

# The Gospel News

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## What Does The Gospel News Mean to You?

**D**o you anxiously await your copy in the mail? Do you rejoice in the experiences of the brothers and sisters from around the Church? For everyone, The Gospel News may mean something a little different. For those not near a body of the Church, it may be their only connection to other members. To those who do not have the opportunity to travel abroad and do missionary work, this may be their chance to feel a part of it.

For me, it is many of these things and so much more. In recent years I have had the pleasure of serving as the Great Lakes Region Editor. I enjoy working with the brothers and sisters, assisting them with spreading the news and blessings in their branch. It has afforded me the opportunity to make relationships I otherwise may not have had.

My first memories of The Gospel News are of the brothers and sisters walking around a table collating, stapling and preparing the Gospel News for distribution throughout the Church. I remember the sound of the printing press as the drum circled, printing words that would bring hope to, and share love with, the brothers and sister. These are my memories because the Print House started in the basement of my parents- Brother Alex and Sister Cathy Gentile's home. Over the years it has grown and changed and the Print House no longer prints The Gospel News.

Other things have changed over the years as well. At one time, The Gospel News was the only form of communication for many. Months would pass before news of a baptism or blessing in another region was shared. In this day and age with computers, cellular phones, and the amount of travel that we all do throughout the Church, the news spreads faster. This only gives us the chance to share MORE blessings.

It's interesting to read issues of the Gospel News from years past. So much has changed since the first paper 73 years ago, yet the message is the same, God blesses His people and this is a great forum to share those blessings. We are fortunate to have this experience each and every month as The Gospel News arrives at our home. God has blessed many with the talents to write, publish, and produce this paper.

I was recently asked to take over the responsibility as Editor. It is a privilege to serve you in this capacity. You will notice many changes in this and future issues. The goal of the NEW Gospel News is to continue to unite the membership of the Church through experiences and informa-

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 Call someone that you have not seen in church lately	2	3	4 Be Thankfull  Ephesians 5:20 Alma 34:38	5
6	7 Pray for the ministry	8	9 Say "God Bless You" to a stranger today	10	11	12
13 MOTHERS DAY Honor thy mother Exodus 20:12	14 Pray for the GMBA conference next weekend	15	16	17	18	19 GMBA CONFERENCE Arizona here we come!
20	21 Pray MIGHTILY for our children -message from the Apostles	22	23	24 Sing your favorite hymn today	25	26
27	28 MEMORIAL DAY  Pray for our men and women in the armed services	29	30 Spread Joy!! Smile at everyone you see today.	31	1	2  Note: Don't forget Ladies Circle and MBA

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May 2012

**UNITY-** On the calendar are suggested activities to complete on specific days as a way to unite the membership throughout the Church. Let's focus our prayers every Monday!

## BFP Blast From The Past

**F**ifty-three years ago this month, on Saturday, May 2, 1959, the ministry of the Detroit and Windsor Branches met at the spacious west side Detroit Branch #2 on South Electric Street to organize as a district of the General Church. Answering the call for change — as first set by the organization of the California District in June 1954 — Brothers Gorie Ciaravino, Querino Bologna, and Nicholas Pietrangelo became the Michigan-Canadian District's first president and first and second counselors.

Region Choir ►



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
and **START PLANNING TO ATTEND**

## **GMBA CAMPOUT 2012**

**Where:** University of California, PA

**When:** June 30-July 6, 2012

**Theme:** "GLORIOUS DAY"

**Info and Camp Updates:**

**Facebook —** GMBA Campout 2012

**or e-mail —** 2012@yahoo.com

**TIME TO SIGN-UP!**

# **2012**

**YOUTH IN ACTION TOURS**

**Levittown, Pennsylvania YIA - July 20 through July 29**  
**Hollywood, Florida - July 27 through August 5**

Please register today at the following link :

<http://www.gmbayouthinaction.org/yia.asp>

Any questions can be directed to  
Brother Mario Zaccagnini.

## **Purpose • Mission • Vision**



### **Purpose Statement**

• To fulfill the plan of God by bringing salvation through Christ to all people.

### **Mission Statement**

• The Church of Jesus Christ will teach the Gospel to all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things commanded by Jesus Christ.

• To draw Israel to Christ through an effort focused on the Native Americans of North and South America.

### **Vision Statement**

• The full manifestations of God's Spirit and power among the Saints, resulting from living and worshipping in unity and righteousness, stimulate continuous growth of the Domestic Church—even at a rate of doubling over a five year period—while strengthening the International Church.

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**Jesus  
Christ**

## **What Does The Gospel News Mean to You?**

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tion and also, to share facts and even interactive segments. It is to remind us that we are all connected with a common goal—to share the Everlasting Gospel.

In the very first issue of The Gospel New in 1938, Brother WH Cadman addressed the members by writing, "To those who read this small paper known as The Gospel News, I direct these words..... If successful I intend to devote it's columns to that which is good and God like and especially in the interest of the aforementioned Church of which I am a member." The goal is the same today.

There is a great team assembled to make these changes. Some are familiar writers such as Brother Carl Huttenberger who will continue to write the editorial, and others are new. Thank you Brother Carl for your continued

dedication to this paper! I ask that you give the changes consideration. Read it from cover to cover for the next few months. My hope is that you will find the content informative, thought provoking, and spiritually edifying. Some of the new sections will be quick and easy to read like Blast From the Past and 5 Amazing Facts, while others will remain longer articles. There will be a calendar in each issue with activities suggested including a topic to pray for each Monday. This section is to encourage unity among our membership.

We would like to hear from you too. The back page is dedicated to YOU—the members. Each month on the back we will have a Question of the Month and a place to share miracles and blessings in your life called Blessing Bits. Your response to these sections is critical to their success. Please

share some of the amazing things God has done for you. You can also share your suggestions and comments with us.

The Gospel News is a paper for the membership about the Church and the Gospel. I hope that each and everyone who takes a moment to read it is richly blessed and reminded of the privilege that it is to be a part of His Church and of His tender mercies in our lives.

God Bless You,  
SisterCarolynn O'Connor  
Editor-In-Chief



## Part 1 –Restoration *By Elder Duane Lovalvo*

### A Record Buried in a Hill

**T**he Hill Cumorah. It is not particularly imposing or grandiose. After all, its highest point reaches only 140 feet above the surrounding countryside. It is, however, the highest of the so called drumlin hills that characterize the rolling topography that is typical of Upstate New York. It may be surprising to many that no other geographic prominence has played such a pivotal role in shaping historical events in the Western Hemisphere. Nevertheless, while there are alternative theories, it is commonly understood that on the flanks of this very hill swords and shields clashed in great and terrible battles fought long ago between mighty armies and that here two ancient civilizations met their demise. In the very same corner of the budding nation of the United States of America the Gospel of Jesus Christ was restored in its fullness to the inhabitants of the Earth.

The first time I travelled to The Hill Cumorah was in June of 1997. We camped nearby on the southern edge of Lake Ontario. On a clear night I sat by the warm fire gazing up through a gap in the trees at the thousands of stars visible to the naked eye. My own personal research leaves me no doubt that the ancient Nephite astronomers stood on these same shores 1,600 years prior, plotting the course of the stars, looking for signs and changes in the seasons.

Reading the scripture in this context, I understand that in 380 A.D. the great prophet-general Mormon led the Nephites to this place, known in the scripture as the land of Cumorah. They were once a righteous nation, obeying the commandments of Christ. But they had become a wicked people and God

afflicted them with many wars with the Lamanites who occupied the land southward. The wars soon turned into a desperate struggle for their very existence.

No other man meant more to the Nephites than their magnificent leader, Mormon. He had been chosen at an early age by the prophet Ammoron to record the last events in Nephite history. As a young man Mormon was visited by the Lord and tasted of his goodness. Before his sixteenth birthday he was chosen to lead the Nephite armies in their defense against the Lamanite menace. Since that time he had achieved some victories, but had also beheld great carnage and bloodshed among his people. Despite Mormon's greatest efforts and God's infinite mercy, the Nephites hardened their hearts against the Lord and rejected his teachings. As the prophets had predicted, they were on a path to utter destruction. In the year 380 A.D., after decades of all out war, the relentless Lamanite armies broke through the Nephite's last line of defense, reducing them to a panic stricken retreat to the far north countries. So it was that Mormon led these remnants of Nephite civilization to a northern wilderness, a place described by him as "...a land of many waters, rivers, and fountains; and here we had hope to gain advantage over the Lamanites." Surely, few locations more aptly match his description than this region of North America where, centuries later, American settlers would look with wonder upon the remains of their defensive fortifications.

Mormon managed to obtain a brief respite with a request to Aaron, the

Lamanite king, for more time to gather his people together in one place so that they could meet them in battle. The king sportingly granted this request, no doubt relishing an opportunity to erase the hated Nephite nation with one mighty blow. For four years survivors straggled in to the last refuge of Cumorah. They poured their efforts into building their defensive fortifications hoping, somehow, to stem the tide of this endless war.

It was during this brief peaceful time in the land of Cumorah that Mormon was instructed by God to make an abridgement, a shortened version, of the plates of Nephi which contained a detailed history going back for nearly a millenium. Knowing this would be the last struggle of this people, the Lord did not want the sacred records to fall into the hands of the Lamanites. This abridgement would be instrumental in God's plan to one day restore the remnant of Jacob in the latter days. Before the great battle, Mormon gave the abridgement to his son, Moroni, and he hid all of the other sacred records, including the plates of Nephi, in the Hill Cumorah.

By 384 A.D. all of the people had been gathered in to the land of Cumorah and they had prepared their defenses for a desperate last stand. That very same year the mighty Lamanite armies marched north from their southern bases and crossed into the land of Cumorah. Bereft of God's power and protection, the Nephites were incapable of halting their advance. The innumerable hosts of the Lamanites poured over the Nephites like an overwhelming flood. The battle lasted only a day and claimed over 230,000

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*"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." Matthew 5:9*

*By Evangelist Carl Huttenberger*

**D**id you ever break up a fight or mediate in an argument? If you did, then you know that in order to be successful, you must be sensitive to both sides of the issue. If you take sides, you create even more contention and end up joining in on the fight. The children of God, according to Jesus, are those who are peacemakers. We, being the children of God, can only claim that title if we truly are peacemakers. In God's Word, there are numerous examples of this. When others were performing miracles in the name of Jesus, John wanted them to be condemned. But Jesus, being a peacemaker, told His disciples to leave them alone. If they weren't against Jesus, they were for Him. The adulterous woman would have been stoned to death by the people for the sins she had committed. But Jesus mediated on her behalf, and caused the people to see her side of the story. He told the people that if they were without sin, that they should cast the first stone. The people were confounded, and had to end their planned attack of the woman.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18.

Peace can only come when there is forgiveness. If a person can forgive another, then contention is stopped in its tracks. This is just like Jesus who forgives all our sins. He said that if He can forgive all our sins, even if they are red like crimson, then we ought to forgive one another. Forgiving is the only thing that can end contention. When we end contention, the devil cannot work.

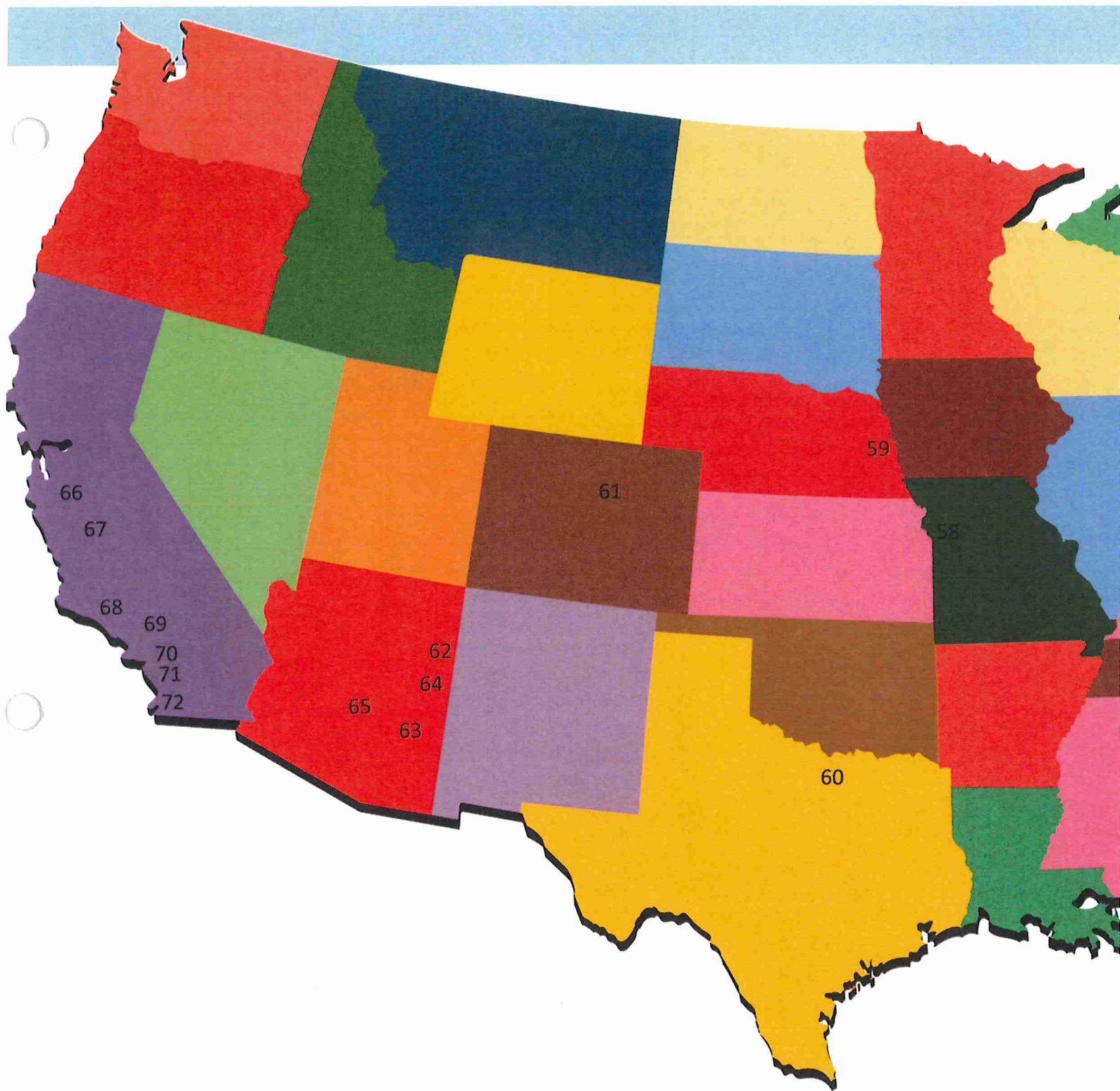
"For verily, verily I say unto you, he that has the spirit of contention is not of me, but is of the devil, who is the father of contention, and he stirrith up the hearts of men to contend with anger, one with another." 3rd Nephi 11:29.

The devil causes us to only see our side of the story, and not consider the feelings of others. This feeling breeds contention. Did you ever

meet someone who always felt he/she was right about everything? This is a person who is driven by the spirit of contention, which is of the devil. The Bible says that the wisdom of mankind is foolishness to God. So how can a person always think he/she is right about everything? But the true children of God are those who are humble peacemakers. They don't always have to prove their point, or think they are always right. They can empathize and sympathize with another person, forgive them, and love them, regardless of what they've done. I think sometimes as saints of God, we are too quick to become offended. We must realize that being able to understand another person, and forgive them (thus eradicating any possible contention) is a conscious decision on our part. It doesn't come naturally. Human nature tells us to become offended and contend with one another, rather than be a peacemaker. But as saints of God, we have to work at suppressing those feelings and truly be the peacemaker that God wants us to be.

Sometimes God must humble us down in order to be a peacemaker. He does this by causing us, or someone in our family, to go through something that we have been criticizing others for. An example is people who don't have children condemning other parents who seem to have unruly children. Then one day, they have children of their own, who become unruly. Suddenly, they can understand and empathize. Another example is those who condemn others who are going through a divorce. Then the day comes when they go through it, or someone in their family does. Suddenly, they understand and empathize. There are numerous other examples.

Brothers, sisters and friends, let's avoid having to be taught this kind of lesson, simply by being the peacemaker Jesus wants us to be. Let us understand, forgive and love one another. No one really ever "wins" an argument or a fight. In the end, the only "winners" are the true children of God...the peacemakers.



## Established Domestic Branches and Missions

1. Brunswick, ME
2. Bronx, NY
3. Brooklyn, NY
4. Rochester, NY
5. Lockport, NY
6. Metuchen, NJ
7. Hopelawn, NJ
8. Edison, NJ
9. Freehold, NJ
10. New Brunswick, NJ
11. Mt. Laurel, NJ
12. Herndon, VA

13. Erie, PA
14. Aliquippa, PA
15. Imperial, PA
16. McKees Rocks, PA
17. Levittown, PA
18. Fredonia, PA
19. Clairton, PA
20. Glassport, PA
21. Roscoe, PA
22. Monongahela, PA
23. Greensburg, PA
24. Vanderbilt, PA

25. Perry, OH
26. Kinsman, OH
27. Youngstown, OH
28. Lorain, OH
29. Liberty, OH
30. Columbus, OH
31. Cincinnati, OH
32. South Bend, IN
33. Oldham County, KY
34. Mid-Tennessee, TN
35. Spartanburg, SC
36. Atlanta, GA

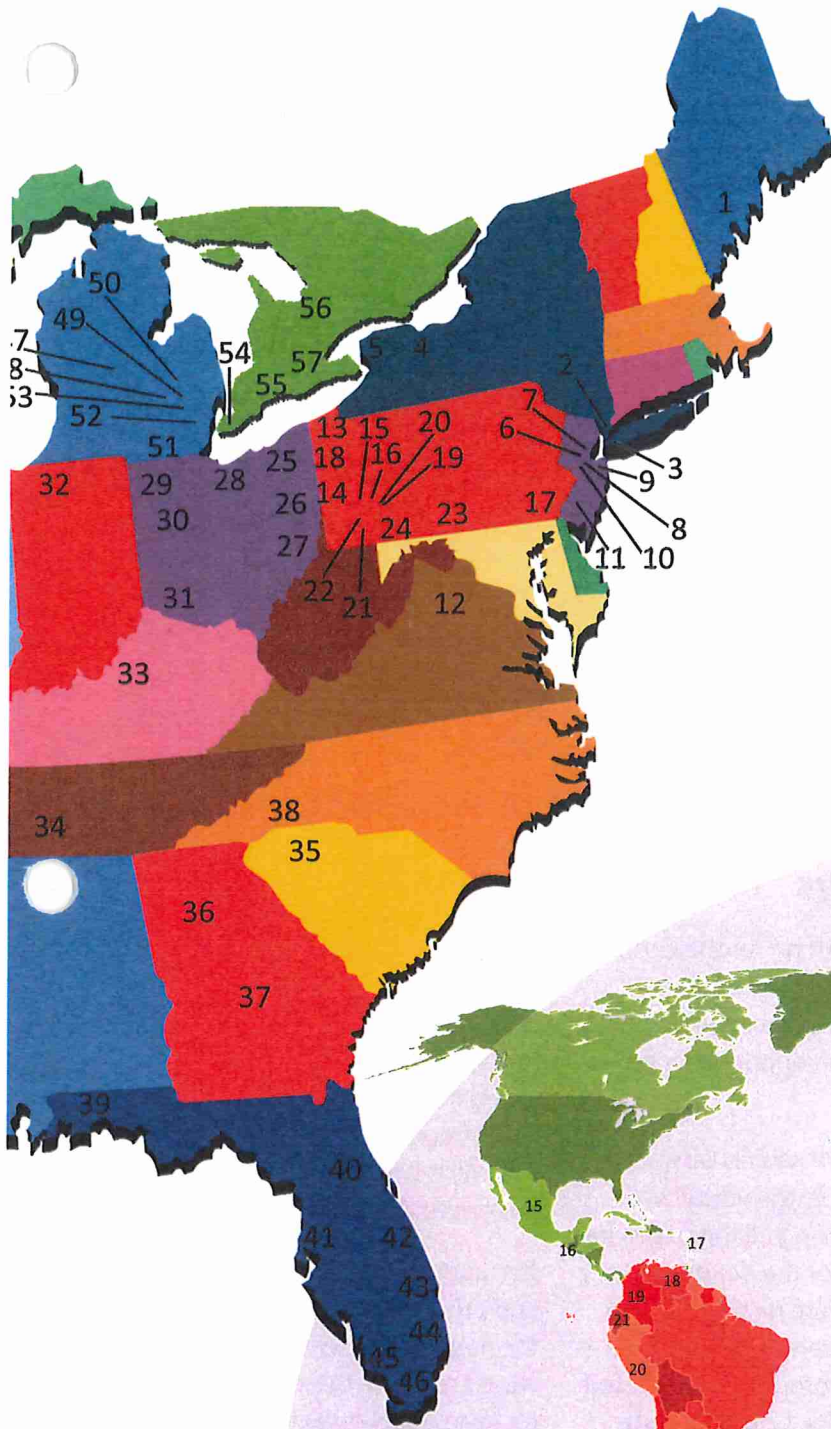
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38. Gastonia, NC
39. Quincy, FL
40. Leesburg, FL
41. Forest Hills, FL
42. Treasure Coast, FL
43. Lake Worth, FL
44. Hollywood, FL
45. Cape Coral, FL
46. Miami, FL
47. Harrison, MI
48. Redford, MI

49. Plumbrook, MI
50. Detroit Branch #1, MI
51. Detroit Branch #2, MI
52. Detroit Inner City, MI
53. Sterling Heights, MI
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55. Muncey, ON
56. Saugeen, ON
57. Six Nations, ON
58. Independence, MO
59. Omaha-Bedford, NE
60. Fort Worth, TX

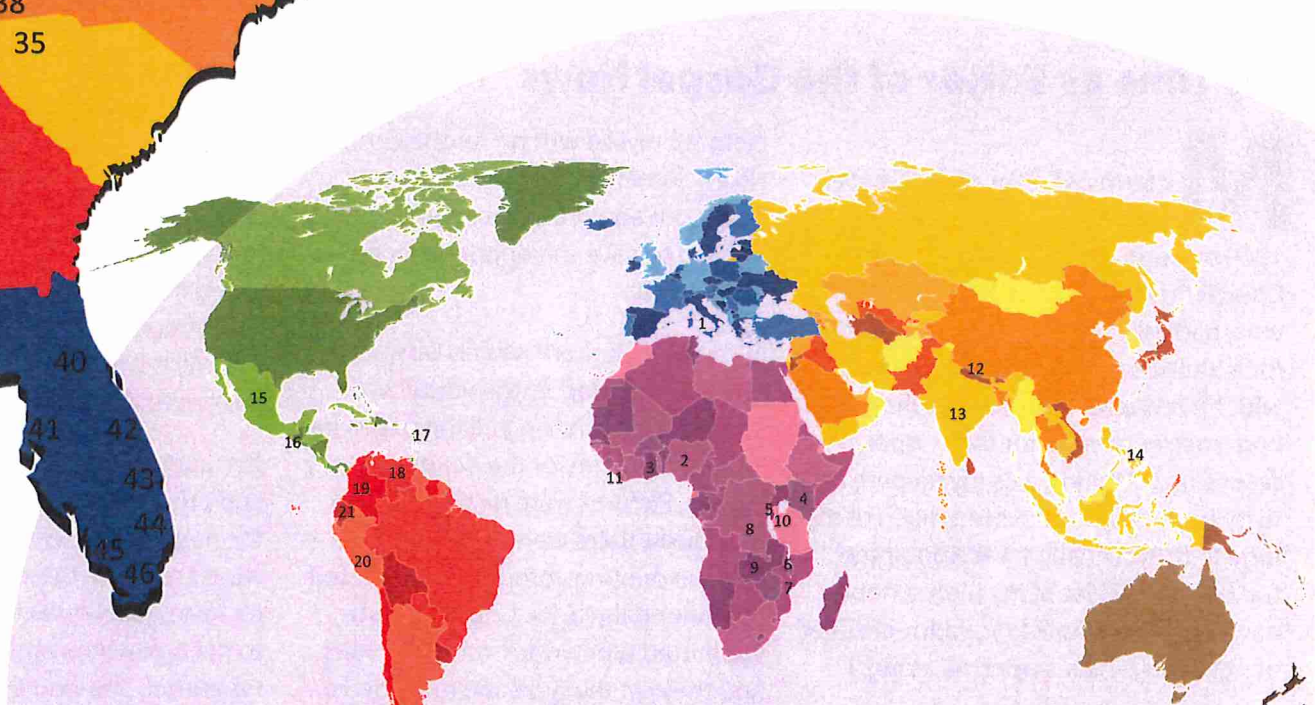
# Where We Are In The World

The Church of Jesus Christ is established throughout the world. Domestically we are located in 68 cities in 20 states and 4 locations in Canada with a total membership of approximately 2,898 people. Internationally we are located in 21 countries with a total membership of approximately 15,243 people.

The vision of the Church is to increase the domestic membership by doubling it over 5 years while strengthening the International Church. How will this map change over the next 5 years? What will your part be in filling in the areas where the Everlasting Gospel is not present?



- 51. Denver, CO
- 52. Tse Benito, AZ
- 53. San Carlos, AZ
- 54. Lakeside, AZ
- 55. Mesa, AZ
- 56. Modesto, CA
- 57. Lindsay, CA
- 58. Folsom Valley, CA
- 59. Colton, CA
- 60. Bell, CA
- 61. Irvine, CA
- 62. San Diego, CA



## Established International Branches and Missions

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| 1. Italy      | 8. D.R. Congo   | 15. Mexico    |
| 2. Nigeria    | 9. Zambia       | 16. Guatemala |
| 3. Ghana      | 10. Burundi     | 17. Dominica  |
| 4. Kenya      | 11. Liberia     | 18. Venezuela |
| 5. Rwanda     | 12. Nepal       | 19. Columbia  |
| 6. Malawi     | 13. India       | 20. Peru      |
| 7. Mozambique | 14. Philippines | 21. Ecuador   |

Editor Tom D'Orazio, President

**T**he MBA was first established in 1904 as an organization purposed to promote the spiritual welfare of the youth and to provide missionary and welfare assistance to the Church. As the organization has morphed into a complex, international organization, the simple, good purposes of "brotherly love, sociability, and the general spiritual uplifting of its members" remain at the heart of our operations today.

This article is meant to update you on the current offerings of your General MBA (GMBA). We have many programs and events available to member and non-member alike. As the purpose of

the MBA is for our youth, our programs begin with your little ones. The Pin Program is a learning tool designed for 5-12 year-olds to better acquaint themselves with the church. This program includes a learning booklet with sections on ordinances and organization, and when completed, each child is recognized by the GMBA and receives a "pin" of completion. Of note, this program meets the Girl and Boy Scouts of America religion patch requirements.

For our teens and college kids, the Student Support Program (SSP) has been developed to educate, uplift, and encourage our youth. The program currently provides monthly written

articles and frequent audio and video sermons from our meetings. This is especially useful for those that are unable to attend our church services. The SSP is now sponsoring a Facebook page and developing more plans to reach out to our middle school children.

For our more seasoned youth, the Youth- In-Action program is still organizing week-long domestic missionary trips every summer. These have been incredibly successful in uplifting our branches and missions and strengthening our young people. In addition, an extended 6-8 week missionary tour is held each summer for two young brothers.

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## Time as Editor of the Gospel News By Evangelist Carl Frammolino

**M**y term as Editor of the Gospel News was from January 1, 1969 through January, 1971. General Church President, Apostle Gorie Ciarravino, had asked me to take this position for a transitional period, so I complied with his request. From my childhood I had a desire to work for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Writing was my favorite activity in school, so I devoted much of my time to it. Eventually, I was appointed the Editor-in-Chief of my high school newspaper and Assistant-Editor-in-Chief of my college newspaper. All along, I

pictured myself writing for the Gospel News. Somehow Brother Ciarravino found out about this desire and I felt blessed to have the opportunity he granted me.

In those days, there was no Gospel News official staff so the editor was responsible for having all the pages full of stories in time for the deadline every month. Pictures were rarely available. Obviously, there were no computers yet. The printing company was located in Monongahela, PA. Copy had to be submitted typewritten to the printers and they set the type and furnished a copy for us to proofread. The role of the Editor was to review articles submitted by brothers and sisters who felt directed to write them and/or to write articles himself.

Sister Sarah Vancik, whose father was Apostle William H. Cadman, the

General Church President and founder of the Gospel News, had labored with Brother Cadman on the Gospel News, and she was a very wonderful and devoted mentor for me. Because she was in Monongahela, PA and I was in Warren, MI, it was necessary to coordinate the entire activity on a rigid schedule.

Just about all of our correspondence and processing of the articles was by the regular mail service. This meant she would send me the submitted articles for review, after which I returned them to her typewritten and readied for the typesetter. She would then take the articles to the printer for type-setting. After type-setting, she picked up the copies of the galley proofs of the articles, proofread them, and sent them to me for final proofreading and page layout. My next assignment was to then

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By Brother Kerry Carlini

*Once King David had established Israel as a strong and united kingdom, he desired to build a temple unto the Lord. However, the Lord would deny David this privilege, for his reign had been marked by war. Rather, his son King Solomon, who ruled in a time of peace was chosen to fulfill David's desire. Here are 5 amazing facts regarding the building of the temple:*

1. Besides Solomon's chief officers who were over the work, 3,600 men ruled over an enormous work force.
2. Requiring a total of 30,000 men working in shifts of 10,000, cedar, fir, and al-gum timber — all of which Solomon would desire — was cut out of Lebanon and floated by sea to Joppa and then carried to Jerusalem.
3. Eight thousand men were used to hew and finish the stone work at the quarry before it was brought to the temple. Seventy thousand men were set aside solely to bare burdens.
4. All of the cutting and shaping of timber and stone were done offsite, for no hammer, chisel, or any iron tool was actually used at the temple while it was being built.
5. Taking 7 years to complete, entailing all of the aforementioned efforts — and many not mentioned — God's most glorious temple would measure simply 135 feet in length, 35 feet in width, and 50 feet in height.

## Ladies' Uplift Circle News

### Uplift Circle News - A Marvelous Heritage

By Sister Karen L. Progar, President



**L**ately, I have been thinking about the heritage we enjoy in The Church of Jesus Christ. I consider it a rare privilege to discuss with you the General Ladies' Uplift Circle and the role the organization has in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In 1920, a few dedicated sisters met in Monongahela, PA to begin a work that continues to this very day. Our founder, Sister Sadie Cadman had an unquenchable desire to help with a missionary work of the Church. Even before she knew the Church, it was her wish to work among the native people of the United States. As a very young woman, she could not have known that this desire would lead to the organization of an international group of women that today fills that purpose.

Throughout the US and in many international locations, Circle members meet

to study, fellowship, uplift and support the missionary efforts of The Church of Jesus Christ. As instructed in the scriptures, the women of the Church meet together often. While not every sister of the Church belongs to the Circle, those who do make me proud to be among their number. The Circle provides for as many missionary efforts as it is able and uplifts the sick, lonely and needy in the branches and missions in which it meets.

Fundraising, while not the only job of Circle sisters, is an important part of the Circle's service. I marvel at the amount of money our sisters are able to amass for the missionary projects of the Church. I also marvel at the way the sisters conduct the business of the Circle. Not many people love a business meeting, but I can tell you that I do. When we get prepared to spend the donations of the locals, there are no pet projects or personal agendas. The list of requests is posted and

within minutes the money is doled out to those worthwhile projects. Over the years, in addition to cash, the sisters have purchased sewing machines, vans, windows, doors and motorcycles. The sisters have made sacrament cloths and innumerable baby layettes, as well as donated travel money so that sisters in under developed countries can uplift the local circles in their country. If there is a need, the Circle will address it.

In addition to the service that is part of the Circle's mission, the overwhelming benefit to being a member is the spiritual development it affords all the women of the Church. From the littlest of our member (The Little Ladies Circle) to our seasoned sisters, we have the rare privilege to enjoy studying the blessed scriptures together, sharing our blessings and burdens and drawing other women to the Circle and the Church.

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By Sister Jan Bork

## How Do You Let Prayer Guide You?

Dear Friends,

There are many times in life that I don't know what to do. When I was a child I mostly did what my parents and older sister told me to do. Then as I got older I realized that sometimes there were things that could be okay either way. Sometimes even if my friends or family thought one way, I thought another and I usually wanted to try it my way. Sometimes I was right, and sometimes I was wrong.

So, what do we do when we have to make an important decision that needs to be right and we aren't really sure what to do? First, go to the Lord in prayer. Find a place in your mind and call on the Lord, our Creator. He knows what the future is and what works best for you at all times. He is waiting to guide you with His Spirit. Many times He will answer you with a quiet thought in your mind that will not go away.

We are promised in the Bible in James 5:7 that "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous (a good person who serves God) man (or woman) availeth much" (really works). So, carefully ask another believer to pray for you. Your prayers are powerful and God hears them. Who can you trust to ask for prayers? Who is a person that serves God, loves to pray, and wants to see you succeed? Ask them to help you pray.

When someone listens to us and helps us to make a decision, it is called counseling us. The Bible warns us in Psalms 1:1 "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly." That reminds us to realize God's ways are the best ways. People who don't do things God's way will not tell us how to be strong and do the right thing. They may even trick us and get us to sin. Don't trust or ask them for advice. Trust in God's way.

The Apostle James teaches us "If any among you lack wisdom, ask of God who giveth liberally and upbraideth (scolds you) not." (See James 1:5). This encourages me to go to God in my prayers and tell Him the real truth. Sometimes I am so confused which way to go that I get worried about making a mistake, or I've already taken the wrong step and need to get out of it. Sometimes I need God to forgive me or be brave enough to tell someone else "I am sorry, I was wrong".

Other times I simply pray and see if the door is open. For example, when I have tried to get a new job, I start trying to get it by putting in applications. I pray that if I am supposed to get a job there, God will "open the door" and let me have that job. If they pick someone else I try not to be upset and to accept it. I keep trying or looking for another door, the right door.

If I want to make a new friend I pray and ask God to show me how, give me a chance to talk with them, and let His Spirit be with us. This works very well. When I take a class and don't know anyone, I always pray and ask God to help me learn, let me understand my teacher, and let the class work out.

I always remind myself that I have so many people that like and care about me at Church. This helps me be braver to try new adventures and not fear making wrong choices. Put your faith in God. Remember your mistakes and do not repeat them. Ask good people to pray with you and for you and go have a wonderful, interesting life with God leading you!

### WORD SEARCH :

*James 1:5*

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## My Time as Editor of the Gospel News

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turn the analyzed articles placed on the pages for the final printing of the edition.

To this day, I marvel how the Lord provided enough information about meetings, experiences, and blessings to complete the paper each month on a timely basis, even if it meant meeting midnight deadlines. For this, I was very grateful each month to the Lord and felt indebted and thankful to Sister Sarah for her determination to continue The Gospel News which we happily still have today.

Sister Sarah, who was in reality the Business Manager, could pick up the published papers and mail them out to the members of The Church of Jesus Christ. Some of the sisters of the Monongahela Branch assisted in the mailings; and, of course, I was very appreciative for their efforts, as well.

Today, I realize how the Lord blessed me abundantly in using me to contribute in whatever position He has placed me, especially in the area of the Gospel News and of written material.

## Uplift Circle News

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In the 18th Chapter of Mosiah there is a discussion regarding willing to mourn with those who mourn comfort those that stand in need of comfort and stand as witnesses to God, concluding with "...if this be the desire

of your hearts, what have you against being baptized?" The same can be said of the Circle, if you have seen its good work, what inhibits you from joining its ranks and doing your part? The Ladies' Uplift Circle encourages all women, young and old to join in its mission – To spiritually develop its membership while supporting the missionary efforts of The Church of Jesus Christ."

## GMBA News

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Finally, we must mention our GMBA conferences and campouts held each year. For all ages, these offer an opportunity for love, sociability and "uplifting" to a staggering degree. One could argue that our summer camps have been the greatest domestic missionary

outreach program of the last 40 years. One must attend to truly appreciate how wonderful it is to be fully immersed in the Spirit of God for a week's time.

While we cannot summarize all the benefits of the MBA, let me close by asking you to please attend your MBA events, support the youth in love, and may the Lord bless you in His Kingdom.

## A Record Buried in a Hill

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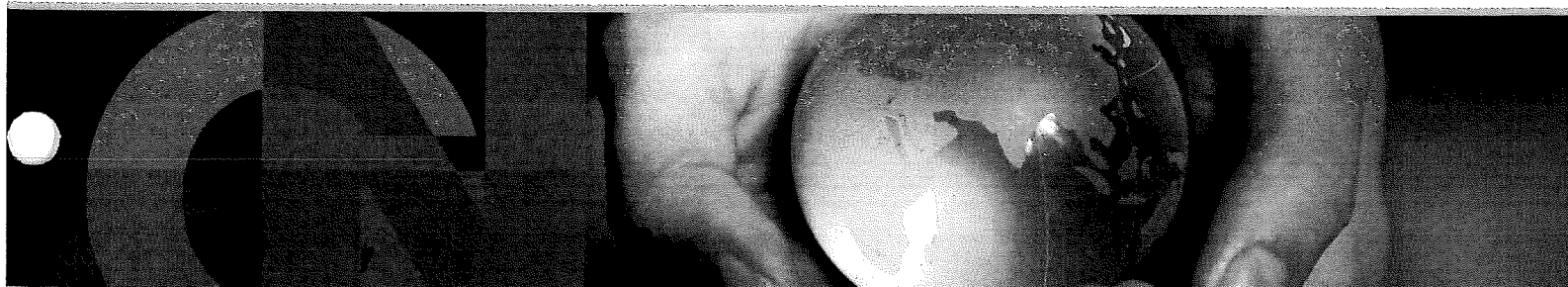
Nephite lives, thus bringing to a calamitous end their civilization. Somehow, Mormon and Moroni survived the battle, bearing witness to the complete annihilation of their people.

I stood atop of the Hill Cumorah in 1997 and looked out across the green rolling landscape. I tried to imagine what it must have been like for Mormon and Moroni as they took in that scene of devastation and lamented the loss of their loved ones. Although Mormon would die later in battle, Moroni carried on, moving from place to place to avoid capture and death. Amazingly, he survived for thirty-six more years, during which time he completed the record which his father had given to him, engraved on golden plates. He managed to append to his father's abridgement invaluable

writings that included the book of Ether and the revelation had by the brother of Jared.

His work completed, Moroni returned one last time to the Hill Cumorah in the year 420 A.D. He fashioned a cement box and in it he placed the abridgement as well as other sacred relics. These items were sealed up and buried in the side of the hill. There they would remain for more than 1,400 years, until a young man of English descent, named Joseph Smith, was led to this spot in the year 1823 by none other than Moroni himself, appearing in heavenly form. In 1827 Joseph undertook the task of translating Mormon's abridgement into English, by the gift and power of God. The completed work was presented to the world in 1829 as The Book of Mormon. The Gospel of Jesus Christ was finally restored to the Gentiles and God's plan to recover the lost tribes of Israel was set in motion.

*Here's your very own GN Scripture Bookmark to clip and mark your favorite passages. God Bless You! ▼*



*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son... John 3:16*

# Blessing Bits

BB Recently, I needed some dental work done. The dentist said it would cost a thousand dollars. I didn't have the money; all I could do was take it to the Lord in prayer.

Over the next few days, I began sorting through my kitchen cabinets for items to donate to our Ladies' Circle yard sale. I hadn't gone through the highest ones since my husband's passing five years ago. Standing on a stepladder, I moved a box over and found a sealed envelope underneath, with nothing written on it. "What's this?" I thought to myself as I opened it.

To my astonishment, I counted out ten hundred-dollar bills! I had no idea when my husband put that cash aside, but I do know the Lord provided exactly what I needed, exactly when I needed it. I have to praise God for always being there for me.

– Sister Ann James *Mesa, AZ Branch*

BB My son was pronounced dead and then revived at our home after being prayed for. When we arrived at the hospital there were several doctors in the room trying to stabilize him including one doctor standing at his head. He was very large with very large hands. I looked up at the doctor and he smiled at me but never said

a word the whole time. He just smiled.

The next day I went to visit my son and they were taking the respirator and IV's off. That same doctor from the ER stuck his head and one arm around the corner of the door and I told him that we could take my son home. He smiled and raised his hand and left without speaking.

Nine months later I had to be taken to ER after a fall. While there I asked for this doctor by name and a nurse said there was no such doctor there. I explained that 9 months ago he was in ER with my son and she said there had never been a doctor by that name in 30 yrs she had worked there. If it wasn't God it was an Angel that He sent to protect my son. God IS Good All THE TIME!

– Sister Mary Korotney *Detroit Branch #2*

BB While driving to meet another brother about our desires to help our young men get more involved in our branch, a pickup racing toward me from behind pulled alongside, jerked right trying to run me off the road, and sped off.

Swerving to avoid him, I lost control and sideswiped a concrete barrier at 65 mph,

lost my left front and rear wheels, and skidded across four lanes of traffic, all without hitting another car. My vehicle stopped on an overpass, in the shoulder, spaced perfectly between the slow lane and the wall on the right. A policeman arrived asking, "How did you park it so straight?"

I knew who was trying to stop us, and I know Who spared me. We still had our meeting that day. Later I felt some discomfort and was anointed. The next morning I awoke without any pain or even a bruise. Praise God!

– Brother Greg Perri *Mesa, AZ Branch*

## Question for this month:

What is your favorite hymn? Please feel free to tell us why.

## Answer from last month:

Check back next month to see if your answer is the most popular.

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

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son... John 3:16