



Waldo Avenue

Restoration Branch

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Minutes from the October Women's Meeting

Sharon Bauman shared the worship with us reading from a Restoration book of testimonies.

Marilyn Middleton taught a wonderful class on Praise, (notes below).

It was decided not to have a fall coat giveaway.

October events were discussed (next page), we closed our meeting singing hymn 468.

Praise

We were blessed to have Marilyn Middleton share with us on *Praise*. Key points covered were -

- The difference between *Thanksgiving* and *Praise*, they are two different ways of acknowledging our Father's greatness.
- The Covenant names of God—how God has revealed His personal names throughout the Old Testament, they are all connected to an element of salvation, who Jesus is, and what He has done for us.
- Through prayer she was given enlightenment on 12 aspects of praising God for who He is, they are listed below:
 1. Creator of Heaven and Earth, Gen. 1:3
 2. Master of the Universe, Alma 14:24
 3. Lord over all, 1Samuel 2:2
 4. Everlasting, Psalm 145:13
 5. Unchangeable, DC 17:2f,g
 6. Omnipotent and Omniscient, 1Ne 2:100
 7. Faithful and Trustworthy, Psalm 119:90

8. Our Deliverer and Refuge, 2Samuel 22:2

9. Righteous Judge, Deut. 32:4

10. Loving and Merciful, 1John 4:19

11. Our Father, Teacher, and Guide, John 20:17

12. Sacrificing His Son for our Salvation, DC 17:5a-d

- And in closing she shared *Indescribable, A Prayer of Praise*, poem she was inspired to write.

Our next meeting: Saturday, November 11th, in the foyer from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.. We will be putting together Thanksgiving bags. Each woman is asked to bring one item to add to the bags.#

The Necessity for Zion

From Arthur Oakman in a talk given in 1967 at the Seminar on the Zionite Community:

My friends and colleagues, if with the love of God in your hearts you will look into the lives of each other and the lives of all those with whom you come in contact, you will see the towers of Zion arising in their glory and beauty. And when you come in contact with those sunk in degradation and sin, and you see the image of the Lord Jesus Christ as it is intended to be, and you act towards those people as if they had already achieved that which you see is possible in them, you will cause them to be quickened, and they will find new life, and be brought to the altar of God, confessing their sins...All of us are beggars...to know God is life...To be in His presence is the essence of glory and joy. Seek His face always...seek Him for His own sake that you may dwell with Him, for love seeks its own.#

October Events

Heavenly Messenger Classes

Gary Hawley's *Heavenly Messenger* classes ended Oct. 22. They covered the four points of the angel message given him regarding what is to be taught in Zion. He presented a short version to the Waldo women's department in May.

These have been very worthwhile and important classes; if you are able to see them on LHRB live-streaming you will be richly fed.

Hearing God Class

Saturday, Oct. 21st at Outreach R.B. the CRE sponsored a class entitled *Hearing God*. Bob Bobbitt taught the 3 hour class (9 a.m. until noon) which covered:

- Ways God Speaks to us
- What prevents us from hearing God's voice
- What can I do to be in tune with God's voice
- Believing in God's Supernatural power
- What is the desire of my heart.

The class was designed to help church member be more attuned to God's voice and walk in close communication with Him on a daily basis. It was the hope of the CRE that believers would be better able to abide in Him, through prayer, study, fasting and thus, hearkening to God's voice.

This class is part of a broader *Discipleship Course* that is being developed for priesthood. The information will be on the CRE website and can be used by anyone in sharing with new members or a refresher for those already members.#

Kirtland Testimonies

Monday, October 23rd at Living Hope R.B. opportunity was given to hear the testimonies of this past September's trip to Kirtland. Several people shared, including women, in this testimony service led by Brian Mundy. I point out women because there were those who shared experiences they had while the priesthood were gathered at Kirtland.

Testimonies by priesthood who went to the week-

end retreat centered around the great since of unity that prevailed as 140 to 180 men gathered for worship, classes and fellowship. This event was live-streamed.#

The Two Covenants

Your Blessings in Christ Moving From Promise to Fulfillment

By Andrew Murray, published by CLC Pub.

If you aren't familiar with Andrew Murray, here's a little history. The South African missionary was born in 1828 and died in 1917. He went from being a young minister at the age of 25 to becoming one of the best loved writers on the deeper spiritual life. In his 88 years he wrote over 240 books and tracts, including classics like Humility, The Secret of Intercession, Abide in Christ, Absolute Surrender, Your Will Be Done, and The Inner Life, The Secret of Adoration. He is widely recognized as one of the foremost authorities on prayer.

The Two Covenants contain a series of eighteen meditations contrasting the Old Covenant with the New Covenant. The book shows us the blessings God has given us, along with the conditions necessary for the full and continual experience of those blessings. Six additional sections give further explanations, examples and applications of covenant principles to our daily walk with the Lord. #

Testimony Update

Last month I shared my testimony of the hot water heater rusting out and flooding my basement with two feet of water. I said that I hadn't lost anything of importance, only a drill, battery charger, two lithium batteries and a sander I had put into a tool box and packaged in Ziploc bags which filled with water soaking the tools. Well, I dried them out for a week, then took them upstairs and all—sander, drill, batteries and charger worked perfectly. I lost nothing!! Isn't God good! #

Love the Lord thy God

The following is from Selected Writings of Arthur Oakman, pg. 110-111; provided by OGRB Women's Dept.

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might (Deut. 6:5).

Those who fail to love God first

- ⇒ never come to self-knowledge
- ⇒ nor feel themselves lifted to the plain of social regard for others.

If something is wrong with self, there is something wrong with the way that self loves; and in loving, injury is done to others to the degree that sin exists in the individual.

Christ proposes to eliminate this evil by calling humanity to first focus its attention on God, the Perfect One, and from Him derive inspiration and motivation for social service. The self is right only when seen in relation to God. It was by loving God first that Abraham saw through the shams of the social life of Ur. We must come out of Babylon, too. As long as we remain in the city of confusion and spiritual wickedness, we are witnessing to our lack of affection for Deity. The Lord God of Hosts will be content with no less than our all. In return He will give us all.

The two commandments then, in their right order

- ⇒ love of God and
- ⇒ love of neighbor

are the foundation of the City of Zion. They are to be the directional power in economics and in relations between nations and people. Notice the emphasis in the hymn *Admonition* by Joseph Luff:

Love ye Me, and love all people;

Love, as I have loved you;

This your calling, this My purpose;

Thus, be My disciples true.

Then in this exalted station,

your companion I will be;

Every promise of my scriptures

will be verified in thee.

Oakman in The Seminar on Zion said: *And though each of us bring to the altar varying gifts, each of us bring varying degrees of devotion to the altar, yet my friends, God accepts that which we do. We love God—that is not our problem. **Our problem is that in loving Him we do not love Him enough.***

The light of the body is the eye; if therefore thine eye be single to the glory of God, thy whole body shall be full of light (Matt. 6:22).#

Pleasing God

Jesus said, *My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me ...it is not our business to do what we want to do. It is our business to do what we ought to do. Jesus inquired the mind of God. Then He said *My meat is to do the will of God.* Too often we inquire the will of God...send us a revelation; but there is the end of the matter. We are not so keen to do the will of God as we were to learn the will of God. So,...in speaking to a certain class of people, Jesus will say *Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I command you?* You see these two are intimately associated.*

It is not necessarily our province to do what others want us to do, or what their will is. It is our business to do that which pleases God. When we start out with the idea of pleasing others, we are bound, sooner or later to find out that we absolutely cannot escape the condemnation of some people. The most carefully considered action, the most sincere step that we may take,...may immediately be talked about by someone who will regard it as absolutely wrong. So, whatever course we take we are liable to come in for condemnation. It reminds me of a little verse which says: *Weep and you are called a baby; Laugh and you are called a fool; Yield, and you are called a coward; Stand fast and you are called a mule.*

So we may despair of pleasing others;...Our aim should be to please God, and then we can leave the outcome in His hands. *I do always the will of the Father*, Jesus said. *My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me.* (Square Blocks pg. 284-5 by Elbert A. Smith)



Pumpkin Dilemma?

Opened a can of pumpkin to use only 1/2 of it?

Pumpkin is very versatile and it doesn't have to be baked in pies, cookies and breads only. Some alternatives you might try —

Breakfast on the Go Pumpkin Oatmeal

For one serving:

- ◇ 1 pint jar with lid
- ◇ 1/2 cup old fashioned oats
- ◇ 2 T. pumpkin puree
- ◇ 1/2 cup milk (or nut milk)
- ◇ Maple syrup to taste (1 tsp.)
- ◇ 1/2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice blend (make your own, see below).

Mix all ingredients in jar, cap and refrigerate overnight. Enjoy the next morning with fruit on top or a serving of no-salt nuts like pecans or walnuts. In place of maple syrup you could add dried fruit to sweeten.

Pumpkin Pie Spice, blend ground spices:

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| 3 T Cinnamon | | 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon |
| 4 tsp. Ginger | | 3/4 tsp. ginger |
| 3 tsp. Cloves | or | 1/2 tsp. cloves |
| 2 tsp. Nutmeg | | 1/2 tsp nutmeg |
| 2 tsp. Allspice | | |

Pumpkin Smoothie

In place of fruit in your smoothie add pumpkin puree and pumpkin pie spices.

Freeze it for Later

Spoon 2 T of pumpkin puree into ice cube trays, place plastic wrap over it and freeze about 4 hours. Then transfer to zip-lock bags, label and date. #

Meatless Taco Meat

Walnuts are ground and spiced with cumin and coriander to make this taco-flavored nut meat crumble. Use it to top salads and soups and inside wraps to add taco flavor and texture.

- 1 cup walnuts, not salted
- 1 Tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 Tablespoon ground cumin
- 2 Teaspoons ground coriander
- 1 Teaspoon Bragg Liquid Aminos or Nama Shoyu
- 1/4 Teaspoon sea salt, or to taste.

Place the walnuts in a food processor and process into small pieces. Add the remaining ingredients; pulse to mix well.

Will keep for one week in the fridge. Can be frozen to last longer. Makes about 1 cup

Alternative—use Italian seasonings such as oregano, garlic, basil or pizza seasonings. This is really good on spaghetti with sauce or pizza. #

Unity Center Update

There has been a lot of movement at the Unity Center. October brought nice weather so the parking lot, which has needed care for many years, could be worked on. A crew was brought in to partially pave and repair the damage done from leaking asphalt. There had been bids to asphalt the parking lot, but at \$90,000.00 it wasn't feasible. For much less it is being concreted.

October 5th Team Jesus went north to a Native Reservation carrying a semi-full of clothing, Bibles, and other supplies for the winter. This is a yearly trek Team Jesus takes to bring much needed ministry and encouragement.

With winter on it's way the need for **blankets** is great, they fly off the shelves as soon as we unpack them so if you have a desire to help the Beloved a **blanket** is most helpful.#

We can spend a lot of time wishing things were different. Why not spend the time doing something to make a difference?