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“By faith all things are fulfilled: Wherefore, whoso believeth in God might with surety hope for a better world, yea, even a place at the right hand of God which hope cometh of faith maketh an Anchor to the souls of men, which would make them sure and steadfast, always abounding in good works, being led to glorify God.” Ether 5:3b-4

In Loving Memory Dennis Smith



Born April 14, 1945
Heavenly Homecoming July 23, 2019

Algonac Branch



By: Val Bradley

“The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.” (Psalm 29:11) On Sunday, June 14, Kelli Williams gave a short program to celebrate the kids in our congregation in honor of Children’s Day. She shared a couple of readings about what a blessing children are. She talked about each child in our branch and what they meant to her. She gave each of them a Precious Moments figurine from her own collection and told them why it reminded her of them. The children mean so much to all of us and we are blessed by the ministry they bring to our congregation.

On Father’s Day, June 16, our annual service/picnic was held at Beebe Street Park in Richmond. Elder Todd Yaney gave a great sermon and the ministry of music was brought by our Algonac Trio (Todd & Liz Moses and Val Bradley). At the end of the service, the children (led by Kelli Williams), gave a special presentation to honor the Dads in our congregation and handed out flashlight key chains with a scripture verse on them (Jeremiah

29:11). Afterwards we shared a wonderful potluck meal and great fellowship. Then Kelli gathered the kids and helped them make special paintings for their Dads. Everyone seemed to have a great time in spite of the weather. It was very cool and rainy that day, but it did not dampen our spirits.

Once again, Kelli Williams directed this year’s Vacation Bible School, which took place on June 24 – 28. The theme was “Giddy Up Junction.”



The topic for Day 1 was “God Shows His Love.” Day 2 was “God Loves All People.” Day three was “God loves individuals.” Day 4 was “God Loves an Enemy,” and Day 5 was “God’s Love Brings Joy.” Kelli wrote the puppet shows and was the puppeteer, assisted by Todd Moses. The shows conveyed each day’s theme. The puppets featured this year included Charlie the Horse (better known as Friendly), Henrietta the chicken, Wooly the lamb, Hamrietta the pig, Cow the cow, and the annual favorite, Rainbow the parrot. Kelli also organized the recreation, assisted by Ava & David Nagy, Daynna

Harm, and a friend. Special thanks to Amy Nagy for assisting in the purchasing of prizes for the kids and helping out with recreation, and to Elaine King, Amber Taylor and Kevin & Analyn for their support. Todd Moses taught all the music classes, always a favorite with the kids.

They sing with enthusiasm and also enjoy playing the various instruments Todd has available to them.



I taught the VBS lessons for the week for all the kids this year. We talked all week about the love and power of God, the Resurrection, Pentecost, Jesus and His disciples and the man from Ethiopia that Paul witnessed to. We also talked about Paul and his life changing experiences and where he journeyed. I used a Storyboard to help convey the meaning of the lessons to the children. We did a color sheet and craft in class each day also. **(Cory Eliason)**

I was in charge of the Bible School crafts. The kids made dried bean cross mosaics soap carving, decorated and personalized cowboy hats, mini cactus made with stones and wooden windowsill western village,

storefront, jail or church. The kids seemed to most enjoy the soap carving and anything they needed to paint. There was a good spirit all week. The kids were all cooperative and all volunteered to pray by the end of the week. **(Tina Yaney)**

Snacks are always a favorite part of the week's activities! Every year we have fresh baked whole grain bread, which the children seem to love. This year we set out a bowl of assorted candy, and the kids got to choose which ones they wanted. This could become the new favorite VBS snack! **(Nadine Moses & Elaine Harm)**

(Reported by Elaine King)

This summer's Rummage/Bake Sale was held at the church July 5, 6, 12, and 13. Wendy Holmes, Elaine King, Connie Burns, Marilyn Canham, Tim Holmes and Tina Yaney helped out the first weekend. Tina Yaney sorted all the jewelry that was for sale and made a wonderful display board. Awesome job, Tina! All of our regulars came to shop, along with some new customers. Sherry Purcell and Kathi & Jay Havener stopped by to support our sale. As always, our Algonac ladies contributed a ton of baked goods. We can't thank them enough! The first weekend we had our parking lot available for all the 4th of July festivities taking place in town. David & Shanna Harm came at the end of the day and grilled steaks and the fixings for all the rummage

sale workers. Yum ... what a treat! We decided to extend the sale another weekend as there were plenty of items left to sell. Wendy, Elaine King, Tim Holmes, Connie Burns, Val Bradley and Kim Gilchrist assisted that weekend.



Wendy Holmes was in a baking frenzy and filled the church kitchen with delectable smells. It was another good weekend and opportunity to witness to those in our church community.

Reunion Reflections (July 22 – 28)

We were blessed this year by guest ministers (& their families) High Priest Steve Bohal, Elder Michael Brown (both from Missouri), and Elder David Joyce (from West Virginia). The sermons and classes they took part in all centered around the theme, “Jesus is Calling.” As a first time Director of this wonderful gathering, I am pleased to report that all went smoothly. I know the Lord was with me and the whole group throughout the entire week, and I am grateful. **(Eric Eliason)**

This year’s reunion was a delight for all involved and attending. The Spirit was present, and a sense of family was shared among the saints. Our branch remained active as Elder Eric Eliason served as the Camp Director. Cory Eliason taught grades 3-5, while Kelli Williams taught age 4, grade 2. Liz Moses provided music for both classes, while Todd Moses provided music for the Jr. High and Sr. High classes. Todd also directed the choir along with co-directing the evening campfires with Bethany Moses and Lindsey Daniels. Bethany was also the emcee for the camp’s talent show and Todd kicked the week off with leading the mixer for all the saints attending. Kim Gilchrist led all of the music activities for the services and involved many individuals in playing the keyboard or sharing in song. Our guest ministry from Missouri and West Virginia provided insight, knowledge, testimony and a display of the Lord’s Spirit was at work with the saints throughout the week. As always, the end of the week and a return to our homes and communities seemed to come too quickly with “so longs” and “farewells” to family and loved ones ... until the next time we get to be together in another Zion experience. **(Todd Moses)**

Update from Bethany Moses

I got back from working at Disney before reunion and had a blast catching up with everyone there! I moved into my new apartment in

Kalamazoo the weekend of August 16th. As stated previously, I transferred from BYU to Western Michigan University because of scheduling conflicts and to be closer to home. I'm very excited to be closer, as well as have plenty of new performing opportunities! I'll be starting Marching Band Camp on August 20th and will have several games throughout the first couple months of the new semester. I will also be auditioning for a vocal jazz ensemble and their Music Education Program sometime in November. Super excited to begin my next year of college and looking forward to all of the adventures that await!

News & Notes:

After residing at our home in Romeo for 30 wonderful years, we recently downsized (to say the least!) and moved to a senior's independent living facility (Oakmont Manor) in Sterling Heights. Everything happened in a very short amount of time (2 months). It was a bit overwhelming, but the Lord was with us every step of the way and for the most part, all went smoothly. We are enjoying having less to take care of, meeting new people, and are grateful for the opportunity to witness to the residents here. Our new address is: 41255 Pond View Drive, Apt. 371, Sterling Heights, 48314.
(Jim and Val Bradley)

Prayers would be appreciated for Megan (Yaney) Bowman (back surgery), Kevin & Analyn Powers, Elaine King, Bethany Moses, Tim Holmes, Nina and Hod Powers, Kelli Williams, Elaine Harm, Dick Burns, Gary & Marge Holmes, and Bruce and Barb Krinkie. We will keep your congregation's concerns in our prayers, as well.

Garden City



By: Kurt & Susan Fishwild **Guest Ministers**

In May we enjoyed the guest ministry of Elder Fred Brown Jr. and shared in a delicious potluck after the service. In June, Elder Todd Moses shared a wonderful message about "Joy" for his sermon. He and his wife Liz brought a beautiful ministry of music. Following the service, we shared in a congregational potluck once again. Many thanks to those who bring guest ministry to our small branch.

Zion's Older Youth Camp

The Zion's Older Youth Camp this year was held from Sunday, July 7 to Saturday, July 13 in Hale Michigan at the Woodlands Campground. Ethan Fishwild from Garden City Branch attended this camp and reported that it was a

great week. There were classes taught by Elder Brian Mundy (from Missouri), Elder Doug Daggett, Elder PJ Fought and Nick Brown. Fun times were had each afternoon with recreation (swimming, outdoor activities such as Capture the Flag, rafting). Kathleen Modders provided some craft ideas such as t-shirts with the theme “A Closer Walk With Jesus” and several other fun projects. Campfires were held each night. Ethan reported that the food was great (Thanks Tracy Stokes and Susie Daggett). The campers enjoyed a lot of fun times and learning together during this week. Thanks to PJ, Brian, Doug, Nick, Kathleen, Lynette (nurse), Tracy and Susie for giving so selflessly of their time to spend with the youth for a week.

Reunion

Reunion 2019 was a wonderful week filled with preaching services, beautiful music (choir, bell choir, hymns, introits and ministry of music), classes for all age groups, campfires, recreation, a fun “Olympics” (Congratulations “Team Nauvoo”!), a talent show and much more. The theme was “Jesus Is Calling”. We were very blessed by the guest ministry of Elder David Joyce from West Virginia, Elder Mike Brown from Missouri and High Priest Steve Bohall from Missouri. There were many testimonies shared by the saints, guest ministry and their families during the daily prayer and testimony services.

It was so uplifting to spend time with fellow saints and to make new friends from many different places. We are looking forward to Reunion 2020! Many thanks to all of those who helped in any way to make this reunion happen. A special thank you to the reunion director Elder Eric Eliason for all of his time.

Younger Youth Camp **(Submitted by Betty Lou Newman)**

“How special and blessed we all are to be able to come to such an incredible example of God’s creation with a beautiful piece of land on the shore of one of God’s wonders, Lake Erie – living away from the world with our only focus being to serve God and learn more of His ways and devoting all our efforts to praising God. All ages were willing to leave the comforts of home to devote an entire week to becoming more like Jesus.” (excerpt taken from Riley Hall’s note in the camp log)

This is the setting for the twenty-seven people who gathered at Erie Beach, Ontario from eight branches for the twenty-seventh annual youth camp. The daily song “Somebody’s Knocking At Your Door”, connected to the scripture theme from Luke 11:10 “Knock, and it shall be opened unto you”.

The goal, in every activity, was to help each one recognize that Jesus is their best friend and learn how to develop that friendship. Praying, listening, repenting, serving and studying were topics

of discussion. The story and poems “If Jesus Came To My House” were read and discussed.

Besides the formal learning, knowledge was increased by completing “sticker” scripture quizzes, listening to scripture CDs, singing scriptures and hymns, and getting “zapped” with exciting accounts from the scriptures. The prayer rock activity and campfire closing testimonies were additional learning experiences. Reading material for the week for younger youth was the book “More Precious Than Gold” and for the young adults “Stand Tall” by Louise Wrigley. So much to absorb, to take home and put into practice.

Besides all that has been mentioned, we have the memories of large and small waves, hammers and saws, gourmet dishes and daily walks. As “Grandpa” Riley stated, “How special and blessed we all were”. Thank you for the prayerful support for camp. Our next “service” project is “Light a House” sponsored by ARM.

Testimony From a Camper at Erie Beach Camp (Anna - London, Ontario)

Prayer – The one thing we all need to do. A way to get closer to God, a way to build our faith, and this week, that is exactly what we did. A few months back, I was too tied up in video games. I forgot to study the scriptures, pray or fast. I hung out with friends that talked about bad things. But after this week, I have learned how to stop and overcome those sins. We made

a “prayer rock” and that helped to remind me to pray. How it works is you put it on your pillow and when you lay your head down to go to bed, it hits you on the head and you remember to pray, then when you’re done you put it on the floor. Then when you wake up, you step on it and remember to pray. That has been a great start to my good habit of praying.

Studying the scriptures is a lot more important than I thought because of how much faith you can gain, how much more you can understand God’s word, and how much closer you can get to Him. This week taught me so much and I was so glad to be here this year. I can’t wait to be a better Christian!

Oakwood



By: Kathleen Modders

Baby Blessings:

June 02, 2019 Sullivan Whitaker Havener son of Joshua and Andrea Havener was blessed by his grandfather Elder Jay Havener assisted by Elder Fred Brown Jr.

June 09, 2019 Lily Grace Johnston Daughter of Michael and Haley Johnston was blessed by Elder Mick Ruch and Elder Marc Hanna

June 23, 2019 Caden Ryder Intermaggio Parents: Brianna

Rowe & Chaz Intermaggio was blessed by Elder Fred Brown Sr. and Elder Fred Brown Jr. Gabrielle Reese Intermaggio
Parents: Alyssa & Chaz
Intermaggio was blessed by Elder Fred Brown Sr. and Elder Fred Brown Jr.

Visiting Ministry:
June 23, 2019 Elder Russ Copus

Special Occasions:
June 16th Father's day Breakfast 9 a.m. Kathleen Modders, Kathi Havener, and Helen Brown assisted with making the congregation breakfast.
8/18 Annual Summer Picnic cookout potluck: Mike Modders cooked the Hamburgers Hot Dogs and Brats, while Kathleen Modders, Helene Danicki and Mallory Johnson, organized the potluck food.

2019 High School Graduates:
Reese Nagy, Daughter of Chris and Wendy Nagy, Drew Vandenberg, Son of Chrissy Vandenberg, Jordan Moore, Grandson of Ed & Candy MacDonald

Camps:

07/07-13 Older Youth Camp Hale, MI Theme: A Closer walk with Jesus. Oakwood attendees: Campers: Heather and Parker Mervyn, Sam and Gustavo Servin, and Cruz Nagy. Counselors: Nick Brown was a teacher, Tracy Stokes was the head Cook and Kathleen Modders was in charge of the Log

Books, Crafts and was a counselor.

07/14-20 Younger Youth Camp, Erie Beach

07/22-28 Reunion Wesleyan Woods Campground Vassar, MI Theme: Jesus is Calling. The Guest Ministry this year was Elder David Joyce from West Virginia. Elder Mike Brown from Missouri and High Priest Steve Bohal from Missouri. Oakwood's participation for staff was: Shawn Ruch Teacher Coordinator, Jay Havener was in charge of the Adult Services and was the Class Coordinator. Wendy Nagy, Recreation Coordinator. Kim Gilchrist, Music Director. Kathleen Modders, Salad Bar Coordinator, Assisted by Tracy Stokes, Mike Danicki, Audio Visual Coordinator, Matt Mervyn, Head Deacon, Helene Danicki, Registration Coordinator, John Stokes, Golf Cart Driver, Kathleen Modders, T-shirts coordinators. Mike Ruch, Schedules Designer. Christina Mervin, Nursery Coordinator. Mike Modders, co-teacher of the 9th - 12th grade. Elder Jay Havener, Reunion Pastor.

Funerals:

4/14/1945-7/23/19 Dennis Smith was born in Detroit, MI. He passed away 7/23/19 in Hadley MI. Dennis will be greatly missed. Prayers went out for the girls, Suzanne and her family, Deanna and Becky to comfort their hearts. Dennis attended the

Oakwood Branch. He was a huge part of the congregation; he was a member of the facility committee and was the head of the Audio-Visual department. He, along with many others, helped make the Oakwood Branch what it is today.

Upcoming events:

09/14-15 Priesthood Retreat
Kirkland, Look Up & Press
onward

10/4/19-10/6/19 Woman's Retreat,
theme; His Eye is on the sparrow
and I know He Watches Me... will
be held at Wesleyan Woods Camp,
Vassar. Kathi Havener and Val
Bradley are in charge.

Oakwood upcoming Birthdays:
09/01 Dawn Modders, 09/05 Bill
Hulse, 09/11 Lilah Konkle, 09/15
Eloise Boat, 09/19 Graham
Fishwild, 09/21 Raven Franks,
09/22 Jann Wilson, 10/07 Ruth
Beldin, 10/07 Ryan Wilson, 10/08
Helene Danicki, 10/08 Fred Brown
Jr., 10/12 Melina Servin, 10/14
Ruth Ann Hulse, 10/18 Marc
Hanna, 10/23 Debbie Millen,
10/25 Shawn Ruch, 10/26 Sara
Ruch, 10/27 Teri Hanna, 11/08
Nick Brown, 11/14 Brennen
Colley, 11/20 Cole Vandenberg,
11/24 Jared Carl, 12/04 Ty Millen,
12/06 Drew Vandenberg, 12/08
Parker Mervyn, 12/09 Helen
Brown, 12/13 Mark Burnard,
12/23 Amanda Ruch, 12/25 Laurie
MacDonald, 12/26 Mick Ruch,
12/26 Jonathon Modders, 12/27
Marissa Wilson

Port Huron-Sarnia Branch



By: Sharon Smerer

Welcome to Summer:

We pray everyone is keeping
cooler during this summer and
enjoying their children or
grandchildren as they are off from
school, taking vacations and
enjoying one another's
company.

Lowell Milette had fun making his
first Lego Robot. Lowell attends
Brown City Elementary School.
Lowell is the son of Joe and
Jennifer Milette and grandson of
John and Connie DeBell.

Our Branch was invited to the
Sanilac Restoration Branch for the
last Mother-Daughter Program on
May 18, 2019. Their theme,
"Springtime in Jerusalem." Gary
DesJardins gave the opening
prayer. Then the Sanilac Ladies
did a skit on Roman Taxes. There
was
laughter and some of the ladies
held off at giving their coins, but
Barbara Eliason won out as usual.
Kathleen Palmer welcomed the
ladies. Poems done by: Debbie
DesJardins, Aubree Kurtansky,
Rena Tomanek; Solo's by: Kerri
Daniels, Denise Rich. The Sanilac
Women portrayed, "Sarah, Esther,

Ruth and Mary," from the Bible. The Congregation sang, Hymn #153, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." The Children also took part by singing two selections, "Jesus Loves Me" and "Happy Mother's Day To You." Closing prayer was done by Val Bradley and Barbara Eliason had some closing remarks. We had a very nice lunch with a great bunch of ladies and the program was fun. Our Branch wants to thank the Sanilac Ladies for their participation and hosting this event. We pray that another Branch will feel the need to honor Mothers and Daughters from this time forward.

Betty Milette along with two young lads were in the Brown City Jr. High, Seventh grade, Quiz Bowl. They received a trophy. Betty is the daughter of Joe and Jennifer Milette and the granddaughter, of John and Connie DeBell. We are proud of the knowledge you all have learned, Betty, also with the two lads.

Elise DeBell, received a certificate for School Academic's Award plus a white ribbon in May. Elise attends Marysville Middle School. Elise is the daughter of Jim and Marnie DeBell and granddaughter of John and Connie DeBell. Way to go, Elise!

This Memorial Day Weekend, Marnie DeBell took her children, Lydia, Owen and Elise to the Lakeside Cemetery, Allied Veterans Cemetery and honoring

the GI's with an American Flag. Owen is in Troop 246, and Marysville Chapter of the National Honor Society which Lydia is a member, also, the Sea Cadets took part in placing flags. The Youth was well mannered, no talking and no playing around the entire morning. After placing 950 flags on the graves of GI's at the Allied Veterans Cemetery, (with no adult supervision), they marched over to the War Memorial on Holland Ave. to place another 175 flags. Then they took a stroll up to "J" block in Lakeside Cemetery to view the Bennett Family plot, the five Bennett males who lost their lives in the Civil War. This included Charles Bennett, killed in action at the tender age of 14. They were NOT told beforehand what they were about to see. You could have heard a pin drop. All the youth were from 8 years to 16 years of age. We are very proud of our young people!

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Thomas M. Schott, 65, of Port Huron, on Monday, June 3, 2019. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Christine; two daughters, Rhonda Kern (Nick Miller) and Candice Schott (Kyle Neitzke); and his four grandchildren, Thomas Kern, Patrick Kern, Ariel Schott and Hosa Hinojosa. He is also survived by his Mother, Rosemary Schott, siblings: John & Sandra Schott, Joe & Lori

Schott, Nancy & Ed Johnson, Pat & Karen Schott, Kay & Mark Smith, Mary & Rock Campbell, Thersa & Rick, James & Judy, and Joe Blake; in-laws, Harvey McKenzie, Diane & Lyle Jarvis, David McKenzie and Carol & Steve Totten; numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts and uncles; a special aunt, Rose Sheldon; and best friend, Paul Carpo.

Tom's family had a celebration of his life at his home, 1703 Campau, Port Huron, Mi., on Saturday, June 15, 2019 from 1 to 7 pm.

Arrangements were by Pollock-Randall Funeral Home. To send condolences, visit pollockrandall.com or to the family members.

A very good friend of David and Barbara Teeple passed away, George John Welder Jr. George passed away on June 10, 2019, he was 89, he was from Sterling Heights, Mi. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice "Bea", his children Dwayne and Susan & Leo Hall; his grandson, Mike and a great grandchild, Lexi. Memorial contributions are appreciated to Leader Dogs for the Blind, P. O. Box 5000, Rochester, Mi. 48308-5000 or Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division, 16130 Northland Dr., Southfield, Mi. 48075.

Visitation was held on Thursday, June 13, 2019 from 2 - 9 pm at the Calcaterra & Sons Inc., 36900 Schoenherr Rd., Sterling Heights.

Andrew Kercher has put his name in for a vacancy on the board of commissioners of St. Clair County, to replace Karl Tomion. As of this posting, Andrew says, the Board of Commissioners chose Jorja Baldwin for the Commissioner for the second District. Baldwin was elected at the Board of Commissioners meeting on June 20 in a 4 to 1 ballot vote.

We have three new address updates:

Ashleigh Fagan 100 Madison St.
#412 Nashville, Tn. 37208.

Tyler, Jackie and Henry Fagan 26
76 Clermont Place Apt.257
Collierville, Tn. 38017.

Ron & Millie Giles 4170 24th
Ave. Apt.257 Fort Gratiot, MI.
48059.

Celeste Jade Parmenter graduated from Cardinal Mooney High School and on June 15th at 2 pm. at 3269 St. Andrews Dr., Port Huron, Mi. She had her Open House and a few of the Church people attended. Our congregation wishes her great success with her choice for her college education at SC4. Good Luck, Celeste!

Owen DeBell has graduated from sixth grade to seventh grade and now attends Marysville Middle School. Congratulations Owen!

Elise DeBell, 11 made the front page of the Times Herald. She was sifting through sand during an archaeological dig at the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse with two other youths.

The Zion's Youth Camp, for grades 6 - 12(12-18 years old) began July 7- 13. Their theme for this retreat was "A Closer Walk With Jesus." They gathered at the Woodlands Campground on Sunday, July 7th at 4 pm. Parents were encouraged to join them for dinner.

Corey Tynan, son of Judy Convary and John Tynan Jr. and grandson of John and Barbara Tynan recently completed his first year of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. Corey will begin his first clinical rotation at Redwood Area Hospital in Redwood Falls, Minnesota on July 8, 2019.

Eric Beach Camp took place July 14 - July 20 for the younger Children, with Betty Lou Newman and Rex Monarch. We hope they had a wonderful spiritual experience.

We cancelled church because we didn't have electricity due to high winds and a burned up transformer on July 21.

Great Lakes Regional Reunion was July 22 -28 at Wesleyan Woods Campground, Vassar, Mi. The theme was, "Jesus Is Calling," with Elder David Joyce, Elder Mike Brown and High Priest Steve Bohall as guest ministry. Ed and I went up on Wednesday for the day. We arrived a little late for the

morning class with Elder Mike Brown, but we had lunch with the Saints and visited. In the afternoon we went to the class and High Priest Steve Bohall's talk was on "Testifying and Testimonies." It was very informative. We should be testifying about our experiences to those we meet every day. Preaching service on Wednesday night was on repentance and humbleness done by Elder David Joyce from West Virginia.

It was a very sad day for the family of Dennis Smith, on July 23, 2019 he passed away. Dennis has been the person who did the sound and recordings of the Reunions for several years. He also made up CD's for the shut-ins and mailed them to the Canadians and elsewhere. Visitation was July 28, 2019 at the Modetz Funeral Home, Silverbell Chapel, 100 East Silverbell Rd. Orion, Mi. 48360; Time: 5 -9 pm. Funeral Service, July 29, 2019, at 11 am at the Modetz Funeral Home. Suggested memorials to Kindred Hospice or the American Lung Association.

Brian Dailey had a terrible fall and he broke his big toe and scraped up his knee. He was limping around but is starting to do better now. Don and Sandy were thankful that there wasn't more harm done. Sandy has had another COPD flare up and just finished the antibiotic and prednisone again. I am sure they could use our continued prayers. Please

keep Bill and Helen Allison in your prayers. They too have health issues. Please keep Sherry Purcell in your prayers, also.

Sanilac Branch



By: Denise Rich

We would like to thank the guest ministry, and their wives, who have blessed us this summer. Elder Ed Smerer (May); Elder Brian Daggett (June); Elder Todd Moses & Elder Jay Havener (July).

In July, the branch began watching a video series called the Mayan Magi Mission by Neil Steede. It is a series of videos which teach about the evidence of the Bethlehem Star, the bright night; and Christ's presence in the Americas. It has been amazing to learn about the inscriptions that were left to tell us the tale. We are looking forward with anticipation of the evidence of the "bright night" which Neil tells us we will see some time during the series. Neil believes these evidences show that Christ's birthday is September 8, 7 A.D.

The beginning of August brought us some sad news. Our dear sister Beverly Miller lost her husband, Danny, on August 12th. We would ask for prayers in support of Bev and their children.

On August 24th, our youngest member, Baile Kurtansky, celebrated her 1st birthday. She is the daughter of Aubree & Justin Kurtansky. On the same day, Barent & Barb went to a one-day workshop in Marysville. The topic was The Mayan Language and was taught by retired Graceland University professor, Faye Shaw. The presentation was the Anton transcript from the Martin Harris 116 pages. Barent & Barb said the speaker made a point of saying the papers have been studied for over 30 years and they are still being translated and yet, Joseph Smith was able to translate the entire Book of Mormon in only 67 days with the Lord's divine inspiration.

Jim & Jean McLeod will celebrate their 30th Wedding Anniversary on September 2nd.

We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our newest member. Gary & Rebecca DesJardins are expecting a baby boy in early November.

May God bless each of you in your daily walk with Him.

Stoney Creek Saints **Hamilton, Ont.**

By: Crystal Lavigne

Nerf Gun darts were flying everywhere as I stepped through the front door one day in late March. I had an appointment to attend and I had asked my older

two children, Michael and Alicia, if they would watch my younger three, Dylan, Mathew and Joshua as I did so.

Andrew Smith and Samuel Jordison, two priests from Independence, Missouri, had come up to meet us and spend a few days in our home. They were such a refreshing visit as they were able to share and minister to each and every age group in our home. We hadn't had any ministry in many, many months and these two brought so much to our home. As I walked in that one day, it was Samuel and Andrew running around with my younger three with the Nerf Darts flying everywhere. They were having a blast! It made my children feel so included and just as valued and important as anyone else having these two gentlemen simply play and interact with them in such a fun manner. There were squeals and screeches and a huge smile on my face that they would take the time to interact with them and show them that fellowship can even be a BLAST for them!

We got to have a couple of classes with them, chat with them and get to know them some. They got to get to know us some, too. They were such a great and complementary team as they were here. They left that Saturday, but not before we took them to spend

some time in Niagara Falls, so they could see the beautiful area that God has designed here. Before we started our walk, we held hands in the parking lot as I prayed for our last day together. It was a beautiful moment. My youngest son, Joshua, quickly declared Andrew his very best friend and so departing was really hard on him.

Words cannot describe how beautiful of a visit this was from the two of these young men. Their visit also showed how important it is to involve age groups of everyone involved from the youngest to the oldest. I think Joshua did choose a best friend in Andrew as he and Samuel are very good role models.

In April, we were able to go to Kentucky and see the Ark Encounter and then head on down to Missouri, where Andrew and Samuel made sure to come spend time with us all. Andrew, even took the time out of his day to let my children know just how special they are as he spent a good long while with them just playing in the park. It truly has left such a positive impact on them and I am thankful to Our Heavenly Father for bringing both of these young men into our lives.

We were also blessed to have a visit at the end of May with Brian Mundy, from Independence, Missouri and Jerry Shiflett, from Greensboro, Ohio. Brian was able to stay for a couple of days and Jerry was able to stay for a whole week! And what a week it was! We had never met Jerry up until this point either and we can't wait until his next visit which I believe he is hoping to schedule for some time in October. Brian did some classes with my children and we had one altogether one evening while he was here. Brian and Jerry took all five of my children out for ice cream one day where they shared some time together enjoying the fellowship they all could offer each other.

Jerry was also able to meet in my home with my Aunt Lynda Ormerod, where they had a great discussion together and enjoyed meeting and getting to know each other. Lynda was hoping to be able to have a second visit, but she was feeling rather ill and had to cancel.

After Brian left, Jerry held classes each evening. My parents Lloyd and Jean Mahoney were able to attend these classes and we ALL thoroughly enjoyed what Jerry had to offer. He is not only really knowledgeable in church history, but he knows how to really bring it to life while staying very

accurate and true to what history tells us, but also the Scriptures. We are really looking forward to some more classes with Jerry in the future.

We have also been blessed this year to partially attend the camp in Erie Beach, Ontario, hosted by Betty Lou Newman. I took my daughter Alicia, and my younger three boys, Dylan, Matthew and Joshua. My boys and I planned on staying for the partial week which was Sunday to Wednesday while my daughter stayed the whole week to help out. Erie Beach was a beautiful place and we really enjoyed meeting many new people and seeing some we've met before. Judy Monarch, from Michigan, was the camp cook and she really outdid herself with all the great meals she prepared with her helpers. Jason Howard, from Independence, Missouri was the camp pastor and he did a great job and it was such a pleasure to meet him and get to spend some time chatting. There were so many wonderful adults and children.

Each one was a blessing to have met. The children seemed to be enjoying all the classes, with swimming of course, being the number one favourite activity of the day! They made footstools and t-shirts and studied a lot about

prayer, which is vitally important to have in the life of all of us. Betty did a great job at organizing the camp and I personally appreciate all the hard work that goes into putting this all together. It's a difficult task to pull together and she did a great job at organizing it.

Before my younger ones and I left, we handed each person attending a little, "Message In A Bottle," that we made. Inside each tiny, corked bottle, was printed the Everlasting Covenant. I hope we all do our best to keep His Commandments so Zion will be brought down again here on earth.

Saints are always welcome here whether it be to visit for fellowship, have classes or

worship together. Feel free to contact through e-mail. Families are welcome and appreciated too.

UPCOMING REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

(Please mark your calendar for these dates!!!)

September 14th & 15th : Priesthood Retreat
Kirtland Temple

October 4th-6th : Regional Women's Retreat
Wesleyan Woods Campground-Vassar, MI

December 6th, 7th: Rummage & Bake Sale
Algonac Restoration Branch

A Little Quiz

1. I can be cracked and I can be played. I can be told and I can be made.
What am I?
2. Forwards I am heavy, I sure weigh a lot. But when I'm backwards, I
certainly am not.
What am I?
3. I have a bed but I never sleep. I have a mouth but I never speak.
What am I?

(Answers at bottom of page.)

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Answers: 1. A joke 2. A ton 3. A river