

# The Ensign

Zarahemla Branch Newsletter

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## October Birthdays

|    |                      |    |                   |
|----|----------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Aaron Adkins         | 12 | Alyssa Hayes      |
| 2  | Craig Moore          | 15 | Luke Norman       |
| 2  | Dave Torsch          | 16 | Sugar Geib        |
| 3  | Wayne<br>Simmons     | 17 | Ed Geiersbach     |
| 6  | Justin Davis         | 17 | Carson<br>Simmons |
| 6  | Jerry Gerber         | 20 | Jack McClain      |
| 7  | Tanner Davis         | 20 | Lisa Newman       |
| 9  | Jonathan<br>Broadway | 21 | Jensen Herman     |
| 10 | Karolynn<br>Simmons  | 28 | John Forth        |
| 11 | Jacob Simmons        | 29 | Sam Martin        |
|    |                      | 30 | Marla Trahern     |

## Pastor's Corner

### Are We Christlike?

By High Priest Dean Falconer

**From Philippians, Chapter 2,** starting with verse 5: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient under death, even the death of the cross."

Would you do what Jesus did? He swapped his spotless home in Heaven for a grimy stable. He exchanged the worship of angels for the company of killers. He could hold the universe in his palm, but gave it up to be born in the womb of a maiden.

If you were Christ, would you sleep on straw, nurse from a breast and be clothed in a diaper? I wouldn't, but Christ did. If you were Christ and knew that only a few would care that you came, would you still have come? If you knew that those you loved would laugh in your face, would have come? Christ did. Would you have regarded the immobile and invalid more important than yourself? Christ did.

Jesus Christ humbled himself. He went from having a command over the angels to sleeping in a bed of straw. He went from holding the stars to

clutching Mary's finger. He went from having a palm that held the universe to the nail of a soldier.

Why? Because that is what love does. Our souls were and are more important than his blood. Our eternal life was more important than his earthly life. Our place in Heaven was more important to him than his place in Heaven, so he gave up his place so we could have our place with him.

He loves each of us that much, and because he loves each of us, we are of prime importance to him. He points to the sparrow, the most inexpensive bird of his day, and probably our day, and says, "are not five sparrows sold for two farthings (that is two pennies), and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows" (Luke 12: 6-7).

Do you want to love others as God has loved us? Then come thirsty and drink deeply of God's love for you, and ask him to fill your heart with a love worth giving. The humble heart does not say, "I can't do anything," but rather, "I can't do everything, but I know my part and am happy to do my part." Is Jesus not our example? Jesus was content to be known as a carpenter. He was happy to be mistaken for the gardener. He served his followers by washing their feet. Each morning he gives to us a gift with great beauty. The first Sunday of each month he calls us to his table. Each and every moment he swells in our hearts, honoring us.

If Jesus is so willing to honor us, can we not do the same of others? Let's make people a priority. Regard others

as more important than ourselves.

Do we have a right to dominate a conversation? Yes, but is it loving to do so? Do we have the right to pretend we do not hear our spouse speaking to us. I suppose so, but is it loving? Do we have the right to snap at our kids or at the clerk in the store? Perhaps, but again is it loving to do so?

If we are to be Christlike in all of our dealings, which the scriptures tells us we are, then my question is this, have you ever placed the word "courteous" next to Christ? Christ always knocks at the door to our heart before entering. He does not have to knock first, as he owns our heart. "Behold I stand at the door and knock" (Rev. 3:20) and when we hear his knock, "if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him" (Rev 2:20).

This is how he treated the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Here Christ, who only days before died for their sins, and only hours before had defeated their death, did not enter until they urged him to do so. When he enters he brings a gift, "the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). As he stays, he serves. He did not come to be served, but to serve.

We who have been baptized have put on Christ. From Galatians 3:27, "for as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Many other persons are watching us. When we are kind, they assume Christ was kind. When we are gracious, they assume Christ was gracious. But when we are anything other than Christlike, they ask, "was Christ like that?" Perhaps it is time for a personal personality check!

# Youth Activities

## Lindsay McMilian

- ★ Oct. 8 - 4:45 PM - Marching Band Festival at Lee's Summit North HS
  - ★ Oct. 10 - 7:30 PM - Band Concert at Lee's Summit West PAC
  - ★ Oct. 15 - Time TBD - Marching Band Festival at Blue Springs South HS
- See Lindsay for dates and times for basketball games played in Independence.

**Jacob and Olivia Simmons** will appear in "Mr. Edwards Meets Santa Claus," the second of three plays at Storybook Theater Nov. 5. starting at 3:00. Call or e-mail Julie at 816-204-5702 / [directorjewels@gmail.com](mailto:directorjewels@gmail.com) for directions or any other inquiries about Storybook Theatre.

Please contact Tara Broadway (816-377-6966 or [tarabroadway@gmail.com](mailto:tarabroadway@gmail.com)) to have your child's activities included here.



Jenny Simmons and Lisa Newman make crafts with the littlest Sunday School class.

## Family Activity: Hay Ride!

**When:** Oct. 29, 3pm -4pm

**Where:** Sibley Orchard

Ride the hay wagon to the pumpkin patch! Ride is free with purchase of a pumpkin (minimum \$2).

Cookout to follow; location tba.

## Zion's League

Oct. 29, 10am - 12pm

Meet at Zarahemla to decorate Veteran's Day bags for Meals on Wheels.

Would you like to participate in the Christmas Program Dec. 18? Contact Bonner Davis for details.



**Please pray for** current and upcoming missionary trips to Tahiti and Malawi.

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## Sunday

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**2**

Presiding Deacon:  
K. Norman  
8:00  
Priesthood Prayer Service  
9:15 Devotions:  
Abraham & Katlyn Forth  
Piano: Jill Moore  
9:30 Sunday School

10:30  
Communion Service  
Presiding: D. Falconer  
Preaching: C. Talcott  
Piano: Jill Moore  
Special Music:  
Janet Forth

6:00 Reconciliation  
Prayer Service  
Presiding: J. Smith

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**9**

Presiding Deacon:  
R. Leutzinger  
9:15 Devotions:  
Jerry & Peggy Gerber  
Piano: Ashley Gault  
9:30 Sunday School

10:30 Worship/  
Ordination Service  
Presiding: B. Gault  
Preaching: R. Gault  
Piano: Kyla Haseli  
Special Music:  
Barbara Giertz

6:00 Reconciliation  
Prayer Service  
Presiding: J. Smith

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**16**

Presiding Deacon:  
Lloyd Stilwell  
9:15 Devotions:  
Dean & DJ Falconer  
Piano: Jeri Gault  
9:30 Sunday School

10:30 Worship  
Presiding: R. Hensley  
Preaching: R. Buckles  
Piano: Jeri Gault  
Special Music:  
Steve Rideout

6:00 The Restitution  
Presiding: Bob Moore

*Pot Luck after worship!*

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**23**

Presiding Deacon:  
Jerry Gerber  
9:15 Devotions:  
Rex & Penny Curtis  
Piano: Ashley Gault  
9:30 Sunday School

10:30 Worship  
Presiding: B. Moore  
Preaching: D. Falconer  
Piano: Janice Jordison  
Special Music:  
Diane Jordison

6:00 Business Meeting:  
Election of Officers  
Presiding: Brad Gault

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**30**

Presiding Deacon:  
K. Norman  
9:15 Devotions:  
The Normans  
Piano: Kevin McMilian  
9:30 Sunday School

10:30 Worship  
Presiding: B. Davis  
Preaching: R. Hensley  
Piano: Kevin McMilian  
Special Music:  
Stacy Pyatt

6:00 TBA  
Presiding: D. Falconer  
Piano: Lindsay McMilian

| Monday                                    | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday    | Saturday   |
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| <b>3</b><br>7:00<br>Priesthood<br>Meeting | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br>7:00<br>Prayer Service<br>Presiding: R. Gault<br>Assisting:<br>K. Norman         | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>   |
| <b>10</b>                                 | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b><br>7:00<br>Prayer Service<br>Presiding:<br>D. Falconer<br>Assisting:<br>J. McClain | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>  |
| <b>17</b>                                 | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b><br>7:00<br>Prayer Service<br>Presiding:<br>B. Gault<br>Assisting:<br>J. Gerber     | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>  |
| <b>24</b>                                 | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b><br>7:00<br>Prayer Service<br>Presiding:<br>R. Curtis<br>Assisting:<br>R. James     | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br>Zion's League<br>10am-12pm<br><br>Family Activity:<br>Hay Ride<br>3pm-4pm<br>Cookout<br>4:30pm. |
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