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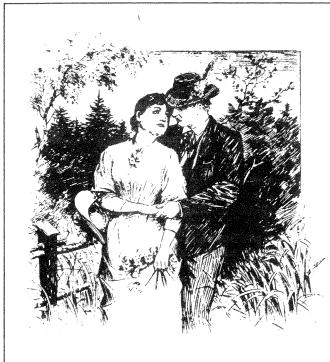
"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost...."

1 Nephi 3:187

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hat greater thing is there for two human souls than to feel that they are joined for life—to strengthen each other in all labor, to rest on each other in all sorrow, to minister to each other in all pain, to be one with each other in silent, unspeakable memories at the moment of the last parting.

—George Eliot

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

## The War Within

### By Priest John Gill

hy do we have so many divorces among our brothers and sisters of the faith in the Church of Christ?

I am sure there are many reasons just like there are many pieces to any puzzle; but Nana and I feel it important to write about one aspect of this dilemma. I call it The War Within.

The real enemy is your reaction. How you react is the test of life.

How do you respond within, to the pain, stresses, sorrows, hurtful actions by those you love and trust?

Do you respond in anger or respond in love? Against your fate and those offending? Or with your circumstances and for those who offend you?

When a door slams shut and it seems all is lost, true spirit, true faith in God will find a way. While you are searching make sure that perceptions do not become a new reality—a counterfeit substance replacing fact.

The beginning to growth through conflict management is to realize that: this is the way it is.

You can harvest a lesson plan for good from what has happened or cultivate what has happened for the greater good that God wants to come out through you. So this is what we/I must do for the greater good from the experiences life has put upon us this year.

We faced a crisis with all the possibilities for destructive circumstances, but with God's help we were able to find strength from adversity and

become a testimony of His love for others who are lost in the mire of negative interpersonal struggles that can destroy the hole-in-the-heart through which love can enter.

That hole, or eye of the soul for love, is:

An unprotected position of vulnerability. When it is opened up clean and pure and giving love can enter.

When negative experiences or actions which attack our sense of trust occur, they can and most often do develop within us a protective defense against running the risk of loving.

At this point we are, in effect, tempted to close the-eye-of-our-soul to any warmth that may enter in order to protect ourselves from the horrible experience of trusting in love and being double crossed through tearing disclosures, unreasonable separation, or outright rejections.

To yield to this defense mechanism is to shut out all hope of joy and warmth from all forms of love in the future.

From that position we can only look back, never ahead. We will become isolated, sad, defensive and vulnerable to accept the spirits the evil one wants us to take: jealousy-envy-doubt-fear-anger-hatred-revenge; and once we take them on we become isolated from those who could love us. From this position the evil one can destroy our ability to possess faith, hope, charity, or the pure love of Christ, and we are committed to his domain of fear, jealousy, envy, hatred and revenge.

But if we resist the temptation for

protective defenses from further hurt and remain open to further expressions of love, even from the one or ones we feel has or have offended or abused our love we enter a new realm—an expanded pattern of hope-in-love through the Spirit of God.

When we reach this new level of risking/reaching out in love even after your trust in love has been compromised, a new life force enters your eye-of-the-soul and brings you hope in the moment of despair.

This force is the Spirit of God and it brings into your soul the (pure love of Christ). With this you then become: long suffering, kind, free of all envy, humble, concerned for others before self, not easily provoked, thinking no evil of anyone, rejoicing not in iniquity, rejoicing in truth, bearing all things, enduring of all things.

With this new force which is charity abiding in you, you can do and be all that God wants in man for charity never fails.

Romans 12:1-2, 21: "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

## Your Reasonable Service

here are many requirements and duties enjoined upon us as we seek to serve our Lord. These obligations are not beyond the doing, for God would not require us to do that which we are unable to perform. Of course, the spiritual performances are always the most important. But is not the temporal a reflection of our spiritualness? If we neglect to perform our temporal duties. does not this cast a shadow upon our true spiritualness? If you have a favorite possession such as a pet or your car or home, and you claim to love and care for it greatly, yet you disregard its needs to be cared for to the point of neglect, what then does this say about the true intent of your heart? Not that we should fixate our every attention and create worldly idols, but we should take care of all the facets of our lives, the temporal side and the spiritual side being reflections of each other. Ever see a dentist with neglected teeth? If you do, you might question his dedication as you sit back and try to relax as he tells you, "This won't hurt a bit." We should do the best we can with what we have been given. This is what God expects of us. This is what we should expect of ourselves.

One of the tasks of our service to Him is the keeping of a record. In the book of Acts 1:6

we find that even then a record must have been kept as Peter stood among the disciples "whose number of names together were about a hundred and twenty." Also recorded in Moroni 6:5, "And their names were taken, that they might be remembered...." You do want to be remembered, don't you? In latter day revelation we find in the Book of Commandments. chapter 24:61-63, the words telling us to keep "...a regular list of all the names of the members of the whole church, in a book kept by one of the elders; Whomsoever the other elders shall appoint from time to time: And also, if any have been expelled from the church, so that their names may be blotted out of the general church record of names." Brothers and sisters, do not confuse the Church records with the Lamb's Book of Life. That is another thing indeed. God knows the thoughts and intents of your heart even before you do, and He keeps a record. Your general church recorder only knows what information you send in to be recorded. And that is the purpose of this letter, to refresh in our minds some of the responsibilities we have as members of the Church of Christ to our records. Remember, these are your records. They are admissible in the courts of the land and

If we neglect to perform our temporal duties, does not this cast a shadow upon our true spiritualness?

should be kept as accurate as possible.

Each member is responsible to notify the recorders office when there is a change of status in their lives. Address changes, marriages, divorces, name changes, deaths, etc., either independently and/or through your local church secretary. You do know which local church you are a member of don't you? I will forgive you if you do not send in your own death notice, but if you do, please include your return address with zip code. I wonder what the postage would be? In the case of several members living in the same household you may send in one address change, but please list the members out as I will not know who they all are. There are change of record forms available for your use.

The ministry have all these responsibilities for themselves and should see that each member is reminded and assisted in doing their duties. Added to this is the ministerial responsibility to complete and mail in the forms for baptisms, blessings, marriages, deaths, ordinations, re-instatements, transferees, withdrawals, expulsions, divorces, etc. There are forms for these events, and some are in triplicate with copies for the general church recorder, local secretary, and the individual involved.

The local church secretary/recorder has duties which are defined by the local voice, but the main obligation toward the general church records is to send in a yearly local report, preferably just after a local election of officers, with all the local members names and numbers along with the names of the local officers. This serves as a good cross check and helps me to know who to send things to. These forms are available also. When members are transferred between locals, procedures are that the candidate request transfer into the receiving local, and upon acceptance the receiving local secretary requests the original local for that member's records. Upon receipt of such records the move is completed, and then the receiving local secretary should send to the general church recorder a change of record form as an authorization to make the change in the general church record. Often the local secretary handles some of the items that are really the minister's responsibility. I don't know how you pulled this off, brethren. Still, it remains your responsibility as ministers of Christ to see that these things are taken care of. But always, we must be certain to exchange the information with the local secretary so that the local records can be kept accurate as well.

There is a tract titled "FORMS REQUISITION" available. It outlines the many tools that we have in print to expedite our business of recording. Stop by the office or ask for one. It's amazing what we can do if we put our heart into it. I'm sure that I have overlooked many points and items of interest. Please forgive me. This next year will be a transitional one for this business of recording. We will be looking into the modernizing of the process for the future needs, and yet retain the redundancy and safeguards that are in place.

Please pray for me as I serve you and our Lord for the next year as your general church recorder. I enlist your help and attention to these things that are only your reasonable service.

May God Bless Always, Elder C. Andrew Brantner

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Mark envelope: "Attention: Recorder."

## Love Is ...

Love is giving (& not expecting in return). Caring (even if no one else does). Forgiving & forgetting (over & over again). Sticking by a person's side believing the best about them (even when the facts say otherwise). Love is bringing the best out in a person. Bringing light & happiness to the world. Putting another's needs first. Love has no fear but only trust. Love is total and utter surrender of one's self to God's will in your life.

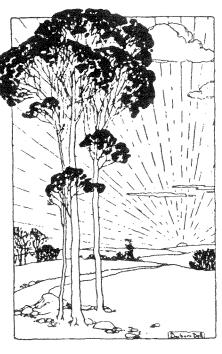
> —Ronnie Gill Honduras

# Dream of Light

I was raised to believe in the restored gospel and the Church of Christ, but somehow I slipped through the cracks and wasn't baptized until I was a grown man. A few years before I was baptized I had a dream that seemed unusual and significant, but I didn't realize what it meant until after I was baptized.

In the dream I was on horseback out in a cow pasture. I had a little boy on the horse with me. It was a cloudy, dreary day and it looked like the dead of winter, with everything being rather colorless. I sensed danger and seemed to be aware that a mean bull was somewhere in the pasture. I felt the need to get the little boy out of that danger. I got off the horse, went to a fence nearby and climbed over it with the boy. As soon as I got the boy out of danger I don't recall him being with me in the rest of the dream.

I walked a short distance to an old barn. I opened a sliding door and walked in. On the far side of the barn was another door and sunlight was shining through the cracks. I was immediately attracted to the light and opened the door. There was yet another door with the sunlight through the cracks. I



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opened it and found yet another door with light shining through it. I don't recall how many doors I opened until I came out on the other side of the barn.

When I walked out the other side the sun was shining and everything was in brilliant

color, like a beautiful summer day. Some say we don't dream in color, only black and white, but in this dream I was very much aware of color after I walked out of the barn. On a hillside above me was a road, and parked on the road was a bus which seemed to be waiting for me with other people on it. I hurried up the hill and got on the bus. As the bus started moving I woke up.

The dream described my life prior to baptism, the little boy indicating my immaturity. I was subject to dangers that could have caused me much harm, both physically and spiritually. Crossing over the fence was my effort to go to church again, and opening the doors to find the light was the learning process which resulted in baptism. Getting on the bus indicated my joining the church.

Apostle Roland Sarratt

—as found in the CCEG

### GENERAL CHURCH UNITED WORKERS REPORT

## GENERAL CHURCH UNITED WORKERS APRIL 2000 LADIES LUNCHEON REPORT

n April 4, 2000 the United Workers met at the East Independence Local Annex for our annual luncheon, business meeting, and social. The theme this year was "Showers of Blessing." We had a nice group of about 39 women who had a great lunch followed by our business meeting.

Our officers elected are:

Chair—Lisa Gill

Assistant Chairs—Carrie Geier & Tricia Cardello

**Secretary**—Diane Wheaton **Treasurer**—Irene Case

Our chairperson read scriptures 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and shared her testimony about the birth of her new son and God's goodness to her throughout the experience. Sr. Gill also read Ezekial 34:26 and 3 Nephi 5:50-59 and directed our thoughts to the blessings in our own lives. Then we divided into discussion groups. Each table had a list of questions to discuss. Some people shared testimonies and advice as well. The following is a summary of the answers given to the various questions:

## 1 Share how you (with God's help) turned a trial into a blessing.

Among the answers were testimonies from missionary's wives and how God has blessed them. Also, some of the women had homes or vehicles that had been robbed. That trial has made them wiser and forced them to learn more

about personal safety.

## 2 How do you share a blessing and tell of God's goodness with an unbeliever?

Pray for the opportunity and pray that you say what God wants you to say at the right time. By our actions and example, we testify to others. Some tell blessings boldly and straight-forward. Others handle it more gently by dismissing it as "good luck" and asking, "Well, don't you suppose the Lord had a hand in it?"

## 3 Do you think that we, as a group, are gifted with as many blessings as we could have? Why or why not?

NO—God's blessings are endless.

## 4 How can we be more aware of God's daily work in our lives?

Take the time to listen to God's still small voice. We can think of how bad a situation could have been without God's blessing and intervention. "Some of the greatest blessings are the things that never happened because of the blessings of God."

## Give an example of a recent blessing and how it impacted you.

This is just one that we heard—one woman's husband was doing maintenance on his vehicle. He was distracted by some other things happening around him and accidentally allowed all of the oil to drain completely out of the engine. He ran the truck for about five minutes with absolutely no oil in it, real-

ized what he had done, and then quickly turned it off. His truck was ruined. When he tried to start it again (after adding more oil) it made a terrible noise that the rest of his family heard. The wife and young daughter said a prayer for it and when he started it again, it just purred like a kitten. They told him that they had prayed for it and he acknowledged that it worked. Even the young daughter was aware that it was God who fixed the truck because she had heard how bad it sounded before praying for it.

## **6** Give an example of how we can express our gratitude to God for His faithfulness.

By telling others through testimonies, our daily attitude, being willing to go and do what He asks, thank Him in prayer and in song, living as He would have us live.

As always, I believe all who attended were blessed by the spirit and fellowship of our fellow men. I know that personally I learn so much from the other women in the church that attend.

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

#### COLLINS, MISSOURI

ell, here it is, springtime again! I really enjoy this time of year. The trees, the birds (the swallows are back!), even the air seems fresher. You know, I supposed that since we live in town now that I wouldn't get to enjoy the birds like I did on the farm, but I'm happy to report that there are enough to go around. I walk most every day and hear the robins and mocking birds, etc., while I'm puffing along. I marvel at how thoughtful God is to supply so many little pleasures in our everyday lives. Look around you—there are lots of neat things to enjoy. Be careful—they'll make you smile!

We have held our annual election of officers and Allen Kauffman will remain our pastor for another year, and Jack Martin will be our assistant pastor.

We wrestled our sleepy selves out of bed early Easter morning to meet with our friends in the community for the annual Sunrise Service at the Christian Church. I was pleasantly surprised at the number of folks that got out early to celebrate Christ's resurrection. We had a nice service together, then enjoyed a volunteer program at our own church with

preaching by Elder Bob Eddy. Elders Jim and Hube Yates were holding services over in Almond Valley for those who couldn't come to Collins. I know how much they appreciate those services. I'm only disappointed that we couldn't worship together.

After Conference, Apostles Joel Yates and Don McIndoo stopped by, on different days, and each was prevailed upon to preach. We enjoyed hearing these sermons and getting to visit with our Arizona brothers. I look so forward to getting to come to Sunday School and then the preaching or sacrament services that follow, no matter who is preaching. To me, it's like "chocolate" for the soul!!

Our Sister Mary Yates, wife to Elder Curtis Yates, has recently been diagnosed with stomach cancer. I'm not sure when her treatments are to begin, but I do know that she will want an interest in your prayers. She has placed herself in God's care and is willing to submit to His will.

We only know this mortal, human existence, but God most definitely has a place reserved for His own. What more could any of us hope for? As the words to a song read: God

is the power and might; strength and honor are His; glory and majesty—all my praise I give.

I will close with a few quotes from recent sermons for you to consider.

- What is getting in the way of our being a servant of God?
- Religion has to do with YOU and how YOU behave.
- Have problems with the Be-attitudes because of My-attitude.
- The first thing you have to do with a gift is use it yourself, then share it. Christ IS the gift—use Him and share Him!
- Sacrament—you're bought with a price—you have a great deal of value—REMEMBER.
- The ways of God and the ways of man—how different!

Your reporter, Czerna Kauffman

### RAVENNA, MICHIGAN

Greetings from the North Country! Where does the time go? I can't believe it's been four months since my last article to The Advocate. We have managed to keep our little flock intact in spite of sickness and the southern migration of some of our members.

Grant and Pride Hanes are back from their winter home in Florida. Max and Vivian Spencer were gone for a couple of weeks at conference time, traveling to Independence by way of Tennessee and North Carolina on a brief missionary trip. It's good to have them back, and hopefully we can keep them around for a while. One very special event we are so happy to report is the opportunity that Elder Max Spencer had on March 5 to supervise the blessing of his great grandson, baby John Shira,

infant son of Steven and Skye Shira.

From time to time we are privileged to have visits from our missionaries, for which we are always grateful. On January 22, we had a visit from Elder Gale Brantner, from the Cherokee Local, and enjoyed his sermon on "Why a Church?" Then on April 29 we enjoyed a visit with Elder Ken Oar and his brother, Elder Keith Hoare and wife Leona. Ken was in the area working out the details with Adam Porter for the upcoming youth camp. As you might expect, Ken was pressed into service to deliver the sermon. Speaking of the youth camp, the Bradley Local had a yard sale in the church parking lot to raise money to help defray the cost of the youth camp.

Several of us were able to attend church

conference this year. Those attending from Ravenna were: Aaron Heath, Max and Vivian Spencer, Alan Scott, Bruce, Deb, and June Haines, and Deb's daughter, Jenni Vogel. It was a little disappointing that the business sessions were over so quickly, but we enjoyed the solemn assembly, the sacrament service, many wonderful sermons, and, of course, the excellent food prepared and served by the local sisters.

Until next time, may God bless and watch over each and every one of you.

Your Sister in Christ, June Haines, Reporter, Ravenna Local

#### **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.

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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

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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

## CHURCH OF CHRIST 2000 REUNIONS AT A GLANCE

JUNE 9-11 Colorado Reunion

JUNE 24-25 Michigan Reunion

JULY 1-3 Alaska Retreat

JULY 15-16 Idaho Reunion

AUGUST 4-6
Missouri Reunion

SEPTEMBER 1-4
Tri-State Reunion

NOVEMBER 24-26
Phoenix Reunion

### 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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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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## Reta Stalker

June 19, 1931~May 9, 2000



eta Doreen Stalker, nee Jordan, was born on June 19, 1931 on the family farm in the Viceroy district of Saskatchewan, Canada, and passed from this life on May 9, 2000, at the Assiniboia Union Hospital in Assiniboia Saskatchewan, Canada, having lived 68 years 10 months and 20 days.

Reta grew up on the family farm and attended public and high school in Viceroy. She attended Teachers College in Moose Jaw Saskatchewan and graduated in 1951. She taught in several schools in the area, retiring from teaching in 1961.

She was baptized into Christ and became a member of the Church of Christ on July 21, 1946, at Viceroy.

She married Donald Keens Stalker at the Jordan home at Viceroy on August 18, 1954. From this union were two children, Maureen Ellen Stalker on December 17, 1961, and Murray Donald Stalker on June 10, 1965. Reta and Don celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary last year.

Following her teaching career, Reta enjoyed gardening, cooking and helping her husband with farming.

Funeral services were conducted at the Ross Funeral Home in Assiniboia on May 13, 2000, with Elder Rodger Bruner officiating and Elder Charles Brantner assisting. Interment was in the Mount Hope Cemetery in Assiniboia.

Reta is survived by her husband, Donald, of the home, Maureen Williamson, her husband Gordon Williamson, and their daughters Candace and Jessica of Regina, Saskatchewan, son Murray of Viceroy, her parents Russell and Evelyn Jordan of Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, a brother, Jack Jordan, his wife Marge Jordan of Regina, Saskatchewan, their children Karen and Dean Mann, Cheryl and

Johnathan McConnell, Linda and Shaun Smulan and their families, all of Regina, Saskatchewan, and a host of family and friends.

Reta had a poem in her home which typified her home and life. It is as follows:

The kiss of the sun for a pardon
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