

WELCOME TO  
*Zarahemla Branch*

DIGITAL BULLETIN FOR:  
**DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

# AN INVITATION

In that dark and cloudy day when the Church was fragmented, and its members scattered, the Reorganization called the saints from wayward paths, assuring them that the seed of Joseph would shortly come, and the church never be rejected again. When Joseph III took his father's place, he invited all the scattered saints "to arise and shake off the sleep" and "unite once more for the emancipation of the honest in heart from the power of false doctrines and the shackles of sin."

Joseph III also advised the saints, "that in all your intercourse with men and brethren, you will do well to consider that they are just as honest and conscientious as yourself and that in questions of what is right, or where you differ from them it is possible that you may err.... Do not take for granted that because a man differs from you, he is going to the bad, or is moved by a wicked spirit. Be patient when men differ from you, and calmly weigh all that may be said.... Exhort, but be courteous; and if your exhortations are not at once productive of the good you desire, do not denounce them who fail to heed you; be wait until time gives force to the wisdom of your words. Be sure to think that you know only a part, however great, of all that is to be known, and bear patiently with those who know but little.... Preach forbearance and practice it, teach virtue and regard for others; and then exhibit those qualities in your example that teaching, and example may be of force together" (*The Memoirs of President Joseph Smith III, p. 480*).

Following Joseph's invitation and advice, the work was revived, the church saved, and the original gospel preached in power again. The church will ultimately prevail, and God's people will unite in its efforts. We invite all saints to participate in the forthcoming blessing, for God is beginning to send His servants throughout the Earth to preach the gospel of the Kingdom for the last time and gather the faithful to the land of Zion. We invite all followers of Christ to turn from the attractions of this world and take up the work of God with renewed effort and vigor. He who both created and purchased His church shall soon arise to bring it to its glorious consummation.

Here at Zarahemla Branch, we preach and practice forbearance, we teach virtue and regard for others, and try our best to exhibit these qualities in our intercourse with each person who enters into our doors. You are welcome here at Zarahemla. You will find the presence of God's Spirit and a loving, kind, and warm fellowship.

# Zarahemla Branch

PROCLAIMING THE  
RESTORED GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

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<b>Prelude</b>	Jeri Gault
<b>Ministry of Music</b>	Cheri Cruickshank
<b>Welcome &amp; Call to Worship</b>	Elder Tim Canfield

*"For behold, the kingdom of heaven is at hand, and the Son of God cometh upon the face of the earth. And behold, he shall be born of Mary at Jerusalem, which is the land of our forefathers, she being a virgin, a precious and chosen vessel, who shall be overshadowed, and conceive by the power of the Holy Ghost, and bring forth a son, yea, even the Son of God; And he shall go forth, suffering pains, and afflictions, and temptations of every kind;" -- Alma 5:18-20*

**Opening Hymn:**  
"The First Noel"

<b>Invocation</b>	Priest Jeff Bezona
<b>Offertory</b>	Teacher Joseph Beem
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Elder Bob Moore
<b>Ministry of Music</b>	Cheri Cruickshank
<b>Sermon</b>	Elder Bob Moore

**Closing Hymn:**  
"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

<b>Benediction</b>	Elder Greg Manning
<b>Response</b>	<i>"Joy to the World!"</i>