

DAILY TIDINGS

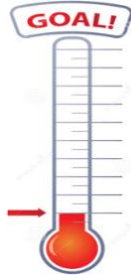
SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023

DAY 4

Daily Theme: Walking in All Diligence (Mosiah 11:148)

CONFERENCE FINANCIAL GOAL:

If you will be donating by check, please make the check-out to: Conference of Restoration Elders OR CRE. Thank you for your generosity! The financial goal of the conference and reunion is:



Financial Goal	\$11,400.00
Offerings Incl. Saturday	\$ 6,107.02
Balance To Be Met	\$ 5,292.98

ATTENDANCE:

Wednesday Night	181
On-Line Open Ports	66
Thursday Night	130
On-Line Open Ports	80
Friday Night	114
On-Line Open Ports	115
Saturday Night	141
On-Ling Open Ports	75



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.



ELECTRONIC "GADGETS":

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

MELCHISEDEC PRIESTHOOD:

You must register and be certified in order to have voice and vote in the Elder's sessions. The first Elder's session is **Thursday through Saturday** from 8:45 a.m. – noon in the sanctuary. Pick up your name badge and Conference Notebook at the registration table. A \$10.00 donation is helpful to cover the cost of the notebooks.



TESTIMONIES FOR TIDINGS OF ZION:



Write your testimonies for Tidings and send them to Christy Schrunk at: centerplacetidingsofzion@gmail.com

LAYING ON OF HANDS; ADMINISTRATION:

If you need this ordinance, contact Elder Larry Cottrill or any Elder.



NAME BADGES:



When it is necessary for you to leave the reunion / conference, please leave your name badge (the plastic part with next band) at the registration table or in a box on the foyer desk. You may take your name insert with you.

SCHEDULES AND BUILDING FLOOR PLAN:

These items will be posted at the foyer desk, registration table, Sorensen Room (cafeteria, located downstairs), by the school office and restrooms. Copies of each are available at the foyer desk.



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

FIRST AID, ETC.: Check at the Foyer Desk or Registration Table if you have first aid needs. We will not have a nurse "on duty" but some may be available.



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REGISTRATION: Please register at the table in the gym. This helps us have a count for classes, meals and for the reunion. NO cost to register.

Registration begins Wednesday, March 29, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. – noon and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to participate in the Elder's Conference, (i.e., to Register, Zoom Links, Copies of the Books, Aaronic Quorum and Classes, Women's Classes, Livestream, etc.) please go to: eldersconference.org/cre2023 From there, you can be redirected to where you wish to go.

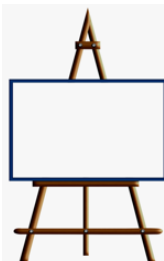
Elders participating in Conference Virtually, MUST register. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Aaronic Quorum & Classes: After registering, you will receive a confirmation email for the Aaronic Priesthood participating in the

Conference virtually or would like to view the classes, please use the following link: eldersconference.org/us06web.zoom.us

DISPLAYS: Various displays are set up in the gym. Take time to visit each display to see what is offered. Displays will be open beginning Wednesday, March 29th. Displays will be removed by Saturday, April 1st at 6:00 p.m.



The CRE Office has a library with over 1,500 books and a lot of tapes. If you want to see it, you can call: Glenda Spencer at (816) 804-0408



Just a thought...Do you know why Joseph of Arimathea so quickly gave up his tomb for Jesus to be buried in it? Answer: Because he knew he was only going to use it for 3 days anyway.

BUILDING CLOSURE: 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.



WATER BOTTLE FOUNTAIN: The water fountain has been replaced by a water bottle fountain 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.



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



LUNCH will be served in the Sorensen Room beginning Wednesday through Saturday beginning at 12:00 p.m. The cost of meals is by donation and goes to help meet the weekly budget.



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Daily Menu

Saturday	Sandwiches
*Daily	Salad Bar
	Desserts & Fruit

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.



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10 Things to Do Right Now That Will Change Your Future

By: Dawn Wilson (Crosswalk.com Contributing Writer)

I love singing Bill and Gloria Gaither's award-winning [song](#), "Because He Lives." The words touch me deeply: "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow." The 1974 Gospel Song of the Year was written during a time of national and social upheaval, yet the Gaithers held their new little baby and wrote that their child could "face uncertain days" because of the risen Christ.

Their song of hope claims life in Christ is "worth the living." The day we trusted Christ was only the beginning of a great adventure, and there are many things we can do to change our life now and our future.

Here are 10 things I'm doing that make a difference. Perhaps they will spark some ideas to help you cooperate with the Lord in discovering the Christian life "worth living."

1. Check your priorities

Few Christians dispute God and family are the highest priorities, even if their lives convey otherwise. God is the highest priority. Within the priority of family, we find the biblical pattern for marriage: protecting, teaching, and nurturing our children, and building a godly legacy. Other priorities are personal care, career, ministry—everything else.



If we don't keep our priorities in line, we'll likely experience chaos, stress, and possibly overload. Living with biblical priorities requires discernment and courage. Others may have expectations for us and even get pushy about them. We must learn to say "no" as God directs so we can say "yes" to what He desires.

Pursuing biblical priorities doesn't mean we won't become super busy, but priorities will work in sync when they are directed by the Lord. Consider how to strengthen and pursue each priority *He* gives you for a more God-honoring future.

2. "Chat and chew"

"Chat and chew" is my concept of prayer and meditation. Prayer is intimate—a time of worship and seeking God's will so we can know and obey Him. We chat with Him about our past choices, present decisions, and future goals. We must learn to listen too. Jesus, the Word says, listened to His Father in heaven and only did what the Father wanted Him to do. That should be our goal as well. As we listen to the whispers of God, our future will become a roll-out of today's choices.



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2. “Chat and chew”, *Cont'd.*

Another way to change our future is to “chew” on God’s Word. The image that comes to mind is of a cow chewing cud (bringing up what’s eaten and re-chewing it). Spiritual “chewing” is our meditation on Scriptures we’ve read and memorized so we can apply God’s perspective.

Dr. Ken Nichols of ALIVE Ministries says, “God’s Word influences my perspective. My perspective influences my response. My response influences the outcome—100% of the time.” When we “chew” on the Word, we’ll be more inclined to remember, understand, and apply truth.

3. Challenge defeating lies

Speaking of truth, one of the best resources I’ve read on challenging lies that defeat us is the book *Lies Women Believe and the Truth That Sets them Free* by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. Nancy woke me up to ways Satan defeats people through wrong beliefs. I’m learning to counter Satan’s lies with God’s truth.



Lies we believe hold us back from God’s best. We grow when we stop blaming others or our circumstances and take responsibility for our beliefs. We say and obey the truth. When we stop rationalizing—“That’s just the way I am”—and embrace biblical truth, we discover opportunities for change.

Jesus is the Truth, our hope for change. As my friend Pam Farrel, author of *Discovering Hope in the Psalms*, says, “Hope is waiting expectantly for God to show up and show off for our good and God’s glory.” Even before God acts, we commit to truth and to praising Him continually for what He will do. *He is* our hope for the future.

4. Change bad habits

To change our future, we must address bad habits. Good intentions aren’t enough. Changing habits is an ongoing work of God’s grace and requires our humble obedience. We observe what holds us back from pleasing and honoring the Lord. We learn to align our choices and behavior with Scripture. We heed the conviction and nudging of the Holy Spirit. Essentially, as author Priscilla Shirer says in the book *Gideon*, with God’s help we can “choose to convert our good intentions into obedient actions.”



Perhaps instead of “change,” it would be clearer to say “exchange.” Years ago, a teacher taught me the “Replacement Principle.” It is biblical, he said, to chuck things that are foolish, unhealthy, and unholy, then cultivate habits that are wise, healthy, and godly. In our ongoing sanctification—God making us more like Christ—our part is to “put off” and “put on,” to put off evidences of the old self and put on the character of the new self.

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4. Change bad habits, *Cont'd.*

Imagine experiencing peace by putting off anger and bitterness, and putting on kindness and learning to forgive (Ephesians 4:22-32). Imagine the freedom in putting off immoral behavior and harmful addictions, and putting on self-discipline and holiness (1 Corinthians 6:9-20). That surely would change our future!

5. Channel your gifts

We can look at spiritual gifts two ways. One way is to diligently and intentionally cultivate them, becoming aware of strengths and potential blind spots for each one. Or we might simply seek God's direction and obey Him, believing He will draw out and use our spiritual gifts in ways He sees fit. Either way, our spiritual gifts aren't for *our* benefit. They are given to us to help the body of Christ function and bring glory to God. Channel your gifts toward meeting others' needs.



"Gifts of the Spirit" are mentioned in several places in Scripture: Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, and 12:28. All spiritual gifts are a divine enablement, and God expects us to exercise them for His purposes and in His time and way. Gifts will motivate us, become our expression of ministry, and become a means of the Spirit manifesting His work in and through the church.

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7. Your health

We’ve all seen well-chiseled body builders who make tough choices to build physical strength. Similarly, one of the best choices Christians can make is to “chisel” their health. We get so caught up in our busy, sometimes chaotic lives. We may fail to see warning signals of an unhealthy lifestyle. We need to purposely chip away at (chisel) things that damage our health. Self-care is important!



Consider the countless diet and exercise programs available. If we don’t care for our bodies now, negative consequences are just a matter of time. Two years ago, tired of trying to regain my health medically, I went to a godly nutritionist. She helped me face my gluttony and laziness. I wasn’t taking care of the “temple” God gave me to honor and serve Him. I made many future-focused changes to correct my sorry state.

But chiseling health isn’t simply nutrition and exercise. We need more sleep, more rest, more quietness (tranquility) and more margin. As Richard A. Swenson, M.D., wrote in his book *Margin*, “Margin is the space between our load and our limits.” We need to clear out spaces in every area of our lives so we’ll have more room to breathe, grow, and serve!

8. Chart your Finances

One of the things I’ve seen that makes a huge difference in our future is how we manage money. Some people hate the word “budget,” but wise people intentionally plan out and chart their finances for two reasons: to meet today’s needs and to prepare for tomorrow.



Janice Thompson with One Degree Advisors, a family-focused financial planning group, says, “Wise financial stewardship is built over a lifetime of consistent, intentional and confident decisions. It is less about the amount of money and more about how well you manage it that makes the difference—a principle clearly taught in Matthew 25. Every money decision today, big or small, has a ripple effect that impacts tomorrow. One *uncorrected* management degree off course (mindless spending, presuming on the future with debt, no long-term plan for short-term decision context, etc.) can land you far from your desired destination.”

Wise financial management now will provide future dividends, but ignoring God’s counsel will eventually impact you in ways you never intended.

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9. Champion worthwhile causes

If you want to change your future while greatly influencing or helping others, champion worthwhile causes. Championing a cause might include giving to a cause ourselves, raising funds to support the cause, promoting it, or even becoming an active participant or volunteer. We all have so much to share. Be proactive. Go all out; don't hold back (Proverbs 3:28).



It's never too early to champion a worthy cause—like young Preston Sharp who organized the placement of more than 40,000 American flags and red carnations on soldiers' graves. It's also never too late. Many compassionate senior citizens volunteer for causes and ministries. Christians are never meant to retire from practicing the "one anothers" of Scripture.

What captures your interest and grabs your heart? Consider becoming a champion for: a missionary or mission group, a revival-oriented ministry, a Christian school, university, seminary, or student, a rescue mission or homeless shelter, a home for the elderly, an orphanage or adoption center, or an organization combating social ills like sex trafficking or addiction. Opportunities are endless. Be compassionate and take action.

10. Cherish the Eternal

Earlier I mentioned Dr. Ken Nichols and ALIVE Ministries.. "ALIVE" stands for "Always Living in View of Eternity." World Help's Vernon Brewer wrote about a defining moment in his life: "I have determined to live my life in such a way that every day I try to accomplish at least one thing that will outlive me and last for eternity." Author Tim Grissom asks in *Life in Action*, "What are you planning to do today that has the imprint of heaven on it?"



These men have something in common. They live for eternity—they cherish it.

When we look to the eternal, the unseen, we "do not lose heart." When we consider our living hope and the inheritance to be revealed at the end of time, we can endure life's trials. When we think about that day when our mortal bodies put on immortality, we can rejoice and abound in the work of the Lord. Christians have a bright and eternal future. Let's get ready for it!

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2023 Conference of Restoration Elders Schedule <i>Walking Not As Men</i> March 29 – April 1, 2023				
Daily Themes	<i>Hearken, O Ye People</i> DC 1:1a	<i>Walking on the Road to Emmaus (Listen)</i> Luke 24:12-31	<i>Walking Circumspectly</i> Mosiah 11:147	<i>Walking in All Diligence</i> Mosiah 11:148
Time	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Registration and information desk will be open daily from 8:00am to 6:30pm				
7:30 – 8:30 am	All Priesthood Prayer Service Presiding High Priest Marlin Guin	All Priesthood Prayer Service Presiding Bishop Joe Burkart	All Priesthood Prayer Service Presiding High Priest Steve Bohall	All Priesthood Prayer Service Presiding High Priest Milo Farnham
8:45 – 10:15	Elders Conference General Session Agenda Items: - Organize Conference - Approve Agenda - Council Reports - Missionary Reports - Discuss meeting access & format for the week - Organize Quorums & meetings	Quorum Meetings	Quorum Meetings	Priesthood Education Presentation & Discussion (1 hr.) ~ ~ ~ ~ Quorum Meetings
10:30	Quorum Meetings	Elders Conference General Session Agenda Items: - Introduction of New Business - Financial Report - Address New Business	Elders Conference General Session Agenda Items: - Nominations for Officers & Leaders - Approval of FY2024 CRE Budget - New Business Continues	Elders Conference General Session Agenda Items: - Elections - New Business Continues
Noon	Lunch (Available in the Sorenson Room)	Lunch (Available in the Sorenson Room)	Lunch (Available in the Sorenson Room)	Lunch (Available in the Sorenson Room)
1:30	Classes Women Sylvia Powell Aaronic John Ely Melchisedec Doug Smith	Classes Women Monica Rush Aaronic ... Chris Cunningham Melchisedec.. Benji Pedersen	Classes Women .. Marilyn Middleton Aaronic Ron Gage Melchisedec ... Robert Gillam	Classes Women Shari Mason Aaronic Mark McCormick Melchisedec Andrew King
3:15	Priesthood Discussion <i>Elder Jason Anderson</i>	Priesthood Discussion <i>Seventy Richard Neill</i>	Priesthood Discussion <i>Elder Vim Horn</i>	Priesthood Discussion <i>TBD</i>
5:00	Dinner (on your own)	Dinner (on your own)	Dinner (on your own)	Dinner (on your own)
6:30	Song Service	Song Service	Song Service	Song Service
7:00	Evening Worship <i>Presiding: Elder Sean Telljohann</i> <i>Elder Steve Kropp</i>	Evening Worship <i>Presiding: Elder Dan Schwartz</i> <i>Priest Mark McCormick</i>	Evening Worship <i>Presiding: Elder John L. Mundy</i> <i>Elder Eric Odida</i>	Evening Worship <i>Presiding: Elder Larry Cottrill</i> <i>Elder Brian Mundy</i>
	Refreshments in the Gym Provided by: Women’s Council	Refreshments in the Gym Provided by: Colbern Road	Refreshments in the Gym Provided by: Waldo	Refreshments in the Gym Provided by: Living Hope

I Love to Tell the Story

1866

Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.
Mark 13:26 (NKJV)

William Wilberforce, the Christian statesman and abolitionist, led a fierce campaign in nineteenth-century England to eradicate slavery from the British Empire. The geographical center of the campaign was a wealthy neighborhood in the south of London known as Clapham, where a group of Anglican evangelicals lived. The "Clapham Sect" also advocated prison reform, education for children, and the expansion of missionary efforts overseas. Though lampooned for their efforts, they changed the world.

Annabella Katherine Hankey was born into this environment in 1834. Her father was a banker in Clapham and a leader in the Clapham Group. Early in life, Kate became involved in religious work. As a young girl, she taught Sunday school; and when she was eighteen she organized a Bible study for factory girls in London. (This Bible study was never large, but the girls became close and fifty years later, five of them met together at Kate's funeral.) When her brother fell ill in Africa, Kate traveled there to bring him home. That trip sparked a passion for foreign missions, and in later life Kate devoted all proceeds from her writing to missionary work.

During the winter of 1865-1866, Kate, thirty, became seriously ill. The doctors warned her to abandon her Christian activities and remain in bed for a full year. To occupy her time, Kate wrote a poem of one hundred stanzas entitled "The Old, Old Story." She began the first section, "The Story Wanted," on January 29, 1866. Later that year, she wrote a second section entitled, "The Story Told."

The following year, at the international convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, Major General Russell ended his powerful sermon by quoting from Kate's poem. It left the audience breathless. Songwriter William Doane, in the crowd that day, put a portion of Kate's poem to music, giving birth to the hymn, "Tell Me the Old, Old Story."

Another composer, William G. Fischer, set a second portion of Kate's poem to a musical score he named HANKEY, and thus we have this hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story." It was first published in an American hymnbook in 1869, and was later popularized around the world in the great evangelistic campaigns of D. L. Moody and Ira Sankey.

I Love to Tell the Story

A. Katherine Hankey

William G. Fischer

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry, More won - der - ful it seems
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry, This pleas - ant to re - posit
 4. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love,
 Than all the gold - en fan - cies Of all our gold - en dreams,
 What seems, each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly sweet,
 Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry Be - cause I know 'tis true,
 I love to tell the sto - ry, It did so much for me,
 I love to tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er heard
 And when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song.

It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else can do,
 And that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee,
 The mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word
 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.