

DAILY TIDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

DAY 4

Daily Theme: Willing to Make Changes to Come Into God's Presence ~ Alma 3:50-55 ~

⁵⁰ Behold, are ye stripped of pride? I say unto you, If ye are not, ye are not prepared to meet God.

⁵¹ Behold, ye must prepare quickly, for the kingdom of heaven is soon at hand, and such an one hath not eternal life.

⁵² Behold, I say, Is there one among you who is not stripped of envy?

⁵³ I say unto you that such an one is not prepared; and I would that he should prepare quickly; for the hour is close at hand, and he knoweth not when the time shall come; for such an one is not found guiltless.

⁵⁴ And again I say unto you, Is there one among you that doth make a mock of his brother or that heapeth upon him persecutions?

⁵⁵ Wo unto such an one, for he is not prepared; and the time is at hand that he must repent, or he cannot be saved;”.

CONFERENCE FINANCIAL GOAL: Thank you for your generosity! If you will be donating by check, please make the check out to: Conference of Restoration Elders OR CRE. The financial goal of the conference is: \$ 16,800.00

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| Financial Goal | \$16,800.00 |
| Offerings | \$ <u>6,985.59</u> |
| Balance To Be Met | \$ 9,814.41 |



ELECTRONIC “GADGETS”:

Please set your phones on silent or off when in the building. Take and make calls outside the building.

SEATING: Please fill in the seats in the main section *BEFORE* filling in the seating on the sides of the sanctuary.



LAYING ON OF HANDS; ADMINISTRATION:

If you need this ordinance, contact any Elder or specifically Elder Doug Smith who is the Conference Pastor.



SANCTUARY: A consecrated place. Please maintain a sense of quiet and reverence when in the sanctuary. Also, NO food or drink in the sanctuary, except for bottled water.



LEARNING & OUR RESPONSE: Is a class that “everyone of all ages” (priesthood, non-priesthood, women and children) are invited to attend. *This session is from 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. every weekday.*



CHOIR PRACTICE:

Choir practice will be daily at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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REGISTRATION: Please register at the table in the foyer if you haven't already done so on-line. This helps us have a count for presentations, classes, and for meals. There is NO cost to register (however if you would like to purchase a binder with all the pertinent information, the cost is \$15). Registration on weekdays is from Monday, March 24th – Friday, March 28th; 8:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and then after the evening service.



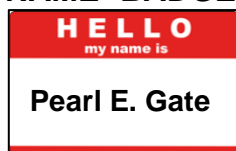
Conference Registration: To register on-line directly, use this link:
<http://eldersconference.org>

Once you have registered you will then receive a link to access on-line.

- ♦ Access the website
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- ♦ Conference Schedule
- ♦ Waldo Church Map
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- ♦ Aaronic Quorum Mtgs.
- ♦ Members Quorum Mtgs.
- ♦ Public Zoom Mtgs.
- ♦ Conference Notebook
- ♦ Digital Handouts & Resources



NAME BADGES: When you leave the conference and won't be returning, please leave your plastic name badge at the registration table.



MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD: You must register and be credentialed in order to have a voice and vote in the Elder's sessions. The first Elder's Quorum session is Monday, March 24, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. Please check the schedule



in the conference notebooks (Section 1, Page 4 & 5) as well as at the Registration desk for times and locations for all meetings. Pick up your name badge and conference notebook at the registration table in the gym. A \$15.00 donation is helpful to cover the cost of the notebooks.

FIRST AID, & AED DEFIBRILLATOR:

Check at the Registration Desk in the gymnasium if you have first aid needs. We will not have a nurse "on duty" but some may be available. A



portable AED Defibrillator is also located in the southwest corner of the gymnasium as well. Point of contact for these items is Janet Dickson at the registration table. You can call or text her at (940) 783-7987.



TESTIMONIES FOR TIDINGS OF ZION:

Write your testimonies for Tidings and send them to:

centerplacetidingsofzion@gmail.com

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FREE WILL BREAKFAST & LUNCH: will be served in the Sorenson Room all week. Breakfast is from 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. and lunch will be served from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Wednesday's Menu

Breakfast: Breakfast Casserole, Salsa, Ketchup, Cereal, Milk, Juice & Fruit

Lunch: Baked Potato Bar, Chicken Nuggets, Soup, Salad & Fruit

Thursday's Menu

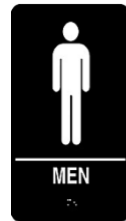
Breakfast: Muffins & Yogurt, Cereal, Milk, Juice & Fruit

Lunch: Spaghetti Bake, Tuna Salad, Soup, Salad & Fruit

WATER BOTTLE FOUNTAIN: The water fountain has been replaced by a water bottle station. Feel free to bring your own water bottles for refilling. There will be cups by the station in case you do not have your own bottles.



BUILDING OPEN & CLOSURE TIMES: The building will be closed at 10:00 p.m. nightly. Please complete all your business by that time, so reunion staff can close up and get home shortly thereafter.



RESTROOMS:

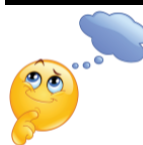
Restrooms are located at the NE corner behind the sanctuary, and in the Sorensen Room (cafeteria, downstairs).

DISPLAYS: Various displays are set up in the gymnasium. Please take time to visit them to see what is going on in and around the Center Place. Displays will be up all week and removed by Friday, March 28, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.



- ♦ ARM: African Restoration Ministries
- ♦ Aaronic Council
- ♦ Children's Books by: Beyrle Immer
- ♦ FSM: Freedom Stewardship Ministries
- ♦ GEM: Greater European Ministries
- ♦ Joseph Smith III & Israel A. Smith Home Historical Society
- ♦ Old Bookman: Paul & Dee Ludy
- ♦ Publications Council
- ♦ Restoration Hymn Society, Inc.
- ♦ Shear Jashub
- ♦ Women's Council

REFRESHMENTS: There will be refreshments, in the gym, following each evening service. Please stay for snacks and fellowship.



Just a thought... Sometimes when things are falling apart, they may actually be falling into place.

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LOST AND FOUND: Lost and found items can be turned in at the foyer desk. Please be sure that your items are marked with your name so that they can be returned to the rightful owner.



Make sure you stop by the **Old Bookman** book tables in the gymnasium and pick up a few good reads!



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5 Things You Can Do that will Help You Surrender to God's Will

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1. **Trust God's Love.** It's hard for me to follow someone who doesn't want what's best for me and since the Garden of Eden, Satan has used whatever he can to get people to doubt God's love.

Have you ever heard a child say, "you don't love me" to a parent's "no?" Yet the job of a loving parent isn't to make their children happy, it's to do what is best to help them grow and mature.

I'm learning that as my loving Heavenly Father, God is at work in my life helping me grow and mature in faith and love.

And...

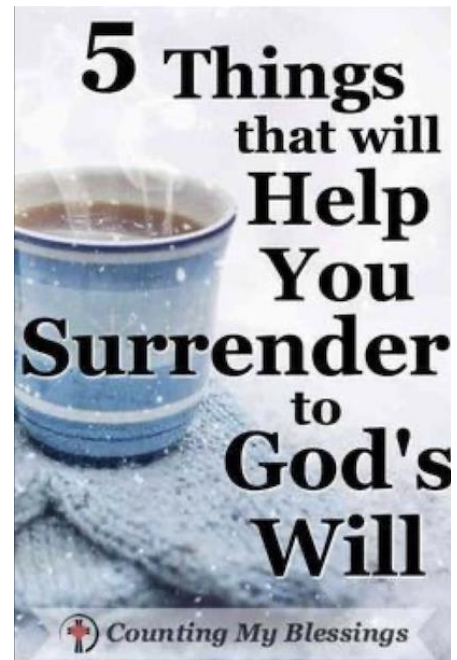
In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his Only Begotten Son into the world that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:9-10

That is HUGE love!

2. **Let Go of Worry and Surrender in Faith.** If worry was an Olympic sport, I'd have a trophy case of medals. The list of things I've worried about is too long for this space. I'd memorized the verse "don't worry about tomorrow" as a child — but applying it seemed beyond my anxiety overwhelm. But I'm not doing tomorrow right now. I am living today! It took several major crises before I finally learned that I just needed God to help me through this moment and trust Him to give me what I need in the next. That's living through faith...

Believing God will meet each need one moment at a time!

Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? And if worry can't accomplish a little thing like that, what's the use of worrying over bigger things? Luke 12:25-26



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3. **Let Go of the Past and Surrender to God's Healing Grace.** Dwelling on the past is as much of a problem as worrying about the future.

In Christ Jesus, God has completely forgiven the past. I'm learning to trust Him and lean into His grace and mercy.

Part of my surrendering means going to God in prayer asking Him to forgive my past and give me all I need to forgive those who hurt me. When you and I focus on regret and revenge we cannot surrender. Those two things will always rob us of God's peace and joy.

Remember ye not the former things; neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth. Shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.; Isaiah 43:18-19

4. **Let Go of Impatience and Surrender to God's Timing.** I'm not good at waiting ... lines, doctors' offices, etc. I have a schedule to follow. You too?!

But the truth is, there is no peace when I'm tapping my foot and staring at my watch.

So, I'm giving my impatience to God, asking Him to help me trust His timing and while I wait, I'm also asking Him to give me His peace and strength.

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

5. **Let Go of Disobedience and Surrender to God's Commands.** I'm too often a creature of habits and not all of them are good. It's easy to make light of my sins, after all they're not THAT bad. But sins are a big deal. They rob me of peace, cause me unpleasant consequences, and fail to glorify God.

I'm asking God to help me believe His ways are best and give me a heart for obedience ... not to earn His favor but to glorify Him and testify to His love.

Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name and to the remembrance of thee. Isaiah 26:8

I still have so much to learn to completely *surrender to God's will*.

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I like to have control over what happens in my life. I want what I want, and I want it now. But experience has taught me that fighting God's plans will never offer me lasting happiness or peace. It has never happened in the past and I doubt it will in the future.

I believe God wants to help us trust His perfect love and surrender to His will.

Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me. Isaiah 46:9

So... **I will surrender my will to God today.**

Not on my own. But with His help.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13

I'm thankful for these quotes to inspire me.

- ♥ "If my life is surrendered to God, all is well. Let me not grab it back, as though it were in peril in His hand but would be safer in mine!" ~Elisabeth Elliot
- ♥ "It is wonderful what miracles God works in wills that are utterly surrendered to Him" ~Hannah Whitall Smith
- ♥ "Real contentment must come from within. You and I cannot change or control the world around us, but we can change and control the world within us." ~Warren Wiersbe
- ♥ "Peace is the deliberate adjustment of my life to the will of God." ~Author Unknown

A Daily Prayer of Surrender to God's Will

Years ago, a dear friend shared this morning prayer with me.

Father God, I surrender this day to You. I will follow where You lead and do Your will as You reveal it to me. Help me live this promise – that I may live today for Your glory. In the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May this be the way I begin each day, and with God's help may I live it out one moment at a time.

Leave your prayer requests...and pray for others who have left requests.