

# 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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To God your every want In instant prayer display;  
Pray feverently, and never faint;  
Pray humbly, meekly pray.

In fellowship, - alone,-To God in faith draw near;  
Approach his courts, address his throne  
with all the power of prayer:

Go to his temple, go, All doubtings hence remove;  
Let ev'ry house his worship know,  
And ev'ry heart his love.

Confess your sins to God, And contrite bow the knee;  
Spread forth your hands, and pray aloud  
That Zion may be free.

Your guides and brethren bear, For ever on your mind;  
Extend the arms of mighty prayer  
In love for human kind.

Submitted by:  
Apostle Robert Jenson

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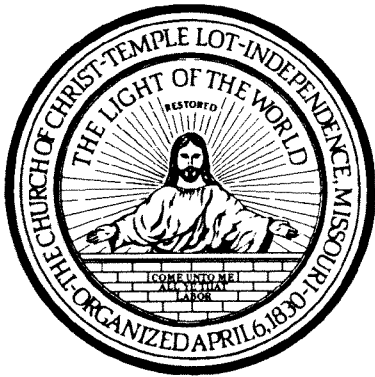
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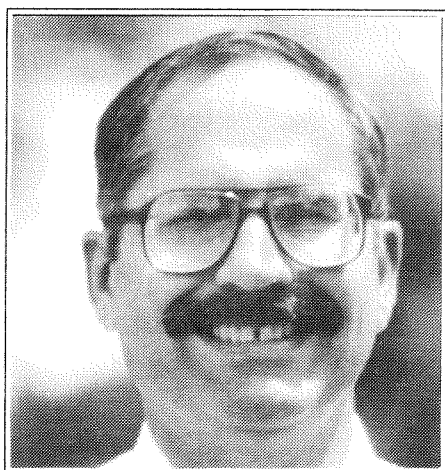
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**Editorial...**

# *A Coveted Life or*

# *A Covenant Life*



**Elder Michael McGhee**

This November it is our nation's lawful holiday, our custom, and our heritage to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. I ask each of you to consider if the celebration, the act of celebration becomes The Day. By this I mean the table laden with special foods in large amounts, is this a cause to give thanksgiving? The relatives and friends gathered together, is this a cause to give thanksgiving? The day off from work and the peaceful unhurried pace, is this a cause to give thanksgiving? Yes. All these and many more are reasons to give thanksgiving, but let us never forget the first Thanksgiving Day and their reasons for; they are our reasons today!

The colony at Plymouth

suffered dearly with a death rate of 50% for all newcomers which tapered off with each year following. While at the Jamestown colony the death rate for newcomers was 80%, the very next year 90% for newcomers, and 50% was not reached until many years had passed. The difference between the two colonies: covet and covenant. Jamestown was established to turn a profit, almost to a man each was there to help only himself, and they dreamed of going back to England with the wealth of the new frontier. In short they coveted their lives, wealth, and power. Plymouth (the Pilgrims) and later the Massachusetts Bay colony (the Puritans) were established and dedicated to keeping the laws of God while living together for the mutual benefit of all with the Lord Jesus Christ as their head. They covenanted their



lives, wealth, influence, and might to their God and to each other.

‘Covenant ... it is a word almost never heard in American life today, for it speaks of a commitment to Christ and to one another which is deeper and more demanding than most of us are willing to make. And as a consequence, most of us modern American Christians are of little use to God in the building of His Kingdom. For the building of that Kingdom, as the Puritans demonstrated, requires total commitment.’ (The Light and The Glory, P.146)

The Pilgrims and the Puritans viewed the Americas from afar. Separated by the vast ocean, the cost of travel by ship, the cramped living conditions on board ship, the

sickness traveling and arriving, the fear of isolation, and leaving ALL else behind. Pastor John Robinson and Elder William Brewster wrote of the proven strength of their covenant relationship, being "knit together as a body in a most strict and sacred bond and covenant of the Lord, of the violation whereof we make great conscience and by virtue whereof we do hold ourselves straitly tied to all care of each other's good, and of the whole by every one and so mutually."

Our century's generation looks back over the expanse of 350 years and sees the Puritans - Pilgrims as a people lacking happiness or somber if you will, given over to witch hunting, obsessed with sin, dressed all in black. Until our generation they were given the credit for setting the direction of this nation. Forming ideas, working communities, and the spirit of independence founded in the strength and love of God and in each other.

Deut.11:26-28 "Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command

you this day: And a curse, if you will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known."

The Pilgrims and Puritans knew the blessings of God but at times knew also the curse. This poem, about 1670, by Michael Wigglesworth entitled, "God's Controversy With New England" 3 vs. of 31 vs.

Our healthful days are at an end and sicknesses come on

From year to year, because our hearts away from God are gone.

New England, where for many years you scarcely heard a cough.

And where physicians had no work, now finds them work enough.

Our fruitful seasons have been turned of late to barrenness,

Sometimes through great and parching drought,

Sometimes through rain's excess.

Yea now the pastures and corn fields for want of rain do languish;

The cattle mourn and

hearts of men are filled with fear and anguish.

The clouds are often gathered as if we should have rain;

But for our great unworthiness are scattered again.

We pray and fast, and make fair shows, as if we meant to turn;

But whilst we turn not, God goes on our fields and fruits to burn.

As this generation of the Church of Christ celebrates Thanksgiving Day let us look back to the Pilgrims and the Puritans and recognize their covenant with God and with each other and their impact upon this once God fearing Nation. Let us also look forward to the establishment of Zion, the gathering of Israel, and most important of all the coming of our King, Jesus Christ.

Matt.16:25 "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his for my sake shall find it."

"A Coveted Life or A Covenant Life"

# The Design of The Union

By Elder Gordon McCann

“...Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh...”

Recently there has been a focus on family values and the problems that our nation is experiencing that seem to be related. In the local newspapers you can find articles discussing at length the calamities that families face in our society and the author's reasons for the decay of those values that seem to have been present in days gone by but are missing today.

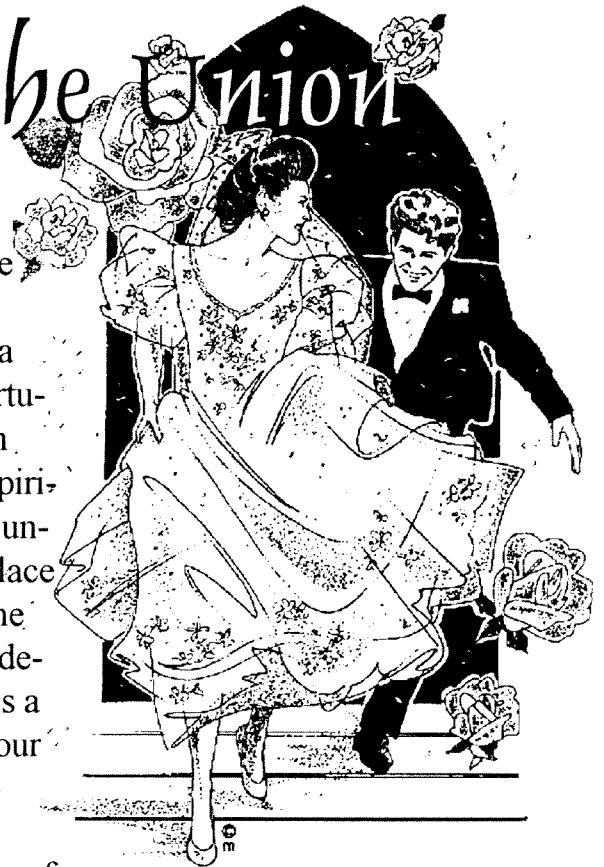
In all that I have had an opportunity to read and have heard on local talk shows or have viewed on the local television networks, I have yet to hear discussed the true foundation that promotes strong moral family values.

The foundation to which I refer is the institution of marriage, wherein if properly entered, a moral bonding of a man and a woman can occur.

God intended from the beginning by creating Eve from a part of Adam, that a man would have the opportunity to bond with a woman physically, mentally and spiritually. This multi-faceted union was intended to take place within the framework of the institution of marriage, as defined by our Creator, and is a gift from God to enhance our life here on earth. The exchanging of the marriage vows is a public expression of a pledge or an oath between God and the couple. All who are in attendance witness that they are becoming one.

The only way a couple can fully appreciate and experience the complete plan of marriage that God intended for mankind to take part in and to enjoy, is to be physically, mentally and spiritually bonded with their partner. It must also be understood that all three principle parts of bonding must occur and be active in the couples' life if the marriage is to be successful.

The physical bond is the most obvious because it is the nature of man and it is the ave-



nue that promulgates mankind. Its intent was not strictly to have children, but due to the nature of man God understood that the physical relationship would also be a support and promote the mental bonding as well (...I will make him a help meet for him. Genesis 2:18). This aspect of the physical uniting between a couple seems to be less understood by our society as a whole. If a man and woman become physically active without considering, or ignoring, the mental and spiritual bond relationship, they will have frustrated the plan of God that was intended for

mankind's complete enrichment. The results of this frustrated plan are evident throughout our society today.

The mental bond is our personal relationship with ourselves and allowing another to enter. To be successful in our marriage relationship we have to expose to our partner who we really are (our true self) and accept or blend ourselves with one another. Again, this is contrary to the nature of man, but when we allow the full plan of God to be active in our relationship the design of our heavenly Father is always the ultimate and greatest achievement for man.

The third and last aspect that I would like to address is the spiritual bonding that must take place between the married couple. This aspect is what truly consummates the marriage covenant. The



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spiritual bonding is the acknowledgment by the man and the woman that God was the author who instituted the plan of marriage, and that his Spirit has to be an active part of their life. God's Spirit justifies the union and gives it the credence and the

value that it deserves by assuring the participants that it is sanctioned by God, thus becoming one flesh.

“...Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, for this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder...”

“...And the two shall become one...” Matthew 19:5

—from the Hand of Fellowship

Submitted by:  
Rolland Sprague

## Dear John,

Thank you for being a friend at work whose mind is stayed on the Lord. I'm blessed to have you there.

For some time now I have been concerned about your deep concern for the way things go in your life and I have felt that you were too much into needing to know the reason for the way everything goes. I have wanted to speak to you about it, but the way never opened up until

now. I believe the Lord is pleased with your heart being stayed on him and that you should “let all your doings be unto the Lord, ...let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord... let the affections of your heart be placed on the Lord for ever; council the Lord in all your doings, and He will direct thee for good.”

You remind me of Abram before he got his

name changed to Abraham. God had given him many promises, just like you as a Christian have received many of them, but things were not going according to the promises, there were no children, and many years had gone by. So he took another wife, trying to reason it all out that perhaps this was the will of God, and that turned out to be a mess. God came again to him, took him outside, showed him the stars, reminded him of all he had promised, changed his name, and then things began to happen. After all the logical things that were an effort to get to the promises had failed, Abraham went to faith. "For Abraham, (human reason for hope being gone) hoped on in faith that he should be the father of many nations," as he had been promised. "So numberless shall your seed be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered the (utter) impotence of his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief or distrust made him waver or doubtingly question concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God. Fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised. That is why his faith was accounted to him for righteousness - "right standing with God." AMP. John, Abraham died not receiving the promise. He only had seven children. So what do you do? It's not logical. Today we see it, he does have as many children as the stars, and you are one of them through Christ. Won't you exercise more faith? Will you put your trust in Him no matter how illlogical anything looks. Will you "Stand still and see the glory of God.", without worrying? I think you will.

I like the way the AMP.(Amplified) version adds this after the word "believe"... trusts in, be-

lieving with personal trust and confident reliance on Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

Well what do we do when we are trusting in Him for something and it doesn't work out, or if we suddenly fall into problems. You don't know how it happened, it just happened. It wasn't a luring temptation that you fell for and by so doing "you asked for it." How are we to look at these? The ways of God are to deliver out of trouble. When we are in trouble or trials or temptations or tests (the four T's) here is how to handle them. First "count it all joy when you fall in divers temptations; knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience." And you and I need a "slug" of that. What do we do, get all gloomy and worried? Well, patience is not getting all gloomy and worried. But I'll tell you more about that after I get better at it myself. Second, is pray. Psalm 25:2 "Oh my God, I trust in thee, let me not be ashamed, let not my enemy triumph over me." Speak out in faith Psalms 41:11 "...this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me." Psalm 34:17 tells more of how it works, "the righteous cry, and the Lord heareth and delivereth them out of all their troubles." Psalm 107:6 "Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses." The Lord has never failed any one that put their trust in Him. I don't know where that it is in the word but it's there someplace.\*

As Christians, we should not believe that we are never going to get into the four T's, but we should believe that we are going to get out of them.

John, "Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might."

Yours in Christ : Don Hitt

\*Editors Note: Al. 17:3, Al. 18:5

# WHY DON'T WE HAVE ZION?

**By Priest Ron Temple**

“And he said, a certain man had two sons: and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.”  
Luke 15:11-14

Let's put ourselves in the place of that father. How would we feel if our son or daughter went off in the ways of the world? It has happened. Many of our sons and daughters have chosen the world over the gospel. It is a great sadness to us because we love them and want the best for them. How can we keep them from going off like that? The prodigal son did come back to his father. We can hope and

pray that our sons and daughters will come back to the right way. We need to consider what we can do to keep them from going off in the first place.

Consider how we would feel to have this happen to us. Then think of the Lord! I can imagine that he might be looking down upon the people of the world today with great sadness because of the sins and iniquities they commit. They are turning away from him and rejecting all that is right. He loves them so he feels a great sadness because of them. But WE are his people! We are his children. We that have been baptized and have promised to follow him always. So I can imagine that he looks down upon us, with an even greater sadness because we do not always follow Him as fully as we should.

I hope I am not being presumptuous in pretending to quote our Master, but I did awake one morning with

these words on my mind, with a strong feeling that Christ would say them to us. I can imagine Him saying to us... “It's not because I want to be a ruler and tyrant over you and see you in complete subjection to me. I give you your free will agency. But I love you and know what is best for you my children. If you obey my commandments and have the law of righteousness in your hearts then I can bless you beyond any blessings you have ever known. True happiness can be yours, true peace, even in the tumultuous times to come. But the way things are now, I can bless you some, my people, but not to the fullest extent. Your sins, though minor compared to many of my children in the world prevent me from giving you the richest blessings. You can have them! Turn more fully to me, and follow my commandments. Live them. Then you can have Zion.”

So why don't we have



Zion? We need to follow more fully the commandments given in the scriptures. But there are other contributing factors. We live in the world, but we don't need to live the ways of the world. Let's name a few of those things that the world teaches that should not be in our midst. Things such as vanity, poor manners, lack of respect, disobedience to parents, covetousness, unthankfulness, being lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. See II Tim 3:1-7. There should not be couples living together outside of marriage, nor divorce. We should not be working or doing our own pleasures on Sunday. We should not be going to dances or listening to the popular music of today. Our dress and appearance should

not be sloppy or revealing. But all these things can be found among the people of the church. We should do unto others as we would have them do to us. We should be a light to the world. But are we?

Another morning of the same week, I awoke with the following words that Christ might say to us on my mind. "Is it too much of a sacrifice that I ask of you - to come out of Babylon? By that, I mean the world. Is it too much of a sacrifice for you to come out of darkness into the full light? Study my word to find out how. Is it too much to believe that I can heal you of your afflictions? Is it too much of a sacrifice to stop watching those TV shows and movies that promote sex, and foul language, violence, and blas-

phemy? Is it too much of a sacrifice for you to keep my Sabbath holy and not cut your grass or watch a football game on my day? You should study and do my work during that time. I promise you that if you do these things, that the blessings I can then give you will be far greater than anything that you give up. I can give you peace, and healings, and joy, and protection in the great and terrible days soon to come. Then I can give you Zion."

Zion will not be built by physically trying to set it up. But it will be built by us first getting our lives in order. By living the gospel as Christ intended. Then Zion will follow. Christ loves us. He will help us, but we don't have much time.

## GOD'S SON

NO HOME to be born in.

*Luke 2:7-12*

NO PLACE to Lay His Head.

*Matt. 8:19-20*

NO MONEY to Pay His Tax.

*Matt. 17:24-27*

NO FRIEND to Plead for Him.

*Mark 14:49-50*

NO GRAVE to be Buried in.

*Matt. 27:57-60*

**R. W. HART**



# Path Lights

## **GOD STILL MAKES MIRACLES**

Our biggest miracle started the day our baby daughter was born. My name is James and I'm a Hemophiliac with AIDS. Hemophilia is a disease of the blood. My blood will not clot on its own. I have to take infusions to keep my hemophilia under control I have been told most people have around 80% clotting factor in their blood, but I have less than 1%. I bruise very easily and have to be on constant alert to my environment so that I will not get cut or bruised.

The medicine I need is made from pooled human blood. I probably contracted AIDS around 1980-1985, from contaminated medicine called "Factor VIII". This is before the companies started testing the blood for the virus. It is theorized that the "factor" companies knew the medicine was tainted, but sold the product anyway.

They just didn't want to pay the money for the tests.

Five years ago my wife, Sandy and I decided we were going to try to have a child. Being as I am in a high risk category to contract AIDS, we decided if we were to have a child we wanted to know if I had AIDS or not. We had tests done and the results were as I expected, I had AIDS. Through a miracle, my wife was HIV-, which meant that she didn't have the virus.

We discussed our plans with the medical community and they all agreed that we shouldn't try to have a baby as the risk of infecting my wife and our baby were much too high. It was almost unheard of for a parent that is infected with AIDS to have a child that is healthy.

We were very determined to have a child no matter what the doctors said. We made it the biggest part

of our prayers. That our Father above would give us a healthy child and that my wife would not be infected. The doctors were astounded to learn that we had conceived a child. The doctors were very worried for the well-being of mother and child, but they could never find anything wrong.

My job as a professional photographer kept me away from home a lot. I only got home about every two weeks, but then only for a day or two.

The night Sandy went into labor, January 7, 1990, I was sitting up in my hotel room. After a long day of taking portraits, I had packed up all my equipment and packed it in the car, a task I usually do in the morning after I have had a good nights sleep. Something told me not to go to sleep, but to be ready to move out in a hurry. I was awake, reading

a book, when the phone rang at 1 a.m. It was my wife. She had gone into labor four hours earlier and that I needed to come home immediately. It normally takes about 4 hours to drive, but I made it in 3. I arrived at the hospital and was rushed into the delivery room where my wife was. In twenty minutes, our baby arrived. God had given us the blessing of an 8 lb., 2 oz. baby girl, Kaitlyn Franchelle.

She is now 4 1/2 years old and healthy as can be. She and my wife remain HIV-. This could only happen by the grace of God.

I in the meantime have only been hospitalized once. I was admitted because I was running a 105 degree fever that the doctor couldn't account for. I felt fine other than being hot. I was in there for a week during which time I was operated on for enlarged lymph nodes to see if they were cancerous. They were not. I'm doing well now, even if I have no immune system left.

God will take care of me (us). Although I am constantly fatigued and can not do a lot of the things I used to do, I still thank God daily for giving me another day

and for my family, that has stood by me even through all the pain and suffering. I know it is only through His love and tenderness that I am alive today.

Some people will tell you that miracles do not happen in this day and age, but I know they are WRONG! I have living proof. God bless you all. Sincerely,

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(Correspondence welcome)

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## THE MORTAL SOUL

As I sit here and decided to write, many things flash through my mind at this time.

It's hard to put into words the things that I feel, The flowering of the soul is quite a thing to deal.

To deal is to get results from Christ Himself, Because mankind was placed here for his better-self.

The spirit is willing and the flesh is weak And was given in the living word that Christ himself did teach.

How can I write this and not understand, That the Living Word could and would do all necessary things.

The Creator does do and deal in His way, Making a mortal soul feel the breezes along the way.

Be thankful, Mortal Soul, as you journey through,

Remembering the promise to pull us all through.

Pray always was Christ's command, For temptation is heavy and in big demand. Satan is loose like a roaring lion, To devour and uproot as much as is in his power.

Stay, Mortal Man, and defeat this lion, Believing in the Living Word and there will be many flowers.

Remember, flowering of the soul is where it's at,

So at this time I'll leave you at that.

Written by: Arlen Wesley Yates  
July 13, 1994

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## A MOTHER'S TALK WITH HER SON

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I want to tell you something about myself and about you. First about myself. I am a woman like most in that I have been prepared all my life for the eventuality of raising a family and the hopes of being a good wife and mother. Most women perceive themselves and their worth as a person in terms of her success in this area. Every strike against that goal causes a grievous wound and more sorrow than you can imagine at this stage of your life.

Let me give you an exaggerated example that may apply in your experience. Say that you have completed all your training in your chosen profession. You have spent many long and hard hours and several years for this accomplishment. You have passed the final Board exams with "flying colors". You are now ready and fresh for your first attempt at applying for a job in your chosen profession.

After sending your application and resume, you go in to be interviewed, but are quite dismayed as the interviewer tells you that, even though your credentials are

good, you are not the required height for the position. It is company policy that no one under a certain height may have the job. You argue that it isn't fair and that you can not help what height you are. Your arguments carry no weight, so, disappointed, but still hopeful, you offer a prayer for success and head for another firm.

The next place further dashes hope by giving the same routine and telling you that your eyes are not the right color. This is ridiculous! How can a person be judged just by their height or eye color? You have prayed. Why isn't the Lord listening? Not discouraged yet, you apply to a third place. But you are told that your hair color is not the right shade.

What can you do? After thinking about it a while you come up with the idea that, even though it's somewhat deceitful, you will change those "offending" features and apply at the last place in town with your type position. So, you build some short stilts to attain the needed height, and practice,

and finally decide you could confidently walk into that interviewer's office. Then you buy those nice colored contact lenses to change your eye color. Finally, you dye your hair. Your ready! Hopefully, you will pass the test.

The last place, is admittedly, a little dumpy, but better than nothing. You walk in, confident that you have done all that is possible. But when you see the look on the interviewer's face you know that something is wrong. Sure enough! He tells you they only accept sincere and honest applicants. You have been found out! He tells you he knows that you are faking your height, eye and hair color.

You leave there, more than a little discouraged. You know there is only one hope left. Pray and just throw yourself on the mercy of God. Maybe He will change the hearts of those people you interviewed with if you go back and tell them your whole story, how hard you have worked and hoped and how you would work very hard for the company to prove yourself if they would only give you a chance.

This is the point I am at in dealing with you. I have given my whole life for the happiness of you and the family. I have tried everything humanly possible to help you become the kind of person who will be able to be one of the best. In the times of rebellion and disobedience and disrespect, I have punished; pleaded and warned, and have tried all the little tricks I know, all the while praying hard for your deliverance and mine. Nothing has given satisfying results.

Now, I have finally done

the right thing and turned you over to the Lord. That still doesn't mean you can do things in our home that are against our rules. And I can not control what you do otherwise because you are an adult and must make your own decisions. It does mean I will try not to harp and worry. If I slip into that mode again, remember I am only human and a concerned mother at that! But God will have his way now, and maybe He can change your heart to turn from the ways

that will lead to your destruction and to a heart full of love for Him, which will include love, respect, obedience to your parents, and service to others.

This is where your true happiness and fulfillment in life lies. I hope in the meantime you won't be an embarrassment to yourself and to us, and be caused to look back with deep sorrow and regret on a life that was selfish and defeating.

From now on the choice is yours!

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### Ravenna Local News

Hello from the Ravanna Local I would like to introduce myself. I am Norma Keith, Sue Heaths mother. I inherited this job from Lois Heath who is Aaron Heath mother. I hope I can do as well as she did.

I would like to ask for prayers for Irene Shelly who has gout and several other illness, also for Amanda Felke who has had back problems.

A few weeks ago Sister June Haines, her husband Ken and their son Bruce Haines

paid us a visit. They don't get here too often as they live some distance. We are always happy to see them. We were extremely happy this time because brother Ken asked to be baptized. This shows if we pray diligently and wait patiently our prayers are answered. So the next Sunday Oct. 2 Elder Max Spencer baptized Brother Ken. What a happy day it was for all of us. Our visitors for that day were Elder Adam Porter and his wife Sue and their two daughters Hiedi and Emily, Elder Emery Pinder and his wife

Mary. My granddaughter and her husband, Christine and Floyd Matteson. We were happy to see all of them.

Elder Aaron Heath sang a special song "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord". He sang this with so much feeling he brought tears to my eyes. This was such a special meeting you could feel the Lord was with us. But then it is always a special meeting when someone is baptized. There was many good testimonieys.

Elder Gale Brantner our assistant Pastor went on a

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month long Missionary trip. We will miss him and pray for his safe return.

We learn the true meaning of love when we look at how much Christ loved us.

Reporter  
Norma Keith

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### Cowgill Local News

I hope all of you are enjoying this beautiful October weather as I am. It makes me sad to see it come to an end and winter set in. But thank God for every day we have.

I think every day of all the people in our land who are suffering destruction from floods, tornadoes and earthquakes, I pray for them and give thanks to God each day that most of us have been spared these things.

After all the visiting of families and friends and trips this summer we are happy to have our little church family back together again.

On Sept. 4 Sr. Lois Harris accompanied Glenn and Margaret Gill to Nebraska for the 50th. wedding anniversary Sep. 7th for her brother and his wife Cecil and Alice Morris.

Alvin and Joyce Harris and Lois drove to Rochester Mn. to get acquainted with their new granddaughter and

great granddaughter Joy borne to Mark and Jill Harris.

Sept. 25 Lois traveled with Susan Harris to southern MO for the 13th birthday celebration for Samuel the oldest son of Scott and Katherine Harris.

Bro. Loren and John Bryant flew to Ohio to visit their sister, Aunt Marcia and Dick Christian and family. Later they, with Joshua and Joey, drove to Des Moines to visit Jason and Tracey Christian and their new baby daughter. Bro.'s Leslie Case and Gerald Bryant with their wives Sr. Irene and Sr. Wilma drove to Puryear TN. to visit the church members there. They reported a very nice trip.

As for me I was privileged to attend one day at the Mo. Reunion which I enjoyed very much. I was truly thankful to God to be able to do that much after spending most of the summer of 1992 in bed with two fractured vertebra. I thank God every day for his blessings the blessing of being

able to get out of bed each morning to do my chores and to go the church and be outside part of each day.

We appreciate our visiting Ministers and their families who come every 4th Sunday and all those who come between times, we enjoy the fellowship with them during our basket dinner hour. Pray for Gods' guidance in all things we do.

Reporter  
Elizabeth Crist

## TEMPLE LOT LOCAL NEWS

Births: September 2nd, Tanner Lynn Christian, September 8th, Curtis James Geier

Blessings: September 18th, Curtis James Geier

Ordination: September 4th, Mark Hill was ordained as a priest. He gave a very moving account of the time leading up to this ordination.

Pastor: Bro. Alvin Harris  
Asst. Pastors: Bro. Jim Case and Bro. Gary Housknecht

Sunday School Superintendent: Bro. Mark Hill

Asst.: Bro. David Rudd

We have a new prayer service on Mondays at 2 p.m.. It began when Sr. Gerry Adams and Sr. Debbie Vogel decided they wanted to get together and pray for their families.

Their prayer list grew as more people heard of Gerry and Debbie praying. And, because their list grew, it was decided to offer the opportunity to everyone to join them in fasting and prayer on that day.

October 8th and 9th was the United Worker's annual garage sale. There was a great response on both days.

And, even though they didn't sell some of the larger items, they still raised \$1,079.70. What fantastic work!

Their next meeting, November 3rd, will be held at Sr. Joyce Harris' house at 10:00 am. They plan to discuss what to do with the garage sale proceeds.

The C.A.R.E. group is starting a new idea this year. They chose a theme to focus their studies. "Reading the scriptures", is this year's theme.

November 5th is the next C.A.R.E. group meeting. At this meeting they plan to gather ideas on how to implement the new theme. They are also asking those who plan to attend to bring a list of VHS video tapes and books appropriate to share with other church families. When the list is compiled it will give us an opportunity to share some of our resources.

October 15th was C.A.R.E. group-sponsored cook-out. Between the roasted hog, potluck, cider press and hay ride, a great time was had by all.

The last shoe box shipment was collected Sunday, October 16th. And Ron

Temple ended this year's collections with a thank-you to everyone.

He asked all the participating children to bring their boxes to the front of the church. One child showed the contents of his box to the congregation. And a little girl shared a letter she received from her shoe box buddy.

At the potluck the participants enjoyed a thank you cake from the Temples.

It is my great privilege to write for you. So, I put myself at your service. If you have any ideas concerning what you'd like to see in the news article, feel free to contact me. I love you all.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Sr. Lisa Gill

A thought to ponder from a recent sermon, "Sometimes you are the only Bible a person will ever read."

**CHURCH OF CHRIST CONFERENCES**

The 1995 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.

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