

Zion's Advocate

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

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YOUTH; THAT OUR DAUGHTERS MAY BE AS CORNER STONES,
POLISHED AFTER THE SIMILITUDE OF A PALACE..." —PSALM 144:12**



HONDURAS YOUTH CAMP 2010

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

We are to Bear GOOD FRUIT



By Elder Gordon McCann

“Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit”
(John 15:2).

At the end of my tour in South Korea, as an active member of the US Air Force, I was transferred to Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona. One of the things that I remember seeing in my new desert dwelling surroundings were these beautiful orange citrus trees that could be found everywhere on base which were full of fruit. Seeing those oranges on the tree reminded me of an experience that I had early in my military career. One of my friends, after returning from visiting his

family in Florida on leave, had brought back a large navel orange for me to try. It was a good sized orange with a thick peel which made it very easy to get to the fruit inside. I broke off a wedge and took a big bite of it that instantly filled my mouth with the sweet juice of the fruit. It was the most delicious orange I had ever eaten, so sweet and juicy. I kept thinking about that experience every time I would pass one of those citrus trees on base. I finally broke down and snatched one of the nicer looking oranges that I could reach off of the tree. With much excitement and anticipation I peeled the orange. The peeling was thinner and the wedges were a bit more difficult to pull apart but it still looked pleasing to the eye. I took a big bite of it and immediately my mouth was filled with the sourest tasting juice that I had ever tasted, more sour than a lemon. Needless to say, I removed the foul tasting juice and orange as quickly as possible without attracting too many onlookers. I later found out that what I had experienced was a Seville (sour or bitter) orange tree which was very popular in the valley and could be found growing wild in some areas. The tree is used for rootstock and is very dependable for grafting other cultivars (cultivated or hybrid) of orange tree for producing fruit that can be eaten or juiced. Well, I had learned a hard lesson that even though the fruit looked the same on the outside its contents were vastly different.

So what does all of this have to do with the topic scripture quoted above?

First of all Jesus is our “rootstock” just like the Seville orange tree is to the cultivars of orange which when grafted into the rootstock can become healthy branches that can produce good desirable fruit. Without a good rootstock the cultivars cannot bear good fruit. If we are not grafted into the rootstock, or in other words, have not accepted Jesus Christ by applying our faith, repenting of our sins and being baptized in His name, we cannot bear good fruit. This does not mean that just because we have repented and are baptized that we will naturally produce or bear good fruit. If so Jesus would not have said, *“Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away. . . .”* So it is possible to have followed the Word of God by obeying the commandment of repentance and baptism and afterwards bear no fruit. It would be as in the example of the orange tree, once the grafts have been completed and take nourishment from the rootstock they grow and mature. Some branches produce just leaves and no fruit while others develop and produce fruit. So the branches that bear no fruit are eventually removed from the tree as to not cumber the fruit bearing branches.

The key to bearing good fruit after we have been grafted into Jesus Christ can be found in the following scripture verses:

We are to Apply our Faith

“Doubt not, but be believing, and begin as in times of old, and come unto the Lord with all your heart, and work out your own salvation with fear and trembling before him” (Mormon 4:93).

Feast upon the Word of God

“Wherefore, I said unto you, Feast upon the words of Christ; for behold the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do” (2 Nephi 14:4).

“For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:...” (Proverbs 6:23).

Our Works will Prove our Faith

“Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works” (James 2:17-18).

Now let us consider what Jesus meant by the concluding statement of the topic verse: *“...and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.”* I would like to take you back to the example of the orange tree and to the cultivars of orange which had been grafted and were bearing fruit. I have a tangelo tree in my backyard which is a cross between an orange and tangerine. I thin or purge the fruit on each branch every year after the blossoms have set and the fruit begins to grow on the branches. The purpose of purging the fruit is to remove the fruit that has visible defects, to prevent the branches from breaking under the weight of the fruit as it develops, and to allow the remaining fruit to

mature into a more desirable fruit to eat. This thinning process occurs at least two to three times during the growth period of the fruit. By the end of the fruit growing season I have a crop of nice juice filled tangelos to enjoy. Jesus works in our life in similar manner and we can find the purging process in the following scripture verses:

God has Given us Time to Grow

“And the days of the children of men were prolonged, according to the will of God, that they might repent while in the flesh; Wherefore, their state became a state of probation, and their time was lengthened, according to the commandments which the Lord God gave unto the children of men. For he gave commandment that all men must repent;...” (2 Nephi 1:107-9).

He Searches our Hearts

“I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings” (Jeremiah 17:10).

We are to Purge Ourselves of Uncleaness

“Be wise in the days of your probation; strip yourselves of all uncleaness; ask not, that ye may consume it on your lusts, but ask with a firmness unshaken, that ye will yield to no temptation, but that ye will serve the true and living God” (Mormon 4:94).

“He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?” (Micah 6:8).

The scriptures are plain where God does plan to harvest His vineyard,

or in other words, there will be an end to this mortal life.

“Wherefore I will lay up unto mine own self of the fruit for a long time, according to that which I have spoken. And when the time cometh that evil fruit shall again come into my vineyard, then will I cause the good and the bad to be gathered: And the good will I preserve unto myself; and the bad will I cast away into its own place. And then cometh the season and the end; and my vineyard will I cause to be burned with fire” (Jacob 3:150-153).

The works that we do in this life will come before the God who created us, to be judged either worthy to keep or to be cast off as undesirable.

Our God is a merciful God and has provided a clear path for us to follow where if we choose to walk down that path we will produce good fruit for our Creator to rejoice and savor in.

The Path that will Produce Good Fruit

“And the first-fruits of repentance is baptism; and baptism cometh by faith, unto the fulfilling the commandments; and the fulfilling the commandments bringeth remission of sins; and the remission of sins bringeth meekness, and lowliness of heart; and because of meekness and lowliness of heart, cometh the visitation of the Holy Ghost, which Comforter filleth with hope and perfect love, which love endureth by diligence unto prayer, until the end shall come, when all the saints shall dwell with God” (Moroni 8:29).

The Choice is Ours to Make



By Priest Martin Addie

We recently attended Brother Norman Warfield's memorial service. We are reminded of the reality that we do not have an unlimited lifetime to work on our relationship with our heavenly father! We only have until the Lord determines we have had enough time to complete the tasks that He has set before us, or has need of us at His side. Or in the instance of evil forces we recall six people killed and many wounded at a political rally in Arizona. One of the victims was 9 years old.

If we read the prayer requests

on the CCEG we know that there are all different ages that are sick and some that may be in their last days or some that are waiting for organ transplants which generations ago was only a dream. I believe that God gives wisdom to doctors to do their work for our benefit and that they sometimes act as His hands. I was pleased to see a doctor on TV that said they can only do so much and that it is good and necessary to acknowledge miracles when they happen. We are not given to know why some lose their life early and others live long lives despite the ravages of disease or failing physical bodies. We grieve when we lose family and friends, especially before we think it is time!

However, do we use these opportunities to reflect on the nature of our relationship with God and Jesus Christ? We are known individually to our Creator. He is aware of the desires of our soul, whether they are righteous or if they are not. He knows every sin we have committed or thought about committing and He also knows when we allow His spirit to guide us to do that which is pleasing to Him. We have a level of protection that we are sometimes not aware of; for example, think about times you may have missed an accident or nearly fallen, or been in-

jured. Do we think of this as luck or count it a blessing and share it as a testimony? God allows us to choose what to do and how to live our lives. He doesn't threaten to beat us over the head with something if we make poor choices.

Do we purchase life insurance? Will it make our life easier? Not really; however, it may reduce the worry about those we will leave behind and provide them with some money. Does money guarantee security? No, it does not! We should be more concerned with insuring our salvation by establishing a relationship with Jesus Christ. He promises to love us unconditionally, even when we mess up or lose our way. This doesn't mean He will not be disappointed or have sorrow as He watches us, but He is always ready to accept us back into the fold. Matthew 23:37 says,

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"

He has set up a system with a circuit breaker, or a master reset switch, if you will. A circuit breaker is designed to shut off a circuit if the load is too heavy and would cause danger to the system.

A master reset is similar to rebooting your computer when it is getting confused because it has been running too long and gets its bytes in a bind. It has to go back to square one and recheck its data and commands and sort everything out so it will function properly. We have a similar option when we get confused or have messed things up; it is called repentance. We should stop what we are doing and evaluate if we can safely continue on the path we are on. Maybe we will just bog down a bit while we sort things out, or perhaps we will have to make a fresh start. We may need to go back to the beginning and compare the commands with our functions to see if they balance or are going to cause conflicts. Satan likes to throw bad code or instructions at us and tell us it is okay, that it will function fine with our operating system. This is a lie. It does not work and eventually it will lead to the failure and corruption of our operating system. You may not think so, but a computer is a simple system that operates based on programmed instructions which it will follow precisely. When the instructions are in conflict it causes problems. We have precise instructions in the Bible and Book of Mormon and if we were to follow them explicitly we would have less conflicts and internal turmoil. In our society we are barraged with a variety of operating systems (religions or philosophies), each one saying it is the best. Some say they are new and improved to match the times and others say our programming will run with whatever you are using. If you have ever shopped for computer programs, commonly known as software, on the box will be a listing of minimum system requirements. This tells how much memory, processor

speed and graphics capability is needed and helps us to buy a program that is suitable for our machine's operating system and capabilities.

Our software, the Bible and Book of Mormon, have very simple minimum requirements. It only requires a desire to learn what is inside (instructions) and a willingness to incorporate the contents into our lives. This also means cleaning out the old and corrupt programs (SIN). This plan is compatible with legacy systems (those no longer made or are old fashioned) and all current models. The software differs from computer instructions in that it influences the user to conform to a set system rather than adapting the software to a variety of systems which causes many conflicts.

The Creator did not make different instructions for different people. He made them to apply to all people and situations! He prepared the path that would be best for us to follow. This path will lead us to walk in harmony with the gospel of Jesus Christ and to hold on to the rod of iron, not a thread of deceit that is blown about by every breeze that passes.

1st Nephi chapter 3, verses 23-87, tells of Nephi's desire to see the vision that his father Lehi had. It includes prophecy of the colonial Americans and the book they would have, the Bible. It shares the story of the birth of Jesus Christ and that He would be crucified for our sins. Verses 165-211 talk about the Bible and how many plain and precious things had been taken out of it by the great and abominable church, and testify to the coming forth of the Book of Mormon which would again give us the fullness of the Gospel. Verses 212-216 state,

"And thou also hast heard, that

whoso repenteth not, must perish; Therefore, wo, be unto the Gentiles, if it so be that they harden their hearts against the Lamb of God; For the time cometh, saith the Lamb of God, that I will work a great and a marvelous work among the children of men; A work which shall be everlasting, either on the one hand or on the other; Either to the convincing of them unto peace and life eternal, or unto the deliverance of them to the hardness of their hearts and the blindness of their minds, unto their being brought down into captivity and also unto destruction, both temporally and spiritually, according to the captivity of the devil, of which I have spoken."

Please read this entire chapter to get the complete thought, as it is too long to quote here.

We have the opportunity to be forgiven, which is different than hitting the delete key. Delete just removes the file from the table of contents but it is still in the book. When you are forgiven it is taken from the book too.

Here we have the admonition of what will befall us if we chose not to repent or use the reset switch, if we stay with the computer illustration. If a computer has bad or conflicting code it is not able to achieve the optimal performance it was designed for. When it is permanently powered down it will still have the bad code in it. When we die in our sins that is how we will be judged. If we die in righteousness we will be judged in righteousness!

We have the information or programming before us. Do we install it and protect it with the love and direction of our Savior, or do we stick with corrupted files that will never lead us to salvation?

PATHLIGHTS

A Lesson Learned, A Friend Remembered

About 6-8 weeks ago my friend Norman Warfield told a story while a bunch of us guys were gathered together to watch our weekly football game on Monday night. Being a bit distracted at the time I didn't think much about it. I filed it away as a footnote or anecdote to be drawn upon if ever I were in a conversation which required a story prompting the listener to shake their heads and say, "No kidding? Huh!" and then move on.

More recently, the night Norman passed away, I was awake wrestling with worry as a bout with a few of my life's recent regrets pummeled my conscience. I remembered his story and a new perspective about charity began to shape my understanding. I would like to share my convictions with everybody, but first I need to tell Norman's story as I remembered it that night.

Norman and a few of his buddies were out camping/hiking in Arizona when



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they happened upon a rattlesnake. Everyone took notice and decided that if we leave it alone, it will leave us alone; everyone, except someone known only to me as, "The Big Dummy."

—I would like to point out that there is a very good chance that "The Big Dummy" may read this and I would like to make clear that this is Norman's story, not mine, and he left you anonymous. Continuing...

Said dummy decided to

pick up the rattlesnake. I imagine the group watched with apprehension as he handled the venomous snake, but as evidenced by the look on Norman's face as he recounted the story so many years later, they were incredulous when he picked up a second rattler someone spotted slithering nearby.

At this point Norman paused for effect or for a response from the rest of us, but I was engrossed in the football game so I was not quite as astute as my brother who looked away from the game and said something equally incredulous. Just in case you are like me and you didn't get it right away either, I will explain. If you have ever picked up a snake, if you know anything about snakes, or if you have watched *Crocodile Hunter* enough times you would know that a snake wraps its body around whatever is holding it. With the second snake in his other hand, it is true that "The Big Dummy" was hold-

ing two snakes; conversely true is the fact that two poisonous snakes were now holding on to each of his arms. Yeah, let that sink in a little....

I have to digress here a bit and say that growing up in Phoenix, a few years back, I learned a *healthy respect* for rattlesnakes. Our home was close to the desert and I spent many hours building tumbleweed forts and tromping through the Western Diamondback's habitat. I have a *healthy respect* for them. When you are in the desert loading your older brother's BB gun and the BB's roll out the end of the barrel and onto a dried leaf you immediately jump as high and as far away as you can. Upon your eventual return to Earth and the return of a second rattling sound once more behind you and at a distance of the approximate length of the barrel of your older brother's BB gun, a *healthy respect* demands that you drop the gun and get outta there as fast as you can. Sorry big brother. Apology long overdue. :)

Norman explained that the rest of the group had a similar *healthy respect* and wanted nothing to do with the nasty little creatures, but "The

Big Dummy" forced their hand. They were necessarily required to remove the snakes from his arms.

"We had to help him let go of the rattlesnakes." —Norman Warfield.

That's the story. Simple enough, kind of funny even. Metaphorically, I am "The Big Dummy." I make mistakes all the time. I get myself into problems that are easily avoided with a little charity and a lot of humility. I seem to be short of both. I am continually picking up snakes. I had an "A-Ha" moment that night. The embarrassing conviction that I would like to share is that I need charity. I am dependent upon it. I don't want to discuss what charity is. There are smarter people than I who can tackle that one. The simple scriptural answer we all know is that charity is the pure love of Christ. My testimony is that I cannot live without it.

I am "The Big Dummy" every time I sin. I need my fellow campers who are accompanying me on my journey. Without you I can't put the snakes down. That's Charity. That is why I need it. I don't need it for me. I need **YOU** to have it, for me.

If **YOU** lack charity for me...**I will die.**

That is why we have to have charity for one another. It is a lesson we have all been told. We have all spent time searching through the scriptures studying charity. The rattlesnake story was only an illustration, but it was one that I needed. It came at a time when I was holding onto a few rattlesnakes. It was a lesson learned, from a friend remembered.

*Your brother in Christ,
Daniel Malone*

Registration Instructions

TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASSES YOU WANT, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN THE 2011 Church of Christ TEEN CAMP CLASS SCHEDULE.

How to fill out the Class Schedule Form:

1. Complete the Personal Information on the Registration Form.
2. If you plan to ride the bus from the East Local to Camp, check "YES" in the space provided.
3. Mark T-shirt size.
4. Mark a 9:00 a.m., 10:05 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. class preference. Indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice.
5. Mail your completed Registration Form and Class Schedule to the address below.

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

Directions to Camp Far Westa from Kansas City:

Take Interstate 35 north to 36 Highway west at Cameron, Missouri. Continue west on 36 for approximately 10 miles. A sign for the Camp Far Westa will be on the right side of Highway 36. (The campgrounds are approximately 1 mile east of Stewartsville, Missouri.)

Transportation:

For those needing a ride from the Kansas City area, a bus will be leaving the East Local at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 24th.

- Campers must leave on the bus unless written permission is given.
- Campers are NOT to arrive at Camp Far Westa before 3:30 p.m.; check in for campers is from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at camp

Check List:

We must have the following before we can assign your classes to you:

- Registration fee—make check payable to "Teen Camp."
- Class Schedule form with completed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for each class time.
- Registration form with parent's and camper's signatures.
- The form must be notarized for camper to attend Camp.**

CAMP DATES: July 24 through July 29, 2010

AGE GROUP: Junior and Senior High School, Ages 12 – 18.

MINISTRY: There will be members of the priesthood in attendance at all times.

CHAPERONS: There will be at least one adult for every eight campers.

LIFE GUARD: The Camp provides a certified life guard.

FOOD: The Camp provides the food service—SNACK BAR AVAILABLE.

T-SHIRTS: are included in camp cost. Sizes must be received by July 14th.

TOTAL CAMP COST: \$155.00 (\$165.00 IF PAID AFTER JULY 1, 2011).

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2011 RULES AND TO BRING LIST

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

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

1. You are expected to behave in a Christian manner at all times.
2. You are expected to obey all safety rules.
3. You are expected to participate in all classes and activities.
4. You are expected to stay with the group unless special permission is given. Pairing off or groups found in unapproved areas will not be tolerated.
5. Sexual misconduct will not be tolerated.
6. You are expected to remain on the camp grounds at all times.
7. You are expected to wear modest apparel at all times. Inappropriate clothing includes bikini swimsuits, tank tops with straps less than 1.5 inches or with drooping armholes, T-shirts with inappropriate slogans or innuendo, concert T-shirts, shirts that expose the midriff or short shorts. All campers are required to wear a colored T-shirt while in the swimming pool.
8. You are expected to turn in all prescription medication to the camp nurse.
9. You are expected to leave all body piercing jewelry at home, including gages (girls can wear one pair of earrings in their ears).
10. You are expected to turn your vehicle keys over to the Camp Director if you drive to Camp. Keys will be returned when Camp is over. Access to vehicles will not be allowed during Camp. Vehicles will be parked in designated areas.
11. Absolutely no pranks at Camp. Any materials for pranks will be confiscated.
12. Absolutely no electronic equipment, including but not limited to video or electronic games, radios, or MP3 players or cell phones. Phones will be available for emergency calls only.
13. Absolutely no tobacco, alcohol, drugs, weapons (including knives) or fireworks of any kind are permitted at Camp. Use of these items at Camp will be grounds for sending a camper home at their parent's expense.

This is a *suggested To Bring List*. Where clothing items are listed, bring enough for five days; packing may be in a suitcase, duffle bag or camp box. **Please see that all items are clearly marked with your name or initials.**

PLEASE BRING:

- Bible, Book of Mormon, book bag and notebook are mandatory.**
- Flashlight
- Lightweight sleeping bag or 2 twin size sheets and 1 light blanket.
- Pillow and pillowcase
- Tennis shoes (old & worn are best)
- Extra shoes
- 6 pairs of socks
- 1 pair of jeans/pants
- Modest shorts or cutoffs
- Short sleeve shirts
- 1 long sleeve shirt
- 1 lightweight raincoat, poncho or Jacket

- 1 laundry bag or pillow case
- Kleenex
- Underclothes
- Sandals
- Modest 1 piece swimsuit or tankini
- PERSONAL ARTICLES:**
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, hairbrush, shampoo, soap, towels, deodorant, etc.
- Insect repellent (we recommend Cutters or Deep Woods Off)
- Please do not bring expensive jewelry which might become lost or broken.

OPTIONAL ITEMS TO BRING:

- Camera and film

- Fishing pole and favorite lures
- Stationery, envelopes and stamps
- Musical instrument
- Day pack or knapsack
- Baseball gloves
- Money—canteen will be available for snacks.
- Alarm Clock (no clock radios)

LEAVE AT HOME:

- Immodest and inappropriate clothing
- Alcoholic beverages and cigarettes
- Video and electronic games
- All knives, weapons or fireworks
- Electronic music devices, cell phones, pagers, etc.
- Candy or pop
- Body piercing jewelry

Church of Christ TEEN CAMP

2011 Registration Form

Camper's Name: _____

Year in school, fall 2011: _____

Age: _____

SSN: _____

Street Address _____

City, ST Zip _____

Phone Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

Camper's e-mail: _____

Parent's name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, ST Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent's email: _____

Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy Number: _____

Please include a copy of health insurance card.

T-shirt size: S M L XL XXL

Will you be riding the bus? Yes No. If not, who will be responsible for transportation to/from camp? _____

Campers must leave on the bus unless written permission is given. Campers will be dropped off at the Missouri Reunion on July 29. If other arrangements are needed, please specify:

Camper and Parent Pledge: I have read the Rules of the Camp and agree to abide by them. I know that if I break the rules I may be sent home at my parent's expense, at the discretion of the Camp Director. I agree to be respectful of other campers, staff and all facilities. I will be on time and prepared for all activities. I understand that I can only leave and return to Camp for emergencies or with prior permission from the Camp Director. I understand that I must bring a Bible and Book of Mormon.

Camper's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Medical

In the event of a medical emergency, by my signature below I give permission for Camp Personnel to administer and/or obtain any necessary treatment for my minor child. NOTE: This form must be notarized to attend Camp.

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please list any medical conditions (allergies, asthma, etc):

Any medication brought to camp must be in the original container and given to the Camp nurse to be dispensed. Please list medications that will be brought to camp:

Please include a copy of your health insurance card.

Photo Release

I hereby grant permission to interview my child and/or to use his/her likeness in photograph(s)/video in any and all of its publications and in any and all other media, whether now known or hereafter existing, controlled by the Church of Christ Teen Camp, in perpetuity, and for other use by Church of Christ Teen Camp. I will make no monetary or other claim against Church of Christ Teen Camp for the use of the interview and/or the photograph(s) video.

Parent Signature:

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Subscribed and sworn to me this _____ day of _____, 2011

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2011 Class Registration Form

Name (please print):	PHONE:			
Class/Activity	Time	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Choose one 9:00 a.m. class below; include a 2nd & 3rd choice.	9:00 a.m.			
A Few Good Men (Ages 16 and above)				
Archeology of the Book of Mormon				
Intelligent Design (Creation/Evolution)				
Girl Talk (Ages 12-15)				
GOOOOOOAAAAAAAAALLLLLLLLs! And how to Achieve Them				
Spiritual Warfare 2				
Prime Rib: Perfection for Women God's Way (Ages 16 and above)				
Peer Pressure- Who's in Charge?				
You're Baptized, or Thinking About it...So Now What?				
Choose one 10:05 a.m. class below; include a 2nd & 3rd choice.	10:00a.m.			
Advanced Archery				
Candy Making				
Car Talk				
Choir				
Native American Beadwork				
101 Things to do with a Cake Mix				
Self Defense				
Volleyball				
Woodcarving				
Study: Camp Theme		11:05a.m.		
Lunch		12:05p.m.		
Choose one 1:15 p.m. class below; include a 2nd & 3rd choice.	1:15 p.m.			
Aerodynamics				
Archery				
Candy Making				
Choir				
Grilling: The Manly Art of Food Preparation (Boys ages 15 and older)				
Orienteering (Using a compass to navigate trails)				
Sailing (must know how to swim)				
Simply Shocking (Household Electrical Repair)				
Soccer				
Woodcarving				
Free Time: Swimming, Boating, Games, Quiet Time, etc.		2:05 pm – 4:45 pm		
Planned Group Activities available if desired.		3:15 pm – 4:45 pm		
Cabin Time		4:45 pm – 5:30 pm		
Dinner		5:30 pm – 6:45 pm		
Quest Class		6:45 pm – 7:45 pm		
Campfire		8:00 p.m.		
Snack Time		9:30 p.m.		
Lights Out		10:30 p.m.		

REPORT

HONDURAS YOUTH CAMP 2010

Theme:

"He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed" Proverbs 13:20.

We met at the church in the morning and prepared the field, put the tents up, and we put all of our things in order. Our first meeting of the day was given by Brother Placido Koyoc. He gave us some examples of a wise person and of a fool. He also taught us that God has a plan for us and we need to be careful where we walk and with whom we walk. We also learned that we can know a fool because he despises God and always chooses the bad ways, and a wise man is always trying to be more like Jesus. Brother Thomas Gill taught us about the things that we can find in the world, and that sometimes Satan will use our friends to turn our life away from God.

In our first aid class we learned that the first step for saving a life is action, and we need to be willing to help. We learned what to do when someone has a broken bone, or when someone has been bitten by a serpent, or even what to do to stop the bleeding of another person's wound. The first aid classes were given by Brother



Thomas Gill and his mother Sister Nana Gill.

Brother Alvin Moser gave a very interesting talk about the theme of our camp and also on matrimony. We also learned that a man should be prepared to live with Christ and to protect others.

Brother John Gill gave a class about our brain and the computer. He said that God created our brain to record everything that happens in our life, whatever it is we can remember because everything is stored in our memory brain which is our human computer.

The other class was given by Sister Nana Gill. She taught us that God created women to be a companion for the man and she also taught us that there are many things that can separate us from God's path. Some ex-

amples are friends, fashion, boyfriends, family, music, and other things that are in front of us that can be a temptation for every young person. One of my favorite verses is, "For the natural man is an enemy to God" (Mosiah 1:119).

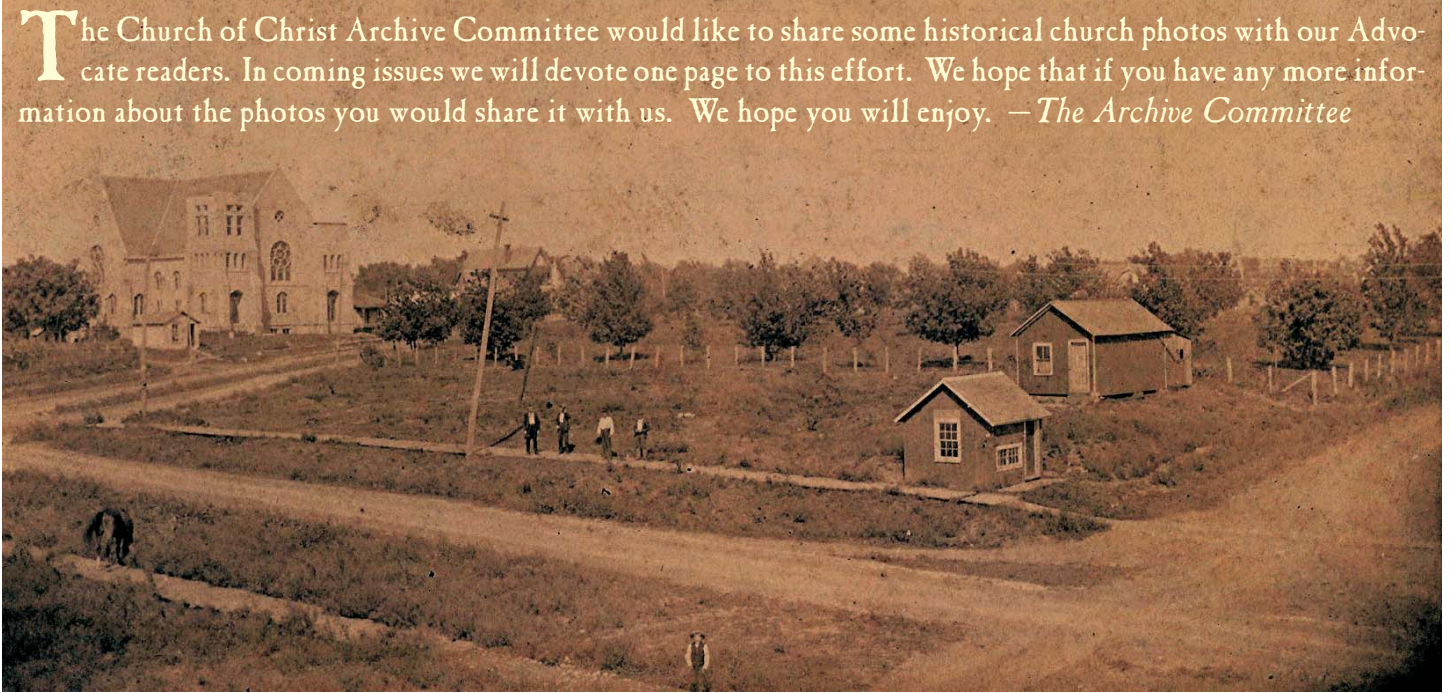
Brother Ronnie Gill gave the boys a class on good manners. During the free time we played games and we enjoyed a water slide. We had fun at the youth camp and we also learned many important things. At night we played "Capture the Flag."

There were thirteen girls and four boys. I think the youth camp is a good opportunity for every young person.

*God Bless you,
Diana E Carbajal
Church of Christ
2010 Honduras Youth Camp*

FROM the ARCHIVES

The Church of Christ Archive Committee would like to share some historical church photos with our Advocate readers. In coming issues we will devote one page to this effort. We hope that if you have any more information about the photos you would share it with us. We hope you will enjoy. — *The Archive Committee*



This photo of the Temple Lot from the Archives is dated September 1st, 1890. The view is to the East. You can barely see the original church building nestled in the trees the other side of the lot, just right of the center of the photo. We are told these small buildings near the dirt road doubled as coal or firewood sheds and "out-houses." We were also told that they needed to be moved every few years.



This is another view of the first building on the Temple Lot, taken some time between 1887-1898. The man off to the left of the photo with the light colored jacket on is Elder Richard Hill, and the man on the far right is Elder George Cole.

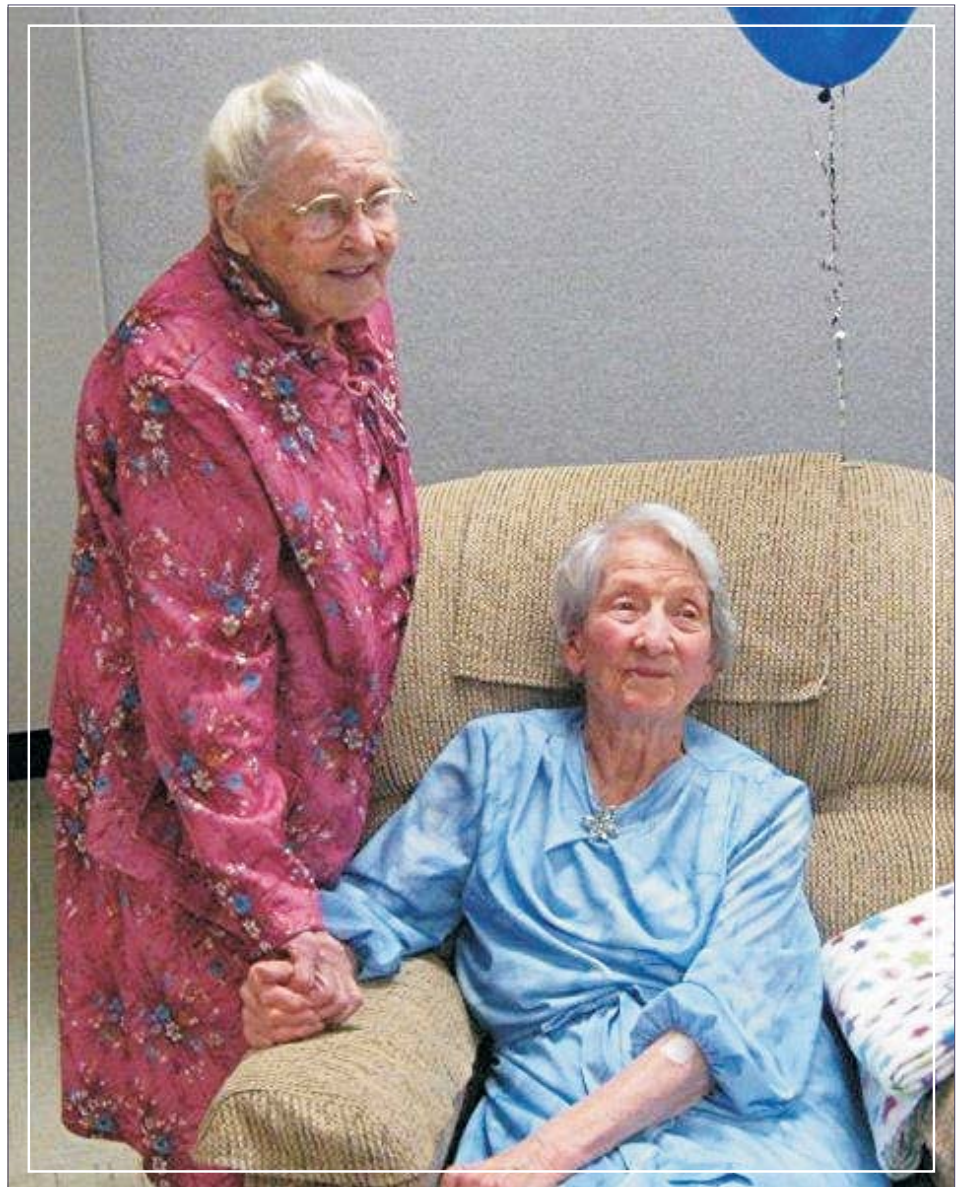
REPORT

100th Birthday Celebrations for Sister Sarah Brantner and Sister Lois Harris

Sister Sarah Brantner and Sister Lois Harris each celebrated their 100th birthday in December, 2010. Sister Sarah Brantner was born on a farm in southwestern Michigan on December 11, 1910, and Sister Lois Harris was born on a farm in southwestern Iowa on December 31, 1910.

Sister Sarah Brantner was honored and presented a proclamation from the Missouri state legislature at the monthly meeting of the Warrensburg Senior Center; there was another celebration with family and friends at the Warrensburg Community Center on December 4th; and there was a surprise 100th birthday party for her given by the family on her actual birthday, December 11th, at the Leeton Community Center.

Sister Lois Harris was honored with a 100th birthday party given by family at the Church of Christ headquarters building on the Temple Lot in Independence on her birthday, December 31st. Also, on



► Sister Lois Harris (seated) was greeted by Sister Sarah Brantner at her 100th Birthday Party.

January 7th, Sister Lois was honored with a birthday party at her apartment complex in Independence, and received a proclamation from the Mayor of Independence.

Having known each other for many years, these two dear sweet ladies have much in common. Both Sister Lois and Sister Sarah have been long-time members of the Church of Christ; both married their husbands in 1929 at the age of 18; the husbands of both were in the ministry of the church; both ladies taught Sunday School for years; both have a son who is an Elder/Bishop in the Church of Christ;



► 1969 Lois and Vance Harris



► 1979 Sarah and George Brantner

both attend their church locals regularly; both still live on their own, supported by family who live nearby; and last, but not least...they are very much loved by their families and their church family! We are so blessed to have them with us, and thank our loving God for blessing us with them.

NEWS



By Sr. Deb Haines

Greetings to all from the East Independence Local! We pray that the Lord has blessed each and every one of you. We are so thankful to Him for all of His blessings upon us, and we would like to share them with you.



► **Evelyn Lili Stancil born 9-18-10**

EAST INDEPENDENCE LOCAL REPORT

Br. Justin and Stephani Stancil were blessed with the arrival of their first child on September 18th. Beautiful Evelyn Lili Stancil weighed in at 7 pounds 15 ounces and measured 20 inches long. Joyful grandparents are Sr. Jane Ann and Br. Craig Carmichael, Mannchihl and Jan Almai, and great-grandmother Sr. Florence Kommer.

grandparents of the groom are Pat and Charles Loesing.



► **Sarah Elizabeth Olson born 12-27-10**

Br. Joseph and Sr. Pamela Olson were blessed with the arrival of their second child, another beautiful baby girl, on December 27th. Newborn Sarah Elizabeth Olson weighed in at 6 pounds and measured 19 inches long. Big sister Olivia (who will be three years old in March) loves her new little sister and enjoys helping take care of her. Happy grandparents Br. Rick and Sr. Becky Olson and Sr. Annette Whitehead. Great-grandparents are Sr. Betty Olson and Sr. Louise and Br. Hubert Yates.



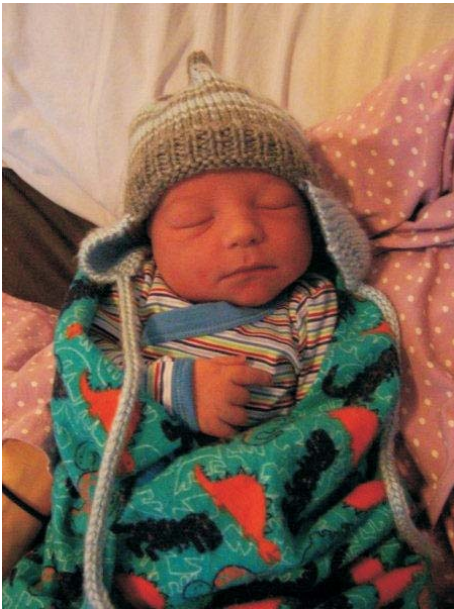
► **Erica and Brandon Williams married 10-16-10**

The wedding of Sr. Erica Olson and Brandon Williams took place at the Church of Christ on the Temple Lot on October 16th. Happy parents of the bride and groom are Br. Rick and Sr. Becky Olson, Leigh Ann and the late Earl Williams. Grandmother of the bride is Sr. Betty Olson, and



► **Blessing of Sarah Olson 1-16-11**

The blessing of little Sarah Olson took place on January 16th at the East Local. Grandfather, Elder Rick Olson gave the scripture reading and assisted as Elder Andy Brown asked the blessing. Parents Br. Joseph, Sr. Pamela and big sister Olivia looked on, as well as grandmother Becky Olson.



► **Grayson Robert Lomonte born 1-30-11**

Sr. Jenni and Jason Lomonte were blessed with the arrival of their second child on January 30th. Grayson Robert Lomonte weighed in at 8 pounds 7 ounces and measured 20 inches long. Big sister Enza likes her little brother just fine; she likes to kiss his head and hold his hand. Grandparents Br. Bruce and Sr. Deb Haines, Ralph and Tracy Lomonte, and Cheryl and Greg Knutzen are delighted, as are great-grandfathers Elder Charles Brantner, Anthony Lomonte, Dub and Sharon Gist and

great-great-grandmother Sr. Sarah Brantner.

We are also very thankful for health blessings for some of our members. Br. Jacob Clark was in a terrible car accident and received some very bad injuries. He has been greatly blessed with his recovery, even though it will be awhile yet before he is fully recovered. Sr. Diane Brockman and Sr. Melissa McGhee were involved in a bad car accident, and we are so thankful they were not injured.

Sr. Sue Brickhouse underwent cataract surgery on one eye January 13th and was greatly blessed with restored vision. Also in January, Br. Buzz Brickhouse had a wonderful blessing. After his heart went into Atrial Flutter/Atrial Fibrillation (A-Fib), a prayer request went out, and God answered immediately. As Br. Buzz was about to undergo a procedure to right it, his heart went back into rhythm again without needing any further attention. The doctors were amazed... but we know it's God who heard the prayers and did the healing!

We are sad to report the passing of our Sr. Ruth Brockman in October. Our loss, however, is heaven's gain. We will miss her greatly, but are happy for her as she is now in the arms of our Lord and Savior, right where she longed to be.

Our ministry continues to make missionary trips to India, Africa and the Philippines. The work has been blessed; we are very thankful and

would appreciate your continued prayers in this effort, as well as those in the United States, Mexico and Canada.

Your prayers would also be very much appreciated for Sr. Barbara Kimball, Sr. June Sarratt, Sr. Jewell Beem, Apostle William Sheldon, Apostle Smith Brickhouse, Elder Charles Brantner, and Br. Sam Kidd for the trials that they are going through with their health problems at this time.

May God bless you and yours.



NOTICES

APRIL GENERAL CONFERENCE 2011

As instructed by the 1964 April Ministers' Conference, be advised that the 2011 April General Conference (name changed per 2006 Conference action) will begin on Monday, April 4, 2011; "Conference Sunday," on Sunday, April 3, 2011. The first business session will begin at 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 4, 2011, at the General Church Building on the Temple Lot. According to action taken during the 2010 April Ministers' Conference, two days of fasting and prayer will be held Friday, April 1st and Saturday, April 2nd, 2011, 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 to be placed before the 2011 April General Conference be forwarded in advance of the first business meeting so that document packets may be completed for distribution.

The mailing addresses for the above requested information is:

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Your brother in the Lord's work,
Harvey E. Seibel
April 2010 General Conference Secretary
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)

COUNSELORS IN TRAINING

The Church of Christ Teen Camp is looking for Counselors In Training (CIT). A CIT is typically someone around 18 to 22 years old willing to dive in and work beside the Camp Staff and Camp Counselors. We ask all perspective CIT's to complete an application. To begin the process please contact Jeff Oldham either by email or phone.

CONTACT INFO:
Email mnjoldham@yahoo.com
Cell 515-577-8400

CAMP DATES: Camp will be Sunday, July 24th, through Friday, July 29th, 2011.

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