

# BROTHER'S KEEPER

## THE COMINGS AND GOINGS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

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### Regional T-Shirts

by Brother Brian Herren

The 2017 theme for the Pacific Northwest Region is: "Make Ready a People Prepared for the Lord". We might consider this call as we prepare for the Lord spiritually and physically, and become the people He is working to develop in us. A parable found in Matthew 25 and Doctrine and Covenants 45 addresses the need to prepare as follows:

*And then, at the day, before the Son of Man comes, the kingdom of heaven shall be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five of them were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them; but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.*

*While the bridegroom tarried they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Lest there be not enough for us and you, go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut.*

The regional t-shirts have been designed to reflect God's call to be prepared, with oil in our lamps, and a flame brightly burning. The artwork on the back of the shirt includes the image of an authentic Hebrew oil lamp supported by fruit bearing olive branches. If you would like a shirt, please look for them at the various retreats and reunion. Everyone who would like a shirt should feel free to take one, regardless of their ability to contribute financially. Please pick one up and wear it. If you are able and willing to contribute financially, look for a small container near the shirts. Checks can be made to Brian Herren.

*Traditional Hebrew Lamp*



*Back of Regional Shirts*



*Front of Regional Shirts*



# 2017 Pacific Northwest Reunion

July 24-30, 2017, Vancouver, WA

*Regional Theme:*

**"Make Ready a People Prepared for the Lord" - Luke 1:17**

*\*Final schedule to be published at or before July 24*

## Monday, July 24

7:00            Preaching Service  
Afterward      Refreshments and Fellowship, campfire

## Tuesday - Saturday, July 25 - August 30

7:30 - 8:00      Priesthood Meeting  
8:00            Breakfast  
9:00            Morning worship: Young Adults Group  
9:15            Songs of praise: Sister Cessaries Galusha  
and            Elder G. Livingston  
10:00-10:30    Morning Message: Aaronic priesthood  
10:45           Prayer and Testimony Service  
12:00           Lunch  
1:00 - 3:00    Recreation / Rest / Preparation  
3:00-4:30      Class  
4:30-5:15      Choir practice (*Gifts and Talents for the Lord*  
5:30            Dinner            *on Sat., no choir, dinner at 6:00)*  
6:45            Music  
7:00            Preaching Service  
Afterward      Campfire

## Sunday, August 7

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

### ***Prayer and Testimony Services***

	<u>Presiding</u>	<u>Assisting</u>
Tuesday	Elder G. Livingston	Priest D. Mason
Wednesday	Elder W. Moreland	Priest D. Ethridge
Thursday	High Priest J. Henderson	Teacher K. Herren
Friday	High Priest S. Phipps	Priest J. Clark
Saturday	Elder M. Arndt	Elder M. Esquivel
Sunday	Elder B. Moreland	Elders W. Moreland and J. Rew

### ***Preaching Services***

	<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Presiding</u>	<u>Assisting</u>
Monday	Elder M. Terry	Elder B. Herren	Priest B. Winegar
Tuesday	Elder G. Jones	Elder W. Moreland	Teacher K. Herren
Wednesday	Elder J. Rew	Elder M. Arndt	Elder M. Esquivel
Thursday	Elder G. Livingston	H.P. J. Henderson	Elder G. Buckbee
Friday	Elder B. Herren	Elder W. Moreland	Priest E. Mason
Saturday	Missionary Slides and Testimonies: Africa Missions 2016/2017		
Sunday	Elder A. Smith	Elder B. Herren	Elders M. Terry & G. Jones



### ***Morning Messages***

Tuesday	Teacher K. Herren
Wednesday	Priest D. Mason
Thursday	Priest S. Gage
Friday	Priest J. Clark
Saturday	Teacher M. Bendorf

### ***Afternoon Classes***

Elder Aaron Smith

### ***Campfire Ministry and Prayers***

Tuesday	Priest A. Brendel
Wednesday	Teacher M. Bendorf
Thursday	Priest B. Winegar
Friday	Priest S. Gage
Saturday	Priest S. Henson



## 2017 Pacific Northwest Reunion Daily Themes

July 24-30, 2017

### Daily Themes

<b>Tuesday:</b>	Make ready through faith and repentance	<b>Friday:</b>	Make ready through study and obedience
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Make ready through humility and godly fear	<b>Saturday:</b>	Make ready through prayer and discipleship
<b>Thursday:</b>	Make ready through worship and adoration	<b>Sunday:</b>	Make ready through submission

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### Winter Youth Retreat 2017

by Brother Donovan Murnieks



I was very blessed to be able to attend the Regional Winter Youth Retreat this past February. This retreat welcomed brother Dustin Mason as the Regional Youth Director. The theme for the retreat was taken from John:17:21, We Are One.

I felt very blessed in the classes that were taught. Sister Monica taught about what it takes to get into Zion and the end times. Brother Kevin taught that our work is to keep His commandments, and that we are also commanded to love one another even as Jesus loved us. The fellowship was sweet and the spirit was with us. I was very blessed by the younger members of the youth and their passion and attention in the classes. The evening chats were given by our brother, Brian Herren and it was a great way to end Saturday night.

Sunday morning we were able to provide a morning worship for the Vancouver Branch on the things we had learned that weekend. I'm so thankful that I was able to attend, and I look forward to the next one.

**"O remember my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth: yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God: yea, and cry unto God for all thy support" - Alma**

# 2017 Pacific Northwest Men's Retreat

May 19-21, 2017, Lewis River Campground

*Regional Theme:*

*"Make Ready a People Prepared For the Lord" - Luke 1:17*

## Friday, May 19

- 6:30 Dinner  
Introduction - Brother Brian Herren  
7:30 Song Service - Brother Ron Trammell  
8:00 Evening preaching - Brother Mitch Arndt

## Saturday, May 20

- 8:00 Breakfast  
8:45 - 9:15 Morning Worship: Brothers Aaron Dukes and Michael Livingston  
9:20 Class: Preparing our Homes for Zion (Brother Jeff Rew)  
Class: Preparing Our Hearts for Zion (Brother Brian Herren)  
Afterward Lunch  
1:30 Class: Mortal Life as a Time of Probation (Brother Gary Livingston)  
Afterward Free time  
5:00 Dinner  
6:00 Evening Worship: Brother Gary Livingston  
Prayer and Testimony Service: Brother Mike Terry

## Sunday, May 21

- 8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 - 9:30 Song Service - Brother Gary Livingston  
9:30 - 10:15 Communion Service - Brothers Wray Moreland and Jeff Rew  
Break  
10:20 Parting Charge - Brother Gary Jones  
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



## 2017 Pacific Northwest Youth Camp Information

July 30 - August 5, 2017, Lewis River Campground

*Regional Theme:*

**"Make Ready a People Prepared For the Lord" - Luke 1:17**

**When:** July 30th - Aug. 5th 2017 (Drop off: Sunday 3pm) (Pick up time: Saturday 12:00pm.)

**Location:** Lewis River Campgrounds: 18334 Ne Lucia Falls Road, Yacolt, Wa 98675

**Cost:** \$125 (Please make checks out to the Northwest Region of Restoration Congregations or simply NWRRC.) If you need assistance with this fee, please see your local youth leader or pastor. Checks can be mailed in advance to the regional treasurer, Brother Jim Clark, at 4577 Sunflower Way NE, Salem, Oregon, 97305

Camp is for youth between 6th - 12th (includes newly graduated seniors) grade 2017-2018.

For any questions or emergency, call Brother Dustin Mason's cell: (360) 931-1738.

We would ask that all attending this camp would come prepared to draw apart from the world and to seek to draw closer to the Lord with a desire to receive and honor His Spirit.

*Please observe the following:*

- Youth camp is filled with activity: Please be prepared for swimming and hiking, singing praises and worshipping God.
- Please read the rules carefully before signing the registration form. Keep this sheet for reference as you are packing
- Signed registration and medical forms are required.
- Campers are expected to participate in all activities with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. They must treat others with respect, courtesy, and kindness. • Be respectful to your counselors and be willing to pitch in and help if asked. • Be respectful of the grounds and the property of others.
- Dress code will be enforced. Dress code is as follows: no short-shorts, no short shirts (bare midriffs), tube tops, spaghetti straps, low-cut tops or see-through tops. No inappropriate language or logos on any clothing. Please dress in a modest fashion and bring a bathing suit that is modest and has good coverage. Otherwise, you may be asked to wear shorts or a shirt over the suit for swimming. If you are not sure whether an item of clothing fits the dress-code, ask a counselor for an opinion before entering the common areas wearing it.
- No foul language, sexual contact, innuendos or derogatory remarks are permitted. • All participants must stay within the boundaries of the campgrounds (to be defined at orientation), through the duration of camp and must remain in areas that are supervised by camp counselors. • No CD players, cell phones, iPods, or electronic devices are allowed in camp. If brought, they will be taken away until the end of camp. (Counselors will make their cell phones available in an emergency.) • Possession or use of weapons, tobacco products, alcohol or illegal drugs are not permitted. If probable cause exists, Camp Director will be allowed to search a person and personal property for illegal items. • No gum, candy, pop or other junk food is to be brought to camp. Refreshments will be provided. There is no need to bring money to the camp. All snacks will be provided.
- All rules will be interpreted at the discretion of the Camp Director and Staff.



# 2017 Pacific Northwest Youth Camp Registration

**NO CAMPER MAY ATTEND WITHOUT THIS SIGNED PERMISSION FORM ON RECORD**  
**Please Submit this completed form to the Regional Youth Director: Brother Dustin Mason**

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in 2017-2018 school year \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (for the purpose of receiving information about retreats and camp in the future)

Emergency contact in case parent/guardian cannot be reached.

Name/Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**COST OF ANY MEDICAL TREATMENT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT /GUARDIAN:**

Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_

Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Medications \_\_\_\_\_

Last Tetanus shot \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby approve my child's participation at this retreat and give permission to the Retreat Administration to make decisions related to the physical well-being of my child. In case of an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician and /or hospital, selected by the Retreat Administration, to secure proper treatment for my child, as named above, and will assume liability for any resulting expenses not covered by my insurance. The Church or staff will not be held liable for any injury.

\*Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Camper Agreement: I have read the attached information and expectations and I will abide by and support it.

Camper's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

What you should pack:

- ♦ your scriptures
- ♦ a jacket or sweatshirt, a towel
- ♦ clothing and shoes appropriate for a variety of activities (Swim suit, tennis shoes, hiking clothes etc.)
- ♦ A sleeping bag and pillow
- ♦ Worship, and or devotional materials





## Summer Preaching Series 2017

by Brother Brian Herren

*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 services at Silver Falls Park: 10:30 am

Dear Saints, please mark your calendars and plan to attend a summer preaching series to be held in the Pacific Northwest, June 2-4, 2017. High Priest Paul Gage, of Independence, will preach Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. All are invited for a potluck picnic after Sunday morning services at Silver Falls State Park. This will mark the 4th annual Northwest Regional Summer Preaching Series. In 2014, Brother Eric Odida preached a three day series, followed by Brother Frank Shepard in 2015 and Brother David Gilmore in 2017. This year, Brother Paul Gage will preach the series and all who attend are sure to be blessed. Brother Paul is a gifted preacher with a commanding understanding of scripture coupled with an uncompromising commitment to the fundamental tenets of the Old Jerusalem Gospel. He is a pillar of the Church, a steadfast and steady man, who carries the gifts of the fathers of our faith. 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.

A special Sunday morning service will be held at Silver Falls State Park (June 4): near 20024 Silver Falls Hwy SE, Sublimity, OR 97385. Look for the South Falls Day Use Area. The park is about 1.5 hours from the Vancouver Branch. A shelter has been rented within the park's vast forests (9,200 acres in all - Oregon's largest state park), just a moment's walk from the towering South Falls. The facility has running water, electricity and an enormous fire place. Bathrooms are nearby and a paved path connects the picnic shelter (shelter E) to the parking lot. The offerings collected at the preaching series will be used to pay airfare and expenses. Surplus offerings will be donated to the regional missionary fund. Make checks to NWRRC. Chairs will be provided at the preaching service at Silver Falls State Park. Parking is paid...just mention "Restored Church of Christ".

## The Tenth Annual Congregational Campout is Coming!!!

by Brother Brian Herren

Reservations have been made for the Salem congregation's 10th annual congregational camping trip. Twelve sites at South Beach State park have been reserved for the weekend of July 7-9, 2017. Each site will accommodate an RV with full hook-ups as well as tents. The sites are larger and longer. Please notify me as soon as possible if you plan to attend. Each site is \$66 for the weekend. Checks can be made to Restored Church of Christ. Located near the Yaquina Lighthouse in Newport, OR, the park has a 9 hole disc golf course, playground, horseshoe pits, and a jetty. The state park spans several miles of beachfront and is convenient to the Hatfield Marine Science Center and Oregon Aquarium. The campsites were reserved in such a way as to enclose a grassy area that will be available for our common use and worship. We hope to enjoy the fellowship, beach fun, 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: 503.949.2484 or [drbrianherren@gmail.com](mailto:drbrianherren@gmail.com). May the Lord be glorified in our coming together.





## Women's Retreat 2017

by Sister Suzy Herren



The 2017 Northwest regional women's retreat was held April 28 29th and 30th. The regional theme is "Make Ready A People Prepared For The Lord".

We gathered together at Anderson Lodge among the trees of Ariel, Washington. We were 42 strong, truly drawn apart from the world, with very little internet or phone service. We were fed physically by Brother Ron Trammell and Brother Ron Herren. Their meals were delicious. We were fed spiritually in classes by Sister Sheila Schunk and Sister Marsha Bird who traveled from Missouri to share their ministry with us. Sister Marsha shared many testimonies and taught classes on "Keeping the Hope of Zion in Our Hearts" and "Being Valiant In Testimony". Sister Shelia taught classes on "Sanctification" and gave us tips for Becoming Spiritually Fit for the Kingdom from Verle Cornish. She also shared many testimonies with us. They also shared slides

from their Missionary Endeavors along with wonderful stories and testimonies. Their ministry was so loving and giving as they shared one-on-one visits with many of our sisters, always taking their time. We surely witnessed the love of God in their sweet smiles, wonderful countenance, and encouraging words. We were also blessed during the weekend by Elder Brian Herren and Elder Gary Jones who met our needs with administration, Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Prayer and Testimony services.

A special part of the weekend for me was when four of our women, who went on the mission to Africa in December, taught us hymns the way our African Saints sing them. They also shared with us a few new songs. Cessaries Galusha, Melissa Herren, Melissa Clark and Nicole Jones demonstrated, then taught us. They also sang a couple of songs in three languages, English, Swahili and Luo. The next day when we sang again "I'm No Longer the Same" which we had learned, I was overcome with tears and full of the spirit as I felt the pure love and joy of Jesus Christ. Oh what a blessing to be taught about God, to make the change in your life and have Hope! To have such joy, in a place with many hardships! What a witness this is to us! Praise God for those with a missionary's heart who are spreading the gospel here and abroad. Praise God for the testimonies they share with us. I felt the fellowship, gentle spirit and love of the NW Women who gathered together this weekend. It was extremely evident as I walked around the lodge and witnessed our Women visiting and sharing together. God is so Good. It was so good to see and visit with every one of you.





## Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant(s)

By Brother Jeff Rew

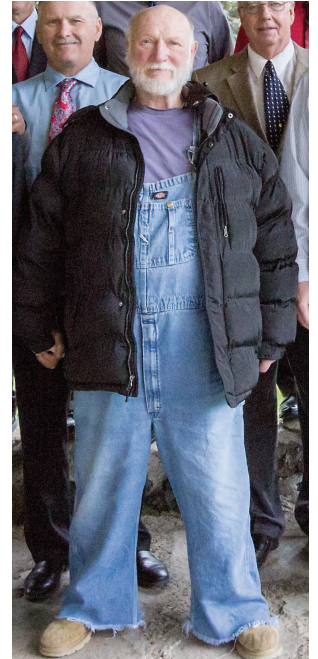
Though we mourn the passing of our brothers, David Kendig Wenholz and Gene Elgin Garwood, we rejoice in the promises that this day they are in Paradise with our Savior, Jesus Christ. Comfort is given to those who mourn and place their faith and trust in the Lord. He blesses each one who earnestly seeks Him with peace that passes all understanding, when we reach out to take His ever extended hand. He has poured out His blessings to each of us in innumerable ways, I number both these men in my life as a portion of those great and wonderful blessing. As we reflect on two men who touched so many lives positively, the blessing of love and service which David and Gene shared is recognized as a most precious gift, and reflection of love, Christ first gave them.

David holds the office of Teacher in the Priesthood and was actively engaged within the Vancouver branch. David's love and tenderness will forever remain in my heart. Since my youth, I, and many others, have fond memories of David unwavering in his testimony of Jesus Christ, always the first to stand and bear witness that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and confess the love David has for Him. David bore his testimony well beyond the comfort and solitude of the church and those with like faith. He testified to all who would listen, whether on a bus or in a store, it mattered not. Wherever the Lord placed him, whatever the situation, David witnessed of the love and greatness of our God to others, not in word alone, but in action and deed.

David is remembered for many wonderful qualities, including his gentle encouragement to draw closer to the Lord, sound council without judgement, and an amazing tenderness within a soft-spoken voice from a man of great physical strength. David's "I Love You Brother", as he looked squarely into my eyes, will forever bring a smile to my face, and warmth to my heart.

From the book of John, we read the words Christ gave to all. "A new commandment I give unto you. That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13: 34-35) Our brother hearkened unto these words and exemplified them in his daily walk, announcing to the world without word that he was a disciple of Christ.

Gene holds the office of Priest in the Priesthood and was also actively engaged within the Vancouver branch. Gene's deep love for God, family, and country was exemplified through his service, as a servant to all, and encompassed his life. Gene relished the beauty of God's creation and humbly praised and glorified God for the blessing of His handiwork. The beauty he loved so much radiated in his smile and laughter. Greeting people at the door of the sanctuary, Gene's welcoming brought peace and joy to souls and helped prepare hearts to receive God's Spirit and message.



Gene's service in the Navy brought great satisfaction and appreciation for the freedom the Lord gave, in love, to the people of this land. Gene recognized the blessings bestowed upon us, not only of our freedom, but our very lives, our families, friends, and strangers. His work for the Lord did not stop at the door of the church. Gene was very active in helping others and sharing Christ's love through many avenues such as; delivering for Meals on Wheels, Serving meals to the hungry at Sharehouse, mowing lawns and weeding garden beds of neighbors who could no longer do it for themselves...the list continues, as does his love and service for his fellow beings.

King Benjamin imparts, "And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings, ye are only in the service of your God." (Mosiah 1:49) This our brother did with love and joy, touching many lives as he shared his love for God and man. Without complaint, expectation of reward, or recognition, Gene gave of himself, freely to all.

And so in the words of Moroni, we bid farewell unto our brethren whom we love, who enriched our lives and touched our hearts. Until that time we shall meet again before the judgment seat of Christ, with joyous anticipation of once again, uniting at Jesus feet.