

Branch Newsletter

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

Seventy Richard Neill Visits Branch



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Seventy Richard Neill ministered at Zion's Outpost on December 10, 2006. He was accompanied by his wife Robin. Brother Neill brought preaching ministry at the morning worship.

Brother Neill's spoke about two important things that each person ought to remember. First is the fact that Christmas is real (it is historical) and that it is personal (has specific meaning for each person).

He said that the events (the content) of Christmas is well known to us. However, the context, or, the meaning of Christmas is not as well known. Brother Neill said that each of us have to seek the meaning and role of Christmas, that is Jesus, in our lives.

Brother Neill emphasized the

importance of understanding that Jesus Christ is real and that He is a personal Savior who is able to minister to each person at the point of his/her need. Failure to understand these two things results in people struggling and falling away from their initial experience with Jesus Christ.

Christmas, he said, is as vital a part of the Gospel story as the Cross of Christ.

Seventy Neill was accompanied by his wife Robin. He is employed as the School Administrator of Center Place Restoration School (CPRS) in Independence. He remains active in traveling ministry as a Seventy. He has international trips planned for ministry and to assist in establishing schools in various countries.

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2007 Scripture Calendar

Greetings and welcome to the new year of 2007. Every new year is an opportunity to grow into the likeness of Christ and to arise in the strength of the Lord. The exact challenges to be faced this year are not known to us. It can be said with certainty that in order to be victorious, every Christian must take upon them the armor of the Lord and walk in His strength.

A new calendar is ready for the use of the branch. The general theme of the calendar is based on the Cross of Jesus Christ. The annual theme is "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." this is a partial quote from John's gospel (John 12:32). Jesus was speaking about the necessity of His death on the cross. He was lifted up, as a sacrifice between

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New Branch Directory

A new branch directory has been printed and is available on the Publications table at the church. This new edition has many updates over the previous one. However, some errors have been found.

Please make the following corrections to the new 2007 Branch Directory.

Delete Jeff Drope's cell phone number 204-0758

(page 3). Laurie's number is still valid.

Change Gary Metzger's e-mail address to gmension@msn.com (page 14).

If you know of other corrections that need to be made, please contact Gary Whiting.

The Branch Directory includes a section for your prayer lists. These

lined pages are for keeping track of people and subjects about which you are praying.

Let us pray for one another,
For the day is fading fast
And the night is growing darker,
While the scourge goes flaming past.

(from the hymn by David H. Smith R-98)

2007 Calendars

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heaven and earth to save those who are willing to believe in Him and obey His commandments.

Each of the monthly themes focuses on one aspect of the Cross. Some of the themes view the Cross from God's perspective. From these themes it is possible to learn to view sin the way God does. We can learn about the love of God, His mercy and grace and his just and holy nature. Other themes call us to see the cross for what it can teach us about who we are in our fallen state and how we can respond to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ in a way

that pleases God and saves us.

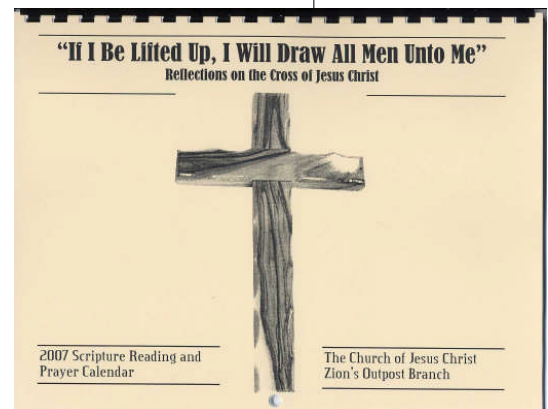
This contemplation of the Cross ought to challenge us to a more intelligent and passionate worship of our Savior. It ought to stir our souls to a deeper repentance and lift our hearts and hands in worship of our glorious, Holy Father in Heaven.

You are invited to study, meditate and pray gain all that may be learned from the cross where Jesus Christ suffered for us. There are a number of things to consider when looking at the cross. First, consider and explore the will of God that is revealed in the cross. John wrote that God loved and

therefore He gave Jesus to save those who will be saved. Therefore, a consideration of the cross must include the love of God, the nature of God's justice, grace and faithfulness. There is also an invitation to learn about the way God keeps covenant and the importance of God's word.

Calendars are available on the back table of the church sanctuary.

To learn more about how to assist the "persecuted church" go to www.okwu.edu/persecutedchurch.edu or www.persecution.com.



Missions to be Emphasized in New Year

The opening of 2007 presents the restoration with multiple challenges. Among the greatest needs is the call to carry the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ into all the nations of the world. When Moroni visited young Joseph Smith, Jr in 1823, he announced that the Gospel was being restored to bring the House of Israel to the knowledge of the covenants of the Lord and that Jesus Christ is their Messiah. The Restoration also is to bring a blessing to the Gentile nations as well. The pure, powerful and peaceful Gospel of Jesus Christ is desperately needed in today's world.

How shall Zion's Outpost participate in this great endeavor? Some things that we can do are an extension of what we have been doing. That is to strive for personal holiness, develop a sense of union as brothers and sisters in Christ through corporate worship and service.

Is there more that the Lord desires of us? This question has led to a change in our worship schedule in 2007. We are adding an early morning prayer service on the

third Sunday of each month. The prayer meeting will begin at 9:00 am and focus on mission work.

The elders presiding over these services will seek to lead us in worship and prayer for missionaries in various lands and in North America. We will also pray for the efforts in countries around the world to prepare the hearts of people to obey the Gospel. We will remember and pray for the Christians around the world, especially those who are being persecuted for their faith. Our prayers should also include petitions to the Lord for ways that we, as a branch of the Church and as individuals, may serve the Lord in missionary work. That would include supporting and perhaps

sending missionaries and how to reach people in the local area. There are thousands of people in South Central Kansas who need the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Among these are many, many from foreign lands, especially Lamanite descendants.

The branch scripture calendar includes the names of many countries where missionary work is being done and where Christians are under persecution. One country is listed for each week of the year. Please take the time in your personal devotions to pray for the people and the work in these lands.

Remember to attend and participate in the special prayer services for the work of bearing witness of Jesus Christ to every tribe, peoples, kindred and tongue.

Christmas Worship Service

On Sunday, December 24, a special Christmas worship service was held. This service focused on the birth of Christ as seen through the eyes of those who were part of the many special events surrounding the birth of our Lord.

Pam Burford, David and Debbie Newman

and Jill Whiting worked on the details of the service. Four characters of the Christmas story, Mary, the Angel Gabriel, the Shepherds and Simeon, related their stories. These testimonies were supported by scripture and music.

Therefore, go ye into all the world, and whatsoever place ye cannot go into, ye shall send, that the testimony may go from you into all the world, unto every creature. (Section 83:10a)

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

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January Theme:

God Will Provide Himself a
Lamb . . . The Need for the
Cross of Christ

Oh, By the Way . . .

Years ago the Reorganized Church operated the School of the Restoration. It was first for appointee ministers and later opened to all the Saints. A new School of the Restoration has been started in the Independence, MO area. Classes are held in Independence right now. Soon they hope to have online classes available for the whole church. Stay tuned for details. Those with questions may contact Nathan Sherer at

nathan9357@yahoo.com

The Joint Conference of Restoration Branches is planning to events before the April Conference Week. The first is at 6:30 pm January 21, 2007 at Colbern Road Restoration Branch. This service will highlight mission field testimonies.

A Winter Gathering of the Saints is planned for February 23-24, 2007. The meeting will feature worship through preaching, song and prayer. There will be classes on Saturday

as well as "Pre-Legislative Discussions." The discussion periods are designed to help delegates and members to the April Conference to become familiar with the resolutions, learn the process of debate, etc. All are encouraged to attend. A full schedule is found in the November JCRB newsletter.

Conference Week is April 1-8, 2007. The CRE meets until April 4 at noon. The JCRB begins April 4 after lunch.