

# 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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**"LO, CHILDREN ARE AN HERITAGE OF THE LORD:  
AND THE FRUIT OF THE WOMB IS HIS REWARD." —PSALMS 127:3**

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REPORT

# KENYA

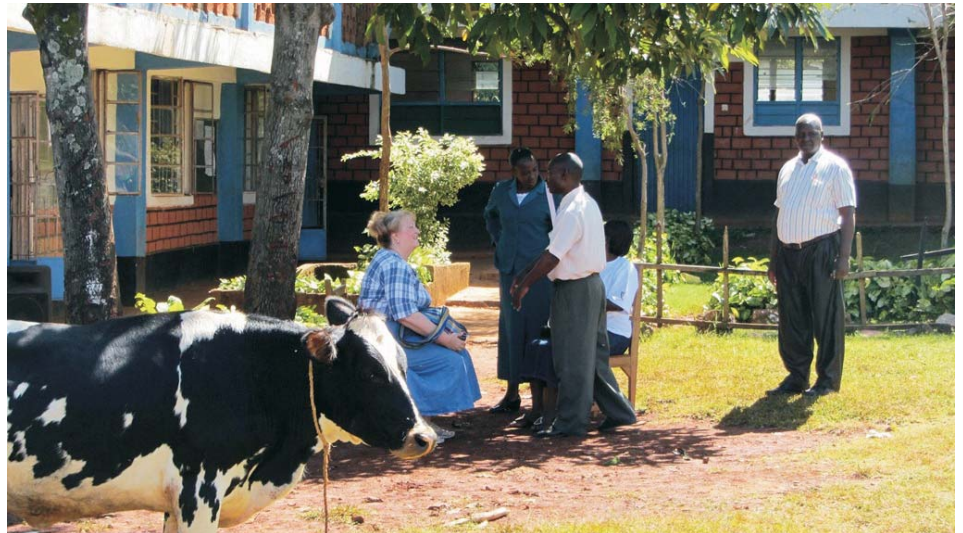
## Youth Camp 2012



By Apostle Brian McIndoo



With great pleasure, I was afforded the opportunity to attend the 2012 Youth Camp held in Kisii, Kenya, December 12th through the 16th. Unlike last year's trip to the camp, this year I was accompanied by my wife, Becky, whose effort to come and join with them the youth of Kenya and the staff really appreciated. The cow did not seem to mind her presence either.



This year's camp attendees numbered about 150 youth; however, some that desired to come were unable to make it because of the Holiday Season. Apparently the cities of Kenya empty out and everyone heads back to the villages of their families for the Christmas and New Year season. Getting transport on a bus must be arranged months

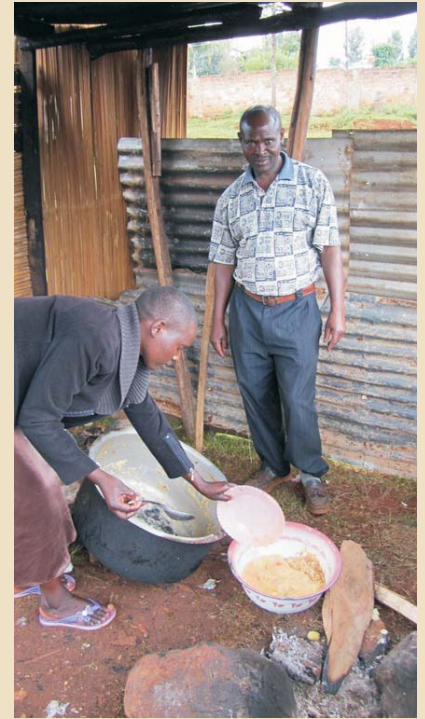


in advance. Our Kenyan Elders had arranged transport for the youths of Mombasa, a city situated on the other side of the country from Kisii, but when it came time to board the busses, they were full. Several of our youth were unable to attend and were greatly missed.

The event was held at a middle school, closed for the holiday break. The school provided a large hall for us to have group meetings, smaller classrooms for special group classes, and an area for the youth and the staff to bunk.

Those in attendance enjoyed a variety of spiritual, physical and competitive activi-

ties during their time. Along with the activities, the youth also engaged in the chores of life, like kitchen duty, preparing the meals, and clean up after.







Kenyan Youth understand physical labor; they are always assisting with the household chores of fetching water from a stream, preparing food, taking care of the cattle or their siblings.



The spiritual classes were taught by a variety of ministry, mostly those men that had been called and ordained only a few months ago, and myself. The students took notes, followed along in the scriptures, and did most of the reading.

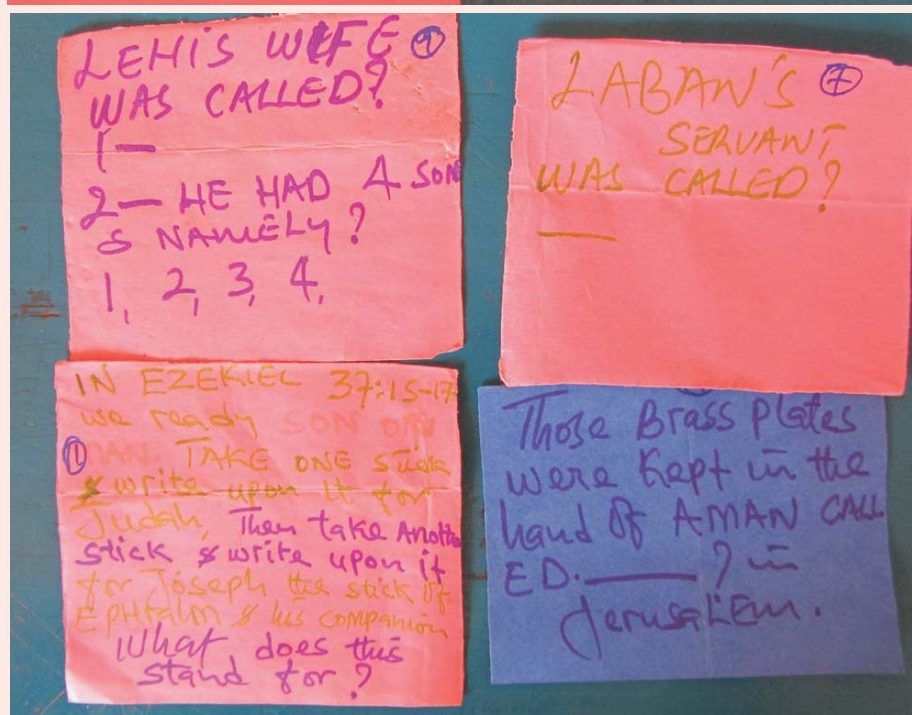
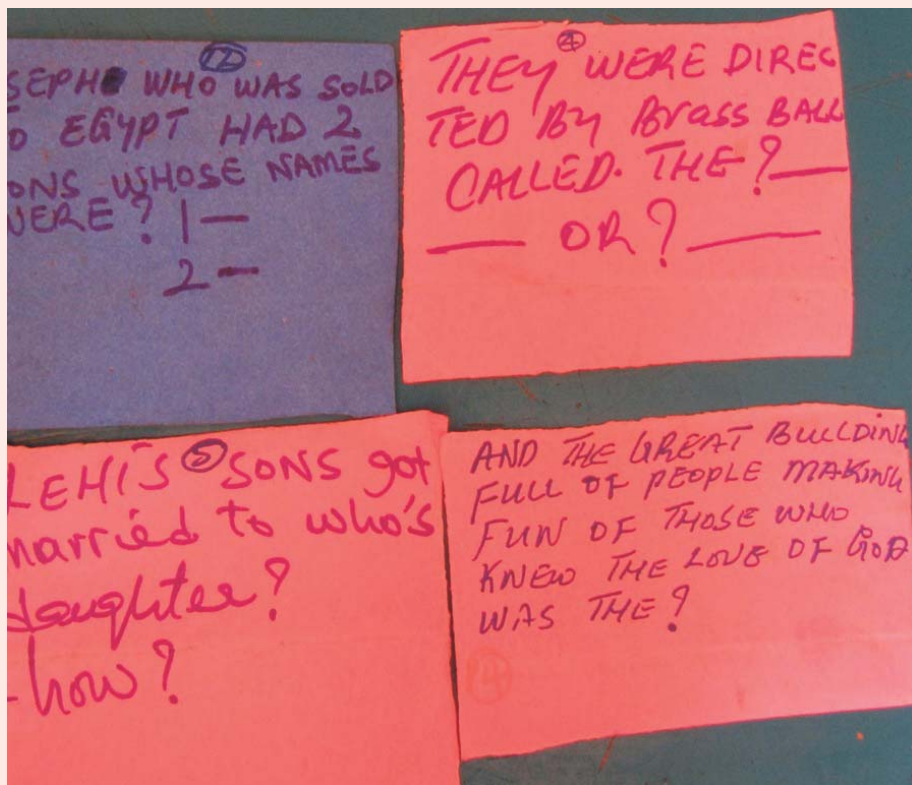


Some of the lessons were followed up with some very difficult questions to be answered in a competition between the boys and girls. From the score chart posted on the blackboard behind Stephen and Paul, we can see that the boys won the competition. How would you do? Here are some of the questions they had to answer.

If you're doing well with these answers, do not get too confident

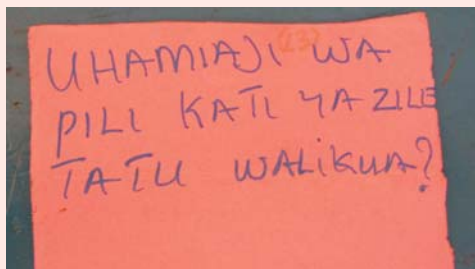






yet—try this one. These youths got some questions in English and others in Kiswahili.

One day was set aside for fasting; with no lunch to eat the students sat



through about six hours of lessons with only an occasional five minute break. During one of those breaks, at least 75% of the children went out and laid face down on the ground, resting their backsides from the very uncomfortable chairs of Kenya.

During one afternoon the classes were divided into groups according to age and gender. The oldest boys and girls when to separate classrooms and were taught many things concerning marriage. I happened to be listening in on the class for the boys, taught by Priest Stephen Kengera, and was most impressed on the instruction he gave these young men about what they should be doing to prepare for marriage, and how to find a suitable wife.

One cannot have a camp without outdoor activities; again, some spiritual and others not so much. Teams for different regions were selected to compete in answering questions.







They were also challenged to put all the names in the Book of Mormon and the New Testament and Old Testament Bible book in order.

But the time came for them to burn off some energy, and the races began. A standard event they put the youth through is following the "Rod of Iron." To win,



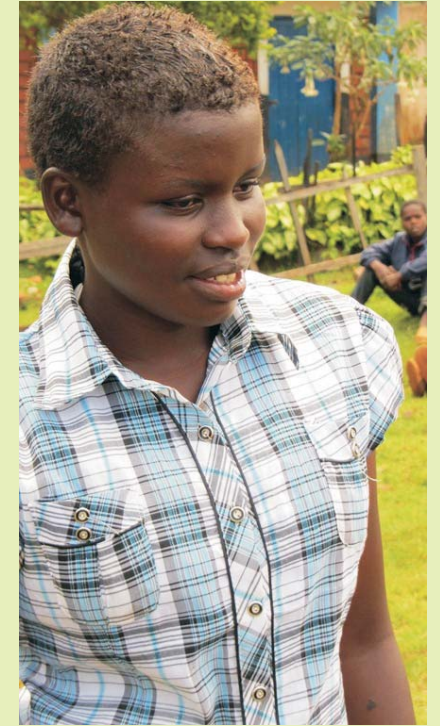




they must hold onto the rope, even through the strenuous obstacles of life set

before them, and reach the end. The course looks a little precarious to me, but the Kenyan youth seemed to handle it well.

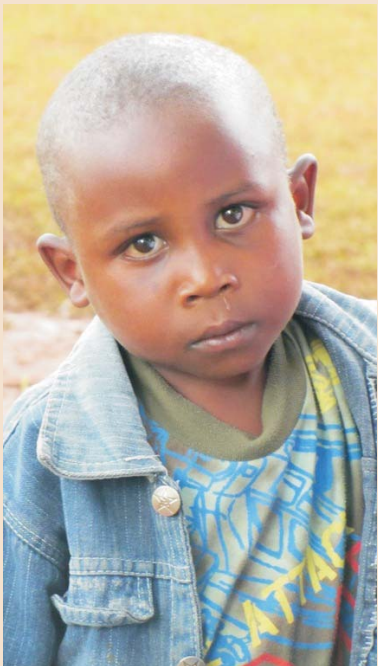
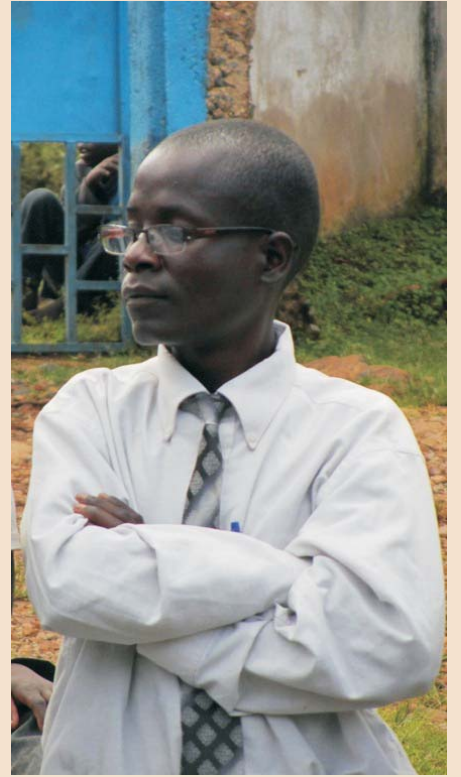




All ended well with no tragedies. It seemed the youth really enjoyed their time and learned a lot from the time they had at the 2012 Kenya Youth Camp. I will include some random pictures taken during the camp for your pleasure.







*Until 2013!*



# Registration Instructions

**TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASSES YOU WANT, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN  
THE 2013 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>.

- 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> through July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**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 10<sup>th</sup>.

**TOTAL CAMP COST: \$165.00 (\$170.00 IF PAID AFTER JULY 1, 2013).**

### Mail Forms To:

Michelle Oldham  
1006 NW Ridge Road  
Ankeny, IA 50023  
Phone (515) 339-6226  
mnjoldham@me.com

### Mailing Address at Camp:

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



# 2013 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, etc.

Candy or pop

Body piercing jewelry



Church of Christ TEEN CAMP  
**2013 Registration Form**

**Camper's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Year in school, fall 2013: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email: \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include a copy of health insurance card.**

Camper's e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 County of \_\_\_\_\_  
 State of \_\_\_\_\_  
 My Commission Expire \_\_\_\_\_



**2013 Church of Christ**  
**2013 Registration Form**

	Name			
	Phone Number:			
Class/Activity	Time	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Choose one 9:00 a.m. class below; include a 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> choice.</b>	9:00 a.m.			
A Few Good Men (Ages 16 and above)				
Archeology of the Book of Mormon				
Intelligent Design (Creation/Evolution)				
GOOOOOOAAAAAALLLLLLLLs! 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?				
<b>Women of the Bible</b>				
<b>Choose one 10:05 a.m. class below; include a 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> choice.</b>	10:00a.m.			
Advanced Archery				
Candy Making				
Choir				
Leather Tooling				
Native American Beadwork- Moccasins				
Navigation (GPS, Compass etc)				
Science Experiments				
Volleyball				
<b>Just Ducty: Duct tape crafts</b>				
<b>Study: Camp Theme</b>	11:05a.m.			
<b>Lunch</b>	12:05p.m.			
<b>Choose one 1:15 p.m. class below; include a 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> choice.</b>	1:15 p.m.			
Aerodynamics				
Archery				
Candy Making				
Grilling: The Manly Art of Food Preparation (Boys ages 15 and older)				
<b>Disc Golf</b>				
<b>Chicks on Fire: Grilling- Girls 15 and up</b>				
<b>Camp Video</b>				
<b>Zumba</b>				
<b>Battles of the Bible</b>				
<b>Free Time: Swimming, Boating, Games, Quiet Time, etc.</b>	2:05 pm – 4:45 pm			
Planned <b>Group Activities</b> available if desired.	3:15 pm – 4:45 pm			
<b>Cabin Time</b>	4:45 pm – 5:30 pm			
<b>Dinner</b>	5:30 pm – 6:45 pm			
<b>Quest Class</b>	6:45 pm – 7:45 pm			
<b>Campfire</b>	8:00 p.m.			
<b>Snack Time</b>	9:30 p.m.			
<b>Lights Out</b>	10:30 p.m.			



REPORT

# CHURCH OF CHRIST TEEN CAMP (USA)

## Service to God



“...When ye are in the service of your fellow beings, ye are only in the service of your God.” King Benjamin’s words, recorded for us in the first chapter of Mosiah, have encouraged and inspired many to serve others in one way or another. Service and support can be given in many ways...temporally, physically, emotionally, or spiritually. Each summer, several brothers and sisters look forward to serving our youth in every capacity for a week during Teen

Camp. The amazing thing about serving others and serving God is that you never leave depleted. The Lord fills you to overflowing as you give of yourself to others.

Teen Camp is a six-day, five-night event, running from Sunday afternoon to Friday afternoon for youth from twelve to eighteen years old. Scripture classes are taught, as well as classes to help the youth navigate and manage the landscape of growing into responsible,

Christian adults in this world. Other classes are offered for fun and education, as well as group activities and free time. Many of the campers come their first year, excited for the week, but usually encapsulated in a little bubble of who they know from their home local and their family. By the time camp is over, friendships have been made with people from all parts of the country and age ranges, and they all have the common bond of Christ.







The staff that serve at Teen Camp prepare for the week in many ways: writing and revising classes, gathering materials, brainstorming cabin-time activities, but most importantly they prepare spiritually for this summertime week. Time is set aside during the year to fast and pray for Teen Camp, the campers and staff, asking God to cover it all with His Spirit, to guide and inspire. The Lord has heard the prayers and blessed this camp year after year. Many youth are challenged to put their faith and trust in the Lord and given the tools to begin and continue their walk in Christ.

Some of the most important parts of service in any person's life is not verbally expounding the Word of God or reciting the beatitudes from memory, but to serve by living, giving, and laughing together. Being a follower of Christ does not equate to a lifetime of quiet reflection, though that is a part, as is studying the Word. Balance, however, is important. It is important for the campers to know the staff as more than a one-dimension entity. Our service to God, by

serving others, is in all facets of our lives—work, play, rest, as well as spiritual. So, it is important to have fun together! Laugh, run, swim, slip-n-slide, sing, wear silly hats, BOND in Christian love and fellowship. Pray together: when we are humble before others and before the Lord, that is when the Lord can truly do great things in our midst.

During a campfire at Teen Camp 2012, all of the youth who made the decision to commit their lives to Christ through baptism were called to the front. The amount of young men and women who had made this life-changing decision since the 2011 Camp was inspiring. The staff and remaining campers filed through the line and gave the hand of fellowship with hugs, handshakes, words of encouragement, and love to all of our new soldiers in the cause for Christ. God did hear the cries of His people for these youth. Now, they need our support to help them continue the journey in His path, as well as others that have not made that commitment need our encouragement. They will receive this at Teen







Camp, but that is only six days of the year—the church (as individuals, families, and locals) has the responsibility to support and foster their growth in the remaining 359 days. What an exciting prospect to be a part of the growth of the church! How wonderful it will be to see what the Lord has in store for His church through His people—the youth and their mentors.

Someday soon, the youth that we now pray for and work with in Teen Camp will be returning to help the next generation of youth in their expedition with Christ. Are we willing to invest in the youth now through financial support, prayer and fasting, taking time to visit with them (and listen to them), enjoying each other's company, playing and praying together? It is a commitment, but it is not without its rewards. I know I am thankful to count many of the youth (past and present!) as my friends and fellow soldiers in Christ. I know I can count on them to pray for me, encourage me, and to lift up Christ's banner for all to see. The youth are not the future: they are the now. Teen Camp is a worthwhile event for your child, grandchild, niece, or nephew to attend, because they will see their place in the church—God's people matter to God and to the church, whether they are 12, 16, 46, or 64. Age is not a prerequisite in serving the Lord. They will experience the



staff working and playing side-by-side with the campers, just as the church works together for His cause. Many of the current staff are former campers who volunteer their time to come back to support Teen Camp, because they have felt the effect of it in their lives, how the Lord used it to shape them into the servants they are today. Teen Camp allows the adult staff to serve the youth in many ways, and God does bless the effort. The adults may come away tired and

sore, but ultimately stronger, blessed, and with an enthusiastic focus for all of the generations serving the Lord in His church.

—Jennifer Yates





FROM the ARCHIVES

# From the Archives...





FROM the ARCHIVES

# 1997 Teen Challenge Camp





# Teaching Our Children



**By Elder Gordon McCann**

There has been a lot of discussion as of late about the importance of educating our children of today. We can read articles in our newspapers, or listen to the radio, or watch television documentaries on the topic as to what it takes to properly teach our children. I am in agreement with the premise of the argument concerning the importance of providing our children with a good foundation, supporting their quest for a successful and fulfilled life. A scripture comes to mind that I believe puts the proper emphasis upon the value to teach our children when they are young and willing to learn.

*"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).*

Children by their nature are very impressionable and can be easily taught traits that can be beneficial to them in their formative years of development. On the other

hand, they can be taught traits that would be a deterrent and very destructive to them in adulthood.

There are a couple of words that you hear repeated often by those who profess to know what is best for our children: they are pride and self-esteem. Both of these words are held up as important tools to promote and to build a good foundation or moral character in our children. Those who promote these principles believe that it is important for children to have pride in oneself and self-esteem as an essential preparatory step for adulthood. But in reality the results of this worldly indoctrination is laying the foundation for our children to be prone to narcissism; or in other words, to be self-absorbed, having a view of themselves that is not conducive to a life of contentment and peace with themselves.

Contrary to their best efforts, the fruit that has come from these false teachings can easily be seen in our society today. Pride in oneself and self-esteem have led to the promotion and justification of ungodly acts and have rendered the individual with the inability to discern or judge what is good or evil in the belief that it would reflect badly on his or her self-esteem or pride. Such teachings are destructive to the individual and to the society as a whole.

Something very fundamental has been carefully and conveniently removed from the curriculum used today. The acknowledgment or belief in God that once had a prominent role in the development of our children early in our nation's history has disappeared in our public schools today. No longer do we have the support of that essential foundation, but rather it has been discredited and stricken from today's text books and school events.

It is up to us as parents, grandparents, teachers, fellow brothers and sisters to teach our children the importance of build-

ing a firm foundation upon Jesus Christ and the things that He taught. We must be diligent in providing our children with good examples through our walk in life and our testimonies where we have applied those principles which have brought joy, happiness, and contentment in our lives.

Our children are a gift from God, souls that are eternal and precious to our Creator. They have been given to our charge to protect and nurture in those things that His son, Jesus Christ, has taught with the expectation that one day they will choose to be a part of His Kingdom for eternity.

*"Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.*

*"What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?"*

*"Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.*

*"Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.*

*"The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.*

*"The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.*

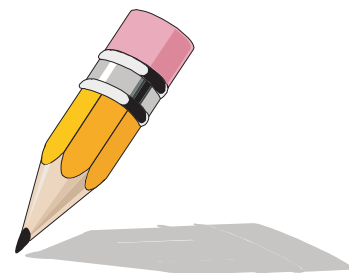
*"The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.*

*"The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.*

*"Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all" (Psalms 34:11-19).*



# Bradley Local Report



Greetings from the Bradley, Michigan, local of the Church of Christ.

At the time I started this article we were experiencing an unusual extreme hot spell with the weather here in Michigan and around the country. Again with Hurricane Sandy, almost all of the country in one way or another was impacted by the storm. With the weather raising havoc and many areas without power, it's hard to imagine the hardships that these people are going through. While I'm able to enjoy all conveniences with an AC, I would not be amiss to offer prayers on their behalf. There's an old saying that there are two things inevitable: death and taxes. Well, I think the weather would also fit into that category. While we can't control the weather, there is one important aspect of our lives that we can control: that is the relationship we have with

our Lord and Savior. What a blessing and gift that was given to each of us.

On June 16 and 17 we all came together for the Michigan State Church of Christ reunion. This year's theme was "Let our Light so Shine." We had many that came quite a distance to join us for our preaching, prayer/sacrament and song services. One of the many thoughts that was presented was, "Do we get so busy with everyday life that we don't tune into what Christ is telling us?". WOW—does that hit home. I know it was a good reminder for me. It's easy to fill up your day with things that you think are good, but they do add up and all of a sudden a day that just begun is coming to an end, and just how much time did we devote to our Lord? Elder Dennis Trudgen, in a recent sermon, asked these questions with how we are using our time within each day:

– Are we better Christians today than last week?

– Are we going forward to be molded in God's image?

– Are we Ambassadors and Witnesses for Him, striving to bring others to Christ?

OR

– Are we content to live out our days in



our present state?

On Labor Day weekend we again this year held services at Dennis and Betsy Trudgen's house. It began with some coming early to enjoy canoeing and camping. Our Pastor Elder Adam Porter led the service on Sunday morning. His message introduction was: "Listen for what Christ has to say and show us; what we do in life and how these experiences can be used in life for Christ." Three things: pay attention, be watchful, and be an example. What an inspiring message to remember and take with us.

Each of our Sunday services can be enjoyed by everyone via Live Streaming at [www.bradleylocal.com](http://www.bradleylocal.com). We now have our Sunday children's Bible Study on live streaming and Skype for those that have small children but are unable to attend. Heidi Jones and Joyce Lee lead those



studies. When we go to our winter home in Florida, I feel so blessed and thankful to be able to join our Bradley Local via Live streaming and Tuesday night Bible Study via Skype.

Bro. Glen Gill and his wife Vivian were able to attend our Bradley State Reunion, and on September 30, 2012, they came back to our Local. Dr. Gill gave a presentation to our church that was extended to the public. The subject was Evolution versus Intelligent Design. Did God create whales and all other living things, or did they evolve from some series of ancestral species? That is the question. Science and faith. Now we know that faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. He spent the next few hours explaining all the many scientific theories that are out there. In conclusion, he used Isaiah 44:24: "Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself." We truly thank our Bro. Gill for sharing all his God-given knowledge with us.

On September 22, 2012, we had our annual pig roast with our Pastor Adam Porter. Each year he does the roasting of the pig with everyone else bringing side dishes. Because of the threat of rain we ended up having it at our church in Bradley. The sun came out and it ended up being a beautiful day for fellowship with one another.

Elder Dennis Trudgen, along with Apostle Smith (Buzz) Brickhouse, again visited Africa and India in September and October 2012. We were able to view them via Skype on a couple of occasions. One of those occasions was Tuesday, September 18th, at our Tuesday night study, in which Bro. Sharat in India led our study. He shared how they were searching for

truth for the true church, true teachings. When he heard of the Church of Christ he wrote a letter to the Church of Christ asking what we were and requesting books to study. This was in 2004 and 2005. In 2006 and forward many Apostles and Pastors have come to share the Bible and Book of Mormon. They ask for prayers on their behalf as they face many daily challenges, need a building to meet in, and continue to ask for our prayers for the calling of the ministry. He told of his receiving dreams/visions and concluded with saying that each person needs to do their share. Our Bible and Book of Mormon make it clear what we need to do.

On another occasion from Kenya we had the opportunity to hear from Bro. Keysee Moses. We asked many questions about him and his family, as well as about living in Kenya. One amazing fact I learned was that he and his wife, upon getting up, pray together for one hour before starting their day. What an inspiration that was for me.

The ladies of the Bradley local again had a Women's Retreat/Sleepover on Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27, 2012, at the home of Dennis and Betsy Trudgen. Talk about being pampered with showers of blessings. The theme was "Seeds of Change." The speakers and presenters were Mary Lee, Heidi Jones, Joyce Lee and Betsy Trudgen. It was a weekend learning how we could better take care of our body and soul. We even learned how to make laundry and dishwasher detergent. We thank Betsy and Dennis for opening up their home to us and all the delicious food that Betsy and others prepared.

Congratulations to Amanda and Steven Stratton on the birth of their new baby boy Eli born on November 28, 2012, weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz. and 21" long. He was blessed on the following Sunday by

his grandfather Elder Dennis Trudgen and Pastor Adam Porter. This is their second child along with Brother Peter who is 1½ years old.

We are now enjoying the warm weather here in Florida, but unfortunately it means being away from our church family. On January 14 and 15, 2013, we were thankful to have the pleasure of a visit from Elders Jim and Leslie Case. At that time we had the sacrament served to us and were thankful for the messages they gave to us. This is their second visit to our area this winter. The other visit was to Randy and Mary Lee and Jeff and Beverly Betts and their two children. They had come and also spent time in the Lakeland area where Dennis and Betsy Trudgen and Laverne and Joyce Lussenden are residing for the winter.

I'll close my article with a prayer I read from an article in Guidepost. "The light of God surrounds me, the love of God enfolds me, the power of God protects me, the presence of God watches over me. Wherever I am, God is."

We continue to ask for your prayers on behalf of those that stand in need here at the Bradley Local. Our prayers will continue for all our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

May God bless you, and our love to you all from the Bradley Local.

Your Sister in Christ,  
*Loretta Greig*



## OBITUARY

## Virginia "Ginny" Kidd Phillips

Known as Grandmother to family and friends, Virginia "Ginny" Kidd Phillips entered into her reward on April 5, 2012. The original organizer of an isolated group of Church members in Manchester, Tennessee, Ginny taught three generations of her family and a host of friends in the Gospel. Her leadership skills and love of her God and Jesus Christ has been ev-



ident every day that we have had the privilege to have known her. Ginny was the sister of the late Joe and Herbert Kidd, and the loving wife of the late Ray C. Phillips, and the mother of Carole Phillips Bush.

## NOTICES

## APRIL GENERAL CONFERENCE 2013

As instructed by the 1964 April Minsters' Conference be advised that the 2013 April General Conference (name changed per 2006 conference action) will begin Monday, April 1, 2013; "Conference Sunday" will be Sunday, March 31, 2013. The first business session will begin at 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 1, 2013, at the General Church Building on the Temple Lot. According to action taken during the 2012 April General Conference, two days of fasting and prayer will be held Friday and Saturday, March 29th and 30th, 2013, at the General Church Building on the Temple Lot.

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Your brother in the Lord's work,  
Harvey E. Seibel

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