

# Brother's Keeper:

## The Comings and Goings of the Pacific Northwest

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### Regional Dates:

- Reunion:  
August 12-18
- Priesthood Retreat:  
September 27-29
- Fall Conference:  
October 4-6
- Young Adult Group  
(YAG) retreat:  
October 18-20

## *A Beloved Sister Returns Home*

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Joann Kay Vaughn, 65, of Vancouver, WA, died at Oregon Health Science University on June 18, 2013 at 8:15 a.m., after a short battle with cancer. She was born on July 27, 1947 in Portland, OR, daughter of Leland and Helen King. Joann worked as a nurse and loved being of service and helping others for over 40 years. She was a devoted wife and loving mother who loved her farm, "Veranda Beach", where she raised her family and Nigerian dwarf dairy goats. Joann is survived by her brother, Lenard King; sister, Debbie Cox; cousins, Mildred and Lorene Nice; children, Jennifer Vaughn Campbell, Rebecca Vaughn Barr and Glenn Vaughn Jr.; three grandchildren; and Joann's husband of 45 years, Glenn Vaughn, the pastor of the Church of Christ Restored.

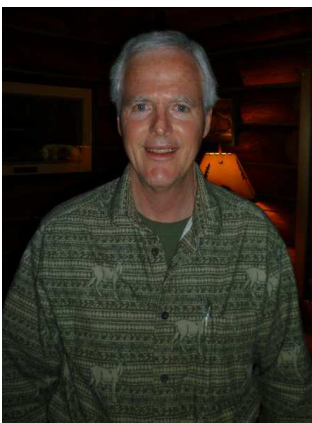


*Sister Joann Vaughn*

*...and then it shall come to pass that the spirits of those who are righteous, are received into a state of happiness, which is called paradise; a state of rest; a state of peace, where they shall rest from all their troubles, and from all care, and sorrow... - Alma 19:44*

## *Northwest Regional Men's Retreat*

*By Brother Ron Moss*



*Brother Ron Moss*

Friday evening after a wonderful dinner prepared by Sue and Melissa Herren, the men settled into the living room where Brother Brian Herren gave an introduction to the weekend. Then Brother Bill Curtis led us in a song service and words of counsel. Many talked into the late evening catching up with each others lives and that of their families. A comfortable comradery settled around us as we talked. We were glad to see each other. This years gathering was held at the Lewis River Campgrounds and talking to Dave Wenholtz, he recalled many years ago that during summer reunions there were up to 900 saints in attendance. What a sight that would have been. Saturday morning after a wonderful breakfast, we sat down to a day of classes. The first class, given by Elder Mike Terry, was "Blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion as righteous fathers and husbands." Mike, a new father of 4 boys himself, beamed as he talked about being a father for the first time, and what a blessing the boys were to Dawn and him, and how it had changed their lives for the better. Mike called on several men to explain how they had met their future wives and what it meant to them to find the love of their lives. It was fun to listen to their stories and we were all blessed in the telling.

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## Northwest Regional Men's Retreat

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Elder Brian Herren taught the next class "Blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion as good stewards". Brian talked about how his trip to Africa had changed him forever, made him reevaluate his own life, and his level of giving. He used himself as an example, wondering if he had indeed given all that he could. How much money does one

need in reserve, where could one's time be spent, and could more be done to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and minister to the poor? Something we all could ponder in our own lives. We stepped away from classes for another super meal (how does Brian stay so fit with his mother and wife feeding him all these years?) Elder Gary Jones taught the next class "Blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion as one body."

With many scripture readings, Gary was able to show that we are called to be a unified body. Obstacles continue to be in our path, but through unity in body, mind and spirit, we can become one people. Recreation time came next on the agenda. While many played croquet on a rough lawn with many hazards to contend with, a lively game ensued. Brother Wray Moreland and I walked the grounds of the campground. We walked up the hill where a cross used to stand, where one could go for prayer and reflection. All that greeted us was a landscape devoid of trees (a clearcut) and no cross to be found. Wray showed me his parent's cabin (still there) which I'm sure brought a mixture of happy memories of his youth spent there, and

sadness that 40 years had passed since our church had used the campgrounds. After dinner the men returned to the living room, where Gary Livingston treated us to a ministry of music with his singing and guitar playing. We have all heard Gary play and sing before, but this was something special. For each song, and there were ten, Gary had different men

read a passage of scripture that helped inspire him in writing each song. Sometimes more than one scripture went with each song. But more than that, Gary told us what was going on in his life at the time each song was created. It was truly amazing, and brought to life each song. Thank you, Gary. P.S. you should make a CD of your songs using this format, it would be an inspiration to everyone listening to the CD. Just a thought. Sunday morning as I

looked around at the men who sat in chairs to my left and right, for what was to be the last time before we returned to our families, it seemed such a short time ago we were shaking hands and greeting each other on Friday afternoon. Where had the time gone? Such righteous men, dedicated to GOD, living their faith, each and every day. We were truly blessed for the time we had apart from the world. After prayer and testimony service, we took communion. An excellent way to end our men's retreat. We then gathered our belongings, did a quick cleanup of the lodge, said our goodbyes, anxious to return next year, where hopefully the time will go a more slowly.



## 2013 Regional Young Adult Group Retreat

By Brother Kevin Herren



Brother Kevin  
Herren

Good Brothers and Sisters, the time speedily approaches for the 2013 Young Adult Group (YAG) retreat. Each year we meet together to draw apart from the world and fellowship together to strengthen our bonds with each other and in our Lord, Christ Jesus. In years passed, we have stayed in a cabin right on Mt. Hood, escaped on a house boat, spent time at the beach, and made hot chocolate from snow in front of the yurt on Hoodoo. Each retreat offers opportunity to come together, but the central focus remains on the Lord. We have classes, worship services, ministries of music and prayer service, among other activities. We are one body. We are able to eat together, learn together and play together. From hiking, to swimming, to snow tubing, there are plenty of opportunities to play. This year promises to be another great retreat. The theme is taken from John 4:16, "But whosoever drinketh of the water which I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life". We have a house reserved in the resort town of Sun River near Bend, OR. Over the weekend of October 18-20 we will come together once again. The house is a beautiful get away with bikes (if the weather holds out, or if we decide to take a winter ride through the refreshing rain). The property is adjacent to a lake, creating a beautiful view through the massive windows. There is a hot tub, and the opportunity will be made to enjoy fresh made brownies as we relax; a favorite indulgence to some. Importantly, there is plenty of room for extreme croquet. Now, who is a Yaglet?

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...Well the YAG is comprised of those who are no longer young enough to partake in the youth activities, yet young enough to climb mountains and swim at midnight if we decide. One thing the YAG enjoys is a complete freedom of worship and fellowship. We follow after the Holy Spirit. Spontaneous singing and surprise activities should be expected. If you are eighteen years old, you qualify. All young adults are invited, member and non-member alike. Bring your friends. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible at (503) 562-9384 or [pxkevinherren@gmail.com](mailto:pxkevinherren@gmail.com). There is no cost to attend, and all meals are provided. Just come and enjoy! The love of God, strength of Christ and peace of the Spirit be upon you,

- Kevin Herren



## A Few Words About Youth Camp 2013

*Shared by a few of the campers themselves*



**Brother Josh Ornelia**

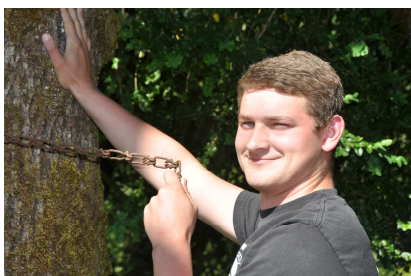
This years youth camp was all about becoming of one body and one mind, together as one, to bring forth our Zion. The camp was a very different experience for me since I have never gone to a camp before, and I can say now that I am very glad that did. Those five days were the most spiritual, insightful, and by far the best days of my life. First of all, everyone there were so inviting and kindhearted. I don't think I've ever met a greater group of youth and adults, especially in one place; that itself is awesome. The youth consisted of seventeen young, admirable, sharp, blissful, exceedingly amazing boys and girls. There was Robert Ellison who always had a story to tell. Michael Livingston who always seemed to be in the best mood. Joshua Denton who knew how to make everyone laugh. Jake Ornelia who strove through every challenge. Benjamin Shave who never grew tired.

Branden Hopkins who made the best of everything. Isaiah Black who never ran out of positivity. Orion Kurowski who always had a smile on his face. Melissa Clark who was there when you needed her. Sydni Williams who was determined to see through her goal. Jamie Lang who always knew what to say. Morgan Atwood who always thought of others. Nicole Jones who's enthusiasm affected us all (in a good way of course). Katie Nash who was always a good friend, Katie Jones who showed no fears, and Maddie Atwood who was always so kind. As for the staff and adults there was Dianna Clark and Carla Livingston whose time put in and highly appreciated gourmet skills will never be forgotten as they cooked every meal for us through out the week. Judi Smith whose company was cherished by everyone. Cessaries Galusha who blessed us all with her voice and music. Kevin Herren whose teachings lead us all to understanding, Doug Smith whose sharing and teachings opened everyones eyes and hearts, and Brian Herrren who showed true leadership in the way of The Lord and kept us all strong through out the week. I could not have asked for a better group of souls to share this journey with me. I do believe I was truly blessed to meet them. On a more personal note, the camp most definitely changed my perspective on the way of Christ. I came to the camp with countless questions, thoughts, and doubts and I was honestly kind of scared to go through with it. As the week went by and as I attended classes, I finally started to understand. All those questions answered, all my thoughts clear, and all the doubts forgotten. The spirit of the camp and those around me helped me listen and take in the lessons, and they encouraged me to use them to not only make an impact on my life, but the lives of those who need it like I did. The campfires were probably my favorite parts of the camp. ...continued on page 4

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...Going outside and sitting side by side next to those you love and love you back; singing and praising around the fire, sharing testimonies and opening up to one another. This was my favorite because we all shared the same love and spirit. Anything could have happened during those nights and we'd all be there for one another, we *were* there for one another. I guess you could say I liked the feeling that there was always someone there for me. All in all, the camp, the spirit, the people, really had an impact on my life; and I am forever grateful. I am blessed to have gone, and all I can say now; is that I can not wait for next year.



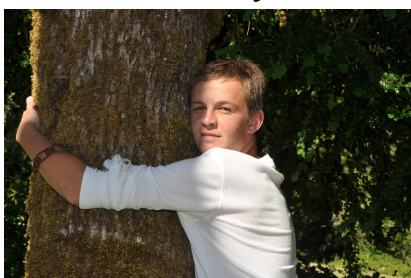
***Brother Josh Denton***

This years youth camp was spectacular, it was completely amazing! I was invited to go by my best friend because she was worried about me, and after going, and meeting all these great, wonderful people, I feel loved and blessed by The Lord. I feel so much better, I've become more self confident, my relationship with God has been strengthened and I am just a more happy person. The classes that week were phenomenal. The staff were so inspiring with their testimonies and other stories, I felt so connected with God and everyone there. I regret nothing that happened there, and I will be there next year for sure!



***Sister Nicole Jones***

Youth Camp 2013 was definitely blessed and I got a lot more out of it than I expected. The Holy Spirit was with us and the prayer and testimony campfire times were amazing. Each and every one of us opened our hearts and the Lord flooded in. It was also a great blessing to have Doug Smith there. He is such an inspiration and his classes were full of truth and wisdom. We were just so blessed by the hand of the Lord. Best Camp Ever!



***Brother Robert Ellison***

At the youth camp this year, the campers and staff were all blessed. We all formed a bond in Christ throughout the camp. We learned about how we were to come together to build Zion. As we went through the week we had classes that pertained to this topic. We found out that it is not necessarily the physical act of constructing Zion, but that we should build it in our hearts by serving each other and becoming of one heart and mind, and we wanted that. Even though there were new people there that we had never met before but it felt like we had known them forever. Through the entire camp we did everything together. I know during this camp the togetherness that I felt really helped show me the love of God. I believe we all felt that way and has lead us to want to change our lives to serve God in more ways.



***Sister Katie Jones***

This year's regional Youth Camp Struck home for me Spiritually! My cup runneth over. The Holy Spirit was with us, through the prayers, testimonies, and even our recreational time. The Lord has touched each and everyone of our hearts that week. We went to camp not knowing what to expect. We came back whole different people. Praise be to God, our Father and Healer!

**“O God, thou hast taught me from my youth; and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.” - Psalms 71:17**



## *A Few Words About Youth Camp 2013*

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***Sister Melissa Clark***

I think everyone who attended the 2013 regional youth camp would have to agree that it was amazing. We were all so blessed in having Brother Doug and Sister Judi out here as camp staff this year. We started out our week by praying for unity and I believe that God blessed us with that. The spirit was definitely abiding with us as we learned in classes, sang around the campfire, and laughed with one another throughout the whole camp. The theme for the camp says, "And blessed are they which shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost" (1 Nephi 3:187), and I know that I learned a lot from this scripture. I learned that we all must be builders and not waiters because we all need to build up Zion and not just wait for it to come. I also learned that this starts in our everyday lives. We must strive to show our lights to all, to have a oneness with each other, and that we must be missionaries for Christ. I'm so thankful that I had the opportunity to spend time and bond with my brothers and sisters at youth camp this year and although I was extremely sad when it came to an end, I look forward to the time when we can all be together as one once again.



***Brother Michael Livingston***

Youth camp this year was great. The scripture theme for this year was I Nephi 3:187, "And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost." During camp we all came very close to becoming one heart and one mind. We practiced this by doing 18 legged races, getting in groups of three while one person is blinded folded and while the other two guides them with their voice to get them one place to another, or by just talking to each other openly about stuff because everyone knows that no one will judge them. We practiced these things because we all want to bring forth Zion but in order to do this we need to become one heart and one mind. The camp pastor for the week was Doug Smith, while his wife Judi Smith was the camp nurse. They are from Missouri. Doug did a presentation every evening about places he and his wife traveled to, like Kenya. The testimonies about Kenya and other places were amazing because they showed how God's work can go through anyone. The classes that we had were very good and taught us a lot about how to love one another and also to forgive each other too. We all had a great time and we all can't wait until next year.



***Brother Branden Hopkins***

My most favorite and scariest part of camp was sharing things I was going through in life. After I shared I felt a little better, but the thing that was wrong was that I was thinking what would these people think of me? They probably think I'm a totally different person. So when the campfire was over, at which I shared deeply, I tried to just walk quickly to my room. I crawled in bed and just felt horrible! I just told myself I'm going to stay in bed tomorrow, but of course that didn't happen. The next morning I came down stairs and everyone was so happy to see me!!! Right then I knew it didn't matter what I've done...they still knew who I really am and hope to be. So I talked to God when I got home and I opened up a random page in my bible and looked at the top right corner. It was II Chronicles 30:9 and I could only read a part. It said: "The Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto Him". That told me that the Lord loves you no matter what, as long as you have repentance, which is being sorry for your sins, forsaking the sins, and forgiving others. So that's my blessing and my favorite part of camp. That meant a lot to me.



***Brother Orion Kurowski***

I had a wonderful first year of youth camp. There are many of Brother Doug's testimonies that I shared with family and friends. My sister Machaela and my cousin Caleb will be baptized on August 25. Machaela will be joining us at youth camp next year. On the way to meet my dad, Katie and Nikki's mom (Sister April Jones) told me that we should go to the Puyallup church if we can. It's only a 50 minute drive. We will hopefully be going to that church after this summer. I can't wait to come back next year.







## *2013 Pacific Northwest Priesthood Retreat*

September 27-29, 2013, Lewis River Campground

Regional Theme:

"...Blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion..."

— 1 Nephi 3:187

### **Friday, September 20**

- 6:30 Dinner  
8:00 Song Service - Elder Gary Livingston  
8:30 Prayers for the Weekend - Elder Mike Terry

### **Saturday, September 21**

- 8:00 Breakfast  
8:45 - 9:15 Morning Worship - Elders Gary Jones and Mitch Arndt  
9:20 Class - Administering the ordinances and sacraments - High Priest Bill Curtis  
Class - God's plan for the Aaronic and Melchisedec Priesthood - Elder Wray Moreland  
12:00 Lunch  
1:00 Class - Leading the worship services of the Church - High Priest Bill Curtis  
Afterward Free time  
5:00 Dinner  
6:00 Pastors Report - summary of the proceedings, growth, blessings, and needs of each branch  
Open Discussion - all priesthood  
Prayers for the congregations - pastors from Salem, Vancouver, Puyallup in charge

### **Sunday, September 22**

- 8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 - 9:30 Song Service - Elder Gary Livingston  
9:30 - 10:00 Communion Service - Elders Glenn Vaughn and Brian Moreland  
10:00 Charge and Words of Counsel - High Priest John Henderson  
Afterward Light Lunch

### **Registration Information**

**September 27-29, 2013, Lewis River Campgrounds**

**Please send \$85 to: Jim Clark – 4577 Sunflower Way NE, Salem, Oregon, 97305**

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**NW Region of Restoration Congregations or NWRRC**



## *2013 Pacific Northwest Fall Conference*

October 4-6, 2013, Vancouver, Washington

### **Regional Theme:**

**"...Blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion..."**

**- 1 Nephi 3:187**

### **Friday, October 4**

6:30 Song service

7:00 Preaching - Elder Brian Moreland, In Charge - Elder Brian Herren, Assisting - Priest  
Derek Etheridge

### **Saturday, October 5**

9:30 Song Service

10:00 Communion Service: In Charge - Elder Wray Moreland, Assisting - Elder Mitch Arndt

11:00 Prayer and Testimony Service: In Charge - High Priests Bill Curtis and John Henderson

12:00 Lunch

1:15 Regional Business Meeting: In Charge - Elder Brian Herren, Assisting - Elders Gary Jones  
and Glenn Vaughn

Afterward Free time (Youth plan worship service)

5:00 Dinner

6:30 Song Service

7:00 Preaching - Elder Gary Livingston, In Charge - Elder Glenn Vaughn, Assisting - Priest Jim  
Clark

### **Sunday, October 6**

9:45 Morning Worship - Regional Youth

10:00 Sunday Morning Class - Elder Glenn Vaughn

11:00 Preaching - Elder Mike Terry, In Charge - Elder Gary Jones, Assisting - Priest Jeff Rew

Afterward Lunch

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