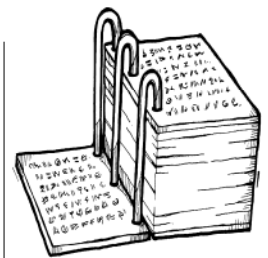


The Branch Newsletter

The Church of Jesus Christ
Zion's Outpost Branch



The Covenant
Ye Have Made
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Very Exciting Bible School 2006

By Pam Burford treat to have Steven at the Bible School this year.

Zion's Outpost's 2006 Very Exciting Bible School took place July 10-14. Our theme this year was "Jesus is Our King: Living the Royal Way." The theme verse came from Revelation 17:14: "...for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."



Approximately 30 participants joined in this year's adventure as we explored the parables of Jesus. The oldest was our faithful brother Bob Skeen; the youngest (and newcomers to VeBS) were Patience and Charity Drope. Martha Van Nordstrand's grandson, Steven Stewart, was able to join us on Friday. It was a

The parable presentation was given each evening by heralds. They did a wonderful job of incorporating the participants in the lessons. The parable of the wise and foolish builders was cleverly portrayed by Roger and Debby Smith. The parable of the Prodigal Son was given a modern rendition by Gary and Sandy Whiting. David and Debbie Newman presented memorable accounts of the Good Samaritan and the Persistent Widow parables. Finishing the week were Dwight and Pam Burford instructing the group in the Great Banquet.

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Elder Burford Preaches in Independence

Elder Dwight Burford was invited to preach as part of the Summer Series of preaching sponsored by the Pastors of Zion. He and his family traveled to Independence on July 16 after morning services at Park City.

The Waldo Restoration branch hosted the preaching series.

Elder Burford was blessed by the Spirit of the Lord in his ministry. Jeff Drope and his family were able

to be at the service (see a related story on page 3). Brother Drope has said that Dwight's sermon helped reinforce for him the urgency of the hour and the need to be prepared for the coming of the Lord Jesus.

Hopefully recordings of the sermon will be available soon. When they are, we will notify you here.

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Sperry Family Update

Background of this note: Regina had two surgeries and is now recovering in Independence. The rest of the family is waiting to leave for Honduras. Regina is to fly to Honduras later. Now, on to the note dated July 29, 2006—

Hello:

We [Sperry family and Family Outreach] have a newsletter coming within the next week. The Sperry family and Family Outreach wanted

to get an urgent announcement out sooner. Chuck and the kids are driving back to Honduras this weekend [see article end for update]. There was enough money to get them through their trip back, however they do not have the funds they need for when they are back at home. Also, Regina will be flying back the third week of August, and that plane ticket has not yet been purchased.

Due to the medical situations they have had this summer, they have run low on funds. Donations at this time would be very much appreciated.

God Bless,

Send contributions to:

Family Outreach
P.O. Box 22
Independence, MO
64051

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Bob Bunch Update

Received June 16, 2006 —

Gary,

First and foremost I do want to apologize to the Saints of Zion's Outpost for the comments that I made in my Jan/Feb/March newsletter. I suppose that the passive participation by Zion's Outpost over these years in the operation of HELP/HOPE has allowed me to overlook a need to keep current on the direction of thought of your group. That was an oversight on my part and is regretted. As long as you are willing to continue the privilege you have extended me over these years I will not editorialize with respect to differences in our thoughts. I will, however, try to establish a sponsorship elsewhere as soon as I can. I do appreciate immensely the privilege you have extended me. Because of our working relationship, that is, with me operating unilaterally, there are now over fifty young Hondurans with a vocational High School education and them being able to contribute much to themselves, their families and the work of the Lord.

[A second paragraph was not reprinted here because it mentioned names not pertinent to the apology. It is on file.]

Gary, you can be assured that I will do as you have suggested, print a retraction in my next newsletter stating that those statements were entirely mine and I did not have permission to make them in a letter carrying the Zion's Outpost name. I will express that my comments do not represent the feelings of Zion's Outpost. Please relay my apologies to all concerned and may the Lord benefit from the labors of those who labor for the cause of truth and righteousness.

R. W. (Bob) Bunch
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Independence, MO 64052-2944

On July 10, Brother Bunch wrote that the Farview Restoration Branch has voted to accept sponsorship of the HELP and HOPE funds. Brother Bunch is working to arrange for the transfer of the funds from accounts under the name of Zion's Outpost to accounts under the sponsorship of the Farview Branch.

When the transfer is complete, a notice will be posted. It is regrettable that this separation has occurred. Please note that Brother Bunch chose to find new sponsors and was not required to do so by Zion's Outpost. We hold no animosity toward our brother in any way.

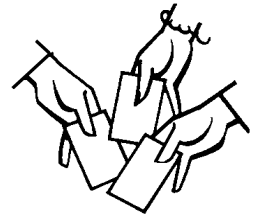
Are You Registered to Vote?

This is election year for Kansas. The primary was held on August 1. The general election is scheduled for November 7. To vote in Kansas a person must be a U.S. citizen and 18 years old before the date of the election. If you have never

registered to vote or if you have moved, you must file a registration form with the county election officer. This form must be filed by October 23, 2006.

Important issues in Kansas this year include electing a

new governor for the state, electing the representatives to the Kansas House and to the U.S. House. These votes will impact things such as taxes, abortion laws, gambling and education. Please be a good citizen and vote.



Whiting's at Geneseo Reunion

Elder Gary Whiting was invited to assist in ministry at the reunion sponsored by the Geneseo, Illinois Restoration branch. The reunion was held July 22-29. Brother Whiting was accompanied by his son, Brad.

Brother Whiting taught a group of Senior High students during the week of the reunion. He also brought preaching ministry

on the evening of July 24 and brought a baptismal charge on July 29.

Brad also enjoyed his week at the reunion. The classes on Marriage and Family, the Principles of Covenant and How to Witness to Non-members were very interesting. He was also able to assist the deacons in some of the worship services.

The Lord brought many blessings to the camp. A few attendees fell ill and were greatly blessed by the ordinances of the gospel. Excellent preaching ministry was given at every opportunity. Two young ladies were baptized and a young man, baptized previously, was confirmed. A special word from the Lord blessed the campers and brought special guidance to the youth at the reunion.

2006 is an election year in Kansas. Voter registration is the first step in the process of casting your vote. Voting

Wreck's, Reunions and Copiers

DROPE NEWS

The Jeff Drope family has reason to be thankful to the Lord for His blessing to them. While traveling, they had an accident that destroyed their family van. Thankfully, the entire family was preserved from serious injury. After a search, they found a van in Missouri that was nearly identical to the one that was wrecked. While in Missouri, they heard brother Burford preach.

SEVENTY REUNION

The Newmans and Burfords attended this summer's Seventies Missionary Family Reunion. It was held at Graceland University June 18 - 24. The theme was "The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand." The Spirit of the Lord was present in abundance--at morning dorm devotions, at the prayer services, in the classes, and during evening preaching services. Two baptismal services were held. Over

500 people attended this gathering of the saints. The Burford family truly enjoyed this week of fellowship and found it very uplifting. Next year's reunion will be held the third week in June, and the theme will be Onward to Zion. (submitted by Pam Burford)

Note: Seventy Neil Simmons told me that total registrations were about 625 and as many as 800 may have attended at

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August Theme: Always Abounding in Good Works

The weekly reading scriptures for this month's theme teach us a great deal about the place of works in the life of a Christian. Ecclesiastes 12:14 reminds us that God will sit as the judge of us all in the last days. The basis of His judgment is our fruitfulness—our works. They are to be judged based on the quality (whether of the flesh, the devil or of the Spirit of Christ) and their abundance (bountiful or scanty).

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encouraged His disciples to cultivate many good works. Jesus likened this to letting our light shine in darkness (Matthew 5:18). When the world of darkness sees the works of the believers, it will

stir wonder and awe in them as they realize the working of God in the lives of those who previously were living in darkness. Thus, worship of God is born in the hearts of those who otherwise would not consider the Lord God of Heaven and Earth.

Romans 2:10 helps us to see that the Lord does bless those who bear fruit for Him in this world. God loves those who honor Him through the keeping of His commandments. Those who come to God in faith must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).

Two passages from the book of Alma in the

Book of Mormon serve to show us how to become the kind of person through whom the works of God can come.

Alma (Alma 3:68) told the church that a person who follows Jesus will do good works. Following Jesus means that one must, like a sheep with its shepherd, listen to and obey the commandments of the Lord. If good works (the kind that the Lord approves) that shows that the person is hearkening to the voice of the good shepherd. If good works are absent, that means the person is not listening to God's voice.

In the fifth chapter of Alma (verse 41) believers are counseled to seek to develop faith, hope and charity. When these things are the object of our pursuit, Alma testifies that a believer will always abound in good works.

This is the exhortation of King Benjamin. Stay steadfast in the gospel of Christ and see that you are fruitful and you will find rest in Christ.

Therefore, I would that ye should be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in good works, that Christ, the Lord God Omnipotent, may seal you his, that you may be brought to heaven, that ye may have everlasting salvation and eternal life, through the wisdom, and power, and justice, and mercy of him, who created all things, in heaven and in earth, who is God above all. Amen. (Mosiah 3:21)

Wrecks, etc.

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one time or another in the course of the week. (GRW)

NEW COPIER

The branch has entered into an agreement with Digital Office Systems for a new copy machine. The Ricoh copier was

delivered on July 3. It is a brand new machine. It operates much like the old one that was replaced. If anyone has questions on the machines operation, please be sure to ask Gary Whiting. The two old copy machines have been disposed of.

Members in the Hospital

Several saints have been hospitalized over the past few weeks. Fortunately most of these have gone home or will be home very soon.

Marylyn Smith was hospitalized at Via Christi St. Francis. After a few days there, she went to nursing home in Goddard, but did not improve. She was later admitted to the Wesley Rehabilitation Hospital where she improved in strength and mobility. She is now home and still needs our prayers and support.

Mary Robinson was hospitalized with a foot infection. She is now completing a long period of recuperation. She moved from Via Christi St. Jo-

seph to the Via Christi LifeCare Center. At the time of this writing, preparations to move Mary home are underway.

Bernard Ficke was admitted to Via Christi St Joseph just after Sister Robinson was dismissed from that hospital. Brother Ficke was later transferred to a nursing home in Haysville for a period of rehabilitation. He is now home and improving.

Gene Sweem also spent a few days at Via Christi St. Francis. She went home on Sunday, July 23.

A number of other members of the church have had acute illnesses over

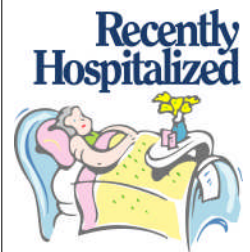
the summer. Others have suffered complications of their chronic conditions. We have had many reasons to be grateful for the kindness of our Lord by reason of His care for His children.

These members still appreciate your prayers. Visits or calls would also be warmly received.

Sperry

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Regina had another surgery on August 2, 2006 for a recurrent abscess. Her family is still in the Independence area.



VeBS

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The Royal Recreation, directed by Brent Burford and Jeff Drope, emphasized each evening's lesson. Chefette Julie DuRocher prepared each evening's tasty Royal Refreshments, which were surely welcome on hot summer evenings. Refreshments were followed by some artsy crafts, led by Pam, Claire, and Ian Burford. Claire had the smallest but most active class; she was ably assisted by Debby Smith and Debbie Newman.

Some different activities were included this year. During snack time on Wednesday evening, we celebrated Gary Whiting's 50th birthday. On Friday evening we gathered early for a Royal Feast before proceeding with the other activities. During craft time that evening, Brent led the adults and junior high youth in a service project for the Red Cross. They assembled comfort kits to be distributed by the Red Cross to families or individuals suffering loss due to fire or other natural disasters. This activity was a demonstration of what it means to live according to the Royal Law (James 2:8).

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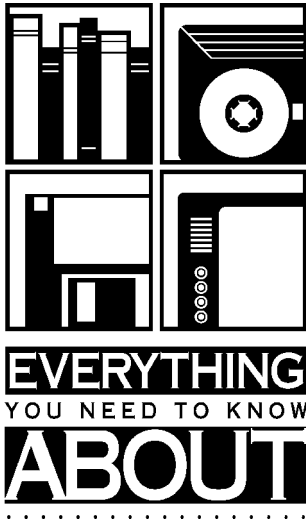
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Oh, By the Way . . .

Seventy Richard Neill is scheduled to visit the branch on September 17. He will be bring preaching ministry for us. Please begin now to pray for brother Neill.

The Joint Conference of Restoration Branches is holding a Men's Retreat at the Colburn Road Branch on September 23. We hope to have registration forms and schedule information soon.

The Book of Mormon Foundation is

scheduled to be in Wichita for a special Book of Mormon Weekend on October 28, 29. More news to come later.

We have received a letter from Elder Randy Vick from Liberia. A copy is available for viewing on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

The collection for the Liberian Missionary Barrels was very successful. Thank you very much for your gracious and generous

support of this project.

Among the donations were several sets of Restoration scriptures, a few King James Bibles, a variety of school supplies, eyeglasses and canned foods. There was also some cash donations.

The Burford scouts delivered the goods and cash to the Conference of Restoration Elders office in Independence, MO. These supplies should be in barrels and on the way later this month.