

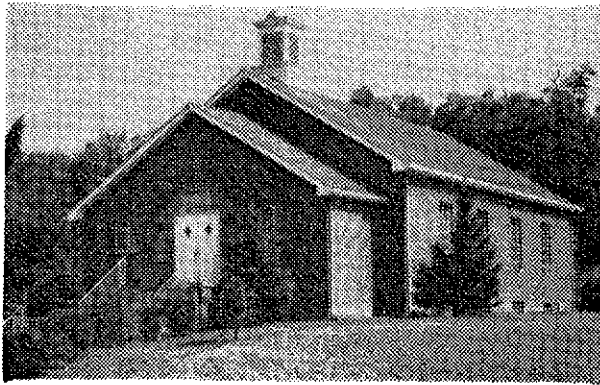
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST Aliquippa, Pa.

The Aliquippa Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ had its beginning with the baptism of the late Brother Philip and Sister Rose Mileco on March 14, 1920, at Youngstown, Ohio. Their contact with The Church of Jesus Christ came about through several of their relatives who had recently been baptized into the Church. These relatives were namely: Brother Carl and Sister Minnie Marks of Youngstown, Ohio, and Brother Thomas and Sister Incoronata Marchando of near Brownsville, Pa. Brother and Sister Marks and Brother Marchando have gone to their reward, while Sister Marchando is living and makes her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Sister Florence and Albert Pezzenti, in Youngstown, Ohio.

Brother and Sister Mileco alternately attended church services in Youngstown, Ohio and Glassport, Pa. In due course of time, Brother Mileco was called and ordained an elder in the Church. He began to hold services in his home during the week, and as a result new members were

added to the fold. Brother Anthony Jackman states that shortly after he was baptized in November of 1921 they began to hold meetings in the home of Brother and Sister Giannascoli, also newly baptized. Sometime later meetings were held in Brother and Sister Jackman's home, and due to the continued increase in membership the little church group decided to buy a frame dwelling on Erie Avenue near the A & S and P. & L. E. Railroads.

The group was finally organized as a Mission under the jurisdiction of the Glassport, Pa. Branch. A number of members from nearby Coraopolis and McKees Rocks were included in the Mission until they were later organized as the McKees Rocks, Pa. Mission, also under the Glassport, Pa. Branch. Membership continued to increase gradually, and in 1944 we purchased a large, one-story brick building on Main Avenue. The main feature of this building was its spacious auditorium. After a good deal of renovation, this structure served us well until 1957 when we sold it and built our present building in Hopewell Township, not far from the Aliquippa Borough limits.

There have been many blessings and experiences since the conversion of our departed Brother and Sister Mileco in 1920; many wonderful testimonies of healings, of mysterious callings, and, in some cases, powerful callings of new members into the Gospel. At this juncture I wish to refer the reader to the July, 1962 issue of the Gospel News, page 13. Here, in his own words, Brother John Ross recounts his mysterious and powerful calling into the Gospel. We are reminded here of the first line from one of William Cowper's grand hymns, "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." May the Lord prosper His church everywhere until His will is done upon earth as it is done in heaven.

Thomas Ross
Branch Historian

All Israel Are The Covenant People Of The Lord

(Continued)

By Thurman S. Furnier

In John 10:16 Jesus said: "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." Turn now to the Book of Mormon, III Nephi 15:12-17 where Jesus told those upon this land that they were the sheep that He referred to when He spoke this in Palestine. That these sheep were of Israelitish descent may be proven beyond doubt. Now, where can we find these lost sheep? Ezekiel records the fact in the 34th chapter, verse 6, that "My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them." Here then, we may expect to find the sheep of Israel, the descendants of the house of Jacob, upon every hill, or over in some far off lands, and they were to hear His voice. The Book of Mormon declares that some of His sheep came here, and that Jesus visited them.

The Nephites were descendants of Lehi (Manasseh) — see Book of Mormon, Mormon 1:8, "The Nephites, who consisted of the Nephites and the Jacobites and the Josephites and the Zoramites; . . ." The Lamanites were of Ishmael (Ephraim) — see Book of Mormon, Mormon 1:9, "Now the Lamanites and the Lemuelites and the Ishmaelites were called Lamanites; . . ." Ezekiel 37:19 refers to the stick of Joseph (the Book of Mormon) which is in the hand of Ephraim (Ishmael - Lamanites). In Moroni 10:1 we read, "I write unto my brethren, the Lamanites;" (Ishmael - Ephraim). Hymn 13 in The Saints Hymnal reads, "And Ephraim (the Lamanites) be crowned with His blessings in Zion, Hymn 386, "When the Choice Seer comes forth with the records" and "He'll convince both Lamanite and Gentile." Deuteronomy 33:13-17 speaks of the blessing of Joseph's seed; ". . . and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh." All this goes to prove that both Manasseh's and Ephraim's seed are to grow together. Genesis 49:24 tells us speaking of Joseph; "From thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel." The Gospel has been restored unto the Gentiles; from the Gentiles it must go to the seed of Joseph, and from the seed of Joseph and the Gentiles to all nations, kindreds and tongues, which includes the Jews everywhere, including the Jews upon this land. From II Nephi 30:7 I quote, "That the Jews which are scattered also shall begin to believe in Christ; and they shall begin to gather in upon the face of the land; and as many as shall believe in Christ shall also become a delightful people." The Gospel will go to the ten tribes that are in the North country, and to

others that have been led out from Jerusalem from time to time. For the Saviour said, after visiting those on this land, and I quote from III Nephi 16:1-3, "And verily, verily, I say unto you that I have other sheep which are not of this land, neither of the land of Jerusalem, neither in any parts of that land round about whither I have been to minister. For they of whom I speak are they who have not as yet heard my voice; neither have I at any time manifested myself unto them. But I have received a commandment of the Father that I shall go unto them, and that they shall hear my voice, and shall be numbered among my sheep, that there may be one fold and one shepherd; therefore I go to show myself unto them."

In Romans 11:26 we read, "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob." We must remember also that Mulek, a son of Zedekiah, was brought to this land. Zedekiah was the king of Judah; see Omni 14:18, also Helaman 8:21, "Will ye say that the sons of Zedekiah were not slain, all except it were Mulek? Yea, and do ye not behold that the seed of Zedekiah are with us, and they were driven out of the land of Jerusalem? . . ."

What about Benjamin, Jacob's youngest son, and brother of Joseph? Deuteronomy 33:12 reads; "And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders." Does the beloved of the Lord refer to Joseph, and shall Benjamin dwell between his (Joseph's) shoulders? (Manasseh and Ephraim) May I venture to suggest the possibility that Benjamin may be a descendant of Laban's servant, Zoram?

In conclusion permit me to again call your attention to the words of the Apostle Paul: Romans 11:26, "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob."

I have been convinced by the Spirit of God that God will fulfill His promises that He has made to Jacob's seed (the American Indian) on this land, the land of their inheritance; a land choice above all lands of which God has spoken.

*All Israel will come
To their glorious home;
And the ensign of power will never be broken;
And then shall we be 'neath our vine and fig tree,
While reaping the fruits upon Joseph's blest land.
Oh! long will the banner of King Jesus wave,
O'er the land of the free,
And the home of the brave.*

*Then listen, O Isles, and give ear every nation,
For great things await you in this generation:
The Kingdom of Jesus in Zion shall flourish,
The righteous will gather, the wicked must perish.
O Israel! O Israel! in all your abidings
Prepare for your Lord when you hear these glad tidings.*

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Editorial Viewpoint



George A. Neill

We should become more zealous and appreciative of the privilege to be co-laborers together with God in the service to which we have all been called.

"Let us fill our bowl to overflowing rather than drain the cup of life to the dregs." The records for 1965 are closed. What we have written we have written. After tabulating the results of your accomplishments, are you satisfied? In glancing back over the past months how much have you contributed to the year? How much did you leave undone? Could you have made a more valuable contribution to 1965? The means to work with were the results of what you placed in your bowl. Faced with a brand new year, let us ask ourselves what we need to place in our bowls that this year may be more fruitful for ourselves and others. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Study the Word of God with an increased desire to learn; become a diligent scholar in the school of Christ, for are we not pupils in the school of Christ? Let us put some study in our bowls.

Our motives must be pure. Do we realize our daily acts are already passed into history, written by the iron pen of the recording angel, and that we shall meet them again at the last day? James says, "Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." The better balanced amongst the Lord's people are those who have patience. I believe that hardly one step of progress can be gained today without the grace of patience. Patience is long-suffering, striving to stem the tide of imperfection and weakness.

Pour a little praise into our New Year's bowl. Let's become a little more commending. And let us, above all, tell forth the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light, even if it costs us something, which it does many times. It may cost us trouble or cost us money; it may cost us the loss of earthly friendship; the straining, if not the breaking, of some home ties; the frowns of the world, and even of church-men.

Consider, if you will, a little self-control, for I would suppose the battle with self is the greatest battle of all. The Preacher declares, "He that ruleth his spirit (his own mind or will) is better than he that taketh a city." I believe it is after we have had considerable experience in battling sin and selfishness in ourselves; only after casting the beam out of our own eye and subduing anger, malice, etc. are we prepared to assist others to overcome their besetments and weaknesses.

How about some service (an act of helpful activity)? Whatever department of service the Lord may open to us we should enter promptly, with eagerness and energy. If we are inattentive to opportunities He may remove them from us and give them to another. We should become more zealous and appreciative of the privilege to be co-laborers together with God in the service to which we have all been called. Let us become real joint-heirs with Christ!

What about including in our bowl a bridle that fits the tongue? I am inclined to believe the tongue's influence exceeds that of all other members; and to control it is a most important work for the Lord's people to perform.

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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

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To take up the use of evil words, methods, or manners is certainly joining forces with the enemy. To answer anger with anger, bitter words with bitter words, slander with slander, persecution, with persecution, blow with blow, is to endeavor to overcome evil with evil. To do so is simply admitting the adversary's methods are better than Christ's. I am now reminded of a hymn I often heard the Saints sing when I was a small boy, and having the urge to record it, I quote the following:

*Angry words! oh, let them never
From the tongue unbridled slip.
May the heart's best impulse ever
Check them ere they soil the lip.
Love is much too pure and holy;
Friendship is too sacred far,
For a moment's reckless folly
Thus to desolate and mar.
Angry words are lightly spoken;
Bitterest thoughts are rashly stirred —
Brightest links of life are broken
By a single angry word.*

There is room in the bowl for more, but not enough space in the paper. I am sure each and every one of us can finish filling our bowls. For a last word, however, there is a saying which I would like to quote: "Fill the bushel with wheat; then defy the devil to fill it with tares."

Evils Of Self Justification

By James Heaps

Isaiah, ch. 1, verse 4 reads: Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward." After Israel had forsaken the Lord and was in a back-slidden condition, the Lord said, "Come, let us reason together." There is not much reason in a carnal, back-sliding people; but you will notice the exhortation of Isaiah when he says, "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil. Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow." If we are washed and made clean through the blood of the Lamb, and retain the Holy Spirit in our lives, we can reason out anything and settle any problem that may arise.

Tolerance is also a wonderful virtue. Luke 9:49 reads, "And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in Thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not; for he that is not against us is for us." We see how tolerant the Lord was with someone who was not of their own group. Ill temper takes away all reasoning power, and we cannot tolerate another's views. When a man is filled with the Holy Ghost he is the most reasonable man

on earth and can tolerate another man's opinion, but when he is carnal he has to have his own way. The brother of the prodigal son shows us what ill temper will do. He could not tolerate his brother coming back home, and would have nothing to do with him. He was supposed to be the example. He stayed home and worked on the farm; he did not spend his money on riotous living; he was a good moral boy. But he had no reason and no tolerance, no love for his brother who had done wrong to him. Ill temper leaves sins unnamed.

We have no balance to weigh sins; to enable us to decide which are coarser or finer, but only words of our own. I think I would rather reason with the prodigal than with his brother. Self-righteousness is a terrible sin. It caused the brother to justify himself in his good works instead of loving his brother who had done wrong but had humbled himself to the extreme when he said, "I will arise and go to my father and will say unto him, I have sinned." When is a man greater than when he acknowledges that he has sinned? "And I am no longer worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants." A man filled with the Holy Spirit would say, "I love him." He would kill the fatted calf; he would put a ring on his finger; he would dance and be merry.

Let us look at the one who was supposed to be a good example. When he was told that his brother was home he was angry. Perhaps many would judge the sin of the older brother to be a mere trifle — only a bit of ill temper and scarcely worth recording. Now what was this little bit of temper that Christ saw fit to record? The elder brother was hard-working and dutiful; let him have full credit for his virtues which came from his long day's work in the field. Every night for years he had come home like this. But too often a man's sense of responsibility for his character ends with a day's work, and he often meets the temptation which is to expose him when he least expects it. He heard music and the sounds of dancing; a novel sound for a farm. "Thy brother is come," the servants said, "And they have killed the fatted calf." How glad the father was to see him approaching from afar! He ran to meet him but there was no joy on the elder brother's face. His thoughts were probably something like this; "Killed the fatted calf, have they? That's more than they ever did for me. I would tell them what I think of all this merry making for this young scoundrel!" He was angry and would not go in.

How many times have we seen manifested that spirit of jealousy, anger, pride, cruelty, self-righteousness, sulkiness, touchiness, and doggedness. These are the staple ingredients of ill temper, and yet men laugh about it. Only temper, they say! It may be only a moment of ruffling the surface, a mere passing cloud; but the passing cloud is composed of drops. The drops, foul and rancorous, and seething with energy, find their way into the ocean; an ocean made up of

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NEWS FROM BRANCH NO. 4**DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

On Sunday, September 26, 1965, we had the pleasure of a visit from Brother James Heaps. We enjoyed a very inspiring discussion in our Sunday school studying St. Luke, chapter 11: 25 thru 42 where a certain lawyer asked Christ what he should do to inherit eternal life. Christ answering said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself." It was a pleasure indeed to listen to Brother Heaps as he expounded the scriptures and related some of his experiences.

Brother Heaps also took charge of the morning service. After singing a number of inspiring hymns, he asked our visiting sisters from Windsor, Sisters Ethel Henderson and Leata Ford to give their testimonies. While they testified we could feel the presence of the Spirit of the Lord. As we began singing again Margaret Cappaticio jumped to her feet and asked for baptism. Margaret is the daughter of Brother Attilio Valzania who recently suffered a stroke and is unable to attend church now. He has been a good and faithful member and it was a blessing to see his daughter make a covenant with the Lord. After the morning service we went to Edison Lake where our new Sister Margaret was baptized by Brother Frank Vitto. We thank God that another name has been written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

During the afternoon fellowship service Sister Margaret was confirmed by Brother Gorie Ciarravino. Some of the brothers and sisters testified of having experiences to verify the calling of Sister Margaret Cappaticio. It was a glorious day and our hearts rejoiced in feeling the blessings of the Lord.

Elizabeth Gerace, Branch Editor

WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA NEWS

Dear Brother Editor:

On September 19, 1965, saints and friends from West Palm Beach, Miami, Palm Bay, Ft. Pierce, Boynton Beach, and the Tampa-St. Petersburg area held a gathering in the Greenacres City Community Hall near West Palm Beach. The preaching and testimonies were enjoyable. It was such a blessing to be there, and to see our visiting brothers and sisters again. Our next gathering is to be held in approximately three months in Ft. Pierce.

Love from all the saints in this part of the vineyard.

Jan Creech,

West Palm Beach Branch Editor

Every service for the truth becomes an occasion for a prayer of thanks for the privilege of serving the Great King.

PERRY, OHIO MISSION NEWS

Sunday, November 22, 1965, will long be remembered by the saints and all those in attendance at our Mission. Assembled with us were Brother and Sister Rocco Biscotti, Sister Virginia Camadena of Roscoe, Pennsylvania (mother of Kathleen Vinack), along with many relatives of our late Brother Sam Ambrose.

Brother Biscotti introduced our morning service using scripture found in the 19th chapter of Luke pertaining to Zacchaeus. Our brother gave an inspiring exhortation and urged all to come down, as Zacchaeus did, and place themselves before the throne of God. Brother Elmer Santilli followed, speaking of the great love of God towards mankind.

After the morning service, we gathered at the bank of a beautiful stream near our church where Kathleen Vinack was baptized by Brother Eugene Kline. She had requested baptism during the week and had made it a matter of prayer. We were happy that her mother and family were able to be with us and witness her baptism. In the afternoon service many wonderful testimonies were offered by the brothers and sisters. Our service was closed with prayer by Brother Bob Quinn, and all felt that it was a day well spent in the service of our Lord.

Betty Santilli

Editor

LOCKPORT NEWS

Salvatore Azzinaro, Jr., son of Brother Salvatore Azzinaro, left October 23, 1965 for service in the Marine Corps. Prior to his leaving a small get-together was held for him at the home of Brother Agostino Giansante. Salvatore had been in our midst for many years and was very helpful to the saints. We trust that God will continue to bless and protect him while he is away from us. For those who may be interested, his address is as follows:

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1st. Recruit Training Battalion
Recruit Training Regiment
Marine Corp Recruit Depot
Parris Island, South Carolina 29905

The saints of the Lockport Branch would also like to express our sincere appreciation for the prayers that were offered in behalf of our dear sister, Mary Azzinaro. It is through your prayers that we can report that our sister is again at home enjoying life with her family and fellowship with the saints.

R. M. Williams

Lockport Editor

God's people go from strength to strength, but also from difficulty to difficulty. And such are many of the tasks assigned to us today.

YOUNGSTOWN NEWS

Ladies Uplift Circle Anniversary

The Youngstown Ladies' Uplift Circle met recently to observe their twentieth anniversary. We truly enjoyed the meeting and were blessed with testimonies concerning how each of us have been helped by the Circle. Our President, Sister Ann Fortunato, gave an inspiring testimony in which she exhorted us to work and strive to keep our Ladies Circle active. We have three charter members, all of whom were present, namely; Sisters Libby Pandone, Dorothy Damore, and Minnie De Piero.

All the sisters present bore their testimonies to thank the Lord for all His blessings. In all our meetings we can feel our Lord's presence and know that we are blessed with each word that we read from the Scripture. May the Lord bless our Circle and our teacher, Sister Dorothy Damore. We pray that the Lord will be with us each year that passes and that we may increase in numbers.

GMBA CONFERENCE

The General Missionary Benevolent Association held their conference in Youngstown on November 13th with representatives from Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey and Pennsylvania present. We enjoyed a very large attendance. The evening program was presented by the Youngstown MBA, the subject being "Zion," which was very interesting.

Many of the saints remained for Sunday and we had a glorious time in the Lord. Our blessings this day were completed with the baptism of Marlea Bucci, daughter of Brother and Sister T. D. Bucci. May God bless our new convert that she may "give of her best to the Master." May God instill His love into each and everyone that is striving to serve Him — is our prayer.

Lee Laverie
Branch Editor

A Note Of Thanks

It is the desire of the undersigned to thank all the Brothers and Sisters in Christ, friends, Branches and Missions, and local M.B.A.'s for the kindness shown us during the illness of my wife, Sister Marie Azzinaro. Many thanks for the prayers, cards, and gifts, and I trust this note will reach you as an acknowledgement of our appreciation for what everyone has done.

My wife has improved considerably since the fasting and prayer of September 1st, 1965 and she is now home with me and our children. Continue to remember her in your prayers and we will do the same for you all.

Your brother in Christ,
Salvatore Azzinaro, Sr.

BRONX, NEW YORK NEWS

Sunday, October 17, 1965 was a wonderful day at the Bronx Branch. We were happy to have Brother Gorie Ciaravino, President of our Church, whom we haven't seen for almost eleven years. Bro. Gorie gave a wonderful discourse, taking his text from Hebrews 1st chapter, verses 1 through 14, "Angels minister to mortal beings." The Lord commanded the Angel Moroni to visit Joseph Smith; to reveal the hidden plates and bring forth the true and everlasting Gospel unto the world. Bro. Gorie also related many interesting experiences in the Italian language which was enjoyed by our older Brothers and Sisters who were very attentive. We enjoyed Bro. Gorie's preaching and fellowship and can say that his visit was a real blessing for us.

We also had the pleasure of having brothers and sisters from Brooklyn and New Jersey visiting with us. We surely had a wonderful day as the Spirit of the Lord was in our midst. We are thankful to the Lord for all the blessings he bestows upon us. Regards to all the saints from the Bronx Branch.

Betty Catalano
Branch Editor

NEWS FROM LORAIN, OHIO

In recent weeks we have enjoyed fellowship with saints from Warren and Youngstown, Ohio, and from Pennsylvania. Ishmael Velez, who has been attending our services for some time, asked for his baptism on October 17th. May the Lord bless him and his family that some day they may all rejoice in the service of the King.

The Cleveland West Side mission met with us on October 31st. Many thoughts were shared of the earlier years when the saints of Cleveland and Lorain used to meet together quite often. Testimonies given also recalled memories of our deceased brothers and sisters. It was a day well spent in reminiscing, giving praise to our maker and singing hymns.

The saints of Lorain wish to salute all of you in the various parts of the vineyard and our prayer is that God's blessings may abide with you.

Branch Editor
Betty Alessio

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A Marriage Covenant

By Jeremia Giannascoli

Part I

We read in Genesis 2:24, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh." Also in Matthew 19:5-6, "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they twain shall be one flesh. Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put assunder." In Ephesians 5:22-23-24-25, Paul is showing the oneness in husband and wife, which he describes to reveal the oneness of Christ and the Church. We have here the words of the Apostles concerning how husbands and wives should love one another, being obedient in all things. According to the above Scriptures men and women who enter into a marriage covenant become one, the twain shall be one flesh. The love and obedience that is expressed here as given by Paul reveals that unless such conditions exist there cannot be the unity and love one for another. Yes, they have entered into a marriage covenant, but are they one as they should be? Unless they become so, at stated by the Apostle, they are not one as yet; and if that be the case there will arise conditions which will cause much hardship between the two. Such problems will bear down on the two which will bring forth fruits of discontent, and such a marriage is neither a happy nor a prosperous one, but a burden.

The question may arise, are they not one for they have entered into a marriage? True, but again if a marriage were based upon the love one has for the other, even as Paul brought forth, I would say not until they become so shall they truly become one.

Paul says, "Wives, submit yourself unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord . . . Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it . . . So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself." This is when the twain become one and not until then. This is the understanding of the oneness of marriage.

Now I would like to draw your attention to the marriage covenant which we have entered into. As it is naturally, so is it spiritually. Paul tells us in Romans 7:4, "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." (which is brought about by our yielding to Christ.) We, the Church, have become the bride and Christ the bridegroom. We understand, as given by the Apostle, the oneness concerning husbands and wives as shown to the Ephesians (5:22-23); so must it be with Christ and His church. Now concerning the twain becoming one, even as Christ was one with the Father, so must we become

one with Christ. How did Christ become one with the Father? We read in Mosiah 15:1-5 how this was so. "And now Abinadi said unto them, 'I would that ye should understand that God Himself shall come down among the children of men, and shall redeem His people. And because He dwelleth in flesh He shall be called the Son of God, and having subjected the flesh to the will of the Father, being the Father and the Son. The Father, because He was conceived by the power of God, and the Son, because of the flesh, thus becoming the Father and Son.'" "And they are one God, yea, the very Eternal Father of heaven and earth. And thus the flesh becoming subject to the Spirit or the Son to the Father being one God, suffereth temptation, and yieldeth not to the temptation, but suffereth Himself to be mocked, and scourged, and cast out, and disowned by His people.'"

This is how He was one with the Father. We recall the prayer He uttered in St. John 17th chapter, but especially the 20th and 21st verses. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one, as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." Christ and the Father are one; are we one with Christ?

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Watching And Waiting

By: C. W. Holmes

At Fort Benton, Montana, there stands a monument over the grave of a half-breed collie named Shep, erected in tribute to the dog's faithful 6-year vigil, refusing to leave the railroad station, meeting every train that pulled in, watching and waiting for the return of his master whose coffin he had escorted to a baggage car one summer day in 1936.

On January 12, 1942, Old Shep limped down the tracks and met his last train. Like the countless others it did not carry his returning master, but this one bore down upon him swifter than his aged reflexes could react, and expedited him over the brink of this life into that mysterious realm where dwells his master.

We too have a Master who departed from us many years ago, received out of our sight by a cloud. While we looked steadfastly toward Heaven as He went up, His Father sent us a message saying, "Why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into Heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven."

Since that time He has been sending us other messages, "teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ."

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WATCHING AND WAITING

Let it be our prayer that our vigil shall be every bit as loving and faithful as that of Old Shep, watching and waiting, refusing to leave the station; and if it be so ordained that we must cross over the brink of this life before He returns, we know that we too shall enter into that mysterious realm where dwells our Master.

MY GARDEN

*I have a garden, and I know
It is not I that makes it grow
I plant the seeds, I turn the sod;
But in my garden there is God.
And in my garden there is peace;
Frustration, care, and worry cease.
So in my garden, if you please,
I do my weeding on my knees.*

Selected

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say
"I;"
You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say
"my;"
You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and not include
another;
You cannot ask for daily bread and not include your
brother:
For others are included in each and every plea;
From the very beginning it never once says "me."*

Selected

If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there be beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.

Chinese Proverb

OBITUARY**KATARINA FALOBA**

Sister Katarina Faloba passed away November 23, 1965. She was born May 18, 1886 and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in 1925.

She is survived by three sons, Samuel, George, and John; five daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Leek, Mrs. Mary Scarabine, Mrs. Christine Ball, Mrs. Ann Smail, and Mrs. Agnetha Zakel. She also leaves thirty grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in The Church at Youngstown with Brother T. D. Bucci officiating, assisted by Brother Ralph Beradino. May the Lord comfort the hearts of those who are bereaved.

TYRON ORLANDOS WALKER

Tyron Orlandos Walker, age 4, son of Mr. and Sister Walker of the Detroit West Side Branch No. 2 died October 1, 1965. His death was attributed to a fall while playing in the basement of his home.

He is survived by his father and mother, two little brothers, and a little sister. Funeral services were conducted at the House of Diggs, with Brother Domenic Moraco officiating. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends and relatives.

May God bless and comfort the bereaved.

Readers Write . . .

Dear Brother Neill:

I would like to take this opportunity to compliment you and The Gospel News staff for your fine work and efforts in keeping the paper interesting and informative. We enjoy it so much. May God continue to bless you in His work.

Brother Philil Damore
Scottsdale, Arizona

Dear Brothers and Sisters of The Gospel News:

Once again it is time for us to renew our subscription to The Gospel News. We enjoy each issue so very much. Keep up the good work and may God bless you for your efforts.

Sister Olive Elzby
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Dear Brother Neill:

I am enclosing a check for \$4.00 to continue my Gospel News subscription for two years. I enjoy reading The Gospel News always; it is just like reading letters from home. May the Lord bless you in your work as Editor and all the staff for the wonderful job you are doing.

Brother John Azzincaro
Chatsworth, California

Dear Brother:

I am sending \$2.00 to renew my subscription to The Gospel News which I enjoy very much. It helps us to keep in contact with the brothers and sisters by hearing and sharing their wonderful experiences.

Sister Anna Anerino
Niles, Ohio

Dear Brother Editor:

I would like to subscribe to The Gospel News for another year. I want you to know how much we enjoy this wonderful little paper and the blessings we receive in feeling so close to our dear spiritual family. May the Lord continue to bless you and give you needed strength for the effort you put forth in publishing our Gospel News.

Sister Loretta Mazzeo
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Brother Editor:

I am enclosing \$4.00 for a two year subscription to The Gospel News. I really enjoy reading the news and the wonderful experiences of my brothers and sisters in Christ from all over the Church. I keep all of them and many times reread them. They are such a blessing to me.

Sister Anna Kirkpatrick
Whittier, California



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Study to show thyself approved unto God."
II Timothy 2 : 15.

Dear Girls and Boys,

Here it is 1966 and another new year for us to enjoy. Do you realize this is the sixth year for our Children's Corner? I hope the stories have helped you learn more of God's Word, the Bible and the Book of Mormon. I have enjoyed hearing from you and I can see you are searching the scriptures for the answers to our questions.

I am glad our Church paper has a place for children. Jesus had time for the children when He was on earth. His disciples were not pleased when the children were brought to Him. When Jesus saw this, He was much displeased and said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein." Then Jesus took the children up in His arms and put His hands upon them and blessed them. In our Church we do not baptize children, but bless them just like this example Jesus left for us to follow. You can read this in the Bible in Mark 10 : 13, 16.

We read in the Book of Mormon that when Jesus visited this land of America, He had time for children too. Jesus desired to bless the people here just as He had done to those who lived in Jerusalem. Many of these people were sick, blind and lame. They had great faith. After Jesus healed them they bowed down and worshipped him. They wept for joy so, "that they did bathe His feet with their tears." Jesus wanted to bless their children. He commanded that they be brought to Him. All those who had little ones brought them to Jesus. He stood in their midst and the fathers and mothers knelt on the ground about Him. Jesus kneeled upon the earth and prayed to His Heavenly Father. Everyone heard Him. What He said was so sacred that it could not be written. As He closed His prayer, He arose and told the multitude to arise also. "Blessed are ye because of your faith and now behold my joy is full," He said. He wept for joy. Then He took their little children, one by one and blessed them. He prayed to the Father for them. When He finished, He wept again. It was a blessed time.

"Behold your little ones," said Jesus. As the people looked they saw the heavens opened and angels descending in what appeared to be fire. It was a heavenly fire, a great blessing, and no one was burned. The angels came down and encircled the children. All the parents saw it and praised God for His wonderful blessings. You can

read this story in III Nephi 17.

There was a writer in the Book of Mormon named Mormon, who wrote letters to his son, Moroni. One of these letters was about baptism of little children. There were some people in those days who taught that babies should be baptized. Now Mormon knew this was wrong. When Mormon heard about this, he inquired of the Lord concerning it. The word of the Lord came by the power of the Holy Ghost. These are some of the words: "Teach parents that they must repent and be baptized and humble themselves as their little children and they shall be saved with their little children;" "I love little children with a perfect love;" and "Little children are alive in Christ." If you want to read more, turn to chapter eight of the book of Moroni.

I hope as you read these stories, they will help you to love the Gospel of Jesus Christ and find all that is good and purposeful in life.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. What boy was taught the gospel by a faithful mother and grandmother? II Timothy 1 : 2,5.
2. What boy did the Lord call three times? I Samuel 3 : 8.
3. What did these twins like to do, as found in Genesis 25 : 27?
4. What boy when seventeen years old was given dreams from the Lord and his brothers called him a dreamer? Genesis 37 : 2, 19.
5. What boy when fifteen years of age was visited of the Lord and knew of the goodness of Jesus? Mormon 1 : 15

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

JESUS SAID

By Samuel J. Kirschner

"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matthew 6 : 5-16.

M.B.A. Highlights

Advancements Evident At GMBA Conference Used As Guides For Future Plans

By Carl Frammolin, GMBA Editor

Advancements noted at the General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference in Youngstown, Ohio, on Saturday, November 13, were used as guides by the GMBA Activities Committee when it met in Monongahela, Pennsylvania on December 4 to more fully incorporate the Association's activities program.

Among the progress evident at Youngstown was the avowed enthusiastic desire to plan future MBA field trips, the well-received report that MBA lesson plans would be available in the near future, and the increased interest in the GMBA Land Purchasing and Auditorium Fund because the site for the proposed Church meeting-place had actually been selected.

The air of anticipation in the Conference that within a short period of time the MBA would be able to offer activities on a large scale could be felt throughout the congregation, as project measures were officially sanctioned and approved. Characteristic of this growing sentiment and the subsequent reaction to put activities into action was the suggestion that chartered air transportation be used for future GMBA gatherings, regardless whether they be for official conferences or for special field trips. Employment of this kind of carrier would mean that access to most parts of the country, as well as overseas locations, would be possible.

San Diego Request

The request from the San Diego, California Local that the next GMBA Conference be held there in May brought out the underlying thought that chartered flights could be used. Although a joint trip to San Diego has not been scheduled as yet, the machinery now exists for honoring the request of the unit in the nation's farthest southwest location.

Other modes of chartered travel which have been used in the past will, of course, still be employed; however, this new dimension has aroused great interest and enthusiasm in transporting great numbers to far away GMBA functions. Chartered busses from the Atlantic and Michigan-Ontario Locals contributed greatly to the overflow crowd which attended the Youngstown Conference and pointed out the preference for this kind of group travel.

The mandate for action given by the November Gathering offered new challenges for the entire MBA. In December, the GMBA Activities Committee accepted this charge by spelling out

ways in which the wishes of the Association to move ahead could be accomplished. Not only field trips, but lesson-plan implementation, fund-raising drives, and publicity projections were organized to make certain that the wheels set in motion at Conference would continue to gain momentum. An extremely important task, that of providing spiritual guidance and inspiration to Locals and Areas, was assigned to a committee to be headed by the GMBA Chaplain. Also, help to Locals on membership drives and other necessary phases of the action program were explored and assigned to sub-committee members.

The practice of dividing the work of the committee into sub-committees was continued so that the monumental over-all task can be accomplished. In this process, delegation of some of the efforts to the MBA Areas where much of the work can be done more readily is being attempted. Whenever this is possible, the committee can still assist the Areas in any ways required, but regions are obviously in a better position to more effectively attend to these matters because of their proximity to the situations. The duties of organizing and visiting Locals are examples of these kinds of endeavors.

Additional Conference Motions

Additional matters acted upon during the one-day GMBA Conference were officers' and delegates' reports, election of general officers for the coming year, and the designation of the next General Conference for May 28, 1966, in New Jersey.

Disbursements by the Conference included donations to the GMBA Land Purchasing and Auditorium Fund and to The General Church Missionary Fund. Incidentally, the GMBA Land Purchasing Fund, as will be noted, has been retitled to the "GMBA Land Purchasing and Auditorium Fund" by motion of the gathering.

New officers elected at Youngstown were Joseph Peri, Financial Secretary; Anthony Vadasz, Treasurer; August D'Orazio, Relief Committee Member; and Organizers Gabriel Mazzeo, Florida; Norbert Schmitt, New Jersey; and Anthony Santilli and George Jones, Ohio.

Among motions passed were those for the thanking of the Youngstown Local for its wonderful hospitality and the GMBA office staff and The General Church Printing Staff for their diligent efforts in producing, printing, collating, and binding the new GMBA By-Laws, the cost of which was underwritten by the GMBA. Although there was no price placed on the booklets, Locals have been requested to give donations based on the number of copies they obtain for their use.

At the Saturday night service, the Youngstown Local presented a program entitled, "We're Marching to Zion," based on scriptures found in the Bible and the Book of Mormon. Musical selections and recitations were used to support the theme. In addition to the adult choir, the children of the Local sang a medley of inspiring songs. The combined talents appropriately illustrated the road which must be traveled for salvation.