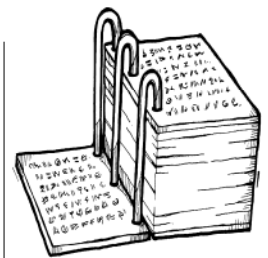


The Branch Newsletter

The Church of Jesus Christ
Zion's Outpost Branch



The Covenant
Ye Have Made
is a Righteous
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Branch Approves JCRB Letter

After the November 2005 Joint Conference of Restoration Branches (JCRB), the saints at Zion's Outpost carefully examined the body of resolutions passed by the Conference. To facilitate the study, the branch membership asked the priesthood of the branch to review the resolutions and report to a branch business meeting.

Three formal priesthood meetings were held and a letter to the Conference was drafted. This letter represented the priesthood's evaluation. This report was discussed at a branch business meeting on March 12, 2005.

Concerns were raised about many of the resolutions because they incompletely agreed with scripture. Other resolutions were poorly written and hard to understand. Suggestions were made for improvement of grammar and sentence construction.

After discussion and some amendments to the letter, it was approved as representing the official voice of Zion's Outpost Branch. The letter was forwarded to the officers of the JCRB. The final version of the letter will be posted on the branch website.

Two resolutions were discussed

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VeBS Planning Moves Forward

Hark, Good Friends! We bring thee word of this year's **Very Exciting Bible School**. Be it known that the week of **July 10-14, 2006**, has been chosen for our annual week of learning and camaraderie at Zion's Outpost.

Our theme this year will be **Jesus is Our King: Living the Royal Way**, and our study will

center on the Parables of King Jesus as found in Matthew and Luke. Come, good friends, and mark thy calendars for this enjoyable occasion of fellowship!



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Easter Sunday Worship Schedule

Easter or Resurrection Sunday is celebrated on Sunday, April 16, 2006. Zion's Outpost will observe the following worship schedule on Easter morning:

8:00 am	Sunrise Worship
9:15 am	Easter Breakfast
10:15 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Ministry of the Word
5:00 pm	Sacrament Meeting



**BEHOLD,
CHRIST HAS RISEN!**

A Progress Note on Richard Price

Richard Price had a massive brain stem stroke. His right side was affected; as well as his swallowing. He is at the Carmel Hills facility here in Independence receiving therapy. Richard is responding to the therapy and now has movement on his right side, can walk with assistance, and he can now eat pureed food and it will go to his stomach. He does have a feeding tube in. His speech is good, as is his

mind. His determination to be able to go home is incredible. Thank you for asking about him. Pamela spends everyday with him so we are trying to keep things going here at the Bookstore without either of them.

This information was provided through e-mail by Sharon Warner.

"Lift up your heads and be of good comfort, for I know of the covenant which ye have made unto Me" (Mosiah 11:60)

VeBS Staff Meeting Notice

We will hold our staff meeting for this summer's program on **Sunday, April 23, after the 11:00 service**. Please bring a sack lunch, and we will have our meeting right after that. Thank you, one and all, for your willingness to help and serve the King and His subjects!



April Theme: Humble Yourselves In the Depths of Humility

King Benjamin admonished his listeners to “humble yourselves, even in the depths of humility.” This attitude of humility is the foundational aspect of true Christian discipleship.

Jesus is the foremost example of this kind of humility. First, he cast aside any glory that He could have used to magnify Himself. Jesus became a man and “humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:8). Abinadi described the Lord’s humility this way:

Having subjected the flesh to the will of the Father . . . thus the flesh becoming subject to the Spirit, or the Son to the Father, being one God, suffereth temptation and yieldeth not to the temptation, But suffereth Himself to be mocked and scourged and cast out and disowned by His people. (Mosiah 8:30, 32)

Jesus suffered every kind of temptation and abuse the Adversary could hurl at Him, and yielded not to sin. His strength came from His humility before God. Jesus repeatedly said that He did nothing of Himself. His every word and act arose from the instructions He received from His Father in Heaven (e.g., John 5:19, 20).

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus showed that the power of His victory over sin was His absolute willingness to surrender everything to the will of Heaven. As blood dripped from His pores like sweat, Jesus settled Himself into the Father’s plan say, “O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

Jesus was fully submissive to the Father’s will. This is the depth of humility, to submit to God’s will and trust Him for our past, present and future circumstances. But submission is unpopular today—nobody wants to yield to anyone else. Nevertheless, submission of the flesh to the will of the Father is the meaning of deep humility.

The word submit is a military word. Dr. John Morris, Ph.D. has written: “The word ‘submit’ is a translation of two Greek words meaning ‘to line up under.’ It usually reflects a military hierarchy¹.” Thus the idea of submission is what a military recruit must learn to do, surrender his own will for the good of the cause. This is accomplished by learning to serve those in his unit, learning his duty, performing his duty and obeying the commands he is given. Christians must learn to line up under Jesus Christ and serve according to the commandments He has and does give us.

The story of Alma and the group of believers who escaped evil King Noah is told in Mosiah chapter 11. They are an excellent example that Christians gain from submitting to Christ and that such submission is an act of faith and obedience to God. This is characterized as deep humility.

The story of Alma’s people follows this outline:

1. They escaped the armies of King Noah
2. They settled in a new land they called the land of Helam.
3. Alma’s people were discovered by the Lamanites and a group of Noah’s priests.
4. Amulon, an ex-priest, was given charge over Alma’s people
5. Amulon used his authority to persecute Alma’s peo-

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ple because he hated Alma.

6. Alma's people prayed mightily to God because of their afflictions

7. God sent his word of comfort and hope to Alma's people.

8. Alma's people believed the word of God, trusted in God and were delivered.

When Mormon began to tell the story of Alma and his band of believers, he used a tool of great storytellers. Mormon gave us a hint of what we should look for in the story. He did not want us to miss the theme that God seeks to develop this kind of humility is His people. Mormon wrote:

Nevertheless the Lord seeth fit to chasten his people; yea, he trieth their patience and their faith. Nevertheless, whosoever putteth his trust in him, the same shall be lifted up at the last day. Yea, and thus it was with this people. For behold, I will shew unto you that they were brought into bondage, and none could deliver them but the Lord their God; yea, even the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob. And it came to pass that he did deliver them, and he did shew forth his mighty power unto them, and great were their rejoicings. (Mosiah 11:23-27)

God uses the trials and afflictions of this life to train us to pray with mighty faith and submit ourselves to His word. These are the things that permit the Lord to strengthen His people and deliver them from the evils of this world. It is exactly what Jesus showed us. Our very salvation rests in the fact that our Lord lived these very principles which led to His vic-

tory on the cross at Calvary.

And they did humble themselves even in the depths of humility; and they did cry mightily to God; yea, even all the day long did they cry unto their God, that he would deliver them out of their afflictions. And now the Lord was slow to hear their cry, because of their iniquities; Nevertheless the Lord did hear their cries, and began to soften the hearts of the Lamanites, that they began to ease their burdens; yet the Lord did not see fit to deliver them out of bondage. (Mosiah 9:154-156)

And many were softened, because of their afflictions, insomuch that they did humble themselves before God, even in the depth of humility. (Alma 29:51)

Yea, blessed are they who shall believe on your words, and come down into the depth of humility, and be baptized in my name; for they shall be visited with fire and the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a remission of their sins. (Matthew 5:4)

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as a high wall in his humility. Before destruction the heart of man is haughty; and before honor is humility. (Proverbs 18:10-12)

Facilities Update

The branch Facilities Committee met on March 19th to make plans for projects on the building and grounds this year. Some projects are being finished that began last year.

Items to be finished include: the final inspection on the new shed, supplying electrical power to the shed, completing the installation of the downstairs windows and installing gutters on the shed and church building.

The new gutters should be installed within the next two weeks.

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and approved by the branch for submission to the agenda of legislation at the April 2006 Joint Conference of Restoration Branches. One is designed to require all resolutions submitted for conference consideration to show that they conform to scripture. The other resolution was a re-write of a previously passed resolution dealing with accepting persons on their previous

A number of maintenance items need to be addressed. The men's room downstairs will have a new exhaust fan installed and the toilet has a small leak. The upstairs toilet needs to have new equipment in the filler tank. Ways to upgrade the electrical service in the building is also being examined. There is a need to repair some water leakage in some downstairs rooms and improve the nursery conditions.

We are also investigating what it would cost to upgrade the audio systems at the church. We are also seeking information on providing video recording.

baptism and/or ordination. These are posted on the JCRB website (www.conferenceofbranches.org).

Three delegates were chosen to represent Zion's Outpost at the April Conference. Elders Gary Whiting, David Newman and Dwight Burford were elected.

The JCRB begins on April 3 with the business sessions convening on Thursday, April 6.

New Publication from Marjorie Cook

Marjorie Cook and her friend, F. J. Van Tuyl have finished a new booklet together. It is called, *A New Song . . . Even Praise*. This little booklet is described as a pocket full of praises. The idea for the work came when Sister Cook was going through a difficult time. A friend sent her little pieces of paper with various scripture verses written on them. "I put the folded paper in my pocket and carried it with me until I had memorized it. Then I decided to carry on of the folded squares in my purse so it would be easily accessible whenever I was—waiting in traffic, waiting in a doctor's office, when I was early to meet someone, etc." (Marjorie Cook). Several sheets of scripture praises are included in the booklet to be used as described by Sister Cook. Enjoy and give praise to God!

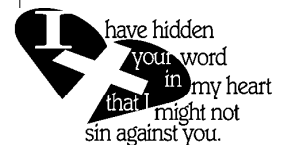


Work Day
at Church

April 22, 2006

We will start at
8:00 am

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Psalm 119:11

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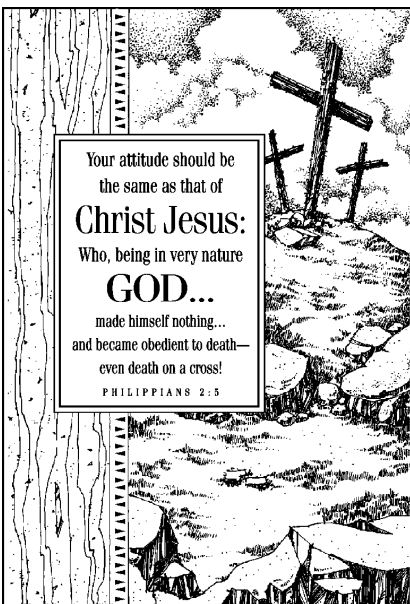
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Oh, By the Way . . .

The next several weeks will find many of our numbers traveling for work and family reasons. Please remember to pray for one another in these many adventures.

Remember to pray for the saints attending the Conferences in the first week of April and for their travels home. There are twenty nine countries sending dele-

gates to the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches.

When this issue went to print, Jeremiah Drope was suffering with pneumonia. Please remember him in prayer that he may regain his health and that his parents may wisely care for him.

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