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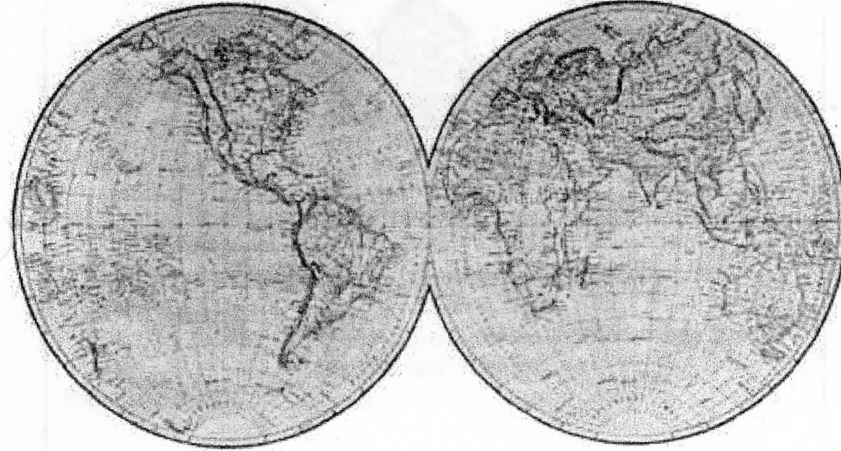
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“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

Philippians 4:8

The Clarion Call to the Bride in the Last Days

Elder Gordon McCann

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Mormon 4:86**

“And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost;” 1 Nephi 3:187

We have been called of God to deliver a message to the world—a clear message of the pure teachings of the Gospel of Christ. We should be sharing this Gospel with our neighbors and friends and all that we come in contact with that there is a call to action, thus the “Clarion Call” of repentance and baptism in the name of Jesus Christ. By fulfilling the commandment of God and by delivering the Gospel message to the world, the Bride of Christ is preparing the way for the second advent of our Lord and Savior.

The Lord provided us with the record of the Jews (the Holy Bible) and the record of the seed of Joseph (the Book of Mormon). The Book of Mormon is used to establish the truth of the first record—the Bible. The Book of Mormon makes plain those things that were taken away, or purposely altered from the original text of the Bible, by those that had possession of them over the years prior to the coming forth of the Book of Mormon. It is another witness to the teachings of Jesus Christ and the authority He established on earth within His Church.

There never has been a time when the Lord has not

first sent His prophets to prophecy of things to come prior to that event occurring. Many times the prophecy was a warning with a call for repentance and preparation for the things that the Lord was going to do among the children of men.

The Lord has had a plan for mankind from the very beginning. He has chosen the weak things of the earth to fulfill His purposes so that no man can glory in their own strength. Long ago, God made a covenant with a man named Abraham, that through his seed all the nations on the earth would be blest because he obeyed the Lord's voice. By following the lineage of Abraham we find that his son, Isaac, had a son named Jacob who had twelve sons that became known as "the House of Israel." It was through the lineage of one of the twelve sons of Jacob (Judah) that Jesus Christ was born the only begotten of the Father.

The prophecies in the Bible and Book of Mormon focus on two groups of people. The first being the House of Israel and the second the Gentile nations, which is the rest of the inhabitants of the world.

The promise of the coming forth of the Messiah, the Savior of mankind, came through the House of Israel as previously pointed out. Those covenants given to Abraham were passed down from generation to generation until they rested upon Israel. With the advent of Christ and after being rejected by his own people, those promises given to Abraham long ago were then passed on to the Gentile nations.

The apostles of Christ carried the blessed message of eternal life and salvation to all the world. Because the House of Israel rejected the true Messiah, prophecy was fulfilled and a remnant of Israel was scattered throughout the world and would remain in this state for a predetermined time by the Lord. This time would be known as the "*The day of the Gentiles.*" From the resurrection of Jesus Christ up to the *day of the Gentiles*

(Luke 21), the Lord endeavored to work with the Gentiles to bring them into His fold or pass on the covenant made to Abraham to all the nations of the earth as promised by God.

"And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Luke 21:24

In 1967 Israel, in what is known as "*the six day war,*" occupied and regained control of Jerusalem for the first time since they were conquered and carried away captive by the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar, in 586 B.C. This single event fulfilled the prophecy delivered by our Lord as recorded in the book of Luke. This event is a significant sign and indicator that shows we are in God's time-table and plan for mankind. The covenants given to Israel promise that:

- He would be their God.
- They would not be forsaken.
- Israel would obtain their homelands.

Israel will be gathered back and be a people as they once were long ago. The people of the world are ignorant of this fact and fail to see the significance of Israel's defiance to not relinquish one foot of land in and around Jerusalem. The promises of God toward Israel are plain to those who will open their eyes to see.

"For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer." Isaiah 54:7-8

"Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the Lord am thy

Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob." Isaiah 60:16

"Thus saith the Lord God; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.

And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I am the Lord their God."
Ezekiel 28:25-26

This little Church of Christ, "The Bride of Christ," is the lone bearer in these last days to bring the truthfulness of the Gospel of Christ to the world and to be an instrument in the hands of God to reclaim the House of Israel.

"Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders."
Isaiah 49:22 ♦

Prayer - Don't give
God instructions,
just report for
duty!!



Meredyth's Basket

By Meredyth Malone

To A Grown-Up Son

*My hands were busy through the day, I didn't
have much time to play the little games you
asked me to. I didn't have much time for you.*

*I'd wash your clothes, I'd sew and cook, but
when you'd bring your picture book and ask
me, please, to share your fun, I'd say,
"A little later, son."*

*I'd tuck you in all safe at night, and hear your
prayers, turn out the light, then tiptoe softly to
the door. I wish I'd stayed a minute more.*

*For life is short and years rush past. A little boy
grows up so fast. No longer is he at your side,
his precious secrets to confide.*

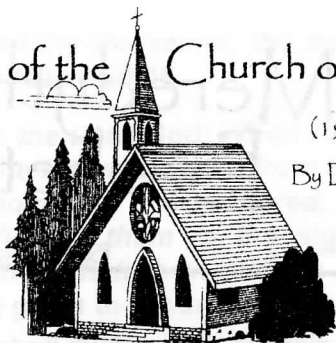
*The picture books are put away, there are no
children's games to play. No goodnight kiss, no
prayers to hear. That all belongs to yesteryear.*

*My hands once busy, now lie still. The days are
long and hard to fill. I wish I might go back
and do the little things you asked me to.*

History of the Church of Christ

(1991, unofficial)

By Donna W. Moser



#103—The Saints Cope — with help

“Erected and dedicated in 1902—destroyed in 1990! What will be the future for this ground? I am writing this only hours from having witnessed the destruction of the church building adjacent to the Temple Lot. It was an emotional scene, yet surprisingly filled with much love and warmth among the numerous Church members who came to whatever you do when a primary symbol of hope for your spiritual future goes up in flames. Yet there were few really burdened faces. Much blessing was given.

“The old pulpit, with hand carvings and many, many years of use by God’s priesthood miraculously preserved in spite of the fact that the fire was actually started a few feet away! The roof even caved in over the pulpit. The stone markers, nearly all of the books in the General Church library and all important legal and historical documents were preserved.

“Members and non-members have given enormous help to salvage every last item of value from the structure, many taking vacation days off from work; others bringing their trucks and strong backs. Apostle Sheldon and Pastor Alvin Harris have labored long and appeared respectably in several TV and newspaper accounts. The original structure, built in 1889, was also destroyed (in 1898) by fire after the burning of a wooden fence around the lot. (A beautiful 100 year old tree was burned about six weeks before this latest destruction. DWM) What remains is the REAL church. Let

us lift up our heads with hope and confidence that the Lord will once again perform His wonders and use this occasion for the good of those that that wait upon Him.”

The Council of Apostles and Bishops met January 20, to discuss the loss of the building and consider what could be done to continue our presence in the Temple Lot area. “Thank each one of you for fasting and praying on our behalf. The spirit of unity prevailed as we came to a unanimous agreement on what must take place. There are five basic options:

1. Demolish the burned structure and landscape the lot, leaving only the markers and current monument.
2. Remove the previous second floor and build a roof over the first floor only.
3. Rebuild the second floor and restore both replacing what had been there. This would require upgrading to meet building codes.
4. Demolish current structure, build a new structure which would meet building codes and our requirements.
 - a. Visitor’s Center.
 - b. General Church Business Offices.
 - c. Quorum room.
 - d. Office for General Church Representative & space for Church Library.
 - e. Meeting place for Temple Lot local.
 - f. Accommodation for April conferences for all services and meetings, meal preparation and dining.
 - g. Additional parking as required by code.
5. Demolish current structure and begin plan and build the Temple itself.

To be continued next month!



Never Alone

By Priest Glenn Orsted

(John 12:26 KJV) *"If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour."*

William Tyndale was born near the border of Wales in 1494. He was well educated, having studied at both Oxford and Cambridge. Very early in his life he had an interest in the scriptures and being educated in language, he was able to read the original texts. Knowing the scriptures well, he quickly realized the false doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church and the fallacy of the Pope.

He soon became familiar with others of the Reformation Movement and visited with John Firth, Martin Luther and others. Although vocal of his opinions, they most often fell on deaf ears that had been conditioned by the false teachings of the Roman clergy. He realized that it would not be possible to establish the lay people in any truth unless the scriptures were so plainly laid out before their eyes in their own language that they could understand the meaning of the text. Otherwise, his opponents would destroy the truth by using likely, but misleading arguments, traditions of their own makings that were without scriptural foundations and by juggling the text and expounding on it in such a way that it was impossible to determine if what they said was the correct meaning or not.

Martin Luther had translated the New Testament into German and was working on translating the Old Testament. Tyndale knew of the effect that Luther's translation was having on the German people and knew that he would have to complete an English translation so that the common people might have the scriptures in their own language to understand. Tyndale received great

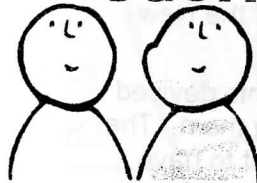
opposition to his effort and had to relocate several times, but completed printing an English translation of the New Testament in 1526.

Unable to stop the printing, his opponents devised a plan to purchase all the printings and destroy them. The Bishop of London struck a deal with a merchant to have the merchant acquire all the printings that he could for which the merchant would be paid a handsome profit. The Bishop would have the books to destroy and the merchant a nice profit, however the merchant was a friend of Tyndale and gave him all the proceeds so that Tyndale could print even more New Testament translations and begin translating the Old Testament. Having failed in their attempt to stop the translation, the bishops and other church officials convinced the King of England in 1537 to issue a proclamation prohibiting anyone in England from possessing a Tyndale's Translation of the New Testament.

(Continued next month)

Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in live, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott. Jamie was trying out for a part in a school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement, "Guess what Mom," he shouted, and then those words that will remain a lesson to me: "I've been chosen to clap and cheer."

SQUARE CONNECTIONS



SQUARE CONNECTIONS are word puzzles in the shape of a square. To solve the puzzle, find where the eight-letter words begins, fill in the empty box with the correct missing letter, and write the word on the blank.

The square below are all occupations of Bible people. (Answers are on page 15)

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WITH US

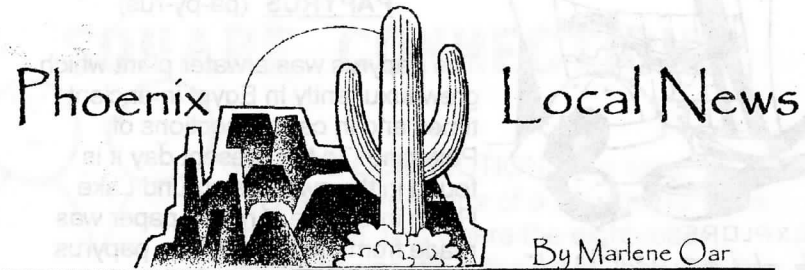
PAPYRUS (pa-py-rus)

The papyrus was a water plant which grew luxuriantly in Egypt in ancient times and in certain sections of Palestine. To the present day it is found in the swamps around Lake Hulch in Galilee. Ancient paper was made from the fibres of the papyrus plant. The paper manufactured was pale yellow. Papyrus rolls were from ten to thirty feet long and about nine

and one-half inches high. Egyptians sometimes had huge papyrus rolls, such as the 123-foot long Papyrus Harris. Use of papyrus for writing materials goes back to the Old Kingdom in Egypt, probably before 2700 B.C. The dry Egyptian climate was favorable to the preservation of papyri and some extant copies go back to the third millennium. In antiquity Egypt was a source of supply for ancient paper. Gebal on the Mediterranean coast received papyrus from Egypt and this center of the paper trade was later called Byblos, meaning "papyrus" or "book" by the Greeks. Our modern word Bible through Greek and Latin goes back to this source. Leather was used very early, and parchment also came into later use. Papyrus reeds tied together to form boats were used in ancient Egypt. Isaiah refers to Ethiopians dispatching "ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of papyrus" (chap. 18:2). In Egyptian art the papyrus growing in the marshes of the Delta symbolized Lower Egypt. The lotus, on the other hand, stood for Upper Egypt.

Information in this article was taken from *Unger's Bible Dictionary*; Vegetable Kingdom, Papyrus; pg 1142

NOTE: The reference in Isaiah may actually say 'bulrushes' in most people's King James version of the Bible, not papyrus. However, in looking further under the word 'reed' or 'bulrush' you can find that papyrus is included in the list as being the same as bulrush. -rkh



Greetings from sweltering Arizona!

No wonder so many of our people wanted to get away from here this month! We began the month with an Independence Day program. We sang and listened to special songs and readings thanking God for our heritage of freedom and entreating Him to heal our land.

Apostle Brian McIndoo, daughter Holly, Priest Duane Ely, wife Kathy and daughter Michelle all escaped the summer heat with a trip to the Alaska Reunion, July 7 and 8. Brother McIndoo preached and conducted a class on the 12th chapter of Revelation. Brother Ely and Elder Rodger Bruner, of Missouri, also delivered sermons. An impression of the reunion: "The people there made you feel so welcome. The sermons and studies were thought provoking."

The following weekend, Brother McIndoo was joined by his wife Becky at the Idaho Reunion on July 14 and 15. A reunion impression: "Everybody felt very close, even though small in number. The Lord did what He said and He was there among us."

On the other side of the continent, people from Phoenix were attending the New York Reunion on July 6, 7, and 8. Elder Ken Oar was joined there by wife Marlene, son Tim, Elder Hubert Yates, Elder Jim Yates and Jim's wife Wanda. Reunion impression: "It went by so fast. The spirit was there in greater abundance than I have ever felt it before." The following weekend several of the Reunion guests were privileged to stay over for the beautiful wedding of RYANNE Tarbell and Marcello Araujo. Brother

Oar remained for another week or so after the other Phoenix folks had gone home.

We were blessed with visits from Bill Mann of Tucson and Alice Ice of Missouri this month. Bill has been a frequent visitor to Phoenix throughout the years and it was good to see him again.

Apostle Don McIndoo is back from a six week trip to Mexico and Honduras. Brother McIndoo was able to preach in a new village called Oculi where Brothers Ronnie Gill and Gustavo Sevilla had recently held a study. The people of Oculi are interested in meeting every week. On the 20, 21, and 22 Brother McIndoo participated in a Youth Reunion in Cancun, Mexico. Thirty-two enthusiastic young people attended. Brother McIndoo was joined from the Estados Unidos by Teacher Dan Lawrence and his wife Manon. Brother Lawrence, Brother McIndoo, Brother Placido Jr. and Brother Guadalupe Canche shared in teaching the Young People's classes. Sister Manon taught a girl's choir who performed some beautiful songs for the Reunion.

We are thankful to report that Apostles Jay Moser and Frank Fann of Missouri have returned home safely from their trip to the Philippines! Even greater than our happiness and relief to have our brothers back, is the joy of welcoming 36 new brothers and sisters into the family of Christ! The first Church of Christ Mission in the Philippines was organized in Panabo on July 15. A Sunday School organization was formed to continue the work there. Brother Moser and Brother Fann ministered to people from several "barangays" (villages) and are very hopeful of the work growing there on future trips.

Brothers and sisters, what's next? *Marlene Oar*