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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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I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withereth; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

John 15:5-8

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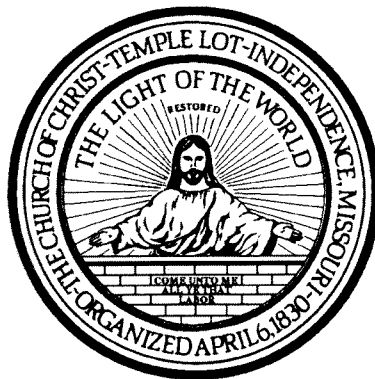
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To promote His Teachings & His Church, the Church of Christ;
To be a voice of warning to His people; to be Zion's advocate.

What is the Difference?

By Elder Gordon McCann

I recently had an opportunity to travel to the Republic of Korea for my employer. It was not my first time, for I had served in the military and had been stationed in Korea twenty-six years earlier. As was the case then, I found the people to be friendly and eager to engage in a conversation with you in the best English that they knew. I took a Korean conversational language course during my first visit so I came this time a bit rusty but familiar with the customary greetings.

I spent a few days towards the end of my trip in Seoul, the capital city of the Republic of Korea. There I was able to relax where I took advantage of the pool, swimming a few laps then retiring to the hot tub since there was no one using it at the time. I had just got settled, enjoying the warm water bubbling around me, when an elderly Korean gentleman came over

(with a man servant following close behind) and joined me. I looked over his way and smiled, as a non-intrusive greeting. He then took the opening that I presented and greeted me in English.

After the formalities an opening presented itself to me where I told him that though I worked for a company as a living I was also an ordained minister in the Church of Christ. He responded that he was familiar with our church. I assured him that I had my doubts that he was thinking of our church. I went on to explain that we were a small group of around 3000 members. Because of his age or the noise of the bubbles in the hot tub he repeated "Oh, 300,000 people?" I repeated the previous number a little louder where he was able to understand that we were in fact small and not the church that he had thought we were.

There was a short silence where I could see that he was forming more questions to ask of me. I said a prayer

within my heart that I would have the wisdom to answer him in a way that would be to the glory of God. He wanted to know what our church believed in. I could tell that he was familiar with the Bible because of the questions that he posed. After explaining to him that I believed in the Book of Mormon but that we were not a part of the Mormon Church he seemed interested to hear more.

My mind temporarily went back to those days when I was stationed in Korea and had an opportunity to go to an orphanage. This orphanage had been sponsored by the base where I was stationed. The children loved to see us come and visit with them. The children would throng the visitor, with each child vying for his undivided attention. The caretaker of the orphanage was a religious Christian man who believed in the power of God. I had an opportunity to share my religion with him and he shared his testimonies of how God

had blessed the orphanage. He related many testimonies where God provided for their needs temporally. Some of these experiences were truly miracles. He confided in me that he believed his lineage was that of one of the lost tribes of Israel. At the time in my mind I thought that anything could be possible, but I had not before considered it.

Twenty-six years later and with a little more understanding of the history of the Korean people I related the story of the caretaker at the orphanage to the old man in the hot tub. He immediately understood what the caretaker was relating to; he himself had considered the possibility and had studied the subject from a scientific point of view. He knew I was from Phoenix, surrounded by different Native American tribes. He himself had been to Scottsdale on business several times in the past and had investigated several of the tribes. He told me that the Koreans have a birthmark that is peculiar to their people, which separates them from the rest of the Asian peoples. However, it links them genetically with the Native Americans in Arizona. I became excited and was rejoicing inside concerning the things we were discussing.

It was not long, though,

before the conversation went back to reality and he focused on the many other larger and well established Christian churches in Korea and in other parts of the world. He then posed the question that I stumbled with. "What is the difference between your church and the other Christian churches?" I had told him of the Book of Mormon and many of the different points of the doctrine of Christ where we find ourselves set apart from other churches, but that did not seem to sink in. It was now time for him to get out of the hot tub. We both had been in long enough, so we said our good byes. His ever patient manservant helped him out and they walked away.

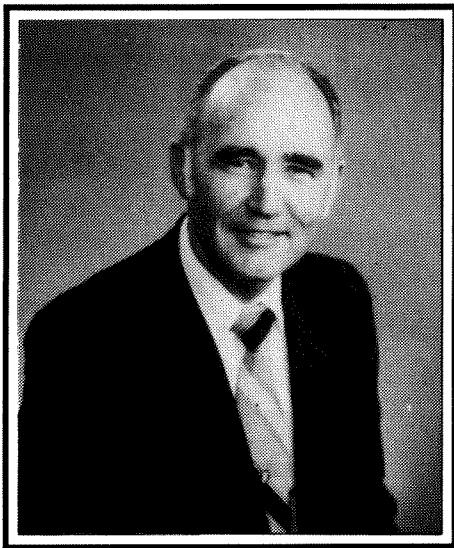
My rejoicing quickly turned to discouragement with myself. How could I have been a more effective witness or advocate for my Lord? That experience stayed with me through the remainder of my stay in Korea and my return flight home. I gave that question much thought and prayer as I sought God for an answer as to what more I could have said.

Soon after my return I was scheduled to preach in Phoenix. I again approached God in prayer and He gave me the answer that I had been seeking. It came with the

simplicity only God could deliver. I am reminded of the words of Nephi when he said, "I glory in plainness; I glory in truth;" (2 Nephi 15:7). Simply put, we are the caretakers of the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The truth is what sets us apart from all other beliefs and religious sects. God has entrusted us to do as His Son was anointed to do here on earth: "to preach the gospel to the poor; ... to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19). We are that "chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people" (1 Peter 2:9), the true advocates for Zion. The promises and blessings from God will be evident and demonstrated as we in faith "...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).

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come"
(Matthew 24:14).

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE APOSTLE JOHN



By Apostle Don McIndoo

CHAPTER TEN

Most *historicists* see chapters ten and eleven as an interlude that takes place between the sounding of the sixth trumpet (sounding the destruction of the Eastern portion of the Roman Empire in chapter 9) and that of the seventh trumpet, which will sound in chapter 11:15. This seventh trumpet will bring us to the final dispensation of time and the bowels of God's wrath to be poured out upon the enemies of Christ. This will be covered in

SECTION EIGHT:

INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE CHURCH

Chapter 16.

After the fall of Rome and the western part of the empire, the power of the papacy, or, that "man of sin" of 2 Thessalonians 2:3-7, arose to take its place. Chapter 9 ends on a sad note: Even though great woes were poured out upon the empire and Christendom, men were not repentant and continued in sin. The papacy itself was a primary source of corruption and evil. Barnes writes, "**The state of the world, as described in ch. 9:20, 21, was such as to demand a reformation, or something that should be more effectual in purifying the church than the calamities described in the previous verse had been. Some such work as the Reformation is, therefore, what we should naturally look for as**

the next in order...."¹ So most *historicists* view these chapters as relating to important things during the 1260 years of apostasy when the Catholic Church so strongly opposed the Reformation.

They see the "little book" of Revelation 10:8-10 as being the Bible with the Reformation now beginning to take place. This book, which is in the hand of the angel, is not sealed; it is open, or ready for use and study. In A.D. 1382 John Wycliffe completed the first English translation of the Bible and it was now being made available to the common man. The great men of the Reformation were using it to study and preach, speaking out against the false teaching of Catholicism. Probably because of this new interest in studying the Scriptures, The Council of Toulouse in 1229 forbade Catholics from reading it. Most Catholic priests had no access to the Bible. Even Martin Luther waited until after four years of university study before finding a copy of the Vulgate Bible in "the solitude and gloom of an Augustinian monastery."² The majority of

the Catholic clergy were illiterate and ignorant of the Bible. While the Protestant approach to the Gospel would be through study and preaching, the Catholic approach had always been through the sacraments of the Church, through ceremony and ritual.

4 This thought is borne out by the letter of a Franciscan missionary to the Indians of sixteenth century America to his friends in Europe, telling them **“that he desired his friends would send him the book called the Bible; for he had heard of there being such a book in Europe, which might be of some use to him.”**³

5 Eating the little book represents the church’s happy reception of the Bible and the devouring of it by true Christians. It was sweet to the taste because it contained the beautiful words of Christ. John (perhaps representing the ministry) was commanded to prophesy, or preach, that which the book contained. The book immediately became bitter in his belly, indicating the awareness that its preaching would bring trouble and persecution.

6 In paragraph two, above, we quoted the words of the historicist, Barnes, saying there was a great need for **“a reformation, or something that should be more effectual in purifying the church....”** That something which would be more effectual was to be the **restoration** of the Church of Christ. With the restoration of that church came another book, the

Book of Mormon, whose primary purpose was to be **“the confounding of false doctrines”**(II Nephi 2:21). It would, as did the Bible, bring great joy to those who read and believed it, but it would also bring great trouble and persecution to those who used it.

7 William Sheldon expresses his understanding that verses ten and eleven of chapter ten refer directly to the Apostle John and a latter-day ministry that will be his. Brother Sheldon believes that John did not die, but has remained on earth as did the three Nephites. The Bible says, **“Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me”** (John 21:21, 22). In the Book of Commandments there is this revelation which came in answer to the queries of the brethren as to whether John had tarried upon the earth: **“And the Lord said unto me, John my beloved, what desireth thou? And I said Lord, give unto me power that I may bring souls unto thee. - And the Lord said unto me: Verily, verily, I say unto thee, because thou desireth this, thou shalt tarry till I come in my glory”** (6:1). Relating all this back to chapter ten of Revelation, verse 11, the angel told John, **“And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.”**

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Bienvenida

Hoy te alabamos bendito Dios porque eres bueno, paciente y fiel al darnos esta dicha de celebrar los cincuenta años de la fundación de esta Santa Iglesia.

Today we praise God because he is good, patient and faithful to give us fifty years of happiness since the foundation of this holy Church.

Es un honor para mi darles las mas cordial de las bienvenidas, a todas nuestras distinguidas visitas que en este día nos acompañan y a toda la Iglesia aquí reunida.

It is an honor for me to give you a most cordial welcome to all our distinguished visitors with us in this day, and to the whole Church gathered here.

Quiero decirles que estamos sumamente agradecidos a nuestro Padre Celestial por esta oportunidad de convivencia y de amor fraternal que siempre nos ha unido.

I want to tell you that we are extremely grateful to our Heavenly Father for this opportunity of togetherness and fraternal love that has

always united us.

Queremos que todas nuestras distinguidas visitas se lleven un recuerdo inolvidable en sus corazones y estos se traduzcan en bellos testimonios para la honra y la gloria del Señor Jesús.

We want all of our distinguished guests to take unforgettable memories in their hearts and that they might be translated to beautiful testimonies for the honor and glory of Jesus Christ.

Esperamos que no sea la ultima vez que nos veamos sino sea la primera de muchas veces para poder trabajar unidos en esta gran obra de Dios.

We hope this is not the last time that we will see each other, but the first of many times we will be able to work united in this great work of God.

Les invitamos cordialmente distinguidos compañeros ministros de esta Iglesia en esta gran labor aquí en México, ahora es el tiempo trabajar unidos,

para hacer de nuestra Iglesia una Iglesia que el viento no puede llevar.

We cordially invite each of the distinguished associate ministers of this Church in the great work here in Mexico, now is the time to work united, to make of our Church a Church that the storms cannot carry away.

A nombre de un servidor y nombre de toda la Iglesia de Cristo en México ¡Sean Bienvenidos en este lugar Sagrado! Muchas Gracias.

Personally as a servant and speaking for Christ's Church in Mexico, I welcome you to this Sacred place! Thank you.

Clarencio Wheaton: Un incansable misionero que llegó a tierras Yucatecas por la voluntad de nuestro Dios, un hombre que el Padre celestial escogió como fundador de la Iglesia de Cristo en México.

Clarence Wheaton: An untiring missionary that arrived, by the will of our God, in the land of the Yucatecans, a man that the celestial Fa-

ther chose as founder of Christ's Church in Mexico.

Sus esfuerzos, y sus capacidades lo ayudaron en tiempos difíciles. Es importante recalcar que en aquellos tiempos de 1951 no había los medios de transporte con la cual gozamos el día de hoy.

His efforts, and his capabilities helped him in difficult times. It is important to emphasize that in those times, in 1951, there was not the means of transport which we enjoy today.

Pero, nada ni nadie le impidió hablar del mensaje de la Palabra de Dios, ni aun el Idioma porque Dios de antemano preparó todos los medios para la gran obra de Dios.

But, nothing nor any person prevented him from speaking of the message of the Word of God, neither did the Language, because God had prepared ahead of time the means for this great work.

Clarencio no pudo entender mucho del Idioma Español pero, si entendió completamente porque Dios lo llamó para tan grande Misión.

Clarence could not understand much of the Spanish language, but he understood completely why God called him for such a great

Mission.

Un Hombre que lo dejó todo por amor a Cristo, cuando este servidor vio la casa donde vivía cuando vino a Yucatán pude entender como es amar a Dios con todo el "corazón alma y fuerza." Clarencio Wheaton un héroe de la fe.

This man left his home for the love of Christ, when I saw the house where he lived when he came to Yucatan, I then understood what it means to love God with all your "heart, soul and strength." Clarence Wheaton, a hero of the faith.

León Yates: Un gran amigo de todo el pueblo cristiano, de todo aquel cuyo corazón ha sido tocado por el Todo Poderoso. Un maravilloso ser humano que Dios escogió para continuar la obra de Dios en México.

Leon Yates: A great friend of all Christian people, of all those whose heart has been touched by the Power of God. A wonderful human being that God chose to continue His work in Mexico.

El nombre de León bien le valió para demostrar su fuerza y su coraje espiritual en momentos difíciles porque cuando el Señor lo puso a prueba en tiempos verdaderamente difíciles en México supo defender la Iglesia y de-

mostrar que la verdad y la razón estaban de su parte.

The name of Leon (or Lion) demonstrates very well his strength and spiritual courage in difficult times. When the Lord tested him in truly difficult times here in Mexico, Leon knew how to defend the Church and demonstrated that truth and right were on his side.

No hubo ningún poder del mal para detenerlo en su gran afán de llevar el mensaje de salvación. No aprendió bien el idioma español pero, si aprendió muy bien la lección bíblica de "amar al prójimo como así mismo".

There was not any wrong power able to stop him in his great desire of delivering the message of salvation. He didn't learn the Spanish language very well, but he learned very well the biblical lesson of "to love your neighbor as yourself."

El hermano León siempre se caracterizó en contar hermosas historias, historias que siempre dejaban una lección permanente en el corazón de todos los que lo oían.

Brother Leon was always known for telling beautiful stories, stories that always left a permanent lesson in the heart of all those that heard them.

En una ocasión cuando

yo era un niño me regaló un camión de juguete y unos días después me dijo: ¿estas aprendiendo a manejar? debes de tener cuidado en los caminos; después agregó; "cuando seas grande tendrás que tener cuidado en los caminos de la vida y tendrás que manejar tu propia vida" que razón tenía al decirme eso ahora lo comprendo mejor. Eso era el gran hermano y gran amigo León Yates.

On one occasion when I was a little boy he gave me a toy truck and a few days later he asked me: "Are you learning how to drive? You should be careful in the roads." He added, "When you grow you will have to be careful on the roads of life and you will have to manage your own life." How right he was when he told me that. Now, I understand better what he was saying. This was Leon Yates, a good brother and a great friend.

Eusebio Yam: Uno de los primeros pastores en la Iglesia de Cristo en Yucatán, un hombre de clase humilde pero con un gran corazón y un enorme deseo por extender la palabra de Dios.

Eusebio Yam: One of the first pastors in the Church of Christ in Yucatan, a man of humble origin, but with a great heart and an enormous desire to extend the word of

God.

Eusebio tuvo que sufrir mucha persecución por la palabra de Dios tuvo que dejar su pueblo natal cuando vio que su vida se hallaba en peligro. Pero, Dios estaba con el y lo convirtió un triunfador.

Eusebio had to suffer a lot of persecution for the word of God. He was forced to leave his home town when he saw that his life was in danger. But, God was with him and changed this and made him a victor.

Un hombre que en su tanto amor a Dios se convirtió en el hombre mas humilde tanto así que cuando un hombre lo ofendió le dio las gracias. Autor e interprete de un canto titulado "Cristo esta a las puertas" que por cierto este canto estará en nuestro nuevo himnario.

A man that in his much love for God became more humble, so much so that if someone offended him, he would thank him. He is the author and singer of a song titled, "Christ is at the door." By the way, this song will be in our new hymnal.

Tuvo mucha visión para el futuro, en una ocasión estaba enseñando a un niño a orar y sin darse cuenta estaba contribuyendo en una nueva generación de la Iglesia fue un maestro singular para este

niño al tal grado que ese niño ahora es un hombre que ha sido llamado por Dios para ocupar con toda humildad uno de los mas altos cargos en la Iglesia. ¡Que maestro fue Eusebio! Un gran héroe en la vida cristiana

He had vision for the future. On one occasion he taught a young boy to pray, and without realizing it, was contributing to the next generation of the Church. To this boy he was a remarkable teacher to the degree that the boy has now been called of God to humbly occupy a position of weighty responsibility in the Church. Eusebio was a great teacher! And a Christian hero in the way he lived.

Cayetano Alfaro: Uno de los primeros pastores de la Iglesia en Yucatán un hombre que Cristo llamó para esta gran obra los que tuvimos la oportunidad de conocerlo pudimos darnos cuenta de su gran amor a Dios.

Cayetano Alfaro: One of the first pastors of the Church in Yucatan, a man that Christ called for this great work. Those of us who had the opportunity to know him could understand his great love for God.

De oficio panadero supo combinar su trabajo material con lo espiritual muchas veces mientras vendía sus tradi-

cionales y ricas bizcotelas aprovechaba visitar a sus hermanos en la fe.

He worked as a baker and he knew how to combine material work with spiritual work. Many times while he was selling his traditional and delicious bread, he took advantage of the opportunity by visiting his brothers in the faith.

¡Que manera de trabajar para Dios! Quien no recuerda al hombre del sombrero con sus latas vendiendo por las calles de la ciudad de Ticul. Pero, detrás del hombre trabajador había un hombre renovado por el Espíritu del Señor Jesucristo. El hermano Cayetano Alfaro Contreras es un ejemplo a todos los ministros de esta época.

What a wonderful way to work for God! Who doesn't remember this man in the hat with his cans selling on the streets of the city of Ticul. But behind the hard-working man there was a man renewed by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus. Cayetano Alfaro Contreras is an example to all the ministers of this time.

José del Pilar Can: Un querido hermano que siempre recordaremos, un extraordinario maestro de la Biblia. Siempre nos sorprendió con sus lecciones bíblicas y su gran amor por la juventud.

José del Pilar Can: A dear brother that we will remember always, an extraordinary teacher of the Bible. We were always surprised with his biblical lessons and his great love for the youth.

Su vida antes de conocer al Señor era una vida de fracaso en fracaso pero, cuando Dios lo llamó su vida dio un giro de 80 grados y experimentó los maravillosos dones de Dios.

His life, before knowing the true God, was a life filled with unpleasantness and failure, but when the Lord called him, he was able to change his life completely and also to experience all the wonderful gifts of God.

Recordamos como cada Domingo tenía que manejar su bicicleta 14 kilómetros para dar una lección bíblica demostrando ese gran amor por la Iglesia.

We remember that each Sunday he had to ride his bicycle 10 miles to give a biblical lesson, demonstrating his great love for the Church.

Estuvo completamente convencido de su salvación así como también su llamado de Dios para ser maestro en la Iglesia. Nunca se negó para alguna actividad siempre estuvo atento y listo para las actividades de la Iglesia.

He was totally convinced

of his salvation as well as the calling of God to be a teacher in the Church. He never refused to participate in any activity. He was always attentive and ready for any activity for the Church.

La misma semana que falleció estaba preparando una lección para los jóvenes, lección que no pudo terminar por cierto pero, su dedicación y su gran amor para la obra de Dios aun esta vigente entre nosotros. El maestro José es un ejemplo para el ministerio de hoy.

The same week that he died he was preparing a lesson for the youth. A lesson that he could not completely finish, but his dedication and his great love for the work of God is still felt among us. Teacher José is an example for today's ministry.

THE YOUTH IN THE CHURCH

Today is an historical day for Christ's Church in Yucatan. This day is not only important to those of us who are older but also to our youth. We want to emphasize the importance of the adolescent and young adults in the Church. For the youth of the Church play a strong role in the Church today and will represent the Church in the future in Mexico.

Today we have dedicated

ourselves to working together as one body. With the experience of the adults and the strength of the youth we can build a strong Church for the future.

We will continue to organize activities for the welfare of the youth. For example: Camps, Bible study retreats, games that promote fellowship, and other activities for the spiritual well-being of the youth. We presently have scheduled a youth camp in the month of July in the city of Cancun Quintana Roo and I want you to remember them in your prayers.

I want to encourage all the youth to come together and be united in the cause of Zion that we all may be one body of Christ. The parents supporting their children in all the activities that are provided by the Church and the children become active members in the Church by their participation.

God has given the mothers and fathers of the youth the responsibility to give physical and spiritual guidance to their children. The parents must remember that they participated in bringing into this world a soul that is eternal.

The question that the parents must ask themselves is, "What can I give my child that will be of great worth?"

A career or a home and land has value but can be taken away by the world. The salvation of their children's soul comes from God which is everlasting.

With sadness we have heard our children say: "My parents don't support me in the Church," or "My parents are not even interested in my problems." As parents, we must take time to listen to our children and be the examples and teachers in our homes.


Let us become one body in Christ that is willing to work together, the Shepherds, adults, and parents to build a better future for our children that will provide them with the best gift that we can give them in life.

Dear brothers and sisters in the family of Christ who are in this place of adoration, our Church today, we congratulate you having the company of our dear brothers from the United States of America.

Thank you for choosing this place as the first Church that you visit in this trip. Receive all our love and our gratefulness, hoping you enjoy it and take a beautiful memory in your hearts.

I want to thank all the ministers that accompany us, welcome tonight they are to this beautiful earth that our

Celestial Father has given us, of that which we are extremely grateful.



CONFERENCE REPORT

Highlights of the April 2002 Conference and Solemn Assembly

Friday, March 29 through Wednesday, April 3

Total number of attendees: 321

Areas represented: Arizona, Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Honduras

Weather: Mixed—sunny and mild, cloudy and cool.

Climate in our midst: Warm and loving

SOLEMN ASSEMBLY, Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30

PURPOSE (condensed)

- *Reasons for this assembly:* Because there are numerous prophecies that the day of the Lord is very near and that there will be great tribulation “upon the earth before the great and dreadful day of the Lord,” an assembly was held for the purpose of uniting in fasting and prayer “that the direction of the Lord be revealed to us, that the power of the Holy Ghost cover us . . . , that the servants of the Lord might go forth in boldness and power preaching the word with authority”
- *Resolution:* That we lay hold on the promise recorded in Joel 2:32: “*And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.*”

HIGHLIGHTS

- The elders who opened the seasons of prayer directed our thoughts to reflect the purpose for which we were gathered this weekend.
 - This nation has turned from the God of the land. There was a call to humility and a return to Him.
 - Thanksgiving for the opportunity to have communion with the Saints, at this time, to petition the Father for His favor.
 - Don't let anything come between you and God.

- Be prepared. Be strong in the Lord. If God is with us we can do whatever He wants us to do.
- If we want miracles we must be cleansed.
- A parallel to the September 11 attack: At the first warnings the people did not realize the real danger and walked out of the towers. We are stuck in the world having no clue that we are in danger. Do we hear God's, “May Day, May Day, Get Out!?” Some people will say, “There is always a more convenient time.” We must pray out loud and silently, with full intent. Ask for forgiveness and strength. Be thankful for the Word.
- If God is with us we can do whatever He wants us to do.
- **SCRIPTURES TO REMEMBER:** The scriptures used referred to the need for humility and to continue in prayer, that the Lord's mercy will be extended. We are to seek Him while he may be found. Do not wait until the day of tribulation. Our ways are not His ways, His ways and thoughts are higher than ours. “Fret not thyself because of evildoers, *Psalms 37:1*; There is a time and season for all things, *Ecclesiastes 3:1-15*; Be strong in the Lord, *Psalms 18*; “Come ye to the waters . . . come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not?” *Isaiah 55 1-2*.
- **PRAYERS:** In relationship to the stated purpose for our gathering, the prayers centered around the work of the Lord, the filling of the vacancy in the apostleship, the apostles and their families, the return of more of the gifts and fruits of the Spirit and that our people would draw out of the world.
- **SONG OF ADMONITION:** Singing the wonder-

fully inspired *Admonition* hymn we were reminded of the day that we are facing, a “momentous day.” It called us to greater heights. We must be obedient so that we can be safe upon “Zion's hill” from the “devastating currents, fraught with woe.” His coming is near and we must put away our sin and become His servants. “Peril waits upon the heedless! Grace upon the souls who try.”

SUNDAY, March 31

THE LORD'S SACRAMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **COUNSEL:** Deny ourselves. Do we look at the weight of our sin with sorrow? Sin separates us from the Body of Christ. Was Christ's sacrifice good enough for you, or should He have suffered more? Flee from idolatry. Are you suffering today? Where is your allegiance? Are you partaking of the cup of devils? Are there things that take all your time away from the worship of God? Accept His sacrifice. Partake of it. Defeat lustful desires. He defeated sin and Hell, and so can you. There is no other way to defeat but by the sacrifice.
- TESTIMONIES:** Many testified of their blessing of parents, spouses, and the results of prayer and administration. They were thankful for the love of God's family and for the work.
- An elder shared his experience about a business trip and meeting a well-to-do Oriental man who, in inquiring about his beliefs, asked what the difference was between our church and other churches. After the man left this elder was disappointed in the answer he had given and began to ponder what he should have said. The Lord impressed upon him the very simple and direct answer: “We have the truth!”
- One told of her first administration by the elders of the Church before she was baptized.

She had been suffering from severe stomach problems. The elders were asked to come. As the elders prayed, their prayers were answered as they prayed. She could feel the effects starting from her toes and going up her body.

- Another brother had dreamed of the day when he would have the opportunity to go to Yucatan, Mexico, because of the testimonies of Apostles McIndoo and Moser. He has been privileged to be part of God's work in that area and feels inadequate. He encouraged young men and women that God has something for them. There are adventures waiting for them. God can afford them the opportunity for fulfillment.
- A husband told how much he appreciated his wife, and that the Lord had worked through her prayers to help him in a dramatic way one day at his work. Another time his life was spared. She told him to drive home from work slowly. He went home on the back roads and was tempted to go faster, but obeyed the warning. She told him she had a vision of him in a terrible accident. The next day, as he was in a parking lot, the steering arm broke and he couldn't control the steering.
- A Mother, on her family's first trip to Yucatan, was nervous about their unaccustomed circumstances in the very different environment there, and increased concerns when her son got ill. Through the day he steadily grew worse. At nightfall, he asked for one of the Yucatan Apostles, but no one knew where he was. When this elder returned in the middle of the night, after much kindly attention and fervent prayer, he administered to the son. In the prayer of administration he outlined a chain of things to happen in the healing process. From that time the son began to heal with everything happening as outlined in the elder's prayer, and in the same order.

PREACHING/PRESENTATIONS

Pictures were projected on the wall with each presentation showing the members of the Church in the foreign missions with explanation and background information. It made us appreciate the circumstances under which our missionaries to these foreign lands labor. We feel closer to our brothers and sisters in these places because we can put a face to the names we so often hear. We feel that we know them better, therefore love them more.

After each sermon/presentation we were treated to the pleasure of asking questions about the work of the mission, the people, their customs and the land. The answers given by our missionaries gave us a love for the people and a greater appreciation of the great task that lies before us for those missions.

- On Sunday afternoon Apostle Jay Moser, assisted by Apostle Frank Fann, presented the Philippines and the members there to us. What can we do for the Church in the Philippines? Brother Moser urged us to be as strong as David was when he fought against Goliath. **There are many "Goliaths" that want to destroy the Church.** It takes courage to fight the "Goliaths." It isn't a matter of fear, it's a matter of making a choice. Courage is displayed in two ways. One is when you make the decision quickly, without thinking. The other is a conscious choice.

We have been here for 172 years. We are not a "fly-by-night" organization. We are established. We know what needs to be done. We have a responsibility to these people. Don't be led by emotion, be honorable, have integrity, be a light. We must grow. Pray that the Lord will bring the honest in heart to you. You have been prepared to do this work. Be ready emotionally and physically.

It is natural for Americans to want to change everything, Americanize. Sometimes it needs to be let alone. Don't be too busy with your own agenda, i.e.: make the world a better place for "me" to live in. Ask if it's essential. Our primary purpose is to save souls.

God is with us. Let it not be said that the messengers of life be afraid of the messengers of death. May it be said that we have been true.

*** There are 205 members in the Philippines. There are three elders: Elders Prudencio Alameda, Demetrio Indangan, and Roger Manali.**

- Monday evening Apostle Brian McIndoo, assisted by Apostle Smith Brickhouse, gave their story and appeal to us for the African mission. Brother McIndoo opened with a passage from Psalm 8 and asked, What is the Lord? He is the Supreme Ruler, the Supreme Authority, Our Lord. His Word is unquestionable. We do not interject our interpretation. We do not challenge His Word. We are insignificant compared to the magnitude of His creation

and His power. God sent His Son for us. He created all for us. We can stand in God's glory. How can we stand in God's glory, yet want the insignificant?

We are living in the last days. Prophecy is being fulfilled before our eyes. Churches are aligning with each other. When there are "save two churches" it will be obvious to those who know His Word. They have a "form of godliness but deny the power thereof."

Christ warned us of this day. **Satan desires to have you to sift you as wheat. He will send the winds of fables, or false doctrines of the Rapture, No Hell, etc., and lust and pride to drive you away from the truth.**

Christians in the world are comfortable. All is well in Zion. Everything is just fine. They are not seeking truth or righteousness, but are unaware of the time we are living in, are slumbering and sleeping.

Awake! Be not unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Superstition or Truth? **We hold the truth. We are the keepers of it.** We have the responsibility to take it to the world. Don't follow the fables, but understand His Word and will for you.

What is the will of the Lord in the last days? We are of the Gentiles. We shall be Israel's "nursing fathers and nursing mothers" (II Nephi 5:19). They look to us as parents to show how they should be. We need to be strong and ready to be fathers and mothers to the world. The time is past for us to be lazy and weak, to sit back. We are to be the role model for the world.

Jacob 3:54-56. We are blessed in this nation so that we can do the work set before us. The Gentiles are grafted into the olive tree. Their strength will bring forth fruit.

Are we the examples of righteousness that we should be?

Responsibilities of the Ministry: Jacob 3:136, 137, 140. There is a great work before us. Even if every man in the Church were called to the ministry, we would still be few. **Labor with your mights, with all your energy, when you feel like it and when you don't.** Obey His commandments in all things. Get out of your comfort zone. Don't let pride get in your way. The gospel was taken from the Jews because they were stiff-necked.

Responsibilities of the Women: Sacrifice. Some have to let their husbands go, and are willing, for the sake of the Lord's work. They don't live normal lives as other women. They support their husband in their labors. Young girls, some day you will be called on to make the sacrifice. **Are you willing?** Are you excited? Are you going to support your husbands to do the work of the Lord?

Young Men, "Study to show yourself approved." Untangle yourself from the world. Prepare yourself. Study, pray.

We need more people to do this work. **Everyone must pitch in. Don't be dependent.** Don't create issues or doctrines to prevent you from being able to work among people of the world. God is preparing some of you right now.

* There are **400 baptized members.** There are two organized locals, in Keneni and in Misisita. There are several other groups gathering regularly in church buildings. There is a church office in Kenya. There are two elders, Elders Michael Otero and Moses Ohuru.

The Sunday School Association donated money for supplies which were passed out to the locals.

- Apostle Don McIndoo, assisted by Apostle Jay Moser, gave the sermon and presentation on the Mexico and Honduras missions.

The Gentiles have the care of the House of Israel. Do you have sorrow for the House of Israel that they have not repented? We are reminded of Enos. He humbled himself and had concern for himself. Then God showed him and he began to grow in awareness and concern for others, even the enemy. **We have a concern for Israel.** II Nephi 1:3-8, 7:34-36 tells of the destruction of Jerusalem and the hope of a Promised Land. A Seneca Chief, Red Jacket, who died in 1830, said, "Our forefathers owned this great island." Jacob said that it was an inheritance forever. **This land was consecrated for an inheritance for them forever if they keep the commandments.** It is a conditional promise of protection, of security, prosperity, and peace upon this land.

The Son of God gave salvation to every man if they would hearken to His words. We need to be the ambassadors to the peoples of America to make them aware. The root cause of the 9/11 attack is the Muslim declaration of a

Great Jihad (holy war) against the Christian world. **We need to find platforms to proclaim the prophecies of this beautiful book (Book of Mormon).**

Nephi said there will be two churches. You will belong to one of them. The other is great and powerful. In the last year, in Chiapas, Mexico, twenty-two families of evangelical Christians were burned out of homes and forced to flee.

We are living in prophetic days. Just a handful of people understand. In Revelations 14:6, John saw another angel fly...having the everlasting gospel. This is the restoration of the gospel and ministry. In verse 8, there is another angel crying, "Woe" to those with the symbol of the Beast in their lives.

I Nephi 3:149-150: He beheld the Gentiles on the land of promise and his seed scattered and smitten. In Isaiah 49:14-16 Zion thinks the Lord has forsaken her, but He will not forget her. **If ever you feel great loss, look at Christ's hand with the nail prints and your name written in His palm.** He pleads our case before the Father. He lives and is concerned about His people.

God has a purpose for the House of Israel in the latter day. **For Israel the Book of Mormon points up the truth of the Bible (I Nephi 3:191-192), puts down contention (II Nephi 2:21), teaches Christ (II Nephi 3:193-194), and tells what source to look to for a remission of sin (II Nephi 11:43, 148).**

LETTER FROM SPAIN: A young man, Juan Jesus, of the Federal police, a Catholic, was interested in the Book of Mormon, so a Book of Mormon was sent to him. He finished reading it and said that it was a "marvelous experience," and claimed this book would change his life. Now he is reading it for the second time. He said, "I am enchanted by the Book of Mormon." He knows it is inspired of God. He cries with emotion when he reads it. He reads it every day and always carries it. **"Through this marvelous book I have encountered Christ."**

I Nephi 3:179 tells us the Abominable Church kept back the plain and precious things. The Gentiles stumble. **We read and talk about the concepts in this book and think we understand, but not very well, such as the gathering of the house of Israel, the New Jerusalem, and Zion.**

Let's be like Abraham. By faith he obeyed and went out not knowing where he went. He looked for a better city whose builder and maker is God. They all died not having received the promise.

It is prophesied that the seed of Jacob will hear the gospel. Roger Can called two men because of a dream that he had in which he was conversing with the Lord. He was given the names of the men and that they were to be called as elders. There were remarkable witnesses to both of the men's callings. For one, five years before, the pastor of his congregation knew the young man would be called, wrote his testimony to it on a piece of paper, sealed it in an envelope and gave it to young Placido. The ordination services are not sandwiched between. The opening remarks and sermon are in explanation of the ordination. Then a witness is called for.

Another experience was of a vision had by one seeing himself as an elder baptizing a young woman, who was not yet baptized. He questioned the Lord and went to the pastor about his concerns. The pastor said that he knew who it was. After the witness was given, the young woman walked forward and told the congregation that she was the one he saw in the vision and that she wanted to follow the Lord. She is the fifth generation descended from Sabrero who had the experience in the jungle with the prophet who told of the gospel that would come to them, brought by a white man. A righteous nation of Israel shall be raised up.

The members there think about you all the time. They love their churches, hymnals, and their Bibles and Books of Mormon.

*** In Honduras there are 33 members. In Mexico there are 400 members with 13 locals served by 6 elders, 4 priests, and 1 evangelist.**

ADDITIONAL PREACHING SERVICES by Elders Andrew Brown and Nicholas Denham. Sermon Points:

- The victory goes to the courageous.
- God is in control if we're willing to let Him. Happiness is to know that.
- Are you looking forward to the day when the trump shall sound? Are we watching for the return of our Savior to be redeemed from carnal death?
- The Lord does not want spectators. He wants

participants.

- Be a part of the cure, not a part of the problem. It's your job.
- Do you have the attributes of charity? Can they be seen?
- Do we reflect His glory and bring glory to His name?
- Thy will be done, not mine. Are we willing to submit to the Lord's will?
- Be awake that we won't be blind. Repentance makes sure of that.
- He will come as a thief in the night. Look for the promise to be revealed. Do we look forward to those things?
- Be diligent, without spot, blameless.
- What do you stand for? Who are you? You are a representative of the Savior.
- Don't attach yourself so much to something that it destroys you.
- We cannot escape corruption if we are yoked to it. Come out of Babylon. Separate ourselves from the world. What is the world? If it brings you closer to Christ, it's good. The movie industry represents the world. The funds are used to destroy our beliefs. Are you willing to give up wealth that the Lord may dwell in you?
- Do people see a reflection of the Lord in you?
- Tithes and offerings are a commandment given to Israel, *Malachi 3:8*. If you want to get out of trouble pay your tithing. Do we need financial and health blessings?
- We should tell of our blessings, even the small ones, that the Lord gives.
- Our names are written in The Book of the Lamb. Sometimes we slip. We have an adversary who will try to get us to disobey.
- We want to be on God's side. We're in a warfare. We meet together oft to pray for one another and encourage each other to hold fast to the Rod of Iron that leads to the Tree of Life.
- The people of the United States are slipping. Our nation is based on believing and serving God. The Anti-God movement is moving fast.
- We should be concerned about the gathering. The time is coming that if we are not gathered here we will suffer. The Lord will look after those who obey. "How oft would I have gathered you, but ye would not."
- I want to see the Lord's work accomplished. I want to be of benefit to God and to you. May we grow in grace and understanding in the knowledge of the Lord.

SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

During one of the Apostle's meetings the week before the Conference, during a season of fasting and prayer, and while engaged in a period of meditation, the calling was given of Brother Ronnie Gill to the office of elder. After prayer several testimonies to the validity of the call were given. One gave witness that during the first prayer that if the Lord had a message for them, the witness would be given to that person who prayed. This prayer was answered. The call was given in answer to many prayers for the work in Honduras.

MORNING PRAYER SERVICES

At 8 AM before the morning business session, there was one hour devoted to prayer for the many needs of the people. Hearts were poured out in prayer for the sick and afflicted and thanksgiving for answered prayer for the gospel, the growing missions to the seed of Jacob, for the calling of Ronnie Gill to the eldership, also for Justin Tarbell's successful surgery and for Marvin Fleming's blessing.

BUSINESS MEETINGS

The Apostles rotated in turn taking charge for two days of peaceful, productive business conducted for the whole church.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"And now shall my head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing yea I will sing praises unto the Lord."*

- A music program was held Sunday afternoon. The Phoenix, Arizona, choir sang. Independence, Missouri, was represented by the East Independence local choir, the Temple Lot Junior and Senior choirs, and the combined Conference adult choir under the direction of the Conference chorister.
- Specials: The beautiful blending with inspiring message by a quartet of instruments, piano, violin, cello, and vocalist; A male quintet sang "O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing."
- Song services where everyone sang praises and some also gave special offerings.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Committee meetings
- United Workers meeting and luncheon: There was election of officers and other business, also testimonies about how God can use our weaknesses. For those who had small children there were baby-sitters.
- Youth Forum: The elder in charge explained that the purpose of the forum is to set time aside for the youth to discuss issues that may be weighing on their minds, and also have an organized method of sharing their opinions with the general church. There was election of officers and planning committee. Two of our young men gave reports and slide presentations. One was on the youth camp in Yucatan and the other was about a trip to Africa with the missionaries. There were also reports on the New York and Tri-State reunions, the Colorado ski retreat, and the Washington retreat by different young people. The fun activities as well as the spiritual highlights were shared of these events. The elder in charge told that the sacrifices made by those who participate in these retreats and reunions will be rewarded ten times if we are willing to make them. The youth were all invited to attend the Wake-up Camp in Minnesota and to visit Zamarano, Honduras. There were refreshments after the meeting.
- The Junior Young People's group, ages 6-11, gathered for games, supper and a service around a campfire. The service began with a skit about Apostles Peter and Paul talking with each other about their experiences with the Lord. After that the service was opened to testimonies. The young people gave many beautiful heartfelt testimonies about what God had done for them. Several gave more than one.

The Church of Christ holds the truth. We have hope and expectation that we will all be a part of the work to bring the gospel to all people and nations. We look forward to being with you next year.

Darl Temple

ANNOUNCEMENT

TEEN CHALLENGE 2002

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Hebrews 11:1 & 6

When will camp be?

August 4th - 9th, 2002.

Who should attend?

If you are between the ages of 12 and 18, then we want to see you!!!

Where will Camp be?

Camp Far Westa, a beautiful, spacious, well-kept facility that is only an hour away from Independence, near Stuartsville, Missouri.

Why should you attend?

You will have the time of your life!!! Camp Activities include Scriptural Studies, Classes, Sports, Campfires and Group Activities.

How much will Teen Challenge cost? \$110.00

You can SAVE!!!

If paid prior to July 1st, 2002, you will pay:\$100.00

If paid after July 1st, you will pay:\$110.00

If paid after July 15th, you will pay:\$125.00

Do you want a shirt?

If you would like to purchase a "Teen Challenge 2002" shirt, please include an additional \$5.00 with your camp fee. For example, if you pay prior to July 1st (\$100.00) and would like a shirt (\$5.00), please send a total of \$105.00 with your camp registration.

LOOK FOR YOUR REGISTRATION FORM IN THE MAY ADVOCATE!!!

Camp Directors: Brother Jeff and Sister Michelle Oldham

602 NW 20th Street

Ankeny, IA 50021

515-963-0971

CIT's... if you would like to be a Counselor-In-Training (CIT), please e-mail Brother Bob Hedrick at bobnliza@juno.com, or call at 602-494-9661. Deadline to sign-up to be a CIT is May 10, 2002.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW YORK REUNION 2002

Where: Hogansburg, New York

When: July 5-7, 2002

The Akwesasne New York Local welcomes all of our brothers and sisters to fellowship and worship with us starting **Friday evening at 7:00 P.M., July 5 through Sunday after-noon, July 7, 2002.**

In order that the proper preparation may be made, please let one of the people listed below know if you will be attending, how many, and any dietary restrictions that you may have. We have some housing available with church members, as well as some space for campers. There are also plenty of motels in the area.

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ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

Bradley Reunion	June 22-23
New York Reunion	July 5-7
Wake-Up Camp	July 12-14
Camp Teen Challenge	August 4-9
Scripture Adventure	August 6
Missouri Reunion	August 9-11
Tri-State Reunion	Aug 30-Sept 11
Phoenix Reunion	Nov 29-Dec 1
Women's Retreat	Jan 17-18, 2003

CONCERT IN THE PARK

YOU ASKED FOR IT... YOU GOT IT!

The Teen Challenge Concert in the Park will be held on Thursday, August 8th at 3:15 p.m. at the Gazebo.

We're looking for contributions of Christian vocal or instrumental music that is appropriate for our youth camp. No piano accompaniment is available but a tape player will be ready for pre-recorded music. Don't want to sing alone? Get a group of friends to sing with you. Each person or group should prepare one or two songs to perform.

Want to participate? Contact KIM YATES and let her know what you or your group will be performing. Reach Kim by phone at (602) 920-9415 or by e-mail at kimnjim@mindpsring.com.

Patriotic Tuesday at Camp Teen Challenge 2002!

Show your patriotism by wearing RED, WHITE & BLUE on Tuesday, August 6. Get into the spirit!

BRADLEY REUNION

The Bradley, Michigan local would like to extend an invitation to join them for their annual Church of Christ reunion. Reserve the dates of **June 22 & 23, 2002**, to join in fellowship and spiritual renewal with your brothers and sisters in Michigan. All are invited!!!

For housing & questions contact:

Duane Lee at (616) 795-7420; email address: duane_joyce@hotmail.com

Randy Lee at (616) 948-8971; email address: allofuslees@voyager.net

WAKE UP CAMP 2002

YOU'RE INVITED!!!

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when believed" (Romans 13:11).

The Bemidji Young Peoples group invites you to Wake Up Camp 2002. Wake Up Camp 2002 is scheduled for **July 12, 13, 14**. The camp will be held at a site twelve miles from Bemidji, Minnesota. This camp is for all ages, and everyone is invited to attend. Please come; we know you'll enjoy the experience of making new friends, visiting with old friends and sharing fellowship and fun with all!

For more information or alternative sleeping arrangements, please contact:

Leah Ferrier (218-586-2367)
Pastor Bill Gould (218-586-2443)
Linda Gould (218-586-3759)
Charity Gould (218-586-3362)

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MISSOURI REUNION 2002

The Missouri Reunion Committee would like to invite all to attend the 2002 Missouri Reunion, which will be held **August 9th, 10th and 11th, 2002**. 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:

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(816) 373-6605
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TRI-STATE REUNION

The Minnesota Locals invite all to meet with them for fellowship and service at the Tri-State Reunion.

Where: The Indoor Group Camp at Wyalusing State Park. The Park is located just south of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. It is a beautiful spot, sitting high on the bluffs overlooking the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers.

When: The camp is available for our use from **3:00 P.M. Aug. 30th to 3:00 P.M. Sept. 2nd**. There is no admittance to the park between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.

There are four dorm buildings which can house up to 27 persons each. Campers must bring their own bedding. No pets are allowed in the park. A park sticker must be purchased at the park office.

For more information, please contact:

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PHOENIX REUNION

The Phoenix, Arizona, local would like to invite you each to join with us in the worship of our Lord at the 2002 Phoenix Reunion, which will be held **November 29th, 30th and December 1st**. Come and enjoy the warm weather and the warm fellowship.

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Women's Retreat

Friday, January 17, and Saturday January 18, 2003.

"Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation, on thee do I wait all the day" Psalms 25:5.

To the Sisters of the Church of Christ (Ages 18+): In an effort to follow the teaching of scripture as found in Titus, chapter 2, we invite all women to join us for a Women's Retreat. This will be an overnight fellowship activity and details will be announced through the CCEG.

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SCRIPTURE ADVENTURE 2002

Come, come, come! Come to the Scripture Adventure 2002, being held on **Tuesday, August 6th**, at the Church Of Christ, East Independence Local.

The Scripture Adventure is an exciting, fun, day-camp for ages 5 to 11 years old, where we learn about God's love for us and see examples of His love in the scriptures. We will make crafts and treats, sing songs, play outdoor games, and hear of God's goodness through scripture stories. The friendships our children make now can follow them and support them throughout their Christian walk. Encourage these bonds while filling their day with praise and discovery about our Heavenly father!

A lunch will be provided along with the fun! A member of the ministry will

be in attendance. We are asking a \$5.00 donation per family. LOOK for the registration forms to come soon, and send them in as soon as possible so we can get an accurate count for crafts, treats, and lunch. More information will be coming on the CCEG and in the *Zion's Advocate*.

For more information, or to register, please contact:

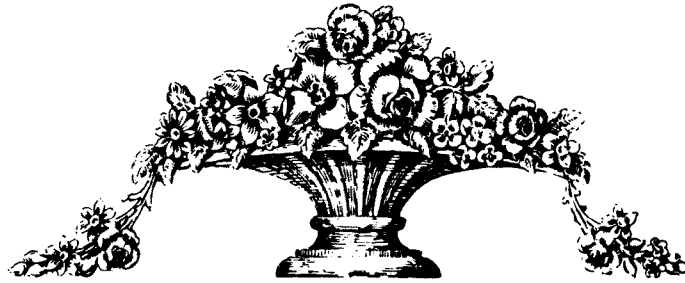
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OBITUARY

Lola Mae Riley

December 1, 1922—May 19, 2002



Lola Mae Riley of Columbia Falls, Montana, passed from this life on May 19, 2002, having lived 79 years, 5 months and 18 days.

She was born Lola Mae Winegar to Ethel H. and Benjamin A. Winegar on the 1st day of December, 1922, in Bonner Springs, Kansas.

Lola was the 5th of 8 children born to that family.

Her parents and four brothers, Fred, Henry, James and Eugene Winegar, have preceded her in death.

In 1946, Lola was working as a cashier at LB Harts, a grocery store in Bemidji, Minnesota, when one day she noticed that a young man was in the store with his father and he kept staring at her. She wondered why and soon found out.

Lola and Harry Allen Riley were married on June 22, 1947, in Bemidji, Minnesota.

The couple moved to Montana in 1956 because of the availability of jobs in the timber industry, and ultimately made their home in Columbia Falls.

Two children were born there: Beverly J. Riley (Benson) and Bruce A. Riley.

Lola was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ (TL). She loved the Gospel dearly, as anyone who was ever around her, even for a short time, quickly became aware of. The focus of her life was her household and family.

She is survived by her husband Harry, her daughter Beverly and her husband Mickiel Benson, her son Bruce Riley

and his wife Marilyn, and a grandson, Justin, all of Columbia Falls, three sisters, Vida Hill and Lillian Gould of Minnesota, and Doris Jensen of Missouri, and a host of family.

Family and friends will sorely miss her, and for her, a friend was just about anyone she had met ten minutes before.

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