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Our Mission Statement

The Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is called into renewal to preach the fullness of the gospel of Jesus Christ to all who will listen, and to prepare and gather a righteous people for the building of the Kingdom of God on earth, Zion.

To The Saints. . .

How joyful it is to view the pictures of the people of the church and to see what a happy people we are. Most of us who have been around for a few years realize that the world is always changing even in small ways. The world is also discovering new things. How blessed we are that we can once again pick up the Remnant Record and see the pictures, read the articles, and remember the year that has just gone by.

What a joy it is to see a people who can happily put their arms around each other, who can stand shoulder to shoulder and smile, and can worship God together. What a support these things are not only to those who lived the events, but for those who get to view the events in this record of the past year.

Fellowship is indeed one of the blessings of belonging to the church and participating in the activities. When the days of our lives march on and we look back, it is usually those happy days when we were together in play, study, crafting, worship, and just sitting together that we remember. We seldom remember back to a sermon or a class. It is those happy times of interaction together that come to our minds. This seems to be a part of what God wants for us to do, to remember the pictures of life when we were together in fellowship. These are the ways in which church changes our lives.

Being apart of a church is more than listening to a class or a sermon. It is the interacting together which often brings the most support. Those interactions require a lot of work and preparation in order for them to happen. It also requires our participation.

Publications like the Remnant Record help us all to participate in the church's activities. I hope that you will cherish what you see in these pages and that in so doing be encouraged to continue to keep us all to be a happy people.

Again, I want to thank all of those of the Remnant Record staff who put this together and all of the church staff who make the events possible. It is a lot of work, but it is worth it all.

I firmly believe that God is in our activities and it shows in our love for each other.



Terry W. Patience,
For the First Presidency

Spring Men and Women's Retreat

"Closer To The Kingdom"

April 4-6, 2025

by President David R. Van Fleet

The April 4-6, 2025, Men's Retreat with the theme, "Closer to the Kingdom," was held at the Gathering Place Worship Center and Holy Sanctuary in Independence, Missouri. Some of the classes and services were held jointly with the women and youth, who were having a Women's Retreat and a Youth Retreat at the same time. Such a joint service began the retreats on Friday, April 4, at 9 a.m., as a prayer service, led by Presiding Patriarch Dennis Evans took place in the Worship Center. The prayer service was followed by a men's class, titled "General Church Goals for 2025," at 10:30, taught by President David Van Fleet.

Following the lunch break, a joint class at 1:15 p.m. on "Fundamentals of Zion and Their Purpose, Spiritual and Temporal," was taught by Presiding Bishop Kevin Romer. At 2:45 p.m. Apostle Matthew Goodrich taught a class, titled "Reflections on Recent Revelations," which covered those revelations given through Presidents Fred Larsen and Terry Patience. Following the dinner break, a joint evening worship was held at 7 p.m. Apostle Rodney Walsh presided, and David Van Fleet preached on the theme for the retreat. A joint campfire rounded out the day.

Saturday, April 5, began with a second prayer service with Brother Evans presiding again, followed by a Men's Class, titled "Laboring for Zion when We Co-exist in Babylon," taught by President Terry Patience.

The 1:15 p.m. afternoon joint class was taught by Patriarch Ralph and Marci Damon on the subject, "Ten Principles for Zion," from the book by William Clinefelter, titled *Covenant and the Kingdom*.

At 2:45 a business meeting was held to approve the call of Ray Kreutzer, Jr., who lives in Louisville, Kentucky, and attends Southern Indiana Branch, to the office of seventy. After his acceptance statement and supporting statements of members, Ray was ordained by Seventies Bruce Terry and Raymond Setter, Jr.

The Saturday, 7:00 p.m. service was held in the Holy Sanctuary with President Patience presiding. The service consisted of hymns, scripture readings, prayers, meditation time, and short messages by Seventies Ted Webb and Ray Kreutzer, Jr. Near the end of the service, President Patience gave some final thoughts, which included a message which began, "I feel we have been blessed by hearing His voice for the last two days, but He would say further unto you, Oh, my children, I weep for you, for you have read my words. You have been in communion with me and yet, you have not responded as I would have you to do." The remainder of the message can be found in *The Hastening Times*, Summer 2025, Issue No. 96, page 6, which is available online and in print.

The joint Sunday morning worship began at 9:00 a.m. with the Presidential Address by President Patience and David Van Fleet presiding. There was also junior church for the children in the morning.

The retreats concluded with a joint communion service at 10:30; High Priest John Atkins gave the communion message and President Michael Hogan presided.

Twenty-nine men sent in advance registration, and more men registered at the time of the retreat.

As always, fellowship was an essential and enjoyable part of the retreat, and the ministry provided in the classes and sermons was designed to encourage and strengthen all.





Oh The Place You Will Go!

Vacation Church School

June 23–27, 2025

by Marci Damon

Vacation Church School ran from June 23rd to June 27th. We were blessed to have twenty-three smiling children from the age of 3-years old to going into 6th grade. Our theme was, “Oh, The Place You Will Go!” The stories for the week centered around Lehi’s family traveling from Jerusalem to Bountiful and ended with Lehi’s family sailing to the Promised Land.

Each day started with everyone gathering in the sanctuary for early worship. The children and staff were greeted by “Lehi” who shared with everyone some of the exciting things they would be learning about his family for that day. The children would then head to their classes to learn the day’s lesson and then on to music, recreation, and crafts. Also we can’t forget the wonderful snacks they got to munch on in the middle of the morning. The children learned many new songs, one being “Nephi’s Courage.” There were lots of interesting games and activities at recreation. One even included catching marshmallows in their mouths! At the end of the week each child went home with their own painted canvas showing a path to the Promised Land.

This year we added a fun day on Friday. The children enjoyed games, scavenger hunts, water toss, and much, much more. At the end everyone enjoyed hotdogs, chips, and cookies for lunch before going home. Everyone had fun and left with smiles on their faces.

We had seven energetic and wonderfully helpful youth helpers; Kindyll Bryant, Stella Buttery, James Kreutner, Charlotte Purvis, Elizabeth Purvis, Lydia Purvis, Zachary Purvis, and Natalie Romer.

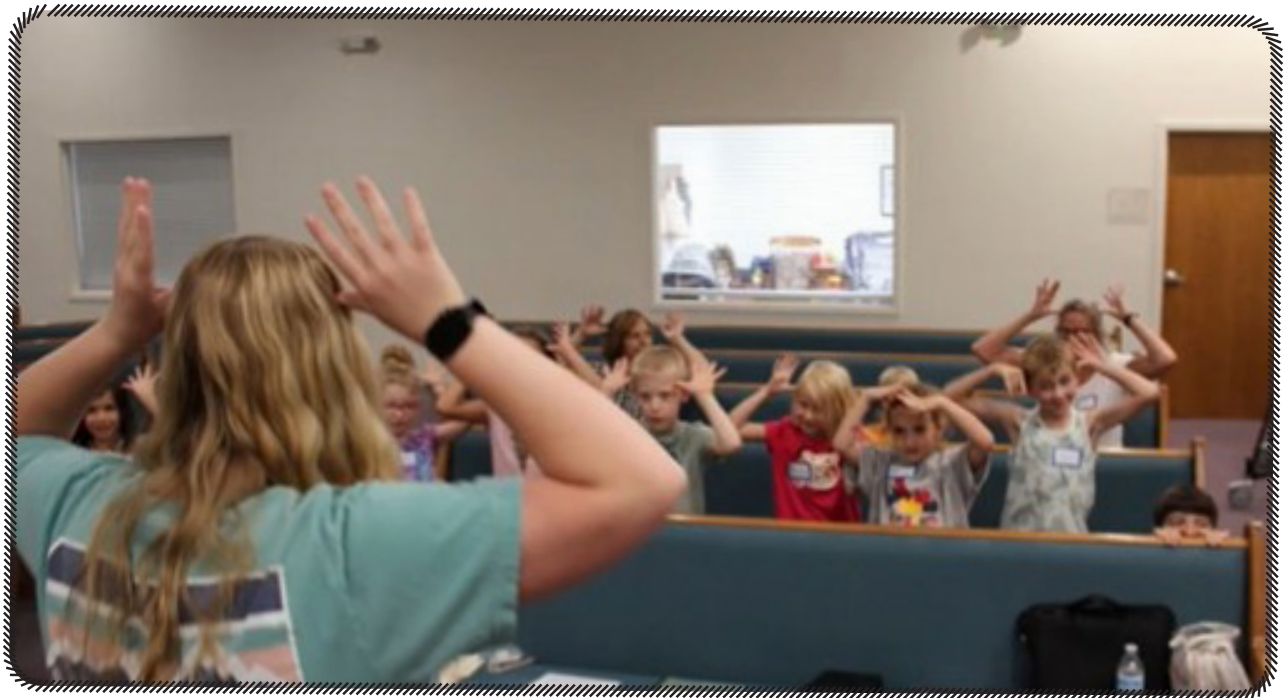
There were so many amazing adults to guide and instruct the children as well: Glennis Bryant, Stephanie Durant, Corwyn Mercer, Melody Moore, Sherri Morrison, Tawna Noftzger, Linda Reed, Leith Setter, Cassie Turner.

Emily Kreutner managed registrations, daily check-ins, greeted children, answered parent questions, and helped organize supplies. Photos of the week were taken by Lydia Purvis, and Emily designed the program slideshow.

The Director this year was Marci Damon and her husband Ralph Damon was “Lehi” in the living scriptures every morning. Crafts were done by Brandy Lascoe, Jill Holmes, and Tessa Woods. Alisa Friedrich was in charge of recreation, and she made sure all the wiggles got out. Savannah taught the kids all the songs for the program.

I am incredibly grateful for the diverse talents and dedication of everyone who contributed to making this week special and memorable for our youth.





Junior Camp

July 9–12, 2025

by Melody Moore

“Cradle to the Cross to the Crown”

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish; but have everlasting life.”

These are the topics we covered each day:

Birth of Christ

Miracles of Christ

Crucifixion

Resurrection

Our focus this camp was to share with the campers who Jesus was, that he came to us as a baby, taught us how to live our lives and then died for our sins. Also, we discussed how we should choose to follow him and have a relationship with him.

The first evening Melody held a class titled “Living Scriptures.” We had several staff & campers act out the nativity scene. With no time to practice, it went well. We had a super time. We then made stain glass ornaments of the nativity scene that we put on a Christmas tree.

Also, to stay with the “Christmas theme,” we had stockings hung that we put a gift in every day that represents what we taught.

The next day we went over some of the miracles that Jesus did, such as healing of the lame man to walk, Jesus feeding the multitudes, and Jesus walking on water/calming the storm.

The next day we shared Jesus entering Jerusalem, the Last Supper, and the death of Jesus. Our staff that taught the classes were John Atkins, Angela Collins, Sherri Morrison, Ray & Leith Setter, and Darrin & Melody Moore.

They all did a phenomenal job sharing who Jesus was, what he did, and engaging and keeping the interest of the campers. We also spent time reading scriptures, doing worksheets, crafts, and even having an “escape room” game.

On our last day, Darrin shared with them the Resurrection and how we should keep Him in our hearts and have Him as our friend all the days of our lives.

Keilah Zahner taught our campfire and music class. Keilah brought to us a song, “I’d Rather Have Jesus” that God had inspired her to bring. I was so amazed how well the campers memorized the song in a short time. Savannah Buttery taught our outdoor activities/games. I admire her enthusiasm that she has with the campers.

Thanks to our caretakers that live on the campgrounds, they put in an above ground pool that the campers got to enjoy every day.

All the way up to a few weeks before camp, I had no luck finding a nurse. Most people I asked were either busy or were already going to another camp. Angela Collins said let me ask my daughter-n-law, April Dawn. April Dawn liked the idea but thought she was not going to be able to get the time off work. I prayed about it everyday and night. The Saturday before camp, April Dawn called me and said she got the time off and her daughter Alexis (an RN as well) got off to come help as well. I was praising God for this answered prayer. They both tag teamed it and did a wonderful job. They are very beautiful souls, and we are so glad we got to meet them and spend time with them at camp. Angelas daughter Gabby got to come and be our helper whenever we needed her.

Each day we filled our bodies with yummy meals cooked by Claudetta Buttery & Francine Baldridge.

We had a great staff that carried a great spirit. They always knew what to do, or where to be without us asking, which made for a very smooth and wonderful time.





Junior High Camp

July 12-19, 2025

by Ester Goodrich

Theme – I am a Disciple of Jesus Christ

This year, Junior High Camp was about how to pray and build a closer relationship with God. Themes for the days were:

- Sunday – “Take Up Your Cross.”
- Monday – “Faith to Follow.”
- Tuesday – “Jesus Our Anchor.”
- Wednesday – “Walk in the Light.”
- Thursday – “God’s Spiritual Gifts.”
- Friday – “Witnessing for Jesus.”

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there were many staff changes before and during camp. This caused the staff to work together and build a unity of purpose that affected everyone at the camp. The first change was the camp director. Due to personal reasons the original camp director was unable to attend, and Chad Buttery stepped in. This happened before camp started. The next staff change occurred when Francis Baldrige was unable to continue as camp cook, due to health. The camp counselors on the girl’s side, stepped up and assisted Claudetta Buttery with cooking the meals and preparing snacks. Then, Blake Buttery received a bug or spider bite on his arm which required medical attention. Claudetta took him to the Emergency Room, and he was admitted to the hospital for treatment. The ladies took over the food preparation duties so Claudetta was able to concentrate on her husband, to be with and encourage him during his treatment.

The youth at the camp were very responsive and learned how to communicate more effectively with the Lord. From the first prayer class, there were youth that stood and prayed. By the last prayer class, almost every youth that came had stood and prayed at one or more of the classes.

In crafts they learned how to decorate pet rocks, make tie-dyed shirts and towels, decorate wooden discs, and weave “God’s Eyes”. They made many of the snacks and desserts as well as Blackberry jam for cooking class, and the recipes made were included in the Camp Log, so they can “wow” their families by making these at home.

The campfires were enjoyed by one and all. The camp CIT’s helped Keilah Zahner lead the singing. The second night the campers were directed to go to the campfire site one by one in a prayerful, quiet attitude, which made for more Spirit-filled campfires. Chad shared counsel and experiences

The talent show was a total success! Every one of the campers participated and a great time was had by all. Zachary Grippy was the Talent Show announcer this year, and he did a wonderful job.

Not only did the youth learn a lot, but they were very responsive to direction and learning how to listen to promptings from the Holy Spirit. Chad asked that as a sign of reverence to the Lord, we kneel when praying. During the last campfire, almost every youth knelt and prayed or stood and shared a short testimony. At the campfires, on Thursday and Friday night there were staff that heard the Heavenly Choir singing with us. Many of the campers dedicated their lives to God during the Dedication Service.

In short, this year’s Junior High Camp was an exercise in creating and maintaining unity of purpose and learning how to listen to the Holy Spirit’s promptings. Both the youth and the staff grew in understanding and love for each other.

We look forward to next year’s camp and pray it will be even more beneficial to all who attend.



Senior High Camp

July 19–26, 2025

Submitted by Christy Mercer

Senior High Camp 2025 was a big success. Our theme this year was “Seeking God is a Continuous Process for HE is Always Seeking Us.” Our Director, High Priest Corwyn Mercer, led our wonderful camp down a spiritual path, drawing closer to God through private, one-to-one time with God in the morning in prayer, word, journaling and in daily classes.

High Priest Eddie Gates led the whole camp in prayer time each day.

We had chats with Christy Mercer on dating and marriage. The class was interactive with testimonies on dating experiences from staff, discussing what dating is, and what qualities to look for in a companion, etc. Time ran short, so not much conversation took place on marriage, and there are plans to continue this conversation next year.

Even though our cooks fluctuated during the week, we received delicious and filling meals every day. Our cooks included Charlotte Buttery and Frances Potter, Claudetta and Blake Buttery. Francine Baldrige assisted with the menu planning.

Our campfires were led by Keilah Zahner; crafts were led by Samantha Wilson. Eric Collins came before work to teach archery, and Coral Rogers led an acting class through the week. Those talents were shared at the talent show. Counselors included Coral Rogers, Samantha Wilson, Melody Moore, Tracee Hunter, Julie Patrick, Gabby Collins, Keilah Zahner, Elbert Rogers, Ean Wilson, CIT: Zach Grippy and Savannah Buttery. Nursing was provided by Christy Mercer.

The campers and staff all worked well together and were supportive of one another. Thank you to everyone for their hard work and dedication to working with the youth.





General Church Reunion

August 9–13, 2025

“Staying Steadfast in the Gospel”

The General Church Reunion was held in August at The Salvation Army campground in Independence, Missouri.

The campground is heavily wooded with lots of places to sit and pray/meditate, and provides a peaceful place for our annual gathering.

It’s such a wonderful opportunity to come “out of the world” and spend time in worship and fellowship with the saints. We even had a few visitors including a family of skunks, thankfully no one was sprayed.

Our theme for the week was “Staying Steadfast in the Gospel”.

On Sunday morning Corwyn Mercer preached about “Be Steadfast in the Gospel”, and Sunday evening Ralph Damon preached on “The Weak Shall Proclaim the Gospel”.

On Monday evening Rod Walsh preached on “Hear Ye Him”, and on Tuesday evening David VanFleet preached on “Give Heed to the Words of Eternal Life”.

Our mornings began with prayer services that were led by The Patriarchs. The mornings and afternoons were filled with classes.

The adult class teachers were Ralph and Marci Damon, Matt Goodrich and Terry Patience.

The children’s classes were taught by Tessa Woods, Sherri Morrison and Pat Walsh. The youth also enjoyed swimming and creating different crafts every day.

Our evenings ended with a canteen, for those with a sweet tooth, and a campfire. The campfires were housed in a large stone fireplace led by Pam Foreman and Steve Rideout, it was the perfect ending to the day.

The reunion ended the last day, with those in attendance, circling around the children while Terry Patience gave a special prayer over each one. This reunion is one that will be remembered for years to come, especially by the children. We hope you will join us next year!

Submitted by
Brandy Lascoe







by Brandy Lascoe

The Women's Branson trip was a much needed getaway this year for many women. The weather was cool, and the leaves were just starting to turn. We had 24 women that attended, with 6 from outlying areas. (There were two women that had to cancel at the last minute, and we missed them dearly.)

On the way down to Branson, we stopped at Finley Farms in Ozark, Missouri. Finley Farms is located on the banks of the Finley River, and is a beautiful place to walk around and explore. They grow veggies, flowers, and herbs that are used in the workshop (coffee/cafe) and restaurant. It is a cool venue with lots of comfy seating overlooking the garden.

The weekend was filled with devotions, campfires, a worship service, crafts, and some shopping on Saturday. We also had lots of time to fellowship and get to know our "sisters" better. The highlight of the trip was watching the play, "David," at The Sight and Sound Theatre.

Some of the most impactful quotes from the play were "Not all battles are won with a sword," "Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart", and "listen to HIS voice."



A few ladies went to Silver Dollar City and rode a water ride together: “we got soaked.... (thanks to Keilah Zahner).”

We became artists during our craft time, as we created holiday door plaques (finished off with a big bow). We also split into small groups and did an “escape room,” which my team failed at miserably. Everyone was so willing to chip in and help with the meals, clean up and anything else that needed to be done. The weekend provided time to relax and was a great bonding experience for the women. We hope you will consider joining us in the future. We are thankful to the Bishopric for supporting these trips, and we are glad to report that we were, fully self-supporting, covering all of the costs for the entire trip for the second year in a row. What a blessing!





Youth Winter Retreat *December 27–29, 2025*

Austin Purvis

During the winter break, nineteen junior high and high school young adults met together for the church's annual retreat. Our theme for this year was "Climbing to the Mountain Top." The retreat was only three short days, but we were able to pack in a lot of fun, fellowship, and learning about the need to "climb the mountain."

Our classes for the retreat were taught by Bishop Andrew Romer. He talked about the necessity of striving to do what the Lord requires of us, and the reward for those who work and minister for our Savior. The scriptures contain many examples of mountaintop experiences: Moses ascending Mount Sinai to meet God and later to receive His commandments, the Transfiguration of Christ, and the brother of Jared seeing the finger of God. Many who have attended reunions and camps have also had mountaintop experiences of their own. When we set ourselves apart to seek God, we embark on a journey up the mountain. This is why we come to retreats and camps: to meet God.

Our class focused on how to make that trek up the mountain using all of the safety gear God provides. The Holy Spirit is our protector, pointing out danger along the way and encouraging us. The word of God is our guide, showing us the safe path to the top. In rock climbing, we have ropes, harnesses, belay devices, and belayers who help keep us safe. If we choose to climb without these things, we are much more likely to fall.

In life, if we choose to make the journey without the gifts God has given us, we put ourselves in danger. Falling is inevitable. How often we fall, how quickly we recover, and how far we fall depends on how well we use God's safety equipment.

Finally, we discussed what happens once we reach the top. What is that experience like? Why would we want to be in God's presence? After all, why make the climb if the view is not worth the difficulty?

Along with our classes, we took the campers rock climbing. It was interesting to watch how the campers started climbing. Some had no fear and just jumped right in. Others were scared and would just look at the wall and contemplate whether the ropes and harnesses would hold them when they were thirty feet off the ground. In the end, almost everyone made the climb and trusted in the process. The staff tried to relay to the campers the similarities between physical climbing and our spiritual climb. Just as we trust our ropes and harness, we must trust the Lord to support us and keep us safe in our spiritual climb. The struggles of getting to the top are always worth the effort.





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General Conference	April 1-5, 2026	Remnant Church Office (816) 461-7215
Vacation Church School	June 22-26, 2026	Remnant Church Office (816) 461-7215
Junior Camp Blackgum Campground	July 8–11, 2026	Remnant Church Office (816) 461-7215
Junior High Camp Blackgum Campground	July 11–18, 2026	Remnant Church Office (816) 461-7215
Senior High Camp Blackgum Campground	July 15–25, 2026	Remnant Church Office (816) 461-7215
General Church Reunion	TBD	Remnant Church Office (816) 461-7215
Winter Youth Retreat Conference Center	TBD	

“When a man has offered in sacrifice all that he has for the truth’s sake, not even withholding his life, and believing before God that he has been called to make this sacrifice, because he seeks to do his will, he does know most assuredly that God does and will accept his sacrifice and offering, and that he has not nor will not seek his face in vain.”

(Joseph Smith, Jr., “Lectures on Faith,” in *Doctrine and Covenants* (Ohio:1835) Lecture 6:7e)