

Laurels Presented

by Carol Austin
Stake Young Women President

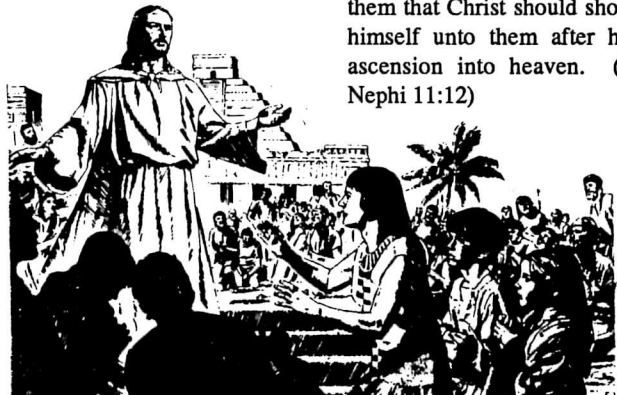
Fourteen Laurels were presented by the stake Young Women program at the Gold and Green Ball on March 18. To be presented, these young women had reached their sixteenth birthday by the date of the dance and met standards of personal worthiness. We are pleased and proud to announce the following girls' presentations:

Prudencia Aska
Kelly Brock
Matilda Brock
Marika Chapple
Cassandra Crone
Wendy Garr
Kim Hansen
Michelle Johnson
Sherrie Kight
Karen Riffle
Christa Rudd
Nancy Whitfield
Trista Whitley
Stacey Wilderman

After the girls were presented on stage, they were escorted to the dance floor and participated in the traditional dance with their escorts.

To prepare for their presentation, the Laurels and their escorts were treated to a Teriyaki Steak Dinner with President Arnold Garr as the keynote speaker and a rehearsal following the dinner. The Laurel presentation was wonderfully planned and presented by Marion Whitley of the Stake Young Women presidency and Sister Nell Tucker, specialist for this event. They were ably assisted by master chef Kit Tucker and Don Whitley, his right hand man.

...for they remembered that it had been prophesied among them that Christ should show himself unto them after his ascension into heaven. (3 Nephi 11:12)



Stake Conference in Review

by David Salisbury
Tallahassee First Ward

Saturday Evening Session

President Arnold K. Garr introduced the theme of the conference—making and maintaining ourselves worthy to go to the temple. “The greatest thing we can do in our lives is to go to the temple and keep the covenants we make there for the rest of our lives,” President Garr said. He also recounted stories of several people who had to sacrifice much to go to the temple, some who sold their homes and all their possessions. He warned against procrastination, pointing out that the adversary can fulfill his purpose just as well through delay as he can through deceit. “Success,” he observed, “is trading what we want now for what we want most. Do not wait for the time to be right; the time will never be just right.”

Darlene and Robert Morse, a newly married couple, told of their experience in facing adversity in going to the temple and their testimony that it is worth any price. President John Tanner, Florida Tallahassee Mission President, spoke about the tragic fact that all who are baptized do not remain active and eventually go to the temple. He emphasized the importance of the stake missionaries giving the “Home Teaching Lessons for New Members” to all new converts so that they can make the sometimes difficult transition from their former life to the life of a Latter-day Saint.

Regional Representative James O. Mason spoke about the importance of ward priesthood leaders using the Convert Baptism Checklist. The checklist is to help us help new converts make the transition into active Church membership and nourish them in their progress.

Elder Hartman Rector, Jr., of the First Quorum of Seventy, used an overhead projector, and also called Presidents Tanner and Madsen (Stake Mission President) up to the podium to help him describe things that good member missionaries should do. These are: 1) Pray about missionary work and specific nonmember friends. 2) Invite nonmember friends to a family home evening. 3) Share Church literature and audio visual materials. 4) Invite them to be taught by the missionaries. 5) Invite them to attend Church. 6) Discuss gospel principles and bear testimony.

Sunday Session

President Paul Nicholson conducted the Sunday session and spoke first. He challenged members to do a few things which would improve our great stake: 1) refrain from playing the Florida Lottery. 2) consider the amount of fast offering they give and, where possible, double the amount they are currently paying. 3) pray two times a day for the rest of the year for someone to introduce to the Gospel. 4) read the Book of Mormon before next Stake Conference in September and write a letter to him when finished. 5) go the temple often; get and keep a current temple recommend.

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Stake Presidency Message

by Loran Anderson
First Counselor

Nearly ten years ago President Kimball gave what will probably come to be regarded as his greatest sermon. He stated: "This impression weighs upon me—that the Church is at a point of growth and maturity when we are at last ready to move forward in a major way." He suggested we have paused on some plateaus long enough and pointed out that the following seemingly small efforts could move the Church forward as never before: 1) each active family bring another family or individual into the Church (each year); 2) if only one additional mature couple per ward were called on a full-time mission—our missionary force would nearly be doubled; 3) contemplate the results if each family were to assist (this year) an inactive family or individual into full activity; 4) think of the blessings here and on the other side of the veil if each temple recommend holder were to do just one more endowment this year; 5) do just one more quiet act of Christian service for non-member friends and neighbors regardless of whether they are interested in the Church; and 6) imagine how much richer our family life would be if our spouses and children were to receive a few more minutes of individual attention each month!

President Kimball said it seemed to him that basically there were two major causes for holding back: first, sin which results in disinterest or immobilization and guilt, and, second, reluctance of good members to stretch just a little bit more in this service or in being too shy about letting their light shine. He said it is time for us all to take those seemingly small steps forward which, when compounded, mean major progress for the Church.

Our success, individually and as a church, will largely be determined by how faithfully we focus on living the gospel in the home. Let us "be of good cheer", for the Lord will lead us along and show us the way. President Kimball made the following profound observations: 1) we will move faster if we hurry less; 2) we will make more real progress if we focus on the fundamentals; and 3) we will even come to know more as we serve more, for as we learn to bear more, we are made ready to hear more.

Are you ready to move forward and upward with the Church? We say to you: believe you can, make the sacrifice, and expect the miracle.

HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY



New Members



We welcome the following converts who were baptized in our stake during January and February 1988:

Bainbridge:	Stacey Heard, Scott Marks, Curtis and Debra Quillen
Madison:	Tirras Tucker
Perry:	Kerri Bowden, Hattie Murphy, Jan Strickland
Quincy:	Jason Sutch
Tallahassee I:	Lamar Smith, Joe Ann Strickland
Tallahassee II:	Rocky Davis, Marjorie Horne, Patricia Massey, Linda Meeks, Valarie Reed, Mildred and Stephanie Swilley
Tallahassee III:	Darryl Edwards, Nicholas Drake
Tallahassee IV:	Angella Norris, Olukemi Ogunouyiwa
Thomasville:	Joann Cooper, Gail Henderson, Alan Johnson, Sheila Johnson, Sallie Manet, Alvia, Andrew, Cheryl and Denise Young, Larry Walden



Mission Calls . . .

John Taylor (Tallahassee First Ward)
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Single Adults

by Carolyn Thompkins
Stake Single Adult Co-Chairman

HOTTEST EVENTS IN 1988

Singles' Conference

The singles are gearing up for their annual singles' conference May 27-29. We plan to flood the town with singles from all over the southeast. We've got a fun-packed, high-energy weekend in store for you.

On Friday night we will cast off with a game show (a family feud clone) with Rachel Helms at the helm. Afterwards, Mariwilla Shippey will ship us all off to an evening of dancing in the street surrounded by a carnival of games, food, music, and other fun things to do. Ready for bed? Not yet—join us for a midnight stroll to Shoney's for breakfast.

On Saturday morning at 10 a.m., attend a testimony meeting in the stake center chapel (back by popular demand). After lunch, attend a three-hour non-traditional workshop at the stake center — non-traditional because the singles will be given an opportunity to respond to the problems faced by some singles. Come prepared to use your brain power.

We hope you will join us Saturday night for a delicious meal and a fabulous dance. If you don't like to dance, grab a seat in front of the boob tube for movietime.

Sunday will roundup our conference for the year. A sacrament only service will be held (with speakers, of course) from 10-11:30 at the Holiday Inn conference room.

Temple-Pageant Trip

The Tally stake singles cordially invite all singles to attend the trip to Palmyra July 20-24. The bus will depart from the stake center Wednesday, July 20th at 4 p.m. (not "Mormon" time, come early enough to get loaded). The bus will make rest stops in Savannah and Fayetteville before arriving in Washington around 10 a.m. Thursday. Those not attending the temple can see the sights in the nation's capital. Leaving Washington after lunch, we will arrive in New York around 7 p.m. Get a good night's rest before touring Palmyra Friday morning and attending the pageant Friday night.

Saturday morning Niagara Falls awaits you with many fun things to see; a stop in Kirtland in the afternoon will give you a look into church history. We will leave Kirtland Saturday evening bound for a 4 p.m. arrival in Tally by way of Cleveland, Cincinnati, Knoxville, and Atlanta.

Plan your successful trip by preparing early. The total cost is \$200 with a \$50 deposit that was due April 1st, a \$50 payment due May 2nd, and the balance due by June 27th. Checks can be written to Tallahassee Florida Stake and mailed to Singles Temple-Pageant Trip, 312 Stadium Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32304.

For more information contact your bishop or Carolyn Thompkins at (904)575-0128.

Tally Stake Singles' Training Meeting

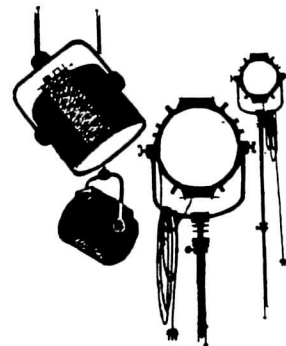
The singles' training meeting held after stake conference February 28th was attended by five units: Moultrie, Monticello, Madison, Tally 1, and Tally 4. We appreciate the support of these units and encourage those not in attendance to attend in the future.

The purpose of the training meeting was to define the goals and responsibilities of the unit and stake reps and provide names of brothers and sisters (priesthood and Relief Society leaders) who can help in dispersing and obtaining information. Plans were formed to account for less active singles.

Congratulations to Ken Joyner and Marsha Bigelow on their February marriage.

Roadshows

by Gail Roberts
Stake Activities
Committee



"Where Have All the _____ Gone?" is the theme for this year's roadshows to be held April 30. We are hoping to have many participating units. The next time we have roadshows will be 1990.

Mary Ann Jones on the Activities Committee reported that "The roadshow letter and scoring information went to each ward and branch February 27th so I imagine [as of this writing] that everyone is busy planning their program. Some of the units have already sent in their scripts so I can guarantee that this is going to be entertaining!" Gail Roberts, part of the script review team, says the talent in our stake is pouring out. So come and enjoy a fun, laugh-filled evening.



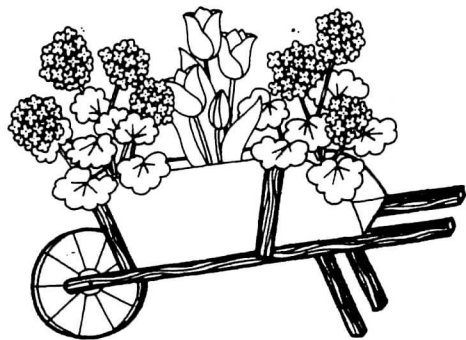
Spring Cleaning??

SEEKING JEWELS AND MATERIALS!!!

The Festival of Music and Lights committee is seeking costume jewelry and rich fabrics that would be appropriate for costumes in various Christmas activities. If you have any costume jewelry that you don't want or fabric that would be appropriate, would you please consider donating the materials to the committee? You may drop them off at 2128 Oxford Road in Tallahassee or at the stake office with a note on it indicating that it is for Gail Roberts/Festival of Music & Lights. If you have any questions please call Gail Roberts at (904) 562-0333 after 8:00 p.m.

T.V. WANTED

The Family History Center is seeking the donation of a color television, preferably not more than 19", to be used with their training videos. A portable would be nice for their travels around the stake. A non-working set needing minor repair would be acceptable if there is someone who could donate the repairs. Contact Lorine Lahtinen at the Family History Center or at (904) 878-5087.



Relief Society

by Dena Hall
Stake Relief Society President

This time of the year is full of beauty and renewal of growth of the world around us. This is a perfect time for us to begin our growth in service to the Lord and to each other.

I was recently reading an article by Sister Barbara B. Smith, who was our General Relief Society President. She spoke of Christ and the time that he was being jostled in a crowd of people when suddenly he asked, "Who touched me?" His disciples wondered how he could ask when so many had touched and pulled at him, so many had clamored for his attention. But there was one touch. It was that of a woman who had just brushed his hem, seeking his blessing. "Who touched me?" Out of a multitude, one woman's faithful touch was noted as different, distinct. Jesus felt it and responded. So it is in life. We are jostled and pushed. We meet thousands of people, but it is the caring touch of a few that changes our lives; only a handful whose influence, like the sun, is felt long after it has disappeared.

How can we have such a touch, to be the woman whose influence for good lifts and lingers?

We can do many things for others, but we cannot keep it up, if our resources are barren. To be able to bless others we need a constant renewal of our resources. A woman who nurtures her spirit and mind, who expands her understanding and capacities, will have a rich harvest with which to feed others. We don't marvel that from a single grain of wheat a thousand bushels will spring. One woman's spirit and mind can touch and bless thousands of lives.

In Relief Society we are blessed to be taught every thing that will help keep our reserves full. Relief Society is a resource where women share their abilities, teach each other new talents. With lessons in parenting, spiritual development, provident living, social and emotional health, and cultural awareness, Relief Society teaches a woman how to fill her well, keep her granary brimming. It is a prism reflecting light in multi-colored splendor for women to explore on their own in their personal hours, according to their private hopes. Relief Society can help you expand your talents, help you give response to your longings.

My concern, sisters, is that we are not taking advantage of this beautiful program that God has for us. Consider that Relief Society is our help to be the kind of woman that we want to be. There is one trick to this help, we have to go to partake of what is there for us. Relief Society can help you to have a touch that blesses. It is a gift of God to all women.

Family History Center

by Lorine Lahtinen
Family History Librarian

Our new facilities have evoked many comments, exclamations, and other expressions that show how each one feels about this special place. In addition to several new sources to research, we have at the center a special quiet feeling of closeness to those we are seeking.

If the poem below strikes a chord in your heart, let us help you seek for your loved ones. The poem was written by Doug Rusmisell, who serves as an assistant Family History librarian even though he is not a member of the Church.

I heard the mountains calling my name;
Calling me home...some forgotten hollow;
Reminding me from whence I came
Bidding my heart to follow.

A cool north wind, a sweet soft voice,
An old churchyard, and mine now dead;
Could such a fury remove all choice?
And yet, still it turns my head.

What drives this terrible longing?
Long looming shadows reaching out to my heart.
Is it a greater sense of belonging
To the family of which I am a part?

With words of my father still reaching my ear,
Of those gone before, he always felt so near.
His voice is silent now, and still the wind does blow.
He is gone; his love remains, and now...I know.

New Satellite Network

The Church now has a new satellite network called K-Star. Members can tune their satellite dishes to Spacenet I, Transponder 17, 6.8 MHZ and receive great LDS programming like:

"Music and The Spoken Word"
LDS General Conference
Satellite Firesides
BYU/Ricks College Devotionals
Daily LDS Church Newscasts
Evening Firesides
LDS Oriented Talkshows
LDS Music
Live broadcasts of LDS Special Events

There is no charge for this satellite service. This network comes from Orem and is compatible with radio station KSRR, 1400 AM radio.

You can write to the K-Star Satellite Network to: 1) be put on their free mailing list, or 2) receive free information on how to receive K-Star's LDS oriented programming even if you don't own a satellite dish. Their address is: 1400 West 400 North, Orem, Utah 84057.

Stake Bookstore

by Dorothy Roberts
Stake Bookstore Representative

A Witness and a Warning: A Modern-day Prophet Testifies of the Book of Mormon, by Ezra Taft Benson For years President Benson has been admonishing members of the Church to study the Book of Mormon. "Every Latter-day Saint should make the study of [the Book of Mormon] a lifetime pursuit," writes President Benson. "Otherwise he is placing his soul in jeopardy and neglecting that which could give spiritual and intellectual unity to his whole life. . . . I promise you that from this moment forward," he writes, "if we will daily sup from its pages and abide its precepts, God will pour out upon each child of Zion and the Church a blessing hitherto unknown. . . ." The Book of Mormon is a road map for living. It tells how to cope with problems in our day. President Benson also tells what lessons and promises for parents are given in the Book of Mormon.

A Joyful Mother includes messages from Barbara Winder, Relief Society general president, and her counselors, Joy Evans and Joanne Doxey. These messages, entitled "Joy in Motherhood," "Joy in Nurturing" and "Joy in Posterity," have been printed in a booklet that mothers will love. This booklet comes with an envelope and makes a great gift for that special mother.

Bookstore Hours

- Tuesday 7:00 p.m. -
- Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call Suzanne Meik at the Institute at (904) 224-5744 to set up a time to meet with her.
- Conferences - before and after Saturday's meeting.

Crawfordville

by Fran Councill
Crawfordville Public Communications Director

The youth of Crawfordville are, as usual, a source of great pride to the Branch. Bobby McCabe (8) decided that he would do a program on genealogy for a school project. The efforts he made were so successful he was asked to present the program to the school PTO.

Brandi Morris (10) has become a local heroine. She arrived home from school before her Mom and noticed their home had been broken into. She also noticed a footprint in the sand. Instead of panicking, she calmly put a sawhorse over the footprint to preserve it and went to a neighbor's house to phone for help. The Sheriff's Department was amazed at how she covered the footprint but skeptical when she said she recognized it. When she kept insisting she knew who made it, they followed her to the person's home. Similar footprints were found there and part of the stolen goods. Sheriff Katsaris presented her with a certificate of honor in her classroom at the Woodville School.

Branch Conference was a special experience as the Crawfordville saints cheated just a little. The Branch has grown so much that there wasn't enough room for all the stake visitors, so the first sacrament meeting in the new chapel was held amid the construction remains. However, President Little began using the new addition a long time back when he interviewed Shaun Taylor inside the wooden framework under Heavenly Father's stars.

Best Foot Forward



Beth Vass



Michael Smith



Amy Brock

THREE WIN SPEECH CONTEST

Do Primary experiences favorably influence a child's ability to compete in today's world? The honors recently won by three Primary children support this concept. These children won their school's public speaking competition and earned the privilege of representing their school in the district competition held in February.

Beth Vass, 11-year-old daughter of Lee and Nancy Vass of Tallahassee Third Ward, won over 40 contestants in the Gilchrist Elementary competition. Besides giving talks in Primary, Beth has the opportunity to speak before groups and over the school intercom as vice-president of her student council.

Michael Smith, 9-year-old son of Allan and Pat Smith of Tallahassee First Ward, competed against classmates nearly a year older and won the Astoria Park Elementary competition. Michael's parents felt he displayed a lot of courage during the competition.

Amy Brock, 10-year-old daughter of Larry and Pat Brock of Tallahassee First Ward, earned double honors. In addition to public speaking, Amy took first place at Sabal Palm Elementary in the State of Florida "Buckle Up For Safety" poster contest. She went on to win the Leon County title and represented the county in the state competition. Amy drew a picture of a bear in a seat belt captioned " 'Don't beary' your friends! Buckle up."

Congratulations kids!

YOUTH EXCELS IN DRAFTING COMPETITION

Bill Roberts Jr. recently won second place on the high school level in an all-day regional drafting competition, sponsored by the Vocational Industrial Club of America.

He won the local competition at Lively Vo-Tech, which entitled him to go on to the regional competition in Pensacola, Florida. Now he will participate in an all expense-paid trip to Orlando, Florida, May 4-6, for the State Competition.

Bill, age 17, is the son of Bill and Dorothy Roberts of the Tallahassee Fourth Ward. He is a student at Godby High School and also attends Lively Vo-Tech for drafting classes. He plans to become an architect some day.

Editor's Note: We're sure there are lots of others who have excelled in various activities. However, we can't include their story if we don't hear about it. How 'bout it folks—call us or drop us a line and give us the scoop!

Dedicated in Moultrie

by W.L. Allegood
Moultrie Public Communications Director

Over two-hundred people were in attendance at the Moultrie Branch meetinghouse dedication services held Sunday evening, February 28, with Elder Hartman Rector Jr. presiding. Recent fair weather had brought an early spring look to the beautifully landscaped meetinghouse grounds. The new church, located just off South Main Street on West Boulevard, is in one of the most beautiful sections of Moultrie.

Branch President Tim Burnett conducted and spoke first. He recalled the time of the first commitment to build a new meetinghouse in Moultrie and the seemingly impossible odds that have been overcome since then. He commended the members for their sacrifice and dedication to the effort and expressed his hope that that same support would be shown in a renewed missionary effort as well as reactivation of the less active.

Moultrie branch historian, Edris Parrish, recounted the local church's beginnings from the conversion of her parents, Lincoln and Mildred Barlow, and grandmother, Maryetta Dunn, who had met the missionaries in 1941. Missionaries Ferrell Bell and Don Keith White taught Grandma Dunn, Brother and Sister Barlow, (Aunt) Ruby Powell, and her son Hugh Pierce, and baptized them May 24, 1942.

Traveling missionaries came through the area only occasionally in those war years so the Barlows were prompted to move to Savannah, Georgia where a branch of the church was already organized. After a year "in training" at the Savannah branch, the Barlows again obeyed the promptings of the Holy Spirit, left "good jobs" in Savannah and moved back to Moultrie.

South Georgia district president Bert S. Taylor and his clerk Brother Virgil Griner, of Quitman, met in the Barlow's home in August, 1944 and officially organized the Moultrie Branch under the Southern States Mission. Brother Barlow was called as branch president.

Meetings were held in the Barlow's home until the use of a barracks building was obtained at the Spence Field Air Base just outside Moultrie. The post Korean War closing of the base made it necessary to find another meetinghouse. Thanks to strong early converts Robert Thornton, Fred Bell, Ernest Powell, J.T. Reynolds, Edgar Ricks, and a host of others, the church was able to obtain land, and, hiring Brother Thornton as contractor, built the first Moultrie Branch meetinghouse, completing and dedicating it in 1955.

Tears filled the eyes of most of those assembled as Sister Parrish noted the long list of branch presidents who have served in Moultrie. "We have truly been blessed with outstanding, honorable leaders throughout our history," she said.

President W. Paul Nicholson spoke about "country saints." He paralleled the history of the church in Moultrie with the history of the church in the South.

Elder Hartman Rector, Jr. was concluding speaker. He noted that Moultrie's current membership is about 1% of the population of the Moultrie area. This is approximately the same percentage of Church membership relative to the population of the world. He said that being

such a "little flock" should not concern us. We should take confidence in the fact that this church is one of the fastest growing churches in the South.

Elder Rector exhorted the Moultrie saints to let their next goal be the addition of the full chapel to the new meetinghouse. He urged members to be valiant in their missionary efforts and always be ready to share the great blessings of the Gospel with friends, relatives, and everyone with whom they come in contact. He gave his assurance that the blessings of heaven would continue in great abundance as members were faithful in these endeavors.

Elder Rector concluded by offering the dedicatory prayer. He pronounced Heavenly Father's blessing upon all who entered that they would feel the Holy Spirit, be strengthened and uplifted, and come to know that this is truly the Lord's church.

Branch President's Corner

by Robert Little
Crawfordville Branch
President



The first meetings of the Crawfordville Branch were held in the Livestock Pavillion. This lasted until the Sunday when we had to meet amid the remains of the Saturday before's "Hog" show. I can still remember with perfect clarity standing in the midst of all that odor and singing "I Stand All Amazed."

Well, I still stand all amazed and it truly is at the love which was offered all of us. Looking at the second phase of our building slowly rising around us, each wall and brick and parking lot reflect not only the devotion of the Saints, but you can almost see God's finger writing His message of invitation for all to come unto Him. Somehow in the middle of the struggle it didn't seem so clear that this one person didn't accidentally move to the Branch and that one family didn't accidentally contribute a certain part and that one disaster didn't accidentally lead to a better way. It is only here towards the end that all the so called "coincidences" that had to be, seem to come together and it becomes clear that all along the Lord has guided our destiny.

And this one Branch is only a tiny part of a bigger movement that began and will end in the eternities. Here in the latter days the pieces all draw together. We receive with a bounty never before known. Every once in a while, in the middle of our struggles, we get a glimpse that shows us we are all part of the "plan" which we supported so long ago, and the plan is right on time.

My amazement at what we receive and how it works is great as I watch Crawfordville grow. I am in awe as I glimpse our small part in the culmination of the plan as a whole. Surely no people have been blessed to have received so much. Perhaps the message of D&C 50:34 says it the best: "He that receiveth of God, let him account it of God; and let him rejoice that he is accounted of God worthy to receive."

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Next the congregation heard two new Church members relate their conversion stories. Edwin Granger of the Tallahassee First Ward, a former Catholic Priest and missionary in Africa, told of his search for truth and eventual conversion to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints through the Book of Mormon given him by a friend. The events that ensued forced him to eventually leave his family, home, and possessions and move to Tallahassee. Jim Fishback of the Tallahassee Third Ward spoke of balance and contrasts, comparing his current faith with the lack of faith he had seven years ago when his wife was near death and he was angry at God.

President Loran Anderson spoke of the importance of returning to the Lord the ten percent He has asked and related several stories about faithfulness in tithing. One scripture which was quoted several times in the conference was Luke 6:38—"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

President Tanner told of his belief that when we raised our hands in the pre-earth council to sustain our Heavenly Father's plan, part of that plan was that if we received the Gospel we would take it to the others. He suggested that simply asking people if they like to read was a good way to give someone a copy of the Book of Mormon.

Elder Mason related how at one time he and Elder Rector had lived in the same ward and that Elder Rector was his family's home teacher. He noted that in spite of the busy schedule, Elder Rector never missed a month in coming to bless the lives of the Mason family. Elder Mason bore witness of the reality of President Nicholson's call from the Lord to preside over this stake and bore his testimony of the reality of Jesus Christ as our Savior.

Elder Rector spoke mostly on the Book of Mormon and said that the Book of Mormon was given to us to bear witness of Christ. Moroni wrote the title page to the book and named the book after his father, Mormon. The Book of Mormon restores the plain and precious things which have been removed over time from the Bible. "The Bible does not explain many doctrines," he said. "For example, the Bible clearly states the need to be baptized, but it does not explain how to be baptized. The Book of Mormon makes it perfectly clear." Elder Rector also spoke of Satan's commonly used lies, such as: "One time won't hurt," "Everybody is doing it," "It doesn't get any better," and, "No one else will ever know." Many of these lies, he pointed out, are used in T.V. commercials. Elder Rector also emphasized the importance of raising the Lord's children. "Raising children is unpopular today," he observed. "The only consideration in limiting your family should be the emotional and physical health of the mother. It is not a financial consideration, or one dependent on education or convenience. It has been prophesied that the day would come when none but the Latter-day Saint women would be willing to have children. That probably sounded pretty ridiculous at the time—but that day is upon us." Lastly, to the delight of the congregation, Elder Rector sang a song about a young man with leprosy who met the Master, was healed by him, and followed him to his death.



Calendar

April

- 12 Family History Workshop, 7-9 pm, everyone invited
- 12-16 Temple Appreciation Week (for concentrated effort)
- 16 Temple and Family Day
- 17 Thomasville Ward Conference
- 23 Young Women Camp Clinic
- 24 Madison Branch Conference
- 30 Roadshows

May

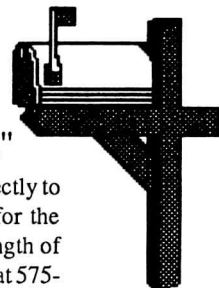
- 1 Tallahassee First Ward Conference
- Young Women Mother-Daughter Standards Night
- 6-7 Relief Society Temple Trip
- 8 Mother's Day
- 10 Stake News deadline
- 13-14 Father-Son Outing (commemoration of Aaronic Priesthood restoration)
- 21 Raquetball Tournament
- 22 Super Saturday
- 27-29 Single Adult Conference
- 30 Memorial day
- 31 Stake Leadership Training

June

- 5 Seminary and Institute Graduation
- 10 Single Adults Video/Game Night
- 11 Temple and Family Day
- 14-18 Young Women Camp
- 18 Family History Center training (9-10 am for librarians; 10-12 noon for ward specialists)
- 19 Father's Day
- 21-25 LDS Scout Encampment

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