

The Ensign

Zarahemla Branch

February 2015



Pastor's Corner
High Priest Brad Gault



God's Sufficient Grace By High Priest Brad Gault

"... wherefore lift up your hearts and rejoice, and gird up your loins, and take upon you my whole armor, that ye may be able to withstand the evil day, having done all ye may be able to stand. Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, having on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, which I have sent mine angels to commit unto you, taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of my Spirit, which I will pour out upon you, and my word which I reveal unto you, and be agreed as touching all things whatsoever ye ask of me, and be faithful until I come, and ye shall be caught up, that where I am ye shall be also. Amen." – Section 26:3d-g

We live in the evil day spoken of in Section 26 and it is difficult at times to not be troubled and discouraged. But the message from the Lord is clear, despite the circumstances of our day we are to lift up our hearts and rejoice and gird ourselves with his armor. If we do so the promise is sure, we will be able to withstand whatever comes. He graciously supplies exactly what is necessary. Though we may feel weak, His grace is sufficient.

"I give unto men weakness, that they may be humble; and my grace is sufficient for all men that humble themselves before me; for if they humble themselves before me, and have faith in me, then will I make weak thing become strong unto them." – Ether 5:28

But too often we forget to put on his armor, we endeavor to face life with our own strength and forget the wonderful helps and governments that he has woven into the fabric of his church; worship, ordinance, fellowship among believers, a rich and full canon of scripture found in the Inspired Version, Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants. These plus the daily spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and study are all there to help us withstand the evil day.

If we are to abide the day, our church life needs to be much more than a hobby that we enjoy from time to time. It needs to be the central focus of our lives. Yes, God's grace is more than sufficient for our every need, but we must gird our loins, put on the breastplate, shod our feet, pick up our shield, put on our helmets and grasp our swords. Is our relationship with Him deep and trusting enough to draw us to Him during times of difficulty? Are we content to endure weaknesses, insults, distresses, and persecutions for Christ's sake so that we can be spiritually strong even amid physical and emotional weakness? We must:

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor, put on each piece with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Though it is an evil day it is not a day to be troubled or discouraged. God will provide. The foe will be vanquished. The kingdom will come. Take strength in these words of Joseph the Martyr:

"The Standard of Truth has been erected; no unhallowed hand can stop the work from progressing; persecutions may rage, mobs may combine, armies may assemble, calumny may defame, but the truth of God will go forth boldly, nobly, and independent, till it has penetrated every continent, visited every clime, swept every country, and sounded in every ear, till the purposes of God shall be accomplished, and the Great Jehovah shall say the work is done."

Zarahemla Women

By Barb Giertz

The Zarahemla Women met for a 'Kick-off Breakfast' on Saturday, January 24, at 9 am. There were over 20 women present who enjoyed a breakfast prepared by Sister Kelly Canfield.

After eating, the women were informed of the general plans for the year. There will be no regular monthly meetings but twice a year there will be 6-8 week class studies. Other activities during the year will include the Men's Breakfast on February 21; a luncheon or tea in May; a field trip or special activity in August.

Due to the nature of Conferences and the extra requests placed upon the women, nothing will be planned during those months. The 4th quarter of the year places greater demands upon the women so there will be nothing additional planned for that period.

There was a great deal of discussion over the necessity of "Caring and Sharing" within the body of Christ. Many women have agreed to send cards or make calls to other certain women in the Branch to encourage and offer support, if needed. All agreed to assist with meals as they are available to do so for the ill, the homebound or other special events.

The current class, "Choose Eternal Life" began Jan.22, and will conclude March 12th. Many of the women will be facilitating the class discussions.

We look forward to this being a year of service, support, and encouragement to one another, to the Priesthood and to the Branch. May God Bless all our efforts in His Service.

INSTALLING A HUSBAND in honor of Valentines Day!

Dear Tech Support:

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slow down in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewelry applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0.

In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0 and Golf Clubs 4.1 .

Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and Housecleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system.

Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail. What can I do?

Signed, Ms. Desperate

DEAR DESPERATE:

First, keep in mind that Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system.

Please enter command: (ithoughtyoulovedme.html)and try to download Tears 6.2 and do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update.

If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewelry 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Over-Eating 7.0 or Fishing 6.1. Please note that Over-Eating 7.0 is a very bad program that will download the Burping and Snoring Loudly Beta.

Whatever you do, DO NOT under any circumstances install Mother-In-Law 1.0 (it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources).

In addition, please do not attempt to reinstall the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications that will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly.

You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Cooking 3.0 and Ironing His Shirts 7.7...and Laundry and Dishwashing 1.0

Good Luck! Tech Support

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Brad Gault
1	Roger Gault
1	Shane Prather
1	Heather Todd
2	Jennifer Henderson
4	Jake Trahern
8	Patrick McKay II
13	Michelle Moore
13	Lloyd Stilwell
13	Bob Cackler
16	Penny Curtis
20	Bethany Shaner
24	Jake Trahern
25	Dale Miller
25	Bekka Trahern
25	Loma Putnam
27	Ruthanne Norman
28	Rolland James
28	Jaken Thomas
28	Delaney Thomas

TOMMY THOMAS – 100

Tommy Thomas will be celebrating his 100th birthday at the Buckner Restoration Church on the 21st of February from 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Everyone is invited to help Tommy celebrate .

Mark your calendars and join in his *Celebration.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Lindsay McMilian

Basketball Games:

Feb. 7th - 2 PM - Belton Middle School, Upper Gym

Feb. 14th - 12 PM - Ray-Pec High School North, Aux. Gym

Feb. 21st - 11 AM - Pleasant Hill Middle School

Feb. 28th - 11 AM - Pleasant Hill Middle School

Feb. 19th - 7 PM - Spring Concert at Summit Lakes Middle School

Deacon Schedule

February 2015

<u>February 1st</u>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Jerry Gerber</i>
<u>February 8th</u>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Kyle Norman</i>
<u>February 15th</u>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Rudy Leutzinger</i>
<u>February 22nd</u>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Lloyd Stilwell</i>

DEVOTIONS

February 2015

February 1st	Rex Curtis Family
February 8th	Doug Trahern Family
February 15th	Ron Buckles Family
February 22nd	Brad Gault Family

If you are not able to keep your assignment, please find someone to fill your spot.

Happy Valentine's Day

ACTIVITY

FEBRUARY

CALENDAR

2015

Zarahemla Branch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 Priesthood Prayer Service 9:15 Morning Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Presiding: Dan Norman Preaching: Dean Falconer 6:00 pm Worship Service Presiding: Patrick McKay Book of Mormon testimonies	2 7:00 pm Priesthood meeting at the church.	3 7:00 pm Youth Class at The Falconer's	4 <u>III Nephi 9:58</u> 7:00 pm Prayer Service Presiding: Jim McKay Assisting: Jerry Gerber	5 Women's Study class 7:00 pm at the church.	6	7 10:30-noon Zion Builders at the church
8 9:15 Morning Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Presiding: Nathan Perry Preaching: Chuck Perry 6:00 pm District Worship at Zarahemla Preaching: Bob Moore	9	10	11 <u>Revelations 21:2</u> Lamplighters 5:30-6:30 pm They will work on the Cooking Badge 7:00 pm Prayer Service Presiding: Dan Norman Assisting: Rolland James	12 Women's Study class 7:00 pm at the church.	13	14 6:00 pm Sweetheart Banquet
15 9:15 Morning Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Presiding: Jim McKay Preaching: Chris Pedersen POTLUCK 6:00 pm Restitution Class Teacher: Bob Moore	16	17	18 <u>D & C 45:12c</u> 7:00 pm Prayer Service Presiding: Bob Giertz Assisting: Rudy Leutzinger	19 Women's Study class 7:00 pm at the church.	20	21 9:00 am Men's Breakfast Tommy Thomas 100 Bday at Buckner
22 9:15 Morning Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Presiding: Dave Bronson Preaching: Phil O'Camb 6:00 pm Religeo Presiding: Brad Gault	23	24	25 <u>Mosiah 3:9</u> Lamplighters 5:30-6:30 pm They will work on the Cooking Badge 7:00 pm Prayer Service Presiding: Assisting:	26 Women's Study class 7:00 pm at the church.	27	28



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