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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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“O then, my beloved brethern, come unto the Lord, the Holy One.

Remember that his paths are righteousness.

Behold, the way for man is narrow, but it lieth in a straight course before him, and the keeper of the gate is the Holy One of Israel : and he employeth no servant there:

And there is none other way, save it be by the gate, for he cannot be deceived; for the Lord God is his name.”

II Nephi 6: 79-82

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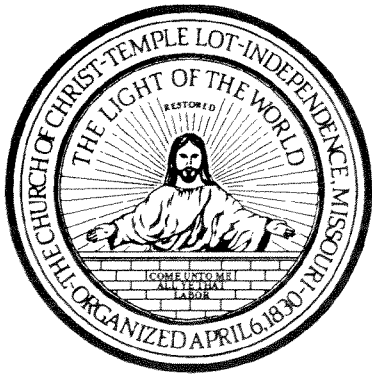
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ENVY

Apostle Alvin Moser (Jay)

Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy? (Proverbs 27:4) This Scripture shows the true destructive nature of sin and in particular the sin of envy. Envy invades every part of your life, affecting nearly all your thoughts and deeds. I can not withstand envy and neither can you.

Webster's unabridged defines envy as a feeling of discontent and ill will because of another's advantages, possessions, etc.; resentful dislike of another who has something desirable. The Book of Mormon tells us that in the last days there are only a few who are not "lifted up in the pride of their hearts unto envying, and strifes" (Mormon 4:48). This is quite a statement concerning our day. All the world points us to want what others have. If only I had this thing or was like that person I'd be happy.

In scripture we find that envy is connected to other sins. It is not stagnate nor does it exist without affecting other areas of life. In Alma 1:48-49 we read that envy travels with idleness, chattering, strife, sorcery, lying, thievery, robbery, prostitution, and even murder. Just as faith does not stand alone neither can envy.

Check yourself against the following list.

You may be envious if:

1. You spend time wondering why you have not been blessed as others have. Why does he/she get all the breaks?
2. You waste your time in useless activities, that require no motivation (i.e. listening to music, radio, TV).
3. You have self-pity, your problems seem to grow larger, depression heavier, and you covet others good fortune more with each passing day.
4. You are a backbiter, tale bearer, or cause strife between brethren.
5. You complain, murmur, or are resentful. All complaining is *ultimately against God* who has designed this life to prepare us to live with him.

The basic sin that is committed that leads to envy is covetousness. Covet is defined as—to desire, or wish for, with eagerness; to desire earnestly-1 Cor 12:31; to desire inordinately; to long for that which another has-Exodus 20:17. The poor sin by coveting - Mosiah 2:40-41. 1 Timothy 6:6-10 does not say that money is the root of all evil, but that the love of money is a root of every kind of evil. There was no money in the Garden of

Eden and no money when Cain slew Abel. However, there was covetousness. Hebrews 13:5 tells us to be content with what we have and not to covet. Matthew 6:19-24 says your heart is where your treasure is and that you can not serve God and mammon (money). Verse 33 commands us to seek God's kingdom first. In Mark 4:7-20 Jesus said that deceitful wealth chokes His word in us. The disciples were corrected for coveting status in Luke 9:46-48. We are told that men should not envy in 2 Nephi 11:110. There is an appeal to our Gentile nation to repent of it's envying in 3 Nephi 14:2. One of the most important facts about envy is that we will not be prepared to meet God if we are possessed of it-Alma 3:52-53

We are commanded not to covet anything that is our neighbor's. Who is our neighbor? Answer: Your boss, your husband, your friend, your sister in the gospel, a schoolmate, or even a stranger. In the parable of the good Samaritan, Jesus showed us that anyone we pass near is our neighbor-Luke 10:33.

There are present dangers as well as dangers in the future through coveting. Coveting and envy result in other things. Covet—envy—self-pity—anger—bitterness—depression—destructive behaviors (i.e. revenge, wrath, backbiting). See Psalm 73:2,3 and Psalm 37:8.

Below is a list of the dangerous results of envy and the scriptures that demonstrate them.

1. Matt. 27:18; Mk 15:10 Jesus was delivered to Pilate because of the envy of the

priests.

2. Rms 1:29 Condemnation comes because of envy.

3. Gal 5:21 Envy is a work of the flesh.

4. Philippians 1:15-16; 1 Tim 6:4 Envy causes strife and contention. The preaching of contention and continually raising questions about some ones life or actions may be motivated by envy. It causes more contention.

5. Titus 3:3 Envy causes hatred.

6. 1 Pet 2:1 Deceit, hypocrisy, backbiting are results of envy. Envy can be seen by its fruits in our lives, and we become guilty by association with these fruits.

7. James 3:16 Envy brings confusion and other evil works.

8. James 4:1-5 Envy produces evil prayers, hatred, and murder.

9. Helaman 5:30-32 Envy brings a curse upon the nation.

10. Mormon 4:36 Envy causes the church to be defiled.

There are two excellent examples of envy in the scriptures. One is found in the Book of 1 Kings 21:1-29. Here Ahab committed murder to obtain his neighbor's land. He pouted, wouldn't eat, and through Jezebel sold him-

self to idolatry. Later he repented and God sent the curse upon his son who did not repent and his kingdom was cursed. When you are rich there is never enough and you can feel that you have greater rights or wisdom than your neighbor. The second good example is found in the Book of Ether 3:77-102. Jared and his daughter plotted to gain power by secret oaths. His daughter assisted her father by compromising herself through the lust of others.

The knowledge of all these things is of little use if we can not change our lives for the better. God has a plan for us to implement.

What can we do to change our envious condition?

First: Repent; acknowledge your covetousness to God and have faith that he will pardon you. If there are those that have been offended by your behavior, go to them and ask their forgiveness. (1 Jn 1:9)

Second: Determine what must be done or what changes you must make in habits and behavior patterns. What is right can only be determined by prayer and study of the scriptures. In this case covetousness and envy must be turned into appreciation and thankfulness. Our human tendency is always to sin. We can through God redirect our energy. Stubbornness can be turned into perseverance, envy can be turned into appreciation for others blessings or beauty. There is nothing wrong with appreciating

beauty in nature and there is nothing wrong with appreciating the good fortune of others. There is nothing wrong with saying "you have a lovely home and family." The sin comes when we are discontented and unthankful for our own blessings and the blessings of others. If you are not thankful you are telling God that what he has done is not good enough for you!

Third: You must learn to discern between envy and appreciation. We become discerning when we learn to obey the simple commandments or milk of the Gospel (Hebrews 5:12-14). You must learn to listen to that which tells us to do good, to love God, and to love your neighbor. The voice or spirit that tells us to be discontented with God's blessings in our own lives is an evil voice. There is nothing wrong with spending our time working for our true necessities of life. God expects this and demands it. If we do not work we should not eat-2 Thes 3:10. 2 Nephi 13:27-30 tells us that we must continue in the word of God, because it is only by it that we become good and not because of any brilliant ideas of our own. 2 Nephi 14:11-12 is an example of a simple commandment to pray. It says that any thing which teaches us not to pray is not of God (i.e. the flesh, I'm tired, I don't feel like it, I don't have love in my heart, I'm depressed, I don't have time, etc.). We must refuse to listen to

these distractions and pray no matter what. In the same manner we must refuse to listen to distractions that teach us to envy. Again this can only be accomplished through a knowledge of the Word of God knowing what things are evil and what things are of God. We judge by Christ's light in the word which will tell us right from wrong-Moroni 7:10-18.

Fourth: You must act in a way that will establish new patterns and habits. Think about the needs of others above your own needs (Philippians 2:3-4). Practice the golden rule for all situations you find yourself in. (Matthew 7:12) Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

- a. Pray for others, giving thanks for their good fortune. Be specific with your prayers because your envy is usually very specific. Alma 16:222
- b. Learn to appreciate others by looking for good in their lives and characters. Philippians 4:7-9
- c. Speak to others about their abilities, expressing your appreciation for others gifts. Ask them how they acquired their skills. You will find out that practice, time, sacrifice, and disciplined effort often explain why others get the breakthroughs not the breaks. We may think

that others have the breaks when in fact they may have made breakthroughs. You may see that some people have prayerfully made their breaks by obedience to principals in the Word of God. Eph 1:15-19 Paul here saw the good in others and thanked God for it. Moroni 7:3-4 Here the writer was able to see the peaceful walk of others as good rather than a threat to his own position.

- d. Be the best that you can be!!! Use your time, be productive on your own. Use your energy for the glory of God. Through prayer, God's help, and your own searching you can determine what your talents are and then develop them. God has no glory if you are not using what he has given to you. When we use what God has given to us He is glorified. In what ever situation you are in, do good and do it with all your might. Again be the best that you can be!!! Ecclesiastes 9:10; Philippians 4:11-13; Prov. 15:16-17; 16:16-17; 17:1; 22:1; 23:4-5; 30:8-9; Luke 12:15-21.

Conclusion:

...Take heed, and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Luke 12:15

The Millennium

Part One

Apostle William A. Sheldon

The word "Millennium" is not found in the Bible, but is an English term referring to a thousand year reign of Christ upon the earth in the last days of man's mortal existence. Satan is to be bound for that period of time, being cast into a "bottomless pit" where he cannot deceive the nations until the expiration thereof. They who will have a part in the "first resurrection" will live and reign with Christ upon the earth for a thousand years of peace and plenitude, or a fullness of earth's bounty, where "they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord" (Isa.65:25). See also Rev. 20.

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" Heb. 4:9.

This is may be rightly interpreted in an immediate sense as a prophetic utterance establishing the Lord's Day (which is Sunday) as the Christian sabbath in contradistinction to the Saturday Sabbath observed by the Jews and some of the Christian sects which accept Christ. However, its more significant application is toward the millennial reign of Christ and of his saints, for we are further admonished:

"Let us labor therefore to enter into that

rest..." (ibid., v. 11; emphasis here and also in later quotations/ w.a.s.)

This signifies the probationary state given us to prepare to live with Christ. It must be borne in mind that the peaceful thousand year reign is for saints of God who will be living at its inception, and for those whom Christ will bring with Him, who will be the "first resurrection". But contrariwise:

"There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" Isa. 57:21.

Some within the Church may entertain a spirit of fear because of things revealed in prophecy concerning the last days (preliminary to the second advent of Christ) in which there are to be terrible judgments of God because of wickedness equal to or surpassing that of men during Noah's time or even later. Additionally, there is to yet be a world war of greater magnitude than has been heretofore. Indeed, the matter is summed up in most sobering language:

"But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap." Mal. 3:2.

Should we, then, entertain the awful fear of the nations in that day, who will say to the

mountains and rocks? -

"Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Rev. 6:16,17.

Let it be far from us, for we are not of them who hate goodness and mercy, and that which is lovely and of good report - or are we?? Where are our desires? In what or whom do we trust?

Isaiah pointed the way:

"Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion...Isa. 52:1.

Then he revealed what is the strength of Zion, and the means by which the peaceful reign of Christ may be attained:

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength" Isa. 26:3,4.

If our trust is truly in God, even in the face of adversity or affliction which must come as a trial of our faith, then shall the saints be comforted.

"O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy

gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones. And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake...No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord" Isa. 54:11-15, 17.

By the word of God we understand that the earth was destroyed by the great flood of waters; and by the word of God, it is henceforth to be destroyed by fire to cleanse the earth again of its wickedness. But, just as he prepared an ark for salvation of Noah and family; and just as He prepared a little city for Lot and family wherewith to escape the burning of Sodom and Gomorrah, etc.; even so, in the last days He has planted in the hearts of many the cause of Zion (the pure love of God), and a New Jerusalem is to be built up as a refuge for the saints of God, including the remnant of Jacob (Indians).

(To be continued)

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

Elder Arthur G. Smith

We are confronted with a challenge we must meet daily in any endeavor on our part to become reconciled to our God. He must reign supreme in our hearts and in everything we must be totally submissive to His will. This was impressed upon the twelve disciples from the very beginning as on this occasion on the

mountain side by our Lord. It will have the most powerful effect on the spiritual work that these men will perform in building the Kingdom of God, or the Church of Christ as it was later to be known.

It was and is the prime guide of every thought and deed. In terms of human behavior we speak of love, kindness, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, temperance, and meekness as the results or fruits of the Spirit in our hearts. When we consider these desirable traits we notice how essential that meekness is of itself a part of the others. There is a denial of self in being meek and a willingness to obey. Paul wrote that "against such there is no law."

Moses was recognized as being very meek, "above all the men that were upon the face of the earth." Numbers 12: 3. Moses was

the prophet that was leading the children of Israel out of Egypt into the wilderness towards the promised land. He did not hold himself above the people, he was aware of the harsh conditions of life and sought the Lord

in mighty prayer for their needs. His authority as the prophet was not the prime motivation for his leadership. He was as a servant under the command of his God

who was willing to obey. Moses couldn't do it by himself, he needed the Spirit of God to teach him how to lead them.

Not only is it essential to be meek to live a Godly life but it carries with it the promise of an inheritance of the earth. I would like to believe that this refers to the "new earth" as John tells us about in the Book of Revelation, chapter 21, verse 1. When we read about this new earth and the conditions that will prevail we are led to thrill at the promise of being a resident and having an inheritance there.

David was not in error in his understanding of the future promises of God when he wrote, "But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace". Psalms 37:11. It was taught to the ancient saints from the beginning as was all the truths of the gospel of salvation of the soul of

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man.

Moroni had the same vision of the promise of hope when he testified, "And the first fruits of repentance is baptism; and baptism cometh by faith, unto the fulfilling of the commandments; and the fulfilling of the commandments bringeth remission of sins; and the remission of sins bringeth meekness, and lowliness of heart; and because of meekness and lowliness of heart, cometh the visitation of the Holy Ghost, which Comforter, filleth with hope and perfect love, which love endureth by diligence unto prayer, until the end shall come, when all the saints shall dwell with God." Moroni 8:29.

Many times we hear the teaching that when we die we go to heaven to live with God. We hear that we need to be "saved" and accept Christ as our Savior. We hear that He paid the debt for our sins on the cross at Calvary. He paid it all, all we have to do is acknowledge Him, let Him come into our hearts. This will assure us that our sins are forgiven and we will be filled with the Holy Spirit and are going to go to heaven. There are many ways that these expressions void the responsibility for our sins.

There is hidden in these teachings some truth, enough to make them widely accepted by millions of people, but they are very misleading and not in harmony with the plain teachings of the scriptures. We would be correct to say these are false doctrines and perhaps these statements need to be carefully avoided for we cannot reconcile them with the scriptures teaching of a resurrection of the dead.

If we understand it properly, the resurrec-

tion will bring the body and the spirit (or soul, AGS) back together again to live and exist somewhere here on the earth and everyone without exception are to stand to be judged by God. The holy city, new Jerusalem is to come down out of heaven and is to be the dwelling place of the people of God on the new earth. Read carefully the 20th and 21st chapter of the Book of Revelation.

Our Lord spoke to the thief that hung on a cross near him the day he was crucified and said, "Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise." It is my opinion that this person was falsely accused as a thief and suffered the same death sentence as our Lord. He had some knowledge of the teachings of the Christ and the kingdom of God. Perhaps one of the many who had been baptized by John the Baptist or had heard the Lord speak of the kingdom.

It would appear that there is a place for the soul to go other than directly to heaven at death. The Apostle John spoke of the paradise of God in the Book of Revelation, chapter 2, verse 7, as the place rewarded to those who overcome. To be able to overcome the evils of this life we surely need to be meek and submissive to our Lord. We can be sure that whoever is meek and inherits the earth will dwell with God after the day of their resurrection.

Jesus spoke a great truth that has an important consequence to the souls of mankind that day to his disciples, "Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth." Matthew 5: 5.

Path Lights

The Appointment

What have you done for the Lord today to truly help His cause? Have you listened to His voice and practiced all His laws?

Suppose your appointment with the Lord happened to be today When you meet Him face to face - what would you have to say?

And when you see your deeds of life written on the slate Will you try to blot them out, though now it is too late?

Suppose you made your appointment and He couldn't find your name Would you then return to earth and keep your life the same?

We should all review our lives - not tomorrow, but today And rid

ourselves of all the sins that made us go astray

We may need forgiveness for angry world or thought For we feel a thought not spoken will surely count for aught

“As man thinks within his heart,” the Lord says, “he will be” And at the Judgment Bar of God, everyone will see

The records of the good and bad of deeds performed on earth Which outweighs the other? - by this, we'll know our worth

Ready yourself to meet the Lord -this appointment you must keep Remember what one sows in life, he is required to reap.

Sam Kidd September 1995

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COULD YOU FIND THE WAY'

I have always followed or had been driven by someone to Church. I never had to pay attention to the way. Last Church Conference several members came down with the flu, including my husband and daughter. The Cases were so generous in letting us go to their home so my family could lay down. I went along to tend to them, with the idea we would all go back for the evening service. As the time came to leave for Church, Dennis was not feeling better. I would have to drive myself to Church. All this time I never paid attention to the way. Trying to remember, I made it into town. Somewhere along the way I made a wrong turn-more-than once. I was lost! I remembered to look for the highest point. I was praying to God, "Help me find the way". I eventually made it, just before the last sermon. How many of you have always been the follower or have been driven to Church. Could you find the way?...How about to Heaven?

Sister in Christ
Betsy Trudgen

My Personal Religion On Being Isolated

When I was very young, we lived in Cottonwood, Arizona. Mother taught us well, but we were "isolated" members of the Church of Christ. How wonderful when we could go to Phoenix and attend church with aunts, uncles and cousins!

Then I finished school and went to Phoenix to further my training. I soon met the man for me and married. He was not a church member; I only went to church when I felt too guilty to stay away. We moved to Flagstaff and I again became an isolated member. Eventually we moved to Denver and after a few years found some other isolated members and formed a local, meeting in our home. This lasted for several years but deaths, moving, and disinterest resulted in disbanding. A little later, the Jim Shaws moved from Grand Junction to Denver and with Jim as an elder, we formed a group again and met together until I moved back to Phoenix after Malone had died and I became a mother-in-law to Jim and Vievea's sweet daughter Verda.

Now I'm a member of the Phoenix Local, am surrounded by many loving brothers and sisters in the church.

But the many years that I was an isolated member, I know there were prayers ascending for me and others in like circumstances, because for some reason, God kept me in His love always. I know, because now I'm with others of like faith and we constantly pray for each of the isolated loved ones.

Meredyth Malone

NEWS

COWGILL, MISSOURI NEWS

Our election of officers was held March 19, 1995, with all of our members present. We are a small local with only an average attendance of ten, so our officers stay pretty well the same. Brother Gerald Bryant is our Sunday School superintendent, and Brother Loren Bryant our Pastor. Sister Lois Harris teaches the Junior class. Sister Wilma Bryant is Secretary and Treasurer and Karen Claypole our Music Coordinator.

Sister Lois should be commended for taking the interest she does in these young lives. Kandace and Kasey Claypole are joined often with Joshua and Joey Bryant in the Junior class. They respond well to the questions she asks them in front of the congregation even while trying to hide behind their work sheets. They are fortunate to have her to teach them from the Bible and the Book of Mormon.

We welcome Trevor Wratt and his small son Ian, who come from Richmond, also Brother Rolland Sprague from Blue Springs. They have joined us in our round table study of the Book of Mormon and add much to our discussions.

We have enjoyed many wonderful sermons from our Visiting Ministry. So far we have had Brother Leslie Case, Jim Case, Apostles Rolland Sarratt, and Smith Brickhouse, Glen Gill, Tony Grzincic and Marvin Case. Some of them have been more than once. We look forward to their visits on Basket Dinner Day the fourth Sunday in every month. Anyone who would like to visit our little church is very welcome.

We have had our share of sickness and accidents this past year. Brother Loren Bryant suffered a severe heart attack in April and was hospitalized for some time but with God's help and blessing he has been brought back to us to take his place in the church and the community to preach and to teach. Brother Gerald Bryant and his Son-in-law Kenneth Claypole, husband of Karen "Bryant" Claypole, were sick for a time, Joey Bryant has been in the hospital with a broken leg, an accident from a swing collapsing on him. God had to be watching over him for he could have been hurt a lot worse if it had hit

him on the head. What would we do if we didn't have the Lord to go to in times like these? I fell in May and broke my wrist but the doctor told me I was way ahead of schedule as far as my wrist was concerned. So I am thankful for all these blessings and pray that we all might become more worthy of the blessing of God.

Sister Lois is our traveling member, Early in the Spring she and Rodger and Martha Bruner attended a basketball tournament in Tennessee. Their nephews Brian and Chad, sons of Terry and Sharon Marsh, played. They also visited Dick and Marcia Christian and family near Nashville.

In June Rodger and Martha were guests of Lois at her sixty-seventh year class reunion at Union, Nebraska.

Lois, Margaret and Glenn Gill attended the Colorado Church Reunion, they reported a very nice time there. Later they visited her sister Mildred Hooker in Greeley, Colorado.

We are happy to welcome back Shirley and Delbert Bailey from Kingston, Missouri. Shirley is our pianist and adds much to our services with her beautiful music. We are thankful to have her.

We have had a beautiful October. My favorite month of the year with its blue skies and soft white clouds along with the leaves all turning colors. May God's blessing be with us all.

GREETINGS FROM RAVENNA

LOCAL

We have been quite busy. We held our business meeting and the election of officers. We elected Elder Aaron Heath as Pastor. Elder Max Spencer as assistant pastor. Elder Aaron Heath, treasurer. Sister Sue Heath, secretary and public relations coordinator, Sister Debbie Vogel Prayer Line Editor and Sister Norma Keith Advocate Reporter. Elder Max Spencer had a hip replacement surgery, our prayers were answered as he did very well with his surgery. But now his doctor told him he must keep his leg elevated for a month. Max this is a good time to catch up on your reading. Please pray for him.

We are also very happy for the Baptism of Soniquou Gallegos who was Baptized the first of October. We were very happy to have Soniquou to join our church family. Her mother and brother came to her baptism. It was nice to meet her family.

We also went to the Bradley Local's open house and the dedication of their new church. Their church is very nice and we had a good time.

We had a chili supper at church a couple of weeks ago. We had a very good turn out. I think everyone enjoyed it. We had a campfire, put a tripod over the fire and cooked the chili there. The weather was very good.

Saturday, October 21, we are having a singspirational. Some of the Bradley Local promised to join us. They have a lot of good singers. They are well blessed with talent.

If the Lord is your Shepard, you have everything you need. When you meet temptation, turn to the right. If you worry, why pray? If you pray, why worry?

Your reporter,
Norma Keith

CAMP 1995

What is the youth camp? Well, it's a time for young people from all over to come and enjoy themselves in a wholesome atmosphere while learning about God. I always receive spiritual strength from camp, so that's why I keep coming back year after year.

A day at camp holds many different activities. Each morning a meeting is held for all the staff to discuss their thoughts about yesterday and how to make today better. An hour later is morning devotions and exercises. Afterwards it's breakfast time. Each morning between breakfast and study class every cabin has to get their assigned chore done and clean their cabin. Then we have our study class where we learn more about the theme of the camp. Afterwards everyone goes to their assigned classes. The seven classes the first hour were: Advanced Wood Carving taught by Danny Smith, Alvin Harris and Susan Harris, Archery taught by Rick Olson, Character Building with instructors Chris Moser & Patricia Kelley, choir educator was Donald Gill, Dan & Manon Lawrence

taught Photography, Sign Language was Kim Yates' class, and Volleyball was done by the volleyball pro Annette Whitehead.

The classes are an hour in length, and then everyone goes to their second hour class: Basketball, Camp Journal, CPR, Orienteering, or Wood Carving. Our C.I.T., (counselor in training) Justin Tarbell, taught basketball techniques. Becky Sheldon and Tracy Harvill assigned and collected articles for the camp journal. Bobby Hedrick & Joel Yates demonstrated to their class how to perform CPR. Randy Sheldon, in orienteering, instructed his class how to find their destination by use of a compass, and Danny Smith helped his class make beautiful wood carvings. Following the second class we met for noon devotions and lunch. The afternoon classes were: Art taught by the artist himself Rick Olson. In canoeing class Randy Sheldon presented boating techniques. Kim Yates showed what drama was all about, and Alvin Harris taught how to use a Ham Radio. The death defying Rappelling teachers were Bobby Hedrick and Joel Yates, Max and Vivian showed how to make neat-o crafts, and Chris Moser made everyone break a sweat in Aerobics. The scrumptious cake decorating instructor was Bonnie E. Case, and Dan Lawrence tutored teens on the computer. The third class was the last class of the day, and you had free time until the early evening.

During free time you could boat, fish, swim, sleep, play sports, or anything that was of interest to you.

After free time there was a 30 minute cabin time. During cabin time everyone went to their cabin and talked with their counselor and each other. Each cabin had a minister come and speak with them during one of their cabin times. Dinner was right after cabin time. In the evening there was the quest class. Campfire was at dusk. Chris Moser and Patricia Kelley led the campfire, but before campfire there was time for sports. At campfire we sang songs, watched skits, and had a good time with each other.

Each cabin was in a battle to get the most points. When you volunteered or did something helpful you got points. Jeff Oldham was the man who kept all the points organized. With a total of 12 cabins that is no easy job. The cooks were Eli & Gretchen Tarbell, Brandon & Tara

Tarbell, and Terry Waldruff. They prepared three meals a day and a snack after the campfire. The three C.I.T.s were Jason Oldham, Justin Tarbell, and Darl Brickhouse. Their jobs included the morning exercises and Wednesday campfire. Once the C.I.T.s reach 21 years they can then become counselors. Cindy Clark was a first year counselor this year and she had a cabin of 12 and 13 year Olds.

The theme of the camp was, "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near." Isa. 55:6 The morning study class covered that theme. Everyone divided into 10 different groups. The groups received a different teacher every day. Having a different teacher was really a benefit because it made each study new, and you never knew what to expect. Elder Ken Oar was in charge of the study class, and he put together a workbook for everyone to follow. In the work book there were questions with scriptures to answer the questions. The workbook was a really good idea because it made you think and discuss things.

In the evening there was a quest class. The quest class was divided by grade, and each grade had a subject they studied. Glen Gill taught the 7th grade class about seeking God and the function of the church, under Buzz Brickhouse, the 8th-9th graders combined and learned about making good decisions. The 10th grade class, taught by Gordon & Pat McCann, studied about dating choices and morality. Jay Moser tutored the 11th grade about preparing for marriage, and the seniors and those

who have graduated were instructed on how God's love applies in marriage. I was in Jay's 11th grade class about marriage preparation. He gave us some good insights on how to be fully prepared to choose a mate. He started out by telling us about the first marriage, and what God's plan for marriage was in the beginning and that His plan hasn't changed. He showed us how our number one priority needs to be GOD! If God isn't the head of a marriage it won't last.

The number of teens at camp seems to increase every year. This year there was a total of 99 young people! That was quite a crowd. Each counselor has 7-8 teens in their cabin.

There were some other people who made the camp possible that I'd like to bring to your attention. The directors of the camp were Buzz and Sue Brickhouse. They spend lots of time organizing every little detail of the camp. Without them there wouldn't be a camp. We love them a lot!

The youth camp has been a strength for me very much. It allows me to be away from the world and to associate with my real friends. I gain a lot of spiritual insight on what the scriptures say. It also helps to apply the scriptures to my daily life. After every camp I come home renewed and refreshed to serve God with all my might, mind, and strength.

SUBMITTED BY:
Deborah E. Cobb

Announcement

There has been a vehicle fund set up for Elder and missionary Ken Oar to aid in his work on the Navajo Nation. Donations are being handled by the Phoenix Local Church of Christ at 2929 E. Siesta Lane, Phoenix, Arizona 85024

This vehicle should help Brother Oar to be nearly self-sufficient in his work on the Reservation. Up to this point he and others that have gone with him have had to rent a motel or stay at the K.O.A. We have already purchased a fully self contained camper but his truck (a 1/2 ton) will not haul the camper's weight. Our goal is to sell his present truck as soon as we can locate and purchase 3/4 ton truck that will haul the camper. This should benefit the general church by saving several hundred a month that can be put to other uses.

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The 1996 Ministers' Conference (general membership) for the Church of Christ will commence Sunday, April 7. The business sessions will start at 9:00 A.M. Monday, April 8. A Solemn Assembly will be held prior to the conference, on April 5 and 6. All services will be held on the Temple Lot.

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