



Winfield Broadhurst, Jr.

With any change comes apprehension and uncertainty. However, our Heavenly Father has counseled us to be organized, and He always puts us in his loving hands through his worthy priesthood holders here on Earth.

On September 6, 1987, the chapel and cultural hall were filled to near capacity as all the Tallahassee Wards were reorganized. There are now four wards in this area—a wonderful realization of our growth and of the efforts of our missionary leaders. Following are some highlights from the meeting.

Winfield Broadhurst, Jr. is bishop of the newly organized Second Ward. Bishop Broadhurst recently moved to Tallahassee but is no stranger to this calling. While in Gainesville, Florida with his creative wife, Carolyn, and children, Kelly, Sheri, Preston and Jeremy, Bishop Broadhurst served from 1982-1985 as bishop, being released only to make the move to Tallahassee. Bishop Broadhurst likened his call to a runner in a relay race, saying, "We do the best we can when given the baton." He also said his prayers were with departing Bishops Meyer and Whitley because he realized the feeling of a "void and emptiness—watching those who have taken the baton." Fred Williams was sustained at the meeting as second counselor; John Barger was later called as first counselor.

Third Ward welcomed Richard Chapple as their new bishop. We all know and love Bishop Chapple and remember him most recently for his many years of faithful service as President of the Tallahassee Stake. (As a matter of fact, it will take a while to remember to call him Bishop and not President!) Bishop Chapple has been in Tallahassee since 1971 when he joined the F.S.U. faculty. His energetic wife Suzanne (Suzi) and six children, Larissa, Marika, Michael, Allyson, Ashley, and Lindsay are a won-



Richard Chapple

Divided We Stand

derful support team for us all. Bishop Chapple, it seems, has envisioned being Bishop since he was a Deacon. While not enthusiastic about the thought of all the administrative meetings and not seeing his family much again, he told how the Lord prepared him for this calling over the previous weeks. He said, "What matters in your life matters to me; what I want for you (and me) is spiritual growth and development." Bishop Chapple has chosen Bill Whitfield as his first counselor and Joe Torgesen as second counselor.

Fourth Ward has also gained a familiar face in our area to be their bishop. Jay Lybbert, although a native of Cardston, Alberta, Canada, has lived in Florida since 1958 and has taught political science at Tallahassee Community College since the school opened in 1966. He was responsible for initiating the first Institute of Religion in our stake, and has served as Tallahassee stake president, and as a regional representative. Bishop Lybbert said the "spirit told me the call was coming, but I didn't want to do it. I thought about Jonah and the whale and the alternatives he had; then I thought of the privileges and opportunities, and I got excited." He pledged his support to the stake and committed to honor this great assignment. He further stated that "ward positions should be a time of reflection, rededication, and obedience." Bishop Lybbert is supported by his wife, Beverly Snow Lybbert, and six children, Lynne, Scott, Gene, Ivan, and still at home, Leslie, and Lyla. Serving as counselors are Perry Dove and Lowell Fuller.

Bishop Broadhurst referred to Bishop Jack Hall as "having a second wind" in the relay race as the First Ward bishopric remained unchanged. Beginning his fourth year at the helm of the First Ward, Bishop Hall spoke of the excitement of regrouping and noted that we



Jay Lybbert

were "filling [the chapel] because the gospel's true." Ron Stone and Bill Clark continue to serve as counselors.

Outgoing Bishops Reynold Meyer and Don Whitley each bore their testimony. Bishop Meyer spoke of how his life has been influenced and touched by all those he became acquainted with while serving the Second Ward. Bishop Whitley expressed gratitude to his Third Ward members for all their support and encouraged members to be wholehearted wherever they are called to serve.

President Arnold Garr shared his feelings regarding this historic event: great appreciation for Bishops Meyer and Whitley for their countless hours of service in order to bless our lives and for the great foundation they laid for those following, and awe for the new bishops, realizing that their success as leaders is predicated on great "followership." He congratulated President Nicholson on all the input he accepted regarding the division and bore his witness that the changes were in accordance with the will of the Lord.

President Loran Anderson advised members to "label your own ward as the best because you are in it and you're working to make it good." He cautioned, however, against having a competitive spirit, so common in daily life, because it is not the spirit of the Kingdom of God.

President Paul Nicholson called for unity and for renewal of effort. He reassured that there were enough people to fill all the vacant and new positions created, but counseled members to put aside personal feelings, to lengthen their stride, and be willing to work together in love and harmony. He suggested that the members think of this as a temporary state because at the stake's current rate of growth it won't be long before we assemble to divide again.



Stake Presidency Message

by Loran C. Anderson
First Counselor

My subject is one that might surprise some of you (especially if you've heard me sing!). I want to talk about music and its eternal relationship to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The importance of music in our day was declared by revelation in Doctrine & Covenants 25, wherein Emma Smith was called to select sacred hymns for the church. The Lord stated "my soul delighteth in the song of the heart; yea, the song of the righteous is a prayer unto me, and it shall be answered with a blessing upon their heads." This should give us a hint of how important hymn singing is within the Sacrament Service or any of our meetings.

The eternal nature of music is clear. Before the foundation of the earth, "the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy" (Job 38:7). And after we leave our mortal life and meet the Lord, there will be much singing (Mosiah 2:28; Mormon 7:7), and when He comes in his glory, a "new song" will be sung (Rev. 5:9; D&C 84:98).

In Old Testament times music was very important. David wrote about 150 psalms. These are hymns. Consider just a few: "I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness; and will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high" (Psalm 7:17); "I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High. Sing praises to the Lord (Psalm 9:2, 11); "I will sing unto the Lord, because he dealt bountifully with me (Psalm 13:6); and "I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name (Psalm 18:49). On the American continent, father Lehi "saw God sitting on his throne, surrounded with numberless concourses of angels in an attitude of singing and praising their God" (1 Nephi 1:8).

The Savior was ushered into mortality with heavenly hosts singing "glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men." How important was music to the Savior? What was the last thing He and his disciples did in the upper room? After He instituted the sacrament, they sang a hymn (Matthew 26:30) and then departed for the Garden of Gethsemane.

In these latter days, we are told "the righteous shall be gathered out from among all nations, and shall come to Zion, singing with songs of everlasting joy" (D&C 45:71; 66:11; 101:18; 109:39; 133:33). I remember President Spencer Kimball speaking to the value and beauty of music in worship services on many occasions. Other modern prophets had this to say: "Consider for a moment how much sacred music enters into the varied life, exercise, and progress of religion. The very spirit of religion is breathed into music...Never, indeed, do we feel so near to heaven as when listening to the performance of some grand anthem in which the angels themselves might quickly take their parts" (John Taylor). "Good music is gracious praise of God. It is the likeness to the ear, and it is one of our most acceptable methods of worshipping God. And those who sing in all the choirs of the Saints should not sing merely because it is a profession, or because they have good voices, but they should sing also because they have the Spirit of and can praise God who gave them their sweet voices" (Joseph F. Smith).

Some of our great sacred hymns came from John Wesley (published in 1761); he also gave excellent counsel about hymn singing: "learn these tunes before you learn any others. Sing them exactly as they are printed. Sing lustfully and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half-dead or half-asleep, but lift up your voice with strength. Sing in time, whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not go before or stay behind it, but stay close to the leading voices and group therewith as exactly as you can. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. You are pleasing Him more than yourself or any other creature. In order to do this, attend strictly to the sense of what you say. And see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually. So shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve you and reward you when He comes in clouds of heaven."

Clearly, music is an eternal, inherent part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. How can we make our music more beautiful and acceptable unto Him? We can follow the counsel of John Wesley, and, most importantly, we can sing. I have attended many congregations wherein only about 20-30% of the Saints seemed to be singing. We can sing and not as if half-dead or half-asleep. If your voice is like mine, sing softly, but do sing (and, of course, you can have a joyously exuberant song in your heart and mind!). Let those who conduct call the intermediate hymn something besides "rest hymn". What are we to rest from? Certainly not from worship. Another major concern is that some use the hymn as a time to leave the chapel. This I can't understand. We humbly invoke the Lord to be present in our services, and we dedicate the meeting unto Him, and then some of us leave before the benediction. It is not only rude but also very disrespectful to the Lord when we do this. Is a drink of water more important than communing with the Lord through sacred hymns?

Music in our services is a blessing; it is one of the ways in which we can actively be part of the worship. We can sing to the Lord in adoration, gratitude, humility, supplication, and in thanksgiving. Remember, "the song of the righteous is a prayer unto me, and it shall be answered with a blessing upon their heads."



Tallahassee members confused about what's happened recently? President Anderson has the explanation; he says "Because of your faithfulness you've been re-ward-ed!"

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CONSTITUTION BICENTENNIAL BALL

Come enjoy a marvelous evening of entertainment and dance on November 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Tallahassee Florida stake center.

To help celebrate our joy of being Americans, there will be a variety show with juggling, guitar and banjo playing. The juggler is Don Rapp who has played nationally and is rated as a terrific entertainer.

The fabulous fun will be topped with a nationally performed play, "We the People".

Stake nursery is provided for preschoolers (Boy Scout Room) and activities planned for school age children (Primary room and outside). Come, laugh and share in a fun evening!

Genealogy

by Lorine B. Lahtinen
Stake Genealogy Librarian

Genealogy is a basic tenet of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As a missionary church it is necessary for each of us to realize that the opportunity to share the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ must be offered to all mankind. By identifying the people who have preceded us on this earth, we can offer them the ordinances of the Gospel.

Each member of the LDS Church should be seeking to identify his own ancestors. It is now possible for each of us to learn how to do this identifying for ourselves. There are forms complete with printed instructions for each form. See your genealogy librarian for an inexpensive set of forms and instructions after the new genealogy rooms are open. We will also have a new machine for making paper prints of film and (micro)fiche.

Donations to help purchase new equipment, etc., are welcome. Contact Lorine Lahtinen or Laura Byington in the genealogy library or call 878-5087. Any financial support you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Youth Service Project Film Festival

Enjoy the highlights of each unit's youth service project and share in the joy they found in serving others.

Everyone is invited to attend!

Sunday November 15, 7:00 p.m.



Priesthood Preview

This year's Priesthood Preview will be held on Tuesday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m. for all 11-year old Blazer A boys, and any 12-year old who did not attend last year, and their dads or companions. This special night is dedicated to strengthening each boy's commitment to preparing himself to receive the priesthood.

Last year's Preview included many fun and spiritual activities in addition to a delicious meal. This year's Preview will continue in the tradition of providing an opportunity for each boy to learn about the Christlike qualities that he is developing, play educational games, and participate in motivational activities. The filmstrip "A Boy and the Power of God" will be shown.

The Priesthood Preview provides an opportunity for these boys and their fathers/companions to share special moments as they become more familiar with the priesthood. Each participant should come away with a greater appreciation for the privilege of holding the priesthood.

In Defense of the Faith

The Church Educational System (CES), under the local direction of President Arnold Garr, will offer a special presentation for the Tallahassee Florida Stake as part of the "Know Your Religion 1987-88" series. Robert L. Millet will speak on the topic "In Defense of the Faith" on Thursday, October 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Tallahassee Stake Center.



Brother Millet will discuss why the House of Faith must be built upon principles of truth. These truths constitute our most eloquent defense of the restored gospel, including the topics:

Strength in Opposition

Shadows of the Past: What if Christ Came Today?

The Bible: All the Answers?

Change: Revealed or Concealed?

A Witness of the Truth—What Else Matters?

Many members of our stake remember Brother Millet as our former Institute Director, bishop of the Tallahassee First Ward, and counselor in the Tallahassee stake presidency. He is currently an assistant professor of religion at BYU and serves in the stake presidency in his home stake in Utah. He has authored numerous articles and books, the latest of which is *Doctrinal Commentary on the Book of Mormon*, and many of which can be found in our Seventies Bookstore. Formerly a resident of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, he received his Ph.D. in Biblical studies and psychology from FSU. He and his wife, Shauna, have six children.

Tuition is \$3.00 (prepurchase from your ward or branch Know Your Religion chairman) or \$4.00 (at the door). In keeping with CES policy, no tape recorders will be allowed.

Relief Society

by Dena Hall
Stake Relief Society President



HAS THE LORD LEFT YOU?

There are many times that we feel that we have been abandoned by the Lord, when in truth, we are the ones to have abandoned Him.

Have you ever felt that many things get in the way of your becoming closer to the Lord and your getting to know Him better? In our everyday life we have so many challenges that take us away from our spiritual growth. For example, in the mornings, when we are trying to get our children off to seminary and to three different schools, our husband to work, it can be a frustrating experience, much less a loving one. But what if we had taken a few minutes to have our personal prayers, read our scriptures, and be open to communication with the Lord to find out what we should be doing that day--wouldn't we be much better prepared for the days challenges? In Jacob 6:5 we find these words, "...and cleave unto God as he cleaveth unto you."

Have you ever thought that you should be the one to cleave unto God first? Yes, we are the ones to first make the effort to cleave unto God. And how do we do this? First, we have our personal prayers with a sincere heart and seeking the Lord. Then we study the words of God so that we may develop a knowledge of who our God is and His love for us. As in many other relationships this takes time and effort on our part; it does not happen overnight, but after much prayer and study. When we learn that as long as we are cleaving unto God, he will be cleaving unto us, we will know that he will never abandon us, He will be with us always.

I pray, Sisters, that we may know that through prayer and study we can have a true knowledge of God, always feel his love for us, and never feel abandoned.



Scouting News

JOHN TAYLOR
EARNS EAGLE

John Taylor, 18, the son of Rex and Sandy Taylor (Tallahassee First Ward) was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor held on August 6th, 1987 under the direction of Brother Joe Torgesen.

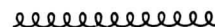
John has been active in the Church's scouting program since the age of eight years and he received the Order of The Arrow in 1984.

For his Eagle Project, John organized a Blood Drive that was held at the Stake Center November 22, 1986; the day before his 18th birthday. ... (cutting it close!)

John graduated from the seminary program with a 4-year perfect

attendance, a commitment he made in his first year. He graduated from Godby High School in 1986, where he was active in the French Club, ROTC, was a Citivan Officer, lettered in soccer, and was on the home coming court his Senior year. He is presently attending TCC and will be leaving on his mission after the first of the year. His hobbies include soccer, guitar, and Tae Kwon Do karate. John's parents said that he is definitely a leader, knows what he wants out of life and is not afraid to go after it.

His plans after his mission are to obtain a degree in engineering and to have a temple marriage.



LAMAR DRANSFIELD EARNS EAGLE



Richard Meik presenting Eagle neckerchief to LaMar Dransfield.

LaMar Dransfield, 15, was awarded the Rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor held June 5, 1987. He is the second oldest of five children and is the son of Dale and Peggy Dransfield, who are currently serving in the Pennsylvania Harrisburg Mission.

LaMar has really enjoyed his scouting years and especially campouts, Scout camp, bike trips, and the high adventure camp in North Carolina. He enjoyed the friendships of the outstanding young men in his troop as well as the untiring leaders.

For his Eagle project, LaMar helped to organize a home owner's association for the Shiloh Way property owners, planning and holding three consecutive monthly meetings. At these meetings, two work days were planned to clean up the private road that leads to all the homes, officers were elected, and plans were made to repair the "pot-holes" in the road. LaMar then organized a willing group of scouts for the two work days. Without a home owner's association, many people were unable to get loans to start building. Hopefully, this project will continue to help families who would like to start building in the area.

Since arriving in Pennsylvania, LaMar has celebrated his 16th birthday. He has gone out with the missionaries on many teaching appointments and was privileged to baptize one of the young men that he was able to help teach.

LaMar has also applied for several jobs in the area and was very pleased to be able to put Eagle Scout on his applications. He is currently a junior in high school and will probably attend BYU for one year before serving a mission.

Helping Children Gain a Testimony



Claire Bowers (left) and Pat Smith.

Sister Pat Smith of the Tallahassee First Ward was recently called as Stake Primary president. She has been well prepared for this service by working as counselor with her predecessor, Cleo Miller, for the past two years.

Pat was born and raised in Bartow, a small town in Central Florida. Her parents joined the Church when she was 7. The branch was dissolved when she was 15 and her family was placed in the Lakeland Ward. That was where she first met Allan. They became high school sweethearts and were married in the Washington D.C. Temple after he completed his mission. Pat attended BYU and received her Bachelor's in Child Development/Family Relations. "I am very thankful for the opportunity of attending the 'Y'," says Pat, "and for the wonderful experiences I had while there."

The Smiths came to Tallahassee six years ago after Allan finished at Duke and got "their first real job" at Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center. "We have enjoyed Tallahassee and have made some very special friends. It has also been the birthplace for 2 of our 4 children, so it will always be special to us", Pat explains.

Pat loves being a mom and staying home with the children. Although they keep her busy, in her "extra" time, she enjoys swimming, crafts, working in the yard, cooking, watching an old movie, singing and beating Allan in a game of Putt Putt.

"I look forward to working with all those involved in Primary. I am thankful for the many opportunities I've had to serve my Heavenly Father and hope that I can fulfill this new calling in a way pleasing to Him."

Sister Claire Bowers is first counselor with second counselor and secretary yet to be called. Claire was born in New Hampshire and moved to Tallahassee from Bainbridge about 1-1/2 years ago. She and her husband Roger are the parents of 7 children. She enjoys sewing and crafts.

The new presidency's main goals for Primary are to help each ward/branch Primary presidency understand their responsibilities and the program as outlined by the Church and help to ensure that each Primary child gains a testimony of the gospel.



Tallahassee First, Second, Third, and Thomasville Wards participated in the Stake Softball Tournament.

In the Men's Division, Tallahassee First and Second went on to the region where Tallahassee First took first place for the third year in a row. Tallahassee First and Second also sent teams to the region in the Women's Division. They played well but were defeated. Tallahassee Third and Thomasville sent a Young Men's team to the region where Tallahassee Third's Young Men took first place.

Congratulations, not only to those who won, but to all who participated, for their hard work and for representing our stake with good sportsmanship.

A Winning Attitude

Tom Rhames, of the Tallahassee Fourth Ward, has joined the stake Activities Committee as Physical Activities Specialist. He succeeds Perry Anderson, who has been coordinating our Stake athletic tournaments for about two years.



Tom hails from nearby Blountstown, Florida, where his family joined the Church when he was nine years old. He served in the South Korea Pusan Mission from 1975-77. He has since served in a wide range of Church callings including clerk, executive secretary, Young Men president, counselor in the elders quorum, ward mission leader, and Stake President of Seventy.

He is married to the former Betsey Ohlmacher; they have a daughter, Jenna, age 2, and are expecting a baby October 5.

Tom works as an area sales representative for the Hoover Company. He attended Chipola Junior College and completed his Bachelors degree at FSU in Elementary Physical Education. He especially enjoys basketball but is an avid fan of all FSU sports. (In fact, his wife affectionately refers to it as an obsession!) Tom's love of sports and willingness to serve will certainly be useful as he tackles this new responsibility.

Although winning is a nice by-product, Tom would like to direct the sports program more to involving not only those who are athletically inclined, but to all those who want to participate, including the less active and non-members, for the experience of working together as a team and enjoying the activity together.

Finding the Elect



(L to R) Don Whitley, Charlie Madsen, Richard Snow

The recent creation of a new ward in Tallahassee brought about significant reorganization, not only in ward leadership, but in stake personnel as well. Our stake mission presidency, formed just one year ago, saw the release of counselors Winfield Broadhurst and Jay Lybbert to become bishops, and Marvin Goldstein as executive secretary to become Second Ward mission leader, leaving only Charles H. Madsen, Jr. as president.

Newly called as first counselor is Donald M. Whitley, who was released as bishop of the former Tallahassee Third Ward. Even though a convert of 12 years, he has the enthusiasm of a recent member. He originally comes from "The Carolinas," but lived in several states across the country before moving to the Tallahassee area in 1981. Brother Whitley is a psychologist specializing in adolescent and family therapy and enjoys fishing, basketball, and people. He and his wife, Marion, have 3 children: Rob, currently serving in the Canada Toronto Mission; Lennea, 18, attending Utah Technical College this year; and Trista, 15, a sophomore at Lincoln High School.

Richard Snow, of the Tallahassee Fourth Ward, will serve as executive secretary to President Madsen. Brother Snow is a native of Bountiful, Utah but his family moved to the Tampa/St. Petersburg area when he was 16. That's where he met his sweetheart, Lorinda, and they were married after Richard returned from the Brazil Sao Paulo mission. FSU brought the Snows to Tallahassee in 1984 where Richard will graduate with a Masters in Business Administration next April.

Besides his daughter, Meagan, who will be 2 in December, Richard enjoys racquetball and is studying to take the CPA exam in November. The Snow family population is expected to increase by 1 around the end of February!

President Madsen hopes to have a new second counselor in the next few weeks.

As a team, the stake mission presidency coordinates ward and branch mission leaders' efforts and member missionary efforts to help individuals fulfill their responsibilities as directed by our prophet. They develop training materials for wards and individuals to help them feel confident in their ability to share the message of the restored gospel with others. They train ward mission leaders and stake missionaries in areas such as finding those ready to hear the gospel, teaching discussions, following through with transitional home teaching lessons for new members, and correlating with full-time missionaries. The mis-

sion presidency strives to have each ward and branch in the stake strongly focused on missionary work, showing every member the opportunities to proclaim the gospel in a spirit of Christian love, thereby fulfilling the first of the three-fold mission of the Church.

One item which the stake mission presidency has developed is a "New Member Packet" containing messages from Church leaders and information on such things as church funds and auxiliaries. This packet will be available soon, through the ward and branch mission leaders, to those members who are interested. One of their current goals is to develop a video with step-by-step guidelines in a dramatized format, which will help members learn how to approach others with the gospel message.

President Madsen said, "The new reorganization of the Tallahassee wards, new and expanded buildings throughout the stake, and the increase in the spirit of love and concern for our brothers and sisters who are not members is truly gratifying. Our new full-time mission president, President Tanner, his wife, and all the full-time missionaries are here to help us share the gospel. We in the stake mission presidency are taking the challenge from the stake presidency very seriously to help members share the gospel and find the elect of God. We are grateful for the 190 new convert members in the stake during the past year and look forward to many others who will be able to find the truth through the efforts of us all. We encourage all members to contact their ward or branch mission leaders for assistance."

The following members serve as mission leaders in the respective wards and branches:

Bainbridge	Donnie Davis
Cairo	Cal Walker
Crawfordville	Jon McCabe
Madison	Dale Kinard
Monticello	Jim Abbott
Moultrie	Butch Parrish
Perry	Jim Lee
Quincy	Tom Ferrell
Tallahassee First	Allan Smith
Tallahassee Second	Marvin Goldstein
Tallahassee Third	Dick Davis
Tallahassee Fourth	Dennis Maxey
Thomasville	Pat Watson

Calls...

David Alan Clanton (Cairo)
Utah Salt Lake City South Mission

Mark Singletary (Perry)
Taiwan Taipei Mission



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Lincoln and Mildred Barlow (Moultrie)
New York Rochester Mission

Richard Tucker (Tallahassee Second)
Arkansas Little Rock Mission



New Members

We welcome the following converts who were baptized in our stake during July and August 1987:

Bainbridge:	Barbara Crawford, Eugene Williams
Cairo:	Julia Bell; George Jr., Cora, George III Howard; Shirley and Jennifer Johnson; George and Helen McIntyre
Monticello:	Dawn Warren
Moultrie:	April Prady and Jeffrey Rehberg
Perry:	Seaven Beach, Maezelle Fowler, Dawn Skinner
Quincy:	Stirland Martin
Tallahassee I:	Paul Duphily, John Harris, Kristin Selle, John Speck, Carl Thomas
Tallahassee II:	Jeffrey and Dorothy Barnes, Johnnie Byrd, Debrah Jones, Touraine Wilford, Wanda Wilfork
Tallahassee III:	Ellen Heath, Eric Lounds, Stephen Storey
Thomasville:	James Golding and Eddie Sanford, Jr.

Pumpkin Carols

Pumpkin Bells

Dashing through the streets
In our costumes bright and gay
To each house we go
Laughing all the way.
Halloween is here,
Making spirits bright.
What fun it is to trick-or-treat
And sing Pumpkin songs tonight!
Oh, Pumpkin bells! Pumpkin Bells!
Ringing loud and clear,
Oh, what fun Great Pumpkin brings
When Halloween is here!



The Twelve Days of Halloween

On the twelfth day of Halloween
My true love gave to me,
Twelve bats a-flying,
Eleven masks a-leering,
Ten ghouls a-groaning,
Nine ghosts a-booming,
Eight monsters shrieking,
Seven pumpkins glowing,
Six goblins gobbling,
Five scarey spooks,
Four skeletons,
Three black cats,
Two trick-or-treaters,
And an owl in a dead tree!



Information Please!

We can't pick up a newspaper, it would seem, without reading an article from which we expected to learn something. Certainly, we're also cautioned that we can't believe everything we read, nor will we always like what we see.



The Church, both in its missionary efforts and to promote a positive representation of our organization, realizes that we all cannot, and should not, write a letter to the editor when we know we have been misrepresented in the media.

But when something like the walk to Wakulla by our youth takes place, and when Dale Murphy's strong sense of family and Word of Wisdom is spotlighted, there is a Public Communications Director (PCD) at work. It's a demanding job, keeping the community aware and informed, and most of our wards and branches have a PCD. Information from Salt Lake is filtered through the Stake PCD, who in turn sends news releases to the PCD's around the stake. Relevant items are then adapted for the media in their respective areas.

Because of the recent reorganization of the Tallahassee Wards, Richard Chapple was released as Stake PCD. Brother Roger L. Bowers, Tallahassee First Ward, will be our new Stake Public Communications Director.

Brother Bowers has lived in Tallahassee approximately 1-1/2 years and is the General Manager at the Tallahassee Advertiser newspaper. His background in advertising and marketing will be useful in promoting the Church, as will his past experience with newspaper, radio, and television. Growing up in Elizabethton, Tennessee, Brother Bowers attended East Tennessee State University and was converted to the Church in Tennessee in 1967. He has served as a counselor several times to bishops, as branch president, and stake high counselor. He is currently on the stake high council here in Tallahassee.

In addition to his public relations duties Brother Bowers serves as an adviser to the Stake News. While living in American Fork, Utah, several years ago, he was called as editor of their stake newsletter. There had not been a stake publication and they wanted him to organize one. But, he found it necessary to move from the area about two weeks later and never had the opportunity to bring the paper to fruition. He is grateful that the opportunity to work with a stake publication has knocked again.

Brother Bowers is married to the former Marie-Claire Boucher and their family consists of seven children, Michael-24 (a senior at BYU); Lisa-22 (Lisa has given them 3 grandchildren); Daniel-19 (serving a mission in Fresno, CA); Joel-17 (senior at Godby); Jennifer-11 (6th grade at Griffin); and Rebecca-5 (kindergarten at Springwood).

Brother Bowers is excited about his calling and intends to answer it by keeping himself informed and passing on the valuable information entrusted to him to make the Church more visible and a positive influence to our entire communities.

Branch President's Corner

by Stan Webb
Branch President, Bainbridge

WILLIAM JOYNER, BAINBRIDGE'S OWN SAMUEL SMITH

Last year, one of our members, William Joyner, passed away. Bill was a member of the Church for most all his life. But in his "productive years" hauling cargo along the Atlantic Coast, running derrick hands to off-shore oil wells in the Gulf, and shrimping in Mexico, the Church played very little part in his life. It was only in the last few years--most of them bedridden with emphysema--that Bill really became productive in terms of making lasting contributions to people's lives. As a result of his valiant efforts during the last few moments of his earthly life, Bill Joyner has left an eternal legacy for the saints here in Bainbridge, Georgia.

Soon after Bill retired and doctors told him that his days were numbered, he became acutely interested in religious questions. Being more or less a shut-in, Bill tuned in to television evangelists for answers. As these proved less than satisfying, he turned to the missionaries to be re-taught the gospel. His progress was amazing. He read voraciously and soon was teaching the missionaries on their bi-weekly visits. As his knowledge grew, so did his desire to serve. He felt bad that he was hospitalized the day he was to be interviewed for the higher priesthood. This was no problem for then Presidents Chapple and Madsen who interviewed him at Bainbridge Memorial. With the Melchizedek Priesthood, Bill had great plans of helping the home teaching effort by cheering-up shut-ins and reminding home teachers of their duties. However, this was not to be. His condition rapidly deteriorated. Bill did not have enough breath for any extended phone conversations. Confined to his room, he soon felt despondent. Since he had given a *Book of Mormon* to one nurse and brochures to the others that took care of him, he felt could do little more.

Now for the rest of the story. Daisy Warren, the nurse to whom Bill had given a *Book of Mormon*, read the book and was deeply touched. She had Bill send the missionaries to her. She listened, made some drastic changes in her life, and was baptized. It was not too long afterwards that Bill passed away. Since then, Daisy's sister, Letha, and one other of Daisy's acquaintances, Robert Moore, have been baptized. (Both Robert and Daisy are now stake missionaries). Robert shared the gospel message with a fellow worker, Dixie Suggs. Now she has been baptized. The latest to join the Church are Barbara Crawford, Daisy's neighbor, and John Clemons who happened to ask Daisy out for a date. Her response was, "First, let me tell you about my church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." John said, "What a coincidence! Last week in Kentucky I attended that church with a friend for the very first time." A week later John was baptized.

It has been only a year since Bill Joyner passed away, but he has left us a great legacy. Many lives have been changed because of one single *Book of Mormon* that Bill gave to a casual acquaintance. It is nice to wonder how many more lives will be affected because of this single act of a member missionary.

Bill Joyner's example is a great lesson for each of us. There is, however, another lesson in this story. In Frank Capp's "It's a Wonderful Life", an angel shows Jimmy Stewart, who wishes he had not been born, how barren and cruel his town and family would have become had he not lived. In like manner, one can imagine how much less joy

would be in the lives of the saints in Bainbridge had Bill not had the courage to give that one *Book of Mormon*. That leads us to one more important question: What are our own families, wards, and towns going to be like two, three, or five years hence because of the *Books of Mormon* we do or do not give to our friends and acquaintances? It's food for thought, and maybe a little action, isn't it?



Deseret Book has announced the forthcoming publication of the authorized biography of our prophet, Ezra Taft Benson. The biography, about 700 pages long, was written by Sherri Dew from extensive interviews and from the personal writings of the prophet. Sixty black and white photographs will illustrate this great man's life, career, and Church service.

Every Latter-day Saint will be inspired by President Benson's youthful maturity as he assumed charge of his seven younger brothers and sisters when his father was called on a mission. They will be impressed by the commitment shown during his seven-year courtship with Flora Amussen—a relationship that lasted through four-and-a-half-years of separation as each served missions for the Church.

One-third of the women in the Church are single—yet until now there has not been a book written by and for single women. *A Singular Life* brings together essays from sixteen Latter-day Saint women—all of varying ages and interests. They share their ideas for coping with the challenges of being single.

A Singular Life gives encouragement, purpose, and direction to every LDS woman. This book is valuable not only for women, but for priesthood leaders who face the challenge of helping single sisters realize their potential.

Many children find their heroes in television shows, movies, or comic books. Now your children can discover heroes in the scriptures with a new dramatized cassette and book set, *Heroes of the Book of Mormon*. In the book, author Mabel Jones Gabbott introduces young readers to great prophets, leaders, and missionaries. This book is perfect for children ages 4 to 10.

In *Temples In the Last Days*, author Royden Derrick discusses the principles and the spiritual impact of temple work in these last days.

Available in October is Paul Dunn's new book *Christmas: Do You Hear What I Hear?* In his well-loved style, Elder Dunn shares the spirit of Christmas with warmth and humor. The book will also be available on audio cassette.

Becoming a Forever Family

by David Salisbury
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Part I of a Three-part series on family topics

DEALING WITH SIBLING RIVALRY

The term "sibling rivalry" refers to the tensions, the conflicts, the feelings of children toward each other and themselves. It is something that all families with children deal with everyday—whether the children are preschoolers, school age, teenagers, or even adults. However, just because sibling rivalry is something which is acknowledged as a reality does not mean we should allow our children to abuse each other verbally or physically. King Benjamin said, "... do not allow your children to fight or quarrel one with another. . . "

Mom and Dad are supposed to teach their children to be peacemakers in the home, but what do you do when fighting, quarreling, and bickering erupt between brothers and sisters? A few months ago in our family, we had a situation where our older daughter tried to ruin her sister's science project because she was afraid her younger sister's project was better than her's. What should parents do in these situations? What do you do when a younger child is better in something than an older sibling? What do you do when an older child will not allow a younger sibling to succeed at anything for fear he will lose his place as a superior? What do you do when a younger sibling gives up trying because of fear of not being able to reach the level of achievement of an older sibling? Why is it so hard for a child to be happy about another sibling's achievements? Some ways to deal effectively with sibling rivalry are:

1. Avoid making verbal statements which compare children in terms of physical characteristics, relative intelligence, or physical abilities. Children are especially sensitive to comments in these areas. Often parents don't consider statements they make about their children to be comparisons. If a child hears a parent say "Elizabeth is really a beautiful girl," the sister who hears this may react negatively unless her parents are careful to point out her strengths. Some parents often make statements like this in front of their children and unfortunately such statements can have a profoundly negative effect on the children. Sometimes other adults innocently make comparative comments in front of your children. When this happens it is wise to add a comment about the other child. Also, parents will often talk with other adults about problems their children are having. Anything parents say about these three areas—physical beauty, relative intelligence, or physical abilities in front of the children should be carefully screened.

2. Help each child to recognize his own strengths and achieve in the areas where he is strong. Until children mature to the point where they realize that each person has unique strengths and weaknesses, they tend to measure themselves only by comparison to others. Children eventually need to learn that they have unique strengths. Parents can encourage one child in one activity while at the same time encouraging his brother in another. Explaining at opportune moments that each child has different interests and abilities and pointing out that this does not mean one is better than the other will eventually help children to accept their abilities and weaknesses. Some work with a child in weak areas can be a good idea. It should be emphasized though, that as parents we should not work on helping our children build their weak areas at the expense of capitalizing on their strengths.

3. Be empathetic. Sibling rivalry also arises in situations where one child gets to do something that another child does not. Perhaps one child gets invited to a party but not the brother or sister. This often provokes negative behavior on the part of the uninvited child. When a child behaves this way, he is fighting to maintain his own self-esteem. Ask him if he can think of things he gets to do that the other sibling doesn't. Be understanding and sympathetic. As soon as appropriate, involve yourself with him in a game or some other activity he will enjoy. The point is, he needs to feel secure again about himself.

4. Use humor to lighten a tense situation. One father I know has observed that if he tries to put a stop to a quarrel among his children by forbidding them to fight, sending them to their room, or punishing them, he only adds to the disagreeable atmosphere. A better way, he discovered, was to provide some humor in order to stifle the contention and to serve as a distraction and a transition to a new activity.

5. Establish some firm and clear family rules which give children a feeling of personal security. Personal security in a family refers to one's feeling of being important and protected in the family setting. If there are no rules which forbid being made fun of or being teased or harassed by older siblings in the family then the child does not feel personally secure. Also, children feel most secure in a home where there are rules governing who can go in their room and when, and where they are permitted to be alone or with other friends when they don't want to be with brothers and sisters. These rules, whatever they are, should be administered consistently.

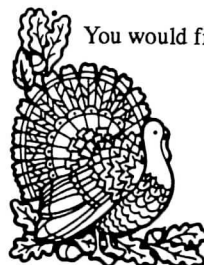
6. Some contention can be avoided by well designed, well organized, and clean surroundings. Children need specific places to keep their toys, clothes, and other personal possessions which are off limits to other children in the family and they need to be taught to keep their rooms clean and to maintain things in their proper place. If the home is well organized and clean, less contentions over possessions arise. Boyd K. Packer has observed that, in addition to clean and orderly surroundings, the physical design of the home itself can have a profound influence on how frantic and haggard Mom and Dad get.

Generally, a home where there are individual rooms with doors to close is better for raising a family than are the newer styles of homes with roomy open areas that are being designed today. A home with children should have places that can be private and quiet, and some spaces that can be messed up like little kids want them to be.

In conclusion, it is not necessary to permit children to destroy the peace and happiness in a home. When bickering and quarreling take over, the home is filled with a destructive and damaging atmosphere rather than the supportive and sheltering atmosphere which should prevail there. Sibling rivalry occurs in any family with children. Learning to deal with it in an appropriate manner is one of the greatest challenges facing parents. If parents can learn to reduce sibling rivalry and handle it in a proper way when it does occur, our homes can be more pleasant and our families happier.

Scrambled Thanksgiving

You would find these things at Thanksgiving. Answers on page 11.



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Stake Conference

The Tallahassee Stake Conference was held September 12 and 13. The theme of the Saturday evening session was temple work. Those in attendance received a booklet from the First Presidency entitled "Come Unto Christ Through Temple Ordinances and Covenants." President Loran Anderson of the stake presidency introduced the theme, stating that there are other ordinances beyond the first four which are named in the fourth Article of Faith. These other ordinances we receive in the temple. He emphasized the importance of attending the temple frequently.

Suzanne Chapple (Tallahassee Third Ward) spoke on the value of stake youth temple trips to her as a parent. She testified of the many things youth learn from associating with other LDS youth on temple trips. But most valuable is the growth of testimony which is gained through the experience of going on a temple trip. Carol Austin (Tallahassee Third Ward) talked about how and why we need to teach our children to attend the temple often. She told of the powerful lessons her parents taught her through their example of love for the temple, by making temple attendance part of family tradition and by sharing their plans, desires, and hopes surrounding the temple.

Dorman Miles (Thomasville Ward) told about his first impressions of the temple. He bore his testimony of the influence the temple has had in his life. Elsie Peddie (Tallahassee First Ward) spoke on the joys of serving in the temple. She talked about the love and unity working with patrons of the temple.

Brenda Bonnell and Carolyn Thompkins sang a duet accompanied by Renee Anderson.

President Arnold Garr of the Stake Presidency recounted the history of temples through the ages. Temples have always been valued and the people of God were willing to sacrifice for blessings of the temple. President John Tanner, President of the Florida Tallahassee Mission, bore testimony of the part temples play in the gospel plan and of the privilege of receiving mysteries in the temple. President W. Paul Nicholson, stake president, spoke of the need to attend the temple regularly and how we can learn more each time we return.

Music for the Sunday session was provided by the old Tallahassee Second Ward choir, directed by Blair Clawson. The theme of the Sunday morning session was "Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

President Charles Madsen, Jr., Stake Mission President, set the tone of the meeting by proclaiming that the Kingdom of God on earth is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We are the only church with the power to administer ordinances of the gospel, and we must seek out other of our Father's children, in love, to teach the gospel.

Brother Ed Bone, Stake Patriarch, spoke on his experiences in the mission field and how proclaiming the gospel brought a love for those he and his wife taught. He also said, "One of the easiest things to defend is truth."

Brother Alan Clanton, who recently received a call to serve a full-time mission, bore his testimony of the events leading to his call. He told of the difficulty he had in giving up his music scholarship at college but how he knew the Lord wanted him to serve a mission. He stated his commitment to do what was pleasing to the Lord.

President Garr talked about three lessons of life for the young and

young at heart: 1) don't be satisfied—understand that you can do more; 2) remember that we can change; and 3) live what you believe. You never know who might be watching you and desiring to follow your example.

President Anderson stated that we are a good people, but we can do better. We are commanded to love God. Part of love is service and the three ways to serve are to proclaim the gospel, strengthen (perfect) the Saints, and redeem the dead. He said that joy and eternal life are synonymous. "We want to feel good forever. Don't let temporary happiness, thrills, or kicks, replace the eternal joy found only through the gospel."

President John and Sister Bobbie Tanner of the Florida Tallahassee Mission bore their testimonies of the gospel and the importance of members' help in proclaiming it.

President Nicholson read some letters received by those who finished the *Book of Mormon* since last Conference. He reissued the challenge for those who hadn't finished to do so and for those who hadn't started to start. He talked of the testimony we could gain by reading the *Book of Mormon*.



Calendar

October

- 17 Stake Relief Society Temple Trip
- 18 Madison Branch Conference
- 27 Stake Priesthood/Auxiliary Leadership
- 31 Halloween

November

- 7 Constitution Bicentennial Ball
- Stake Volleyball Tournament
- 8 Cairo Branch Conference
- Book of Mormon Program via satellite
- 10 Stake News deadline
- 10-14 Stake Temple Week for concentrated efforts
- 13 Institute Forum with Richard Chapple (Russia)
- 14 Region Volleyball Tournament
- 15 Stake Young Men/Young Women Service Project Film Festival
- 22 Tallahassee Second Ward Conference
- 22-28 National Family Week
- 24 Primary Priesthood Preview
- 26 Thanksgiving

December

- 6 First Presidency Christmas Devotional via satellite
- 12 Boy Scout Eagle Merit Day
- 25 Christmas
- 31 New Year's Eve dance

Sharing

This is your opportunity to share your talents with others and to develop and improve the skills you have been blessed with. We look forward to hearing from men and women of all ages with poetry, short stories, and artwork. Please submit your contributions to "SHARING," c/o Marion Whitley, 5084 Tallow Pt., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

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- ✓ Drawings may be done in pencil, ink, marker or crayon. Color originals are acceptable; however, it is best to avoid blues and greens. These colors fade in black and white camera reproduction. Also keep in mind that some detail may be lost in reduction of size for printing.
- ✓ Our ability to print will be limited, to some extent, by the length of submissions.
- ✓ All submissions will be printed at the discretion of the editors.
- ✓ Submissions will be returned after use only if requested.

Answers to the Scrambled Thanksgiving: 1. Pumpkin pie, 2. Cranberries, 3. Turkey dressing, 4. Thanksgiving dinner, 5. Mashed potatoes, 6. Gander gravy, 7. Hot rolls-butter, 8. Autumn season, 9. relatives, 10. gratitude



Andy Cranford, age 16
Out-of-stake subscriber

What a Trip!

by Joel Bowers
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"Wow! Is that it?" "Where, where?!" "All you can see is Moroni over the trees." "Tell him to drive slower!" "Ain't that pretty." "Where's he gonna park?"

At last, after a hectic day and a quick breakfast, we finally made it to the temple in Atlanta. I was lucky enough to be in the first group, no waiting around in a local stake center for me! But it would have been worth the wait; temple trips always are.

Stepping off the bus, we looked around us. There was a certain something around the temple that was simply missing when I looked across the street. It was something wonderful . . . something holy . . . something that stayed with us the whole time we were in the temple and lasted throughout the rest of the trip . . . something I feel only when I know something is right. It was the Holy Ghost. Funny how loudly a whisper can sound.

On this temple trip to Atlanta everyone did ten baptisms. It was great! I love the temple, no matter if it is in Atlanta, Washington, Hawaii, or New Zealand. I have a testimony of temple work that won't quit.

This trip was more than a trip to the Atlanta Temple, though; we also went to Nauvoo, Illinois, the city beautiful. After both groups had gone to the temple on Tuesday, we left the same evening for Nauvoo, driving all night, waking up in St. Louis just in time to see the sun rise between the Arch, and driving on until the afternoon. Of course, we did stop for meals during the day (but only when the lead bus got hungry).

Wednesday afternoon we arrived in Carthage. There was a strange spirit moving with us as some missionaries showed us the jail where

Joseph and Hyrum Smith were killed and where John Taylor was severely wounded and Willard Richards miraculously escaped harm. I walked underneath the second floor window right where Joseph fell to his death. I stood where Hyrum stood watching out the window as the mob approached. There was such a feeling there of injustice and death.

The next morning, Thursday, was beautiful. We left to go to Nauvoo, right across the Mississippi River. The whole city was fabulous. There were buildings still standing with original floors built in the 1840's. The LDS Church bought most of the historic sites there and restored them. There were blacksmith shops, brickworks, stables, bakeries, and every kind of shop you could think of, including two newspapers. The Reorganized LDS Church owned several buildings, too, such as Joseph Smith's home, his General Store, and his Mansion House.







That night, right before the City of Joseph Pageant, over one-hundred thirty young men and women and chaperones gathered for a testimony meeting.

After Nauvoo and the City of Joseph Pageant, Friday's trip to Mark Twain's Cave in Hannibal, Missouri was a bit of a letdown. There was a real difference in the spirit. Maybe because it was time to go home, but maybe there is a real difference between a place where the Spirit has really worked and where it may only have touched, if at all.

One thing is for sure. It was time to go home, and none of us wanted to. We left Hannibal Friday afternoon, passed through half of Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee (maybe Alabama, I was asleep), Georgia, and arrived late in Tallahassee around 11:00 in the morning.

It was a great trip!

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