

The

Ensign



**MAY
2016**

PASTOR'S CORNER

Moving Forward

By High Priest Brad Gault

Many of you are aware that the recent Joint Conference of Restoration Branches (JCRB) passed a resolution to authorize the ordination of Apostles and Evangelist/Patriarchs. Two men were ordained Apostles and three as Evangelist/Patriarchs. The conference labored over its decision all week and there were and still are many strong views on both sides of the question.

Our branch has priesthood and members some of whom are opposed to what transpired and some who are in favor ... and it is really more than just being on one side or the other ... we have people that are happy and people that are heavy hearted and hurting ... and perhaps people who do not know what to think. Because of the nature of the action by the conference, its potential implications, and the wide variance in views, it is potentially divisive.

It is my belief, however, that it does not have to be a divisive issue in our branch. I choose to not make it so and will work hard to that end. I hope you can join me in that view and effort. Can we have members in our branch that accept the actions of the conference and members that do not? I believe we can ... and without issue. But it is up to each of us to make that happen.

The position of the JCRB has been from the beginning that its legislation and actions should be prayerfully considered by the branches that participate in its deliberations. Nothing is binding on any branch unless it chooses to make it so by its own action in a business meeting. Because we have been a participating branch (sending delegates), we have held a number of business meetings in the past where we have considered JCRB legislation. On May 22 we will do so again with a particular focus on the JCRB's action to authorize and act on the ordination of Apostles and Evangelist/Patriarchs.

To most, this particular action has much bigger and far reaching implications than any previous action by the conference. In our business meeting, we will have to work through those implications, understand them, consider what it means to continue to participate as a branch in the conference, and then find common ground upon which we can move forward ... together.

I urge your prayerful consideration of this important matter in the life of our branch and encourage each of you to be at our business meeting on May 22. Let us come together in a spirit of love and unity. Being "kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." (Rom 12:10) I have already asked the priesthood to let the pure love of Christ be their guide and I extend that invitation to each member:

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“And if a man be meek and lowly in heart, and confesses by the power of the Holy Ghost, that Jesus is the Christ, he must needs have charity; for if he have not charity, he is nothing; wherefore he must needs have charity. And charity suffereth long, and is kind, and envieth not, and is not puffed up, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, and rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things; wherefore, my beloved brethren, if ye have not charity, ye are nothing, for charity never faileth. Wherefore, cleave unto charity, which is the greatest of all, for all things must fail; but charity is the pure love of Christ, and it endureth for ever; and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with them. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, pray unto the Father with all the energy of heart, that ye may be filled with this love which he hath bestowed upon all who are true followers of his Son Jesus Christ, that ye may become the sons of God, that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is, that we may have this hope, that we may be purified even as he is pure. Amen.” (Mor 7:50-53)

2016 SUMMER REUNIONS

1. Missionary Seventies Reunion held at Graceland in Lamoni, Iowa June 19th to the 25th 2016
2. Independence District Reunion will be held July 30th to August 6th 2016 in Odessa, Missouri.

Victoria Ann Perry was born on March 4th, 2016. She is the beautiful daughter of Nathan and Aubree Perry. She weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and born at 12:12 am. A quote from Nathan and Aubree was “. . . she was born happy and healthy. She's our little bundle of joy from our Heavenly Father.”



The Miracle of The Book of Mormon Symposium Independence Missouri

**May 6th held at
The Gathering Place
2820 S. 291 Highway Frontage Rd.
Independence, MO 64057**

**May 7th held at
LDS Independence MO Stake
Center
705 W. Walnut Street
Independence, MO 64050**

MAY BIRTHDAYS

3	Cheryl Gross
5	Micah McKay
8	Carlin Talcott
8	Brian Neely
8	Chase Parkey
9	Jeri Gault
9	Rex Curtis
9	Jodi Hawley
9	Denelle Perry
11	Hans Hansen
16	Chris Stilwell
16	Debbie Patterson
19	Aaron Clute
19	Ashton Hayes
19	Kevin McMilian
22	Olivia Simmons
24	Druzia Stilwell
28	Holli Norman
30	Gabriel Chinnery

Deacon's Schedule

May 1st	Lloyd Stilwell
May 8th	Jerry Gerber
May 15th	Kyle Norman
May 22nd	Rudy Leutzinger
May 29th	Lloyd Stilwell

9:15 Devotions

May 1st	Wayne Simmons family
May 8th	Jim McKay Family
May 15th	Bob Woll family
May 22th	Irene Power family
May 29th	Sherry Leutzinger Family

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Lindsay McMilian:

May 3rd - 7 PM - Cavalcade of Bands Lee's
Summit West High School Gym

Hailey Norman:

Soccer Games (CPRS team) - See Hailey for location details:
May 3rd - 4:30 PM - Home game
May 5th - 4:30 PM - Away game

BayLee Yazell:

May 29th - 5 PM - High School Graduation at Municipal Auditorium

PIANO SCHEDULE

May 1	9:15	Jeri Gault
	10:30	Jeri Gault
	6:00	Ashley Gault
May 8	9:15	Kevin McMilian
	10:30	Kevin McMilian
	6:00	No evening Service
May 15	9:15	Jill Moore
	10:30	Jill Moore
	6:00	Lindsay McMilian
May 22	9:15	Ashley Gault
	10:30	Ashley Gault
	6:00	Kevin McMilian
May 29	9:15	Jeri Gault
	10:30	Jeri Gault
	6:00	No evening Service

SPECIAL MUSIC

May 1	Sacrament
May 8	Janet Forth
May 15	DJ Falconer
May 22	TBA
May 29	TBA

May Activities

- 1 8:00 am Priesthood Prayer Service at the church.
- 2 7:00 pm Priesthood Meeting at the church.
- 4 5:30-6:30 pm Lamplighters will meet at the church to work on their nutrition and experimental cooking badge.
- 6,7,8 Book of Mormon In addition, the guests will be preaching and teaching during our Sunday School and Worship Dont Miss.
- 14 Young Adults will enjoy a Picnic Dinner at the Pink Hill Park starting at 5:00 pm. Meat will be provided, please bring a side dish.
- 15 POTLUCK WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. PLAN ON STAYING AND ENJOY GREAT FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP. THE GRADUATES OF OUR BRANCH WILL BE HONORED. THEY ARE ANDREW PERRY (GRADUATED COLLEGE IN DECEMBER AND NOW WORKING ON HIS MASTERS AND WILL GRADUATE THIS DECEMBER WITH HIS MS DEGREE) AND BAYLEE YAZELL (GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL). BASKETS WILL BE ON THE HONOR TABLE FOR CARDS FOR THE GRADUATES.
- 21 THE ZION'S LEAGUE WILL HOST A CHURCH THEMED GAME NIGHT FOR ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE BRANCH. THIS FUN FILLED EVENING WILL BE AT THE CHURCH STARTING AT 6:00 PM. SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED AND YOU CAN ALSO BRING A SNACK TO SHARE .
- 30 THE BRANCH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC WILL BE HELD AT THE HOME OF JILL AND BOB MOORE. PLAN ON ATTENDING AND ENJOY GREAT TIME OF FELLOWSHIP. Come at 11:30 AM AND WE WILL EAT AT NOON. THE MEAT WILL BE PROVIDED, SO BRING A SIDE DISH FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY. BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND BLANKETS TO MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE.

May 2016

Zarahemla Branch Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 8:00 Priesthood Prayer</p> <p>9:15 Devotions</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Presiding: Brad Gault</p> <p>Preaching: Chuck Perry</p> <p>6:00 Hymn Sing</p> <p>Presiding: Brad Gault</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>Priesthood</p> <p>Meeting</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30-6:30 pm Lamplighters</p> <p>7:00 Prayer Service</p> <p>Presiding: Dave Bronson</p> <p>Assisting: Jerry Gerber</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Book of Mormon</p> <p>Weekend</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:15 Devotions</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Presiding: Patrick McKay</p> <p>Preaching:</p> <p>6:00: No Services</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 Prayer Service</p> <p>Presiding: Richard Hensley</p> <p>Assisting: Rolland James</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Young Adults</p> <p>picnic</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:15 Devotions</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Presiding: Chuck Perry</p> <p>Preaching: Dan Norman</p> <p>POTLUCK</p> <p>6:00: Bob Moore</p> <p>The Restitution</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 Prayer Service</p> <p>Presiding: Roger Gault</p> <p>Assisting: Rudy Leutzinger</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>ZION'S LEAGUE</p> <p>6:00 PM</p> <p>AT THE CHURCH</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:15 Devotions</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Presiding: Doug Trahern</p> <p>Preaching: Richard Hensley</p> <p>6:00: Business Meeting</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 Prayer Service</p> <p>Presiding: Chuck Perry</p> <p>Assisting: Duane Newman</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:15 Devotion</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Presiding: Dean Falconer</p> <p>Preaching: Carlin Talcott</p> <p>6:00: Religeo</p> <p>Presiding: Bob Moore</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11:30 am</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Day Picnic</p> <p>at the home</p> <p>of Bob & Jill</p> <p>Moore</p>	<p>31</p>				