

The Branch Newsletter

September

2000

Zion's Outpost of the Church of Jesus Christ
6300 Tarrytown Park City, KS 67219

Welcome to Anna Colleen Burford, born on Sunday, August 6, 2000 at 5:05 am. She weighed in at 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long. she was born in Via Cristi, St. Francis hospital. Pam and the baby came home from the hospital on August 8. Both are doing well.



*Thy father
and thy mother
shall be glad,
and she that
bare thee
shall rejoice.
Proverbs 23:25*

A baby shower was held at the church for Anna Colleen on Saturday, August 26 at 7:00 pm. It was an enjoyable time of fellowship and many useful items were thoughtfully supplied to clothe entertain and otherwise assist Anna Colleen to grow up well.

Several months ago the Facilities Committee was tasked with finding new chairs for the rostrum. The chairs that we have used for all the time we have owned the building are old, uncomfortable and needed re-upholstering. After some searching, three new chairs were ordered. They finally arrived a few weeks ago. The chairs are quite comfortable and more attractive also.

Zion's Outpost is planning to participate in the city-wide garage sale in Park City on

Saturday, September 30. We have several items that are no longer used at church and need to be re-located. This garage sale extravaganza is well attended every year. The church parking lot is used by many of the shoppers. It makes sense to allow these shoppers the chance to purchase some of the items we no longer use.

If anyone has items in their homes that need re-locating, they can be donated to our garage sale effort. All of the funds raised will go into the general fund of the branch.

If you donate any items, please contact Pam Burford, mark each item plainly with a price and leave it at church in an area to be designated.

Volunteers are needed to help with the garage sale. Please contact Pam Burford to say when you will be able to come to the church and help with the sale effort. We may even have a chance to tell people about Jesus that day also, some come praying that you can help someone



who is paying for stuff we no longer need!

Orders can be placed by writing

The Branch Directory is being updated again. If you know of any address changes, new phone numbers, etc. PLEASE contact Gary Whiting with those changes. the new directories will be printed following the Branch Elections to be held on October 8th at 5:00 pm.



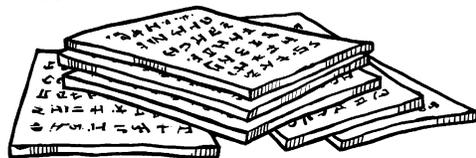
If anyone has an e-mail address, please let us know that as well.

Don't forget to let everyone know of any interesting, exciting or otherwise noteworthy events are taking place in your life. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we enjoy knowing what others are doing in the Body of Christ. Have you made an interesting trip or vacation? Have any of your children won an award or participated in some kind of event?



Please let us know by submitting a short news item for the newsletter.

Zarahemla Research Foundation has informed us that all of their first printing Restored Covenant Edition Book of Mormons in the paperback are now sold out. There is a second printing available but at an increased cost. All



paperback editions are now \$14.00. With the new price also comes new choices. the paperback edition can be purchased in the following colors: black, jade, navy and maroon.

Some of the first printing RCE's are available in leather and hardback at their original prices. Leather is available for \$32.00 a copy and the hardback sells for \$18.00 a copy. If you want one of these first edition copies you should act soon, while supplies last.

Zarahemla Research Foundation
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or calling (816) 461-5655 on Wednesday of each week.

September 2000: Patience Scripture Calendar Reading Assistant

Below are brief comments and impressions about the daily scripture portions for each day of the worship calendar. I wanted to be able to show why these scriptures were selected and what they meant to me. Perhaps this will assist you in your daily study. - GRW

SEPTEMBER 1 - Romans 5:3,4

This is a tough passage to begin our study with. Yet, this is a plain view of how God has determined to raise his children. A true child of God is fully dependent upon his Heavenly Father. We learn to have this dependence through tribulations. Here we see our weakness and God's power. God's power is given through the tribulation and this requires us to wait on God. Here is patience. By waiting on God we see his hand and we gain confidence in him. This is the experience that Paul speaks of. This experience solidifies and confirms our faith. This is the process of gaining hope, for herein we see that God is our Father and Shepherd and he will save those who call on him.

SEPTEMBER 2 - Romans 8:24, 25

Our hope, gained by experience further strengthens our patience. If by faith and by our knowledge, or experience, we have the hope that God will finally provide us deliverance into the holy Kingdom, we are willing to allow God's timing and wisdom to preside over our lives. Patience helps to eliminate fears over the future because we have learned to trust our Father in heaven. Despite not being able to see into the future, we have hope in God and we wait with patience that is built on faith and experience.

SEPTEMBER 3 – Romans 15:4 ,5

God is patient. He waits for decades and centuries to see his will fulfilled in the lives of people. His example ought to be our example. God does not forget the lessons of history and has provided a record of his promises for us. Scripture also records the testimonies of others who saw God's will done through their patience. These examples are made available for our instruction. By these things we receive the ministry of patience and comfort through the scriptures.

SEPTEMBER 4 – James 5:10, 11

James makes the same point as Paul did in Romans 15. These men and women, our spiritual ancestors, have left many examples to encourage us to be patient. God is unchanging and will still supply his people, if we trust him as previous generations did. Take them as examples of patient endurance.

SEPTEMBER 5 – 1 Thessalonians 1:3

Note that Paul mentions that our patience is built on hope. But not just any hope! It is hope that is based in our Lord Jesus Christ. This is hope that is in the sight of God and our Father. Our patient endurance is based on the hope that Jesus Christ's faithfulness and it is not hidden from God. Our Father in heaven sees us and is with us in real time in our lives.

SEPTEMBER 6 – Alma 16:111

Paul said that God is the God of patience. If we have patience, it is because God grants this strength to us. Alma implies that impatience is weakness. Being patient requires strength to endure and it comes from God. How often do we ask the Lord to help us endure patiently the daily trials before us? "O what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, a;; because we do not carry, everything to God i prayer" (*The Hymnal*, 403)

SEPTEMBER 7 – 2 Thessalonians 1:4, 5

Patient endurance of affliction is the mark of one who has her/his eye on the Kingdom of God and Jesus Christ. In our afflictions, God trains us and makes us worthy of eternal glory with him. His nature in us in honed and refined so that we may be like him. It also provides the means by which God may bring righteous judgment on those who cause affliction and yet do not repent and those who

humbly walk with God in the fiery trial. Remember all things are done in the sight of our Father in heaven.

SEPTEMBER 8 – Alma 14:111

Patiently bear affliction is one way that God grants success to his servants. It is not unlike the athlete who trains hard for years to win the Olympic competition or the person who studies and works long years and through hard times to achieve some coveted scientific discovery. But better than these, God's success yields the fruit of righteousness and joy. Also note that many times the Lord's message of relief comes to us after the battle is already hard fought. Do not give up hope.

SEPTEMBER 9 – Hebrews 12:1

One of the marks of saving faith is endurance. Using the picture of a race, we are here encouraged to push on through the middle and late portions of the contest with diligence and determination. The prize is won at the finish line, not at the starting line. Press on!

SEPTEMBER 10 – Isaiah 30:18

The Lord waits for just the right time to act. In this perfect timing, his marvelous wonders are seen and he is glorified. In his waiting he maximizes the blessing for us. It says, "therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you." The Prodigal Son could not wait for his blessing and his joy was greatly diminished. Yet those who will wait on the Lord will be blessed.

SEPTEMBER 11 – Titus 2:2

"Titus," Paul says, "tell the older men that their good example and service to the Lord means that they must be sober, appropriately serious, well controlled, established in faith, in charity and they must be very patient." Why Paul? Because their example teaches others the necessity and usefulness these spiritual qualities and their testimony is enhanced in believability.

SEPTEMBER 12 – Luke 8:15

Have you ever seen a fruit tree that produced fruit well a week after it was planted? How about 2 months later? Some trees require years before they mature enough to bear a good crop. We should allow god to mature us and in due season we will bear fruit

that he can use and bless. Keep the word, nurture it and in time, God will bring the increase.

SEPTEMBER 13 – Hebrews 10:35-39

Patience implies hanging on with great diligence to the word of faith that has been delivered. It requires keeping our confidence in Christ and all of his promises. Patience is staying with the faith or confidence of the gospel. Here we are told that doing the will of God is in opposition to drawing back. The life of faith requires patient enduring. Then at the end of life lies the reward of the promise of God.

SEPTEMBER 14 – James 5:7, 8

The apostle James reminds us that the patience that God requires is the same patience as the husbandman who raises fruit. He must wait, doing what he ought, yet dependent on the Lord for the early and latter rains. In this way he is able to bring in a harvest. the promise of the vine is fruit at the end of the season. So our patience is in obeying God, relying on his care and looking forward to the reward of eternal life in Christ.

SEPTEMBER 15 – Alma 16:170-1173

Patience is a working wait in God's plan. It submits to the timing of God. As the word of God takes root in our heart we are required to care for it. In the labor we look forward to the fruit it will yet bear.

SEPTEMBER 16 – Hebrews 6:11

In the verses preceding today's reading, we are pointed to the diligence of God. He never forgets us or what we have done. He keeps all of his promises. He will reward the faithful for their diligent service. Therefore, let us be just as diligent in our patience as God is. We are to maintain our diligence in the full assurance of hope unto the end.

SEPTEMBER 17 – Section 67:3a-c

This revelation, given in November 1831, calls the priesthood to strive for a pure ministry and the revelation of Christ in their lives. They are called to specific tasks in becoming this kind of minister. If they will perform these preparations and wait with patience, they shall realize the promise of God. This pattern is an example to all and a call to patiently working in God's grace and timing.

SEPTEMBER 18 – 2 Corinthians 6:4

God calls us to patience in all things. Paul mentions this first among all the things he and his companions endured for the sake of the ministry of Jesus Christ. Patience was the key to all of his successes and trials.

SEPTEMBER 19 – Colossians 1:11, 12

The patience to which God has called us is not a self generated trait. God strengthens us with all might according to his glorious power unto all patience. Therefore, God makes us able to abide in patience in all things with might that is in proportion to God's glorious power. This patience is not just getting by, it is with the strength of God. In our patience, God shows himself strong in the eyes of his enemies and the faithful. Note also that it is a patience that is full of joy.

SEPTEMBER 20 – Galatians 5:22

In yesterday's reading patience and long-suffering were linked together. Long-suffering is a demonstration of God-like patience. Paul told the Galatians that long-suffering originates in the Holy Spirit of God. It is a gift of God to his people. It is appropriate both to ask God to establish this quality in us and to thank him for it.

SEPTEMBER 21 – Revelation 3:10

The word of God outlines for us the patience which God requires of the saints. We know them. Pray always; bless them which persecute you; It is required to forgive all men; Go into all the world; Mortify the deeds of the flesh, etc. Do we keep the word of God's patience? If we do, the Lord promises to keep us from the trials coming upon the world in the last times. Wherefore, I the Lord knowing the calamity which should come upon the inhabitants of the earth, called upon . . . all that will hear" (Section 1:4a, 3a). Are you listening and heading the call?

SEPTEMBER 22 – Revelation 13:10

The apostle Paul called upon the saints in Rome to live peaceably with all men in as much as it was possible and to yield vengeance to God. In the last days the saints will suffer for the name of Christ, but the faith and patience of the saints is that our Father will justly deal with all the persecutors and will reward his faithful saints in the kingdom to come. Oh, that we may be so patient and faithful.

SEPTEMBER 23 – Revelation 14:12

By refusing to yield to the system of this world's evil, the saints of God make themselves a prey to the rulers of darkness. Yet, their patient sacrifices are a testimony of light that is well noted by the throne of grace. It will yield condemnation and just retribution from the hand of God and a robe of righteousness for those who overcome by faith. Here is the patience of the saints, that they keep the commandments of God by faith in Jesus Christ.

SEPTEMBER 24 - Mosiah 11:23, 24

The trials of the Lord are to try our patience. It does not mean that God is seeking to provoke us. Rather he is seeing how well we are learning our lessons. He is checking our progress and helping us see where we really stand before him. To develop patience we must be in situations where patience is the proper response. A farmer learns to plough in the field, not in a classroom. A ballplayer learns his trade on the baseball diamond. Saints learn patience in the days of testing.

SEPTEMBER 25 – Section 63:16c

For the joy set before us, we endure with patience the trials of life. Looking forward with hope for that exceedingly wonderful glory God has prepared for them that love him and keep his commandments. If we fail to do so, so great a condemnation.

SEPTEMBER 26 – James 1:3, 4

This verse is similar to Paul's opening verses in Romans 5. The trying of our faith develops patience and patience is able to make us perfect and entire, lacking nothing. How often we complain about the adversity of life when we should be remembering to give thanks to God for working in us the perfecting work of patience.

SEPTEMBER 27 – Section 6:8c

Patience is able to perfect us because with patience comes faith, hope and charity. Note that these are qualities free of excess and variability. they reflect the same steadfastness that Jesus demonstrated as he set his for Jerusalem and the cross. It is the determination and consistency of a champion. It is the Good Shepherd leading us in the way we should go.

SEPTEMBER 28 – Luke 21:18

The lack of patience makes us the servants of the situation or our persecutors. We make foolish mistakes and decisions in these times when we do not consider how the Lord wants us to act. Paul and Silas were patient when they were jailed. They sought the Lord's wisdom and worshiped him. Their jailers were the real captives because the Lord's men were free in Jesus.

SEPTEMBER 29 – Section 98:5j

The patient saint is determined to think on the things above. the circumstances of his earthly existence are secondary to his spiritual condition. this is one reason why fasting and sacrifice are common among the true saints. The abundance of their life does not lie in the things they possess or what they eat and drink. they seek to lay up treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not corrupt.

SEPTEMBER 30 – Alma 7:40

We seek to be patient because our Lord is full of patience. to be like him is to be with him. the hope of our patience is that when he comes we may be like him and thus have entrance into the immortal kingdom of his glory and of our Father.

Book of Mormon Day with the Book of Mormon Foundation on October 21, 22. watch for details!

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore I will hope in him. the Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.
Lamentations 3:24-26

The Assigning of the Call

“I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church . . .” (Colossians 1:24).

We make calls out of our own spiritual consecration, but when we get right with God He brushes all these aside, and rivets us with a pain that is terrific to one thing we never dreamed of, and for one radiant flashing moment we see what he is after, and we say, – “Here am I! Send me” (Isaiah 6:8).

This call has nothing to do with personal sanctification, but with being made broken bread and poured-out wine. God can never make us wine if we object to the fingers He chooses to use to crush us with. “If God would only use His own fingers, and make me broken bread and poured-out wine in a special way!” But when He uses someone we dislike, or some set of circumstances to which we said we would never submit, and makes those the crushers, we object. We must never choose the scene of our own martyrdom. If ever we are going to be made into wine, we will have to be crushed; you cannot drink grapes. Grapes become wine only when they have been squeezed.

I wonder what kind of finger and thumb God has been using to squeeze you, and you have been like a marble and escaped? You are not ripe yet, and if God had squeezed you, the wine produced would have been remarkably bitter. To be a sacramental person means that the elements of the natural life are presented by God as they are broken providentially in His service. We have to be adjusted into God before we can be broken bread in His hands. Keep right with God and let Him what He likes, and you will find that He is producing the kind of bread and wine that will benefit His other children.

– *My Utmost for His Highest*, Oswald Chambers (September 30th reading)

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