

Conference of Restoration Elders (CRE)

Monthly Tidings of Zion-January, 2018

Greetings to all the Saints around the world. We trust the Lord was with you through last year and will continue with you in 2018. We apologize for not publishing a monthly Tidings for November and December, but there were too many obstacles to getting them done. Issue # 121 of the regular Tidings was published in November, 2017 and should be in the homes of the Saints everywhere. The next regular issue will be published in mid-late February, 2018 and will carry information about summer camps and reunions.+

The CRE leadership is issuing the following statement in regard to the recent development in Brazil regarding plates similar to the Book of Mormon plates.

Dear Saints,

The Conference of Restoration Elders (CRE)Coordinating Council and the CRE Chairman met with Bob Moore and Joseph F. Smith the evening of November 21, 2017 to hear their testimonies and report concerning their recent experience in Brazil. Both men shared their testimony and answered questions freely. The meeting was cordial and respectful, and we, the members of the Coordinating Council and the CRE Chairman, are appreciative of having had the opportunity to hear from these men directly. Subsequent to the meeting, the Coordinating Council and CRE Chairman had an opportunity to pray about what had been shared, and came together to discuss the matter on December 19.

The following statement comes from the members of the Coordinating Council and the CRE Chairman, and does not reflect the official position of the Conference since there has been no opportunity for the elders to gather and consider the matter.

After having prayerfully and carefully considered the testimonies and report shared by Bob Moore and Joseph F. Smith concerning their experience in Brazil, while believing both men to be sincere, we have a number of serious concerns and questions about what has been shared. Due to these concerns and questions, and having no confirmation of the Spirit that what has been shared is true, we cannot endorse their testimonies at this time. We will continue to pray that all might be sensitive to the Lord's truth concerning this matter, and all other matters concerning His work in these the latter days.

Sincerely with the Grace of God,

CRE Chair William "Vim" Horn

Coordinating Council: Richard Neill, Chairman, Jack Hagensen, John Mundy
Brian Mundy , Don Norman, Howard Parker, Garry Piatt

The Central Missouri Restoration Branches (CMRB), the Pastors of Zion (POZ) and the Conference of Restoration Elders (CRE) invite you to participate in the following priesthood and men's worship and education classes:

Thursday, January 18 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

6:30pm Registration 7:00 Welcome and Worship

7:30 Class: *Bob Bobbitt* – Proclaim the Fullness of the Gospel –
What are we sharing that is unique and compelling?

8:45 Fellowship and Cookies

Saturday, January 20 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm (Lunch provided)

8:00am Registration 8:30 Worship 9:30 Class: *Michael Brown* –
Spiritual Revival and Development

Starts with Us – Are there signs following our ministry?

Break

11:00 Class: *Karl Anderson* – Home Ministry is Foundational –
How are we equipping our families for the work of the Kingdom?

12:15 Lunch (provided) at the Oak Grove Restoration Branch

1:00 Discussion – Meeting ministry needs in Missouri

2:15 Wrap-up

All priesthood are invited to attend and have the opportunity to bring non-priesthood men from their congregation who are earnestly seeking the Lord's will in their life and journey on this path.

Pre-registration is not required, however we do ask that you so, so we can plan for lunch. To register online click on, or type in the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018JanuaryRetreat>. For more information contact Vim Horn at hornw@umkc.edu.

The following is a list of Restoration Branch Reunions for 2018:

2018 Restoration Branch Reunions

- June 4-9 Zion's Ridge
Independence, Missouri
Contact: Ray Lane 816-650-6573
- June 9-16 Central Missouri at Odessa Hills, Odessa, MO
Contact: Judi Smith 816-633-4199 or
odessahills.com 816-230-4000
- June 10-16 South Crysler
Graceland University in Lamoni Iowa
Contact: Paul and Lynnette Davis 816-795-0703
- June 24-29 Restoration Branch Family Reunion and Conference of Restoration Elders
Sponsored by the CRE and Pastors of Zion (POZ)
Waldo Avenue RB/Center Place Restoration School in Independence, Missouri
Contact: CRE Office 816-836-3421
- June 30-July 7 Buckner RB
Odessa Hills Campgrounds in Odessa, Missouri
Contact: Eric Baker 816-765-8802
- July 21-28 Woodbine Reunion
at Little Sioux, Iowa
Contact: Alan Ronk 712-592-1977
- July 23-29 Great Lakes Regional Reunion
Vassar, Michigan
Contact: Helene Danicki 248-651-3208
- July 30-Aug 5 Northwest Regional Reunion
Vancouver, Washington RB
Contact: Brian Herren 503-949-2484
- July 28- Aug 3 Kirtland Area Family Reunion
Temple Grove in Transfer, Pennsylvania
Contact: Peter Peterson 440-862-1029
- July 28-Aug 4 Maine Restoration Reunion
Brooksville, Maine
Contact: Richard Leighton 207-217-8453

If any corrections need to be made, contact Paul Gage
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Missionary Activities: Please continue to uphold in prayer as well as financial support, the missionary boards that function under the CRE:ARM, GEM,LAMB, SEAAM and the Domestic Outreach Program. Donations can be made to any or all of these groups by making a check out to CRE and on the memo line indicate which groups you want to receive your donation. Teams will be going in the spring into all the above mentioned groups. Elder Murray Broughton from Australia is currently in Luzon,the Philippines.

There were two baptisms in Canada in November of 2017. Matthew Lavigne and Jen Borque of the Stoney Creek, Hamilton Ontario. They were baptized by Priest Lloyd Mahoney of Hamilton and confirmed by Elders Shaun Turner of Michigan and Paul Gage of Missouri.

Kirtland Area Reunion Testimonies by the Telljohann Family

Virgil Telljohann II

I was glad all of my family were able to attend the reunion this year. Most of our family stayed for the whole week and experienced a good spirit. In one service, after the last person had prayed, all the priesthood up front got on their knees and I did the same. There have been several sermons, online, suggesting that the Saints do this. I am so grateful for the prayers and testimonies offered by my family and for the many other areas of the reunion and camp that they assisted with.

Marsha Telljohann, wife of Virgil II

Our family consists of my husband Virgil II, myself, our son Sean, his wife, Krista and their children, Ivan, Sage, and Laura; our son, Virgil III, his wife, Christine and their children, Wyatt and Otto; and our daughter, Brenda and her children, Jeremy and Alexandra. We all live in the Lima, Ohio area. Many prayers were offered up for those who were sick, hurting, struggling, etc. and there were several Administrations. Later, we began to hear of healings and prayers being answered.

All week with each service, we were impressed, from God, to make changes in our lives, to repent, fast, and pray to become grounded in God's Word and to follow His commandments. The reunion/camp was a great time of healing and forgiveness for our family. The reunion/camp at Temple Grove was a very Spirit-filled experience.

Virgil Telljohann III

I was overjoyed to have my entire family at Temple Grove this year. I had not been there for about 15 years. I was amazed at how the Good Spirit brought all of us so very close to Zionic conditions. Even now, my soul longs to be back with the Saints in that sweet communion with God. O how much greater will be our joy when those of us who endure will be together in Zion.

Christine Telljohaann, wife of Virgil III

This was my first time to attend the reunion. I did not grow up in the church and God did not play a role in my upbringing; nor did I want anything to do with any type of religion when I was younger. My mother-in-law, asked me a number of years ago if I would ever attend a church camp and I gave her a quick and biting, "No." It was never brought up again. Fast forward to this year, and there I was at the Temple Grove reunion, and actually excited about it. I had a number of problems and was under stress, but God took all of that away so I could be with my family and have the experiences we shared. In the final service, a young woman went up to receive an Administration. She had strayed away for several years and was seeking forgiveness. She was told that she was forgiven of her sins. At that moment, I was so overcome with joy for her, it was like she had scored the winning touchdown in the Super Bowl. I heard cheering and applause and almost stood up because I thought everyone was cheering for her. I don't know if what I heard was my own pure happiness and joy for her or if God's angels were rejoicing. Either way, it was an experience that has changed my life.

Sean Telljohann

My family all had a wonderful time at the reunion. It was the first time we were able to stay the whole week and are so thankful we did. Our entire family, as you have seen, were blessed to be at the reunion. The Lord was noticeably present in nearly every class, service, and activity. The Lord spoke directly to the congregation in a prayer service and through His priesthood all week.

Krista Telljohann, wife of Sean,

I had an amazing time at the reunion. I am going to be honest, as I did not want to go at all, but it was the best thing I have ever done. During the week, I had a feeling and was impressed to get baptized. I had been baptized into the Catholic church as a baby, but am happy to be a part of this church now. Even though we did not have the "comforts of home," I did not want to leave.

Brenda Telljohann

In preparation for the reunion, there were many things I had prayed for and almost all were answered. God blessed us all abundantly. The camp started out on a high spiritual level due to the preparation of the people. We went to reunion with the desire of receiving a blessing and we received many. I had the incredible experience of holding an angel's hand during a service and this was confirmed to me when Mosiah Cottrill's testimony of holding Jesus' hand was shared. I really enjoyed the humbleness of each person at the reunion. I was completely engaged in the sermons each night, as they spoke of repenting, charity, friendships, kindness toward others, and so forth. My children had a wonderful time as well. This was the highlight of their year and they can't wait to fellowship with the Saints again.

