

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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Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of
his, and give thanks at the
remembrance of his holiness. For
his anger endureth but a moment; in his
favour is life: weeping may endure for a
night, but joy cometh in the morning.

—*Psalm 30:4-5*

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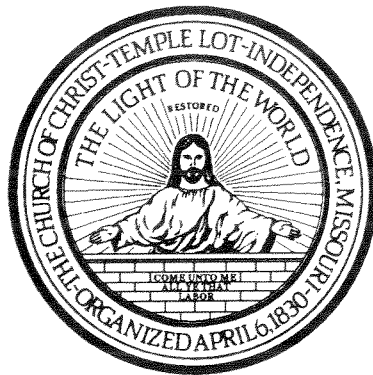
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To promote His Teachings & His Church, the Church of Christ;
To be a voice of warning to His people; to be Zion's advocate.

News Bulletin



Apostle Roland Sarratt, reporter for "The Good News."

NEWS BULLETIN:
Jerusalem, the City of David, the City of Zion, has been invaded. The walls have been broken down, the gates have been burned and the people have been carried away captive.

A news correspondent has interviewed a gentleman who escaped captivity. This is his story:

"I was in Shushan the

palace, that Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. And they said unto me, the remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire."

This man showed great emotion and sadness. He continued his story:

"When I heard these words, I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, and said, 'I beseech thee, O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments: Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee

now, day and night, for the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.'"

The gentleman continued his lamenting concerning his sins and the sins of the people for not having kept the commandments of God. He concluded his prayer with these words:

"Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand. O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer."

This gentleman would only give his name as Nehemiah, but his words show us the haunting reality of a people's destiny who failed to prepare for an impending disaster.

Unfortunately, this news

item is a few days late as this event took place sometime around B. C. 446.

"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" 2 Peter 3:8.

**NEWS BULLETIN:
The Lord is bringing
again Zion! His message
to His people is to seek to
bring forth and establish
the cause of Zion!**

This news bulletin is an update of the former news bulletin. It comes to us in the latter days: A. D. 1829. The message is: Don't let this people be unprepared like the Jews of old when disaster comes. Say nothing but repentance to them. Prepare them for the return of Jesus Christ, and warn them against being counted among the "foolish virgins" who took no oil with them in their lamps to meet the bridegroom. See Matthew 25:1-13.

**INSTRUCTIONS
IN PREPARING
ONE'S LAMP:**

- 1** Fill the lamp with oil and keep it full.
- 2** Trim the wick so that it will burn brightly.
- 3** Clean all dirt and smudges off the globe so that the light will

shine through.

As we contemplate our situation we realize we have used what precious oil we had on the cares of this life, leaving our wick burnt and unattended. We need to cut the burnt part off, getting rid of our selfish concerns and cares. Being renewed in mind and spirit we move forward to complete our preparation.

Filling our lamps with oil of the right ingredients is of upmost importance, but that isn't all that must be done. The light from our lamp must put forth light to dispel the darkness. We must clean the globe. There are smudges and dirt on the glass. Old and secret sins are evident and require the cleanser of repentance.

Another big, dirty and crusty stain that defeats all efforts to use the lamp is "I can't be perfect." This will require plenty of soap and water, along with a great deal of hard work, to get the stain off the glass. It will take some of Paul's special 'positive thinking' soap: "*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me*" Phil. 4:13. If that doesn't work we might add Alma's humble testimony:

"Yea, I know that I am nothing; as to my strength, I am weak; therefore I will not boast of myself, but I will boast of my God; for in his strength I can do all things; yea, behold, many mighty miracles we have wrought in this land, for

which we will praise his name for ever" Alma 14:92.

Our Lord has given the commandment: "*Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect*" Matt. 5:48. Paul tells us to go on unto perfection after we have laid the foundation of faith, repentance, baptism, etc. (Heb. 6:1). He also tells us that God:

"...Gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ..." Eph. 4:11-13.

How much more positive thinking soap will it take to get that "I can't be perfect" dirty spot off our glass? If we each are to come unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ we will have to believe, first of all, that we can reach perfection. Otherwise the oil isn't going to do much good because our light (good example) can't shine forth.

The several spiritual qualities that make up the oil can be found in various scriptures. Peter speaks of them thus:

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of

Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity" 2 Peter 1:2-7.

Great opportunity has been afforded us that we might be partakers of the divine nature by escaping the corruption that is in the world that comes through lust. The divine nature is the nature of God, which is distinctly different than the natural man. The Lord has made it possible for us to partake of His personal characteristics, becoming like Him in holiness. To do this we must believe in His words and the words of His servants. We must strive to fill our lamps with oil that has His divine characteristics.

FAITH is the necessary means by which we can fill our lamps with the ingredients of the "divine nature" oil. Paul gives us this definition for faith:

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" Hebrews 11:1. He gives the names of several

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individuals who have been examples of faith in Old Testament times: Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sara, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthae, David, Samuel and the prophets. Paul continued with these words:

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the

race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" Hebrews 12:1, 2.

Jesus is indeed the author and finisher of our faith.

On the subject of **FAITH** let us go to the words of Moroni who also refers us to an ancient time (230-130 B. C.), and adds his own admonition from his inspirational viewpoint:

"Wherefore, whoso believeth in God, might with surety hope for a better world, yea, even a place at the right hand of God, which hope cometh of faith, maketh an anchor to the souls of men, which would make them sure and steadfast, always abounding in good works, being led to glorify God. And it came to pass that Ether did prophesy great and marvelous things unto the people, which they did not believe, because they saw them not. And now I, Moroni, would speak somewhat concerning these things; I would shew unto the world that faith is things which are hoped for and not seen; Wherefore, dispute not because ye see not, for ye receive no witness until after the trial of your faith, for it was by faith that Christ shewed himself unto our fa-

thers, after he had risen from the dead; And he shewed not himself unto them, until after they had faith in him; wherefore, it must needs be that some had faith in him, for he shewed himself not unto the world" Ether 5:4-8.

Having increased our faith by looking with great anticipation for the return of our Lord we are to add to our faith **VIRTUE**, which is general moral excellence: right action and thinking; goodness and morality, chastity. This is especially important to young people and young adults who find it difficult to resist the immorality and lustfulness of the modern world. One must stand firm in righteousness and resist temptations, especially of the flesh. Over two thousand years ago Alma was guided to use the word of God:

"And now, as the preaching of the word had had a greater tendency to lead the people to do that which was just; yea, it had had more powerful effect upon the minds of the people than the sword, or anything else, which had happened unto them; therefore Alma thought it was expedient that they should try the virtue of the word of God" Alma 16:82.

KNOWLEDGE is also to be added that we might understand the truth and not be deceived through ignorance. Paul admonished Timothy in these

words:

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" 2 Timothy 2:15.

Isaiah asks a question and answers thus: *"Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts"* Isaiah 28:9. This tells us that a degree of maturity and accountability is required in the growing process of a person as he learns the things of God. Mormon gives counsel to his son Moroni on this subject:

"Behold I say unto you, that this thing shall ye teach, repentance and baptism unto those who are accountable and capable of committing sin; yea, teach parents that they must repent and be baptized, and humble themselves as their little children, and they shall all be saved with their little children: and their little children need no repentance, neither baptism" Moroni 8:11.

Nephi tells his brothers of how the Lord gives knowledge to His people:

"For behold, thus saith the Lord God: I will give unto the children of men line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little: And blessed are those who hearken unto

my precepts, and lend an ear unto my counsel, for they shall learn wisdom; For unto him that receiveth, I will give more: and from them that shall say, We have enough, shall be taken away even that which they have. Cursed is he that putteth his trust in man, or maketh flesh his arm, or shall hearken unto the precepts of men, save their precepts shall be given by the power of the Holy Ghost" 2 Nephi 12:36-39.

Jacob spoke of the mysteries of God which are revealed to His people, pointing to the obtaining of the perfect knowledge of the atonement of Christ and his resurrection:

"Behold, great and marvelous are the works of the Lord. How unsearchable are the depths of the mysteries of him; and it is impossible that man should find out all his ways. And no man knoweth of his ways, save it be revealed unto him; wherefore, brethren, despise not the revelations of God" Jacob 3:9-11.

"And now, beloved, marvel not that I tell you these things; for why not speak of the atonement of Christ, and attain to a perfect knowledge of him, as to attain to the knowledge of a resurrection and the world to come? Behold, my brethren, he that prophesieth, let him prophesy to the understanding of men; for the

Spirit speaketh the truth, and lieth not. Wherefore, it speaketh of things as they really are, and of things as they really will be; wherefore, these things are manifested unto us plainly, for the salvation of our souls. But behold, we are not witnesses alone in these things; for God also spake them unto prophets of old" Jacob 3:18-21.

In the world today so many indulgences are encouraged. **TEMPERANCE** is to be added to knowledge, which means being moderate in indulging the appetites, being self-restrained, being temperate in all things. Paul explains it in these words:

"And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast-away" 1 Cor. 9:25-27.

Alma admonishes his son Shiblon:

"And now, as ye have begun to teach the word, even so I would that ye should continue to teach; and I would that ye would be diligent and temperate in all things. See that ye are not

lifted up unto pride: yea, see that ye do not boast in your own wisdom, nor of your much strength; use boldness, but not overbearance;

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and also see that ye bridle all your passions, that ye may be filled with love; see that ye refrain from idleness; do not pray as the Zoramites do, for ye have seen that they pray to be heard of men, and to be praised for their wisdom" Alma 18:13-15.

Being patient in everyday situations is admirable but the patience of the saints of God is truly a righteous quality that distinguishes the prepared people with oil in their lamps as compared to the foolish virgins. **PATIENCE** means bearing or enduring pain, trouble, etc.

without complaining or losing self-control; forbearing, tolerating delay, confusion, inefficiency; being steady, diligent, persevering. Words that are often listed with patience are meek, humble, submissive, long suffering. It is said the Lord tries our patience along with our faith.

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

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" James 1:2-4.

"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise" Hebrews 10:35, 36.

GODLINESS is to be added, which means divine; in the likeness of God, devout. Again Paul writes to Timothy:

"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine

which is according to godliness; he is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" 1 Timothy 6:3-7.

In the eyes of the Lord our relationship with others is very important, and it is an important ingredient in the oil of our lamp. Peter calls it **BROTHERLY KINDNESS**, but we find brotherly love sufficiently synonymous. Paul puts it this way:

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low

estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men" Romans 12:11-18.

"But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another" 1 Thes. 4:9.

Now we are to top off our lamp reservoirs with this oil ingredient, **CHARITY**. The scriptures are plain that charity is the greatest of all and is truly a divine characteristic of God. The scriptural definitions tell us it is love, but not just any love: it is the pure love of Christ.

"Behold, the Lord hath forbidden this thing; wherefore, the Lord God hath given a commandment, that all men should have charity, which charity is love. And except they should have charity, they were nothing: wherefore, if they should have charity, they would not suffer the laborer in Zion to perish" 2 Nephi 11:107, 108.

"Wherefore, cleave unto charity, which is the greatest of all, for all things must fail; but charity is the pure love of Christ, and it endureth for ever; and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with them. Wherefore, my

beloved brethren, pray unto the Father with all the energy of heart, that ye may be filled with this love which he hath bestowed upon all who are true followers of his Son Jesus Christ, that ye may become the sons of God, that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is, that we may have this hope, that we may be purified even as he is pure. Amen" Moroni 7:52, 53.

"Wherefore, there must be faith; and if there must be faith, there must also be hope; and if there must be hope, there must also be charity; and except ye have charity, ye can in no wise be saved in the kingdom of God..." Moroni 10:15.

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity" 1 Cor. 13:13.

"Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned..." 1 Timothy 1:5.

As we seek the Lord in prayer and study His word we find there is a never-ending supply of oil for our lamps if we earnestly strive to apply His word to our lives.

Walk of Faith

As found in the CCEG.

For several years, Randy has been taking five brothers to church. This last year their attendance has dropped off, and now only 14-year-old Santiago and 7-year-old Arnando are attending regularly. Early each Sunday morning Randy calls their home to find out if anyone wants to go to church.

This last Sunday, Randy called and one of the brothers answered.

"Are you coming to church this morning?" Randy asked eagerly.

"Nope," replied one of the brothers.

"Does anyone want to go?"

"No, we're all busy," said Johnny hurriedly.

So Randy left it at that and we went to church by ourselves. Toward the end of the morning preaching service, Arnando, damp from rain and clutching his Bible and Book of Mormon, came in and sat

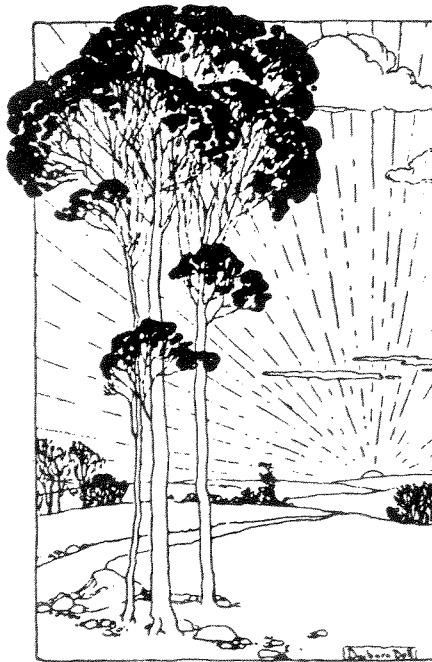
next to us. He looked a little dazed. I quietly inquired about how he got to church.

"Me and Santiago walked," he said breathlessly.

"All the way!" I exclaimed. Arnando tiredly nodded his head.

Those two boys walked over ten miles, in the rain, to church! Santiago carried the Bible and Book of Mormon inside his coat to keep them from getting wet. We were touched by their effort. Please pray for Santiago and Arnando Reyes. Pray that God will cause the seed of faith,

which has been planted, to continue to grow. Also remember Arnando; he has a serious kidney ailment and is often sick.



PATHLIGHTS

*Love in Christ,
Becky Sheldon
Grain Valley, Missouri*

MINISTRY RECOGNIZED

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ON CONFERENCE SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2000, FOLLOWING THE AFTERNOON PREACHING SERVICE, APOSTLE WILLIAM A. SHELDON AND ELDERS CLARENCE LEROY WHEATON, JR., AND NICHOLAS F. DENHAM WERE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY EACH OF SERVICE AS CALLED MINISTERS IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN THE WORK OF THE LORD. EACH WERE GIVEN PLAQUES WITH THE FOLLOWING INSCRIPTIONS:

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Ordained an Elder in the Church of Christ

April 12, 1942

And ordained an Apostle of Jesus Christ

April 11, 1950

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April 13, 1941

And set aside as a member of the

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November 17, 1942

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Ordained an Elder in the Church of Christ

April 13, 1941

And set aside as a member of the

General Bishopric

April 12, 1947

THIS MESSAGE WAS ON
EACH PLAQUE IN ITALICS:

*On this date, April 2, 2000, the members
Of the Church of Christ express recognition
And appreciation for your many years of labor
And wish you the blessings of God
In your continued service.*

Remove from Advocate and make copies as needed

T—shirt order will be sent in July 15th ONLY Campers registering before 7/15 will receive a T—shirt !

To Register for the Classes you want, you must complete and return the following 2000 Teen Challenge class schedule.

How to fill the class schedule form:

1. Write your name, social security number, and phone number in the spaces provided on form.
2. If you plan to ride the bus from the East Local to camp, write “YES” in the space provided
3. Mark Camp T—shirt, size.
4. Mark the 9:00 a.m., 10:05 a.m., and 1:15 p.m. 2:10 p.m., classes you would like to take, Indicate 1st 2nd 3rd choice!!
5. Mail your complete class schedule and registration form. **IMPORTANT: We must have your registration fee before we can process your class schedule.**

Direction to Camp Far Westa from Kansas City:

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

Transportation:

For those needing a ride from the Kansas City area, a bus will be leaving the East Local at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, the 29th of July. **Check-in for campers is from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Check List:

- We must have the following before we can assign your classes to you:
- Registration fee—**make check out to Teen Challenge.**
- Class schedule form—completed 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices for each open hour.
- Registration form with parents and camper signatures.

MINISTRY: will be Priesthood in attendance at all times.

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

LIFE GUARD: The camp provides a certified life guard.

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

AGE GROUP: JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH—AGES 12—18

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Stewartsville, MO
64490 (816) 669-3359

WHAT TO BRING LIST

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

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

PLEASE BRING:

- **Bible, Book of Mormon, book bag and notebook are a must!**
- Flashlight
- Light weight sleeping bag or 2 twin size sheets and 1 light blanket.
- Pillow and pillowcase
- Tennis shoes (old and worn are best)
- Extra shoes
- 6 pairs of socks
- 1 pair of jeans/pants
- Modest shorts or cutoffs
- Short sleeve shirts
- 1 long sleeve shirt
- 1 lightweight raincoat, poncho or jacket
- 1 laundry bag/pillow case
- Kleenex
- Underclothes
- Sandals
- Modest 1 piece swim suit

PERSONAL ARTICLES:

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

- Camera and film
- Fishing pole and favorite lures

- Stationery, envelopes and stamps
- Musical instrument
- Day pack or knapsack
- Baseball gloves
- Bring money for snacks—canteen will be available for snacks.
- Alarm Clock (**no radio clocks**)

PLEASE LEAVE AT HOME:

- *Immodest and inappropriate clothing*
- *No fear and concert-shirts*
- *Alcoholic beverages and cigarettes*
- *Video games*
- *Knives of any kind*
- *Electronic games*
- *Radios, tape players, etc...*
- *Candy or pop*
- *Fireworks or firearms*

RULES:

- *You will be expected to behave in a Christian manner at all times.*
- *No leaving the camp grounds.*
- *You are required to stay with the group unless special permission is granted.*
- *Phones will be available for emergency calls only.*
- *You are expected to wear modest apparel*
- *You are asked to follow all safety rules.*
- *Each camper is required to participate in all activities.*
- *If cars are brought to camp you will be required to leave the keys with the camp counselor.*
- *There will be no pranks—any materials for pranks will be confiscated!*
- *All tank tops must have 1 1/2 inch wide shoulder straps and completely cover midriff*

Teen Challenge 2000 Summer Youth Camp Registration form

Camper's name _____
Camper's years in school fall 2000, _____ Age _____
Camper's SSN# _____
Street Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone number (include area code) _____
Parent's name _____
Street address _____
City, Date, Zip _____
Home phone number _____
e-mail address _____
Insurance Carrier & Policy number _____
Mark T—shirt size S (___), M (___), L (___), XL (___)
Bus ride to Camp-Leaving from East Local Sunday 2:30 _____

I have read the rules of the camp and my Signature shows I will comply with the stated rules and will bring Bible, Book of Mormon and book bag. **NOTE: Campers are asked not to arrive before 3:00.** In the event of medical emergency, by my signature on this document, I give permission for the camp personnel to administer and or obtain the necessary treatment for my minor child, **NOTE:** please have this notarized and list any medical conditions (allergies, asthma, etc.) that we should be aware of.

Parent or Guardian's signature: _____

Campers signature: _____

MEDICAL: Any medication brought to camp must be in the original container and given to the camp nurse to be dispensed. Please list medications that will be brought to camp.

Note to Parents: Campers will be dropped off at the Missouri Reunion on August, 4. If other arrangements are needed, please specify. If Parents are unable to attend the Missouri Reunion and youth is to be the responsibility of another adult for the balance of that weekend, please specify who:

Those riding the bus to camp must leave on the bus

Subscribed & sworn to me this ___ day of _____, 2000
Notary Public _____
County of _____
State of _____
My Commission Expires: _____

Mail form to: **Jeff Oldham**
1109 N. Oak
Creston, IA 50801

e-mail:
jnmham@creston.heartland.net
Home number (515) 782-7953
Fax (515) 782-9244

2000 Teen Challenge Information and Registration Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

| Class/Activity | Days | Time | 1 st | 2 ^{ed} | 3 rd |
|---|--------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Choose 1 daily 9:00 class below, include a 2 nd and 3 rd choice | | | | | |
| Book of Mormon Geography | Daily | 9:00 | | | |
| Character Building | | | | | |
| Archeology | | | | | |
| Volleyball | | | | | |
| Camp Journal | | | | | |
| Advanced Jewelry Making | | | | | |
| Wood Carving | | | | | |
| First Aid | | | | | |
| Self Defense | | | | | |
| Scrapbook Memories | | | | | |
| Choose 1 daily 10:05 class below, include a 2 nd and 3 rd choice | | | | | |
| Choir | Daily | 10:05 | | | |
| Basic finance | | | | | |
| Wood Carving | | | | | |
| Science Experiments | | | | | |
| Aerodynamics | | | | | |
| Soccer | | | | | |
| Spanish | | | | | |
| Sailing | | | | | |
| Volleyball | | | | | |
| Beginning jewelry making | | | | | |
| Study | Daily | 11:05 | | | |
| Lunch | | 12:05 | | | |
| Choose 1 daily 1:15 class or 1 Mon. & Wed. and 1 Tues. & Thurs., include a 2 nd and 3 rd choice | | | | | |
| Conflict Management | Daily | 1:15 | | | |
| Orienteering | | | | | |
| Archery | | | | | |
| Photography: combining artistic composition and dark room work, adjustable 35mm. Camera required | | | | | |
| Sign Language | | | | | |
| Self Defense | | | | | |
| In The Beginning | | | | | |
| Circle —a= All 4 days, b=Mon. & Wed., c=Tues. & Thurs., include a 2 nd and 3 rd choice | | | | | |
| Cross Stitch & Embroidery | Circle | | | | |
| Glass Etching | a b c | | | | |
| Canoeing | a b c | | | | |
| Fishing | T/TH | | | | |
| Balloon Sculpting | M/W | | | | |
| Beaded Angels | b c | | | | |
| | b c | | | | |
| Choose 1 daily 2:10 class, include a 2 nd and 3 rd choice | | | | | |
| Signs of His Coming | Daily | 2:10 | | | |
| Youth Issues Today | | | | | |
| Basic Beliefs Defended | | | | | |
| The Restoration – Where Do We Come From? | | | | | |
| Marvelous Work & Wonder | | | | | |
| The Life of Jesus | | | | | |
| Feeling Nutz ? The Doctors Are In (God's Solutions for your crazy world) | | | | | |
| Faith in Action—Presenting The Scriptures | | | | | |

TREASURES FROM THE FAMILY BIBLE

God Knew Our Greatest Need

*If our greatest need had been information
God would have sent us an education.*

*If our greatest need had been technology
God would have sent us a scientist.*

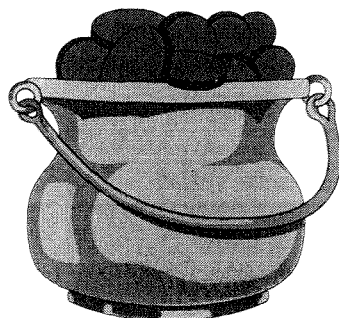
*If our greatest need had been money
God would have sent us an economist.*

*If our greatest need had been pleasure
God would have sent us an entertainer*

*But our greatest need was forgiveness
So God sent us a Savior.*

CHRIST CAME TO US THAT HE MIGHT BETTER UNDERSTAND OUR SUFFERINGS,
HE WAS BORN INTO POVERTY LEST WE THINK HIM A MONARCH;
HE CAME NOT TO DOMINATE, BUT TO MOTIVATE;
NOT TO CONDEMN, BUT TO FORGIVE;
NOT TO OPPRESS, BUT TO FREE OUR SOULS;
NOT TO COMPEL, BUT TO TEACH US THE TRUEST MEASURE OF UNSELFISH LOVE

Both of these 'treasures' were found in the Bible of Elder Isaac Brockman, Sr.
This Bible was passed on to Priest Isaac Brockman, Jr., who shares these hidden treasures with us.



*Are there Treasures in your
mother's or father's family
Bible that you would like to
share with others?
Share them with us!
—Editor, Zion's Advocate*

2000 CONFERENCE REPORT

By Darl Temple

- Solemn Assembly and Conference dates: March 31st-April 5th
- Total attendance: 359
- Areas represented: AZ, CO, IA, FL, KS, MI, MN, MO, NC, OK, Canada, Yucatan

This year's General Church Conference was marked by the good spirit of love, unity, and wonderful peace. The eager participation of many was especially manifested in the sweet prayers and songs offered by the children and young people. In each sermon there was the power of the spirit of wisdom and counsel. We were truly blessed by a spiritual uplifting that comes from making the effort through prayer and fasting before and during this time together.

There was only enough business for one full day, plus various meetings on Tuesday. The rest of the time through Wednesday was spent in communion with the Lord in prayer and testimony, sermons, song, and fellowship with His Saints.

Solemn Assembly Highlights

The opening remarks of the first service concerning the day that we are living in with relation to the prophecies were very much inspired, giving us a beautiful beginning. The "Day of the Lord" is soon upon us. The Lord is coming to His temple in Zion, to this place, to His people, when will begin the Millennial reign. **We must prepare to be accounted worthy.** We are called to come. It will be a glorious time.

"Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, sought out, A city not forsaken" Isaiah 62:(10)11-12. Please read Isaiah 1:7-8, 2:2-4; Luke 21; Revelations 19.

We heard a wise warning of the parable of the ten virgins (the five wise and the five foolish virgins). Let us be wise and be ready: have oil in our lamps.

More Spiritual Highlights:

- **Baptisms:** Heidi Carroll (Kenneth Carroll's

wife, Marvin's [of Colorado] daughter-in-law), Rebecca Smith (Marilyn and Danny Smith's daughter)

- **A special season of prayer for the young adults.**

- **Songs:** "We Are Longing For The Gathering" and "The Admonition"

- **Scriptures and Remarks:**

- a. "... *He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him*" Hebrews 11:6.
- b. We shall be delivered. Commit and submit. With full purpose of heart cleave to God. We can be deceived. **These are the last days.** Read Luke 12, Jacob 4, II Nephi 5:33-40, Jacob 4:2-8.
- c. **Separate totally from the world.** How can we improve ourselves? Take advantages the Lord gives us. Mosiah 1:118-120.
- d. Serve Him with joy. Deuteronomy 28:47.

Conference Highlights

Each morning the faithful began the day with prayer with the other Saints to petition the Lord for the welfare of our souls and for the Conference.

Sacrament Sunday

We were asked to come in fasting and prayer and were wonderfully blessed at this service.

When Christ came to America, the Nephites, Jesus gave them the Sacrament. The emblems are physical but are for the well-being of our soul that we may never hunger or thirst but be filled. "*Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world*" Matthew 38:20.

Testimony:

There was an elderly sister of the church who lived in Tucson, Arizona. She had broken her hip and had a pin in it. As time went on the pin began to protrude out of the bone. She was always in pain. But she was always cheerful. Her sister was put into the hospital, so she went to visit her every day and took her something to cheer her. One day when she stopped along the way to buy something. She came out to the car, and before putting it into the trunk. She set the package down. When she bent down to pick it up she lost her balance and began to fall. She knew she was going to fall on the leg with the pin. She cried out, "Oh help me Lord!" Immediately she felt someone take hold of her arm and set her upright. With joy she turned around to thank her rescuer. But she saw no one.

"Lo I am with you always..."

An admonition: the Lord wants to forgive us. We shouldn't let the Devil whisper in our ear.

Pleas of two mothers, asking for prayers for their families. We had a **special season of prayer** for them.

Words of counsel: Stay balanced. Find a secure place that will hold you. Test it every step of the way. Work through the problems and stay with it. Resign ourselves that it is His will that we be tried and go through the fire. It's the Lord's desire that all will be His vessels.

Other Wonderful Spiritual Experiences and Testimonies

Testimony of the Church by a non-member:

A woman, who is not a member of this church, saw our church full of people who were all paying attention to the minister behind the pulpit. She saw Jesus standing suspended in air behind the minister. She knows this is the true Church of Christ.

Beth Gould's dream: She was looking out her window and saw great clouds form the image of Christ. She wanted to shrink from His presence. She then saw destruction. She got a friend to come and see the destructive power and Christ. The friend was looking all around but could not see Christ. Beth told her friend she needed to look intently and steadfastly. Christ was looking all over for the righteous. They were given the word, "Clarion." They looked up the meaning of the word.

(This writer's note: Webster's definition of this word is, "clear, sharp, and shrill as, a clarion call. To announce forcefully or loudly.)

They read a prophecy, the above written in red, the words of Christ to them.

Kim Yates' dream: She saw Jesus. She thought, "Oh so that's what You look like." He held His hand out to her and she saw the prints of the nails in His hands. She asked the Lord what meaning it had for her life. She was given to know that it was just given for her peace. He saw her need. It was so sweet and uplifting to Kim.

"A Song for the Elders"

—Given of the Lord to Nita Sedlak on March 14, 1999.

God made us free that we may walk
On each and every nation.
He gave us joy that we may raise
His name in jubilation.
He speaks that we may know His voice
In glorious revelation.

He calls us out that He may send
Us forth to every nation,
That all men everywhere may hear
The Latter revelation.
Then from all lands will voices praise
Our God in adoration.

Ye who are called, step forth and raise
Your voice in confirmation;
Of what the Holy Spirit speaks
Amidst the congregation.
All ye who hear, rise up and sing
And shout in exultation!

Apostle Don McIndoo's experience: Years ago Brother McIndoo was coming up the hill toward the Temple Lot, and praying about the work. He got a feeling of expectation. His heart was filled with the knowledge that one day, here on this spot, there would be a glorious encounter.

Some time after this he was preparing for the Navajo fair, and thinking of the booth they would be setting up, asked a sister to paint a picture of Jesus standing with hands extended toward some Navajo people. At the fair, this picture was displayed as a backdrop for the booth, with the caption, "...as many of the house of Israel as should come, that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem" (III Nephi 10:2).

A young Navajo man came up to the booth. He was attracted to the picture and caption. He asked if we really believed that this would happen. He told of his experience in Independence. He had come to Independence on vacation. He saw a lot of Restoration sites. He drove up the same hill, referred to earlier, coming toward the Temple Lot. All of a sudden he could see a shaft of light coming out of heaven. He prayed. Later he dreamed that he was walking on this spot of ground. It was different. All the buildings were gone, swept clean. But he knew where he was. And he was walking behind the Saviour. The Saviour turned and pointed and said that He had to cleanse it.

John Case's vision on Sacrament Sunday of Conference: He saw a nice piece of cloth held in place in air, but he could not tell what held it. He had a real close view of it. He saw there were flaws. Thick pieces of thread all over were in agitation down to the fiber level—tearing and rearranging. When the agitation was finished, he saw the whole piece become smooth and as beautiful as any linen. The threads were all even, smooth, strong, and beautiful. There was one more process to be performed. It was now dim and it had to be cleansed. He was given to know that this represented the Church.

John Gill's testimonies: A Honduran, Miguel, had taken poison. He turned white and went limp as he was being taken to the hospital. In the hospital his heartbeat went to zero. Apostle Don McIn-

doo and Elder Ken Oar administered to him. Miguel opened his eyes and spoke. He lives today.

Lionel, who has visited here when he had an operation on his feet, deformed from birth, is a faithful member in Honduras. He is now a teacher and has a wife and two children. He and his wife were having marital difficulties. At one point his wife locked herself in their bedroom and wouldn't let him in the house. Everyone knew what was happening. There in Honduras this is unheard of. Lionel asked John to pray for them. Now they have a strong marriage and are strong members.

Lionel has had many trials. His mother tried to abort him twice, and when he was born she tried to drown him. We should cry for people struggling in sin. That is the kind of love we should have, not judging, but broken. If we have this we will grow without bounds. Pray for us.

There is an old couple in Honduras who are very poor. The Church gives them support by helping them with provisions. One time the man got sick. John came and prayed for him. While they were visiting, the man said, "My swelling is gone." He was healed.

Ken Oar's Dream & Testimony

Dream: He was walking towards the Church in Phoenix. All around was great destruction. There were huge holes in the ground. He knew it was the end. He saw his brothers and sisters of the Church in these holes. They weren't doing anything wrong. But they were oblivious to what was going on around them.

Testimony: For years, not a day went by that he didn't have alcohol. The Lord touched Him. He had to give up all his friends. He had to do things differently so that he would not be tempted above that which he could bear.

Elder Nicholas Denham: "The Lord wants to protect us as a chicken protects her chicks. The world will explode again one of these days. **I hope we will be prepared.** He has made a place for us to gather. I hope you will give consideration to it."

Bruce Haines: He and his family went to the R.L.D.S. auditorium to look for some books to buy. He saw all kinds of worldliness. He wanted to go back to the Church of Christ building. When he stepped on the Temple Lot grass, he had a wonderful feeling. "This is the place that we are to be. We are not perfect. But this is Christ's church. We should humble ourselves and seek the leading of His holy spirit and desire to be obedient. **Great things are ahead for this Church of Christ.**"

Placido Matu Yam: He administered to a baby boy at 2 A.M. The child was almost dead. After administration, the child was healed. The most important thing is that we agree with the Lord.

It is difficult for him to translate from English to Spanish. He receives a blessing when he translates for one who preaches. He can say all the words

without thinking a lot about it. He needs to pray, especially if the one who preaches speaks fast. He has faith that the Lord will guide the preacher by the Spirit.

Preachers for the Conference:

Apostle William Sheldon, Apostle Placido Matu Yam, Elder Leslie Case, Elder Ken Oare, Apostle Joel Yates.

Significant Thoughts from the Sermons:

- **Christ will come to set up a kingdom of righteousness where He will gather all of His people with the host of heaven to dwell on earth for a thousand years, the Millennial reign.** It is not too far distant when this will literally be fulfilled. They will be gathered on the terms of the purity of the gospel of Christ and be one with Him as He is one with the Father.
- **We must be prepared and looking for Him.**
- There will be a separation of the righteous from the wicked such as: At the time of Noah; when Jared, his brother and families came to this land; when Abraham was brought to a Choice Land; when Lehi was brought to the Land of Promise.

SCRIPTURE: "*Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem*" Isaiah 2:3. The mountain is the United States government.

- Zion, or the New Jerusalem will be in America, in Independence, Missouri. We wouldn't be here and have the Temple Lot if it weren't for the revelation that came through Joseph Smith pointing out the spot for the Temple, and the revelation received by Granville Hedrick in 1864 to gather to Independence, Missouri, and as a result, the faithful Saints coming here in 1867.
- Matthew 25:32-46 says there will be a separation of the "sheep" from the "goats." There are three classes of people: The "sheep," the "goats," and the "brethren."
- If you are not a part of the body of Christ when He comes, you will not be in Zion.
- **Babylon must fall. Come out of the world.**
- **Revelations of the Redemption of Zion.**
Elder White's vision: It must come by power. There was a bright red ring that enlarged the borders of Zion by judgment. What degree of perfection do we need? There must be no deceit in our hearts. Those who will not stay are those who have not forgiveness in their heart and who do not speak the truth.
Elder Winegar's vision: There will be great

judgment poured out on the city of Independence. The Saints will gather at the Temple Lot. An apostle will tell them to go home and rest and then come back, but tell no one. The Lord will bring whom He will.

Apostle Archie Bell's dream: There will be a canopy (Zion) of safety for the Saints while the destruction takes place. The Saints are told not to look at the destruction.

- The wedding feast of Matthew 22 tells us we must be cleansed and righteous to be invited to the Feast, (when Christ returns).

Scriptures: Revelations 14:6-7, Psalm 24:3-5.

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
- Don't worry too much about material things. The Lord is in control. Trust in Him as you would your earthly father.
- Walk by faith not by sight, II Corinthians 5:7.
- **The Lord will give us what we need if we hearken to Him.** If we do not get what we ask for, there may be something we need to change.

Scriptures: Proverbs 3:5-6, II Nephi 6:11, Matthew 5:16, Deuteronomy 11:9-12, Philippians 4:13.

- **Move out in faith, believing. God will supply.**
- Do not be over zealous.
- **In the Last Days will come the "Day of the Lord" when He will pour out His wrath on the wicked.**
- **A story told by Apostle B. C. Flint:** In the horse and buggy days, a wealthy man who lived in the mountains and had a young daughter going to school in the valley. He wanted to hire a driver to take his daughter to school. There was a treacherous curve by a drop of several feet. He had an interview with three drivers, asking each one, "How close can you come to the edge without going over?" Two of the ones interviewed for the position claimed they could come very close without going over the edge. The third man said he was going to stay away as far as possible from the edge of that curve and as close as possible to the inside of the curve. This man was hired. **The lesson:** Do we want to do the minimum? Do all that we can do.
- Pay your tithing and do the weightier matter of the law—judgment, mercy, and faith. Matthew 23:23.
- **Who may abide the day of His coming?** Will a man rob God? ...Ye have robbed me...in tithes and offerings...a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. III Nephi 11:2-20.
- If a man gives a gift grudgingly, he is counted evil before God. An evil man can do no good. Moroni 7:4-8.
- If you do not have faith in Christ you cannot be

numbered among His people. Moroni 7:44.

- You cannot have faith unless you have hope. You can have neither unless you are meek and lowly of heart, and the meek and lowly of heart are the only acceptable before God. Without charity we are nothing. Moroni 7:46-50.
- We must forgive others, have a broken heart and contrite spirit, be humble and submissive as a little child, repentant of sin, give thanks for what He has done for us.

Scriptures: Matthew 19:16, Alma 16:222, Isaiah 58.

- Have you considered who we are? We are chosen out of this world to be part of the kingdom. There is a lot of responsibility that goes with choosing.
 - Christ told the whole plan of salvation in 11 verses.
 - **When Christ came He told the Nephites after His crucifixion, and after the destruction, that they were spared because they were the more righteous.**
 - Become as a little child.
 - Put away the lust of the flesh and become as a Saint.
 - Be willing to submit to the Father. Do it, not because it's easy or comfortable but because it is right.
 - We must be humble to receive all the blessings of God.
 - Put the needs of others above our own.
 - Be patient with others in their weaknesses. Be calm, patient, and understanding.
 - **Be constant and unwavering, capable of calmly waiting the outcome of what we are told.**
 - Be constantly aware of the great love the Lord has for us. Don't complain. Be long-suffering.
 - The greatest tool Satan has is our minds, our memory, in remembering our sins and mistakes to make us discouraged. The Lord forgives and forgets. Let go. This is faith.
 - Prayer is only half the equation. Stay until you get an answer. Learn how the Lord speaks to you. Then you can be confident that it's the Lord speaking. Pray that you will understand when He replies by the impress of the spirit.
- Scriptures:** Alma 10:28-30, Luke 21:36, Mosiah 1:118-120, I Corinthians 15:51-58, Moroni 10:29-31.
- Christ loved the world so much that He laid down His life for them.
 - Woman is a help-meet for man. In their marriage, they make a covenant, a complete giving of themselves to each other, a pure relationship that is compared to Christ and His church.

- You do not have a hold on Christ until you make the commitment in a covenant, just like a man and woman do not have a hold on each other until they make a covenant in marriage. You cannot have a complete fulfilling relationship with Christ without making the covenant in the waters of baptism. Christ is the perfect husband (companion).
- If the husband does not know how to love, the wife won't. Christ loved us first, then we want to love Him.
- You do not express love by just saying, "I love you." **If you love Me keep My commandments.** John 14:14.
- Christ loves those He chastens. Hebrews 12:5.
- Respond in such a way that your spouse will never question your love.
- Wives are to be subject to the husband. The husband is to honor the wife. Christ cherishes the bride. Our worth is without price. We must have faith and trust instead of despair. He gave his life to prove our worth.
- Keep the Sabbath. Mark 2:27. Spend time in your relationship by sacrifice and thanksgiving, fasting and prayer (rejoicing in prayer). Book of Commandments, page 60. **If you want the true blessings, they will never be gotten with a half-hearted effort.**
- The Gods of the Old Testament are the same one of today, just called by different names.
- **Keep ourselves from all others.** He's so precious to you that you would give up all for Him.
- Satan wants you to see the stain of your sins and feel unworthy.

Scriptures: II Nephi 11:95-115; Genesis 2:18, 24; I John 4:16; Ephesians 5:22, 25, 28-32; Hebrews 12:5; Matthew 10:37-39; I Corinthians 6:19-20; I Peter 3:1-7; Moroni 6:6 Mark 2:27; Isaiah 54.

- **"I hope the day will come when we will be prepared to meet our returning Lord and Master in shining robes of white."**

There was a special service of musical contributions on Sunday afternoon. The Y.P.C.L. and Jr. Young People each gathered at different times for fun and a spiritual good time. The women's United Workers met at the east local annex for lunch and meeting. These extra events planned and the delicious meals always make Conference a special time for everyone.

If there is one word that might be used as a theme for this Conference, it would be "PREPARE!"

PHOENIX NEWS

Greetings from Phoenix! It seems like winter was only about two weeks long this year but we've enjoyed the balmy weather. As always, we're thankful when the Lord sends a little rain our way.

For a short time in February we had a very unusual situation here. All of our missionaries were home at once!

Elders Hube and Jim Yates brought us the good news that another family is worshipping with the group in Nova Scotia. The brothers ministered in Ohio, Ontario, Quebec, and several places in New York. We've been remembering in prayer little Korynn Mulverhill of Hogansburg, New York. We celebrate with the family the good news that Korynn does not have cystic fibrosis! Our sister Marn Vieveen of Ontario still needs our prayers for some health problems.

Apostles Brian McIndoo and Joel Yates returned to Phoenix on February 28th from their trip throughout the Northwestern United States. They brought home a testimony of God's answers to our prayers for Sister Pauli Brain of Idaho. She is still in need of continued blessing. They also discovered a longtime brother far from home, Wenceslao Ku Avila. Wencesla is the son of Melchor Ku Ku, the pastor of the Dzan local in Yucatan. He is working and living in Oregon. Wencesla was overjoyed to hear from church family, and despite the language barrier, the three brothers had a wonderful visit. They also brought back a special prayer

request from our sister Evelyn York of Montana. Sister York has suffered from Multiple Sclerosis for many years. She has asked us to remember her in mighty prayer for a healing.

Apostles Don McIndoo, Jay Moser and Elder Ken Oar brought back very encouraging news from Mexico. The young people in Yucatan have developed a hunger to learn more about prophecy and their spiritual heritage. Our brothers rejoiced in the growth of the Mayapan local. A baby blessing ceremony grew until it included nine babies! Those nine babies represent seven new families attending that local. Brother McIndoo and Brother Oar also participated in a baptism in the town of Dzan. Welcome a new sister to the gospel, Sister Leidi Neumi Ucan (Yan).

While Brothers Moser and Oar remained in Mexico Brother McIndoo traveled to Honduras to meet Apostle Smith Brickhouse. We're so happy to report that land has been purchased and cleared for a church building and construction is beginning. We also rejoice in the adding of two new souls to the kingdom there through baptism, Jose Flores and Gloria Martin.

Apostle Brian McIndoo and Priest Dwayne Ely made a short trip to Alaska. The Lord did a little rescheduling for our Sister Margaret Owen. A job seminar in Anchorage fell on the weekend of the brother's visit, so she was able to meet with the group there and receive ministry. We continue to remember the health needs of our Brother George

Reed.

Apostle Jay Moser and his wife Chris, Elder Andy Brown and wife Debbie and Priest Jim Yates took turns ministering to our brothers and sisters in Northern Arizona month. Elder Ken Oar and his family were also able to visit in Showlow one weekend. We have all been praying for Alice Altamanaro, the mother-in-law of Sister Liz Willig of Payson. Alice recently had major surgery for brain tumors. It is our hope that God's blessings to Alice will be a strength and testimony to the entire family.

Elder Oar and his wife Marlene also visited the Sloans, a Navajo family in Mesa, and presented lessons to the kids. They made a brief trip to the Navajo Nation on March 24th and had Sunday School with the Harvey family.

On March 3rd, Apostle Brian McIndoo did a study with the Young People's Group on the articles of Faith and Practice. The kids got together again at Jim and Kim Yates on March 24th for movies and munchies.

On March 19th, we had a special program, "Angels Among Us," a pictorial journal of Missouri Youth Camp. Some of the original campers now have families of their own and the counselors are a bit greyer than they were on that first day of camp 10 years ago. A few of those grey hairs were probably earned at Youth Camp along with lots of beautiful memories.

Brother Lawrence and Sister Joan Baird of Nova Scotia made a detour

through Phoenix on their way to conference. We're thankful they decided to swing by this way to give us all a chance to get to know them better. We also enjoyed a visit from Ibrahim Kibul of Kenya. He played his accordion and sang a special for us.

On March 26th, we welcomed John Owen as a new brother into the kingdom of God! John was baptized by Elder Hubert Yates who was assisted by Elder Bob Hedrick. The congregation was a bit skimpy as families were one by one heading out for Conference, but there was a good turnout for the beautiful service.

On April 1st, the local joined their brothers and sisters in Missouri in a day of fasting and prayer for Solemn Assembly.

On April 4th, we got another new addition to our congregation. Congratulations to John and Debra Yates on the birth of their new daughter Samantha Nicole!

The "Sisters in Service" have been doing a wonderful job of visiting many of our elderly and shut in members.

As the missionary effort throughout the church continues to grow there is more news to report each quarter. There isn't space in the news for lots of sermon quotes anymore. When there is room, I'll try to put in a quote from a different minister each time.

■ *"When we don't attend, we're missing messages from the Lord—messages that could help us in the trials of life" —Priest Duane Ely.*

Until next time, may God bless and guide you all.

Marlene Oar

STANWOOD, MICHIGAN

Greetings from the Stanwood Local Church of Christ. Our small local has lost a beloved sister, Verna Walters, to a prolonged illness. She had been living at the local nursing home for several years where she was suffering from Alzheimer's. On the morning of November 7, 1999, Verna passed away. Her warm smiles and greetings at church services will always be remembered. We would ask an interest in your prayers for her family for their loss.

We were blessed last November with the good fortune of warm weather, which made for a beautiful day when we added another member to our small local. Sunday, November 7, 1999, Joseph William Kormos was baptized by

Elder Max Lee at the waters of the Muskegon River. The day started out a quite chilly fall day at 27 degrees, but the sun was shining and our small group gathered by the water to witness Joe entering into the covenant with God. Later, back at the church when he received the laying on of the hands to receive the blessing of the Holy Ghost, the sun shone through the stained glass windows, bathing the room with its golden light.

We have been active in the community with many weddings, gathering and a few burials. We hope to have a good gathering for the holidays this coming Thanksgiving and Christmas season. As always, we would ask an

interest in your prayers that our small local remain strong in these troubling times. Our prayers are always with you.

*Respectfully submitted,
Terry Bowmaster
Secretary,
Church of Christ,
Stanwood, Michigan*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLORADO REUNION

The Colorado Reunion will be held on June 9, 10 and 11 at the Orchard Mesa Local, 3233 B½ Road, Grand Junction.

Please let us know you are coming so we can plan for meals and housing. If you will be needing camper accommodations, please make your plans as soon as possible, as spaces in the courts here are not plentiful.

You may contact any of our committee for information:

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MICHIGAN REUNION

Greetings one and all, This year the Michigan Reunion will be held at the Bradley Local. We are happy to invite ALL TO COME.

Date—June 24 and 25, 2000
(Saturday & Sunday)

Place—129th Ave., Bradley Michigan

We have plenty of room for campers of any size. Contact:

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

Housing available. Contact:
Duane Lee
2054 Fawn Ave.
Middleville, MI 49333
(616) 795-7420

We look forward to many spiritual meetings and fellowship with our brothers and sisters. Please come!!!

*Church of Christ
Bradley, Michigan Local
Elder Adam Porter, Pastor*

ALASKA RETREAT 2000

We would like to invite everyone to come and worship with us at the annual Alaska Retreat. There is room for guests with or without trailers, and there will be plenty of food, fellowship, worship, an occasional moose, and yes, plenty of mosquitoes.

When: July 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2000

Location: Wasilla, Alaska

If you plan to join with us please contact one of the following persons:

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IDAHO REUNION 2000

All are invited to meet together with those in the northwest at the 2nd annual Idaho Reunion.

Location: Cataldo, Idaho, along the Coeur d'Alene River

Facilities: An RV campground owned by Stan and Phyllis Wilks.

Date: July 15th and 16th, 2000.

Those who desire to attend, please contact one of the following:

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MISSOURI REUNION

The Missouri Reunion Committee would like to invite all to attend the 2000 Missouri Reunion, which will be held August 4th, 5th and 6th, 2000. All meetings will be held at the Church of Christ headquarters building located on the Temple Lot in

Independence, Missouri.

We will again organize an ice cream social for Saturday evening after the final preaching service of the day. The social will be held either just outside the Visitors Center or in the basement.

For information please contact:

Roland Sarratt

15910 E. 36th Terr.
Independence, MO 64055
(816) 373-6605

Mike McGhee

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Independence, MO 64056
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TRI-STATE REUNION 2000

The Minnesota locals of the Church of Christ invite all to attend and worship with us at the Tri-State Reunion.

The reunion will again be held at the indoor group camp in beauti-

ful Whitewater State Park. The park is about seven miles north of St. Charles, Minnesota. The camp will be open for our use from noon Friday, September 1, through noon Monday, September 4.

Lodging is available at the camp. Bring your own bedding.

For more information contact:

Merlin Eddy

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PHOENIX REUNION

"O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain: O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

"He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his

bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young" Isaiah 40:9, 11.

The Phoenix Local wishes to invite all to come and join us in worshipping our Lord on Friday, November 24th through Sunday, November 26th, for our annual reunion.

Please contact the following people to help you make preparations for your visit with us:

Gordon McCann, Pastor

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Join us for Treasure Hunt Scripture Adventure!!!

Attention all children ages 5 through 11 (and their parents)! Get ready to dig into the scriptures at **TREASURE HUNT SCRIPTURE ADVENTURE!** The expedition is set for Tuesday, August 1, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the annex at the Church of Christ, East Independence Local (Independence, Missouri).

This year our children are searching for the greatest treasure ever. We are setting off for **TREASURE HUNT SCRIPTURE ADVENTURE**, where kids won't find any boring reminders of tedious schoolwork. Our **TREASURE HUNT SCRIPTURE ADVENTURE** Day Camp will provide fun, memorable scripture learning activities for kids of all ages. Kids will sing catchy songs, play teamwork building games, nibble tasty treats from Treasure Treats, dig into Bible Adventures, and create Craft Cave creations. The kids will join the Disciple Peter walking on water, wash others' feet as Jesus did, and be thrown on a prison ship with the Apostle Paul! We'll conclude the day with a festive Treasure Time Finale program that gets everyone involved in celebrating what they have learned.

TREASURE HUNT SCRIPTURE ADVENTURE is an exploration of God's Word. We hope **TREASURE HUNT SCRIPTURE ADVENTURE** will help our children discover the treasure of Jesus and form the bonds between our children they will use and cherish for their lifetime.

Please contact Holly McIndoo or Jennifer Yates if your child is planning to attend. We need an accurate count to provide the correct amount of treats and crafts for this activity. Each child will need to bring a sack lunch and a water bottle. There will be a priesthood member in attendance. The cost is \$5 per family. For any other questions, or to RSVP, please write, call or e-mail:

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