

Branch Newsletter

“If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me.” — Jesus Christ

Vacation Space School Was a Blast!

The Alpha and Omega Mission: Searching for the Lord of the Universe. So was titled the adventure called Vacation Space School held at Zion's Outpost Branch from July 16-20.

The 2007 version of Vacation Church School was designed to lead the participants to a deeper knowledge of “the Lord of the Universe by exploring the record, or witness of space.” The theme scripture for the week was from the Inspired Version of Genesis, chapter 6 verse 66. Everything bears witness of our Great and Supreme Creator God.

Participants were granted the title of astronaut and traveled together on the spaceship *Discovery* to explore the wonders of the stars, planets and the immensity of space.

After weeks of preparation, the church building was transformed into a place of space travel and excitement on Sunday, July 15. Decorations and props were set in place. The stage in the sanctuary was covered with moon rocks against the backdrop of a large photo of the earth as seen from space. Two telescopes, three fine astronaut models, several rockets and a replica of the Space Shuttle adorned the front of the gathering place for astronaut instruction.

Each night of Vacation Space School (VSS) was called a mission. Each mission was accomplished by a series of activities, each contributing to the completion of that evening's goal. Each mission aided in the discovery of the Lord of the Universe.

Astronauts were divided into

Branch Approves Elevator

Zion's Outpost members met for a business meeting on the evening of July 1 at 5:00 pm. Several important items were addressed at this meeting.

The largest of these was the approval for the construction of an elevator in the building. Our older members have trouble negotiating the steep stairs to participate in functions held in the basement. The

Facilities Committee had examined several different options for improving access to the lower level and an elevator appears to be the best long term solution.

The project is still in the planning stages, but it is hoped that the work will be completed this year.

Other items addressed included approval for some reimbursement

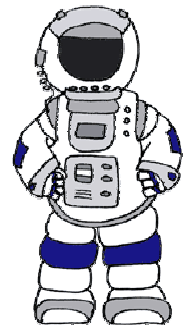
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Vacation Space School group photo 2007



The Zion's Outpost Branch Newsletter is published monthly by the Publications Department of Zion's Outpost. The editor is Gary Whiting. Various sources are used for contributions and are so noted. The Newsletter is used to inform members, friends and seekers of the events taking place in the Branch and to promote the work of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is available at no charge to those asking for a subscription. Contributions to support its publication are appreciated.

Another Advance in the Audio-Visual System

In May of this year, Commercial Sound company installed a new sound system in the church. Some of the bugs are still being worked out, but the system has improved the amplification system.

The audio equipment has been organized into a rack system for better organization and usefulness. It also improves the space utilization in the cabinets.

Improvements have also been made in the ability to use laptops and other com-

puters for the display of presentations, movies and special music. Cables have been run to facilitate easy connections and more functionality while at the pulpit.

A computer system has been installed to augment the audio recording in both digital and analog copies of sermons. The computer can also be useful in recording video and doing video editing and copying.

This computer system is only for church use. If you

have a need to use it, please check with Gary Whiting before attempting to use the system.

Eventually, the branch will be able to record its services and post them to the website and do live webcasts of services. This should be of great help to those who are shut in or ill and unable to attend the services. These can also extend the ministry of the branch world-wide.



"Our family and many other citizens have invested our lifetimes trying to make Wichita and Sedgwick County a better place for families and businesses. Gambling casinos would undermine much of what we have all worked so hard to achieve."

-Mrs. Jean K. Garvey

www.nocasinoshere.org/21-reasons.asp

Vote **NO** on
Casinos and Slots

Casino Referendum Vote August 7

Sedgwick County Voters will go to polls on August 7 to decide whether to approve the building of a casino in the and the placement of slot machines in the county. You are urged to register to vote and vote NO on both questions. Gambling violates the Christian principles of industriousness, responsibility and charity. Gambling facilities in this area will harm families and businesses. As good neighbors to our fellow citizens, we must oppose the efforts to allow this parasitic activity enter where we live.

Business Meeting

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for time and expenses by Chuck Sperry on the Inter-nado. This covered specific projects of maintenance and does not represent a salary or employment of Brother Sperry by Zion's Outpost.

The branch approved a letter to be sent to the Joint Conference of Branches expressing our

desire to remain active in the Conference. A review of the April Conference had been conducted by Gary Whiting in June. The branch will be sending delegates to the Fall Conference in October.

Brent Burford's Eagle Project was introduced to the branch. Brent answered questions by the members. He will be refinishing the church sign in

the front yard, adding lights and landscaping.

The branch approved re-newing its agreement with the American Red Cross to open the building for use as an emergency shelter in the case of a need by the Red Cross. The church building has had such an agreement with the Red Cross for many years.



Vacation Space School

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one of four crews. Each crew was named after a famous scientist who contributed to mankind's knowledge of the Universe and thus of the Creator.

Each evening began with singing which was led by Claire and Pam Burford. Prayer was offered followed by a period of learning and experimentation. A recreation time, called Astro Activities, was held outside under the guidance of Brent Burford and Jeff Drope. The astronauts then gathered in the Galactic Galley for snacks. Age specific "Space Crafts" occupied the astronauts. Each evening closed with a Mission Debriefing with a testimony, singing and prayer.

Here is a brief review of the adventure called Vacation Space School.

Monday

The mission was to reveal the Creator. The theme was Knowing God, the Supreme Creator. John 17:3 was the theme scripture.

The astronauts were introduced to the lab of Dr. Burford, the professor and instructor for each mission. He reviewed scripture that revealed that God created everything that ex-

ists through Jesus Christ (Genesis 1:2,3 I.V.; 3 Nephi 4:44 and Section 17:4a). The testimonies of NASA astronauts were shared. Each of these men spoke of knowing there is a Creator God because of what they saw and experienced in their space travels.

Astronauts were matched together in pairs to see if they could read each other's minds. The results were funny, but not very accurate. The point of the experiment is that God can be known by what He has revealed in the Creation and in His Word or scripture. Knowing God comes by seeking Him and allowing Him to reveal Himself to each one. God is known by His love for those who seek Him, especially in the Cross of Jesus Christ. The knowledge of God and who He is can bring joy, peace and purpose in life.

Tuesday

Light was the lesson of the second evening with Dr. Burford. Jesus Christ is the Light and the Life of the world (3 Nephi 4:48). The light of Christ is God's gift to a world filled with the darkness of sin. The light of God is full of benefits to those who will walk in it by faith in Jesus Christ. However, it

is a holy light. The true believer is protected from the judgment of God's light by the blood of Jesus Christ. However, without the covering of Christ's atonement, the light of God is burning and consuming.

This truth was illustrated using a lead apron. This is an apron like garment that is made of lead. It is worn by people working with x-ray equipment and other forms of radiation. The benefits of the radioactivity can be obtained while the user is protected from harm. The blood of Jesus allows believers to know the mercy of God because Jesus has absorbed the justice of God on their behalf.

Wednesday

Dr. Burford's lesson on this evening was about the planets of the solar system. There are eight planets in the solar system (Pluto has been reclassified and is not considered a planet). Planets reveal a lot about the Creator. Their orbits are useful for marking times and seasons. Uranus is also called Chronos and its orbit is the basis for the Hebrew calendar. Mercury and Venus help mark the time of day. The planets reveal the orderly and consistent nature of God.

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Astronauts entering the Galactic Galley

The scriptures are laid before thee, yea, and all things denote there is a God; yea, even the earth, and all things that are upon the face of it, yea, and its motion; Yea, and also all the planets which move in their regular form, doth witness that there is a Supreme Creator...

Alma 16:54,55

VSS

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Planets are held in their orbits by the pull of gravity from the Sun. Without this pull, the planets would shoot out into space. The love of God acts a spiritual gravity pulling the believer close to God. It is his restraint that pulls the believer into saving faith.

Thursday

VSS astronauts searched the stars on this night. God set the stars in the heavens to give light upon the earth (Genesis 1:20). Scientists estimate that the stars in the Universe are equivalent to the number of grains of sand on all the beaches of the earth. That is a lot of stars! Yet, God knows all of the stars by name. He placed them as witnesses of His glory and as useful tools for mankind.

The stars appear in groups that move across the night sky in a consistent pattern. These groups and their movements were the basis of the Zodiac. Zodiac is a term describing the path of the Sun through the sky. The stars can help guide travelers on land or on the sea. It was also associated with the order of the camp of Israel around the Tabernacle in the wilderness. The Zodiac has been high-

jacked by astrology, but was not originally associated with it. The stars show the glory of God and the abundance of His power.

Friday

Why did God create men and women? That was the question of the final night of VSS. Jacob wrote that God created mankind for two reasons; to keep His commandments and to glorify God forever. (Jacob 2:28). His purpose is to redeem mankind and bring souls home to Himself (Section 22:23b).

In order to accomplish His goals regarding the children of men, the Lord has given commandments. These are invitations to life everlasting. God's commandments are His Word, which comes with power and promise. Keeping the commandments opens the way for the power of God to be manifested in the life of the believer. This is how Zion, the Kingdom of God will be established.

SpaceCrafts

Astronauts had various crafts to make. These included coasters and a wooden holder for the adults and flying discs, spaceballs, T-shirts and nebula jars for the youth. The older

youth built rockets that were launched Friday.

The rocket launch was a good adventure. Most of the rockets performed well. A few suffered a construction defect that resulted in short flights and destruction of the rocket. Nevertheless, it was a great experience.

Galactic Galley

Each evening after the recreation time, all of the astronauts reported to the Galley for theme oriented snacks. Cookies, fruit, cupcakes and other snacks with drinks were served each night. This was a great time for the attendees to chat, refuel and get ready for a strong finish to the evening.

Many people contributed to the success of the Vacation Space School. A grateful thank you should be extended to Dwight and Pam Burford for their creation and direction to the entire event. The thank you is extended to the whole Burford family for a job well done.

We enjoyed our visitors and our friends who joined with us during the week. May the Lord bless each of you in your search for the Lord of the Universe.



The crew of Apollo 11, Astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins

Monday, July 16, was the 38th anniversary of the launch of Apollo 11, which was the first flight to land on the moon. July 20th, marked the date when the first men walked on the moon.

July 18 was the 86th birthday of John Glenn.



Astronaut John Glenn

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Oh, By the Way . . .

JCRB Events

September 15 — A Men's Retreat at Atherton Restoration Branch, Learning from Great Men of Faith in the Book of Mormon

September 16 — An All Branch Worship at Colbern Road Restoration Branch, Testimonies of Women in the Restoration. This begins at 6:30 pm.

October 18-21 — The

Fall Conference of the JCRB. The details of the Conference will come later.

CRE Events

September 21-23 is a priesthood gathering at the Kirtland Temple. For registration, see Gary Whiting

November 9-10 A Fall Gathering is planned at Waldo Branch.

December 14-15 A Christmas worship

will be held at Waldo Branch.

Zion's Outpost Events

October 13-14 — Book of Mormon Symposium by the Book of Mormon Foundation.

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August 7, 2007

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