

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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2. ...it became a choice land above all other lands, a chosen land of the Lord:

3. Wherefore the Lord would have that all men should serve him, which dwelt upon the face thereof; and that it was the place of the New Jerusalem, which should come down out of heaven, and the holy sanctuary of the Lord.

8. Wherefore the remnant of the house of Joseph shall be built upon this land; and it shall be a land of thir inheritance; and they shall build up a holy city unto the Lord, like unto the Jerusalem of old; and they shall no more be confounded, until the end come, when the earth shall pass away.

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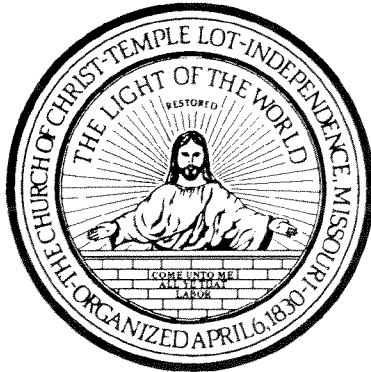
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Editorial...

THIS IS A DAY

By Harvey L. Seibel

July 4, 1994

Fellow citizens. This nation, conceived in liberty, brought forth in adversity and raised up by the hand of Almighty God to be a standard to the nations, faces its darkest hour.

Even now, as we celebrate our independence, our freedoms are being taken from us in the name of equality, in the name of justice, and in the name of peace. We are a nation let betrayed. No, the enemy advances not beneath the colors of a foreign flag, nor does it march to the beat of foreign drums. The enemy comes from within. Legislation is the sword the foe wields—litigation is his shield. We have become a people enslaved.

My friends, this is not a day in which to take our ease.

This is not a day to glut ourselves on the pleasures of idleness. This is a day of battle, a time of war. There is yet a course to run more precious than gold and silver, a cause more dear than life, if this republic is yet to stand.

If our government is to continue to be a government of the people, by the people and for the people, then the cry is to you. We must act! Our villages, our towns, our cities are pleading for men and women of honor and integrity—men and women who are willing to sacrifice their hours of repose and days of leisure for a higher cause. Let none say, there is nothing I can do; but rather, shoulder the mantle of responsibility, and enter the halls of local city government, and then state and national government. We, the people, must become the government.

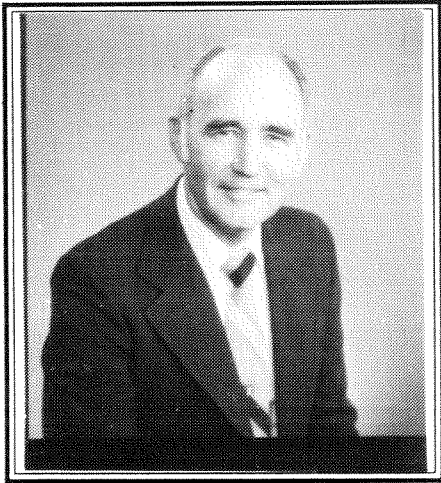
And this is but the beginning—for we must raise up

our children in the fear of God and love of country—young men and women who will be the judges, the lawyers, the senators and Presidents of tomorrow. Children of courage and self-discipline, with a passion for honor and integrity, imbued with fierce loyalty and absolute honesty, and tempered by the love and compassion of their Creator.

America—let not the blood of those who have died to secure our freedoms cry out for vengeance upon her sons and daughters. Now hear this—let not the death of this great republic be laid at our feet.

Fellow Americans, let us gird ourselves with the strength of conviction, arm ourselves with the love of God and country, and reclaim the torch of liberty that the foe now holds. May we prove worthy of the task before us.

OUR VITAL HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS: PART 3 DUTIES OF WIVES



Apostle Donald Mc Indoo

“Behold, the Lamanites, your brethren ... are more righteous than you; For they have not forgotten the commandments of the Lord, which were given unto our fathers, that they should have, save it were one wife: and concubines they should have none; and there should not be whoredoms committed among them. Behold, their husbands love their wives, and their wives love their husbands, and their husbands and their wives love their children..”

(Jacob 2:54, 55 and 57).

GOD'S PLAN FOR THE CHRISTIAN HOME.

God's plan for the home is that it be a haven, a special place where husband, wife and children live with a sense of security and acceptance, a place where love and peace abound. Jesus spoke of our time in history saying,

“because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold”
(Matthew 24:12).

In a world increasingly characterized by stress, tension, self-interest and hostility, the Christian home was designed to be a refuge, a place of emotional safety, where each person is valued, a place where laughter and conversation are treasured, where a person's most intimate longings and needs are met.

But a happy, stable home doesn't just happen because two believers marry. Loving

and living together in this kind of atmosphere require determination and practice. It requires the giving of oneself for the good of the other partner and the family. Most importantly, it requires a willingness to understand and obey the counsels of the Lord given to both husbands and wives.

Admittedly, the single life is easier. The single person has our common responsibilities to God and to the body of Christ. Beyond that one's duty is to career, community and oneself. But when a Christian man and woman stand before God and make their marriage vows, they are really agreeing voluntarily to give up that easier single life and to live for one another. I admit, as well, that most of us, when that day came, were ill-prepared to assume all those responsibilities God has placed upon us. It's a risky business, but then marriage was always a risky busi-

ness. And today with our new concepts of a liberated society and individual, the emphasis on looking out for #1, self-assertiveness and an in-your-face attitude, the risks are far higher than ever before.

As a teenager I remember reading Adm. Richard Byrd's book, *Alone*. I can't remember all the details of the adventure, but I was forever impressed by his description of the decision made about the first year-round expedition in Antarctica. As the days grew on toward winter, most of the team had to leave for Australia. There were not sufficient supplies to see three people through the long winter, so just two persons, or a solitary individual, would remain behind. It was decided that it was too dangerous to leave two people in these small quarters and in such close contact for six months, so Byrd remained alone for the long winter night. Recognizing the truth in what Paul stated in that all of us are sinners and fall short of the glory of God, they decided that two people alone in a stressful environment, living so closely together would

make too many opportunities for conflict and trouble, possibly fatal.

Yet God places two sinners together in a little home, often with inadequate resources and with no special training, with dozens of problems to face daily and expects them not only to survive for six months, but to thrive, to exhilarate, to rejoice and thank Him for that opportunity given to them. This is more apt to be the scenario if husbands and wives recognize and abide by the terms God has established for marriage partners. Now we shall examine some specific duties of wives which God has imposed upon His people. In the next issue we shall look at the responsibilities He has placed upon husbands. Remember, I have already acknowledged they are not easy, but the results of obedience bring us marvelous dividends while ignoring them is to live in a lesser condition of contentment and peace than God wishes for His people.

SPECIFIC DUTIES OF WIVES.

When discussing the roles of the Christian wife, the term, submission, always comes up because of its inclusion in the Bible texts of Ephesians 5 and 1 Peter 3. Some specific duties of wives are set forth in these passages. Let's read them, and then examine all the ramifications of these teachings:

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband” (Ephesians 5:22-24, 33).

“Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your

chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement”

(1 Peter 3:1-6).

The very first duty of the Christian wife is identified in each passage as submissiveness to her husband. The minister in 1995 America who would suggest that such an archaic term is pertinent to wives today would be hotly criticized along with the two antiquated apostles. But we who believe that all scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit - I pause in mid-sentence to say that this is something you

must each come to grips with: either you do, or do not, believe that the writings of the early prophets and apostles were inspired by the Holy

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Spirit of God. Jesus said,

“My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me” (John 7:16).

And Peter told us that

“holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” (2 Peter 1:21).

And so I say, we who believe all scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit realize that the apostles were not writing out of any animosity toward women, but from the earliest words of God to mankind. Do

you remember what He said?

“Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shall thou return”

(Genesis 3:16-19).

Just as natural and predetermined as weeds, sweat and death to man are childbirth and submission to wives - not by some decree of Paul or Peter, but by God Himself. If you have a real problem with this concept, you must take it up with Him who, in His infinite

wisdom, determined it for our good. But first, let me explain some important aspects of the scriptural definition of submission, and let me later describe the kind of Christian man to whom you wives are to be submissive.

First of all, Christian submissiveness does not denote blind obedience or some type of slavery. All of us are commanded to submit to God (James 4:7), to rulers (1 Peter 2:13), to the laws of the land (2:13), to our employers (2:18) and to one another (5:5). Authority has been given in a limited degree by God. To the State He has given authority to protect the citizenry. To the Church He has given authority to preach the Gospel. When the State went beyond their limits of given authority and forbade the apostles to preach, they replied,

“We ought to obey God rather than men”
(Acts 5:29).

In like manner in 1 Peter 3:6 it says, (permit me to paraphrase) “wives should be obeying God and afraid of no intimidation.”

The Lord would never expect a wife to do that which is contrary to His commandment just to be submissive to her husband.

In every institution there is one recognized authority: in the church it is Christ. In the nation it is the president, who surrounds himself with advisors. In the military it is a Chief of Staff who is also surrounded by advisors. In the classroom it is a teacher who is surrounded by resource people. In the Christian home the husband was to be that authority. His responsibility is to make the final decision about spiritual matters, the management of the family affairs, the delegation of responsibilities, finances and discipline. And where is the wife in all of this? Remember, she was never intended to be a passive by-stander: she was to be the helper to her husband in all things. Her insights and input into the decision-making is a necessary, vital role that must not be neglected.

Think of the Bible story of the young wife, Esther. In giving her counsel respectfully to the ruler of the known

world, this young wife changed the course of history and saved the Jewish people from certain extermination. In my own life, I can certainly remember how my wife's advice about more effective ways of discipline helped me greatly, both at home and at school, and that is not to say that her advice and insights about many other aspects of life were any less important.

After all the discussion; after all the intuitive, feminine insights of the wife have been considered - and I shall state that the man who doesn't consider them is a foolish man indeed - and a final decision has been reached, the wife's role is to respect that decision. Especially is it important in front of the children; they must know that there is one united authority in the home and just one set of limits which they are to respect.

We often have to take God's word on faith, but that is not to say there is no body of supportive evidence to establish the validity of it. Landis, in his book, *Making the Most of Marriage*, tells us that polls show that in those fami-

lies where women play the dominant role, less than 50% were happy households; whereas, in those homes where the father had the dominant role more than two thirds of them were happy. Where the family acted in a real partnership in decision making, 90 % reported themselves as happy.

Certainly after major decisions have been reached, the wife's role should not be a passive one. She may prove to be better at making purchases, keeping the books, and so forth. A man who has no great talent or interest in such things should thank the Lord for providing just the right helpmate for him. Without a doubt the wife has the greater responsibility for the early training and discipline of the children, but the final responsibility is the husband's. When you find a household where the children are disobedient, rebellious or disrespectful to their mother, chances are good that a husband has been neglectful of his duties. Listen to this counsel in Proverbs 6:20 of a father to his son:

“My son, forsake not

the law of thy mother.”

Here we see a husband performing his duty in reinforcing all the family's rules and discipline.

Law makers and peace officers are now recognizing that the violence and delinquency which is inundating our nation is, in many instances, a direct result of weak or absent fathers. Sociologists today also are aware that the absence of fathers in the home constitutes a prime factor in the growing rate of teenage pregnancies. Believers do not find it strange that the Creator knew such things from the very beginning of time and gave counsels to help His people avoid such problems.

A man can have no greater help than a good wife, nor greater hindrance than one who shows disrespect for his leadership. Solomon, the great and wise ruler of Israel, described an honored man of the city; one who was entrusted with great responsibility. And why? Because he was married to a good wife. He gives an excellent description in Proverbs 31:11-28. As you read this beautiful description

of a godly woman and loyal wife, you will see that she is a strong and active person, extending her talents and personality into every aspect of a dynamic and fulfilling life.

We will summarize by painting a word picture of the scriptural wife. She is an active partner and helper of her husband; she shows respect for him; she is modest and chaste; she demonstrates a gentle and quiet spirit; she is obedient to God and fearless of all else; she is a willing worker who provides well for her family; she makes good use of the family's resources, and she is a woman who has accepted on faith that God's commandment of submissiveness to her husband is for her good, the good of the family and society.

In this day of growing selfishness and willfulness, of increasing turmoil and violence, of escalating excesses and iniquity, may the Lord bless and increase the scriptural wife that our nation and our church be blessed.

THE PROPHECY OF AN AMERICAN INDIAN

Read at Alumni Luncheon
Classes 76 to '86 Dickison College.
J. Warren Harper, Class of '80.

Submitted by William A. Sheldon
Found in the 'Search Light'

I stand in the dying sunset,
And mine is a vanishing race.
Now hearken to me, you white man,
For I'll meet you, again, face to face.

My fathers were they who first met you
Where the tides of the Great Waters flow,
Far, far to the east as the arrow flies,
Ten thousand moons ago.

My fathers who ranged through the forests,
My fathers by river and sea,
Who roamed through their vast dominions
Like the winds of the heavens were free.

They were brothers to storm and the sunshine,
They were brothers to oak and the pine;
They were shadows that stole with moccasined feet
Through the glades where the wild grapes twine.

They hunted the deer and the turkey,
The wolf and the fox and the bear;

They fished in the brooks and the rivers
And they speared the great salmon there.
No fear of the lightnings' terrors,
No fear of the wolf's hungry cry;
Where the smoke of their many wigwams
Wheeled calmly against the sky.

So lived my fathers, Oh, pale face!
They were children of vast and of wild,
They were happy within their borders
In a land that was undefiled.

Then, one day, from over the waters
A speck loomed dark 'gainst the sky;
And shadows ran swift through the forest
Where the night owl hooted its cry.

And my fathers went down to your fathers,
While the keel grated harsh on the sand;
And they welcomed your fathers, Oh, pale face,
With the pipe of peace in their hand.

So the moons went by in succession
And greater your people grew,
And far was the smoke of their wigwams
While back in the forests we drew.

Then we saw that our lands were taken
And the greed where your footsteps led,

And our faith in your fathers was shaken
And we fought and together we bled.

But vain was the terror of war hoop,
And your scalps held high in our hand;
Forever the smoke of your wigwams
Spread farther throughout the land.

And ever we fled before it,
While the forests were lined with our dead;
And we turned our face towards the westward
To the land where the sun burned red.

Then you fought with the sons of your
mother,
Her sons who came over the sea;
Who would crush the hopes of your future
And strangle your liberty.

But you threw them across the far waters
To the land of the rising sun,
And then you builded your empire
With the fruits of your victory won.

Then peace and then wars in succession,
And the moons they were bloody with strife;
While out of the throes of rebellion
You welded your national life.

And so you waxed strong in your power,
And your muscles were knitted of steel;
And the world bowed low in her homage
As she came to your foot-stools to kneel.

And you threw back your wide golden por-
tals,

High lifted your liberty's torch;
And over the sea came a tidal wave
Of millions that crowded your porch.

And you set them to dig in your ditches,
This brood of an alien race;
While you lifted your cup to pleasure
And toasted her painted face.

Then wealth poured into your coffers
And it flowed in a golden tide;
While you drank the wind of your madness,
Drank deep of your power and pride.

And your daughters cared not to be mothers,
For papooses cared not on their knee.
And trained in your schools of learning
From such shackles they fain would be free.

So they grew to be independent,
For who would be tied to a home
When the jazz and the dance were calling
And the white lights where they might roam.

Now they go about in their motors,
Or with Pekinese tied to a string.
Far better a tour with Baedeker
Than a child in the world to bring.

While lone on New England hillsides
Stand your homes of Colonial pride,
Whose children have gone to the cities,
Whose fathers and mothers have died.

And ever the tide grew larger,
The tide with the alien cry;

While deeper you drank to your madness
And higher the cup lifted high.

So you bartered away your birthright
For the pottage of pleasure and lust,
The birthright your fathers had died for—
Your heritage held in their trust.

For one day you woke from your stupor
And rose from your orgy and feast;
And saw on the west coast the brown man,
And a dark skinned one on your east.

And you saw the tide of their children
As it broke on your own barren shore!
Then you lifted your voice in terror
And you slammed in their faces your door.

And you read on your wall the hand-writing,
And the letters were large and plain;
In one body you next tried to fuse them,

But your melting pot melted in vain.

And some there be that are vipers,
While with hatred their eyes now burn,
You have taken them into your bosom,
And deep they shall strike in return.

For hearken you Anglo-Saxon,
Though your belching guns may boom,
You shall follow our fathers' footsteps
And your remnant shall march to its doom.

You shall stand with us in the sunset,
You shall follow our dying race;
In the house that your fathers builded
An alien shall stand in your place.

Ah, well for your closed eastern portals,
For your well guarded Golden Gate,
But I from the shores of the spirit land
Shall mock you and cry—Too late!

CORRECTION TO CONFERENCE MINUTES

This notation is for our membership; in your 1995 Conference Minutes page no. 10. under the General Church Recorder's Report regarding number of members, there is an error. The stated number is 226, the correct number is 2226.

Elder Isaac Brockman
General Church Recorder

PATH LIGHTS

Words By Kathy Cloyd

*(May be sung to the tune of)
('AMERICA')*

1. O Beautiful for spacious skies, for land
and sea so rich
For soaring mountain majesties, above the
fruit full plain.

America, America, God gave His best to
thee.

And hoped you should, have brotherhood,
from sea to shining sea.

2. The pilgrim feet did storm the land, twas
time for His great plan

The natives that He loved so dear, had long
strayed from, His hand.

America, America God set His hand on
thee

To turn thee back, to righteousness, and
everlasting peace.

3. O beautiful, His mighty hand, to send us
men renown

In days gone past, set laws to last, that hold
equality.

America, America, let free men stand
again

May we be blessed with nobleness, and set
the captives free.

4. O beautiful His patriots, the dream they
all hold dear

Reclaim the land, for God and man, and
good shall rule again.

America, America, the savior will redeem
He'll set His hand, to show the land, the
He is King of Kings.

Poem By Hellen Carroll

Can you think of an empty tomb,
On what had seemed like a day of doom.
A day so dark in the hearts of multitudes.

A day when sorrow turned into a day of
great joy.

The bands of death for ever broken.

A day for all saints to rejoice for ever
more.

Yes, such a day came for the lowly in
heart.

We can yet rejoice for the great Son of

God paid the Ultimate price of sacri-
fice.

Christ Jesus is his name.

R E U N I O N S

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.

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Tri-State Reunion

The 1995 Tri-State Reunion will be held from 1:00 p.m. September 1, to 11:00 a.m. 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. Let's let our songs of joy ring

through the canyon walls.

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1995 Phoenix Reunion

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.

Reunion dates are Friday, November 24th through Sunday, November 26th.

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If you cannot attend, please remember the reunion and all of its parts in your prayers.

News

News From The Phoenix Local

We designated Saturday, March 4th, as a day of fasting and prayer. Special services were held that day to petition the Lord for guidance and direction for the needs of our church and that we may become a more acceptable people in his sight.

The winter storms left the roads in poor condition for our elders making the twice monthly missionary trip to the Navajo Reservation, which covers parts of three states. Elder Ken Oar and Apostle Don Mc Indoo conducted discussions on the subject of old Navajo traditions and our church's beliefs based on scripture.

Elders Jim and Hube Yates returned to the valley on March 7th. They were on a missionary trip in the colds of Canada and mid-northeast states, visiting and studying with our isolated members and locating those who have been lost or out of touch. God

blessed their tables with the food of the gospel words of Christ.

Apostles Don McIndoo and Jay Moser flew to Yucatan on February 2nd to assist in the work of our churches there. We pray that the gospel work may continue to grow and reach out to many more who will heed the message and apply it to their lives.

A soup and salad Yucatan Dinner was held to raise funds for the missionaries to use to further the work of the gospel and for the medical needs of our brothers and sisters in Mexico. Donations to this fund were well above our expectations. Just goes to show how good our sisters soups really are!

The welfare committee had a diaper drive during the month of February. These will be distributed later in the missionary areas where needed. Our welfare committee has done an amazing job collecting food for the needy and food banks, as well as clothing and other vital neces-

sities for those in need.

The Young People sponsored a spaghetti dinner on February 10th. The guests found an interesting assortment of Italian foods. Following the dinner the young people tackled the job of cleaning, leaving the dining room shining for the Sunday's activities. they earned \$150.00 for their Young Peoples programs.

Debra Yates
Reporter
Phoenix, AZ

My apologies to this reporter, the news may seem dated as this report was found under a stack of my correspondence.

Editor

News from the Ravenna Local

Sunday April 30th was a special one for us and especially for Elder Max Spencer. He baptized his granddaughter Amber Oudsema. It was also her thirteenth birthday. So this will be a birthday she will always remember. How special this is for her Grandfather. This is the second Grandchild he has baptized. I know that Elder Max and his wife Vivian have been praying over this for a long time. Prayers are answered in Gods time not ours.

We realize just how important this is after the tragedy that we read about in the Oklahoma City bombing. People went to this building and a short time later they were injured or dead. You wonder how the people who didn't believe in God could stand it. The ones who did believe, this is their comfort to know their loved ones were with God and one day they will meet again. But how can the people who did this terrible thing live with themselves.

We have heard for so many years that the end is near.

Every day we see the signs that have been predicted in the bible. This terrible bombing, earthquakes, children killing their parents. But once in a while we do see something good, I was in a restaurant and I watched a Grandfather say the blessing before they ate, and when he finished this young girl said "Grandpa you said your prayer now I need to say mine" and she said a very nice prayer. So I stopped by on my way out to tell them what a pleasure it was to hear the little child pray before she ate.

If your day is hemmed with prayer, it is less likely to unravel. When your load becomes too heavy, take out a blessing and examine it.

Your reporter
Norma Keith.



Amber Oudsema

News from the East Local

On May 1, 1995 we held our annual business meeting. The following general officers were elected: Pastor: Frank Fann, Asst. Pastor: Larry Beem, Sunday School Superintendent: Mike McGhee

We are excited about many upcoming events. The Outreach Committee and the Activities Committee will be organizing an East Local Reunion during the summer months. The Missouri Reunion and the Camp For All Ages are other activities that we are preparing for.

Bradley Fisher son of Michelle and Pat Fisher, was baptized on May 28. Bob Oldham baptized Bradley. Confirmation was given by Bob Oldham and Frank Fann. In Acts 2: 38 Peter tells us "...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." It is always a joy to see someone come into the light of the gospel.

Wendy Smith, daughter of Belinda and Mike Smith, was united in marriage with Corey Vankirk on June 16, 1995 at the East Local.

“...Prayer is the simplest form of speech that infant lips can try, Prayer, the sublimest strains that reach the majesty of high.” — James Montgomery

Please continue to pray for us. Our thoughts and our prayers are with all of you.

Reporter,
Christy Magill

NOTICE OF SPECIAL INVITATION

The Church of Christ (Temple Lot) will present a special Book of Mormon series by Apostle Don E. McIndoo. These meetings will be held August 22, 23, 24, 1995, starting at 7 P.M., at the General Church Headquarters, corner of Lexington Street and River Blvd., Independence, Missouri.

The theme will be:
The Book of Mormon:
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- ◆ 1. *“A New Light on an Ancient Record”*
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*"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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The *Zion's Advocate* needs your submissions! Articles and testimonies are its life blood. So take a moment this afternoon and, as the Lord directs, jot down that testimony you've been meaning to write, or begin the article that's been on your mind. If you need a trigger to help you get started, look over the suggested topics below. We look forward to seeing an article from you in the *Zion's Advocate*!

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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.

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