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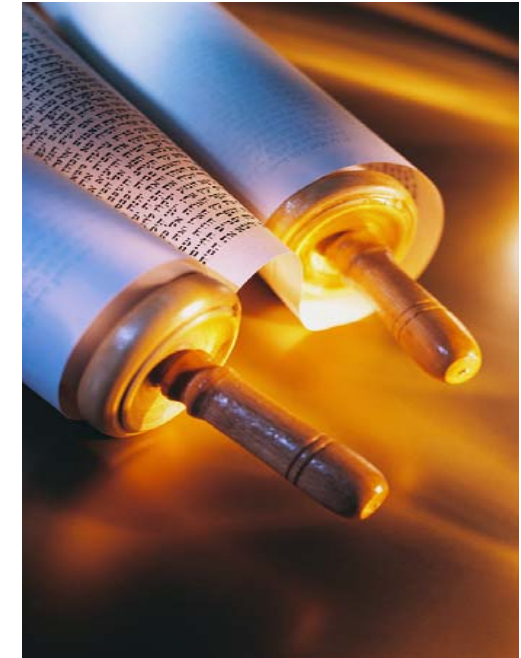
Services

Every Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 AM
Morning Worship	10:30 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

Every Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 PM
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Assembly Assignments for October, 2008

The Lord's Supper

Andrew Moorer / Steve Sanders / Robb Sanders / Zack Wilson

Announcements

Mike McDougald

Building Duties

Ray Frost

Greeters

Ray Frost
Darrin Sanders

Nursing Home Duties

Isaac Sanders
Jace Sanders

Lord's Supper Preparation

Amy Baugh

Scripture Reading

Ross Sanders

Privileged to Serve on October 5th

Morning Prayer

Darrin Sanders (opening)
Ronald Hilburn (closing)

Evening Prayer

Dale Sanders (opening)
Robb Sanders (closing)

Song Leader

Danny Rolling

A/V Equipment

Russ Kilcrease

Please notify Mike McDougald if you are unable to serve.
All announcements need to be written and turned in before each assembly!

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GLOBAL WARMING

Raymond Elliott

The debate continues. Extremes are evident. Politics divide. The panic button is being pushed. Who shall we believe? Is there not a middle ground somewhere? Books have been written on the pollution of our planet and our atmosphere. A movie has been made to warn people of the impending danger of such pollutions. A former vice-president of our nation has been awarded the Nobel Prize for his efforts to warn us of global warning if we continue to destroy the purity of the very air that we breathe. Yet, there are reputable scientists and meteorologists who strongly disagree with several of his arguments and conclusions. They explain that we are in a cycle of weather changes that has been going on for centuries. And here I sit as a novice and endeavoring to understand matters that are often too great for my finite mind.

I live in the area of our nation where the drought is the most severe. Our water supply is diminishing rapidly. I have witnessed the failure of so many of the crops planted by our farmers. The cattlemen are having great difficulty in finding food for their stock because the pastures have burned up due to the lack of moisture. I watched on the television the powerful fires that scorched the land and burned the houses in California. Tragedies caused by natural occurrences and man made. Could we not understand that such might be possible as we consider the reasons for changes in our weather? I know that as humans we do pollute our environment. We all have witnessed this fact. It is good that we are becoming more aware of this problem.

While not trying to diminish the need to clean up our polluted land, water and air, I want to mention another 'global warming' that the world in general has no interest in whatsoever. We go about our everyday activities without considering the fact that there is coming a time when this life will come to end. We buy and sell and get gain without fully realizing that life is like a vapor that last only for a short time (See James 4:13-17). Many are the persons, who like the scoffers mentioned by Peter, reason that since there was a yesterday there will also be a tomorrow and things will continue as they have since the beginning of time. But read very carefully the words of the apostle Peter in 2 Peter 3:5-7: "*For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. And then Peter continues, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?"* (Vs 10-12).

Sin is the pollution of the soul. And unless a person has this stain removed from his/her soul by the cleansing blood of the Lamb and our Savior Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:5), he/she will suffer the inevitable consequence of such terrible fate. Now this is the 'global warming' that we should be prepared for by "*denying ungodliness and worldly lusts*" and living "*soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ*" (Titus 2:12, 13).



In Our Prayers

- Percy Coggins – back problems
- Virginia Elliott – health problems
- Joe Dexter Flynn – brain tumor
- Joe Griffin – general health, improved some
- John Allen Helms – serious condition @ Jackson Hospital
- Bobbie Sue Henderson – cancer
- Richard (Rich) Hodgkinson - cancer
- Dianne Hoffman – progressing as expected following transplant
- Donald Hilburn – treatments for cancer
- Cecil Kelley – COPD
- Rusty King - neck & shoulder problems
- Chris Kyser – a little better, still serious condition
- Maggie Marshall – on ventilator only at night
- Stephanie Martin – cancer; not doing well
- J. T. Owens – lung cancer
- Alice Smith – Debbie Beaver's grandmother, health
- Lindsay Turner – serious injuries in auto accident
- Ted Tindal – brain cancer
- Joseph Wright – in trauma unit in B'ham following an auto accident

In Luverne Nursing Facility:

- Margaret Hall - Allene Mount
 - Fanny Nichols - Charles Phillips Edwina Rolling
- *Pray for soldiers overseas such as Dickie Sims*

Mission Efforts

South Africa
India
Rainbow Omega
Gospel Broadcasting Network
Panama Missions
Santiago, Panama
church of Christ, Tooele, Utah

Remember to pray for missionaries, for leaders, for our congregation, and for our efforts to carry out God's will.

**Watch "Good News Today" on:
DirecTV – Channel 323 – 7 to 8PM CST
Dish Network – Ch. 9407 & 9396 – 11 to
12PM CST**

What Must We Do to be Saved?

The Alien Sinner Must:

1. Learn the truth (John 8:31-32; Rom. 10:17).
2. Believe in Christ (John 8:24).
3. Repent of his sins (Acts 17:30; 2 Cor. 7:10).
4. Confess his faith in Christ (Matt. 10:32).
5. Be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:20, 21).

The Child of God Must:

1. Study the Word of God (2 Tim. 2:15).
2. Grow spiritually (1 Pet. 2:1-2; 2 Pet. 1:5-11).
3. Worship regularly (Acts 20:7; Heb. 10:24-31).
4. Live right in this present world (Titus 2:11, 12).
5. Be faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10; Matt. 10:22).

The Erring Child of God Must:

1. Repent and confess sins (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:8-10).
2. Pray for forgiveness (Acts 8:22; James 5:16).

Announcements

- **HOME COMING 2008:** Mark your calendars and invite your family and friends for **Sunday, October 12** and plan to be here. Dennis Sanders will be speaking. We hope to see lots of friends and family "home" for a visit.

- Youth are reminded of the area wide devotional in Elba this Sunday afternoon, October 5th.

- **Copies of sermons** are available on CD.

- Ladies Caring and Sharing group meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30.

It Is A Fact

Take a leaf from a branch, lay it carefully aside and watch! Slowly the color fades, the leaf goes limp, curls up, and dies!

Take a fish out of a lake, lay it carefully on the sand and watch! Frantically it twists, struggles, gradually weakens, and then quivers and dies!

Take a Christian away from the fellowship and worship of the church, let him remain home on the Lord's Day, and watch! Gradually he will stop praying, misses the Lord's Supper, and he frets about questionable activities that keep him from assembling with the saints. Soon there are too many hypocrites in the church, the church is always asking for money, and finally he takes his stand against Christianity, and dies! Author Unknown