

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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Message 53:3

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Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas!

“And he said unto me, Behold the virgin which thou seest, is the mother of God, after the manner of the flesh... And I looked and beheld the virgin again, bearing a child in her arms. And the angel said unto me, Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the Eternal Father!...”

1 Nephi 11:18, 20, & 21

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Articles of Faith and Practice

1. We believe in God the Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of the universe; Ruler and Judge of all; unchangeable and without respect of persons.

2. We believe in Jesus Christ the manifestation of God in flesh, who lived, suffered, and died for all mankind; whom we own as our only Leader, Witness, and Commander.

3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter, which searcheth the deep things of God, brings to our minds things which are past, reveals this to come, and is the medium by which we receive the revelation of Jesus Christ.

4. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression, and that as a consequence of the atonement of Christ "all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without the Law. For the power of redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent, and unto such, baptism availeth nothing." (Moroni 8:22)

5. We believe that through the atonement of Christ all men may be saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel; viz.: Faith in God and in the Lord Jesus Christ; Repentance and Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; Laying on of Hands for: (a) Ordination; (b) Blessing of Children: (c) Confirmation and the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 8:17); (d) Healing of the sick.

6. We believe in the literal second coming and millennial reign of Jesus Christ; in the resurrection of the Dead, and in Eternal Judgment; that men will be rewarded or punished according to the good or evil they may have done.

7. We believe in the powers and gifts of the everlasting Gospel; viz.: The word of wisdom; the word of knowledge; the gift of faith; the gift of healing; working of miracles; prophecy; discerning of spirits; divers kinds of tongues; interpretation of tongues.

8. We believe the fruits of the Spirit to be love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.

9. We believe that in the Bible is contained the Word of God; that The Record of the Nephites is the added witness for Christ; and these contain the "fullness of the gospel."

10. We believe in the principle of continuous revelation; that the canon of scripture is not full, that God inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom He may choose.

11. We believe that where there are six or more regularly baptized members, one of whom is an elder, there the Church exists with full power of Church extension when acting in harmony with the Law of God.

12. We believe that man must be called of God by revelation and ordained by those having authority, to enable him to preach the Gospel and administer the Ordinances thereof.

13. We believe in the same Church organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in the Church is that of an apostle, of whom there are twelve, who constitute special witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have the Missionary Supervision and the General Watchcare of all the Churches.

14. The primary function of the General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is missionary and the building up and extension of the Kingdom of God in all

the world.

15. We believe that Local Churches should govern their own affairs and that General Church officials should not dominate or interfere therewith. On invitation such general officers may, with propriety, give counsel and assistance. Local congregations are subject to the Articles of Faith and Practice and must be governed thereby.

16. We believe The Church of Christ comprehends the true brotherhood of man where each esteems his brother as himself and wherein the Divine command to "love your neighbor as yourself" is demonstrated by the prevalence of social equality.

17. We believe that all men are stewards under God and answerable to Him not only for the distribution of accumulated wealth, but for the manner in which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of stewardship is not the increase of church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to a realization of the common fatherhood and the universal brotherhood of man in all the affairs and expressions of life, and to maintain such social adjustments that each may enjoy the bounty and gifts of God, and be free to exercise his talents and ability to enrich the life of all.

18. We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of the Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when chosen or appointed by the Church to devote their entire time to missionary work, their families are to be provided for out of the General Church fund. The admonition of Christ that ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but go trusting in God and the people, is applicable.

19. We believe that the temporal affairs of the General Church are to be administered by the general bishopric under the supervision and direction of general conferences of the Church. The temporal affairs of the Local Churches shall be administered by local bishops under the supervision and direction of the local congregations.

20. We believe that marriage is ordained of God, and that the Law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock for either man or woman. In case of a breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.

21. We believe oppose to war. Men are not justified in taking up of arms against their fellows except as a last resort in defense of their lives and to preserve their liberty.

22. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel, and in the restoration of the ten lost tribes.

23. We believe a Temple will be built in this generation, in Independence, Missouri, wherein Christ will reveal Himself and endow His servants whom He chooses with power to preach the Gospel in all the world to every kindred, tongue, and people, that the promise of God to Israel may be fulfilled.

24. We believe that New Jerusalem shall be built upon this land "unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, (Ether 13:4-8; III Nephi 10:17), which city shall be built, beginning at the Temple Lot."

25. We believe that ministry and membership should abstain from the use of tobacco, intoxicating liquors and narcotics, and should not affiliate with any society which administer oaths or covenants in conflict with the Law of God, or which interfere with their duties as freemen and citizens.

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Message 53.10, "Yea, I have brought a Warning and few prepare for **THE GREATER LIGHT**, but be thou Faithful even all who hear, for The Lord's Will shall be fulfilled in all things. All have their work to do and the day comes when The Lord shall breathe upon The Chosen and they shall do His Work in Mighty Power for their love toward the brethren. All that offend and that do not keep His Commandments shall not be His in the Last Day. Moreover, it is Christ's Words that shall judge all men."

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It is each Elder's duty to Seek Guidance from and to keep The Territorial Apostle informed of his works in the region he is laboring.

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FOREWORD

THE GREATER LIGHT, the official publication of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord, Inc.*, comes to YOU as an expression of a united people, whose only aim is to promote *The Cause of Christ* by spreading abroad to every nation, tongue and people, *The True Gospel of Christ* that through Obedience to His Laws we might be found worthy of *Eternal Life*.

In this publication, *The Record of The Nephites* is quoted many times. This Book was Revealed and Translated by *The Gift and Power of God*: the year 1829 marked the beginning of *The Restoration of all things*. It is history of the people who once lived in the region around *The Great Lakes*, some of whom are Ancestors of The Native Americans. Though it contains a Record of two other groups of people who once lived here, it is for the most part a Record of The People of Nephi.

The Messages so often mentioned in this publication are Messages from The Lord, brought to earth by His Chosen Servant, John The Baptist, who comes to earth in a Glorified Body to finish The Work given to him of God; that of Restoring all things (Matthew 17: 11-13). The Angel first came in 1829, and Restored *The Authority of the Son of*

God, that *The Church of Christ* might be Established as in The Days of The Apostles.

In 1927, The Angel Messenger again appeared, and on numerous subsequent visits, has brought to us *The Word of The Lord* that *The Church of Christ* might be set in Order, that a people might be Prepared to be *The Bride of Christ*. This is *The Elijah Message* so many have looked for, *The Midnight Cry* has been Proclaimed, *A Warning of Destruction*, but to *The People of The Lord*, a Message that Christ's soon Coming is near at hand. Fear God and give *Glory to His Name*, for *The Hour of His Judgement* has come. Awake those that sleepest and Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you *Light*.

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of Prayer and Fasting in Humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God has again Spoken and Revealed *His Will* from Heaven. To this end, we Dedicate *The Greater Light*.

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THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY

To All People

Thirtieth Message

At 9:25 a.m., January 28, 1933, the Messenger came to my home near Port Huron, Michigan, and left the following Message:

-Otto Fetting

1. "Thus saith the Lord, 'Let My servants, Bennett, Bronson and Thornton be set apart to fill the vacancies in My house as apostles. Let the old and the young remember that humility must be their mantle, for charity knoweth no evil. Let My servant, Armstrong, labor as an elder until a vacancy shall come. If he is faithful to the trust, he shall occupy with the twelve.'

2. I have given the plans for the Temple, but My people are not worthy or cannot enter therein.'

3. Thus says the Lord, 'I will not leave My people if they will keep My commandments and serve Me as I have instructed you; yea, My Spirit touches the hearts of many who have no understanding of My law. I have heard the prayers of My people and all is in My hands.'

At this juncture the Messenger left. He said he would be back and spare me a little longer. He returned and gave what follows:

4. Thus says the Lord, 'You must all drink of the bitter cup that you might know that which My Son has suffered. For behold the crown is after you have fought the fight. Speak not evil of your brother nor of your fellowman whose mind is still dark.

Go to them in love. Glorify the world by righteousness; enlighten your mind by humility. Love always. Hate is not your work. I have called you to save the world. According to your humility and faithfulness in keeping My commandments so far you will accomplish. If you fail you have failed yourself.

5. Some are not true; some have been and will be true; others have failed. Contend not among yourselves, but be in unison. For contention will destroy hope. It is an important time, that My Message that I have sent be taken to all parts of the world, that each one must labor with all of their might.

6. I have established My Church in 1929 anew. I have given the Message and it must be obeyed. All else is of man and I cannot, and will not accept the follies and traditions of men, for My work is a holy work and man must first be made holy.

7. Meet in your assembly and cry mightily unto Me. If your prayer is of the heart, I will hear you. I will not accept the vain babblings and sputterings of the lips of man whose prayer is not sincere. I have placed the mountain and the ocean and planted the forest. I have beautified the earth and man through sin has sought to destroy it. How can I rely upon the untrue and the unfaithful? Their prayers and their tears and their efforts are not accepted of Me.

8. Ye have sought for greater power and ye have not prepared for it; your vision, your understanding and your minds have not been illuminated yet because your hearts are still filled with selfishness. Rid your minds of evil thoughts, your hearts of selfish pride. Come closer unto Me; ye are yet too far away; and I will touch you and greater light and greater power and greater strength will come.

9. Publish the fourth Message. What is it to you? Your riches have faded as I told you. The abominations are coming. All will

come as I have told you. You have labored, but you have labored too hard. Therefore, your body and your mind have lost their strength, but you have been true to the trust I gave you. Therefore, I have not forsaken you. It has been a special mission and a special work to which I have called you. Because of your unselfishness you have not sought the honor of men. I will water the seed thou has sown and it shall bring forth.' Amen."

This was presented to me by the Messenger and I read it as the Messenger unrolled the roll which he had shown me the previous night on which was written, "The Word of the Lord."

(Signed) Otto Fetting

The Testimony of Four Witnesses to the Thirtieth Message as Delivered by the Messenger Sent from God

Be it known unto all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, unto whom this Message shall come, that we the undersigned were in the room at the time the Messenger, spoken of in the Message, came into the room, and held the roll from which Otto Fetting read 'The Word of the Lord,' spoken of in the Thirtieth Message. We felt the presence of the Messenger as he held the roll, and we heard the 'Word of the Lord' delivered from the roll, by the mouth of Otto Fetting whom God used as His human agent.

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My commission expires June 23, 1934.

Articles

Baptism: Divine Invitation, A Call to New Life & Eternal Salvation

Robby Humpert

Brothers and sisters, friends, and all who hear my voice this day- listen closely, for these words may hold eternal weight. In a world of uncertainty, of fleeting moments and unknown tomorrows, there are truths that stand unshakeable, commands that echo with divine authority, and invitations that carry the promise of everlasting life. Today, we turn our hearts and minds to one such truth, one such command, one such invitation: baptism.

This is not merely a tradition, not just a symbol, but a profound, Life-altering, and eternally significant ordinance. It is God's pathway to salvation, a sacred covenant, and the very gateway to a new life in Christ.

Our understanding of this vital principle comes to us from multiple, undeniable witnesses of God's unchanging word. We will draw from the *Holy Bible*, the foundational scriptures for Christians worldwide, which reveals God's ancient plant. We will also look to *The Record of Nephtes*, which testifies of Christ's ministry to another branch of Israel and confirms the universal, eternal truths of His gospel. And finally, we will consider *The Word of the Lord, Brought to Mankind by an Angel*, a latter-day message that reiterated, clarifies, and adds urgent emphasis to God's commands for our very time, delivered by an angelic messenger sent to prepare us for the Lord's return.

Together, these sacred texts paint a consistent, compelling, and urgent picture of baptism as an essential, non-negotiable step

in drawing nearer to our Heavenly Father- a step upon which your eternal destiny may well depend.

The Unwavering Command & Perfect Example of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Our journey into understanding baptism must begin with the very example and absolute command of our Savior, Jesus Christ. His life was our perfect pattern and His words, our eternal law.

We read in Matthew 3:13-17 of Jesus, Himself, coming to John the Baptist to be baptized. John, recognizing Christ's purity, hesitated, saying, "I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?" But Jesus's response carries profound weight for every soul. "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." Following Jesus's baptism, the heavens opened, the Spirit of God descended like a dove, and the Father's voice declared, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am pleased."

Think on this: If the Son of God, who knew no sin, submitted to baptism to "fulfill all righteousness," how can any of us, burdened by sin and imperfection, dare to believe we are exempted? This is not optional: it is the path of righteousness laid out by Christ, Himself.

Later, after His glorious resurrection, Jesus gave His Apostles the great commission in Matthew 28:19: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." This is not a mere suggestion for those who feel inclined; it is a direct, divine command, an imperative for all who would truly follow Him and inherit eternal life.

The resurrected Christ, in His boundless love, appeared to the Nephites on the American continent and reiterated this very command, leaving no room for doubt. In 3 Nephi 11:21-37, He gave explicit, precise

instructions on how to baptize, emphasizing the importance of doing it "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." He declared with solemnity, "Ye must repent,... and be baptized in my name, or ye can in nowise receive these things."

This powerful witness from another continent confirms the universality and timelessness of Christ's command for baptism. It was not just for the Jews in Jerusalem, not just for the Nephites; it is for all His sheep, wherever they may be, in every generation, including this one.

The angelic messenger, sent in these latter days, reinforces this fundamental, unchanging truth with urgent clarity. In Message 12:4, it states: "Therefore, let those that come to The Church of Christ be baptized, that they may rid themselves of the traditions and sins of men; preparing themselves, that they may be fit and worthy for the Spirit and Power of the Holy Ghost..."

This modern message underscores that the command to be baptized remains crucial, not just for entering the true Church, but for preparing for the greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit and for the very presence of the Lord in these last, critical days. It is a necessary, immediate step to shed the ways of the world, to cleanse yourself and to embrace God's path to salvation.

For the Remission of Sins & the Indispensable Gift of the Holy Ghost

Beyond being an example and an absolute command, baptism serves a profound, life-saving spiritual purpose: the cleansing of our souls and the reception of divine power that is essential for eternal life.

On the Day of Pentecost, when the people were "pricked in their hearts" by the truth and cried out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?," Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, declared in Acts 2:38: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you

in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

This verse is a cornerstone of salvation. It clearly links baptism with two magnificent, immediate, and eternal blessings: the remission (forgiveness) of sins, and the promise of the Holy Ghost. It is through this ordinance that we are washed clean from our past transgression, and empowered by God’s Spirit to guide us, comfort us and sanctify us. Without this cleansing, how can we stand before the Holy God?

Romans 6:4 further illustrates this profound transformation: “Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life.” Baptism symbolizes a spiritual death to our old, sinful self and a glorious resurrection to a new, Christ-centered life. This “Newness of Life” is not just for this world, but for eternity.

The teachings in *The Record of the Nephites* powerfully echo this truth, emphasizing the indispensable nature of this cleansing. 2 Nephi 31:17, states: “For the gate by which ye should enter, is repentance, and baptism by water; and then cometh a remission of your sins, by fire and by the Holy Ghost.”

This confirms that baptism is the essential gateway to forgiveness and the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost, which purifies and sanctifies our very souls. It’s consistent, unchanging message across all dispensations, signifying its eternal importance.

The Word of the Lord emphasizes the cleansing aspect of baptism as critical preparation for the Lord’s return. Message 12:4, again, stated, “...be baptized, that they may rid themselves of the tradi-

tions and sins of men; preparing themselves, that they may be fit and worthy for the Spirit and Power of the Holy Ghost...”

This highlights that baptism is not merely symbolic, but a transformative act that enables us to cast off the defilements of the world and become receptive vessels for the Holy Spirit. This Spirit is essential for navigating the profound challenges of the latter days and for being found worthy when Christ appears. Without this cleansing, the spiritual darkness of the world will surely overcome.

A Binding Covenant of New Life & Entrance into God’s True Church

Finally, and with utmost urgency, baptism is our solemn covenant with God, marking our entrance into His family and His true Church on earth- a Church prepared for His glorious return.

Galatians 3:27, “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” We are clothed with His righteousness, signifying a new, divine identity in Him. This is a spiritual transformation, a public declaration of allegiance to Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:13, “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.” Baptism unites us with Christ and with His body, the Church. It is the very door to fellowship, belonging, and salvation within the family of God. To be outside this body is to be outside the direct covenant and protection.

The Nephite record powerfully speaks of people entering into a sacred, binding covenant with the Lord through baptism. In Mosiah 18:8-10, Alma teaches the peo-

ple, “And now, as ye are desirous to come into the fold of God, and to be called his people, and are willing to bear one another’s burdens... and to stand as witnesses of God at all times... if this be the desire of your hearts, what have you against being baptized in the name of the Lord... that he may pour out his Spirit more abundantly upon you?”

This shows baptism as a solemn, life-long covenant to serve God, witness for Him, and live a consecrated life as His chosen people. It is a commitment that carries eternal consequences and blessings.

The Word of the Lord stresses the critical importance of entering the true Church of Christ, which is established according to divine pattern, not human invention. Message 12:4 states, “Let those that come to the Church of Christ be baptized...”

Message 44:5, “All must repent and be baptized for the remission of sin. Let hands be laid upon all that His Spirit might come to them in greater Power. For the promise is that He will send His Spirit to all those that are humble and full of love and trust in His Words.”

Message 105:7, “The Lord has prepared a place and a way for the Righteous and those that come this Way, through the waters of baptism and the laying on of hands in this Authority I bring to you and the Church, keep it Sacred.”

Message 106:24 calls for an end to “separations, of divisions over doctrinal points. Learn the Truth, the humble Gospel Way.” Baptism, in this context, is the only means of entering into the unified, restored Church that God is preparing for His return, free from the contentions and errors of man-made systems. It is the way to be fully aligned with God’s will and

purpose for His people in these final, urgent days. To remain outside is to risk being unprepared for the Lord’s coming.

My dear friends, the message is clear, consistent, and urgent across these sacred records. From the perfect example of our Lord Jesus Christ in the *Holy Bible*, to His explicit unchanging command to the Nephites, and the urgent reiteration from the angelic messenger in *The Word of the Lord*, baptism stands as a vital, commanded ordinance of God, without which you cannot fully enter into His covenant and prepare for His glorious return.

It is the path to:

- **Fulfill all Righteousness**, following the absolute example of our Savior
- **Receive Remission of Sins**, washing away your past and beginning anew, clean before God.
- **Enter into a Sacred Binding Covenant with God**, becoming His people and a member of His true Church, secure in His fold.
- **Prepare Yourselves**- body, mind and spirit- for the glorious and imminent second coming of Jesus Christ, so that you may stand without spot before Him.

If you have not yet taken this crucial, life-altering step, I implore you, with every fiber of my being, to prayerfully consider the divine invitation extended to you this very moment. The Lord is calling His people to prepare, to purify themselves, and to unite in His true way. Baptism is the gateway to this new life, a life filled with purpose, peace, and the promise of eternal blessings.

There is no time to delay. The hour is late, and the call is clear. Let us not delay in obeying the voice of the Lord, whether

it comes through ancient scripture or modern revelation. May you all choose, today, now, to walk in the “newness of life” that baptism offers, preparing yourselves as a pure people for the return of our King.

Significance of Bethlehem, Shepherds, Their Flocks & the Manger

Ruby Draves

We are always trying to make sense of the Bible and place the events in historical context, whether to understand the Bible more fully or to add validity to it as evidence for nonbelievers. No matter the reason, the simple fact is that we don't know. All we can do is have faith and use what we have to draw conclusions or speculate. At least, until the Lord sees fit to reveal all things (Message 90:4). With this in mind, I recently ran across a highly debated subject: The importances of Bethlehem, and the symbolism of the lamb, shepherds and the manger in the birth of Christ.

Lets be clear, if you are a Christian, the story of the Christ's birth is well known and undisputed- it happened, end of story. However, the circumstance and the significance (beyond the obvious) as to where, how and why certain individuals were involved is a source of debate. Some claim that everything has a purpose or a meaning; for others, there is not enough evidence to support the former's theory, and their claims are merely the result of years of oral history embellishments and/or misinterpretations. So lets take a look.

The Birth of Christ

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”- Luke 2:11-12.

Bethlehem

As we all know the “city of David” is referring to Bethlehem. Bethlehem is mentioned 38 times in the Bible, the first being in Genesis 35:19-21, “And Rachel died, and was buried in the way of Ephrath, which is Bethlehem.

20. And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

21. And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar.”

The ‘tower of Edar’ spoken in the above verse is believed to be Migdal Eder located on the outskirts of Bethlehem. In Hebrew ‘Migdal Eder’ means “tower of the flock.” Many believe that the very shepherds who received the Angel's good news spoken of in Luke were those of Migdal Eder who tended to the “Temple flocks”- sheep raised and slated for sacrifice in the Temple, particularly at Passover. Furthermore this very phrase, ‘tower of the flock’ in reference to Migdal Eder and Bethlehem, has been mentioned in conjunction with the Messiah.

Micah 4:8, “And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.”

Likewise, Micah 5:2, “...Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”

Why is this noteworthy? Because Christ, the Messiah, who was later identified by John the Baptist as the “Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and who later sacrificed Himself upon the cross for all mankind (John 3:16) was born in Bethlehem, the very place where the Temple’s sacrificial lambs were born, identified, and cherished. Coincidence? Fact or Fiction?

Shepherds & their Flocks

It always struck me a bit odd that the first people to hear of Christ’s birth were the shepherds in the field. As a child, I wondered why the religious leaders or the prophets were not first included. As an adult, I understand that God’s ways are not our ways and that God has a purpose in everything He does whether revealed to us or not. I see correlations and metaphors in His teachings. After all, shepherds were a humble people, as God would have us be. He often refers to Himself as the Good Shepherd and like them, watches over and protects His flock, He counts us among His people and seeks after us when we stray.

Now, given this new perspective, would it be so far fetched to assume that the shepherds of Migdal Eder/Bethlehem were not just any ordinary shepherds; but priestly shepherds, trained and well verse in the law of Moses and the prophets? Men who would understand the significance, recognizing the birth of Christ as prophetic fulfilment and who would indisputably know what and who Christ is? In this context, the Angel’s announcement does not seem so odd. These men would have served the Mosaic covenant. The Good News would have been upon them to spread the word. As shepherds, they would not have been in the Temple but

among the people, both believers and nonbelievers alike, as missionaries. Furthermore, given the importance of their work, they would not otherwise have gotten the chance to rejoice and worship as those might have done in the Temple. Instead, they received a much greater gift.

Manger

The Bible doesn’t give a lot of specifics about the environment in which Christ was born, only that Christ was wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger because the inn was full (Luke 2:7). A manger could have merely been a stall or a small stone feeding trough. Regardless, it was meant to be a protective measure. According to this theory, the shepherds would have inspected any newly born lamb, looking for blemishes or imperfections, before sending them to the Temple. If none were found, they would have swaddled them in cloth and isolated them from the rest of the flock, perhaps in separate stalls or feeding troughs. Thus, signifying to others, the lamb’s suitability for sacrifice- completely perfect and unblemished. Finding Christ in this manner, the shepherds would have immediately understood His purpose.

Bethlehem, Migdal Eder, Shepherds, Lambs and the Manger... Do they have significance or are they just places, people and items of our shared religious history and belief? As mentioned before, the idea of Bethlehem and their ‘Temple flocks’ is one of debate. However, it offers an intriguing perspective. Is it fact, I cannot say for certain and will leave it to you, the reader, to decide and further research. For me, I believe that everything God does has purpose and meaning. It is part of His great plan, whether I understand it or not. I choose to have a faith and there is no

better time, than during the season where God is the reason. I hope that this article finds you dwelling on the Lord and prompts you to find yourself in the Word whether in study or continued research. Merry Christmas and God Bless.

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Young Adults

Ruby Draves

Angels at Christ's Birth

It's easy to lose sight of the reason for Christmas, as we shop for gifts, brave the endless crowds, buckle down at work to take holiday leave, and struggle with travel plans to see family and friends. Yet there are signs everywhere, little reminders that we tend to overlook. Angels are one of them. It's rare to go through any Christmas shop or light display and not find angels among them. But why are they so central? Easy... they are prominent figures in the Life of Jesus, particularly at His birth.

Angels are God's messengers. In fact, the word "angel comes" from the Greek word *angelos*, meaning "messenger." The bible shows us that angels can deliver messages in person or in a dream like the one Jacob had in Genesis 28:10-15. The Bible also designates 4 different types of

angels: Cherubim, Seraphim, Archangels and Messengers. It is these messengers that we see in the Christmas story and later in Jesus's life.

Angels in the Christmas Story:

Gabriel foretold the birth of John as well as His name- Luke 1:11-13,

"And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

12. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

13. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John."

Gabriel also foretold the birth of Jesus to Mary- Luke 1:24-31

"And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,

25. Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.

26. And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

27. To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

28. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

29. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

30. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

31. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and

shalt call his name Jesus.”

And then, again, Gabriel addresses Joseph- Matthew 1:20-21

“But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.”

An Angel announced the birth of Jesus to the Shepherds followed by a host singing hallelujah- Luke 2:8-15

“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.”

And finally, an angel directed Jesus’s flight into Egypt and His return to Israel- Matthew 2:13 & 19-20

“And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

19. But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

20. Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.”

Angels continued to appear throughout Christ’s life. They ministered to Jesus at His temptations (Matthew 4:11), came to Him in Gethsemane, (Luke 22:43), rolled away the stone of Jesus’ tomb (Matthew 28:2), announced His resurrection to the women (Matthew 28:5-7) and 2 angels presented Jesus to Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-14). So, as you can see, there is no question as to the importance of angels and why they are present during this wonderful season. They have helped and guided many, they have worked alongside the Lord, and they come even today with God’s message of love.

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Junior

Thresa Ray

Dear Youth,

Here it is. Thanksgiving and Christmas time again! We have so much to be thank-

ful for, especially for the birth of Jesus and His great plan of salvation for each of us!

Please take the time to read the story of Jesus Christ's birth in *The Holy Bible* found in Luke 1:5-80, Luke 2:1-20, Matthew 1:18-25 and Matthew 2:1-23.

In Luke 2:21-38, it was revealed to Simeon that he should not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord as was the custom in those days, Simeon saw Jesus.

Luke 2:28-33, "Then took he (Simeon) him up into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

30. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

31. Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

32. A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

33. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at all those things which were spoken of him."

Simeon knew that he saw Jesus, the Christ child.

Luke 2:36-38 tells of Anna's testimony. She was a prophetess and a widow for 84 years who lived in the temple. She served God with fastings and prayers night and day. Verse 38, "And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem."

Anna also knew by the Holy Spirit that Jesus was the Christ who would save the world!

The story of Christ's birth is so beautiful! God manifested himself in the flesh, giving us His Son, Jesus, so that

through belief in Him we might have everlasting life!

John 3:16-17, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

John 3:36, (John the Baptist is speaking) "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

John 14:6-7, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also; and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him."

In *The Record of the Nephites*, Mosiah 3:12 & 17 says, "But wo, wo unto him who knoweth that he rebelleth against God; for salvation cometh to none such, except it be through repentance and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ.

17. And moreover, I say unto you, that there shall be no other name given, nor any other way nor means whereby salvation can come unto the children of men, only in and through the name of Christ, the Lord Omnipotent."

We understand that Jesus is God's Son and there is no other way to receive salvation except through belief in Christ! We also need to understand that Jesus is God in the flesh.

John 1:1-2, & 14, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2. The same was in the beginning with God.

14. And the Word was made flesh, and

dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

In *The Record of the Nephites*, Mosiah 15:1-5 says, “And now Abinadi saith unto them, I would that ye should understand that God himself shall come down among the children of men, and shall redeem his people;

2. 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.

3. The Father, because he was conceived by the power of God, and the Son, because of the flesh; thus becoming the Father and Son:

4. And they are one God, yea, the very Eternal Father of heaven and of earth.

5. 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.”

3 Nephi 11:14,16-17, (Jesus speaking) “Arise and come forth unto me, that ye may thrust your hands into my side, and also that ye may feel the prints of the nails in my hands and in my feet, that ye may know that I am the God of Israel, and the God of the whole earth, and have been slain for the sins of the world.

16. And it came to pass that when they had all gone forth and witnessed for themselves, they did cry out with one accord saying,

17. Hosanna! Blessed be the name of the Most High God! And they did fall down at the feet of Jesus, and did worship him.”

Mosiah 3:8, “And he shall be called Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father

of heaven and earth, the Creator of all things, from the beginning; and his mother shall be called Mary.”

2 Nephi 31:2, “...And now, behold, this is the doctrine of Christ, and the only and true doctrine of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, which is one God, without end. Amen”

3 Nephi 9:14-15, “Yea, verily I say unto you, If ye will come unto me ye shall have eternal life. Behold, mine arm of mercy is extended towards you, and whosoever will come, him will I receive; and blessed are they which cometh to me.

15. Behold, I am Jesus Christ the Son of God. I created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them is, I was with the Father from the beginning. I am in the Father, and the Father in me; and in me hath the Father glorified his name.”

3 Nephi 11:36, “And thus will the Father bear record of me, and the Holy Ghost will bear record unto him of the Father and me; for the Father, and I, and the Holy Ghost are one.”

In *The Word of The Lord Brought to Mankind by An Angel*, Message 84:15-20, “ ‘Behold!’ saith the Lord, ‘I have sent My Messenger to speak My Will. My Words shall not return unto Me void but shall bring forth. There shall be those with faith when I come to the earth to reign.

16. I am He that is called I AM. I am the Great White Spirit. I am He that is called Shiloh. I am all in all. I am the only Living God, Creator of the universe, Ruler and Judge of all. I am the Chief Corner Stone. I am the Stone the builders rejected. I am the Christ, the Son of Man.

17. I am God. I change not. I am He that was called Jehovah. I am Jesus Christ. I am the Beginning and the End. I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the

Last. I am the Lord. I am He that was manifested in the flesh, in the flesh- death and resurrection. I am He that is risen. I am the Lord God.

18. All they that hear Me and learn of Me, hearing My Decrees and obey, shall have the right to eternity with Me, your Lord God Christ forever.

19. I am He that formed the Heavens and the earth and all things that in them are. I am He that placed man in the garden and preserved Noah over the flood. I am He that chose Abraham for his great faith. His seed is as the sands of the sea-shores, innumerable. I am He that led Israel through the Red Sea and over Jordan and I will deliver My people today, if they will watch and pray and serve Me, your Master and Lord God.

20. When mankind will learn of Me, he shall be lifted from darkness unto Light and Power- and hearing Me I will hear him and heal your souls and your lands."

I hope you can clearly see and understand that the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are One God! God loves us so much, to manifest Himself in the flesh- to be our example of how we should live our lives- to have this great plan of salvation to save us! Through belief in Him, obedience and endurance we can have everlasting life with our Lord God! We are so very blessed and have so very much to be thankful for!

Merry Christmas to each of you as you celebrate the birth of Christ and reflect on the greatness of this precious baby Jesus that will provide our way of Salvation!

Love and prayers,
Sister Thresa Ray

Primary

Ruby Draves

Why Shepherds?

Luke 2:7-20, "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.”

After Jesus was born, the first people to be told of His birth were the shepherds in the field near Bethlehem. Seems a bit strange, right? Why Shepherds? When a baby is born, usually it is the family that is told first. But since Mary and Joseph was traveling for the census, their families weren't around. Ok then, but shepherds? Why? Jesus's birth was foretold. God's people knew that He was going to come to earth and live among them. For years the prophets talked about signs and the Messiah. So why weren't the prophets told or the priests in the temple? Why, of all people, were the Shepherds told before all others?

That's a good question. One that people in biblical times would have asked. You see Shepherds were not considered to be important people even though they had a really important job. They protected a valuable resource: Sheep. Sheep was used for wool that made clothes and blankets. They were an important source of food. And because sheep were so valuable, they were offered as a sacrifice to God in the temple. Without Shepherds everyone around them would have suffered in one way or another. But despite all of this, people often looked down on them. Being a Shepherd was hard work. They spent most of their time outside in all weather conditions while watching and protecting the sheep from other animals and robbers. At night, they gathered all

the sheep and counted them. And then again in the morning to make sure nothing happened throughout the night. The Shepherds rarely had time to shower or take a bath which meant that they were probably dirty and really smelly having been outside and around animals all the time. Most people would not have wanted to be around them, at least most of the time. So you can see why a lot of people would have asked... why Shepherds?

With all things, God has a plan. God knew that the Shepherds were a hard-working humble people. By telling the Shepherds first, God was telling the people that He doesn't care how rich or poor they were, what type of job they have or what people thought or said about them. You are just as important to Him as a king in a castle, a president of a county or the richest person in the world. He wants you to work hard, help and care about others, be humble, love and glorify Him. And most importantly, He wants us to share with everyone we know how Great and Awesome God is- just like the Shepherds did after visiting Him in the manger. And just like the Shepherds who took care of the sheep, God will protect us, care for us, find us when we get lost and count us as one of His people. So, to God the questions is... Why NOT the Shepherds?

Craft: Shepherd

Materials

1. Toilet Paper Tube
2. Construction Paper
3. Fabric- 3x3"
4. Yarn or String
5. Pipe Cleaners
6. Candy Cane
7. Glue & Tape
8. Markers



Instructions

1. Cut out a piece of construction paper and glue around the tp tube.
2. Cut a u-shaped piece of flesh color paper. Draw a face on it and glue near the top of the tube.
3. Poke a small hole on each side of the tube for the arms.
4. Cut 2 pieces of pipe cleaner (arms) and place in the holes. Hooke the end of the pipe cleaner in the inside of the tube and tape in place.
5. Put a small line of glue around the top of the tube and wrap the piece of fabric over the top of the tube to make the Shepherd's head covering.
6. Cut a piece of string or yarn and tie it around the fabric.
7. Wrap the end of one of the pipe cleaners around a candy cane for the Shepherd's staff.

Christian Candy Cane

Look at the Candy Cane.
 What do you see?
 Stripes that are red
 Like the blood shed for me.
 White is for my Savior
 Who is sinless and pure!
 "J" is for Jesus
 My Lord, that's for sure!
 Turn it around
 And a staff you will see.
 Jesus my Shepherd
 Was born for Me!



Obituary

Ellen Draves 1944-2025

Ellen Lorene Draves passed away on October 9, 2025, in Raytown, Missouri. Born on August 10, 1944, in Kansas City, Missouri, Ellen graced this world with her presence for 81 remarkable years.



Ellen graduated from Van Horn High School before earning her bachelor's degree from Central Missouri State University (now known as the University of Central Missouri). She dedicated much of her career as a physical education teacher in the Blue Springs School District. It was there that she met her husband, Leonard Draves, an art teacher who initially did not catch her eye. However, as fate would have it, their bond deepened, leading to a beautiful life together filled with love and partnership. An avid history buff, Ellen passionately delved into family genealogy and was well-versed in the history of her church: The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord. She was the go-to source for anyone seeking historical information in her community, reflecting her generosity and commitment to knowledge. Additionally, she enjoyed watching sports, often supporting her daughter's soccer teams earlier in their lives by serving as a scheduler for many years. Ellen was known for her ornery disposition and wildly generous heart, traits that those around her adored.

Ellen's passing was preceded by her parents, Ulysses and Edith Hammond, and her beloved husband, Leonard Hiram

Jewel Draves. Her legacy of love lives on through her daughters, Ruby Draves and Joy Draves Dreher (Branden); her grandchildren, Gavin Hixson, Aubry Horton, and Zane Draves Dreher Burris; and her sister, Janet Talbert.

Message 84:6, "Keep the faith and endure, and the sunlight of righteousness shall arise over you, with healing in His wings, and ye shall be preserved in the hour when trials are upon you. Deliverance will come. Command peace, and it will bring you through."

In Loving Memory

Thresa Ray

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Sister Ellen Draves was married to my brother, Leonard Draves, and has been my sister-in-law for almost 50 years.

Gary and I, were married in May of 1975 and Leonard and Ellen were married by our father, William A. Draves, that same year in November. The wedding ceremony was the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving. They were both teachers so they wanted to have the long weekend for their 'Honeymoon'.

That day we had a huge snow storm. The snow must have been at least 2 feet deep! It was so bad that their best man, from Kansas City couldn't make it to the wedding. Their organist couldn't make it either, so our step-mom, Katie, played the organ for them. In spite of the discouraging beginning – they forged through and were married for life!

I remember on our wedding day, my sisters were all here and went to lunch together, but Ellen stayed home with me and helped me hem some clothes for our honeymoon.

Ellen did beautiful needlepoint work on canvas. She made me a beautiful western themed book bag that I used to carry my church books. At one of our Church assemblies, I was very busy with the youth classes. My kids got into the car, and I loaded lots of things into my car trunk to make a run home. I absent-mindedly left my beautiful Church bag on the ground behind my car. I got into the car and backed over it! Thank God my books were okay but I really messed up that beautiful bag!

I was so upset about it that I didn't tell Ellen for a long time – but when I did, she surprised me and made me another book bag – just like it! That was such a selfless gift that took a lot of time to REMAKE for me! I never asked for it, or even hinted for it - Ellen just did it.

Ellen compiled many sermons of our father, William A. Draves, into a three volume set. We all love and appreciate that so much!

When Leonard passed – to go to Jesus, nine years ago, Ellen stepped up and continued putting together our Church paper. Ruby, her daughter, has continued doing that when Ellen was unable. They have been a big blessing to the Church!

Ellen always loved doing genealogy. She did our family's genealogy. She has enjoyed delving into our Church history and has learned much and answered many questions about the Church history. She has indeed been a blessing and is missed and will continue to be missed very much!

Ellen was a faithful servant clear to the end of her life on this earth.

Revelation 2:10, "...Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.

I know Ellen is in Paradise and will receive that beautiful crown of life.

Northwest Local News

Thresa Ray

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

We held our yearly election for the Northwest Regional Local on March 23, 2025. Following are the results:

Church

Pastor- Branden Dreher
Asst. Pastor- Robby Humpert
Local Bishop- Branden Dreher
Recorder- Ola Thompson
Reporter for the Greater Light- Thresa Ray
Chorister- Hannah Johnson
Asst. Chorister- Tammy Thompson
Organist / Pianist- River Thompson

Sunday School

Superintendent- Robby Humpert
Asst. Superintendent- Branden Dreher
Secretary- Thresa Ray
Treasurer- Tammy Thompson
Chorister- Brenda Humpert
Asst Chorister- Tammy Thompson
Organist / Pianist- River Thompson

On Sunday July 27th 2025, we met at the Watkins's Mill Park shelter for our Baptism Service. Brother Brandon Dreher opened service with prayer and introduced Brother Robby Humpert to give a sermon about baptism being a sacred covenant. The sermon is in the Article section of the paper.

The congregation moved from the park shelter to the nearby lake for the baptisms. Brother Branden read from III Nephi in *The Record of the Nephites*.

Sister Ele Thorpe, Sister Tammy Thompson and Brother Lane McGinley were baptized by Brother Branden Dreher and assisted by Brother Robby Humpert.

The baptisms were beautiful and we all felt the Lord's Spirit with us. Brother Branden closed with prayer and the congregation returned to the shelter for the Confirmation and Sacrament Service.

Opening Prayer was given by Brother Branden Dreher. The opening song was "Jesus Loves Me." Sister Ele Thorpe played a song that was special to her, "Why God?"

Sister Ele Thorpe, Sister Tammy Thompson and Brother Lane McGinley were confirmed by Brother Brandon Dreher and Brother Robby Humpert.

We thank the Lord for these precious souls. Sister Tammy and Sister Ele felt a deep conviction to be rebaptized and young Lane felt the call of God to be baptized. We praise the Lord for His goodness and for sending His sweet Holy Spirit to be with us!

The children- Jada , Willow and Tinsley Johnson, and Lane McGinley- along with Sister Brenda Humpert led all in singing "The Old Church Choir."

We had many prayer requests. Prayers were offered by Brother Robby Humpert, Sister Thresa Ray, Sister Brenda Humpert, Sister Tammy Thompson and Sister Jada Johnson.

Blessing on the Sacrament Bread was given by Brother Branden Dreher, assisted by Brother Robby Humpert. The emblem was passed by Brother Robby Humpert.

Blessing on the Sacrament Wine was given by Brother Robby Humpert, assisted by Brother Branden Dreher. The emblem was passed by Brother Robby Humpert.

Testimonies of God's greatness was given by Sister Thresa Ray, Sister Ola Thompson and Sister Brenda Humpert.

Closing Prayer by Brother Branden Dreher.

Following service we had a delicious picnic dinner. Many stayed to swim in the beautiful lake. We enjoyed a very blessed day- Spiritual blessings- and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Romans 12:11 "... (be) fervent in Spirit; serving the Lord;"

May God Bless each of you.