

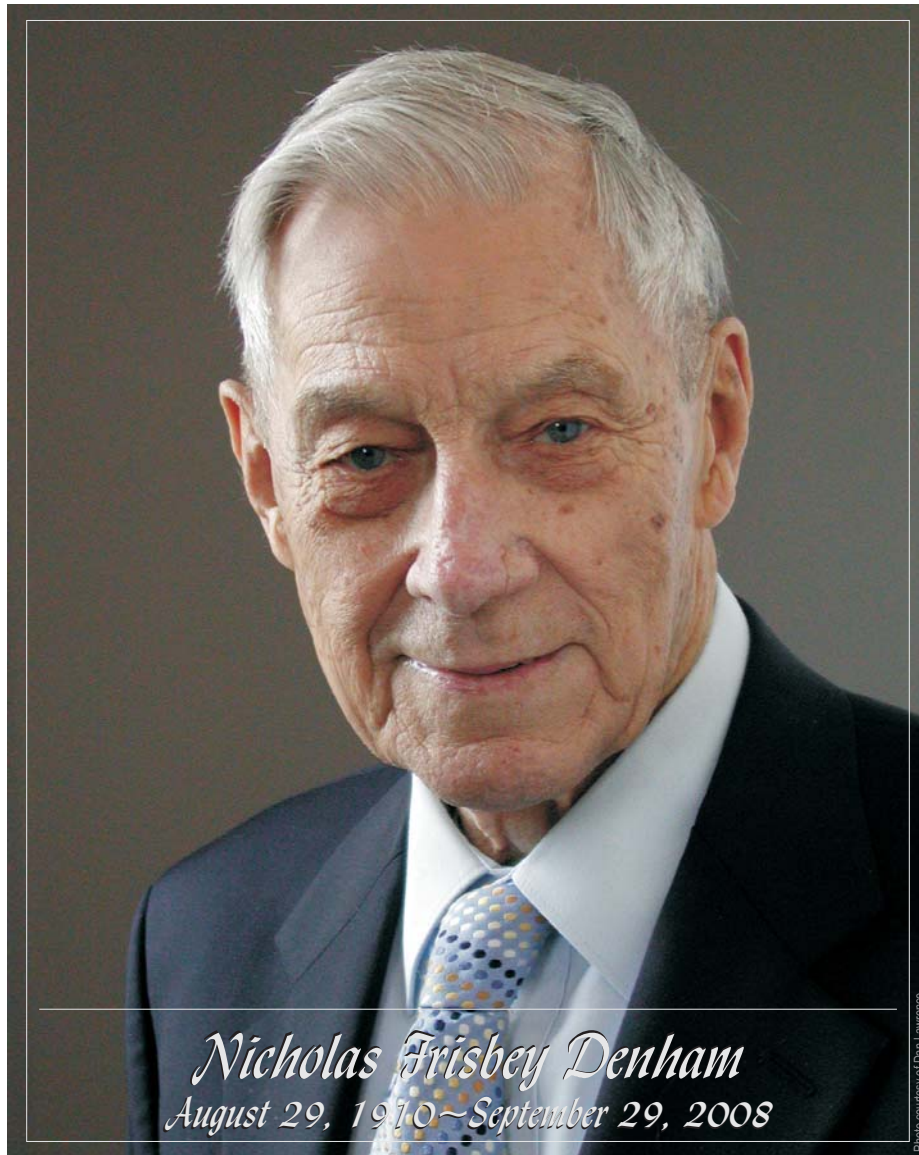
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*"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day,  
for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost...."  
1 Nephi 3:187*

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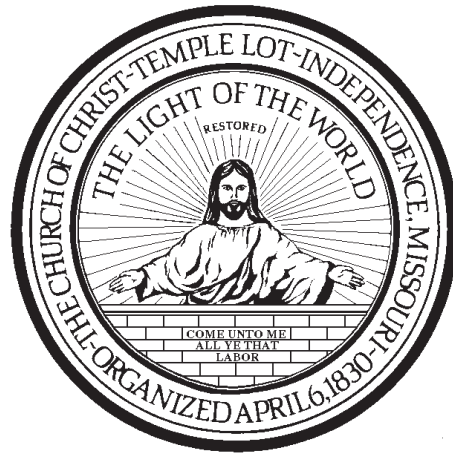


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# A CALL TO LEADERSHIP

## Part 3



### By Apostle Don McIndoo

Many of the poorest nations in the world are found in that condition because of the corruption and dishonesty of their leaders. God told Israel, through the prophet Jeremiah, “For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealth falsely” (Jeremiah 6:13). Certainly the qualities of **honesty** and **integrity** are vital to a Christian leader.

The Republican leadership of our nation is faltering today because of the temptation of easy money from lobbyists and bribe-taking. Consider the harsh words of Job’s wife to him after he had been reduced to nothing: “Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.” No, Job’s dedication to the Lord was of greater value to him than all the things of life which had been lost.

The Apostle Paul was a leader who recognized his high purpose and labored to achieve the Lord’s will. His life was always in public view; he knew that both believers and critics are constantly watching. For this reason a Christian leader’s life can either benefit or detract from the Gospel work. This is why he told the church that the ministry “...*must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil*” (1 Timothy 3:7). And what of his own life, did it reflect these qualities?

*“And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. I have coveted no man’s silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all. And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul’s neck, and kissed him, Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship”* (Acts 20:32-38).

We can see he was obviously beloved and respected. This is one of the results of good leadership. A Christian leader, in almost any capacity, deals with

a few financial matters. First, there is the matter of his own personal devotion to the support of the Lord’s work with his own tithes and offerings. Probably no one but that leader and God, Whose eyes are over all, know if his calculations are accurate. It is in such situations where one’s integrity comes to the forefront.

The leader is also frequently engaged in travel, purchase of materials, making copies, personal expenses, etc. Frequently this involves money that was contributed by others for the work of the Gospel. This is when the leader has the responsibility to make certain the Lord’s money is used wisely and appropriately. Honesty and integrity are vital to the work of the Lord.

For this reason the Apostle Paul counsels every Christian leader, “...*that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty*” (1 Timothy 2:2). Let the life of every leader in the Church of Christ be patterned after the lives of the people of Ammon:

*“And they went down into the land of Jershon, and took possession of the land of Jershon; and they were called by the Nephites the people of Ammon; Therefore they were distinguished by that name ever after; and they were among the people of Nephi, and also numbered among the people who were of the church of God. And they were also distinguished for their zeal towards God, and also towards men; for they were perfectly honest and upright in all things; and they were firm in the faith of Christ, even unto the end”* (Alma 15:29-31).

# Women's Retreat 2008



On October 3rd, a beautiful autumn afternoon, women (and good friends) from across the country gathered for the 6th annual Women's Retreat. Traveling the winding roads of Excelsior Springs towards the Lake Maurer resort, anticipation grew for the beloved and rare few moments of fellowship, study and laughter to be shared with devoted friends. Many had spent the afternoon together touring the Truman home and other historic Independence sites. The remainder gathered to create notecards, stamped and created under guidance of Sister Karin Malone, or joined for an elegant tea party, expertly crafted and lovingly prepared by Sisters Michele Fisher and Belinda Smith. Many new faces were noted in the assembly, as well as a number that represented a great deal of travel, including many areas of Missouri, a few from Iowa, Colorado and even Florida and Arizona. Reunions and introductions were met with warm embrace as the women settled in for their stay.

It was revealed that the theme of the Retreat was to be the topic of Charity, and a tea party theme was incorporated to highlight the importance as an acro-

nym for The Eternal Attitude. A little apprehension accompanied the interest in the subject, especially in light of the inquiry each woman met upon registration as to the frequency of her physical exercise. As Sister Wendy Granger introduced the scriptural theme, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, she related a cute anecdote. Her daughter, Liberty, had been instructed that her mother was going to study Charity. Confusing the term with a fruit, cherries, she responded that she was indeed allergic to Charity. Knowing the daunting topic, many women in the gathering felt a bit empathetic with the child, but were non-the-less interested in starting the study.

The first lesson demonstrating one of the many manifestations of Charity came in a skit prepared and performed by sister Debbie Vogel with supporting actress sister Bonnie G. Case. Succumbing to vanity, the main character accepts the hair-dyeing assistance of a friend-of-a-friend. With disastrous results, she enters with a paper-bag secured over the offensive tresses. She struggles with anger, panic and regret and finally squelches the provocation and musters the kindness to forgive her well-intending friend. With a startling finish the bag is removed, re-

vealing a brilliant red hairpiece capable of "stopping traffic."

The evening wrapped up with lively conversation, games and the requisite snack foods associated with a gathering of this caliber.

The early morning of a gorgeous Saturday was met by a number of sneaker-clad ladies enjoying an early morning walk. The remainder joined together for a pre-breakfast devotional, a poem written by sister Janine Addy. Fully fed and partially rested, the women set out to tackle the meat of their study and settled in to learn of Charity.

A great start to any topical lesson is to first draft a definition. Using 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Moroni 7:48-52 and John 13:34-35 and equation was derived: Charity = Christ-like attitude of the heart + Action = A Way of Life. A second, and more difficult step is to identify how this can be lived in our own lives.

For the ultimate example of living charity, the life of Christ was examined and analyzed against each attribute listed in the 1 Corinthians 13 scripture: suffereth long (Matt 26:59-68), is kind (Luke 22:49-51), envieth not (Matt 20:20-28), vaunteth



not itself, is not puffed up (Matt 19:13-15), does not behave itself unseemly (Matt 26:36-45), is not easily provoked (Matt 27:27-31), thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth (Matt 26:6-23), beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things (Gal 2:20). In His life and most markedly in His death, Christ demonstrated pure love.

In addition to this study, portions of a sermon delivered by Apostle Joel Yates pertaining to the topic were shared. In his study, he compared Charity to the body of Christ to ligaments in our body. It is a vital and integral part of our assembly, without which we are incapable of moving or even standing. It is the bond that makes us perfect. Being impressed as to the importance of being possessed of charity and contemplating the demonstration of it in Christ's life and sacrifice, it still seemed all the more daunting to actually obtain. With that massive challenge the real work started.

Separated into smaller groups the women began to study this up close and personal. With multiple examples, life lessons and plenty of stories and

laughter, they discussed practical ways to bring kindness, humility, manners, selflessness, patience, joy in truthfulness, fortitude and perseverance into their lives, and to blot out jealousy or evil thought. And how does one know when charity has taken root? When the fruits of the spirit become evident in ones life. It casts out fears, and will show no hatred. As a capstone to the discussion on acquiring charity, Moroni 7:53 and II Peter 1:5-8 were presented, teaching that we are to pray fervently for charity and understand that it is a life-long pursuit. Each woman was encouraged to identify a few attributes she needed to improve and brainstorm specific actions to step toward improvements. Practical, incremental steps... an excellent antidote to intimidation.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in three class-room sessions focused on practical and fun topics. Sister Bonnie E. Case led a craft class and each woman left with a souvenir apron decorated according to her level of artistic ability. In an exercise class led by Sister Belinda Smith each woman was wishing she had gained the attribute of rejoicing

in truth before indicating she was a "regular exerciser" and being placed in the advanced class. With an appropriately elevated heartbeat, the final class, led by Sister Debbie Brown on the topic of hospitality, indulged in chocolates, tea and cookies. As an extension of the charity lesson, the women were challenged to practice radical hospitality: opening not just the home, but the heart to all souls.

Inspired toward improvement, moved with love toward one-another and impressed deeply with the love demonstrated by Jesus, the woman gathered for the farewell meeting. How quickly the few hours had flown, but what notable change in the condition of the heart. Peace replaced apprehension and quiet squelched the busyness. Christ had been the focus, and this assembly of His body stood with great bonds... stronger ligaments.

*With Love,  
Sister Aubrey Vogel*



# Missouri Reunion 2008



**W**e entered into the house of the Lord Friday morning for the opening prayer service of the Missouri Reunion. Elders Leslie Case and Charles Brantner were in charge. Because of a power outage in the area we sat in an uncomfortably warm and unlit sanctuary. Br. Charles reminded us of our reason for being there. He read from Luke 18:40-42, 1 Thessalonians 5:17 and II Nephi 3:57-60. As we knelt in a season of prayer our prayers for the restoration of the AC were answered just as quickly, as it had become unbearable to many. Voices were lifted in prayer and many testimonies followed. Just a few of them are:

- A brother related a recent blessing. His mother had a blackout while driving her car, just as she was coming into her driveway after doing some shopping. The wheelbarrow she hit with the car didn't survive, but the car did stop just short of hitting her house. The Lord was watching over her. After a night in the hospital, a multitude of tests, and a

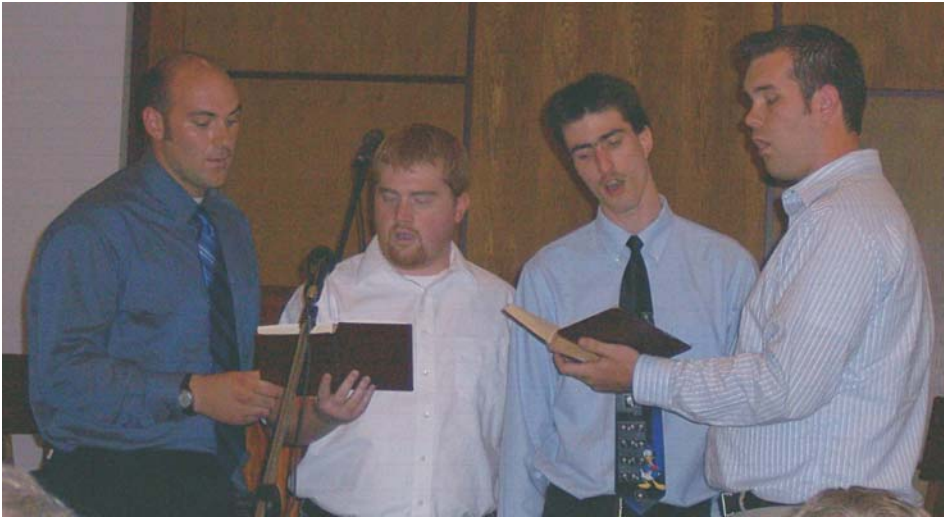
change of blood pressure medication, she is able to drive again.

- Another brother shared his blessing with being active in the visiting ministry and the blessing he had received a few months ago: while he was out on a missionary trip he had a blackout also. Other than falling out of the shower and losing consciousness he had no other difficulties. He drove home and was checked out by his doctor. There was a change of medication and he has been fine since.
- A sister shared a blessing that was given to her daughter recently. She had a very bad break in her leg and complicated surgery to repair it. The recovery period was quite long and difficult. She learned humility in having to accept help with even the small things of life. Recently she had reached the point where she felt she couldn't go on any longer, but just learned the Lord has blessed her again with being able to return to work on active duty.

Our first sermon of the reunion was given by Elder Rodger Bruner. Br. Rodger used III Nephi 12:16-21 to open, Leviticus 19:18 and Deuteronomy 6:4-9 to explain that these are the 1st and 2nd great commandments. He admonished us to carry the scriptures in our hearts, remember them and live by them. The directions from the scriptures are to put us on the right path, a road map. In Galatians 5:19-23 we are told the **wrong** emotions to have; read these and learn what the functional definitions of these words are. We need to believe in God with our emotions. In Genesis 1:1 we are told God made everything...it is all His. This church (**His** church) is the only **restored** church, not

revised. In our sacrament prayer we say that we do this so that His Spirit will be with us; do we mean it? Our emotions should reflect what is in the scriptures. We should bear fruit. The old saying is, "Actions speak louder than words." When we get that right, then we are on the right path. Br. Rodger used Mosiah 2:48-50 and admonished us that we must watch our attitudes, our actions, how we handle things, etc., and to put this in our hearts and then it directs our actions.

The afternoon sermon was given by Elder Bob Oldham. Br. Bob used Joshua 24:15 in explaining that our days may be short; we must be willing to submit to His direction. He used Luke 16:13, Alma 21:17-18, and I Peter 2:1-12. We are told to desire the TRUE gospel of Christ. In Hebrews 6 we are exhorted to go on to perfection. We can go on to be perfect if we submit ourselves to Christ's teachings. There are definites and there are promises given to us. How many are lost because of pride? Pride is a ploy of Satan. God gave us a means of recovery, a spiritual recovery. Repentance is the means by which we can bring ourselves from Satan's world to God's. Do we really come with a broken heart and a contrite spirit? Br. Bob read Psalm 51 and admonished us that we must recognize, admit and humbly ask for forgiveness for our sin. We must be remorseful. Reading from Mosiah 1:79-85 Br. Bob explained that the devil doesn't make us do things, but that when WE separate ourselves from God, WE sin. God tells us if we repent not He doth not remain in us. Also, speaking to those who know Him, He says there will be no mercy for those who do not repent. Br. Bob used Luke 6:45-49 and Mosiah 1:116 and explained that **now** is the day of our repentance. Br.



Bob closed with Alma 14:25-36.

Our evening sermon was given by Elder Joseph Smith. Br. Joe read a line of a revelation from 1841: **“For the day of my visitation cometh speedily, in an hour when ye think not, and where shall be the safety of my people and refuge for those who should be left of them?”**

Br. Joe read Ephesians 4:11-13, **“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers... for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith.”** 1 Corinthians 15:24 tells us at the time at His 2nd coming He shall hand His church up to the Father and it will be perfect. That is the purpose of His church, to edify. In chapter 2 of the Book of Commandments we are told that the works, designs and the purposes of God

can't be frustrated. It is not the work of God that will be confounded, but the work of men.

In the Book of Commandments, chapter 59, given August of 1831, we are told there will be much tribulation, but for those who are faithful there shall be a reward...that is the promise. We are near this time of tribulation. In Matthew 24:3-8, we are told that many shall say, “I am Christ” and shall deceive many. Preachers of the world today are coming in the name of Christ, teaching Christ, yet are deceiving many.

In the Book of Commandments, chapter 48:23-27, given March 1831, we read a promise of what is to be fulfilled before the end, and describes the condition of the world in the end time. (Also in Mormon 4:26, we are told, “for the eternal purposes of the Lord shall roll on, until all his promises shall be fulfilled.”) Today, iniquity

abounds. In the Book of Commandments 48: 27, we are told, **“a light shall break forth among them that sit in darkness, and it shall be the fullness of my gospel; but they receive it not, for they perceive not the light, and they turn their hearts from me because of the precepts of men....”** This is referring to the Book of Mormon. Reading I Nephi 3:167-170, Br. Joe explained that they cannot accept the Book of Mormon (the light breaking forth) because of the blindness of their eyes and the hardness of their hearts caused by the precepts of men.

In the Book of Commandments, chapter 48:28-30, Christ tells of the tribulation that will come upon this land, this people. In the Book of Commandments, chapter 1:4, we are given a warning. We are told to prepare our hearts spiritually to become disciples of Christ. **“For they have strayed from mine ordinances...”** that means they have had them and once **followed** them.

The Lord gave Joseph commandments for the church...have we obeyed? The Book of Commandments, chapter 48:58-66, tells us to purchase an inheritance—it will be called the New Jerusalem. The wicked shall not come up to Zion. We are to gather together unto it. Br. Joe read Psalm 101:8, **“I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the Lord....”** This was a charge that was given to the early church. Where shall be that holy city I asked you to pre-



pare, asked the Lord? Where is the holy place He has asked us to prepare? The work of establishing Zion was put on a back burner of the early church and they concentrated on their organization. The city is still in the future. We need to be concerned...we are in the beginning of the tribulation, and where is our place of safety? In Isaiah 4:2-5, it tells us of this tribulation. Some will be left in the holy place, Zion, a refuge. But where is Zion?

There is a world of people around us here today, and we have a beautiful plan of God that we are not sharing. This is in the Bible, if they would only look. Will we be worthy to stand in these holy places? Where shall be the safety of His people...to stand in the holy place...that are left after the tribulation? Our duty is to edify the body of Christ and establish the land of peace, the place of safety for the saints of God, for tribulation is coming.

**S**aturday morning's prayer and testimony service was opened with Elders Rick Olson and Bick Brockman in charge. Several administrations took place. Br. Bick read Psalm 33, 34:1-3. He exhorted us that this is our opportunity. Many voices were lifted in prayer to our Heavenly Father in the season of prayer.

A few of the morning's testimonies were:

- A brother told of how his mother had asked him to sing a special song at her funeral. A song that he had sung when he was little and won an award, he sang perfectly then. The same song made him break down when he was contemplating baptism. When he sang for his mother's funeral, he struggled with it. It wasn't about how well he sang, but it was for his mom, and for God, that he sang it. It was a struggle for God...in that, it was perfect.
- Another brother told of an experience when he and his family were in their vehicle. An evil spirit came unto them; a

man rushed up screaming horrible things for no apparent reason. His father-in-law, who was driving, offered up a prayer and the man had a peace come over him. He apologized and walked away.

- Another brother spoke of his first camp experience, this year. He felt ready although he didn't have a plan. Even if they didn't **feel** prepared, they were, as God had prepared all. He was in their midst. The attitude they came with was wonderful...helping, serving, loving one another...Zionlike!

The afternoon sermon was given by Elder Matt Case. Br. Matt used Ephesians 6:10-18 to show us the comparison of what the saints have versus what the world has. In Revelation 18:1 we are told of another angel coming down from heaven with His light and glory. We are told in Revelation 22:14 that we will be blessed if we keep His commandments. In Moroni 7:50-53 we are commanded to put on charity or we are nothing, that charity is the greatest of all, the pure love of Christ, and it endureth forever. Our goal is to be like Him that we may be purified even as He is pure. Br. Matt used Alma 16:228-232 to show us that this is the time to prepare to meet God; that we need to repent, for the same spirit with which we die is the spirit we will have in the eternal world. He used 1 John 2:18 to show us the spirit of the antichrist is in the world today, that the churches of the world teach a form of it. We are commanded in 1 John 4:1 to try the spirits. In III Nephi 10:1-2 we are told that Christ will establish His church, and repentant Gentiles shall come in unto the covenant and be numbered among this, the remnant of Jacob, whom He has given this land for their inheritance; and they shall assist His people, the remnant of Jacob...and also as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem. Zion! Zion has a sure foundation; its

cornerstone is Jesus Christ, aided by the apostles, and the ministry. Labor to bring forth Zion and be united before God.

The evening sermon was given by Elder Glenn Gill. Br. Glenn told us that God has a message for this reunion. Rev. 21:1-6 tells us there will be a city, the holy city New Jerusalem. This is the end that we want to be part of. In 1 Nephi 3:217-231 we are told there are two churches only; either the Lamb of God's church or Satan's church. We are in a battle for our soul.

In Matthew 25:1-14, we read about the parable of the ten virgins. We do not have lots of time, as the door will soon be shut. In Matthew 25:1-14 we are told of the parable of the talents. Br. Glenn asked us whether we are afraid, and he reminded us that perfect love casts out fear. God **is** perfect love.

Br. Glenn read Ephesians 4:1-6, where we are told what vocation we are called to, and that everything belongs to God. Reading III Nephi 9:77-79, we were reminded that Jesus quoted this from Isaiah. Is the Book of Mormon mentioned in the Bible? Yes. In Ezekiel 37:16 we are told of the two books, the histories of Judah and Joseph. In I Nephi 1:164-165 we are told the history of the descendants of Joseph. In Daniel 9:27, we are told that "one week" translates to 7 years (in prophetic language); that after 3½ years the oblation shall cease, as Christ was the last sacrifice. This is speaking of Christ's ministry, which was only 3½ years. In John 10:14 we are told that Christ went to His other sheep, those not of this fold. In III Nephi we are told He went to those who were **separated**, His other sheep (to them, not the Gentiles).

Br. Glenn told us to make an increase for God. Don't bury your talents and expect God to go get them. He read Hebrews 6:1-6, telling of the principles of the gospel, and after that we seek perfection. In John 4:10-21 we are told it is a requirement to have no fear...for perfect love casteth out all fear. He asked if we are



afraid to share this gospel story with our family and friends. Are we afraid to own our Lord? Are we worthy to be counted as His? The church needs strong families and strong marriages. We want our marriages to be much stronger than the worldly marriages. To do that we must realize something: God took a rib of Adam to make Eve (Genesis 2). She was God's gift to Adam. Men, you must realize that if it doesn't work out, it's your fault. Stick it out until you learn. Leave the old, take up the new, become one. In Ephesians 5:25-33 we are told that sacrifice will get the job done. If we do as we're commanded to do, we sanctify our marriage. Nourishing it gets response. When the wife feels that nourishing she reverences her husband. Reverence equals high respect. Colossians 3:18-20 says wives should submit to their own husbands, as in the Lord. Children, obey your parents to please God. In Revelation 21:1-3 we are told that there will be a new heaven and a new earth. In Isaiah 40:28-31 we are told we will carry out our calling with the strength of eagles.

**T**he Sunday morning sacrament service began with Apostles Roland Sarratt and Michael McGhee welcoming us. A season of prayer was requested for a sister who was having a health crisis. Many prayers were heard lifting her up unto our Lord. Br. Mike read Luke 22:19-20, III Nephi 8:39, telling us that this is a commandment if we want His spirit to be with us. Referencing Genesis chapters 12-22, we were reminded that Abraham followed God, and so we have come out of our old lives and into this new one. In Alma 13:53 we are told that God will make Himself known. God knows the heart. We were asked if we prepared to make this commitment and **keep** it until He comes. In Malachi 3:16 we are told that we should fear and love the Lord. Our names are written and He knows our hearts better than we.

After the blessing and serving of the emblems we were led into a season of prayer by Br. Roland, followed with many voices in praise and thanksgiving, and the lifting of our concerns unto God. The service was then opened to us for the leading of the Spirit. Many wonderful testimonies were heard of God's workings amongst His children; just a few of them are:

- A brother spoke of his eyes being opened to many of his errors. He confessed that he was guilty of one, and that if we are, we need to repent of it too. In Isaiah, we are chastised for turning our foot away from the Sabbath; we pollute the Lord's Sabbath day. He is not telling us to get rid of those things, but to control them! Prepare, for we are in the time of the end! He exhorted us to learn from his bad example...be careful what you get caught up in.
- A brother told us of his experience at work delivering mail: He has been bitten by dogs three times. The last time, as the large dog came at him on his left, he spun around, slipped on some mud and fell. After hitting the ground, his mail bag came up from his right side and over his face to make a barrier from the dog. He knows it was the Lord that protected him.
- Another brother told of an experience he had last year while he and his son were out walking on a hiking trail. They counted the bridges they crossed as they went; there were six, and two of them were underwater and they got their feet wet. When they reached the top of the trail it had taken them two hours to go 3½ miles. The sky darkened and they could tell a storm was coming as they headed back. He began getting a sharp pain in his leg and didn't know if he could make it back. He began to pray. As they went on they didn't see any rain, but there were many trees which had blown down since they had

been through earlier. The pain was worse. He was counting the bridges as they struggled. There should have been one more bridge, but all of a sudden they were back at the parking lot. They were amazed, as there was no first bridge which they had passed over earlier, and they made the return trip in half an hour less time than before, even though they went slower because of the pain in his leg and the fallen trees which blocked the trail. He had prayed all the way, and knows it was the Lord that came to their assistance. He wondered what the message in this was. The only thing that came to his mind was, "God will provide deliverance—even when things seem hopeless. The righteous need not fear."

- A brother told of how the Lord was with him while out on an interview for work. He encountered a situation of domestic abuse which made him afraid for a minute. He told them to calm down, loudly and firmly. He prayed. One man came over quite angry. Our brother told him to wait and he would come there and they would talk to the Lord...and that they did until the police arrived. He was thankful for the guidance and protection of the Lord.

Our final sermon of the 2008 Missouri Reunion was given by Apostle Jay Moser.

Br. Jay read a scripture from the Book of Mormon, I Nephi 7:48-54, "**And the righteous need not fear, for it is they which shall not be confounded. But it is the kingdom of the devil which shall be built up among the children of men, which kingdom is established among them which are in the flesh: For the time speedily shall come, that all churches which are built up to get gain, and all they which are built up to get power over the flesh, and they which are built up to become popular in the eyes of the world, and they**

**which seek the lusts of the flesh and the things of the world, and to do all manner of iniquity; Yea, in fine, all they which belong to the kingdom of the devil: it is they which need fear, and tremble, and quake; It is they which must be brought low in the dust; It is they which must be consumed as stubble; and this is according to the words of the prophet.”**

Br. Jay began by exhorting us, DO NOT BE AFRAID. The world is going to change. Many things will change. We are not in a battle, but in a war. Jesus Christ is at war and gaining ground, destroying His enemies.

Br. Jay went on to explain that the history of this place (Missouri) has had an impact on the world. In the history of our nation, the Revolutionary War was first of importance. It was all about freedom. It was as if God spoke from Heaven, ‘Let my people go.’ There was no reason we should have won, but we did.

Br. Jay went on to remind us of other points in our history that held Missouri up:

- In 1811 the greatest earthquake ever was recorded; the Mississippi River flowed backwards and forests fell...it was as though the very womb of Zion was rising up to show the world, for in 1806 the Roman Empire was dissolved and the pope lost power.
- In the 1820's and 30's the Book of Mormon came forth and the Church of Christ was restored to the earth. Saints were thrown out of the state of Missouri. Martyrs of the church died.
- Missouri Compromise—the Civil War broke out.
- The Church of Christ was commanded by God to **return** to the land of Missouri. God destroyed people who had driven out His people. God has a purpose for bringing us back....
- The Spanish-American War. General Pershing, from Missouri, was the high-

est ranking general ever to be given that rank during his lifetime. He went to the Philippines and took them. One hundred years later we know why....

- World War I began on April 6th, 1917. Pershing tipped the scales in WWI and destroyed the last remains of the Roman Empire.
- In April of 1917, Turkey severed relations with the United States. In November the British seized Gaza, and the next month the British captured Jerusalem, which set up its establishment.
- God raised up a president who should not have been a president—He was nobody, he lived just down the road. He stood unafraid, after Europe was burned again in World War II. Truman, against all but one of his advisors, gave Israel its freedom.

So many things have happened here that have changed the world, what will happen next? Br. Jay told us, BE NOT AFRAID, and read from Mormon 2:51-54, **“And then, O ye Gentiles, how can ye stand before the power of God, except ye shall repent and turn from your evil ways! Know ye not that ye are in the hands of God? Know ye not that he hath all power, and at his great command the earth shall be rolled together as a scroll? Therefore repent ye, and humble yourselves before him, lest he shall come out in justice against you; lest a remnant of the seed of Jacob shall go forth among you as a lion, and tear you in pieces, and there is none to deliver.”**

Br. Jay told us there is something special about this state, but there is a need to repent. Pride destroys us. We need to believe, God willing...God can change our plans at any time. He read from James 4:10 and 13-15, and admonished us to live righteously, exercise our faith and have faith in Christ alone. If Jesus commands you to go or do whatever, you can. Be ready

to have your world shaken. Every institution that exalts itself above God will fall. Islamic empires will be brought down, and our own also if it turns against God. The righteous need not fear! He read Mormon 2:51-54 and prays that God will have a remnant of the Gentiles to be protected. The righteous need not fear.

Br. Jay read Alma 19:106, explaining that only the truly penitent will be saved, as we can only be saved if we come out of our sins. He read Isaiah 51:7, **“Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.”** He also read Isaiah 54:14-17, **“In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear; and from terror; for it shall not come near thee....”**

The Church of Christ will survive—and so will God’s children because He’ll be with them. In closing, Br. Jay read from Enos 1:7-10: We are told here how it is done, through Jesus Christ, and Him alone.

This brought the well attended reunion to a close. There has been a clear message: Follow God’s commandments, be righteous and repentant, put on charity, and go on to perfection. Be NOT afraid, for there are many changes coming upon us. Perfect love casts out fear, for God is perfect love. There will be a place of safety and refuge...**Zion, the City of New Jerusalem**...a holy place...the place where we will not want to leave (like camp), where we will work together, love each other, and Christ will be in our midst.

*May God bless you, each and every one. Your reporter, Sr: Deb Haines*

## REPORT

# New York Reunion 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
The 2008 New York Reunion was held on July 11-13, 2008, at the Akwesasne Local, Hogansburg, New York. It was so nice to see so many of our brothers and sisters again. It is wonderful to realize the vastness of our "family" – as we are all related in Christ.

Friday, July 11, 7:00 pm

Our pastor, Elder Brandon Tarbell, welcomed everyone and opened the reunion with song and prayer. The theme of this year's reunion was Isaiah 40:31: *"But they*

*that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."* This verse was attached with colored beads to an imitation eagle feather and given to each person who attended the reunion as a keepsake.

Sister Laura Tarbell blessed us all with a special, *Above All*, as she played the guitar.

Elder Adam Porter was the first speaker of the reunion. Adam's theme was, "Are we willing to accept

what the Lord gives us?" He reminded us of the reference books we have to guide us along the way – the Bible and Book of Mormon. We need to be grounded and settled, as in Colossians 1:23 – *"If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven."* We were also reminded that the same Holy Spirit who led to the writing of the Scriptures is the same one who touches us today. God does not



change. We are to live by faith unto endurance.

At the close of the service, we enjoyed desserts and fellowship with all those in attendance that evening.

**Saturday, July 12, 9:00 am**

**E**lder Brandon Tarbell opened the Morning Prayer and Testimony service. He read the following scriptures to bring our minds and hearts together: Romans 8:26-28: *"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."*

After many beautiful prayers and testimonies the service ended and lunch was served.

Afternoon song service was held at 2:30, led by Sister Laura Tarbell with piano accompaniment by a visitor from the Church of Jesus Christ.

**Saturday, July 12, 3:00 pm**

**F**or the afternoon service, Elder Mike Bevaart presented a wonderful powerpoint slide program of his trip to the Holy Land and Egypt taken in February with other members of the Church of Christ. He brought to life many places where Jesus had walked during His ministry on Earth. He said one of the most meaningful

experiences was the Sacrament Service that our members had in Jerusalem.

At the conclusion of Mike's program we witnessed the blessing of newborn Miley Karyn Barnes, daughter of Michelle (Grant) and Sean Barnes, by Elders Brandon Tarbell and Mike Bevaart. This was a bitter-sweet moment for the New York Local, as Miley was born just days after losing her grandfather and our dearly loved brother, Paul Grant.

Dinner was served and fellowship enjoyed by all. The evening song service followed at 7:00 PM, led by Sister Tarbell.

**Saturday, July 12, 7:30 pm**

**T**he final preaching service of our Reunion was by Apostle Smith Brickhouse. He began by stating in the last days a new Jerusalem will be built and the old Jerusalem raised up, and that we have a rich heritage in the gospel from the blessings to Joseph of old and his seed as found in Genesis 49:22 and Deuteronomy 33:13-16. He quoted from II Nephi chapter 6 of the wisdom of God, but also warned us of the cunning plan of the evil one, and that we're to be spiritually minded, and to remember that to be carnally minded is death. He read I Corinthians 12:1-13, citing the diversities of gifts; and Colossians 3:1-11 and 12-17, admonishing us that God has called us to be an example to others and that we should not and can not neglect the gifts of God. We need to be strengthened in fellowship one with another. Reading from I Nephi, chapter 3, and II Nephi 5:72-81 and

6:99-103, Brother Brickhouse ended by saying according to the prophecies of old, we are promised a Kingdom.

**Sunday, July 13, 9:00 am**

**E**lder Gordon McCann led the Sacrament Service, reminding us first to remember God's purpose, His wisdom and the plan of salvation. Many wonderful testimonies were offered during the service.

Lunch and fellowship followed the service. Several of our brothers and sisters had to leave soon after the lunch. For those who stayed, Elder Gordon McCann led a scripture study at 7:00 PM discussing "Pride." It was a very enlightening and enjoyable discussion.

It seemed as though our Reunion just began when it was time to end. We were thankful for all our brothers and sisters who traveled many miles to join us. We were also thankful for the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout our Reunion. Truly, God provides us with daily miracles!

Thanks also to those who helped with these notes.

*Your Sister in Christ,  
Terry Waldruff*

## COLLINS, MISSOURI



The Collins Local sends our love and prayers out to all of our brothers and sisters in the gospel of Christ. I would, first of all, like to thank those of you who have been able to hold Allen and me up in your prayers. We praise God for the mercy He has shown during this time. Our prayers are for all of our brothers and sisters, both here and in distant lands. Again, thank you for the kindnesses shown.

It has turned “fall” around here. The trees are shedding their leaves, walnuts are falling, apples are being picked, and the humming birds and martens have headed south for the winter. I saw a flock of pelicans on the lake up by Clinton the other day so I know they are off to warmer climates too. It’s a somewhat sad time of year, and yet the air takes on a freshness and sort of vitality that I find myself really enjoying when I go for my early morning walks. I hope you enjoy the season changes too.

There aren’t very many of us to occupy pews here at Collins, but those of us who can are always here and ready to partake of the gospel, both in study and preaching. It is our joy to be able to come. For me it is as necessary as air. Jack Martin is our pastor and I know it is often times difficult for him to get to church, but he is here. This past Sunday his wife, Betty, was able to attend services also. It was a joy to have her. Jack says they don’t make plans in advance much anymore, but rather wait until the day arrives and see if it will be “possible!” We’re always grateful when it is possible.

We are looking forward to our upcoming rally, October 19th. I always enjoy the rallies and such. We try to attend the ones within easy driving distance. There is so much to be gained that I can’t “afford” not to go. The blessings of our Lord are there for the taking and I am a beggar and willing to be fed and nourished with the gospel.

Our grandson, Aaron Herd, (son to Shawna and Dale Herd) is presently in Okinawa, Japan. He is on what the Marines call West PAC and will be touring several Marine Air Bases where he will continue to do his job as an “embarker.” He loads and figures loads for shipping of material, equipment, and personnel. Now, if I have used the wrong words or such for some of these military terms – I’m just a grandma and subject to getting things confused! My point in telling about Aaron isn’t just that I am somewhat “proud” of him, but I know he is far

away from home AND his Church and he is feeling a little homesick. He has his scriptures with him and he told me he had been reading in Ether. I was glad to hear that. I would also ask you to remember him in your prayers, along with our other young people who are endeavoring to serve our country during this time.

I have a few sermon quotes I have jotted down over a period of time that I would like to share with you. Hope you find good in them.

- *“There is not a point in life where we can be ‘safe’ and not be able to fall away.”*
- *“We’re all subject to being wrong.”*
- *“There’s more ahead of us than behind.”*
- *“The more I know—the more I know I don’t know!”*
- *“We have tried to make God in OUR own image.”*
- *“Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.”*
- *“God requires obedience and He doesn’t make exceptions.”*
- *“As the world turns it leaves marks on all of us—one way or another.”*
- *“Do you know the voice of the Shepherd?”*
- *“If we get off track—get back to it! To come back is so worth it!”*

Your reporter,  
Czerna Kauffman

OBITUARY

# Nicholas Frisbey Denham

August 29, 1910 - September 29, 2008

Nicholas Frisbey Denham passed away Monday, September 29, 2008, after a short debilitating illness. His health had been declining for some time until he collapsed during his birthday celebration, and passed away a month later at the age of 98.

Nicholas Denham was born August 29, 1910, to Charles N. and Marion O. (Frisbey) Denham, the seventh of eight children. His father was a stonemason, and during his youth the family moved many times seeking employment. He completed his high school education in William Chrisman High School, with one year in teaching skills. He started his teaching career at Blue Summit School, and continued teaching in several schools for 13 years. Teaching was his great joy, and he left it to serve his country in the early stages of World War II.

As a boy he had his first experience with the new invention of airplanes when a plane landed in a field near his home on McCoy Street, at the end of Southside Blvd., in Independence. His brother Charles later took up flying and Nicholas joined him, de-



veloping a love of flying. When his country called for help patrolling the Gulf of Mexico coastline for German submarines, he and his brother answered the call. They both joined the U.S. Navy and flew light planes over the Gulf, searching for the enemy from the air. There was not another merchant ship lost after this program was started.

Nicholas married Dorothy Hall on July 15, 1933. They were given twin sons that died at birth, and a son, David Nicholas, that died in infancy while Nicholas was stationed in the Gulf region. In time, Dorothy Ann was born. After the war, Nicholas and Dorothy returned to Independence. Though Nicholas loved teaching, he did not think that he could cope with the conditions

that were developing in the teaching field. He took several jobs helping industry set up training programs before he joined Maryland Casualty Company as an insurance auditor. He retired in 1975.

When Nicholas Denham was working for Maryland Casualty Insurance Company, one day when in the office in Kansas City he was requested to go out of town on a job. He knew his wife Dorothy was in downtown Kansas City with friends shopping, and he did not want to leave town without letting her know. He asked his supervisor to give him one hour to locate his wife. After offering a prayer to God, he went out on the street, not having any idea where she would be. When he came to the first intersection and paused waiting for the light to change, there on the opposite side of the street were Dorothy and her friends coming toward him. He was able to let her know his plans and went back into the office and prepared for his journey.

Nicholas was baptized into Christ, becoming a member of the Church of Christ on January 20, 1921. At that time he experi-

enced the joy and power of God. He was the youngest and first of several baptized that day, and as he came out of the water he heard a song that he did not know. It was beautiful beyond words. When he inquired of his mother what the name of the song was, she asked him how it went. He hummed it to her and her answer was that she had never heard that song before, and certainly not at the baptismal service. He realized that he had heard the angels of heaven sing.

This was neither the beginning nor end of God's influence in his life. He was called to the priesthood office of Teacher and ordained April 20, 1930. God showed him what his life would be when choosing his bride, and he chose accordingly. In April 1941 he was called to the office of Elder. He did not have evidence of the call and felt that he was only called to be a teacher, so he declined the call. On the way to the Church from his in-laws' home, just east of the Church, God spoke to him and said, "If you accept this responsibility you will be blessed, but if you refuse you have no promise." He was ordained that very day, April 13, 1941. He was placed in the Bishopric April 1947 and served there until his death. He was always busy visiting the sick and lonely, and caring for the needs of others that needed transporta-

tion, etc.

He shared the Gospel from the pulpit and in conversation and example wherever he was. While in the US Navy, he experienced several severe problems that God brought him back safely to land. At one time while out over the Gulf, their plane encountered a problem that was reported to the base. His Commanding Officer asked if Denham was on that flight. When that was affirmed, the officer said they would be all right.

Just a few years ago he awoke early one morning and lay there looking at the ceiling of his room. The ceiling opened up and a light shined down into the room. Then there appeared a scene more beautiful than words can describe. He laid there drinking up the joy and the beauty. Shortly, the scene faded and the light left. He cried out in his soul and said, Why can I not still see that scene? He then thought, I can always remember what I saw, but even that was taken away. Again he cried, Why can I not remember what I saw? The answer came, "When you are sufficiently humble you may." September 29 he gave his all, and he was taken beyond the vale, to experience the glory of heaven.

Nicholas is survived by his daughter Dorothy Ann McGhee, his grandson Jason Schoff and wife Megan and their son Declan;

by his granddaughter, Jennifer Buckley and husband Scott and their daughter Emma; by his sister-in-law Mildred Denham; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends. Nicholas was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy Denham; by an infant son, David Nicholas; and by three brothers and four sisters. He was laid to rest beside his wife in Mound Grove Cemetery in Independence, Missouri, about two miles north of the Church of Christ.

There will always be a place in our hearts as well as a place in church memories for our brother who dwelled with us for almost a century.



# Recollections of a Dedicated Life



## **By Apostle William A. Sheldon**

This will be a rather limited review of the life of our departed brother Nicholas Denham, based on personal conversations.

His natural inborn frame of mind was in a faith schooled by his mother as a result of her family background in the restored gospel of Christ through the latter day prophet of God, Joseph Smith, Jr., and others. This is not intended as an exaltation of a man, but as a testimony for Jesus Christ, of His loving human direction.

Recollections of a life soon

pass away in the course of human history. Its impact upon society cannot be eternal from a human standpoint, but it will be spiritually eternal for the person.

Mother Denham enrolled young son Nicholas for schooling in Independence, Missouri. His teacher imprudently asked him of his religion, and he informed her that he was with this Church of Christ. She asked: Do you know any "Mormons?" He was ignorant of this term and scarcely knew what to say. Later, in asking his mother about this, she informed him that those of the RLDS Church were sometimes called Mormons. This incident initiated him into a life to be impacted with decisive trials to his faith.

His aunt Miriam Mason was his class teacher in the church, in which she taught several of the youth. Among them an older cousin influenced Nicholas into youthful activity which was not good. On one Sunday in the winter time Uncle Clarence Wheaton had arranged with those of the RLDS Stone Church for the use

of their baptismal font in order to baptize a few of these children. Previously knowing of this, Aunt Miriam felt to teach her class on the subject and Nicholas felt he surely needed baptism. He so expressed himself to his mother, desiring to be among those baptized on that occasion. She inquired of him as to his knowledge and real desires, to which he gave satisfactory answer, and she consented to his baptism.

Several members of the church were present for the service. Being the youngest of the candidates, Nicholas was first to be baptized. He heard the most beautiful music being sung, which proved a source of contentment to him throughout his long life. In later pondering the matter, he asked his mother what the congregation was singing at that time. She said they sang several hymns, and asked him to give her the tune. He promptly did so and she said: Why, son, I have never heard that music before! Can you now imagine the conviction in the mind of young Nicholas that he had heard angels sing-



ing?

Nicholas became a life-long student and believer of the Bible and Book of Mormon, which had its good impact upon his course of life.

In his younger years, he was called and ordained as a Teacher. Some time later, Clarence Wheaton was moved to call him to the eldership of the Church. Right or wrong, Nicholas was sensitive to a possible current of feeling that he was Uncle Clarence's boy, and would do as he desired. Well, Nicholas was not going to allow such a feeling to prevail, and so when he was asked if he would accept of the call, he immediately jumped to his feet, and said he was not about to accept it; that his ministry was that of a Teacher! He had so been ordained. There, he thought, that will show them I am not influenced by him! So much for similar human judgment!

A short time later, as he was walking toward the Temple Lot for a prayer service, he heard an audible voice sternly telling him that if he did not accept that call, that he had no promise from God in his life. He was thunder-struck, and it changed his determination.

Going into the service, he told his uncle George Frisbey, who was pastor, that he was willing to be ordained as an Elder; and thus it was.

Nicholas had been introduced to a friend of his sister Marion by the name of Dorothy, and he simply felt both were just young girls, and so he had no romantic interest in Dorothy. Later he fell in love with Dorothy and married her. To this union was given still-born twin boys, and still later another boy died at birth. Nicholas was only consoled by the assurance that they were safe in the arms of Jesus for eternity. Later, a daughter, Dorothy Ann, was born, whom he loved to the end of his days. His wife Dorothy had joined him by baptism into the Church of Christ, and remained so until the end of her days.

As young men, he and his brother Charles were fascinated with airplane flight, which was then quite primitive, and he learned to fly. This led him into the civil air patrol in the beginning of the first World War.

On one occasion, having been invited to an officer's reception for one newly acquired by his squadron, Nicholas was asked what he would like to drink, supposing he would like to have an alcoholic beverage. He said: Have you any (I will say, some popular soft drink of the times)? His response startled the other, but of course they had it to mix with the hard liquors, and so he secured it for Nicholas. The knowledge of such a tamely-de-

sirous officer became wide-spread in contempt mixed with a measure of secret admiration by some few others.

During his flight training he was faced with a testing by the commanding officer of his group. Because of his good character, so foreign to young men in general, doubt was seemingly engendered as to his flying ability, and in which the officer informed Nicholas that he would be with him the next morning as an observer in the two-seated bi-plane.

Nicholas was fearful yet thrilled at the prospect. As he piloted the plane, the officer cut off the engine and said to Nicholas: You've just lost your engine; what are you going to do? Nicholas surveyed the ground scene, and seeing clear ground ahead said: I'm going to land right there. Well, do it, said the officer, upon which he set his course. Just as they were about to land, the officer said: I'll take over; and then he turned on the motor and they flew back to the base. Needless to say, Nicholas passed the test and he was accepted by the squadron from then on.

In the course of air patrolling the southern gulf coast, which was necessitated by German submarine activity in sinking many merchant marine ships, he was navigator in the cabin of a two man flight on an occasion. They were flying low, beneath clouds,

for observation of any submarines, when suddenly the motor died. Feeling sure they must ditch the plane in the gulf waters, the pilot directed Nicholas to sit in the rear and to be ready to unlatch the door at the last moment before hitting the water. Had the door opened too soon, the plane would have been unmanageable, and had the door not been opened immediately before landing, they could not have gotten out of the plane.

The pilot had informed the base by radio of their plight, and the commanding officer inquired of the staff as to who they were. Being informed that Lieutenant Denham was one of them, the officer said that they would be all right. Sure enough, just before they would have gone into the waves, the motor sputtered and roared, and they made it safely to the home base.

Following the war, Nicholas became a school teacher of youth in the middle grades, and while at times he administered firm but reserved disciplinary action, his general demeanor was such as to secure loving respect of students and parents, which continued even into his later years of life. His later function as a high school teacher and as a principal was of the same character. He was a gentleman in the fullest sense and dignified with great humility.

Bro. Denham functioned many years as an Elder, and then in the general church as a Bishop until his death. He also served as editor of the *Zion's Advocate* for a few years. He was a faithful servant of God, and to the end desired an active ministry, even into a belated missionary activity, in which he bore loving witness of his faith and of God's goodness to him and his family. In his mind-set, he gave all he could comprehend in exchange for the welfare of his soul and for the good of others with whom he had to do. He was lovingly endeared as Uncle Nicholas to the many of the Denham/Frisbey families. In prayer services, as he was able, he almost always declared his thankfulness to God for the fellowship of his brothers and sisters in the faith. His generosity to those in temporal need was as great as his loving spiritual ministry in the Church, as may be attested by many without exaggeration. His general demeanor was unassuming, and he desired within the Church to be known simply as Nicholas.

Nicholas is gone from this earthly sphere, but he was a son of God by faithful obedience to the gospel of Christ and by endurance in that faith until the end. As such, he has gained eternal life. I have not the slightest reservation of mind in this affirmation.

The words of Christ as given in the Book of Mormon:

*Behold, I am the law, and the light; look unto me, and endure to the end, and ye shall live, for unto him that endureth to the end will I give eternal life.*

*Behold, I have given unto you the commandments; therefore keep my commandments.*

*And this is the law and the prophets, for they truly testified of me.*

And now concerning Jesus Christ:

*Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life.*

## OBITUARY

## Paul W. Grant

June 28, 1950 – July 1, 2008

Paul W. Grant of Fort Covington, New York, passed from this earthly life on July 1, 2008. He was a member of the Akwesasne, New York, Local. He loved his church and deeply loved all his brothers and sisters. He loved reading and studying his scriptures. He especially enjoyed having the visiting ministry and guests who came to the New York Reunion.

Born in Fort Covington, New York, June 28, 1950, Paul was the youngest of five sons of the late Donald and Florence Grant. He attended local schools and was just recently inducted into the Salmon River Central School Baseball Hall of Fame for 1967, and was known as "Mudcat."



He was employed by Kraft Foods for over twenty-eight years, retiring in 1998 because of his health. Paul was a member of the Fort Covington American Legion.

Paul is survived by his wife, Deborah; one son, Robbie Grant, and

wife Chris; daughter, Karyn, and husband Brian Mulverhill; daughter, Michele, and husband Sean Barnes; six grandchildren, Sara, Jordan, Braydon, Blayne, Korynne and Miley, who was born three days after Paul's death. He is also survived by his four brothers, Robert, Harold, Bryant and Dan and their spouses, and several nieces and nephews.

Paul had a strong faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and love of the Gospel, which especially helped to sustain him during his illness and the last days of his life.

## NOTICES

## REFENDUM REPORT

In accordance with Conference actions the Referendum Committee has reported back to the Council of Apostles the following results of the 2008 Referendum. **Bill #1 Concerning the AVVAA Committee.** This bill passed with 817 yes and 45 no votes. The new name of this committee will be the Audio and Visual Aid Committee (AVA). **Bill #2 Concerning the Board of Publications being given the guardianship of the Church Seal.** This bill passed with 836 yes and 33 no votes.

## AVA WEBSITE

The Church of Christ AVA Committee is excited to announce the launching of our online searchable Book of Mormon and Bible. You can use this web site from anywhere to read and search the full text of the Church of Christ's 1990 Book of Mormon and the King James Bible. We want to give a very special thanks to Ian Smith, Heather Smith and Don Smith for all their hard work in achieving this amazingly helpful tool, and in getting it online for your use.

Please bookmark and share the site at: <http://cofcmedia.com/scripture/>.

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