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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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But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

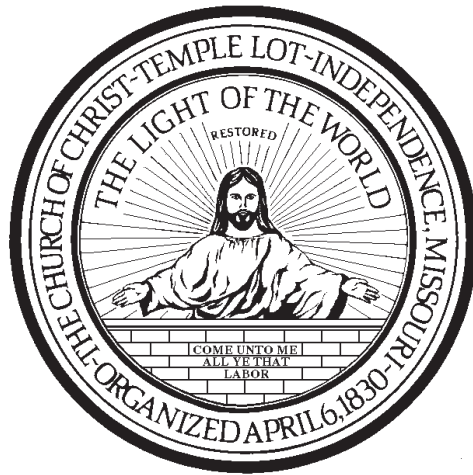
—1 Thessalonians 5:1-4

Christ will DISPOSSESS all those whose faith and desires are centered on something or someone other than Him.
—Submitted by Apostle William A. Sheldon

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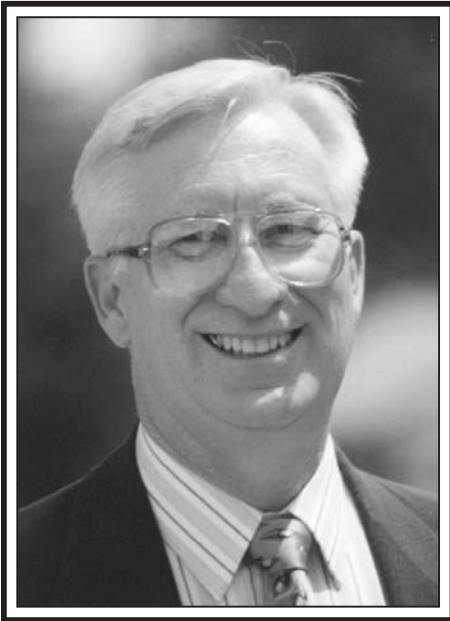
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WORSHIP IN SONG AND THE SONG OF MOSES



By Elder Glenn Gill

Popular music changes from decade to decade. People of various ages look back with nostalgia on songs of the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, etc. The entertainment industry has television extravaganzas to honor the entertainers that sell millions of recordings. They are called “artists” and praised for their achievements. This is the multi-million-dollar enter-

tainment business, pronouncing honor upon itself. But the quality of the product is seldom discussed and the value of its message to the good of humanity is not a consideration.

Other music has been performed with honor over centuries of time because of the quality of its composition and the timeless value of its message. For example, the oratorio “Messiah” by George Fredric Handel, has been honored with thousands of performances all over the world, year after year, since its first performance in April, 1742. Church hymns are sung regularly that are even older. Unlike popular music, they continue to be sung generation after generation because they are born of the unchanging gospel message of an unchanging God. Is all this song really important to God? Song and singing are mentioned numerous times in the Bible and Book of Mormon. Let’s consider a few ref-

erences from scripture to provide an answer to this question.

“Now therefore write this song for you, and teach it to the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel. For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swear unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them and provoke me, and break my covenant. And it shall come to pass, when many evils and trouble are befallen them, that this song shall testify against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know their imagination which they go about, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I swear. Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel” (Deuteronomy 31: 19-22).

Note that God had ordered Moses to write a song for a purpose important to His plan for the children of Israel. Moses' song was to have impact on the children of Israel in that when they had turned to other gods and broken the covenant this song would testify against them. It would then be remembered many generations later. How long would it be remembered? When would it be sung and what are the words? The answers to these questions were given to John near the end of the first century while exiled from Rome on the isle of Patmos.

“And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and them that had gotten victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? For thou only are holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgements are made manifest.

And after that I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle in heaven was opened...” (Revelation 15: 1-5).

John saw into the future to a time of fulfillment of the purpose of the song of Moses. He saw the saints from among the children of Israel, those who had overcome. They had accepted the new covenant of Jesus, the King of saints, and had stood firm even in the face of death, through the Roman persecution. He saw those who were not influenced and taken away from the pure gospel in the falling away. And the song also stood as a testimony against those who refused its message, turning instead to ritual and idolatry. John must have seen some familiar faces in the scene that unfolded before him. Now, accompanied by the harps of God, they were singing the song of Moses:

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 Lord God almighty.
 Just and true are thy ways, thou
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 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord.
 And glorify thy name.
 For thou only are holy.
 For all nations shall come and
 worship before thee.
 For thy judgements are made
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In our church practice we often have services in which the principle activity is worship in song. They are impor-

tant to us and we delight in them. Is there evidence, in scripture, that worship in song is important to the unchangeable God we worship? The answer is yes.

“And these are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of the Lord, after that the ark had rest. And they ministered before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Solomon had built the house of the Lord in Jerusalem: and then they waited on their office according to their order” (I Chronicles 6:31-32).

“And God gave Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. All theses were under the hands of their father for song in the house of the Lord, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God, according to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman. So the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in the songs of the Lord, even all that were cunning, was two hundred four score and eight” (I Chronicles 25:5-7).

“And their meetings were conducted by the church, after the manner of the workings of the Spirit, and by the power of the Holy Ghost; for as the power of the Holy Ghost led them whether to preach or exhort, or to pray, or to supplicate, or to sing, even so it was done” (Moroni 6:9).

Note that the song service that Solomon had assembled was associated with the ark—the dwelling place of God’s Spirit and the place of His holy word. Moroni wrote of the Holy Ghost leading the people to sing. So today we continue to honor the Word Made Flesh with song service, singing praises to the unchangeable God and recognizing with honor the grace of God given through the everlasting priesthood of His Son (see Moroni 8:19 and Hebrews 7:24-25). We do so with songs that pass from generation to generation down through time. Like the song of Moses, their words will stand as a witness against those who know but refuse, change or misuse their message.

There is much so-called music in the world today that presents another message. We hear new examples decade after decade, heavy metal, hiphop, rap, etc. Does the Bible comment on any of it adversely? How about rap. I call it “in your face chanting to rhythm.” Job agrees, and David also had the experience. Even Solomon commented.

“But now they that are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock. —Among the bushes they

brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together. They were children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were viler than the earth. And now I am their song, yea, I am their byword. They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face” (Job 30:1, 7-10).

“They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards. But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Lord,—” (Psalm 69:12-13).

“It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools. For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is vanity” (Ecclesiastes 7:5-6).

The “crackle of thorns” seems quite appropriate for some things I’ve heard. By this we see that Satan also understands the natural response to rhythm and song God built into his human creation. But Satan must depend on the rise to popularity of constantly changing musical forms and phrases to keep up an interest in his product, because the message is false and stirs only carnal emotions.

Are you wasting the time and talents God has given you on Satan’s ever changing false messages or his efforts to pirate portions of the gospel message and put them to his own carnal uses? Like the

song of Moses, music that truly praises God will endure through many generations and uplift mankind throughout time. And some day a new song will be sung before the throne of God. I want to be there to witness and hear. How about you?

“And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sung a new song saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing” (Revelation 5:7-12).

The Fullness of the Gospel- Corrupted



By Elder Dennis Trudgen

The purpose of the gospel of Christ is to instruct mankind on the exact **points of His doctrine**, that they might know how to come unto Him to be saved into His Kingdom. What could be more important? That is the reason that from the beginning Satan has sought to distort this message and alter the Lord's written word.

Fullness: Completeness; Gospel: To announce good news, a revelation of the grace of God to fallen man through a Mediator including the **whole scheme of salvation**, as revealed by Christ and His 12 apostles.¹

Those of Christ's Church have been given a great com-

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mission to spread the plain and simple truth of the Lord's Gospel to the World. To do this, we must understand what His gospel is and what it is not. We must also be aware that Satan's disciples have once again perverted *the right ways of the Lord*. For the first time since the Reformation movement, Roman Catholics, leaders of the Protestants and Eastern Orthodox Churches have received a common, corrupted edition of the Bible.² The stage is now set for the abominable church to become united under one common book and ultimately, one leader. After all, this was, in fact, the goal of several of the leaders on the revision committees.³

*"And the angel of the Lord said unto me: Thou hast beheld that the book proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew; and when it proceeded forth from the **mouth of a Jew it contained the fulness of the gospel of the Lord**, of whom the twelve apostles bear record; and they bear record*

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*according to the truth which is in the Lamb of God. Wherefore, these things go forth from the Jews in purity unto the Gentiles, according to the truth which is in God. And after they go forth by the **hand of the twelve apostles of the Lamb**, from the Jews unto the Gentiles, thou seest the formation of that great and abominable church, which is most abominable above all other churches; for behold, they have **taken away from the gospel of the Lamb many parts which are plain and most precious; and also many covenants** of the Lord have they taken away. And all*

*this have they done that they might pervert the right ways of the Lord, that they might blind the eyes and harden the hearts of the children of men. Wherefore, thou seest that after the book hath gone forth through the **hands** of the great and abominable church, that there are many plain and precious things taken away from the book, which is the book of the Lamb of God. And after these plain and precious things were taken away it goeth forth unto all the nations of the Gentiles; and after it goeth forth unto all the nations of the Gentiles, ...because of these things which are taken away out of the gospel of the Lamb, an exceedingly great many do stumble, yea, insomuch that Satan hath great power over them” 1 Ne 3:165-175. (All emphasis mine—DLT.)*

When the gospel of the Lord proceeded from the *hand* (written record - DLT) of the Apostles it contained the fullness of the Gospel in its purity.

As we can see from the above text, before these records were sent to the world, Satan's church took away the most plain and most precious parts. By doing so, he could freely spread his lies, thus blinding the people's eyes and hardening their hearts, leading countless to their destruction. For over a thousand years, this abominable church simply killed anyone who opposed their doctrine or authority. The Bible itself was

forbidden to own. This came to an end with the Protestant Reformation movement when a few brave individuals translated the Bible into the modern languages of their day. As in the past, several paid with their lives in bringing forth these new Bibles. Although these Bibles were much improved over the Latin Vulgate of the 5th century, because of the changes already made to the text in the first few centuries, corruptions in the Greek text were passed on to these new translations. As a consequence of these alterations, we are told that the Gentiles stumbled and that priestcrafts thrived, resulting in their teaching their own doctrines. (See 1 Ne 3:171-183; 2 Ne 11:80-106; 2 Ne 12:1-12.) As we know, this all changed with the coming forth the Book of Mormon. Since that time “*the very points of His doctrine*” 1 Ne 4:19 are again known.

One may wonder, as I, why the Lord would allow this corruption to take place to His sacred scriptures. As I pondered this, I remembered Paul's words to the church at Thessalonica when he told them that Jesus Christ would “not come except there be a falling away first” ... “And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believe not the truth,” 2 Thess 2:3, 10, 11. It was because wickedness entered into His church that He allowed this perversion to His Gospel. It appears from Jacob's account that this very

thing happened to the Jews of the Old Testament (OT) first. We are told that the Jews were a “*stiff-necked*” people who despised the words of plainness. So the Lord took away His “*plainness*” from them “*that they may stumble.*” (See Jacob 3:20-25.) When He used these words and phrases to describe what happened to the Gentiles (1 Ne 3), He was talking about removing part of the gospel from the written word. Accordingly, we have numerous examples of missing books and verses in the OT, as well as the New Testament (NT). For instance, the OT does not have the words of Zenos, Neum or Zenock. The Bible authors themselves quote or paraphrase about 20 other writings that are not found in the Bible.⁴ In addition to these, early Christian writers also said they were quoting scripture, but these words are missing from the OT we have today. For instance, Irenaeus quotes an unknown Jeremiah text (AH 4.22, Dem 78), Justin Martyr said that Psalm 96:10 used to read: The Lord reigns “from the tree,” and Barnabas of the first century quotes six additional passages (Barn 2, 6, 7, 11, 15, 16). And both Irenaeus and Clements quote the following omitted verse. Note the similarity between this lost verse and the reading in Nephi: “***The sacrifice to God is an afflicted heart***” Irenaeus 1 p. 483 Clements III chap. 12 Def: “***afflicted***” 6031 in Hebrew - ***humble (self)*** “***And ye shall offer for a sacrifice unto me a broken heart and a con-***

trite spirit" 3 Ne. 4:49.

Within just a few years of Christ's death, the Apostles record the beginnings of the abominable church and the changing of the gospel. In his Epistle to Galatians (48-53 A.D.), Paul wrote: "*I am amazed that you are **quickly being transported away from him who has called you by grace of Christ, to a different Gospel, which is not another, except there are some troubling you and desire to pervert the gospel of Christ***" Gal 1:6, 7. In about 52 A.D., Paul wrote his second Epistle to the Thessalonians about the "*falling away,*" and that "*the mystery of iniquity doth already work*" 2 Thess 2:3, 7. A short time later (circa 58 A.D.), he had gathered together the Ephesian Elders to give them this warning: "*For I know this, that **after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears***" Acts 20:30, 31. Around 64 A.D., Peter wrote: "...*Even as our beloved brother **Paul wrote to you, according to the wisdom given him...among which things are some things hard to understand, which the ignorant and the unsettled ones pervert, as also the other Scriptures, to their own destruction***" 2 Pet 3:15,16.

With the other Apostles already martyred, John stood alone as the central authority of the Church of Christ. Between 85 and 95 A.D. he wrote: "***Many false prophets have gone out into the World***" 1 John 4:1. By the time he wrote Revelation (circa 96 A.D.), there were already false apostles (Rev 2:2) and the Churches of Asia Minor had considerable problems. (See Rev Ch. 2-4.)

We learn from Paul's prophecy in Acts that after his death (he was martyred between 62-67 A.D.), men were to arise in the ministerial ranks that would change the gospel. Paul was not the only Apostle to be killed during this period of great persecution against the Church. According to history and tradition, between 60 and 72 A.D., 8 Apostles were martyred! By 80 A.D., the Apostles Philip and Barnabas were also murdered, and with the martyrdom of Simon in 90 A.D. it appears that John stood alone in the office of an Apostle. So from about 72 A.D. on, with the central authority of the Church of Christ removed, the (abominable) church was free to coexist and to make alterations of their choosing. Early witnesses and modern scholars agree that changes to the scripture took place very early. Many times deliberately!

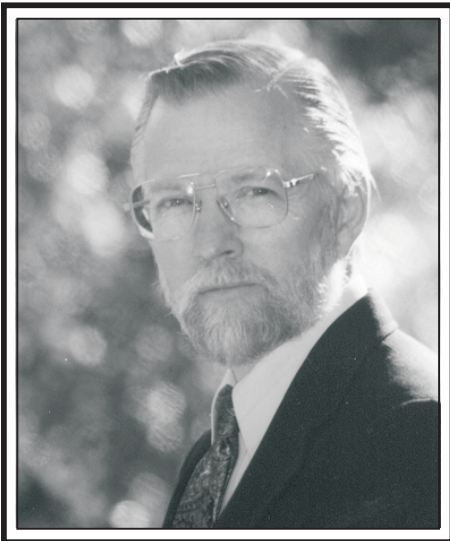
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THE GREAT APOSTASY AND THE RESTORATION

ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE AND OTHER INQUIRERS AFTER THE TRUTH

PERTAINING TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WITH HEADQUARTERS IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI
THE ONLY CHURCH ESTABLISHED THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS



By Harvey E. Seibel

Have you ever wondered how the Church of Christ differs from other churches? Or how our church is better than any other? And does it really matter what church we join? If these or similar questions have come to mind then the material presented in this series should be helpful in answering these questions.

We have shown, in the previous article, that there was to



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come a falling away from the true faith that was established by Christ 2000 years ago and that an evil power would rise which would overcome the church. But how long was this evil condition to continue within the church? Again our best source for an answer to this question is God's word.

THE TIME OF DARKNESS AND ITS DURATION

(THE WORDS OF THE PROPHETS)

THE PROPHECY OF DANIEL 7

"In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head

*upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. **The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.***

"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet

of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and **it had ten horns**. I considered the horns, and, behold, **there came up among them another little horn**, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. **I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the ancient of days did sit**, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: **the judgment was set, and the books were opened**. I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, **one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days**, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth

of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

"These great beasts, which are four, **are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever**. Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

"I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to

consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart" (Daniel 7:1-28).

The main points of this prophecy are as follows:

1 There were four beasts and upon the fourth there arose ten horns.

2 Another little horn arose after them.

3 This horn had eyes and a mouth speaking great things.

4 This horn made war with the saints and prevailed against them until the Ancient of days came or until a time, times, and the dividing of time.

5 Judgment is given to the saints.

6 Time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.

Question 1 - What were these four beasts?

- The First Beast: Babylon
- The Second Beast: Medo-Persia
- The Third Beast: Greece
- The Fourth Beast: Rome

Question 2 - *What were the ten horns and the little horn that rose up after them?*

“The ten kingdoms of the European portion of the Roman Empire were, in 570 AD., (a date which we will show to be an important milestone in the interpretation of prophecy), Visigoths, Avars, Lombards, Alemanni, Franks, Sussex, Wessex, Essex, Angles, and Jutes. In 1830 AD., the second pertinent milestone, the ten kingdoms were Austria, France, England, Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, Bavaria, Wurtemberg, Naples, and Sardinia” (*Chronology of the Bible Augmented With Time Prophecies.*, pp. 188-189).

“This little horn is intended especially to represent that spiritual power of which the pope is the head and the visible image” -Seven Last Plagues, p. 177 - Rev. Robert Reid, AM. (*The Marvelous Work and a Wonder*, p. 39).

“Daniel hath described four great empires, not contemporary, but successive one to another. The fourth and last is represented as the greatest of all. After which it is divided into ten kingdoms, and the ‘the little horn’ groweth not up till after this division. So that this tyrannical power was to arise in the latter days of the Roman Empire, after it

should be divided into ten kingdoms. From Saint Paul, too, we may collect that the great power of the Roman empire hindered the appearing of ‘the man of sin’: but when that power should be diminished and ‘taken out of the way,’ then should ‘the man of sin be revealed in his time.’...The beast hath also ‘ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns’: so that ten complete kingdoms must arise out of the Roman empire before the appearance of the beast” -Bishop Newton, On the Prophecies, p. 714 (*ibid.*, p. 71).

Question 3 - *What were the great words spoken by this horn?*

“I do make holy and unholy; I do justify the wicked; I do forgive sins; I open and no man shutteth. All the world is my diocese, and I am the ordinary of all men, having the authority of the King of kings upon subjects. I am in all and above all.... If these things that I do be said to be done not of man, but of God, what do you make me but God?..!, being above all prelates, seem by this reason to be above all gods; whereupon no marvel if it be in my power to change times and abrogate laws, to dispense with all things, yea, the precepts of Christ” -Bolton’s, The Great Antichrist, p. 48 (*Cited in A*

Marvelous Work and A wonder, p. 57).

Question 4 - *Did the Papacy make war with the saints and overcome them?*

“No computation can reach the numbers who have been put to death, in different ways, on account of their maintaining the profession of the gospel, and opposing the corruptions of the church of Rome. A million of the poor Waldenses perished in France; nine hundred thousand orthodox Christians were slain in less than thirty years after the institution of the Jesuits; the Duke of Alva boasted of having put thirty-six thousand to death in the Netherlands, by the hands of the common executioner, during the space of a few years. The Inquisition destroyed by tortures, one hundred and fifty thousand Christians, within thirty years. These are a few specimens, and but a few of those which history has recorded; but the total amount will never be known till the earth shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain. These were put to death by the secular arm; by that power, of which the empire was the head, and which subsisted in ten kingdoms: for the persecuting ecclesiastical power, condescended to employ kings and emperors as the

executioners of its murderous decrees!" - Vol. 3, p. 947 (cited in *A Marvelous Work and A Wonder*, p. 58).

Question 5 - *How long were the saints to be given into his hand?*

"It may not, however, be obvious to every person, that a time, times, and half a time, and 42 months, and 1260 years, are different forms of expressing one and the same number; it is proper therefore to make this plain. A time in the style of prophecy, means a year. A time, and times, and half a time, are one year; two years, and half a year, or three years and a half. But the primitive year, without intercalary days, consisted of 360 days; therefore three and a half make exactly 1260 days.... Protestant writers on prophecy are now almost universally agreed in opinion, that these days stand for years, and that the real prophetic period signified by them is 1260 years" - Reverend William Cunningham, *On the Apocalypse*, p. 181, fourth edition (*ibid.*, p. 65).

"Twelve hundred and sixty years is surely the period of these antichristian Gentiles' occupancy of the visible church, and of the true church's captivity, in spiritual Babylon, and of her abode in the wilderness. During that period,

the true church can hardly be said to have any visible form, or distinct organization... It is by this Antichrist that the daily sacrifice - true religion, and spiritual worship in the church, has been taken away, and the place of Christ's sanctuary - the visible church - has been cast down, trodden under foot by false professing Gentiles, who acknowledge the pope as their head, for more than twelve centuries" - Case's *Light on Prophecy*, pp. 76, 264 (*ibid.*, p. 66).

"Now all these numbers you will find upon computation to be the same, and each of them to signify 1260 years. For a 'time' is a year, and 'a time, and times, and the dividing of a time' or half a time, are three years and a half; and three years and a half are 42 months, and 42 months are 1260 days, and 1260 days, in the prophetic style, are 1260 years. From all these dates and characters it may fairly be concluded, that the time of the church's great affliction and of the reign of Antichrist will be a period of 1260 years" - Bishop Newton, *On the Prophecies*, 715 (*ibid.*, p. 66).

Question 6 - *The beginning point of the 1260 years; when did it commence?*

"Daniel teaches us that

the date of those 1260 years is to be sought for, not at any era while the Roman empire was one great monarchy, but after it had been broken into ten kingdoms" - Reverend G. S. Faber, *On the Prophecies*, p. 27 (*ibid.*, p. 70).

"Cardinal Manning: 'In like manner the successive invasion of the barbaric hordes and above all the invasion of the Lombards extinguished utterly and destroyed the last vestige of the Roman Empire in Italy; it was utterly swept away. It existed no longer'" - Independence of the Holy See, pp. 13, 14 (*ibid.*, pp. 74-75).

"Reverend E. B. Elliott, A.M., in his *Horae Apocalypticae* states that, 'The Lombards, a fresh and barbarous Gothic horde, had but recently come down from the Danube: *it was in the year 570*, and with the somewhat remarkable exception of Rome and a connected district, had seized upon and established their kingdom in Italy'" - P. 398, vol. 1, fifth edition (*ibid.*, p. 75).

"Reverend Bowers: 'They (the Lombards) began their march in the month of April of the Christian era the 568th...upon the reduction of that city, Alboinus was with loud acclamations proclaimed king of Italy by the Lombards and the whole

army, and from that year, *the year 570*, historians date the beginning of the Lombards in that country” - Bowers’s History of the Popes, vol. 2, p. 444, 1750 (*ibid.*, p. 75).

“H. Grattan Guinness, D.D.: ‘With the Gothic invasion and the breakup of the western empire into ten kingdoms came the predicted Antichrist’” - History Unveiling Prophecy, p. 63 (*ibid.*, p. 76).

“Reverend Joseph Benson: ‘It was not till the subversion of the western empire by the northern nations and the division of it into ten kingdoms, that way was made for the full establishment of the papal usurpation at Rome. 1 - Commentary Published for Methodist Episcopal Church, p. 411” (*ibid.*, p. 76).

“Reverend Philip Allwood, B.D.: ‘The north of Italy falling under the dominion of the Lombards, their kingdom became the tenth and last of those which agreeably to the prophetic intimation, should arise within what had been the territories of the empire of the west.... Now commenced the period of the one thousand two hundred and sixty years. I - Revelation of Saint John, vol. 1, pref. pp. 16, 17 (*ibid.*, p. 77).

“In 568 the Lombard in-

vasion began, and in three years intercepted all communication between Rome and the Exarchate, by which the popes became sole masters of Rome and acquired all the civil and military power, as well as spiritual authority in the city, A.D. 570.... Thus the invasion of the Lombards was a sea of troubles, from the midst of which the government of the Exarchate was dissolved in Italy, and the Italian Republics of Venice, Genoa, and Rome had opportunity to arise. Rome, however, had only the shadow of a republic and displayed the absolute sovereignty of the pope... . But having traced the first exercise of independent temporal sovereignty by the pope from AD. 570, I propose the following test of my opinion, The 1260 years will also coincide with this conclusion of the 1290 years, by reckoning from the pope’s temporal dominion in Rome, in consequence of the Lombard invasion, 570 to 1830. - Prophetic History, vol. 5, pp. 31,34,68,242” (*ibid.*, pp. 90-91).

“The date when the government of the Exarchate, the seventh head, released its hold over Rome unto the eighth head (see Revelation 17), the papal beast, was 570 AD., as the following will show: ...in 568 the Lombard invasion began and in three years inter-

cepted all communication between Rome and the Exarchate by which the popes became sole masters of Rome and acquired all the civil and military power as well as spiritual authority in the city, 570 AD. *The papal head commenced its rule therefore 570 AD. But 570 marks more than the rise of the papal beast, it marks also the date when ‘the wilderness’ of the apostasy first came to view”* (*Prophetic History, vol. 5, pp. 31,32, William Ward, AM.*).

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

DIFFERENCES IN THE SERMONS ON THE MOUNT

INTRODUCTION: Critics of the Book of Mormon have accused Joseph Smith of plagiarism because the Sermon on the Mount in the Book of Mormon is the same as from the Bible. This accusation falls short for two reasons: First if God is an unchanging God then it stands to reason that He would teach the same precepts to the Nephites as He had to the Jews. Second is that closer examination of the two Sermons on the Mount reveals that the two books teach the same doctrines...however there are many remarkable and subtle differences that the critics failed to notice. These differences a copycat surely would have missed or not have considered, especially from an unlearned farm boy such as Joseph Smith. In this multi-part lesson I will go over many of these differences in depth with the scripture differences highlighted in Bold Italics for better contrast. It is not my intent to gloss over the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount but due to these teachings being repeatedly taught in other forums I instead wish to focus on these unique differences. This lesson deals with the different Oral versus Written teaching methods that a side-by-side comparison reveals.

Repeatedly the words "it hath been said" occur in the Bible, while "it is written" occur in the Book of Mormon passages. This seems to indicate the Jews relied more on oral teaching methods, whereas the Nephites relied more on written methods of teaching, in addition to preaching. The Nephites must have gained this because of the importance the brass and gold plates had in preserving their language and religion:

1 Nephi 1:82-83 And behold it is wisdom in God that we should obtain these records, that we might preserve unto our children the language of our fathers; And also that we may preserve unto them the words which have been spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets, which have been delivered unto them by the Spirit and power of God, since the world began, even down unto this present time.

1 Nephi 5:229-231 Nevertheless, I do not write anything upon plates, save it be that I think it be sacred. And now, if I err, even did they err of old. Not that I would excuse myself because of other men, but because of the weakness which is in me, according to the flesh, I would excuse myself.

Ether 5:26 Thou hast also made our words powerful and great, even that we can not write them; wherefore, when we write, we behold our weakness, and stumble because of the placing of our words; and I fear lest the Gentiles shall mock at our words.

Exodus 4:10 And Moses said unto the Lord, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.

2 Cor. 10:9-10 That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters. For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.

Following lessons will cover other fascinating cultural differences between the Sermons on the Mount that will reveal the same unchanging God yet highlight the different cultures between the Nephites and the Jewish peoples.

Matthew 5:21 Ye have heard that **it was said** by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

Matt 5:27 Ye have heard that **it was said** by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery;

Matt. 5:31 It hath **been said**, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

Matt. 5:33 Again, ye have heard that it **hath been said** by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

Matt. 5:38 Ye have heard that it **hath been said**, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

Matt. 5:43 Ye have heard that it **hath been said**, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

3 Nephi 5:69 Ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, **and it is also written before you**, that thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment of God.

3 Nephi 5: 76 Behold, **it is written by them of old time**, that thou shalt not commit adultery;

3 Nephi 5:79 It hath been **written**, that whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement.

3 Nephi 5:81 And again **it is written**, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths.

3 Nephi 5:84 And behold, it **is written**, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.

3 Nephi 5:89 And behold, it **is written also**, that thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy;

ANNOUNCEMENT

2005 SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

The purpose of the 2005 Solemn Assembly will be to bring ourselves closer to the Lord by dedicating our time and efforts in worshipping Him as described in Moroni 6:9: *"And their meetings were conducted by the church, after the manner of the workings of the Spirit, and by the power of the Holy Ghost; for as the power of the Holy Ghost led them whether to preach or exhort, or to pray, or to supplicate, or to sing, even so it was done."*

The needs of the Church of Christ today are many, but at this time we do not know what our specific needs will be at the appointed time on April 1, 2005. It is wisdom to allow the "workings of the Spirit" to dictate our order of service at the time that we meet. As in all occasions, we have reason to give special thanks and praise to God for His blessings throughout the year. This should be our primary purpose. We also should seek to give the Lord opportunity to give direction and guidance to His Church since He already knows our needs.

The Council of Apostles feels that we have allowed tradition to dictate the order of

service to the point that we have locked ourselves into a routine, which hinders the Spirit of God. We feel it is necessary to give greater freedom in our services as they did in times past and hope to be united in the Spirit. If there be those who have special requests for prayer or a special testimony, we feel opportunity should be given.

We feel those conducting the services have freedom to be led of the Spirit to give exhortation to the body, or to change the order of service to preaching, etc., with the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Ghost. Most especially we desire any spiritual gifts from God, which are given to edify the body, might have place in our services. This includes calls to the ministry, the gifts of tongues, revelation and prophecy, etc.

We encourage greater dedication and concentration on the activities of each meeting, especially when we pray. We feel respect for the occasion and the place of worship is of vital importance at all times. Every service should be done reverently with an eye single to the Glory of God, because we come before

Him. We should avoid entering or leaving the sanctuary during times of prayer and preaching. We realize there are needs which cannot wait, but we ask all to care for them quietly so as not to disturb the Spirit of the service. Remember the Lord has promised to be "in the midst" of his people when they meet in His name.

We suggest we come in an attitude of fasting and prayer, but if there are those who cannot fast from food we only ask that you come in a fast from the cares and the things of the world. There will be no meals served in the building during these special meetings.

We invite all to come in an attitude of repentance and humility, and participate in this special time of worship with the hope that we may experience the workings of the Spirit of God in our midst. If you cannot attend, please support the effort with your prayers, and may God bless you according to your special needs.

*Council of Apostles,
Church of Christ*

NEWS

TEMPLE LOT LOCAL, MISSOURI

With their usual flurry, the holidays have swiftly swept past us. In November, with Thanksgiving in our hearts we celebrated with the Warfield family as they moved into their new home. Sending warm thoughts and holiday spirit to our family serving in Iraq, the Young People's Christian League created a care package for David Welch, which was reported as well received and well appreciated.

Celebrating the expectation and extension of our family, we gathered at the Danielle Eddy home for a baby shower for daughter Rachelle Meyer and presently expected grand-baby Callie. On November 14th, with happy news of healthy delivery we sent congratulations to Donald and Tracie Gill and their new daughter Norah Elyse.

To add to the holiday spirit, our annual indulgence at the Thanksgiving potluck was quickly followed by the season's first snowfall, ushering us quickly into December and the preparation and celebration of the birth of our Savior. The United Workers started our celebrations with their annual Christmas party, also preparing gift

baskets for the Junior and Senior Choir Caroling. On the 19th we gathered in the true simplicity of the season to celebrate the Savior. With hearts and voices perfected in worship we met with the Independence East Local for our Christmas service and enjoyed the talents with which God has blessed us. That evening we continued our celebration in worship with the Sunday School Christmas Program, again showcasing the gifts and talents of our members.

As we welcomed the New Year, we also sent well wishes to D. A. Vogel as he left for Saltillo, Mexico, to study at the University there for a semester. As students headed back to school we met in a graduation celebration for Lisa Case, completing the University of Missouri horticulture program. After an icy week of a Missouri winter's worst weather, we warmed up with the annual YPCL Chili Cook-off with Laura Greenwood, Kelly Pinder, and Amanda Case taking home the prize ladle, and Frank and Carol Fann and Noah Geier taking home second and third place respectively. With full stomachs and joyous

hearts we look forward with hope and expectation to a truly happy New Year.

*Sincerely,
Sister Aubrey Case*

A Note from Neva Housknecht: I want to thank the Temple Lot Local in saving all their pennies last year for our church members in Yucatan. We collected \$476.23; this is the most we've raised. May God Bless you, and I know our loved ones in Yucatan will be blessed. Thank You! Remember to continue to save your pennies for next year. This year's pennies will be collected soon.

*In Gospel Bonds,
Neva*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE 2005

As instructed by the 1964 April Ministers' Conference be advised that the 2005 April Ministers' Conference will begin on Monday, April 4, 2005; "Conference Sunday," will be Sunday, April 3, 2005. The first business session will begin at 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 4, 2005, at the General Church Building on the Temple Lot. According to action taken during the 2004 April Ministers' Conference, Solemn Assembly will be held Friday, April 1st, and Saturday, April 2nd, 2005, at the General Church

Building on the Temple Lot.

All committee reports should be forwarded to the Conference Secretary at least two (2) weeks in advance of the beginning of the first business session. As is always the case, it is requested that any business desiring to be placed before the 2005 April Ministers' Conference be forwarded in advance of the first business meeting so that document packets may be completed for distribution.

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*Your brother in the Lord's work,
 Harvey E. Seibel,
 2004 April Ministers'
 Conference Secretary
 Church of Christ
 (Temple Lot)*

COLLINS, MISSOURI

Season's Greetings to our brothers and sisters! As I write this letter to you we have just passed a time of "Thanksgiving" and praise to our Heavenly Father for all the blessings He has given to us, both in health, strength and worldly goods, and now we are preparing to celebrate the date set aside as the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The stores are laden with many brightly colored "things" that attract our attention and call us into a more worldly celebration of "Santa Claus," with all the trimmings of gift buying and exchanging, hustle and bustle of crowds, dinners and parties. I truly "enjoy" all of it. But my heart yearns for the precious service we hold at Church with our brothers and sisters in the gospel, where the Spirit of God comes and brings a touch of real peace to our souls as we gather together and sing those hymns of recognition of the birth of Jesus and share that "Old, Old Story" again and again. My earnest prayer is that we will always find that "peace and joy" when we seek out our Heavenly Father, no matter which day of the year it is. God bless you my brothers and sisters, my friends.

We at the Collins Local are few, and it seems that sometimes we are even less than that, but God continues to hold us in His hand. Our sister Betty Martin is not able to come to church very much any more, due to the problem she has with being able to get up and down and not being able to walk very much, along with the depression problem that she has to cope with. Jack has been wonderful, as he has stepped right up to the plate and helps around the house, makes her breakfast, and sees that she gets out of the house for lunch sometime during the day, and takes her for nice drives.

Paul and Sharon Liekness have headed for warmer climates and are enjoying the Texas warmth for a few months. We will miss them.

R. C. and Marjory Routh, Curtis and

Margarite Yates, Shawna, Dale, Aaron, and Sheala Herd, Bob Eddy and Dora Adams come as often as possible (along with Allen and Me!), as well as the Livingston family, Randy, Reneé, Corbin, and Indiana. So, if anybody out there is reading this and needing a place to worship our Heavenly Father, we have several empty pews for you to choose from and would be only too happy to welcome you in.

The Collins Rally was held the third Sunday in October, with four guest speakers traveling a good distance to come and preach to the people gathered here. Brother Randy Sheldon and Brother Don Case, both of the Independence area, and Brother Trevor Wratt, of Cowgill, were the morning speakers, with Brother Marvin Case, of Independence, preaching the afternoon service. We had a wonderful crowd and heard the truth of the gospel. It filled our souls with God's word. We enjoyed a huge dinner together and our thanks go out to all those who helped out with the "extra food." It all came together in such a way that we did not want for physical OR spiritual food. Thank you to each of you who came!

I have several quotes from sermons that I have collected over the past two or three months that I would like to share with you.

- *If I can't have mercy on someone when they're having a hard time how can God have mercy on me when I stand before Him?*
- *If you do what you've always done you'll get what you've always got!*
- *We have a confidence that there is a resurrection and a confidence that we will experience it either in joy or fearfulness.*
- *"Preach Jesus Christ—use words if you have to!"*
- *There seems to be some people who think they're smarter than God.*
- *God's laws are for ALL time—not to be*

voted on or changed.

- *HOLD ON = H-ope O-ne L-ord D-eliverance O-bedience N-ever give up!*
- *We must make a choice and become determined in our hearts to serve Christ.*
- *If you walk down the middle of the road, you are apt to be hit by traffic on both sides! The gospel of Jesus Christ is not a "spectator sport."*
- *There is nothing at all that the Almighty can't control.*
- *Charity binds our souls together in the love of Jesus Christ. When we go away it makes it difficult for Him to bless us as He would like to so He blesses us the best He can.*
- *Pride is the reason for a lot of young men's mistakes.*
- *The world has a "TUG" on us.*
- *Our rights are being taken away by an iniquitous people who don't want to worship God and don't want you to either!*

*Your Reporter,
Czerna Kauffman*

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

The Springfield, Missouri, Local would like to greet each of you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

In our daily walk of life there are times when we realize that big blessings come in small packages. The Springfield local received their blessing in the form of a tiny, one room church building on the north-west side of Springfield. I would like to share with you our testimony of acquiring this building. For approximately twenty years, a scattering of Church of Christ members from the Springfield area have held services in each other's homes. The small group, comprised of approximately 15-20 people, have many fond memories of these occasions. Jesus' promise, "...where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them (Matt. 18:20)," rang true in their hearts and minds, and helped strengthen the bond that held this body together. Through the years, the local saw a few members move away, as well as welcomed in new members. On a personal note, my husband, Elder Matt Case, and I felt led to move to Springfield from Ft. Collins, Colorado, in the summer of 2002. The local had been without an elder for several years and Priest Martin Addie needed the support of a residing elder. Once we moved to Missouri, a longtime desire was rekindled within the local to find a permanent place of worship. For years the members had steadily saved money for such a purpose. With continual prayer for the Lord's guidance, this effort was revitalized through group meetings and personal delegations. We soon placed an offer on a small church, but it was not accepted. At this point we were not necessarily disheartened, but perhaps wondering if the Lord's will was for us to continue meeting in homes. However, in April of 2004 we got a call from a realtor who suggested a small building within our price range. We made an offer and amazingly, during the 2004 Solemn Assembly weekend, we were informed that our offer was accepted. We know this is at-

tributed to the fact that many people in the church were praying for us! The building is humble in appearance but beautiful to us and dear to our hearts, considering how long the Springfield local has prayed and longed for their own church building. It is such a blessing to represent the true Church of Christ within our community, and to be a light to those who may pass through its doors. Our building is very old (even the city does not claim to know its age), yet within these four walls the gospel can still touch a heart anew. We want to extend our deep gratitude for the generous offerings our brothers and sisters from across the country have donated to our little local. We have received an outpouring of cards and donations that have helped us with building repairs and other needs. Thank you.

We would like to invite anyone who may pass through Springfield to contact us and visit "our new sanctuary from the world." Finally, I would like to share with you a beautiful poem inspired by our sister Janeen Addie. It was read at our dedication service, and I believe it embodies the true meaning and purpose of our local as well as the Church of Christ as a whole.

*In Gospel Bonds,
Tabitha Case*

Springfield Local Church of Christ

At first glance she's not much to
look at,
With her aged frame cracked and
graying,
One small room in need of repairs;
But look beyond her outward
appearance for there in her
true beauty may be found.

She's been consecrated and
dedicated to fulfill God's
purpose.
As you stand before her open door

you can feel her calling,
As she invites you to enter her
humble sanctuary.
Coming with a broken heart and a
contrite spirit you enter into
the Lord's presence.

While she beckons you to leave the
world's troubles and cares
behind,
And come into the presence of our
Lord,
Willing you to partake of the peace
He freely gives;
Turmoil and cares, frets and worries
of past days begin to fade as
your spirit is renewed.

As you leave she challenges you to
let go of a portion of that
peace you've received,
To pass it on to someone in need.
To go with Christ's message out
into the world,
To share it with the lost and dying.

She is the Springfield Local Church
of Christ.
But first and foremost she is
Christ's Church,
Consecrated and dedicated to
restoring Christ's gospel to
the world.
Come; hear Christ's gospel
preached in truth and purity.

—Janeen Addie

Church dedicated on June 20, 2004.

NEWS

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

It has been awhile since the last report from the Phoenix Local, so I'll just get right to it! As usual, many of our ministry have been traveling across the country and the world visiting members and conducting services. Brian McIndoo and Duane Ely are currently in Nigeria on a short two-week trip. Brian will only be home a short while before he is back to Africa again. Jim Yates, Sr. and his son Jim Yates, Jr. are taking off on a six-week excursion to the northeastern states in mid-January. In addition to these trips there have also been ministry and their families who have traveled to Washington, California, Alaska, Canada, Honduras, Mexico and throughout Africa since the last report from Phoenix.

We recently had our yearly elections and as always I am thankful to see the many individuals willing to take on the duties that help the local run effectively. I hope each one realizes how grateful we all are for their willingness to accept these responsi-

bilities. There are obviously not enough positions for each member of the local to have one to fill, but those without official titles find opportunities to labor in other ways. They show their diligent service through prayer, testimony, song, a friendly smile, washing dishes, teaching children, and other ways too numerous to mention. I'm thankful for each of the examples of service and faithfulness that I'm blessed enough to witness every time I walk through the church doors.

The Young People's group here has been very active over the past few months. At their weekly meetings they have taken part in activities such as ice skating, singing to the elderly, barbecues, scripture studies, as well as prayer and testimony services. Regardless of the activity, each meeting includes prayer and a small devotional activity. Members of the group take turns preparing the devotions and sharing their thoughts with the group. The results have been phenomenal. Please pray for

this group, that God will bless their efforts and their desire to be of service.

In other miscellaneous news, Aaron and Amy Moser are expecting their second child. We all wait anxiously with them for his arrival. He will be a welcome addition to our church family. Our sister Donna Cook is thankful to have her son Matt Rooney now in Phoenix. He recently relocated from Ohio. We are all happy he is able to be here. Also, a large group will be leaving the first week of February for a trip to Austria. They will be visiting with the Trudgen family there, as well as enjoying the beautiful sights of Vienna.

As always, our prayers go out to each of you, and we appreciate yours for us.

Rebecca Oar

New York Reunion 2005

Where: Hogansburg, New York

When: July 8 -10, 2005

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 8 through Sunday afternoon, July 10, 2005.**

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.

We are looking forward to spending another Spirit-filled reunion weekend with many of our brothers and sisters.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST CONFERENCES

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The **2005 Ministers' Conference** (general membership) for the Church of Christ will commence Sunday, April 3. The business sessions will start at 9:00 A.M. Monday, April 4. A **Solemn Assembly** will be held prior to the conference, on April 1 and 2. All services will be held on the Temple Lot.

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