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The Sacrifice of the Saints – 1991 to 2021 Another Step of the Vision

As you read the following letter penned in 1991 by Brother John A. Smith, CPRS's first administrator, realize that the Saints dramatically answered his reference challenge to raise a large amount of money "in the next few weeks." In a very short time, the saints raised \$415,000 to purchase the school. We are now looking at another sacrificial event from the Saints.

Center Place Restoration School has become an icon of the Restoration. After this year's graduation, the school has graduated 505 students since the first graduating class in 1992. It has also become a focal point for many Restoration worship services and gatherings. CPRS continues to grow and needs your help to take the next step in renovating the sanctuary/auditorium while still maintaining our day-to-day operations. The needs/facts mentioned in Brother Smith's letter, paragraph 2, are even more acute in today's world. CPRS needs your prayerful and financial support for the next step. We would humbly ask for the Restoration Branches and Saints to unite in supporting the Zionic endeavor of CPRS.

Dan L. Schoenemann

August 7, 1991 Dear Brethren:

"Glorious Things Are Sung of Zion!" There are many wonderful things happening in the Center Place. One of them is the exciting development of a Restoration School for our children.

It is a known fact that we are losing seven out of ten of our children to worldly influences, as a result of the things they are being exposed to in the secular educational system. The time has come for the saints to establish their own schools as God called His people to do, from time-to-time in our Restoration history.

Our testimony continues to grow as a result of the mounting number of calls and letters coming in, expressing enthusiastic support for this Zionic enterprise. We are receiving an increasing number of Branch donations in amounts of up to \$10,000 from Arizona, California, Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma, New Jersey, and Texas. We have also heard from excited saints in Florida, Louisiana, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Washington. Some of these groups have indicated that they will be pledging a monthly contribution in support of

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SPIRITUAL REVIVAL DAY

The themes for our Spiritual Revival Day all revolved around the central theme of the gospel. We were able to welcome in several wonderful teachers, who brought such a loving spirit into the school.

We started off the day with a schoolwide devotion where we explored the events of Joseph of Egypt, and how God worked to save his family through the struggles he went through- relating that to our own lives with how God saved us with the hardship that Jesus endured for us. Afterwards, we then divided into groups to cycle through the great classes that had been prepared for us.

Mr. Gilmore taught about baptism and the importance of not only the baptismal day, but of the covenant you make through baptism. Mr. Scofield taught a fun class on the purpose we all have here on earth, with many very enlightening points of discussion. Josh Pedersen and Tyler Ramirez shared about the joy we

have through the grace and mercy God has given us, and the grace and mercy we should share with others as a result of His.

More enlightening classes were taught by Cara Smith as she shared personal experiences pointing to the topic of forgiveness, and how foundational that is for us to use in daily life! Adam Gard shared on repentance, sometimes the hardest principle of the gospel, and invoked new thoughts on how the process of repentance should be done. All of the day's teachers taught GREAT classes. Thank you all!

The day was finished off with some games, bonding, and free time. We can't thank all of those who helped with the planning, set-up, and coordination enough! Thank you ZAC club for a great, uplifting day!

Andrew Smith CPRS Faculty



















WE ARE HIS HANDS & FEET

For the ZAC trip we went to Columbia, Missouri. We spent the 2 nights at the Restoration Branch. We arrived late Friday night. Saturday morning we started our service projects by clearing brush and pulling weeds. We also layered out a lot of new mulch in the flower beds outside of the church. We then put together the new fire pit that the church needed built. We worked from about 10 in the morning till 5 in the evening with a lunch break around 2. Right after lunch a few ZAC mem-

bers went and helped some members of the branch with yard work that they couldn't do alone. That evening we had a cookout with all the family's of the branch at the Schultz house. Then Sunday morning we put on the morning class worship there at the branch. The overall theme we had chosen for the weekend was God answering prayers.

Larson Gard CPRS Senior



THE SACRIFICE OF THE SAINTS

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the ongoing operations and scholarship funds, for we want all students, regardless of tuition, to have access to the school. The response from individual saints, in making loans and donations, continues to be encouraging as well.

<u>EXCITING NEWS!</u> We just received notification that our purchase proposal was unanimously approved by the Waldo Avenue Baptist Congregation. God has truly been leading the way.

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT NOW IF THE EARLY RESTORATION COMMAND OF GOD IS TO BE-

COME REALITY IN THESE CLOSING DAYS!! We need to raise \$415,000 in the next few weeks for the purchase of this facility. It is worth several times this amount.

If this Zionic enterprise is to become a reality - WE NEED to hear from you now!!! We humbly call you to a united front to build up this cause of Zion.

In Gospel Bonds, Brother John A. Smith

> Dan L. Schoenemann CPRS School Administrator