

Destiny

By Andy Snoke

God has destined to have a church, literally, a "called out" company in His likeness. It is a sure thing; there is no question about it. Regardless of what we currently see, or do not see, regardless of the Babylonian climate of the world, He will have a glorious church without spot or wrinkle.

In spite of our frustrations, our shortcomings, our sins, our weaknesses, God will still reign victorious with an army of tried and tested believers all willingly in their places in the true Body of Christ.

The day will certainly and quickly come when "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God!" It is predetermined by God who "works all things after the council of His own will." It is destined by the mind of God.

Php 2:10 -11, "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* on earth, and *things* under the earth; And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Regardless of our set backs, and human failures, and disappointments, Christ is still in the process of building His church. When it is complete at the close of this age, it will be a Glorious church! *Hag 2:9*, "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts."

We live so far below the promises most of the time. We live between the promises and the full possession, but we see that glorious spiritual land before us, that shall be inherited by the church. It is destined.

As young heirs of His Kingdom, our standing and victory is not often visible. Our circumstances seem to be no different than those around us. We fight the same battles, pay the same bills, and suffer from the same diseases. But we know that this shall not always be the case.

Gal 4:1-2, "But I say that so long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a bondservant though he is lord of all; but is under guardians and stewards until the day appointed of the father."

"The day appointed of the father!" What a wonderful shout of joy! There is coming a day, a day that we have already begun to enter, appointed by the Father. A day in which we will no longer only be servants, but mature heirs, mature

sons of God.

Rom 8:16-19, "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified with him. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward. For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God."

We are waiting for, and longing for that day on earth, when we step into His likeness, into His fullness. Not only is the remnant of His church waiting for that day, so is the groaning creation, waiting for the revealing of the Sons of God.

All of creation groans for that day of complete deliverance. Deliverance from sin, from sickness and from death. This day will come as we close this current evil age and progress into the next age, the age of His Kingdom. Jesus will appear again! In His remnant, in His church, and in the world.

His second appearing will not be as it was with the first appearing. When Jesus appeared first some two thousand years ago, he appeared as a baby, wrapped in swaddling clothing, and laid in a humble manger. Very few people knew of the earth shaking, time changing, dispensational change that took place in Bethlehem that night. The angels made their grand announcement of the birth of this Christ child, not to the inhabitants of the bustling city, but to the shepherds "keeping watch over their flock by night." Interestingly enough, the angels continue to reveal the Christ child today to our shepherds, our elders, who also watch over their flock of men by day and night.

He was born as a child. He returns as a King. The glorious announcement was made to very few men when He appeared the first time. Every eye shall see Him when He appears the second time. The first appearing He came to serve. The second appearing He comes to rule, with and through His church, His body.

Isa 9:6, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful.

Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isa 9:7, "Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this."

I submit to you that between the first half of Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born," and the second half "unto us a son is given;" stands the time interval from the birth of Christ, to the appearing of Christ in His church. In one small comma, contains at least two thousand years. The Son is coming!! He will visit the church in a fresh and powerful way, and He will visit the earth in a blessed and terrifying way. It will

be "the great and terrible day of the Lord." It will be "the great day" to those that know Him well. It will be "the terrible day" for those that don't know Him.

The government of all mankind will come under His rulership. He will rebuke strong nations a far off. In that day of His coming Kingdom, the following scripture will come to pass:

Isa 2:2, "And it shall come to pass in the latter days, that the mountain (the Kingdom) of the Lords house shall be established on the top of the mountains (kingdoms of man), and shall be exalted above the hills (small kingdoms of man); and all nations shall flow unto it."

Isa 2:3, "And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain (Kingdom) of God, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Lord from Jerusalem."

Isa 2:4, "And he will judge between the nations, and will decide concerning many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

God, in these last hours, is separating the sheep from the goats. He is calling His beloved from every corner of the earth, to come and be part of that glorious body of believers. *Rev* 5:9-10, "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals of it: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and language, and people, and nation; And hast made us to our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

Judgment is coming to the earth, with great tribulation. *Mat* 24:4-8, "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man lead

you astray. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Christ; and shall lead many astray. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled: for *these things* must needs come to pass; but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines and earthquakes in divers places. But all these things are the beginning of travail."

Jesus would continue in this grand chapter to compare this day to the day of Noah. *Mat 24:37-39*, "And as *were* the days of Noah, so shall be the coming of the Son of man. For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and they knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall be the coming of the Son of man."

There is however, a blessed difference between the days of Noah and today, the day of the Kingdom call. In the days of Noah, Noah was instructed to build the Ark according to the pattern. During those many years of building, there is no record of God ever offering an invitation for deliverance to anyone other than Noah's family. God called Noah, gave him building instructions, and then waited until everything was in order. Then Noah and his family, along with a sampling of all earthly creatures climbed aboard the Ark of deliverance. There were only 8 souls saved in that day. But even more terrifying was the fact that the world was so evil, only 8 souls were even invited!!

Today, God is calling, choosing, and asking that we be found faithful (Rev 7:14). His Kingdom call has gone out, and continues to sound throughout the world. All that hear are invited. Not just 8 souls, but all that will hear and will respond. The apostle John repeats by the Spirit

several times in the book of Revelation "he that hath ears let him hear what the spirit saith unto the church!"

Rev 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup (fellowship) with him, and he with me."

Rev 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely."

It is destiny! He is calling a church to Himself, from every tribe of this earth. Though our present experience is often weakness, He is still in the process of building His church upon the rock of Jesus Christ, against which nothing can stand.

Mat 16:18, "And I also say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock (speaking of Christ) I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

God has given us the gifts needed to bring the church to its rightful place in Christ. There are the five gifts of ministries given to the Church in Eph 4: 11. And there are the nine gifts of the spirit given to each individual as in 1 Co 12:8-10: "For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom; and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit: to another faith, in the same Spirit; and to another gifts of healings, in the one Spirit; and to another workings of miracles; and to another prophecy; and to another discernings of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; and to another the interpretation of tongues:"

The church is not an organization. It is not a denomination. It is a living, breathing, temple made of "lively stones," stones that are the souls

of men. Imperfect stones they may be! But tried, tested, forgiven, anointed and appointed members of His Body!

He is restoring to the church all that has been lost in these last hours just as He promised.

Joel 2:25, "And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the canker-worm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you."

Joel 2:28, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:"

Joel 2:29, "and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit."

Joel 2:30, "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke."

Joel 2:31, "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of God cometh."

Joel 2:32, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered; for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those that escape, as God hath said, and among the remnant those whom the Lord doth call."

Along this road to perfection He has given us many gifts to help us reach that place of maturity. First He has given us the Holy Spirit to empower us from within. We have no strength without the presence of the Holy Spirit. For truly God is not interested in calling strong humans with strong wills, and strong minds, that have completed all of the "motivational" training that one needs to be successful. Instead He is calling, those that will simply allow God to work in and thru them.

There once was a man, who typifies many men today. This man tithed faithfully, he fasted often, and he had separated himself from the world. He was called a Pharisee, which means, "one separated." He also believed in himself, just as the selfmotivational preachers will teach you today. He believed in the "merit" system. In other words, if you are a good person, you have "merit" or favor with God. He was sure he had "merit," that he had favor because of his work for the Lord.

In contrast was the publican. A man so humble that when he prayed, he would not even look to the heavens. He asked for God's mercy. He did not believe in the merit system, for he knew he had no merit to offer. Instead, he cried out for the grace (unmerited favor) and mercy of God. You know the rest of the story:

Luke 18:9, "And he spoke also this parable unto certain who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and set all others at nought:"

Luke 18:10, "Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican."

Luke 18:11, "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as the rest of men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican."

Luke 18:12, "I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I get."

Luke 18:13, "But the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote his breast, saying, God, be thou merciful to me a sinner."

Luke 18:14, "I say unto you, This man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

God is restoring the order of the church in these last days. His body begins with a firm foundation. It is not built on philosophy; it is built on a person. The person of Jesus Christ. 1 Co 3:11, "For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

On this foundation for the church is also the apostolic or "ones sent" ministry, which make up part of that same foundation.

Eph 2:19, "So then ye are no more strangers and sojourners, but ye are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God,"

Eph 2:20, "being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner stone;"

These apostolic ministries are actually "gifts" given to the Church for specific purposes:

Eph 4:8, "Wherefore he saith, When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, And gave gifts unto men."

Eph 4:11, "And he gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;"

Eph 4:12, "for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ:"

Eph 4:13, "till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a full grown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:"

Eph 4:14, "that we may be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error:"

Eph 4:15, "but speaking truth in love, we may grow up in all things into him, who is the head,

even Christ;"

Eph 4:16, "from whom all the body fitly framed and knit together through that which every joint supplieth, according to the working in *due* measure of each several part, maketh the increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love."

The five-fold "gifts" to the church (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers) have been given for specific and powerful purposes. We are presently living below the fullness of the promise of these scriptures, but there is still coming "a day appointed by the Father" when we will enjoy the fullness of Eph 4:11-16.

The five-fold ministry is for:

- The perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry.
- Building up of the Body of Christ.
- Bring the Church to the unity of the faith and knowledge of the Son of God.
- Bring the church into a place of full maturity. A place of "sonship." A place where Christ lives and moves freely and wholly and Holy in His people. A place where "greater works than these will you do because I go to my Father" as Jesus said.

This is where I want to be. This is where you want to be. This is where God wants you to be. This is the place that the world is looking for, for the revealing of the Sons of God. Christ, appearing the second time, in His Church, in His fullness. Not as the baby Christ child born in obscurity, but Christ glorified and visible in His Church and in the world.

Building upon this foundation is the ministry of the shepherds, which the bible calls "elders" along with helpers called "deacons." These spiritual men are anointed and appointed by the Holy Spirit, by the apostolic ministry. These shepherds are to

be men tried and tested, who meet the requirements of the Word of God:

1 Tim 3:1, "This is a true saying, If a man desireth the office of a elder, he desireth a good work."

1 Tim 3:2, "An elder then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach;"

1 Tim 3:3, "Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre (wrongful gain), but patient; not a brawler, not covetous;"

1 Tim 3:4, "One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;"

1 Tim 3:5, "(For if a man knoweth not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)"

1 Tim 3:6, "Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil."

1 Tim 3:7, "Moreover, he must have a good report of them who are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."

1 Tim 3:8, "Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre,"

1 Tim 3:9, "Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience."

1 Tim 3:10, "And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless."

1 Tim 3:11, "Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things."

1 Tim 3:12, "Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children, and their own houses well."

1 Tim 3:13, "For they that have used the office of a deacon well, purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the

faith, which is in Christ Jesus."

The local elders are to take heed to their own personal life to be sure they are walking closely and appropriately with the Lord. Secondly they are to be tenderhearted towards the flock of the local church, and should be capable of providing them with a well-balanced spiritual meal, that they all may grow. We always like to see as much as is possible, that there are two or more elders, equally sharing the burden of the local church as kind shepherds. Receiving no pay other than eternal, immeasurable riches in heaven!

Acts 20:28, (speaking to the elders of Ephesus) "Take heed therefore to yourselves, and to all the flock over which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

When the time is right, when the fullness of "the time appointed by the Father" is here, we will no longer be servants, we (speaking of the Church) will be full-grown sons, heirs of God in our rightful place.

When He is finished with His Church, it will not be a weak, splintered, sick, dieing, defeated organization. Instead, it will be Glorious beyond human words! Our responsibility is to be faithful to His calling for us.

Eph 5:27, "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

So where are we today? We have a rich history or His Story behind us, and tremendous promises before us. We are between the promise and the possession. We have the privilege of walking in the fruit and truth of many worldwide revivals, which has brought us to this hour today. We have learned in this present truth, many Kingdom truths, SOME of which are:

- Baptism of the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues.
- Restoration of elders/ shepherds.

- Restoration of the five-fold ministry.
- Empowerment and equipping of the Body of Christ with the gifts of the Spirit.
- The receiving of gifts of the spirit by the laying on of the hands of a presbytery.
- Restoration of the gift of prophesy, available to all in the local services.
- Kingdom truth of tithing to open the windows of heaven!
- The understanding of the importance of every member in the body of Christ.
 - The truth of "Sonship."

What does God expect of us today? Simply put: faithfulness. Faithfulness to our individual ministry and calling. Faithfulness to our support and attendance in the local church. Faithfulness to the local elders that "watch for our souls." Faithfulness to one another.

As the church walks in obedience and faithfulness, soon that glorious day "appointed by the Father" will come.

It is destiny.

Take Time Daily To Be With The Lord

By Steven Levson

Take Time To Be Holy

Take time to be holy, speak off with thy Lord;

Abide in Him always, and feed on His word.

Make friends of God's children, Help those who are weak;

Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;

Spend much time in secret with Jesus

alone—

By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be:

Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;

And run not before Him, whatever betide.

In joy or in sorrow, still follow thy Lord.

And looking to Jesus, still trust in His

word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul:

Each tho't and each motive beneath His control.

Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love:

Thou soon shall be fitted for service above.

The message of this song 'Take Time to be Holy, is also the message that the Lord has put on my heart. God's people need to make spending time with God a top priority. There are many reasons that we need to spend time with God.

One reason why spending time in communion with the Lord is so important, is that it allows us to get to know Him better. "I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the Lord," (Hosea 2:20). Another reason is to draw closer to Him, and allow Him to change us into His likeness. "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded," (James 4:8). "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord," (II Corinthians 3:18). A third reason is to reach out to Him for the many needs that are in the universal church, our local churches, our families and friends, and our own lives. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land," (II Chronicles 7:14). Regardless of the reason, spending time with the Lord is a tremendous blessing. "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore," (Psalm 16:11).

There are a number of things that God instructs us to do daily. These include reading the Bible, singing, praying, speaking in tongues. Here are some scriptures that provide instruction in these areas. "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," (Matthew 4:4). "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but by filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God," (Ephesians 5:15-210. "Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: Lord, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee," (Psalm 88:9).

Besides all these things, I have learned that we need to seek Him, wait upon Him, and allow Him to speak to us. Then we are to obey His voice. This all needs to be done daily! Going through life requires us to be led by the Holy Spirit. His wisdom can guide us day to day. We need the Lord's counsel and guidance. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths," (Proverbs 3:5,6). "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint," (Isaiah 40:31).

Even though it is a good thing to spend time with God, it seems as though we are often 'too busy' to take the time to do this. I believe that saying we are 'too busy' is a deception from the enemy that covers up the real reason - that daily devotions with God is not a priority tous. If something is not a priority, it tends to get neglected. We make time for those things that are important to us. Isn't it ironic how we are 'too busy' for God, but find the time to do many other activities that are far less important?

I have been convicted of this in my life and I want to use an illustration to show you more clearly what I mean. What if I told my employer that I was 'too busy' to work because of my hobbies? My employer would tell me that I better find the time or I will be unemployed. Since I need to work, in order to earn money to feed, clothe, and provide shelter for my family, I make time to work. Work is a priority, therefore, I spend time doing it.

How much more important is it that we take time with God! "But

seek ye **FIRST** the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you," (Matthew 6:33).

Not only is it important to spend time with God, but spending time with God is using our time wisely. "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is," (Eph 5:15-17).

Spending time with Him also helps us to bear fruit. This is central to our walk with God. "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches, He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing," (John 15:4,5).

Another aspect to consider when we spend time with the Lord is our attitude or motivation. We can have daily devotions quickly, just to get them done and get on with our day. However, to truly receive the full blessing of God, we need to spend the time with Him until <u>HE</u> indicates we are done.

The more time we spend with the Lord, the sweeter He is. As we spend time with Him, our desire to be with Him grows more and more. Therefore, let us make spending time with God a daily priority. Let us do it with the right attitude, not rushing to get it done, but communing with Him as we would our closest friend. And let us see the blessings of the Lord as we put Him first. "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart," (Jeremiah 29:11-13).

May God guide and direct you daily as you spend time with Him!

Love, a brother in Christ, Steven Levson

Farewell: Bro. Robert (Bob) H. Oldridge



In 2 Cor. 5:20 (Philips) "We are now Christ's Ambassadors, as though God were appealing direct to you through us. As His personal representatives we say, "make your peace with God." I thought this scripture suited Bro. Bob's ministry so well. He was a very good example of an ambassador for Christ over the past some 64 years. Webster explains an ambassador, this way. "An ambassador is an accredited diplomatic agent of the highest rank, appointed as the representative of one state or government to another. In a very real sense we all as Christians bear this unspeakable privilege.

His ministry took him from ministering to the smallest

of congregations in Saskatchewan, Canada in the early years, to "regions beyond", such as many of the Caribbean Islands, Cuba, New Zealand, etc. as well as many locations of the U.S. and Canada. One couldn't help but appreciate the sincere devotion with which Bob and Jean, his wife, valued with deepest respect, the 'Call of God' on their lives, as they travelled together (most of the time) to the many places their ministry took them. Bro Oldridge set a wonderful example of a faithful Ambassador as he ministered the message of Salvation the Love of God and His coming Kingdom...

He is predeceased by their daughter Carolyn. I'm sure they are enjoying beyond human words the eternal presence of the Saviour they served here on earth. The

fulfillment of the scripture... "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things God hath prepared for them that love Him." 1 Cor. 2:9 is now a reality for them. So we bid farewell to our dear Brother. As the old hymn goes, "We will meet you in the morning over there". Our thoughts and prayers are with you Sister Jean, and family.

Bro. Merv Smith

DATES OF IMPORTANCE

Indiana Young People's Meeting	Dec. 27 - 31, 2007
North Battleford New Year's Youth Retreat Dec.	. 28, 2007 - Jan. 1, 2008
North Carolina Winter Camp at the Cornerstone	
Conference Center in Brown Summit, NC	Feb. 22 - 24, 2008
Feast North Battleford	March 20-23, 2008
Illinois Gathering (King's House)	
Camp North Battleford	July 6 - 13, 2008
North Carolina Summer Camp	N/A
Pinelow Summer Family Camp	Aug. 4 - 10, 2008
Hidden Acres	Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, 2008
Park Valley	Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, 2008
Winkler	Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, 2008
Minden Meetings	N/A
Pinelow Fall Family Camp	N/A

INDIANA YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

December 2007

Thursday evening, Dec. 27 thru Monday., noon, Dec. 31, 2007. Mt. St. Francis Retreat Center, St. Francis, Indiana, 47146, phone (812) 923-8817.

Location just 10 miles from downtown Louisville, KY. All under one roof, gym, recreation rooms, hundreds of acres of woods and hills to hike and sled on. 53 private rooms w/bath and air conditioning. **How to Get There.** From West (St. Louis, etc.) I 64 to U.S. I 50 West, go 2 miles on US I 50 to 2nd set of flashing lights, the center is on the left.

From North: I 65 South to I 265 West 10 miles to U.S. I 50 exit, go 2 miles on I 50 to 2nd set of flashing lights, center on left. From South and East: I 64 West thru Louisville across Ohio River then 4 miles to U.S. I 50 East highway.

Go 2 miles on I 50 to 2nd set of flashing lights. Center is on left. Come one and all, bring your friends and let's have a great time learning and sharing together.

Bring: Bibles, notebooks, pens and pencils, personals, extra towels and washcloths if desired, snacks for after service.

Contact: Bob Wood, 7 N 933 Pharlap Dr., St. Charles, IL 60175 Phone: 630-513-6642 or email: sandrakwood@aol.com Costs: Adults \$65, Teens \$54 (11-17) Children \$32 (2-10)

NORTH BATTLEFORD NEW YEAR'S YOUTH RETREAT Dec. 28, 2007- Jan. 1, 2008

As part of Sharon Schools Educational Program the North Battleford Young Peoples' Gathering will begin with the supper meal Friday, December 28, 2007 and will run through until after the noon meal Tuesday, January 1, 2008.

Bring your usual things: bedding, towel, toilet articles, warm clothing, musical instrument, Bible, notebooks, skates and broomball brooms and hockey gear, gym clothes and footwear.

We thank the Mothers for their past contributions of baking and suggest that similar offerings would be gratefully received again this year.

(If the Elders feel to send any financial help from the churches, it will be greatly appreciated).

This invitation is extended to teenagers and older singles and young married couples.

We would like to encourage older singles to attend with a focus on their ministry and issues.

We also would like to encourage young married couples to come for fellowship and to assist with the ministry.

Please have one of your young people write at an early date stating approximately the number of boys and girls hoping to attend.

Send to Sharon Schools, Box 878, North Battleford, Sask. S9A 2Z3. Registration Fee: \$25.00 on arrival. Non Profit U.S. Postage Paid Minden, NE 68959 Permit No. 40

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