



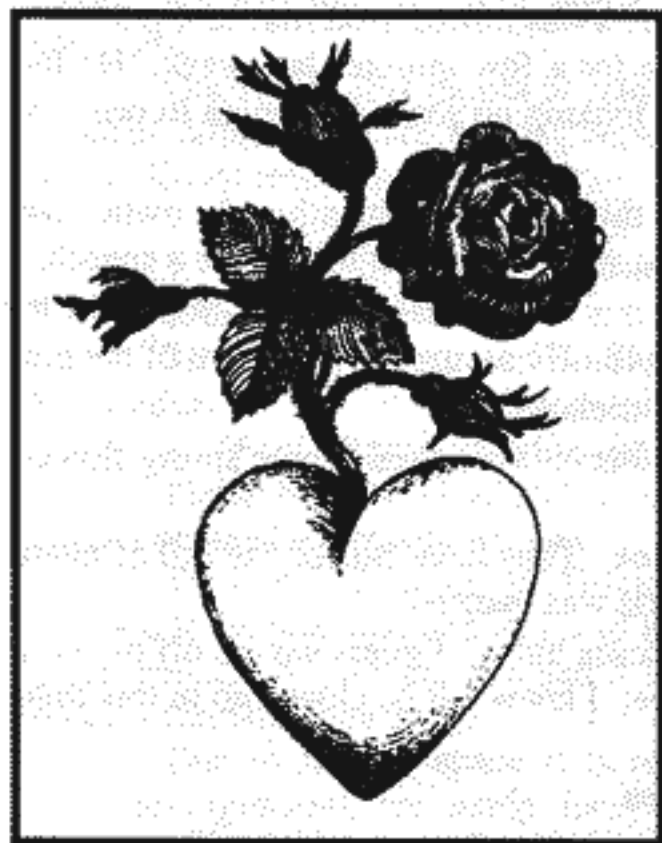
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Happy Valentine's Day



Everyone knows that St. Valentine's Day is the day of the year when friends and lovers express affection for one another, through cards, candy and flowers, whatever means the imagination can find. This celebration has been taking place since the Middle Ages. But no one is quite certain who this St. Valentine was. The early list of Church martyrs reveal at least three Valentines, each of whom had his feast day on February 14.

Various legends have come down to us concerning Valentine. He was said to have been imprisoned and, while there, he cured the jailer's daughter of blindness. Another story, in an attempt to associate him more closely with St. Valentine's Day, has him falling in love with the jailer's daughter and sending her a letter which he signed, "From your Valentine."

The various Valentines eventually evolved into one. Lover's quarrels come under his jurisdiction and, naturally, he is the patron saint of engaged couples and of anyone wishing to marry. We hope you and your Valentine will have a terrific month, and remember to be nice, friendly and loving every day too, not just on the fourteenth!!

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by Terry Payne

With a new year upon us, we need to rededicate ourselves to the principles of the Gospel, the covenants we have made, and the service we have promised to render. Remember we have been instructed that we can receive the spirit by reading often - daily! Don't let this be the Diary of your scripture.

DIARY OF A BIBLE

JANUARY - A busy time for me. Most of the family decided to read me through this year. They kept me busy for the first two weeks, but they have forgotten me now.

FEBRUARY - Clean up time. I was dusted yesterday and put in my place. My owner did use me for a few minutes last week. He had been in an argument and was looking up some references to prove he was right.

MARCH - I had a busy day the first of the month. My owner was elected president of the P.T.A., and he used me to prepare a speech.

APRIL - Grandpa visited us this month. He kept me on his lap for an hour reading I Corinthians 13. He seems to think more of me than do some people in my own household.

MAY - I have a few green stains on my pages. Some spring flowers were pressed in my pages.

JUNE - I look like a scrapbook. They have stuffed me full of newspaper clippings; one of the girls was married.

JULY - They put me in a suitcase today. I guess we are off on vacation. I wish I could stay home; I know I'll be closed up in this thing for at least two weeks.

AUGUST - Still in the suitcase.

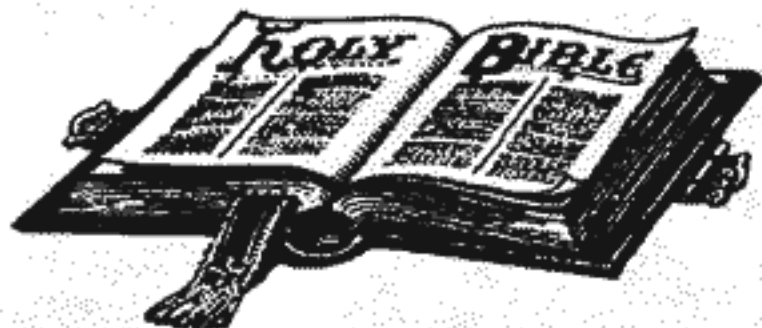
SEPTEMBER - Back home at last and in my old familiar place. I have a lot of company. Two women's magazines and four comic books are stacked on top of me. I wish I could be read as much as they are.

OCTOBER - They read me a little bit today. One of them is very sick. Right now I am sitting in the center of the coffee table. I think

the pastor is coming by for a visit.

NOVEMBER - Back in my old place. Somebody asked today if I were a scrapbook.

DECEMBER - The family is busy getting ready for the holidays. I guess I'll be covered up under wrapping paper and packages again, just as I am every Christmas.



RELIEF SOCIETY

by Sarah Brown

Homemaking Meeting on February sixth will be held at the Payne's. (7706 South Youngs. Blvd). We will start at 7 p.m. sharp...6:30 for the early birds.

Our lesson this month is *"Helping the Dependent Adult."* We are looking forward to Sister Shelly Koval teaching this lesson.

Our mini classes are:

1. *"Being an Effective Grandparent"* by Sister Corine Booth.

2. *"Body Shaping and Toning"* by Donna Hernandez

3. *"Fruit Pizzas"* by Shanette Cahill.

Please bring a friend and come enjoy these classes planned especially for you.

Two of our goals in Homemaking this year are to be punctual and to get to know one another better. If you are blessed with a vehicle please offer someone a ride.

Due to limited space it is requested that other arrangements are made for your children. We will not be having a nursery.

February 17th is our *"Mid Month Activity."* Our theme is *"Getting to Know YOU"*. Please bring a baby or childhood photo for our *"Guess Who?"* board. Also bring a box lunch that

will be exchanged with another sister. This starts at 10 a.m. and hopefully we'll be back in our Chapel. We will keep you posted.

Brother Connor from MWC has again offered to teach us Infant/Child CPR in March. Please let me know if you would like to take this life saving class I need to know by February 16th, so Brother Connor can fit it into his schedule.

A Welcome Hand

Our baptismal day is one of the most special days in our lives, and so it was for the newest member of our Ward. Kepa Zubeldia was baptized on Saturday January 20th by Elder Morán and confirmed by Brother Reese of the Mustang Ward.

Brother Zubeldia was born in Mexico City, his mother wanting her baby to be born there flew from Spain when she was seven months pregnant, returning to Spain after the birth of her son.

Ten and a half years ago he came to Oklahoma to pursue his studies in Medicine...and stayed. He first heard about the Mormon church in Spain from Victor an Ecuadorian, but the one that really got him interested was Christie Tanner through her example. While visiting his family this past Christmas he called on Victor and got the missionaries to start teaching him, because of his catholic background he had hundreds of questions and for four days the elders there taught him the Gospel starting at about 9am until 8pm. Once back in OK he continued to learn from the missionaries in our Ward. Congratulations brother Zubeldia and BIENVENIDO!!





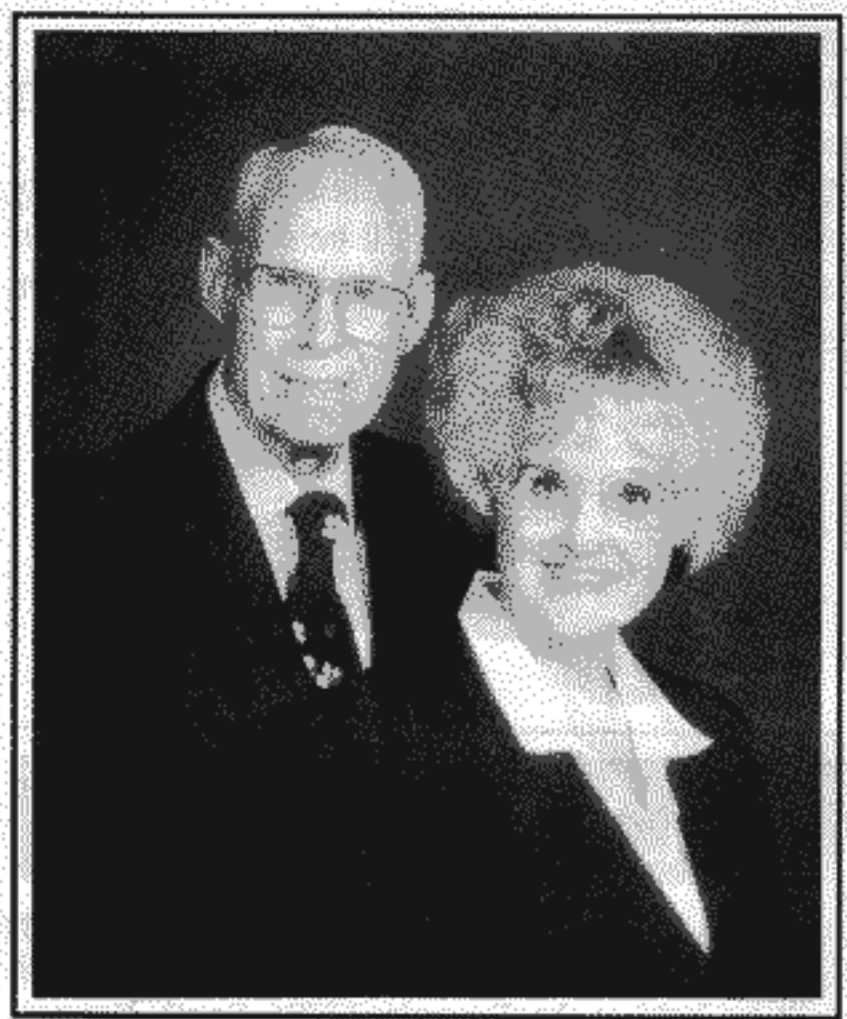
PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW

In an effort to know more about the lives of the saints in this part of the Lord's vineyard, we will begin a series of articles in which members of our Oklahoma City Second Ward will be honored.

We have chosen to start off with a couple who are always willing and make the time to love and help their fellowmen.

Max Tompkins, the youngest of two brothers, was born on March 14, 1911 to Omer Tompkins and Nellie Guffey in Taft, California. His family moved to Kansas where he attended high school. In 1930 after graduating, he continued his education at the local Junior College. He was an avid tennis player, bringing eight medals to the State of Kansas. Max was an great sportsman. And always looking for adventure, he hitch hiked across the country. Later he transferred to the University of Alabama where one of his classmates was the legendary Bear Bryant. He graduated from the College of Emporia in 1937 with a degree in Education. Max taught in Kansas for a while, then he preceded to move to California to continue his career as a High School teacher, and coached a variety of sports such as basketball, softball, and football; in his own words "you name it".

Up to this point he had been attending the Methodist Church, but as the Lord touches the lives of those who are ready to listen his Word, he was introduced to the Church by the school's superintendent and was baptized in 1969 in Independence California. The Branch he first attended had



about thirty members.

His interests include reading, fishing, and of course being the neighborhood grandpa, he loves children and recently became a great-grandfather. Max also has written about three hundred pages of his own life history.

Max met Claudia in Norman at a Stake Conference, he said "it was love at first sight" and they both felt the Lord sent them for each other.

Sister Tompkins was the second child of four (a brother and two sisters) to Charlie Burris and Ruth Handwork, born in McKamie Arkansas on the eighteenth of June, 1927.

She moved to California with her family, and to her delight met the Church through her landlord and his wife, who were serving as Stake Missionaries (Max and Claudia both are currently serving as such). Sister Tompkins used to attend the Nazarene Church. She became a member of the Church in 1954 in Woodland, California. Both of her children are also members.

Sister Tompkins has a delightful smile that

warms the soul, she loves people and says her family and best friends are in our Ward. She has many talents, one of them being an excellent gardener, she takes pride in her beautiful yard and during the summer spends a lot of time outdoors, she says *"flowers are one of God's gifts to us"*. She takes care of herself by exercising on her treadmill everyday. In 1984 she retired from Bell Telephone Company, where she worked for twenty eight years. Sister Tompkins continues to work with her genealogy. She loves to serve our Savior, reading, crafts, collects camels and truly loves and enjoys people. As a young woman she took modeling and really enjoyed it, she says even now she still uses a lot of the things she learned.

When Claudia met Max, she was in the process of moving to Utah, her plans changed a *"little"* she did not go alone....instead they both left Oklahoma. They married in the Salt Lake Temple in 1978, and for the next two years worked at the Provo, SLC, Manti, Ogden and Jordan River Temples. Brother Tompkins told us he had made up his mind that his bride was to be a *"mormon girl or no marriage for him"*. Later they took a seventeen day honeymoon trip to Mexico.

Between them, they have four children and twelve grandchildren of whom they are very proud of.

They have both served in many capacities in the Church brother Tompkins has served as Elders Quorum President, Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, Primary teacher, High Priest leader, Financial clerk, served a eighteen months mission at the Bishop Store House and many more. Sister Tompkins has been a Sunday school teacher, Stake Special Interest Leader, Name Extraction Program for 7 years, and she is a wonderful Visiting Teacher.



PRIMARY

by Sandra Davis

As we start a new year, we in the Primary Presidency feel very fortunate to have a few of God's *"Choice Spirits"* in our Primary. We, as all our teachers will try with all our hearts to teach the children how to live the Gospel principles and ordinances so that they may live lives worthy enough to return them to live with their Father in Heaven.

Since its organization the purpose of Primary is to teach children the Gospel of Jesus Christ and help them to live it. The theme is *"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children."* Isaiah 54:13. Each year Primary has a special theme, and the theme for 1990 is : I Belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We hope to teach the children that this is the true Church of Jesus Christ on the earth today, that it is founded on eternal principals, and that membership in the church brings blessings and responsibilities. To help us reinforce this theme, we will have songs, talks, music, sharing times, activities, etc. throughout this year.

We hope that Primary will be exciting, fun and most of all inspirational to all the children and that they will learn how truly blessed they are to be members of Christ's Church upon this earth.

We are grateful to serve in our callings and pray that the Lord will be with us, the children and you, their parents and families; that through our love, example and teaching experiences the theme for Primary this year will have a special meaning for our children, and become a part of all our lives.

We are so grateful for the Gospel and the blessings that it brings to all of us. We pray that as we go through each day, the Lord will be with us and bless us in all our thoughts and endeavors.





Si no fuera Mormón

por Carlos Martínez

Si no fuera mormón no tendría que sopor-
tar de los demás, las bromas de mis creencias reli-
giosas, si no fuera mormón no tendría que sacrifi-
carme los Domingos, levantándome temprano para
ir a la Iglesia y dormir el tiempo que deseara, si no
fuera mormón podría disfrutar de las alegres fies-
tas y bailes los Domingos comenzando a las 12
p.m., con mis amigos, si no fuera mormón, aunque
no fuera un alcoholico o un fumador excesivo,
podría condesender con los demás en las reuniones
sociales, si no fuera mormón podría dejar que mis
hijos tengan las mismas costumbres y hábitos, y
que hicieran todo lo que los amigos de la misma
edad hagan (lo que implica que muy probable-
mente piensen que soy una persona muy anticuada
o muy egoísta y que no pueden disfrutar de lo que
los demás gozan), si no fuera mormón no tendría
tantas responsabilidades morales y espirituales que
muchas veces me hacen sentir que no puedo com-
petir con los demás y otras veces que no puedo
cumplir con éstas responsabilidades. Después de
todo podría decirse que si no fuera mormón, la
vida sería mucho más fácil y podría sentirme mas
libre.

Ahora podría venir a mi mente: ¿Porqué
soy Mormón? ¿Que beneficios me trae el tener que
privarme de algunas cosas, y quién tiene la culpa
del que yo lo sea?

La mayoría de las personas tienen en
mente éste pensamiento, y en sus labios éstas pal-
abras. "Yo le doy gracias a Dios todos los días por
sus bendiciones, yo amo a Cristo." ¿Seré yo una
de éstas personas?

A qué Dios le estamos agradecidos y ¿en
qué forma? y ¿a qué Cristo amamos?

El Señor dijo en una ocasión, "con sus
labios me honran, más su corazón lejos esta de
mí." Y cuando anunció su muerte decía a todos "si
alguno quiere venir en pos de mí, niéguese a si
mismo, tome su cruz cada día y sígame. Porque
todo el que quiera salvar su vida, la perderá, y
todo el que pierda su vida por causa de mí, éste la
salvaré." (Lucas 9:23,24).

Que hermosas palabras de un Cristo
viviente. Ahora pensemos: ¿Será frustrante o
abrumador ser Mormón? Al mirar a mi alrededor,
una naturaleza hermosa, con una esplendorosa
fauna y vegetación, un sol radiante que da vida,
una luna que enterce el sentimentalismo del alma y
una tierra que nos hace gozar de sus hermosas
estaciones.

En D&C 122:1, en donde el Señor le da a
conocer al profeta José Smith los padecimientos
que tendría dice "Los extremos de la tierra inda-
garán tu nombre, los necios se burlarán de tí y el
infierno se encolerizará en tu contra." Luego el
Señor le da promesas de amparo y consuelo.
Seguidamente en los versiculos 7 y 8... "Si eres
hechado en el foso en manos de homicidas, y eres
condenado a muerte; si eres arrojado al abismo,
si las bravas olas conspiran contra tí, si el viento
huracanado se hace tu enemigo, si los cielos se
ennegrecen y todos los elementos se combinan
para obstruir la vida, y sobre todo, si las puertas
mismas del infierno se abren de par en par para
tragarte, entiende, hijo mío, que todas estas cosas
te servirán de experiencia, y serán para tu bién."
El hijo del hombre se ha sometido a todas ellas.
¿Eres tú mayor que él? ¿Que contestaría el profeta
a tan fuerte pregunta? y ¿Que podría yo decir ante
esto, con las visisitudes de mi vida?

Sabiendo el sufrimiento de Cristo, quien
fue el creador de las comodidades de la vida en la
tierra, incluyendo la vital agua, y a quien ironica-
mente se le negó cuando padecía de sed, estando
postrado en la cruz, y en lugar de agua le dieron
vinagre mezclado con hiel, pero después de haber-
lo probado, no quizo beberlo. Pese a ésto, no hubo

queja de su parte, solo hubo perdón de El.

Desde que Cristo nació, comenzó lo irónico de la vida, después de haber sido El el creador (Juan 1:1-3, y 14). *"Jesús en pesebre sin cuna nació, su tierna cabeza en eno durmió"...*(y siendo El el creador). Y la más terrible sensación de sufrimiento, cuando al padecer, el Padre Celestial apartó su Espíritu. Salió de los labios de Jesús, la más angustiosa exclamación de sufrimiento de la historia humana. (Jesús el Cristo página 1695)

Invirtiendo ahora en forma positiva la frase *"si no fuera mormón"* puedo decir con seguridad, si no fuera mormón, no tendría una familia feliz, no tendría tan buenos amigos como los que me rodean. Si no fuera mormón no comprendería con claridad el propósito de la existencia humana, y algo muy importante ¿De dónde vengo? ¿Por qué estoy aquí? y ¿A dónde voy? Si no fuese mormón, no sabría que existen los hombres para que tengan gozo, y que el plan de nuestro amoroso Padre Celestial es llevar a cabo la *"immortalidad y vida eterna del hombre."*

Si hubiera un repentino rayo de luz que nos hiciera ver el gran abismo que hay entre lo que creemos ser y lo que verdaderamente somos. Si pudieramos comprender lo que es sentirse verdaderamente libre, y si supieramos buscar esa libertad. ¡Señor dadnos sabiduría para buscarla, dadnos tu infinita misericordia del perdón, ayudanos para tener el valor de enfrentar nuestras flaquezas, y ser sinceros con nosotros mismos, cambiando lo que podemos cambiar y no ser rebeldes contra nuestra propia felicidad!

Aunque tenemos que privarnos de algunas cosas como miembros de la Iglesia, recordemos que estamos en el mundo pero no pertenecemos al mundo. *"Deja pues que tus entrañas se llenen de caridad para con todos los hombres, y para con los de la familia de la fe, y deja que la virtud engale tus pensamientos incesantemente, entonces tu confianza se hará fuerte en la presencia de Dios, y la doctrina del sacerdocio destilará sobre tu alma como rocío del cielo."* (D&C 121:45)

La Ayuda Mutua

por Kapa Zubeldia

Empiezas un día hablando con unos misioneros de religión. Enseguida te das cuenta de que esos muchachos tienen algo especial que quieren compartir contigo. Te quieren ayudar a conocer una Iglesia nueva. Cuando te despiden de ellos, te dan un libro para leer, cosa rara hoy en día, y ¡te lo han regalado! El mensaje debe ser muy importante para que se tomen tantas molestias. Al principio por curiosidad, lees el libro. Poco a poco se hace cada vez más interesante. En parte es un libro de historia, de aventuras, de filosofía, pero sobre todo ves que ese libro tiene algo especial, difícil de describir. Enseña cosas nuevas, pero todo suena a conocido. Parece como si ya lo hubieses leído antes...Sigues hablando con los misioneros unas cuantas veces más y cada vez entiendes mejor la importancia de lo que te enseñan. La importancia del libro que estas leyendo. La importancia de tener una Iglesia restaurada entre nosotros. Te decides a dar ese gran paso del Bautismo. Es el principio de una nueva etapa en tu vida. Los que hasta ahora no eran más que dos misioneros que te querían entregar un mensaje precioso, se han convertido en un grupo de amigos. De dos han pasado a ser veinte, cuarenta, incluso más. Todos quieren compartir el mismo mensaje, y aún mucho más. Cada uno de ellos tiene algo especial que quiere darte. Todos te quieren ayudar. En lugar de estar abrumado por tantos hermanos que te quieren ayudar, te encuentras con que tu también les quieres ayudar a ellos. Es fascinante. A diferencia de la sociedad que nos rodea, este grupo esta dedicado a ayudarse los unos a los otros y a todos los de su alrededor. El mensaje es muy importante. Hay que esparcirlo. Hay que empujar a los demás a entenderlo. Hay que ayudarles. Desde este momento ya no estas jamás solo. Tienes dos cosas muy importantes. Tienes el Espíritu Santo

contigo todo el tiempo, y tienes a tus hermanos y hermanas que te ayudan constantemente a mejorarte, perfeccionarte, entender las Escrituras, y a todo aquello que hace crecer a tu Espíritu. ¡Es una vida nueva!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Feb. 4 Single Adults Fireside 6:30pm at the Stake Center.
- Feb. 6 Homemaking Meeting. Early Birds 6:30. Bishop's house.
- Feb. 9 Single Adult Dance. South Stake 9pm.
- Feb. 10 Leadership Meetings.
Laurel Honor Ball. Dinner 6:30pm. Youth Dance 8pm.
Bishops Storehouse Assigmts.
- Feb. 17 YM/YW Basketball Tournament 8am. 1st Annual Stk. Slam-Dunk Competition.
Youth Dance. North Stake 8pm
- Feb. 23 Single Adult Dance. North Stake 9pm.
- Feb. 15 Stake Youth Committee Meeting 5pm.
- Feb. 27 Scout-O-Rama Ticket Sales Begin.

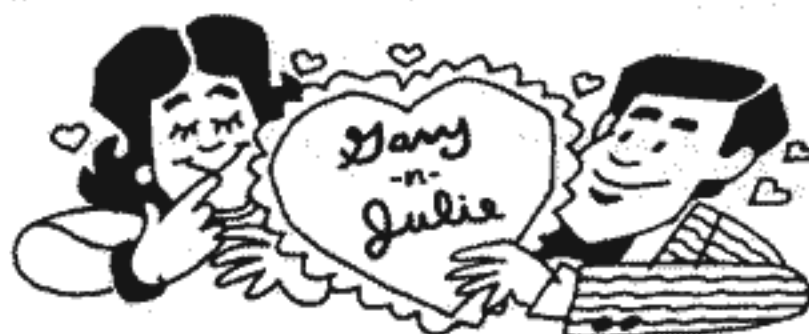
The Marriage and Family Relations class will continue through the month of February.

Special Events

Gospel Doctrine Schedule

- February 4 - Genesis 5-11; Moses 6-8
- February 11 - Genesis 16-17; Gen. 21-22,24; Abraham 1-2
- February 18 - Genesis 25-35
- February 25 - Genesis 37;39-50
- March 4 - Exodus 1-15

Congratulations to Guy and Shelly Koval proud parents of Emily Erin, born on January 8th, 1990. She weighted 8lbs. 2 3/4 ozs. and was 22 inches long



Congratulations to Gary Satterlee for his engagement to Julie Adams, of Salt Lake City!

Bishop Payne and his Family would like to thank the ward members for the beautiful quilt that was presented to them during the wonderful Ward Christmas Social. Most especially to those who put so much effort and time to make it possible. THANKS.

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