

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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"Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." —2 Corinthians 5:9-10

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Attainable Hope

By Elder Robert Dewaele

We often find ourselves in situations where our mortal strength is tried to its limit and it seems that we might have nowhere else to turn to. It is in those times that we must reach deep inside of ourselves and retrieve what we know to be true spiritually, then apply it. It can be difficult to keep our focus on hope, but we must if we are to surmount various obstacles that come our way.

I have certainly found myself requiring the need to rely upon a higher power, and not only myself. I have had the good fortune to be able to minister to my cousin, David Jensen, who had been a member of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) since he was ten years old, until his death this October, 2015. David had suffered severe complications of cancer and surgery for it since 2003.

In the intervening years, David came to realize that he, too, had to rely upon our Lord and Master for all things. David went on a twelve-year spiritual quest that included several readings of both the Bible and Book of Mormon, plus listening to many sermons that are broadcast over our church website.

Through his studies and fervent prayers David developed a faith and hope that I have not seen demonstrated by many people. His

belief in the Gospel continued to deepen while his physical health declined. An incredible amount of faith and hope was attained from his life's experiences and sincere study. Many others might have given up hope at any time if they had been asked to experience a similar ordeal, but David's determination and hope in all things spiritual allowed him to suspend doubts and anxiety which, in turn, opened the way to a greater understanding of the Lord and an appreciation for all things that are offered to us if we remain faithful to the end.

We need to look no further than Psalm 42:11, which states:

“Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance.”

Another set of scriptures defines the attainment of hope. Philippians 3:9-16:

“And be found in him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death: If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained,

either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.”

We, as followers of Christ, have every reason to have hope. It is revealed to us throughout scripture the path that each one of us must take to become one of His. Though narrow the way might seem to be at times, we are given the strength, knowledge and hope to persevere through the most difficult of experiences in this life. Staying the course will yield blessings beyond our comprehension. Hope is attainable, but we must develop an unquenchable thirst for the truth and all things that are derived from our obedience to the Lord. We certainly can look forward to the future and have hope.

Woe to them that are with Child

—AN EXPECTANT FATHER'S POINT OF VIEW—

There are many woes pronounced in the New Testament. And many more in the Old Testament—so many that I cowed at the task of reviewing them; so, to keep my vigor, and in keeping with the query that had taken hold of my study, I chickened out and reviewed mainly the New Testament references, plus a few in the Book of Mormon. I Corinthians 9:16, for example, “...Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!” A consequence for a failure. I Nephi 3:213: “Therefore, wo, be unto the Gentiles, if it so be that they harden their hearts against the Lamb of God;...” Another consequence for lack of humility and repentance. I found plenty more pronouncing woes on Lawyers, Scribes and Pharisees for being, well, Lawyers, Scribes and Pharisees in their manipulating of the laws of God.

In Revelation 12:12 we see something a little different, “Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for

the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.” There is no consequence. The only condition of this woe is that these people just happened to be there at that time. The woe in this example best describes the meaning of a different verse I have struggled with recently.

Matthew 24:19: “*And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!*” My understanding of a woe was that of a consequence and I struggled as I read this verse. It started my ruminations and left me asking God, How is this? How can this be? How could a baby be anything other than a gift from God? There had to be something more to it. Strong explanation was helpful, and the example of other scriptures helped mold and shape the understanding I’d like to share. “G3759” being the Greek or New Testament use of the word in Strong’s is interpreted as *woe* or *alas* and

its meaning is, “**a primary exclamation of grief.**” In most cases woe is pronounced upon someone because of their mistakes or errors, or in some cases it is a Godly sorrow of sorts because a repentant soul recognized their own sin. Woe is me, for I have ___ fill in the blank. Most notably I want to emphasize what it isn’t; **it isn’t a curse.** Woe is not a predestination term of doom. It is not a categorizing of people in derogatory status. Again, it is “a primary exclamation of grief.” I would more closely relate it to a sigh, more so than a judgment.

With that in mind, let’s read the verse again with the rest of the context (Matthew 24:3-22).

“And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no

man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the house-

top not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

Historically, the events that Christ was referring to in this prophecy had taken place long ago as Jerusalem was besieged by the Roman army. Starvation took the lives of many and horrible things happened. Suffice it to say, it would not have been easy to be a mother. Like many prophecies, the events that took place in Jerusalem are a type of what is to come, as indicated by the question His disciples asked and the explanation of the last days that surround this verse. That **we** can expect a type of these events to come to pass: What a horrible thing to say to an expectant mother today.

A little study left me reaching for clarity and understanding, and I counseled

with ministry all the while this verse left **me** feeling **woe**. I didn't like the truth it offered me. The verses in Matthew do well in explaining the prophecy and types, but Luke justifies the reason for woe more clearly.

Luke 21:23: "*But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.*"

That a little different isn't it? It explains the reason for the woe. There was wrath upon the people of Jerusalem. A little history lesson tells us that the Roman armies approached the city of Jerusalem twice before in the years leading up to its destruction in 70 AD. Those that remembered the words of Christ and believed/heard His warning left the city. The lesson is that the believers in Christ were not there and did not have to experience that woe. It stands to reason that we won't have to either. (Sigh of relief.)

What about that verse in Revelation 12:12: "*...woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*" And 17: "*And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and*

went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

Does this describe our time? I submit that we are living in a time of woe, when the dragon knows his time is short. It is becoming more and more difficult to shelter our children from the world. My sons time of innocence is being shortened by the billboards we drive past, by the volume and quality of the music in the vehicles around us, and by the vocabulary of the six-year-olds he likes to play with that live in our neighborhood. I am incapable of explaining to my five year old son why the police had to unscrew all of his Gramma's porch lights so they could approach a neighbor house in darkness, to apprehend a man whose daughter and wife were hiding in another church member's garage.

What does that mean? Are we to be afraid of having children because of the day in which we live? Should our young families live in fear of the world snares and the trials and struggles that are in store for our children? Certainly not. However, I believe our young mothers need to be informed, strong-willed, vigilant in teaching God's law in word and in deed. Our expect-

tant mothers also need to know that Christ is ready to encircle our young ones about with fire if need be. He did it in this land and instructed the parents to see. He was filled with so much joy He wanted the parents to see their children encircled about by fire and heavenly angels. Jesus loves the little children; it's not just a kid's song.

"And it came to pass that Jesus spake unto them, and bade them arise. And they arose from the earth, and he saith unto them, Blessed are ye because of your faith. And now behold my joy is full. 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,..." (3 Nephi 8:21-26).

He is there for you, to help you along the way because He understands the circumstances you are in. He predicted it and He gave us a warning and a promise in Matthew 24:21-22. A warning that "...then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved:..." A promise that, "...for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Woe to them that are with child is not a threat. It is "a primary exclamation of grief" by Christ to expectant mothers today. It means His heart is burdened for you. His love and compassion are extended out constantly for your sakes.

As a father, this verse in Matthew 24:19 harrows me still. In spite of how I have spent these paragraphs trying to lend encouragement to our young families, there is a responsibility and a burden that lies heavily upon the shoulders of expecting fathers. The day in which we live is menacing, and the tactics of a desperate enemy in his final hours are aimed at our children. We have to remain strong, watchful and suspicious of anything that can take away our children's right to a childhood free from

the pressures of a pre-matured youth of the world today. Sometimes the questions my sons have for me leave me asking them, Where did you hear that? I'm not ready for them to be asking me these things and, frankly, they aren't ready to hear it. I suppose every father must go through this eventually, but I have found myself forced to deal with and prepare my boys for circumstances that ought not to be.

The Lord has been helping me write this article for some time, in that my thoughts have been shaped by life experiences. For example, last year I believe the Lord intervened on my behalf when I invited a friendly acquaintance from my work into my home with intended recurrence, to find him arrested days later on charges involving children. I don't believe it to be coincidence that I had a conversation a few months ago with a driver on his way to Florida who persisted in teaching me not to allow my sons to lose their tenderness. I would pass on that same advice with an addendum, including a few verses from Alma that show us our calling as fathers.

"Yea, and he hath made these things known unto us beforehand, because he loveth our souls as well as he loveth our children;

therefore in his mercy he doth visit us by his angels, that the plan of salvation might be made known unto us as well as unto future generations. O how merciful is our God!" (Alma 14:38).

"And now my son, this was the ministry unto which ye were called, to declare these glad tidings unto this people, to prepare their minds; or rather that salvation might come unto them, that they may prepare the minds of their children to hear the word at the time of his coming" (Alma 19:23).

As much as it seems so, this world is not a playground. It is a battleground. Remember the verses I began with, *"Woe to the inhabitants of the Earth.... Woe to them that are with child...."* Like Moroni's "Title of Liberty" we should rally around our wives and our children. Let us be Christ-like husbands and fathers and fight this battle for them and before them. Show them the way. We can just survive; our lives must serve as a righteous victory for their sakes. If we don't we are, in a sense, forcing them to pick up the sword to defend themselves. I pause as I envision a helpless seven, five or two year old boy forced to wield a weapon he hasn't the strength or skill to bare, and

face a dragon, a serpent, a devil, his father was too afraid to fight. Such imagery burns my conscience. I will end with a few references from Jacob that include the example we set for our children.

"And also, it grieveth me that I must use so much boldness of speech, concerning you, before your wives and your children, many of whose feelings are exceeding tender, and chaste, and delicate before God, which thing is pleasing unto God;..." (Jacob 2:7).

"Wherefore, ye shall remember your children, how that ye have grieved their hearts because of the example that ye have set before them;" (Jacob 2:62).

"And also, remember that ye may, because of your filthiness, bring your children unto destruction, and their sins be heaped upon your heads at the last day" (Jacob 2:63).

Let's hold off the onslaught for as long as we can.

REPORT

2015 TEEN CAMP

The Church of Christ 2015 Teen Camp was full to the brim with wonderful Christian fellowship and fun for six cabins of young women campers and six cabins of young men campers. The 2015 scripture theme for camp was from Proverbs 3:5-6,

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy

ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Campers learned a fun lesson about trust at the ice-breaker activity shortly after check-in on Sunday. They had to help one another complete an obstacle course – while some of them were blindfolded!

The campers were very creative on Shark day – the theme day for 2015. There were some



► *A fun, analogous ice-breaker helped campers explore the 2015 Teen Camp theme encouraging them to trust in the Lord (Proverbs 3:5-6).*

interesting sights – everything from exercising sharks to a phenomenal shark face painting. Actually, there were quite a few



► *Cabin #2 offered a very creative devotional inspired by the camp's scriptural theme about learning to "TRUST" in the Lord.*

shark sightings at campfire, by the canteen and even in the cafeteria throughout the entire week!

Campers enjoyed learning some fun things in the kitchen for several of their classes, including baking, the art of grilling and one of our favorites, candy making! There are always plenty of fun outdoor classes the campers enjoyed this year, including fishing, archery and volleyball.

Campers and the staff had a great time on the slip-n-slide – an old favorite. One of the activity highlights this year was a vigorously contested cabin challenge that featured everything from cabin members racing as a group walking in unison on 2" by 4" planks to demon-



► *Campers enjoyed singing some old favorites at the Teen Camp campfires each evening.*

strating their ice cream eating ability.

Campers also spent time with their peers learning about the scripture theme each day, as well as attending other spiritually-oriented classes in the morning and each evening. Fun

campfire activities and skits wrapped up with a brief sermon from one of our ministry evening. The Thursday night campfire featured a prayer and testimony service in which our campers participated. It was a wonderful blessing to all of us in attendance. It was truly a privilege to hear how much these young people love Jesus Christ and desire to serve Him.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our returning campers and meeting some new ones at the 2016 Church of Christ Teen Camp at Camp Far Westa in northwest Missouri from July 24 through July 29. Please see the registration materials in this issue of "Zion's Advocate." For additional information visit www.cofcteencamp.org.

—Jennifer McClure



► *It came as a surprise to the 2015 campers that a shark was actually quite adept at leading Tuesday morning exercises!*

TESTIMONIES

My Testimony

My name is Jayson Manali from Cabilao Local. I am very thankful with my experience since I joined the youth fellowship. I don't usually join this kind of fellowship because I'd rather be with my friends than joining. But with this recent fellowship held at Compostela I tried to join. One reason why I don't like joining is because I'm shy in joining activities except during services and

listening to the word of God. But now things changed because I don't feel ashamed anymore that the Holy Spirit touched my heart and mind. I haven't tried singing in front of the people before, even in our church services, but now, praise God, I have confidence in standing in front of a lot of people. It is so fulfilling doing the work of God. I even sang a special song all for the glory of God. I am happy and encouraged because of God's goodness to me. I am so thankful for these fellowships because it gives me the confidence that I

didn't have before.

This year's camp is a good one. I thank the Lord for always guiding me and to be near His presence, and also especially to the pastors, leaders, even the missionaries, that I was able to attend the camp. I am also thankful to all the facilitators for the activities that they prepared. I was challenged to do what I don't always do. Even though there are some problems that occur, still God's love overflows towards us. Thank you.

—Jayson Manali

Thankful to God for Youth Camp

I am very thankful to God for His goodness to every one of us. I am very happy that the camp was a success. I am so glad that our beloved missionaries, Sir Mike and Sir Jay, were able to attend the camp and they had the chance to see the youth being united. In their continuous support for the camp, which was only done once a year, it challenged the youth to be as one in

Christ. With the help of our Almighty God the camp became a success because He always guides in all the activities. Although we encountered a few problems, we found solutions for them. Even though I don't feel really well, I didn't make it a reason not to do our responsibilities as a facilitator of the camp that God has designated for us. I am also thankful to my colleagues who worked hard and understand each other. Thank you to the Priesthood Council, pastors, and leaders in always supporting the camp. To our youth director, I am thankful for giving us this challenge that encourages each one of us to do our job. During the camp, I saw

changes to the youth. They followed the rules and regulations given to them, which I thank the Lord that time. I saw that they were encouraged to listen to the words of God from our leaders and even the missionaries, who were our speakers.

I am very happy for the success of the camp held in Compostela. Thank the Lord for His continued protection from the start until the end of the camp. May He continue to bless us. Thank you.

—Rowena Manali



“Wherefore, there must be faith; and if there must be faith, there must also be hope; and if there must be hope, there must also be charity; and except ye have charity, ye can in no wise be saved in the kingdom of God;” Moroni 10:15

Camp rules and suggested items to bring or not to bring:

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 **MUST** turn in all prescription medication to the camp nurse.
9. You are expected to leave all body piercing jewelry at home, including gauges. 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 list of items to bring to camp. Where clothing items are listed, bring enough for 5 days; packing may be in a suitcase, duffle bag or camp box. Please clearly mark items with your name or initials.

PLEASE BRING:

- Bible, Book of Mormon, book bag and notebook are mandatory.
- Lightweight sleeping bag or 2 twin size sheets and 1 light blanket.
- 1 lightweight raincoat, poncho or jacket
- 1 laundry bag or pillow case
- Modest one-piece swimsuit or tankini
- Flashlight
- Tennis shoes (old & worn are best)
- 6 pairs of socks
- Modest shorts or cutoffs
- 1 long sleeve shirt
- Kleenex
- Pillow and pillowcase
- Extra shoes
- 1 pair of jeans/pants
- Short sleeve shirts
- Underclothes
- Sandals

PERSONAL ARTICLES:

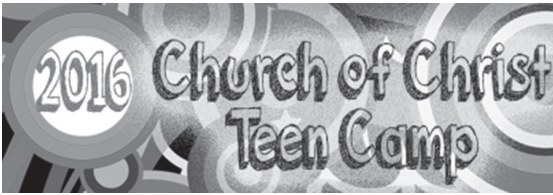
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, hairbrush, shampoo, soap, towels, deodorant, etc.
- Insect repellent (we recommend Cutters or Deep Woods Off)
- Please do not bring expensive jewelry which might be lost or broken.

OPTIONAL ITEMS TO BRING:

- Camera and film
- Stationery, envelopes and stamps
- Day pack or knapsack
- Alarm Clock (no clock radios)
- Money—Snacks may be purchased at the Canteen when open.
- Fishing pole and lures
- Musical instrument
- Baseball gloves

LEAVE AT HOME:

- Immodest and inappropriate clothing
- Alcoholic beverages and cigarettes
- All knives, weapons or fireworks
- Electronic music devices, cell phones, etc.
- Candy or pop
- Video and electronic games
- Body piercing jewelry



2016 Registration Form

Camper's Name:

Year in school, fall 2016 : _____

Age: _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number: _____

Camper's e-mail: _____

T-shirt size: S M L XL XXL**Parent's name:**

Street Address: _____

City, ST Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent's email: _____

Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy Number: _____

Will you be riding the bus? Yes No. If not, who will be responsible for transportation to/from camp? _____**Campers must leave on the bus unless written permission is given. Campers will be dropped off at the Missouri Reunion on July 29. 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:**

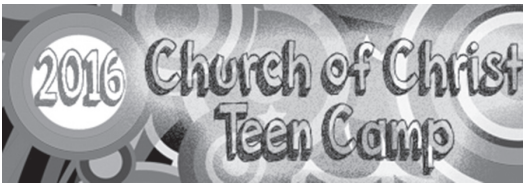
Subscribed and sworn to me this _____ day of _____, 2016

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State of _____

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2016 Class Schedule

NAME (Print):	PHONE:			
CLASS/ACTIVITY	TIME			
Choose one 9:00 am class below; include a 2nd & 3rd choice	9:00 am	1st	2nd	3rd
A Few Good Men (Ages 16+)				
Archeology of the Book of Mormon				
God's Creation, the Great Flood and Us				
GOOOOAAAALLLLLLS! And How to Achieve Them				
Spiritual Warfare 1				
Prime Rib: Perfection for Women God's Way (Ages 16+)				
Peer Pressure - Who's In Charge?				
You're Baptized or Thinking About It...So Now What?				
Women of the Bible				
Choose one 10:05 am class below; include a 2nd & 3rd choice	10:05 am	1st	2nd	3rd
Aerodynamics				
Art with Curtis G.				
Beaded "Bling" Earrings				
Candy Making				
Duct Tape Dynasty				
Face Painting 101				
Fishing				
Leather Tooling				
Science Experiments				
Ultimate Frisbee				
Volleyball				
Study: Camp Theme (By Age Group)	11:05 am			
Lunch	12:05 pm			
Choose one 1:15 pm class below; include a 2nd & 3rd choice	1:15 pm	1st	2nd	3rd
Archery				
Boating				
Candy Making				
DIY Spa Projects				
Grilling: The Manly Art of Food Preparation (Boys 15+)				
Just PIN It!				
Soccer				
Spiritual Warfare 3				
Woodcarving				
Zumba with Rhoades				
Free Time: Swimming, Boating, Games, Quiet Time, etc.	2:05 - 4:45 pm			
Planned Group Activities Available if Desired	3:15 - 4:45 pm			
Cabin Time	4:45 - 5:30 pm			
Dinner	5:30 - 6:45 pm			
Quest Class	6:45 - 7:45 pm			
Campfire	8:00 pm			
Snack Time	9:30 pm			
Lights Out	10:30 pm			



CAMP DATES:
Sun. July 24 - Fri. July 29

CAMP COST:
\$175.00 per camper
(\$185 if paid after July 1, 2016)

Camp Basics

Age Group: Junior and Senior High School, Ages 12 - 18

Ministry: There will be members of COC Priesthood in attendance at all times.

Chaperons: There will be AT LEAST one adult for every eight campers.

Lifeguard: The camp provides a certified lifeguard.

Food: Camp provides 3 meals and 1 evening snack per day - SNACK BAR AVAILABLE

T-Shirts: A shirt is included in camp cost. Sizes must be received by early July.

Transportation: For those needing a ride from the KC area, a bus will be leaving the East Local at 1:30 pm on Sunday, July 24. Campers must leave on the bus unless written permission is given. Campers should NOT arrive at Camp Far Westa before 3:30 pm on 24th - camper check-in is from 3:30 to 4:30 pm at camp. Bus will return campers to the Temple Lot on Friday, July 29 at approx. 2:30 pm.

Dress up day is Tuesday - stay tuned to find out the theme this year!

Interested in a payment plan to fulfill camp fee? Contact Michelle Oldham, (contact information below.)

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.

Registration Checklist

1. Complete the Personal Information on the enclosed Registration Form.
2. Read through Camper & Parent Pledge, Photo Release, and Medical Release. Parent and camper MUST sign form and it must be NOTARIZED!
3. Make a copy of your health insurance card to include with registration materials.
4. If you plan to ride the bus to and from Camp, check "YES" in the space provided.
5. Select a T-Shirt Size
6. On Class Schedule Form, choose a 9:00 am, 10:05 am, and 1:15 pm class preference. Indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice!
7. Mail in the following items - WE CANNOT PROCESS YOUR REGISTRATION UNTIL WE HAVE ALL OF THESE ITEMS:
 - Registration Fee - Make check payable to "Teen Camp"
 - Class Schedule Form with completed 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices for each class time.
 - NOTARIZED Registration Form with parent and camper signatures.
 - Copy of health insurance card/information.



CAMP FAR WESTA

Directions to Camp Far Westa from Kansas City: Take Interstate 35 north to Highway 36 at Cameron, MO. Take Highway 36 west at Cameron for approximately 10 miles. There is a sign for Camp Far Westa on the right (north) side of Highway 36 and then you will turn right onto the gravel driveway entrance shortly after sign.

Mailing Address:

Camp Far Westa - PO Box 257 - Stewartville MO 64490
816.669.3359

Mail forms and check to:

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2609 SW Wintervalley Circle

Lee's Summit, MO 64081

Phone: 515.339.6226 - mnjoldham@me.com

REPORT

PHILIPPINES 13TH ANNUAL YOUTH CAMP

May 11-15, 2015

After more than a year of waiting and preparation, finally we are able to meet with all the youth from different parts of Mindanao for this 13th Annual Youth Camp.

hall, wide ground for outdoor games and a basketball court. It is just the right place for the plan that had been prepared.

Each zone represents a color for them to be recognized.

tion in attending the camp.

This camp is quite unique because we are graced with the presence of two apostles from the United States, Apostle Mike McGhee and Apostle Jay Moser.



This year's camp was held at a school in Compostela, Compostela Valley Province, where we are being accommodated for a period of 5 days. It has several rooms where we sleep and rest, a mini gymnasium where we gather, dining

Green for Zone 1, Zone 2 is Blue, Red for Zone 3, Yellow, Orange and Violet for Zones 4, 5 and 6 respectively. A total of 219 delegates arrived, and that is more than what we expected since they will be paying for their own (one way) transporta-

Their presence brings comfort, peace and inspiration, not only for the campers, but most especially the leaders and facilitators. It is so good not just to feel the support but also seeing them personally and sharing with all the anxiety and happi-



ness that happened before, during and after the camp.

A day before the camp starts facilitators are already at the camp site to make everything ready before it starts. Registration area was put up, assembly area was decorated, chairs and sound system arranged, kitchen was set up and room assignments were posted. Apostle Jay Moser, who was the speaker for the first night, has given the youth much inspiration and encouragement at the start of this 4-day event. Everyone was welcomed and got settled down, for the first day of the camp would start on the early morning of the next day.

With much enthusiasm, the delegates woke up at the time scheduled. We started the day with songs of praises and words of God. After breakfast, delegates were then divided into two (2) groups to be given lectures by a priesthood member assigned to their group. There were four topics, an hour each from 8:00am until 12:00 noon, with a minute break after each lecture. The topics were (1) **Salvation and Rewards** that was lectured by Elder Tobias Operio and Evangelist Camilo Samson,

(2) **History of the Church of Christ** discussed by Priest Arturo Superio and Elder Demetrio Indangan, (3) **Understanding True Love** by Elder Raffy Vivas and Elder Wilson Manali, and the last but not the least (4) **Living a Christian Life** by Elders Roger Manali and George Cabriadas. The afternoons were for outdoor games, and for a change we made it more like a Filipino by introducing more Filipino games, and we call it "**Larong Lahi.**" The games were (a) **Patintero**, wherein played by two teams, passers and guards. Passers position themselves at a starting line. Guards must be positioned on the lines. They cannot step in-

side the squares. Guards can tag a passer inside the square if she or he is within reach. Passers cannot stay inside the squares for more than 3 minutes, they have to try to cross the line. If a passer is caught, he or she will be eliminated. Once all Passers are eliminated, the groups will exchange places. Once a player crosses the lines and returns without getting caught, her/his group gets a point. (b) **Luksong Tinik** consists of two groups, one to form the obstacles and the other will do the jumping. Successful jumpers are cleared and pass on to the next level. As long as there is still a member who successfully jumped without touching the



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obstacle the group still has a chance of reaching the highest level, which consists of both feet and hands of the group doing the obstacles. Whoever reaches the highest level wins the games. (c) **Luksong Lubid** or commonly known as jumping rope. (d) **Tug of War**. (e) **Sack Race** and (f) **Basketball**. On the second and third night were Preaching Contest, with the theme as their topic, and Teaching Contest, stories were picked from the Book of Mormon respectively. The stories were about the great men from the Book of Mormon, namely: **Nephi, King Benjamin, Ammon, Brother of Jared, Mormon and Alma**. The next day in the morning Bible Games took place. The games were **Bible Drill, Bible Hunting, Bible Quiz** (questions from the lectures) and **Memory Verse** (from the Bible and Book of Mormon). After the lunch break, Apostle Mike McGhee gave a delicious treat to be enjoyed by the youth and all those who participated in the camp. And by the looks on their faces, they enjoyed their ice cream very much.



Some youth and some of their guardians are not members of the Church of Christ, and others are first timers. During the lecture with the History of the Church of Christ, the Book of Mormon was mentioned and, as will always be the reaction of the Filipinos, they became curious about it. To be able to answer their questions and satisfy their curiosity we set aside an hour of question and answer time. Apostles Mike McGhee and Jay Moser, together with the Priesthood and through God's help, all were satisfied and answered their questions and all were satisfied.



The whole afternoon was for the singing contests; **Solo, Duet, Group Singing** and **Church Presentation**. We grab this opportunity since it is not all the time that the Apostles-in-charge in the Philippines are present during camp, so we asked a favor from them to be a speaker for the first and last night, which without a doubt they accepted gladly, and become a judge for a singing contest, which they doubted for a while since they are not singers, but still they granted the favor being asked. We can't thank

them enough for giving their time, patience and skills in judging this contest, and it took them until the night because of the many churches that wanted to show their talents. We experienced a bit of a crisis because there is a rotational brownout due to lack of power that is going on in that place. Their skills in judging were tested, and we have proven that they are the best judges we have because even when the power is out and the contestants perform without music, they are still able to do the tasks assigned to them.

Last night of the program will always be a little special compared to the previous nights because this will be the last time that we can be able to be with our new-found friends and our closest friends for the duration of the camp. It may not be the "special dinner with friends in a fancy dress eating at a table with twinkling lights above us and sweet music in the background" which we always dreamt to happen, but because the power is out that didn't happen. But maybe it is a blessing in disguise because what really happened was the youth making a circle, sitting comfortably on the ground, with the candlelight under the moonlight, sharing laughter, stories and memories that will forever remain on their hearts and mind... no pretense, just plain happiness. For me, it is the best last night we ever had, so far.

Apostle Mike McGhee is the



camp. Certificates are given to everybody who attends the camp; awards and prizes are given to those who earned them. Zone 3 brought home the trophy for being the Overall champion from all the games and contests that we have during the camp.

We didn't aim for perfection but we aspire for the better if not the best. This is the 13th step on the stairs to have the best of the best camp that the Church of Christ in the Philippines will ever have. We don't know when it will end but we always strive for the best, as if this will be the last camp that we have to organize.

Sister Omega Mae Alameda

main speaker for this year's camp. He talked about the theme: **Face the Book: Living an Accountable Life**, from **2 Corinthians 5:9-10**. Leaders are not only good in talking, but also they have this gift in singing, and they wanted to show it to all the members of the Church of Christ, but most especially to Jesus Christ, Who has given that responsibility and talents to them. As a token of thanks from the facilitators, youth and all the members of the Church of Christ, we gave a Certificate of Appreciation to all the Priesthood and to the Apostles-in-charge for their undying support financially and spiritually to all the affairs of the youth





REPORT

YUCATAN, MEXICO YOUTH CAMP



Dear brothers and sisters,
I am happy to inform you about our youth camp. The theme was in Ephesians 6:12:

“For our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against authorities and powers, against the world-rulers of this dark night, against the spirits of evil in the heavens”
(<http://www.transcripture.com/ espanol-ingles-efesios-6.html>).

We spent four beautiful days enjoying the fellowship of our youth and many adults that



were present. This year we had 55 young people in attendance. They enjoyed the classes and the various activities. On Saturday we had a special night celebrating the 5th anniversary of this new administration. We had a special dinner with all the young people. The classes were centered on how to overcome the giants in life. All the young people showed interest and took notes about all the classes. We also had a special presentation about the Book of Mormon.

We appreciate the work of all the teachers and the staff for all their efforts in this marvelous work. More than 30 people were involved in all the arrangements, including the staff, counselors and teachers who made

this dream possible. As well, we are thankful for the support of the two locals in Dzan, with their pastors and all the ministry and parents. Most of all we thank God for giving us the opportunity to work in His vineyard and be a help to our youth.

We already are receiving the fruit of this beautiful camp. Two of our young people are going to be baptized August 9th. They said that during camp God touched their hearts. What a marvelous blessing!

*In gospel bonds,
Apostle Placido K. Matu
Yucatan Mexico
(ap.matu2@gmail.com)*

PHOENIX Local News



Greetings from Arizona. We have a beautiful day today with a high of 75 degrees expected. However, they are expecting a freeze for next week – yuk! My garden has been coming alive and a freeze will really set it back. One day I will learn not to jump the gun with my gardening – or not!

So much has gone on over the last couple of months. Reunions, programs, even a wedding and the baptism of our Br. Aidan Moser! Our sister Sasha and Br. Zach exchanged vows on December 19th. It was beautiful, of course, and to top it off, how many brides do you know who can make their own wedding gown and the dresses for all in the party? We pray for a blessed life for the both of them.

We continue to have numerous programs at church, and I am always amazed at how well the children in the congregation are willing to participate in these.



SASHA & ZACK

In the upcoming months we are anxiously awaiting the births of baby Olson and baby McIndoo. Please keep both Sr. Lindsey and Sr. Pam in your prayers that the pregnancies continue to go well and both deliver healthy little girls. There is also an upcoming wedding with our Sr. Mary Galvan and Br. Jeremiah Case.

Our sister Amy Moser has had a few setbacks in her strug-

gle to become healthy again, and I would ask that you continue to remember her in your prayers. She truly needs a miracle from God to win this battle. Others who need continued prayers include our Sr. Marlene Oar, Sr. Wanda Yates, Br. Glenn Saracino, Br. Glenn Orsted, Apostle Don McIndoo, and so many others. We do need to thank God for the recovery of Br. Isaac Ferrier – please con-

tinue to remember him for a complete recovery.

There has been something on my mind over the last year or so and I have to wonder if others think about this as well. It is a concern that is hard to discuss, but I know one that we should all be praying about. It is the health of all our locals, although I will only personally speak about my own local here in Phoenix. When Dan and I moved here a few years ago we discussed our options of where to live. I think it was almost expected that we would purchase Dan's brother's house with their family just moving to Colorado. We decided to move to another location, in part because I didn't really know the area well, nor the wonderful people who live only minutes from the local. Moving to Peoria gave us a much less ex-



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pensive area to live in, and perhaps safer. I have witnessed a couple of other couples moving farther away from church, and others I know have discussed it. I have come to see the benefits of a close knit local

community, and think it is even more important for young couples just starting out. I also understand the desire for young couples and others to be able to afford a home of their own. It has become very expensive to purchase a home around the church.

Phone church is a wonderful gift for so many, but we all know it is not the same as actually living close to a local. We need to pray for guidance from God on choices we make about our jobs, locations, and desires to live exactly where we want, versus the benefits to ourselves and others, by living closer to a local and making sure we participate in that local. I know this is a constant battle for me personally due to the fact that Dan and I could live almost anywhere in the United States, and my own personal dream has always been to live in Florida. I would ask for your prayers that I be content with my own life, and for so many others who are making choices about careers and where they would like to live.

God bless you all,
Sr. DiAnn Hedrick



SCRIPTURE CAMP

NOTICES

APRIL GENERAL CONFERENCE 2016

As instructed by the 1964 April Ministers' Conference, please be advised that the 2016 April General Conference (name changed per 2006 conference action) will begin on Monday, April 4, 2016; "Conference Sunday," will be Sunday, April 3, 2016. The first business session will begin at 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 4, 2016, at the General Church Building on the Temple Lot. According to action taken during the 2015 April General Conference, two days of fasting and prayer will be held Friday, April 1st and Saturday, April 2nd, 2016, 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 2016 April General Conference be forwarded in advance of the first business meeting (please) so that document packets may be completed for distribution.

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.

The mailing addresses for the above requested information are:

RHEA HOUSKNECHT

General Church Secretary
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*Your sister in Christ,
Rhea Housknecht
April 2016 General Church Secretary
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)*

AKWESASNE LOCAL 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 8, through Sunday afternoon, July 10, 2016. 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

(518) 358-9153
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CCEG

The Church of Christ Email Group is a church member-only (and spouses, even if not a member) email communication group existing to keep the general church membership informed about prayer needs, blessings, and more. It does not have officially elected management (member volunteer only), although it regularly functions for the Church of Christ for missionary news and various announcements, like state rallies and reunions.

If you have email capability and are not a member of the CCEG, you may join by first visiting the Web site at www.cceg.net and after reading about us on the home page, click the link in the left sidebar, "Join the CCEG" and follow the simple instructions.

If any existing members feel you are not getting CCEG emails as expected, contact the CCEG manager (below) so you can be verified.

RHEA HOUSKNECHT

CCEG Manager
ccegmgr@gmail.com

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, or any member of the Board.

AVA WEBSITE

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.

CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

The General Church Correspondence Committee would like to extend the opportunity for any who wish to communicate through written correspondence to contact one of the following three committee members:

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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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