

Zion's Advocate

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

1 Nephi 3:187

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Someday

There's a loving letter, I mean to send,
There's a visit, I mean to pay
There's a careless habit, I hope to mend,
When I get time, someday.

There's a dusty Bible, I mean to read,
There's an hour, I'll keep to pray,
And, I'll turn each dream to a golden deed,
When I get time, someday.

I'll carry flowers to the sick and sad,
I'll seek for those, who stray.
You may trace my steps by hearts made glad,
When I get time, someday.

So we've thought, and so we've said,
Yet, how sad to relate,
That busy with less important things,
We've waited until, to late.

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Editorial...

PEACEMAKERS

By Elder Arthur G. Smith

“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.” St. Matthew 5: 9.

I have often read this verse of scriptures and so have you many times. At the same time I have considered how this could be applied to our conduct in life. How do we become peacemakers? We are surrounded daily by controversy, quarreling, arguments, and sometimes disagreeable people who make up our world at school, work or play. In order to function and get along in our daily lives we struggle to protect ourselves, and who we really are; to maintain control of our feelings, emotions, and sometimes our physical well being.

In our society today we have an enormous crime problem and it seems there is no solution in the laws of the land. It is not only a problem here in our country but world wide. In anger persons commit crimes

of violence, killing and injuring others wholesale, and it is not only adults, but children committing violent acts against other children, even to their parents. All the modern tools of communication are used by Satan to educate our cultures how to destroy ourselves both physically and spiritually.

Most often when we are confronted with some controversy, difference of opinion on different viewpoint we are confronted with the unpleasant necessity of making a choice, taking a position, or quietly declining to commit ourselves. A good many of us take an active part and voice our opinion as a personal right and our privilege. Often these are matters of no great consequence and no harm is done to any of the parties. There are times when it is of great importance to make the right choices and stand for the truth and for what we believe to be right. “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and

good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.” James 3: 17-18

Obviously, to have that wisdom from above we need the Holy Spirit, for wisdom is a gift and we cannot be a peacemaker without first being at peace with God. As the prophet Amos wrote, “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” We have to walk with God to enjoy the gifts of the Spirit. To be a peacemaker is then a high calling that when exercised will bear the fruit of righteousness with God’s help.

In the message that Jesus gave to the Nephites on this continent we read with respect to our conduct as a people of God the firm instruction, “And there shall be no disputations among you, as there hath hitherto been; neither shall there be disputations among you concerning the points of my doctrine, as there hath hitherto been. For verily, verily I say unto you, He that hath the spirit of contention, is not of me, but

is of the devil, which is the father of contention, and he stirreth up the hearts of men to contend with anger one with another. Behold, this is not my doctrine, to stir up the hearts of men with anger one against another; but this is my doctrine, that such things should be done away." Third Book of Nephi, 5: 29-31. Again Jesus spoke to them about contentions after giving some instructions of how to handle certain people who come into the church. We read, "And I give you these commandments, because of the disputations which hath been among you beforetimes. And blessed are ye if ye have no disputations among you." He would that we have peaceful agreement and no arguments especially about his doctrine and practices in the church. Unfortunately we often find ourselves confronted with such circumstances because of our human weakness being prone to be selfishly motivated. Apostle Paul wrote. "But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God." I Cor. 11: 16. He perceived that there were divi-

sions (opposing opinions with strife. A.G.S.) among the church people at Corinth and he praised them not, clearly stating this is not an acceptable practice. What can we do when we find ourselves confronted with errors in teaching or practice? Are we to keep silent and concede to the opponent just to keep the peace? Jude wrote we should contend for right, "-that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." (verse 3). We would be careful to note that there is room to contend for the truth without anger as Paul wrote to Timothy. "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves:" 2 Timothy, 2: 24.

I am thoroughly convinced that if we as a people who claim to be the Church of Christ would attend strictly to the business of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ as so plainly outlined in Third Book of Nephi, chapter 5, verses 32 through 44, that we would experience the power of the Holy Spirit among us. It is the propensity among us

to argue and contend about things that are in some sense questionable and marginal to the doctrines of the soul's salvation that is the source of much contention and disputation among us. I am thrilled in my heart when I remember the real purpose and the message of the ministry and the doctrine of our Lord. Why He came into this wicked world and what He did to provide salvation for my soul and yours is the greatest love story of all time. It needs to be told over and over again. I am also convinced that it is this teaching that will bring peace to the world, to our country, to our neighborhoods, to our families, and most of all to the Church of Christ. To become peacemakers we need only to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. (And it is promised to you and I of this age. A.G.S.) For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, The just shall live by faith." Romans 1: 16-17.

Path Lights

All Things Great And Small

We should pray to God about all things great and small. There was a time that mail was very important to me. We were young, we had just moved away and were very home sick.

I would wait on the steps of the apartment for the mailman every day. If I did not get any mail I made myself believe he just forgot to leave it. One morning I remembered a dream that I forgot to get the mail. The feeling was so strong that at 8:00 A.M., I checked my box. It was empty. I know it was too early for the mail and it was something that I would not have forgotten to pick up the day before, but still the feeling was so strong.

I checked again, still empty. Around 9:00 A.M., I heard a knock at the door. We knew no one... Who could it be? It was a little girl with a letter from a good friend mine. Her mother had found it tucked in with her mail. Thank you God, in Jesus' holy name!

In later years on a morning

when I awoke it was impressed on me that something bad was going to happen. I did not want to leave the house, but still I had a lesson go to. I dropped Amanda off with a good friend and drove to my lesson. There was one parking space left. I noticed a cement post beside the space near my left rear side. I made a mental note to remember it. After the lesson, I reminded myself of the post.

I waited patiently in the car for the last car to leave before pulling out, trying to be extra careful. I thought if I waited I could save time by pulling out differently and wouldn't have to turn around at the end. As I pulled out, I put a big dent in my front left side. How was I going to tell my husband. He would be very upset. I prayed all day for God to give me courage to tell him.

That night I asked Dennis to help me take the trash out. When we got into the garage I told him. He was very upset. "How could you hit it when

you knew it was there?" He wouldn't talk to me the rest of the night. I was scared he would not forgive me. I prayed that God would help him understand. It was an accident and I didn't do it on purpose.

The next day, the trash men left the bins in the middle of the drive. I told Dennis that I would move them for him "Don't be silly, I know they're there. I won't hit them." We said good-bye and as I was walking toward the kitchen, I heard a crash. In his hurry he backed right into the metal bins. I could not resist as he got out to move the bins, I had to ask "How could you hit them, you knew they were there." God heard my prayers and he has a sense of humor too.

Remember to pray for all things and remember to give thanks. Thank you God, in Jesus' holy name.

Sister Betsy Trudgen

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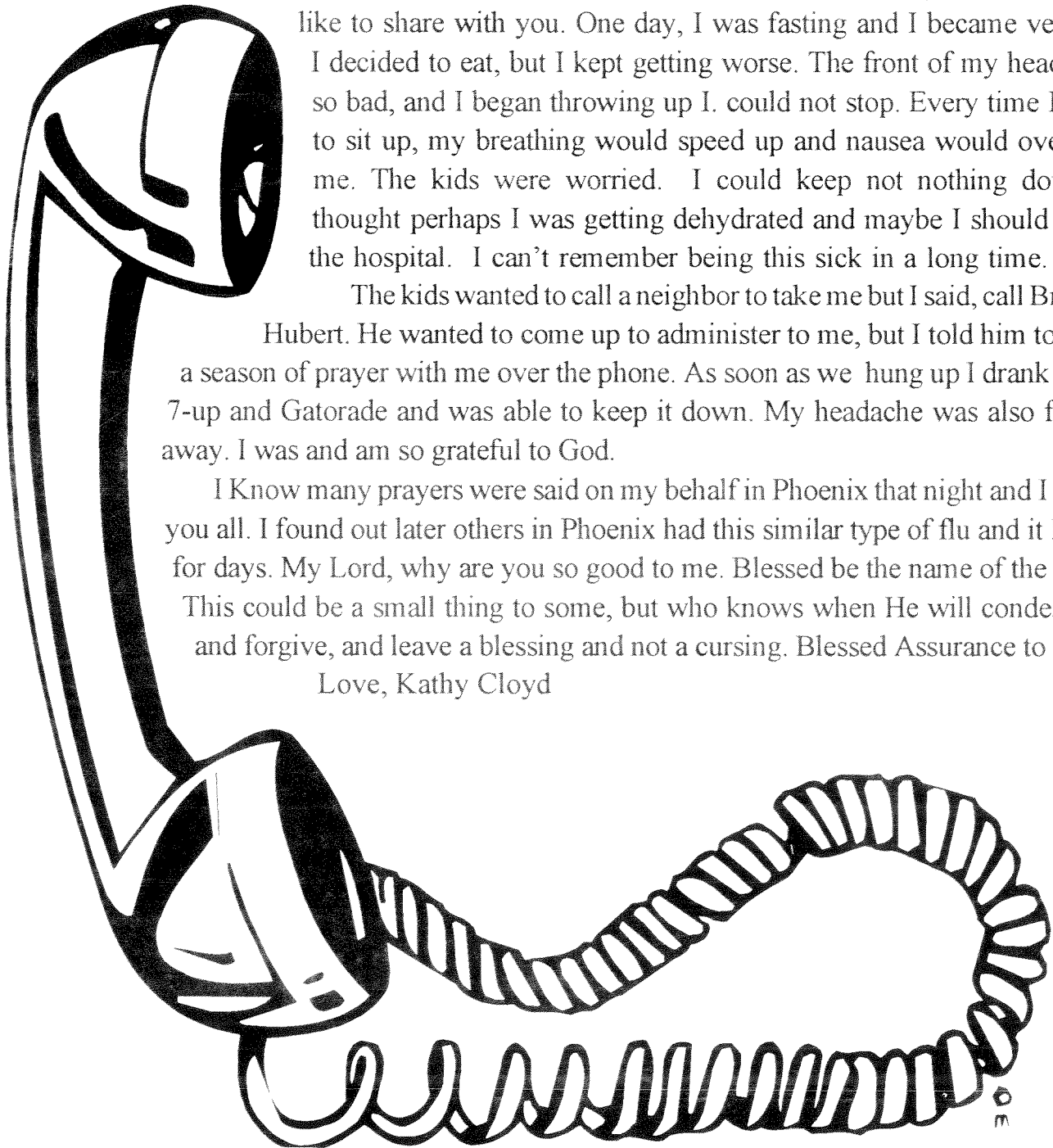
A Blessing Over The Phone

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I recently had a marvelous experience I would like to share with you. One day, I was fasting and I became very ill. I decided to eat, but I kept getting worse. The front of my head hurt so bad, and I began throwing up I. could not stop. Every time I tried to sit up, my breathing would speed up and nausea would overtake me. The kids were worried. I could keep not nothing down. I thought perhaps I was getting dehydrated and maybe I should go to the hospital. I can't remember being this sick in a long time.

The kids wanted to call a neighbor to take me but I said, call Brother Hubert. He wanted to come up to administer to me, but I told him to have a season of prayer with me over the phone. As soon as we hung up I drank some 7-up and Gatorade and was able to keep it down. My headache was also fading away. I was and am so grateful to God.

I Know many prayers were said on my behalf in Phoenix that night and I thank you all. I found out later others in Phoenix had this similar type of flu and it lasted for days. My Lord, why are you so good to me. Blessed be the name of the Lord. This could be a small thing to some, but who knows when He will condescend and forgive, and leave a blessing and not a cursing. Blessed Assurance to all.

Love, Kathy Cloyd



Doris Geraldine Ratterree

Doris Geraldine Ratterree was born to Elmer and Laura Long on September 16, 1912 in Lamoni, IA. Her father was a preacher and missionary and her mother, whom he married when she was 18, was an adopted daughter of Thomas and Louisa Stuart.

The following entries were found in Thomas McKee Stuart's Journal. Thomas McKee Stuart was Doris's grandfather who lived with the Long family in his later years and kept a personal journal from 1842 until his death in 1922.

Monday, September 16, 1912, cold and damp, temperature 56, a little baby girl came to us at 11:50 a.m. to live here. Mother and baby doing well at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Laura Long brought forth a big girl weighing 9 lbs. Mrs. Dr. Gareer assisted.

Wednesday, September 18, 1912, sister Case is working here with us. She is a fine cook and housekeeper and takes good care of Laura and the new baby. It was lucky that

E. E. Long got her to attend to his family, at this critical moment. He has been repairing a cistern every day since he came back from Saskatchewan and has almost run his feet off with the new baby girl.

Sunday, Sept. 22, 1912, Temp. 47, Mrs. Joanna Case is doing fine for us, cooking and attending to Laura and baby, while Laura is in the straw. E. E. Long is going to preach at the brick church tonight.

Friday, September 27, 1912, Temp. 48. Mrs. Case has gone home after 10 days attending Laura and baby Victoria. . . as I call her.

Doris was child number 4 in a family of six born to Elmer and Laura. Wilbur, Rogenne, Louella, Doris, Margaret and Elmer. All have passed on except for Margaret and Elmer. Her father, Elmer E. Long, was a missionary for the Church and was gone for long periods of time on mission work in places like Ontario and Saskatchewan in Canada.

Doris was baptized into

the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints September 19, 1920. Doris came into the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), by transfer May 25, 1929.

The family moved from Lamoni, Iowa to Independence, Missouri when Doris was 9 years old and she lived in Independence and surrounding area most of her life. She grew up in a house on East Walnut Street and was graduated from William Chrisman High School in 1930. The yearbook described her as, "... as having a wonderful brain and runs it herself."

Shortly after High School she married James A. Hedrick, great grandson of Granville Hedrick, one of the founders and leaders of the early Temple Lot Church. Jim and Doris became farmers and lived on several farms in Eastern Jackson County. Among the things they grew were children. They had 5 children in 7 years.

In 1942, they moved to a farm near Schell City, Mis-

souri and continued farming until 1945 when they were separated and then divorced in 1946.

Doris then moved with her 5 children back to Independence. Having married young, a housewife and mom most of her adult life with no real employable skills, this was a particularly difficult time in her life. Now, on her own, a single mom with 5 children, the oldest just 12 years old, was an overwhelming prospect. But, the thing that sustained her and gave her the courage and strength to go on was an uncompromising faith in the promise that God would provide. And, she believed he would. . . and, He did.

She took each new day as it came, threw herself into a life of supporting her family as best she could, making whatever personal sacrifices were necessary to keep food on the table and clothes on our backs. It appeared little thought was given to her personal needs and desires, but kept focused on her family, her work and frequent prayer. Friends and family helped with much needed encouragement and support particularly

her two sisters Margaret and Louella. Help came from many other sources, individuals and groups, and often at moments help was most desperately needed.

The late forties, fifties was spent raising her family and helping to get them started in a life of their own. 1962 brought a new phase into her life. Doris at 50, was faced with the prospect of an empty nest, and alone for the first time since she was a 18-year-old girl. During this time she worked as a bookkeeper and office manager for several printing companies in Kansas City and when she retired at 62, she soon began working as secretary at the Church of Christ (Temple Lot).

In 1963 she married Raymond Ratterree. Mr. Ratterree, a widower, was married to Doris's older sister Rogene who passed away some time previously. He had known Doris since she was 12 years old. They started corresponding by mail since he lived in Arizona and eventually, courted and were married. This was a very happy time for Doris having a devoted and loving husband. But it was

short-lived. Ray died of a heart attack after a short 5 months of marriage.

In the years following, Doris lived at her home on South Logan Street in Independence staying active in the church and spending as much time with her friends and family as she could. She found great joy in being with her grandchildren and great grandchildren who lived locally and traveled frequently to where the others lived. They were her delight and she never wearied from seeing them or being with them. She enjoyed her many close friends and was very active socially with them.

In the last four years of her life, she suffered a serious fall, diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease and was not able to live alone again. She required constant care. Resthaven is truly an outstanding home and in every way, as they claim, a loving, Christ-centered facility. The Family cannot say enough good things about her care at Resthaven.

Doris was a quiet, simple woman requiring very little personally. Soft-spoken and

capable of great love, but stubborn and quietly uncompromising on the things she believed in. Her unquestioned courage was supported by her firm trust in God and the promise of Jesus Christ through faith as her personal Savior.

Among the many memories of my mother, there are two things about her that are most memorable for me. One is her remarkable, unyielding faith. The other is the miracle

that occurred every time she smiled. With each smile every tissue, muscle, crevice and wrinkle in her whole face lit up and the whole world became happiness. A virtual explosion took place on her face. She loved to laugh and be happy. Every wrinkle testified to it, and every wrinkle, she earned.

Doris had 39 descendants. Five children, Mary Margaret Ackenhausen, Alma (Al) Hedrick, Geraldine

Elizabeth Adams, two sons now deceased, James A. and Granville Robert, 15 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. She was 84 years, 2 months and 9 days old on November 25, 1996, when she passed away peacefully.

Written by her son,
Al Hedrick,
November 27, 1996

East Local News

This report begins with a testimony given at one of the prayer meetings by Brother Ray Hunholz. He said, "Uncomfortable as I am in driving in heavy traffic areas, I asked a woman with whom I have business dealings if she would mind coming to my home. She came and we concluded our business and I accompanied her to the door. I have several Books of Mormon laying around the house, and one happened to be on the table next to the doorway. Upon noticing it she said, "Oh, are you Mormon?" I said, "Well I'm

not Mormon in the sense you might think, I'm not a member of the Utah Mormon church, but I am a member of the East Local of the Temple Lot Church of Christ, and we preach from the Bible and the Book of Mormon." She said that she and her husband were members of the RLDS until they began to ordain women into the ministry. At that time they withdrew their membership. She said her roots went very deep in the history of the church telling me that her grandfather was a Butterworth.

I invited her to come and join with us in worship at either the Temple Lot or the East Local whereupon she said she was going to tell me a true story that always brought tears to her eyes, and that I should forgive her if it did that day. She said that one day she and her husband were over at the Peace Temple watching some of the progress in the construction. They had a little three year old niece with them. While they were looking at the newly constructed building, her little niece was looking across the street at the Temple

Lot, and out of her mouth came these words as she pointed— “That’s where Jesus is going to come.”

The preachers of the month were Brethren Tony Grzincic, Samuel Gould, Steven McGhee, Larry Beem, William Sheldon and Smith Brickhouse. I was absent on the Sunday that Brothers Sheldon and Brickhouse spoke, so that will have to come in a later report. Some of the pertinent comments were — Our allegiance to Christ is for Eternity. Christ is not divided against Himself. Conflicts of doctrine hurt the church. A house divided against itself cannot stand. We as a people must become one if we are to achieve the purpose the Lord has for the Church of Christ, Division destroys. Christ was crucified that we might have Eternal life. He will bless this life also, if we are obedient. He doesn’t always make our way easy, but as we are recipients of the gift of that greater light of the Restored Gospel, we are obligated to be more responsive to God’s will and purpose. Though not easy He makes it possible.

The natural man loves

self more than God. It is at enmity with God. We must not arbitrate God’s commandments. We are to follow His example. We are to live the love of Jesus towards our fellow man. We are to forgive both our brethren and our enemies. We are commanded to meet together often to join in fasting and prayer. The sons of Mosiah accomplished the Lord’s work through mighty fasting and prayer. The world became the apple of the garden of Eden. Humanity is still partaking of that fruit. Mercy surpasses justice giving man a time to prepare to meet God. God’s judgments are just. He gave man the agency to choose and to receive the reward or the results of that choice. No man can shut the door opened by Joseph Smith and those other men of the early years of the Restoration. Zion shall not be moved out of her place. No other place is appointed. In the year 1867 the Church began the gathering of the saints back to the Land of Zion. God has said that if we are at ease in Zion—Wo. When fully ripe in iniquity the people perish. But when obedient righteousness

shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. The greatest gift we can be given is the gift of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We cannot keep ourselves unspotted from the world without that gift. The good works to which God has ordained us are those instigated by that Spirit dwelling in us. (otherwise even good works can be done for selfish purposes.) We must come to obey His commandments because we love Him. We need to allow His pure love which is Charity to possess us. We need to allow His Spirit to have complete control over our lives. God’s promises are sure to those who comply. Sometimes we may feel that our prayers are not answered, and wonder if He has heard. He knows what our needs are, but He does want us to ask. He hears, He listens and He answers, and sometimes the answer is “no”. We must needs humble ourselves, we must repent, and we should not procrastinate any longer or it may become too late. God works miracles in lives through the power of prayer. Secret prayers are rewarded openly. Prayer can be

most simple. He has said, "Whatsoever ye ask in my name, that is right, believing ye shall receive-it will be given unto you." Note that - "if it is right!" No man can serve two masters. Where our treasure is that is where our hearts will be also. We cannot serve God and self. If we do not or can not forgive, we cannot be forgiven. We must live in Thanksgiving daily. East Local part 2. In the Sacrament service of August, Brother Ray Hunholz bore his testimony of the thoughts that came to his mind in his morning devotions regarding the events to which this service relates, all that sacrifice of Christ. And he kept repeating, "And He did it for you and for me." He also referred to these words of another song, Have you counted the cost if your soul should be lost? - the cost to Christ if His sacrifice is for naught. As he was speaking Sister Linda Gould started jotting down each statement, and then realized it was forming a poem. Later another found a melody, and it was sung at the evening service of December 8. Following are the words of the song.

HE DID IT FOR YOU AND FOR ME

When Christ took upon Him
That crown of thorns
He did it for you and for me.
When Christ bore the cross
Of the sins of the World
He did it for you and for me.

When Christ had His body
Nailed to the tree
He did it for you and for me.
When Christ laid down
His body that day
He did it for you and for me.

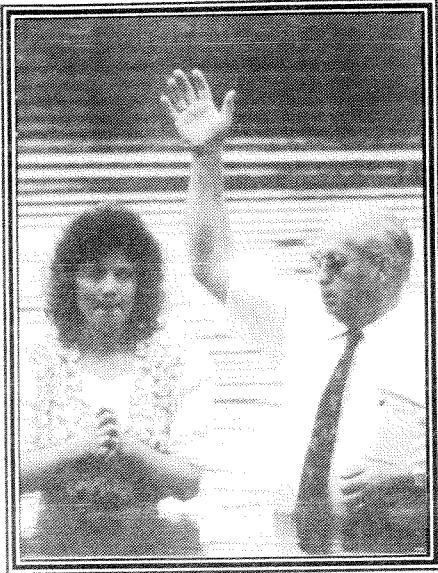
When Christ gave His all
That man might not fall
He did it for you and for me.
That man might be saved
From death and the grave
He did it for you and for me.

Chorus.

He did it for you and for me,
He did it for you and for me.
Have you counted the cost
If your soul should be lost?
He did it for you and for me.

Reporter: Amy Schrader

Ravenna Local News



Angela Paulsan



Shirley Wydeck

On Sunday October 20th we were very happy to welcome two nonmembers into our Church, Angela Paulsen and Shirley Wydeck. It was a beautiful ceremony, because they went into the waters together, Elder Arron Heath baptized sister Shirley and Elder Max Spencer Baptized sister Angela. It was a cold day but we were warm in our hearts. We were very happy to

welcome two new members. Angies husband, daughter, brother and nephew also attended this joyous occasion and so did Shirleys husband. We were all so glad they came to.

I had to go to the hospital and have an echogram and I didn't get very good results. It seems that I have a blockage of calcium in a valve which keeps the blood from flowing

freely. So on December, 4 I must have a heart catherization which will tell if I must have heart surgery. So I will trust in the Lord that he will take care of me. And I humbly ask that you will all pray for me, I will need all the prayers I can get, I will ask that the Lords will be done as I know our Lord and Savior knows what is best in all things.

We have a Christmas dinner planed for December 18th and hope to have a good attendance. God willing I will be able to help my daughter Sue Heath with the preparations.

It has been very cold in this part of the country God gives us the beautiful snow but I hope this year he is not to generous with it as I am not allowed to shovel or do anything very strenuous.

Wishing you Gods blessings and Happy Holidays

Your reporter
Norma Keith

Temple Lot Local News

Winter in Independence started early this year. On October 22, we received an unseasonable eight inches of snow. Typical of Missouri, though, we've had days of 65 degrees thrown in among our bitter cold ones.

Sunday, October 13, two babies were blessed. Brianne Morgan Housknecht, daughter of Jessica Housknecht was blessed by Elders Dick Wheaton and Gary Housknecht. Alyssa Marie Fann, daughter of Bill and Cynthia Fann, was blessed by Elders Samuel Gould and Rodger Bruner.

Our sister Doris Ratterree passed away on November 25 in Independence. Doris was 84 years old and was a member of the Temple Lot Local. Elders Nicholas Denham and Alvin Harris officiated at the service on November 30. As we listened to the eulogy, written by Doris' son Al Hedrick, our hearts were touched by the story of her courage and faith. Tears accompanied smiles as we shared a video of Doris' life and family. Those

who had known her for years were thankful they had. Those of us who had known her only a little while left the service wishing we had known her longer.

Our young brother Sam Gould entered the U.S. Army in August. After finishing basic training at Fort Benning, GA, he came home at Thanksgiving to the welcome of family and friends. Sam returned to Fort Campbell, Ky. and is scheduled to be sent overseas in late December. We miss seeing Sam at our church services and activities and pray for his safety during his service to our country.

These past months have been filled with the usual flow of activities. The United Workers met in November at Grace Rudd's home to create gifts for the annual caroling party. Each member of the Jr. and Sr. Choir will receive a gift. The United Workers sponsor the baskets given at the homes, plus the gifts and refreshments for choir members each year. In December,

they enjoyed a Christmas party. Secret pals were revealed and new ones chosen. Refreshments and good fellowship were enjoyed.

The CARE Group went "fall caroling" in early November. They traveled to the homes of Forest and Irene Maley, Kate Moyer, Edna Smith and Gladys Nast to sing favorite hymns and to share and listen to testimonies.

The YPCL had a calendar full of activities during October and November: elections; a bonfire and planning meeting at Sheldon's; fall clean-up for several elderly members; a study and video about Native Americans at the Brickhouse home; attended a play, the "King and I"; a study on handling conflict at the Oldham home; and the Christmas social at the Temple Lot Local. Leader for the new year is Jeff Oldham and his assistants are Jane Ann Stancil and Rick Olson. The local especially appreciated the new trees planted by Don Case and the YPCL during their work day.

In October, Jr. Young People's leader Tamara Grim, assisted by Darla Warfield, took a group of 15 excited children to the Kansas City Zoo. Then in November, Tamara and Darla met at the church with the children to make soap and candy. Later they went to the homes of several of our older brothers and sisters and gave their creations as gifts of thanksgiving.

On Saturday, December 7, nine couples met at Don and Bonnie Case's home for a Marriage Enrichment Retreat. Glen and Margaret Gill lead the couples through various activities: viewing a video by Apostle Don McIndoo on scriptural husbands and wives; group discussions, individual couple time aided by a workbook, shared meals and prayer. The retreat material was prepared by four local couples in 1996 with the purpose of providing a one day

scripture-based workshop to strengthen and enrich marriages. Glen and Margaret have traveled to Arizona, Minnesota, and southern Missouri to facilitate the retreats.

The church is filled with music between services on Sunday. At 2:00 p.m., Martha Bruner practices with a group of nine men. They are preparing a cantata, "The Bible," to sing in the spring. When they're finished, Janice Welch directs the Christmas cantata choir through their practice. After Christmas, that time will be given to the conference choir practice. There is often a group of young people or others around the piano when it is free, practicing a special or creating a new song.

The Social Committee planned a Christmas get-together for December 14. The young children enjoyed a large Hershey Kiss pinata and the adults and young people

were challenged by a game of Christmas Jeopardy created by Harvey L. Seibel.

In October, Apostle Roland Sarratt preached a special two-night series on "Our Heritage: Ancient/Past and Modern/Present." The first night, he reminded us of God's promises to Abraham and Joseph, using scriptures to show how those prophecies and promises have been fulfilled. On the second night, Brother Sarratt focused on the prophecies for modern times, the signs of the last days. He lifted a warning voice: "Judgment will begin in his church. We have to submit (to God)...overcome wickedness and our own wills. We have to make decisions everyday to remain faithful to the Lord...endure to the end."

Your Sister,
Debbie Vogel

A Special Service

Join us in the celebration of the 130th anniversary of the return of the Saints to the Land of Zion and the Temple Lot.

A slide program will be

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7:00 PM Feb. 27, 1997

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Attention

Young People's Christian League of Independence is currently producing a newsletter called Crossroads. The purpose of this newsletter is to be a spiritual help to teens. Produced quarterly, each Crossroads contains a testimony by a young person, an article by a minister of the Church of Christ, a local YPCL report, and several other articles all written by teenagers. In our next issue, will have a "Meet

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