

ATLANTA TEMPLE: A NEW ERA

On June 3, the members of the Tallahassee Florida Stake had the privilege of attending the dedication of the Atlanta Temple. Located in Sandy Springs, Georgia, near Atlanta, it is the 21st temple to have been dedicated by the Church. The temple will be closed for a short time to make preparations to open for ordinance work on July 5.

The Atlanta Temple is the largest of the "new-generation" temples being built by the Church today, totaling 26,000 square feet. There are four ordinance rooms, each seating 40 persons, and five sealing rooms.

The Atlanta Temple district includes Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky, and parts of North Carolina and Louisiana. Approximately 145,000 members reside within district boundaries.



The Atlanta Temple



Atlanta Temple Sealing Room - where couples are joined in marriage for time and eternity.

The newly standardized temple plan is smaller, more efficient, and much more economical to build and operate. It calls for only 15,000 square feet in larger temples. Areas with smaller Church population will construct a 10,000 square-foot model, comparable to the size of a ward meetinghouse. Temples currently under construction or in the planning stage are: Mexico City, Mexico; Nuku'alofa, Tonga;

Apia, Western Samoa; Sydney, Australia; Santiago, Chile; Papeete, Tahiti; Freiberg, German Democratic Republic; Dallas, Texas; Chicago, Illinois; Frankfurt, Germany; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Guatemala City, Guatemala; Johannesburg, South Africa; Lima, Peru; Manila, Philippines; Seoul, Korea; Stockholm, Sweden; Boise, Idaho; Denver, Colorado; Guayaquil, Ecuador; and Taipei, Taiwan.

The shorter distance to the Atlanta Temple will provide a greater opportunity for people to attend, and President Richard Chapple expressed his desire for everybody in our Stake who can possibly qualify to participate. "There is nothing more that will help an individual's growth and spirituality, and that will in turn affect the spirituality of the whole Stake," he said. In the temple, members are taught more about the gospel of Jesus Christ and the purposes of life. They dedicate themselves to love of God and humanity, to purity of mind and body, and to unselfish service to the Lord.

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Information on public transportation, hotel and motel accommodations, rooms in private homes, and food services near the temple has been gathered to form an Atlanta Temple Information Package made available to each bishop and branch president. When planning your temple attendance, contact them to receive this information.

The Celestial Room





Stake Presidency Message

by Charles H. Madsen, Jr.
First Counselor

Members of the Church of Christ in all ages have been a covenant people. This statement implies the two-way promise that exists between Heavenly Father and His people.

A covenant is a solemn contract, a mutual promise between God and man. President Joseph Fielding Smith has said, "Each ordinance and requirement given to man for the purpose of bringing to pass his salvation and exaltation is a covenant." (Doctrines of Salvation Vol. 1, p. 152.) All parts of the Gospel are eternal in nature and were prepared before the foundations of the world were laid. (D&C 49:9; 132:5). Covenants are unalterable. The Prophet Joseph Smith has defined one of them as "an immutable covenant." (D&C 98:3.)

Who then determines all aspects of covenants which may lead to eternal life? The answer is Heavenly Father himself. He and He alone sets all bounds, terms and conditions of all agreements. Mortal men and women have but one decision to make; that is, to either accept or reject, after proper study and evaluation. We do not have the option to treat gospel covenants as a large self-service buffet-table, choosing a little of this and a little of that which serves our fancy or is convenient. We do not have the right to "add to" or "detract from" the everlasting covenants (parts of the gospel). For example, one might not like tithing but really enjoy going to meetings. Another may desire baptism but feel he doesn't really want the Holy Ghost. Perhaps one would want the Priesthood and one would not. And it would go on and on until the end result would be what we presently see in modern sectarian religions -- a little of this, a little of that, and put together your own religion. Gospel covenants and eternal principles are not divisible in that matter. We have only one choice: we must either accept it all or reject it all--there is no middle ground. This is true even though there are stepping stones within the gospel that lead from one spiritual level to another.

God reveals the conditions of the agreements and then adheres totally to His part. He never lies and will not break His promise, but neither will He be mocked. When we take upon ourselves covenants, we need to follow through and be obedient. When we faithfully execute our part of the agreement, both parties are benefited. God is glorified when his children lead righteous lives. All gospel covenants were "instituted for the fulness of my glory...saith the Lord God." (D&C 132:6.) When we honor our covenants, we are united in the "bonds of love" which help us "to walk in all commandments of God blameless, in thanksgiving, forever and ever." (D&C 88:133.) However, when we prove faithless the covenant has "become void and of none effect." (D&C 54:4.)

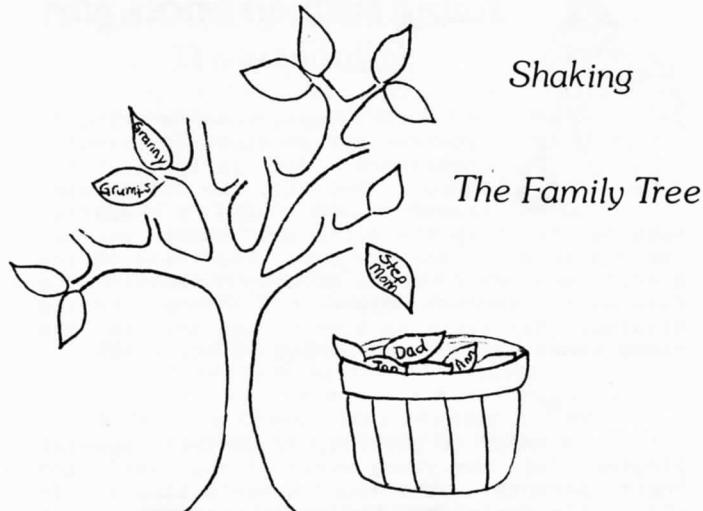
Gospel covenants are given to give hope, not to depress people. The Savior in visiting the Nephites said, "The Father having raised me up unto you first, and sent me to bless you in turning away every one of you from his iniquities; and this because ye are the children of the covenant--And after that ye were blessed then...shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed...." (3 Nephi 20:26,27; italics added.)

The gospel includes various types of covenants. Some verbal vows are special covenants (see D&C 82:11,15,16; 136:2,4; Mosiah 21:31.) Baptism is an example of a covenant accompanied by an ordinance. Marriage in the temple is an example of an ordinance which is a covenant. Moroni indicated that the atonement of Christ is part of a covenant which the Father made to bring about the remission of sins. (Moroni 10:33.) The Lord placed in the heavens a sign which was to remind us of His covenant not to destroy the earth a second time by water. (Genesis 9:13.) The use of signs and tokens help us to symbolize the essence of temple covenants. Clearly, there are many separate but related covenants within the overall gospel covenant (baptism, sacrament prayer, priesthood, temple ordinances, marriages, the ten commandments, sabbath day, consecration, and tithing, to name some of the covenants).

The question might be asked, what on our part needs to be accomplished prior to entering into a binding contract with God? The most important characteristic and most essential is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. "...For the Lord covenanteth with none save it be with them that repent and believe in His Son who is the Holy One of Israel." (2 Nephi 30:2.) This also indicates the second quality which is repentance. It is apparent that children who are under the age of accountability are not able to enter into covenants. Exercise of free agency in making decisions is another critical element. The fourth absolutely essential attribute is the intention and willingness to "endure to the end." Eternal covenants, which include all covenants accessible to man from God, are to be kept until fulfilled. We must have a resolute desire to obtain eternal life which is the logical conclusion of entering into God's eternal covenants.

My brothers and sisters, it is also necessary to have a testimony of Christ's mission and of God's covenants, each one individually. At the dedication of the Kirtland Temple the Prophet Joseph Smith prayed thus, "Put upon thy servants the testimony of the covenant..." (D&C 109:38.) It is impossible to accept all gospel covenants without accepting modern prophets.

If we make covenants without real intent we "have spoken words, swearing falsely" (Hosea 10:4); also after making covenants, if we break them, promises become "void and of none effect." (D&C 54:4.) We may break covenants by deliberate disobedience or by relatively "innocent" passive inactivity. Let us all resolve to make our lives more Christ-like while actively, with real intent and excitement, keeping God's covenants. Then, after we endure to the end, we will be able to stand at the final judgment and receive "all that the Father has." That we may do so is my humble prayer. (Many ideas for this article are found in Alma P. Johnson's book The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Deseret Book, 1965).



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The Family Tree

by Lorine Lahtinen
Stake Genealogy Library Director

The Salt Lake Genealogical Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has recently announced several key changes in the administration and usage of the Library Branch Offices. One of the branches is located in the Tallahassee Stake Building. Known as BGL 297, it has become a "Genealogy Center" which consists of facilities for use by the Church extraction program as well as for the genealogical research by church members to fulfill the four generation program.

Because of additional equipment and supplies now housed in the library, Sunday use is reserved for the Spanish Extraction personnel only. Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and evenings are for public use of the library. Members who are unable to participate at these times should see Sister Lahtinen for other arrangements. BGL 297 is also open for use on Saturday afternoons during Stake Preparation meetings.

There have been several changes in how to submit temple work and the ancestor file. These changes are mainly in the requirements for identification of individuals.

Guidelines have now been outlined by the Office of the President for sealing to step-relationships in your direct line of descent. There are new guidelines for sealing to several spouses, both male and female. And on the question of a divorced couple in your ancestry, the Special Services Department can help, in most cases, to authorize the sealing if the divorce was civil and not LDS separation.

As the usage of our BGL has increased, so has our stock of films on hand. Presently we have some Georgia Census rolls for 1850 and 1860, some Ohio Bible records and some Canadian marriage records. As the supply of films constantly changes it might be wise to stop in and see if something we have on hand could be useful in your research.

If you would be interested in giving some of your time to learning about how the BGL works we would be happy to instruct you in the methods and resources now available here in Tallahassee.

Authorized hours:

9 am to 12 noon and 6 pm to 9 pm
Every Tuesday and Wednesday

¿Habla Español?

The Genealogy Name Extraction Program has a goal this year of 12,000 names to be extracted and turned in to the Salt Lake Genealogical Center. The coordinator in our stake is Jim Dame with Beverly Lybbert and Linda Allen as trainers and the following called as extractors:

Doris Allen
Francis Collins
Mary Anne Helms
Kay Jacobs
Lorine Lahtinen
Sharon Pitts
Dee Umstetter

The work we are doing is from parish records in Mexico, and is in Spanish. Anyone who has a talent in the Spanish language or who is interested in helping in this important work, please advise your bishop.



by David Salisbury
Stake Sunday School President

In the Priesthood Session of April General Conference in 1981, President Spencer W. Kimball asked priesthood leaders to:

"Please take a particular interest in strengthening and improving the quality of teaching in the Church. The Savior charged us with feeding His sheep. I fear at times that all too often many of our members come to Church, sit through a class or meeting, and then return home having been largely uninformed....We all need to be touched and nurtured by the Spirit, and effective teaching is one of the most important ways this can happen."

In an effort to improve the quality of teaching in our Stake we will be holding a Stake Teaching Workshop from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, 1983 immediately following the Priesthood Leadership and Auxiliary Leadership meetings. Although the workshop is sponsored by the Stake Sunday School, the Stake Teaching Workshop will be for all teachers in all the organizations of the Church including Aaronic and Melchizedek Priesthood, Young Women, Primary, Relief Society, Sunday School and Seminary.

Three simultaneous sessions will be held. One for teachers of adult classes, one for teachers of youth classes, and one for teachers of children's classes. Qualified people have been selected to present these sessions and they will provide valuable help to teachers.

It is hoped that all teachers in the Stake will make an effort to attend this excellent workshop as a way of magnifying their calling and improving the quality of teaching in the Church.

Young Women



Gold and Green Ball by Maureen Webb and Gary Green

Our 1983 Stake Gold and Green Ball took us to the enchanting underwater world of "Nautilus", under the direction of its talented creators Linda Hall, Nell Tucker, and Donna Tucker. We entered by way of an underwater Cave, saw over 200 of the most original sea life and followed the terrain of our underwater world to a cove of treasure, fish and bubbling delight. The feeling of water and "calm" permeated our evening.

The climax of the evening was the presentation of 17 of our Young Women, a tradition known for several years in our Stake. Dale Dransfield, our "King Neptune" for the event, introduced each young lady as she stood framed by an enchanting pink sea shell. The girls were presented a rose by their fathers/escorts as they were honored for their achievements, talents, and most important, for young womanhood.

The following young ladies were presented (left to right in photograph): Tondalea Sharp, Melissa Maxey, Melissa Johnson, Annette Cranford, Wanda Goodman, Kelly Teare, Rachel Helms, Janice Tucker, Jacki Hall, Paisley Clark, Marcie Madsen, Glennis McCammon, Dorothy Roberts, Michelle Watson, Kim Johnson, Natalie Voyles, and Kim Williams.

The food, truly in harmony with our evening, was provided by the Bainbridge Branch. Our Stake cannot thank enough these people and all those unmentioned who gave time and talent to provide a beautiful evening.

Girls' Camp

Attention all Young Women, ages 12-18, and their leaders. Camp Morning Star awaits you July 26-30.

You'll need 60 swaps and a hat to pin them on (when you get there). Don't miss this exciting retreat!! Young Women Presidents will have more details.



Young Women Spotlight: Tallahassee II

The Young Women's Program provides for an exciting, growing experience for girls in the Church. Recently the Tallahassee Second Ward held a special meeting to help the girls and their parents learn more about the program. The theme of the Evening was "Improve the Shining Moments." The following remarks given by Bishop Leslie Williams may serve as a guide not only to the Young Women but to each member of our Stake.

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I am happy to participate on this special program for the young women of our ward and their parents. The Young Women's program is the Lord's designated ladder of progression for his young ladies ages 12 through 18. It is not a club nor an optional part of His church. It is a program carefully designed to fit young women to be responsible leaders in His kingdom both now and throughout the eternities.

There are several basic skills young women should be gaining from their participation. One is decision-making, both as a group and individually. Indecision plagues many people. Poor decisions haunt them. Good decisions bless our lives. Decision-making requires clear thinking and careful planning and organizing. In D&C 88:119 the Lord tells us "Organize yourselves. Prepare every needful thing." Making decisions involves discussing the pros and cons, the resources and abilities, the wishes and needs of those involved. Making decisions according to the Lord's formula means to "study it out in your mind" and then ask the Lord for confirmation that the decision is correct (D&C 9:8). I hope you are becoming more astute decision-makers through the Young Women's program.

Having made decisions, one must then set about to implement them if goals are to be achieved. The skills required is one of delegation. This means getting various persons to commit themselves to certain portions of the work to be done. It is not easy to motivate others to commitment. But one way is to demonstrate commitment ourselves. If we are in the habit of always being cooperative when asked to assume a responsibility, when it is our turn to delegate, others are more likely to be willing to help us. Delegating does not mean bossing or commanding. It may be done with courtesy and consideration, pleasantly and without pressure. Delegating is really just inviting someone to be a part of a joint venture. It is a skill we all need to learn and use.

Follow-up must necessarily come next if we would accomplish our agreed-upon goals. Once others have accepted assignments, the person in charge must check back to see if progress is being made or if there are problems, questions, break-downs which will place the whole effort in peril. Follow-up is supporting, not policing. Such questions as "How are things going?" and "Do you need any help?" are appropriate. We should not feel pressured by follow-up. If we have done our part, the follow-up will provide a time to say so. If we have not yet done our part, follow-up will be a time to repent of our failure and to get busy.

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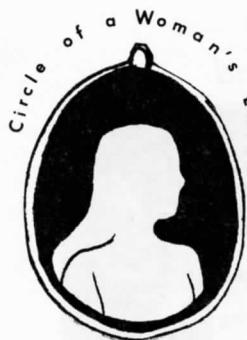
Follow-up is vital to encourage or praise people, to modify assignments, to aid with more resources or information.

Finally, carry-through must be accomplished. This is the step where dependability must be shown. Very few people today are truly dependable. Some will say "yes" and forget about it. Many will mean well but not ever take seriously their commitment. Even though so many folks are not dependable, everyone likes others to be dependable. Let me share a portion of a thank-you note: "I want you to know what a load it was off my mind to know that once committed, I could count on you without worry as to whether or not you would remember or get there on time. Dependability is a wonderful quality." We all need to be more dependable. Today there is a great lack of excellence in performance not only in business but in the Lord's work and in our personal lives. Dependability is the key to success in most things.

Being prepared is another skill I need to stress. "Be prepared" is not only the Scout Law. It is a watchword for the Lord's people. We all need to be better prepared: prepared when we attend a meeting that our time may be well-spent and not wasted; prepared when we give a talk that our message may be uplifting and meaningful to listeners; prepared when we conduct any activity that it may be successful and enjoyable to those in attendance. I want each of you to study the duties of your callings so that you can better fulfill them. Seek out your Young Women advisers to clarify anything you do not understand. I hope you respect and love these sisters who spend countless hours praying and working for you. Allow them to guide and to love you, showing your appreciation and love in return. They can help you prepare.

Finally, I want to mention the extreme need of being forthright and truthful in all our dealings. We need to be honest in our commitments, in sharing our ideas and wishes, in voicing our misgivings, our doubts, our worries and questions. In all planning and carrying-out of Young Women's activities, truth must rule. Being too shy or embarrassed to truthfully speak up only leads to misplanning and mistrust. Say what you think, how you feel, what you wish when there is some group decision to be made. But once the group has decided, get behind the plan and make it work. Don't be petty or murmur behind one another's backs. Learn to love and respect one another as true sisters. Be loyal to each other. Learn to settle little disagreements as the Lord has taught us through his prophets: seek out anyone who has offended you or whom you have offended and talk it out. Settle the disagreement, and then forget it and get on with your living peacefully together. There is not time in this life for carrying grudges and being hurt. In fact, one way we can tell if we have the Holy Ghost with us is to refuse to be offended. Love one another and you will be happy.

My sisters, I know this program was divinely instituted especially for you. I expect you to be responsible, cooperative, and supportive in Young Women. The Lord expects you to progress through this program, to climb its ladder and return into His presence. I pray you will take more seriously this challenge and opportunity. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.



Relief Society

by Pat Brock
Stake Relief Society Second Counselor

Greetings to our brothers and sisters around the Stake! We love you all and hope you are happy.

The Stake Relief Society Presidency presented "Circle of a Woman's Love", a women's conference, on Saturday, April 23, 1983. It was a wonderful conference with President and Sister Chapple as guest speakers. The theme touched on every aspect of a woman's life as she reaches out to serve herself, her husband, her children, and her friends. The meeting was culminated with a slide and musical presentation of womanhood. After the meeting, delicious refreshments were served while the Melodears of Leon High School, a girls ensemble, entertained with popular melodies. Also, lovely displays presenting various aspects of a woman's life were prepared by the wards and branches of our Stake.

It has been a joy to meet with so many of you at ward conferences, to be uplifted, and to enjoy your wonderful spirits. It is always a thrill to see how each of you valiantly serves.

We hope that each Relief Society leader and teacher will set aside July 23, 1983 at 3:00 p.m. for the Stake Auxiliary meetings, which will be followed at 5:00 p.m. with a teacher training meeting under the direction of the Stake Presidency. All teachers of all auxiliaries are expected to attend.

We also encourage all sisters to attend the Atlanta Temple dedication or to attend at least one temple session before the year is out.

School will be out soon, so we wish to remind mothers to get their "spring" cleaning done, get organized, and plan the summer days for your children with work, fun, or simple activities. Check your community resources. Make some hearty snacks.

We have sought the Lord's direction for the sisters in our Stake, and through prayer, we know that every woman is feeling the challenge of her responsibilities, regardless of her circumstances. Nevertheless, we know it is so important that each sister strengthens herself through daily devotional study, and then improve herself physically, emotionally, intellectually, or just in her attitude of her responsibilities. When she does this, her renewed self-esteem will bring great joy to those around her, whether it be family or friends and she will have a glimpse of heaven. The Lord wants us to have joy and peace in our lives. However, so much depends on us. He is there to help us as shown in D&C 84:88 "... I will be on your right hand and on your left, and my spirit shall be in your hearts, and mine angels round about you, to bear you up."

Single Adults Spectacular Weekend



The Antebellum Ball was a scene from the Old South.

by Victoria Lockmiller

From Louisiana to the Atlantic Coast, and from Tennessee to the tip of Florida, nearly 400 Saints and non-member friends assembled at the Hilton Hotel in Tallahassee for a weekend of fun activities, good food, relaxation, and gospel instruction during the Single Adult Spectacular on April 29 through May 1.

Three seminars were presented reflecting the theme "Mormons: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow." President Richard L. Chapple addressed the topic "Interesting Tidbits in Church History" and spoke of the heritage we receive from our ancestors. He emphasized that they have sacrificed much that we could live here in this time and that it is because of the qualities they have given us that we are now members of the Church. Brother C. L. Fordham, High Councilor specializing in welfare services, spoke about "Temporal Welfare: Preparing for the Future" and said that "temporal welfare and spiritual welfare are one and the same, especially in the gospel where we must progress in every area of our lives." He advised us to maintain a balanced system of participation in all Church activities to develop the proper habits that will enable us to progress and thus prepare for the future. In discussing "A More Professional You," Sister Joyce Williams expressed the need for all people to become more professional in all phases of their lives, including career planning, attitude, appearance, personal management, and interaction with others. These seminars sparked a desire in many to take up the long-neglected search for their ancestors or look more closely at their lives in terms of preparedness for today and for the future.

The weekend provided something for everyone, whether swimming, sunning, or engaging in conversation at the pool, dancing, or resting with movies and games. Tallahassee residents and non-residents alike enjoyed a tour of Tallahassee's historical mansions and plantations. The tour group was treated to visual highlights of the town, including the Old Fort and the new Florida State Capitol Building. Kathy Kenney, from the Knoxville Tennessee Stake said, "The tour was like learning the genealogy of the city."

One of the many highlights of the weekend was the Antebellum Ball held at the Senate Chamber of the historically restored Old State Capitol. It was like a scene from "Gone With The Wind" as distinguished Southern gentlemen escorted lovely Southern belles down Adams Street in the short walk from the hotel to the Capitol. The crowd danced until midnight to popular, country, and ballroom music.

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An Evening of Trouble

The diversified talents of the members of our Stake were displayed at the Stake Roadshow Festival which was held Saturday, April 16. Jack Hall, Stake Activities Committee Chairman, acted as master of ceremonies as the units of the Stake presented their interpretations of the roadshow theme, "The Trouble With...." Diane Poppell, Stake Roadshow Specialist was on hand to offer assistance to the participants.

Madison launched the festival by demonstrating to us "The Trouble with Cool" after which Quincy got into a lot of "Trouble with Jellybeans". Thomasville showed how Video Games can get a person into Trouble and Student Ward exposed "The Trouble with Molly O'Mars Ego". Apalachicola found Trouble with T.V., Tallahassee First with the Kids Today and Moultrie had lots of Troubles With Allergies. Bainbridge showed us that there really doesn't need to be any Trouble With Missionary Work while Tallahassee Second Ward was having "Trouble with Roadshows" and Cairo had "Trouble with Boys".

The Roadshows were judged as superior, excellent, or very good based on eight criteria including unit participation, script, originality, music, dance, acting, scenery and costumes, lighting and sound effects, and makeup. Sara LaMar, Jim Hylton (both non-members) and Don Driggs served as the panel of judges.

The winning roadshow with a superior rating was "The Trouble with Jellybeans" by the Quincy Ward, which was directed by Karen Wimberly and written by Connie Rudd and Paula and Anne Nicholson.

Special musical numbers were offered by Machelle Madsen of Tallahassee First Ward who performed a musical medley and dance routine from "Chorusline," and by Dave Salisbury, also of Tallahassee First, who performed a musical number on the drums. Entre' acts were provided by Apalachicola, Moultrie, Bainbridge, Cairo, and Madison between the various roadshows.

It was great to see the participation the roadshows received. This should prove to be the beginning of many fine roadshows in the years to come.

A Day For Family Fun

by Jack and Linda Hall

Saturday, June 11 has been designated as Stake Family Fun Day, a day for members of the Stake to participate in special activities with their individual families. It is the desire of the Stake President that families take this opportunity to plan and enjoy their own day of "family fun" together. We hope that this will be a special day for each family member and that families will share their ideas with one another. We are excited to add Family Fun Day to our other important days of celebration

Tallahassee II



On Saturday, May 21, Nell Tucker's "Valiant Warriors" met at the Tallahassee Chapel briefly before embarking on a journey which would take them down Lake Bradford Road, across the Truck Route, down Crawfordville Road and would finally lead them to Wakulla Springs -- a distance of exactly 20 miles, all to be traveled on foot. This Sunday School class organized the walkathon in order to raise money for the upcoming Youth Conference and Temple Trip scheduled in the summer.

Participating in the walkathon were Cory Campora, Linda Campora, Penney Clark, Angela Gray, Jenie Rasmussen, Russell Schrader, Lennea Speck, Rob Speck, Janice Tucker, Nell Tucker, and Courtney Williams. Two walkers brought non-member friends. Steve Campora and Kit Tucker drove cars carrying refreshments for the aid of the travelers along the way.

The trip took seven hours to complete and parents of the participants met them at the picnic area of the Springs with a picnic lunch of fried chicken and other delectables. An afternoon of swimming rejuvenated body and spirit and, believe it or not, prepared them for a dance held later that night.

Madison

Madison Branch Easter egg hunters



by Patrick Lightcap

Joe and Margaret Robinson once again hosted the annual Easter egg hunt for children and friends of the Madison Branch. On Saturday, April 2, 1983 twenty children gathered while the Robinsons, Kinards, Collins, Taylors, Floyds, Lightcaps, and guest Carolyn Bishop hid eggs and prepared refreshments. One hundred fifty eggs were hidden over 2 acres of land and all eggs were found! Sherilyn Lightcap won the prize for most eggs found in the younger group. Frankie Williamson was the winner in the older age group. Refreshments included a special "Bunny Cake", homemade peach ice cream, kool-aid and potato chips.

Tallahassee I

The Tallahassee First Ward is looking forward to a Ward auction and dinner to be held Friday, June 24 at 6:30 pm. Participants will bring items or services to auction and should bring enough food for their own family and a little more. There will be a table for kitchen items, craft items, etc. and the proceeds from the entire evening will go to the Ward budget.

Spotlight

by

Victoria

Lockmiller



Brother Faglie with Anna Brantley

He is 78 years old and says he's "kicking strong for 79." Those who know Brother Leo Faglie would surely agree. It isn't uncommon to see him jumping on a trampoline, dancing, or running and playing with the kids whom he obviously loves. A ten-year-old boy in Brother Faglie's Monticello Branch says that Brother Faglie can run faster than he can!

Brother Faglie is spry, determined, energetic, friendly, and independent. He lives eleven miles northeast of Monticello in the home where he was born. He has four brothers, three of whom still live in the area, but he lives alone with no phone and no car and takes care of most of his needs by himself.

Brother Faglie never learned how to drive, but that doesn't stop him from getting to Church every Sunday or going to town or getting where he needs to go. If he can't get a ride with a neighbor or someone from town, then he'll walk. He has walked the eleven miles to church many times.

Most of his life he's done cattle farming. He has about 113 acres--"enough," he says, "to raise a fuss on." This land that he has loved and lived on all his life he has willed to the Church.

Baptized at the age of eight, Brother Faglie's 70 years in the Church have seen many changes, from meeting houses to missionaries. Typical of his unique sense of humor, he remarks, "A lot of missionaries have come back to see us, but we didn't recognize them. They had false teeth!" He also recalls traveling to Quitman, Madison, and Tallahassee to attend church, as well as meeting in an old funeral home in Monticello, and looks forward to the building of a chapel in his home town.

Brother Faglie is a dedicated patron of the temple. He has attended every temple trip for quite a long time and adds to the enjoyment of other patrons by singing his favorite Church hymns as they travel. "I like to do a lot of work in the temple," he says. "I've thought about the work I've done with these people and I wonder what they will say when I see them."

Brother Faglie diligently studies the scriptures and bears a strong testimony of the gospel. President Pratt Brantley of the Monticello Branch says, "Brother Faglie sets the pattern for us younger people as far as gospel principles go."

We are very fortunate to have the good example and dedicated service of such a man as Brother Faglie in our Stake.

Farewell Excursion



The Tallahassee Florida Stake completed its 34th and final excursion to the Washington DC Temple the week of May 15-21, prior to the dedication and opening of the new Atlanta Temple.

Five hundred forty-one endowment sessions were completed as well as 880 sealings of families and initiatory work for 570 individuals. Those

representing our Stake were:

Tura Lea Buzzett (Apalachicola); Ponda Meador (Cairo); Bill Wasdin (Crawfordville); Leo Faglie (Monticello); Irene Godwin and Marion Harvey (Moultrie); Lamar Williams (Perry); Marco Clark, Bernie Morrow, and Claudia Teare (Quincy); Wynell Granger and Joyce Martin (Tallahassee I); Richard Chapple, Conrad & Pat Futch, Melanie Guris, Stella Herring, Marti Hillman, Tunji, Jeanette and Bisi Okunyade, Gail Schrader, Art Slater, Daisy Smoke, and Leslie & Joyce Williams (Tallahassee II); Nancy Baggs, Joanne Childers, and Max Sweat (Tallahassee Student); Mae Dollar and Elizabeth Hardin (Thomasville); and Beverly Allen, Freda Gill, Melba Henderson, and her son Joseph Henderson (Valdosta).

Bob Guris and his son, Marty, had been visiting relatives in Pennsylvania and joined the group in Washington. Marty received his own endowment prior to leaving on a mission. It was also the first time to the temple for Wynell Granger, Art Slater, and the Okunyades. The Okunyades were sealed as a family with their son Bisi, and Sister Granger was sealed to her deceased husband and three of her children.

Brother Conrad Futch has driven the chartered bus over 16,000 miles for these excursions since they began in 1975. Because of these trips he has organized and helped to make possible, our Stake has been able to perform the ordinance of endowment for approximately 13,500 deceased individuals. In addition, Brother Futch has always added a special spirit of love by taking a personal interest that everyone has a pleasant and spiritually uplifting experience.

The Washington Temple is the 18th and third largest of all the temples with about 150,000 square feet. Much of the temple's beauty and spirit are also found in the nearby Visitors Center. The Center is acclaimed as "one of the world's most technologically advanced religious exhibits." "Seeing the Washington Temple is inspiring," said Art Slater. "Its spires reach heavenward and it symbolizes all that is good and worthy." Max Sweat said, "I think it is the most awe-inspiring and majestic structure I've ever

seen. It has the appearance of being 'not of this world.'"

President Clyde Black, Second Counselor in the Temple Presidency, spoke to the group on the bus briefly as they prepared to depart. He emphasized that "temples are for the living." Many expressed feelings of gratitude for being in the temple and recognized a special spirit of love and harmony among one another. "All things combined to give me an inner joy," Irene Godwin concluded. "These trips make me feel like I am in just one big happy family. We all have a common goal and each one is doing his part to reach that goal," Bill Wasdin said. Melba Henderson noted, "Perhaps it's the service we are doing that helps these friendships grow so rapidly." And Nancy Baggs added, "I have been touched by all the testimonies spoken and acted out. The spirit of the Lord has burned brightly in the faces and hearts of the people on this temple trip."

While we may miss the things that the Washington Temple has meant to us, we look forward to the blessings that will come through having the Atlanta Temple so near and to serving the Lord in His Holy House.

SINGLE ADULTS (continued from page 6)

Sunday's activities brought an opportunity for more gospel instruction. In a combined Priesthood and Relief Society meeting, Dr. Robert L. Millet, former Tallahassee Institute Director, discussed our ties to ancient Israel and the shared destiny of Judah and Ephraim today. "These [ties] are our love for and trust in the message of the Old Testament, the Book of Mormon, our wandering toward a new and promised land, direct lineage, the New and Everlasting Covenant, dietary and health laws, and the temple," he said.

This was followed by a three-hour testimony meeting that the participants did not want to end. "Many things," said one brother, "have happened in the last two days that make me more aware of the Spirit of the Lord in my life."

Throughout the weekend the Spirit was undeniably present. There was an instant bond of friendship and love. Lynn Strickland of the Mobile Alabama Stake noted the value in seeing people in different lights. "When you plan on coming to a conference," she said, "it is because you see there's a dance, you can swim, there's a tour, and so on. But when you leave, it's always the testimonies you remember." Certainly those who attended this conference will long remember the things that transpired.

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The Single Adults will host three special firesides in the next three months:

Details on the June 26 Fireside were not available at the time of this issue but will be forthcoming through your ward or branch.

Arnold Garr will speak on the "LDS Heritage" at the Institute building on July 31 at 7:30 p.m.

President Chapple will be joined by our local Church sorority and fraternity leaders on August 28 at 7:30 p.m. The theme will be "Purpose of Institute and Welcome for the New Year".

Missionary Calls...

The following members of our Stake were recently called to serve as full-time missionaries. We wish them much success in these eighteen months of full-time service to the Lord.

Elder Bruce Covington (Bainbridge)
Washington Spokane Mission

Elder Marty Guris (Tallahassee II)
Chile Vina Del Mar Mission

Elder Mark Fordham (Tallahassee I)
Tennessee Nashville Mission

Elder Jay Clark (Tallahassee II)
Netherlands Amsterdam Mission

Temple Missions

Brother H. Marco Clark and Noah and Lucille Barber of the Quincy Ward have accepted a call to serve as temple workers in the Atlanta Temple. Sister Ruth Moody of the Quitman Branch has received a call to work in the Washington Temple. This is the second temple mission for each of these individuals, and we are proud of them for their dedication and willingness to serve. Sister Bessie Mumford, also of the Quincy Ward, has recently transferred from the Washington Temple to work in the Atlanta Temple.

...and Releases

Elder Joseph Henderson from the Valdosta Ward was released as a full time missionary in the California Arcadia Mission. We welcome him home and congratulate him for his faithful and honorable service.

Sister Rebecca Corry, who is residing in the Quincy Ward, recently returned from the Argentina Rosario Mission. We apologize for the error in the last issue of the Stake News sending Sister Corry off on her mission rather than welcoming her home.

Sister Corry is currently serving a "Mini-Mission" as an Assistant to President Horne. During the past month she has toured the Florida Tallahassee Mission and worked with the sisters. President Horne has expressed that she is a great asset and has served as a wonderful motivator for missionary work in this area.

Please help us keep our mailing list updated! If you are not receiving the Stake News at your home or know of a member who isn't, send us the name and correct address, along with the name of the ward or branch and we will add it to our mailing list.

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High Priest Sweetheart Social

by Colleen Porter

A very special evening was enjoyed by all who attended the Stake High Priests' "Sweetheart Social" on April 9.

The meal itself was a rare delight. The menu included roast beef, baked potatoes, deluxe green beans, salad, and rolls. Food was provided by Conrad and Pat Futch, Gail Schrader and Stan and Joyce McWhorter. David Schrader carved the meat. (The evening was certainly deserving of at least four forks for food, service, and ambience!)

Karen Lunt did the table decorations; pastel gingham checks on the tables and baskets of flowers set the spring mood. Cakes decorated by Laura Gregory repeated the spring theme and made a sweet conclusion to the meal.

While the meal was served buffet-style, beverages and dessert were served by capable and polite waitresses--some of the young women of the Stake, under the direction of Maureen Webb.

Conrad Futch served as master of ceremonies and reflected on past bus trips to the temple. Following the dinner, President Chapple conducted a short business meeting.

After the brief meeting, there was a piano concert. Tommy Wright, of the FSU School of Music, played music of the composer George Gershwin. Included in the program were some of the well-known pieces including "Rhapsody in Blue" and songs from the musical, "Porgy and Bess." For one whimsical selection entitled, "A Gershwin Fantasy," Dr. Wright played several Gershwin compositions in the style of various classical masters. Throughout the program, he introduced each piece with an explanatory comment or amusing anecdote so that even those unfamiliar with this type of music found it interesting.

The evening concluded with a dance. Several generations of dances were displayed on the dance floor. Throughout the evening Roger Lunt took pictures of the couples, providing them with a momento of this evening to remember.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For anyone who will be traveling in the northeast this summer, you might be interested in attending the Hill Cumorah Pageant in Palmyra, New York, which is located twenty-one miles east of Rochester. The Pageant is an outdoor drama depicting scenes from the Book of Mormon. Nightly performances are July 22-30, except Sunday and Monday July 24 and 25. There is no admission charge and members are encouraged to bring their non-member guests.

Bishop's Corner

by Willard Rudd
Bishop, Quincy Ward

"Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven...." (Matt. 19:21.)

In our day, we have not been required to sacrifice our lives, leave our families, travel across mountains with handcarts, or cross hazardous wilderness populated with hostile Indians into dry desert lands to build Zion. We have only been asked to pay tithing, fast offerings, budget and building assessments, and to give of our time in service to others. We have also been counseled to go to the temples of the Lord and receive our own endowments and to do the work for others passed on.

Elder Bruce R. McConkie asked, "How will the Lord know of our willingness to part with all our earthly possessions or to dedicate all time and talents to His purpose if we do not make the small sacrifices of time and toil, or of money and means, that we are asked to make?" (Conference, April 1975).

Sacrifice was required of the members of the Quincy Ward to raise money for our new chapel. Our most successful project was a garage sale in which we asked each family to contribute an item that they were no longer using in their homes. This small sacrifice helped reach our goal and gave each member an opportunity to participate in the building of Zion.

May we each be able to meet these challenges and sacrifice with a willing heart as called upon to do so.

Institute

by Arnold Garr
Director, Institute of Religion

The Institute of Religion SUMMER SESSION began at 7:30 pm, Tuesday, May 10, 1983 and will continue through Tuesday, August 9. The course is the Pearl of Great Price, taught by Sister Joyce Williams.

Registration for the course is \$5.00. BYU credit may be earned by those wishing to receive a grade. Credit toward Institute Graduation may be earned by those wishing to enroll on a pass/fail basis. To earn credit in either of these categories, students will need to attend a minimum of 70% of the classes.

I hope you will enrich your summer through attending Institute to gain a deeper understanding of this great selection of Scripture.

Fall Institute classes will begin the week of September 6 and include:

Old Testament	T/Th	12:20pm	FSU Campus
LDS History	TW	7:30pm	Institute Bldg
Achieving a Celestial Marriage	F	TBA (monthly)	Institute Bldg
D&C	Th	7:30pm	Institute Bldg

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members who were baptized in the our Stake in February, March, and April:

Cairo: Diane Humphries

Madison: Jennifer Hatcher, Helen and Patrick Lightcap

Moultrie: Gloria Jackson, Daniel and Suzanne Smith, Joetta Terry

Perry: Ellis and Rosalinde Beach, Charles Douglas

Tallahassee I: Kathleen Hughes, Teresa St. John

Tallahassee II: Carmen Richardson, Alusine Sowan, Steven Walker, Leslie Wright

Tallahassee Student: Hezekiah Dale Jr., Jamie Heiker, Christopher Murphy, Kathleen Schap

Thomasville: Doris Grubb, Homer McAlister

Valdosta: Cora Sheller

BOOK REVIEW



by Suzanne Meik
Seventies Bookstore Representative

Anita Canfield, an LDS woman in Nevada, has written a popular series of books for women about self-esteem. They are titled Self-Esteem for the Latter-day Saint Woman, (\$6.95), Self-Esteem and the Physical You, (\$8.95), Self-Esteem and the Social You, (\$7.95). She also has a cassette tape available--"Power to Be You" (\$6.95).

Nancy Martin of Tallahassee First Ward, said, These [books] are practical and usable instead of theoretical. They stress the spiritual aspect of life." Janice Larsen, Tallahassee Student Ward, said of Self-Esteem and the Social You, "This book said that the three elements essential for good self-esteem are faith, hope and charity. It motivated me to set my priorities and strive harder to have patience."

Kathy Clark, Tallahassee First Ward, feels that "every woman ought to have one [Self-Esteem for the Latter-day Saint Woman] and use it as a handbook. I have used it to help so many others. If you counsel with sisters, or even brothers, it would be helpful. I think husbands ought to read it to help them better understand their wives."

BEST SELLERS

- 1) Self-Esteem for the Latter-day Saint Woman, Anita Canfield, \$6.95, Raymont Publishers, Orem, Utah.
- 2) Success Is..., Paul Dunn, \$4.95, Bookcraft, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 3) The Girl's Book, Elaine Cannon, \$7.95, Bookcraft, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 4) Even As I Am, Neal Maxwell, \$6.95, Deseret, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 5) Camilla, Miner/Kimball, \$8.95, Deseret, Salt Lake City, Utah.

News... News... News...

by Alan Zauche
Stake Executive Secretary



Did you see the lovely color photos of the new Atlanta Temple in the April 24 Church News? An exterior view of the temple and a picture of the celestial room were displayed on the front page. Inside were more color pictures of the chapel, foyer, and of a sealing room. An article in the Church News discussed the growth of the Church in the South and in Georgia in particular.

The same issue had an article on the May 15 satellite broadcast of the special fireside commemorating the restoration of the priesthood, including a large color photo of the Peter Whitmer cabin in New York which was used as a setting for the movie about the restoration.

I was able to show these pictures to people at work and talk about the restoration and the temple. The Church News really comes in handy!

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Calendar

June

3 Atlanta Temple Dedication
5 Valdosta Ward Conference
11* Stake Family Fun Day
16-18 Regional Youth Conference
18** Single Adult Picnic (Marianna Caverns)
19 Father's Day
26 Single Adult Fireside (Thomasville) -
Details to be announced

July

4 Independence Day
9 Stake Softball Tournament
10-16 Youth Temple Trip
16** Single Adult Canoe Trip
23* Stake Teaching Workshop
24 Pioneer Day
26-30* Scout Camp; Girl's Camp
31* Single Adult Fireside (Tallahassee)

August

6 Stake Tennis Tournament
15-20 Temple Trip (may leave Aug. 14th)
28* Single Adult Fireside (Tallahassee)



*See articles in this issue for more information.

**These will be all day activities and carpooling from Tallahassee will be planned. More information including times and places will be issued shortly.

Stake Calendar Corrections

Please make the following corrections to your copy of the Stake Calendar and Directory:

Directory**Executive Secretaries**

Change Assistant Executive Secretary from Tim Bryan to Roger Webb at (904) 575-1346.

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Add Franklin N. Murray at (904) 584-7392 and Charles H. King at (912) 228-1707.

Auxiliaries

Change Young Adult Chairman to J. Blake Williams at (904) 575-5516.

Activities Committee

Change Chairman to Jack H. Hall at (904) 576-1305.

Unit Leaders

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