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

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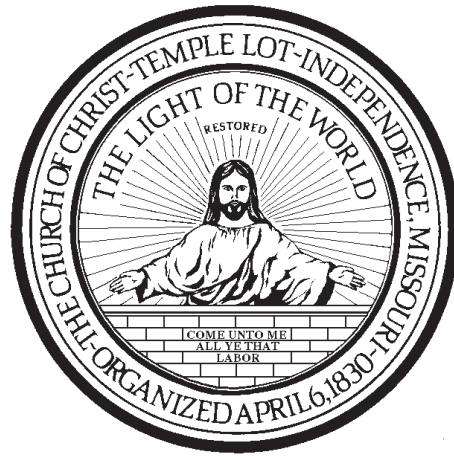


"Behold, this is a choice land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it, shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven, if they will but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ..." (Ether 1:35)

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OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS LIKE THAT OF A CHILD WITH A PARENT



By Apostle Roland L. Sarratt

The blessings of having parents who have raised us up in a proper way have benefitted us in many things. We have found the restraints of caring adults both restrictive and yet reassuring. Children may struggle against their parents, testing their power of control over them, and yet they may misbehave just to get the attention of their parents. They feel the need to be reassured that the parents are there to protect and care for them. If the parents are caught up in

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matters that take their attention away from their child, instinctively the child feels neglected.

If each of us would reflect back to our childhood we may recall an incident of feeling neglected and can recall how we acted as a result. Maybe you didn't really do anything that resulted in an action of correction by the parent, but at some point in our lives we have felt the need to assert ourselves enough to demonstrate our independence by making our own decisions. If our parents have done their jobs by letting us make personal choices as we matured, we were able to move on to the more adult level of our existence with only a reasonable amount of adjustment.

This hardly tells the whole story of our individual lives. School, employment, marriage and becoming parents ourselves required constant efforts on our part to adjust to each new responsibility. Quite often a person

repeatedly experiences the struggles of a type of parental control throughout their life. We have had to learn to perform properly, if it was only by us having to pay a traffic ticket.

The actual process of trial and error is a part of everyone's lives. The hope that we have learned well and done well is still before us to become a final proof no matter how old we are. We are still under the watchful care of a loving Parent to the end of our days here on earth. He is our Godly Parent.

We are fully aware of how people react to each other. The child reacts to the parent, the student reacts to the teacher, the employee reacts to the employer, etc. We might say that the military life is a real example in how the lower rank soldier reacts to the higher rank soldier. A sense of respect to a higher authority and obeying that authority is what we are talk-

ing about.

We might ask, where did this process of giving heed to a higher authority have its beginning? It began in the beginning. God set the stage and it all came about. It is a necessary part of the purpose of human life. However, the actual beginning was not with the human. The first offense against God was when one of His angels exalted himself. The angel's action caused him to fall and he influenced a third of the host of heaven to do likewise. Lucifer, the son of the morning, became a devil, and he had the company of all his angels who followed him who also became devils.

We are inclined to believe that according to what the scriptures say those fallen spirits will spend eternity separated from God and the other angels. As for the rest of us who are of the family of Adam, the decision as to who we are to spend eternity with is yet to be made. Actually we are making that decision as we live out our lives in this day of probation, preparing for the day of judgment.

There was another sin against God which has much to do with our making that decision. It was the sin of Adam and Eve when they partook of the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

We have to suppose that Satan and his angels have had no one to atone for their sins. Therefore they have no hope of ever being accepted back into the presence of God. We, however, have been favored of God in that He has given us His only be-

gotten Son as a sacrifice to atone for our sins. If God had not given us His great gift, we would be in the same situation as Satan and his angels. It was an act of mercy that God gave that gift. However, there is the requirement of believing in God and believing in His Son, Jesus Christ, and that which the Son has merited by giving His life to atone for our sins.

We are to do more than believe in God and Jesus Christ; we are to believe the gospel which the Son has delivered to us, and we are to obey His commandments, even His plan of salvation which includes faith in God, repentance of our sins, baptism by immersion and the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost. This we are to do initially, and then go on striving for perfection. We are to retain a remission of our sins by repenting of them and asking God to forgive us as we endure to the end of our lives. We look forward to the resurrection of our bodies, and at the same time we have hope for eternal life with God.

Now let's go back to the child/parent relationship. The first relationship was between the Father (God) and the Son (Jesus Christ). Jesus was given as an atonement which required the greatest of all sacrifices the human family has ever known. We are to give as a sacrifice a broken heart and a contrite spirit. Jesus gave His life, and His victory over death was accomplished by His resurrection. His resurrected body retains the marks of the spear and the nails proving to all humanity that He

is the resurrected Christ. We are assured that we all will be resurrected and given a body like unto the physical body we now have, which will identify us personally.

Jesus Christ did all that the Father told Him to do. He was the perfect sacrifice. More than that, He was the perfect example to us during His ministry, obeying the will of the Father even when He was tempted of the devil, and when He submitted to the crucifixion.

Jesus prayed to the Father for Himself and for His people. He demonstrated true compassion for the human family. His personal love for the Father and the Father's love for Him was evident throughout the New Testament period as He labored in presenting the things which the Father had commanded Him.

Throughout the various accounts of God dealing with humanity, we are made keenly aware of how God has spoken and counseled us. His personal reaction to those who have disobeyed Him shows us His will to save the sinner, and the point of ceasing to labor with those who have stubbornly rejected Him. To understand Him we must go back to the child/parent relationship.

When Jesus Christ gave His doctrine to the Nephites, He specifically included the instruction for them to humble themselves as a little child. This is carried down to us. We are to become submissive and meek, especially to our Heavenly Father. We are to be mindful of His will in our personal lives.

A child's obedience to its parents is good for the child even though it may not realize it until he or she becomes an adult. Usually the parents have a natural sense of protecting their young. More than that, they usually develop a love for their child. These senses or characteristics are based upon Christian principles. A person who has believed in God and Jesus Christ and has developed a conscience based on the existence of God, will be more likely to have a sense of the need to be obedient to God. In turn, they will have a concern for their offspring based upon that need. They have a trained mind toward Christian principles. They are striving toward being Godly parents.

In our relationship with God, we might consider David's psalms as an example of one pleading with God for help and giving thanks for His blessings. It was an ongoing thing with David. He openly spoke to God through his psalms. He sought God's favor and forgiveness continually. His praise to God has been heard in many churches and various places throughout the world. Although he committed a great sin, his efforts to repent and correct his life have been an example of what we have had to experience in correcting ourselves before God.

This nation, the U.S.A, has observed Father's Day and Mother's Day for many years. The establishment of those special days is characteristic of the honor this people paid to their parents. Undoubtedly, this nation had somewhat a different atti-

tude towards fatherhood and motherhood in those days as compared to modern times. For one thing, the people were more conscious of the importance of home life and the need to be dedicated morally to the marriage covenant. The people were aware of their Christian heritage and openly professed it.

One of the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20:12 says, *Honour thy father and thy mother: that their days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

Parents should be worthy of honor. They should set a good example for their children. The husband and wife are to establish a home. Their relationship one toward another is of great importance in establishing a home atmosphere where children are to be reared.

There is no question about it; the Father's relationship with the son is dependent upon the son's obedience to the Father. Jesus obeyed the Father and in doing so He set an example for each of us.

We conclude that God, our Heavenly Father, did not have a wife. Neither did the Son, Jesus Christ. However, we are convinced that their love is sufficient to save us from our own willful ways and the temptations of the devil. God's love is given in this well known scripture:

[John 3:16] *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

[John 3:17] *For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

This scripture is taken out of context, which is commonly done, but it emphasizes the thought that God "so loved the world," His own creation. Sometimes we tend to make everything like the Mosaic Law, a schoolmaster law. God's love is a saving love, not a condemning love. Only after we have totally rejected Him will He bring His judgment upon us. Unfortunately, that is what is happening around us today. Still, our message to the world is to seek the Lord and repent of our sins before destruction comes.

We can be assured that if we try with all our might to follow the examples given to us to remain faithful to God, He will save us and our children if they follow our examples. Being Godly parents can and should be traditional on this land of promise.

Let us remember this Proverb 22:6:

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

ARTICLE

MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION



By Elder Gordon McCann

“For we labor diligently to write, to persuade our children, and also our brethren, to believe in Christ, and to be reconciled to God; For we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all that we can do” (2 Nephi 11:40-44).

From the words of Nephi quoted above three questions come to mind that I would like for you to consider. I believe the answers to those questions will help

us with our understanding of the importance of Nephi’s message and the diligence with which he taught all who would hear “to believe in Christ, and to be reconciled to God.”

The Questions are:

- **What does the word “reconcile” mean?**
- **What must we do to “reconcile” ourselves with God?**
- **What are some examples?**

Webster’s definition of the word “reconcile” provides the following:

- 1: to cause to be friendly or harmonious again
- 2: adjust; settle (differences)
- 3: to bring to submission or acceptance

Given the definition of the word “reconcile,” there seems to be an inherent breach in the relationship between God and mankind that Nephi found necessary to persuade all to be aware of and to address within their lives.

The scriptures are plain con-

cerning man’s propensity to sin or rebel against the One who gave him life.

“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God;” (Romans 3:23).

“If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us” (1 John 1:8).

“For the natural man is an enemy to God, and has been, from the fall of Adam, and will be, for ever and ever;” (Mosiah 1:119).

So the inherent breach in our relationship with God is due to the sin in our lives that brings about a change in our relationship with our God.

“But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear” (Isaiah 59:2).

What must we do to “reconcile” ourselves or to be accepted of God?

I believe the scriptures are

also plain concerning this subject, where the beginning of all righteousness is in the belief in Jesus Christ, the only begotten of the Father. Jesus Christ is the means by which we have access to and can maintain a relationship with our Father in Heaven.

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:" (1 John 2:1).

"Yea, behold, I say unto you, that as these things are true, and as the Lord God liveth, there is none other name given under heaven, save it be this Jesus Christ of which I have spoken, whereby man can be saved" (2 Nephi 11:39).

"Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

The prophet Isaiah, while speaking to Israel by way of commandment from God, admonished them to wash themselves to make themselves clean. The invitation from God was for His people to come and reconcile themselves by putting away their sins that were before Him.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white

as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient..." (Isaiah 1:16-19).

The requirement for Israel was for them to *"be willing and obedient"* for God's Spirit to work in their lives in order for their relationship to be reconciled.

The same Spirit that prompted Isaiah to speak to Israel also prompted Alma, the son of Alma, to speak to the people of Gideon in like manner.

"Yea, I say unto you, Come and fear not, and lay aside every sin, which easily doth beset you, which doth bind you down to destruction;" (Alma 5:26).

It is important to understand that reconciliation comes only by a broken and contrite heart with a true desire to put away the sin that has caused the breach in the relationship with our Heavenly Father.

We must be diligent and repent from all of our sins to secure that everlasting relationship with God in His Kingdom.

"Yea, and as often as my people repent, will I forgive them their trespasses against me. And ye shall also forgive one another your trespasses: for verily I say unto you, He that forgiveth not his neighbor's trespasses, when he says that he repents, the same hath brought himself under condem-

nation" (Mosiah 11:139-140).

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14-15).

Remember the Advocate that we have with the Father, who is there to help us in our desire to reconcile ourselves before our Heavenly Father, *"Jesus Christ the righteous."*

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13).

What are some examples of those things that so easily beset us in our lives?

There are some very good examples found in Alma, chapter three. Alma, who was the son of Alma and High Priest at the time, asked some hard and pointed questions to those gathered to hear him speak as he traveled to the various cities and villages throughout the land. Those questions were directed to a people who had come through much suffering, hardship, and then deliverance by the hand of God. Many of them had made a covenant with God through baptism. Alma began delivering the words that God had impressed upon him with the following:

"And now behold, I say

unto you my brethren, If ye have experienced a change of heart, and if ye have felt to sing the song of redeeming love, I would ask,

● **Can ye feel so now?**

● **Have ye walked, keeping yourselves blameless before God?**

“Could ye say, if ye were called to die at this time, within yourselves, that ye have been sufficiently humble? That your garments have been cleansed and made white, through the blood of Christ, who will come to redeem his people from their sins?” (Alma 3:46-49).

The above questions posed by Alma to the membership of the church in his day are those that should be considered by each member of the church today. I am reminded of the words of the Apostle James:

“For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was” (James 1:23-24).

Each of us must “press toward the mark” daily “for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14).

After Alma got the attention of those who had gathered to hear him speak, he began to lay out for them four human traits that try our faith and oft times easily beset

us. As you read each one of the following human weaknesses think about the words of James as you view your image in a mirror. If you can see any part or portion of these attributes in your life then please consider the following admonition from Alma:

“...If ye are not, ye are not prepared to meet God. Behold ye must prepare quickly, for the kingdom of heaven is soon at hand, and such an one hath not eternal life” (Alma 3:50-51).

● **Are you stripped of Pride**

Pride—a high or inordinate opinion of one’s own dignity, importance, merit, or superiority, whether as cherished in the mind or as displayed in bearing, conduct, etc.

Conceit—excessively high opinion of oneself, one’s appearance, or ability.

Lucifer or Satan is the author of pride and he uses this tool to perfection with all who find it hard to see this attribute within them.

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like

the most High” (Isaiah 14:12-14).

“And the large and spacious building which thy father saw is vain imaginations and the pride of the children of men” (1 Nephi 3:126).

● **Are you stripped of Envy**

Envy—a feeling of discontent or covetousness with regard to another’s advantages, success, possessions, etc.

The Apostle James said it best by providing a good example of how one can avoid envy in their life, and he also identifies who is the orchestrator that brings this attribute alive within us.

“Who is a wise man and endowed with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work” (James 3:13-16).

The following scriptures are good words to consider that should help us to avoid falling into Satan’s trap.

“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another” (Galatians 5:25-26).

“Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out” (1 Timothy 6:5-7).

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have; for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Hebrews 13:5).

● **Make a Mock of his brother**

Mock—to attack or treat with ridicule, contempt, or derision (laugh, scorn, scoff, or jeer); to ridicule by mimicry or action or speech.

Another effective tool that Satan uses in an effort to destroy both the person that does the mocking and the one being mocked.

“And I also cast my eyes round about, and beheld on the other side of the river of water a great and spacious building; And it stood as it were in the air, high above the earth; And it was filled with people, both old and young, both male and female; And their manner of dress was exceeding fine; And they were in the attitude of mocking and pointing their fingers towards those which had come at, and were partaking of

the fruit” (1 Nephi 2:71-75).

“But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual [worldly], having not the Spirit” (Jude 1:17-19).

● **Heapeth upon him Persecutions**

Persecute—to pursue with harassing or oppressive treatment; to annoy or trouble persistently.

Those who use this tool of Satan find themselves fighting against the truth of God and are completely blind, having no portion of the Spirit of God in them. Satan has full sway with those who persecute the righteous in an effort to destroy the true believers in Christ and the things of God.

“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned” (1 Corinthians 2:14).

“And great was the multitude that did enter into that strange building. And after they did enter into that building they did point the finger of scorn at me, and those that were partaking of the fruit also; but we heeded them not” (1

Nephi 2:82-83).

Finally, I would like to leave with you these words of admonishment and counsel found in the scriptures to help support you in your day of probation in the flesh.

“Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men. Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life” (2 Nephi 13:29-30).

Our New Life in Christ:

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;” (2 Corinthians 5:17-18).

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Sunday School Lessons: Here Am I!

The General Sunday School Association (GSSA) is to be providing portions of lessons (teasers!) for several age groups on a common topic. To see the complete lessons, please visit the Church of Christ's Audio Visual Aid (AVA) committee website at www.cocsermons.net and click on the "Resources" tab to view all of the lessons and studies for children and adults.

More information regarding Sunday School lessons can be found on www.edmodo.com. Contact Susan Porter: porter_susan@sbcglobal.net; home address: 9 Market Street; Middleville, MI 49333 for more information.

Preschool Activity

Read the story, "A Voice at Night" from *The Beginner's Bible*.

Make sure to ask the students who they think is calling to Samuel if it is not Eli? Also, ask if they would be able to go back to sleep if they kept hearing someone call their name. Explain that God can use anyone to do his work, even little children.

Tell the story again while the little ones act it out:

- † One at a time, have the children lie down and pretend they are sleeping.
- † Another adult or child says, "Samuel," or uses the child's name.
- † Child gets up and goes to the teacher. Teacher says, "I didn't call you, go lay back down."
- † Repeat this three times. On third time, teacher says, "Go lay down; if you hear your name again, then it is the Lord that is calling you. Say, "I hear you, Lord!"



Elementary Lesson

by Darl Temple

Purpose: To encourage children to listen to the Lord when he speaks to us by His Word in the Bible and Book of Mormon through His servants. When we hear, we should use our talents to work for Him.

Scripture reading: The Lord called Samuel: 1 Samuel 3

Prayer: Keep purpose of the lesson in mind.

Supplies: Manila paper or newsprint; construction paper: white, light blue and various colors.

Opening Discussion: The words in the Bible and Book of Mormon are sometimes different than the words we use because it was written many years ago and this was the way people talked. However, it is important to read from these books, called scripture because God's Spirit is there; it tells us how to be happy.

Read the story directly from the Bible, explaining as you read unfamiliar words and terms. (Even a young child can get the gist of the story if read in this way.) Ask someone to retell the story in his or her own words.

Ask Questions/Discussion: Why do we read the story of Samuel? (We learn that we should listen to the Lord and obey Him.) Encourage students to ask a question for other children to answer, or to stump the teacher!

Jesus is pleased when we serve Him. We show Jesus we love Him when we do the things He asks. The Bible says, (Read Psalm 100:2), "Serve the Lord with gladness." When Jesus tells us to do something we should be happy to do it like Samuel. The Bible and Book of Mormon tell us what He wants us to do. Ask students to hold their Bible as they read or say, "Serve the Lord with gladness."

How do we serve the Lord?

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- ? Talk about obeying father and mother and others without complaining.
- ? Helping others when they are in need.
- ? Use our talents (things we know about and do best) to help others know about the Lord.
- ? Talk about what we do in church and how we conduct ourselves while in God's house.

We should serve the Lord in His house (church) and wherever we are. The Lord wants us to listen when we are in His house. Samuel helped in the Lord's house, and we can too. We can help keep it nice and clean. If we love Jesus, we will do what He asks. We are glad to serve Him and worship in His house.

Activity: Paper-tear a picture of Samuel in bed, the Lord calling to him. Use a 24" x 36" piece of newsprint, placed vertically in front of each child. The top two-thirds of paper use light blue for background and white for a jagged cloud, on which "Samuel, Samuel!" is printed. On bottom third of the paper, out of various colors, paper tear Samuel lying down on a mat with a white robe on.

Song to sing: "Speak, My Lord" 137, *Zion's Hymnal*

Closing prayer: Encourage the one offering the prayer to remember the lesson objective of listening to the Lord when He speaks to us.

Middle School Activity

Paint a picture or write a poem or song that depicts a time that the Lord spoke to you, or of a time that you followed the Lord's commandments. Use your activity to share your testimony with others.

High School

Like the story of Samuel the phrase "Here I am" is full of meaning, and faith.

Read I Samuel chapters 1-3.

There are two key points I will focus on. The first is Samuel's mother Hannah making an oath with God and being greatly blessed when she followed through. In Matthew 5:33-37 Christ talks about swearing oaths. As God promised in the Law of Moses when Hannah followed through she was blessed with more children. However, Christ said swearing oaths should not be done. Verse 37 tells me to say what I mean and mean what I say clearly.

Talk about what these scriptures say to you. Later in the story, Samuel hears someone call and goes to Eli saying, "Here I am." After three times, Eli realizes God is talking to Samuel and tells him how to talk to God. We are not born knowing God's voice or how to talk to Him. The scriptures tell us we are born with a sense of right and wrong. Knowing God's voice in all its forms takes education and practice. Just as Eli taught Samuel, our parents teach us to pray and study. But God's voice is also in dreams, visions, and even in an actual voice. Samuel said, "Here I am" with a childlike faith, knowing Eli would not ask anything of him that was harmful or not possible.

Challenges for you to do and discuss with your family, ministry, and friends:

1. Study in the word about the different voices of God.
2. Do acts of service and share how God blesses you.
3. If you think God is talking to you, share the experience with someone who has had spiritual experience and test whether it is from God.

FROM the ARCHIVES

A Very Significant LITTLE PILE of ROCKS

Continued from the "Story of the Small Pile of Stones" - 2015 Jan/Feb issue

These are excerpts from a two-part article written by Sr. Angela Denham Wheaton, the wife of our late Apostle Clarence Wheaton. (July and August, 1964 issues of the *Zion's Advocate*)

Sr. Angela wrote—

To me, even as a child, it was an inspiring thought that when the early elders of the Church of Christ traveled to Independence, Missouri in 1831, to dedicate the spot for the building of the Temple to the Lord, they, having been instructed of the Lord as to its location and other marks of identification, found it exactly as they had been told.

Somewhere, many years ago, I read that on "August 3, 1831, Joseph Smith and several other elders (who had traveled from New York to dedicate that famous spot for the building of the Temple) made their way to the grassy knoll and they found the pile of rocks there."

My Grandfather, George Frisbey, and Elder George Cole told us that "when our people of the Church of Christ returned to Independence in 1867, those stones were there marking the northeast corner of the contemplated Temple. They said that during the years between 1833



Sr. Angela Denham Wheaton

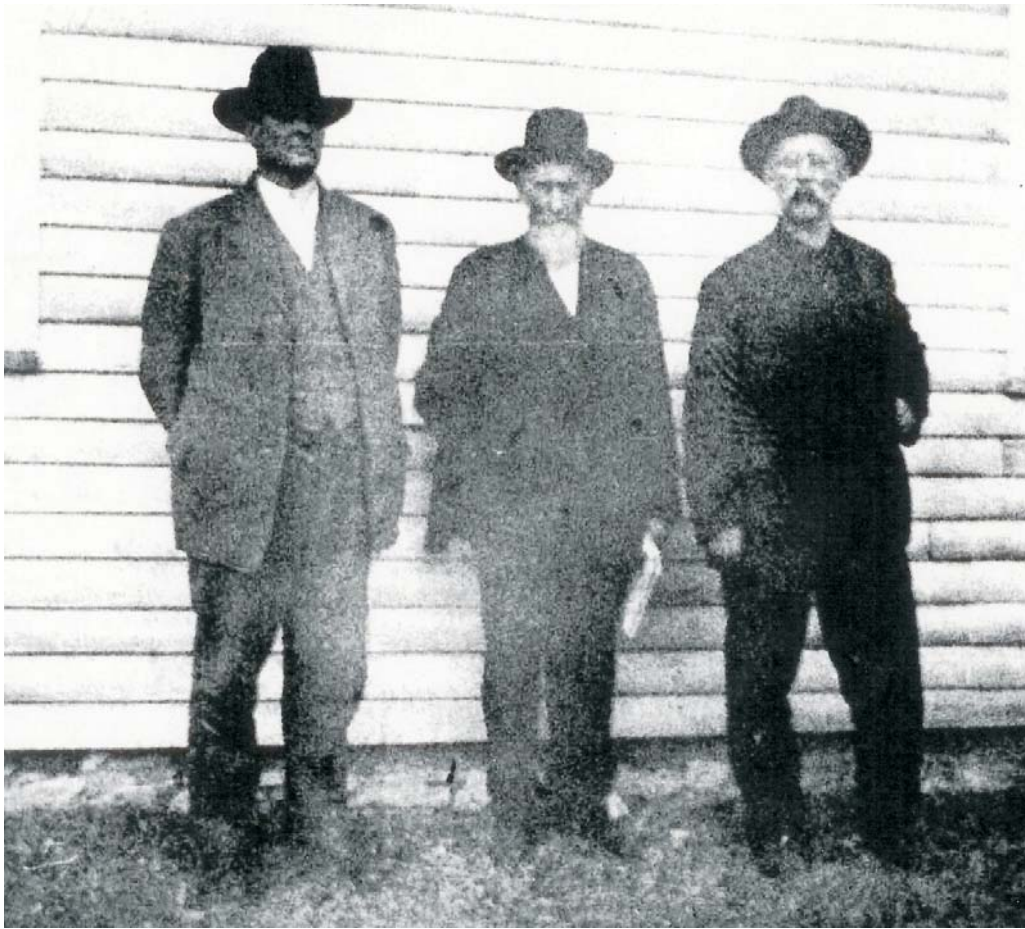
(when the saints were driven out of Independence), and 1867 (when they returned), the natives of this area identified the Temple Lot by this pile of stones."

As children, we were allowed to play on the pile of stones, even pick them up, handle them, examine them, but never must we throw them or carry them off because we were told "they belong to mark the Temple." In the winter when the grass was dead you could readily see the stones, but when the grass was tall they were quite well-hidden and you had to hunt for them. I used to pick those

rocks up one at a time and examine them carefully. Some of them were very heavy; some were surprisingly light; some had holes like tiny caves going back into the inside of them like, as I know now but did not know then, lava from a volcano, and yet on the outside they all looked the same color and texture, like limestone which is the native stone in this area. Now that is what I figure happened to the little pile of rocks; they became crusted over by mineral deposits.

Along about 1918, a few families of Indians who had come to attend the RLDS conference asked permission to pitch their tepees on the Temple Lot. They seemed to have some deep, intense longing to use this particular spot. The privilege was given them and they, even the children, were well behaved; the rocks were never scattered around even though their tepees were set quite near the pile of rocks; they were always neat and clean; no trash was ever left lying around. We enjoyed many happy hours visiting with them and they never failed to show their deep gratitude toward us for the privilege we had given them.

The little rocks remained there until about 1926-27. The story was



James Hedrick, George Cole, George Frisbey

that the caretaker had disposed of the rocks, feeling they were in the way.

Until 1930, there was an indentation in the ground where the rocks had lain. The indentation in the center was about eight or nine inches below the outer surface of the ground. The pile in the center had not been more than six or eight inches high. If you measured from the furthest stones in every direction the measurement would be about nine feet by twelve feet.

In 1946 the City Fathers wanted Brother Wheaton to set up an authentic Indian village as a part of the Santa-Cali-Gon celebration. They knew his interest in Indians and that we both were of Indian extraction. So he was persuaded and

brought Indians from widely separated areas. One of the women told me that, "from the landmarks they located, this was the area where in olden times, long before the coming of the white man, all Indian trails had converged, and from this point spread in every direction like the spokes of a wagon wheel from the hub."

The winter of 1948, we met an outstanding young Navajo leader, Edward Cowboy, and his family. Edward had a desire to come to Independence. Soon after his arrival he announced one morning that he would not eat breakfast and that he wanted to look over the land in this area. Sometime after eleven p. m., he came in. He said he had found all the

landmarks he was looking for except one, and that from the other evidences he had found that somewhere in this vicinity there should be a little pile of rocks. In amazement I asked, "What sort of a little pile of rocks?" He said, "Oh, not big rocks, certainly not bigger than one's hand; maybe not so big rocks but what an Indian runner could carry one in his hand or his pocket for a long way." Then he told us an astonishing story of how many, many years ago, before the white man came, runners from every Indian tribe had come together from every direction to this center place, as if it were the hub of a great wheel with Indian Trails as great spokes extending in every direction from

this center, and had deposited a small stone, each from his own tribal area, into a little heap marking this great hub. I then told our Indian friend about the significant pile of rocks which had lain for so many years on the Temple Lot. It aroused his very keen interest. He asked many questions about them, some of which we could not answer, and he was most disappointed.

Alma O. Frisbey, who was born in Independence, September 12, 1867, the first Latter Day Saint child born in Independence after the expulsion of 1833, and who died in 1954, then told our Indian friend, that this little pile of rocks had, throughout his life, been on the same spot where the marker now rests, and that he also played on them as a child but never disturbed them.

It fell to our lot, only a few short years ago, to hear a more complete story of that significant little pile of rocks from the lips of a cherished Indian friend and brother in the church, a chieftain whom Clarence had baptized some years ago.

Our Indian chieftain brother told us that, "many ages before the white man had come (and he, from his study of the Book of Mormon, places it in the Jaredite period), the forefathers of the present Indian people had had trade routes through this great valley made by the Mississippi, Missouri, and many other rivers. Many of their trails crossed in the area of the Old Indian Spring. These had been the great thoroughfares of that day. Many of the people of that period had been of very great size. Hatred grew among the tribes and they became very

warlike. One day when several tribes had met on the crossroads and with their faces covered with war paint, they fought furiously, determined to fight each other to the death. They looked, and behold, the Great Spirit stood in their midst in the form of a man. He told them many things. In other words he preached to them and prophesied to them. He told them to cease fighting and killing off their brethren, that they must live in peace; that in the latter day a Temple was to be built upon the spot on which He stood (modern Indians refer to a temple or any building for worship of God as a Great Lodge), to which He would come. He told them to go to the river and wash off their war paint and go back to their homes and tell their people, and then send a runner from each tribe with a small stone that could be carried easily in the hand, a native stone, indigenous to their own homes, and deposit it in a pile on the spot where He stood at this hub of the great wheel, as a symbol of their pledge to each other and to their Creator that they would live in peace, and to mark the spot where the Great House of the Lord would someday stand. So they went to the Missouri River and washed off their war paint; and so great was their number and so great was the amount of war paint that the waters of the Old Missouri ran red like blood. They went home and sent back a runner, one from each tribe with a little native stone, and deposited them in a significant little pile which for ages was a silent token and a cornerstone marker for the Temple of the Lord, our God and their God. He met with them again at that time

and instituted among them the ceremony of the peace pipe, which in its significance to the Indian peoples is very similar to our Sacrament Service.

Our friend told us that Indians also have another landmark by which they locate the area where this great hub of a wheel is to be found. They say this area has a star, a greenish star which appears low in the north sky just a short time before midnight at a certain time of year. He was quite sure that was why Edward Cowboy did not come back that night till nearly midnight. Indians have given that star the name, "Tasahadia," which means green and sort of stationary, though not stationary as the North Star is stationary.

Is it to be wondered at, in the face of all these legends, that the Indians who have visited the Temple Lot have taken the shoes from their feet, as they had reason to believe it had been made sacred by the feet of their Great White God? Both Moses and Joshua were told of the Lord, each in his day, to take their shoes off their feet, for the place whereon they stood was holy ground. Is it such a travesty then for anyone in our day to feel such a deep reverence for a certain spot of ground that they likewise felt constrained to remove their shoes?

Angela Wheaton



REPORT

CHURCH OF CHRIST 2014 YOUTH CAMP IN KENYA

Happy New Year to everyone of the household of the House of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our blessings during this season of period of last year was far beyond explanation. To the church this was a joyful season of the year, and I knew that this camp of 2014 was a camp of restoration; the ordained ministry and the organizing committee met prior to the camp dates to discuss the theme of the camp, site, meals that were to be offered to the campers, and the spiritual well being of our youths during this season period. In the meeting, we knew that God had chosen each and every one of us to be a vital part of His church through activities such as this forthcoming camp in bringing forth His work through our young generation. Each and every one was reminded that we need to stand up for this call, to see our youths grow both physically and spiritually. The ministry and the sitting committee in attendance were reminded of this calling and refreshed in the spirit of restoration.

The ministry sat on Saturday 18th November 2014 and



planned the event of the campers; all was planned and dates were set for 1st up to 5th December 2014. The venue of the camp was to be Green Valley Academy. Letters were written and sent to all the locals and missions to notify them of this occasion of our youths. The scripture theme guiding and focusing us for the 2014 camp was picked from the book of Eccl: 12:1 (Oh young man take care and you shall prosper in the land). We all planned the 2014 youth camp to be different from all the rest. We agreed that we wanted spiritual growth and development; we also thought that we should give our youths the opportunity to assume the camp responsibilities themselves. We felt that when

we see this happening with our young people it is a training ground for them. To develop as spiritual leaders of the Church of Christ, like the generation preceding us, we can testify that we learned so much about God, Jesus and His church by participating in the camp activities.

We realized that when we encourage them to participate, it is a means of training our youths to jump in and get involved in missionary work. The youths' participation in the camp adds to their ability in the service to God. The ministry was in agreement with all our suggestions, but some ordained ministers were appointed to lead and guide our youths through teaching.

Wednesday was a day of registration and a good number of youths turned up on this day, welcomed by fellow youths who were appointed to take part in the whole process. It was the thrilling day for our youths, welcomed, guided and mentored by their fellow youths. All of us watched from a distance how they did all this with full energy, and we knew

God was working among our young people and He surely was preparing them for the task ahead of them.

Thursday was a bright and sunny day for us. Before teaching began we had a song service and testimonies of how God helped

most of us to be at the camp safely. Opening remarks were made by the attending ministry and each encouraged the youths to be participants of this year's camp and take it seriously, as it is time to spiritually determine their physical and spiritual growth.

Many voices were lifted up in songs and prayers of thanksgiving during this period of time for the whole year that the Lord had taken care of. Brother Moses Ohuru, who is an elder in the church, gave guidance through the teachings; he spoke about the apostasy and gave his references from Matt.16:18. He spoke how our Lord was going to build His church and how the gates of hell were not to prevail against His church. Elder Ohuru asked the campers to take heed upon them and make it a responsibility to be



► *The ministry in the lesson hall.*

overseers and to feed the church of Christ. The Lord was aware that as He departed grievous wolves would enter among His disciples, not sparing even the flock (Acts 20:28-31). He further said we have been warned to be watchful. His scripture references, which can be read, are from 2 Thes. 2:1-11, Amos 8:1-13, Amos 3:7, Daniel 2:37-44, Isaiah 29:1. Then we took a lunch break, and after lunch and song services our afternoon teachings were given by Brother Isaac Ondimu. He wanted to know practically if the youths understood what the Book of Mormon was and its purpose; he said the church has been in Kenya and in Kisii for a long time for us all to have a good understanding of the Book of Mormon. He started by explaining that the Book of Mormon is a record of three sepa-

rate ancient migration groups of people led by God from the old world to the Americas; he further told the youth and those in attendance how God delivered this people from the hands of the enemies and gave them a

promised land. The book is a history of king's religion, wars and the rise and fall of great nations. He further explained how it is meant to be a witness to the validity of the Holy Bible in many ways.

He further explained that the most important purpose of this book is to teach and emphasize to us to believe the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ as recorded in our Bibles. He never stopped there; he gave the campers references from II Nephi 3:195-197, John 10:16. He further told the campers and those in attendance that the Book of Mormon teaches the same ordinance contained in the Bible, and they should not be lied to that it is a false book as all that we read is confirmed in the Bible.

After supper and song service, Bro. Shadrack concluded on the book of Mormon by



► *Holding onto the Rod of Iron*

summarizing what Bro. Isaac Ondimu had taught by explaining that the three separate ancient migrations were the Jaredites, the Nephites and the Mulekites, and he gave his references from I Nephi 1:3, 18-20, Genesis 49:22, Jer 39:1-2, 6, 7; and he finished his lesson by crowning his message from Helaman 3:55-57. He finally led the gathering into a season of prayer of thanksgiving and praise to our Lord to have brought the youths this far. Brother Omonyi and others crowned the entire day by encouraging the youths to be watchful as this is the end times, and told our youths to be watchful of the Ten Commandments. He gave the book of 1 Samuel 15: 2-3, that whatever God says in the Ten Commandments is spoken in His covenant

people. He also told the youths that when God inflicts punishment on His children He limits this to third or fourth generation; when He shows mercy, it is to the thousands of them that love Him and keep His commandments (Exodus 20:6). Besides this the word of God shows that a curse is rolled away from children who distance themselves from the sins of their parents, as evidenced by the history of the children of Korah; a text like Ezekiel 18:20 also points in that direction.

The youths were told to have fear of the Lord in heart. The fear in the heart of God's children is therefore a childlike fear; this fear originates from the love of the Lord in the rebirth. Everything is provided even though we do not immediately have the consciousness of

it. The love of God which has been poured out in the heart in the rebirth, there comes a longing and a yearning after God. When his father is away then that little child longs for the time that his father is home again and is close by him. In the fear of the Lord we begin to experience that we are separated far from God because of sin, and that sin has made a great gap between us and the Lord. That leads to a deep sorrow in the heart.

Brother Stephen Kengara and some other ministry took the youths through scripture and memory reciting, and the youths displayed their talents in all manner. They also helped our youths set up a play game for all to be participants, which illustrated more on holding tight to the Rod of Iron. Brother Ste-

phen will always be remembered for his hilarious memorable games and challenges that the youths have come to love very much in all the camps we have held. Below I include the pictures which I took to be included in this report.

I, Sister Margaret, was given an opportunity to speak to our youths, and give some encouraging words to them so that there would be gender balancing in the camp, as we had both young men and women in attendance. I stood up by encouraging the youths to be drawn close to the Lord, and I encouraged the youths that whatever was wrong in their lives, all who were in their presence was available to tell them that Jesus Christ is the only answer to their unanswered questions. I gave an example, how a little one will at the time of punishment still crawl back to his father. Sometimes the father will punish and the child will go away, but eventually he crawls back to be by his father again! And I said this is more than our Jesus, because He will not even wait for us to crawl back; He stretches out His hand all the time, showing us His endless love, mercies, forgiveness, for us as His children. I further said congregations will have some learning and adjusting to do. Perhaps the first lesson will be to strive to see matters through God's eyes. God looks at the heart and the motive behind ef-



► *Sister Margaret monitoring Youth Activities*

forts more than at how well the job is done. If children and youth are discouraged by criticism during their early attempts to serve, how can they be expected to offer their time and talents willingly later in life? Moreover, given the expectancy of God for work that young people can bring to ministry, perhaps adults have as much to learn from younger people's faith as younger people have to benefit from the experience of elders and the Ministry. I remember giving a Bible story of Samuel anointing David: God recruited an adult, Samuel, to identify David, a youth, as God's anointed. God needs willing, discerning adults who can identify gifts, look beyond outward appearances, and be open to the prompting of the

Holy Spirit to mentor our children and youths into ministry, and keep the Church of Christ alive even after the adults have departed. I further said young people respond wonderfully to meaningful relationships with caring adults who take a genuine interest in helping them improve in areas in which they are gifted and interested. I asked the attending ministry that once the youths go back to their locals and missions we need good feedback, regular encouragement, liberal amounts of praise, and occasional constructive criticism to help them develop their gifts. Obviously this takes time and a long-term commitment.

A word of caution to our youths: we know that the youths are quick to spot when you are being patronizing! From this year's camp we have realized that you want to be involved in worthwhile endeavors and need to be involved on a meaningful and ongoing basis. And for this we appreciate all of you for the doings and being involved in all the activities; my emphasis to you is that if a youth has a gift for reading the scriptures in worship, for example, they should be asked to do so regularly, not just on special occasions. Under the care and direction of adult mentors, young people can be involved in many aspects of church ministry. Here are a few ideas for youth with the following gifts

and personality traits:

- ▶ *Dramatic - participating in the ministry of the word through readings, drama, and puppet plays.*
- ▶ *Musical - participating and leading worship through music.*
- ▶ *Caring - being buddies for new youths and children attending church, playing with younger children in the Sunday School.*
- ▶ *Practical - helping keep the church clean, caring for the church grounds and repairs.*
- ▶ *Extroverts - welcoming people to worship.*
- ▶ *Everyone - participating in service and outreach for us to win many into the Restoration Gospel and more especially the church of Christ (TL).*

The youth and children in our pews are not the church of tomorrow; they are very much a part of the church today. We don't have to wait for them to grow up; the time is now and it is our responsibility to help them be the true leaders of tomorrow.

We had to close this Saturday for dinner to be served, and almost the entire ministry encouraged the youths by telling them that whatever was wrong in their lives, the ministry was available to tell them that Jesus Christ is the only answer to their unanswered questions, and asked them to be very active in their locals and missions, and know that they needed to be role models so that the youths in their communities may have the desire for Christ.

On Sunday we woke up with joyful hearts. The hall was filled with songs and choruses as we awaited the speaker of this special day to deliver the service. Brother Simion Monari said, as we know that we have the final day here today we should all of us make a commitment to making the youth camp a continuation of hope, as we all reach out to our communities with the love of Christ. He said the coming together of the church encouraged many. Brother Simion said the coming together of the youths encourage others in the gospel struggle; he further said seeing youths together praising God gives us a sense of hope that things will get better in our today's society. None of the youths wanted to leave; however, it was time to come to an end, but many were left challenged for the forthcoming youth camp 2015, and were encouraged to go to their locals and missions to share the testimonies of how the camp has been able to change their lives and the impact it has made in their spiritual life.

Our Ministry did a great work by providing spiritual guidance and relationship building for our youths, as well as those who came from other denominations who were invited, and also those who found their way to the camp with no invitation. Sincerely this was a beautiful closing ceremony to

us all. The youths were encouraged by being told that whatever was wrong in their lives, the ministry was available to tell them that Jesus Christ is the only answer to their unanswered questions. Many young people were appreciated in helping preparing good meals and maintaining cleanliness, and bringing order while at the campsite.

We thank God for how far we have come this 2014 with our youths since when we first began; we have seen youths getting married in the church, young boys and girls growing and joining universities and colleges, which is a blessing for our church in the future generations.

We thank our African Missionaries, Brother Smith Brickhouse, Brian Mcindoo and Duane Ely and all our Brothers and Sisters who made it possible for this camp to be a success. May our good Lord continue to bless all of you as we spread this gospel all over the world using every kind of weapon that we have, to see that the gospel has been restored to the world.

*May God Bless all
In the Gospel Bond,
Sister Margaret Moraa
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REPORT

2015 COLORADO REUNION

Greetings from the Grand Junction Church of Christ local. We enjoyed a Spirit-filled weekend at our reunion in June. It was great to see everyone that made the effort to come and share in this joyous time. We had a packed sanctuary all three days with 70-75 people in attendance.

Friday morning Brother Bob Hedrick opened our prayer service by reading Psalm 100, verse 4 specifically, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." We started the service with a season of prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord that really set the tone for our services. If you were to give a theme to Friday's testimonies, it would be that God has a plan, He prepares the way, and we need to listen to His still voice. From finding lost keys, God's blessing through major trials, to avoiding a downpour while on a motorcycle, God will direct if we listen to that still, small voice, and we need to remember the challenges and sacrifices those that have gone before us have made to endure to the end. Not surprisingly, Rich Bove gave a sermon titled, "How do you recognize God's voice?" He gave seven good questions to ask yourself when you feel like God is speaking to you. Bob Oldham spoke later that day, exhorting us, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more" (Luke 12:48). He re-

minded us of the great gift we have in the gospel and our responsibility to share that gift with others, which requires sacrifice. Friday evening the young people enjoyed a campfire near the pond at the Hedrick home. They shared their favorite Bible or Book of Mormon verse and why it was their favorite. They also discussed times that they had felt the Spirit.

Saturday morning service began with Psalm 118:24, "This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." The theme of this service emphasized that the day we are living in requires us to have greater diligence; it takes 100% of our effort to serve the Lord. Also of great importance is having a testimony of the truth of the Book of Mormon. In the afternoon, Bob Hedrick and Gordon McCann led a group discussion on the topics, "What do you expect to face in the future and how do you prepare?" The generalized thought was that we are presently living in comfort that we will surely lose. We are dropping our spiritual weapons as well as compromising our beliefs. To prepare we need to: seek first the kingdom of God, make God a priority, put on the whole armor of God, be opportunistic in sharing the gospel with our kids and neighbors, pray for discernment and practice listening to His still, small voice. The answer to preparing is through His word. Saturday evening Jay Moser spoke about addictions and the admonition from 1 Corinthians 6:20, "For

ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." We also need to be humble like David and be willing to be corrected.

Sunday morning Brother Duane Sely opened our sacrament service by talking about how he and many others had grown up in the Colorado local or had major events in their spiritual walk take place here. Duane commented on how if it wasn't for the Colorado local many of us most likely wouldn't be a part of the Church of Christ. This rang true for me. If this local were not here, I'm not sure that my husband's family would have moved here from Nebraska, and then I wouldn't have ever met my husband John and, in turn, never been introduced to the Church of Christ. You can imagine how thankful I am for this little Colorado local. Brother Joel Yates reminded us Sunday night about our need to be ready and to prepare our hearts and minds because the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" Matthew 24:13.

It was a wonderful time spent in the presence of our Lord, who filled us both physically and spiritually, as we fellowshiped with our dear brothers and sisters.

In Him,
Julie Larsen
Liza Hedrick

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PHOENIX Local News

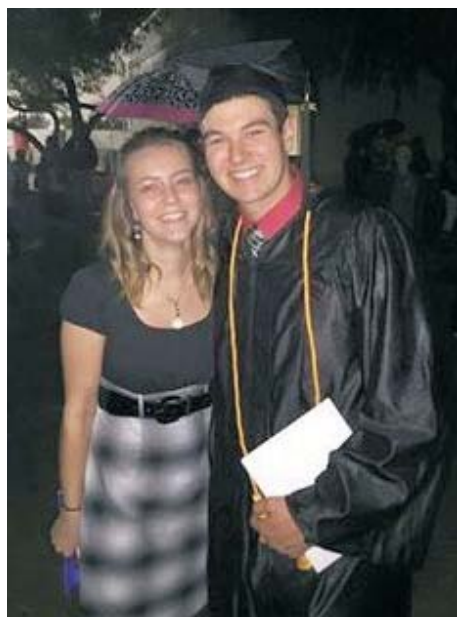


Greeting from very warm Phoenix! I could not believe the most wonderful May we had here in the valley. The temperatures were just marvelous. I had hoped it was a precursor to the summer. Well, not so much. I think I heard that June was in the top 5 of the hottest ever.

So, what have we been up to? On Saturday, April 11th, the church carnival was held. What a fun time! During the month of May, there were several activities for families to participate in. We had movie night at church on Friday, May 1st. The yearly salsa competition was held on May 9th, and a second pizza fundraiser for new playground equipment and irrigation upgrade occurred on Saturday, May 23rd. A big thank you goes out to all who participated.

At the June 3rd business meeting at church, much was discussed about the purchase of new or refurbished pews for the congregation. There were many views on whether new seating was needed, and what type of seating that should be. No decisions were made and much prayer is needed to help us make decisions on the best route to take with the future of the Phoenix local.

Finally, on June 21st, a Father's Day Special was held for all to enjoy. Several



Sasha & Zach

young people graduated, including our Br. Zach Yates with a degree in Fire Science, and Sr. Didi Galvan from high school. Best wishes to our Br. Zach Yates and Sr. Sasha Gill who announced their engagement this spring.

As usual, many of our ministry were out in all parts of the world. It's important to remember to keep them all in our prayers. It seems like it is becoming more dangerous to travel all the time.

In addition, there are many right at home that need blessings. Our Sr. Amy Moser continues to have challenges. Sr. Marlene Oar is still fighting. Br. Glenn Saracino is having serious problems with his foot and certainly can use your prayers to help battle this problem.

Many, many others are having medical, financial and personal problems. I think we need to especially think about and pray for those who are dealing with the question of faith.

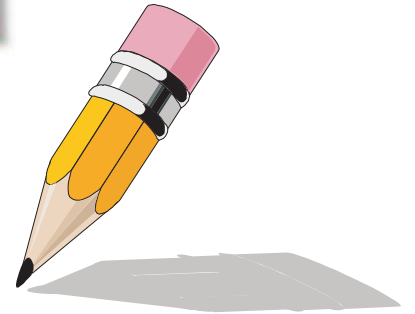
I would pray that you all have a blessed and enjoyable summer.

*Your Sister in Christ,
Sr. DiAnn Hedrick*



Didi Galvan

East Independence Local Report



Our greetings to everyone from the Independence East Local.

The 2015 Local business meeting took place April 14th. Our new pastor is Elder Rick Olson and our assistant pastor is Elder Isaac "Bick" Brockman; Br. David Rudd will continue as our Sunday School Superintendent, with Br. Pat Fisher as Assistant Superintendent.

April 30th Sr. Deb Haines underwent open-heart surgery. Her two tissue valves needed to be replaced with two mechanical valves. Surgery went well and she was greatly blessed of the Lord with not needing to have a pacemaker put in. After sixteen days in the hospital she was released to go home with husband Bruce. Meals were brought to them by the East Local ladies, home health nurses visited and God blessed abundantly. Sr. Deb started her 36 sessions of Cardiac-Rehab on June 2. Her recovery is going very well.

In May our Apostles Mike McGhee and Jay Moser made a missionary trip to the Philippines. They were

there to attend the Young People's Youth Camp. We understand it was an exceptional camp this year.

In the month of June some of our local members were able to travel to the Idaho and Colorado Reunions. The following week some of our local members traveled to the Michigan Reunion.

On June 24th we were blessed with a special service for our normal Wednesday evening prayer service. This service was meant to celebrate God's blessings in establishing this choice nation of liberty. We enjoyed specials done by the young people's Sunday school classes, specials done by adults who volunteered, and a short video on the subject. We also enjoyed a sermon given by Elder Steve McGhee. Afterward tasty refreshments were served in the annex. It was a very nice evening of remembrance of America's heritage.

Saturday afternoon, June 27th, a Father/Son Picnic was sponsored by the Women's Department and Social Committee, held at Craig and Jane

Ann Carmichael's Home. The men joined eagerly in the food, fishing, fun and fellowship. The event was well attended and a good time was had by all.

Please remember these loved ones in your prayers: Apostle William Sheldon for his general health and eyesight; Elder Charles Brantner who is suffering breathing difficulties; sr. Dana Taylor who is having severe migraines; the Granger Family who are mourning the passing of Rusty's brother; Apostle Buzz Brickhouse continues to have regular treatments and check-ups for cancer; and sr. Sheila Sarratt who is suffering from severe headaches and has concerns about her job.

*May God bless you all is our prayer,
Sr. Deb Haines*

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- Vision given to A. M. Smith 9-7-1964
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OBITUARY (revised)

Alan W. Scott

April 22, 1935 ~ March 25, 2014

Alan W. Scott passed from this life at his home on March 25, 2014, at 8:40 a.m. He leaves behind his wife, Bernice May Scott (Carney) of Marne, Michigan; a brother, Lowell Scott of Sparta, Michigan; sons Alan Scott, Jr. of Kent City, Michigan, Edmond Scott of Grand Rapids, Michigan, David Scott of Colorado Springs,

Colorado; daughter Beverly Scott, who lives at home with her mother; plus many grand and great grandchildren.

Alan was born in Elk Rapids, Michigan, April 22, 1935. He served in the Armed Services and worked as a Technician for a local utilities company.

Brother Alan was a member of the

Church of Christ (Temple Lot), Bradley, Michigan local, and held the office of Priest.

He will be missed by family and many friends.



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