

# 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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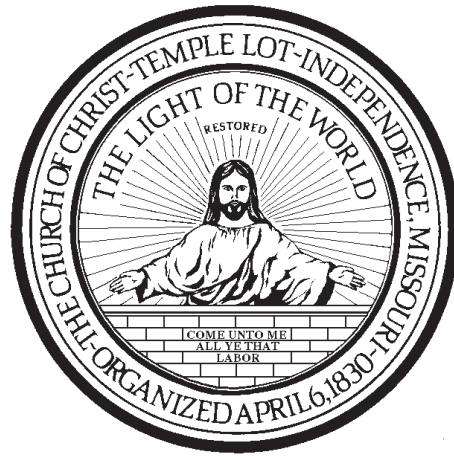
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## EDITORIAL

# 2014 TEEN CAMP

**W**hile those of us in the Midwest can barely grasp the idea that someday the temperature may actually rise above zero, the summer will eventually arrive and that means preparation and planning for the 2014 Church of Christ Teen Camp is well underway. Teen Camp will be held this year at Camp Far-Westia from Sunday, July 27th through Friday, August 1. The scriptural theme guiding and focusing us for the 2014 camp is Ephesians 6:11 - Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Another supporting scripture will be Alma 16:228 - For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God: yea, behold, the day of this life is the day for men to perform their labors. Please share this information in your locals, with family members, friends and other interested youth. Encourage teens to SAVE THE DATE and be part of this epic 2014 Teen Camp!

A quick thank you to all those campers and staffers that made the 2013 Teen Camp a resounding success. Exploration of our 2013 theme, Isaiah 55:6, was deeply edifying for all participants. So many of our campers displayed amazing potential for Christian leadership and shared heart-felt testimonies at their tra-

ditional service on Thursday evening. We had a slightly smaller number of campers this year but the FUN was SUPER-SIZED thanks to some hilarious afternoon games and challenges (the obstacle course was certainly memorable), plus some laugh-out-loud campfire skits (including many references to the amazing powers of Protein Powder!).

The 2014 camp marks an important milestone—this is our 25th anniversary! For nearly 25 years, this initiative has provided spiritual instruction, guidance and relationship-building for Church of Christ youth, as well as many of their invited friends and extended family members. Oh, yes, and there's been just a little bit of FUN, too! This camp has touched lives in so many ways, both for campers as well as involved ministry, staffers and parents. Soooooo...we want to know how camp touched your life! What impact did it make on your life? We want you to share your best spiritual and FUN camp memories with us—okay, even if they involve the often discussed SMELLS associated with Teen Camp. Write up those memories, videotape your anecdotes, send us photos— maybe even share a craft or Camp newsletter you've saved all these years! (See instructions for how to sub-

mit your memories in final paragraph.) We plan to celebrate this 25th Anniversary not only during the 2014 camp, but also in conjunction with the Missouri Reunion Ice Cream Social this year. We will share and display your memories at this event on August 2.

So mark July 27-August 1 on your calendar for the 2014 Teen Camp. Keep an eye out for registration details coming your way in the future and be sure to join the Teen Camp FACEBOOK group for updates.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMIT MEMORIES, PHOTOS, TESTIMONIES, AND OTHER SUBMISSIONS FOR DISPLAY TO CELEBRATE CHURCH OF CHRIST'S TEEN CAMP'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY:**

—You can email those memories, photos, etc., to Jennifer McClure: [jenniferannmcclure@icloud.com](mailto:jenniferannmcclure@icloud.com) or mail to Jennifer McClure, 1219 E. Catalpa, Springfield, MO 65804. (Call me if you have questions - 417-832-8591.)

—In Arizona, Rebecca Yates has volunteered to help - [rebecca.yates@centurylink.net](mailto:rebecca.yates@centurylink.net)

By Jennifer McClure

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST TEEN CAMP

THE MISSOURI REUNION SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL A VERY SPECIAL ONE AS WE HAVE SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST TEEN CAMP!

OUR PLAN IS TO COLLECT AS MANY PHOTOS AS WE CAN (ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE EARLY YEARS), AND AS MANY TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR FORMER CAMPERS (AND STAFF) AS POSSIBLE. WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THIS EFFORT, OF COURSE, SO PLEASE SEARCH YOUR FILES AND SHARE WITH US!

YOU MAY SEND THEM TO US VIA E-MAIL AT [DEBRUHAINES@JUNO.COM](mailto:DEBRUHAINES@JUNO.COM) OR MAIL THEM TO 3904 S. CHRISTOPHER CIRCLE, INDEPENDENCE, MO 64055. OR—YOU CAN ALSO SHARE THEM IN PERSON WITH ANY OF US ON THE COMMITTEE (CONFERENCE WOULD BE A GOOD TIME?) AND WE CAN SCAN THEM QUICKLY AND RETURN THEM TO YOU RIGHT THEN.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, YOUR HELP WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

THE MISSOURI REUNION SOCIAL COMMITTEE  
DEB HAINES, KARIN MALONE AND JENNIFER OLDHAM

# Youth: The Future and the NOW



**By Apostle Joel Yates**

I have often heard many of us speak about the future of the Church of Christ and mention our youth are the future. This year as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Teen Camp, I feel to write to the parents of those who are 12 to 18 years of age, and even parents of young men and women up into their 20s, or anyone starting families of their own. When and where

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should the real work begin with our youth? The Lord gave us the first examples of where He starts working with our youth.

Jeremiah 1:4-7: *"Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak."*

Mark 10:13-16: *"And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God*

*as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them."*

III Nephi 8:23-26: *"And when he had said these words, he wept, and the multitude bear record of it, and he took their little children, one by one, and blessed them, and prayed unto the Father for them. And when he had done this he wept again, and he spake unto the multitude, and saith unto them, Behold your little ones. And as they looked to behold, they cast their eyes towards heaven, and they saw the heavens open, and they saw angels descending out of heaven as it were, in the midst of fire; and they came down and encircled those little ones about; And they were encircled about with fire; and the angels did minister unto them, and the multitude did see and hear, and bear record; and they know that their record is true, for they all of them did see and hear, every man for himself..."*

These three scriptural examples remind us God is inter-

ested in us even before we are born, and once we have been placed here on earth, He desires to bless us and our future. It reminds us that we have been created for a purpose in God and He will strive to help us accomplish that purpose. There are so many examples in scripture of God using children to accomplish all kinds of marvelous things. Let us consider some young men and women who played an important part in God's plan, encouraging our faith today through what we read about them. Some were as young as eight years old when responsibility was thrust upon them.

*II Chronicles 34:1-3: "Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years. And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor to the left. For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images."*

Josiah was 16 years old when he began to seek after God, and he became the last and most righteous king in the kingdom of Judah. The space and time would fail me to tell of all those written about, but see if you remember the stories of a few of these godly young men and women who did a mighty work for the

Lord. Do you remember these names in your scriptures? Moses, David, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Ruth, Esther, Mary, Timothy, Titus, Nephi, Alma II, sons of Mosiah, Helaman, Moroni, Mormon, and many others all began doing a mighty work for God in their youth.

Sometimes, I wonder if we really believe God will use our sons and daughters for His great purposes. We forget it requires parents to take seriously the responsibility given to them by God. Fathers have a great responsibility—one to which they will ultimately answer to God.

*Ephesians 6:4: "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."*

*Deuteronomy 6:5-7: "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."*

God reminded the children of Israel what was required to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of God. It requires a commitment of your time and your life: giving time to your children not just for sporting activities, but most especially for sharing Christ and His words that guide our lives. This must

be done first by example, and then by sharing Christ day by day with them. Even though fathers will ultimately answer to God for the spiritual upbringing of their children, also remember mothers have a great responsibility in this, and often have more time to help prepare them for what they may have to face or do for the Lord someday. Mothers, if you knew your children would face some great peril in their lives, would you try to prepare them? Most of you have heard the many prophecies of the latter days and the days preceding the return of Christ, and we are all reminded that these days would try our faith. Are you mothers and fathers taking time to prepare your children and young people for the future? One of my favorite stories about youth is in the Book of Mormon and reminds us that if we take serious effort to prepare our children it may bless and preserve them in their future.

In the 26th chapter of the book of Alma in the Book of Mormon there is a story recorded about 2,000 young men that were sons of a group of people called the Anti-Nephi-Lehites who had been Lamanites, but were converted to the Lord through the work of Ammon and the sons of Mosiah. They had made a covenant with God that they would never kill again with a sword, because of the many murders they had committed



before they were converted to the Lord. This group of people had been given a place in the land of the Nephites to live and became numbered with the Nephites. In the beginning of this chapter, we read that the Lamanites had come into the land and were making war with the Nephites and were very successful. The Anti-Nephi-Lehi group was being protected by the lives of their Nephite brethren. The fathers of these young men were about to break their covenant with God and take up arms against their enemies to assist the Nephites in driving the enemies from their lands. But Helaman convinced them not to break their covenant with God. These people had 2,000 sons who had never made that covenant not to kill. They took up their weapons of war and asked Helaman to lead them in assisting their brethren, the Nephites, against their enemies. Later, another 60 young men were added to their number. From this point, I am going to take a few excerpts from this chapter to finish their story and capture the results of two different battles and the outcome of these young men.

Alma 26:10-11: *“For behold, in the twenty and sixth year, I Helaman, did march at the head of these two thousand young men, to the city of Judea, to assist Antipus, whom ye had appointed a leader over the people of that part of the land. And I did join my two thousand sons (for they are wor-*

*thy to be called sons) to the army of Antipus; in which strength Antipus did rejoice exceedingly; for behold, his army had been reduced by the Lamanites because their forces had slain a vast number of our men; for which cause we have to mourn.”*

Alma 26:50-58: *“And it came to pass that again when the light of the morning came, we saw the Lamanites upon us, and we did flee before them. But it came to pass that they did not pursue us far, before they halted; and it was in the morning of the third day, on the seventh month. And now whether they were overtaken by Antipus, we knew not; but I said unto my men, Behold, we know not but they have halted for the purpose that we should come against them, that they might catch us in their snare; therefore what say ye, my sons, will ye go against them to battle? And now I say unto you my beloved brother, Moroni, that never had I seen so great courage, nay, not amongst all the Nephites. For as I had ever called them my sons, (for they were all of them very young,) even so they said unto me, Father; behold, our God is with us, and he will not suffer that we shall fall; then let us go forth; We would not slay our brethren, if they would let us alone; therefore let us go, lest they should overpower the army of Antipus. Now they never had fought, yet they did not fear death: and they did think more upon the liberty of their fathers, than they did upon their lives; yea, they had been taught by their mothers, that if they did not doubt, that God would deliver them. And they rehearsed unto me the words of their mothers, saying, We do not doubt our mothers knew. And it came to pass that I did return with my two thousand, against these Lamanites who had pursued us.”*

Alma 26:64-67: *“And now it came to pass that we, the people of Nephi, the people of Antipus, and I with my*

*two thousand, did surround the Lamanites, and did slay them; yea, in-somuch that they were compelled to deliver up their weapons of war, and also themselves as prisoners of war. And now it came to pass that when they had surrendered themselves up unto us, behold, I numbered those young men who had fought with me, fearing lest there were many of them slain. But behold, to my great joy, there had not one soul of them fallen to the earth; yea, and they had fought as if with the strength of God; yea, never were men known to have fought with such miraculous strength; And with such mighty power did they fall upon the Lamanites, that they did frighten them; and for this cause did the Lamanites deliver themselves up as prisoners of war.”*

Alma 26:92-104: *“For behold, Ammoron had sent to their support a new supply of provisions, and also a numerous army of men. And it came to pass that those men whom we sent with the prisoners, did arrive in season to check them, as they were about to overpower us. But behold, my little band of two thousand and sixty, fought most desperately; yea, they were firm before the Lamanites, and did administer death unto all those who opposed them; And as the remainder of our army were about to give way before the Lamanites, behold, those two thousand and sixty were firm and undaunted; yea, and they did obey and observe to perform every word of command with exactness; Yea, and even according to their faith, it was done unto them; and I did remember the words which they said unto me that their mothers had taught them. And now behold, it was these, my sons, and those men who had been selected to convey the prisoners, to whom we owe this great victory; for it was they who did beat the Lamanites; therefore they were driven back to the*

city of Manti. And we retained our city Cumeni, and were not all destroyed by the sword; nevertheless, we had suffered great loss. And it came to pass that after the Lamanites had fled, I immediately gave orders that my men who had been wounded should be taken from among the dead, and caused that their wounds should be dressed. And it came to pass that there were two hundred, out of my two thousand and sixty, who had fainted because of the loss of blood; Nevertheless, according to the goodness of God, and to our great astonishment, and also the joy of our whole army, there was not one soul of them who did perish; yea, and neither was there one soul among them who had not received many wounds. And now, their preservation was astonishing to our whole army; yea, that they should be spared, while there was a thousand of our brethren who were slain. And we do justly ascribe it to the miraculous power of God, because of their exceeding faith in that which they had been taught to believe, that there was a just God; and whosoever did not doubt, that they should be preserved by his marvelous power. Now this was the faith of these of whom I have spoken; they are young, and their minds are firm; and they do put their trust in God continually."

Forgive the length of the quotes, but I hope you got caught up in the story. Mothers and fathers, I know you love your children and I encourage you to give them a faith and trust in God from your teachings at home. There are many things coming and you have an opportunity to prepare them, just as these mothers prepared their sons for a time when they would be called upon to do something

that would require great faith and trust in God.

The Teen Camp, still after 25 years, wants to be part of your youth's life. We hope to encourage them and assist you in showing them the joy of fellowship with those of like mind and the joy of serving God. The staff at Teen Camp continues to pray for you, parents. You have an awesome, but worthy, task before you. Today, I encourage you to take seriously the responsibility God has placed upon you and make the most important activities in the life of your kids those activities that strengthen their faith and trust in God. Reject the idea that just spending time is important and all that they need. How we spend our time and what effect that has on our children should be the most important concern about their spiritual well-being. It will define them today, in the future, and in the role God will have in their life.

I want to end by telling you that during our sacrament service this January 5, 2014, three children in our congregation bore a testimony as they felt led by the Spirit of God. What a blessing we felt in that service. Your youth are called to take their place and share their faith in God right now. Do not wait for a better time to encourage them in God's desire for them and what He wants their lives and service to be. I was so blessed

by God to be told by my dad from my earliest memories that God had a work for me to do, and I might very well be the next Nephi or another man of great faith in God and given an important task in service to God. I want to leave you with the words of a father who wrote to his son, the words of life which came from the love he had for God and the great love for his son. May these words encourage you in the task of raising godly young men and women for a light to this generation is my prayer.

Alma 17:68-70 "O remember my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God; yea, and cry unto God for all thy support; Yea, let all thy doings be unto the Lord, and whithersoever thou goest, let it be in the Lord; yea, let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord; yea, let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord for ever; counsel the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good: Yea, when thou liest down at night, lie down unto the Lord, that he may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou riseth in the morning, let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day."







# The Saints Return to the Land of Zion

The Revelation given to Granville Hedrick, April 24, 1864: "Hear, O ye people, and hearken to the counsel of your Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who are called by My name and keep My commandments, you who have sought to know My will concerning My people, who have professed My name, and entered into the new and everlasting covenant to keep all the counsels and commandments of the only true and living God; hear, then, these things which are revealed unto you by the power of His holy spirit; prepare, O ye people, yourselves in all things, that ye may be ready to gather together upon the consecrated land which I have appointed and dedicated by My servant Joseph Smith and the first elders of My church, in Jackson County, state of Missouri, for the gathering together of My saints, that they might be assembled in the day of My chastening hand, when your Lord will pour out His wrath and indignation upon the ungodly. And inasmuch as My church and people have been driven and scattered, therefore take counsel of Me, your Lord and director, who says unto you: Prepare yourselves and be ready against the appointed time which I have set and prepared for you, that you may return in the year A. D. 1867, at which time the Lord, by your prayers and faithfulness in all things, will open and prepare a way before you that you may begin to gather at that time" (from the *Truth Teller*, vol. 1, No. 1, p. 4).

From the Outline History: "After receiving the revelation of Granville Hedrick, given April 24, 1864, in which they were instructed to prepare for the gathering to Jackson County, Missouri, we find, in spite of many hindrances, and much opposition, that by the winter of 1866-67, the saints in Woodford County, Illinois, began their migration to Missouri. A caravan was formed consisting of several covered wagons, which traveled in the dead of winter across Illinois and Missouri to the Missouri River, arriving at Independence, Missouri, in February, 1867. When the first caravan reached the Missouri River, opposite Blue Mills, they found the river frozen from shore to shore, and covered with several inches of snow and slush. Some of the members hesitated about crossing for fear the ice would break through and property and lives would be lost. Elder George P. Frisbey, who seemed to be in the lead, admonished them that the Lord promised to 'prepare the way' for their return, and expressed his faith by driving out on the ice amidst much anxiety and the prayers of the other members of the caravan. He proceeded on his journey, the wheels of his heavy wagon leaving a deep track in the melting snow, until he reached the Jackson County side of the Missouri. A great cheer went up from the others, and one by one they spaced their wagons, and proceeded to follow the track of Elder Frisbey, until all had safely crossed on the ice without loss of life or property. They landed near Blue Mills, which is northeast of Independence, Missouri, and from there proceeded to their destination."

Many of those fifty-seven saints from Woodford County, Illinois, who made this trip to "Zion" were pictured in this photo of the first building ever built on the Temple Lot property. This photo was used for the cover of a 1938 *Zion's Advocate*, and sister Angela Wheaton, who was a Frisbey family descendant, listed the names of those original travelers she knew of that had traveled to Missouri in 1867.

# Young People's Camp



The Yucatan Young People's Camp of the Church of Christ was held from July 25 to 28, 2013. The theme was "Let's Clean Our Hearts" (Matthew 5:8). The camp took place at an ecological hotel in the town of Dzan, Yucatan. During the days of duration, the young people had the great opportunity to have Bible studies, fasting, bonfire, youth themes, times for praise, conferences, workshops, etc., that were of great use in spiritual and temporal life.

Ministers attending: Ronnie Gill, Felipe Uluac and Darin Crull talked about the central theme of the camp. Plácido K. Matú

had the responsibility of the conferences, which were very interesting. The subjects were: greed, envy, anger, idleness, gluttony, impurity and pride. These are things that can make the hearts of young people unclean.

Francis Evelin Nahuat Koyoc, an active young person in the church, taught a theme to the campers: "Making Decisions During Adolescence." Plácido K. Matú expounded to the campers between 17 and 22 years old: "Secrets for a Happy Marriage."

A workshop, "Growing Together," also taught by Francis Evelin, was interesting

for the campers. Techniques were taught on how to care for newborn babies. These are things that they will need when they become parents. Another activity of interest which they will not forget was that on the first day of camp they were given an egg to keep. They had to keep it clean and carry it to all the activities. Any group which was careless with this object, got it dirty or broke it, would lose the competition. This caught their attention because any small careless act would make their hearts impure rapidly and could destroy it or make it irreparable.

The bonfire this year was excellent.



# Registration Instructions

**TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASSES YOU WANT, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN  
THE 2014 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 27th.

- 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 27<sup>th</sup> through August 1st, 2014

**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 lifeguard.

**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, 2014).**

### Mail Forms To:

Michelle Oldham  
2609 SW Wintervalley Circle  
Lee's Summit, MO 64081  
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

# 2014 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

# 2014 Registration Form

**Camper's Name:**

**Parent's name:**

Year in school, fall 2014:

Street Address:

Age:

Date of Birth:

City, ST Zip:

Street Address

Home Phone:

City, State, Zip

Parent's email:

Phone Number:

Insurance Carrier:

Camper's e-mail:

Policy Number:

**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 August 1st. 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.

**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.

**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. I give permission for camp personnel to administer over the counter medications to my minor child as deemed necessary. **NOTE: This form must be notarized to attend Camp.**

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.**

**Camper's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTARIZATION:**

Subscribed and sworn to me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

Notary Public

County of

State of

My Commission Expires

# 2014 Class Registration Form

<b>Name</b> (please print):	<b>PHONE:</b>			
<b>Class/Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<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)				
GOOOOOOAAAAAAAAALLLLLLLLs! 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?				
<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				
<b>Art with Curtis G!</b>				
Candy Making				
<b>Hair 101</b>				
Leather Tooling				
<b>Lego Nation</b>				
Science Experiments				
Volleyball				
<b>Woodcarving</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>Spiritual Warfare 3</b>				
<b>Woodcarving</b>				
<b>Free Time:</b> Swimming, Boating, Games, Quiet Time, etc.	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.			





The responsibility was given to counselor Lilia Pinto, who with affection led us in songs and memorizing texts. It was a wonderful time which succeeded in being unforgettable.

This was the second year the campers had a fast, which is something very important in the spiritual lives of every true Christian. Another very interesting theme was music which appears beautiful and agreeable to the ear, but is of the occult and inspired by Satan. Some of this music is encountered in music supposedly for the glory of our God. This theme was explained by Plácido K Matú. Everyone thought this was very important and we understood that one must first listen and understand well the praises that please God.

The last day of camp arrived. None of the campers wanted to return to their homes. However, they needed to go, but left with the hope and vision of next year's Campamento 2014. They took the group memory photo. There was a beautiful clos-

ing program. The campers shared everything they had learned in the four days of camp. A thanks was given to the beloved brothers and sisters of Dzan for their hospitality and the good food given to us. They thanked the many helpful young people of the church, especially sister Sonia Serralta,

Merle Serralta and Pastor William Serralta for all their valiant help making the camp a reality that will be remembered always in the history of the Church of Christ, restored the 6th of April of 1830.

One last note of importance: after this camp and months later we received good news that our young people from Puerto Aventuras in the state of Quintana Roo, José Angel, Campechano Shany, Paulina y Fabian Campechano, who attended the camp, made the decision to be baptized. We were very happy for the fruit that our camp is giving. We know that is made possible by the help of our God, who put in the mind of Elder Felipe Uluac the central theme of our camp: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" Matthew 5:8.

*Angel Efrain Koyoc-Matu*





REPORT

# The Report for Youth Camp



Hedrick (campers), Joshua Sedlak (helper), and three missionaries, Robert Hedrick, Darin Crull and Randy Sheldon, who was accompanied by his wife Becky Sheldon.

Our camp was a success, and I had the privilege to help out. The youth were blessed with good themes, studies like "Searching for the Truth" - Darin Crull, "Prophecy" - Ronnie Gill, "Internet/Cellphones" - Cameron Gill, "Common Sense" - Joani Gill, "Church History" - Robert Hedrick, "Adiccion" - Diana Carbajal, "Following the Leader" - Thomas Gill, "Manners" - Randy and Becky, "Marriage" - Thomas and John Gill with the boys and Becky Sheldon with the girls.

Apart from being blessed by these

## Scripture Theme Verse - 1 Peter 3:15.

It was a beautiful morning. All the young people, ministry and helpers congregated at the Church of Christ, on the 9th of January, at 7 a.m. We started with a prayer and the welcome ceremony for all the participants.

Then the young people went out to get camp set up. Every year we use tents for sleeping in, and it's something that the young people love and it wouldn't be a camp if we didn't have tents.

Participating we had 19 young people, 7 girls and 12 boys. There were 10 helpers apart from the ministry. This year we had seven visitors in our camp, Cody and Travis







wonderful lessons, the youth also had other activities that were very beautiful, such as a craft class, and games like volleyball, soccer, a treasure hunt, etc.

We also had a time of singing, specials and testimonies as we sat around a campfire. All the young people were very happy

and everyone was talking about how sad they would be when the 12th of January arrived and it was the end of the camp.

Every year we wait for the youth camp with lots of enthusiasm, because we are always surprised by the important things we learn for our spiritual and physical lives.

I was very happy and it was a privilege for me to participate and help in the youth camp and see all the smiling faces of the youth as we had a healthy time without the things of the world. The young people learned the importance of walking in the way of God, and also understood that to have a good time and a happy time we don't need the things of the world that only give a moment's happiness and then unhappiness. They learnt in the camp that having a good time with the young people of the Church of Christ leaves you with a good happiness that lasts forever.

I thank my Lord Jesus Christ for His abundant blessings and that I might be a part of the Church of Christ.

*Maybis Escoto*





# Phoenix Local Report



**G**reetings to all my friends and family in the wintry Midwest! I hope you are all staying warm and healthy.

Although it is indeed warm here in Phoenix, I can't say that we are all enjoying good health ourselves. Unfortunately, almost every Sunday we have had several people out with nasty colds and flu—and those of us who make it to services sound like we have just walked out of an infirmary. I guess we believe in “sharing the love!”

On a more serious note, I do have to mention a setback with our Sr. Amy Moser. She just recently hurt her knee and will be seeing a surgeon at the end of the month. Please keep her in your prayers. We have several members looking for jobs, still fighting cancers and, of course, the many other issues all our members must deal with.

We must never forget to thank our Father for the many blessings that are bestowed upon us. Elder Gordon McCann went through a successful back surgery and is recouping well under the watchful eye of his loving wife. He's doing so well that she and I hope to drag him and Br. Dan on a birding trip near Tucson in the near future. Our Sr. Debbi Brown was just announced cancer free; a wonderful testament to thoughtful prayer, and Sr. Melissa Oar is mending from her second wrist surgery.

Prayers are always requested for the many ministry who travel not only throughout our country, but also around the world. Our Br. and Teacher Andrew Brown has requested special prayers for himself as he travels to Afghanistan for work.

Other activities throughout

the last couple of months included a Sock & Cookie Exchange, a baby shower for our Sr. Pamela Olson, an upcoming Game Night at Sr. Laura Gill's house, another Women's Breakfast later this month, and a special Men's Outing—this, of course, on top of all the many usual activities with the various groups.

The yearly elections were held on January 8th and the following officers were elected: Pastor Elder Jim Yates, Jr., Asst. Pastors Priest Gary Jacobsen and Priest Aadam Yates, Secretary Sr. Pat McCann, and Treasurer Br. Dan Hedrick.

Bible School is very important to the growth of every child in the Church of Christ. This could not happen without the dedication of countless volunteers. I briefly participated in one study with our Sr. Sasha

Gill. She and her class were discussing the story of Joseph and his brothers. Included in her class are Jeremiah and Alexis Bartlett, Jacob and Maria Kimball, Allison Moser, Easton Yates, Rebekah Oar and Erik Jacobsen.

Our Br. and Priest Gary Jacobsen is another member of our church who gives countless hours of his time to helping mentor young people in their spiritual journey. Br. Gary originally came to the church through his association with Br.

Bill Malone's company, Avanti Circuits. Although Br. Gary said that he always believed in God, it was very hard to him to initially start going to the Church of Christ. He told me that his grandmother reinforced his belief in God and it was He that brought him to the church, and his future wife, Sr. Alesha Yates.

Br. Jacobsen is involved in many activities, now including: Assistant Pastor, Youth Leader and the Common Funds Committee. He tries to help with the maintenance committee and

attends as many other activities as he and his family can.

I asked Br. Gary if he had any words for the body, and his response to me was that he wanted to encourage everyone as members of the Church of Christ to give themselves to the Lord and contribute to strengthen and help the church grow (I Corinthians 12:12).

*God bless you all,  
Sr. DiAnn Hedrick*



► Sunday School

TRIBUTE

# Celebration to commemorate a hundred years of faithful living by Sister Sallie Smith Bradley



**Submitted by  
Brother Samuel S. Gould**

In March 2014, our most faithful Sister Sallie Smith Bradley of Cherokee, North Carolina, will be celebrating her 100th birthday. In commemoration of this blessed event, it is my joy to honor her with a few words from my experiences with our beloved Sister Sallie and her family over the past forty years that I have known them. I recall the high praise her late husband, Brother Honorable Seaborn Bradley, gave her when an acquaintance inquired as to the very best place to have dinner in all of Cherokee, he straightly confessed, "Well, there is no better place to eat than here at my Sallie's table!" Over the years, I have found his words to be faithful and true. It was the Lord who directed our late missionaries Elder M. Harvey Seibel and Sister Lovita Grace Seibel right to Sallie's door for the care and council of these Saints in the work of the Church of Christ Calico Local. In the building up of the Church, they donated the land, arranged for labor-



ers, donated materials, and continued the work of building up the Church in the absence of all others. Sister Sallie has hosted, fed and housed our faithful ministry throughout the years. She shared her faith and family with me over the years by sharing the hopes and dreams they had back in the early 1950's when they entered the waters of baptism through the spiritual guidance of many of the stalwart missionaries throughout the long years. I had the opportunity one grand evening in seeing by way of a vision our dear Sister Sallie as the Lord sees her, and she is arrayed in the great beauty to which only the Lord can bestow from a lifetime of living in His loving principles. That inspiring image of her directly drew my attention to the scripture that



states that in all "ages to come" that Jesus "might show the exceeding riches of his grace and kindness towards" this gentle one who has dedicated her life in His. In closing, I can only testify to you, my dearest Sister Sallie, the Lord God loves you with a mighty love, and this through all eternity. Amen.



OBITUARIES

# Carol Evelyn Cooper

May 3, 1922~December 27, 2013

Carol Evelyn Cooper, 91, Raytown, Missouri, passed away at her residence December 27, 2013. She was born May 3, 1922, at Genoa, Colorado, to Leonard and Jessie Sarratt. She was one of ten children.

The Sarratt family moved from Genoa, Colorado, to Topeka, Kansas, and then on to Independence, Missouri. At the age of ten, she suffered an accident wherein she was run over by a truck, breaking both legs. Fortunately the doctors were able to set them well enough that she was not crippled in any way.

After that incident the Sarratt family moved to Grain Valley, and then on to Collins, Missouri. After she grew to maturity, she went to Springfield, Missouri, to live, and then moved to Kansas City, Missouri. Carol was a member of the Church of Christ.

She married Harlen H. McQuerter May 22, 1953. He passed away August 8, 1965. She married Joseph E. Cooper



April 29, 1967. He passed away September 30, 2005. She was also preceded in death by her parents; her sisters: Leora Martin, Dorothy Sarratt, Norma Cook and Mary Palermo; her brothers: Aaron Sarratt and Derald Sarratt. She is survived by her sister Elaine Wilson and her brothers, Warren Sarratt and Roland Sarratt. She is also survived by her stepdaughter, Linda Cooper.

Carol was a favorite aunt to the many family members. She recorded birth dates and sent cards and gifts to the many

nieces and nephews for the several generations of her family and extended family. She was loved by them all and she will be greatly missed.

She was surrounded by several gracious people in the last few years of her life. The caregivers and nurses were exceptionally kind and loving toward her in her time of need and during the last days of her life. The family gives thanks to each of them for their labor of love.

The funeral service was at Park Lawn Chapel, Kansas City, Missouri, December 29, 2013, and burial at Green Lawn Cemetery, December 30, 2013.



## OBITUARIES

# Vicente Poot Puc

September 1, 1925 ~ January 17, 2014

Vicente was born in Ticul, Yucatan, in 1925. Life was difficult for poor Mayan people in those days. At an early age he was working from daylight to dark six days a week. On his one free day he was in the tropical forest caring for his cornfield or hunting wild animals for food for the family. Vicente was married to Agustina Serralta in 1946. They had five children. Vicente had very little formal education, but to hear him speak one would never guess it. I first met Vicente in my second visit to Yucatan. He came to the room Betty and I were renting and spent the afternoon trying to converse with us. It was difficult for him to converse with someone who spoke no Maya and just a little Spanish, but he was patient and persevered. A few days after Betty and I left Yucatan, he and his wife were baptized in August of 1954 by Brother Clarence Wheaton. Vicente taught himself to read English and received the *Advocate*. He had committed the Scriptures to memory. When I returned to Yucatan in 1970 with Apostle Leon Yates, Vicente and his family had settled in a small village in the rain forest of Quintana Roo. He had built a



large, thatched-roof home on a large tract of land. He had a big patch of corn, bananas and other tropical fruit trees. He had several rows of pineapples, strawberries, tomatoes and other vegetables. He hunted deer, both for the family and to sell. Vicente was then an elder in the church and the pastor in this town of Chunhuhub. He had converted a large congregation of believers, and they had built a church building in which to meet. Vicente was called to be an evangelist in June of 1974 by Bro. Yates. He was always reaching out to new people in new towns. Bro. Yates and I walked with him 17 km. to hold services in a village. Several fami-

lies were converted and now have established the large congregation of Cancun. Vicente had great musical talent. He has written many beautiful hymns. Twenty-two of them are in our Spanish hymnal. Apostle Jay Moser and I owe Vicente a debt of gratitude, if not our lives. We were visiting the church in Cancun where Vicente also acted as pastor. That night he was inside the house of a member and we were sleeping in our camper on the street. About 2:00 A.M. there was a pounding on our door. It was a band of well-armed outlaws or narco-traffickers. They forced us out into the street. One of them made me get back inside to show him where our money, or drugs, was located. Just as the man was threatening me with a knife I heard a familiar voice. It was Brother Vicente. He had waded right into the middle of this group of armed men and did a great job of encouraging them to get in their vehicles and leave two missionaries alone. There are many people who will always remember Brother Vicente Poot.

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## APRIL GENERAL CONFERENCE 2014

As instructed by the 1964 April Ministers' Conference be advised that the 2014 April General Conference (name changed per 2006 Conference action) will begin on Monday, April 7, begin at 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 7, 2014, at the General Church Building on the Temple Lot. According to action taken during the 2013 April General Conference, two days of fasting and prayer will be held Friday, April 4th, and Saturday, April 5th, 2014, 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 2014 April General Conference **be forwarded in advance of the first business meeting** (please) so that document packets may be completed for distribution.

The mailing addresses for the above requested information is:

**NOTE:** Please address all reports, i.e. missionary reports, etc., to the General Conference of the Church of Christ. This will help your Secretary distinguish periodic missionary reports from those intended for the General Conference and their inclusion in the minutes.

Harvey E. Seibel  
General Church Secretary  
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Independence, MO 64052  
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Your brother in the Lord's work,  
Harvey E. Seibel  
April 2013 General Church Secretary  
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)

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## COLORADO REUNION

For those of you that need to request time off in advance, the **2014** Colorado Reunion will be **June 13-15**. The **2015** Colorado Reunion will be **June 12-14**. I apologize for the confusion last year.

*Love in Christ,  
Liza Hedrick*

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## NEW YORK REUNION

The Akwesasne New York Local welcomes all our brothers and sisters to fellowship and worship with us starting Friday evening at 7:00 P.M., **July 11**, through Sunday afternoon, **July 13, 2014**. We are looking forward to spending another Spirit-filled reunion weekend with many of our brothers and sisters.

If you have any questions, please contact our pastor:

**BRANDON TARBELL**

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## THE HOPE of ZION

The Board of Publications has made available a copy of the report from the Committee to Study Zion entitled, *The Hope of Zion*. Contact Elder Robert Oldham at [rwoldham1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rwoldham1@sbcglobal.net), or any member of the Board.

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On the Church of Christ AVA web site you will be able to access media such as archived sermons in video and audio formats, past issues of *Zion's Advocate*, searchable Bible and Book of Mormon studies and Sunday School lessons. Real time live streamed sermons are broadcast every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. central time, which can also be accessed from the site. We invite you to take a look and discover what a useful tool this site can be in expanding your knowledge and faith. The address is [www.cocsermons.net](http://www.cocsermons.net).

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## CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

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## PRIESTHOOD VISITATION

If you or someone you know (member or non-member) would like to be visited by a member of the Priesthood of the Church of Christ, please call or write to the Council of Apostles at Church Headquarters in Independence. The phone numbers and addresses are listed on the inside front cover.





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