



Waldo Avenue Restoration Branch

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September Women's Meeting Minutes

The September women's meeting was held at Freddie and Erin Fitch's home on the 13th. It began with a devotion and then discussion on world events.

Our three service projects for the coming year are:

- ⇒ **Collecting Pantry/Storehouse items.** Shortly monthly needs will be listed for both the pantry and storehouse which will appear in the Sunday bulletin. More details on page -6-.
- ⇒ **Collecting items for Team Jesus.** Items needed currently are clean coats, blankets, and men's blue jeans sizes 38 and under. Please, when bringing bedding and clothing make certain they are clean, no tears or stains. The Beloved deserve the best.
- ⇒ **Collecting items for the Graceland College Nurses Pantry.** Donations will be taken monthly to Graceland. Please, no outdated food items.

Fellowship dinners

Monthly dinners have begun again on Sept. 21st. There are changes to the dinners. We are asked to bring their own

table setting (plate, silverware etc.) and take home our own dinnerware and food item to clean ourselves. The reasoning behind this change is there are so few able to help with fellowship dinners now and anything we can do to make the task lighter is appreciated. Another note is the wasteful expense of paper plates and plastic ware, as well as, tilling up landfills with this trash needlessly.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners

This year we will invite the Graceland University nurses and families to the annual Thanksgiving dinner which will be on Nov. 8th at Waldo in the gym. We will eat at 4 p.m. please bring side dishes for this meal. On December 13th we will be holding our annual Christmas dinner.

Next women's Meeting

Will be at 10 a.m. in the home of the Fitch's on October 11th. Be prepared to discuss the chapters covering Anna and the Samaritan woman in the book Twelve Extraordinary Women.

The November Women's meeting will be November 15th, 10 a.m. at Freddie and Erin's home.#

Absolute Surrender - Submission

Submission is giving up our will, understanding and affections to God.

Some of the characteristics of submission include:

- Consent to God's right and sovereignty
- Acknowledging His righteousness and wisdom
- Sensing of His love and care
- Seeking diligently to know His mind and will
- Keeping our souls by faith and patience from weariness, despondency, discouragement and depression because we recognize these aren't from Him.
- Full resignation without murmuring or complaining to the will of God.

When we recognize the perfection of God (Deut. 32:4); the commands of God (Heb. 12:9); the purpose of God (Eph. 1:11); the promises of God (1 Pet. 5:7); our own interest (Hos. 2:14-15); and the prospect of eternal, great happiness, blessedness, joy (Heb. 4:9) then complete submission occurs.

Synonyms of Submit include:

succumb, relent, defer, yield, bow, give oneself over, humble. To resign, give up, surrender, comply with, to give way, not to oppose, give place as inferior in rank or excellence.

When we submit to the Lord we are yielding our will, we are relying on His wisdom

not our own. We believe and are showing that belief. We have full confidence in and are content that He knows what is best.

Jesus gave us the example, references in Mos. 8: 28-34 - *the will of the son swallowed up in the will of the Father.*

I Have Listened to Your Pleadings

I have listened to your pleadings and your testimonies too. I accept you as my children when my work and will you do, when from worldly ways and pleasures you completely will withdraw, gladly yield yourselves in keeping my commandments - my true law.

Oft with you my saints I've pleaded. Calling you in this your day. To forsake self-centered service, lost from self to serve my way. Rise to yet sublime levels with my Spirit to commune, taste the joys that are of heaven when your souls are thus in tune.

Hearken to my call, ye people. Bear the Spirit's fruits today. Naught shall stay my final purpose, grow together while you may. In one faith and in one body my true church to men reveal, magnify my truth among them my great mission to fulfill.

Thus attuned in union holy fitly framed together be, showing forth my body perfect that the world my church may see. Moving mightily My Zion to her consummation grand, safely through all worldly chaos, led securely by My hand.

When we see a transformed heart we are seeing submission. Ivan Bird, LHRB 8-17-25

Submission continued

Pride and Humility

Submission and humility go hand in hand. The opposite of humility is Pride.

The definition of pride includes -- Judging ourselves favorably. Thinking too well of our righteousness, our good works and pureness in our own eyes. Overvaluing our abilities, entertaining too good of an opinion of our knowledge and capacity. And when we make our worldly interests or pleasures the great end of our actions.

Pride has consequences and brings contention Prov.13:10, destruction Prov.16:18 and it deceives the heart Jere 49:16 and Mark 7:20.

Pride is naturally silent and wrapped up in it's own importance, seldom speaking but makes his audience feel their inferiority. Examples of pride are - contempt, slander and envy of others. It's desire to gain applause. It shows itself as distress and rage when others slight us. And it's impatience in the midst of contradiction and opposition

Pride was the instigator of the first sin of mankind and is the last sin to be conquered. Pride is the parent of discontent, ingratitude, covetousness, poverty, presumption, passion, extravagance, bigotry, war, and persecution. In fact, there is hardly any sin that isn't perpetrated by pride.

Scripture warns us that God is not pleased with the prideful heart. (Prov. 16:18, 1Pet. 5:5, James 4:6, Prov. 29:23, and Esther 5:13).

To suppress pride-- We must come to understand who we really are. (Mos. 1:47-61). Consider by example what happened to those in the past who were prideful and where it got them - Pharaoh, Haman, Nebuchadnezzar and Herod to name a few. Pride is a barrier to communion and communication with God and hinders our usefulness to Him and the coming forth of Zion.

Resignation is to submit absolutely, to give up, surrender, comply with, give way, not oppose, aka resign. When we give ourselves over to the Lord then that is absolute surrender.

Incline thine heart unto Me, and let thine ear be attuned to My voice. For lo, I would speak to thee, and I have an urgent message to give thee. Go not about to establish thine own designs. (Jesus Calling)

Isn't this what God wants? And don't we want what God wants?#

Jane's Testimony

Jane had decided to limit her time on U-tube to only one hour a day. After sometime she felt the Lord wished for her to give it up 100%. It wasn't easy, she said. But when she did she felt so blessed. Her focus was clearer and her mind not cluttered so she could concentrate on the Lord's work.#

What the Combined Services Mean to Me

My Testimony, by Barbara Dutton Hobbs
As I sat meditating before the August combined prayer service at Outreach R.B. I looked at the people in the rows in front of me and to my left. I scanned the people and then realized, all these people except 2, I did not know 8 years ago!

The combined services edify me. They offer an opportunity to fellowship and worship with others in their home branch, sort of like visiting in ones home where we are most comfortable. The singing is so very wonderful, hearing a large group sing all the parts with such joy and enthusiasm sometimes is so overwhelming to me I just have to stop singing and listen.

Hearing testimonies from others in the Restoration movement reconfirms to me how the Lord is blessing all those who seek to do His will no matter where they attend.

Once when I went to a R.B. not affiliated with the *Independent R.B. Movement* I walked in and sat down. I had been there once before but this time I was impressed with the thought that these people in this branch are showing the love of the Lord. They opened their branch to let another R.B. lead the meeting. They joyfully asked if they could help with anything. They served snacks afterward and were so friendly. Frankly, I had to think to myself: *would I be that open minded and loving?*

The Holy Spirit is so present in each gathering and getting to know others more closely has made me realize we are one family, the family of God.#

Prayer Focus

And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray unto the Lord for it; for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace. Jere. 29:7

Ways to Pray

1. Humility and Repentance

- Acknowledge our shortcomings
- Seek God's face
- Confess our collective sins.

2. Healing and Restoration:

- Pray for the city asking the Lord to bring healing to Independence, that it may be restored to its former glory and beauty and become the New Jerusalem the Lord spoke about in Ether 6 and DC42.
- Pray against the spiritual strongholds that the adversary is using to try to impact the city from within ie. drugs, occult, sexual sins.
- Spiritual restoration for spiritual healing in our city and a renewed spiritual awakening within each individual.
- Unity and reconciliation, that the Lord will awaken us with the need to walk together in peace and harmony. Not only within the Restoration but denomination wide so we can be a part of what He is doing with all believers.
- For leaders that they will listen and be guided by His wisdom and serve in integrity and compassion.

All these will help our city to be what the Lord intends it to be. Believe our prayers are heard and answered.

*And this is the **confidence** that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, **He heareth us**; and if we know that **He hear us**, whatsoever we ask, **we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.** 1John5:14-15#*

We are called to be a people that serve - not a people that are served.

I Have Many Forces at Work

Selected Writings of Elbert A. Smith, pg. 74-75. an inspired message given at Lamoni, Iowa, 1917. This is a continuation of the message in August newsletter.

Again, at this time, you are admonished that you be not unduly concerned because you are few in numbers compared with the world. That is not your concern. But be concerned only that your righteousness shall be very great. For a few righteous men can accomplish very much, and a little leaven leaveneth a great lump.

I have many forces at work in the world, saith the Lord. I have many spiritual forces at work that you know not of. You see but the smaller part of My work; the world perceives it not at all. Therefore, be not concerned because you are few in number, but let each one look to himself and to the conditions of his own heart and life. Be humble and righteous and full of love, casting out the spirit of hatred, that you may stand in holy places and receive the blessings of the Lord.

2 Nephi 13:28-30: Behold, I say unto you, Nay; for ye have not come thus far, save it were by the word of Christ, with unshaken faith in Him, relying wholly upon the merits of Him who is mighty to save; wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men. Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to

the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life.

Let us not be discouraged because we are so very few in numbers. Remember a few righteous men can accomplish much. We can accomplish the work entrusted to us if we obey God and move forward in the love of God and all men. Let us now press forward working together to that end! (OGRB Zion Flash Card August, 2025)#

Julie's Testimony

One day in August I noticed that my pet parrot, Jessica, was puffed up. Usually this is not a good thing. Her brother, Eric, was puffed up and died three days later. I called the veterinarian immediately, it was then 3:45 p.m. the vet only does lab work on certain days, but I needed to get Jessica in as this was potentially a life-threatening situation. The vet was able to see her that day, however, her lab work had to be done by 4:30 p.m., it was now 3:55 p.m. I had 35 minutes to put my shoes on, get the other girls in their houses, walk downstairs, drive to Grandview from Independence in rush hour traffic, carry Jessica in, have the vet do the lab work and fill out the paperwork. Thankfully UPS was late that day picking up the lab work. We finished the paperwork at 4:43 p.m. all of Jessica's lab work came back fine except her triglycerides were a little high. God fixed her. The vet had no idea why she was puffed up. Julie Schroeder#

Being courageous doesn't mean that you're never afraid. Courage is acting in faith, showing your hope for something that you cannot see.

The Converted Man by Arthur Oakman, pg. 115-117 , Part One

Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. James 1:22

Paul wrote of a certain class of people who should be manifest in these last days, those who are “*ever learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth*” (2Tim. 3:7). Perhaps he had in mind some Later Day Saints, for it is quite obvious that some of our members have come into the church by a “*process of Accretion*” (added numbers).

These people have yet to be *born again* to enable them to see the Kingdom of God and after that to be truly baptized into it and be immersed in the objective and ideas for which Jesus lived and died.

The unconverted man: “*He will defend the ordinance of baptism with all the vigor of which he is capable. And he will argue the laying on of hands is necessary for the reception of the Holy Ghost. But his religion stops there. He defends the ordinance but defies the demands of the Kingdom. He makes a fetish of the written word but fears the financial law. He will ever learn what the bible says but will never lose his life for Zion...It is all theory and no practice. It is all directed toward God, little or none is directed toward man. It is sorely concerned with what is done by the lips; little or no concern is paid to what is done with the hands...They look backwards not forwards...the love of material things has blinded them.*” Oakman then says, “*Joining the church by a process of accretion is one thing, while being converted is quite another.*”

Then Oakman speaks of the converted man: “*Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven*” (Matt. 18:12)...How will a converted man react: He is humble as a little child is humble. In what sense is this humility manifested? The converted man will sit down before the facts of

the Kingdom way of life and learn them and do them. Similarly, the converted man listens to the testimony of Jesus and does it. He withholds nothing. His time, his talents, and his property are all on the altar, together with his physical body. (to be continued next month. OGRB Zion Flash Card September, 2025).#

Pray for This Gathering

Friday, Oct. 3rd through Sunday, October 5th all Aaronic priesthood will be gathering for a retreat to be held at Living Hope R.B. Remember these servants of the Lord this weekend. #

Pantry/Storehouse

The Pantry is being changed to Pantry/Storehouse and is in the process of being cleaned out and organized. Several months ago we cleaned out all the foods which were outdated.

Pantry items: We now have bins for “*Bags for the Beloved*”, which may be given out to the Beloved. We will be collecting canned goods in the future, these will be inventoried yearly so as not to accumulate expired foods in the future.

Storehouse: We have “*Hygiene bags*” prepared and any Items specifically earmarked for the Storehouse will be labeled and used only in the event of major emergency.

Please contact Donna Rodgers or Barbara Dutton before adding to or taking from the Pantry/Storehouse. #