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## Upcoming Events

- September 19-21:  
Priesthood Retreat
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## Three Baptisms at Lewis River

Sisters Jeanna, Emily, and Alyssa Hill were baptized by water by Elder Brian Herren on Sunday, June 19th. Elders Mike Terry and Brian Herren confirmed the Hill sisters afterward. In attendance were Saints from the Vancouver and Salem Restoration Branches, as well as family and friends. Pre-baptismal classes had been provided in Wasco, Oregon in advance.



*And it came to pass that  
whosoever was baptized by  
the power and authority of  
God, was added to his church.  
- Mosiah 9:50*



# 2014 Pacific Northwest Reunion

August 11-17, 2014, Vancouver, WA

Regional Theme:

“For We Are Laborers Together With God...”

— I Corinthians 3:9

## Monday, August 11

7:00 Preaching Service  
Afterward Refreshments and Fellowship, campfire, bed time bible stories for the younger youth (in the sanctuary)

## Tuesday - Saturday, August 12 - August 16

7:30 - 8:00 Priesthood Meeting  
8:00 - 8:45 Breakfast  
8:45 - 8:50 BREAK  
8:50 - 9:20 Morning Worship and Song Service: under the leadership of the Aaronic Priesthood: Priest Ed Mason taking oversight and care  
9:20 - 10:20 Prayer and Testimony Service  
10:20 - 10:30 BREAK  
10:30 Class  
12:00 Lunch  
1:00 - 3:00 Recreation / Rest / Preparation / Patriarchal Blessings  
3:15 - 5:15 Missionary Presentations from Australia, the Philippines, Africa, Nepal, and India - High Priest Paul Gage, Elder Doug Smith, Elder Brian Herren, (except on Saturday: Gifts and Talents to Honor the Lord)  
5:30 - 6:30 Dinner  
6:45 Music  
7:00 Preaching Service  
Afterward Campfire (bed time bible stories will be available for the younger youth in the sanctuary at this time)

## Sunday, August 17

8:00 - 8:50 Breakfast  
9:00 - 9:15 Song Service  
9:15 - 10:45 Prayer and Communion Service  
11:00 Preaching Service

## Prayer and Testimony Services

	<i><b>In Charge</b></i>	<i><b>Assisting</b></i>
Tuesday	Elder G. Livingston	Priest J. Rew
Wednesday	Patriarch V. Darling	Priest E. Mason
Thursday	Elder M. Arndt	Priest D. Ethridge
Friday	Patriarch V. Darling	Deacon D. Mason
Saturday	Elder G. Vaughn	Elder G. Buckbee
Sunday	High Priest B. Curtis	Elder W. Moreland

## Classes

Tuesday	Elder B. Herren
Wednesday	Elder G. Livingston
Thursday	Elder M. Esquivel
Friday	Elder M. Arndt
Saturday	Elder B. Moreland

## Preaching Services

	<i><b>Preaching</b></i>	<i><b>In Charge</b></i>	<i><b>Assisting</b></i>
Monday	Elder W. Moreland	Elder B. Herren	Deacon D. Mason
Tuesday	Elder M. Terry	Elder M. Arndt	Priest J. Rew
Wednesday	Elder G. Livingston	Elder G. Vaughn	Elder G. Buckbee
Thursday	High Priest B. Curtis	Elder M. Terry	Teacher K. Herren
Friday	Elder G. Jones	Elder B. Moreland	Priest Derek Ethridge
Saturday	Elder B. Herren	Elder W. Moreland	Priest J. Clark
Sunday	Patriarch V. Darling	Elder B. Herren	High Priest B. Curtis, Elder G. Vaughn and Elder J. Jones



## Pacific Northwest Summer Preaching Series

by Brother Brian Herren

In August of 2012, Brother Travis Clark and I were able to visit Kenya, and God changed our lives forever. We were richly blessed by the generosity of the Kenyan Saints, the sincerity of their commitment to Christ, and their faithful disposition toward His loving gospel. The sacrificial nature by which they responded to God's call was a piercing reminder of the finer elements of man's potential. We left Kenya, but our hearts stayed behind. The same should be noted in regard to our more recent blessings in Nepal.

Instrumental to our reception of the kindness and privilege that only the heavens can mete out, was a family of servants so devoted to such causes that we found ourselves at home in the eastern reserves of a continent once forgotten. Brother Eric Odida, and his wife, Sister Pamela, opened their doors, and our Heavenly Father opened the heavens. Their sons, Brother Dean and Brother Prestler, along with those that share their loving home, gave us a lifetime of reason to rejoice. Since our first meeting, it has been our hope that we might one day receive Brother and Sister Odida in our homes, and make the way for their ministry to the Saints in the Pacific Northwest. By the grace of God, and the divine provision which refines our faith, Brother Eric and Sister Pamela were received in the Pacific Northwest region of the United States for the first time on July 4, 2014. They offered ministry in Salem, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington.

Elder Eric Odida preached a three day series, beginning in Vancouver and concluding in Salem. He spoke of the "miracle of love" during the first of the three sermons, and the Holy Ghost inspired the congregants in Sainly fellowship as he shared. Many refused to leave after the preaching service had concluded, preferring to continue in worship at a campfire service directed by Sister Cessaries Galusha and Brother Dustin Mason.

After spending some time appreciating the creative impress of God's matchless design in the great outdoors, hiking the Columbia River Gorge, and sampling local salmon, Brother Eric again occupied the pulpit on July 5th for an evening service. He spoke of the power which the gospel has to change the lives of men, and shared many inspiring testimonies. The Spirit directed and the preaching continued into the evening so that we were blessed with a fullness that created great expectations for the following day's services.

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## Pacific Northwest Summer Preaching Series

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The Saints of the region had traveled to Vancouver for the first two sermons of the series, and on Sunday, July 6th, they traveled to Salem for the final sermon. The church building was full. Elder Gary Livingston provided special music to begin the day and we passed to our various classes. There were so many children and young folks in attendance, that special considerations had to be made. When the classes were finished, the sanctuary was again filled with Saints, old and young. Elder Brian Herren presided, with High Priests John Henderson and Bill Curtis, Elder Gary Livingston and Elder Eric Odida occupying the rostrum. After prayer and song, offerings of money and music, Brother Eric greeted the Saints in the name of the Lord and administered greetings on behalf of the Church in Kenya. If words could convey the ministry we received, I would send them forth here with special design, but they will fail to represent the spirit of the moment. The sermon spoke to the healing of the ten lepers in Luke 17, and Brother Eric asked, "Where are the nine?", "Where are you?". We have been healed of a disease worse than leprosy, whose wages are death in body and spirit, but have we turned toward the Lord as the one or gone to our daily lives as the nine?

After the final preaching service, the Saints assembled at Silver Falls State Park for a picnic. Beautiful weather and stunning water falls complimented the towering trees and green grass. The youth created a circle and began to sing songs of praise, and we spent a considerable portion of the day there. The next appointment was at 6:00 pm, when Brother Eric showed slides to about 25 Saints in one of our homes. He shared testimonies and answered questions. The young men were so excited in the gospel that it seemed their agitation would demand they begin their missions that moment. The day following was spent more leisurely, drifting along the Oregon coastline, tasting local seafood, running on the beach, wading in the cool Pacific waters, and walking barefoot through the sand. Sister Cessaries Galusha, Sister Melissa Clark, and Brother Vitaliy Surov are to be commended for their special ministry here.

The last evening of the Odida's stay was spent in supper, before prayers were offered at the cross at the church lot in Salem. May God continue to bless us in the harmony of the Sprit that has settled upon us, that His light might serve as a lighthouse to these shores until such a time as we are added to the kindled fire in the Center Place, Zion the beautiful.

The following brief testimonies were submitted by those in attendance:

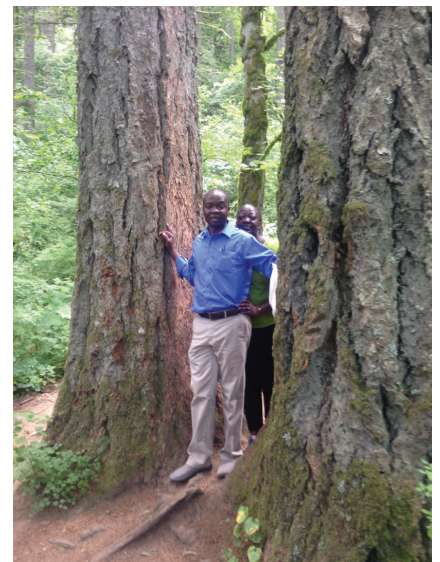
*"I was very blessed by the preaching service! Probably the biggest testimony was I felt like Brother Eric was talking directly to me. I could feel the spirit growing inside me with every minute he spoke! I could feel that the words were from God, and God was using Brother Eric as an instrument in His hands! I was so thankful for Brother Eric and his many testimonies. He has strengthened my faith. He will be in my heart forever." - Robert Ellison, 18 years old*

*"It is hard to put into words the way Brother Eric Odida touched my life. His ministry was absolutely amazing. His testimonies and the Spirit he carries still resonates in my soul. His message on, "how has the church grown?" hit home to me. And also recognizing that we are a "walking, talking billboard for Christ"! He admonished us in a way that was kind and gentle. I for one am ready to go door to door and profess my love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Who's with me? I hope and pray that God be with all his Saints." - Dustin Mason*

*"I felt as though Eric Odida spoke right to me through each testimony and message...from speaking about love, to coming to the Book of Mormon, and also finding the Restored Church of Christ. Being able to behold and listen to a man of such faith was a blessing so incredible that some may only witness it once in their lifetime. It was truly a magnificent gift from God" - Vitaliy Surov, 16 years old*

*"As Brother Odida spoke on Friday evening the Spirit rested upon me in great measure. He spoke of our need to love in greater measure. I was able to spend time directly after service alone in a field and commune with our Heavenly Father and was very blessed with peace and complete tranquility. By the end of the summer series God had worked in me in a way which has forever changed my life. He has ignited His Holy Spirit in my bosom and filled me with desire to serve at a greater level. As a member of His priesthood, I feel a renewed vigor, reinvigorated in the gospel and a sense of responsibility and a fire to magnify my calling. I praise God for working through His faithful servants in every portion of the vineyard."*

- Kevin Herren      ...concluded on page 5





*"What a wonderful blessing to have the opportunity to listen to Brother Eric Odida preach for three days! Upon entering the church on the first evening of his preaching, the Spirit flooded my soul with a feeling of love and joy. The song service that preceded the preaching helped this beautiful feeling to increase and swell in my heart, and indeed this peaceful Spirit was present each time the Saints of the Northwest gathered together to worship under the leadership of Brother Odida. What a gentle and meek servant of God he is. What wisdom and truth are contained in his words. The testimonies he bore regarding the growth of the Church in Kenya were also quite inspiring. My own faith has been strengthened by the faith and courage of brothers and sisters in Kenya whom I have never met. Truly God is alive and working in His Church all over the world."* -Deanne Murnieks

*"I feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to listen to Brother Eric. I will never forget the words he spoke and I hope I can apply them to my life. I truly feel that the Holy Spirit attended him and the congregation as he spoke. I especially enjoyed the testimonies he shared about his life and the church in Kenya. I feel very close to the people in Kenya just by hearing him speak. I will surely be praying for Brother Eric as he continues his missionary work, and for my brothers and sisters in Kenya."* - Ginger Murnieks, 13 years old

*"Brother Eric and Sister Pamela Odida came for a preaching series over the weekend. He gave three sermons and one slide show. I believe that the Spirit was there at all of the events. I loved hearing of his testimonies and how God is working in Kenya to bring people close to Him."* - Donovan Murnieks, 10 years old

*"It was a special privilege to have Eric and Pam with us and I appreciated his message. However, I am most impressed by their calm assurance and dedication as they serve God, considering they live in a land where pastors are being killed and churches burned. Their lives testify to their faith that they are in God's hand and His will shall be done"* - John Henderson

*"After much anticipation to meet Eric Odida, what a blessing!!!! I didn't see black or white. I looked in his face and I saw love."* - Jan Esquivel

*"Both of us were deeply touched through the ministry of Brother Eric Odida. We both recognized the humble spirit he carries coupled with his steadfastness in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We also truly felt the deep and abiding love he has for God and for his fellow man. The testimonies Brother Eric shared strongly testified of our awesome, powerful, and loving Heavenly Father. Through Brother Eric's ministry, we both felt a greater connection to and a heart-felt love for our brothers and sisters in Kenya."*  
-Gary and Carla Livingston

## Pacific Northwest Summer Preaching Series

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A few brief testimonies submitted by those in attendance:

*"Best 4th of July in many years and one I hope to repeat being with so many of my brothers and sisters in Christ! On Saturday Brother Eric's talk on love touched my spirit. As he said, "God IS Love". It is truth! Love is the very circle of LIFE.*

*Without God we cannot truly love nor be loved, we cannot forgive nor be*

*forgiven. We cannot show nor have compassion, humility or hope because All of these are only achievable if you have Love (God) which was shown to us through his son Jesus Christ. I thank my Heavenly Father for I know that only He will always love me with all my many flaws, and sins. We are truly forgiven when we humble our hearts and repent with a contrite spirit. Through His son Jesus we become perfect and pure in His eyes. That's pure LOVE! We should all try to show each other love as brother Eric pointed out, if we are true followers of Christ. Sunday some of us went down to our sister church in Salem (my first visit) to hear Brother Eric's final sermon when he asked the questions, "Where are you"? "Where is the nine"? It was about discipleship. Are we out there with our neighbors, in our communities and daily with our friends, co-workers and families doing what God asks of us? Are we "Working along side with our Heavenly Father" helping him gather his sheep by the way we talk, listen, give, work, lead? Or when Brother Brian Herren also asked in one of his sermons, "Are you in the boat"(like Christ's disciples)? My answer to Brother Eric's question and Brother Brian's is "Here I am Lord"! I may be rocking the boat, but I am IN."* - Christy Ornelia

*"I was much impressed with Brother Eric Odida's challenge to us to become perfected in and through the love of Jesus Christ. I was equally impressed with his thankful heart for the support the saints of Kenya has received from the saints of the Restoration via material needs. Last and most importantly, Brother Eric's statement of what the people of Kenya need, is for people to come and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ."* - Wray Moreland



## Youth Camp 2014

by Brother Vitaliy Surov

NW Regional Youth Camp 2014 was incredible. Twenty-three campers and seven staff were able to attend and experience God's magnificence together. "For we are laborers together with God..." I Corinthians 3:9 was the theme throughout camp, that the body of Christ works as a whole, so when one part goes down, the whole body suffers, but when one part is glorified, the whole body is glorified. It was this mentality and theme that allowed everyone at camp to bond so well, because we would have our eyes focused on God and not on worldly things. Though there were times when we could be alone to pray or study, everyone would be together during activities and prayer services, which just strengthened our bond even more. The activities we did together were amazing. To start out our mornings, the staff would have their meeting to pray and discuss, and then everyone who wanted to would go Polar Bearing (Jumping into very cold water) in the nearby Lewis River, which is nowhere near relaxing temperature, so the shock and excitement of it jump started each of our days. Then we would race for the hot showers, and have breakfast that Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Livingston would make deliciously every morning. Being fueled up for the day, we would go through prayer service, classes, songs of praise, shoes off time, activities, evenings with the pastor, and campfire. Prayer service was a really good way for all of us to really connect with God in the morning, and to ask for God's blessing on the upcoming day. He gave His blessings unto us each and every day, blessings that put us in awe, and blessings that would leave us speechless. Classes were just packed with wisdom. It seemed like God would just speak through the teachers in every class, and questions that we had were answered through the teachers. It was truly a blessing to be taught by Kevin Herren, Cessaries Galusha, Dawn Terry, and Dustin Mason. God did something powerful through them as they taught, and we will always be grateful. We also had the privilege of having Brian Herren as our camp pastor, and he did so much for everyone, whether it was inspiring the campers, encouraging them, teaching them, or praying with them late at night. God truly ordained an incredible staff for camp, a staff that went out of their way each and every day to be there with us, through our joy, our sorrow, our hardships, they did so much for each of us, that it could only be God himself who chose such a carefully



## Reflections on Youth Camp

by Sister Katie Jones



Youth camp this year was a very spiritual experience for me. God spoke to the deepest parts of my soul and engulfed me in His grace, presence and mercy. I now can understand that overpowering love for people that Jesus had on the cross. When I left camp I wanted to walk up to people I have never met, hug them and tell them how much I loved them and how much God loved them as well. I was not ashamed of the fullness of the Gospel. I carried my scriptures around with me and read every chance I got. Youth camp this year has lifted my spirit to higher ground that I did not even know existed. I still continue to hold the blazing candle that was lit at this final youth camp for me. Carry your candle into the darkness like Christ did for each and everyone of us. Thank you I Love you ALL!

selected group of people, and that is something that again we all who attended are so grateful for. Songs of Praise was a time before lunch where we would all gather to sing songs that truly expressed our awe and our dependence on him. Cessaries would lead us during this time on the piano, and the praises were just beautiful. Shoes off time was a mostly quite time for everyone, where we could take a nap, read, or work on Camp Log, and this time was important, because it created a time of relaxation for our bodies and minds. Then, we also would have activities throughout the day like volley ball, jeopardy, swimming, and crafts, which were always fun. In the evenings after dinner, we could cap off our day with evenings with the pastor, campfire, and devotions. For me, this time of the day was the most amazing, the time where God's spirit was most upon me. Brian would speak with us, about camp, going back into the world, being our brothers keeper, and what it truly means to be in God's kingdom. ...concluded on page 7.



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One night, Brian showed us a power point of his missionary trips, and there was a certain excitement in each of us, longing for the Spirit that God gave to Brian during those trips. During campfire, we would sing songs, share testimonies, pray, and listen. The spirit of peace would be upon each of us, and as we would leave campfire, that same spirit was with us. Then we had devotions. It was a time where we would discuss camp things, share our thoughts, pray and thank God, and to encourage each other. Mostly, devotions were held in our cabins, but sometimes we would go out to another place. One night, the senior high boys had our devotions on a nearby hill that overlooked the camp ground and the surrounding areas. The night had a stillness to it, and the sky was lit up with stars. Never had I seen so many stars, and never had I beheld the beauty of stars as that night. God's Spirit was with us all, and we felt it on that hilltop. A warm breeze even came upon us in the stillness of the night, something that just gave each of us chills.

Feeling God's Spirit that powerfully that night was just so amazing and overwhelming, and that on days when I doubt, I just remember that night, that Spirit, that God, who "with billions of people in the world, God still chooses to give care to six men on a hilltop". After Brian said those words, I truly beheld just how much care God has for each of us, that as Brian said, there are billions of people in the world, yet God still makes a divine night where he poured out his Spirit on six men on a hill top. How Great Is Our God? On another night, after devotions in our cabins, we began to prepare for bed, when we heard singing as the singing of angels. The girls had gone outside and had started to sing outside the boy's windows. They sang All In All, and I would have lied if I said that I had heard something more beautiful. Their voices were just flowing, and were so majestic, that we boys just pondered how girls could sing so beautifully. Moments like these could just summarize camp. There are so many amazing events and moments that occurred, that if everything was written down "The Earth itself couldn't contain the books thereof". From the soaring eagle that flew over the baptism, the kitchen raids by 'Kitchen Team Six', to the heart warming testimonies after campfire, God's Spirit was with all of us, giving us so much. Brian told me one day that as much as we share our testimonies, our moments, our events that happened at camp, to people who weren't present, they wouldn't be able to fully understand and fully imagine what it was like and how magnificent it was unless God revealed it to them, so though I tried to write this to give a summary of camp, only those who were present will fully feel and understand the magnitude of God's presence at NW Regional Camp 2014. Thank you all who made this camp possible, all who prayed and supported, and all who attended. Thank you for the lasting friendships you have given me, and for taking me in as one of your own into this church. Thank you God, for this church, for bringing us together, for your

Spirit, for this camp, for all the wonderful people who took part in it. Let camp not be the only place where God's holy and extraordinary Spirit be present, but let us invite that Spirit into us wherever we go. "Fear though not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will help thee; yea I will strengthen thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" Isaiah 41:10.

*(See pictures on the next page)*



## Quilt for a Cause

A beautiful quilt made by Sister Nancy Curtis is being raffled to benefit the building fund for the Salem Branch. The quilt measures approximately 80" X 80", and conveys the fruit of the Spirit recorded in Galatians 5. The embroidery of the fruit consists of 188,571 stitches, and required 22 hours of labor with 91 thread changes. \$5 / ticket or \$25 for six tickets. The quilt will be shown at the Oregon State Fair, and several congregations in the Center Place. The drawing will be held on January 1, 2015. Please make checks payable to the Restored Church of Christ with "quilt" in the memo line. Sister Nancy Curtis & Brother Jim Clark have tickets for sale now.



*Youth Camp 2014*





# **2014 Pacific Northwest Priesthood Retreat**

## **September 19-21, 2014 - Lewis River Campground**

**Regional Theme:**

**“For we are laborers together with God...”**

**– I Corinthians 3:9**

### **Friday, September 19**

- 6:30 Dinner**
- 8:00 Song Service - Elder Gary Livingston**
- 8:30 Prayers for the Weekend - Elder Wray Moreland**

### **Saturday, September 20**

- 8:00 Breakfast**
- 8:45 - 9:15 Morning Worship: Teacher Kevin Herren and Deacon Dustin Mason**
- 9:20 Class: Higher Ground: The ministry of Jesus Christ as an example to us today (High Priest Bill Curtis)**
- Class: Bringing men to the fullness: valuable perspectives from converts (Elders Gary Jones and Mike Terry)**
- Afterward Lunch**
- 1:30 Class: God’s plan for the priesthood (High Priest John Henderson)**
- Afterward Free time**
- 5:00 Dinner**
- 6:00 Evening Chats: a move towards unity (Elder Brian Herren)**
- Prayer and Testimony Service: Elder Mitch Arndt and Priest Derek Ethridge**

### **Sunday, September 21**

- 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 Parting charge and challenge to the brethren - Elder Mike Terry**
- Prayers for the Aaronic Ministry (Priests Ed Mason, Jim Clark, Jeff Rew)**
- Prayer for the Melchisedec Ministry (High Priests Bill Curtis & John Henderson)**
- Afterward Light Lunch**

### **Registration Information**

**Please send \$85 to: Jim Clark**

**4577 Sunflower Way NE, Salem, Oregon, 97305**

**Checks should be made out to:**

**NW Region of Restoration Congregations or NWRRC**





## Men's Retreat 2014

by Brother Jeff Rew

What a glorious weekend the men of the region shared as we came together in worship, learning, and love. We were so blessed with the presence of His Spirit throughout the entire weekend as we shared a common goal, as servants, to the strengthening and expansion of our understanding, as men, to our duties to the Lord and fellow man. And oh was it good! "For we are laborers together with God..." (1

Corinthians 3:9) We began Friday evening with a song service led by Brother Bill Curtis, followed by a wonderful prayer service in which many beautiful prayers were offered up unto our Heavenly Father. How blessed I am to hear the prayers of those whose desire is to walk righteously before the Lord, calling upon Him for the welfare of others. Our first class on

Saturday was prepared by Brother Gary Livingston. "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. And now for a man to take up his cross, is to deny himself all ungodliness, and every worldly lust, and keep my commandments." (Matt 16:25-26) Gary brought forth many wonderful scriptures concerning perfection, as we have been commanded. "Ye are therefore commanded to be perfect, even as your Father who is in heaven is perfect." (Matt 6:50) We had marvelous discussion throughout the class on perfection. Following Gary, Brother Mike Terry taught concerning being "Anxiously engaged." "Verily I say, Men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness; for the power is in them..." (D&C section 58d) We were admonished to spend our time in His service and become the laborers which the Lord desires us to be. Mike's class and message is one that each of us who desires to serve the Lord should heed and be attentive to continually. "A strength to His flock" was Brother Brian Herren's theme for the next class. "For he suffered them for an example, preferring one another." (John 4:4) Brian brought forth that the work of the Lord is not all on the Lord, nor all on man, but the labor is to be done together for the purpose of bringing forth His will. Brian had asked that suggestions for how we may become better laborers with God be brought forth for an evening discussion. "All are called according to the gifts of God unto them; and to the intent that all may labor together..." (D&C 119 8b) The discussion included prayer and fasting, making ourselves available, being of good cheer, studying, stewardship, and listening. The emphasis of discussion was placed on being sensitive to the Spirit that we may be aware of other's needs. Saturday ended with an amazingly beautiful song service brought by Brother Gary Livingston. Gary gave testimony to each of the songs and the inspiration behind writing each one. How blessed we were! Our weekend together was short, wonderful, and powerful. We concluded on Sunday with another beautiful prayer service followed by partaking of Communion in remembrance of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A special thanks to Sister Susan and Sister Melissa for the wonderful food they provided. The food prepared at their hands was so good and satisfying to our physical bodies. How blessed we were to receive not only our physical nourishment, but even more so the spiritual nourishment provided by our Heavenly Father. What a loving Father we have to be so attentive to our needs. Let us continually press forward and become laborers together with God that we may be found always in the service of God!



## Camping and Rafting

by Brother Brian Herren

Thirty-two Saints from Yakima, Vancouver, Wasco, and Salem gathered for fellowship during the weekend of July 11-13, 2014. A group campsite was reserved adjacent to the Deschutes River in Maupin, Oregon allowing the Saints to set up their trailers, tents, and motorhomes side-by-side. A circle was created, making a common area for us to fellowship in the center. We shared meals together, played in the river, enjoyed campfire services, watched stunning sunsets, and worshipped together Sunday morning. Many of the Saints braved class III and class IV white water rapids during an 18 mile, 6 hour guided rafting adventure on Saturday. Others were able to spend time relaxing by the river and geocaching. Brother Travis Clark discovered all twelve geocaching



sites in the city of Maupin and earned a commemorative coin. The younger Saints played football and soccer in the grassy group campsite, and prepared s'mores together in the evening. The Holy Spirit blessed us throughout the weekend, and was present Sunday morning as we gathered for a song service led by Sister Cessaries Galusha, a prayer service led by Brother Jeff Rew, and a Sacrament Service led by Brother Brian Herren. We were again reminded of the promise of Zion, when the faithful will live side-by-side each day, worship together, and assist one another in the way. God has surely blessed us with a growing unity within the region, and a special measure of that Spirit that causes us to embrace one another in the pure love of Christ. *(See pictures on the next page)*

## YAG Retreat 2014

A well-appointed cabin, nestled in the beautiful forests near Detroit Lake has been reserved. The cabin has a spacious great room for gathering, multiple bedrooms, two

bathrooms, a loft with additional beds, stone fireplace and BBQ.

It's time for our annual YAG (Young Adult Group) retreat!!! If you are at least 18 years old, and a young adult, you are invited! The retreat will be held October 10-12, 2014 and is open to both members and non-members of the Church. Priests Jim Clark and Jeff Rew will serve as guest ministry. If you are interested, please contact Brothers Brian or Kevin Herren: 503.949.2484 (B) 503.562.9384 (K).



*Retreat Cabin*





*Camping and Rafting*





# **2014 Pacific Northwest Fall Conference**

## **October 3-5, 2014: Vancouver Restoration Branch**

**Regional Theme:**

**“For we are laborers together with God...”**

**– I Corinthians 3:9**

### **Friday, October 3**

**6:30 Song Service: Elder Gary Livingston**

**7:00 Preaching - Teacher Kevin Herren, In Charge - Elder Brian Herren,  
Assisting - Priest Ed Mason and Priest Derek Ethridge**

### **Saturday, October 4**

**9:30 Song Service: Sister Cessaries Galusha (piano - Sister Kay Campbell)**

**10:00 Communion Service: In Charge - Elder Wray Moreland,  
Assisting - Elder Glenn Vaughn and Priest Jeff Rew**

**11:00 Prayer and Testimony Service: In Charge - High Priest Bill Curtis and  
High Priest 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: High Priest Bill Curtis (piano - Sister Cessaries Galusha)**

**7:00 Preaching - Elder Mitch Arndt, In Charge - Elder Mike Terry,  
Assisting - Priest Jim Clark and Elder George Buckbee**

### **Sunday, October 5**

**9:45 Morning Worship - Regional Youth**

**10:00 Sunday Morning Class - Elder Gary Livingston**

**11:00 Preaching - Elder Brian Moreland, In Charge - Elder Gary Jones,  
Assisting - Elder Glenn Vaughn and Deacon Dustin Mason**

**Afterward Lunch**