

Zion's Advocate

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

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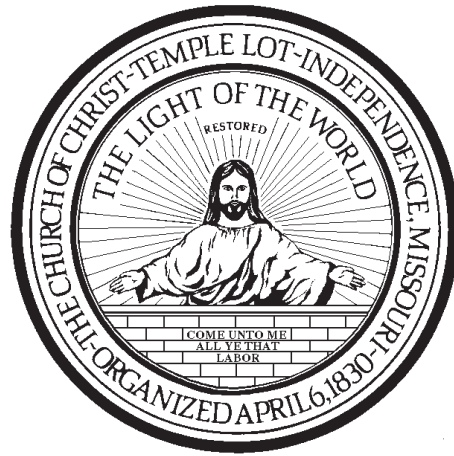
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To promote Jesus Christ as our only Saviour;
To promote His Teachings and His Church, the Church of Christ;
To be a voice of warning to His people; to be Zion's advocate.

From the Editor



Greetings to each of you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who is our advocate and our hope! This year, although it has just begun, is marching forward. The advance of time is unstoppable, something that for me brings motivation and also some concern. Am I using my time well? How can I be more effective with the time I am given?

As I have been preparing for some interviews in my personal life, I have been examining aspects of my life, experience and personal convictions as they pertain to these various ventures. One thing I have found myself thinking about a lot lately, especially as I consider the topic of time, is this: am I adding value with the time I am given, to those

things I am involved in? Knowing I have a limited time every day, in every interaction, and throughout the course of my life, am I adding value to the things I put effort into, the lives I touch, the things I build and so on? If today I were given 5 minutes to interact with one person, could I convey something of value to them in that time?

I have often considered these scripture verses from the writings of Paul:

“Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man” (Colossians 4:5-6).

“See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:15-16).

This phrase, redeeming the time—Paul is telling us to be aware, to conscious and to make full, proper use of our time. Use it well because it is fleeting, yet that fleeting time can be of great value if we use it appropriately.

Over this past year the articles I have published have been an effort to encourage you to do this. To have a greater understanding of some of those basic foundations of the Gospel, and finding

encouragement to put them into use in your life, to add value to your family, friends, coworkers and brothers/sisters in the Gospel. Growing in your understanding of the Lord, of how He works and His great desire for you adds value to your life. Sharing those things, helping others see our Great God as He works and moves, these are some of the most essential responsibilities we have.

With this first year of being editor soon to be in the history books, I am grateful for the opportunity. As we continue forward, I am hopeful that my wonderful staff and I can build upon our previous efforts. This means we will continue to work toward reaching our readership in print and online, offering submissions of value. We would like to have more input from our readers, from articles, testimonies and submissions, to questions which you would like answered. This publication has been an important part of this church and I hope it will continue to add value to all of you who take the time to read and consider the things we endeavor to bring to you.

God bless you all is my continual prayer,
Elder Aadam Yates

ARTICLE

DAVID AND GOLIATH



One of my favorite scriptures is 2 Nephi, chapter 13. This chapter takes us through our life, explaining the way we can have eternal life. It tells us that Christ, being perfect, humbled Himself before His Father and was baptized, thus showing us the need to be humble before God, and that the door to eternal life is baptism by water. It tells of the reception of the Holy Ghost, our sure witness of God and Jesus Christ

(verse 26). It tells us that after we are baptized we are on the path to life eternal with God in His eternal kingdom.

In verse 27 we are asked a question, “...after that ye have gotten into this straight and narrow path, I would ask, if all is done?” The answer in the next verse is NO. We are told we must press forward, on this path, enduring to the end, relying on Christ...the promise being eternal life.

As we walk this path to

eternal life we are assailed on every side by our enemy. Satan is walking about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). In Lehi’s vision he was shown that on the path to the tree of life he saw the mists of darkness, the temptations of the devil. Those that held onto the rod of iron (the word of God) arrived at the tree of life (1 Nephi chapter 2).

I am reminded of David and Goliath: here was this young man, not much more

than a boy, his only weapon a sling and stones, facing a giant of a man. As we walk through this life we from time to time face a giant in our path....

Not the same giant that David faced. Our giant may be temptation, or a physical, spiritual or emotional trial. Our giant may be discouragement, anger, or any number of other obstacles or trials. We may feel we are alone in our struggle. We all from time to time have our "giants."

What are our weapons to face our giants? In the account of David and Goliath we read that David went not only with a sling and stones, but he also went with the power of God. In 1 Samuel 17:45 David says to Goliath, "...*thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts.*"

David could never have defeated the giant in his own strength, a sling and a stone being no match against a giant in full battle armor. The only way David could defeat the giant was that he faced him in the name of the Lord. The Lord, so to speak, had his back.

David was prepared as best he could to face his giant. He did his part to prepare. He had his sling. He gathered

the stones. In reality, armed only with a sling and some stones he was no match against this giant of a man. In his own strength he was not going to defeat this Goliath. David had a weapon that Goliath did not have; he had the Lord. He went to battle trusting in the Lord, confident that with God he would defeat the giant.

In our own strength we can never defeat our giants. Just as David was helpless in his own strength to face his giant, we are helpless to face ours. When we face our personal giants with the power of God, we can face those giants with confidence and the hope of victory.

David was prepared as much as he could, but he knew he had to go with the power of God. He trusted God with his life and the future of Israel. We know he faced the giant with confidence when he said to Goliath, "I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts."

Just like David, we have weapons, and we also have God. In 1 Peter 3:12 we have this promise from God: "*For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.*"

God was David's weapon. He is also our weapon, and with Him we can defeat our

giants. God is with us, if we, like David, prepare to do battle.

We won't be preparing to battle with a sling and a stone. We will prepare with the weapon of prayer, and we must earnestly seek God to be with us. We prepare with the weapon of the word of God, and we must hold on to the the rod of iron. We prepare by keeping His commandments. We prepare by having the weapon of righteousness. We prepare by feasting on the word of Christ (2 Nephi 13:30).

We must prepare as best we can to face our giant. We invite God more fully into our daily life. Satan will do all he can to destroy us. When we have God, He will do His part to help us defeat the adversary. We must trust God to slay our giant. Satan has no power against our God.

As God was with David, He will be with us. God is our weapon against the giants we face. It is up to us to prepare, and have God with us. Does the Lord have your back?

Hebrews 13:5, we have this promise, "...*for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*"

Elder Ken Oar

Working Toward Kindness and Understanding

It seems, as time goes on, that society has become a coarser and less understanding place than it was even less than a generation ago. The decline in decorum has developed at a gradual but persistent pace.

One can find a variety of causes for this decline, such as the constant news-cycle which magnifies the negative aspects of life, or the pitting of one group of people against the other in the name of individual "rights" which can work



at cross purposes with the idea of treating others with respect and understanding. Glorification of self over the glorification of the Lord and all that is good also hinders an individual's ability to become a kinder and more understanding person.

The scriptures are filled with advice and anecdotes that should be guides toward each of us becoming a better and more productive Christian. We can demonstrate our resolve in becoming a better Christian by walking away from hate, superiority, making snap judgments and spinning the truth for our own selfish ends.

An instruction given to us in handling division and misunderstanding can be found in Romans 16:17-19:

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf; but yet I would have you

wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil."

The above scriptures seem to contradict the ways which too many people comport themselves on a daily basis. Being able to take a different perspective from our own sometimes cherished and ingrained positions can start the process of learning from, rather than misinterpreting others. Everyone has unique life experiences which need to be shared and understood as a means of developing civil and compassionate discussions, rather than feeding the cycle of hate and offense. When we keep score of other people's differences, we can hinder ourselves from learning something new and amplify our own incomplete understandings.

Another Scriptural passage (Galatians 5:13-17) exquisitely summarizes what I'm trying to present:

"For brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use NOT liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of an-

other. This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law."

Let us then go on to Galatians 5:22-25:

"...But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance; against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 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."

As individuals, are we being nourished by the fruit of the spirit, or are we behaving in a way that is preventing such nourishment? It is up to us to answer this question in the affirmative.

Elder Robert Dewaele

How Do We Minister To A Fallen World?

Part 3

Apostle Alvin Moser

“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” 2 Nephi 13:29, 1990 Independence Edition.

“Hath he commanded any that they should not partake of his salvation? Behold, I say unto you, Nay; but he hath given it free for all men; and he hath commanded his people that they should persuade all men unto repentance” 2 Nephi 11:102-103, In. Ed.

In this world where foundations are being challenged in every land, the love of God must remain firm. Love is a decision. We do not fall in love. We choose to love as God has loved us. God is the example, and all we can do is reflect that pure love to the world around us. This love brings its own reward, sweet above all that is sweet and pure above all that is pure. It includes all people.



This subject could easily be the first subject when preparing ourselves to minister to a fallen world. However, the Love of God is based on a foundation of God Himself, and needs the parameters of the Word of God to explain it. It is explained by the works of God. *“He doeth not anything save it be for the benefit of the world; for he loveth the world, even that he layeth down his own life, that he may draw all men unto him” 2 Ne 11:96, In. Ed.* The end of all God’s work is to bring us into His presence for salvation or for judgement.

This goal of bringing man before God to be with Him is reflected in the various roles, names and adjectives used in scripture to describe Him. Father, shepherd, counselor, prince, Lord, savior, everlasting, beginning, ending, first, last and friend to name a few. They describe a Being that is always there: faithful, kind, honestly speaks about our weakness and truthful about our sins. Today, some may go to a counselor for advice, but our Counselor goes home with us. There is much said today about the gifts of some to be good teachers, but so much more is really needed. We send our children to school, but in the end the teacher stays at school and the child comes home. Our Master, another word for teacher, comes home with us and walks with us to and from school. He

eats with us and suffers with us. We may be chastised by the authorities of the world, but our Father lives with us after He chastises. He humbles us for our sins, but Jesus was Himself subject to the consequences of our sins. Worthy is the Lamb and let all of God's people say Amen!

The problem for us is to decide how we will love the world. Should we love in a similar manner? Yes, our characters must reflect that same firmness of purpose. We should show love as a true friend. We want the world to be saved and to be corrected, but in the end we must take upon us the nature of Christ. We must be as parents who correct, yet are there to feed, clothe and protect afterward. The commitment is tremendous. When we have children, flocks, spouses, brethren and friends we, in effect, take their needs as our own. Our hospitality is extended to the stranger. Our food, home and time are available for the needs of others, whether they are temporal or spiritual. This we must do prayerfully and in wisdom according to God's gifts and strengths He has shared with us.

Needs are seldom convenient. Our own needs and the needs of others are signs of vulnerability. Our natures usually try to protect us from vulnerabilities. Our

vulnerableness shows our humanity and mortality. We can be hurt, defeated or killed. These things are by design. They are God's design. We need God and we need each other. Today so many are more alone than ever. The communication age has destroyed true intimate communication. "*Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion*" Isaiah 52:2. It is important to note that this beautiful passage in Isaiah goes on to proclaim about the feet of Him that brings peace. Where His feet take Him there He is in person, bringing peace. This is our job; this is the soul of our Church.

We make peace in the lives of God's children by being available to them. We cannot be like the narcissistic person who is there to be heard, and conveniently absent when he is needed or when the real work is being done. This kind of love is quick to listen and slow to speak. This kind of love leads by being seen and walking slow enough for others to keep track of him.

We are not here just to tell it like it is or to let the chips fall where they may. We do not come with an axe to cut down mankind, but we come with a finely crafted carving

instrument to shape mankind to become disciples and children of the Great King. This kind of love was reflected in the words of Stephen, "...*Lord, lay not this sin to their charge...*" Acts 7:60. This kind of love prays for their enemies. This kind of love will bless instead of curse. This is opposite from most of the world. This kind of love will put down their cell phone and listen to the person in front of them. This kind of love will suffer for another person's needs. This kind of love comes from a well of living water that has no end. God will speak to the person who is possessed with this love. God will give wisdom to the person with this love, and help him feel and see. This love will find the answers to concerns, and God will help them to know what is truly important. Be committed to others and God will be our God, and we will be His people.

This kind of love treats all sin with equal importance for the saving of souls, because every soul is important to God. However, that is another subject...



CAMP DATES: Sunday, July 21 - Friday, July 26

CAMP COST: \$200.00 per camper
(\$225.00 if paid after July 1, 2019)



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.

Chaperones: There will be AT LEAST one adult for every eight campers. There will be a **certified lifeguard**.

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

T-Shirts: Shirt 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 Temple Lot at 1:30 pm on Sunday, July 21. Campers must leave on the bus unless written permission is given. Campers should NOT arrive at Camp Far Westa before 3:30 pm on 21st as camper check-in is from 3:30 to 4:30 pm at camp. Bus will return campers to the Temple Lot on Friday, July 26 at approximately 2:30 pm.

Dress up day is Tuesday and the theme is "Camp Farm-West" (Farm Theme).

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

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

ALSO SEE CAMP RULES AND ITEMS TO BRING LIST.

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:
 - o Registration Fee - Make check payable to "Teen Camp"
 - o Class Schedule Form with completed 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices for each class time.
 - o NOTARIZED Registration Form with parent and camper signatures.
 - o Copy of health insurance card/information AND signed camp WAIVER form (required by Far Westa)..



Mission Statement

The Church of Christ TEEN CAMP is committed to edifying all who attend through spiritual education and Godly Association in a fun and moral atmosphere. Commitment to this goal will create an environment where the youth will be invited and encouraged to engage in a spiritual commitment that will help to equip them to take their place in the service of **Jesus Christ**.



CAMP 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.

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2019 CAMP THEME: MOSIAH 2:13-17

- 13 Believe in God; believe that he is, and that he created all things, both in heaven and in earth;
14 Believe that he hath all wisdom, and all power, both in heaven and in earth;
15 Believe that man doth not comprehend all the things which the Lord can comprehend.
16 And again: Believe that ye must repent of your sins and foresake them, and humble yourselves before God; and ask in sincerity of heart that he would forgive you:
17 And now, if you believe all these things, see that you do them.



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, duffel bag or camp box. Please clearly mark items with your name or initials.

PLEASE BRING:

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

PERSONAL ARTICLES:

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

OPTIONAL ITEMS TO BRING:

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

LEAVE AT HOME:

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST TEEN CAMP 2019 CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

Please mark your first, second and third class choices at 9 AM, 10 AM and 1:15 PM, by using a "1" for top choice, "2" for second choice, etc., for each timeframe.

NAME: _____

Rank top 3	9-9:55AM	Class	Description/Class size information
	16 and up	A Few Good Men	Man class for 16 years and older.
	all ages	Archeology/Geography of the BOM	Examine and review evidence related to the Book of Mormon.
	all ages	God's Creation	
	all ages	Goals and How to Achieve Them	
	all ages	Spiritual Warfare 2	Boot camp-style lessons to equip teens for spiritual battles.
	all ages	Peer Pressure	
	all ages	Hebrew Customs	Experience finding Jesus in Hebrew customs.
	16 and up	Prime Rib: Perfection for Women...	Women's class for 16 years and older.
	all ages	Women of the Bible	
	all ages	You're Baptized or Thinking...	
Rank top 3	10-10:55AM	Class	Description/Class size information
	all ages	Basketball	
	all ages	Candy Making	Class size: 6
	all ages	Soccer	
	all ages	Woodcarving	
	all ages	Fly Tying and Lure Making	Create flies and/or lures to use fishing.
	all ages	Archery	
	all ages	Bullet Journals	
	all ages	Cardio Dance	
	all ages	Volleyball	
	all ages	Reading and Relaxing	Relax for an hour reading or coloring.
	all ages	Living Life	Life lessons with Liza and Sadi
	all ages	Culinary Concoctions in a Cup	Microwave some tasty snacks in a coffee cup. Class size: 6
	11-11:55AM	Theme Study Class	All campers participate; after first day, split into three random groups.
Rank top 3	1:15-2:05PM	Class	Description/Class size information
	all ages	Woodcarving	
	all ages	Boating	
	all ages	Fishing	
	all ages	Archery	
	all ages	Candy Making	Class size: 6
	all ages	Women's Personal Safety	Learning basic self defense moves for women.
	all ages	Jewelry Making	
	all ages	Coloring and Puzzles	
	all ages	Astronomy & Telescope	Learn to use a telescope to view objects in the night sky.
	all ages	Board Games	
	all ages	Spiritual Warfare 3+	Applying spiritual warfare to every day battles.
	all ages	Painting	
	all ages	Facial Care	Learn to care for the face God gave you.
	6:45-7:45PM	Age Group Study Classes	No Ranking - all campers participate in the class for their age group.
	12 y.o.	Building a Foundation	
	13 y.o.	Absolute Truth	
	14 y.o.	Leadership	
	15 y.o.	Why the Church of Christ?	
	16 y.o.	Dating	
	17 y.o.	Marriage	
	18 y.o./ CIT	Apologetics	

CHURCH OF CHRIST TEEN CAMP 2019 REGISTRATION FORM

Camper's Name:	Parent's name:
Year in school, fall 2018:	Street Address:
Age:	Date of Birth:
Street Address	City, ST Zip:
City, State, Zip	Home Phone:
Phone Number:	Parent's email:
Camper's e-mail:	Insurance Carrier:
	Policy Number:
T-shirt size: <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL	

Will you be riding the bus? Yes No. If not, who will be responsible for transportation to/from camp? _____

Campers must leave on the bus unless written permission is given. Campers will be dropped off at the Missouri Reunion on July 26. 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 _____, 2019

Notary Public _____

County of _____

State of _____

My Commission Expires _____

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY, RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK
& INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

NOTE: This form should be included in the advance packet prior to registration. The completed form must be on file at camp and only those persons with a completed form shall be permitted to participate.

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE UNDERSIGNED'S PARTICIPATION IN HIGH RISK ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Church of Christ Teen Camp Activities
- _____

SPONSORED BY THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SUCH ACTIVITY, PARTICIPANT'S PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) WAIVE, RELEASE AND RELINQUISH ANY AND ALL CLAIMS FOR LIABILITY AND CAUSE(S) OF ACTION AGAINST COMMUNITY OF CHRIST, INCLUDING PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH OCCURRING TO PARTICIPANT, ARISING OUT OF PARTICIPATION, AND/OR ACTIVITIES INCIDENTAL THERETO, INCLUDING ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE, WHENEVER OR HOWEVER THEY OCCUR AND FOR SUCH PERIOD SAID ACTIVITIES MAY CONTINUE, AND BY THIS AGREEMENT ANY SUCH CLAIMS, RIGHTS, AND CAUSES OF ACTION THAT PARTICIPANT (AND PARTICIPANT'S PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S), IF APPLICABLE) MAY HAVE ARE HEREBY WAIVED, RELEASED AND RELINQUISHED, AND PARTICIPANT (AND PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S), IF APPLICABLE) DOES(DO) SO ON BEHALF OF MY/OUR AND PARTICIPANT'S HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSIGNS.

Participant and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s) if participant is under 18 years of age, acknowledges, understands and assumes all risks arising out of the above referenced activity and related activities, and understands that participation in the activity involves risks and dangers, including but not limited to transportation to and from said activities, and drowning, bodily injury, closed head injury, concussion, partial or total disability, paralysis and death to participant's person and damages which may arise therefrom, and that I/we acknowledge said risks. These risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the participant or the negligence of others, including the Releasees. I/We further acknowledge that there may be risks and dangers not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time. Participant (and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) acknowledge, understand and agree that all of the risks and dangers described throughout this agreement, including those caused by the negligence of participant and/or others, are included within the waiver, release and relinquishment described in this release.

It is the purpose of this release to exempt, waive and relieve Releasees from liability for personal injury, property damage, and wrongful death, including if caused by negligence, including the negligence, if any, of Releasees. "Releasees" include the Community of Christ, and its officers, directors, agents, affiliates and employees.

Participant (and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) agree if any claim for participant's personal injury or wrongful death is commenced against Releasees, he/she shall defend, indemnify and save harmless Releasees from any and all claims or causes of action by whomever or wherever made or presented for participant's personal injuries, property damage or wrongful death.

PARTICIPANT (AND PARTICIPANT'S PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S), IF APPLICABLE) ACKNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE BEEN PROVIDED AND HAVE READ THE ABOVE PARAGRAPHS AND HAVE NOT RELIED UPON ANY REPRESENTATIONS OF RELEASEES, THAT THEY ARE FULLY ADVISED OF THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED HEREINABOVE, AND UNDERSTAND THESE WAIVERS AND RELEASES ARE NECESSARY TO ALLOW THE EXISTENCE OF THE VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES.

Participant	Parent or Guardian if under 18 years old*
_____ Signature	_____ Signature
_____ Print Name	_____ Print Name
_____ Date	_____ Date
_____ Age	

[* 19 years in Alabama, Alaska, Nebraska & Wyoming; 21 years in Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico and Mississippi]

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The General Sunday School Association (GSSA) is providing portions of lessons for several age groups on a common topic. 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 complete lessons and studies for children and adults. Contact Susan Porter at: porter_susan@sbcglobal.net, or 9 Market Street, Middleville, MI 49333, for more information. The GSSA has a private Facebook group for all members—to be added contact Betsy Trudgen at trucooking@yahoo.com. Sunday School teachers post their ideas; very helpful to many!

Church of Christ History

Sunday School lessons on the subject of teaching church history can be found on the Church's website. Go to www.cocsermons.net. Under the Resources Tab you will find a link to Lessons. In the Middle/High School section are a few links, including "Church History for Juniors," by Donna Moser, along with a teacher's edition.

To view several videos that were developed by our church, click on the Video link. Most of them are relatively short and can lead into discussions with your students, and possibly construct a timeline from these videos.

Elder Ronnie Gill has a YouTube Channel with several videos (in Spanish) regarding the history of the Church of Christ, accessible from www.cocsermons.net.

For the first four videos listed here, the content was written by Apostle Roland Sarratt:

[Church of Christ - Organization of the Church \(1830\)](#)

On April 6, 1830, in Fayette, New York, the Church of Christ was organized with six men present: Joseph Smith Jr., Hyrum Smith, Samuel H. Smith, David Whitmer, Peter Whitmer and Oliver Cowdery. The priesthood authority was restored in May, 1829, and Joseph and Oliver baptized each other. Additional priesthood was given April 6, 1830, which included the office of elder and the power to lay on hands for the Holy Ghost. They were instructed by revelation to establish the church as it was in the days of old, or the New Testament era.

[Church of Christ - The Lord's Purpose in This Church](#)

Since the death of Joseph Smith there has been a concerted effort made by our church fathers to preserve and correct the church, both doctrinally and structurally. According to the

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Bible and the Book of Mormon it is our testimony that the Church of Christ today is more scripturally correct than any other Restoration church. This is not because of what man has done, but what God has done. The hand of God has preserved this little remnant for His own purposes. The Lord has done this in spite of the human element, both within the church and the ever-present opposition from without the Church.

[Church of Christ - More Recent Events](#)

On New Year's Day, 1990, an arsonist set fire to the church on the Temple Lot and the new building had to be built in its place. It is the headquarters for the Church of Christ and provides a place of worship for the Temple Lot Local. The Church of Christ has remained small in number from the time of its return to Independence until now. Much effort has been put forth into missionary work, which has been moderately successful with the establishment of local churches in various areas. There was a significant increase in the 1920s, due to the influx of transfers from the RLDS Church, but a division occurred, resulting in nearly half of the membership leaving and establishing another Church in the 1950s.

A mission was opened in Yucatan, Mexico, which has been successful in reaching many of the people in that area. Several local churches have been established there in more recent times. A mission was opened in Honduras and we have two local churches there. It has been the desire of this people to take the fullness of the gospel of Christ to the house of Israel, in fulfillment of the prophecies. Thus our special interest has been to reach the Native Americans and all other people who are identifiable as being descendants of the Israelites. During the year of 2000, a contact was made with some people in Kenya, which opened the work there and some of the other nations in Africa. Likewise, a contact was made with some of the people in the Philippines in 2001, resulting in opening the work among that people. The growth of the Church of Christ has more than doubled as a result of the converts from those missions. The future growth of this church looks very promising at this time.

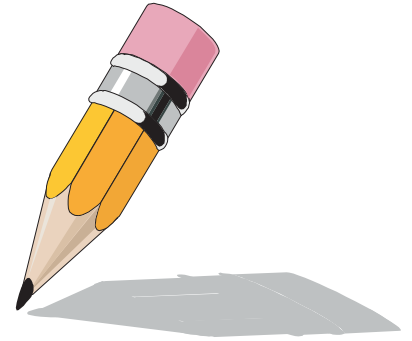
[Church of Christ - The Work in Mexico, Other Sheep I Have](#), by Tim Oar:

This is a 46-minute video with narration by Apostle Donald McIndoo and some of the brothers and sisters in the Yucatan. Well done and enjoyable to watch!

[Church of Christ - The Work in Africa](#), by Apostle Brian McIndoo:

This 13-minute video depicts the miraculous account of how the Church of Christ's work began in Africa. Inspirational! What can you do in your Sunday School class to help spread the gospel?

PHOENIX Local News



Greetings from Phoenix! It's been a beautiful winter here, and a very busy one too! November was reunion month, with Thanksgiving weekend consisting of three days of prayer and testimonials, preaching, a sacrament service, and delicious meals in between.

The weekend started off on Thanksgiving evening with a video special featuring interviews with members as they

shared their thoughts and memories on reunions past. On Friday afternoon, Brandon Tarbell gave a message on being courageous in the face of adversity, and not being afraid to spread the truth of Christ's gospel. That evening Bruce Haines reminded us that we are currently living in a time of separation from the world and its beliefs, and to stand strong in our faith while being a light unto those who don't

know Christ. Afterwards, the Young People's and Intermediate Young People's groups had an ice cream social beside the campfire.

Steve McGhee preached a message of unity of the spirit on Saturday afternoon, and that evening Adam Porter asked us to take a step back and look at ourselves and the values we keep. Sacrament service was held Sunday morning, and Sunday eve-







ning Placido Koyoc Matu brought to us a message on preparation and readiness to one day stand before God.

No reunion would be complete without the wonderful meals and desserts prepared by our Sisters, along with the help of their husbands. Friday's lunch consisted of baked ham, casseroles and all the trimmings; Saturday featured a build-your-own taco bar with Gary Jacobsen's delicious pork carnitas. Sunday rounded out the weekend with enough smoked chicken and sides to keep everyone feeling full and happy! As did, not to mention, all of the fabulous

home-made desserts available to help top off each meal. Suffice it to say, no one left that weekend hungry!

Shortly after reunion, the Christmas season was in full swing! The seniors were treated to caroling, courtesy of Alisha Jacobsen, Chris Moser, Aadam Yates and Dan Hedrick and the Welfare Committee, along with hot cocoa and snacks afterward for a time of fellowship. The Junior and Intermediate Young People's had a fun time creating pine-cone Christmas trees and tin can lanterns. It's always interesting to see all the creative things they come up with during craft time! On Christmas evening

we were blessed with a program consisting of specials to celebrate our Savior's birth, that most certainly touched the hearts of those who were present.

January was here before we knew it, which means so were officer elections! Gary Jacobsen was elected to replace Andy Brown as pastor, and we wish him our love and God's blessings to be with him as he embarks on this new journey. We look forward to what the new year will bring!

*God Bless,
Katie Ely*

NOTICES

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 would like to become a member of CCEG, or if you are an existing member and are not currently receiving emails as expected, please email the CCEG manager at:

RHEA HOUSKNECHT
CCEG Manager
ccegmgr@icloud.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 dis-

cover 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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To insure your membership records remain as current as possible when moving or relocating, fill out this form and return it to the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), Attn: General Church Recorder, P.O. Box 472, Independence, MO 64051-0472, or e-mail the information to churchofchristrecorder@gmail.com. One form per family, please.

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(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

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