

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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“...BELIEVE that ye must repent of your sins and forsake them, and HUMBLE yourselves before God; and ASK in sincerity of heart that he would forgive you: And now, if you believe all these things, SEE THAT YE DO THEM.” —Mosiah 2:16-17

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By Your Example



By Kimberly Yates

“Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12).

Be an example of the believer: a big responsibility for an adult, let

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alone a teenager who is confirming their beliefs in the midst of physical changes that rock them daily. As I write my mind relives high school, remembering walking through the halls worried that someone might notice me and sure that no one ever would. The emotional turmoil is still fresh twenty-five years later. Those who know me know I was a confident teenager, I knew what I wanted in my life, I knew how to get there and I had a support system in my family and a church family that provided unconditional love and held out a moral compass. Even with all that I was bubbling pot of hormonal indecision. The difference for me was Godly parents who made church a priority and

made sure I did the same. Being at church every Sunday morning and night and Wednesday night was not an option. Attendance at young people's activities was encouraged and vacation were frequently planned around a church reunion somewhere in the in the United States. God was my parents' first love, the gospel was their passion, and service was the manifestation of their devotion.

As a teen I loved reunions! I got to see young people from all over the country, kids my own age facing the same trials that I faced. I don't remember many sermons from those days, I'm a little cloudy on many of the testimonies, but the friend-

ships that I made sitting on the back row in the congregation are important in my life today. Three days of friendship and worship. Three days of spiritual growth, three days of respite from the world. Along with friendships and great memories, those were the moments that ignited my commitment to Jesus Christ and His gospel. Those were the times that steeled my resolve to be an example of the believer in every aspect of my life.

What will it take for the young people in the Church of Christ in 2012 to make that same commitment to a life that embodies the qualities of a believer? The world is moving faster than ever. Students as young as twelve years old are making decisions about classes and school clubs that will affect future applications for colleges. Kids are involved in sports activities, committing long hours to practice and travel for competition, in the hope of gaining a competitive edge for college scholarships. They take music lessons to be well rounded, tutoring to be more academically successful, weight lifting to condition their young bodies. They attend band camps, football camps, cheer camps, music camps. None of those activities is bad, but they steal time. And if they are among

those young people who don't have regularly scheduled services to attend and youth groups to support them the daily struggle to be an example of the believer becomes harder and harder.

kids whose lives have been touched and moments that have made a difference, for them and for me.

God has called young people to be an example of the believer in their words and

God has called young people to be an example of the believer in their words and actions.

For the past twenty years it's been a great blessing to me to be a part of the Church of Christ Teen Camp. Each year as those kids get off the bus at camp I think, "We have ***six whole days*** to make a difference in their lives." Campers and staff eat, breathe and sleep fun in the context of righteous living and spiritual focus. Staff teaches, testifies and models the life of a believer in perfection and imperfection. The culmination of months of planning and praying sometimes doesn't unfold like I expected, but every year, with every group of campers, camp is better than we could have ever expected because God has blessed and abided with the camp. There are tired, discouraged moments when I catch myself thinking, "We ***only have six days*** to make a difference in their lives." Those are the times God graciously reminds me of the

actions. Satan knows that and is trying to obliterate the youth, using the natural insecurities and frustrations of their age as a tool against them. The world pulls at our young people daily, holding out examples of lives that are like a shiny package on the outside, but are hollow on the inside. If the young people of the Church of Christ are to stand firm as an example, they must be given every opportunity to gain strength, to renew their energy for the fight, to grow and to learn. They need every weapon for the fight of their lives. Camp is just one of those tools, but it is a powerful tool. It's six days to make difference in someone's life.

COMMENT

The Memories I Carry

Imagine a place of solitude; a place you can spend some time with only your friends and nature. No technology is allowed for the purpose of making you focus on your studies and your relationships. This place for me is not only a sanctuary, but a fun place to worship God. Its name is Church of Christ Teen Camp and some of my all-time favorite memories exist there and in my heart.

One of my favorite memories that I carry happened about four years ago. All of the girls got together for a meeting in which we campers had no idea what was to come. The counselors in the cabin told us that we would be attacking the boys who were having a night swim down at the pool. We all put on some war paint (which wasn't very good considering it glowed in the dark) and started planning. Our plan was to sneak quietly through the grass, taking cover behind the trees. We were all decked out in our dark clothing and war paint and we had several attack weapons: water balloons. As we crept towards our destination, our excitement grew. It was very suspenseful too, because a couple of cars drove by and we had to make sure they couldn't see us. All in all, it took about half an hour to get to the pool. This was pretty good considering there were about thirty girls. Once we got to the trees near the pool, we all just ran for it and started throwing the balloons over the fence and into the pool. A lot of

boys got hit in the head... pretty awesome, right? All that work and only about five minutes of victory but it was totally worth it.

I also carry many shared memories such as ones with my good friend Sadi. We were in Spiritual Warfare together for two consecutive years and plan on continuing this coming year. We do a lot of fun things in that class. On top of learning about the Armor of God and many other things, we also had physical activities to teach these lessons. One ongoing activity involved avoiding circles that were spray-painted on the ground. This was to show us that it can be difficult to avoid "temptations" if we aren't aware of them. We also had Battle Buddies. If they stepped in a circle, we both had to do push-ups. And during our "battles," we had to stick together no matter what. Sadi, Faith and I were battle buddies last year, and we got awards because we were the only ones who stuck together during our entire mock battle of hitting each other with plastic swords, water balloons, and dodging the same with cardboard shields.

My all-time favorite camp memory that I carry is Girls' Night last year. We were doing our usual sock skating, singing and dancing, and game-playing in the cafeteria. We played *Run, Run, Run My Baby*, tossed a ball around, and played ring toss with humans and hula hoops. But then it started raining. Some girls were calling it a night

and going to bed, but some of us got distracted when we stepped outside. After a few of us gathered out in the rain, someone started singing "the Tooty-Tot" which is like our camp song. We all started swaying back and forth, singing at the top of our lungs:

*I'm singin' in the rain
Just singin' in the rain
What a glorious feeling
I'm a tooty-tot, a tooty-tot, a
tooty-tot-tot
Yeah!*

The song then continues with the words and motions of thumbs out, elbows back, knees together, toes together, head back, eyes closed, tongue out, so on and so forth. Not going to lie, but it's an epic song. Especially when you're yelling it in a thunderous rainstorm like we did.

As I am sitting here, I can only think of the amazing memories I will always carry with me. They helped shape who I am as a person and as a Christian. This place of solitude is not only a sanctuary, but a home. It has been an honor to carry such memories.

By Ashley Shoemaker

FROM the ARCHIVES

Church History Photos



Dedication and Ground Breaking Ceremony at the Temple Lot for the building of the Temple, April 6th, 1929.
Apostles on platform: standing: T. J. Sheldon, H. E. Moler, T. E. Barton. Seated, middle row: Samuel Wood, C. N. Heading, B. C. Flint, Otto Fetting. Front row: James E. Yates, W. L. Gates, E. E. Long, and C. L. Wheaton.



Bishop Alma O. Frisbey was the first to break ground at the Dedication and Ground Breaking ceremony, April 6th, 1929.



Gathering for the Dedication/Ground Breaking Ceremony April 6th, 1929, on the Temple Lot during the General Conference.

Registration Instructions

**TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASSES YOU WANT, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN
THE 2012 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 22nd.

- 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 22nd through July 27th, 2012

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 12th.

TOTAL CAMP COST: \$160.00 (\$170.00 IF PAID AFTER JULY 1, 2012).

Mail Forms To:

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mnjoldham@yahoo.com

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Camp Far Westa
P.O. Box 257
Stewartsville, MO 64490
Phone: (816) 669-3359

2012 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
2012 Registration Form

Camper's Name: _____

Year in school, fall 2012: _____

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 27th. 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:

NOTARIZATION:

Subscribed and sworn to me this _____ day of _____, 2012

Notary Public _____

County of _____

State of _____

My Commission Expires _____

2012 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)				
GOOOOOOOAAAAAAAALLLLLLLLLLs! And how to Achieve Them				
Spiritual Warfare 1				
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?				
Women of the Bible				
Choose one 10:05 a.m. class below; include a 2nd & 3rd choice.	10:00a.m.			
Advanced Archery				
Candy Making				
Choir				
Leather Tooling				
Native American Beadwork				
Navigation (GPS, Compass etc)				
Volleyball				
Web Based Camp Journal and Blog				
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				
Grilling: The Manly Art of Food Preparation (Boys ages 15 and older)				
Science Experiments				
Spiritual Warfare 3				
Survival of the Fittest				
Soccer				
Woodcarving				
Free Time: Swimming, Boating, Games, Quiet Time, etc.				
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

The Calling of Brother Michael

Dear Brothers,

Yesterday was a beautiful day. I woke up to go to Acanceh (a new mission). As usual, I was driving to Merida to pick up Jeremias to go to Acanceh. Upon arriving at the bypass while driving, I felt the Spirit of God, my eyes filled with tears and I could not talk. A vision came to my mind like a photo of brother Michael of Tanzania; I heard a voice in my mind that said, "Brother Michael of Tanzania is called to be an elder in the Church of Christ." All of the way, I felt the Spirit of the Lord. When I returned at 4:00 in the afternoon, I saw my email, there I saw the brethren in Tanzania and saw Michael, then I heard a voice in my mind, "There is the servant of the Lord." By these experiences I know that brother Michael is called to be an elder in the Church of Christ.

*Apostle Placido K. Matu
Yucatan, Mexico*

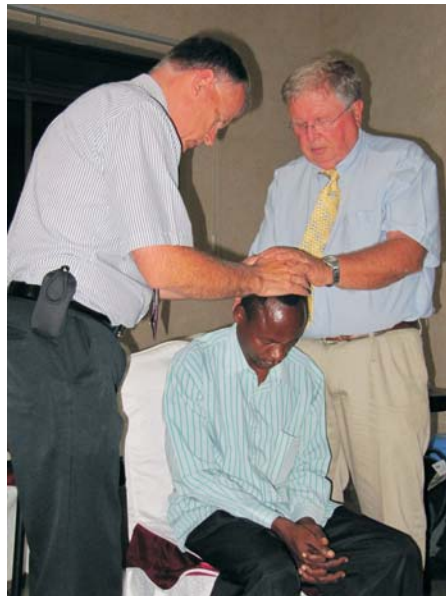
*(The following is an excerpt from
Apostle Duane Ely's East
Africa report of February 24,
2012.)*

We received this calling just a few hours before we were scheduled to meet with the eight ministers in Kenya. During this meeting, we held a special season of prayer concerning this calling. After the season of prayer, several of the Kenyan brothers stood and bore witness to the truthfulness of this calling.

*(The following are excerpts from
Apostle Duane Ely's East
Africa report of March 6th,
2012.)*



*Elders Moses Ohuru - Michael
Ouma - Michael Otero*



*The Calling of Brother Michael
Owuato Ouma, who had
recently been chosen to be the
coordinator in Tanzania, through
Apostle Placido Matu on
February 16th, 2012.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have good news from Tanzania. Brother Michael Owuato Ouma was ordained to be an elder on Sunday, March 4, 2012. When we met with Michael in Arusha he told us that he had received a personal witness to his

calling and he knew that it was true. He is a dedicated servant of the Lord and he will be a great asset to the work in Tanzania. We have been praying for the calling of ministry in Tanzania for ten years, and he is an answer to those prayers. Some of the ministry in Kenya bore witness during our priesthood meeting that others would be called in Tanzania, so we need to continue to pray about this. But for now Michael is the only one, so please pray for him. The work is spreading very rapidly in Tanzania and we get new contacts on every trip.

Buzz, Sue, Kathy and I had a very successful trip. We held services at 32 congregations and seven of them were new ones. Plus there are a few other new groups that want us to meet with them during our next trip. The Lord continues to work in East Africa. We have met in some very remote locations that we could only have located through the leading of the Holy Spirit. The Lord has opened a new door in Tanzania with the calling of Michael to be an elder, and we are very thankful for this. We look forward to what the future will bring in East Africa. This is the Lord's work and He is leading us to many people who are searching for the truth of Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray this work.

Duane Ely

TESTIMONY

Testimony from Apostle Placido K. Matu

Apostle Placido K. Matu was able to travel to Africa on a missionary trip with Apostles Brian and Don McIndoo in November of 2011

Dear brothers and sisters:

I want to thank God for the opportunity I had to go to Kenya and Tanzania. I was there for 21 wonderful days! Those were the best days of my life. I was praying for that trip for a long time, and God gave me the opportunity in the month of September.

My first testimony is when I arrived in the States. When I went through immigration and customs they did not ask me any questions. They just checked my passport and visa and that's all. It is really a blessing to me, because they always give me a bad time. I was praying for my brothers and sisters in Africa for a long time. So meeting them, for me it is really a blessing! When I attended in the first service it was just a marvelous experience! Hearing their songs and seeing how they do love God. And most of all, to see their dedication and enthusiasm for the work of God. It was really encouraging to me!

In every service we attended all the brothers and sisters were waiting for us; they worship God under a tree or in a small shade made of wood and some branches. I admire their faith, because even though they don't have other material things, I realized that they are a happy people. It is because they have received the restored gospel. I realize that God is working with them because when I listen to their songs, it could be in Swahili, Kisii or any other language, I felt the same spirit of God just the same as when we sing in Spanish or English. I realized that they are very friendly and hospitable. They made me feel at home. Even I did not understand their



language. But I perfectly understood the language of love, love that is charity that comes from God.

It was a good lesson in my life because I think that is something we are losing in Mexico and in the United States. I was amazed to see the work in Kenya, also in Tanzania. To see how God had established His church in the heart of the people in a far country. I remembered when we held a service in a small village and soon it started to rain and brother Brian was preaching and he asked what are we going to do. The leader said we are going to continue with the service until the rain stops and in few minutes the rain stopped! We had a very good service with a beautiful clear sky. And nobody of the congregation moved.

I also was impressed how the elders in Kenya work for God. To see how they love the work and their dedication to feed the flock with the word of God. I would like to see that kind of dedication in our ministry in America, including Mexico. Even the leaders, they do their work almost like pastoral work, many of them they are very young. One of them said, someday I would like to be a missionary. How wonderful it is when someone is thinking about the work of God, including God in his life.

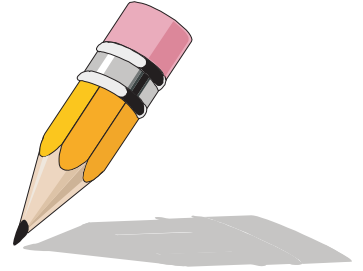
The people there are very hungry for the gospel, even though they have to walk a long distance in the muddy road or in the rain they do not miss church. I saw a sister caring two of her babies on her back and holding another in her hand going to church. It is an example to us, because sometimes we have many means to go to church and we just decide not to go.

The trip to Kenya and Tanzania meant a lot to me. It increased my faith and made me humble, and I realized that God had given me many things that I do not need any more. I just have to work for Him with all my strength and mind. I pray that God can call other ministry for the work. But I also pray for the ministry we have in Mexico and in the United States that they can work with all the strength and be available to help in this great work. I think that is something that we need to pray about because now God is doing His work.

Going in all of the world! Are we as a church ready to help? Are we as ministry ready for the marvelous work? Now is the time! Let us participate in this great work! This is our time! We as a church need to support the work with our offerings and tithes. There are many needs in work, and we have been called to support that marvelous work.

*Gracias,
Apostle Placido K. Matu
Yucatán, México*

Temple Lot Local Report



Dear Temple Lot Church Family. I find myself sitting down to write the final article for the Advocate before Dan and I leave for Phoenix. I am so sorry that I was able to be of service to you for such a short period of time. We will miss you all very much, but hope to be back often. I'm going to especially miss my Spanish classes with Sr. Manon and the Sunday study classes with Srs. Bonnie and Karen. We all had so much fun. You are all welcome out for a visit any time; there is always an extra pillow to lay your head.

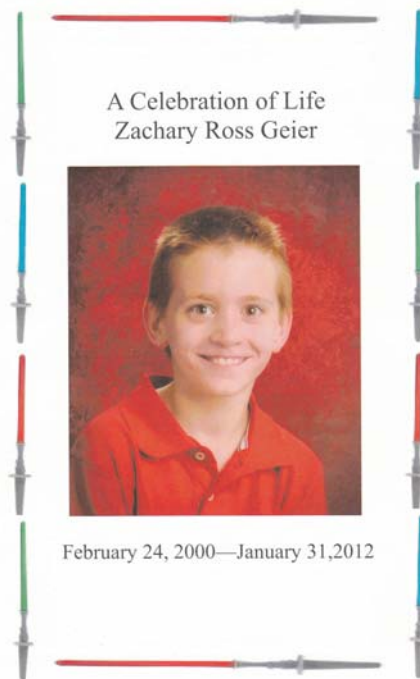
As usual, much has been going on at the Temple Lot. We've had some very sad news, as most of you are aware. Our Sr. Joan Sanders went home to our Father on January 16th, and little Zachary Geier was taken

home on February 24th, right before his 12th birthday. It is always heart wrenching when such a young life is lost to us, but God always has His plan. Please continue to keep both families in your prayers.

On a happier note, we experienced miracles along the way as

well. Both the Case and Welch family were involved in serious car accidents in January. Sr. Irene Case and Elder Leslie Case rolled their truck over. Sr. Irene did suffer some head injury, but was otherwise okay, and Br. Leslie received no injuries at all. The truck was totaled. Unfortunately, Sr. Irene did have to remain home for the upcoming missionary trip to the southeast, but Br. Jim was able to accompany his father in her place.

Sr. Stephanie Welch was driving down country roads with the children right before Br. David was to come home. She rolled the car and she and the children *should* have all been hurt. No one was injured in the least. On top of that, a woman just happened to drive by and was there



to help her and drive her and the kids home to safety. In both cases, God was truly watching over and protecting His flock.

At this writing we also just had the Lawrence family return from a successful and safe trip to Honduras. They thanked everyone for their prayers while they were away.

Please continue to pray for Sr. Jennifer Wiley. She was finally diagnosed with hyperthyroidism and we all hope this will help with some of her problems, but our prayers for her are still greatly needed. Br. Daniel Malone had surgery on his wrist, Elder Rodger Bruner had his hip surgery and has a long healing process to endure, Elder Dick Wheaton



was just in the hospital, and then we have our members with cancer, who all need our continued prayers.

Finally, the yearly chili cook-off and Sweetheart dinners were recently held. Both were very successful. The cook-off raised \$295 from gen-

erous donators to help with events throughout the year, and as you can see from the picture, the Sweat-heart Dinner was very well attended.

Dan and I both want to say good-bye to you all. We love you all and will miss you very much.

*God bless,
DiAnn Hedrick*



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.

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Your brother in the Lord's work,
Harvey E. Seibel,
April 2011 General Church Secretary
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