

# 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...."*

I Nephi 3:187

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To become a father is not hard,  
To be a father is, however.

—Wilhelm Busch [1832-1908]

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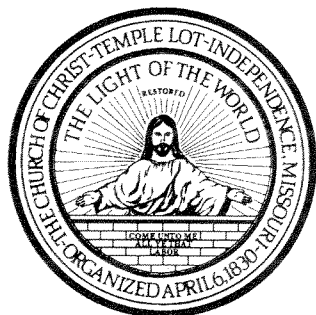
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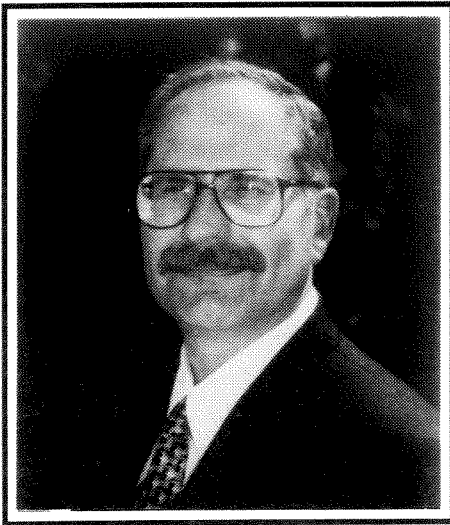
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ARTICLE

# Reflections on the Y2K DILEMMA



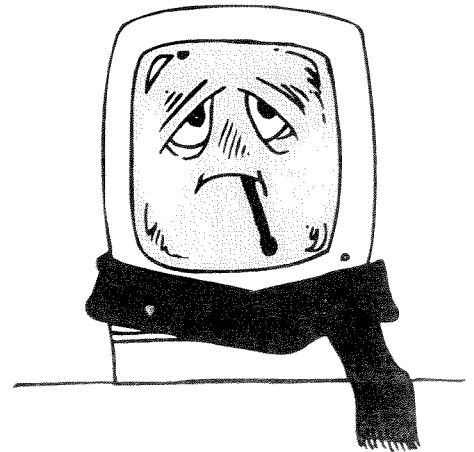
By Apostle Michael E. McGhee

During a meeting of the Council of Apostles by telephone I was nominated and elected to address the concerns, preparations and fears with the impending year 2000 ahead. During our meetings held prior to the April 1999 Conference we determined to set aside time to fast and pray for the Lord's direction concerning this date referred to as Y2K, as many in each of our respective fields of responsibility had asked our opinions and the Council had also received a

letter from members of the Church of Christ asking that we pursue this concern.

On Monday, March 29, 1999, the apostles engaged in fasting and prayer. The individual names of those who stood in need, the locals and missions in the United States, Mexico, Canada, Honduras and throughout the world were given over to the Lord. The morning was spent in this manner with all members participating and we were blessed with the Spirit being felt by all. A short break was taken and we once again assembled with the brother in charge asking that we place Y2K before the Lord to know His will.

Earlier in our meetings we had discussed this concern with our collective knowledge, intelligence, talents and skills. As I tried to absorb this wealth of information (and there was considerable) I thought to myself—"they have certainly picked the wrong man for this job." This was confirmed as I measured each man's input; the more we tried to make a simple statement and to know the future,



the more complex and consuming the task became.

Now my brother had asked that we, I, place this matter before the Lord. I remember thinking as I knelt in the season of prayer, I am on the faith side of the prayer I had not yet offered. Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things unseen. I was taught this by a brother that helped me to come to know Jesus Christ, and he hammered this definition into my hard head. Once I offer this prayer, I am on the potential knowledge side of my prayer. What if He does not answer? The Spirit's

prompting brought me back to my sense of duty and I turned to pray, to cry out, to God, which I was glad to do, feeling the Spirit bring a sense of relief, release and great joy! I had received no answer within myself but felt comforted and cared for from above.

After the season of prayer had concluded we arose and a brother turned quickly to offer a scripture reference given to him during our prayers. This brother knows and has a good understanding of the Holy Word and a good memory; the Lord could have placed the entire scripture on his heart and I am confident my brother would have remembered. The Lord placed on his heart only the book, chapter and verse. As I reflect upon this I am sure the Lord chose this manner so that no one, not even the brother, could say this was his heart's desire or his mind's opinion and not the Lord's will manifested. As our brother read from the Word, Matthew 6:33—"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you"—I realized my (our) faith was exercised; our prayers were heard, and knowledge was received!

As we discussed this scripture we marveled at how the Lord had taken a complex issue and had made it so simple that even we, you and I (His children) will understand.

**1** Our priorities must be God first in all things, the spiritual

health of not just ourselves but the Body of Christ, and all those who will seek after righteousness.

**2** His commandments and continued revelations must be incorporated in our daily lives that we will be as "salt and light" to the world.

**3** We are dependent upon Him in this life for our livelihood, our physical continuance and our well-being.

Following are some of the scriptures and thoughts we offered and shared with each other that have brought us comfort and helped to reconcile our sense of overall "well-being."

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of anti-christ, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world

heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error" 1 John 4:1-6.

(There are many "prophets of doom" and many glean money as "profits of doom"!)

"Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord" Luke 5:4-9.

(The proper sense of our own nothingness vs. the magnitude of God is necessary, and after we have exercised all our talents, skills and strength to then follow the command and will of God is to succeed.)

"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace,

whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire" Hebrew 12:28-29.

**We are supported and delivered in this life and the life to come according to His promises. If it be His will in this life we will be protected from enemies even by fire.**

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"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you" John 15:16.

("I have chosen you... whatsoever ye shall ask"; this must be expedient to His will. )

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come" Matthew 24:42.

(The main thrust of chapter 24, though filled with end-time troubles, is the coming of

Christ—the Second Coming, and this time with His Power. )

"In your patience possess ye your souls. And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to

come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" Luke 21:19-28.

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"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities" Rev. 18:4-5.

"And they cast dust on



their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth" Revelation 18:19-24.

(Babylon, the World, will fall in a "day." The saints of God will have cause to "rejoice.")

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth" 2 Nephi 9:126-127.

(An ensign established; an assembling of the Tribes of Israel will take place.)

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" Luke 21:36.

("Watch"; to be vigilant, patient and exercised in faith—"Pray"; to be supported and delivered.)

"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets" Amos 3:7.

(The Lord's revelations have not ceased with those that hope, pray and have faith.)

It is very easy, even tempting to get caught up in the rush to be prepared for this date

that is fast approaching. From the outside as I began to look at the opinions of others, most of these were leaning if not pushing what is most easily obtained in the media towards a major disruption in our lifestyle. I turned to my newest toy, one I dragged my feet trying not to purchase, the computer. On this the source of our impending problems I was amazed at the amount of material that is found on this subject of Y2K. The preponderance of articles points to a major if not total disruption of our way of life that many say we may never come back from; over the precipice, not just teetering and then to recover our balance. As I continued to digest this information I began to develop indigestion! Almost all of these free sites? wanted something in return for this lifesaving information: money!

Money in return for being able to maintain my life, even my lifestyle; now that is tempting.

As I continued to dig I found some of these Y2K guru's hoping that America actually will fall. Their sense of duty or calling is to facilitate this fall, using the Bible to legitimize the demise, and with the collapse to take their rightful place as a leader of the reconstructed state.

Still others, not quite as radical or alarming, come on much softer, offering all kinds of remedies, precautions, preparations and ways to avoid disruptions. I began to like what they

offered until I read the fine print and found that again money was very much appreciated, even required!

I am sure some of you reading this are saying: "Wait just a minute, you don't know what you have found. Some of these give all their time, energy and talents; and charge no money at all." There may well be some that are moved with compassion for their fellow man, but I know in my profession that there are manufacturer's representatives that charge nothing up front. If I like what I see or feel the need after they have pointed out my shortcomings I place an order for the product. The manufacturer ships my order to fill my perceived need, I pay his bill and he continues to support his representative in the field.

I continued to look into Y2K and found a good concise article found in *Time* magazine dated January 18, 1999. The article is entitled "The History and The Hype," by Chris Taylor. Following is a time line and a few brief quotes:

- 1890 Herman Hollerith develops an electrically driven census system that reads punch cards. Six years later, he founds the company that becomes IBM.
- 1945 John Mauchley and Presper Eckert build ENIAC, the first electronic digital computer, and go on to make UNIVAC, the first computer sold commercially. It runs on Hollerith cards.

- 1957 Grace Murray Hopper creates Flow-matic, the first computer language written in plain English. Two years later, it forms the basis of COBOL. To save precious room on the cards, years are abbreviated to two digits (e.g. 1957 is represented as 57)
- 1960 Anticipating problems later on, Robert Bemer and 47 other computer scientists began lobbying for the four-digit year.
- 1964 IBM introduces the spectacularly successful System/360 mainframe, which retains the two digit year.
- 1967 The White House orders the National Bureau of Standards to settle the date debate. Under pressure from the Pentagon, the bureau sticks with the two-digit year.
- 1979 Bemer makes the first widely published prediction of the Y2K crisis, in the journal "Interface Age." The reaction is overwhelming; he retires three years later.
- 1993 Curious nuke watchers at NORAD turn their computer clocks forward to Jan. 1st, 2000—and the ICBM alert system crashes.
- 1993 Peter de Jager's seminal "Doomsday 2000" article appears in "Computer World"; he launches himself on the lecture circuit.
- 1995 IBM finally acknowledges the Y2K bug—and announces

plans to help its customers make "timely year 2000 transitions."

- 1996 At the behest of Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the Congressional Research Service writes its first report on Y2K. Moynihan warns Clinton of the "Year 2000 time bomb."
- 1997 Trading starts on the "De Jager Year 2000 index"—a collection of stock options in 18 bug-fixing firms. It jumps 100% in its first year of operation. Y2K consultants, among them the Garter Group, start cashing in.
- 1997 At an industry summit, Bill Gates blames Y2K worries on those who "love to tell tales of fear." A year later, Microsoft admits being "slow" on the Y2K uptake.
- 1998 Y2K merchandise (mugs, clocks and caps) goes on sale. The White House appoints John Koskinen as its Y2K czar. Most government agencies get a failing grade in Y2K readiness.
- 1999 March 31: Koskinen's preliminary deadline for all computer system fixes.
- 2000 Jan. 1st: The moment of truth.
 

"—Though most of the dire predictions connected with date—the year 2000 computer bug's moment of truth—are unlikely to come true, a little computer generated chaos would provide a fitting conclusion to a 40 year

story of human frailties: greed, shortsightedness, and a tendency to rush into new technologies before thinking them through."

It is interesting to note that one of the Restoration groups, the LDS—Mormons—contracted the aid of Robert Bemer, who helped write the COBOL language in the late 1950s. Their problem: they realized to research genealogy on the computer they would need the 4-digit year; the 2-digit year would prevent their research out of this century. The capability or technology to ready all computers 40 years ago was available!

"From 1995 on, Y2K awareness had a kind of critical mass. Congress, the White House and the media all got wind of the bug at about the same time. After making too little of the problem for so long, everybody began to make, if anything, too much of it."

"The fact is that no one on the planet really knows what will happen when 01-01-00 rolls around. ...In a century in which man splits the atom, spliced genes and turned silicone into data, the tale of Y2K—how we ignored it for 40 years, then flew into a tizzy—will not be remembered as our finest hour."

From your concern and ours—after exhaustive research, after writing this article and each of you taking the time

to read it, I trust that each of you appreciate how our God was able to cut through the complexities, fear, ignorance and shortness of time. Matthew 6:33: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." It cuts right through to the quick, doesn't it? But that is what the word of God is.

Heb. 4:12: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Good advice on food preparation and storage can be found on the LDS web site. Good advice on emergency preparedness may be found on the American Red Cross web site, a small sample follows:

**1** Check with manufacturers of any essential computer-controlled electronic equipment in your home to see if that equipment may be affected. This includes fire and security alarm systems, programmable thermostats, appliances, consumer electronics, garage door openers, electronic locks, and any other electronic equipment in which an "embedded chip" may control its operation.

**1** Stock disaster supplies to last several days to a week for yourself and those who live with you. This includes having non-perishable foods, stored water, and an ample supply of prescription and nonprescription medications that you regularly use.

**1** As you would in preparation for a storm of any kind, have some extra cash or traveler's checks on hand in case electronic transactions involving ATM cards, credit cards, and the like cannot be processed. Plan to keep cash or traveler's checks in a safe place, and withdraw money from your bank in small amounts well in advance of 12/31/99.

**1** As you would in preparation for a winter storm, keep your automobile gas tank above half full.

**1** In case the power fails, plan to use alternative cooking devices in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Don't use open flames or charcoal grills indoors.

**1** Have extra blankets, coats, hats, and gloves to keep warm. Please do not plan to use gas-fueled appliances, like an oven, as an alternative heating source. The same goes



for wood-burning or liquid-fueled heating devices that are not designed to be used in a residential structure. Camp stoves and heaters should only be used out of doors in a well-ventilated area. If you do purchase an alternative heating device, make sure it is approved for use indoors and is listed with the Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

- 1 Have plenty of flashlights and extra batteries on hand. Don't use candles for emergency lighting.
- 1 Examine your smoke alarms now. If you have smoke alarms that are hard-wired into your home's electrical system (most newer ones are), check to see if they have battery back-ups. Every fall, replace all batteries in all smoke alarms as a general fire safety precaution.
- 1 Be prepared to relocate to a shelter for warmth and protection during a prolonged power outage or if for any other reason local officials request or require that you leave your home. Listen to a battery-operated radio or television for information about where shelters will be available.
- 1 If you plan to use a port-

able generator, connect what you want to power directly to the generator; do not connect the generator to your home's electrical system. Also, be sure to keep a generator in a well-ventilated area—either outside or in a garage, keeping the door open. Don't put a generator in your basement or anywhere inside your home.

- 1 Check with the emergency services providers in your community to see if there is more information available about how your community is preparing for any potential problems. Be an advocate and support efforts by your local police, fire, and emergency management officials to ensure that their systems will be able to operate at all times.

The American Red Cross helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. We're in your neighborhood every day, providing disaster preparedness information and teaching classes in first aid and other life-saving skills, to help keep families like yours safer. For more information, please contact your local American Red Cross chapter.

We are on the faith side of Y2K, soon, very soon, we will be on the knowledge side of Y2K.

Let us continue to seek a closer walk with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

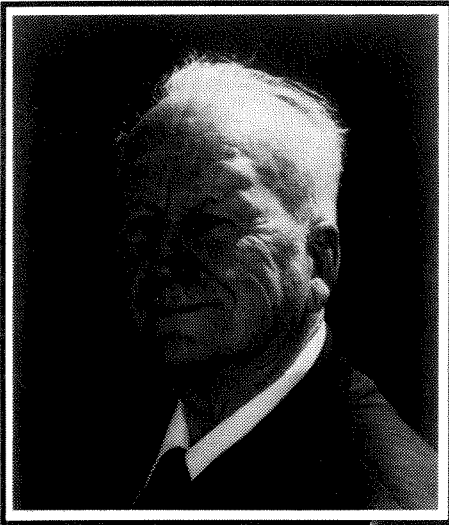
Let us prepare for a disruption as man's fears are brought to view; use common sense.

Let us prepare not just for our own, the Body of Christ; but the poor, naked and hungry.

Ecc. 12:13: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

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

# A Newsletter Regarding and for the Jews



By Apostle William A. Sheldon

The following is of general interest on this subject, being submitted because of our concern for the House of Israel, and as prophesied for them in the latter days; a concern which must include their contact with the Messiah, who is Jesus the Christ.

It is extracted from "The News For Jesus" Newsletter for December, 1998.



## Christ in the Feast of Hanukkah

BY DAVID BRICKNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the Temple, in Solomon's porch" (John 10:22-3).

**T**hat is the only biblical reference to a well-known winter holiday that Jesus celebrated, a holiday many will celebrate this month. You

know it by another name, (hint: it's not Christmas!). No, from December 13 to 21, my Jewish people will celebrate the Feast of Dedication, commonly known as Hanukkah.

Many are surprised that the only Bible verse mentioning Hanukkah is found in the New Testament. That is simply because the holiday commemorates an event that occurred during the interTestamental period, approximately 165 BC. A Syrian King named

Antiochus invaded the Jewish nation and demanded that my people abandon the God of Israel and His ways. His plan: forced "Hellenization." That meant imposing Greek customs, including idolatry, on the people. It meant forbidding the practice of the Jewish religion, including circumcision. Ultimately, to ensure that no one could worship the God of Israel, Antiochus defiled the Temple in Jerusalem. He placed idols in the house of the Lord and sacrificed a sow upon the holy altar. He not only defiled God's Temple, but he took the title "Epiphanes," which means 'God manifested,' and demanded to be worshipped. In response to his blasphemous claim to deity, the Jewish people modified his title, calling him "Epi-manes" (crazy).

It was a terribly dark period in Israel's history, but God raised up a small band of heroes led by a family known as the Maccabees (Maccabee means "hammer"). They waged a successful rebellion against Antiochus and drove the Syrians out of Israel. The Feast of Hanukkah commemorates the victory God gave the Jewish people over Antiochus and his mighty army. We call the holiday *Hanukkah* (dedication), because the high point of our victory was rededicating the Temple in Jerusalem.

Many legends surround this historic event, but the most famous is the "miracle of the oil." It is said that when the Maccabees recaptured Jerusalem they immediately set out to rededicate the Temple. But they faced a pressing problem; they needed consecrated oil to rekindle the sacred candelabra. They found only enough for one day—and it would take a full eight days to procure enough oil for Temple use.

The thought of lighting this great candelabra only to see it go out again was heart-wrenching. Yet the zeal to rededicate the Temple was so strong that, despite the dilemma, they decided to light the candelabra. A traditional saying arose from this Hanukkah story: "*nes gadol haya sham*," which means,

"a great miracle happened there." The great miracle was that the oil, enough for only one day, continued to burn for eight whole days, enough time to make and sanctify new oil. According to this legend, this is why we celebrate Hanukkah for eight nights and why the Hanukkiah (Hanukkah menorah) is lit for eight nights as well. It's a good story, but it isn't mentioned in the earlier accounts of the Maccabean revolt, such as 2nd Maccabees. The legend of the oil isn't mentioned until much later, in the Talmud. Maybe a day's worth of oil supernaturally burned for eight days and maybe it did not.

Many believe that a more likely reason why we celebrate Hanukkah for eight days is that the Maccabees, upon recapturing Jerusalem, conducted a belated Feast of Tabernacles celebration. Remember, Solomon himself had chosen that very same Feast of Tabernacles to dedicate the Temple when it was newly built. So the eight-day festival of joy and thanksgiving would have been an especially appropriate way to commemorate the rededication of the Temple.

In any case, it is still appropriate at Hanukkah to say, "*nes gadol haya sham*, a great miracle happened there." The miracle of Hanukkah is the miracle of God's preserving power. Israel's victory over Antiochus and his mighty army showed forth that miraculous power.

God staked His reputation on His promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when He vowed to preserve and sustain their descendants forever. No wonder Satan has attempted to annihilate the Jews throughout history! Antiochus was one of Satan's agents in his diabolical scheme to destroy the Jews and so make God a liar! In fact, the prophet Daniel predicted the wicked deeds of Antiochus (Daniel 8-11) and even depicted him as a type of the anti-Christ, the beast of Revelation 13.

The Jews of Jesus' day were well aware of the events that had led to the Feast of Dedication when they approached Him in the

holy Temple on Hanukkah. It was in the context of that recent history that they said to Jesus, "If you are the Christ, tell us plainly" (John 10:24). If Jesus really was the Messiah they reasoned, He had the power to preserve the Jewish people from the tyranny of the Romans, just as God had preserved them from evil Antiochus. Jesus answered them with a rebuke, "I told you, and you do not believe" (v. 25).

Jesus boldly asserted His Messiahship. He claimed divine power to preserve and sustain His people, but not in the manner they had hoped for and expected. "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand" (v. 27-8). Jesus' power to preserve was not a temporal, physical power. It was eternal and spiritual—and it was based on faith in Him as the Holy One of God. The salvation He offered was not from Roman oppression but from the oppression of Satan, sin and even death itself.

The rededication of the Temple was a reminder of God's power to keep His promises and preserve His people Israel.

But One greater than the Temple stood on Solomon's porch that day. And He made an astounding claim. "I and My Father are one" (v. 30). Remember, this is Hanukkah. Fresh in my people's minds was the fact that they had rightly rejected the false claims of Antiochus. Now here is Jesus, standing in the Temple asserting His own claim to deity. The reaction of my people was predictable. "Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him" (v. 31). And if He hadn't been who He claimed to be, they would have been absolutely right to do so.

When my people rejected Antiochus, God kept His promises, miraculously preserving them. But when the Jewish leaders wrongly rejected Jesus' claims that day, they missed an even greater miracle than Israel's against-all-odds victory over the over-

whelming Syrian army. They missed the miracle of Immanuel, God with us. That miracle gave Jesus the right to claim power to preserve those who come to Him. Only as God come in the flesh is Jesus "able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him."

God does keep His promises, even when we fail to recognize it. He said, "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6). Jesus fulfilled these precious promises from God. In Him, God has proven His faithfulness to Israel and to all the world.

This month, those of us who have accepted His claims can celebrate the miracle of Hanukkah as well as the miracle of Christ's birth. Because God keeps His promises, He will save and sustain Israel. Because God keeps His promises, He will save and keep all those who call upon His name through faith in Immanuel, our Messiah Jesus. Because God keeps His promises, He has made each blood-bought believer to be His own Temple, where Immanuel, God with us, has taken up residence. And so because God keeps His promises, please join us in dedicating ourselves anew to live for Him by the power of the *Ruach ha Kodesh*, the Holy Spirit who burns within us.

## FATHER'S DAY

## FATHERS

It is not surprising that there are many more references in the Word of God to "father," and "Father" than there are to "mothers" when one takes into account how important it is for an individual to understand the Heavenly Father. It is impossible for one to comprehend fully the "Father image" of God without experiencing an earthly father.

There are some who may disagree as to which one is the more influential in the life of a child, the mother or the father. The mother is the one who guides the child to his immediate goals in daily living, whereas generally speaking, the father is the one who establishes the long-range ambitions—those ideals for which to strive in order to make a success in life.

It is extremely difficult for a person to establish right relationships with the Heavenly Father without having first established health and loving relationships with his earthly father. How does one experience God as Father if he has never known a father's love, or concern, his support and protection, his sharing and understanding, discipline, wisdom, or even his firm warm hand?

A child deems what is important to his father as being paramount to him. As God's child one wants to please Him because He knows it pleases Him. What is important to God is significant to His child.

"Father knows best," is an old maxim, but sometimes the child must experience his own choices in order to appreciate more the wisdom of his father. The Heavenly Father allows His children to do their own bidding in order to more fully appreciate God's will.

Fathers many times think they are needed only for special favors desired by the son or daughter. The Father in heaven is noted for granting special favors to His own.

A child revels in his times of fun and fellowship with his father.

How it thrills the child of God to have those moments of sweet communion with his Father above.

A father labors day after day to be a provider for his family. One of God's attributes is that of being The Provider of all our needs.

The father takes time to hear and understand the difficulties of his child. Father God knows all about our troubles. He hears, He understands and promises to lighten our burdens.

Is it not therefore a responsibility, a challenge of utmost importance for a father to be really a "father" to his children? The father who knows God the Father will be the most complete father, the most honored father. He cannot risk being less.

—Marie Taylor





# APRIL 1999 CONFERENCE REPORT

## SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3  
158 attendees  
Weather—sunny and mild

## HIGHLIGHTS:

### ■ BACK TO THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE

We have returned to the original purpose for our solemn assemblies. It is quoted in part here: "By numerous prophecies we know that the day of the Lord is nigh at hand...that great destruction will come upon all people before the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

"Therefore, Resolved, That the whole membership of the Church of Christ, from the youngest child to the oldest member, be called to a solemn assembly, that a period of fasting may be sanctified unto our God

"...That we seek to lay hold on the promise recorded in Joel 2:32, 'And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.'

"...That the whole church may be united in one heart and one mind, that the guidance of the Lord may be made known to us, and that the power of Pentecost may cover us as the waters cover the sea, that the servants of the Lord might go forth in boldness and power and speak the word without fear unto the utmost ends of the earth."

### ■ UNITY OF THE SAINTS

Satan attempted to distract us from the purpose for which we were assembled. Part of that purpose as stated is that we "may be united in one heart and one mind." This was accomplished in an unusual way. Friday our Brothers Jay Moser and Gale Brantner were in charge. After the opening remarks, and while kneeling in a season of prayer, we were interrupted by the sound of a loud crack and a yell. A man with a gun (it turned out to be a BB gun) in one hand and a long stick in the other had struck our brothers in charge. He then began shouting for everyone to get out.

Brother Bob Oldham took charge of some of the children and started herding people out of the building. When we

looked back several of our ministry were moving toward the gunman and talking to him. The thought came, "Here is courage in the strength of the Lord." We all moved in a quiet, orderly way to the lawn, then were ordered by the police to the "Stone Church" lawn across the street. We prayerfully waited for the men left inside. The police were able to take control and our ministry all came out unharmed. Then we all joined hands as several were asked to pray. All who passed on the street witnessed our unity.

Our adversary tried to put a lasting fear into the hearts of our people in the Lord's own house. Yes, we were naturally startled. Some of us could not believe it was happening. And yes, we were very concerned. But we were not overcome with fear. We saw acts of bravery. In testimony of the fact that the Lord was with us to calm us, the police thanked us by way of Brother Roger Bruner for our being cooperative and orderly.

In the afternoon session we were all counseled by Brother Brian McIndoo that in order for a healing to take place for those involved that it was necessary to talk it out, and so

there was time given for testimony of the Lord's intervention in saving our lives, in the peace He gave us, and for our expressions of our feelings about this experience. There was concern and many prayers for the children who witnessed this traumatic event. One child was administered to the next day for the fear it brought and received a wonderful blessing. In the evening service one heard, while singing three hymns, the choirs of angels amongst the voices of the congregation.

The Lord was truly triumphant! It was a test. Might we know that He will be triumphant in any fearful situation in the future? But it will require that we follow Him by coming out of the world and its systems, submitting our lives to Him, then having faith and trusting that His will will surely be done. Then, no matter what happens it will be well with us.

### CONFERENCE

Sunday, April 4 through Wednesday April 7

Total attending Solemn Assembly and Conference: 343

Areas represented: Arizona; Colorado; Florida, Kansas; Michigan; Minnesota; Missouri; North Carolina; Nova Scotia; Oklahoma; Wisconsin; Yucatan, Mexico

Sorry if there was an area represented that was not mentioned.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### ■ ORDINATION TO THE OFFICE OF APOSTLE

Apostle Frank Fann was in charge with the other nine apostles, present at the Conference, assisting. We were all sad that our dear Brother and Apostle, Robert Jensen, couldn't attend this year because of circumstances beyond his control.

Brother Fann asked us to let the Spirit of the Lord come into our hearts and praise Him.

Brother Placido Koyoc Matu was ordained by Apostle Jay Moser, and assisted by Apostle Joel Yates. After the ordination Placido gave his testimony that his calling came as a surprise to him and then after that didn't think much more about the call. Then some time later he felt the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that he was the right one to occupy. But he confessed that he was a little disobedient. He felt that there were others better and that he felt unworthy. One day he was driving early in the morning when the words of a song came to him, "Bowling down My Lord I come to pray...." He was touched by the Spirit and he began to cry. The Holy Spirit told him that he was

ready to be ordained. He was free of the doubts. For about 15 minutes he was under the influence of this Spirit. He could not describe his feelings. On December 31 he was assisting at a preaching service when the scripture, Joshua 1:6-9, came, "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid...." He was deeply touched. On January 23 during his sermon, I Samuel 16:7 came to him, "...the Lord looketh on the heart." The Holy Spirit once again told him he was ready to be ordained.

On January 28 he went to the doctor for blood tests. He was walking and thinking about his physical problem when he heard a sweet voice, "Do not be afraid. Everything is going to be all right." He was comforted. Placido said he can now better comprehend the gospel.

Brother Nicholas Denham offered a prayer in which he stated that the day has come that the gospel goes from the Gentiles back to the House of Israel, that the power of the Holy Spirit be made manifest, that the Church may move forward. The time is now that we must put on the beautiful robes of righteousness that we might be prepared.

Brother William Sheldon gave admonition with the scripture: "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood,

dwelleth in me, and I in him...so he that eateth me even he shall live by me...he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever" John 6:56-58. He told us that when we partake we should do so with a determination to keep the teachings of Christ. Also that we should realize that we are renewing our covenant with Him. The congregation was then served the Sacrament.

**■ THE LORD'S ANSWER TO PERILOUS TIMES AHEAD**

In their pre-Conference meetings the Apostles fasted and prayed in consideration of the warnings concerning the possible collapse of the world systems with what has been termed "Year 2000, or Y2K." The Lord, in His mercy has given instruction to the church. One of the Council was given Matthew 6:33. When it was looked up, they found the answer for what they had been seeking of the Lord, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." This message was delivered to the body of Christ at the Sacrament Service.

**■ TESTIMONY HIGHLIGHTS**

There were testimonies of those who have recently been to Honduras to help with the great physical labor as well as

the great spiritual labor. We were given a description of the great needs and the labor of love for those people by Brother John and Sister Nana Gill. We were admonished to keep the people and servants in our prayers.

In another field in work with the remnant of Jacob, Brother Richard Wheaton told us that things were moving so fast that he could hardly keep track. He is convinced that the work is being prospered.

One told of a dream in which he saw that the work is great. The work of the Lord is everywhere. He looks forward to the day when we can prepare a refuge of the Lord. It's a joyous work to be involved in.

The hand of fellowship was then extended to our newest Apostle, Brother Placido, many offering their love, approval, and best wishes.

**■ SPECIAL MUSIC SERVICE**

There were small groups, the Children's choir, Junior choir, and Adult choir participating, all under Sister Manon Lawrence's direction.

**SERMON HIGHLIGHTS**

Sunday, April 4 to Wednesday, April 7  
Preachers: Apostle Michael

McGhee, Apostle Brian McIndoo, Apostle Jay Moser, Evangelist Marvin Case, Elder Alvin Harris

- What are you going to do with your lives, spiritually and temporally?
- Christ's church continues until He comes again.
- We desire the fruits and gifts. Are we resolved to do what it takes?
- God has done all this for us. What are we resolved to give back to Him?
- Are your works works of righteousness or acts of defiance before God?
- To prepare for the year 2,000, the #1 goal is to prepare to meet God. Possessions can't be the focus in this life. Prepare to meet God or pursue the things of this world.
- Offenses hinder us from the path of salvation.
- Like the fired clay pot, will you stand the test of light and heat? Everything we do needs to touch every other aspect of our lives.
- Strive for humility. Put away pride. Strive for charity. Walk, keeping yourself blameless before God.
- The Church of Christ is like a simple crystal pitcher. If you pick it up, it isn't perfectly clean. There are fin-

gerprints all over it. Look at man's mistakes or look at what God has done. Sometimes all we can see are the flaws and not the beauty.

- Our chief concern is to lift people out of sin, to maintain a firm position on God's own revealed plan of salvation. The greatest danger we face as a people is to change that theme.
- The Bible and Book of Mormon are the authority by which we judge all doctrine.
- At the October 1925 Conference, it was ruled that we accept no purported revelation that conflicts with Bible and Book of Mormon.
- This is the Bride of Christ! It is in His hands.
- The first and second things Jesus did and taught on this continent: 1. Gave power to baptize, the method, and words. 2. That there should be no disputations. He taught the same as His Father. He expects us to teach the same.
- Only the help of God can get us through over whelming things.
- The Lord and the things we have seen Him do is the standard that should be held up. We are called to be the standard bearers.

- Just like Christ, we learn obedience by the things that we suffer.
- In the last days there will be two churches, the church of the Lamb of God and the church of the Devil.
- The Lord has commanded us to pray in our secret closets. Tell him your problem, how you feel and what you hope for—things you can't tell anyone else. Spill your soul out to the Lord for an hour or maybe several days. There is a presence. God does not leave us alone. He will help us, not because we are worthy, but because we put forth the effort. He blesses us according to our effort and our desires.
- Our own rights are our own downfall.
- Don't be afraid of Y2K. Trust in the Lord.
- Think before you act. Take responsibility.
- There are church members who buy lottery tickets. It would be better to put that \$1 or \$2 in the collection plate.
- There is a correlation between the temporal side and the spiritual responsibility. Everything done can be broken down into those two categories.
- Tithing comes off the top.

Offerings are in addition to tithing.

## OTHER CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

- Business meetings for general church—this year only Monday through Wednesday morning.
- Prayer meetings one hour each morning.
- Young People's activity Saturday evening after Solemn Assembly.
- Young People's forum.
- Women's business meeting and luncheon.
- Committee meetings—Sunday School Association, AVVA (Audio-Visual-Video-Aids) committee.
- Wonderful fellowship during meal time, in between meetings, and in the homes.

We had a beautiful time with each other and with the Lord.

*Darl Temple*  
*Conference Reporter*

**GENERAL CHURCH UNITED WORKERS**

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## **APRIL 1999 LADIES' LUNCHEON REPORT**

**O**n April 6, 1999, the United Workers met at the East Independence Local Annex for our annual luncheon, business meeting, and social. The theme this year was "God's Garden." We had a nice group of about 50 women who learned a little bit about each other playing Human Bingo. Afterward, we had a great lunch followed by our business meeting.

Our officers elected are:

- Chair . . . . . Lisa Gill**
- Assistant Chairs . . Carrie Geier & Tricia Cardello**
- Secretary . . . . . Melissa Seibel**
- Treasurer . . . . . Irene Case**

Our chairperson read scriptures Matthew 13:18-23 and Matthew 17:20, which related to our theme. Then we divided into discussion groups. Each table had one question to discuss. Some people shared testimonies and advice as well. The following is a summary of the answers given to the various questions:

**1** "How far will you go to express God's love to each other?" Accepting other's differences is an expression of love, Love them enough to call someone to the carpet regarding their sin, Little expressions—smiles, Preferring your brother or sister, Always relying on the Holy Ghost for discernment to know how to express love for another.

**2** "How do you walk in the light?" Avoid all appearance of evil, Be involved in good works, Love the Lord thy God with all your heart, might, mind, and strength, Love thy neighbor as thyself.

**3** "Describe the growth in you when someone looked at you with the eyes of love." Humility is one way we can express our growth, When the spirit of God enters you, you want to be better, You want to live up to other's expectations of you.

**4** "How do you keep your soil fertile?" Read the word of God and pray, Outreach to others—when we reach out to others, they come back and fertilize us, Service to others, Communication with others—positive people make us positive.

**5** "List the tools needed for the upkeep of God's garden. Give an example from your life." Love, Bible & Book of Mormon, Faith, Being a good example, Humility, Patience, Charity, Sharing, Kind discipline.

**6** "Describe how, in life, we can grow in faith as a mustard seed." When prayers get answered, it makes us stronger—but even if a prayer isn't answered the way you want it, you must remain strong. We must always remember Jesus' example. He always remained strong in faith.

I believe all who attended were blessed by the Spirit. We closed with prayer following the singing of "We'll Scatter Good Seed."

I hope many more can join us next year. Our luncheon is always the Tuesday of Conference. Please mark your calendars so you can all come.

*Your Sister in Christ,  
Carrie Geier*



## NEWS

## BRADLEY, MICHIGAN

Hello from Bradley, Michigan! These are the latest happenings:

On May 16, we had our annual business meeting, after our regular Sunday service. The officers for this year are; Adam Porter, Pastor; Duane Lee, Sunday School Superintendent; Randy Lee, Adult Teacher; Adam Porter, Teenage teacher; Joyce Lee, Elementary teacher; Joyce Lussenden, Secretary; Rick Lussenden, Treasurer; Mary Sue Lee and Laura Ritsma, organist/pianist; Joyce Lussenden, cards/flowers; and Emily and Heidi Porter, Advocate Reporters.

On our prayer list is Sister Ellen VanDyne, suffering from dementia and

in a nursing home; Sharon Salter with her diabetes; Joyce Lussenden with a nerve condition that makes her not able to walk comfortably—she is getting around well though with her new fancy walker!

William Salter, son of Bill and Sharon Salter, became engaged to Jennifer Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce S. Hart, Jr. Jennifer holds a bachelor's of fine arts degree from East Carolina University and is employed as a photographer. William is in his third year in the U. S. Marine Corps. They were married June 13, 1999, at the Marine Corps Base of Camp LeJune, in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Jason Freeman, son of Mary Jo Ritsma, and grandson of Bernie and Laura Ritsma, is graduating from Way-

land High School this spring. Jason was Homecoming King this year, and is graduating in the top ten of his class with a 3.90 GPA. Jason participated all four years of high school in track and field and basketball. Jason was also captain of the Varsity basketball team. Jason is Vice President of the National Honor society and was the senior class president. He earned the Kalamazoo Gazette Achievement award also.

Just a reminder that the Michigan Reunion will be at the Bradley local again this year, July 17 & 18. The Friday night before the reunion there will be a teen campout in the Porter's backyard. Our local hopes all of you can hopefully come! God Bless and have a great day!

*Love in Christ,*

*Emily and Heidi Porter*

## COLLINS, MISSOURI

As many of you know, our brother and friend, Roma Harrison, has passed from this life due to a severe asthma attack, May 13, 1999. I haven't the words to express to you our sadness and the vacancy this has created in our lives. Forgive me for not understanding the "whys" that have flooded our thoughts, but let me say that I trust God and His wisdom, and I'm confident that Roma was ready to meet God—it was "us" that weren't ready to let go. We're so human—it's hard to see the REAL purpose of life. But Roma did. He made his choice and he lived it. He loved his family and friends so very much, and wanted every one of them to have what he had—salvation.

Funeral services were conducted by Elders Allen Kauffman, Jack Martin,

and Rodger Bruner. Roma and Nancy's daughter, Michelle, wrote and read the obituary tribute to her father. It was a beautiful service. Burial was at the Little Niangua Cemetery east of Preston.

We will miss Roma, but oh how much richer our lives are for having known him! Please remember Nancy and all the family in your prayers. Nancy is strong and her faith is great, but her heart is sad. We need each other.

Bill and Karen Malone stopped in to visit. What a joy to see Bill—knowing the surgery he had recently gone through. He shared his testimony with us of how God had blessed him and given him comfort and "strength" to his heart. Bill and Karen, along with Bob and Jennifer Oldham, came to our house after church. It was marvelous, the things that were shared that after-

noon. I am so grateful for such true friends.

I'll close with just a few quotes you might want to consider.

- *How we project ourselves mirrors the light of Christ in you.*
- *We know Christ by several names, but do we know Him as "Friend"?*
- *Seeds are being planted in you—you're going to be a fruit—unto the Lord.*
- *To everything there is a season....*
- *Most of my troubles are from things I did that I shouldn't have done, OR things I didn't do that I should have done.*
- *If in this life only we have hope, we are of all men most miserable....*

*Your reporter,*

*Czerna Kauffman*

## NEWS

## MOGOLLON, ARIZONA

**G**reetings brothers and sisters in the name of God our Father and The Lord Jesus Christ I take this moment to write this epistle unto you concerning your brethren in this part of the land. I tell you it is the love of the saints and the love of God that keeps this little band going.

We have had many visiting ministers and their families in the past months, including Bob and Liza Hedrick and little Cody who chased around Bettye's pet lizard for awhile. Keith and Leona from Canada came up with his brother Ken and wife Marlene and son Matt. I was so very sick that day but so glad to have gone anyway and met them. Jim and Wanda always come and see us when he is in town. Last but not least Hubert Yates and wife Louise gave us a surprise visit. It was so funny to have him sign the guest book, as he was our minister for so long before going into the missionary field. Now that Andy Brown has been called to the of-

fice of an elder, our local may be headed for more changes.

In all the years we have had a few visitors but none to really take hold of this gospel and join us in fellowship. I know it is the same in other locals, and in the sermon that Hubert gave, sad but true, this is the way of our nation and people.

In Jeremiah 6:16, 19 we read: "Stand in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. Hear O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it."

God himself witnessed to men that Jesus was His Son, and we were to hear Him. Baptism is our covenant with God that we would hear and obey Him.

In Colossians 2:2-3 we are told that in God and Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. So we see knowledge is increased, men

are ever learning but not coming to the knowledge of the truth because they won't look in the right place, they won't walk in the straight and narrow path, but want to take the broad road, and I do believe God has turned them over to a reprobate mind, their ears are dull of hearing and they would rather believe a lie. The Church is not prospering in our land because of pride and wickedness. God must compel them to be humble, He must make bare His arm and show His strength and bring some to repentance. I am ever so thankful that God has placed my feet and yours in the path, "For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ."

Our prayers go out to the widows, the elderly, the young, the foolish, the poor, the undecided, the puffed up and the rich. Believe in Jesus Christ, The Way, The Truth, and The Life.

*Farewell Beloved,  
Sister Kathy Cloyd*

## ARIZONA REUNION

**T**he Church of Christ, Phoenix Local, will be hosting our annual reunion. **Services will begin on Friday morning, November 26th, and will continue through Sunday evening, November 28th, 1999.**

*Those who plan to attend or requiring more information please contact the following people:*

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We invite everyone to come and share the Thanksgiving holiday and worship the Lord with us!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IDAHO REUNION

The Treasure Valley Local is helping to sponsor the first Idaho Reunion in many years.

**WHEN:** June 26th and 27th, 1999

**WHERE:** Wilkahn RV & River Camp  
33405 Latour Creek Rd.  
Cataldo, ID 83810

**DIRECTIONS:** Take I-90 to Exit 40. The camp is on the south side of the freeway by the river.

We have plenty of room for RV's, campers, tent trailers, and tents. For those unable to camp, there is limited housing available. For more information on housing or to reserve housing, please contact:

**Stan & Phyllis Wilk**  
33405 Latour Creek Rd.  
Cataldo, ID 83810  
Phone: (208) 682-4613

Since our meal planners would appreciate knowing in advance how many to expect, please contact **Elder Roy Coon** or **Apostle Joel Yates** if you plan to attend.

**Elder Roy Coon** (Pastor, Treasure Valley Local)  
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Emmet, ID 83617  
Phone: (208) 365-3410

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### ALASKA RETREAT

Come join in worship and study in the cool and beauty of Alaska. All are invited to join the group who meet regularly in Anchorage, Alaska, at this special gathering. The retreat will be held in the beautiful valley outside Anchorage during the 4th of July holiday. There will be sermons, classes, presentations, and fellowship.

**WHEN:** July 4th, 5th and 6th, 1999

**WHERE:** Wasilla, Alaska

*If you intend to join with us, please contact either:*

**George Reed**  
2615 Pago Pago  
Anchorage, Alaska 99507  
(907) 562-3599

**Brian McIndoo**  
18824 N. 30th St.  
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### NEW YORK REUNION

Hogansburg, New York

**July 9–July 11, 1999**

Your brothers and sisters of the Akwesasne New York Local of the Church of Christ welcome all of our brothers and sisters in Canada and the United States to come fellowship and worship with them starting on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m., **July 9th through Sunday afternoon, July 11th, 1999.**

In order that the proper preparation may be made we would appreciate it if you would call or write the following:

*In Canada:*

**Wayne and Susan Miller**  
868 Tollgate Rd.  
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Box 21, Rt 37  
Hogansburg, NY 13655

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MICHIGAN REUNION

**G**reetings~  
This year the Michigan Reunion will be held at the Bradley Local. We are happy to invite ALL to come.

**DATE:** July 17th and 18th

**PLACE:** 129th Ave., Bradley, Michigan

*We have plenty of room for campers of any size.*

**CONTACT:**

**Bernie Ritsema**

4889 Chief Noon Day Rd.

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We are looking forward to many spiritual meetings, and fellowship with our brothers and sisters.

### MISSOURI REUNION

**T**he Missouri Reunion Committee would like to invite all to attend the 1999 Missouri Reunion, which will be held August 6th, 7th and 8th, 1999. All meetings will be held at the Church of Christ headquarters building, located on the Temple Lot in Independence, Missouri.

*For information please contact:*

**Apostle Roland Sarratt**

15910 E. 37th Terr.

Independence, MO 64055

(816) 373-6605

**Apostle Mike McGhee**

18907 E. 6th St. North

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### TRI-STATE REUNION

**D**ear Brothers and Sisters,  
The Minnesota locals of the Church of Christ would like to invite all to the 20th annual Tri-State Reunion. The reunion will be held in the Indoor Group Camp at Whitewater State Park. Whitewater Park is located about seven miles north of St. Charles. The Group Camp has cabins for sleeping accommodations. The dates for the reunion are **September 4th and 5th**. The camp opens Friday at 3:00 p.m. and closes 11:00 a.m. Monday. If you can, please join us as we worship and praise our Lord and Savior.

For more information, contact Merlin Eddy at (651) 463-2218 or [spikeeddy@aol.com](mailto:spikeeddy@aol.com).

### ARIZONA CAMP FOR ALL AGES

**WHEN:** September 4-6, 1999

**WHERE:** Walnut Ranch, Heber, Arizona ~ One hour north of Payson, Arizona, on Highway 260, turn west after milepost 299. (Maps available upon request.)

Come join with us as we worship the Lord and study His word in the world's largest ponderosa pine forest. Cool nights, good company, and activities planned for everyone. All are welcome to attend.

*Contact:*

**Priest Bob Hedrick**

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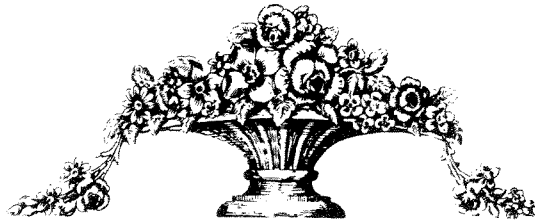
*Respectfully,*

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OBITUARY

# Roma Levi Harrison

October 24, 1944~May 13, 1999



Roma Levi Harrison of Urbana, Missouri, passed away Thursday evening, May 13th, 1999, at his home. Roma lived in Dallas County the majority of his life and graduated from Skyline High School in 1962. After high school he joined the Navy. Because his dad, Ellis, was in poor health and Roma was an only child, he received an honorable discharge so he could help run the farm. On October 26, 1963, he married Nancy Yates and they moved to Independence, Missouri. Roma and Nancy then moved to Liberty, Missouri, where they lived for 24 years. Roma worked at Ford Motor Company as an autoworker and committeeman for the union. He was well liked and respected at his job. He retired in 1991 and fulfilled his dream of moving back to his farm. Roma loved the land. He was a cattle farmer and avid horseman. His horse, "Sugar Girl" was his pride and joy.

Roma was an incredible life force. He was always smiling and joking. His favorite thing to do was visit relatives and talk. He would ride up on his horse and stop by and see everyone he could, lending a helping hand if needed. On many occasions he was accused of being a "Yates," where he would smile and kindly say, "No, but my wife is."

Roma was baptized into the Church of Christ in Collins, Missouri, on August 26th 1990, which transformed his life. He was a very devoted and active member of the Church. He loved his church and the people so much. He wanted everyone to feel the love that he felt with God. He couldn't understand why the whole world wasn't there with him.

Roma is survived by his wife, Nancy, and their three children: Wesley Harrison and wife, Linda, of Urbana, Missouri; Chad Harrison and wife, Amber, of Gladstone, Missouri;

and Michelle Harrison of Springfield, Missouri. He had four grandchildren: Cody Levi, Colt Aaron, Connor Wayne, and Katelyn Paige Harrison.

Roma lived his last day to the fullest. He did everything a man would want to do in one day. It was a day of all days. Roma was very special and unique—there will never be another like him. So even in our grief, we are thankful for our time with him and for the encouragement and inspiration he left behind.



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