

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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The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord:
and he delighteth in his way.

Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down:
for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

The law of his God is in his heart; none of his
steps shall slide.

Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall
exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked
are cut off, thou shalt see it.

Psalms 37: 23,24,31,34

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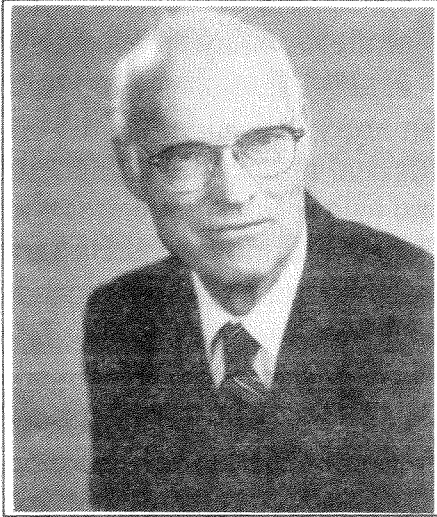
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To promote Jesus Christ as our only Saviour;
To promote His Teachings & His Church, the Church of Christ;
To be a voice of warning to His people; To be Zion's advocate.

“Bear Ye One Another’s Burdens” From A Sermon By: Apostle Marvin E. Ely



Apostle Marvin E. Ely

“Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2. In my missionary travels and also at the Local Church level I have noted a definite increase in the problems and trials that people are having. This was particularly true for the year of 1996 in which I encountered many people with varied problems. On numerous occasions during this past year the Houston Local Church kneeled in prayer to pray for those with special needs. We must support one another in our prayers both in

our churches and our private places. By doing this we can help bear another person’s burdens.

“Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:14-16. We do have a definite duty to pray for one another that we may be healed.

King Benjamin did not place burdens upon his people but did teach them to keep the commandments of the Lord. He said:

“And even I, myself, have labored with mine own hands, that I might

serve you, and that ye should not be laden with taxes, and that there should nothing come upon you which was grievous to be borne; and of all these things which I have spoken, ye yourselves are witnesses this day...Behold, I say unto you, that because I said unto you that I had spent my days in your service, I do not desire to boast, for I have only been in the service of God. And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings, ye are only in the service of your God.” Mosiah 1:46-49.

Alma preached repentance, redemption and faith on the Lord to a group of people at a place called Mormon. He also said unto them:

“And now, as ye are desirous to come into the fold of God, and to be called his people, and are

willing to bear one another's burdens, that they may be light; Yea, and are willing to mourn with those that mourn; yea, and comfort those that stand in need of comfort, and to stand as witnesses of God at all times, and in all things, and in all places that ye may be in even until death, that ye may be redeemed of God, and be numbered with those of the first resurrection, that ye may have eternal life: Now I say unto you, If this be the desire of your hearts, what have you against being baptized in the name of the Lord...And now when the people had heard these words, they clapped their hands for joy, and exclaimed, This is the desire of our hearts." Mosiah 9:39-42.

The Nephites under King Limhi had heavy burdens placed upon them by the Laminites who also sorely oppressed them. The Nephites went to battle three different times to deliver themselves from bondage but each time they failed.

"And they did humble themselves even to the dust, subjecting themselves to the yoke of bondage, submitting

themselves to be smitten, and to be driven to and fro, and burdened, according to the desires of their enemies. And they did humble themselves even in the depths of humility; and they did cry mightily to God; yea, even all the day long did they cry unto their God, that he would deliver them out of their afflictions. And now the Lord was slow to hear their cry, because of their iniquities; Nevertheless the Lord did hear their cries, and began to soften the hearts of the Lamanites, that they began to ease their burdens; yet the Lord did not see fit to deliver them out of bondage." Mosiah 9:153-156. The people of King Limhi drew closer to the Lord over a period of time and were delivered out of bondage.

In Mosiah 11:1-22 we can read about the people of Alma, who were baptized in the waters of Mormon, who fled into the wilderness from the armies of King Noah. They came to a beautiful and pleasant land; a land of pure water. In this land they began to prosper exceeding and they called the land Helam. They did multiply and prosper exceedingly in the land of Helam and

built a city called the city of Helam.

"Nevertheless the Lord seeth fit to chasten his people; yea, he trieth their patience and their faith. Nevertheless, whosoever putteth his trust in him, the same shall be lifted up at the last day." Mosiah 11:23-24.

An army of Lamanites discovered the people in Helam and as a result they were placed in bondage. King Laman of the Lamanites placed Amulon over the people of Alma in the land of Helam. (See Mosiah 11:25-56).

Amulon exercised authority over the people of Alma and put tasks upon them, and put task-masters over them.

"And it came to pass that so great were their afflictions, that they began to cry mightily to God. And Amulon commanded them that they should stop their cries; and he put guards over them to watch them, that whosoever should be found calling upon God, should be put to death. And Alma and his people did not raise their voices to the Lord their God, but did pour out their hearts to him; and he did know the thoughts of their hearts.

And it came to pass that the voice of the Lord came to them in their afflictions, saying, Lift up your heads and be of good comfort, for I know of the covenant which ye have made unto me; and I will covenant with this my people, and deliver them out of bondage." Mosiah 11:57-60.

The Lord knew of the covenant these people had made before their baptism. This covenant included bearing one another's burdens, they they may be light; to mourn with those that mourn; comfort those that stand in need of comfort, and to stand as a witness of God at all times and in all things and in all places. (See Mosiah 9:39-40). As a result of their covenant and their willingness to follow God and keep his commandments, God covenanted with this people that he would deliver them out of bondage.

"And I will also ease the burdens which are put upon your shoulders, that even you can not feel them upon your backs, even while you are in bondage; And this will I do, they ye may stand as witnesses for me hereafter, and that ye may know of a surety that I, the Lord God, do visit my people in

their afflictions. And now it came to pass that the burdens which were laid upon Alma and his brethren, were made light; Yea, the Lord did strengthen them that they could bear up their burdens with ease, and they did submit cheerfully and with patience to all the will of the Lord. And it came to pass that so great was their faith and their patience, that the voice of the Lord came unto them again, saying, Be of good comfort, for on the morrow I will deliver you out of bondage. And he said unto Alma, Thou shalt go before this people, and I will go with thee, and deliver this people out of bondage." Mosiah 11:61-66.

Alma and his people spent the night gathering their flocks together and also their grain. In the morning the Lord caused a deep sleep to come upon the Lamanites and all their task-masters were in a profound sleep. The people traveled all day into the wilderness and came to a valley that they called the valley of Alma. Even though they must have been tired and sleepy the first thing they did was to give thanks for their deliverance.

"Yea, and in the valley

of Alma they poured out their thanks to God because he had been merciful unto them, and eased their burdens, and had delivered them out of bondage; For they were in bondage, and none could deliver them, except it were the Lord their God. And they gave thanks to God, yea, all their men, and their women, and all their children, that could speak, lifted their voices in praises to God." Mosiah 11:70-72.

"And now the Lord said unto Alma, Haste thee and get thou and this people out of this land, for the Lamanites have awakened and do pursue thee; Therefore get thee out of this land, and I will stop the Lamanites in this valley, that they come no further in pursuit of this people." Mosiah 11:73-74.

Alma and the people heeded this warning and took their journey into the wilderness. They traveled twelve days in the wilderness and arrived in the land of Zarahemla. King Mosiah did receive them with joy. In all this we can see how the Lord can support his people in their trials and deliver them from bondage.

"God is our refuge and

strength, a very pleasant help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah." Psalm 46:1-3.

David knew that the Lord would deliver him from all his fears if he would seek the Lord. When David prayed to the Lord, the Lord heard and saved him out of all his troubles. (See Psalm 34:3-6). Many places indicate that there will be troubles in our lives but the scriptures promise if we will turn to the Lord we can be delivered from them.

"The righteous cry, and

the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Psalm 34:17-19.

The Apostle Paul admonished the Galatian people by love to serve one another.

"For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself... This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the

one to the other: so that ye can not do the things that ye would." Galatians 5:14-17.

By our love we must serve one another and be willing to bear one another's burdens. The closer we walk to God in faith believing the more availing our prayers will be.

"And assuredly as Christ liveth, he spake these words unto our fathers, saying, Whatsoever thing ye shall ask the Father in my name, which is good, in faith believing that ye shall receive, behold it shall be done unto you." Moroni 7:26

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2.

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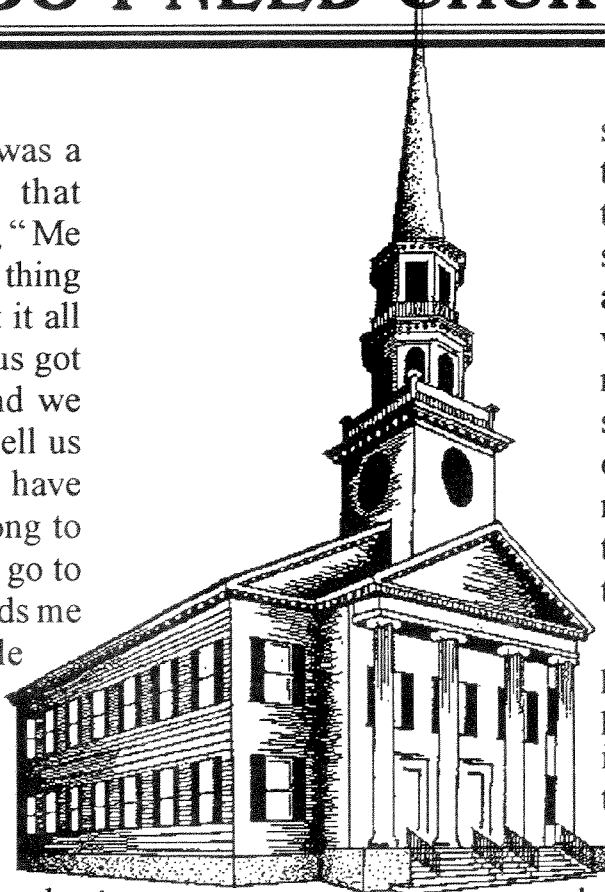
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DO I NEED CHURCH

Some years ago there was a popular country song that went something like this, "Me and Jesus got our own thing going, me and Jesus got it all worked out, me and Jesus got our own thing going and we don't need anybody to tell us what it's all about." I have heard people use this song to prove you don't need to go to church. This song reminds me of the story in the Bible where the serpent came to Eve and deceived her. He told her some truth, but he also told her a lie. He deceived her! This song has some truths in it, but it is also deceiving. Your spiritual welfare is between you and God, and you do have to work out your own salvation, but we do need someone to tell us what it's all about, (By the foolishness of preaching). "For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the



wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness: But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." 1 Cor. 1:19-24

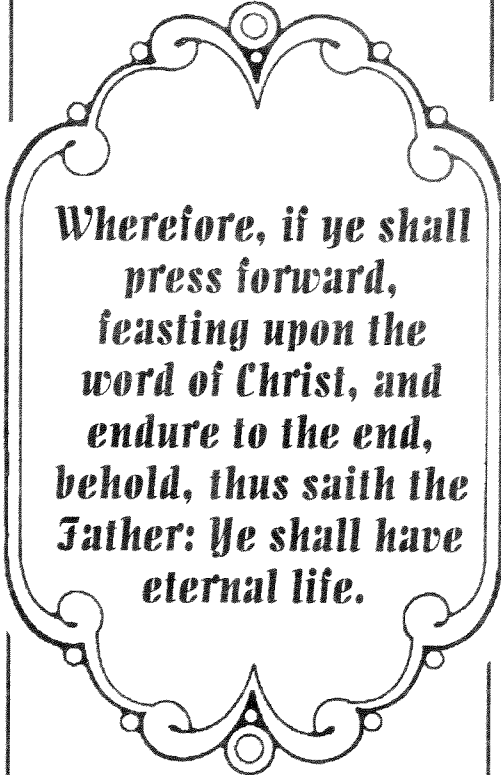
"For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him

shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Rom. 10: 11-15 The world, and these kind of songs teach contrary to the word of God. The Scriptures teach that we need the preaching of the word to keep us reminded of how we should live and treat one another. Satan and his powers teach against the gospel of peace. They deceive with flattering words that can lead you down the wrong path, the path to destruction. In the Book Of Mormon it talks about those that have become Christians. It says that we have entered a gate. That gate

is the beginning of our Christian life. "And I heard a voice from the Father, saying, Yea, the words of my beloved, are true and faithful. He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved. And now, my beloved brethren, I know by this, that unless a man shall endure to the end, in following the example of the Son of the living God, he can not be saved; Wherefore, do the things which I have told you I have seen, that your Lord and your Redeemer should do: For, for this cause have they been shown unto me, that ye might know the gate by which ye should enter. For the gate by which ye should enter is repentance and baptism by water: and then cometh a remission of your sins by fire, and by the Holy Ghost. And then are ye in this strait and narrow path which leads to eternal life; yea, ye have entered in by the gate; ye have done according to the commandments of the Father and the Son; And ye have received the Holy Ghost, which witnesses of the Father and the Son, unto the fulfilling of the promise which he hath made, that if ye enter in by the way, ye should receive. And now, my beloved brethren, after ye have gotten into this strait and narrow path, I would ask, if all

is done? Behold, I say unto you, Nay; for ye have not come thus far, save it were by the word of Christ, with unshaken faith in him, relying wholly upon the merits of him who is mighty to save; Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of



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hope, and a love of God and of all men. Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life. And now behold, my beloved brethren, this is the way; and there is none other way nor name given under heaven, whereby man can be

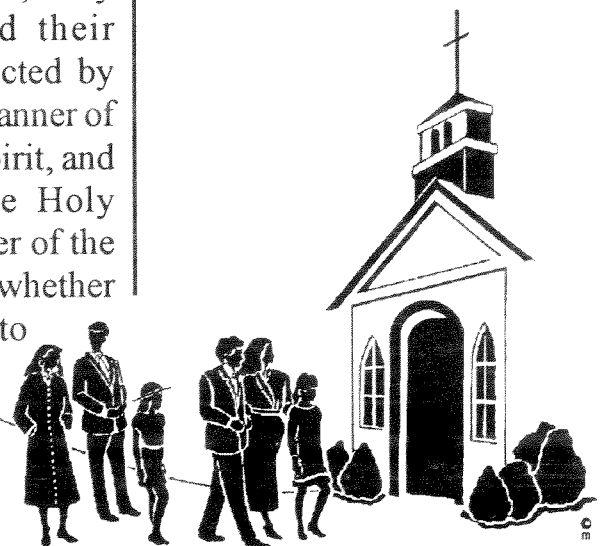
saved in the kingdom of God. And now behold, this is the doctrine of Christ, and the only and true doctrine of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, which is one God, without end. Amen." 2 Ne. 13: 19-32 There is another old song that says "No man is an island ." Now maybe you're different than me, I need church and the church people to help keep me in that path of righteousness, to remind me of my covenant with God that I made in the waters of baptism, to serve him and to obey his commandments. And his commandment is to serve him. I need that foolishness of preaching to remind me, I need the combined prayers of my brothers and sisters to help me to do good and to remain strong. Maybe you don't, maybe you can stand alone, or as an island. I am a called Minister of God, when I go to church to preach it would be a waste of time to find no one there to share the gospel with. I am also a Bishop in the church and treasurer of our local at Collins. The church and the local need the financial support of you and I to pay the bills, and to keep the missionaries out in the field to find the sheep that have gone astray and feed them the gospel of

Jesus Christ. What if you came to church to find a sign on the door, CLOSED: couldn't pay the electric bill or the gas bill to heat the building with, or sorry, no one here to preach the gospel to and to share our testimonies with. What a sad thought! We have just set upon a new year, let's renew our covenant with God and say that we will come to His house and worship with His people and share our blessings with all around us. Christ truly set up a Church and he expects us to be there. "And now I speak concerning baptism. Behold, elders, priests, and teachers were baptized; and they were not baptized, save they brought forth fruit meet that they were worthy of it; neither did they receive any unto baptism, save they came forth with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, and witnessed unto the church that they truly repented of all their sins. And none were received unto baptism, save they took upon them the name of Christ, having a determination to serve him to the end. And after they had been received in baptism, and were wrought upon and cleansed by the power of the Holy Ghost, they were numbered among the people of the church of Christ, And their names were taken, that they might be re-

membered and nourished by the good word of God, to keep them in the right way, to keep them continually watchful unto prayer, relying alone upon the merits of Christ, who was the author and the finisher of their faith. And the church did met together oft, to fast and to pray, and to speak one with another concerning the welfare of their souls: and they did meet together oft to partake of bread and wine, in remembrance of the Lord Jesus; And they were strict to observe that there should be no iniquity among them; and whoso was found to commit iniquity, and three witnesses of the church did condemn them before the elders; And if they repented not, and confessed not, their names were blotted out, and they were not numbered among the people of Christ; but as oft as they repented, and sought forgiveness, with real intent, they were forgiven. And their meetings were conducted by the church, after the manner of the workings of the Spirit, and by the power of the Holy Ghost; for as the power of the Holy Ghost led them whether to preach or exhort, or to pray, or to supplicate, or to sing, even so it was done." Mor. 6: 1-9 Read these words and think of yourself

and then read it again and see if you fit in and are doing what it says. "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." James 1:22-25

In Gospel Bonds
Elder Allen Kauffman



PATH LIGHTS

My Personal Religion As to Works

Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Ja. 2:17 As I matured in my spiritual life I just automatically wanted to do certain things for others. My greatest pleasures are in doing what I can for those around me in giving of time, understanding, financial aid, comfort, prayers, etc. To me, doing things for others is what life is all about. When my children were small, not only was I responsible for the exhausting physical care of them and my husband and home, but those precious young lives were in

my keeping and my responsibility was to teach and train them to love God and live uprightly. As they made their own homes, I did all I could for others around me. Now my friends and I are old but I still do all I can in consoling, running errands, assisting and giving of myself—it is what I want to do. I have a cousin and niece who give unstintingly to the ill and elderly with their tender, compassionate loving care. To me—this is what was meant by works. Whenever some of our people have specific building projects, their

brothers all lend a helping hand—works. For all of those giving people who contribute their energies for the church; dedicated Sunday School teachers, writers, talented musicians, Choir Directors, piano players and singers—our gratitude for your works. When I think of all our hard-working ministry and the efforts of our missionaries, I know that I am truly seeing the works of God's people.

Meredyth Malone

I Believe In Miracles

How many times over the past several years have we heard the question asked "Why don't we see the miracles any more like we used to?" I admit that I am probably as guilty as anyone else in asking this question. Maybe the

reason is that we are not looking for them, or maybe we don't recognize them when we see them. Even though we try to pray in faith believing, I feel that there is just enough of Thomas in each of us that we let those little doubts creep in

and rob us of the wonderful blessings God has in store for us. I have a testimony that I must share with you, attesting to God's goodness to our family, in the hope that it might prove a source of strength to even one person. On Decem-

ber 4, last year, my husband Ken underwent surgery for an abdominal aortic aneurysm. For anyone who doesn't know what that is, it is a permanent swelling of the large major artery (aorta) due to a weakness in its wall. The pressure of blood pulsating through it may cause that part of the wall to swell out like a balloon. To correct it, it's necessary to cut out the affected section and replace it with a synthetic one. The surgery is difficult and risky, but if not done there is the risk that it may rupture and cause a hemorrhage. In such case, the patient quite often does not even make it to the hospital. Before going into the hospital, I had called the different locals and others of our brothers and sisters asking for prayers in his behalf. The surgery went well and he was within a couple of days of being released from the hospital when just everything seemed to go wrong. First, several of the stitches pulled out through the flesh of the lower part of his incision, which necessitated taking him back into surgery for repair. They had to put him back on the respirator and connect him up to a bunch of tubes again. Shortly after that, they discovered some drainage in the upper part of the incision. The doctor re-

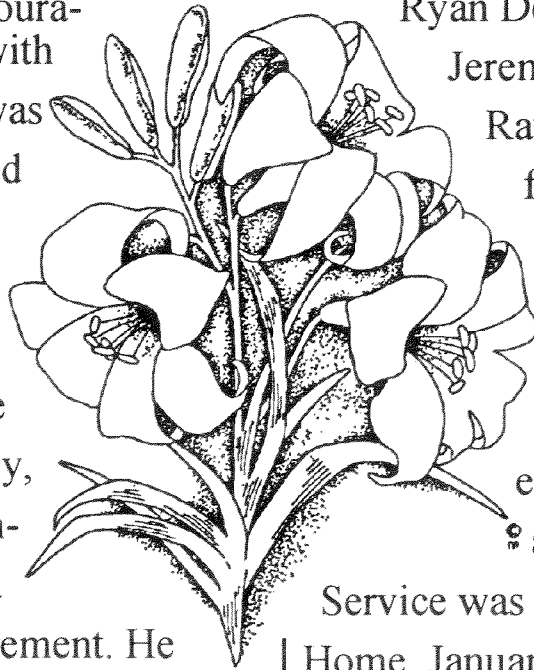
moved a couple of stitches to allow for the drainage and then, of course, had to take him back into surgery to replace those. He (Ken) then aspirated into his right lung and developed pneumonia. This was of great concern to the doctor, and I'm sure at this point he felt he was losing him. He had great difficulty breathing, and it was necessary to leave the breathing tube in for several days. It was also necessary to insert a feeding tube into his stomach to avoid the possibility of his aspirating again. Ken had already been administered to a couple of times, but I felt so helpless I knew the only thing I could do was call for the elders again. I called Brother Max Spencer at Ravenna and told him that Ken was not doing well at all. It wasn't even necessary to ask them to come, but when Brother Aaron Heath got off work that evening he and Brother Max drove the 80 miles from Ravenna and again administered to Ken. He immediately received relief and started the slow process of recovery. After several days, Ken decided he was tired of the tubes and pulled out both the breathing tube and feeding tube. At this point, the doctors decided to see how he would do on his

own without the tubes and did not replace them. He has since been administered to twice and has received wonderful blessings both times. He was released from the hospital on January 10, after over a month in ICU. He still has a ways to go before he is back to normal, but with God's help through the prayers of our wonderful church family and friends, maybe it won't take too long. I thank you all for your concern and your prayers because I feel sure without them he might not have made it. God really does work miracles. We just need to look for and recognize them.

Your Sister in Christ,
June Haines

RAYMOND H. DEWAELE, SR.

Raymond H. Dewaele, Sr., of Council Bluffs, Iowa, passed from this life January 8, 1997 after a long courageous battle with cancer. He was born and lived most of his 78 years on farms near Crescent, Iowa where he raised his family, moving to Council Bluffs, Iowa in 1983 at retirement. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sister Helen (Jensen) Dewaele and sons Teacher Raymond H. Dewaele, Jr., and his



wife Amy; Elder Robert S. Dewaele and his wife Sister Diana; two grandsons Brother

Ryan Dewaele and Jeremy Schnitker. Also

Ray is survived by four sisters and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and two sisters.

Service was at Myer Funeral Home, January 12, 1997 by Elders C. Andrew Brantner and Charles W. Brantner with interment at Grange Cemetery, Honey Creek, Iowa.

ESTHER MAE CAVINESS

Esther Mae Caviness was born to James Elmer Yates and Lillie Mae Crawley on April 18, 1905 in Seiling, Oklahoma. Her father was a long time missionary and an Apostle of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot).

Esther died peacefully in her sleep on January 4, 1997 at the home of her eldest daughter, Lorraine I. Patterson. She was 91 years, 8 months, and 17 days young (this, according to her grandchildren). Esther was the last of her immediate family to leave us.

Esther was born in a 'dug-out' with a dirt floor in Seiling, the sixth child and third daughter to James and Lillie. To her mother, Esther was an answer to prayer, Lillie had prayed for a blonde, blue eyed girl, her older sisters were both brunettes. When Esther was nine years old, her family moved from Guthrie, Oklahoma to Phoenix, Arizona in a canvas covered lumber wagon pulled by two horses. The trip started June 6, 1914 and covered 1,500 miles; it required three months and twelve days' and

they arrived in Phoenix September 18, 1914. Esther's children have grown up hearing of the many answers to prayer and miracles that happened on that trip.

Esther was baptized into the RLDS Church in 1914 and transferred to the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) on March 4, 1928.

Esther met Oren Alfred Caviness while on a missionary trip with her father and mother to Colorado. After corresponding for several years, Esther wrote Oren that

she must make a decision on who she was to marry. In all his letters Oren had finished each letter with a paragraph written in code, and in response to her letter, he sent her the code. He had written her from the very beginning of their correspondence of how much he loved her and that some day he was going to ask her to marry him.

In a dream, in answer to her prayer, Esther was shown who she was to marry, and on August 31, 1924 in San Bernadino, California she was married to the great love of her life, Oren, on Oren's twenty-first birthday. Oren served as a Bishop in the Church of Christ from April 10, 1964 until his death.

To celebrate their 60 something wedding anniversary, Esther and Oren flew to Hawaii with their two daughters, Lorraine and Sharon and grandson, Gary D. Kelley. In Esther's life time she witnessed the travel from horse and buggy, to train, to airplanes and space travel. She even saw a man walk on the moon!

To this union were born three daughters, Lorraine Idell Patterson of



Phoenix, Arizona, Velma Jean Wheaton of Independence, Missouri, and Sharon Ione Kelley of Springfield, Missouri.

Esther was preceded in death by Oren in March of 1987. She had fourteen grandchildren, thirty-nine great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. Two of her great grandchildren preceded her in death.

Esther survived a battle with Rocky Mountain Tick Fever in 1986 when she was 81 years old. She had several falls that broke a hip, her leg twice, her ankle and wrist. Because of fragile bones, she was confined to a wheel chair

the last few years of her life. But her mind was sharp and clear and she greatly enjoyed visiting with her family and friends.

The last visit she had in Independence before she left for Phoenix for the winter was a memory that will live long in the hearts of those she left behind. She was bright, vivacious and exciting to talk to. When asked to tell the difference of her traveling by covered wagon to flying in an airplane, she very seriously told her family, "Well, when we were traveling by covered wagon, I would sit on the tail gate of the wagon with my legs dangling down and my

brothers would catch June bugs for me and tie a string on them and I'd let them fly all around me, and on the airplane they frown on that."

Esther will always be remembered for her enormous faith in God and His answer to prayer. From their father, her children learned to appreciate the love of learning, and of the doctrine of the church, but from Esther, the children learned to love God and have faith and this is the legacy she has left her family.

Written by her daughter
Velma J. Wheaton
Independence, MO
January 28, 1997

Grand Junction Local News

As a local we started off the new year with the election of officers. Our Pastor is Jim Shaw, Assistant Pastor John Bell. The Superintendent of Sunday School is Bob Ely, Assistant Allan Downs. Enid Bell is the Secretary for Church, and Secretary/ Treasurer for Sunday school. John Bell is the Treasurer for Church. We also voted on the

date for our Colorado Reunion. Mark June 13, 14, and 15th on your calendars. Our present goal as a local is to complete the addition we've been working on since last fall. This addition includes a kitchen, dining area, and most importantly a bathroom. The building is enclosed now. There's electricity; hoping to start on the plumbing soon.

The Ladies are shopping for kitchen cabinets while the men have been shopping for siding. We appreciate all the support physical, financial, and spiritual, that we've received from each of you. Come see what you've helped us to accomplish.

Kathy Larsen
Advocate Reporter

Colorado Reunion

Colorado Reunion on June 13, 14, 15, 1997 the Colorado Reunion will be held at the Church of Christ, Orchard Mesa Local, 3233 b1/2 Road, Grand Junction, Colorado. The Lord has graciously blessed us in the work on the addition on our Church, and we hope to have It ready to occupy when Reunion time arrives, we ask for your prayers in our behalf. To inquire about housing with our Local

people or motel accommodation, please contact any of our Reunion Committee members:

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We look forward to seeing all who can attend to join in worship of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Enid E. Bell, Secretary

1997 Scripture Theme Camp

1997 Scripture Theme Camp May 16 - 18 Please mark your calendar and plan to join your brothers and sisters at this year's Scripture Theme Camp, sponsored by the Church of Christ, Temple Lot local. No age barriers ... come one, come all! It will take place at Camp Shawnee, which is part of the Knob Noster State Park system between Knob Noster and Warrensburg, Missouri. This year's theme asks, "How Can We Demonstrate Our Faith?"

One important announcement: Sites are available for pop-up campers and RV's, but the Camp Director MUST be notified no later than April, 6th. If you plan to utilize a pop-up camper or RV, call, write or otherwise notify the Camp Director listed below as soon as possible. Watch for a more detailed announcement in the April Zion's Advocate.

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