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News & Notes

January services

In January there were some special services in the Mount Ayr Restoration Branch.

Because of weather, no services were held Sunday, Jan. 15.

Sunday, Jan. 29 a healing and prayer service was held instead of a preaching service.

In the evening Sunday, Jan. 29, the

branch traveled to the Community of Christ building in Lamoni for a baptismal service. Details and pictures of the service are included on pages 13-14.

A sermon by Michael Jordison from earlier that had not been published before was added to the newsletter this month.

Valentine's fun

A special Valentine's evening will be
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WHAT'S IMPORTANT?

Priest Ed Anderson
Lamoni, Iowa
January 1, 2016

My scripture reading for this morning is taken from Matthew 6: 10-15:

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And suffer us not to be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Every time I am scheduled to preach I think, "How do you preach to the choir?" Each of you has come to this point in life, you've all made your commitments of looking toward God and looking toward righteousness.

Every time I went to church as a child, between the ages 5-15 years old, I went home with a different understanding, a different attitude. Everything was lifted from me. I was cleansed. It didn't matter if it was a communion service or any other service.

Prayer services were particularly uplifting. Everyone was communing with God in prayer. In some respects, every time you address God with real intent, you are seeking forgiveness in some form.

Today is the day of new beginnings. We have taken of the sacrament. It should be a new beginning of our commitment to Christ. Hopefully, that is what we have come to do. We have a new year, another year blessed of God to live out the days of our probation, to seek him and to change ourselves into creatures that are more worthy to enter his presence. As we seek repentance, he has forgiven us and through his grace he has made it possible to enter his kingdom. Of ourselves, we have difficulty overcoming things we are personally vexed with. We fall into a habit. That's what sin can become, a habit; do

it enough and it becomes second nature to you.

This is what Christ does for us, he forgives us of our habits of sin. It is only through God and Christ that we can break those habits of sin. That we can be forgiven, if we repent, and if we have a willingness to work on our problems, to eliminate those habits from our lives.

I'm going to speak about the book of Ecclesiastes. Let's turn our attention to Solomon. Remember, he was best noted for his wisdom (and, sadly, his many, many wives, which was abominable before God.) In this book, Solomon is talking about things that happen. It reminds me of the children's movie, "Land Before Time," which talks about the "circle of life." Basically, the story teaches how life is filled with repetitive events: birth, trials and joys of life and death.

Solomon talks about repetitive cycle of life. He says, "the wind goes toward the North...and goes to the South...and whirls about continually and returns according to its circuits...it rains... goes to the sea...evaporates...goes back into clouds...comes back and does the same thing over and over again. Solomon continues until eventually, he says that of all these things, there is nothing in this world that hasn't been done before. Now, I don't think he is referring to inventions and those types of things, but he's talking about people and how they struggle with their problems.

Solomon says, "the thing which hath been, it is that which shall be, and that which is done is that which shall be done, and there is no new thing under the sun." So it is more of an idea; it's more of a struggle that's going on. He talks about himself. He says, "I have given my heart to know wisdom, to know madness and folly. I perceive that this is the vexation of spirit. For in much wisdom is much grief, and he that increases knowledge increases sorrow.

He talks about himself some more as the king of Jerusalem. He says, "I

made me great works. I builded me houses. I planted me vineyards. I made me gardens and orchards. I planted trees in them of all kinds of fruits." He's done all of these things. He had the ability because he's the king. "I got me servants and maidens and had servants born in my house. I also had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me. I gathered me silver and gold." (So he's rich). "And the peculiar treasures of kings and of provinces. I gat me men singers and women singers... and whatsoever my eyes desired, I kept not from them. I withheld not my heart from any joy. For my heart rejoiced in all my labor. And this was my portion of all my labor. Then I looked." I guess he had an awakening here, because he saw all the riches he had accumulated and work he had done. "And I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on that labor that I had labored to do, and, behold, all was vanity and vexation



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of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.”

The king of Jerusalem, after he had achieved all his goals, riches and great wisdom, realized that they were of no profit under the sun. In the last chapter, Solomon sums it up easily: “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.” The rest of it is vanity.

All of these writings made me pause and give thought to the work which I perform, things I do, and all of the struggles and hopes and all the things I’m working for. All of these earthly

things I’m working for is simply vanity. What is important is the salvation of my soul. Maybe I need to give more attention to the salvation of my soul; to give more attention to doing the things that God wants me to do as far as reaching out, to bring others to the knowledge of Christ.

What do the scriptures say about the joy people will receive if they bring just one to Christ? What about those who bring 100 souls and the joy they will receive?

Who can give me a definition of vanity? Per Google, vanity is “excessive pride and admiration of one’s own ap-

pearance or achievements.” So what Solomon summed up is that he took excessive pride in all his accomplishments. He recognized that the no matter what he had accomplished in life as Jerusalem’s king was of no importance. He realized that our his (and our) only important life task (duty) is to Fear God, and to keep God’s commandments.

We are called to be living sacrifices. No room in there for vanity and self pride. Let’s every one of us commit to be a living sacrifice for God, repenting and keeping his commandments every day from here on.



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Priest Rodney Bastow
Mount Ayr, Iowa
January 8, 2017

Brother Rob Rolfe read Psalm 23 as a Call to Worship. *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Brother Rod shared: I find it interesting this morning that one of the scriptures I was going to use today was the 23rd Psalm. I was pretty firm about that until last night when I was going through my sermon and thought, ‘Maybe I won’t use that today.’ I didn’t really know the reason because I really wanted to use it but I decided not to for

some reason. Now I know what that reason was. Rob was going to use it as his call to worship.

I have a couple of scriptures that I want to share with you this morning. The first one is from Genesis 6:53. *And he also said unto him, If thou wilt, turn unto me and hearken unto my voice, and believe, and repent of all thy transgressions, and be baptized, even in water, in the name of mine Only Begotten Son, who is full of grace and truth, which is Jesus Christ, the only name which shall be given under heaven, whereby salvation shall come unto the children of men; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, asking all things in his name, and whatsoever ye shall ask it shall be given you.*

Then I want to use Philippians 4:4-7, 13. *Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be afflicted for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. I can do all things through*

Christ which strengtheneth me.

I’m thankful for this opportunity to be here this morning to be able to speak to you. Like Rob said I hope and I pray that we will all feel the Holy Spirit with us so that we can leave here praising God’s name and giving Him the thanks and the glory for this blessing today.

I have a couple of stories to tell you. A couple of months ago I got a call from Bill Armstrong. Bill’s the local undertaker here in town. He called and asked me if I would sing at Jane Buck’s funeral. I don’t know if you know Jane or not. I knew her as Jane Braby. The Braby name growing up was pretty familiar. Gertrude Braby was, I guess some might call her, the mother of the congregation. When she spoke people listened and you did what she told you to do. Jane was Gertrude’s daughter-in-law. I knew Jane, but not very well. Gertrude would bring her children to church so I knew them really well and watched them grow up. The boys were wrestlers so I paid a lot of attention to them. I had Carmie the oldest girl in Sunday class so I got to know her pretty well.

Jane and Chuck never attended much but when we left the farm some-



thing happened. They had Jane start playing the piano at church and when we came back about 10 years ago she was attending on a regular basis.

In fact her new husband, Roland, and she didn't miss a Sunday. It was a totally different Jane than I had ever known before. She was very friendly and outgoing. Some people said she was having mental problems but I liked the new Jane better than I did the old Jane. She always gave me a hug and seemed like she was glad to see me.

Bill asked me if I would sing at her funeral and I told him no. I'd been asked one other time to sing at a funeral and I had turned them down too. The reason why was because I just am not comfortable singing. I think they wanted me to sing "Amazing Grace" which is a little too high for me in places and is difficult sometimes. If I strain real hard to sing then I start coughing and lose it all. I just didn't think I could do it but I felt really bad. I felt really bad about refusing to sing 40 years ago and that has haunted me that I didn't sing at that funeral.

As soon as I hung up from Bill I was thinking that that was not the right thing to do. I had to try this. I knew Randy Drake had accompaniment for these different hymns and I knew he was in charge of the service. So I called Randy and explained the situation that I had been asked to sing at Jane's funeral but I didn't feel comfortable doing that. I asked him if he would let me go over to his place and practice it I would see what I could do. I'll give it a try and see what it sounds like. I told him it would be even better if he could get Delores Richie to sing with me. I thought with her singing with me I could do it.

I went over to Randy's and played the music and kind of got the feel for it. I'm not as good as Isabel but maybe it would be all right. The other song I chose was "The Old, Old Path" which I thought I could do. I still wasn't really sure about singing but I told Randy that yes I would do it but I was really worried about this.

When I was growing up I had a couple that I know I've talked to you about before, Florence and John Irving.

Especially on Sunday nights I would sit between John and Florence at church. If you knew John, you'd get ready to sing a song and he'd whisper to me, 'Now, Rod, if you can't sing good, sing loud.' Why he said that to a Bastow I'll never understand but it's always been my philosophy about singing.

Anyway I was praying about this and I found some music on YouTube and I tried it. I was doing pretty well except I was finishing about four or five measures before the song was which I thought might not be a good thing. So I thought maybe I could sing without any accompaniment. I did this and it wasn't too bad. I could go as fast as I wanted to. I could sing a little lower if I needed to. So I thought singing without accompaniment would be OK. I practiced the songs with Delores without accompaniment and we sounded all right.

I got to the funeral pretty early to go through the songs a couple of times but right before I got up to sing I got this really strong feeling, a really good feeling. I felt that presence of the Holy Spirit as we sang. It turned out to be a really good experience for me. Like Carmie said, 'Mom wouldn't have cared how it sounded.' But I was glad that I had tried singing at this funeral.

God helps us do things we don't think we can do. It might be singing. It might be speaking up front. It might be presiding over a church service but God is always there for us if we ask. When Joel read out of Romans at Family Devotions today I thought oops I've done it again but I would like to read Romans 8:28. *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

Some of you might not believe this but I am by nature a very shy person. It's hard for me to talk to people that I don't really know. It's hard to go visit someone that I'm not really familiar with. I couldn't be talking today if I didn't think God was helping me.

A couple of years ago Steve mentioned that Dorothy Loeding had told him that Josh Cowley wanted to be baptized. At the time I kind of knew Josh.

I knew he was Dorothy's grandson. I had talked to Dorothy about him and she would tell me what he was doing in his sports. So I kind of got to know him through Dorothy but I wanted to really get to know him personally. I was really too shy to go to Josh's house and ask him if he wanted to be baptized. Josh, I feel bad about that. I really do. I just couldn't bring myself to do that.

Several years ago they asked me to coach Middle School football. I thought, 'Josh is an 8th grader. I'll get to know Josh better.' And I did. I don't know how well you know Josh. Josh is a rather quiet person. If you try to talk to him here he won't say too much to you. When I coached him in football I found out he was just as quiet there. He didn't say much but if he was asked to do something he would get right after it and do it.

This year I've had him a couple of times in class when I was subbing. He's a little livelier in class than he is out on the football field or here at church, especially if he's sitting by a certain young lady. He really perks right up I've found but I'm still trying to get to know him and so I try to bug him any time I get a chance.

When we had our Thanksgiving Dinner at church this past November it was his fortune to have me sit right across the table from him. That way I could analyze his eating habits and squeal on him to his mother and grandmother about some things I had caught him doing. I was trying to strike up a conversation with him but I wasn't having a lot of success. I finally said, 'Josh, what would you think about being baptized?' Josh said, 'OK.' I was thinking, 'Wait a minute. This couldn't be that easy.' I was thinking he would put me off but no he really wanted to be baptized. He really did. I thought, 'Oh my gosh!' It was so exciting.

I thought when Ryder and Elyse were baptized there wouldn't be any more baptized from our congregation but we have had some. I think we now have some potential for some more even after Josh and Roger are baptized.

While I was talking to Josh about this and about having a class I noticed



his little brother, Roger. Now Roger isn't much like Josh I found out. I'm just getting to know him and that Sunday was probably the first time I had been around him.

Roger's a lot livelier and if you want a conversation just say, 'Hello, Roger' and he'll talk to you about anything you want to know. Roger is very well read, loves to read and he can talk to you about a lot of things. He's 8 years old going on about 16 or 17. He's quite a boy and he loves to pick on his brother. I said, 'Roger, how old are you?' He said he was 8. I said, 'Roger, you could be baptized too' and he said, 'OK.'

In Doctrine and Covenants 16:3c-f it says, *Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God; for, behold, the Lord your Redeemer suffered death in the flesh; wherefore he suffered the pain of all men, that all men might repent and come unto him. And he hath risen again from the dead, that he might bring all men unto him on conditions of repentance. And how great is his joy in the soul that repenteth. Wherefore you are called to cry repentance unto this people. And if it so be that you should labor all your days, in crying repentance unto this people, and bring save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father!*

I hope the boys are as excited about this as I am. I want to do this right. They have a background and have been taught well either by mom or grandma or someone else. They know what's going on and I don't want this just to be here today and gone tomorrow. Do you understand what I am saying?

We have so many young people that we lose. We have them until they graduate from high school and then they're gone and we never see them much again. My hope and prayer is that when these boys are baptized they'll realize that they are part of our family.

Today we had our second pre-baptismal class together. The boys are doing well. What did we talk about, Roger? Baptism. What do you have to do to be baptized? What do you have to do when you do something wrong? Repent. We've talked about that a lot haven't we? Who has been repenting for

his sins? Do you know anyone who has been doing that lately?

I have never taught a pre-baptismal class before. I taught high school classes before. There is nothing much to it. You just follow a book but there's not a book for a pre-baptismal class. That made things a little bit more challenging. I started searching for materials. I did this also when I taught. I taught biology down at Eagleville and I didn't like the book that they used so I decided that I would create my own text. It was a lot of work but I felt better about using my material.

Joel has sent me some materials which will be good for the boys. I know I'm learning something already.

Joel came into class today and met the boys. I would like for all the priesthood to come in and introduce themselves and get to know each other a little bit and talk to them a little bit. I've told them that it's their decision who baptizes them and who confirms them. Come in and get to know them. Share your testimony with them.

It's not easy to reach out to strangers but once we do we're no longer strangers. Many people know about Jesus. Many people know about the importance of baptism and the importance of repentance and having the Holy Spirit. I believe we are called to share.

I've known the preaching schedule for some time but this Sunday just kind of snuck up on me. I thought I don't have to worry about coming up with a sermon until January 8th but about eight or nine days ago it dawned on me finally that I'd better get myself prepared. You can get into habits and find yourself doing things that take you away from the Lord.

When I finally realized that I needed to prepare myself to speak I thought how is this going to happen? I'm not worthy to speak to these people. Too often I give into the temptations of life. Too often I think more of myself than I do of others. Too often I don't treat others as I should. Last Sunday was a big help. We talked a lot about repentance and I was able to partake of the Communion and be forgiven. There have

been some lapses this week and I had to ask for forgiveness again but I'm trying to do what's right.

Diane Gould keeps me pretty well grounded when she shares a devotional every day on Facebook. Part of my daily routine is to look at that. She had one this week on Temptation that went like this.

Each year we make some effort to do something better, to stop doing something bad or to at least maintain our lifestyle with or without new resolution. I make resolutions numerous times throughout the year, so don't conform to the norm of making them just because the calendar says it's a new year. I was reading Matthew 4 this morning about the temptations Satan put before Jesus as he fasted in the desert for 40 days. In summary it went something like this.

Satan: If you are the son of God, turn these stones into bread.

Jesus: People don't live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Satan: If you are the Son of God, jump off this high point! He will order



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his angels to protect you.

Jesus: The Scriptures say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'

Satan: I will give you all you can see, if you will kneel down and worship me.

Jesus: Get out of here Satan. For the Scriptures say 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'

Christ showed us that by using the scriptures he was able to avoid the temptations Satan put before him. The problem with resolutions is that we give into temptation rather than avoiding them, as in diet and exercise, so fail before we give it a chance.

Perhaps we should make a resolu-

tion to spend more time studying the scriptures to gain insight into how to say no to the temptations we face each day, leaning on God for his assistance rather than our own weak selves.

I kind of liked that. I'd never considered being tempted and that I should probably spend more time reading the scriptures and seeing what God is telling me to do.

I'd like to close with this reading I found. I don't know if it fits but I like it.

"One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, 'Lord, I

hate buttermilk.'

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, 'Lord, I hate lard.' Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, 'Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix 'em all together and bake 'em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits.'

"Lord help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don't like, whenever we don't understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen."



HUMBLE YOURSELVES

Elder Steven Smith
Lamoni, Iowa
January 22, 2017

For a scripture reading, I'd like to share from Alma 16:136-137:

And now as I said unto you, that because ye were compelled to be humble, ye were blessed, do ye not suppose that they are more blessed who truly humble themselves because of the word?

Yea, he that truly humbleth himself and repenteth of his sins, and endureth to the end, the same be blessed; yea, much more blessed than they who are compelled to be humble, because of their exceeding poverty; therefore blessed are they who humble themselves without being compelled to be humble.

Given the choice of being unmovable in my convictions or humble, I have often chosen to proudly project myself as the unmovable and steadfast. What I failed to realize was that I did not have to choose. (Helaman 2:31.) Both are essential, but steadfast immobility is a fool's stance, in the absence of humility. (DC 5:5b)

The words translated as "humble" have also been alternately translated as low, gentle, meek, submit, or depressed.

(Cruden's Concordance). "Humble" comes from the French "umelite," which in turn comes from the latin "humus" or earth. (Online etymology dictionary). A humble person is one of low position, or acting as a servant of low position to others.

God requires us to be humble, but humility is a choice — our choice. (Helaman 2:123) Some personalities will naturally express humility. (Colossians 2:18) (Alma 16:148) Some will consciously choose it. (Ether 3:14) Some will hear the necessity of it through preaching or rebuke, and eventually choose it. (Alma 16:136-137) Some will recognize weakness in their lives, and compensate to become humble. (Ether 5:28) Some in sin, will experience the loss of God's protecting spirit, and in calamity, choose humility. (DC 1:5c) For some, the non-humble will subjugate us until we choose humility (Alma 16:133) For those in sin, God's justice will lead us to humility. (Alma 19:114)

Being forced to become humble is not a good experience. (Mosiah 9:154) God will do his best to create a humble people, while still giving us our agency. Christ became an example of humility. (2 Nephi 13:9) We are always free to choose. In the end, though, it may take some a longer time than others. It took

Israel 40 years of wandering. (Deuteronomy 8:2) In the end, I have discovered, even I will choose to be humble. So why should I wait? Join with me and choose to humble ourselves now.

Seeking God is a key to our humility. (Psalms 69:32) The humble are those who submit (Mosiah 9:153), checking their pride. (Alma 10:108) The lofty (Isaiah 5:15) and the haughty (Isaiah 10:33) are among those who will be humbled by the Lord.

Humility is necessary to believe that God's way is better than ours. Humility is necessary for us to have faith. (Alma 17:66) We must believe, and that takes humility. (Mosiah 1:118)

When we believe that God's way is better, and seek to change, with repentance, humility is also necessary. (DC 18:2k) (Mosiah 2:16)

When we repent, we are told that we will be forgiven if we are humble. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

When we repent, we go through the spiritual healing process called forgiveness. (Isaiah 2:9) We become the recipients of God's grace. (James 4:6.) This gives us the Holy Spirit when we also covenant. (Matthew 5:4) Forgiveness opens us up to the blessings of the Spirit. Foremost is the gifts of the Spirit. (DC 107:30a)



When changing your thoughts, emotions, words, and actions, we are to yield to the Holy Spirit. But if he yields to the enticings of the Holy Spirit, and putteth off the natural man, and becometh a saint, through the atonement of Christ, the Lord, and becometh as a child, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon him, even as a child doth submit to his father. (Mosiah 1:120)

Humbleness is a tool to be utilized with other characteristics of the Holy Spirit. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. (Colossians 3:12-14)

This quality is based on keeping the commandments of God. And now I would that ye should be humble, and be submissive, and gentle; easy to be entreated; full of patience and long suffering; being temperate in all things; being diligent in keeping the commandments of God at all times; (Alma 5:39 But that ye would humble yourselves before the Lord, and call on his holy name, and watch and pray continually that ye may not be tempted above that which ye can bear, and thus be led by the Holy Spirit, becoming humble, meek, submissive, patient, full of love and all long suffering; having faith on the Lord; (Alma 10:28)

These blessings include:

God will hear us and heal our land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

God will turn his wrath from us. (2 Chronicles 12:12)

God will save us. (Job 22:29)

We will not be destroyed. (2 Chronicles 12:7)

God will deliver us. (Mosiah 13:26)

God will hear our cry. (Psalms 9:12.)

God will remember us. (Psalms 10:12)

We will learn wisdom (Alma 16:132)

We will be exalted. (Matthew 23:9) (1 Peter 5:6)

He will revive our heart. (Isaiah 57:15.)

God will lift us up. (James 4:10)

We will see things we desire to see. (DC 5:5b)

We will see God. (DC 67:3a)

The blessings of the kingdom are ours. (DC 61:6c)

We will be prepared to hear the word. (Alma 16:127)

We can assist in God's work. (DC 11:4b)

The power of the Lord will be upon us. (1 Nephi 3:152)

Joy is ours. (Alma 15:18)

We shall have victory. (DC 101:13e)

We can find rest. (Alma 10:6)

The Lord will even send rain during droughts. (Ether 4:41)

Evil will not be brought upon you. (1 Kings 21:29)

How? How do we choose to become humble? Remember TEWA, the acronym for Thoughts, Emotions, Words, and Actions? There are a number of conditions that I have organized under these headings, and I would like to visit them now. What would make you want to seek out God and submit to him?

In changing thoughts to be humble, the first thing we need to do is to accept the consequences of our sins. (Leviticus 26:41) Remembering is important. (Lamentations 3:20) We must also resist pride. (Alma 29:59) Honor is important. (Proverbs 29:23)

Emotional changes also need to be made. This is referred to as changes in heart. A tender heart is necessary. (2 Chronicles 34:27)

Sometimes we refer to the emotional change as a change in heart. (Alma 3:25) A synonym for humbling emotionally is having a broken heart and a contrite spirit. (DC 17:7b)

Our words change when we become humble. (2 Chronicles 7:14) We need to keep up communications with God through prayer. (Alma 16:219.)

Prayer with fasting enhances our attempts to become humble. (Psalms 35:13) Calling upon the name of Christ in prayer continually is an aspect of

humility we must seek. (Alma 10:28) (Mosiah 2:21)(Mosiah 13:26) A humble person will stop denying Christ, and take his name upon them. (Alma 16:237) The interdependence of the humble with God will cause us to inquire of the Lord. (1 Nephi 5:30) The humble will be supplicating the grace of the Lord. (Alma 5:4) As the promised blessings occur, the humble will give thanks. (1 Nephi 5:41)

Hearing is also necessary for the humble. Simply hearing of God will make the humble glad. (Psalms 34:2) God will cause the humble to tell others of their sins, (2 Corinthians 12:21) which will humble the speaker and the audience. (1 Nephi 4:34)

Actions that change, center around keeping commands. The humble walk in the laws of God (Jeremiah 44:10) in paths of righteousness (1 Nephi 5:5) bringing forth fruit of righteousness. (Alma 10:6) This requires a trust in God, so you do not have to revile against revilers. (DC 18:4c) Today popular Stalone and Van Dame movies glorify reviling against evil.

The opposite of humility are char-



Steven Smith



acteristics that we need to use as red flags. These include having stiff necks, and high heads, pride, wickedness, abominations, and whoredoms. (2 Nephi 12:16)

Being evil to the point where the humble suffer is a red flag. (Helaman 2:30) Pride, riches, oppression of poor, withholding food from hungry, smiting humble, mocking the sacred, denying spirit of prophesy and revelation, and having great contentions. smiting brethren on the cheek, making mock of that which is sacred murdering, plundering, lying, stealing and adultery are further red flags that humility has not been built up. (Helaman 2:45)

Finally let me leave you with a

promise from God. For, behold, I have prepared a great endowment and blessing to be poured out upon them, inasmuch as they are faithful, and continue in humility before me; (D&C 102:3e)

Let's exercise our agency today to make a plan to become humble out of choice. Five things are required of you today.

1) Thoughts -- Let's recognize that God has made a marvelous plan to reclaim us from sin, and let us depend on Christ to repent.

2) Emotions -- Let's let our sins, and the sins of others, break our hearts, again depending on Christ to repair the broken hearts.

3) Words -- Let's listen, and pray to, and ask for help, and thank God.

4) Actions -- Let's strive to repent to keep his commands every moment and bring forth fruit of righteousness. Specifically let us choose not to revile when others revile against us.

5) Let us take the Spirit which he gives us seriously, and seek its fruit. The Spirit and its fruit is a tool, that helps us do all the rest.

Take the challenge, God has promised much, and does not lie. Show that you accept his majesty and in comparison, your connection to the earth and its dust...your humility. What do you have to loose. Experiment on his word. Be humble.



GOD'S TRUTH

**Elder
Michael Joridson
Lamoni, Iowa
June 15, 2014**

Good morning, everyone. The scripture that I have selected this morning is not actually from the scriptures but it comes from our hymnal. You are welcome to read along with me. This is one of my favorite hymns (#20 in Hymns of the Saints) among many favorites. It was put to music by Beethoven.

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory,
Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Hail thee as the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive
the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with
the light of day!*

*All thy works with joy surround thee;
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center
of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Blossoming meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call
us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving, Every
blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean
depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All
who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other; Lift us to
the joy divine.*

It's good to be here this morning. I feel like I haven't seen many of you for some time. It probably hasn't been that long ago but my attendance has been pretty sparse of late. Not because I don't want to be here but just because of other circumstances. I'm thankful to be here on Father's Day and I'd like to wish each of you gentlemen a Happy Father's Day. My kids all wished me a good Father's Day this morning. I'm thankful that they are able to be here today.

In preparing for this morning a lot of things have been going through my mind of late. Recently Julie and I attended the Home School Conference in Iowa. These conferences are always kind of a recharge for me. In the work force you are not around people that are family oriented. When you go to the Home School Conference it's all focused upon the family and the importance of parents, mothers and fathers instructing their children. I wish that maybe I

had had a little more instruction from my parents growing up. In consequence of going to the conference and thinking about Father's Day I've been thinking of my role as a father. Am I doing enough for my children? Are they learning the things from me that they need to learn or am I falling short?

I've also been thinking about Kyle (Chown) and his fight with cancer. I've wondered if I have given my children enough instruction as far as how to praise God in all things and all circumstances in the midst of trials, temptations and tribulations. I'm not sure that I've done a very good job of that.

I've thought a little bit about my own childhood, things that my parents taught me, things that they didn't teach me and I wish they would have. You know if they had provided greater insight, if they had been better at teaching me the ways of God would I be a better person today? Would I be a better father today? Those are some of the things that have been going through my mind.

The scriptures say that Solomon was one of the wisest men who ever lived but even a wise man can be deceived. God said that a man should have but one wife. Solomon one of the wisest of all had 700. I don't know what went through Solomon's head but I do know



that even though I have known the commandments of God, I don't always make the right decisions either. Sometimes I do go against the word of God.

What do you call someone who says one thing and then goes ahead and does it themselves? What do we call them? A hypocrite. So if I told you not to cheat on your wife but then I went and did it you'd call me a hypocrite but what about the advice I gave? Is the advice still good? Just because I didn't follow my own advice does that mean that that advice was bad? No, it means that I made a bad choice.

Solomon who was a very wise man made bad decisions but he gave a lot of good advice too. We can find in the scriptures some of that advice that he gave to his children. In the book of Proverbs 1:6-9 he said, *To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother; For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.* Then a little bit farther in Proverbs 2:1-7 he goes on to say, *My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom; out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous; he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.*

Again we read in Proverbs 3:1-6, *My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments; For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart; So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own un-*

derstanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

If you continue on in the book of Proverbs in chapters 4 through 6 he talks about children hearing the instruction of their fathers, about his son attending to his father's wisdom and being surety for a friend. He talks over and over about listening to his father.

So often in life I think we wait to say things until it's too late. We wait until one's life is almost over or our own life is almost over before we share things of wisdom and of value. We don't say those things that we probably should have all along.

So this morning I would like to share with you just a couple of things that I have learned after considering a valuable truth from my own father. My father had many faults. I'm sure I couldn't tell you what they all were but if he were still alive I bet he could enlighten us on a few of the things that he struggled with. The fact is we all have things, we all have faults that we struggle with. When I think back on my father and my relationship I don't think about his faults, I don't think about the things that he didn't do or didn't say. I think about the one thing that he tried to teach me and probably tried to teach all of his children.

We had several discussions about the gospel and the church. Most often my father would play the devil's advocate and take the viewpoint opposite of whatever we were discussing and argue it from that standpoint. Many times it wouldn't be what he really thought. Perhaps he just wanted it to be difficult, but I rather think he was trying to get me to think for myself. He wanted me to know that there was always another viewpoint other than my own.

The one thing that my father wanted me to understand as I grew up and what I would like to pass along to each one of you today is that there is such a thing as truth and truth is independent of what we believe. We look at things according to our own understanding. This understanding comes from our experiences in our past as well as the present. Our experience comes in the form of infor-

mation from what we read, from what we are told and what we have seen by our observation. Our understanding of things is the perspective that we have all the information that we need through our experiences to make a decision and judgment. Most of the time these judgments become truth to us because of that experience in any given situation but God has given us a slightly different view of what truth is.

His truth isn't something that we are given the ability to determine for ourselves. Truth is really something that is revealed to us by Him. Doctrine & Covenants 90:4b says . . . *truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come.* . . You see truth is outside of us. We don't decide what is true and what is not. We can only discover what God has established as truth. He continues in 90:5a-b, *Man was also in the beginning with God. Intelligence, or the light of truth, was not created or made, neither indeed can be. All truth is independent in that sphere in which God has placed it, to act for itself, as all intel-*



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ligence also, otherwise there is no existence. Continuing in 4c-e, Jesus said, *The Spirit of truth is of God. I am the Spirit of truth. And John bore record of me, saying, He received a fullness of truth; yea, even of all truth, and no man receiveth a fullness unless he keepeth his commandments. He that keepeth his commandments, receiveth truth and light, until he is glorified in truth, and knoweth all things. Section 85:17 says, Behold, that which you hear is as the voice of one crying in the wilderness; in the wilderness, because you can not see him: my voice, because my voice is Spirit; my Spirit is truth: truth abideth and hath no end; and if it be in you it shall abound.*

If you just go through a few of the sections in the Doctrine & Covenants you'll find that truth is light. In fact, I just thought about this, Genesis says God said, 'Let there be light.' It wasn't just physical light that He was talking about, it was truth. Let there be intelligence which I'll get to.

What is light is also the Spirit of Jesus Christ or the spirit of truth and the spirit of truth is knowledge. Light and truth is also intelligence and intelligence is the glory of God. Truth, light, the Spirit of Jesus Christ, the spirit of truth, knowledge, intelligence and the glory of God are all connected.

The truth of who Jesus is, the truth of His gospel and the truth of the restoration of the church cannot be defined by our own observations or our own perspective. If we take the scriptures at their word we have to begin our search with the understanding that mankind has fallen and that because of that we are not capable of making righteous decisions on our own. If we are fallen then it's because we are separated from God. If we are separated from God then He can't do anything that is good. It's only by the grace of God that in our fallen state we can have any fellowship with God, and therefore, make any righteous judgment.

So if we're to understand the truth of who Jesus is and if we're going to understand what His gospel is then it has to be revealed to us by God. God is the one who determines how it is revealed and He is the one who determines when

it is revealed to each one of us. Again, the scripture says that He that keepeth his commandments, receiveth truth and light, until he is glorified in truth, and knoweth all things. (D & C 90:4e)

What this means is that we must not place ourselves in front of God when it comes to determining what is right and what is wrong. God has given us our agency to choose for ourselves. He has given us the ability to choose whether we want to accept things as either true or not. Thankfully He has given us the opportunity to change our minds. In all these cases, it is not God's truth that changes but our perspective or our choice to determine what we will accept as truth that changes.

For example, one man says that baptism should be performed as soon as possible after birth, just right away. Another man says that baptism is not needed and doesn't need to be performed. Another man says that baptism should be performed only after a child has reached the age of 8. To each of these men their viewpoint is what's true, but which of those views of baptism is true? Still yet another man says that baptism should only happen after a righteous change has been wrought in the heart of one who is able to understand what a covenant is, and yet another man adds that it must be performed by one with authority. The truth of baptism doesn't change with our understanding. As we grow and learn more our understanding and perspective changes. The truth of baptism is constant and always has been. Baptism is to be performed as God has ordained it on those whom He has determined not as we feel it should be done. So it goes with each of the ordinances in the church.

In giving us our agency or the ability to choose for ourselves, and in also giving us a sliver of intelligence, God was taking a huge risk. The risk that mankind would take upon himself the role of God. We might say, 'Well you know if God can choose and has intelligence, and God can decide what is right and what is true then why can't we do that also? I mean after all we are made in His image. Many of us have said that

and many continue to say that today but that's why God has placed truth and intelligence in a different sphere to act for itself. Truth is not something that changes with the times or the culture in which one lives. It must be revealed or sought after in spite of the culture or the circumstances.

Jesus asked His disciples who men of that day said that He was. If you recall from the scriptures His disciples said, *'Oh some say that you are John the Baptist. Some say you are Elijah the prophet. Some say you are Elias the restorer.'* Then Jesus turned and said to them, *'Who do you say that I am?'* Do you remember that? I can see Peter saying, *'Get out of my way. I'm going to answer this before anybody else.'* He shouts out, *'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.'* (Matthew 6:17) What did Jesus then say to Peter? Did He say, 'Boy I'm glad you finally studied the scriptures enough to get that answer right?' Did He say, 'Well, I'm glad your culture has finally determined who I am?' No, He said, *'Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee, but my Father who is in heaven.'* (Matthew 6:18)

How was the truth manifested to Peter? It was revealed to him by the power of God. Then Jesus went on to say, *'And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.'* (Matthew 6:19) The church was founded on the revelation of God, God revealing Himself to mankind. The truth that God has placed in this universe regarding all things is therefore the unfolding unto us of all things. But they can only be revealed to us through the power of God.

This church which was called forth out of the wilderness, out of obscurity was revealed by an angel sent from the presence of God. The truths of the gospel, the truths in the Church of Jesus Christ don't evolve, they don't change and they don't flutter because we see things differently. It can only be us that evolves. It can only be us that changes from our limited understanding unto the knowledge that God reveals to us and that only through our obedience



unto His commandments. God does not change. We do. God's perspective does not change. Ours does. God's commandments do not bend. We can choose to be obedient or not. God alone is good. Without God we cannot have any goodness within us.

I don't know about you, but I take comfort in the thought that even though I don't understand many things, God is in control. Even though I know that I may have an astute perspective on many things, God's ways are perfect. I desire to one day be able to have all of His truths revealed to me but I can also take joy in knowing what is right and what is true and the joy in being obedient unto Him.

The scriptures teach that all things that have been created are here to bear record of Jesus Christ. From the book of Genesis we read, *And, behold, all things have their likeness; and all things are created and made to bear record of me; both things which are temporal, and things which are spiritual; things which are in the heavens above, and things which are on the earth, and things which are under the earth, both above and beneath, all things bear record of me.* (6:66) Everything that has been created is here to teach us about the gospel of Jesus Christ. The good news of the gospel is to bring us back into fellowship with God. Everything God has done in creating this world including the laws of physics and everything else was done with the idea of pointing us to our Creator.

He further goes on to tell us that *Adam fell, that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy.* (2 Nephi 1:115) When we were created do you remember how God did that? He took the dust of the ground, that dirt that He had made, and then He breathed the breath of life into it. Do you remember what He said about it after that breath? He said, and man became a living soul. (Genesis 2:8) You see the dust was the element or the tabernacle that God created to hold our spirit. When He breathed He was placing our spirit within our body or that which He made for us in order to be living souls. He tells us that the elements are eternal. That the spirit and

the elements are inseparably connected and receive a fullness of joy. When they are separated man cannot receive a fullness of joy.

In going back to the purpose of our creation, God the Creator made us to have a fullness of joy, sharing in it with Him for eternity. To do so He gave us a tabernacle, a body for our spirit making us living souls. Everything else that He did He created with the purpose of teaching us about His gospel. He knew that in order for us to truly love Him and to share in that fullness of joy we would need to be able to choose Him of our own free will. That's our agency. Without agency we cannot love and we cannot have a fullness of joy. Knowing that with this choice it would also bring evil to our understanding, God supplied everything in the beginning that we would need in order to overcome that evil and be in fellowship with Him.

God knew that in order for us to overcome evil that the evil would have to die. God prepared to send His only Son as a tabernacle for that evil to be placed in where it could die. That's the gospel or the good news. Jesus, God's only Son, was sacrificed upon a cross having all the evil in the world placed upon Him so when He died so too would the evil die for all those who placed their faith and trust in Him. That's repentance. So important is the need for our repentance that all of our spiritual and our natural laws point us in some way to this sacrifice of Jesus. They all reveal the nature of God. That's what the scripture means that says, . . . *all things bear record of me.* (Genesis 6:66)

The way to put our faith and trust in Jesus had to be revealed for it is the path to repentance. It was revealed unto Adam, the very first man and it has been revealed down through the ages from time to time as mankind has been open to receive revelation from God. It was revealed again in these latter days when an angel brought a message to young Joseph Smith, Jr. that he was to bring forth the book written long ago, the Book of Mormon. Though it would probably be a little bit foolish to try to pick out just one verse as my favorite, I have most of-

ten clung to this one verse of a father's instruction to his son near the end of the book.

After a lengthy lecture on baptism and the innocence of children Mormon explained to his son Moroni that . . . repentance is unto them that are under condemnation, and under the curse of a broken law. (Moroni 8:28) This leads to my favorite verse which says, *And the first-fruits of repentance is baptism; and baptism cometh by faith, unto the fulfilling the commandments; and the fulfilling the commandments bringeth remission of sins; and the remission of sins bringeth meekness, and lowliness of heart; and because of meekness and lowliness of heart, cometh the visitation of the Holy Ghost, which Comforter filleth with hope and perfect love, which love endureth by diligence unto prayer, until the end shall come, when all the saints shall dwell with God.* (Moroni 8:29)

So going back to the purpose of our creation, we were created to have a fullness of joy. Sin came into the world and death came with it. Being separated by sin from God meant that we could not have a fullness of joy so God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to have our sins placed upon Him and for Him to die in our place. But to have Christ take upon Him our sins and to remove the evil from our hearts, we must be willing to obey the commandments of God. The first step is to have faith in Jesus Christ and to be baptized for a remission of our sins.

Here's what I love so much about this scripture in Moroni. He says that when we obey God in keeping His commandments by having faith in Christ, and then being baptized for a remission of sin, it brings a condition of meekness and lowliness of heart. I should say so it should bring a condition of meekness and lowliness of heart. Without these two things the Holy Ghost does not come upon us. Meekness and lowliness of heart are both qualities of great strength. Without them one cannot be humble. It takes great strength to put God before ourselves. God says that He gives grace to the humble.

To be humble means many things but it also means that we prefer our brother or our sister above ourselves.

When we are humble we are also saying that God is over us. He is in control of our lives. When we are truly humble our perspective then becomes the perspective of God. We do not look at things as we did before baptism. Our view of reality, our view of what we perceive as truth does not then come from our own understanding. Instead it comes through meekness and lowliness of heart. Our understanding of truth can then be revealed by God.

The scripture goes on to say, and because of meekness and lowliness of heart, cometh the visitation of the Holy Ghost. (Moroni 8:29) The Holy Ghost is God's gift unto us to lead us into all truth. Without it we can only view life from our own experiences and through the experiences of others. Some people might say, 'You know that's enough for me.' They want to choose for themselves what's right and what's true. They don't need someone else and a God to tell them what to do. Those who want to make up their own rules are those who place themselves above God. They have taken His intelligence that He gave them and decided that they are greater than He is. Whether they take that path in thought doesn't change the truth that God is sovereign above all and that He is the sole judge of what is right. If God gives His grace to the humble and we are only saved by the grace of God then we have to place ourselves below God and trust that His decisions for what's right and wrong are true. In times such as these that we live in, choices in morality have to be made. Our culture now openly teaches that some things that God has said are wrong are right or OK. Many of our churches have openly decided that some things that were taught in the past as coming from God are no long valid. Who's to say what's right? God.

Why would God reveal these things to us today if He didn't want us to learn from them that He is the same yesterday, today and forever, that He does not change and that His purposes are never frustrated, that He is a God of revelation and He's eager to unfold all things to our understanding. You see truth is independent from what I say. Truth is independent from what's written in the

scriptures. Truth is independent from what the preacher on TV says and it is independent from what the world says. All of these things: myself, the scriptures, the TV evangelists and what the world says can all hold the truth but they can only hold the truth if it's the truth as revealed by the word of God. Otherwise, it is only the opinion of man. What I want to leave with you today on Father's Day is our Father in Heaven alone is God. We are not. When we make decisions about what's right and what is wrong, we must make them by the power of the Holy Ghost. This church was reestablished in these last days in part to restore the Melchisedec priesthood and with it the keys to bestowing the gift of the Holy Ghost. I think for too long we've not emphasized its importance

in our everyday lives. Because of that many of our children are lost to wander in ways of uncertainty, vulnerable to the pleasing words of the world.

Each of us must seek for meekness and lowliness of heart. We must humble ourselves before God for then and only then will we have the tools that we need in having God's truth revealed to us. Only then can we understand that His ways are better than what we feel is the right way. Only then can we be prepared to answer those who are in opposition to God's commandments and we can be confident that we stand upon His rock of righteousness. Only then can we have the experience that like Peter God our Father should reveal the truth of who this Jesus Christ is. Only then can we be filled with fullness of joy.



February

- 1 -- Alan Elefsen
 - 3 -- Linda Winkler
 - 5 -- Teegan Rowland
 - 8 -- Dorothy Loeding
 - 11 -- Beth Knotts
 - 16 -- Tina Wolf, Sam Anderson
 - 19 -- Linda Boswell
 - 22 -- Rodney Bastow
 - 26 -- Brock Bastow
- and anyone we missed.

February

- 22-- Orlin and Ruth Thomas and anyone we missed.



Baptismal Service



Joshua Ryan Cowley and Roger Wolf were baptized in service held at the Community of Christ church building in Lamoni in January. Rod Bastow, who had worked with the boys in their pre-baptismal classes, performed the water baptism. Sherman Phipps and Rob Rolfe confirmed Josh and Joel Loving and Gordon confirmed Roger. The branch presented scriptures to the boys. Teana and Tim Wolf are their parents and Dorothy Loeding is their grandmother. More pictures on next page.





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| Speaking | Tony Crandell | Dave Drummond | Sherman Phipps | Michael Jordison | Gordon Winkler |
| Presiding | Ed Anderson | Jim Barber | Steve Smith | Tony Crandell | Rob Rolfe |
| Pianist | Bonnie Major | Bonnie Major | Cheryl Phipps | Cheryl Phipps | Cheryl Phipps |
| Music Ministry | Steve Smith | Diane Anderson | Rob Rolfe | Sue Beck | Jordison Family |
| Family Devotions | Linda Boswell | Ed/Diane Anderson | Jim/Linda Barber | Gordon/Linda Winkler | Bob/Liz Bell |
| Greeters | Sue Beck/Joel Beck | George/Beth Knotts | Rowland family | Ed/Diane Anderson | Linda Boswell |
| Custodians | Bob/Liz Bell | Ed/Diane Anderson | Tony/Sandy Crandell | Linda Boswell | Jordison family |
| | 2/5 PRIESTHOOD MEETING 8:30 AM at church | POTLUCK DINNER | Food for Center | | |
| February 11 Mt Ayr men's fellowship breakfast UBP church 8-10 AM | 2/5 Potluck Dinner following service Saturday 2/11 Men's Fellow-ship- Pizza Hut 11 AM | Thursday evenings - Ringgold Singers practice at church Women's meeting Feb 14, Jen Rowland's @ 5 PM Mondays 5 PM - ladies' prayer time | | | Thursday evenings 6:45 PM Book of Mormon class. Location - Kacey Courtney's , S. State St, Lamoni |
| Sunday 6PM Host Presiding | Linda Boswell Jim Barber | VALENTINE DINNER Ron Smith's time TBD Michael Jordison | Ron/Di Smith Sherm Phipps | Steve/Elaina Smith Ron Smith | Linda Boswell Steve Smith |
| Prayer Svc. 7 PM | 2/1 | 2/8 | 2/15 | 2/22 | 3/1 |
| Host | Ron/Di Smith | Linda Boswell | Ron Smith | Rowland family | Ron/Di Smith |
| Presiding | Ron Smith | Rodney Bastow | Ed Anderson | Gordon Winkler | Rob Rolfe |



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And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come; and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. (Revelation 14:6-7)

News & Notes

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held Sunday, Feb. 12, sponsored by the youth of the branch.

There will be an evening of fellowship, Italian cuisine and music.

The event will be held in the basement of the Lamoni Community of Christ church from 6 to 8 p.m.