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Scout Sunday Celebrated

Sunday February 8 was recognized at the 99th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America. The organization was incorporated on February 8, 1910. Congress issued an official charter for the Boy Scouts in 1916.

At the end of 2007 there were 2,855,833 boys enrolled in some form of Boy Scouts in the United States. These scouts were part of 121,034 scouting units (packs, troops, Venture teams or Varsity crews). 1,138,804 adults were members of the Boy Scouts of America.

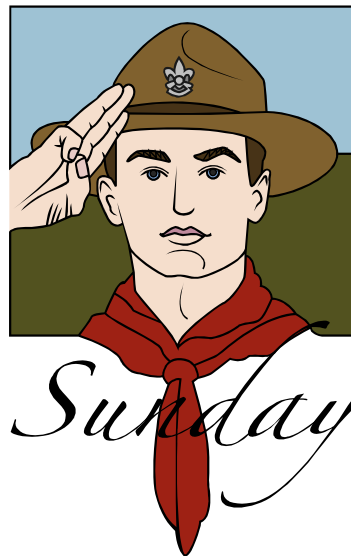
The reach of the Boy Scouts of America into the society of the United States is deep. The 110th Congress of the United States was com-

posed of 248 members who participated in Boy Scouts. There were 182 who had been Boy Scouts, 51 who were both a Scout and a leader and 15 more who were Scout leaders. This body of Scouters included 25 Eagle Scouts.

Many churches have adopted the Boy Scouts as an approved youth program. The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was among the first churches to adopt the Scouting program.

The Boy Scouts attending Zion's Outpost participated in a celebration of the Boy Scout anniversary on February 8. We thank them for reminding us of the importance of this program.

BOY SCOUT



Mourning the Loss of Friends

Three families of the branch were affected by the death on a family member since the last newsletter. In this space those persons will be remembered by recounting some of the details of their lives as a remembrance of them.

Nathan Joseph Meyer was 34 years of age when in died on January 27, 2009. His father was Ken Meyer who is a longtime

friend of Zion's Outpost. Nathan was raised in Olathe, Kansas and graduated from the Kansas School of the Deaf in 1993. He worked at the Root Dental Laboratory. He loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. He is survived by two daughters, Gabriella and Isabella and their mother Sara Greenough. Nathan was described as a

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Sunday Services

9:00 am Prayer Service on First and Third Sundays

9:30 am Family Worship on all other Sunday mornings

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Study Class

Sacrament Service at 11:00 am on First Sunday and 5:00 pm on Third Sunday of each month

7:15 pm Wednesday Night Prayer and Testimony Service

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ZION'S OUTPOST PUBLICATIONS

GOOD NEWS CONCORDANCE

Book of Mormon/Doctrine and Covenants (1 volume)	\$30.00
Old and New Testaments (2 volume set)	\$50.00
Full set (3 volumes)	\$75.00

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

The Book of Mormon is Christian	\$5.00
The Parable of the Olive Tree	\$5.00
Conversion Table: RLDS to LDS Doctrine and Covenants	\$5.00
A Word of Consolation	\$5.00
The Voice of the Captives	\$5.00
That Ye May Be Forgven	\$5.00

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loving father who was very devoted to his family.

Evelyn Lee Ramsey was 79 when she died on February 7, 2009. Evelyn, and her deceased husband Don Ramsey, were previously members of Zion's Outpost. Bob Skeen and the Mike Ramsey family were related to Evelyn.

Evelyn moved to the Thayer, Missouri area a few years ago. Her husband, Don, passed away September 18, 2004. Evelyn had been employed as a registered nurse at Chastains Nursing Home in Thayer. Evelyn left behind a very large family.

Cheryl Ann Swain passed away at age 52 on February 9, 2009. She was married to Charles Swain and lived in Elmore City, Oklahoma. Cheryl's husband, Charles, is the son of Carol Swain and the brother of Sandy Whiting. Cheryl was an active and energetic person who loved God and others enthusiastically.

Please remember to pray for the families of these persons for the healing comfort of God's love and the hope found only in and through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Lord, thou hast heard the
desire of the humble; thou
wilt prepare their heart,
thou wilt cause thine ear to
hear; (Psalm 10:17)**

Furnace Replaced

The furnace unit that heats the basement of the church building was not working well in January. A repairman was able to restart the furnace. His investigation also revealed that the unit was in very poor condition. The Facilities Committee discussed the matter and a new furnace unit was ordered and installed.

The new furnace is more efficient and cleaner to operate. We should be in good shape in the heating and air conditioning department for quite a while.

Patterned

The wealth that was tainted
Is passing away;
Thank God in its place
Comes the wealth that will stay.

And though we must wait
With what patience we can,
The price will be worth it
For we shall see Man.

With gold neath our feet;
From a Pattern that's free,
Our labour shall forge us
The man that shall be.

-F. J. Earl.

(*Saints' Herald*, May 7, 1935, page 588 Volume 82, Number 19)

Thoughts on Humility

By Gary R. Whiting

I have been reading a book by Eugene Peterson. He is a Christian minister and the author of a Bible translation called *The Message*. His writings are very thoughtful and have helped me to expand my thinking and understanding on matters of worship and Christian spirituality.

I think Mr. Peterson would have enjoyed King Benjamin because they understand the same thing about us. We, the human race or people, are indeed dust people. We have life in our clay shells only because God has breathed that life into us.

In Genesis 2:8 God describes how he created Adam, the first person. God said that He “formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul..

Adam and Eve led the way, but we have all forfeited that first life by our sin. Sin caused death. God made the rules, warned us and we all have broken the rules and died.

God was, and still is, unwilling that this should be the end of us. He provided Jesus Christ, the Only Be-

gotten Son, as a ransom for our sin. God, in Christ, paid the penalty of His Justice on our behalf. Again, by reason of our faith in Jesus Christ and our obedience to the word of God, God breathes into our dead life, the living breath of the Holy Spirit and eternal life.

Eugene Peterson helped me to

understand our beginnings in his book, *Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places*. On page 75-76 of the book, the author gives a brief Hebrew lesson to understand who we are.

Adam, is the name of the first man. *Adam* is the word for human. Our tie to the dust of the earth is readily seen when we note that the word translated ground is *adamah*.

He also points out that the Latin word for soil or earth is *humus*. Most of us recognize that word as relating to the earth in English usage. What I had not thought about is the fact that the Latin word for human, *homo*, arises out of a common heritage as *humus*. Peterson then states that the word *humility* shares the same

common heritage as *humus* and *homo*. He writes, “If we cultivate a lively sense of our origin and nurture a sense of continuity with it, who knows, we may also acquire humility” (page 76).

King Benjamin said, “And now I ask, Can ye say aught of yourselves? I answer you, Nay. Ye can not say that ye are even as much as the dust of the earth: yet ye were created of the dust of the earth: but behold, it belongeth to him who created you. (Mosiah 1:60, 61).”

Humility is a key element of worship. To worship means to acknowledge the worthiness of another. It is to exalt another above yourself. There is only one who deserves our worship and that is the God who made us. He is the source of all life and who are the recipients of the Life He gives.

Of what then, do we have to boast—nothing! God willingly receives the humble who cry out to Him. “For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones” (Isaiah 57:15).

Humble
yourselves
in the sight
of the Lord,
and he shall
lift you up.



James 4:10

Month Calendar

See the 2009
Event
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The Last Word

There will be a branch business meeting on March 15, 2009 at 10:30 am. The primary purpose of this meeting will be the election of delegates to attend the April 2009 General Conference. We are authorized to send three delegates. Any member of the church is invited to attend the Conference and may, with registration, exercise voice and vote in the deliberations of the Conference.

Elder Gary Whiting was the guest speaker at the Independence District Evening Preaching Series on February 15, 2009. He spoke on the prayer of faith.

Elders Whiting and David Newman participated in a priesthood retreat at the Geneseo, Illi-

nois Campground, February 20-22, 2009. Brother Whiting led a discussion on "Growing the Church."

Brad Whiting was able to attend the Older Youth Retreat at the Odessa Hills Campground February 27-March 1, 2009. The camping experience was "blessed" by six inches of snow and a cold wind.
