

# BROTHER'S KEEPER

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- April 22-24: Women's Retreat
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### Admirers, Casual Followers, or True Disciples?

by Brother Brian Herren

In the earthly ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, the very word of God took human form and life in the clearest expression of divine will that mankind has ever known. The plan of eternal salvation and the glad tidings of the kingdom of God were sounded without respect to time or distance, as light itself broke forever the grip of darkness that had so long threatened our miscreant race. The message that Christ brought has tremendous power upon the hearts of men, not only for the nature of its content, but for the manner of its deliverance. He was a choice and chosen messenger. God sent His own Son to invite us. It was not finished when God's word was promoted in the mouths of prophets, or written by inspired sages. Not even the tongues of angels could bring the gospel message to bear with such impress as did Christ when He taught in Spirit. Holy men and ministering spirits might bear the glad tidings, but God sent His Only Begotten Son to offer the most personal invitation imaginable to every soul who would ever occupy this cherished globe of God's election. Even then, the mission of Christ's message was not complete

in eternal happiness. The message was clear, and prophecy fulfilled in our Lord and Savior:

*"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion; to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness..." - Isaiah 61:1-3*

Doubtless many souls responded to Christ's message during His several years of earthly ministry, as He brake the gospel as bread to the hungry and satiated those who thirsted with living water. Multitudes came to follow Him, and He healed them. Still, for the buoyancy of the message, there was a grounding truth which would anchor men in discipleship. This truth was, and is, that though the invitation is of God, the response is left to us. Acceptance would require a profound change in a man, and obedience. His disciples would be new creatures forever, and it would require something of them.

Though the invitation is unto all men, in every age and place where men might be found, we must still choose the narrow course. This truth made sober the hearts of the honest. Even the Apostles chosen of Christ wondered at the matter:

*"And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved? And Jesus, looking upon them, said, With men that trust in riches, it is impossible; but not impossible with men who trust in God and leave all for my sake, for with such all these things are possible." - Mark 10:25-26*

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until He visited those who awaited word in prison, that they might be judged as men upon earth. God had entrusted the fullness of the gospel unto men from the very beginning, but it was not until the ministry of Christ on earth that such a fullness would be realized in the power and glory of One sent to secure the new covenant with a personal sacrifice that could free the captive. The message was realized in love because it was delivered in love, with such power that it pierced even the most sober hearts and softened many of the most firm. Nowhere can men know God so personally as they can know Him in His Son. How beautiful the sound of every word, and how true man's redemption in Christ, that men's worst fears might be dissolved in the atonement of their sins and the lives for which they were created might be reclaimed

## "Discipleship"

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As they pondered the narrowness of the way, and what it would mean to "leave all for my sake", Jesus expounded upon the relationship between the Savior and the saved. He showed them the way of true discipleship. He taught them that they must trust in God and leave all for the sake of Christ. He taught them what it meant to be disciples.

Still, great multitudes followed Christ from place to place and made His words the substance of their thought. Then, in a moment of reckoning, the difference between those who appreciated Christ, those who casually followed Him, and those who would live wholly for Him thereafter became clear:

*"And when he [Jesus] had finished these sayings, he departed thence, and there went great multitudes with him, and he turned and said unto them, If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, or husband, yea and his own life also; or in other words, is afraid to lay down his life for my sake, cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. Therefore, settle this in your hearts, that ye will do the things which I shall teach, and command you." - Luke 14:25-28*

It is understood that men should not hate the members of one's own house, but the passionate and emphatic language chosen makes clear that if one is to be a disciple of Christ, he must give all of himself to Christ's cause without reservation. He must surrender all to the Lord. Jesus said, "So likewise, whosoever of you forsaketh not all that he hath he cannot be my disciple." C.S. Lewis wrote wisely when he penned the following summation of God's invitation:

*"Give me all of you!!! I don't want so much of your time, so much of your talents and money, and so much of your work. I want YOU!!! ALL OF YOU!! I have not come to torment or frustrate the natural man or woman, but to KILL IT! No half measures will do. I don't want to only prune a branch here and a branch there; rather I want the whole tree out! Hand it over to me, the whole outfit, all of your desires, all of your wants and wishes and dreams. Turn them ALL over to me, give yourself to me and I will make of you a new self---in my image. Give me yourself and in exchange I will give you Myself. My will, shall become your will. My heart, shall become your heart." - C.S. Lewis*

For all of the glad tidings, and good news in His message, the ministry of Christ has left each man with a choice. It was a hard matter for those amongst the multitudes of Jesus' day:

*"And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except he doeth the will of my Father who hath sent me. From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him." - John 6:65-67*

One can imagine the solemnity of the moment when Christ then turned to His Apostles and asked "Will ye also go away?"

In Christendom there are many who appreciate Christ, who are blessed in His words, encouraged by His teachings, uplifted by His promises, fulfilled in His service. There are many who accept Him as the Savior, and acknowledge Him as the Son of God. Even the adversary and his angels will concede that they believe in Him. Still, believing in Jesus, accepting the divine nature of His office in Christ, and feeling a sense of fondness for Him will not suffice.

Are we truly His disciples? Have we left all to follow Him in our daily life?

A Christian may prioritize his or her most valued holdings in something that resembles a list:

- 1) God
- 2) Family
- 3) Country
- 4) Work
- 5) School
- 6) Etc.

However, a disciple of Christ will find Christ Himself central in every element of his or her life. The Lord cannot simply be placed at the top of the list, He must be the central and defining value of every item within the list. The eye of Christ's disciple is single to His glory and knows no good in life save that afforded by Christ's virtue in every encounter. The Lord gives meaning to anything with meaning.

- 1) God
- 2) Christ in my family.
- 3) Christ in my country.
- 4) Christ in my work.
- 5) Christ in my school.
- 6) Christ in my etc.

In our pursuit of discipleship, let us mark the qualities of Christ's disciples, add more by study, and search ourselves deeply as we consider what it means to be true disciples.

## 2016 Pacific Northwest Regional Theme: "Discipleship"

A disciple of Christ:

- "forsaketh all that he hath" for the will of God (Luke 14:34)
- "endures hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (II Timothy 2:3)
- is not afraid to lay down his life for Christ (Luke 14:26)
- is a wise servant and as "harmless as a dove" (Matthew 10:14)
- is merciful, kind, humble, meek, and long-suffering (Colossians 3:12)
- stands as a witness of God at all times, in all things, in all places (Mosiah 9:40)
- honors all men and loves the brotherhood (I Peter 2:17)
- bears his cross (Luke 14:27)
  - denies himself of all ungodliness (Matthew 16:26)
  - denies himself of every world lust (Matthew 16:26)
  - keeps the commandments (Matthew 16:26, Luke 14:28)
- seeks first to build the kingdom of God and establish His righteousness (Matthew 6:38)
- is willing to mourn with those that mourn and comfort those that stand in need of comfort (Mosiah 9:40)
- follows after Christ (John 12:26)
- fasts (Matthew 6:17, Matthew 9:17, Matthew 15:30)
- yields the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
- does the things that Christ teaches (Luke 14:28, John 8:31)
- is known by his love
  - "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:35)
- knows Christ (I John 2:3-4)
- lives peaceably with all men, as much as it is possible (Hebrews 12:14, Romans 12:18)
- bears the burdens of others (Galatians 6:2, Mosiah 9:39)
- is not weary in well-doing (Galatians 6:9, II Thessalonians 3:13)
- bears record of the Father and the Son (Matthew 26:25, Mark 14:23)
- lets his light shine before the world (Matthew 5:18)
- prays without ceasing (I Thessalonians 5:17, Mosiah 11:149, Alma 14:103, III Nephi 9:31)
- gives thanks in all things (I Thessalonians 5:18, II Nephi 6:103, Philippians 4:6, Colossians 4:2)
- is content with food and raiment alone (I Timothy 6:6-8)
- is hopeful, faithful (Hebrews 11:6, Moroni 7:48)
- is a cheerful giver (II Corinthians 9:7)
- bear much fruit (John 15:8)



**"If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am there shall also my servant be; if any man serve me, him will my Father honor"**

- Jesus



## Fall Conference 2015

by Sister Jan Esquivel



Sister Jan Esquivel

With joy and expectation the saints gathered in warm fellowship for the fall conference. Eager to share in the love and the bond only felt when we rejoice in worship and praise for our Heavenly

Father, our hearts were filled with the encouragement and admonition to remain steadfast with a perfect brightness of hope and reflect the countenance of Christ. While our main purpose was to elect officers for the upcoming year, we were greatly blessed in the worship, teaching, preaching and quiet meditation that refresh and lift the spirit within each saint.

Saturday morning we shared in the sacrament renewal of our covenant to serve and honor God, followed by a prayer and testimony service. How our faith is strengthened by the assurance of the Holy Spirit and the witness of fellow saints' affirmations of God working in our lives! In the afternoon business meeting leaders were elected to direct the regional programs for the oncoming year. We are blessed to have the dedicated and responsible men and women available as servants to the whole body. (officers are listed below)

Throughout the weekend we were strengthened and guided to walk on the enduring path of the gospel, to keep our eyes focused on Jesus Christ, and not be deceived by the darkness in the world. Mike Terry in his sermon Friday night enjoined us to not procrastinate our repentance or our reconciliation with loved ones, but rather to make changes to meet the Lord, be unshaken in our faith and service to others, and be firm pressing forward without the confusion of multi-tasking (blending the doctrines of men with the simple gospel of Christ). He asked, "If we had two weeks to live, what would we do--celebrate or repent?"

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Strengthened again by Brian Herren's message we were urged to keep our eyes on Jesus and see the hope and joy in our salvation through Him. The gospel is a message of hope and great joy, lifted up in the buoyancy of the goodness of God. Encouraging us to reflect the countenance of Christ in our faces, Brian reminded us to not be shaken, discouraged, or wearied as we are buffeted by the dark valleys of the world. We are to watch ourselves, fix our gaze on the Savior, and in the conclusion "fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." Ecclesiastes. 12:13 He shared two powerful testimonies of his witness ministry to Africa where God provided both water and money for travel home (two modern-day loaves and fishes miracles). God is great! Gary Jones closed our weekend with a message that "it's about the choices we make: to trust in God for eternal happiness or trust in man for temporary satisfaction. It is our agency, but he cautioned us that "natural man is an enemy to God and unless we hearken to the enticing of the Holy Spirit "we can be misled and deceived. He asked, "Do we choose God and follow His path, and press forward, or is it all about 'me'?" Do we ask God "What can I do for you today?" His answer comes with a blessing: John 14:21

The encapsulating message was provided by Gary Livingston in a succinct presentation of the Celestial Law, the precious pure gospel (not complicated) for all people, all ages, all cultures, and all generations, calling us to not be conformed to this world, but to be transformed to the measure of our creation. Each of us has a purpose, a calling for our creation grounded in three principles: 1) bear record of the Father in all things 2) keep His commandments 3) glorify God. Gary elaborated on each principle to help us understand the implications in our lives.

We were greatly blessed. Praise God! In 2016 let us go forth with love in our hearts, purpose in our steps, and service in our hands--each reflecting the countenance of Christ, the hope in salvation, and measure of our creation.

(Note: All sermons and the class are available on CD. Contact Dustin Mason 360-931-1738).

Regional officers for 2016:

Regional Director:	Brian Herren
Counselors:	Mike Terry and Gary Jones
Church School Director:	Pricilla Mason
Women's Leader:	Suzy Herren
Music Director:	Cessaries Galusha
Secretary:	Melissa Herren
Treasurer:	Jim Clark
Auditor:	Jeff Rew
Activities:	Dustin Mason



## Priesthood Retreat 2015

by Brother Brian Herren

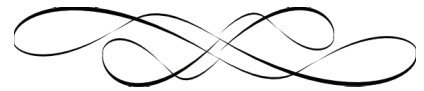
Toward the close of our regional gatherings and activities for 2015, the priesthood of the Pacific Northwest Region gathered together in meeting, fellowship, class, and worship, September 18-20 at the Lewis River Campgrounds in Yacolt, Washington. Elder Mike Esquivel spoke Friday evening about humility, and Priest Jim Clark led us in hymns. Saturday morning, Deacon Dustin Mason and Teacher Kevin Herren opened our day with a call to worship. Elder Brian Herren taught a class on the basic responsibilities of each priesthood office and the function of the priesthood as a whole. Elder Gary Livingston taught a class on living within the celestial law, which includes bearing record of God and keeping His commandments. Saturday was a blessed and unique day at the retreat, and one unlike I had witnessed before at a priesthood retreat in the United States. There were only two classes on the schedule, and no specific restraints. After the first class had concluded, we broke for lunch, but after 20 minutes or so all of the men had finished eating and the conversation turned to the affairs of the world and small talk. Someone said, "Hey, if we have time to talk about politics, we have time to discuss the celestial kingdom". We started the next class right away, 45 minutes early, and were truly blessed. Without too much regard for time, the teachers traded time all day and we finished our class time in the early evening after those two classes had lasted a total of 7 hours!!!! All were engaged, to my observation, and the discussions were lively and fruitful. Who could believe that 7 hours had passed in class!?! It was a blessing to use every minute well, without waste, noting the precious nature of our time together and God's high calling for our every moment.

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Every man was also ministered to by the tender care of Sisters Sue Herren, Melissa Herren, and Jeanette Rew, who prepared meals in meekness and supplied every want. Elder Mike Terry led the meeting Saturday evening and we were very blessed as each man shared. Elder Wray Moreland presided over a prayer and testimony service as the day concluded with promise. The men prayed for their families, their branches, and the Church at large. Sunday morning God continued to reveal His Spirit to us. Elder Gary Livingston led the group in hymns, Elder Mitch Arndt presided over the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Elder Gary Jones gave a parting charge to the priesthood of the region. May God keep us in remembrance, and refresh us each day with a renewed commitment to perfection in Christ, accepting nothing less. May God sustain us, and prosper His people as the priesthood hold one another accountable to the great commission and work which lay before us. May God's work roll forth and His Kingdom be given place in all the earth.



## Regional Fall Youth Retreat 2015

by Brother Vitaliy Surov

December 4th-6th, the Northwest Regional youth gathered in Pacific City, OR for the 2015 Fall Youth Retreat. It was remarkable. Out of the 6 retreats that I have been to now, this one has been my favorite. From stopping the car in order to pray for strangers in an accident to a wonderful Saturday night service, the Spirit abided with us from start to finish. We came to draw closer unto Him and He did not leave us comfortless. He taught us what His love is during Brother Jeff Rew's class. He revealed unto us His magnitude, power, and sheer strength in Brother Brian Herren's class. He gave us sweet fellowship during our meals and activities. He inspired us with creative ideas to surprise one another. He sustained us late in the evenings and awoke us through the loving hands of our brothers and sisters. He watched over us in all that we did. When we called upon Him for guidance, He reached out and helped us. On Saturday evening, the young men and young women were given some time to plan their individual worships for that evening. The young men sought God's direction with all diligence and He blessed us. He led us to sing songs of praise for the entire worship. The only things that were spoken during the worship were the opening/closing prayers and a couple hymn numbers. The Spirit that attended us as we were reverent was so fulfilling. I felt my faith grow on that weekend. I truly was filled that weekend. It is difficult to capture the benevolence that our God showed unto us, but perhaps one might be inspired from hearing that our incredible God blessed a group of youth and continues to bless them day by day. These are but a few words, but the youth have many testimonies that they would love to share about that weekend, testimonies that will inspire you, that will comfort you. Hopefully those testimonies will remain forever and be a blessing unto all. I am so grateful and thank our God so much for the prayers that were offered for us. Thank you so much for praying for us and continuing to pray for us. Your prayers were and are felt. Thank you. How twanzel is our God.

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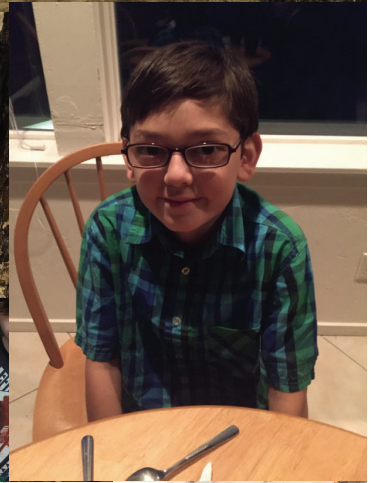


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"That our sons may be as  
plants grown up in their  
youth; that our daughters  
may be as cornerstones..."

- Psalms 144:12



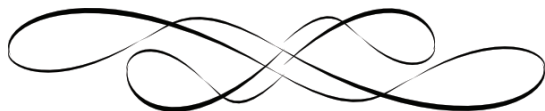


## Join Us For a Congregational Camping Trip

by Brother Brian Herren

Dear Saints,

Reservations have been made for the Salem congregation's 9th annual congregational camping trip. Fourteen sites at D Lake State park have been reserved for the weekend of July 8-10, 2016. A combination of tent and full hook-up sites have been set apart for our group. Please notify me as soon as possible if you plan to attend. Tent sites are \$50 for the weekend and full hook-up sites are \$72 for the weekend. Checks can be made to Restored Church of Christ. A boat slip will be reserved so that Brother Ron will be able to bring his boat if he wishes. We hope to enjoy the fellowship, worship, beach fun, fishing, polar bearing, tubing, campfire services, and recreation in Christ that has made this annual tradition a cherished blessing. In recent years, our joy has multiplied as Saints from other parts of the Pacific Northwest, and even the Midwest, have joined us. As in years past, all are welcome, but campsites are reserved quickly. Please send word at your earliest convenience. May the Lord be glorified in our coming together.





## Summer Preaching Series 2016

by Brother Brian Herren

Dear Saints, please mark your calendars and plan to attend a summer preaching series to be held in the Northwest, June 3-5, 2016. Elder David Gilmore, of Independence, will preach Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. All are invited for a potluck picnic after Sunday morning services (Silver Falls

State Park). This will mark the 3rd annual Northwest Regional Summer Preaching Series. In 2014, Brother Eric Odida preached a three day series, and last year Brother Frank Shepard brought ministry. This year, Brother David Gilmore will preach the series and all who attend are sure to be blessed. As each day of ministry and fellowship builds upon the previous, those who are able to attend the entire series will be especially glad that they made the effort. Please find a brief note with some of Brother David's autobiographical information below:

*The Saints are encouraged to travel and attend each service:*

**Friday preaching service in Vancouver:** 6:45 pm

**Saturday preaching service in Vancouver:** 6:45 pm

**Sunday worship services in TBA:** 9:45 am



David was born of goodly parents, a teacher and a nurse, and was raised in the deep south (Pensacola, FL). He now lives in Blue Springs, MO with his wife (Kathy) and three children (Emma, Ethan and Bo). David serves as the senior high Sunday school teacher and has pastored the Colbern Road Restoration Branch. He received his engineering degree from the University of Florida in 2003 and worked for nine years as a transportation engineer earning his PE in 2010. In 2012, David changed careers and has been working with his father-in-law and brother-in-law as a financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial.

Brother David was raised in the RLDS church through his father's side of the family. He is a 5th generation latter day saint and is very grateful for that heritage. His mother's family line belongs to the Southern Baptist faith. David's family attended the North Pensacola RLDS branch until 1997 (when he was 17)

at which time they assisted with the formation of the Pensacola Restoration Branch where he was ordained to the office of Priest in the fall of 1999. In 2000, David served as an intern in the Book of Mormon Foundation internship program, staying in the home of Brother Eldon and Sister Bonnie Anderson, where he first met his future wife. David's roommate was a young(er) Brother Frank Shepard, who was also serving in the internship at the time. In 2008 Brother David was ordained to the office of Elder. He enjoys working in youth ministry and outreach activities at his home congregation of Colbern Road Restoration Branch, where he has attended since 2003.

Brother David takes special interest in listening and learning about the stories of the saints and also the stories of Christians of other denominations. He loves exploring what we share in common and also those things that make us unique. His personal story is a testament to God's grace as God found him as a young man wondering a path that would have inevitably led him far away from the Lord. He writes, "I still stumble and fall often; and only enjoy sharing my story in so far as it helps others and reminds me of God's mercy in my life." Brother David writes that he is definitely "looking forward to sharing with the saints of the great northwest this summer."

### Food For Thought: Who Can Be A Disciple of Christ?

Because several New Testament verses use the term "disciples" synonymously with "apostles", and several verses refer specifically to the apostles, one might think it is always that way, but a careful review of the scriptures show that all men are invited to be disciples, or followers, of Christ:

Luke 14:26 *If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, or husband, yea and his own life also; or in other words, is afraid to lay down his life for my sake, cannot be my disciple.* (note the use of "husband", indicating that women can be disciples.

John 8:31 *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed* (note how all are invited).

John 6:66-67 *From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?* (note the distinction between "many disciples" and "the twelve" apostles.

## A Caravan From the Center Place and a Special Youth Camp: 2016

by Brother Brian Herren



We wish to formally announce plans for a group of youth and youth leaders from the Center Place to join us for youth camp this year. They will drive from the Independence area by way of caravan, stopping along the way each day to visit Restoration branches and offer ministry. The plans for the caravan call for 4

days of travel in coming, and 4 days of travel in going, with a week spent at the Pacific Northwest Youth Camp in between. The caravan is scheduled to arrive during reunion, August 6th, one day before youth camp begins. Brothers Doug Smith and Sister Judi Smith will lead the caravan, and Brother John Larson will fly to the Northwest to meet up with the group here. At this point, we expect the caravan to nearly double the number of campers at youth camp, meaning that we will be using the facilities differently at Lewis River. Brother Kevin Herren plans to arrange for our use of the cabins at the campground, as well as the dining hall. Please continue to pray for the caravan, and encourage every eligible soul to attend what will be a very special youth camp.

### A Note from the Regional Youth Director

by Brother Kevin Herren

Dear youth of the Northwest,

As we welcome a new year and look forward to the events that lie ahead, my mind is drawn to the goodness God has shown us this past year at all the retreats and camp. We were able to prepare our hearts at Crater Lake. We were able to worship at the top of cape Kiwanda at the beach. We learned to be fearless and steadfast at the Vancouver branch and some slept in towering grass under the stars. I will not soon forget the lessons learned during the African style retreats where the gospel is predominant and all else takes a backseat.

2016 promises to be equally as spectacular. Surely God will be with us as He has been. I am excited at the possibilities that are before us. If I could ask my younger brothers and sister anything I would ask that you remain in prayer of preparation and seek the will of God so that our gatherings are sure to be pleasing to Him. Our year soon kicks off with the winter retreat February 12-15. Let us make this year a year of true discipleship, let our hearts be drawn out in prayer. Let's pray and repent and prepare before each event this year so when we come together we will be fit to receive of the Holy Spirit.

I am so very very excited to have the blessing to serve you all again this year! It has been a tremendous blessing to my heart and has made my soul satisfied to get to serve the youth as the regional director in the past couple years. This year I hope to see great participation and hope to meet new friends as you are all free, and encouraged, to bring your friends to every event which you attend. I am here to serve in anyway I can.

If you have questions or event suggestions please contact me and share with me. May God be glorified. May we honor the Lamb. May we abide in the Holy Spirit. In gospel bonds,

Kevin Herren

"Discipleship isn't something you learn just by studying it: at some point you have to do it."

- Kenda Creasy Dean

"Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"If you have not chosen the Kingdom of God first, it will in the end make no difference what you have chosen instead."

- William Law

"It's hard to remember that Jesus did not come to make us safe, but rather to make us disciples..."

- Juan de Ujeres y Álvarez

"Salvation is free, but discipleship costs everything we have."

- Billy Graham



# 2016 Pacific Northwest Women's Retreat

April 22-24, 2016 - Anderson Lodge

Regional Theme: "Discipleship"

*"And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.*

*Therefore, settle this in your hearts, that ye will do the things which I shall teach, and command you."*

*- Luke 14:27-28*

Friday, April 17

5:30 Arrival  
6:30 Introduction to the Weekend  
7:00 Dinner  
8:00 Evening activity

Saturday, April 18

8:00 Breakfast  
8:45 Song Service  
9:00 Classes  
1) Sister Pat Chadwick - Discipleship in Prayer"  
2) Sister Sylvia Powell - Discipleship in "Expanding Your Coast"  
12:00 Lunch  
12:45 Afternoon Chats, Testimony, Sharing - Sisters Pat and Sylvia  
2:00 Free time, craft (\$7), recreation, preparation for Gifts and Talents to Glorify God  
5:00 Dinner  
6:00 Worship  
6:30 - 8:00 Gifts and Talents to Glorify God

Sunday, April 19

8:00 Breakfast  
8:45 Song service  
9:00 - 11:00 Communion and Prayer Service  
Goodbyes and Departure

## Registration Information

Please send \$125 (add \$7 for craft) to: Jim Clark  
4577 Sunflower Way NE, Salem, Oregon, 97305

Checks should be made out to:

NW Region of Restoration Congregations or NWRRC

Some have asked if we might have guests join us from time to time at our Women's Retreat. This year, Sisters Sylvia Powell and Pat Chadwick have been invited to come from the Center Place and teach classes. If this ministry is important to you, please plan to support it. The most helpful support may come in one of two ways: (1) Attend the Retreat (2) If you are able to make an offering to help fund airfare, please send a check to Brother Jim, addressed to NWRRC, and write "airfare" or "Pat and Sylvia" in the memo line.

## Sisters Pat Chadwick and Sylvia Powell Join Us for Women's Retreat



*Sister Pat at right and Sister Sylvia at center*

Pat Chadwick is a life-long member of the church and lives in the Independence Area. She is married to her husband Hal Chadwick and they recently celebrated 50 years of marriage. They have 3 daughters, 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

In her 20's Pat was told in her patriarchal blessing that one day she would teach classes for the Lord. She could not imagine how such a thing could ever be, as she was terrified of getting up in front of people and would shake with fear when asked to do so. God worked in her life in many different ways to encourage her and open up opportunities for her to develop this gift.

Much to her amazement Pat has become a teacher of classes and has spent many years now teaching classes on a variety of subjects in the church. One of her favorite thing to do is teach the youth of the church, but she also enjoys giving ministry to all ages. Pat has taught in Africa and Australia and also in many different regions in the U.S. She served on the Women's Council for many years and is presently women's leader at the Oak Grove Congregation.

Sylvia and Pat became friends while serving on staff at youth camps in the early 90's. They also served on the Women Council together. Sylvia is all about moving out of your comfort zone. When Sylvia and Pat were asked to travel to Africa together to teach the youth and women there, Pat asked Sylvia, "Ok Sylvia, am I far enough out of my comfort zone now to make you happy". Sylvia said with a smile "For Now". Sylvia and Pat enjoy the opportunity to serve together in the work of building up God's kingdom. Pat says she still get nervous when she

Sylvia Powell has been given the chance many times to "Expand her Coast". She has brought ministry, not only in the U.S., but in Belize, Kenya and Nepal. She loves to share wherever the Lord leads her and feels blessed to have been given the opportunity to get to know and love the Saints from many lands.

Sylvia was on the Restoration Youth Council for many years. She feels one of the greatest blessings the Lord has given her was being part of the church camping program. While serving at these camps she wore many hats such as teacher, counselor and director. She has always loved working with teenagers. Two years ago she retired from doing camps after 27 years. She is so excited to see the young people that attended their camps now taking on the leadership roles. She knows our youth are in good hands and the ministry that these camps have always brought will continue.

She has been a member of the Restoration Women's Council for many years. She believes women have a vital role in the Restoration and is grateful for the opportunity she has to assist in bringing ministry to them that is uplifting and inspiring.

On the home front, she is married to Jerry Powell, has 4 daughters, 7 grandchildren and one great grandchild. She attends Lexington Restoration Branch where she is the Women's leader.

### A Note from the Regional Women's Director

by Sister Suzy Herren

Some have asked if we might have guests join us from time to time at our Women's Retreat. This year, Sisters Sylvia Powell and Pat Chadwick have been invited to come from the Center Place and teach classes. If this ministry is important to you, please plan to support it. The most helpful support may come in one of two ways:

- 1) Attend the Retreat
- 2) If you are able to make an offering to help fund airfare, please send a check to Brother Jim, addressed to NWRRC, and write "airfare" or "Pat and Sylvia" in the memo line.

On another note, if you have special needs or have special dietary requirements, please email me well in advance of the retreat at: [suzyherren@gmail.com](mailto:suzyherren@gmail.com) or call me at (503) 991-8137.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the retreat, and worshipping our Loving Father together. Each of you are a true blessing in friendship and fellowship.



# 2016 Pacific Northwest Men's Retreat

May 13-15, 2016 - Lewis River

Regional Theme: "Discipleship"

"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."

- Matthew 16:25

## Friday, May 15

- 6:30 Dinner  
Introduction - Elder Brian Herren  
7:30 Hymns and prayers - Elder Gary Livingston  
8:00 Evening preaching - Elder Gary Jones

## Saturday, May 16

- 8:00 Breakfast  
8:45 - 9:15 Morning Worship: Priest Ed Mason and Deacon Dustin Mason  
9:20 Class: Discipleship - The priorities and focus of a disciple (Elder Mike Terry)  
Class: Discipleship - The (true) heart of a disciple (Elder Gary Livingston)  
Afterward Lunch  
1:30 Class: Discipleship - Christ, our Example in Everything (Elder Brian Moreland)  
Afterward Free time  
5:00 Dinner  
6:00 Evening Chats: Fans or Followers? (Elder Brian Herren)  
Prayer and Testimony Service: Elder Mitch Arndt

## Sunday, May 17

- 8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 - 9:30 Song Service - Elder Gary Livingston  
9:30 - 10:00 Communion Service - Elder Wray Moreland and Elder Brian Moreland  
Break  
10:10 Parting Charge - Priest Jeff Rew  
Afterward Light Lunch

*I Will Follow Jesus...*

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



## Young Adult Group (YAG) Retreat 2015

by Brother Aaron Dukes

"...if therefore thine eye be single to the glory of God, thy whole body shall be full of light..."



This last November the Young Adult Group (YAG) was blessed to be able to come together at the Oregon Coast in fellowship and praise, to learn and to grow in Christ with each other. Much food and much fun was had; and still the focus and passion of the experience was always God and the universal thirst for His truth.

Convening on Friday, November 13th, the YAG assembled in a house most graciously provided looking out across the Pacific, broke bread in fellowship and gathered together for song and worship before retiring and being soothed by the sound and fury of waves crashing in the near distance.

Saturday was spent in learning and worship as Deacon Dustin Mason and Teacher Kevin Herren both shared their ministry with the group. God's handiwork was appreciated as the YAG proceeded to hike through the coastal forest. After replenishing themselves, the evening was then spent in joyous worship and peaceful reflection around a beachside bonfire.

The event was closed on Sunday, after meeting together for service. Many great thanks are extended to God, and all those who contributed time, property, and supplies to sustain the YAG during their time of worship, learning, fellowship, and rejuvenation of their hearts through the power of Christ.

