

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Onward to Zion

We are looking forward to the Missionary Family Reunion and its theme "Onward to Zion," which begins June 17. We will have a fasting and prayer weekend June 8-10 in preparation for the reunion.

I am always struck by the scriptures which tell us that we will come up to Zion singing songs of everlasting joy.

Many years ago I heard a story that I believe came from Haiti. People would be called to service by people walking through the town singing "We are marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion." The people had homemade instruments that they played, keeping time with the song as they marched.

Sometimes I think we think of people coming to Zion in to narrow of a way or have the song picked out that they will sing.

I think it will truly be beautiful to hear the songs from the different countries and the ways they sing them as the gather to Zion with the help of the angels from the four corners of the earth.

Valle's father, who didn't sing much more than "Three Wood Pigeons" and "Erie, Erie, Eyre O, Working on the Railroad" out of church, was practicing up on "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and other songs in his last days, I believe in preparation for the time he would join the choirs in singing with everlasting joy.

As we gather for the reunion and focus on the theme of "Onward to Zion," I hope we come expecting to share in the spirit of God that will draw us together to be one. We know if we can't come together for one week in unity, it will be impossible for us to live that way.

Maybe if we come singing "We are marching to Zion," we really can make some progress.

TESTIMONIES AND SERMON NOTES

Choose the Straight and Narrow Path

Our speaker for the day, Priest Ed Anderson, welcomed us to the May communion service.

Good morning. I'd like to welcome you all here this morning. It was worth going to see the Dead Sea Scrolls in Kansas City yesterday. They presented the scrolls in a secular or historical manner. To us it has real significance. On the front of their brochure it had, "And it came to pass." One of the criticisms of the Book of Mormon in the 1800's was that it has all those "and it came to passes" in it. What we know now is that that is just part of the Jewish language. So they should be there. If you took all the "come to passes out, there would probably be about one chapter left of the Book of Mormon.

I've selected as a scripture, I Nephi 2: 42-78. This is about Lehi's vision.

"But behold, Laman and Lemuel, I fear exceedingly because of you; for behold, methought I saw in my dream a dark and dreary wilderness. And it came to pass that I saw a man, and he was dressed in a white robe; and he came and stood before me. And it came to pass that he spake unto me, and bade me follow him. And it came to pass that as I followed him, I beheld myself that I was in a dark and dreary waste. And after I had traveled for the space of many hours in darkness I began to pray unto the Lord, that he would have mercy on me according to the multitude of his tender mercies. And it came to pass after I had prayed unto the Lord, I beheld a large and spacious field. And it came to pass that I beheld a tree, whose fruit was desirable to make one happy. And it came to pass that I did go forth and partake of the fruit thereof; and I beheld that it was most sweet above all that I ever before tasted. Yea, and I beheld that the fruit thereof was white, to exceed all the whiteness that I had ever seen. And as I partook of the fruit thereof, it filled my soul with exceeding great joy; Wherefore I began to be desirous that my family should partake of it also; for I knew that it was desirable above all other fruit. And as I cast my eyes round about, that perhaps I might discover my family also, I beheld a river of water; and it ran along, and it was near the tree of which I was partaking the fruit. And I looked to behold from whence it came; and I saw the head thereof a little way off; And at the head thereof I beheld your mother Sariah, and Sam, and Nephi; and they stood as if they knew not whither they should go. And it came to pass that I beckoned unto them; and I also did say unto them with a loud

voice that they should come unto me and partake of the fruit, which was desirable above all other fruit. And it came to pass that they did come unto me, and partake of the fruit also. And it came to pass that I was desirous that Laman and Lemuel should come and partake of the fruit also; Wherefore, I cast mine eyes towards the head of the river, that perhaps I might see them. And it came to pass that I saw them, but they would not come unto me, and partake of the fruit. And I beheld a rod of iron; and it extended along the bank of the river, and led to the tree by which I stood. And I also beheld a straight and narrow path, which came along by the rod of iron, even to the tree by which I stood; And it also led by the head of the fountain unto a large and spacious field, as if it had been a world; And I saw numberless concourses of people, many of whom were pressing forward, that they might obtain the path which led unto the tree by which I stood. And it came to pass that they did come forth and commence in the path which led to the tree. And it came to pass that there arose a mist of darkness; yea, even an exceeding great mist of darkness, insomuch that they who had commenced in the path did lose their way, that they wandered off and were lost. And it came to pass that I beheld others pressing forward, and they came forth and caught hold of the end of the rod of iron; And they did press forward through the mist of darkness, clinging to the rod of iron, even until they did come forth and partake of the fruit of the tree. And after they had partaken of the fruit of the tree they did cast their eyes about as if they were ashamed. And I also cast my eyes round about, and beheld on the other side of the river of water a great and spacious building; And it stood as it were in the air, high above the earth; And it was filled with people, both old and young, both male and female; And their manner of dress was exceeding fine; And they were in the attitude of mocking and pointing their fingers towards those who had come at, and were partaking of the fruit. And after they had tasted of the fruit they were ashamed, because of those that were scoffing at them; and they fell away into forbidden paths and were lost. And now I, Nephi, do not speak all the words of my father. But, to be short in writing, behold, he saw other multitudes pressing forward; and they came and caught hold of the end of the rod of iron; and they did press their way forward, continually holding fast to the rod of iron, until they came forth and fell down and partook of the fruit of the tree."

When we come into the world, we come in as little children and grow up to the age of accountability. We have our own choices. We can do what we want. No one is forcing us to do anything. On one hand we have God who is encouraging us and enticing to come forth and partake of the Tree of Life. On the other hand, because Satan is miserable, he seeks every one else to be miserable also. We deal with people and situations each and every day. The choices we make, make a difference on who we are.

I need a strong, young person. Sam, can you break this string. I'm going to wrap this around you. This is representative of one of the choices, perhaps not the best one, that you made. Now move your arms, Sam, and see if you can break that string. Good job Sam. You easily broke the string.

Sam, suppose you are a really bad boy, and your choices are consistently bad. I have lots of string. How many times can I go around you and you still break it? For those who consistently want to disobey God, we'll wrap this around several times. Well, he broke the string after I wrapped it around him four times. With a few more around him, he wouldn't be able to break it.

If we are trying to do what is right, repentance is not such a tough deal.

I can remember when I first really repented. I was about eight years old. I had some cousins who were kind of wild and we got into things and did some naughty things. I really felt the need to repent. At that time I fasted and prayed and really felt forgiveness

from God. I walked away at that time knowing I had been forgiven. I had been baptized just recently, within months. But this was not the same thing. You commit yourself at baptism, are forgiven of your sins, and come into the presence of God. But this time I had gone the extra mile and sought the personal experience, and that is what made the difference. I encourage you to search for the personal experience with God. To come in contact with God, to talk with Him and to know Him. That is possible. Use the scriptures as a guide.

The rod of iron leads us to partake of the fruit. We are all coming together today to partake of the sacrament, that white fruit that Lehi partook of. For those who have experienced that life-changing fruit, are we are we still in that life changing mode?

I have been doing some not-very-uplifting reading lately about criminals and mass murderers. Ted Bundy was one of them. They walked through life in their jobs and for some, their families, and appeared totally normal. They had mastered the art of compartmentalizing their lives. What they did at their jobs and in their homes was completely different from what they did on the street.

My point is that we probably will not end up as mass murderers, but it is about the way we deal with our lives. How much do we compartmentalize actions? Are we the same person at home and at school? Are we the same person when we play ball and when we meet someone on the street? I cannot answer that for you but only for myself. I would like to think the answer is yes.

But I know there are instances where I come in contact with people who talk about other people I know. I happen to like those people they are talking about but maybe I do not always stand up for them as I should. It is tough because I am talking to a friend who is talking about another friend and I like them both. It is very difficult to maintain the same individual that I am everywhere else when I am in a spot like that. Do I stand up for Christ and say, "Hey I think he is all right." Or do I say, "Oh, I think you are right. I think he is a little off base on this." It is a very, very tough situation. We are a work in progress. We are not going to make the right decisions every day. There is no way that we always make the right decisions. We are human. With God's direction we can be helped, but when we fall, we come back to repentance. We can unbind ourselves from our hindrances through repentance on the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We have choices each and every day. We have a still small voice that we should be listening to. When I listen to the still small voice that tells me I should or should not be doing something, there is usually a result. I can see the result. When I ignore it, I can see that I should have done it. I see that I should have shut the door or I should have done this or that. The still small voice is telling me to do these things. Unfortunately we get so busy in our own lives sometimes that we do not listen to that still small voice. Unfortunately, if we do not listen enough or if we deny it enough, the still small voice quits speaking to us. God does not say He is always going to strive with us. In fact, He says the opposite, that He is not always going to strive with man. If we keep denying the still small voice, we will walk down a path where we do not want to be.

Or maybe we do want to be there. Maybe we do not want to put forth the effort to be with Christ. It is easier to go along with the world because nobody is making fun of you, casting you out, or throwing stones at you. It is easier to walk down the broad path. It is much tougher to walk down that straight and narrow path in Lehi's vision.

When we continue to ignore the still small voice, we drive Christ further from our lives. This progression of the imaginations of our wicked heart leads our soul blissfully down to hell. We make our decision. What is it that we want?

We can say a lot of things. "I want to believe in Christ." "I'm going to be a Christian." I can tell you anything I want. It is the

actions that show. Those actions need to be private preparation, to put Christ on the inside. The most beautiful people I see are those who have the joy of Christ in their face. That is what we are trying to do; to build a community where the joy of Christ is on everyone's face.

What Are the Odds?

Elder Alan Elefson spoke on Mother's Day, May 13. His chosen scripture was Psalm 19:1-2: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge." The scripture was chosen to fit the message he wished to share with us. He assured us that, while he realized the day, he would not be giving a typical Mother's Day sermon.

I would want to preface this sermon with a couple of comments about this mothers who are involved in my life. Friday evening I received a call from my mother. She didn't have a particular issue in mind. she just wanted me to know I was the first one in our family to call her, "Mommie", that she was so proud of me and that she knew I was speaking Sunday, and she wanted me to know that she was praying and thinking about me. And I feel like that kind of support all through my life has brought me to where I am today.

The other mother in my life is my wife, the mother of our children. I find that more often she is this one thinking about the kids and "What can I do for them?" What she is doing now working long hours on weekends to cover while she is going to school during the week days is what she feels like she is doing to help her family.

80/1 A Long Shot

This morning, I would like to start off sharing a story of the movie, "Dreamcatcher" with Dakota Fanning and Kirt Russell. It's about a young girl becoming attached to a horse severely injured in a race. The owners were about to put the horse down. Russell saved it for his daughter to bring back to health. In fact it came back strong enough that they raced it again. One of the things that struck me, and stuck in my mind, when it came to the race, this father placed a bet on the horse and the odds were 80 to 1 to win. Of course, in horse movies, the horse has to win. They all came out well and Dad saved the farm because he put his faith in the horse. In that arena, what do they call an 80/1? A long shot. If you were going to put a name to my sermon this morning, I am going to call it, "What Are the Odds?"

I have a friend who, although he has some good characteristics, has found that he no longer has a need for religion. He has found solace in the "scientifically" based evolution and what it has to offer. On the other hand, I tend to go just in the opposite direction. The more I have found over the years, the more I have enjoyed seeing God and what He has done through science. What makes it tough today is knowing that with some of the people in this audience, if I get into science and mathematics, I am going to be in trouble. But I found it so fascinating that I wanted to share it anyway.

In all of your studies, students, how many of you have heard of the "Big Bang" theory? In the big bang theory, in essence, we have had an explosion that got the whole process started, and we came to exist. Science does show that there was a central starting point. There was a big explosion, but the question is, "What caused it?" and what do scientists tell us through that process about a creator or lack of a creator.

(Our speaker went to the white board he had prepared to illustrate his information.) We have this large mass, bigger than we can comprehend, very concentrated - very heavy. We have an explosion that sends all of these particles in a billion different direc-

tions. The premise is that matter in motion tends to stay in motion unless impacted by something different. If you had an explosive force that shot this out, what is another factor that would impact that motion? We have a law called gravity that will be the one saying, "I want to be attracting all of these particles together." No doubt gravity, if you had particles going in every direction, would have the forces necessary to create stars, moons, earth, planets, etc. But what happens if you have an explosion that is super strong and just sends them out so strongly that gravity can't pull any of those particles together? The particles are going to keep going forever. By the same token, if that force is too weak, what's going to happen? It all falls back together again. So you need a force that is so strong that it sends all of the particles out but not so strong that it pulls it all back together again.

Scientists have studied and calculated that there is a chance or a probability that you have to be within a certain range for that to work. For our universe to exist today, there has to be a balance. Now, we talked about the long shot. What are the odds that you would hit the right balance just randomly? Evolution says everything occurred by a random basis, so it was just odds that we ended up this way. So what do you think the odds are if you said there was a one in ten chance there was a range we could fall into just right? Do you think that might be the figure we might be looking at? What do you think the odds were? One in a thousand. More than that. One in a million. (The answers were coming from the congregation, especially from the children.) Remember the long shot on the horse was one in eighty! That was considered a long shot. Now we are already at a million to one chance of us all existing randomly. That's one in a million against us. Do you think that's far enough? Add another three zeros. Now we are one in a billion. Far enough yet? One in a trillion? Now we are going to have troubles because I am not the mathematician who can tell us where we are getting; but I know the correct number of zeros in order for us to randomly exist in this universe if just that one element of the initial explosion created our universe. What's an easier way to put this? Instead of writing all of those zeros, the scientist would put it into the scientific notation, to have a one to one happening, we have a one to a negative eighteenth chance. How do you like our odds so far that evolution is just a happenstance? Okay. We got that one! Of course, I am not a scientist.

Scientists Who Do Not Agree

A spokesperson for the public broadcasting system's seven part series, "Evolution", asserted that all known scientific evidence supports Darwinian evolution as does virtually every reputable scientist in the world. I must be pretty bad off, because I am coming out on the wrong side here. A couple of the names they gave as true scientists were Richard Hawkins And Earnest Mayer. They would be very supportive of this concept of evolution. But now, in my reading I came across a few that I was surprised didn't fit their definition because they didn't support Darwinism. Let me put down a couple of names that didn't fit the mold - that didn't support Darwinism. Sir Isaac Newton said, "The most beautiful system of the sun, the planets, the comets could only proceed from the council and dominion of an intelligent and powerful being." So we have a 'nonscientist' now?"

I ran into another one. Albert Einstein. There is something that Albert Einstein had to say. He had a little bit of knowledge, I think. He wanted to know how God created the world. "I am not interested in this or that phenomenon in the spectrum of this or that element. I want to know His thoughts, the rest are details." He wanted not only to understand how the galaxies were formed, but he was more interested in why God created it the way He did. And there are others - Sir Fred Hoyle, an astronomer. Dr. Arthur Schawlow, a professor at Stanford University who won the 1981 Nobel Prize in Physics. He seems to think that there might be a

God out there. In fact, there was a poll of 3,300 scientists and 43% of those scientists with doctorates attend church at some locations. So maybe the stigma that PBS wants to put on the air as a fact may not quite fit the role.

Finding the Odds

So far we have got that evolution is now one to the negative eighteenth. Let's look at another element of creation. All matter in the universe is made up of three components. Ordinary matter is made of protons, neutrons, electrons that strongly interact with photons or light. Exotic matter such as neutrinos that weakly interact with photons or light. The third element is called "space energy density". Roughly that is a self stretching of the space fabric of the universe.

Ordinary matter is 4% of the universe. Exotic matter is 23% . Space energy density is 73%. In order for us to exist as we do in the universe, there has to be this balance. If there is a variation on that balance, the universe as we know it ceases to exist. What do you think the odds are of that just randomly occurring? One with over 78 zeros. Now our odds are against us to the negative 96.

One of the arguments my friend tried to use was, if you put enough monkeys in a room with typewriters, eventually they can type a Shakespearian play. Have you heard that before? I heard it from him and I read it one time in an argument for evolution. There are two problems with that when we are talking about the elements I am talking about here. One of them, he is thinking in terms of stellar. There are billions and trillions of stars. What are the odds of one of those being inhabitable - a star that would hold a planet that would be right. You know you have got those long shots but they are there. So we could be that one in a trillion.

How many universes are we scientifically aware of? I am talking on a universe basis instead of a stellar basis. To my knowledge, nobody has any scientific evidence of a universe outside of ours existing. We have galaxies always in that universe. Stars are within the universe that we know. We don't know of another universe, and this is what occurred on a universe basis.

The second is, sometimes they will throw out something like that flippantly, and your first reaction is, "Oh yeah. If you put enough monkeys in front of typewriters, randomly they will come up with the works of Shakespeare." Let's just think about it a little bit. Let's take the title page. "Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare". Now imagine we have those monkeys rounded up. We have a hundred monkeys sitting in this room ready to go. The monkeys are so dedicated that they don't take monkey breaks. They don't take potty breaks. They are going to type day in and day out year around. Say they are typing at 60 words a minute. I am going to give you an example. If they start typing, and we don't worry about capitals, each stroke they are typing is a letter or a space or a period. We have 28 possible random solutions for them to come up with. If all they had to do was to accomplish the first one, there are 28 possibilities of getting the right first letter. To hit the r there are 28 chances. Odds are 28 to 1.

What's the random chance of ro being typed? What are the possibilities? 28×28 , which is 784. Let's take it to the next level. rom. Can they randomly come up with rom? It would take 21,952 strokes on the typewriters to get to that correct random possibility. I won't take you through each one, but I went a little further. By the time we get to the seventh letter, we are ready for the a of and. They will have to randomly type 13,492,928,510 strokes. At the normal typing speed, that would take those 100 monkeys 0.85 of a year.

Now let's take it to the eighth letter. Now it will take them 23 years to correctly come up with first 8 letters in the title page. And by the time we get to the 12th letter, 14,727,185 years for them to randomly type the twelfth letter. The 14th letter requires 11,546,113,640 years. Now we have those monkeys typing their

hearts out for longer than this universe is supposed to have existed. We get to the 15th. Now we are at 323,291,181,800 years for them to randomly type not even the first title page of this Shakespearean play. So if this is the argument that they give, logically, I tell them that their odds sure are stacked against them to get the title page done let alone a real work.

God and Christ Are real

So far in my sermon I haven't talked a lot about God or my testimony. What I have tried to do is show you lot that in our world where we are bombarded regularly with the "facts" of science that support evolution, we need to recognize just as we were talking in class this morning about needing to know - to have a knowledge yourself and not rely on others to provide that evidence because that "evidence" may not be correct. Just as the scientists and their evidence says evolution should be the thing, we need to have our knowledge in place as well. So I would like to take some time to share my testimony of Jesus Christ and not just rely on science. I want you to know that I do have a very strong belief in my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Part of that testimony, just as we talked about this morning, is observing God in creation. My testimonies usually come through some form of observation - seeing Christ at work. So I would like to share a story with you and I may need a little help. (Brother Elefson called the most flexible of our youth to come to the front where he explained that pigeon-toed is walking with your feet turned in. He asked them to turn their feet into the pigeon toed position. It was a struggle for them all.) I just wanted you to understand how difficult that was and then maybe you can understand my story a little bit more.

I want to share with you a story about a small kid by the name of Renel. Renel was about 7 years old when we happened to meet him as he was going across country. His feet were pigeon - toed but "pigeon-toed" all the way back so that his toes pointed backwards and then were on their sides. Renel is from the backwoods of Honduras. His father brought him to a medical clinic in Honduras to see if there was anything he could do. The doctor who happened to be at the clinic was my uncle, Gale Sacry. As Gale examined his feet, he found that all of the bones were there, all of the tendons and muscles. They were just deformed. He knew that there was surgery that could correct that problem. But the problem was there were no medical facilities in Honduras, or at least none that they could afford, and the only way that it could be corrected was if somebody would be willing to donate their services.

My uncle went back to the states and found a surgeon in Washington state who would do the surgery for free. Gale had to line up ways to get him up there from Honduras and back, to care for him etc. but was willing and did do that. We came into contact with Renel as we served part of the transportation process. We had planned on going to a reunion in Montana that year. Somebody had delivered him to Independence. We took him from Independence to Montana where he was picked up and taken on to Washington.

When we first saw him, he was smiling and came running to us. I was surprised because of his condition. If you looked at his feet, they wee all backwards and turned over, but he had some shoes on. Well, up until a month earlier, they told me, he had never walked. Somebody gave him a pair of shoes that cushioned his feet enough that he could start walking and was, in fact, even running that day. So for the first seven or eight years of his life, he couldn't walk and all it took was a pair of shoes that could have corrected it. That is very difficult to think about!

But what I wanted to share with you a little bit about, thinking of mother's day, even though this is a father's instance; I wanted us to think a little about the situation. Here you are a father that the furthest you have been from home is probably 15 or 20 miles. You

take your son to some strangers. Those strangers say, "We can cure your son, but what we are going to do is cut his feet up, realign them, and we are going to have to do it by taking him further away than you ever conceived him going before in your life." Can you imagine the faith that father has had to put in total strangers thinking that in the end, in spite of the pain, in spite of what he conceptually perceives as a foreign country, a foreign language, everything so foreign, but he believes that the best will come out in the end.

It kind of made me think, then, about another father. That is the Father that knowingly sent His Son, knowing that His Son would be cut; that He would be whipped; that He would be hung on a cross; that He would die. He was sent where He should not be able to be with Him as He was used to being with Him. But He sent Him anyway knowing that the good that would come in the end, our salvation, would be worth all of the sacrifice that was made. I would like to close, then, going back to my Scripture reading earlier. Psalm 19:1-2) The first verses that I read earlier you are probably familiar with, but I felt it is important to share it. Psalms 19: 7-11 and 14 continues. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

"The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned; and in keeping of them there is great reward."

The last verse is one my grandmother taught me. She had a poem that went with it that I lost and wish I could find, but I had it half memorized. It went something to the effect that, "Whatever you say both in joy and woe, say nothing you would not want Jesus to know.

"Whatever you read, though the page may allure, think nothing unless you are perfectly sure that consternation would not be seen in His face (look) if Christ would say solemnly, 'Show me your book'.

I read then, this last verse. "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer."

Seeing Your God Works, They Glorify God

The Galusha family had just finished singing "Nearer My God to Thee" in beautiful harmony when Priest Rodney Bastow rose to announce his chosen scripture. He prefaced the scripture reading with, "I guess that's all we have to say, isn't it?"

The scripture I have chosen was one of my Mom's favorites. At least, I think it must have been because I heard her talk about it a lot. It is from James the second chapter the fourteenth through the twenty fifth verses:

"What profit is it, my brethren, for a man to say he hath faith, and hath not works? can faith save him? Yea, a man may say, I will show thee I have faith without works; but I say, show me thy faith without works, and I will show thee my faith by my works. For if a brother or sister be naked and destitute, and one of you say, Depart in peace, be warmed and filled; notwithstanding he give not those things which are needful to the body; what profit is your faith unto such? Even so faith, if it have not works is dead, being alone. Therefore wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead and cannot save you?

"Thou believest there is one God; thou doest well; the devils

also believe, and tremble; thou hast made thyself like unto them, not being justified. Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how works wrought with his faith, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness; and he was called the friend of God.

"Ye see then that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also Rahab the harlot was justified by works, when she had received the messengers and sent them out another way. For, as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead."

It's a pleasure to see so many friendly faces out there. It is always good to see the smiles. Each time I am scheduled to speak, I am always humbled by the experience. I look up here at some of the other Priesthood members when they are scheduled to speak and a lot of times some of these people don't even bring up notes or anything like that. They just speak by the power of Holy Spirit. When I am selected to speak and find out about it, I think, "What am I going to talk about?" I think, "Well, the Lord will provide". Maybe I have found out a couple of weeks ahead of time and that week goes by and I think, "What am I going to talk about? The Lord will provide!" And another week goes by and the night before I think, "What am I going to speak about?" I ask the Lord in desperation, "What are You going to provide".

You know, then I am sorry for that. It's one of those kind of situations - my faith really needs to be stronger. I really need to know that if I prepare myself, words are really going to come, and He is going to help me do this, You would think it would get easier by now. You would think I would know after all the experiences I have had that I would know that He would. But I know that I can't take that for granted. I know that I have to ask Him to be with me here this morning. I feel that He has blessed me and I feel like He will bless us all this morning with His Spirit. I hope that if you feel that way, too, when we leave here, we remember to praise Him and thank Him for this blessing.

The Situation

This is a busy time of year for me. With school winding down, the kids don't think we should do anything. I kind of feel like that, too, but if you don't have them doing anything - they are a little bit tough to handle right now. I don't know if any of you kids are like that. This time of year, you know, you go off to school and feel like you don't have to do anything else. My kids feel that way. If I don't have something there for them to do, it makes for a really long day for me, so I make sure I have tests and things to fill up these days and keep them occupied doing things so they don't drive me crazy. But then, you have to check the tests. Then you have to figure grades, You have to do inventories. You have all sorts of things to do. Our school ends Thursday and teachers are done Friday, so that's not much time and there is lots to do. Once it's over with, you know, it's kind of over.

Debbie and I have both decided to quit teaching. I think most of you know that. If you didn't know that, you do now. So that's kind of added a few things for us to think about - a few things for us to do. We are trying to move Friday and bring everything up here. And, where do you put it? Does anyone need a sofa, by the way? An extra TV? We have got two of everything. You need it? OKay, it's yours free. Just come and get it. It will be here Friday. But there are just a lot of things to think about for us to do and how to take care of things. And there are other things going on in our lives for us to think about. And we are excited about this but it's just a lot to do and a lot of things to worry about.

Last Sunday we took Jowett to Conrad, Iowa where he started a job for the summer. You know, Jowett is 31 years old, but I still got that feeling as like he was leaving home for the first time when

we took him up there. I don't know why that is, and we still worry. He came and got another load of furniture last night. He was supposed to be back up there by 6:30 and we hadn't heard from him by seven o'clock, and we are still worried - Debbie especially. It's just - I don't know when that goes away. I suppose when you even get to be 56, your parents still worry about you and what's going on and how you are going to get along. But, you know we're hoping that this is a good experience for him. He will need your prayers, if you can add him to your list. Pray that things go well for him this summer, and maybe this will lead to something even more than that.

Last Tuesday I went on a field trip with Debbie and her third graders and a lot of their parents. We went to Omaha. Got to see a Royals game. How could I pass up a thing like that? Debbie and I even won a contest while we were there, and that was fun. We can talk to you about that a little bit later because that doesn't really fit into what I have to talk to you about right now.

I enjoyed doing this, not just because of the ball game and things like that, but her parents go. I think this time, all but two of the parents in her class went. A lot of those parents are former students of mine. I know! I know! I don't look that old. It doesn't seem possible that they could have kids in third grade already, but it happened. (How old are your kids, Michael? that just goes to show that Michael is a lot older than he looks, too.) But it brings back memories to me to see these kids that have grown up and have taken jobs, have become adults and are doing well. I enjoy talking to them, and I try not to bring up the past about things I remember about them when they were doing things in high school, but I just couldn't help this time. One of them who was there was a guy by the name of Eric. Eric was my first student body president when I was at Rock Port - my very first one, and that was kind of special to me. Eric is special to me anyway, and it was good to see him. Any time a former student is glad to see you, that's a good thing, too. When you were his principal, that's a good thing! I really enjoyed seeing Eric.

I remember Eric was a good student. I think he was second in his class, and there were more than two. He was also a good athlete, but he also had this kind of, I guess ornery side - maybe a little bit rebellious. (Matt seems to understand this a little bit, you know,) But he was my student body president. you can't have an ornery, rebellious student body president. It just doesn't work! You have to have one who is setting the example, and doing what is best for the school and for the students. So one time, I don't even remember what he did. that shows you how important it was but I do remember that I talked to Eric. I said, "Eric, you are my leader and you have to set the example for these students." And Eric understood that. And he knew that it was important for him to set the example for the other students.

Eric had a coach who had been there awhile and he was somewhat revered - not somewhat. He was revered! What he said was better than the Old Testament and the New Testament put together. He had several different sayings that people would quote. One of my favorites, and one of the favorites that still is quoted down there today, was to remember who you are and where you are from. I think Eric remembered that and I have remembered it through the years, too.

Jesus Expects Us to Remember

And I have thought about that a lot. Did anyone ever ask you what church you belonged to? They do, don't they? Do you tell them the truth? Do you admit it - what church you belong to? Now as soon as you do that, you have done something very important. Okay? Because the type of person you are not only will reflect on you, but it will reflect on that church. And it will reflect on all of us here. If Rodney Bastow goes out there and cheats somebody or he does something that's not good, and they find out that Alan Smith

goes to that same church that he, it doesn't reflect well on Alan, does it? So that's important that whatever we do, we set a good example for others - that we show others that we are going to lead by that example. And that's what Jesus expects us to do. He expects us to lead by example, and He expects us to minister to others by the way we live our lives.

One of my classes this week talked about being Christians and what that meant. You know when you are a short timer, you can do about anything at school. What are they going to do? Fire you? It's just not going to happen. Normally, I'm not one to get off the subject much. Math doesn't lend itself to that much, but lately I have been allowing myself to do it a little bit; and so they started talking about religion. Some of them are Baptists and some of them are Christians, and they said, "Well, I am a Christian Christian." I thought, how can you be a non-Christian Christian? That wouldn't make a lot of sense to me, and we talked a little bit about those things. One said she was a Catholic and wondered if that still meant she was a Christian or not. Some of what they said surprised me. I hadn't thought that they even thought about things like this, and there was a lot that they did not know. it would be good if they could know more about the different religions. It's easy to say you are a Christian. It's easy to say that, but it's not always easy to show it.

I have known all year that this was going to be my last year. So I wanted to make sure that I went out with people thinking good of me. You know that's always a good thing. You want them to remember you for something positive rather than something negative, but there have been several times this year that I haven't succeeded in that. I have a tendency to say things without thinking. I don't know whether you ever do that or not, but I do have a tendency to do things without thinking about it, then I regret it later. When that happens, not only do I have to ask that person that I offended for forgiveness, but I have to ask God to forgive me and help me watch what I say and what I do. I know I need to remember to do this because it's my works that will show others that I am a follower of Jesus Christ.

One day about a week ago, my principal came and told me that Angela was not going to be in my class. I said, "Well, thank you. is this a going away present or what's going on here?" Angela is a Senior and she has spent her high school career being somewhat difficult to handle. She can say the most shocking things. In fact, she told me once this year that she had AIDS. Why would anyone ever say that? I don't know if she really thought she had AIDS or if she just wanted to see what my reaction would be. That's the kind of a person she is. She used to say that she wanted to go to a ball game and go streaking, and I would not have put it past her for her to have done something like that. She was just that way! She ran into trouble several times during high school because of her temper and her disrespectful attitude. I have had her in class for several years, and I have never really had a problem with her, but I have always been kind of careful that I didn't push her buttons real hard and that I always worried that there might be a problem but there never really was. But after Angela got kicked out that day, after school she came to me in tears. She said, "I've been suspended from school, and I don't get to walk in graduation. I just want to come in and say, "goodbye", and she gave me a hug. I almost cried because of the feelings that I had felt earlier that day. I was so ashamed of myself!

There are some people that are hard to love, but if we claim to be followers of Jesus Christ, we have to love all people just like Jesus did. There are lots of Angelas out there who need our love and need our help so they can be happy and they, too, can be followers of Jesus. My students one day talked about love and what it meant. They talked about a lot of different kinds of love. I'm not really sure they understand what it means. Do we know what it

means to love Jesus Christ, or is it just something we say? Do we follow his teachings? Do we try to do as we should?

One of the parents who was on the field trip was W.C. W. C. Was Eric's classmate, and he was the most popular student. W.C.'s father was the Nodaway Newspaper editor. He had also been a very good friend of the principal that I replaced and that he wanted back. Newspaper editors have a lot of power. Did you know that? They can do a lot of things. This principal's picture was in the paper every week letting people remember that he was still around - still available. You know, W. C. could have been really difficult to handle because he knew how his Dad felt. And I know he was probably close to the other principal, too, but he was one of the nicest kids - one of the nicest students I have ever had. We always had a lot of good times. He was always real friendly, and he always had a smile. He was always just real agreeable. When he graduated, I thanked him for making the school year such a success for me. He didn't have to accept me, but he did. It reminds me of a reading I found that goes like this:

"A smile costs nothing but gives much. It enriches those who receive it without making poor those who give. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it's nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give a smile. Give them one of yours, for no one needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give. The world can use lots of smiles. Father, today let my face smile for You that I might spread Your love to all I meet."

W. C. was like that.

On the Senior's last day, I felt somewhat slighted. You know, when I was principal, you got to be pretty close to the Seniors. When they are in seventh grade, you didn't know them very well. They just kind of blended into the walls and tried to not be very visible. Some of them you got to know quite well, but then as they got older, they got more brave and you would see them a little more often, talk to them a little more often. By the time they got to be Seniors you got pretty close to them. I always enjoyed that. And that was me. Well this group - you know I teach math and I don't have many Seniors in class. I mainly have eighth, ninth and tenth graders. So after they have been gone from you for a couple of years, they forget you. I felt pretty much that these kids had forgotten me, and it kind of ticked me a little bit. You know what I mean? I didn't feel like I had been appreciated or whatever. So I was kind of having a little bit of a pity party that day. You know what I mean? Just kind of feeling sorry for myself a little bit. I watched in the morning. They were all excited about getting out of here, you know. I thought, Heh! I'm getting out of here, too. For now, nothing happened. I was just kind of getting along and the principal came in right before seventh hour and said, "Rod, I need to see you in my office right now." I'm thinking, "I haven't said anything lately. I haven't done anything. Wonder what he wants." He comes into the office and is kind of vague about stuff. I'm thinking, "That's odd! But you know principals can be like that." You know what I mean? Superintendents are really bad that way. You never know what they are getting at when they talk to you about stuff. So I went back into my room and all of a sudden there was, "Surprise! Happy retirement!" And there were my Seniors - you know, the only two that I had that hour. They had this big party for me, and they just knocked my socks off! You know what I mean. I said, "Kids, you are not supposed to do this. I have another two weeks to go! Don't do this to me yet. I want to get through things without falling all apart." But I really enjoyed it and it really helped to know that I had meant something to them.

It did remind me, though, that I need to think less about myself and more about and do more for others. I hope in the days ahead -

it's a funny feeling. If I could not have this week, in some ways I would do that. Always in the past, when I have tried to leave a job, I have tried to do it so that there wasn't any big to-do. You know what I mean! Just quietly slip out of town. But yet there is a part of you that says, "I want this to be a big deal. I still remember when I was teaching over at Kellerton, I said something about leaving, and all the kids started cheering. I'm thinking, "I don't want that situation again." But the superintendent is leaving, too, and I know that there are a lot of people who are close to him. I just pray that I will be able to handle this right and do what God wants me to do. I pray that I will do good and that I will think of others.

Now that I am not going to be teaching school, I am going to run out of these readings. I hated to really use any today, but everything just seemed to kind of fit. I think it fits. This reading is called, "Lord Show Me How". "Upon my journey I can impart some simple kindness from the heart, Lord, show me how. If on the job I can employ Christ like virtues of peace and joy, Lord, in me be Thou. If in my family I can heal wounds that rob life of its zeal, Lord, help me be heard. If some lost soul I can guide to salvation at Your precious side, Lord, prompt me with Your word. If one in need I can relieve and his self love thereby retrieve, Lord, lead me now. My child, you pass but once this way. Do all the good you can today. Seize each day, each hour, each minute and all the love that life has in it. I've shown you how."

Don't you like that? "Do all the good you can today. Seize each day, each hour, each minute and all the love that life has in it."

Are You Counting the Days?

Two of the most common things I have been asked since I resigned in January are these: "What are you going to do?" "Are you counting the days?" Silly questions. Teachers all know the first day of school, you start counting the days. This year wasn't any different. The thought that I am not going to be doing this yet really won't register until next fall. Yeah. I have been counting the days, and this idea of, "What are you going to do?" I guess I have not made it clear to those people that I have another life. I have not always just been a school teacher, you know. There's another world that I live in, and that's the farm. And there's always something to do on the farm. I also know that the Lord has a work for me to do. He has a work for all of us. We are called to live our lives so that others will know that the happiness we have is because we follow Jesus Christ. We need to live our lives so that others can come to know Jesus and be happy also.

Jesus is coming. I believe that. I believe that He will soon return and Zion will be back here on Earth. Are we counting the days?

Before I read this last scripture, I need to read you one more reading. I think Debbie sent this one to me. I hope you like it.

"Come with me to a third grade class room. There is a nine year old kid sitting at his desk, and all of a sudden there is a puddle between his feet, and the front of his pants are wet. He thinks his heart is going to stop because he cannot possibly imagine how this is happening. It never happened before, and he knows that when the boys find out, he will never hear the end of it. When the girls find out, they will never speak to him again as long as he lives. The boy believes his heart is going to stop. He puts his head down and he prays this prayer. "Dear God, this is an emergency. I need help now! Five minutes from now, I am dead meat!" He looks up from his prayer and here comes the teacher with a look in her eyes that says, "You have been discovered." As the teacher is walking toward him, a class mate named Suzie is carrying a gold fish bowl that is filled with water. Suzie trips in front of the teacher and inexplicably dumps the bowl of water in the boy's lap. The boy pretends to be angry but all the while is saying to himself, "Thank You, Lord! Thank You, Lord!"

"Now, all of a sudden, instead of being the subject of ridicule,

the boy is the object of sympathy. The teacher rushes him down stairs and gives him gym shorts to put on while his pants dry out. All the of the children are on their hands and knees cleaning up around his desk. The sympathy is wonderful! But as life would have it, the ridicule that should have been his has been transferred to someone else, Suzie. She tries to help, but they tell her to get out! "You've done enough, you klutz!" Finally at the end of the day, as they are waiting for the bus, the boy walks over to Suzie and whispers, "You did that on purpose, didn't you?" Suzie whispers back, "I wet my pants once, too." May God help us to see the opportunities that are always around us to do good. Remember just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car."

From Matthew the fifth chapter - one of my favorites, (Matthew 5: 16-18) "Verily, verily, I say unto you, I give unto you to be the light of the world; a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Behold, do men light a candle and put it under a bushel? Nay, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light to all that are in the house. Therefore, let your light so shine before this world, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Become An Approved Workman

The entire congregation had just viewed the moving film, Testaments, One Fold, One Shepherd during the church school hour. The film is the inspiring testimony of the ministry of Jesus Christ in both the Holy Land and in the Americas as testified in the Bible and the Book of Mormon. Elder Norman Nelson introduced his scripture for the morning: Mosiah, 3:8-15, "For behold, this day he hath spiritually begotten you; for ye say that your hearts are changed through faith on his name; therefore, ye are born of him, and have become his sons and his daughters. And under this head ye are made free; and there is no other head whereby ye can be made free.

"There is no other name given, whereby salvation cometh, therefore, I would that ye should take upon you the name of Christ, all you that have entered into the covenant with God, that ye should be obedient unto the end of your lives. And it shall come to pass that whosoever doeth this, shall be found at the right hand of God, for he shall know the name by which he is called; for he shall be called by the name of Christ.

"And now, it shall come to pass that whosoever shall not take upon them the name of Christ, must be called by some other name; therefore, he findeth himself on the left hand of God. And I would that ye should remember also, that this is the name that I said I should give unto you, that never should be blotted out, except it be through transgression; Therefore, take heed that ye do not transgress, that the name be not blotted out of your hearts."

Ron and Di Smith had followed singing, "For His Eye is On the Sparrow, and I know He watches me". Brother Nelson took his place at the pulpit, and after a moment of reflection commented "Really, I feel like this is kind of after the point. We have already had everything we need, haven't we?" He then began his counsel. You have chosen to be the sons and daughters of God, and we need to continue to do the things that make it possible for us to be as close to Him as we possibly can. When some of us became real sick and anemic and were having problems with our physical bodies, we found that we ought to pay attention to our diet. If you are anemic and eat the kind of food that replenishes your blood supply, it brings it up to where it can be functional. We possibly need to eat some liver, some more meat than usual, the vegetables that have the right kind of iron in them and do the things that will bring

your blood supply up. And if you look at yourself and find you are anemic spiritually, you need to change your diet and do the kind of things that will increase your faith - will bring you closer to the Lord.

What are those things that will do that for you? Like i said, we increase the iron content of our food, what do we need to increase the content of your spiritual being? You need to pray. You need to study. You need to bring the things into your life that make it possible for you to be closer to the Lord.

We need to be aware of the things that will tear down our spiritual being and not allow those things in our lives that take away from us the power to heal, the power to love, the power to believe, the power to know the Lord. We need to increase our diet of ministry, of prayer, of study, of the kind of things that help us to really come into contact with the Lord every day. If we spend our time doing other things, even though they may not be bad ---. If we eat a lot of sweets, pies and cakes that taste good, there's not much iron there. It doesn't increase our hemoglobin any. If we do the things that just seem sweet to us, they may taste good. You may have relationships you would not have had otherwise, but they don't bring you closer to the Lord. So we need to plan our lives in such a way that we find things to do every day that bring us closer to God spiritually.

In Section 90 it says, "The glory of God is intelligence, or, in other words, light and truth;" The things that increase your intelligence - things that make truth very important, are the things that make you see the light of Christ. These are the things that we need to increase in our daily diet - the things that bring the light of Jesus Christ into our lives. What did God say first in the beginning? "Let there be light", and there was light! And the light was good. And this is the condemnation of man that the light is in the world, and men love darkness rather than light.

So we allow the things of light and beauty, the Christlike relationships to slip by while we are doing other things - not necessarily bad things, but things that do not increase our vision of the light of Jesus Christ. We could chose more light and truth in our daily walk.

In the second book of Timothy, 2:15 Paul says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," Our Patriarchs have said, read twenty minutes, or so many, every day or something like that. That's not nearly enough! Your life is taken up with 24 hours a day. You need to be studying to show yourself approved if you are studying so that you can witness to those who need help the things that are true and will be effective in changing their lives.

Christ died to be our advocate with the Father. He knows what we are like. He knows the things that we need. He will, if you ask and if you try, stand between you and the mistakes you have made and bring you as His son or daughter before His Father. But you have to be doing your best. You have to be asking for that help. You have to be close enough to Him that you recognize your weakness and ask for help.

"And your minds in times past have been darkened because of unbelief, and because you have treated lightly the things you have received, which vanity and unbelief hath brought the whole church under condemnation. And this condemnation resteth upon the children of Zion, even all; and they shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon and the former commandments which I have given them, not only to say, but to do according to that which I have written, that they may bring forth fruit meet for their Father's kingdom, otherwise there remaineth a scourge and a judgment to be poured out upon the children of Zion; for, shall the children of the kingdom pollute my holy land? Verily, I say unto you, Nay." (Doctrine and Covenants 83:8a-c.)

We can't be ordinary. We are sick and we need to eat the food that brings health - that brings us from our weakness into the strength of Jesus Christ.

In 1 John 1:5 we read that God is entirely light. There is no darkness in him. There is no darkness in Him There is no shadow. There is no gray. It's either black or white. There is entire light. We must seek to be the light to our friends and to all the world that will listen. We need to find new ways of helping those people to listen. This movie was nice, wasn't it? Very good! That is a wonderful thing that they have done. But remember, "The glory of God is intelligence", and we need to be honest, and faithful, study, pray and seek diligently to come into the presence of God daily. It isn't enough to be there - well, let's see, "It's Sunday morning. We are going to go to church so we will be in God's presence!" You've lost it! You have lost a whole week. You must do every day what it takes to make you spiritually strong, intelligent and a person of light.

News & Notes

Dead Sea Scrolls Confirm Joseph Smith a Prophet

The branch trip to Kansas City to view the Dead Sea scrolls was made successfully on May 5. It was preceded by the presentation concerning the artifacts by Gaylord and Faye Shaw on May 2. The Shaw presentation gave evidence that these ancient records support prophetic ministry in both the Book of Mormon and the Inspired Version of the Bible.

The Shaws have documented twelve ways in which the Book of Mormon is validated. Briefly they are these:

1. Alma has been shown to be a man's name.
2. The three divisions of the Bible that Nephi records having found on the Brass Plates, (1 Nephi 1:159-163) have been identified on the Scrolls by scholars who have been excited about the discovery. The divisions are, the Torah, the writings giving the record of the Jews, and the words of the prophets. Nephi particularly mentions the genealogy of his family and the prophecies of Jeremiah who was prophesying when Nephi's family left Jerusalem.
3. The Amarna clay tablets from Egypt use of the term, "The Land of Jerusalem" which is not found in the Bible but is found at least four times in the Book of Mormon. There is even mention of a city in the Land of Jerusalem in the same manner in which the term is used in the Book of Mormon.
4. The term "Son of God" is used to identify the Messiah.
5. The term "Holy Ghost" is used before Jesus' life and ministry.
6. Affirmation that it is the Messiah who shall resurrect the dead, showing that the idea was known and taught before New Testament times.
7. Forgiving a neighbor - an instruction not in our Old Testament but is on the Scrolls and in the Book of Mormon (Mosiah 11:140), presumably from the Brass Plates brought by the Nephites.
8. The Messiah who was to return to the earth is identified as the "Son of God". Jesus Christ's second coming was known to the peoples of the Scrolls and of the Book of Mormon before Jesus announced it in Judea.
9. Lost Tribes of Israel to be reunited by the Messiah, the Son of God.
10. A baptismal hymn speaks of purity of the one being baptized and the covenant to be made in the ordinance.
11. The laying on of hands for the healing of the sick is not recorded in the Old Testament but is prevalent in the New, in the Book of Mormon and in the Scrolls.

12. The term, "Lamb of God" found in the scrolls shows it is not a New Testament Christian invention. Joseph was not, therefore, copying a Christian invention into the Book of Mormon as he has been accused of doing.

Although the study of the Inspired Version changes as related to the Scrolls has just begun. Two items already found are:

1. Exodus 22:28 - King James says, "Thou shalt not revile the gods, .."

Inspired Version says, "Thou shalt not revile against God, ...". The Scrolls agree with the Inspired Version.

2. Isaiah 62:4- The King James says, "... thou shalt be called Hephzibah and thy land Beulah; for the Lord delighteth in thee, and the land shall be married."

The Inspired Version says, "...; but thou shall be called Delightful, and thy land Union; for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married."

The Scrolls say, "People will call you my delight and your land married."

Of interest to us all was the guide provided for the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit. Across the front page, in very large letters, was the phrase so often used in the Book of Mormon, "And it came to pass."

Graduating Seniors Celebrate

The congregation was invited to celebrate the graduation of Cody Clark, grandson of Sherman and Cheryl Phipps and Marianne, daughter of Alan and Denise Elefson from Lamoni High School, on Sunday, May 20. Cessaries Galusha recently graduated from the University of Missouri Conservatory of Music and Brandi Anderson is preparing to graduate from Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg in December.

Missionary Family Reunion Imminent

Sunday, June 17 is the opening day of the Missionary Family Reunion, sponsored by the Restoration Seventy, at Graceland University. Our congregation will move our services to Lamoni that day. We will meet at Graceland University at 9:45 for family worship, have a prayer service at 10 a.m. and preaching at 11 a.m.

The for reunion, which begins with registration at 3 p.m. that afternoon is "Onward to Zion".

Cheryl Phipps is the Reunion Registrar. Her home address is 15581 270th St., Lamoni, IA 50140. Her phone number is 641-784-6823. Her e-mail is: registrar@restorationseventy.org.

Church Picnic Planned

The services of Sunday, June 24 will begin at 10:30 at Poe Hollow Park east of Mt. Ayr just off Highway 2. The occasion will be the annual church picnic. Worship will be provided for all ages. Food will be provided by Ruth Thomas, a member of the congregation and owner - operator of Grandma's Place in Lamoni.

Invitation to Share

Members of the congregation have been invited to share with the North East Restoration congregation in Des Moines Sunday, July 1. Special ministry will be provided by Elder Eric Odida of Kenya, East Africa.

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