suddenly transformed into a people; and handful of men, weak in

arms, but mighty in God-like faith; nay, look at your recent achievements, your Bunker Hill, your Lexington, and then tell me, if you can, that God has not given America to be free!

“Me thinks I see the recording Angel come trembling up to that throne and speak his dread message. “Father, the old world is baptized in blood. Father, look with one glance of Thine eternal eye, and behold evermore that terrible sight, man trodden beneath the oppressor's feet, nations lost in blood, murder, and superstition, walking hand in hand over the graves of the victims, and not a single voice of hope to man!”

“He stands there, the Angel, trembling with the record of human guilt. But hark! The voice of God speaks from out the awful cloud: ‘Let there be light again! Tell my people, the poor and oppressed, to go out from the old world, from oppression and blood, and build My altar in the new!’”

“As I live, my friends, I believe that to be His voice!

Yes, were my soul trembling on the verge of eternity, were this hand freezing in death, were this voice choking in the last struggle,

I would still, with the last impulse of that soul, with the last wave of that hand, with the last gasp of that voice, implore you to remember this truth- God has given America to be free!

“Yes, as I sink into the gloomy shadows of the grave, with my last faint whisper I would beg you to sign that parchment for the sake of those millions whose very breath is now hushed in intense expectation as they look up to you for the awful words: You are free!

The unknown speaker fell exhausted into his seat. The delegates, carried away by his enthusiasm, rushed forward. John Hancock scarcely had time to pen his bold signature before the quill was grasped by another. It was done.

The delegates turned to express their gratitude to the unknown speaker for his eloquent words.

He was not there.

Who was this strange man, who seemed to speak with a divine authority, whose solemn words gave courage to the doubters and sealed the destiny of the new nation?

Unfortunately, no one knows.

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# THIS CHURCH OF CHRIST

About 15 years ago, I was working as a timber logger in the state of Idaho. We worked out of a little town about 40 some miles north of Boise, Id. This town was the local "headquarters", and home for the majority of the loggers in that area. There was an abundance of "log trucks" in this little town, some new, some almost new, and some old ones. There was this one operator that owned a very old truck, probably 20 years old, which is very old for a logging truck. He had rebuilt the old truck, gave it a very nice paint job, metallic brown with pen stripes, new tires, and had gotten a contract to haul logs from out of the mountains down to the mill.

The brand name of the truck was "Peterbuilt", so we nicknamed the old truck "Old Pete". Beside all the newer, fancy, and more modern trucks, "Old Pete" stuck out like a sore thumb. One thing you could count on come Monday morning, "Old Pete" would be right there under the loader ready for a days work. Oh yes, "Old Pete" broke down now

and then, and would need some repairs, but his owner was a good mechanic, and kept the truck running. He would spend the time off on a weekend fixing "Old Pete" up for the next week. I always enjoyed seeing "Old Pete" hanging in there and pulling his share right along with those new trucks.

In an odd sort of a way, I suppose, this Church of Christ, reminds me of "Old Pete". It is quite old, not as modern as the Churches around us, not as big, not as fancy, and yes it needs repairs once in awhile, but its owner is a **very good mechanic**.

Sometimes the tie rods get loose and it wanders around from one side of the road to the other, but its driver has always been alert and has kept it on the road. It had carried many a load of souls to their destination, and is still hanging in there. I suppose it could be traded in for a new Church, but I wonder if a new Church would bring us to our destination? We could change it, I suppose, but I wonder if that **very good mechanic** would be willing to work

with it? No, I think if we should do anything, we should restore it to its' original condition. There are some things that need a lot of repair; then there are some things that need a little repair, and there are some things that need no repair at all. Before we begin our job we need to know the difference.

## THIS CHURCH OF CHRIST

Christ said: Matt 16:18 "And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." As I read through the New Testament accounts of the events of that period of time, I notice a change being brought into that religious community. To the people of Jerusalem and that area of Judea the coming of Christ did not seem to fit the popular concept of the prophecies foretelling of that event, although now we can see how He clearly fulfilled those prophecies. There were some who were not so learned, who were willing to believe and accept Him as

the saviour. Christ warned the more learned to repent of their ways, accept His gospel, and to believe that He was the fulfillment of the requirements of the Old Mosaic Law. He was bringing His Gospel, the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, which (in my words) was a higher level of righteousness. Thus His statement "I will Build my Church..."

When we think of that Gospel, and begin to come to an understanding of it, we begin to see that it has requirements. The term Gospel, is represented as meaning "Good News", but what was that news? In John 1:12&13, we find this: "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 the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." He gives power to become the sons of God. But what makes this **power** work? How do we exercise that power?

Let us go to Hebrews 6:1&2 and see if we can find what makes this **power** work. "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again

the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment." Paul here speaks of "principles," I wonder sometimes if we fully understand what that word means? Funk and Wagnals dictionary list several meanings, all of which apply in this case. For one thing a principle is a law, but look at this description of the word. "A source or **cause** from which a thing proceeds." and also this. "A settled law or **rule of action**, especially of right action, **consciously and resolutely adopted.**" A **cause** is the **power** or agent which bring about events, or results. A **rule of action** is the steps one must take to accomplish the desired results. These "principles" are the things that make the Gospel, good news, work. They are what makes the Gospel effective towards man.

As Christ established His Church, we find that He also established officers to implement those "principles". Eph 4:11,12&13 "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some,

pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: **Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.**" To these officers was given the authority to teach, and perform the duties required of these "principles". They were the commissioned officers of the Church Christ said He would establish.

The baptism of John the Baptist, which was a baptism unto repentance only, was replaced by a baptism into the kingdom of God, which was a type of death and rebirth of an individual, which birth by the Holy Ghost rendered that individual a son (or daughter) of God. This is the manner, or **rule of action**, by which an individual is given "power to become the sons of God."

When Christ came to Jerusalem bringing what appeared to the learned of the Jews strange doctrine, their first reaction was to reject His teachings. Then, in view of the many miracles and works He performed, they had to recognize His un-

usual spiritual strength, but yet would not recognize him as the Son of God, which he claimed to be. An example that is found in John 3:1&2. "There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." A teacher? And notice Nicodemus came by night, he didn't want his peers to know that he, a ruler of the Jews, would talk to Jesus, and he did not receive Christ as the Son of God.

All these things were new and strange to the learned of the Jewish religion. It is not surprising that those men, steeped in religious tradition, were reluctant to accept this new philosophy. Christ said of these men: "For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matt 5:20. Therein lies a danger to us in these latter days. We must not be so involved in traditional thinking that we cannot ac-

cept the work of Christ in these days. The religious world around us today is forever bombarding us with traditional religious philosophy, and we have inherited some from our fore fathers, some traditions from many centuries ago.

In the 1st chapter of John, which I quoted earlier, the promise was given that as many as received Him, were given the power to become the sons of God. This was a very special promise, a very special opportunity. Think of it! The gate to the Kingdom of God could be opened, allowing you, or me, to enter, by receiving Christ and implementing those "principles" spoken by Paul. The only problem that might exist would be if the Kingdom of God with his duly authorized officers, was not available. In the time of Christ and for some years after His death, the Kingdom was available. History does not reveal the exact date that Kingdom and His authority disappeared. We do know that for centuries the Kingdom was not found upon the earth. God's voice was silent. His servants gone from the eyes of the Historians. Gone also was that very special oppor-

tunity to be born into the Kingdom of God. Gone also were those "principles". Gone also was the divine light of his Gospel. Gone also was the Church which Christ had established. The world lay in darkness.

Isa. 29:10-14 "For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot for it is sealed: And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned. Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by precept of men: Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid."



The Book that was delivered? We know what book that was, The Book of Mormon. The history surrounding the coming forth of that book fulfills Isaiah's prophecy. The remainder of that prophecy is what is interesting to me. "...I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people..."

5. Behold I am God and have spoken it: these commandments are of me, and were given unto my servants in their weakness, after the manner of their language, that they might come to understanding; and inasmuch as they erred, it might be made known; and inasmuch as they sought wisdom, they might be instructed; and inasmuch as they sinned, they might be chastened, that they might repent; and inasmuch as they were humble, they might be made strong, and blessed from on high, and receive knowledge from time to time: after they, having received the record of the Nephites, yea even my servant Joseph might have power to translate through the mercy of God, by the power of God, the Book of Mormon; And also, those to whom these commandments were given, might have power to lay the foundation

of this church, and to bring it forth out of obscurity, and out of darkness, the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth, with which I the Lord am well pleased, speaking to the church collectively and not individually, for I the Lord cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance: (Preface Book of Commandments)

Isaiah spoke of a marvelous work and a wonder. The bringing forth of the Book of Mormon alone was a very marvelous work, but we see even more that was accomplished during those years of 1820-1830. In a revelation to Joseph Smith and Martin Harris, given in March 1829 (Book of Commandments Ch 4:5), we find an interesting statement from the Lord. "And thus if the people of this generation harden not their hearts, I will work a reformation among them, and I will put down all lyings, and deceivings, and priestcrafts, and envyings, and strifes, and idolatries, and sorceries, and all manner of iniquities, **and I will establish my church, like unto the church which was taught by my disciples in the days of old.**" This is what the world has been waiting for.

Centuries have passed and now in the 1820 & 30's we find the return of the old Jerusalem Church, the Church that Christ established, restored, and along with it the old Jerusalem Gospel, the Gospel of the Kingdom. That is not all, for along with the Gospel, the authority of the priesthood has again been returned to earth. The eyes of the seers and prophets were opened.

Notice this from History. "We still continued the work of translation, when in the ensuing month (May, eighteen hundred and twenty-nine) we on a certain day went into the woods to pray and inquire of the Lord respecting baptism for the remission of sins, as we found mentioned in the translation of the plates. While we were thus employed, praying, and calling upon the Lord, a messenger from Heaven descended in a cloud of light, and having laid his hands upon us, he ordained us, saying unto us, "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." Page 35, Outline History.

Between May 1829 and April 1830, there were several baptized; the laying on of hands for the receiving of the Holy Ghost was deferred until the higher priesthood was given, and all those who had been baptized could be gathered together. Then on April 6th, 1830, in the home of Peter Whitmer Sr. the following events took place.

"While the Book of Mormon was in the hands of the printer, we still continued to bear testimony, and give information, as far as we had opportunity: and also made known to our brethren, that we had received commandment to organize the church, and accordingly we met together for that purpose, at the house of the above mentioned Mr. Whitmer (being 6 in number) opened the meeting by solemn prayer to our heavenly Father we proceeded, (according to the previous commandment) to call on our brethren to know whether they accepted us as their teachers in the things of the kingdom of God, and

whether they were satisfied that we should proceed and be organized as a church according to said commandment which we had received. To these they consented by unanimous vote-(Times and Seasons, Oct 15, 1842, vol 3, no 24,pg. 944)

Rev 14:6 "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."

This proclamation by John, in the book of Revelations is a very interesting one indeed. If the Gospel were here on earth, as the world religions claim, why would an angel be flying in heavens, having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth? Page 96 in the red hymnal sums it up rather well.

"What was witnessed in the heavens? Why, an angel earthly bound. Had he something with him bringing? Yes the Gospel joyful sound. It was to be preached in power, on the earth, the angel said. To all men, all tongues and nations, That upon its face are spread.

Had we not before the

Gospel? Yes, had several taught by men. Then what is this latter Gospel? Tis the first one come again. This was preached by Paul and Peter, And by Jesus Christ, the Head. This, we latter saints are preaching, We their footsteps wish to tread.

Where so long has been the Gospel? Did it never fall away? What became of those neglected? God is just that's all we say, Seeks no crop where 'twas not planted, Nor a day where reigns the night, Now the sunshine bright is beaming, Let all creatures see aright"

Oh think! Dear brother and sister, think, how precious is this gift that has been given to us in these latter days. Those **principles** which Paul spoke of in the book of Hebrews, which had been gone from the earth for so many centuries, returned to earth. That **power** to become a child of God, spoken of in the book of John, that special opportunity, returned to earth. The voice of God, so long unheard throughout the long dark, silent centuries is once again sounding forth. That Gospel story, the **rule of action**, once again made clear to mankind. Now, today, the gates of the

# NOW IS THE TIME

The time has never been better for all of us to begin considering Zion on a more serious and in-depth level. One only has to peruse the newspapers, watch television, or listen to the radio to come to the conclusion that we are indeed nearing the end of times as they have been described in our various scriptures.

In times such as the ones in which we are living, we need to be all the more diligent in seeing that the Commandments we have been given are followed. If we do so, a certain and wonderful reward will be given to us—the privilege of residing in Zion. I can think of no more rewarding, or stimulating work than promoting Zion.

Zion will be our refuge from an increasingly oppressive world—a world which would like to claim any one who is trying to be obedient to the Lord. Subtlety in purpose, which is a hallmark of the endeavors of the opposing force, attempts to cast its

shadow over the good works being attempted. No doubt this feature is used to catch many unaware. One of our best tools is to read the scriptures, and then use these heavenly inspired sources of knowledge and comfort as a measuring device to enable us to properly assess the circumstances that we might find ourselves in.

“Therefore, wo be unto him that is at ease in Zion. Wo be unto him that crieth, All is well; yea, wo be unto him that hearkeneth unto the precepts of men, and denieth the power of God and the gift of the Holy Ghost. Yea, wo be unto him that saith, We have received, and we need no more. And in fine, wo unto all those who tremble, and are angry because of the truth of God. For behold, he that is built upon the rock, receiveth it with gladness and he that is built upon a sandy foundation, trembleth, lest he shall fall. Wo be unto him that shall say, We have received the word of God, and we need

no more of the word of God, for we have enough. For behold, thus saith the Lord God: I will give unto the children of men line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little: (2N 12:30-36)”

We are only as perceptive as we allow ourselves to be. It is up to us to open our hearts to be receptive toward the teachings regarding Zion.

Clearly, these last days should be a time of introspection. We cannot afford to be indifferent toward what is going on about us. If this indifference remains, we surely will remain at peril in the world.

Elder Robert Dewaele

## A VACATION MIRACLE

During Our vacation to Minnesota to attend the Gill family reunion, I witnessed yet another of the many miracles I have seen in my lifetime.

On May 31st. we went to the farm and were helping my Brother John Gill work on the Alice Chalmers tractor to fix a leak in the Hydraulic system. The engine needed to be running to check where the leak was, so John started it, but without getting on the tractor. The tractor was in low gear, and the clutch engaged, so it started moving and knocked Him to the ground just in front of the left rear tire. It caught his right arm, and he only had time to try to cover his face, knowing it would run over his head. He prayed "Please God, don't let it break my neck" (His neck has several fused vertebra).

I had moved to the back of the tractor just in time to see the wheel climb up on his head. It had happened so fast that I didn't know he had been knocked down. I thought to jump on the tractor to stop it but adding more weight would not help Johnny. Someone else stopped the tractor. I knelt down to help John and check him over, amazed that he only appeared to have a cut under his right eye at the cheek bone. He was fully con-

scious, and did not feel like anything was broken. I helped him up from the hard rocky drive to a grassy spot under a tree while we waited for paramedics to arrive. The wheel had gone over his right shoulder pinning him down, then over his right cheek, eye, and forehead. When he was checked at the hospital there was no broken bones or fractures found. No concussion, and no eye damage. The cut under his eye required stitches, and he had cuts and bruises on the back of his head and shoulders from the rocks. He was released to go home.

The weight of the tractor would normally crush a human head, especially on hard ground. I believe I saw a miracle, the tractor was made lighter to save his life. I love my brother. I thank God he was not seriously injured.

The next day we came back to the farm and I gave

John a massage. He was beginning to be sore where he had strained and stretched muscles. After the massage and a bath with Herb oils the soreness went away for a couple more days.

Harold E. Gill  
Phoenix, AZ.



### Path Lights



# NEWS



## Houston Local

We want to greet you with some happy announcements.

Our little bundle from heaven arrived on April 29, to Jennifer (Medders) and Mark Pounds. She, Anna Elizabeth, weighed 7lbs. Grandmother, great Grandmother and great great Grandmother are doing fine.

A shower was given on the 14th of June for Darlene Engle and Lee Hobbs. They are to be married on June 25th at Yukon, MO. We wish them the happiest life together.

We had a very nice rally on Memorial week end. The speakers were inspired thru the Spirit of God to speak sermons that we needed here at Houston. Bro. Loren Bryant spoke to us on love, repentance and baptism. He told of an experience when he had been spoken to thru the Spirit of God. We know He has not changed, and He will continue to guide and direct us with His Spirit in all things.

Bro. Alvin Harris admonished us to remember this verse

in Alma. "And never will the Lord suffer that we shall be destroyed, except we should fall into transgression, and deny our faith." He also reminded us of this verse, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Bro. Larry Beem was our next speaker. I remember Larry saying, "I'm, going to fill in what they left out" and he certainly did. The Lord was very good to us allowing those speakers to be here. Bro. Virgil Addie, Bro Arther Smith and Bro. Joe Smith assisted our speakers.

On March 20th Bro. Tony Grinzic was our speaker and he admonished us to "Be watchful and be ready". That evening Bro. Marvin Ely brought to our memories such important things such as Lehi's Vision.

March 27th Bro. Gary Housknecht and family were our visitors. He stressed three points: 1. Desire for repentance, 2. Stop your sinful ways. 3. Ask for repentance. The Lord

supports us completely. Oh, yes, he was talking to Church of Christ members.

April 17, our pastor, Bro. Arthur Smith spoke to us about the 10 virgins. Are we wise or foolish? We are living in the last days.

April 24, Bro. Alan Kauffman spoke to us on "forgiveness". It is very important! Are you free? Are you prepared?

In May Bro. Gerry Case and family were here. Gerry asked us to read the 6th chapter of Eph., Heb. 3:12,13, Prov. 16 and Matt. 5. Bro. Bob Oldham was also here in May. He preached on apathy. Are we lukewarm or cold? We must ask ourselves, and think on these things.

I am my neighbors Bible,  
He reads me when we meet...

He may not even know my name,

Yet he is reading me.

"... and you shall be witnesses unto me ..." Acts 1:8  
KJV

**Ravanna Local**

Greetings for the Church of Christ Ravenna, Mich..

May 4, 1994 Prayer service by Elder Max Spencer reading the 3rd chap. of Proverbs. "my son forget not my law"

May 8, Mothers Day preaching was by Elder Aaron Heath. Rather than speaking about Mothers he wanted to preach concerning the perilous times that are coming. We need to warn the young children, about something called

virtual reality, it's like a computerized TV. game. A helmet is put on and all sorts of things can be imagined, nothing any good for ones feelings.

Our church yard is looking nice. Flowers and shrubs and grass.

May 11, 1994 prayer service by Elder Max Spencer, reading from the Book of Commandments page 74 concerning calling Elders to lay hands on for healing.

Sunday May 15, 1994 preaching by Elder Max

Spencer, reading from Romans telling us about having great faith and the mighty love of God for you.

May 18, 1994 Wednesday night prayer service, the reading was by Elder Aaron Heath. He first called for the song "I Know Whom I Have Believed" and then read from second Timothy.

Several of us went to the Wisconsin rally and had a wonderful day.

Reporter Sr. Lois Heath

*Freedom*

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His name is not recorded; none of those present knew him; or if they did, not one acknowledged the acquaintance.

How he had entered into the locked and guarded room is not told, nor is there any record of the manner of his departure.

No one claimed to have seen him before and there is no mention of him after this single episode. Only his imperishable speech bears witness to his presence.

He speaks of the "rights of man," although Thomas Paine's book by that name was not published until thirteen years later.

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Kingdom of God can be opened to those who will receive Christ and His Gospel. Think of the precious promise to those who doubt not, but believe and obey, and endure to the end.

This Church of Christ, has suffered violence, from without and within, and yet it still carries on. It takes a broken heart and a contrite heart to accept Christ and His gospel, His rule of action. It takes Faith and Hope to endure the trials. It takes a realization that God is real, and is doing his work in these latter days. It takes a faith in His directives, His plans, His

purposes, (not a watered down version of ours). There is a great work to be done, and not much time to do it. Are you able? Do you have the right stuff? Are you willing? If so jump on board this old "truck", its going to keep on rolling, for it has the best mechanic, the best driver, and the best hope of all.

Elder Joe Smith

# Reunion Notice



## MISSOURI REUNION

We invite you to come worship and fellowship with us at the Missouri Reunion of 1994.

**DATE:** August 12, 13 & 14, 1994 (Friday through Sunday)

**PLACE:** Warrensburg, Missouri, at East Hudson Conference Room, East Anderson Street, East of Highway 13 (the same place that the reunion was held three years ago)

**LODGING:** Room for one (share bath) \$20.00 per night; room for two (share bath) \$30.00 per night; room with two queen size beds (share bath) \$38.00; two room suite (includes sitting room & kitchenette) \$48.00.

**FOOD:** Meals will be furnished; donations accepted.

**For Reservations Write Or Call:**

Jeanette Cunningham  
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64093  
(816) 7475024

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Isaac Brockman, Sr.  
1203 Baker Dr.  
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(816) 2548190

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15910 E 36th Terr.  
Indep., MO 64055  
(816) 3736605

## 1994 PHOENIX REUNION

The 1994 Phoenix reunion will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 25-27, 1994.

We invite all to come and worship with us.

For further information contact:

Elder Brian McIndoo  
18824 N. 30th St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85024  
(602) 8677063

Elder Ken Oar  
19012 N. 29th St.  
Phoenix, AZ 835024  
(602) 5692249

## 1994 TRISTATE REUNION

This years TRISTATE REUNION of the Church of Christ will again be held at the beautiful Whitewater State Park in Minnesota. The dates for the reunion are SEPTEMBER 2nd to the 5th. We will be using the facilities at the indoor group camp. The camp will open for our use at 1pm Sept. 2 with a departure time of 11am Sept. 5. Food will be furnished as well as lodging in the cabins at the camp FREE!!! You will need to purchase a park permit for your vehicle. Please come if you can and bring a friend.

For more information contact:

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## FOR REGISTRATION FORM AND MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

CAMP DIRECTOR: Buzz Brickhouse  
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*This camp is a cooperative effort by Church of Christ members, ministry and parents from several locals. The purpose of the camp is to provide a setting for the youth of the Church to meet in fellowship with others of similar beliefs in a moral Christian atmosphere. If you would like to help or offer financial support, contact the Camp Director.*



**CHURCH OF CHRIST CONFERENCES**

The 1994 Ministers' Conference (general membership) for the Church of Christ will commence Sunday, April 2. The business sessions will start at 9:00 A.M., Monday, April 3. A Solemn Assembly will be held prior to the conference, March 31 & April 1. All services will be held on the Temple Lot.

The 1994 Ministers' Conference (priesthood membership) of the Church of Christ will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 17 through 19, at Independence, Missouri.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST PUBLICATIONS**

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