

Zion's Advocate

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

I Nephi 3:187

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TALK TO THE SHEPHERD

*Tell your children before they sleep
The Saviour watches oer His sheep
And if with Him they would walk
To the Shepherd they must talk*

*Sad in nature - feeling blue?
Don't know what you should do?
TALK TO THE SHEPHERD*

*If the path you trod is weak
Good advice you need to seek
TALK TO THE SHEPHERD*

*Before you correct your little child
You need to make your spirit mild
TALK TO THE SHEPHERD*

*If anger comes into your heart
And keeps you and your friend apart
TALK TO THE SHEPHERD*

*Alone we are helpless - His judgment is
just
To seek out His favor - we definitely must
TALK TO THE SHEPHERD*

Sam Kidd

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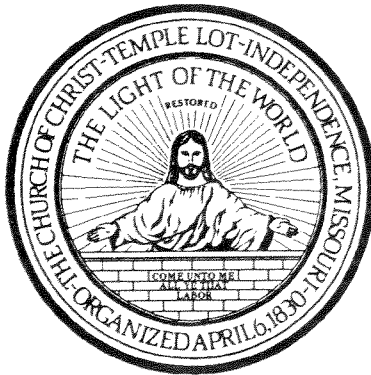
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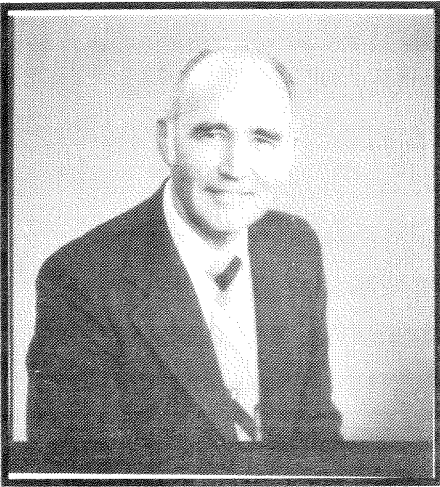
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OUR VITAL HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS: PART I THE BODY OF CHRIST



By Apostle Don McIndoo

"For we are laboures together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building (1 Corinthians 3:9)."

The Holy Spirit, through the apostle, reminds us that we are companions in labor with God, the result of His cultivation, and we compose His "building", used figuratively to represent His church, or the body of Christ.

In Chapter Twelve of this same epistle, the apostle makes an interesting analogy as he compares the church, or the body, to something with

which we are all familiar, our own physical body. In verses 12 through 17 we are told that the church, like our own bodies, is made of many different parts. In verses 18 through 22 the analogy demonstrates that each individual member, with his/her unique talents, gifts and contributions is essential to the whole. Finally, with verses 25 and 26 we are caused to realize that each of the parts of the entire body is interdependent upon every other part which God has placed into His building.

This should come as no surprise, for in His marvelous creation God has given us many models of such interdependence and co-existence. In the western deserts where I live, one of the beautiful flowering plants is the yucca, a gigantic member of the lily family. Because of the unique structure of its flower, this plant cannot be pollenized

without the aid of the tiny yucca moth; nor could the moth survive without the yucca flower as its source of food. God speaks of the comparable relationship in His church as *"the whole body fitly joined together (Ephesians 4:16)."* Make no mistake - in no other way can it become the effective tool of Christ for which it is intended.

Perhaps there never has been a time when it was more necessary to be a united, peaceable and supportive body, fitly joined together than our day. Through the Spirit Peter warned that our adversary shall be as a roaring lion, seeking to devour. In his marvelous vision of the future Nephi saw all the powerful forces of evil arrayed against the little church of the Lamb of God (see 1 Nephi 3:220-229). The Lord warned the believers of the powerful spirit of deception that would be

abroad in the world before His triumphal return.

Brethren of the Church of Christ, let us be forewarned and watchful, for even though we are all aware intellectually of these things, the world insidiously enters into our ways of thinking and into our human relationships, and that to destroy. Paul's lament in Romans 7:18-19 is analogous to our situation: the mistrust, confusion and discord which we would not allow, these thrust themselves in upon us. In verse 24 Paul concludes, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" And his answer which follows in verse 25 is the only answer to our dilemma: "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Yes, Christ has provided us with the solution to every problem and the key to every successful human relationship.

I wish to make an analogy somewhat different than Paul's, to another unit which, like the body of Christ, is composed of many different parts all functioning together - the modern automobile engine.

Where there are moving parts there is always friction present, and we use oil in our engines to reduce that friction. Once in a while some super, friction-reducing product comes along and gets a lot of attention. Such a product is "Slick 50", guaranteed to reduce friction for 50,000 miles. Now God has provided the members of His church with a spiritual counterpart to reduce the friction which might be developed within an active body of Christ.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law (Galations 5:22-23)." Indeed, with these fruits of the Spirit abounding in our lives and within our relationships, we shall be God's unique building, the body of Christ. Without them to modify our behavior and relationships, we might more resemble the church in Corinth which Paul was afraid to visit, lest he should find there *"debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults (2 Corin-*

thians 12:20)." I urge you each to consider carefully these descriptive terms, what they mean and how they might apply to our own situation. For if such things are present within any fellowship, the Apostle Paul said we are still carnal (1 Corinthians 3:3).

We live almost 2000 years after these first epistles, inspired by the Holy Ghost, were sent out to the body of Christ for its direction and sanctification. Many things have changed remarkably since then, but the sinful nature and the shortcomings of man remain a constant throughout time. In other words, that early church was composed of persons exactly like ourselves: they had similar problems and needs. God ministered to those needs through messages inspired by the Holy Ghost, and those same messages come down to us today for our direction and sanctification. If we care to be the latter-day body of Christ we must place our whole attention upon those messages.

Now these messages from God to His people (1) contained words of prophecy

about the future, (2) reviewed essential doctrines of Christian belief, (3) gave encouragement to saints living in a stressful and dangerous time and (4) emphasized important guidelines for our conduct and our relationships within the family and within the body. It is not my purpose to indicate that one of these areas is more important than the others, but certainly a large portion of God's counsel falls in the last category mentioned. How important is it? By our relationships, one with another, Jesus said men would know we are His disciples. For a people and a ministry with a message to carry to the world I can, therefore, think of nothing of greater importance (except the message we are to carry).

The content of the message to the church is really quite simple. Each of the authors was inspired by the Holy Ghost to present to Christ's church the basic values which had been taught by the Master. The individual members of the body were most frequently reminded that they must love one another with the genuine, warm and

fervent love of Christ. The next most frequent admonition enjoined upon the church was that we live peaceably with one another. The next most frequently encountered counsels - forgiveness, pa-

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(3 Nephi 5:71-72).**

tience, long suffering, submissiveness and kindness - are really incorporated in God's definition of the pure love of Christ (see Moroni 7:51-52).

Oh, what a difference there would be if each relationship within the body were motivated and guided always by these simple principles. But they are not! For we all,

though justified by the reconciliation made for us by Christ, are weak, carnal and sinful men and women. We each still struggle daily to make our own wills submissive to that of the Father; we daily strive against our own carnal nature. When we accepted Christ and entered into this new communion, we carried a lot of unnecessary and cumbersome baggage along with us - our fears, prejudices, ambitions, personalities, etc., which developed while we were yet children and are strongly imprinted within our lives, somewhat like a programmed hard drive in our internal computer. All such things affect our relationships, sometimes making it difficult to seek another's well-being before our own, to be patient and kind, to live always in love, harmony and peace. So the Lord gave us further instruction to help us achieve the kind of relationships He wishes us to enjoy.

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way unto thy brother, and first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come unto me with full purpose of heart, and I will receive you (3 Nephi 5:71-72)." When things sometimes go wrong, as they frequently do, the Lord is telling us we must be reconciled one to another. What does He expect of us? He expects us to settle differences, to effect changes in attitude, to replace anger and enmity with love and warmth, suspicion with trust and to live in peace and harmony.

Just how important is it that we do this? Just as we cannot receive God's forgiveness without forgiving others, it is here implied that we cannot really be reconciled to God if we do not reconcile ourselves to those we have injured. And there is another side to the coin of reconciliation - it requires forgiveness on the part of the other party. There is yet another aspect to reconciliation between brethren.

In Matthew 18:15 Jesus describes the other scenario: "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and

tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother." Who is to initiate this reconciliation? Again, it is you upon whom the Lord has placed the responsibility, but it is not something one is to do at every minor provocation. The Lord reminded us that love "shall cover the multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:8)" and that we should be "forbearing one another in love (Ephesians 4:2)." This last expression means that our love should allow us to tolerate, or endure, much from our brothers or sisters before we even feel a need to be reconciled to them.

These exhortations from the Holy Spirit sound so basic and simple we hardly take cognizance of them, yet because of our nature they are not simple at all; they pose the greatest test of our real conversion to the radical teachings of the Master of men. I say radical because they are contrary to our carnal nature. These principles are at the root of our worship and our relationship with God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. We

must put these counsels into practice in our daily lives; they must form the basis of our fellowship, be evidenced in our families and in all our meetings together. If we fail to live peaceably and harmoniously with one another, reconciled to one another and God's Word, we have no testimony to share with a sin-sick world which has rejected or ignored the counsel of God.

We close with Paul's concluding remarks to the church in Corinth: "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you (2 Corinthians 12:11)."

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I sat straight up in bed. The digital clock glowed faintly in the early morning light. Seven a.m. and Sarah had slept through the night without nursing... again. At less than a month old, this was too good to be true. But then everything about Sarah was too good to be true.

Sarah was our third child. The pregnancy was uneventful until my husband Ken and I began to experience some disturbing emotions. While sharing Coke and conversation with a church sister one Sunday afternoon, I felt an impression so strongly that it was almost like an actual voice. "Your faith must not depend on everything going right in your life." Ken had a feeling of foreboding. "I don't know what it is," he confided to me one evening, "but I have this ominous feeling that I can't shake."

Then Sarah was born. She



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was beautiful, and such a "good" baby. She slept so well. After a few weeks, I realized she didn't just sleep well— she slept all the time. I even had to wake her up to eat. At her first checkup I expressed my concerns to our pediatrician.

Dr. Bienstock examined Sarah intently, then called an associate physician into the room and handed him the stethoscope. Dr. Lesser bent over Sarah's chest and listened wordlessly. The two men talked quietly to each other. "Something isn't right." said Dr. Bienstock, scribbling the name and address of a nearby X-ray clinic on a piece of paper. "Take her

for a chest x-ray, then come back here."

As we wheeled back into the Doctor's parking lot after the x-ray, I was startled to see Dr. Bienstock waiting for us at the curb. "She's going into heart failure. Go to the hospital. Don't go home and pack a bag. Go straight to the hospital. They'll be waiting for you."

The next 24 hours passed in a blur of tests. Sarah was so small she had to sit in a plastic saddle to have an x-ray taken. She shuddered at the cold suction cups stuck onto her chest when she was attached to an electrocardiogram machine. Later, I watched in fascination as her heart appeared on a screen during an echo cardiogram (an ultrasound scan of the heart). When all the tests were completed, Dr. Todd, a Pediatric Cardiologist, came in to talk to us. "Sarah's condition is nothing to be fright-

ened about," she told us comfortingly. "She has a hole between the chambers of her heart. Many babies are born with this defect. She may outgrow it. We'll put her on medication and she will probably stabilize. You can take her home now."

But Sarah didn't stabilize. Too weak to nurse or even drink well from a bottle, I had to feed her with an eyedropper like a little wounded animal. If I gave her more than one or two ounces at a time, she would vomit. Feeding was an all day affair. The laundry and dishes piled up and the other children began to clamor for more of mommy's time. Exhausted, and with a mounting sense of unease, I phoned the doctor. "Bring her in as soon as you can," the nurse told me. Like a scene from a recurring nightmare the doctor repeated the same chilling diagnosis. "She's going into heart failure again. Take her back to the hospital."

As Ken and I drove silently, each absorbed in our own thoughts, I was amazed at the peace I felt. How different from the last drive. Ken was

out of town at a church function and I made the long drive home from the hospital alone. I kept one eye glued to Sarah to make sure she was alright. Once she looked so still, I swung the truck into a parking lot to check her pulse. "She can't die," I cried out to God. "She can't die!" As we sped over the miles that in the next weeks would become so familiar to us, even as I held her tightly I found myself beginning to let her go. "She's yours Lord. Whatever happens, she's yours."

After more extensive tests, Dr. Todd altered Sarah's prognosis. "She will require open heart surgery in about a year. This time we won't send her home until she stabilizes."

I moved into the hospital for the next few weeks. Most of my time was spent just watching her. Watch was all I could do. Watch and pray. Confined to an oxygen tent, Sarah could tolerate no more than a few minutes at a time in my arms outside the plastic canopy that now marked the boundaries of her world.

Each morning I leaned over her bedrail to make sure

her chest was still rising and falling as minute oxygen prongs pumped life into her tiny lungs. Wincing as I caught sight of the IV needle inserted into a vein in her temple, I thought about the other children around us in the hospital: A baby with uncontrollable vomiting, a child not growing properly.... Out in the hall a little girl trailed an IV pole behind her; her face still beautiful though robbed by chemotherapy of the curls that once had framed it. Sharing the anguish of these parents in a way I never could have before I wondered, "Do they have faith to get them through this?" My thoughts traveled on beyond the hallways of the hospital down the corridors of time to the man called Job. Has the trust of any human being been more greatly tried? Stripped of possessions, health, family, even the support of friendship, his faith alone remained unchanged. My eyes filled with tears as I realized that the promise of Job must be the promise of my own heart..."Though he slay me; yet will I trust in him..

Sarah continued to have

ups and downs. One afternoon as I sat holding her, her color seemed even paler than the porcelain pallor I had become accustomed to. Her tiny forehead creased with effort as she seemed to be struggling harder to draw each breath. "I think you need to call the doctor." I said anxiously after summoning a nurse. Minutes later a lab technician appeared. "We'll just do some tests," he reassured me as he carried her away.

About twenty minutes later, one of the nurses came and got me. "Do you want to hold her while we're getting ready for the next test?" "Yes. Yes!" I quickly replied. "When this is over," I whispered to Sarah, "I'm just going to sit and enjoy you." "Don't wait!" sounded a silent alarm in my mind. Then I found myself thinking of the chorus of a favorite inspirational song: THESE ARE THE MOMENTS WE HOLD IN OUR HANDS TO TOUCH -AS THEY SLIP THROUGH OUR FINGERS LIKE SAND. I stroked the gossamer strands of her hair. I memorized the feel of her

weight in my arms, her fresh baby smell, and her warmth against my body. I was then asked to leave.

I waited outside the treatment room door. A nurse slipped out of the room returning moments later with the "crash cart", a mobile tray stocked with resuscitation equipment. "Just in case," she said calmly. "She's turning a little blue."

I had barely had time to greet two dear friends arriving to visit Sarah when the public address system announced: CODE BLUE PEDIATRICS CODE BLUE PEDIATRICS. From all directions nurses sprinted toward the door of the room Sarah was in. "Code Blue!" I screamed, throwing my arms around my friend Louise. "That means cardiac arrest. That means her heart stopped!" I went into shock.

A nurse gently steered me into a nearby cubicle containing a desk, chair, and telephone ... and out of vision range of Sarah's trip to the Intensive Care Unit. "Would you like to call your husband?" she asked kindly. "Yes," I answered, staring

blankly at the phone. "But I can't remember my phone number." By the time I collected my thoughts enough to dial my home phone, our crisis was heralded to an empty house. Ken had already left. The nurse led us into a waiting room just outside the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. Sometime later — I don't know when — Ken joined us.

Waiting there I felt my trance like detachment lifting and awareness returning. Another presence was there in the room—God's presence—enveloping me in love and comfort. In a split second I understood all the feelings Ken and I had felt during the pregnancy: Ken's uneasiness, my sense of urgency to strengthen my faith. We were being prepared for this very instant. In that same micromoment of realization I knew that pain is sometimes God's teacher. That even if gained by sorrow, the most precious gift in life is the peace of God. It is our shield and in the life to come, it will recompense us a thousandfold.

Doctor Todd came in periodically to update us on

Sarah's condition. "It doesn't look good." she said. Then she came in for the final time. That moment etched itself indelibly in my consciousness, as vivid today as it was then. Four simple words ... "The baby has expired."

Sarah's time on this earth was a short two and a half months, yet the testimony of her life still affects those who knew her. It was not until my older children were teenagers

that I realized fully what Sarah had taught me. When you don't see, but sense, that one child needs more of your time, or another is being pulled toward worldly temptations, listen to that still small voice. God's voice can be as gentle as the touch of a summer breeze, easily ignored or postponed until you "have time". If I had not listened to the warning that day in the hospital, I would not have the pre-

vious memories that I have of Sarah.

As my other children grow, I will have successes and failures. But I pray that I will always return to the call of the still small voice of God as I hold the moments of their lives in my hands.

Marlene Oar,
Phoenix, AZ.

A Woman's Heart

A woman's heart should be deep, so deep
That its depth no one might guess,
For a shallow-hearted woman, dear,
Is a human wilderness.

A woman's heart should be always warm,
That beautiful thoughts may grow,
For rare indeed are the lovely blooms
That blossom in beds of snow.

A woman's heart should be strong, so strong
That it may not easy break,

For a weak and fearful heart, my dear,
Could not bear for love's sweet sake.

A woman's heart should be gentle, too,
That she plead for the weak and old,
And forgive and forgive with chiding soft,
But never with harshness scold.

A woman's heart should beat for the world,
But thrill for only one,
And with hope and faith love silently on
In shadow, or storm, or sun.

Vida E. Smith Yates

General Sunday School Association

The following is a synopsis of all the materials available from the General Sunday School Association. The materials are provided free of charge to members of the Church of Christ except as noted. While donations are accepted for postage, they are not required. We hope this information will help you, especially our isolated members, to find material that can help you in your teaching or family worship.

Bible Stories To Grow By (For Primary Students)

This material was compiled and written by Darl Temple and illustrated by Marlene Cobb, with the purpose "to acquaint the children with God, the Father, and Christ." It contains 52 lessons divided into 12 themes. Starting out with the birth of Samuel in the Old Testament, it continues into lessons on Jesus' life and ministry, and the ministry of his disciples.

Each story includes sug-

gestions and hints for the teacher or parent, plus extra time activities, gift ideas, songs and patterns. The teacher's guide has 233 pages, including an index. The student's packet has 223 pages and includes coloring sheets to correspond with the stories. A tape of songs is included.

This material can be a one or two year course.

Jesus' Life and Teachings

This material, written by Alice Larsen in 1984, is for 8-10 year old students. It is divided into 4 quarterlies, each one containing 13 lessons and 32 pages. Most lessons take one week to complete. Each lesson contains a memory verse, scripture references and questions. It is recommended that the teacher and each student have a copy of the quarterly.

Volume #1 begins with Jesus' birth and ends with his first miracle. Volume #2 starts with "Forty Days in the Wilderness" and continues to

"Jesus Walked on the Sea." Volume #3 includes lessons beginning with Jesus healing on the Sabbath to his "Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem." Volume #4 continues the story from the "Last Supper" to the four final lessons which are about Jesus' arrival in this land and his teaching of the Nephites.

Church History for Juniors

Donna Moser wrote this material, which was printed in 1977. It includes a teacher's text and a student's copy, the difference being that the teacher's text has questions at the bottom of the page that can be asked during the reading. Each book has additional questions listed according to chapters at the end of the book. The book contains 38 pages.

The first three chapters give an overview of the Book of Mormon, explaining why the record was buried in the earth. Chapter 4 begins the story of Joseph Smith and the

history continues through Chapter 16 which ends with the beginning of the missionary work in Yucatan.

The Book in the Stone Box

This nine page pamphlet, by Viola Hening, is a brief history of Joseph Smith finding the Book of Mormon record, and proceeds to give highlights of the Book of Mormon. It ends with paragraphs on "What should the Church of Christ be like?" and "Where is it today?" On the cover it attracts interest

with the statement: "Ancient Americans left a message for the modern world."

Who Am I?

There are ninety cards to this game prepared by the Phoenix, Arizona Local. The game originated with Doris Housknecht and was later expanded and prepared for print by Gary Housknecht. Each card contains the name of a Bible character, 2-6 questions about that character (arranged with the most difficult one in the beginning), scripture references,

and a date.

Instructions are included with the set, offering a variety of teacher/parent helps. The cards are numbered and in alphabetical order with an index included. The set is free for Sunday school classes, but cost \$1.35 for individuals.

Send orders for Materials to Debbie Vogel, 403 Colonel Dr. Indep., MO 64050

1995 PHOENIX REUNION NOTICE

Join with us for a weekend of spiritual refreshment and rejuvenation at the Phoenix Reunion. Come and enjoy the fellowship of the many loved ones in Christ, and feast upon the word of God with us.

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COLORADO REUNION

The Colorado Reunion of the Church of Christ will be held on June 9, 10 and 11, 1995, at 3233 B1/2 Road, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Please contact one of our Reunion Committee members for information about housing and meals, if you are coming.

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We look forward to seeing all who can come to worship with us in the name of Christ.

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9:00 am Song Service
10:00 am Preaching
11:00 am Preaching
Potluck Dinner
2:00 pm Preaching

Every one is welcome to come fellowship with the members of the Houston local and to join us in praising the Lord.

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MISSOURI CAMP FOR ALL AGES

The Missouri Camp For All Ages will be held again this year at the Niangua River, near Lebanon, MO. The camp will be June 9th 10th and the 11th. Come join the fun and fellowship.

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MICHIGAN REUNION

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Michigan Reunion will be held at the Ravenna Local. We are looking forward to many spiritual meetings and hosting this joyous event. Please come and join us for a very uplifting time. Make a note of the time and place, and make plans to join us, and make this Reunion a blessed one to remember.

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We have plenty of room for campers of any size at the church, and other housing is available by contacting:

Elder Max Spencer
11610 E. Apple Ave.
Ravenna, MI 49451-9725
Phone (616) 853-2391

OR:

Elder Aaron Heath
3604 LO-AL Dr.
Ravenna, MI 49451
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TRI-STATE REUNION

The 1995 Tri-State Reunion will be held from 1:00 pm. September 1 to 11:00 am. September 4, Labor Day weekend. The location of the reunion will be the Whitewater Group Center at Whitewater State Park. The park is located near St. Charles, Minnesota. Cabins at the group center will sleep 120 people. Bedding is not furnished.

The Minnesota locals welcome all who can come. Lets let our songs of joy ring through the canyon walls.

For information please contact:

Merlin L. Eddy
3370 203 rd St. W.
Farmington, MN 55024
(612) 463-2218

MISSOURI REUNION

The Missouri Reunion Committee would like to invite ALL to attend the 1995 Missouri Reunion, which will be held August 11th, 12th and 13th, 1995. All meetings will be held at the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) building located on the Temple Lot, Independence, Missouri. Noon and evening meals will be served Friday and Saturday; with a noon meal only being served on Sunday.

For information please contact:

(1) Isaac Brockman, Sr.
1203 Baker Dr.,
Independence, MO. 64050
(816)254-8190

(2) Roland Sarratt
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News

Ravenna Local, Mi.

On our last Sacrament Service the Lord blessed us with a visit from Elder Charles Brantner and his wife Jean. And even though the weather was a snowy day they brought sunshine to our church. We are happy to see them. It was also nice to see Ken and June Haines. They have a least an hour and a half drive, and as the roads were bad we were surprised to see them. But they said the weather had ruled them long enough. They had been planning on coming for several weeks but couldn't on account of the weather. They finally decided to make the trip anyway and trust in the Lord to take care of them. He brought them safely there and what better place to be than in church especially on Sacrament Sunday. We all had an enjoyable Sunday and know the Lord was with us.

It won't be long before the Michigan Reunion. It is June 16th through the 18th. We hope to see as many of you as possible there. It is always nice to see everyone once

again, renew old friendships and make new ones. We also enjoy all the sermons and all the testimonies. Its' a joyful time. My daughter, Sue Heath, and I will be preparing the food and hope everyone will enjoy that also. So God willing we will have a big cloud.

Spring is on its way, I can hardly wait for the trees to turn green and the flowers to blossom. I have a french Lilac that is very pretty and I think God must have loved spring because he made it so beautiful.

Trust God to move a mountain, but keep on digging if you want to feel rich, just count all the things money can't buy.

May God bless all of you.
Your reporter,
Norma Keith

News

Houston Local, Mo.

On March 26, 1995, the blessing of Anna Elizabeth Pounds (born April 29, 1994) was officiated by Elder Virgil Addie and Elder Tony Grzincic. Elder Addie and Elder Grzincic also ministered to Jennifer Pounds. Jennifer Pounds will have her second child, Alexis, on April 10, 1995 (already here). Jennifer is the granddaughter of Mary Jane Medders.

Andy Carney and Jessica Moore will be united in matrimony on Sunday, May 14, 1995, at 2 p.m. after the regular service. The reception following the wedding will be at the church.

The Houston Local has had some wonderful preaching services discussing faith, patience, and the blessings of the Lord during troubled times. It is always helpful to have remembrances that the Lord is with us during our trials and tribulations and that He will deliver us from all things.

Reporter,
Tracie Harvill

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 and April 1. All services will be held on the Temple Lot.

The 1995 Ministers' Conference (priesthood membership) of the Church of Christ will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 16 through 18, at Independence, Missouri.

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