

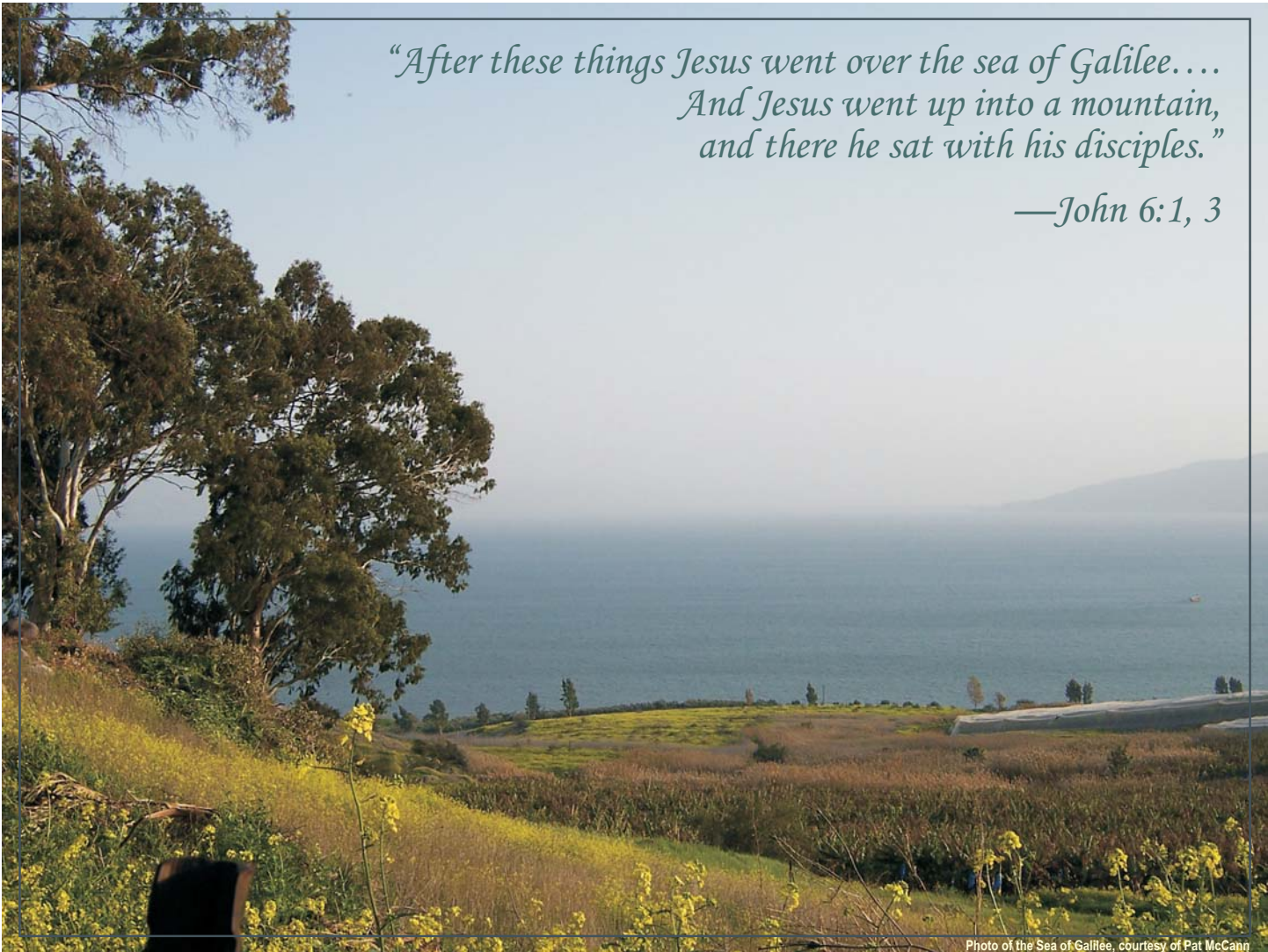
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*"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day,  
for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost...."  
1 Nephi 3:187*

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*"After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee....  
And Jesus went up into a mountain,  
and there he sat with his disciples."*

*—John 6:1, 3*

Photo of the Sea of Galilee, courtesy of Pat McCann

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# BE YE HOLY



By Elder Dan Lawrence

*“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and*

Holiness is God’s grace to those who keep His commandments in thought, word and deed.

*the works that are therein shall be burned up” 2 Peter 3:10.*

There is ample scriptural evidence and prophesy that the existence of the earth is not infinite. There is a time known only to God in which the earth and all earthly things will be destroyed. Humankind will cease to exist and man’s possessions and works will be of no value. Given this reality, Peter then poses the following question in the succeeding verse:

*“Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of*

*persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?”*

We can, and do, discuss at great length the timing and events that have been prophesied surrounding this final state of human existence, but Peter’s soul searching question hits right at the heart of the matter: what kind of people should we be? If the things that we own and the things that we do will melt away in a great explosion, what is it about our lives that has lasting import? God spoke to His people in ancient times with these words:

*“Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God. And ye shall keep*

than the entire world. Our souls are worth more to Him than His own life, which He was willing to sacrifice that we might spend eternity with

*adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”*

**What changes are we willing to make, what sacrifices will we offer, what must we do to be worthy to be sanctified by God?**

*my statutes, and do them: I am the Lord which sanctify you”* Leviticus 20:7-8.

The overarching quality that the Lord seeks is holiness, **and we find that it doesn't come from within ourselves, but rather it comes from Him**, as it says in the above quoted verse: *“I am the Lord which sanctify you.”* Holiness is God's grace to those who keep His commandments in thought, word and deed. Christ reminded us of the vanity of materialism in the eighth chapter of Mark, verses 36 and 37:

*“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”*

We see from this that Christ values each soul more

Him. So what are we willing to give “in exchange?” What changes are we willing to make, what sacrifices will we offer, what must we do to be worthy to be sanctified by God? We are a society that values possessions and judges people on the basis of their affluence, but at the end of our lives the Lord tells us that He will judge us on the basis of our holiness. In the case of the young rich man who came to Jesus seeking the path to eternal life, he was told that only one thing was lacking in his quest, that he sell all his possessions and give the proceeds to the poor. This caused him great sadness **because he trusted in his riches more than he trusted in God.** The Lord Jesus continues this discussion in the 38th verse:

*“Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this*

Since the fall of Adam, mankind has lived in a sinful world, and we're reminded here that we have an obligation to proclaim Christ and not be ashamed of Him, lest we fall into condemnation at the last day.

This discussion would be of little value without proposing a spiritual remedy, and for that I turn to 1 Peter 1:13-14:

*“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance.”*

We are reminded that prior to our conversion we lived in sinful lust, but now that we are born anew in Christ we must not pattern our lives according to that old way. Rather we receive the admonition to “gird up the loins of your mind.” The men of Christ's time would gather

their long robes up around the waist in preparation to work or run, but we're told to **prepare our minds** that we might run life's spiritual race in a holy manner, unashamed of the gospel of Christ. Peter concludes in the next two verses:

*“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”*

We are called to holiness in all that we do, say or think. The standard that Christ set for us is nothing short of perfection, because He is perfect. This is our goal, this is the level of spirituality that we strive for, and this is the hope that we have, that in the end we will be made holy through the grace of God.

In summary, here are the conditions in which we live:

- The sun, the moon, the earth and the stars will one day vanish.
- The things of the world and of this life are temporary and of no eternal value.
- We are to examine ourselves from a spiritual standpoint – holiness and godliness.
- We are to keep God's laws and He will sanctify us, make us holy.
- Every person's soul is more valuable than everything in the universe.

- We live in a sinful world.
- If we value the sinful world more than Christ and His words, He will “be ashamed” to defend us before God in the Day of Judgment.

*and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then*

**We must order our thoughts, words, and actions (conversation) to be worthy of God's sanctification (holiness).**

God has placed conditions on us if we are to be found acceptable in His sight:

- We must prepare (gird up) our minds by the study of God's word, by communicating with Him through prayer, and allowing Him to guide us by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- We must present ourselves as holy examples (sober).
- We must have a hope of the resurrection and salvation (hope for grace).
- We must be obedient and put off the sins of our past through repentance and baptism.
- We must order our thoughts, words, and actions (conversation) to be worthy of God's sanctification (holiness).

In conclusion I would like to offer these two verses recorded by Moroni at the very end of the Book of Mormon:

*“Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness,*

*is his grace sufficient for you, that by his grace ye may be perfect in Christ; and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, ye can in no wise deny the power of God. And again, if ye, by the grace of God, are perfect in Christ, and deny not his power, then are ye sanctified in Christ by the grace of God, through the shedding of the blood of Christ, which is in the covenant of the Father, unto the remission of your sins, that ye become holy without spot” Moroni 10:29-30.*

FROM the ARCHIVES

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The T. N. Hughes livery stable was on the south side of Walnut Street across from the Temple Lot near where the Community of Christ Auditorium now stands.



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# The Great Physician

## MY HEALING FROM THE LORD AND THE PROCESS OF THE WORKING OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT.

I was awarded disability in September 2009, and then had a two year waiting period to get on Medicare. In September 2011 I signed up for Medicare, and so finally at least I had insurance again.

Sue and I decided that I should go in and have a check up, as I was having some stomach problems and Sue wanted me to get my prostate checked. After much pressure from Sue I gave in and went to my family doctor and told him that I needed a check up and my prostate checked. The results of the tests showed that my count was #4 (which is normal) but that it had jumped from 1 to 3 in just a short period of time, and so he said he was sending me to a neurologist for more tests.

The neurologist took biopsies and sent them in. The results were that 11 were fine, except maybe some pre-cancerous stems. The other one came back positive that I had cancer. He said it WASN'T a fast moving type, but he gave us our options of what we could do. Sue and I had decided if it came back posi-

tive that I should have it removed, and so we scheduled the surgery as soon as possible.

On October 20, 2011, they removed the prostate completely with Robotic surgery, and all the cancer had been contained. When they checked the prostate, they found that it WAS a fast moving cancer and that it was very good that it had been taken care of now!

I went home the next day and everything was fine for a couple of days, but then on Sunday morning the 23rd I started having problems, and the pain increased until finally at approximately 3 p.m. I asked Sue to take me to the emergency again. They found that my bowel had herniated and needed to be pushed back in.

Tuesday the 25th I again had surgery, and the doctor found that the hernia had already gone back in, so all he had to do was to sew up around it so it wouldn't be able to come out again.

Wednesday the 26th I was released again, and have been trying to recuperate from all of

this. I still am having some stomach problems, but I don't think it's from the surgeries.

I feel so blessed that the Lord took this cancer from me. I thank Brs. Charles Brantner and Adam Porter for coming and administering to me when I needed them, and for all those who lifted me up in their prayers. May God bless all of my brothers and sisters, family and friends, for all their support.

The Great Physician, our Heavenly Father, through the process of His Holy Spirit, was: the pressure from Sue for me to have the prostate checked, my family doctor who caught the fast growth pattern, and the urgency of the surgeon to get it done as soon as possibly. Only our Heavenly Father can thread through our lives and make things happen, that is why it is so important that we follow Him always and keep His commandments.

Elder Aaron Heath

# 2011 Kenya Youth Camp Report

By Apostle Brian McIndoo

I had received great strength and abundant blessing for having had the opportunity to attend the 2011 Kenyan Youth Camp held during the first week of December. The camp has been taking place every year for almost 10 years; however, this was the first occasion for me to participate.

One of the first blessings we experienced was the weather. Kenya had been experiencing a drought for the past several years, but for the past month the rains had watered the thirsty land across all of Kenya. When the dry lands in the Northern Regions of Kenya are getting rain, you can expect the Highlands of Kisii to be getting rain in almost Biblical proportions. The shuttle drivers who were scheduled to pick children up in remote villages around Kisii and bring them to camp had already told the leaders if the rains did not stop they could not get in to pick up the children. The night before camp the rain ceased and remained sequestered until the day all the children had arrived back at their homes, then the torrents returned.

This camp was not only for the Kisii children, but all of Kenya. We had over 200 youths from various tribes and distant regions, some hundreds of kilometers away; places such as Nairobi, Mombasa, Kilgoris, Kericho, and Kuria land. What a tremendous opportunity for the children for all areas of Kenya to come together in a unity of faith and teachings.

As the children gathered together in a large hall they were taught several classes each day concerning their spiritual welfare. I had the privilege to teach the first class of camp, but the entire ministry took a turn at giving inspirational lessons to help mold these young minds. For the



most part the youth were prepared with scriptures, pencil and paper when they came to the class. They were attentive, willing to participate, and took notes during each day's lesson.

After some serious studies the students engaged in more physical, but less mental activities. However, even the egg carry or sack race had spiritual lessons attached to them, such as faith, endurance and so forth.





Some of these fun activities were very challenging, such as putting all the books in the scriptures in their proper order.



Steven, the leader of the Baboracho Mission, holds up the scriptures and challenges the youth to see who wants to take the challenge. Many children were eager to take the challenge, and some came very close to getting them in the correct order.



Food preparation for two hundred is never easy, but when all of your cooking is done outside over an open fire, it takes a greater effort. To prepare the maize to be ground into maize flour for ugali, it first had to be spread out on a tarp so the sun could cook off a chemical that

had been applied to keep the maize kernels from molding in the sack.



The youth cheerfully engaged themselves in helping to prepare the meals. These girls are cutting up a green leafy vegetable which will be boiled before eaten. It is a good source of vitamins and is called sukumi wiki in Swahili, (translation—push through the week).





A couple of the men that attended who were from the Kisii township church came and volunteered their services. They endured the smoke filled room while stirring the huge pot of maze flour and water being boiled over an open fire to create the Kenyan staple, ugali. After they had the ugali prepared they would turn their attention to cooking the waiting orange barrel of sukumi wiki.

The mass group of brave men which make up the camp staff are the leaders and ministry of about thirty missions and locals. They are pictured above taking a needed break, but waiting for the next opportunity to help. I had gone over to visit with them and was instantly bombarded with all kinds of questions concerning the work in the world, the New Jerusalem, taking the Gospel to the House of Israel, the work in Mexico and how it got started. I think we could have visited all day had I not been called away for some other activity.

One morning when I showed up at camp the leaders were enjoying their breakfast consisting of a cup of hot tea and half a loaf of bread. One of the men ran over to me and laid his loaf of bread and cup of tea before me and said I could eat it. When I told him I already had breakfast he made sure I did not want it before he would consume the only breakfast he would get.

Since all the leaders were gathered together, they asked me to spend some time one afternoon during some free time to teach them or speak to them whatever was on my mind. I took advantage of the opportunity to speak about the importance having every office of the ministry and workers in the churches; it takes all of us to be a complete body. I encouraged them to labor with their might and to work together. After several hours we all left encouraged and motivated for the service we can do for the Lord.

Much to my surprise, I was introduced to speak to the class about holding fast to the Rod





of Iron, or word of God through their life. With only the time I had to walk to the front of the class room to prepare I seized the opportunity and spoke for about 40 minutes before the children headed outside to have a practical lesson about holding fast to the word of God.

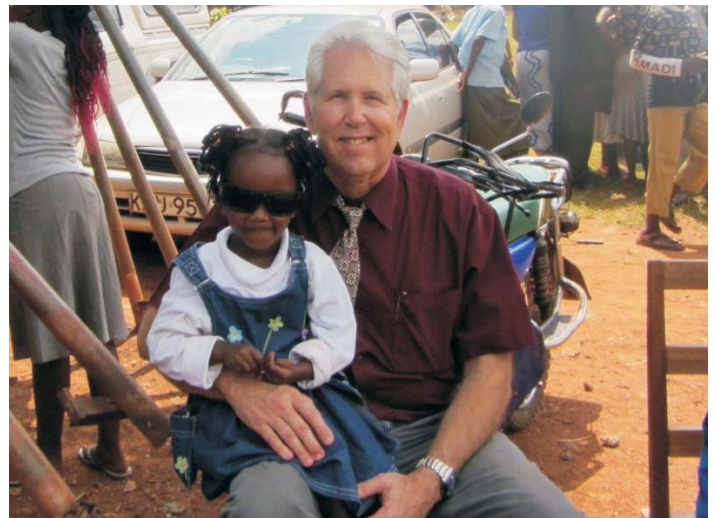


I had an extraordinary time that I am so thankful for being able to experience with the youth in Kenya. I am pictured here with a small girl named Holly, who lives with Sister Margaret, but is the daughter of Paul and Ester, from the Maasai land. Holly is a future camper, but came



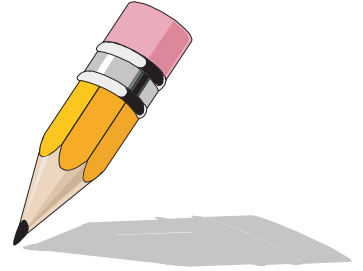
They were all instructed that they would be blindfolded and asked to follow a rope, representing the "rod of Iron" or "word of God" until they reached the tree of life to win in the game.

They were told that many obstacles would be in their way, and if they let go of the rod of iron they would fall into the depth of filthy water representing the depths of hell. As you can see from these pictures, this was a serious exercise and to let go of the rope would actually bring your life into peril.



several times to camp with Margaret. Every time she saw me she would squeal, "mzungu" (white man) and come running and jump in my arms. If I was teaching a class she would just stand there holding my leg until I was done and could hold her. I put my sunglasses on her once and the glasses were never safe from her again. I feel so blessed to have so many friends here in Kenya, from the old to the very young.

# Phoenix Local Report



By Rebecca Yates

The 2011 Phoenix Reunion has come and gone, leaving those of us blessed to attend with thankful hearts: thankful for the guidance given by the Lord through the sermons presented, thankful for the wonderful testimonies of God's great blessings in the lives of his people, and thankful for fellowship with brothers and sisters. God truly blessed our time together during the weekend of services that always seems to come to an end much too quickly.

The reunion weekend was our local's first attempt at live streaming services via the internet, and it was the perfect year to offer this new technology. Unfortunately, many of our congregation became ill during the reunion and were forced to miss several of the services. Although the morning prayer and testimony services were not shown online, all of the sermons were. This was a great blessing to those who were unable to attend. I personally benefitted from this when I, too, had to miss a day of reunion due to my children coming down with the sickness plaguing so many, and was very grateful to still be a part of the services in a small way, even though I couldn't be there in person. There were many testimonies given of others who were also thankful for this opportunity to hear the sermons from home while they were sick.

Although glad to be able to watch the services online, those who missed know it did not take the place of being there in person. Our prayer is that next year finds everyone healthy and able to attend and participate in each service. In spite of illness the presence of the Lord was felt during the reunion and He definitely guided and directed each service.

While there were many wonderful moments during the reunion, the baptism of six young people was definitely the highlight of our weekend. We were able to witness the baptisms of Danny Vega, Rhoades

Tarbell, Zachery Bartlett, Ashlee Brain, Krissy Yellowhair, and Mary Galvan on Saturday afternoon. The commitment made by these young people was an answer to many prayers offered on their behalf over the years. We are thankful to now call them our brothers and sisters in Christ. The baptisms were followed by a confirmation service in which they were officially welcomed into the fold. For those of us who have already entered the waters of baptism, watching another take that step often reminds us of our own commitment to follow Christ at all times and in all places. It



► Baptism



► Preaching

reminds us we must continually strive to stay on the path He has led us to take, and help our brothers and sisters stay on that path as well.

During each reunion we are blessed to hear testimonies of God's hand working in the lives of His people. Testimonies were given of both physical and spiritual healing, of lessons learned, and of answers given. The Lord is working with His people, and each testimony shared bolsters the faith of those who hear it. We can see that God is with us and is willing and able to an-



► Confirmation

swer our prayers. The sermons given each day also provided strength and direction. We were able to hear from Elder Brandon Tarbell, Apostle Jay Moser, Apostle Duane Ely, and Apostle Placido Matu. God's word given through His servants gives us the things we need as individuals and as a people to grow and be of greater service. Each sermon given provided direction and encouragement, as well as pointed out areas in which we need to improve. I would encourage anyone not present during the reunion to listen to the sermons online when

they are made available.

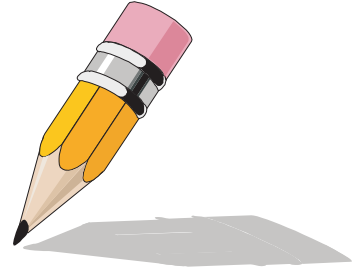
Music is always a large part of the reunion experience. God has blessed His people with many gifts and talents they are able to share in praise to His name. We were able to enjoy music from the Kid's Choir, Junior Choir, Women's Choir, and Mixed Choir, all led by our dedicated choir director. There were also many specials offered by individuals and groups throughout the weekend. Music has a way of touching the heart, and we are thankful for the efforts of those who were involved, whether in leading the congregation in song, accompanying on the piano, or any other offering.

We were thankful to have so many of our loved ones join us for our reunion this year. The chapel was filled to capacity, and then some. A good problem to have! It is so nice to have the opportunity to worship and visit with our friends from faraway places. We look forward to it each year and hope many more will come and share the weekend with us for our next reunion.



► Special

# East Independence Local Report



**O**ur love and greetings to you all. This past year has had its trials for many of us in the local, but through our trials we've also been greatly blessed as we felt the hand of the Lord during those times. It's those blessings that we would like to share with you now.

Sr. Jewell Beem underwent treatment for cancer which has now been completed. Sr. Jewell has been greatly blessed and has recovered very well.

Sr. Barbara Kimball has completed her treatments for melanoma recently. Sr. Barbara has been greatly blessed with her recovery and is beginning to feel her strength return.

Sr. Jane Ann Carmichael suffered for weeks with cluster headaches until the Lord reached down and lifted them from her.

Br. Buzz Brickhouse underwent bladder cancer treatments and is now once again in remission. We are very thankful unto the Lord for our brother's continued blessings.

Br. Frank Fann went through weeks of hospitalization for the removal of infections in his body, and during that time cancer was discovered in a tumor in his bile duct. Br. Frank is now undergoing radiation treatments to shrink the tumor so his duct can drain on its own. Upon the completion of the radiation Br. Frank will begin chemotherapy treatments. We pray God's mighty hand will once again be upon him to restore his health.

Br. Craig Carmichael was taken ill suddenly with Meningitis. After what seemed like a long hospital stay, he is now going through outpatient therapies to regain his strength. Br. Craig has been greatly blessed and we pray the Lord will continue to be with him during his recovery.

Br. Bruce Haines underwent a second open heart surgery in August to replace his mitral valve, as the earlier repair didn't take. Several weeks following the surgery he underwent various procedures to restore his heart into the proper rhythm. He has been greatly blessed with his recovery and return to good health.

On Sunday, October 23, 2011, Sadi Cochran, daughter of Cherish Morgan and Mick Cochran, was baptized by Elder Jeff Oldham, with the laying on of hands by Elder Isaac Brockman, Jr. (her great uncle), assisted by Elder Oldham. The lower auditorium was overflowing with people who had come to encourage Sadi and welcome her as a sister in the family of Christ. Sr. Jessica Harris sang, "Living for Jesus." At the close of the service, a tradition from Youth Camp was kept when Sadi was given the soldier dog tag to wear, as she is no longer a recruit, but a soldier in the Army of the Lord.

Jason Lomonte underwent three surgeries for ulcerative colitis, with the end result being that his colon was removed and the restoration work was



► **Sadie Cochran**

done to bring him back to a new normal. Jason is doing very well in his adjustment. It has been a trying time for him and his family, but they know they have been greatly blessed during this time.

Sr. Sheila Sarratt underwent surgery recently and is recovering well, for which we give thanks to the Lord.

A baby girl was born to Br. Ryan and Cheryl Fisher. Little Madison Louise Fisher was born November 22, 2011, and weighed in at 7 lbs. 11 ozs. Her three-year-old brother, Gavin, is very fond of his little sister. The delighted grandparents are Sr. Michele and Br. Pat Fisher.

Sr. Pat McGhee underwent surgery to remove a kidney which was causing problems. Sr. Pat has recovered nicely and we pray for her continued recovery.

Sr. Deb Haines was diagnosed with pneumonia while traveling to Phoenix with husband, Br. Bruce, and they had

to return home from western New Mexico. The pneumonia worsened a pre-existing mitral valve problem and made open heart surgery necessary for her as soon as possible. We pray that as

this report goes out she will be recovering with God's healing hand upon her.

Continued prayers are needed for all those mentioned above, and also Br. William Sheldon for his eyesight and other health problems, Sr. June Sarratt for her blood sugar and other problems, Sr. Irene and daughter Ruby Seibel for their health problems, as well as our Sr. Lorraine Welton and Br. Bob McCubbin.

A quote from a recent sermon to remember: "If your heart is full of love, you don't have any room left for hate, greed or lust."

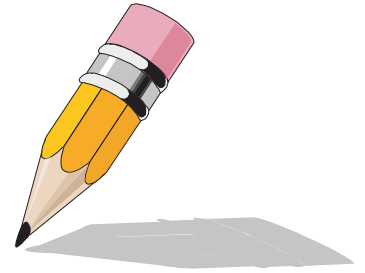
Our prayers are for all of you that the Lord will continue to work in all our lives. May God bless you this coming new year and always.

*Your reporter,  
Sr. Deb Haines*



► **Madison Louise Fisher**

# Temple Lot Local Report



*"O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation" (Psalm 95:1).*

Another year has come to a close and there is so much to be thankful for.

I have a special brainteaser for you this month. I had expected it to be a very simple question, turned out to be not quite as easy as I thought, so put on your thinking caps. Bro. Alvin Harris—when did he become pastor, and how long was he our pastor? (Good luck.)



► William Travis Kinney

Several of our members had successful missionary trips far and wide. A few of those included a trip to Honduras by Bro. and Sr. Sheldon, a trip to the SE by Bro. Wheaton with his daughter, Sr. Connie, the Gill family to the north, and I'm sure I am missing a couple.

We also welcomed William Travis Kinney, born to Bro. Robert and Sr. Liegh Anne. We wish both baby and parents all the best, and God bless to each of them and their entire family.

Another Christmas has come and gone and our Sister Manon Lawrence, along with a very dedicated group of people, put

on yet another beautiful cantata for the rest of us. There were also some programs from the younger members of the church. Some of you may recognize the picture of the children—I borrowed it from face book (Suzi Wiley, Cori Wiley, Gabi Welch, Jade Warfield, Micah Vogel's head (?), Wyatt Denham, Kimberly ((Darin Crull's niece)), Rogan Lawrence)! The singing was wonderful and it is a joy to hear Kate play the piano. As I sit in my seat and listen to the voices of so many of the people who can sign songs of praise to our FATHER I am always amazed.

Bro. and Sr. Housknecht received a



► Children's Special





► Trees

wonderful Christmas blessing when they found out they would be able to stay in their home. Prayers were answered and we all praised God for this blessing. We continue to thank God for His blessing upon our Srs. Janice Welch and Loreli Crull, as well as Bro. Jacob Denham. Please remember to pray for Diana Watskey who has just again been diagnosed with cancer. Bro. Rodger Bruner will be having hip surgery and I'm sure will need some cheering up from all of us. We also don't want to forget Jennifer Wiley, who has had such a rough time lately, and of course I don't want to forget to mention our Sr. Lois Harris, who finally at the age of 101 needs a little help with her living arrangements. We see so many blessings coming from our Father. We must always remember to be thankful for those, while at the same time we continue to pray for all those that need His help.

Some of you may not be aware that there are some changes to the outside of the Temple Lot parking lot. Our pear trees have disappeared! Actually, the trees were causing problems (undermining the parking lot to be technical), and had to come down. On October 1, several volunteers cut them all down. I've included some pic-

tures for your enjoyment. This spring, you should notice some new landscaping.

Now – for the question of the day how many of you have the correct answer? It took Bro. Harris and Sr. Carrie Geier to figure it out.

◆ April 19, 1978 – special business meeting in which the local approved his call to Elder

◆ Sept. 12, 1978 – elected Asst. Pastor

◆ Sept. 4, 1979 – elected Pastor

In 1992, Bro. Rodger Bruner became Pastor for 2 years, and then he was Pastor



► Alvin Harris

again until Bro. Jim Case became Pastor in 2004. Also during this same time, we don't want to forget the fact that Bro. Virgil Rudd was our Treasurer, and indeed, spent 26 years in that position.

I wish all the best for each of you in this new year.

*God bless,  
DiAnn Hedrick*



► Work Party

## OBITUARY

## Norma B. Cook

Norma Bernice Cook was born October 2, 1917, in Geneva, Nebraska, to Leonard and Jessie (Self) Sarratt. She passed away September 16, 2011, at Big Springs Care Center, Humansville, Missouri.

Norma was baptized June 13, 1926. She spent her entire life loving and serving the Lord. She loved teaching the children's Sunday school class, which she did from 1937 to 1988. She was a very special teacher.

On May 8, 1938, she was united in marriage to James A Cook. Norma was always cooking, sewing and taking care of her family. She went to Big Spring Care Center shortly after her 85th birthday. She enjoyed being there and loved the activities, most of all Bingo! Norma was known for singing and dancing down the hallways. She would also sing in her room and enjoyed all



**NORMA B. COOK**  
October 2, 1917    September 16, 2011

who came in to help her. She also liked to look out her window at the birds and the smokers.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Jessie Sarratt, husband, James A. Cook, son, Marvin Cook, sisters, Dorthy Sarratt, Leora Martin, and Mary Palermo, and brother, Aaron Sarratt.

She is survived by her children, Terry Cook and wife, Debbie, Collins, Missouri, and Donna McCarter and husband, Jean, Collins, Missouri; brothers, Warren Sarratt, Bates City, Missouri, Derald Sarratt and wife Jeannie, Raytown, Missouri, Roland Sarratt and wife, June, Independence, Missouri; sisters, Elaine Wilson, Humansville, Missouri and Carol Cooper, Raytown, Missouri; other relatives and many friends.

## TRIBUTE

## A TRIBUTE to a DEAR AUNT

The life of a very dear lady has ended here on earth. Our sister, Norma Cook, was granted the privilege of going home Friday, September 16th, to the God she had endeavored to serve for 94 years. Her son, Terry Cook and daughter, Donna McCarter, sat by her bedside, along with great nieces Shawna and Sheala Herd, waiting for the inevitable last sigh of life.

Aunt Norm, as she was known by so many, was special to all of us here. She loved teaching Sunday School to the children and had accomplished this from 1937 until 1988. She was a pillar to this Local here at Collins, always greeting everyone as they came in on Sunday morning, until she needed to go to Big Spring

Care Center in Humansville, just after her 85th birthday.

Not long before her passing, she would sing songs from the hymnal and pray aloud, saying how much she loved Jesus and asking Him to come and get her—to take her home—that she was so very tired.

Her daughter, Donna, was her constant companion, coming to see her every day and tending to any needs she might have. Donna would bring her guitar and they would sing together in Aunt Norm's room, and later on in the dining room for any of the residents that might like to join in. Our little Aunt Normie is missed by so many. One of her sisters, Elaine Wilson, from Independence, is also a resident at

Big Spring Care Center and says almost every time we go to visit her that she can hardly believe that Aunt Norm is not there anymore.

I wish in these few words I could let you know our little Aunt Normie like I knew her, but I can't. She was so kind, she was gentle, funny, a wonderful cook, loving of all, and fully committed to the gospel and serving of her master, Jesus Christ. She was ready to go "Home," to rest in the Paradise of God. She ran her race, as Paul speaks of in the Bible, and a crown of life is laid up for her there—what more could a Christian hope for!

## NOTICES

### APRIL GENERAL CONFERENCE 2012

As instructed by the 1964 April Ministers' Conference be advised that the 2012 April General Conference (name changed per 2006 conference action) will begin on Monday, April 2, 2012; "Conference Sunday," will be Sunday, April 1, 2012. The first business session will begin at 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 2, 2012, at the General Church Building on the Temple Lot. According to action taken during the 2011 April General Conference, two days of fasting and prayer will be held Friday, March 30th, and Saturday, March 31st, 2012, 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 2012 April General Conference be forwarded in advance of the first business meeting so that document packets may be completed for distribution.

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Your brother in the Lord's work,  
Harvey E. Seibel,  
April 2011 General Church Secretary  
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)

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