

# BROTHER'S KEEPER

## THE COMINGS AND GOINGS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

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### Keep the Faith - Kindle the Fire

by Brother Brian Herren

#### Regional Events 2024

- Winter Youth Retreat:  
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When God's people were free from the bondage of Egypt, He commanded that they should build a tabernacle, which would, in time, give rise to a more permanent temple. It was to be a place for the dwelling of God on earth, and a place where man and God would come together. The Lord's instructions describing how the tabernacle should be built were exacting, and exquisitely detailed. God's people were directed to build an altar upon which sacrifices would be made. Importantly, once fire was set upon the altar, the fire was to burn continually, and never go out. God commanded it so:

*"And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out...The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out." - Leviticus 6:12-13*

God reiterates the message three times in the sixth chapter of Leviticus, cementing indelibly in the minds of the people that the fire once given, must not be neglected. It was sacred because it served to unite God and man, and holy because it would come from His presence. Once sent forth by the Lord, the fire would be entrusted to man. It would become a sacred and holy stewardship in serving to maintain a closeness to God. The extraordinary act of God sending the fire at first is recorded in the ninth chapter of Leviticus:

*"And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people; and the glory of the Lord appeared unto all the people. And there came a fire out from before the Lord, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat; which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces." - Leviticus 9:23-24*

The fire burned continuously for forty years as the Israelites dwelt in the wilderness, but not without great effort on behalf of the people. Though the fire was divine, it required constant attention to ensure its perpetuity amongst men. God had given the flame, but it was man's responsibility to keep it. Men would have to identify the kind of wood that would burn best, and not only know about the wood, but pursue it, cut it to size, carry it, stack it, and feed the flame. It would require daily work. Even one day of negligence would take a toll. The fire might shrink, little by little, until the last flickering flame would ultimately extinguish. This particular bond between God and His people could be quenched through human negligence, distraction, or other mindedness. Men would shield the flame from fierce desert winds, protect it from sudden thunderstorms, and preserve it

from their enemies. It was precious.

Today, we don't have a tabernacle made of animal skins in the wilderness, but our very bodies are tabernacles of clay (Mosiah 1:97, Moroni 9:6). We don't have a temple built of gold and silver, but we are a temple of the Lord (I Corinthians 3:16, II Corinthians 6:16). We don't have an altar covered in bronze, but we have a living altar surpassing all precious metals (Hebrews 13:10). God has also blessed us with a fire deep inside, a fire of divine origin, ancient and eternal...It was put there by the Lord, but entrusted to our keeping, that it should never go out, a bond between us and Him. We keep it by faith.

Do the flames within us shrink? Do they flicker in the wind? Have we watched a once roaring fire gradually surrender? Or have we been feeding the flames each day, preserving the fire from our fiercest foes, and resolving within that this flame shall never go out? This year, and every year...We must keep the faith...We must kindle the fire.

# 2024 Pacific Northwest Women's Retreat

April 19-21, 2024 – Anderson Lodge

Regional Theme:

“Keep the Faith - Kindle the Flame”

## Friday, April 19

- 6:15 Dinner
- 7:15 Welcome Introductions
- 7:45 Song Service – Trina, Kaitlin, Gabriella
- 8:00 Evening preaching / Evening chats

## Saturday, April 20

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 8:45 Song Service - Trina, Kaitlin, Gabriella
- 9:00 Morning Worship Service – Puyallup Ladies
- 9:30 Class
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Class
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Class
- 2:15 Free time – recreation (Centergy class – Cessaries)  
Rest – Craft (Sharon and Ashley)
- 4:45 Group photo
- 5:00 Dinner
- 6:00 Song Service - Trina, Kaitlin, Gabriella
- 6:15 Evening Worship Service – Vancouver Ladies
- 6:45 Prayer & Testimony Service

## Sunday, April 21

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Morning Worship Service – Salem Ladies
- 9:30-10:15 Communion
- 10:15 Break quietly – Please be mindful/respectful of the hour
- 10:20 Preaching Service
- Goodbyes and Departure

### Registration Information

Please send \$130 to: Travis Clark

4701 Rawhide Ct. NE, Salem, Oregon, 97305

(add \$10 if you plan to do the craft)

Make checks out to: NWRRC



# 2024 Pacific Northwest Men's Retreat

May 17-19, 2024 - Mt. Hood Cabin

(30100 E Blossom Trail, Government Camp, OR 97028)

Regional Theme:

“Keep the Faith - Kindle the Flame”

## Friday, May 17

6:30 Dinner  
7:30 Song Service - Brother Ron T.  
8:00 Evening preaching - Brother Brian

## Saturday, May 18

8:00 Breakfast  
8:45 - 9:15 Morning Worship: Brothers Benjamin and Daniel  
9:20 Class: Brother Mike  
Class: Brother Gary J.  
Afterward Lunch  
1:30 Class: Brother Jim  
5:00 Dinner  
6:00 Evening Worship: Brother Travis  
Afterward Prayer and Testimony Service: Brother Gary L.

## Sunday, May 19

8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 - 9:30 Morning Worship - Brothers Amos and Michael  
9:30 - 10:15 Communion Service - Brothers Brian and Mitch  
Break  
10:20 Parting Charge - Brother Kevin

**Registration Information: Please send \$160 to:**  
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## Summer Preaching Series 2024

by Brother Brian Herren



The Pacific Northwest Summer Preaching Series will be held during the weekend of June 21-23, 2024 in Vancouver and Salem. The series opens Friday evening at 6:45 pm at the Vancouver Restoration Branch. The series will continue Saturday evening at 6:45 pm in Vancouver, and conclude Sunday morning near Salem, Oregon. Sunday services will be held at Willamette Mission Park, beginning at 10:30 am, with a potluck to follow: 10991 Wheatland Road NE Gervais, OR 97026. Your fellowship is deeply appreciated. All of the Saints, near and far, are encouraged to attend the series. The Lord is sure to bless us as we keep the faith and kindle the fire. This year, Elder Karl Anderson has been invited to preach the series. I wanted to provide some biographical information here so that we can get to know a little more about Brother Karl before he arrives in June:

Born in Independence, Missouri, in May of 1966, Karl Anderson came to a knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ at a very early age. The great, great grandson of Apostle Joseph Luff, he was raised just one block from the RLDS

Auditorium, growing up on Maple Street and playing in the back yard and parking lots of the Stone Church. Living in the center place he often attended the summer campus preaching series where he was privileged to sit under the ministry of many men who occupied the higher quorums of the church. Being in a home where the priesthood frequently visited and the gospel was openly shared, he learned at his mother's knee, and was taught by Sunday School teachers in the Center Stake of Zion, and later in Blue Valley Stake.

Brother Karl confesses that, like Apostle Paul, when the gospel came to him, it came in convincing power. He was called to the priesthood and ordained a Priest in June of 1988. He served in that office faithfully for 6 years, ministering in the homes of the saints, teaching classes, and preaching the gospel, as widely as he could. He was invited to preach and minister around the country, and traveled widely to bring ministry to the isolated and the shut ins. Karl spent many years counseling the saints and giving his heart to the Lord's work, serving wherever and whenever asked.

In 1994, the Lord called again, asking Karl to occupy as an Elder in his church. Having had strong testimony of this call, Karl humbly accepted and was ordained to the Melchisedec priesthood. In this office he found the love of Jesus Christ to a much greater degree and has sought to magnify that calling and to point the saints to the one true shepherd of their souls, our Lord Jesus Christ. Today he serves on the pastorate of the Knob Noster Restoration Branch, continuing the work that Apostle Luff started there in 1888. He joyfully serves with the other love of his life, his wife Margie. Karl's lifelong ambition and true heart's desire has been to bring to the church the revelation of Jesus Christ, to the glory of Almighty God.

## Winter Mountain Snow and Yurt Adventure

by Brother Daniel Herren and Sister Eleesha Tablanza

When we first got there we unpacked our belongings, explored a little, then unloaded the trucks. The place we stayed at was very beautiful, the trees and brush were all covered in snow. There was a frozen lake that we walked on a little before the counselors advised us to get off. Anyway the first night was pretty much just us in our yurts playing games like "Left, Right, Center" and chess. We all ate together in the Girls yurt but after that we had a campfire service where we sang camp songs and talked about the expectations of the retreat. We went into our own yurts and played games, had devotions, and went to sleep.

The next morning we woke up, got ready, had cinnamon rolls, sausage, and hot cocoa in the girls' yurt. After everyone was done the boys went back to their yurt to get ready for the snow. We drove to the snow park to go sledding. While we were there we tubed, sledded and some of us had their own photoshoot in the snow. We had top ramen and snacks for lunch and then after lunch we went to a new place called the Autobahn. That place was very fun. The snow was plowed perfectly made for tubing so that you could go super fast down the hills.

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After we left the sledding hill, we went back to the camp and had more hot cocoa. We then had a class taught by Amos Johnson about love, we learned about the love God has for us and the love we are to have to everyone. We then had dinner and played more games. We had another campfire service where we sang songs again and learned that the purpose of life was to glorify God and keep his commandments. After the campfire was over we went to our yurts, had devotions and went to bed.

We woke up the next day and had a church service taught by Brian Herren. We learned that people always try to make themselves happy with all these different things. For example, money, cars, and other earthly things. But they don't need all that to be happy; they just need to form a relationship with Jesus to be happy. After church service we packed all of our belongings into the cars. We then had a prayer before we left and headed to the 'Gingerbread House.' Then we went home.





## Winter Mountain Snow and Yurt Adventure

### Pictures of Fellowship

