

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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Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be who go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. —3 Nephi 6:25-26

STRAIT GATE

Believe in Jesus Christ
Repent (Confess Sins)
Become as a little child
Be Baptized

WIDE GATE

Deny or have no regard that there is a God, the Father (of whom are all things)
Deny or have no regard that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (the only begotten of the Father, by Whom are all things)
Deny or have no regard for the Holy Ghost
Do not believe that there is only one way to inherit the kingdom of God
Everyone will eventually be saved in the kingdom of God
We will not be judged according to our works in the flesh
The power and authority of God are not on the earth
There are no such things as miracles or angels
Satan and Hell does not exist
There is no resurrection or other existence after this life

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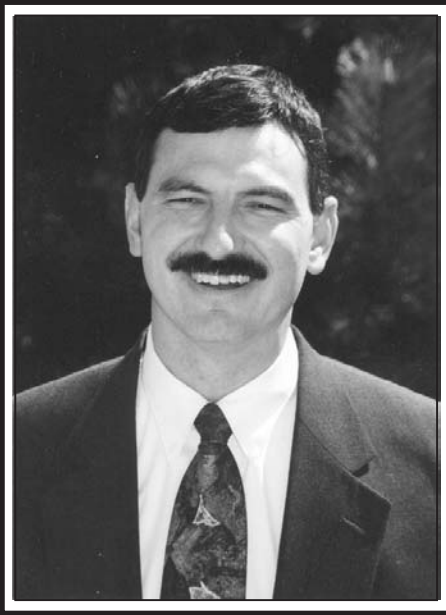
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GOD'S PLAN

for Success in Changing Times



By Apostle Joel Yates

In the last two issues of the Zion's Advocate I have been writing about God's goal of salvation for each of us and how the Church organization plays such an important part in accomplishing God's goal. Just like our physical bodies need several important things to maintain our life and be able to function normally, the body of Christ needs several things to operate normally in a spiritual sense. There are five themes needed for success in the Church. They are Systems (God's rules, procedures and principles as found in His word), Integrity, Customer Service, Accountability and a Risk Management system. Each one of these things is necessary for the body to function according to God's perfect design, and they are all connected. These terms are not terms we use very much and need some explanation.

Part 3

In the last issue, I wrote about God's Systems and how His word provides the framework for the body to function correctly and lays down the specifics of everything that pertains to the function of the body. In this article we will explore Integrity and how it relates to the well-being of the body and why it is necessary.

INTEGRITY – Completeness, uprightness in character.

The word of God provides us with the description of how the Church should look and how its members should act, what they should do or not do, etc. It lays down the core values of a Christian life. This is how God's systems relate to Integrity and provide the framework for us to know what God expects of us as we take our place in the body. They also provide us with specific job descriptions for our part of the body so we know what we should be doing and can then determine if we are doing things right—the way God designed it. When I speak of integrity in the body, I am talking about knowing what God expects of us and doing it His way. That is, what makes us upright in character.

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Just like with any job, if we do not do things according to the written manual and procedures things do not work correctly and each piece does not fit into the design right. This should be a great concern for us in the Church, because when we do not take seriously the commandments and instructions of the Lord we fail in our progress to fulfill our purpose. Of course when we fail, we do not just fail ourselves—we fail the body and the Church does not work as it was designed. We must get out of the habit of thinking that we are individuals and it does not matter what we do. When we fail to follow God's instructions it hurts everyone. To illustrate this point we will consider Alma 2:8-18:

“And it came to pass in the

eighth year of the reign of the Judges, that the people of the church began to wax proud, because of their exceeding riches, and their fine silks, and their fine twined linen, And because of their many flocks and herds, and their gold, and their silver, and all manner of precious things, which they had obtained by their industry; And in all these things were they lifted up in the pride of their eyes, for they began to wear very costly apparel. Now this was the cause of much affliction to Alma, yea, and to many of the people whom Alma had consecrated to be teachers, and priests, and elders, over the church; Yea, many of them were sorely grieved for the wickedness which they saw had begun to be among their people. For they saw and beheld with great sorrow, that the people of the church began to be lifted up in the pride of their eyes, and to set their hearts upon riches and upon the vain things of the world; That they began to be scornful, one towards another, and they began to persecute those that did not believe according to their own will and pleasure. And thus in this eighth year of the reign of the Judges, there began to be great contentions among the people of the church; Yea, there were envyings, and strifes, and malice, and persecutions, and pride, even to exceed the pride of those who did not belong to the church of God. And thus ended the eighth year of the reign of the Judges; and the wickedness of the church was a great stumbling block to those who did not belong to the church; and thus the church began to fail in its progress. And it came to pass in the commencement of the ninth year, Alma saw the wickedness of the church, and he saw also that

the example of the church began to lead those who were unbelievers, on from one piece of iniquity to another, thus bringing on the destruction of the people....”

Our strength as a body comes from doing the will of God, striving for perfection, and being obedient to His commands.

We see from this example of the Church in Alma’s day that without integrity, or a desire to keep God’s word, the Church will fail to accomplish its main purpose of salvation for its members and its secondary purpose of being a light for the world to call others to salvation. Instead, we see the example of those in the Church leading others in the Church—and even those outside the Church—on from one sin to another, so the body was on the verge of breaking down completely.

We have some of these same problems in the Church today among our members not wanting to live the Gospel, or justifying themselves when others bring it to their attention. As long as this condition exists among us the Church will fail in its progress. Is this what we want to see in our day, or do we have a stronger personal resolve to place the core values of Christian living in our lives? If we as individuals, as well as col-

lectively, do not take hold of the principles of godly living and fight valiantly against the temptations of our adversary, these same things may be written of us to the point that we may be guilty of bringing on the destruction of the people in judgment.

By the example of the Church long ago we were shown the great need we have for integrity. Our bodies can survive when everything is not perfect, as long as several essential parts are functioning, but there is a big difference between surviving and functioning correctly as God designed us. This is also true in the makeup of the body of Christ. It can survive with a core group of Christians that will walk God’s narrow way with a whole heart, but the body will be filled with trouble—becoming sick, feeble, and unable to accomplish the purposes of the Lord for lack of strength. Our strength as a body comes from doing the will of God, striving for perfection, and being obedient to His commands. In the next scripture we see the Church functioning perfectly, complete in every sense, because the members walked in integrity and followed the Lord with all their heart.

IV Nephi 1:17-2: *“And it came to pass that there was no contention in the land, because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people. And there were no envyings, nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredoms, nor lyings, nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness; And surely there*

could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God: There were no robbers, nor murderers, neither were there Lamanites, nor any manner of ites; but they were in one, the children of Christ, and heirs to the kingdom of God; And how blessed were they, for the Lord did bless them in all their doings; yea, even they were blessed and prospered, until an hundred and ten years had passed away; and the first generation from Christ had passed away, and there was no contention in all the land."

It is hard to imagine in our present world how wonderful it would be to see the Church working as God designed it, everyone doing their part in service to God and treating each other with kindness and love. Those in the Church took the word of the Lord seriously because the love of God was in their hearts, and there never were a happier people. Focus on this scripture. The Church will be like this again in the future.

In the first article I quoted from the scriptures showing what the Church will look like when Christ returns to His bride as prophesied. In Revelation 19:7-8 we read:

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."

We, especially the women of the Church, are familiar with

what it takes to get ready for a wedding. There is much to do for the wife (the Church) to make herself ready. Most

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women start out by finding the right dress to wear, and can spend a great deal of time finding that perfect dress. That is just the start! There are arrangements to make, shoes to buy, hair to be done.... Hopefully you get the picture by now—there is much to do. In the spiritual sense of the Church, we know what our dress will look like. It will be clean and white and can only be purchased by the sacrifices of God's people from the pleasures and sins of the world.

Since we do not have on that beautiful garment yet, what will it take to become the precious bride of Christ? The Apostle Paul spoke of the process that Christ as a husband to His bride is putting the Church through.

Ephesians 5:25-27: *"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he*

might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

The process that Christ has for the Church involves the washing of water by His word. The only way to be truly cleansed from unrighteousness is to begin to take seriously what is written in His word and apply it to our lives. The real challenge is to find a way to sustain the changes that we need to make. We know what things need to change in our lives and have the best intentions, but find it hard to keep the change going. We also find ourselves procrastinating making those needed changes for fear. We find ourselves in our own personal Gethsemane, fearing the road to a more righteous walk because it entails crucifying our hearts from the affections and lusts of the world. Even as Christ, because of His love for us, His bride, was willing to walk that road, we will only be able to walk that road when we have a love for the King in our hearts.

Getting back to our need for integrity as a Church, we will never be successful until we live the core values of a godly life, and when we choose not to, we set ourselves up for the judgment of God upon us. I believe the scriptures bear out that we are in a sifting time prior to the return of the Lord. Those of us not true to the Lord will be exposed and sifted out by the judg-

ment of God. Alma, when he faced the great problems in the Church in his day, was given words to declare to the people of the Church, which we also should give heed to in our day.

Alma 3:90: *“And again I say unto you, the Spirit saith, Behold, the ax is laid at the root of the tree; therefore every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, shall be hewn down and cast into the fire; yea, a fire which can not be consumed; even an unquenchable fire.”*

Alma 3:97-102: *“And finally, all ye that will persist in your wickedness, I say unto you, that these are they who shall be hewn down and cast into the fire, except they speedily repent. And now I say unto you, all you that are desirous to follow the voice of the good shepherd, come ye out from the wicked, and be ye separate, and touch not their unclean things; And behold, their names shall be blotted out, that the names of the wicked shall not be numbered among the names of the righteous, that the word of God may be fulfilled, which saith, The names of the wicked shall not be mingled with the names of my people. For the names of the righteous shall be written in the book of life; and unto them will I grant an inheritance at my right hand. And now my brethren, What have ye to say against this? I say unto you, If ye speak against it, it matters not, for the word of God must be fulfilled.”*

I have had a great fear for the Church of Christ because of what has been written concerning the Church in the latter days. Let's consider the warning of impending trial and judg-

ment regarding the people of the Church as written in 1 Peter 4:12-19:

The Lord will have a tried people, and these trials will show the Lord those who truly love Him and are willing to suffer for Him.

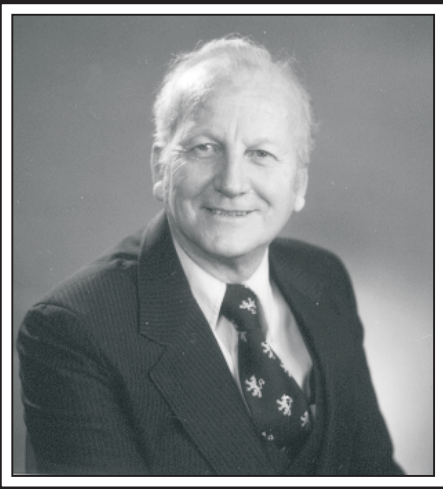
“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well do-

ing, as unto a faithful Creator.”

The Lord will have a tried people, and these trials will show the Lord those who truly love Him and are willing to suffer for Him. This should cause us to reflect on where we now stand in our lives. There are those in the Church that live the core values of the Kingdom of God and there are those that live some of them but not all, and yet others who may not even know what the core values are. We need to be working together to help, teach, and encourage one another to the high calling of integrity and love. This is the only way we will accomplish the goal of God for His people and survive spiritually until the coming of the Lord in Glory.

I hope that with the help of the word of God I have been able to show how important integrity is in the body of Christ and how needful it is for the Church body to work effectively. We have covered two of the five things that are necessary for the body of Christ to work correctly and effectively. The other three, customer service, accountability and risk management will be covered in the next couple of issues of the *Advocate*.

Pondering the Words of JESUS CHRIST



By Apostle William A. Sheldon

Item 30: Prudent Proclamation of Divine Truth

Matt: 7:6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you (Same in 3 Ne 6:18).

Jesus was very judicious in revealing himself as the Son of God until near the last of His ministry among the Jews. Generally He identified himself as the "Son of man," except among His disciples. To the scribes and Pharisees, and to the High Priest, it was blasphemous of Him to declare His divinity, of which they had heard His disciples declare.

Yet, the prophets before Him boldly declared the guilt of those of Israel in their departures from the com-

(Quotations are from the King James Authorized Edition of the Bible and from the 1908 RLDS Edition of the Book of Mormon; same chapters/verses as Independence Edition.)

mandments of God, and of His judgments to be visited upon them because of it. There came numerous times also, as Jesus knew full well, when His disciples would lose their lives for His name's sake, giving up all they held dear or was necessary for daily sustenance, and undergoing horrible means of torture until their decease; and much of this was presumed by their tormentors to be in the interest of maintaining divine truth.

Aside from this, it is wisdom, generally speaking, to withhold from unbelievers the mysteries of the kingdom of God, who would hold such in contempt, ridiculing by the learning of man, and oft-times being able to subvert the believer and to destroy his faith.

Luke 8:10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

Alma 9:15 -20 And now Alma began to expound these things unto him, saying, It is given unto many to know the mysteries of God; Nevertheless they are laid under a strict command, that they shall not impart only according to the portion of his word, which he doth grant unto the children of men; according to the heed and diligence which they give unto him; And therefore he that will harden his heart, the same receiveth the

lesser portion of the word; And he that will not harden his heart, to him is given the greater portion of the word, until it is given unto him to know the mysteries of God, until they know them in full; And they that will harden their hearts, to them is given the lesser portion of the word, until they know nothing concerning his mysteries; And then they are taken captive by the devil, and led by his will down to destruction.

Item 31: The Biblical Golden Rule

Matt. 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Luke 1:31-36 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father

also is merciful (See 3 Nephi 6:24).

Nothing could be plainer than this; but Jesus said: "...this is the law and the prophets." This is not simply good counsel; it is God's law, the breaking of which deprives one of desirable favor with God; and without repentance and correction, it occasions God's judgment.

Item 32: The Strait Gate

Matt 7:13, 14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it (Same in 3 Ne 6: 25-26).

Luke 13:24-29 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

It is important to understand the difference between "strait" as used correctly in the foregoing texts, and "straight." The definition of strait which fits most closely is said to be archaic; it means "righteous; strict." It has very narrowly defined limits. However the word "straight" is most correctly defined as "extending uniformly in one direction without curve

or bend." It is also defined as "not deviating from truth, fairness, or honesty; upright; reliable." The two terms would appear as being synonymous, and so it is except as used in our texts. When Jesus said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate," and again, saying to those who would be knocking and seeking to enter into the kingdom of God, "I know you not whence ye are," He is thus making the way more narrowly defined than as being a broad search for truth; He here alludes to the fact that HE is the way, the truth and the life (see John 14:6); very strait indeed!

John 10:1-2 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

John 10:7-15 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so I know the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Jesus Christ is the WAY, the STRAIT GATE to eternal life. Now notice the difference between strait and straight as used in our texts:

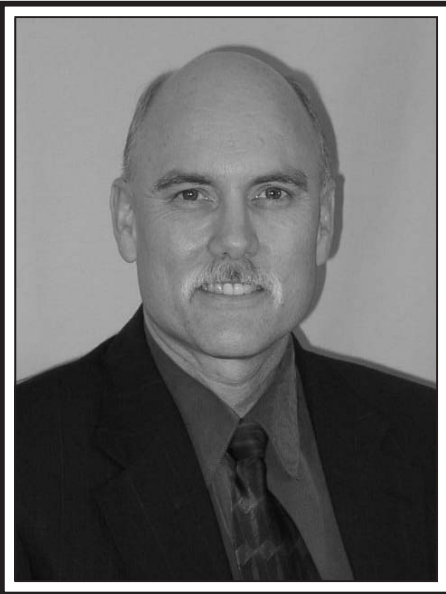
2 Ne 6:81-82 Behold, the way for

man is narrow, but it lieth in a straight course before him, and the keeper of the gate is the Holy One of Israel: and he employeth no servant there: And there is none other way, save it be by the (strait/w.a.s.) gate, for he can not be deceived; for the Lord God is his name.

2 Ne 13:11-15 And again: It sheweth unto the children of men the straightness of the path, and the narrowness of the (strait/w.a.s.) gate, by which they should enter, he having set the example before them. And he said unto the children of men, Follow thou me. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, can we follow Jesus, save we shall be willing to keep the commandments of the Father? And the Father said, Repent ye, repent ye, and be baptized in the name of my beloved Son. And also, the voice of the Son came unto me, saying, He that is baptized in my name, to him will the Father give the Holy Ghost, like unto me; wherefore, follow me, and do the things which ye have seen me do.

Again: THE STRAIT GATE is Jesus Christ. We must not simply believe on His name, but keep His commandments, repent of our sins, and follow His example by going into the waters of baptism as He did, and this too, being administered by a divinely appointed servant of God (see 2 Ne 13:6 & 3 Ne 5:24-26). For sinful man, the completeness of entrance into the Strait Gate (Jesus Christ) comes through the bestowal of the Holy Ghost as an Abiding Comforter, being administered also by those possessed of priesthood after the order of the Son of God by the laying on of hands (see Acts 8:12-17 and Moroni 2). The straitness of this gate is not recognized but by few, though many have sought to enter in by the doctrines of men and by human provisions not compatible with the words of Jesus Christ; and such practitioners are the hirelings referenced by Christ. Again, review Matt. 7:14.

Articles of Faith & Practice



By Elder Gordon McCann

God determined in the beginning with Adam after his transgression that men would have to labor diligently to sustain themselves and those in their charge (“in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread,” Genesis 3:19). God understood that this labor would occupy most of their time so He provided direction by way of com-

mandments to govern their labor efforts. These commandments were given so that we might stay focused on what was ultimately important, which was to worship God.

“Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work,” (Exodus 20:9-10).

The Apostle Paul, when writing to the Thessalonians, reminded them of the commandment that he had taught them during his time with them.

“For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat” (II Thessalonians 3:10).

During the time when the Apostle Paul was in Rome and in prison he wrote to Timothy to provide direction

Article #18

We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of the gospel are not absolved from this responsibility but when chosen or appointed by the church to devote their entire time to missionary work, their families are to be provided for out of the general church funds. The admonition of Christ that the ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but go trusting in God and the people, is applicable.

and instruction to this young minister. One of the instructions that Paul left with Timothy was the following:

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

One of the teachings and beliefs of the Church of Christ, which is not common within the world of religion today, is the expectation for the ministry to provide for their own support. It was the Apostle Paul who, again by way of example, taught the importance of the original commandment of God for men to work for their support. The Apostle Paul was a tent maker by trade (Acts 18:3) and labored to support himself and those that traveled with him (Acts 20:34).

"Feed the flock of God which

is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;" (1 Peter 5:2).

After Alma had ordained priests he taught them the commandments as was given him of God. One of the commandments that Alma had instructed the Priests to follow was:

"And he also commanded them that the priests, whom he had ordained, should labor with their own hands for their support;" (Mosiah 9:57).

Alma provided the reasons for priests to labor with their own hands for their support:

"And the priests were not to depend upon the people for their support; but for their labor they were to receive the grace of God, that they might wax strong in the Spirit, having the knowledge of God, that they might teach with

power and authority from God" (Mosiah 9:59).

"That every man should esteem his neighbor as himself, laboring with their own hands for their support; Yea, and all their priests and teachers should labor with their own hands for their support, in all cases save it were in sickness, or in much want: and doing these things they did abound in the grace of God." (Mosiah 11:154-155)

ANNOUNCEMENT

PHOENIX REUNION

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
The Phoenix Local would like to extend an invitation to all to attend the 2004 Phoenix Reunion, which will be held November 26th, 27th and 28th. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

For information contact:

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Phoenix, AZ 85050
(602) 494-9661
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Phoenix, AZ 85024-2969
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Church of Christ TEEN CAMP Registration Instructions

Remove from the Advocate and make copies as needed

**TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASSES YOU WANT,
YOU MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN THE 2004 Church Of Christ TEEN CAMP CLASS SCHEDULE.**

How to fill out the Class Schedule Form:

1. Write your name, social security number and phone number in the spaces provided on the form.
2. If you plan to ride the bus from the East Local to Camp, write "YES" in the space provided.
3. Mark T-shirt size if you are purchasing a Camp T-shirt.
4. Mark the 9:00 a.m., 10:05 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. classes you would like to take. Indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices!
5. Mail your completed Class Schedule and Registration Form to the address below.

IMPORTANT: We must have your registration fee before we can process your Class Schedule.

Directions 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 campgrounds are approximately 1 mile east of Stewartville, Missouri.)

Transportation:

For those needing a ride from the Kansas City area, a bus will be leaving the East Local at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, the 25th of July. **Check-in for campers is from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Camp Far Westa.**

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 with completed 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices for each class time.
- Registration form with parent's and camper's signatures.
- The form must be notarized for camper to attend Camp.**

MINISTRY: There 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 Camp provides the food service—SNACK BAR AVAILABLE.

AGE GROUP: JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH, AGES 12-18

CAMP DATES: July 25-30, 2004

T-SHIRT ORDERS will be sent in on July 15th. T-shirts are \$5.00 each.

T-shirt orders and money must be received before July 15, 2004

TOTAL CAMP COST: \$110.00 (\$125.00 IF PAID AFTER JULY 15, 2004)

Mail Forms to:
Michelle Oldham
602 NW 20th St.
Ankeny, IA 50021
Fax: (515) 963-0984/Phone: (515) 963-0971
E-mail: jnmham@mchsi.com

Mailing Address for Kids at Camp:
Camp Far Westa
P.O. Box 257
Stewartville, MO 64490
Phone: (816) 669-3359

Church of Christ TEEN CAMP 2004 Registration Form

Camper's Name: _____

Years in school, Fall 2004: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____

SSN#: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number () - _____

Parent's Name: _____

Street address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Parent's e-mail: _____

Camper's e-mail: _____

Insurance Carrier & Policy #: _____

CAMPERS ARE NOT TO ARRIVE AT CAMP PRIOR TO 3:30 P.M., SUNDAY, JULY 25th, 2004.

Will you be riding the bus? Yes No If not, who will be responsible to and from Camp? _____

Campers must leave on the bus unless written permission is given.

Camper and Parent Pledge: As a camper, I will come to Camp fully prepared to participate in all activities, unless specified previously. I understand that possession or use of any tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs will not be tolerated. I agree not to bring video or electronic game, knives or other weapons to Camp.

I agree to be respectful of other campers, staff and all facilities. I will be on time and prepared for all activities. I have read the Rules of Camp and agree to abide by them. I know that if I break the rules I may be sent home at my parent's expense, at the discretion of the Camp Director.

I understand I can only leave and return to Camp for emergencies or with prior permission from the Camp Director. I understand that I must bring a Bible and Book of Mormon.

Camper's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

In the event of a medical emergency, by my signature below I give permission for Camp Personnel to administer and/or obtain any necessary treatment for my minor child. NOTE: This form must be notarized to attend Camp. Additionally, please list any medical conditions (allergies, asthma, etc.) that we should be aware of:

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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 July 30th. If other arrangements are needed, please specify: _____

Do you want a T-shirt? If so, please enclose an additional \$5.00 per T-shirt with your Camp Fee. Please specify your size: S M L XL XXL

NOTARIZATION:

Subscribed and sworn to me this _____ day of _____, 2004

Notary Public _____

County of _____

State of _____

My Commission Expires _____

Church of Christ TEEN CAMP CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

NAME (please print):

PHONE:

CLASS/ACTIVITY	TIME	1st	2nd	3rd
Choose 1 daily 9:00 a.m. class below; include a 2nd and 3rd choice.	9:00 a.m.			
Basic Beliefs Defended				
Comparison: Bible Time/Our Time				
Creation/Evolution				
A Few Good Men (ages 16 and up)				
Spiritual Warfare 1				
Think				
Women of Excellence				
Women in the Bible				
You're Baptized, or thinking about it...so now what?				
Choose 1 daily 10:05 a.m. class below; include a 2nd and 3rd choice.	10:05 a.m.			
Archery				
Candy Making				
Choir				
Emergency Roadside Survival (Basic Car Know-how)				
First Aid				
Junk with Spunk (Crafts)				
Science Experiments				
Soccer				
Spiritual Warfare 2				
Volleyball				
Woodcarving				
Study	11:05 a.m.			
Lunch	12:05 p.m.			
Choose 1 daily 1:15 a.m. class below; include a 2nd and 3rd choice.	1:15 p.m.			
Aerodynamics				
Archery				
Camp Journal				
Cooking 101: Cooking from Scratch				
Fishing				
Frisbee Golf				
Photography: combining artistic composition and darkroom work; adjustable 35mm camera required				
Sailing/Electronics (must know how to swim)				
Sew Fun				
Woodcarving				
FREE TIME: Swimming, Boating, Challenge Course, Games, Quiet Time, Etc.	2:15 p.m.			
Planned, organized Group Activities available if desired	3:15 p.m.			
CABIN TIME	4:30 p.m.			
Dinner	5:30 p.m.			
Quest Class	7:00 p.m.			
Campfire (8:15 p.m. Thursday night)	8:30 p.m.			

Church of Christ TEEN CAMP RULES and TO BRING LIST

MISSION STATEMENT: The Church of Christ TEEN CAMP is committed to edifying all who attend through spiritual education and Godly association in a fun and moral atmosphere. Commitment to this goal will create an environment where the youth will be invited and encouraged to engage in a spiritual commitment that will help to equip them to take their place in the service of Jesus Christ.

CAMP RULES are to facilitate the camp mission and maintain the safety and well-being of all campers and staff. Campers who do not obey the rules will be subject to disciplinary action which may include sending the camper home at their parent's expense.

1. You are expected to behave in a Christian manner at all times.
2. You are expected to obey all safety rules.
3. You are expected to participate in all classes and activities.
4. You are expected to stay with the group unless special permission is given. Pairing off or groups found in unapproved areas will not be tolerated.
5. Sexual misconduct will not be tolerated.
6. You are expected to remain on the camp grounds at all times.
7. You are expected to wear modest apparel at all times. Inappropriate clothing includes bikini swimsuits, tank tops with straps less than 1.5 inches or with drooping armholes, "No Fear" or concert t-shirts, or shirts that expose the midriff. All campers are required to wear a colored t-shirt while in the pool.
8. You are expected to turn in all prescription medication to the camp nurse.
9. You are expected to leave all body piercing jewelry at home (girls can wear one pair of earrings in their ears).
10. You are expected to turn your vehicle keys over to the Camp Director if you drive to camp. Keys will be returned when camp is over. Access to vehicles will not be allowed during camp. Vehicles will be parked in designated areas.
11. Absolutely no pranks at Camp. Any materials for pranks will be confiscated.
12. Absolutely no electronic equipment, including video or electronic games, radios, tape/CD players, cell phones or pagers. Phones will be available for emergency calls only.
13. Absolutely no tobacco, alcohol, drugs, weapons (including knives) or fireworks of any kind are permitted at Camp. Use of these items at Camp will be grounds for sending a camper home at their parent's expense.

This is a "suggested" **To Bring List**. Where clothing items are listed, bring enough for 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 mandatory!
- Flashlight
- Lightweight 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 swimsuit or tankini

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 become lost or broken.

OPTIONAL ITEMS TO BRING:

- Camera and film
- Fishing pole and favorite lures
- Stationery, envelopes and stamps
- Musical instrument

- Day pack or knapsack
- Baseball gloves
- Money—canteen will be available for snacks
- Alarm Clock (**no clock radios**)

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, players, cell phones, pagers, etc.
- Candy or pop
- Fireworks or firearms
- Body piercing jewelry

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

GOD WARNS NEPHI

REFERENCE: 2 Nephi 1:5-21, 3:22-25, 4:1-20, 29-45.

INTRODUCTION: In our last lesson Lehi and his little band had reached the shores of the Promised Land. They began life in their new home. The seeds so carefully brought from across the ocean were planted in the ground. God blessed the seeds with rain. They grew into fields of tall grain and vegetables. Roaming through the fields and forests of the new land were animals of every kind. There were animals to hunt for meat and animals to tame for farm work.

By this time Lehi had grown very old. He knew that he would soon die. Before Lehi went home to be with the Lord there was something he wanted to tell his family.

“Gather round,” Lehi said, “I want to tell you something. I have seen a vision. God showed me a picture of Jerusalem. It has been destroyed. If we had stayed in Jerusalem we would have been destroyed too. You must always remember God so that you do not become like the people of Jerusalem.” Then Lehi died.

It wasn't long after Lehi died that Laman and Lemuel began doing evil things again. Remember Ishmael's family, the other family that left Jerusalem with Lehi and his family? Well, Ishmael's sons joined right in with Laman and Lemuel! “You must warn them to stop,” God told Nephi. Nephi tried to talk to his brothers. Just like so many times before, Laman and Lemuel would not listen. They just got madder and madder. “Nephi's always preaching to us about God. He just wants to be our boss! Nephi can't tell us what to do. Let's get rid of him once and for all. Let's kill him!”

God knew what Laman and Lemuel were planning. “Nephi!” God said. “Leave Laman and Lemuel. Take those who love Me with you.” Soon, all who believed in the Lord were packing up their tents and heading out into the wilderness. There was Sam, Nephi's older brother, and all of Nephi's sisters. Zoram, the servant of Nephi's evil Uncle Laban, came. Zoram loved the Lord and was a good friend to Nephi. Nephi's younger brothers Jacob and Joseph, who were born on the journey to the Promised Land, came too. Packed up safely along with Nephi's tent and his other belongings were the precious Brass Plates with the words of God written on them.

After many days of walking through the wilderness Nephi said, “We're far enough away to be safe. We can stop now.” Once again the travelers began to make new homes. God blessed them in this new place. Again the crops grew tall in the fields. Delicious meat from hunting roasted on the fire at night. Nephi wanted them to remember God always. He opened the precious brass plates and began to teach the words of God. The people loved Nephi so much that they wanted to be called by his name. From then on they were known as Nephites.

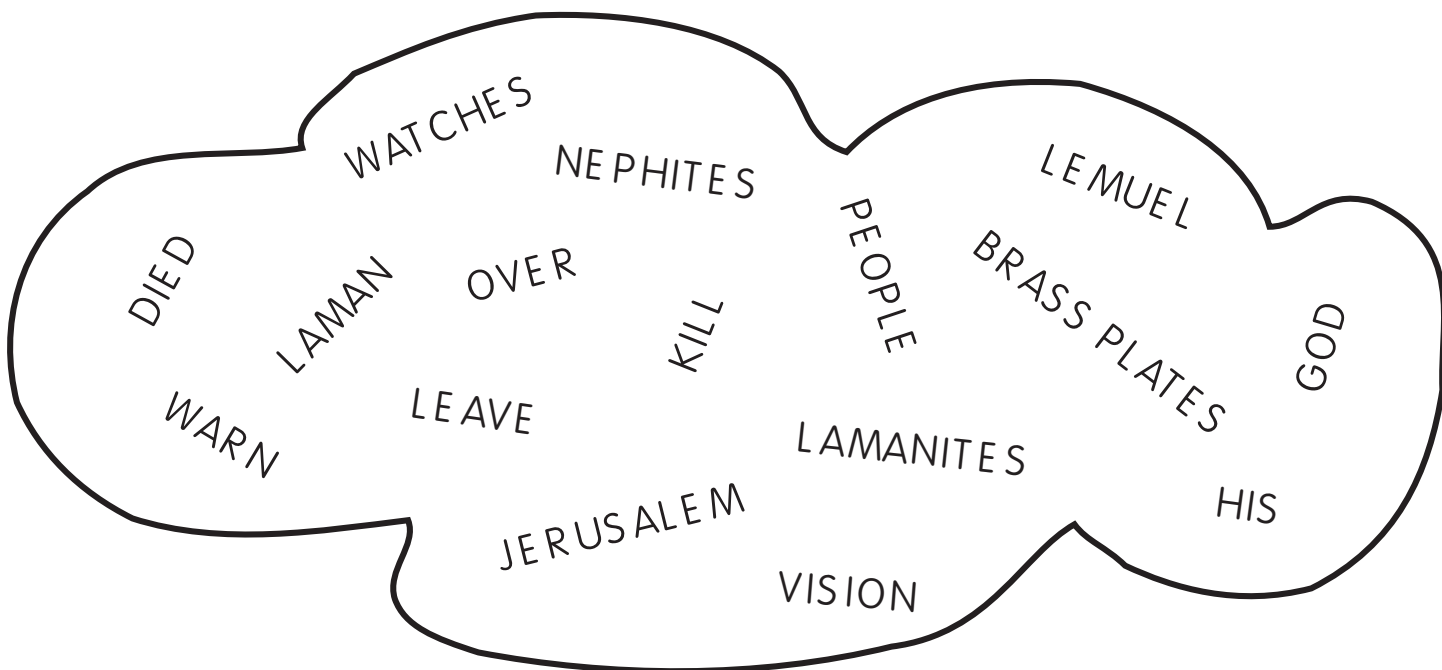
Laman and Lemuel and the people who stayed with them forgot all about God. They became very lazy and didn't want to work in the fields. They got meaner and meaner. They began to call themselves by the name of Laman, the oldest brother. From then on they were known as Lamanites.

God warned the Nephites to stay away from the Lamanites unless the Lamanites repented. *Repent* means to tell God you are sorry for doing bad things and to stop doing them. God changed the Lamanites skin to a dark color so that the Nephites would know who they were and stay away from them. From then on there would be trouble between the Lamanites and the Nephites. God blessed the Nephites but He still wanted the Lamanites to repent and return to Him so that He could bless them too. In our next story we'll find out what happened.

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

GOD SAVES NEPHI IN THE NEW LAND

Inside the cloud are answers to the blank spaces in the questions below. Pick the right word or words to answer each question. Use the five words that are left over to make a secret message.



Lehi wanted to tell his family about the _____ that God showed him.

God showed Lehi that _____ was destroyed.

After Lehi talked to his family he _____.

After Lehi was gone Nephi's older brothers _____ and _____ started doing evil things again.

God told Nephi to _____ them to stop doing evil things.

Nephi's brothers would not listen, they said, "Let's _____ Nephi!"

God warned Lehi to _____ Jerusalem.

Nephi brought the _____ _____ with the word of God on their trip.

Nephi's people wanted to be called _____.

The people Nephi left wanted to be called _____.

SECRET MESSAGE

ANNOUNCEMENT

*Does your lamp need some oil?
Would you like to spend time in fellowship with other women in the gospel?*

Then the Women's Retreat is for you!!!

October 8 & 9th, 2004

Lake Mauer Assembly of God Retreat Center

Excelsior Springs, MO 64024

Overnight fellowship activity for women only over the age of 18



*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16*

Meet: at 10:00 a.m. at the Temple Lot on Friday, October 8th to spend the day in Liberty, MO

Cost: \$40/person

Meals: Friday - noon and evening-brown bag or eat out

Saturday - breakfast and lunch provided

We will break up on Saturday about 5:00 p.m.

This is an outreach opportunity, so please invite friends and relatives, members and non-members alike!

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Church of Christ Women's Retreat

Registration Form

October 8th & 9th, 2004

Lake Mauer Assembly of God Retreat Center (Directions enclosed)
Please return by September 15, 2004



Things to Bring:

- Bible & Book of Mormon
- Towel & washcloth
- Comfy clothes
- Pajamas
- Toiletries
- Sheets & a blanket OR a sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Musical instruments

Let Your
Light
Shine!

Name: _____ Birthday _____

Address: _____

Telephone#: _____

e-mail addy: _____

Do you like to stay up late? _____ Do you need a "quiet" room? _____

Special accommodations required (i.e.: bottom bunk, special diet, etc.) _____

Do you need additional accommodations if coming from out of town? (transportation from airport, lodging, etc.) If so, please list: _____

If additional forms are needed, feel free to copy this form.

For questions or further information, contact:

Carrie Geier or Geri Adams
geiers@kcnet.com or admsgeri@cs.com
 (816) 836-0035 (816) 228-8283

Send check or money order for \$40.00 payable to "Church of Christ Temple Lot United Workers" by September 15, 2004 to:

Cheri Campbell
 5705 Logan Road, Kansas City, MO 64136

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTICES AT A GLANCE

May 14-16
Scripture Theme Camp

June 5-6
Idaho Reunion

June 11-13
Colorado Reunion

June 20
Springfield Rally

June 26-27
Michigan Reunion

June 28-July 2
Wake-Up Camp

July 2-4
Minnesota Reunion

July 9-11
New York Reunion

July 25-30
**Church of Christ Teen
Camp**

July 30-August 1
Missouri Reunion

October 8-9
Women's Retreat

November 26-28
Phoenix Reunion

SCRIPTURE THEME CAMP

Greetings:
The Temple Lot Local would like to announce that the annual Scripture Theme Camp will be held from 4:00 p.m. **Friday, May 14th** till 3:00 p.m. **Sunday, May 16th**. It will be at Camp Bob White in Knob Noster State Park. We would encourage everyone to come for at least a portion of the fun, fellowship, and faith stimulating study. We ask everyone to bring your scriptures, your pillow and sleeping bag and no more than a dozen of your friends. This is an out-reach effort and an opportunity for you to be a good steward.

For more information, or if you wish to bring more than 12 friends contact:

Don Case (660) 259-4900
Jon Geier (816) 836-0035
Dan Lawrence (816) 524-8420
Mark Hill (816) 690-7887
Daniel Malone (816) 674-6661

We look forward to seeing you there,
Sincerely,
Don Case

SPRINGFIELD RALLY

We will be having our 3rd annual Rally in Springfield, Missouri, on **June 20**, Father's Day, 2004. The location to be announced later. We have had great attendance the last two years and would like to see even more of our brothers and sisters this year. What better way to honor our Holy Father than to gather in His name for a rally!

Please join us!
Assistant Pastors, Springfield Local, Priest Martin Addie and Pastor Elder Matt Case

COLORADO REUNION

The 2004 Colorado Reunion will be held **June 11, 12, & 13, 2004**, at the Orchard Mesa local in Grand Junction, Colorado.

We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to meet with us for a weekend of worship and fellowship. Please let a member of the reunion committee know if you will be attending, how many, and if you will need lodging. It is time to start planning the meals and we need to have some idea of numbers.

The RV parks in the area are always full at that time of year. Here are the addresses and phone numbers for the RV parks in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Big J RV Park
28419 US Hwy 6 & 50
Grand Junction, CO
970-242-2527

Grand Junction RV Ranch
3238 I-70 Business Loop
Clifton, CO
970-434-6644
1-800-793-0041
www.rvranches.com

We look forward to seeing you in June!

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Clifton, CO 81520
970-434-7100

Allen Downs
adowns@hotmail.com
515 28 1/2 Road
Grand Junction, CO 815011
970-245-8344

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IDAHO REUNION

Dear Brother and Sisters,
The Treasure Valley Local located in Eagle, Idaho, would like to announce their annual church reunion and invite everyone to attend. It will be held near Donnelly, Idaho, at the seniors campground. This is the same place it has been held for the past two years. For more information see the C.C.E.G. web page. We have planned it so that those wishing to attend can also attend the Colorado Reunion the following weekend. The Idaho Reunion will be held the **5th and 6th of June, 2004**. Come a day early and enjoy visiting and recreation. This is truly a beautiful place, with a lake close by.

For those that are able to attend, or for more information, please contact Roy or Mary Coon at 208-365-3410 or e-mail us at (racoon21@juno.com) OR (racoon21@earthlink.net). You can also contact Val Kelley at (teknowmom@earthlink.net).

We would love to see all of you there,

Roy and Mary Coon and all of the Treasure Valley Local

MICHIGAN REUNION

The Ravenna, Michigan, local would like to extend the hand of fellowship to all to join us for our annual Church of Christ, Michigan Reunion. Please mark your calendars and reserve the **26th and 27th of June, 2004**, so you can come and be with us for this spiritual feast, as we have ministry from four different states coming to expound the gospel of Christ to us.

For housing and questions contact Pastor Aaron Heath.

Camping at the Church is available. Call (616) 281-3971 or e-mail at ahsh@joimail.com.

WAKE-UP CAMP

Dear Brethren of the Church of Christ: Greetings from your Brothers and Sisters of the Church of Christ, Bemidji Local. It is with divine joy that we invite you to attend our 2004 Minnesota Wake-up Camp Reunion.

Dates:

Wake-Up Camp: **June 28-July 02**

Minnesota Reunion: **July 2-July 4**

Contacts:

Peter Gould: (218) 586-2774

Leah Ferrier: (218) 586-2367

Charity Gould: (218) 586-3362

"And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And let him that heareth, Come..." (Rev. 22:17).

MISSOURI REUNION

The Missouri Reunion Committee would like to invite all to attend the 2004 Missouri Reunion, which will be held **July 30, 31 and August 1, 2004**. All meetings will be held at the Church of Christ headquarters building located on the Temple Lot in Independence, Missouri.

For information please contact:

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Independence, MO 64055

(816) 373-6605

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Michael McGhee

18907 E. 6th St. North

Independence, MO 64056

(816) 796-6255

NEW YORK REUNION

Where: Hogsburg, New York

When: **July 9 -11, 2004**

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 9, through Sunday afternoon, July 11, 2004.

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.

In Canada:

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Cornwall, Ontario

Canada K6H5R6

(613) 933-5469

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Dale and Terry Waldruff

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(315) 265-1221

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OBITUARY

Doris Emily Jensen

A Memorial

September 15, 1918 ~ August 15, 2003

We near the one-year anniversary of the passing of a dear sister in the Gospel, a wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and sister-in-law. We desire to submit this memorial/obituary as a remembrance of Doris Emily Jensen. She was born September 15, 1918, in Bonner Springs, Kansas, and passed from this life and taken to her heavenly rest Tuesday, August 15, 2003, in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Her service was held at 9:30 AM, August 15, 2003, at Speaks Suburban Chapel, Independence, Missouri, with interment beside her husband, Apostle Robert Jensen, in Bellevue Cemetery, Bellevue, Nebraska, that afternoon.

Being born of Godly parents, Sister Doris was the oldest daughter of Ethel and Ben Winegar. At just short of 10 years of age she committed her life to Christ, being baptized in Independence, Missouri, on the Temple Lot, and remained a steadfast member of the Church of Christ for over 75 years.

Doris' life changed forever when she met a young man from Iowa who was visiting two aunts. They needed some help getting wood chopped for the coming northern Minnesota winter and he was volunteered to help. That young man was Robert Jensen, and it was the beginning of a wonderful love story that lasted more than 50 years, until Robert's death on September 30, 1999.

Doris and Robert were married in Minnesota on September 30, 1944, in the midst of World War II. After Robert came home from the war he and Doris pur-

chased a home in Bensen, Minnesota, and began raising their family, daughters Marilyn and Kathleen, and son David.



Doris was an inspiration to her family and friends. She lived her faith in everything she did. She loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren deeply, and they all loved her very much.

She is survived by daughters Marilyn and Vic Ostermiller of Bedminster, New Jersey, Kathy and Ralph Clark of Lone Jack, Missouri, and son David Jensen of Bellevue, Nebraska; grandchildren and great-grandchildren Douglas Ostermiller of Haverton, Pennsylvania, Jeffrey Ostermiller of Mount Laurel, New Jersey, Cindy, Tim and Karah Flemki of Evansville, Wisconsin, Lisa and Terry McGhee of Independence, Missouri, Jerry Clark of Missouri, and his children Crystal and Shawn, and Jacob and Paul Clark of Lone

Jack, Missouri; also sisters Lillian Gould and Vida Hill of Minnesota, sister-in-law Helen Dewaele of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

She is gone, but her legacy of loving and faith lives on in those who will remember her always. She leaves behind a lasting tribute to the human spirit. Even in her later years when she was in need of much help, Doris continued to share with others her talents of painting and writing poetry. Following is a poem written by Doris in the spring of 1991, showing the beauty she saw in God's gifts of nature.

Morning Dew

I went out early this morning
 To plant some flowers – a few
 And as I gazed around me,
 I noticed the morning dew.
 The grass was heavy laden
 With droplets of many a hue
 It sparkled like many diamonds
 Although it was only dew.
 I noticed some turn silver,
 While others turned to gold,
 Some were green or rosy –
 Truly a joy to behold.
 We take things for granted
 If we only take time to view
 The wonders of God's
 creations –
 We'd see everything anew.

OBITUARY

Alfonso Gradis

March 24, 1946 ~ March 22, 2004

Alfonso Gradis passed away on the 22nd of March, 2004, in a mishap on his way home from work. His family is very torn right now for his loss, and so are we as a group here in Honduras.

Alfonso was born the 24th of March, 1946, and passed away just two days before his birth date. His wife's name is Gloria Rodriguez Sanchez, and they were married on the 13th of May, 1994, after many years of living together. Both Apostle Alvin Moser and I participated in Alfonso's baptism into the Church of Christ on the 21st of July, 2002. He has left behind his father of 98+ years of age and several brothers. He also left behind six boys and three girls, all mostly grown up, one of which is a member of the

Church of Christ. He was buried on the 23rd of March, 2004, in the community



graveyard.

Alfonso was a very patient man, and always full of good advice. One thing that sticks out in my mind as I remember him is the time we were studying about the responsibilities of a husband and wife, and how a husband has the responsibility to help his wife come to church. The next meeting both he and his wife were late. I chided him for his tardiness, and he said that his wife needed to finish

washing clothes (by hand), so he sat down to help her finish so she could come.

There are not many men in Honduras that would wash clothes by hand to help their wives come to church, but he did—not because it was his custom, but because the word of God told him that he had to help his wife.

Alfonso was a great example for us all.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elder Ronnie Gill*

OBITUARY

Gerald R. Bryant

April 18, 1925 ~ April 29, 2004

Gerald Ray Bryant, 79, of rural Cowgill, Missouri, died at 10 PM, Thursday, April 29, 2004, at Shirkey Leisure Acres Nursing Home in Richmond, Missouri.

Gerald was born April 18, 1925, at Cowgill, Missouri, to Daniel Ray and Ruby (Daniel) Bryant. He married Wilma Goll, of Braymer, Missouri, on June 26, 1949; she survives, of the home.

Survivors include: three daughters, Nancy Swafford and her husband, Dean, of Savannah, Missouri; Karen Claypole and her husband, Kenneth, of Polo, Missouri; and Donna Sprouse of Kansas City, Missouri; one brother, Loren Bryant, of Cowgill, Missouri; two sisters, Grace Rudd and her husband, Virgil, of Independence, Missouri; and Marcia Christian and her husband, Dick, of Franklin, Tennessee.

Gerald had eight grandchildren: Marshall, Brandon and Austin Swafford; Jacob and Aaron Sprouse; Canaan Stuart, Kandace and Kasey Claypole.

There is one great granddaughter, Mychaela Stuart, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Gerald was a member of the Georgeville local of the Church of

Christ (Temple Lot). He served the church as an elder and, from time to time, as pastor. He was always concerned with the youth and their spiritual future. Nothing pleased him more than to assist in the blessing of his grandchildren and other little children.

He was a World War II veteran, and many of you remember him referring to himself as "Private Bryant." He was a member of the Cowgill American Legion Post. He was a member and past president of the Georgeville Cattleman's Association Saddle Club. He and his brother, Loren, broke and trained horses in their younger years. They always kept a few, raising colts. He enjoyed riding horses with his family and friends.

Gerald commuted to work in the Kansas City area for many years while he and Wilma also worked on the farm. He retired from the Allis Chalmers combine plant, and belonged to the United Steelworkers Union for many years. He always wanted to retire and live on the farm.

Gerald loved to sing and play the guitar. Wilma would make their daughters "the three stair-step Bryant girls" matching dresses, and Gerald would accompany them on the guitar when singing at local

events and contests. He liked country and bluegrass music, and especially gospel hymns. Many times family and friends would sing to him when he was in the hospital in recent months, and at the nursing home. It was very comforting to him, and sometimes he would join them in singing.

Gerald served his God to the best of his ability. He was a warrior and served his country the same way. He was a husband, father, and grandfather and served his family lovingly. He was a friend to us all. Gerald will be missed.

Gerald Bryant's funeral was held on May 3rd, 2004, in Braymer, Missouri. He was interred at the Braymer, Missouri, cemetery. At the graveside, the Braymer American Legion presented an American flag to Gerald's widow, Wilma Bryant. There was an Honor Guard and a 21-gun salute. As mentioned, he was a veteran of WW2 and fought in the Battle of the Bulge.



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