

# 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 Gost;"*

1 Nephi 3:187

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My sheep hear my voice, and I know them,  
and they follow me:

And I give unto them eternal life; and they  
shall never perish, neither shall any man  
pluck them out of my hand.

My Father, which gave them me, is greater  
than all; and no man is able to pluck them  
out of my Father's hand.

I and my Father are one.

John 10:27—30

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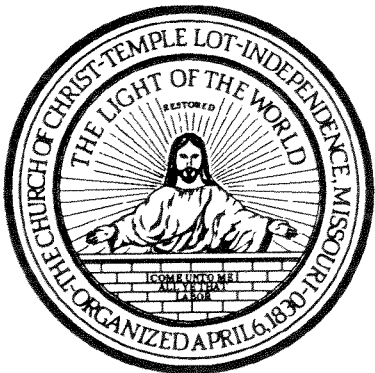
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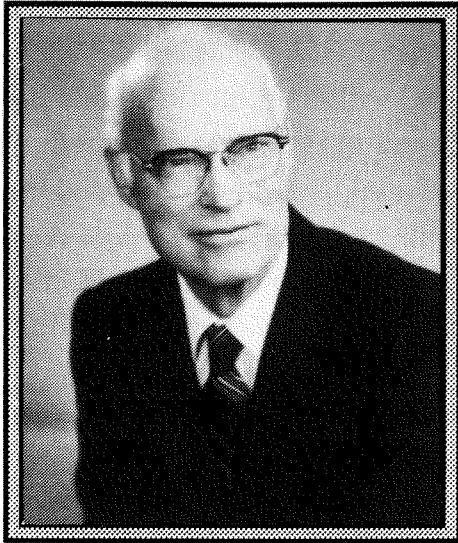
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# GOD'S PROMISES TO ISRAEL

By: Apostle Marvin E. Ely



God's great promises to Israel came about because of a faithful man named Abraham. He was willing to leave his own land in which he had security and riches and go to another land that the Lord would show him. He was seventy five years old when he departed out of Haran.

"Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Genesis 12:1-3.

"And the Lord said unto Abram, after Lot

was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered." Genesis 13:14-16.

"And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness. And he said unto him, I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it." Genesis 15:5-7.

"Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith; preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham." Galatians 3:6-9.

The Lord appeared unto Isaac and told him to "Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swear unto Abraham thy father; And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; Because that

Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.” Genesis 26:3-5.

God by his mighty power brought the children of Israel out of Egypt where they were in bondage. The crossing of the Red Sea was a notable miracle. After they wandered forty years in the wilderness the way was made possible for them to go into the promised land. The Lord drove out nations that were greater and mightier than the children of Israel. (See Deut. 4:37-40). “I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee. And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee. I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee. By little and little, I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased and inherit the land.” Exodus 23:27-30.

The children of Israel were told that they should not bow down unto the gods of those who formerly lived in the land that they had inherited. Also they were told to not serve them or do after their works. “Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images. And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.” Exodus 23:24-25.

If Israel would serve the Lord their God and keep his commandments they would be blessed above all people. No male or female would be barren among them or among their cattle. The Lord would also take all sickness from them and

would put none of the evil diseases of Egypt upon them which diseases they knew. (See Deut. 7:14-15). All they had to do to receive these marvelous blessings was to serve the Lord and keep his commandments. “For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.” Deut. 7:6.

“And I will shew unto them that fight against my word and against my people, who are of the house of Israel, that I am God, and that I covenanted with Abraham, that I would remember his seed for ever. And now, behold, my beloved brethren, I would speak unto you: for I, Nephi, would not suffer that ye should suppose that ye are more righteous than the Gentiles shall be. For behold, except ye shall keep the commandments of God ye shall all likewise perish; and because of the words which have been spoken ye need not suppose that the Gentiles are utterly destroyed. For behold, I say unto you, That as many of the Gentiles as will repent, are the covenant people of the Lord; and as many of the Jews as will not repent, shall be cast off; For the Lord covenanteth with none, save it be with them that repent and believe in his Son, who is the Holy One of Israel.” 2 Nep. 12:74-78.

If the Gentiles repent they can come into the same covenant as has been promised to the house of Israel. “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew no Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” Galatians 3:27-29.

The children of Israel had some of the most

remarkable blessings that were ever promised to a people. "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt harken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God." Deut. 28:1-2. These blessings included being blessed in their cities and their fields, the fruit of their bodies and the fruit of the ground, the fruit of their cattle, the increase of their kind and their sheep. They were also to be blessed in their basket and store. (See Deut. 28:3-6).

"If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land...And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword." Lev. 26:3-8. These remarkable blessings were held out to Israel if they would keep the commandments.

The Lord also promised to establish Israel as a holy people unto himself if they would keep the commandments of the Lord their God and walk in his ways. "And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee." Deut.

28:10. "The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thy hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow." Deut. 28:12. The rain in his season would mean that when it was planting time there would be no rain but when it was growing time there would be rain. In the time of the harvest the rain would not interfere with the harvesting. What a wonderful condition this would be.

If the house of Israel failed to keep the Lord's commandments and served other gods they would be cursed instead of blessed. They would be cursed in their bodies, in their flocks and kind and when they came in or went out. Also if they did not keep the Lord's commandments the rain of their land would be powder and dust. The Lord would make pestilence to cleave unto them. All these cursings are far different than the blessings that could have been received by the house of Israel. (Deut. 28:15-24).

We know the story, the house of Israel did not keep the commandments of the Lord but instead served other gods. The following statements became a reality: "The Lord shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone. And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee." Deut. 28:36-37.

"And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone. And among these nations

shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the soul of thy foot have rest: but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:" Deut. 28:64-65.

The Lord is ever reaching out unto the house of Israel for when he spoke to the people upon the American continent he said: "...how oft have I gathered you as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and have nourished you. And again, how oft would I have gathered you, as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings; yea, O ye people of the house of Israel, who have fallen; Yea, O ye people of the house of Israel; ye that dwell at Jerusalem, as ye that have fallen; yea, how oft would I have gathered you as a hen gathereth her chickens, and ye would not." 3 Nephi 4:55-57.

"And I will remember the covenant which I have made with my people, and I have covenanted with them, that I would gather them to-

gether in mine own due time; That I would give unto them again the land of their fathers, for their inheritance, which is the land of Jerusalem, which is the promised land unto them forever, saith the Father. And it shall come to pass that the time cometh, when the fullness of my gospel shall be preached unto them, and they shall believe in me, that I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and shall pray unto the Father in my name." 3 Nep. 9:67-69.

God's promises to Israel came about because of Abraham believing God and heeding what God told him to do. Because of Abraham's great faith and his willingness to do what God told him to do, a covenant was made with him that Israel would be blessed through faithful Abraham. Even though Israel failed to avail themselves of these wonderful promises God and His Son are still reaching out to them and some already are beginning to heed their call.

## Care Group

The Care Group an auxiliary of the Temple Lot Local of the Church of Christ, with an interest in Child raising and family relationships, has a project to prepare a booklet of testimonies about how God and your faith in him has had a part in bringing you together as marriage partners and/or bring joy to your marriage. The collection of testimonies will be mailed or given to those who contribute and made available to others for a nominal donation to help cover the cost of preparing the booklet.

Mail your testimony to:

Don and Tamara Grim  
718 N. W. Z highway  
Bates City, Missouri, 64011

All Contributions received by August 1, 1996 will be considered. Please limit your offering to 500 words or less

# LUST

*(A close look at Prov. 7)*

This article is not just about bad men and bad women nor is it an expose on conniving women—the young man and the woman's roles can be imagined interchangeably. This is a warning to boys and girls, men and women, members of the Church of Christ regarding lust. With a little discernment some of us may have heard the latch outside, turning, and quickly ran and locked the door—to find to our dread that the enemy is not there—he's inside!

As an explanation of this article, rather than take space and print all of the verses of this chapter 7, I've selected the key thought and quoted it. Its best to read the chapter first but if you don't, this is a wise man's admonition to the unwary to be careful, for you may find yourself in a similar situation as the young man in our story. This unwise and foolish person heads straight for an affair not knowing its traumatic end. This is about Satan's subtle intrusion into our lives. In many of the verses I give a modern example of its similarity and then an admonition.

## V. 1-3

### **“lay up my commandments”**

At work they have a 401K investment program for which if one just lays up \$20/week, at the end of 17 years with compound interest your treasure will be in excess of one third million dollars. God's law is like this but the payoff is much greater. A wise man sees the superiority in this investment plan, laying up in his heart the treasures of God's word.

Scripture reading and reflection has to be-

come part of your daily routine. I know you don't have time—I don't either—you make time. You can't have God a part of your thoughts if his word is not part of your mind. Life is both a journey and a destination, there's only one true road map and AAA doesn't have it. In this generation it seems the word of God and its application is foreign to many and to many others its just too great a hardship. Not only are the Scriptures a map but a joy and an inspiration, and your best rearview mirror—if you aren't looking back the Devil may be gaining on you! Feast on the words of God(2N14:4) and lay up treasure not trash.(Lk.12:21)

## V.4

**“Wisdom/Understanding”  
consider them your closest  
friend and relative.**

A man's wise wife once admonished him to buy some inexpensive real estate when they could have afforded it, but in his foolishness decided against it. This decision lost him a potential fortune because the large city soon annexed this ground and expanded there. Failing to heed wise council brings regret but wisdom brings delight and rejoicing.

You don't have to be a mathematician to figure that the pursuit of life near the outer edge of God's will doesn't add up to peace and satis-

faction. If you attempt to live by bread alone life will become unbearably thirsty. If you seek to understand and exercise prudence and wisdom you'll find riches greater than gold.(Prov.16:16) If you seek after the things of this world you'll find tears and sorrow.(Rom.8:6) Parents make a wise decision by forgoing riches and invest their time in their children rather than their jobs, raising their children rather than having a baby sitter do it. A single person is wise if they look for God's measure of a man or woman rather than the worlds measure.

## V.5

### wisdom will

**“keep thee from the strange woman”**

**These admonitions will keep you from those wicked relatives, fornication and adultery. America has permitted them to sit at the table and lie in its bed-but wise men will not give her a second glance.**

Tommy Morrison, Kansas City's own famous heavy weight boxer, admitted after he contracted AIDS by fornication that he should have listened to Magic Johnson who is HIV positive. He thought his chances of winning the lottery were greater than catching AIDS, so we see the dilemma in listening to the carnal mind.(Prov.14:12) If you're married and spiritually savvy you won't joke, engage in conversation, flirt, insinuate, linger with, speak intimately

with, think about, or otherwise justify spending singular time with the opposite sex, even in seemingly innocent business. If you are single don't permit yourself to fantasize about, touch or get in compromising situations with the opposite sex, if you've made up your mind to remain pure until the day you marry. If you're going steady, you're in carnal danger.(1Cor.7:1) These principals are biblical not secular, they are wise not foolish, they will keep you from the strange man or woman.

Many Christians think they can permit lustful images in their minds via harmless body watching, the electronic media, periodicals, without creating a fire. You can't open the door to a smoldering room without ignition—your deceitful heart(Jer.17:9) is the embers and You, are the only one that can open that door. Don't play with fire!(Prov.6:27)

## V.6-II

**“I..looked..discerned..a young man void of understanding..passing..the way to her house..in the evening..there met him a woman. with the attire of a harlot. subtle of heart.”**

Who is this young man and the woman he meets? They may look like one of us or our children, or just another naive young person (maybe not that naive). I wonder if they were taught or paid any attention to spiritual concepts? Regardless, here we see him on his way aimlessly it seems, or is it? The verse says he's void,



empty, like a vacuum.

Science says that Nature abhors a vacuum—something will rush to fill the emptiness. Without God filling him, he'll be ridden with unrestrained passions. He'll have difficulty discerning between right and wrong. Living for now, there may be no tomorrow. All the symptoms declare- God does not live at this address. If you could apprehend him what would you say?

He's already made up his mind though—he's driven by desire, the furnace is raging within- what can quench such an inferno? When did the fire begin? What stoked the embers? ...If you refuse to master your own passions or be mastered by God— its easy to see yourself as that young man.

This superficial person continues on, pulled by unseen powers, impelled by desires and vanity, walking— no running towards his destiny- led, chained as a prisoner, unable to consider returning. Burning, this mindless being passes down the street—he is an accident waiting to happen. Not knowing or reasoning he relentlessly and unerringly is headed for a liaison. Magnetically pulled to the site of his ultimate destruction—he finds himself- coincidentally- at her house.

What kind of woman is she? Maybe too much time on her hands, too many romances in her mind, not enough real love in her heart. She may feel she's been neglected by her husband, or she doesn't feel pretty and needs someone to tell her she is, or she just has been stagnating unable to be all she could be—any one of these or countless other lies of Satan. Unfulfilled, she too looks out her window. What happened to commitment and honor and virtue? Because these haven't been on the front burner of her life, they at the moment

don't seem too important. In her mind she makes preparation—it always happens in the mind first—the thought before the act, temptation before the sin. She quickly dresses in the attire of a harlot. What is that? Probably a short skirt and a sweater or blouse that suggests the suggestive...the real power of persuasion, it's deadly!

### V.12-20

**“she..lieth in wait”**

**The web is ready and the spider is patient. Conniving was first defined here.**

### V.21

**“With the flattering of her lips she forced him”**

**such as “I've never met anyone such as you” “In your arms I'm weak”, “I've never known love until now”**

### V.22

**“He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter”**

### V.23

**“and knoweth not that it is for his life.”**

**He waits on death row not knowing the executioners steps. He plays over and over his carnal**

reveries until “a dart strike(s)  
through his liver.”

V.24

“Hearken”

V25

“go not astray in her paths”

If you are wise you will see that such mistakes are emotionally, mentally, spiritually and often physically fatal. Someone's spiritual compass has gone amok. When you are drawn and enticed (James1:14) its because you have lingered too long in the valley of death. Don't remain there or the stench will begin to be appealing.

V26

“Many strong men have been  
slain by her”

Adultery and fornication have wounded many beginning only with the first thought or look. If we could have seen the end of such a look we would never have turned our head. Many a strong man or woman thinking they could tip toe through this evil garden found poison hemlock and bitter herbs. The small pleasure was far exceeded by the next mornings guilt and excuses. Learn wisdom and live.

V.27

“Her house is the way to Hell”

The way to sexual sin is paved with smooth,

slimy stones, the end thereof burns with eternal heat. When you commit fornication or adultery you have sinned against yourself, your soul has been violated (1Cor.6:18) The cloud that will hang over you is not easily dispelled in a lifetime. The world will feed you lies but this truth the world experiences daily:

What are the lessons so that we won't be victims of lust?

- ◆ Read your scriptures-you don't have a better way.
- ◆ Get wisdom-be wise-understand the issues of life-avoid anything that sows carnal images into your mind—don't feed it.
- ◆ Flee lust—it's always looking for an opportunity, it does not rest, the unwary and unwise are its victims.
- ◆ Don't pass near temptation—you're not strong enough!
- ◆ The Devil like a roaring lion walks about seeking to destroy—evil is present always.
- ◆ Flattery appeals to your pride may mean your downfall-resist these vanities.
- ◆ Sin is exciting for a season but in the end it bites. Many stronger than you have fallen.
- ◆ Hell is worse than you think.
- ◆ At that moment can you say that in 5 years I'll be proud of what I did?
- ◆ Put your cares and your life into the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Ask the Lord to deliver you from temptation. (Mat.26:41)

Randy Sheldon, Priest

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# 1996 Teen Challenge Youth Camp

To Register for the Classes you want, you must complete and return the following 1996 Teen Challenge class schedule.

## ***How to fill the class schedule form:***

1. Write your name, social security number, and phone number in the spaces provided on the form
2. If you plan to ride the bus from the East Local to camp, write "YES" in the space provided.
3. Mark Camp T—shirt, size
4. Mark the 10:05 a.m., 11:05 a.m., and 1:15 p.m., classes you would like to take, Indicate 1st 2nd 3rd choice !!  
IMPORTANT: If you have already taken the rappelling class, you may not choose this class.
5. Mail your complete class schedule and registration form. IMPORTANT: We must have your registration fee before we can process your class schedule.

## ***Direction to Camp Far Westa from Kansas City:***

Take Interstate 35 north to 36 Highway, west at Cameron, Missouri. Continue west on 36 for approximately 5 miles. A sign for camp Far Westa will be on the right side of Highway 36. (The camps grounds are approximately 1 mile east of Stewartsvill, Missouri.)

## ***Transportation:***

For those needing a ride from the Kansas City area, a bus will be leaving the East Local at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, the 11th of August. Check-in for campers is from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## ***Check List:***

***We must have the following before we can assign your classes to you:***

- Registration fee—make check out to Teen Challenge.
- Class schedule form—completed 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices for each open hour.
- Registration form with parents and camper signatures.

**MINISTRY:** There will be Priesthood in attendance at all times.

**CHAPERONS:** There will be one adult for every eight campers.

**LIFE GUARD:** The camp provides a certified life guard.

**FOOD:** The facility provides the food service—SNACK BAR AVAILABLE.

**AGE GROUP:** Junior and Senior High—ages 12—18.

**DATES:** August 11—16 1996

**TOTAL COST:** \$90.00 (\$80.00 if paid before July 1, 1996.)

### Mail Forms to:

Smith Brickhouse (Buzz)  
5713 Logan Road  
Kansas City, MO  
64136 (816) 356-9214

### Mailing Address for Camp:

Camp Far Westa  
P.O. Box 257  
Stewartsvill, MO  
64490 (816) 669-3359

# WHAT TO BRING LIST

This is a "suggested" list. Where clothing items are listed, bring enough for the five days, packing may be done in a suitcase, duffel bag or camp box.

Please see that all items are marked with your name or initials.

## PLEASE BRING:

- Bible, Book of Mormon and notebook are a must!
- Flashlight
- Lightweight sleeping bag or 2 twin size sheets and 1 light blanket.
- Pillow and pillowcase
- Tennis shoes (old and worn are best)
- Extra shoes
- 6 pairs of socks
- 1 pair of jeans/pants
- Modest shorts or cutoffs
- MODEST one piece swimsuit & cover t-shirt
- Short sleeve shirts
- 1 long sleeve shirt
- 1 lightweight raincoat, poncho or jacket
- 1 laundry bag/pillow case
- Kleenex
- Underclothes
- Thongs

## PERSONAL ARTICLES:

- Toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, hairbrush, shampoo, soap, towels, deodorant, etc..
- Insect repellent (we recommend Cutters or Deep Woods Off)
- Please do not bring expensive jewelry which might be lost or broken.

## OPTIONAL ITEMS TO BRING:

- Camera and film
- Fishing pole and favorite lures

- Stationery, envelopes and stamps
- Musical instrument
- Day pack or knapsack
- Baseball gloves
- Bring money for snacks—canteen will be available for snacks.

## PLEASE LEAVE AT HOME

- ◆ *inmodest and inappropriate clothing*
- ◆ *No fear and concert-shirts*
- ◆ *Alcoholic beverages and cigarettes*
- ◆ *Video games*
- ◆ *Knives of any kind*
- ◆ *Electronic games*
- ◆ *Radios, tape players, etc..*
- ◆ *Candy or pop (they attract critters)*
- ◆ *Fireworks or firearms*

## RULES:

- ◆ *You will be expected to behave in a Christian manner at all times.*
- ◆ *No leaving the camp grounds.*
- ◆ *You are required to stay with the group unless special permission is granted.*
- ◆ *Phones will be available for emergency calls only.*
- ◆ *You are expected to wear modest apparel*
- ◆ *You are asked to follow all safety rules.*
- ◆ *Each camper is required to participate in all activities.*
- ◆ *If cars are brought to camp you will be required to leave the keys with the camp counselor.*
- ◆ *There will be no pranks — any materials for pranks will be confiscated!*

Make copies (if needed) and mail this form to Smith Brickhouse, 5713 Logan Road, Kansas City, MO, 64136

Teen Challenge 1996 Summer Youth Camp Registration form

Camper's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Camper's age & birthday \_\_\_\_\_  
Camper's SSN# \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
Day time phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Carrier & Policy number \_\_\_\_\_  
T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_  
Bus ride to Camp-Leaving from East Local Sunday 1:30 \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the rules of this camp and my Signature shows I will comply with the stated rules. In the event of medical emergency, by my signature on this document, I give permission for the camp personnel to administer and or obtain the necessary treatment for my minor child. NOTE: Please have this notarized and list any medical conditions (allergies, asthma, etc.) that we should be aware of.

Parent or Guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ X

Camper Signature \_\_\_\_\_ X

Note to Parents: Campers will dropped off at the Missouri Reunion on August 16. If other arrangements are needed, please specify. If parents are unable to attend the Missouri Reunion and youth is to be the responsibility of another adult for the balance of that weekend, please specify who: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed & sworn to me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1996  
Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_  
County of \_\_\_\_\_  
State of \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1996 Teen Challenge Camp Schedule

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Class/Activity	Days	Time	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Counselor meeting	Daily	6:30			
Campers wake-up		7:00			
A.M. Devotional		7:30			
Breakfast		7:45			
Study		9:00			
<i>Choose 1 daily 10:05 class below. Include a 2nd and 3ed choice.</i>					
Archery	Daily	10:05			
Beginning wood carving					
Character building					
Choir					
Aerodynamics & model building & flying					
First Aid					
In the Beginning (creation) taught by Bro. McIndoo					
Soccer					
<i>Choose 1 daily 11:05 class below. Include a 2nd and 3ed choice.</i>					
Calligraphy	Daily	11:05			
Camp Journal					
Advanced wood carving					
Land navigation & airplane flight**					
Volleyball					
Orienteering—orienteering compass required					
Sign language					
Devotions	Daily	12:05			
Lunch		12:15			
<i>Choose 1 daily 1:15 class below or 1 Mo. &amp; We. and 1 Tu. &amp; Th.</i>					
Wood working	Daily	1:15			
Canoeing					
Radio & Electronics					
Kite Making & Flying					
Rappelling —No 1st year campers. If you had-do not sign up					
Fly Tieg & Fishing					
Art— a=All 4 days b= Mon. & Wed. c=Tus. & Thr. (circle one)	a b c				
Candy making —Tus. & Thr.	Tus & Thr				
Candle making — a=All 4 days b= Mon. & Wed. (circle one)	a b				
Other Craft— a=Mon. & Wed. b= Tus. & Thr. (circle one)	a b				
Boating, Fishing, Swimming, Sports	Daily	2:15			
Free		4:30			
Cabin Time		5:00			
Dinner		5:50			
Quest Class		7:00			
Free		8:00			
Sports					
Camp Fire		9:30			

\*\* Flight insurance papers will be provided for Parent signature

## LISTEN TO THE SILENCE

“...stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God “ Job 37:14

The world today is very busy. We human beings exist in a time when electronic sights and sounds bombard us from all around. Images of worldly temptations are displayed all over the landscape, and in the marketplace. Sounds of wickedness, pictures of evil are displayed on screens in public, and in the privacy of the home. There is very little time that is silent in our daily lives. We are constantly distracted by the concepts these images and sounds represent. It is hard to hear God.

In the perfection of Eden - Adam and Eve experienced all the joys of God's blessings and creation. The greatest joy was the daily presence and companionship they shared with the Lord Himself. This joy continued as long as those first human beings spent their time listening to, and focusing their attention and activities on, God and His voice. Then Satan entered - intent on his goal to distract his victims from the voice and guidance of God. Satan appealed to their physical senses in tempting them to doubt God's word and to believe a lie. He appealed to their human nature.

What is the driving force of human nature? It is to satisfy the physical senses. Physical senses respond to various stimuli: sights, sounds, smells, textures, temperatures, thoughts. THOUGHTS? Do our physical senses respond to thoughts? *Thought* is: reasoning" power; the power to imagine; the process of thinking. The definition of *think* is: to form or have in the mind;

to have as an opinion (believe); to reflect on (ponder); to call to mind. Notice that the MIND is mentioned in this definition as the location of our thinking - our *thoughts*.

Where are the physical senses located? They exist in the body - the flesh, bone and blood body. And what is it that operates the body? THOUGHTS. Our thoughts - which come from our soul, our spirit, our MIND - operate our body. Solomon states that "...as he thinketh in his heart, so is he..." (Proverbs 23:7) Our thoughts generate and control the actions of our physical body. The Scriptures are full of references to show that it is by *thought* that we will be judged.

King Benjamin warned his people: "But this much I can tell you, that if ye do not watch yourselves, and your *thoughts*, and your words, and your deeds, and observe to keep the commandments of God, and continue in the faith of what ye have heard concerning the coming of our Lord, even unto the end of your lives, ye must perish." (Mosiah 2: 49) Alma warns that our thoughts will condemn us in his answer to Anthoniah (see Alma 9:22-25.) Christ warned his disciples against evil thoughts (see Matt. 15:19.) In Hebrews 4:12 Paul says "For the word of God is quick, and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the *thoughts* and intents of the heart."

God has placed us on earth to make the choice between eternal life or eternal death. He has created all things as a means for each soul to choose either to serve Him and be redeemed (through the atonement of Jesus Christ) and returned to His presence, or to reject Him and be forever cut off from Him. He gave us a body to house our soul, our spirit - to use as a means of making our choices.

“What, Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s”. (1<sup>st</sup> Cor 6:19-20) Our bodies are to be the Lord’s temple. God has placed our souls in a structure that will, by one means or another, cease to exist. The soul He has given us will not cease to exist - ever. The “temple” has a finite allotment of time. It serves as a vehicle by which our soul will travel the path of our daily life. God has given us the right, the privilege, the task of choosing the path. Our path determines our destination: the place where our soul will exist through eternity. (Eternity being a concept beyond our comprehension.) Our path goes through the geography of our daily lives. To a certain extent, we choose the geography through which we travel. How do we do this? We do it by the choices we make in every thing we do, say, THINK. We do it by how we choose to occupy our time while our soul dwells in our body - our temple.

How do we occupy our time? With what do we fill our temple? What substances, sights, sounds, pastimes, adornments, thoughts, nourishment, do we use to occupy and decorate our temple? To what being do we bring honor and

glory in our temple? We must seek shelter, safety, nourishment to keep the body alive and able to make choices. Nourishment means 1. to provide with food or substances necessary for life and growth. 2. to foster the development of; to promote.

When our basic needs are met, we seek things and people that give us “Pleasure”. In this current portion of the finite time that God has allotted for all mankind, people have an enormous amount of “free” time, and seek entertainment as a means of filling that time and experiencing “pleasure”. What is entertainment? It is popularly described as activity designed to relax, to take one’s MIND off of the dreary aspect of maintaining the basic needs of ourselves, or our family - to DISTRACT.

Do we have any basic needs other than shelter, safety, nourishment? Yes. We need salvation. Satan desires, and constantly strives, to DISTRACT us from an awareness of that great need, and from the effort that must be made to achieve it. What does Satan use to distract us? He appeals to our *human nature* just as he did in the Garden. He offers us many tempting ways to spend our time and occupy our thoughts. One example could be music.

Most people spend some time listening to, or producing music. Music is sound - noise consisting of combinations of any or all of the following: melody, rhythm, words (thoughts!). MUSIC is defined as: The art of arranging sounds in time to produce a composition that elicits an aesthetic (“aesthetic” :from Greek word for sense perception) response in a listener. Music occupies a wide range of type, style - even PURPOSE. Some people have an appreciation for music, some have a talent for it. Some cannot



produce it, nor perceive it. Music is generally regarded as a form of "art": the use of skill and imagination in the production of things of beauty.

There is a common axiom - "beauty is in the eye of the beholder", implying that what one individual finds aesthetically pleasing may not be so to another, and that there is no standard. Is there a godly standard for beauty in art forms? Yes, there is. There are many references in God's holy word that could be quoted, but a most simple direct statement was made by Paul to the Thessalonians: "Abstain from all appearance of evil." (I Thess 5:22)

Music that contains sounds, images, words (thoughts) that are degrading, violent, profane, lewd, - or in any way **Un-Christlike** appeals to that base human nature that the Lord has put us here to overcome. If we fill up the mind in our "temple" with these "nourishments" - what will we promote what will we cause to grow in our soul? Can we judge (make a choice based on a standard) the nature and source of the music we listen to? Current "popular music" can be described - at best - as "frivolous" (1. unworthy of serious attention, trivial. 2. inappropriately silly.), at worst - containing a very dangerous "appearance of evil. It distracts us, as do other canel temptations - liquor, cigarettes, drugs, partying, etc., - from the voice of God. To distract us from His voice is the express purpose of Satan.

We run a grave risk of becoming addicted to, of making an idol of, these distractions - these carnal, worldly things. "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye "are the temple of the living God: As God hath said, I will dwell in them; and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore, come out from among them and be

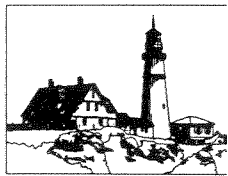
ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters saith the Almighty. (2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 6:16-18)

Can we hear His voice when we fill the ears of our "temple" with "unclean things"? Will He walk in our "Temple" when we fill it with "unclean things" viewed? We can not. He will not. We must keep our "temple" clear of Satan's distractions. We must keep our ears, eyes, thoughts ready to hear, see, think His word. Nephi advises us: "Wherefore, I said unto you, Feast upon the words of Christ, for behold the words of Christ will tell you all things whet ye should do." (2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 14:4) Christ's own words state what He expects of us: "Take heed therefore that the light which in thee be not darkness If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light "(Luke 11:35-36) If Christ were to enter the room as we are "relaxing", could we face him with a clear mind, with a body ("temple") full of light?

Christ is, of course, always in the room with us. He would always speak to us in that "still, small voice." How can we hear Him? By abstaining from by avoiding the distractions that Satan dangles before our eyes. our ears. our thoughts, our senses.

**Listen to the silence, in stillness, considering His wondrous work.**

**Janice Welch**



# PATH LIGHTS

## *An Answer to Prayer*

By: Apostle Marvin E. Ely

I wish to express my encouragement over how well the recent April Ministers Conference went. It was especially encouraging to be a witness of God answering the many prayers that were offered over this conference. When we unite our prayers together they become even more effective.

During the two days of Solemn Assembly that preceded conference we had ten specific needs over which we prayed. Three of these needs contributed to the smoothness in which the business was conducted. These three needs follow: 1. Pray for the coming conference, the Lord's will might be accomplished and that unity might prevail in our midst. 2. Pray for a greeter outpouring of the love of God in our hearts. 3. Pray for greater humility in our lives.

It was my turn to be Chairman over the opening business session, which duty I did not take lightly. The evening before the first business session I received a packet with the various notices, reports and recommendations in it. I went over them carefully and outlined how best to proceed making it a matter of earnest prayer that I would have wisdom in conducting the business. Also I prayed for the people who would be there as well.

The business went so well that it amazed everyone in attendance. Thirty five separate items were handled plus the election of officers and committees and also one oral report. Only one item remained in the packet.

As chairman I witnessed the members conduct business in love, kindness and consideration of one another. It was a marvelous experience and an answer to our earnest prayers.

During the afternoon business session the remaining business item was handled as well as three new ones that came in during the dinner break. After this all conference business sessions were adjourned until the appointed time in 1997. Provision was made for the previously arranged meetings of the Sunday school, United Workers, Appointees and Committee meetings as well as all the preaching services through Wednesday evening, April 3.

In the morning session I personally thanked everyone for the manner in which they conducted themselves. It was an answer the many prayers that were offered.

I see a growth in love for one another as well as consideration. I feel we are making progress but we must continue to intensify our efforts to become more humble and increase in our love for one another. We must earnestly pray against the forces of evil.

I am writing this to not only express my encouragement but to express the encouragement of others to whom I have talked. We have a great God and His Son to whom we can turn for our needs. To them belong the honor and the glory for all the things we receive.

## As First Time Parents

As first time parents, we begin to raise our children by the memories our parents left us. The holidays especially stand out. Mainly how much fun we had, every holiday that comes, comes with the tradition we were brought up on.

Our uneasiness comes when we study and the true meaning of the holidays and the true meaning of the traditions we have enforced come out.

Our daughter now six, has believed in the Easter bunny and the great Easter egg hunt. How do we take this tradition away when she remembers fun? We want her to feel Jesus is fun too.

Together as parents we have come up with a variation to help the transition and enforce the Easter story. There will still be a hunt but not for

eggs. We will be looking for Jesus.

The night before we will read the Easter story and set up our "life of Christ" play set, and put Jesus in the tomb. In the morning we will find he is not there. But why? We will look behind rocks for clues, (plastic egg with Bible verses and piece of candy. Verse will be something Jesus said to his disciples). At the end of the hunt we will find Jesus near a new Bible, or a Book of Mormon, or a religious video or a bible coloring book, or a cassette of hymns (age appropriate).

May God be with you. I'm sure every year it will vary. We will take each year as it comes. Enjoy your Easter, Jesus died for us. This we should celebrate!

Betsy Trudgen

## Our Daily Dosage

In our modern rushing world  
where confusion fills the air.  
It seems half the population  
Is under doctor's care.  
With a pill for this, a shot for that  
and tonic once a day,  
We try to Keep our bodies fit,  
our hair from turning gray.  
Good doctors do the best they can,  
and drugs may ease our pain,  
But the Greatest Doctor of all time  
made His prescription plain  
To loosen tension and stiff necks,  
to bring strained bodies ease  
Spend a few minutes three times a day

In bending both the knees.  
A spoonful of meditation When  
patience grows too thin,  
Will calm the nerves and help us  
Feel cheerful once again.  
A capsule of scripture reading  
And a level cup of Prayer  
Taken first thing in the morning  
Will soothe most any care  
To do away with tonic bottles,  
And reduce the doctor's bill,  
Just heed the Great Physician  
And try to do His Will.

By Essie Hyatt

# Lillian Marie Brown

Our dear sister was born August 31, 1898 in Newark, N.J. the daughter of William and Katharine Cunningham. Much of Lillian's childhood was spent in an orphanage. In her teenage years she was taken in by a kindly family and in return for child care she was sent to nursing school. And so Lillian became a nurse. Her compassionate nature and this new skill allowed her to mend the body and the heart. Lillian married in 1919 and from this union had five children. Raising her family as a single parent she worked long and hard. Times were hard, especially for a divorced mother of five. But, as was her nature, this was a labor of love and her burdens were burdens of joy. Living now in Houston, Mo. Lillian found the Church of Christ. The Saints there nurturing and being nurtured by this new sister in Christ who was baptized May 17, 1931.

Lillian is preceded in death by a son, Clyde I. Brown, July 10, 1964 and a daughter, Helen E. Brown, July 29, 1990. She is survived by a son, Norman E. Brown of Raytown, Mo. and two daughters, Mary L. Cuffle of Kansas City, Mo. and Velma I. Barger of Lake Orion, Mich., 14 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren.

For many years Lillian lived in Gladbrook, Iowa before moving to Raytown, Mo. Her family is a reflection of her love and compassion in taking care of her — every need and care. This devotion is rare in this day and time. Lillian passed from this earthly life March 16, 1996 while at home in the comfort of her own room. She will never be forgotten and will always be

missed by all who knew her. Yet, we know that she now resides with our Master in the paradise of God and that one day we will surely see her again, in glory.

Lillian reminisced one day about a time when an infant had grown cold and stiff and the Doctor not knowing what to do. Lillian was called in to help. She placed the child in a warmed oven. Soon his color returned and he was well again. That baby was at her side at her funeral. Now a grown man. What a marvelous testimony of her heart that warms even the soul.

Lillian was laid to rest March 19, 1996 at 10am. at the Mt. Washington Cemetery in Independence, Mo. Elders Charles and Andrew Brantner officiating with beautiful soul reaching hymns sung by Sister Neva Housnecht.

From this meek and humble lady flowed great love and compassion for all. She touched the hearts of all who knew her with a kind and sincere spirit.

To have known you is to love you and is a gift from God, Farewell sweet Lillian, till we meet again.

## Announcements

### 1996 Phoenix Reunion

Join with us for a weekend of spiritual refreshment. 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 29th through Sunday, December 1st, 1996.

For more information, or if you plan to attend, please contact:

**PASTOR:**

Elder Joel Yates  
2924 E. Rockwood Dr.  
Phoenix, AZ 85024-3436  
(602) 569-9296

**ASSISTANT PASTORS:**

Elder Gordon McCann 18808 N. 30th St. Phoenix, AZ 85024-3436 (602)569-2341	Priest Glenn Orsted 1327 E. Wescott Dr. Phoenix, AZ 85024-2393 (602) 780-8764
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*If you cannot attend, please remember the reunion in your prayers.*

### COLORADO REUNION

Once again, we are pleased to invite all of you to the Colorado Reunion, to be held on June 7, 8 and 9, 1996, at the Orchard Mesa Local, Church of Christ, 3233 B 1/2 Road, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Space for visitors in our homes is very limited so we urge you to let us know of your plans as soon as possible. Our committee will also be glad to send you local motel information.

David D. Larsen  
3043 B Road  
Grand Junction, CO 81503  
(970) 434-7830

Daniel L. Carroll 2991 B 3/4 Road Grand Junction, CO 81503 (970) 243-8567	Robert L. Ely 3201 B 1/2 Road Grand Junction, CO 81503 (970) 434-8090
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We are looking forward to having you visit us and join with us in the worship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Enid E. Bell, Secretary

### Michigan Reunion

This year the Michigan Reunion will be held at the Bradley Local. We are happy to invite ALL to come and share the joy of our new Church Home.

DATE: June 15th and 16th (Father's Day Weekend)  
PLACE: 129th Ave. Bradley, Michigan

We have plenty of room for campers of any size, contact:

Bernie Ritsema  
4889 Chief Noon Day Rd.  
Hastings, MI 49058  
Phone:( 616)-945-5173

Housing available by contacting

Elder Adam Porter 9 Market St Middleville, MI 49333 Phone: 616-795-2694	Duane Lee 2054 Fawn Ave Middleville, MI 49333 Phone: 616-795-7420
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We look forward to many spiritual meetings, and fellowship with our brothers and sisters.

Elder LaVerne Lussenden, Pastor

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## Announcements

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### Missouri Reunion

The Missouri Reunion Committee would like to invite all to attend the 1996 Missouri Reunion, which will be held August 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 1996. All meetings will be held at the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) building located on the Temple Lot, Independence, Missouri

For information please contact:

Isaac Brockman, Sr.	Rolamd Sarratt
1203 Baker Dr.	15910 E. 36 <sup>th</sup> Terr.
Indep. MO 64050	Indep. MO 64055
(1) 254-8190	(816) 373-6605

Smith "Buzz" Brickhouse  
5713 Logan Rd.  
Kansas City, MO 64136  
(816) 356-9214

### Arizona Camp For All Ages

JULY 5 through JULY 7, 1996

The ranch will be open on July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for camping, hiking and fellowship, however no meals will be provided until the evening of July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Location: Walnut Ranch, Heber, Arizona  
(a map is available upon request)

Join us as we worship God, study His word, and grow in love for one another in a beautiful mountain setting. Activities are planned for all ages everyone is welcome to attend.

Please let us know if you can attend so that we can plan more accurately for meals and activities.

### **Contact:**

Bob Hedrick  
19049 North 29th Str  
Phoenix, Arizona 85024  
(602) 569-3385

Andy Brown  
2916 E. Rockwood Drive  
Phoenix, Arizona 85024  
(602) 569-9745

### Houston

Houston Singing Special at the Houston Local on Saturday May 25th starting at 7pm.. all are welcome to attend.

### Houston Rally

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The Houston Local invites you to attend this wonderful event. Please contact Apostle Marvin Ely or Elder Virgil Addie for details.

### Missouri Camp For All Ages

This years camp will be on the dates of June 28-30.

Camp will start Friday evening at camp Aurora near Windyvill, MO and end Sunday noon.

Meals will be provided Saturday and Sunday, for more information contact:

Rickey Olson  
5629 Logan Rd.  
K. C. MO 64136

# News

## Collins Local News

It's beginning to look like spring around here—and a welcome sight it is! Some folks even have their gardens planted, although, we're not one of them. (We try not to rush into things if we can help it!) There hasn't been as much rain this spring as we normally have and last fall left us terribly dry too, so we keep the need for more moisture in our prayers from day to day. Without sufficient rain for our pastures and fields we may be forced to sell our cows. I hope it doesn't come to that. I guess we'll pray and wait.

Don and Betty McIndoo had a little bit of extra time after Conference was over so they zipped down to our area for a brief visit. We enjoyed our time together, as we always do.

The three churches here in our community; met together for our annual Sunrise Service at the Christian Church. Each church participated in the service by bringing a special or two. The sermon was provided by the Christian Church pastor, Gary Strickland. Afterwards we had a hot breakfast served to us by the ladies of their church.

Later in the morning we enjoyed a volunteer program at our own church. Marvin and Samantha Cook were visiting over the weekend at Marvin's mother's home, Norma Cook, and came and shared their good talents with us. There weren't too many of us there that morning, but we had a real nice program in celebration of Christ's resurrection and finished the day's service with a sacrament service. It seemed so appropriate for Easter.

I've gathered a few sermon quotes I'll share with you in closing.

Do our works glorify God?

I don't think any of us are immune to finding other things alluring or tempting.

If God's word falls on deaf ears and nothing ever comes of it, then it has accomplished nothing.

It's not by our death that we make a living sacri-

fice-it's by our life.

Daily we're dealing with what's our mind.

What makes a church more righteous is when the individual becomes more right. The Lord has made us with the possibility of becoming perfect. If you think Mom and Dad are strict—the Lord is stricter!! If you, as an individual, are not at church—the church is maimed not complete.

Your reporter,  
Czerna Kauffman

## Houston Local News

The Houston Local has been enjoying the many visitors who have graced the Church these last few months. We are always so pleased to see every one on each Sunday and Wednesday, We have been so blessed with such strong ministry and with the grace that God has granted out local. Our members, though ill at times, have maintained fairly good health and have been provided for in times of need.

The future of our local is ever-changing. David and Carol Keeney are expecting a baby boy sometime in June. Tanya Carney is to be married this Summer, (More details are forthcoming when available,) Jeremy and B. J. Carney's little girl Cheyenne, has been improving health-wise. She has sleep apnea (I believe) and has been administered to several times. Donald Gill and Tracie Harvill (Me) are to be married on June 1st at the Church of Christ Temple Lot 12:00.

The Houston Local invites every one to the Houston Singing Special on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.. Please mark you calendars to attend the Houston Rally on the Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Our Church now has a phone, the number is (417) 967-3889.

With love and prayers  
Tracie Harvill

## CHURCH OF CHRIST CONFERENCES

The 1997 Ministers' Conference (general membership) for the Church of Christ will commence Sunday, April 6. The business sessions will start at 9:00 A.M. Monday, April 7. A Solemn Assembly will be held prior to the conference, on April 4 & 5. All services will be held on the Temple Lot.

The 1996 Ministers' Conference (priesthood membership) of the Church of Christ will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 21 through 23, at Independence, Missouri.

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