



The Peacekeepers

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TIM'S SERVICE

by Tim "K9" Kunzweiler, President

I was home today, benefitting from a rare base closure due to a heavy March snowfall. It gave me time to blow off the drive and then to also help my next door neighbors. A three-trunk tree of theirs couldn't stand the weight of the ice and snow and so fell into the street and across their own driveway. Seeing them inspecting the situation I brought over a limb-lopper and, with several of us working together, we'd soon cleared the street and the drive and created quite a pile of logs and branches. Amidst the dichotomy between the snow's beauty and the tree's debris, we also built relationships.

This is the Peacekeeper edition closest to the upcoming 2013 World and USA National Conferences. For your awareness, we're again planning to host a booth during (at least) World Conference. As per our BYLAWS we'd also plan to share time together during an Association business meeting. The schedule for this World Conference does not set aside a specific evening for these type events so we'd have to be a bit more flexible than for past conferences. See the World Conference daily announcements for the final word, but the current plan looks to accomplish the business meeting at East Alton Congregation the Wednesday of World Conference, starting about one-half hour after the final afternoon business session finishes. In lieu of a banquet we ask members to plan to carry in their own suppers and we'd accomplish the business meeting while we eat. Drinks and a light snack may be able to be made



available. We also plan for our agenda to be completed in time so that members may attend the Conference's evening service. Alas, that means there will not be time for tale telling or testimonies during this year's meeting. However, you know we always welcome articles for this newsletter!

With the approach of these conferences it's no coincidence I'm feeling an increasingly strong call to dwell on the concepts associated with *What matters most?* I believe it's critical that the Church has clarity for those concepts as we prepare for and support these conferences. The Church, through President Veazey, has already helped us by making it clear: *The MISSION of Jesus Christ is what MATTERS MOST for the journey ahead!* [<http://www.cofchrist.org/presidency/sermons/041011Veazey.asp>]

It'd be way too simple to lump the entire *what's* of mission into something as narrow as *relationship*, though I firmly believe relationship is at the core of all that *is* important whether between us and God, or between us and some other part of God's creation. Is this a help at clarity? Our mission is much about restoring wholeness to a broken Creation *through love*. It becomes possible when we *Love God with everything, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves*.

[http://www.cofchrist.org/onlineResources/Claimed/powerpoints/7_ClaimedByChrist'sVision.ppt].

May our preparation, for today, and for all our days ahead, involve approaching the Spirit with the

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question: *What matters most?* And may that still, small voice gently leads us in faithful service to our Creator and to others. Looking forward to our time together in this mission!

In Christ ó Victory! May God bless all Peacekeepers.

Tim öK9ö Kunzweiler, President.

Curt's Column

by Curt Heaviland

When I hear of the devastation caused by tornados I feel sympathy for all of the individuals involved. I know how I would feel if all of my possessions were wrapped up in the winds and tossed everywhere. Yet, I thank the Lord that sort of devastation has not occurred here in Independence. When asked where would I like to be in light of the weather problems that have plagued the nation, my answer is öright here in Independence.ö



It is my belief that, when Joseph Smith was told that this would be the center place, I think that it would be protected from catastrophic occurrences. So far my belief has been accurate. Perhaps, as we look around and see the falling away from God's word in our nation, we are going to see far more devastation than we have ever seen in the past.

I am not a pessimist, but in my opinion our leaders are leaving God out of the equation when it comes to looking to the future. I thank God daily for allowing me to live in the U.S. and to spend my life contributing to its welfare. As I look around and see the condition of our nation, I am concerned for my loved ones. At my age, I'd be lucky to be around when we elect a president in 2016. If this is the case, what are we leaving for our children and grandchildren?

Don't take me wrong, I am not a pessimist but we must be concerned with where our country is headed and do our part to keeping it in the right direction. What is the right direction? One nation under God as our forefathers indicated in the founding of our country. May I add, it is through the efforts of people like you, in the military, that this can come about. God bless your service.

Curt Heaviland



Reminder:

Dues run through April of each year. Check your label to see the year that your expires.

Kid's Stuff

by Mary Yocum



Ian is walking up a storm now ó outrunning Grandma already. His mom is trying to teach him to cover his mouth when he coughs. He also is learning how to blow his nose. Well ó right now it's more like blowing out immediately followed by sniffing in. You have to catch him between functions to get a good nose blow, but he's trying.

We started him on Sippy cups, but he already knows how to use a straw so I pack the cups only for those times when a cup with a straw isn't available. He loves juice boxes, but he likes to squeeze the juice right out of the top ó think we'd hold off on those a while.

The other day we admonished him for throwing food on the floor. He put both hands just above his forehead, ducked his chin down and shook his head back and forth slowly. As if to say, öMan, I did it again.ö

We quit Dominic's therapist ó she was just too strange. He now takes a mild sedative and seems to be focusing better already. He's getting very good reports from his teacher on a regular basis now and that sure makes him proud. I think there is light at the end of the tunnel.

He likes to make up his own jokes and they still don't make much sense, but at least he is starting to remember his, and a few he hears from classmates.

We'd Like You to Meet:

Scott A. Jobe entered the Illinois Army National Guard in East St. Louis, Illinois in December 1982 at the rank of Private within the Infantry. He earned a scholarship to go to college from the Illinois Army National Guard. He went to combined basic and Advance Individualized Training (AIT) Infantry school for 16 weeks at Fort Benning, Georgia. Scott worked his way through the Infantry

ranks as a private first class and a specialist. He was then promoted to the rank of Corporal and put in charge of a 6 man Infantry team.

Scott then was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and led a 12 man Infantry squad. In 1985, Scott was deployed to Subic Bay, Philippines, in order to give a Marine battalion furlough. In 1988, Scott graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Illinois. Scott then enlisted in active duty in the Air Force as an Airman First Class and worked as an avionics technician on the flight line on F-15 aircraft at Bitburg AB, Germany and Nellis AFB, Nevada from 1988 ó 1992.



Scott was promoted to Senior Airmen during this time and was deployed to Italy in 1990. Scott also deployed as a part of Desert Shield/Desert Storm to Turkey in 1991. In 1992, Scott received his Community of College of the Air Force (CCAF) Associate degree in Applied Avionics technology. Scott then joined the Air Force Reserves and was promoted to Staff Sergeant and worked as a medical administration technician at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Staff Sergeant Scott Jobe flew with the C-9 Nightingale aircraft and took care of patients that were medically evacuated. In 1993, Scott was called and ordained into ministry.

Later, Scott was recognized at his workplace as a person who was good at conflict resolution and reconciliation and he was transferred into Social Actions section where he served as the Non Commissioned Officer in Charge. In this position, Scott served both as a conflict resolution relationship counselor and a drug abuse prevention counselor and ran the random drug testing program for the 932nd Airlift squadron.

In 1994, Scott met Kim Storum and soon fell head over heels and got married on Easter Sunday. From 1995 ó 1998, Scott was endorsed by his church to serve as a chaplain candidate while he was undergoing studies for his Master of Divinity degree at Eden Theological Seminary. In 1998, Scott graduated with his Master of Divinity degree and was ordained as an Elder and endorsed by his church and picked up to serve as an Air Force Reserve IMA chaplain at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Then later in 1998, Scott was selected to serve as an active duty Chaplain.

Scott then was selected to attend Squadron Officer School in residence in January 2000. While at Squadron Officer School, Scott and Kim adopted their son, David, at 3 days old. Scott's relationship with God and family are very important to him. Scott has served as a base chaplain, Senior Protestant Chaplain, and Deputy Wing Chaplain and deployed as a Chaplain to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, in 2001 (in support of Southern Watch), was stationed overseas again at Kadena AB, Okinawa Japan, and deployed to Diego Garcia in 2005 (in support of Operation Enduring Freedom).

From 2003 to 2004, Scott served in an educational assignment called clinical pastoral education and worked on the burn unit at Brook Army Medical Center and at Wilford Hall Medical Trauma Center in San Antonio, Texas. In 2007, Scott was selected for promotion to the rank of Major and later promoted to Major in 2009.

In 2007, Scott also completed Air Command and Staff College by correspondence and finished his Doctor of Ministry degree. Altogether, Scott has faithfully served for 30 and one-half years without a break in military service. Scott will have his retirement ceremony on Sunday, 24 February 2013 at 1100 hours at Luke AFB, Arizona chapel and takes terminal leave in early March to San Antonio, Texas where he and his family plan to settle down. He is officially retired from the United States Air Force on 1 July 2013.

Casting Off by Lu Moutenay of Independence, Missouri, USA

Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol him, all you people! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord!

—Psalm 117

While knitting last week, I completed the garment, and it was time to *cast off*. I sometimes get frustrated while trying to get the last row of yarn off the needle without dropping a stitch. That would leave a hole. Knitters know what I mean. What I'm trying to say is that it is so much easier to cast *on* than to cast *off*.



In my life, it's the same. It is so easy to cast on, or accumulate things. We tie ourselves down and become burdened with stuff. Sometimes the worst stuff of grudges and hurts. These can add up if we're not careful. When we finally decide to downsize and cast off these burdens, we find it's not as easy as it was to cast them on.

This is when we can turn to the enduring principles. We need to make *Responsible Choices* and discern what is important of our relationships, our faith, our prayer life, our outreach and witness.

Then we must choose what needs to go of ill will, resentment, bitterness. Then through *Grace and Generosity* we can forgive and ask for forgiveness. The needle begins to bare itself of the scratchy wool!

We *Pursue Peace (Shalom)* in our new state of freedom from chips that lay heavily on our shoulders. Our next garment will be softened with prayer and love. We encounter the faithfulness of the Lord, which endures forever.

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