

# Branch Newsletter

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

## Joel Burford Baptized



Joel Kendrick Burford was received into the Church of Jesus Christ through baptism on May 13, 2007. The ordinance of water baptism was observed in the side yard of the church property during the morning worship at 10:45 am. The ordinance was administered by Joel's father, Elder Dwight Burford.

Joel has been preparing for baptism in classes as a part of the Sunday School and in training by his parents, Dwight and Pam. Joel requested baptism after his eighth birthday, a few months ago.

The brief service was opened by prayer. Elder Burford spoke of

baptism as an illustration of the love of God. Mosiah 9:38-41 was read as an example of the covenant of baptism. Joel acknowledge that it was the desire of his heart to enter into the body of Christ (see picture).

As Joel and his father entered the water, the assembled witnesses sang *Here at the Water's Brink*.

After the baptism, the congregation sang *O Jesus the Giver*. Elder David Newman offered a benediction to the baptismal service.

The congregation then moved inside the church sanctuary for the remainder of the morning worship which was a celebration of Mother's Day.

## New Audio System Installed

The new audio system for Zion's Outpost has been installed. The installation was completed on May 16-17, 2007. Commercial Sound, located in Hutchinson, KS, performed the work.

The new system includes a new mixer and amplifier. Wireless microphones and a new pulpit microphone were also installed. New speakers were mounted in the sanctuary. The nursery and cry room had new speaker controls installed also.

The sound system which we were using in the sanctuary was moved into the main meeting room downstairs.

Our digital projector was permanently mounted from the ceiling.

There is some fine tuning still ongoing, please be patient. We hope that this improves your worship experience.

See photo on page 2.

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## Smith-Leone Wedding Shower

A wedding shower was held on the afternoon of June 2, 2007 in anticipation of the wedding of Scott Smith and Brianna Leone.

Scott and Brianna are to be married on July 14, 2007. If you missed the shower, the couple is registered at Bed Bath and Beyond, Target and Pier 1 Imports.

The wedding shower was held at the home of Omer and Margie Smith

in Derby, Kansas. They are Scott's grandparents.

The shower was attended by about 18 persons. Activities included telling stories from Scott's youth, opening gifts and eating some snacks.

Debbi Smith read a poem to Brianna from her new in-laws. The reading was very moving and well received.

## Older Youth News

Claire Burford and Brad Whiting were able to attend the Older Youth Camp held at the Odessa Missouri campground. The week long youth camp was held May 20-26.

Claire attended the entire week. Brad was only able to attend Wednesday through early Friday morning. It seems to have been a good experience.

## May Work Day

A second branch workday was held on May 19 at the church. Some regular maintenance work was done to the heating and air system. New lights were hung in the foyer and front stairs. The flag pole flower bed was cleaned up and replanted. Weed barrier and gravel were placed in the window wells. Thanks to all!

## Summer Reunion News

Members of Zion's Outpost are attending at least two reunions this summer. If others are also attending reunions, please send a notification for publication.

The Newman and Burford families are attending the Seventy Missionary Family Reunion. This gathering is to be held at Graceland Uni-

versity, Lamoni, Iowa from June 17-24, 2007.

Gary Whiting has been invited to be part of the ministry staff at the Geneseo Illinois Reunion. The reunion is being held from July 7-14, 2007. He is scheduled to preach and to teach one of the adult classes.

## Request for Summer Work

*Need some help this summer?*

Ian Burford is at your service! No job is too small. Yard work and lawn-mowing, tree-clearing, cleaning, dog-walking, or any other job

you can think of, Ian is willing to help. He is trying to raise about \$3,000 to \$4,000 this summer to further his musical experience and talents.

Wages are negotiable

per job. Contact Ian in person at church or call (316) 744-2366. You can also e-mail him at

[dpburford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dpburford@sbcglobal.net).



Audio equipment in the new audio cabinet



Bob Skeen, Roger Smith and David Newman work on the flower bed around the flag pole

## VSS Launch Nears

Just over one month remains before the start of this year's big summer event: Vacation Space School (VSS). The final preparations are now being made for what should be a great time of learning and fun.

The VSS (also known in other years as Vacation Church School) is based on a space theme to help attendees learn about the Lord of the Universe.

Sunday evening, July 15th will be used as a time for final preparation for VSS. Props and decorations will be set up that night so that all will be in order for the beginning of VSS on Monday night, July 16, 2007 at 6:00 pm.

VSS is a multi-generational event which means "all 'f y'all" are invited and encouraged to attend. Bring friends with you so the

fun can be enjoyed by many.

Cruise the cosmos this summer with Zion's Outpost's exciting Vacation Space School! The Journey begins on July 16 and concludes on July 20, 2007.

You won't want to miss exciting adventure. Contact the Burfords if you have any questions.

## Your Chance to Stop Casino Expansion

Stand Up For Kansas, Voices of the Heartland, local businesses, many church pastors and concerned citizens have joined together to defeat a referendum concerning a casino and slot machines in Sedgwick County. A referendum to decide if the citizens of Sedgwick County will approve the operation of a

state owned casino and hundreds of slots machines will be held on August 7, 2007.

Very soon you will receive more information about this effort. The financial, prayer and sweat efforts of all concerned citizens will be necessary to defeat this referendum. Those who wish to contrib-

ute may contact Gary Whiting for more information. You may also send checks to

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## Coming Events

The Book of Mormon Foundation has confirmed that it will be holding a Book of Mormon Symposium at Zion's Outpost on weekend of October 13-14, 2007.

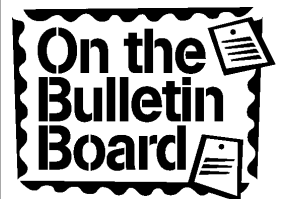
Please mark this weekend as a high priority date. We would like to

have a good attendance at this event and plan to extend invitations to LDS and Community of Christ members. Please keep this effort in your prayers.

More to follow on this in the near future. Watch the newsletter and bulletins for news.

The Joint Conference of Restoration Branches has several events coming up this fall. In September a men's retreat is planned for the 15th. An all branch worship is planned for the 16th. A fall Conference is scheduled for October 4-8 in Independence. Details to follow.

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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 4-8 — The Fall Conference of the JCRB. The details of the Conference will come later.

### CRE Events

September 22-23 is the tentative date selected for a priesthood gathering at the Kirtland Temple. No details are yet known.

November — A Fall Gathering is tentatively planned

December — A Possible worship or gathering is possible.

### Zion's Outpost Events

June 3 and June 24 presentation on

JCRB Resolutions — A chance for you to learn what happened at the April Conference. 5:00pm on June 3 and 10 am on June 24.

July 1 — Business Meeting at 5:00 pm. We have some things to discuss related to the Sperry's, Facilities Committee news and JCRB discussions.

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

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