

The Ensign

Zarahemla Branch

NOVEMBER 2015



Pastor's Corner High Priest Brad Gault



By High Priest Brad Gault

"Listen to the voice of Jesus Christ, your Redeemer, the great I AM, whose arm of mercy hath atoned for your sins, who will gather his people even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, even as many as will hearken to my voice, and humble themselves before me, and call upon me in mighty prayer." Section 28:1a

No one can argue that we live in a difficult day. Decadence is on display just about everywhere. Moral decline is not just evident; it is wanted and sought after. Conservative Supreme Court nominee Judge Robert H. Bork chronicles our plight in his book "Slouching Towards Gomorrah." In it he states "So unrelenting is the assault on our sensibilities that many of us grow numb ..."

Individualism that is unconfined by the tenants of the gospel and its moorings will end up in hedonism. Our world is fast approaching the day when the Machiavellian pursuit of pleasure will be all that matters.

The word of God bears record; "as it was in the days of Noah, so it shall be also at the coming of the Son of Man." (Matthew 24:44) And as it was in the days of Noah, judgment will certainly be poured out. Perhaps it has already begun on His house. God will release his grip on those that strain against his loving grasp and the consequences of sin will devastate.

Jesus knew. He was well aware that the frailties of our flesh, the nature that we inherit at birth, and the uncertainty of our situations would collide with a force of devastating strength and determination. He knew we would see the "sights that dazzle" and the "tempting sounds" that we would hear. He knew that self-confidence, that affluence, that pride, that self-pity, that power would provide the green grass that attracts wandering sheep. He knew that the enemy - crafty, deceptive, evil, polluted, hateful and attractive - would do anything and everything to draw us away.

The metaphor is correct - like sheep, we are "prone to wander" and prone to "leave the God we love" and I'm sure that Jesus knew that there would be times in all of our lives when we would stray, when we would doubt, when events of pain and catastrophe would wedge a crowbar against our resolve.

That is why he was prepared from the foundation of the world to save us and that is why He endeavors to hold us so tight.

There is something wonderful about the mental picture of our Savior wrapping his omnipotent hand around each of us, and of the Father wrapping his own almighty hand around his. We become "encircled about with the matchless bounty of His love" (Alma 14:95) and our "life is hid with Christ in God." (Colossians 3:3)

The story of Noah and his family's preservation provides an example. When the ark was finished, God shut Noah inside. The storms of judgment fell in all their fury. The "fountains of the great deep [were] broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened," (Genesis 8:36) but Noah was safe. He was in the ark. The waters of judgment fell on the ark, not on him.

Our salvation, security and protection are sure if we listen to his voice. His limitless grip will encircle us and hold us tight if we listen to his voice. His love will never let us go if we listen to his voice. He will never relinquish control if we listen to his voice.

"O my people, saith the Spirit, Hear the word of God today; Be not slothful but obedient; 'Tis the worlds momentous day! Unto honor I have called you - Honor great as angels know; Heed ye, then, a Father's counsel, And by deeds your purpose show.

Time is ripe! My work must hasten! Whoso will may bide the hour. Naught can harm whom God protecteth - Elements confess his power. Up ye, then, to the high places I have bid you occupy! Peril waits upon the heedless, Grace upon the souls who try!"

Despite the difficulties that we see and even experience, his promises are sure and the glory of His coming waits to break upon our day.

**“HOW GREAT OUR JOY”
Christmas Cantata**

We will be doing a Christmas Cantata “How Great Our Joy” on Sunday, December 13th. If you would like to join us, today (November 1st), to pick up your music and practice CDs at 4:00 at Zarahemla Branch. You will be learning your part with the help of these CDs so we won’t have as many actual practices.

All practices will be at 4:00 pm at Zarahemla Branch

November 15th

November 22nd

December 6th

December 1st

**Performance at Zarahemla
December 13th at 6:00 pm**

Contact Jan Jordison to answer any questions.



2016 ZARAHEMPLA OFFICERS

Pastor	Brad Gault
Counselor	Dean Falconer
Counselor	Doug Trahern
Treasurer	Wayne Simmons
Missionary Coordinator	Bob Moore
Secretary	Jill Moore
Church School Director	Bonner Davis
Women’s Leader	
Music Director	Rolland James
Recorder	Duane Newman
Historian	Marilyn James
Social Director	Ruth Ann Norman
Zion’s Youth Leader	Scott & Shannon McMilian
Lamplighter’s Leader	Shannon McMilian
Young Adult Leaders	Aaron & Laura Clute
Zion’s Ridge Representative	Jerry Gerber
Building Committee	Bob Moore
	Duane Newman
	Barb Giertz
	Marilyn James
	Jennifer Simmons
	Joy McKay
	Sally Simmons

Deacon Schedule

November 2015

<u>November 1st</u>	<i>Morning Rudy Leutzinger</i>
<u>November 8th</u>	<i>Morning Lloyd Stilwell</i>
<u>November 15th</u>	<i>Morning Jack McClain</i>
<u>November 22nd</u>	<i>Morning Jerry Gerber</i>
<u>November 29th</u>	<i>Morning Kyle Norman</i>

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Dawn Ackley
3	Sara Buckles
4	Joe Debarthe
6	Jill Moore
6	Isaac Campos
7	Ian Cackler
9	Benjamin Cackler
11	Makenzie Todd
11	Jennifer Simmons
14	Anna Clute
14	Lindsay McMilian
16	Ashley Gault
19	Karen Woll
19	Bethany Foss
21	Sherry Leutzinger
22	Samantha Norman
22	Barbara Nelson
23	Janice Hansen
23	Joel Herman
25	Gay Brielle Chinnery
25	Bradley Woll
26	Daniel Forth
27	Mikey Moore
28	Dave Norman
28	Blake Mauzey
29	Sam Martin
30	Cora Olivarez

Zarahemla Womens Department

This year the Zarahemla Women's Ministries has been a little different. We had a 10-week study course early in the year, "Choose Eternal Life" and a 6-week study course in the early Fall, "The Beauty of Holiness". Both classes were enjoyed by those able to attend. One wonderful outcome was the discovery in both classes of the talents and abilities of several of our Sisters in leading the class discussions. Look for more from them: Irene Power, JoMarie Bronson, Shirley Andrews, Marilyn James, DJ Falconer and Sally Simmons.

There were two scheduled "Ladies Night Out" which were both well-attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

We will have ONE MORE "LADIES NIGHT OUT" on November 12. Meet at Perkins at 6:00 PM for a lively dinner together. There will be some discussion regarding the Women's Ministries for 2016. We hope to see you there.

Your Sister in Christ, Barb Giertz

DEVOTIONS

November 2015

November 1st	Dan Norman Family
November 8th	Jerry Gerber Family
November 15th	Dean Falconer Family
November 22nd	Rex Curtis Family
November 29th	Doug Trahern Family

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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Jacob Simmons:

Peter Pan at CPRS

Thursday November 5@ 1pm

Friday November 6@ 7:30pm

Saturday November 7@ 7:30pm

Tickets are \$7 at the door at CPRS.

Lindsay McMilian:

**November 5th - 7 PM - Band Concert -
Summit Lakes Middle School**

Jacob and Olivia Simmons:

**December 5th - 2 PM - Christmas Piano
Recital - Saints Haven, 300 Chicago Ave.,
Sibley, MO 64088**

Musical Schedule

November 1st

Devotional Service - Ashley Gault

10:30 am Service - Ashley Gault

6:00 pm Service - Savannah Hawley

November 8th

Devotional Service - Jeri Gault

10:30 Service - Jeri Gault

6:00 pm Service - District Service

November 15th

Devotional Service - Jill Moore

10:30 Service - Jill Moore

6:00 pm Service - Jill Moore

November 22nd

Devotional Service - Kevin McMilian

10:30 Service - Kevin McMilian

6:00 pm Service - Jill Moore

November 29th

Devotional Service - Jeri Gault

10:30 am Service - Ashley Gault

6:00 pm Service - Kevin McMilian

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

November 1st Sacrament

November 8th Lloyd Stilwell

November 15th Joe Van Biber

November 22nd Andrea Alaniz

November 29th Heather Todd

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

1st 8:00 am Priesthood Prayer Service.

2nd 10:30 am Study Class at Shirley Andrew's home.

2nd 7:00 pm Priesthood Meeting at the church.

8th POTLUCK immediately following the 10:30 am worship service.

8th 6:00 pm will be District Conference at Zarahemla.

11th Lamplighters will meet at 5:30-6:30 pm at church and continue working on their service project.

14th Thanksgiving dinner at the church. Be sure and sign up for what you would like to bring, We will eat by 6: pm.

15th 6:00 pm Business Meeting at the church.

17th Youth Class will meet at the home of Shirley Matthews at 7:00 pm. Tim Canfield will teach the class.

18th 5:30 – 8:30 pm Lamplighters at the church. They will continue working on their service project.

22nd 6:00 pm Religeo. Doug Trahern presiding.

29th 6:00 pm Restitution Class. Bob Moore teaching.

**BE THANKFUL IN ALL
THINGS!**

If you have anything to submit for the DECEMBER newsletter, please call Marilyn 816- 215-2299
OR
e-mail it to me (marilyn.counts@gmail.com) OR (give it to me at church).

PLEASE JUST SHARE WITH US IN THE December 2015

NEWSLETTER Thank you for
supporting the congregational newsletter.

Marilyn James, Editor

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 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: Dean Falconer Preaching: Richard Hensley 6:00 pm Worship Preisiding: Brad Gault Preaching: Wayne Simmons	2 10:30 am Study Class at Shirley Andrew's home. 7:00 pm Priesthood Meeting	3	4 <i>Matthew 18:21-22</i> 7:00 pm Prayer Service Presiding: Bob Giertz Assisting: Jack McClain	5	6	7
8 8:00 Priesthood Prayer Service 9:15 Morning Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Presiding: Chuck Perry Preaching: Patrick McKay POTLUCK 6:00 pm District Conference at Zarahemla.	9	10	11 <i>D & C 64:2d-e</i> 5:30 pm-6:30 pm <i>Lamplighters at the church.</i> <i>Working on their servant Projects</i> 7:00 pm Prayer Service Presiding: Dan Norman Assisting: Jerry Gerber	12 "Ladies Night Out" 6:00 pm at Perkins	13	14 Thanksgiving Dinner at church. Meat (TURKEYS) WILL BE PROVIDED
15 9:15 Morning Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Presiding: Doug Trahern Preaching: Wayne Bartrow 6:00 pm Business Meeting Preaching: Brad Gault	16	17 Youth Class 7:00 pm Will meet at the home of Shirley Andrews. Tim Canfield will be the teacher.	18 <i>Luke 6:37</i> 5:30 pm-6:30 pm <i>Lamplighters at the church.</i> <i>Working on their servant Projects</i> 7:00 pm Prayer Service Presiding: Jim McKay Assisting: Rolland James	19	20	21
22 9:15 Morning Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Presiding: Roger Gault Preaching: Dan Norman 6:00 pm Religeo Presiding: Doug Trahern	23	24	25 <i>Mosiah 11:16</i> 7:00 pm Prayer Service Presiding: David Bronson Assisting: Rudy Leutzinger	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 9:15 Morning Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Presiding: Bob Giertz Preaching: Carlin Talcott 6:00 pm The Restitution Class: Bob Moore	30					

GIVE BACK HOPE

Many of you remember the visit of Joseph Kabvalo who came from the country of Malawi and visited our congregation in July. He stayed at the home of Rex and Penny Curtis. His testimony of faith and his journey to America touched the lives of many Saints!

Joseph, is the founder of Linungwi trust organization which is an orphanage that helps 68 children. Many days, Joseph walks up to 30 miles to "fund raise" to feed the children. When he was asked what the orphanage was able to provide for the children to eat he said, " For breakfast many times it is tea with sugar and milk. Mid day, a porridge mixture of Soy and Maize and for dinner, the same." The children are in need of clothing, medical supplies and school supplies. Most of the time, it is himself, his wife and two other volunteers that see to the needs of the children.

During his visit, Penny arranged a meeting with Randy Vick, who is on the Board of Directors for an organization here in Independence called Give Back Hope.

His testimony encouraged Randy to bring the plight of the orphanage to the Board of Directors. At that time, Penny Curtis was also voted to become a member on the Board. They voted unanimously, to fund the orphanage on an ongoing basis.

The following is a short Bio of what Give Back Hope does:

Give Back Hope is dedicated to helping those who are in need. We often take the hope that lights the way in our life for granted. We are dedicated to restoring hope to the lives of those who sometimes feel hopeless and to see the light of Jesus Christ shining in their eyes.

Through generous contributions, Give Back Hope has been helping orphans in Liberia for several years. Now those children are growing up and we are helping them continue their education.

More recently we have begun helping children in Sri Lanka to be able to attend school.

Give Back Hope Intl has just adopted the Lining Trust Orphanage in Lilwe, Malawi. We need your help to meet the needs of the 38 orphans who live at Linungwi and the 30 orphans that Linungwi has placed in foster homes near the orphanage. Please consider giving \$30.00 per month to sponsor one of these little ones and help insure a brighter future for them. You can mail your donation to Give Back Hope, PO Box 108, Independence, Missouri, USA, 64051, and you can visit our website, www.givebackhopeintl.org for more information. We also have a Face Book page where we post up to date information about the children and efforts that we are making to lift up those in need.

We pray you will give consideration to the great need of these children. Thank you!

Please consider sponsoring one of the more than 100 orphans we are helping.

Randy Vick, President

Doug Patterson, Vice-President

Wendi Weiss, Treasurer

Joy Muir, Secretary

Grace Pedersen, Board Member

Penny Curtis, Board Member

Richard Muir, Board Member

