

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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Yea, and my joy is carried away, even unto boasting in my God; for he has all power, all wisdom, and all understanding; he comprehendeth all things, and he is a merciful Being even unto salvation, to those who will repent and believe on his name.

Now my brethren, we see that God is mindful of every people, in whatsoever land they may be in; yea, he numbereth his people, and his bowels of mercy are over all the earth.

Now this is my joy, and my great thanksgiving; yea, and I will give thanks unto my God for ever. Amen.

~Alma 14:124, 127-128~

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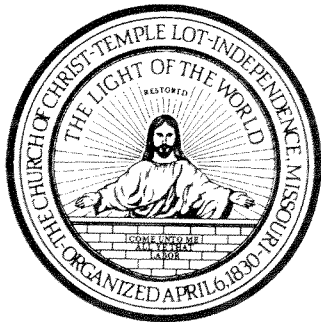
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ARTICLE



The SIN of COVETNESS

Covet~ To desire that which is not our right to possess.

Elder Arthur G. Smith

We are created spiritual beings with a conscience to guide us in choosing between good and evil. This is why we are capable of sin. Sin is never a mistake; it is a choice that we are always responsible for. To covet is a sin as great as the more familiar forms of evil behavior.

Romans 7:7: "Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet."

Romans 13:9: "...Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

In the world around us to-

day we see the evils that are overwhelming humanity, and in many cases the first sin of covetousness is followed by more violent and destructive evils. The lust for power over others and wealth or property belonging to others is first of all a selfish expression of the heart.

Luke 12:15, 21: "And He said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

The basic law of the gospel of Jesus Christ is love, wholly and without exception, unselfish giving. This is unquestionably the greatest expression of love: God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins.

St. John 15:13: "Greater

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love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The story of Lazarus and the rich man is interesting to consider. Wealth, or the lack of wealth, was not the issue. Lazarus was a beggar who had no possessions. We are not told why or how he fell into this predicament, but it is evident that his heart was right with God. He was not covetous of the possessions of others, only asked to

be given crumbs from the table of the rich man. The rich man had made great wealth his goal in life and coveted his possessions. They both died. Lazarus

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was comforted in Abraham's bosom (a phrase to express the state of paradise). The rich man was in the torments of hell; he had not kept the law that said, "Thou shall not covet." He was a sinner; he could have done more than give Lazarus crumbs from his table.

Jesus emphasizes the need for faith in God for our common needs as they will be provided. Our natural human inclination is to covet the material earthly things and ignore the spiritual needs of life.

Jesus said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" Matthew 6:33.

Again Jesus said, "...The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head" Matthew 8:20.

No one would say that He

was a person who didn't believe in work; He had worked with His father until he was near thirty years old as a carpenter, helping to support the family.

So this surely doesn't mean that we are not to work if we are able-bodied for our daily needs. In the beginning Adam was told he had to work the soil for his food by the sweat of his brow.

Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 5:8, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

With faith in God we can work to provide for ourselves and others as we may have opportunity, and God will bless us with the talents, skills and abilities we need.

There is no way that we can escape the temptation to covet, which can lead us into many errors. The common social problems that so often cause us great concern are not new; they are as old as human history. The first murder was a case of jealousy out of control that raised the question that Cain asked of the Lord, "Am I my brothers keeper?"

Riots, strikes and destruction of property follow the sin of covetousness, often seen as the struggle between the "haves and the have nots." The sin of covetousness are on both sides in most cases. Each of us have talents, skills and abilities that allow us to function in life and work at occupations and trades

that yield different recompense and reward. We are expecting a fair reward in our efforts to use these talents. We are all different to some degree and unequal

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in many. Our Lord was wise in His observation: "For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good..." Mark 14:7.

It is how we deal with the problem that is presented to us that will make a difference. If we are generous and caring, there is no sin implied or imputed to those who have 'more' than a brother. Abraham was perhaps more wealthy than his nephew Lot. They migrated from their homelands together, and were herdsmen that shared a love of each other. There is no mention of jealousy between them. Abraham went to the rescue of Lot when he was attacked by four kings in the land

where he lived. It must have been a costly enterprise for Abraham to save his nephew and his family. Love and generosity are the opposite values in the heart to covetousness.

Social and material equality was not demonstrated in the kinds of socialism that some governments in our day have tried. Communism has failed in Russia, and we see the Cuban people suffering greatly. Political or religious zeal has not, and will not, produce a change of heart based only on possession of earthly things, or the lack of material wealth. No laws or rules can be written to compel the heart to answer the need of love for our fellow man. We have our free agency to choose to love our fellow beings, or disobey the commandment of God. The last commandment that our Lord gave to the disciples was to love one another.

St. John 15:12: "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you."

The term sometimes used to show a need for an exchange of wealth or possessions are somewhat misunderstood. To have "all things common" is one such phrase that is found in Acts. It is not saying that they had "all thing *in* common." That would mean something entirely different. There were things that were common, or alike, among them. At the same time they did not covet their possessions, nor boast of what they had. They voluntarily shared their properties with

those who had a need. No other rules or laws were needed. They answered the law of love. Read carefully Acts 4:32, as well as verses 34 and 35. The same

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phrase or term is found in the Book of Mormon relative to similar circumstances, in III Nephi 12:11.

We have many things common among us today. Most of us have cars, radios, homes, and like property. All these things we seem to need. This can be deceiving, and there is the temptation to covet excesses over and above realistic needs. Some of these things we could do without, or something less would fill our needs for food, clothing, and shelter. We are admonished to be careful to remember that we came into this world with nothing, and we will leave it with nothing.

"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love,

patience, meekness" I Timothy 6:10-11.

There is the role that the Kingdom of God will play when our Lord returns and "brings again Zion" to the earth (Isaiah 52:8). Most of us will agree that this will resolve all problems, for those who will participate in this government will be the pure in heart. There will be no covetous being to bring sorrow, anger, jealousy, hatred, envy, and violence to the family of God.

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light..." Ephesians 5:1-2, 5-8.

WHAT WAS RESTORED IN 1829/30?



Harvey E. Seibel

When Christ began His ministry nearly 2000 years ago one of the first acts of that ministry was to call out twelve men to be special witnesses of him whom he named apostles. Besides these He appointed other seventy also and sent them out two by two before His face into every city and place whither He himself would come. The twelve were called apostles and were elders. The seventy, no doubt, were elders also, and were sent out as evangelists to prepare the way before the Lord. In Acts 14:23 we are told that, "...when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them

to the Lord..." "Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barasabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren..." (Acts 15:22). Later we read, "And from Miletus he (Paul) sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. And when they were come to him, he said unto them..." (Acts 20:17). "And God hath set some in the church, **FIRST APOSTLES, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers...**" (1 Corinthians 12:28). "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the **FOUNDATION of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone...**" (Ephesians 2:20). "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers..." (Ephesians 4:11).

This was the pattern of the church established by the Lord when He walked in the flesh on this earth. In Hebrews we learned that Christ was to be our great and last High Priest, called after the order of Melchisedec. A similar pattern was also established among the remnant of Joseph in this land. These twelve, however, were called disciples. These disciples, like the apostles above, were elders, who in turn ordained priests and teachers.

Two other identifying marks of the early church were its name and its doctrine. The Book of Mormon pointedly tells us that the name of Church must be the Church of Christ. The other requirement is that it must teach the doctrine of Christ. Otherwise, the Father will not show forth his own works in it. (See 3 Nephi 12:22.)

Says Christ, "Verily I say unto you, that whoso repenteth of his sins through your words, and desireth to be baptized in my name, on

this wise shall ye baptize them: Behold, ye shall go down and stand in the water, and in my name shall ye baptize them. And now behold, these are the words which ye shall say, calling them by name, saying: *Having authority given me of Jesus Christ, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.* And then shall ye immerse them in the water, and come forth again out of the water. And after this manner shall ye baptize in my name, for behold, verily I say unto you, that the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost are one; and I am in the Father, and the Father in me, and the Father and I are one. And according as I have commanded you, thus shall ye baptize. 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. *Behold, verily, verily I say unto you, I will declare unto you my doctrine. And this is my doctrine, and it is the doctrine which the Father hath given unto me; And I bear record of the Father, and the Father beareth record of me, and the Holy Ghost beareth record of the Father and me, and I bear record that the Father commandeth all men, everywhere, to repent and believe in me; And whoso believeth in me, and is baptized, the same shall be saved; and they are they which shall inherit the kingdom of God. And whoso believeth not in me, and is not baptized, shall be damned. Verily, verily I say unto you, that this is my doctrine; and I bear record of it from the Father; and whoso believeth in me, believeth in the Father also; And unto him will the Father bear record of me; for he will visit him with fire and with the Holy Ghost; And thus will the Father bear record of me; and the Holy Ghost will bear record unto him of the Father and me; for the Father, and I, and the Holy Ghost, are one. And again I say unto you, Ye must repent, and become as a little child, and be baptized in my name, or ye can in no wise receive these things. And again I say unto you, Ye must repent, and be baptized in my name, and become as a little child, or ye*

can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God. Verily, verily I say unto you, that this is my doctrine and whoso buildeth upon this, buildeth upon my rock; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against them. AND WHOSO SHALL DECLARE MORE OR LESS THAN THIS, AND ESTABLISH IT FOR MY DOCTRINE, THE SAME COMETH OF EVIL, AND IS NOT BUILT UPON MY ROCK..." (3 Nephi 5:24-42).

The Lord then followed these words by His sermon on the mount in which He greatly expands on His doctrine; that is, in essence, the keeping of the two great commandments: that of loving God with all our might, mind, and strength, and the second, like unto it, of loving our neighbor as ourselves.

But as we well know from prophecy and history, the church in both lands fell away and went into apostasy. In the old country the apostles and elders were replaced by bishops and cardinals, the chief bishop being the Papa or Pope over all. The great and abominable church was characterized by a one man leader, a personage who sat in the temple of God showing himself that he was God. He usurped the place of Christ in the church. The cardinals replaced the apostles and the bishops supplanted the eldership of the ancient church. Additionally, the pure doctrine of Christ was replaced by the

ancient idolatrous teachings and practices of ancient Babylon. The name of the Church was also changed by entirely deleting the name of Christ; thus, it became the universal church. The saints were to be given into this man's power for a set period of time, that of 1260 years. The result was that during this period of time the authority of the priesthood, the pure doctrine of Christ, the organizational structure of the church, and the name of the church were all removed from the church and the whole world was plunged into the time of darkness known as the dark ages.

But light was again to spring forth at the conclusion of that period, and all that had been lost would be restored once again to the earth. Did this happen in 1829-30? Most assuredly! We know from history that this did come to pass, and with mighty signs accompanying. The prophetic image of Daniel stood complete for the first and only time in history, and the little stone kingdom was cut out of the mountain without hands. The angel had flown as prophesied by John. A little while later the former and latter rains returned to Palestine after an absence of 1800 years, as proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah. The year 1829-30 marked the date of the coming forth of the church out of the wilderness. The Church of Christ was again restored to the earth, along with the power and authority of the priesthood to administer the ordinances of

His church. The gospel of the kingdom was restored again to the earth in its purity (the fullness of the gospel as contained in the Book of Mormon). The organizational structure also was provided for as commanded by revelation, though due to lack of obedience, the quorum of apostles was not then put in place. Thus, there were to be Apostles, Elders, Priests, and Teachers, etc., as well as prophets. All this was accomplished and in place by April 6, 1830, (except for the full quorum of apostles) and the foundation was laid for the upbuilding of Zion and the work of the gospel among the nations. All had been restored by that precise date in fulfillment of the prophecies that the dominion of the man of sin, the beast of Revelation, and the little horn of Daniel, were to have an end on that date and judgment would again be given to the saints and they would possess the kingdom. But because of the weaknesses of men the work was caused to falter, and apostasy soon entered into the little flock, and the seeds of a false church began again to rear its ugly head, first by setting up a one man leader, second by dropping the name of Christ from the name of the church, and third by adding to and subtracting from the doctrine of Christ. The rest is history as God broke off the offending mass by removing it to a salt land, while leaving behind a far more pure remnant in Illinois, not a part of Nauvoo, but which continued

the true line of His church as originally established in 1830, thus fulfilling the prophetic statement that it would not be left to other people but that it would stand forever.

What was restored in 1830? The Church of Christ, the organizational structure of His church, the authority of the priesthood, and the gospel of the kingdom. This is what was restored because this is what had been lost during the wilderness period of the church.

What had not and could not be restored, since such had no antecedents?

1. **The Prophet Presidency**
2. **The Office of High Priest**
3. **Polygamy**
4. **Masonry**
5. **Baptism for the Dead**
6. **Marriage for Time and Eternity**
7. **The concept: As God is, man shall become, and as man is, God once was**
8. **The Father having a body of flesh**
9. **The Adam God Theory**
10. **Spiritual Wifery**
11. **Secret Temple Rites**
12. **The Plurality of Gods**
13. **Blood Atonement to save souls of apostates**
14. **The use of water in the sacrament of the Lord's supper.**

All these were added to the gospel of Christ following the restoration of His gospel and church in 1829-30. These had no prior existence in the church of 2000 years ago either here or in the old country. And it is noteworthy that none of the above teachings have any counterparts in the word of God as

recorded in the Bible and Book of Mormon.

The innovations coming forth subsequent to 1830 were additions to the gospel, a thing not admissible since we were told by revelation in 1829 that in that which had been written, i.e.: the Book of Mormon, ARE ALL THINGS...concerning *'my church, my gospel, and my rock.'* Since this was so, then the restoration of the church, gospel and rock were already complete for in the same revelation (BC 15) the command was also received to seek unto the twelve which, unfortunately for the church, was not obeyed. Yet everything was prepared for the upbuilding of Zion in these last days.

But instead of apostles, Joseph was made prophet and seer, with the instruction that he was to be the sole spokesman to the church. This was done on the very day that the church was officially organized. Then in September of that same year Joseph was made the head of the church. Work on the Inspired Translation commenced. In 1831 High Priests were first ordained, the first two of which were immediately seized by Satan, and bound. In 1832 Joseph was ordained to the Presidency of the High Priesthood by Sidney Rigdon. The United Order was established by revelation. Strange names were employed along with Adam-ondi-Ahman. Those possessing such names were to be bound together by a covenant that could not be broken except judgment follow im-

mediately. In 1833, Sidney Rigdon and F. G. Williams were made equal with Joseph in holding the keys of this last kingdom. In this year provision was made for the building of 24 temples in the city of Zion. In 1834, the High Council composed of twelve high priests was organized. Shortly after this Joseph was named Commander-in-Chief of the armies of Israel, or Zion's Camp, for the redemption of Zion. Later still the United Order of Enoch was established for the salvation of men. One month later the name of the church was changed to the Church of the Latter Day Saints, leaving out the name of Christ entirely. In 1835, a revelation was given, revealing that Adam is Michael the Archangel. Work was done on the Book of Abraham and the Doctrine and Covenants, with numerous changes made to the revelations. In 1836, the covenant of avenge is sealed unanimously, which proclaimed that if any more brethren are slain or driven out by the mob, that they would not rest until they were avenged of their enemies to the uttermost. In this year the Kirtland Safety Society Bank was founded. In 1837 a revelation was given in which Joseph was given the keys which should not be taken from him till Christ comes—further, that whoso receiveth Christ receiveth the First Presidency. In 1838, the Hosts of Israel was organized at Adam-ondi-Ahman, along with another organization called the Danites (the destroying angels).

In 1839, Adam was declared to be Michael the Archangel and also the Ancient of Days, while Noah was declared to be Gabriel. In 1840, Joseph delivers a discourse on 'Baptism for the dead.' In 1841, the saints were told that the Nauvoo temple was to be built so there might be a place for the Son of Man to lay His head. In 1842, Joseph officiated as grand chaplain at the institution of the Nauvoo lodge. He stated that the church was not fully organized and could not be until the temple was completed. In 1843, Joseph prophesied that Christ would not come until he was 85 years old. He also stated that except a man and his wife enter into an everlasting covenant and be married for eternity by the power of the priesthood they would cease to increase when they died or have any children after the resurrection. In this same month the revelation on polygamy was given. In 1844, Joseph became a candidate for the U. S. Presidency. In his King Follet funeral sermon he stated that God was once as we are now and is an exalted man, etc. Joseph ordered the destruction of the Nauvoo Expositor.

God removed the most grievous of these errors from His church when he removed the offending part as already stated. However, there are still some things remaining that should be considered very seriously and prayerfully before embracing them as part of that which was restored from the beginning.

ENCOURAGEMENT for the ISOLATED

Dear Brothers & Sisters,
We have the privilege of being members of Christ's Church, and as you know, we aren't a great multitude in number. Nevertheless, we seem to cover a great swatch of land between us. Our members are in the United States, Canada, Yucatan, Guatemala, Honduras, Brazil, Great Britain, and other various parts of the world. In many areas there is the blessing of having a local with ministry and regular services. The isolated are those who have the experience and adventure of being separated by a number of miles and/or other obstacles without a local enjoying fellowship. I do call it an adventure because of the many challenges and opportunities there can be to our journey in life. My family and I can relate closely to this subject. For ten years we lived a good distance away from our nearest local.

Now there are many ways to be connected and committed to your church. No matter your

condition, you are a vital member in Christ's Church, and He knows exactly who and where you are, and is mindful of you and your needs.

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Each of us knows our individual situations, and whether or not it is possible to pick up and move to an active local. There are many things we can do to strengthen our families and ourselves if staying isolated is the only option. First, we need to let our church know right where we are by some correspondence to the missionary covering your area. Let minis-

ters, friends, and acquaintances in the church know that they are welcome in your home when they can visit your area.

There's an emerging amount of young people that love to write back and forth via e-mail. It is easy for isolated young people to get connected to the e-mail group that has so many things to share; besides fellowship, you can keep up to date with news and make your own contributions of personal testimonies. If you don't have a computer with enough capacity, I'm sure your library does and can help you get hooked up with our group. When a person is isolated encouragement is very necessary.

The time we spend in church listening to the minister is encouraging and recharges our spiritual batteries. We have an audio-visual ministry in the church that will send you cassette tapes of current services with sermons. I have used them many times and believe them to be a real valuable source of strength and information. A

person can certainly play them after a Sunday morning study with family and friends. We can even be a source of enlighten-

It is important to surround your family with good wholesome, structured activities and routines that promote righteous living.

ment to others by loaning them out to interested friends and acquaintances, spreading the truth of the restored gospel message.

Participating members of Christ's church unite in prayer and fasting for the many needs that there are in the Church and in our world. Praying is such a powerfully important part to a Christian's life, and serves in many ways. First, to keep in contact with the Lord, humbling ourselves, kneeling in heart and mind before our Creator, to thank Him. Prayer also serves as a teacher by example to our families, teaching them good practices for life, depending on God for His counsel in our decisions. Returning thanks for God's blessings at the dinner table, especially at restaurants, is a good example to others.

We can also be involved in our community schools and towns to help promote good Christian-based values through

our influences. A suggestion for activities or opposition to bad or immoral influence in our corner of the world helps serve the Lord. Read Mosiah 1:47-51.

A problem that faces everyone in the Church is the affects of worldly living. In fact, the Lord warns us about conforming to the world and its influence through the Apostle Paul in Romans, chap. 12:1 & 2. We can always try to justify some of the things that we are doing that are questionable, because, simply put, we want to do them. Let God help us sort out the good and the bad in the light of His word. Yes, we can find the right direction if we bring God into the situation.

It is important to surround your family with good wholesome, structured activities and routines that promote righteous living. When there are reunions in your state, they are an excellent way to reacquaint with familiar loved ones and meet new ones, to encourage each other, share testimonies, ideas, listen to some wonderful sermons, and refill our spiritual batteries.

In August, the Teen Challenge camp comes into full swing and is a terrific way for the young people to have fun with others of their own age. So many find out that other kids face many of the same situations in life as they do.

The Church of Christ has had a paper for many years, the *Zion's Advocate*. It is an excellent source of current information from many locals, topical

sermons, articles for all ages, and testimonies from the lives of people like you and me. You and I are also encouraged to

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write in and submit articles for publication of church interest. If you are talented in teaching, we can always use some study plans for all ages; sparking interest in God's word is important.

Yes, there is so much that we can do to be a part of Christ's Church. I believe that I've only hit the tip of the iceberg, there are so many things I'm sure to be encouraged by. It is only limited to our imagination through inspiration. If we feel that we don't have anything to contribute, but want to be doing something, let God know and He can make us a well of usefulness in His name.

I hope and pray that you have learned something from my thoughts and aspirations for you.

*God Bless,
Elder Adam Porter*

NEWS

HOUSTON, MISSOURI

Our little local is really being blessed lately.

On Sunday, October 18, Donald Gill was ordained as an elder by Elder Virgil Addie and Elder Glenn Gill. On Sunday, October 25, David Keeney was ordained as an elder by Apostle Rolland Sarratt and Elder Tony Grzincic. Please keep the ministry of our local in your prayers. Our little local feels so blessed to have three elders in our local ministry. Our prayers are with Elder Keeney and Elder Gill to always walk with and follow the Lord.

We were also blessed to have Darin and Loreli Crull and their chil-

dren as visitors on October 18. It was such a blessing to actually visit with them after having lifted them up for so many days in our prayers. It was with a united joyous heart that we were able to give them a "family shower."

We have been blessed this month by the turnout of members and visitors to our little local. Some days we fill full to the brim. We thank all of those who graced us with their presence. Wonderful sermons have also been brought to our local by the visiting ministry. For this, we thank the visiting ministry and their families for their dedication.

Please also keep the health of our members in your prayers. Especially, Joe Carney needs prayers for his contin-

ued recover from his ruptured appendix. We have many elderly members with a variety of health ailments. It is only through the grace of the Lord that we can be healed. What a blessing and a miracle administrations are to the sick!

Just a few thoughts to leave you with (either gathered from sermons or my own mind):

- 1. *During this busy holiday season—take time to be holy!*
- 2. *If you have the love of Christ in your heart—you have peace.*

*Sincerely,
Sister Tracie Gill*

MOGOLLON

Greetings brothers and sisters. As I write I can hardly believe another year is almost over. Our local has had some health problems that could have been bad, but the Lord's hand was there.

We have had a lot of visitors: Jim and Wanda Yates, Heather Berquist, Aaron Moser, Tony McIndoo, C. J. Kelley, Jay Moser, and a friend from Show Low, Jimmy Allison.

I know according to the e-mail that Jim Junior is having back problems right now; we trust the Lord will lift him up once again.

As the year 2000 draws nigh, I wonder how many more times will I get to write on this machine, how many more opportunities do I have to make a difference in someones life? As the persecution of Christians grows more hostile, the time to prepare feels ever so

close. Am I ready to say "Bring it On"? Perhaps that will be the time of our greatest witness, the time when our neighbors will be more willing to hear what we have to say. All these years I have prayed about my part in this end time; I believe the Lord will let me see more of His greatness. The sermons are ever more witnessing, standing up for your faith, not denying the Christ, the Son of God, and He only is the way, the truth and the life. The loss of morals and values and manners in this country is so hard to bear. And then, on the other hand, we have some degree of success in the church in which we are truly thankful. I am certain there are many saints in the world we know not of at this time, who are also in the Lord's hand. Even though I fear the end for many people, I can only imagine what this world would come to if the LORD did not intervene.

We are looking forward to the

Phoenix Reunion, to be filled with love and to receive a message from the Lord, to be with our cherished friends. The world will soon know that Jesus is more than a great Teacher; He is the mighty Prince and we, His children, will see His Salvation.

May the New Year bring greater strength to each of us. May we not procrastinate the business we should be about, and each of us pray to know what that is. May our young people be willing to take on their part. May we truly find more opportunities to stand up for our God and His Gospel; may He give us a forehead of iron to face our enemies and our fears. In the bonds of His Spirit may we be led. Lord guide and protect your children wherever they are, the ones You love and we do too. Let the weak become strong.

*Your sister in Christ
Kathy Cloyd*

OBITUARY

Clayton N. Anderson (Andy)

November 21, 1933 ~ October 30, 1998

Andy Anderson, age 64, passed from this life on September 30, 1998, at Umatilla, Florida, following a long illness with cancer. Interment was at Linwood Cemetery, Traverse City, Michigan, his home of birth.

Andy exhibited his love for

God when he entered the waters of baptism on April 26, 1998, at Lake Dorr, Altoona, Florida. He testified on that day, "This is the best day of my life."

Family and friends WERE Andy's life, as he lived the second great commandment, "thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy-

self."

Andy will be missed by his wife, Karan, his brother and sisters, and all his children and friends, but they each will find solace in the knowledge that he is at peace with God our Heavenly Father.

Jesus, My Savior Divine

Since Jesus my Savior has saved me from sin,
My heart's growing lighter each day,
I know His sweet presence is living within,
Abiding with me all the way.

I'll love Him forever; words never convey
The happiness He does bestow.
His blessings are given to me every day,
Rejoicing in Him here below.

Some day in His likeness His face I shall see,
A day that's prepared for His own,
A heavenly mansion, my dwelling shall be;
His presence so precious, I've known.

A life never ending, the hope of my soul.
When life's blessed book opens wide,
Revealing its pages, since He has control,
In Jesus, I'll ever abide.

~Author unknown
Submitted by Hazel Neidens

OBITUARY

Frances Dexter Yates

January 1, 1908 ~ August 1998

Our sister in Christ, Frances Dexter Yates, 90, passed away in August, 1998. She was preceded in death by E. Leon "Skeet" Yates, her husband of 57 years.

Frances was born on January 11, 1908, in San Bernadino, California. She married Skeet in 1927, in Phoenix, Arizona, where the couple lived until retiring to Macks Creek, Missouri, in 1957. She and Skeet had three children, L. Marlene Cobb, Buffalo, Missouri; Ronald D. Yates, Tempe, Arizona; and E. Leon Yates, who passed away in October, 1998. The couple also had 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held in her honor at the Church of Christ in Collins, Missouri, where she was a member. Apostle Don McIndoo and Elder Allen Kauffman conducted the service. In remembering Frances, Apostle McIndoo referred to Proverbs 31:10-31, and how Frances truly exemplified the "virtuous woman" described in these scriptures. Strength and honor were her clothing, her husband and children called her blessed and she feared the Lord. We know her own works praised her at the gates when she passed from this

life into the next.



Apostle McIndoo and many of Frances' family members and friends offered personal anecdotes and memories of her kindness, charity and humility. Olivia Yates sang a song she had written especially for the service in honor of Frances. Our sister's example is remembered not only in this country but in Mexico as well. At the memorial service, Apostle Placido Koyoc Yam recalled his first meeting with Skeet and Frances many years ago. Although he was seriously ill and considered contagious, the couple embraced him and invited him to share their meal with them. The impact of their sincere, un-discriminating love truly changed the course of Placido's

life. His son, Placido Koyoc Matu, also remembered the couple's commitment to Christ and how Frances enjoyed sewing clothes for the children and reading them stories.

It has been said that gratitude is the memory of the heart. Our hearts are very grateful for the many memories we share of Frances Yates, truly a cheerful giver—"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

Following the memorial service, Frances was buried beside her husband at the Little Niangua Cemetery, Almon Valley, Missouri, with Elders Jim Yates and Hubert Yates officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of Christ Yucatan Mission in care of Meredyth Malone, 2701 E. Utopia, #33, Phoenix, AZ 85050.

Tribute to a Virtuous Woman:
FRANCES D. YATES

This precious one who's gone
To meet the Holy Son
Has left a vast array of memories,
And in our hearts and minds
These memories we'll find
To comfort us with every passing day.

Refrain:
She brought peace to her husband.
She brought joy to all she knew.
She gave love to her children
And served her God her whole life
through.

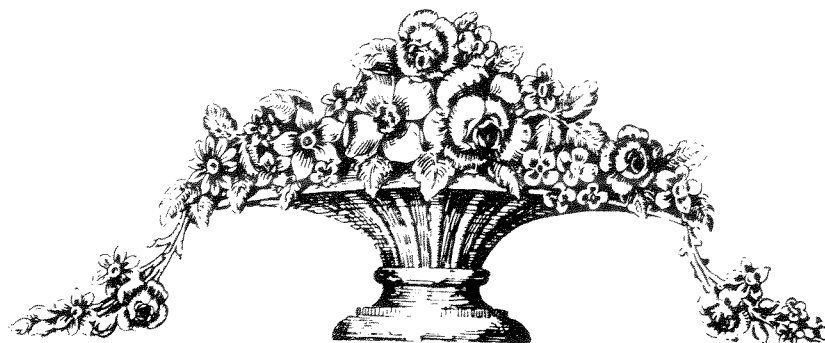
The sunshine that she spread
In each of us has bred
A longing to serve God in every way.
Her sunshine will live on
Through granddaughters and grandsons,
In their hearts forever to stay.

(Refrain)

Now we lay to rest
This one who's done her best
To serve her God above in every thing.
The angels now will raise
Their voices clear in praise
And with angels we will sing.

(Refrain)

By Olivia K. Yates



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