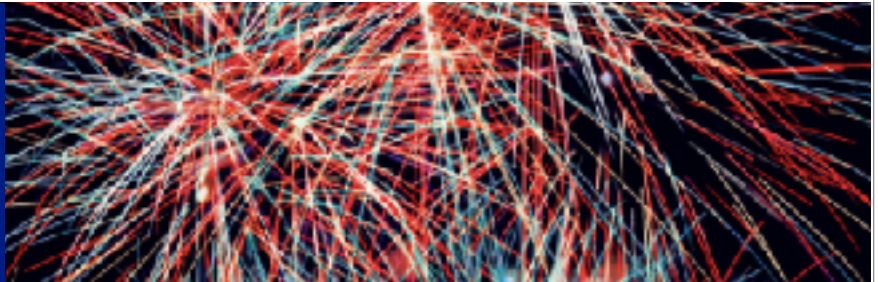


July



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Happy 5th of July

50 days of a new commitment. This endeavor begins July 4th at 6 pm.



Letter from Apostle

Greetings as we enter the final month before our 30th celebration. I'm honored and thankful that we have made it to this place of finishing.

As most of you have heard, I am convinced that I have direction to begin 50 days of a new commitment. This endeavor begins July 4th at 6 pm. This commitment is to be alert to distractions that hinder a deeper walk with Yahweh. Let us look to see what He is saying to us. I am looking forward to what will come out of the 50 days of removing things that compete for our attention. This competition grieves the Holy Ghost and keeps our hearts either dull in feeling or incapable of knowing Yahweh's heart. It's time to change. That is if we want what we say we want. I mean it when I say that I want it all. I think you do too. Yahweh and all of His gifts to us will not compete with things and sounds that have our attention. This is a sign of immaturity. It's time to grow up into all things that we may obtain the promises of Yahweh. I also believe



My favorite thing in kids ministry is upon us. Kids Camp is this month and I am thrilled as always! I love this event so much because as a child, this was my very first taste of God.

When I was a little girl, my parents had just split and were no longer together. School was out and summer was upon us. It was just the three of us, my mom, my sister & I. After a tough year my mom decided we needed a break, a nice getaway. So she loaded us up in her burgundy Pontiac and took us to the beach for the week. This was a TREAT! We almost never took a vacation. While we were there we discovered a Vacation Bible School was going on under a pavilion on the beach every day that week. My mom decided to sign us up because hey! At least we would be occupied and safe for a few hours every day that week. What she didn't realize is that it would be the introduction to my walk with Christ. From the moment we stepped foot into that pavilion I immediately felt something that I didn't have words for at the time. Looking back, I now know it was God's love. You can ask me what games we played, what crafts we made, or even what was taught in the Bible... and I wouldn't be able to tell you one bit of that. But what I can tell you about, is the people. The leaders and directors were all there for each and every single one of us. They made sure we knew it too. Their smiles, their genuine questions, their interest in anything and everything we may have had to say, or their simple friendship. By the time I left that week I was absolutely certain of one thing; this was God. never failing love.

that it is our hearts to bless the Father and I don't know a better way than to seek His heart over all other sounds and sights. He is our God and there is no other. He is amazing and He desires to reveal that to us but He will do it by His ways and not our demands or expectations. Let's just simply seek His face. I hope you will join with me as we encourage one another with our advancements.

Blessings and Shalom,
Aaron
From the Melchizedek order



He wrapped me up so much in His love, through PEOPLE, that I never doubted for a second that He was good & He loved ME! That love that I experienced that week from total strangers set the standard for my search for Him for the rest of my life. I'm 32 now and will never forget the moment I first encountered God's love and how He used people to demonstrate it. This is my testimony of His never failing love.

It's an honor to walk along side you, parents, in building your child's faith.

May my life display the love that was so graciously bestowed upon me. May His love be the standard for all things by which we measure.

Amen,
Pastor Rachel



Gates of Zion 30th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday August 23rd

we may plan events on the 22nd so please keep calendar open