

The Gospel News

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Being Equally Yoked

By *Apostle V James Lovalvo* (originally printed May 1985)

"Be ye not equally yoked with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" (II Corinthians 6:14, 15)

I am going to apply the above scripture to premarital and post nuptial situations. I have received letters from young people (and from older ones too) asking advice on not only postnuptial questions but on premarital ones as well. Some of the questions are: "What are some reasons which cause disruptions in a marriage?" and "What can I do to find a good mate?"

Firstly, no one can enumerate all the reasons why marriages become troubled and end up in divorce courts. Some of the basic reasons of marriage ills and dissolutions are: lack of communication with each other, disrespect for each other's feelings, negligence, thoughtlessness, lack of romance, and above everything else, loss of the first love.

When two people are courting, there is always a great amount of affection and tender loving care. There is a biological as well as an emotional attraction to each other. The man is very solicitous toward the girl he wishes to make his wife. The girl, at the same time, is always careful of her appearance and her manners toward the man. The thrill of the coming marriage is very marked in their lives, preceded by the gentle holding of the hands, the shy look of love, and the deep respect of each other's feelings. Then the wedding caps those wonderful days of courtship and the vows to be true to each other "until death do us part" are spoken with reverence and sincerity. Why then, do all the problems arise after marriage?

If couples would analyze their lives when problems come about and do some deep soul-searching, the probabilities are that one or the other (or both) parties involved have forgotten the gentle ways they used to act towards each other during the courtship days.

The probability is also there that the Evil One puts in the mind negative thoughts that "maybe we are not compatible to each other, maybe we are not equally yoked." Or, the devil may put thoughts in the mind such as, "We were just physically attracted, and now it's worn off." Rather than listen to these insidious encroachments of evil, speak to one another with an open communication, not aggressively but with the same love that was displayed during the courtship days; being ready and willing to submit to one another when faults develop.

If one thinks that he or she is unequally yoked, let her/him fast and pray individually and together asking Christ to heal whatever ailment has raised its ugly head causing the rifts. Remember this: Marriage is like a diamond, before the stone reveals its perfection, facets are created and it is polished until the brilliance and beauty comes through. So it is with marriage; it takes a willingness to communicate, to listen to each other, to anticipate each other's needs, to understand each other, to yield one to another, and to always let the first love come through. This is like polishing the diamond.

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8 Show your love today by hugging all of the kids in your branch	9 I will show my love today by _____	10 Show your love today by calling a friend that you have not talked to	11 Show your love today by noticing the beauty of God's creation	12 Show your love today by contacting someone who mourns	13 Show your love today by praying for the leadership of the Church	14 Show your love today by accepting God's love for you
15 Show your love today by inviting someone to sit by you	16 Show your love today by praying for the Denver Mission-pg 4	17 I will show my love today by _____	18 Show your love to someone new today	19 Show your love today by acknowledging a miracle in your life	20 I will show my love today by _____	21 Show your love today by praying for God's blessing on Sunday
22 Show your love for music today by calling your favorite hymn	23 Show your love today by sharing your testimony	24 Show your love today by praying for the IMOC work	25 I will show my love today by _____	26 Show your love today by sending a card	27 Show your love today by visiting someone in need	28 Show your love today by praying for the Seed of Joseph
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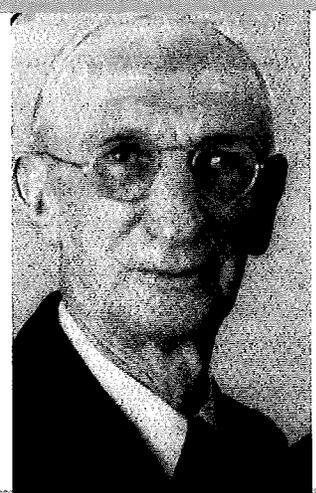
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*"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."
(Matthew 22:37)*

BTFP Blast From The Past

Apostle Alma B. Cadman

Giving credit to his father – President William Cadman – for laying the spiritual groundwork of his life, 17 year old Alma Bickerton Cadman was baptized 119 years ago this month on February 25, 1896. Adventurous, in 1902, at the age of 23 he, along with two other young men, bicycled from Pennsylvania to Kansas, where he spent time with Brother William Bickerton. Having been ordained an elder in 1900, in 1910 he was placed in charge of the Kansas "Colony," a 1,920 acre ranch which the Church had purchased in hopes of a "gathering" place for the saints. Author of the pamphlet *The Seventh Day of Rest*, Brother Alma will long be remembered for his passion for detail in describing the future Kingdom of God, often referred to by the Church as the "Peaceful Reign." In all, Brother Alma served as an apostle for 64 years, during most of which his older brother, Apostle William H. Cadman, was president of the Church.



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Apostle Alma B. Cadman ►



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GOSPEL NEWS QUIZ

Search through this issue for answers to these questions:

- Who served as an apostle for 64 years? (Pg. 2)
- What ten suggestions did Brother V James Lovalvo have to strengthen our marriages? (Pg. 4)
- What scripture should you read when you are feeling alone? (Pg. 8)
- What question did Jesus pose to the scribes and Pharisees just after the paralytic man was lowered through the roof of the home where He was? (Pg. 9)

Word Up

The Case For Christ: Holding The "Word Up" By Elder Doug Obradovich



*Is reading scripture difficult for you?
Do the "thees" and "thous" make Christ's words seem irrelevant,
even losing their potency in translation?
Let's take a deeper dive into Jesus' message and see if we can make sense of it all.
If successful, let's agree to hold the "Word Up"!*

"If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15)

She was the cutest third grader at Southboro Elementary (West Palm Beach, Florida) and she sat right in front of me. I had found love, but knew no way to express this to her. I never asked Gina Insler, so I assumed her answer was, "If you love me, tease me." Sadly, this was not accurate, so my unrequited love taught me how critical it was to effectively communicate my emotions. In a much healthier relationship, I have learned alternative ways to express my love for my wife, Candace, which have been received much better than my constant pestering ever was from Gina.

It's only reasonable to establish effective communication in your single, most important relationship. You'll never find anyone more deserving of your love than He who sacrificed His own desires, wants, and needs for you, long before you even considered Him. And knowing that you might never even glance His way, let alone return your love to Him, He confirmed His love by dying for you. Unlike Gina, He provided His expectations, "If you love me, keep my commandments."

When my children were younger and we would correct their behavior, they often apologized. My answer was consistently, "I accept your apology, but you can prove your sincerity the next time this comes up when you make a better decision." In reflection, I realize I was simply saying, "If you love me, keep my commandments."

How else can we express our love for Jesus? Certainly, those who don't love or accept Jesus Christ have no reason to even consider His commandments. So those who do must establish the standard! I've often offered my appreciation to Candace through flowers, which have shown her and those around her how much I love her. Like flowers, our obedience to Jesus' commandments shows Him and those around us how much we love Jesus. But unlike flowers, His commandments can't be handpicked for this keepsake of love. We can't offer a selection consisting of "Honor thy father and mother," "Thou shalt not kill," and "Thou shalt not steal," while ignoring "Love thy neighbor" and "Love the Lord thy God." Our bouquet of obedience must be all inclusive.

Just as we did with our children, Christ accepts our desire to obey, with the caveat, "You can prove this the next time this comes up if you make the best decision!" Why? He already told us, "If you love me, keep my commandments." And trust me; it's much more effective than teasing!

Do you have a favorite verse you'd like us to dissect? Please send it in to: "Word Up"

Meet the Branch

Domestic Church — Denver, Colorado Mission



The Denver Mission, located in Aurora, Colorado, started when Brother Walt and Sister Carrie Jankowski from the Anaheim, California Branch moved to Colorado in April 1991. Brother Walt made contact with Brother Charles Micale and his wife, who had been living in Colorado for several years. In February 1993, Sister Doreen (Schmitt) Dino and her husband moved to Colorado from New Jersey. We began holding regular Sunday meetings at Brother Walt and Sister Carrie's home. After 24 years, this core group of saints stills meets together. Our congregation consists of 13 people ranging from ages 2-79, with five baptized members. Over the years we have had as many as ten baptized members; some have moved away for various reasons, but the Lord continues to send replacements to keep us going. We meet at Brother Walt and Sister Carrie's home every Sunday for Sunday School and worship service. Over the years we have enjoyed the many blessings of the Lord, including healing two of our members from serious illnesses, hosting Youth in Action, and the visits of many of our brothers and sisters from around the Church.

We have begun community outreach activities such as preparing and serving meals to the families at the Ronald McDonald House, and this winter we are serving meals at the Denver Rescue Mission. In addition, as a group, in the summer of 2013 we traveled to Tse Bonito, New Mexico to help the brothers and sisters there with VBS.

We have dedicated the first Sunday of the month for Fasting and Prayer, specifically to ask the Lord to send workers to our Mission. We invite all of you to visit us. We love visitors and are uplifted each and every time, and we would love to share the beauty of Colorado with all of you. Please pray for us and the work here in Colorado.

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As these things are put into effect, the brilliance of a perfect marriage will emerge. Perfection does not mean that there is never a misunderstanding or a problem that arises. But a perfect marriage is one where, when the problems do arise, they are met head on with open, frank communication and tender loving care, which results in a beautiful reconciliation. Following are some suggestions that may help:

1. Never air your problems in front of your children, friends or relatives. Air them to God in fasting and prayer. If you need advice, seek a brother minister whom you feel is adept at counseling. To the woman I suggest that you contact a sister deaconess who has a strong, solid marriage in whom you can confide and ask advice. She can help you fast and pray, and together you can reach the throne of God and cause His arm to be stretched out in your behalf. It is written that *"where two or three are gathered together in My name, here am I in their midst"* (Matthew 18:20). My wife, a deaconess in the Church, has had occasion to counsel sisters who came to her for marital advice. And very often, by fasting and praying, either by herself, or with the sister involved, the results have been very beneficial, thanks to the Lord. I would encourage you to approach God in the matter, and afterwards seek a competent counselor among our brother ministers.
2. Do not find fault with each other in public. For that matter, try not to find fault in private either.
3. Spend your vacations together, not separately.
4. Spend a lot of time with your children (if you have any). They will always remember this.
5. Compliment each other often; this helps to develop greater affection.
6. Be kind one to another; this develops more love.
7. Never go to bed if you have any differences against each other. Reconcile first, and then let the slumber of peace rest upon you.
8. Pray together daily, and if you have children, pray together as a family.
9. Be active in Church affairs. Be a witness for Christ everywhere. Also, give your testimonies in church whenever the occasion arises; this develops more spirituality.
10. Remember your courtship days, and let the same attraction hold full sway in your lives.

I could go on and on, but I leave you who are married to work out your problems amicably and in the love of God.

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By Elder Anthony J. Micale

We are just one month into the new year. Every year we look at a new year like it's a new beginning:

1. A new chance to start fresh,
2. To learn from our past mistakes,
3. To do things differently, hopefully better than the past year,
4. Hoping that somehow our hopes and dreams will come to pass

When the clock hits midnight on the 31st of December, a big change comes over us. It is as if a heavy weight has been lifted off of us.

1. It's a new start,
2. The past year is behind us, and a new year is ahead,
3. It's an opportunity to do it right, and put our mistakes behind us.

It's a great feeling, isn't it? It's a renewing of the spirit inside of us. We commit ourselves to get rid of the bad habits, thoughts, mistakes we have made and set in place a new plan for improvements. We write down New Year's resolutions. We focus on those things that we want to accomplish, things that will improve our lives.

Hopefully one of the items on our list is the spiritual side of our lives. We must understand that without God in the matter, we can do nothing. Remember the way you felt when you were first baptized? You were on top of the mountain. Your body was a pure vessel willing to do anything for the Lord and His family.

"I would ask you now; do you feel that way today?"

In the fifth chapter of Alma, verse 26 it says, *"And now behold, I say unto you, my brethren, if ye have experienced a change of heart, and if ye have felt to sing the song of redeeming love, I would ask, can ye feel so now?"*

If not, make one of your goals a renewal of the commitment you made to the Lord.

In the twelfth chapter of Romans verses 1 and 2 the Apostle Paul tells us, *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."*

If you have not committed your life to God, this is the time; today is the day of salvation, and tomorrow belongs to God. My question to you is, how do we recapture that feeling, and if we ever lost it, recapture it for the long term?

Most of us are sprinters; we start with the best of intentions, then, after a period of time we lose focus and slip back to our old ways and never really come close to reaching the goals we set for ourselves. We allow the problems of life to get in the way. Obstacles seem to be everywhere. Why is that? I think we all know the answer to that question. What are some of the mistakes we are making?

One mistake might be that we keep doing the same things and expect a different result. We take our eyes off of Jesus Christ.

What are some of the things we can do to be long distance runners and not sprinters this year? The Apostle Paul tells us to win the race so that we may win the prize of eternal life with God.

1. Let's resolve to do those things that are pleasing to God.
2. Let's resolve to fast and pray more for spiritual and temporal needs.
3. Let's resolve to focus on the important things in life God, Church, family, and helping others. Let's put God first in all things.
4. Let's resolve to be content with what God gives us; He knows our needs. Our heavenly Father's arms are outstretched toward us all day long.

We must be a more righteous people and work hard to keep God's commandments, *"which are not grievous to bear."*

Remember what happened with Lehi and his people when they were in the wilderness. The ball or director would not work when they did not keep God's commandments. They went around in circles until they returned to God. So it is today with us. If we want a better life, if we want to feel God's Spirit in our lives and in our meetings in church, if we want to see the Gifts of the Spirit, we must focus on His word and keep His

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Topic Series

Editor's note:

Our next Topic Series will be on the Church Blog. For those of you who are getting the Blog each day, I'm sure you will agree what a blessing it is to have this small connection to the Church and the members each morning. It is a wonderful way to start the day! For those of you who have not signed up yet, we thought to bring you a small sample of what you would read on the Blog (to let you know what you are missing out on!) Below is some information and in the coming months, we will share some of the favorite articles as well.

The Gospel Blog: Your Daily Dose of Love

By Sister Michelle Watson

If you're like me, then you get excited when your copy of The Gospel News arrives in the mail each month. If you impatiently wait for the next issue to arrive in your mailbox, then you should check out the Gospel Blog in the meantime.

Wait, the Church has a blog? (Yes it does, and it's been going strong for two years!)

Visit <http://www.thechurchofjesuschrist.org/blog> and check us out.

The Gospel Blog publishes one spiritually minded article per day, Monday through Friday. Articles are short and sweet — read one in about the same time it takes to drink a cup of morning coffee. Enjoy the pictures, videos, songs, and other media that often accompany the articles.

Why does the Church blog? Because we want to communicate with you every day. You're important. Plus, it allows us to connect with members who don't live near a branch.

Specialty Columns

On Miracle Mondays, we publish testimonies and experiences submitted by readers like you. Hear about healings, conversions, dreams, and other amazing things God has done. From time to time, we've done Gospel Lessons, where a guest teacher writes a series of scripture-based lessons that dig into God's word. Last fall, Brother Ben Hemmings taught a great series on how rocks and stones are used metaphorically in scripture.

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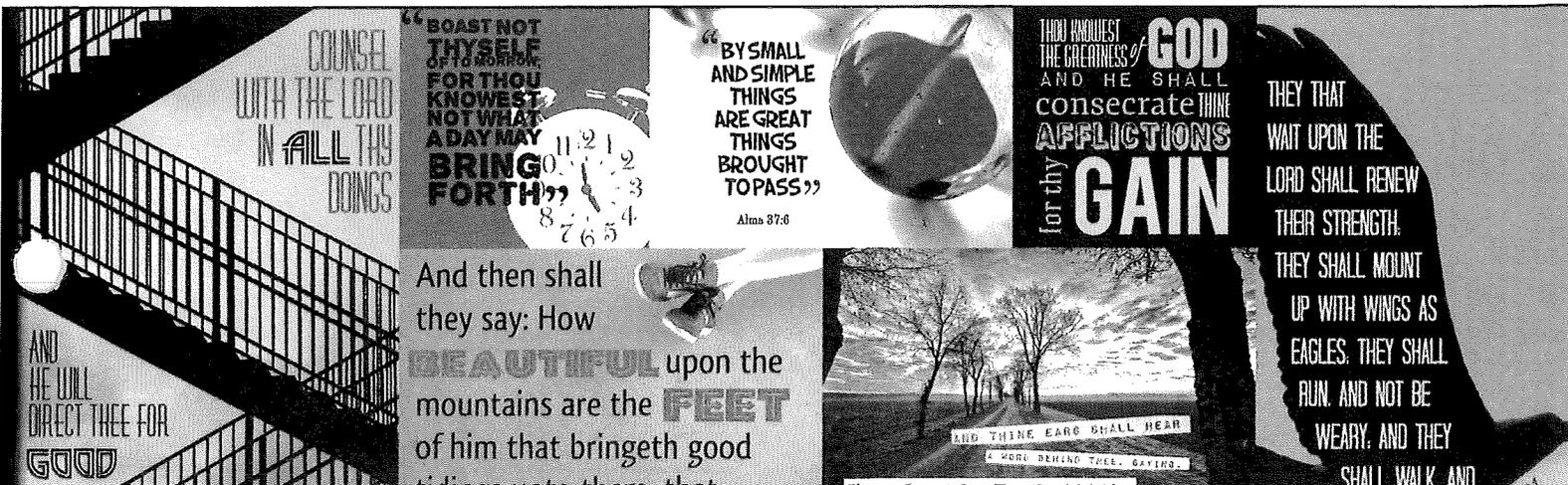
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If you haven't read the Gospel Blog in the past, I hope you're excited to give it a try. The blog isn't just about entertainment (even though it is fun to read). It's about thinking on godly things and incorporating godly thoughts into your day. We pray that through these small efforts Christ is magnified in you.

FROM THE BLOG



Southeast Area Joint MBA & Ladies' Circle Conference

By Sister Diane Maddox

On Saturday, September 20, the SAMBA & SEALUC had a joint conference in the Forest Hills, Florida Branch. The SEALUC met in the morning. It was a pleasure to welcome Sister Lisa Champine, our General Circle President, to our meeting. An election of officers was held and Sister Sharon Sloan is the new SEALUC President and Sister Gail Bridges-Bright is the new Vice President.

In the afternoon, the SAMBA conference was held along with the election of officers. They are: Brother Chuck Maddox, Jr., President; Brother Lucas Martorana, Vice President; and Brother Chuck Maddox, Sr., Chaplain. It was announced that Sister Kim Morle will be the 2015 camp director. A camp specifically for the young people was also discussed.

The meeting ended with time to spare, so the officers felt to make this portion of the meeting a time of "Precious Memories." The brothers and sisters were testifying to God's goodness about experiences given, and as the testimonies were offered and concluded, the Gift of Tongues came forth and Word of the Lord stating: *"My Beloved, My Beloved children: your Father now sneaks unto you this day. You recount the blessings, the miracles that I have bestowed upon you, for you have sought Me, and you*

have opened your heart unto Me. And now as you remember these things, continue to allow your hearts to open! Allow your faith to grow! Allow your belief to become stronger, for in this day and time you will see great things! You will see promises fulfilled! And yes, you will be part, part of these promises, if you but believe! If you but persevere, if your faith is but full and strong. Trust now and know, though you still face adversity, trust now and know that I am God. And I see you and I know you. And I will restore all things, I will restore all things for I am the Lord God, thus saith the Lord!" Another brother spoke the Word of the Lord as a confirmation stating, *"This is My promise, thus saith the Lord!"* A third brother shared that as a sister was testifying of God slowly restoring her health, he had a vision of a bright whiteness that encompassed her body, she became brilliantly white, as if she was being purified.

While closing comments were being made about the Spirit felt during testimonies, Tongues came forth in song singing the chorus of "Blessed Assurance." After the meeting, as a confirmation, another brother related that shortly before the song in Tongues came forth, he had the song "Blessed Assurance" in his mind.

We thank God for a blessed day and we thank the Forest Hills Branch for the delicious meals they provided.

YOU MAY SAY	GOD SAYS	BIBLE VERSES
You may say: It's impossible	God says: <i>All things are possible</i>	Luke 18:27
You may say: I'm too tired	God says: <i>I will give you rest</i>	Matthew 11:28-30
You may say: Nobody really loves me	God says: <i>I love you</i>	John 3:16 and John 3:34
You may say: I can't go on	God says: <i>My grace is sufficient</i>	II Corinthians 12:9 and Psalm 91:15
You may say: I can't figure things out	God says: <i>I will direct your steps</i>	Proverbs 3:5-6
You may say: I can't do it	God says: <i>You can do all things</i>	Philippians 4:13
You may say: I'm not able	God says: <i>I am able</i>	II Corinthians 9:8
You may say: It's not worth it	God says: <i>It will be worth it</i>	Roman 8:28
You may say: I can't forgive myself	God says: <i>I forgive you</i>	I John 1:9 and Romans 8:1
You may say: I can't manage	God says: <i>I will supply all your needs</i>	Philippians 4:19
You may say: I'm afraid	God says: <i>I have not given you a spirit of fear</i>	II Timothy 1:7
You may say: I'm always worried and frustrated	God says: <i>Cast all your cares on ME</i>	I Peter 5:7
You may say: I'm not smart enough	God says: <i>I give you wisdom</i>	I Corinthians 1:30
You may say: I feel all alone	God says: <i>I will never leave you or</i>	Hebrews 13:5

Jesus Heals a Paralytic *By Brother Kerry Carlini*

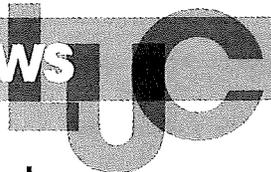
"Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?" Jesus posed this question to the scribes and Pharisees just after the paralytic man was lowered through the roof of the home where he abode. In that the multitude of people had pressed upon the entrance, it had been impossible for the lame man to reach Jesus any other way. What follows are five amazing facts regarding this tender story that has such a strong message:

- 1 Jesus forgave the paralytic man's sins after He saw the faith of the men who let him down through the roof.
- 2 And, in first forgiving this man of his sins, Jesus indicated that all men, as sinners, are in greater need of the spiritual healing of the soul than that of the physical healing of the body.
- 3 However, when Jesus healed the lame man, the scribes and Pharisees could no longer legitimately deny His authority, including that to forgive men of their sins.
- 4 This healing honored God, the Father, *"insomuch that they (the multitude) were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion."*
- 5 Finally, in response to the scribes and Pharisees who questioned His authority, this story illustrates like the many others that Jesus is the Son of God.

Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12



Ladies' Uplift Circle News



Harvest of Blessings: 40th Anniversary of the Phoenix/Mesa Ladies' Uplift Circle

By Sister Wendy Giannetti

Forty years ago on November 21, 1974, a group of pioneering sisters organized the Ladies' Circle in Phoenix, Arizona. Women from all over the Southwest Region gathered to celebrate the anniversary with a "Harvest of Blessings" tea on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the Mesa Branch.

In attendance were some of the sisters who helped organize the original Circle and held some of the first offices: Sister Sarah Watson (President); Sister Nancy Mazzeo (Assistant Secretary); Sister Ann D'Amore (Treasurer); Sister Yvonne Saffron (Word Giver); Sister Ann James; and Sister Pat Christman.

In a Gospel News article Editor Sister Frances Capone wrote of the first meeting: *"There was an excellent attendance of happy, congenial sisters and everyone was happy to be a participant in the organizing movement [...] the Phoenix Sisters are desirous of furthering the cause of Christian endeavors."*

The tea began with Mesa Circle President Sister Wendy Giannetti welcoming everyone and thanking God for the true harvest of blessings reaped over the years since the Ladies' Circle began.

Sister Wendy shared some interesting tidbits she came across while reviewing the meeting minutes from the first year of the Circle. For example, the first freewill offering was \$2.75. In the '80s, the Circle supported Helping Hands, the secondhand store that Sister Barbara Ackman started on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation. The sisters actively raised money for missionary work, hosting rummage sales, penny rolls, and fruitcake fundraisers. They also held Christmas and Mothers' Day lunches and threw baby showers.

After that, the Little Ladies Circle, representing the future of the organi-

zation, presented a brief program and sang a song.

Mesa Circle Vice-President Sister Caryn Heaps spoke about how the Ladies' Circle began with just a few but grew over the years. Seeds were planted, and the harvest has been plenteous in terms of supporting domestic and foreign missionary works and fostering a loving sisterhood.

She ended with Galatians 6:9-10, *"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."*

Afterward, each of the founding sisters in attendance had an opportunity to express themselves. Beforehand, we asked them to ponder a few questions, such as:

- What memory do you have of the Phoenix Ladies' Circle organization?
- What are the similarities or differences between the early Ladies' Circle and now?
- What do you love about the Ladies' Circle — what has it meant to you?

As the sisters enjoyed a delicious lunch (and celebratory cake festively decorated with the Ladies' Circle logo), they watched a slideshow with photos from the last 40 years of the Circle. Each attendee walked away with a commemorative mug filled to the brim with autumn treats.

The Lord has truly provided us with a Harvest of Blessings! We thank the founding sisters for their vision and leadership. We entrust the future to the next generation. Most of all, we praise God for His Spirit, inspiration, and love, all of which are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Love God, Thank God

Have you ever done something nice for someone and they did not even notice, or thank you? Did you ever help someone even though you were busy or had your own problems? Did they thank you? Did they let you know you had changed things for the better for them? Did someone do something mean to you that they did not even realize and you forgave them? Do we thank God Who does all that for us each day?

Think how many times God has helped you and me. Did we notice? Did we thank him, or others that He sent to help us? Have you ever been scared about something in school that you were afraid to do and after you prayed, you went ahead and did it? In High School I was the president of a huge

club. Every month when I walked out on the stage in front of four hundred girls I was scared. I was scared I might say the wrong thing, or trip, or forget something. I prayed. I asked my mother to pray too that everything would go good. It did. I then thanked God for helping me do a big job.

The first icy day last month, I drove to a busy cross street and my car went into a slow skid. Brakes did not help on the ice. I called out for God in my heart. The other cars slowed down and my car straightened up. I thanked God and sang loving hymns as I slowly drove down the road. God saw me. God heard me. God loves me and God helped me again. He will help you. He is a wonderful and true friend.

When I am stuck in a problem with my family, or the health of my dear ones, with just how to handle a problem, call on Jesus and ask Him to please help me. It works. Even if someone is deathly ill, the Lord helps us know what to do. He even sends smart, kind

people to help us when we need help. I thank God and his wonderful son, Jesus, for caring for me. Who am I, just a little human being out of billions of people, but Jesus is my savior, and yours. He loves us and sends us others to help us, guide us, cheer us up. He is good. We are not alone.

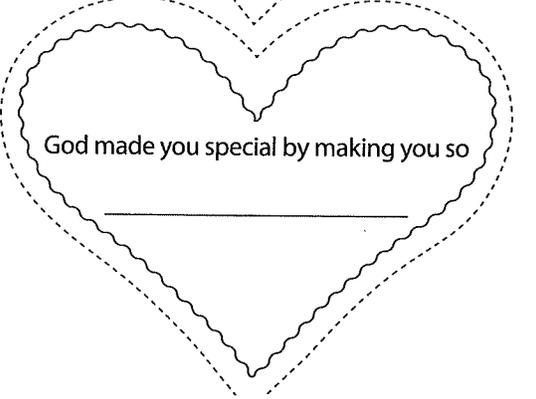
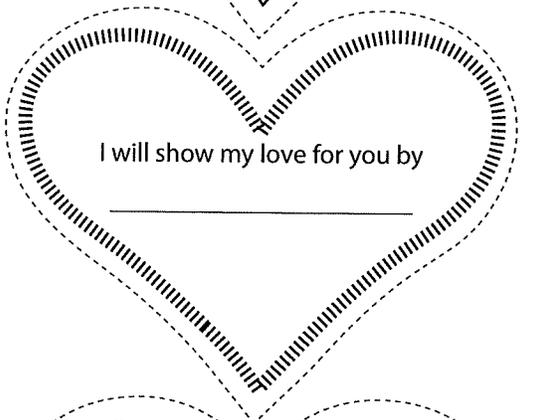
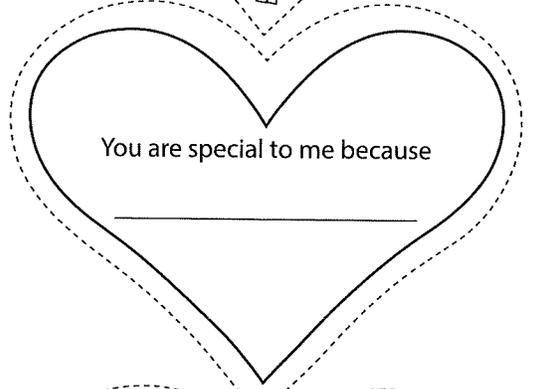
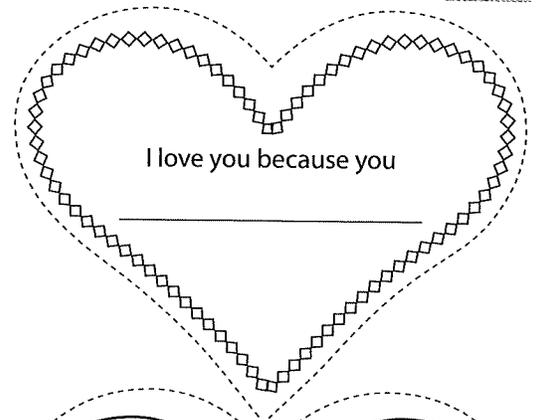
Talk to the Lord all day long. Thank him for everything even the beauty and fierceness of nature, and for all the people in your life. Be grateful when God protects you. The Apostle Paul teaches us (See Thessalonians 5:16 -18:) *"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. (talk to God all the time in your hearts) In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ concerning you."* Otherwise, God knows when we are suffering, trust Him, thank him for helping you.

Take time to thank the kind people in your life. Is there a person in our Church who has done something kind or nice for you? Thank them. Show a loving and kind spirit. Do you have a neighbor, a coach, or friend's parent, aunt or uncle or teacher who have done something extra for you? Thank them also.

When we show love and appreciation for each other it brings out the good in everyone. Love grows. Remember Jesus told us to love one another. He said to Love your neighbor as you love yourself. (See Matthew 22:39) Try it. Show love and thankfulness to others.

Your friend, who has many people to thank,
Sister Jan

Cut out the hearts in next column, color them and fill in the blanks then show your love by giving them to someone.



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Commandments. If we want to move forward, it's in our hands; the rewards are great.

In the 14th chapter of 1st Nephi, verse one says, "And it shall come to pass, that if the Gentiles shall harken unto the Lamb of God in that day that he will manifest himself unto them in word, and also in power, in very deed, unto the taking away of their stumbling blocks..." He is talking about us today.

In the 37th verse of 1st Nephi chapter 13, it says, "[A]nd blessed are they who seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost; and if they endure unto the end they shall be lifted up at the last day, and shall be saved in the everlasting kingdom of the Lamb; and whoso shall publish peace, yea, tidings of great joy, how beautiful upon the mountain shall they be."

If we strive to serve Him better this year and put the Lord first in our New Year's resolutions, working together and united in purpose to the best of our ability, great things can and will happen.

May God richly bless you in the New Year.

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I would love to talk with Mary. I am interested to hear how she felt carrying Jesus and raising Jesus. The song, "Mary Did You Know?", would be lots of my questions to her. Also, to tell her that she was an amazing and faithful woman. A true inspiration.—
Sister Jennifer Robertson, Simi Valley, CA Branch

Normally I would say Jesus, of course, but I already do talk to Him so I'm not sure that He would tell me anything more than He already does tell me. So I think it would have to be Adam! Can you imagine asking Adam "what did God tell you before you ate of the forbidden fruit? or what was it that you really did that was so wrong? I heard it was eating a piece of fruit/really??" Perhaps a chat with the Brother of Jared would certainly be more interesting.—
Brother George Katsaras, Homestead, FL Mission

The Brother of Jared. The scripture says that... "faith without works is dead." To me, the Brother of Jared had it all. He was obedient, he had an immense love for God and his people, and he had faith like no other. He also followed up his faith with works. What more does God want from us than to be obedient, faithful and loving servants to Him? I would love to spend time with the Brother of Jared and glean every ounce of wisdom I could to be a better Child of God, a more loving person, a more faithful person.—
Sister Lynne Alcaraz, La Obrera, Tijuana Mexico

I would really enjoy talking with the mother of our Savior, Mary. She emitted such strength and commitment. The love a mother has for her child is so strong, but Mary knew she had to give her Son so we would have a chance to gain eternal salvation. I lost my first born, which was difficult, and I would just love to hug her to feel that strength she was given knowing the meaning of His birth.—
Sister Lorraine Rose, Leesburg, FL Mission

This question is tough— there are so many wonderful servants. I have chosen the Three Nephites and John the Beloved. The reason being is they have lived to behold all the doings of the Father unto the children of men. They haven't endured pains of death and are to tarry until Christ comes in His glory. They are even among the Gentiles doing great and marvelous works. They are as the angels of God, and if they shall pray unto the Father in the name of Jesus they can show themselves unto whatsoever man it seemeth them good. I would love to sit and listen to all they would have to say for they have seen so much since they were with Christ on this earth.—
Brother Michael R. McGuire, Dedham, MA Mission

I would like to spend an afternoon talking with Job. I read the story of Job's life, but I would like to meet him face to face and let him tell me story of his suffering and how he kept his faith in God.—
Sister Bea Hopkins, Quincy, FL Branch

Martha - I've always related to her and thought she had the spiritual maturity that people have always related Mary to. I also admired her for always seeing to others' needs before hers.—
Sister KarenJo Pandone, Detroit, MI Branch #2

None other than Jesus Christ Himself! Because His knowledge and wisdom exceeds my own. I would want to know more about His father, we would read scriptures, and He could tell me in His own words His life story.—
Stasha Chaires, Quincy, FL Branch

It would have to be Jesus. Everyone else could only give "second-hand information".—
Brother Mike Italiano, Youngstown, OH Mission

Nephi—I have always seen him as a strong spiritual man.—
Brother Darryl Onorato, Brunswick, ME Mission



Hasn't though entered into the treasures of the snow? Job 38:22

Blessing Bits

BB *“When ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God.”*

Sister Clara Gentile of Detroit had broken her shoes and needed to replace them. It was during the Great Depression; money was scarce and she had to make a decision. That weekend the General Church Conference was being held in the Detroit area, and Sister Clara had opened her home to host brothers and sisters traveling from other regions. She needed to feed her guests, and decided to use what money she had to buy a chicken to make soup instead of buying the shoes. The Lord provided. When she went to church, another sister approached her with a new pair of shoes that she said she could not wear, and wondered if Sister Clara would like them. Sister Clara gratefully accepted the shoes and praised God for His love towards her. She had put the saints first and God provided her with what she needed.

BB **Miracle at 35,000 feet**
I, along with my wife Stacy and my son

Elijah, was on an airplane this past October. I was seated in the aisle seat, Stacy in the middle, and Elijah by the window. The plane lifted off and away we went, thinking only that it would be a quick trip to our connecting flight in Atlanta. Suddenly an elderly woman who was sitting one row ahead of us across the aisle rose up quickly and started screaming in Italian, which I could not understand. When I looked at the man sitting next to her, I realized something was terribly wrong. He sat with his jaw open and slack; his eyes were open, yet there was no life in them. Ironically, there was a doctor sitting behind the couple. He reached over the seat and felt the man's neck for a pulse. Not knowing why, I stood up. The physician looked at me, shaking his head indicating that there was no pulse. I stood in front of the man, placed my hand upon his cheek, and prayed, *“Dear Lord, please help this man.”* I felt this burst of energy, like electricity, go from my hand into his body. His body physically jumped from the contact. The doctor then stated, *“He's back!”* I offered to the woman to anoint and pray for her husband, but she misunderstood, thinking I wanted to offer his last rites. I sat down and looked

at my wife saying, *“he's going to be okay.”* God gave me the understanding that he was going to be okay. God is GREAT! He still performs His miracles today, just like He did when Christ walked this earth in the flesh. Amen!—*Brother Kevin Murphy, Forest Hills, FL Branch*

Send us your Blessing Bits [in approximately 150 words] and answer the Question of the Month by contacting us at gospelnewsinfo@gmail.com



Question for this month: *Has someone done something that was especially kind or showed their love for you in an unexpected way? Share an example of how love from a brother or sister made an impact on you.*



Answer from last month: *If you could spend an afternoon talking with anyone in the scriptures, who would it be and why? Jesus Christ, then the Apostle Paul because of his magnificent experience that changed his whole life. To become a lifetime devotee of Jesus, who became his Lord and Savior. Hopefully I, too, am a devoted servant of Jesus Christ no matter what we face. Because He is always faithful to see us through to the end.— Sister Harriett Meo (85 years old), Albuquerque, NM Mission*

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