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¿Que más podemos desear? Algunas veces nos preguntamos: ¿por qué aquellas personas que menos colaboran a la edificación del reino parecen prosperar más que nadie? A veces hasta nos comparamos con ellos y decimos: Nosotros tenemos un auto modelo antiguo, y ellos tienen el último modelo. Observamos el Día de Reposo asistiendo a nuestras reuniones, ellos se van de pesca, o juegan al golf y se divierten. Nos abstenemos de todo lo prohibido, mientras que ellos comen, beben divirtiéndose sin restricción alguna. Nosotros pagamos nuestros diezmos, ellos se gastan sus ingresos en darse toda clase de lujos. Somos responsables de nuestra familia con niños pequeños que a menudo se enferman atandonos a nuestros deberen familiares, mientras que ellos estan libres para hacer vida social cuando se les antoja. Nos vestimos con ropas sencillas de algodón y lana, pero ellos usan sedas y vestidos costosos y tienen abrigos de visón. Nuestros escasos ingresos siempre nos mantienen al margen y nunca parecen suplir nuestras necesidades, mientras que a ellos les sobre abunda la riqueza y pueden darse toda clase de lujos. Entonces exclamamos, ¡Todavía el Señor nos promete bendiciones a los fieles! Y pensamos que vivir el evangelio no trae ningún beneficio verdadero - más bién que los orgullosos y los que quebrantan sus convenios son los que prosperan. Muchas veces nos encontramos quejándonos de éstas cosas, pero es bueno saber que no sólo en ésta época se han escuchado



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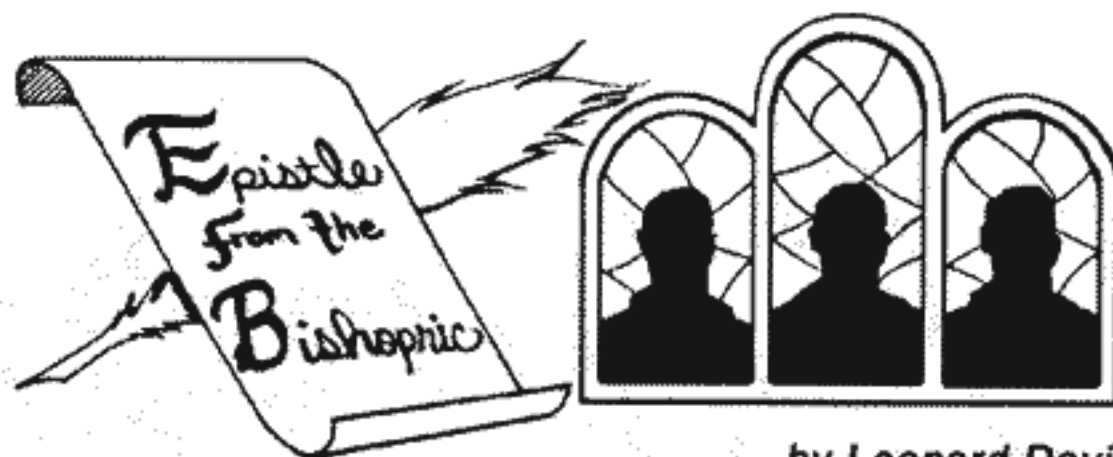
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by Leonard Davis

A simple opening statement in the Bible is "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1); and therein is to be found the basis for man's belief, or faith in God.

The first principle of our religion is Faith, as stated in the fourth article of faith "Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ." Twelve of the thirteen Articles of Faith begin with "We believe", these articles could just as well begin with "We Have Faith...."

Although faith is a most basic principle of the gospel of Jesus Christ, at times our faith may waiver, depending upon our mental and spiritual attitude and our personal circumstances.

Sometimes the challenges we face are of a very personal nature. They can result from such things as physical handicaps, other similar limitations or even choices we have made.

Discouragement and defeat may creep upon us at these times when we are left vulnerable by a weakened spiritual faith.

These spiritual lows can be more easily overcome or limited altogether by continual study, being obedient, and staying close to those who share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In this ways we not only build a stronger testimony by increasing our faith, but help strengthen others faith as well. []

We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

RELIEF SOCIETY

by Jane McDonald

The purpose of Relief Society is to help women and their families come unto Christ. The Relief Society assists the Priesthood in the sacred responsibility of fulfilling the mission of the Church - to proclaim the Gospel, perfect the Saints, and redeem the dead.

The goals of Relief Society support this mission by helping women do the following:

1. Have faith in God and build individual testimonies of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Give compassionate service.
3. Strengthen the families of the church and focus on living the Gospel in the home.
4. Sustain the priesthood in a united effort to help all to receive the ordinances of the gospel and enter in the covenants of the Temple. []

Relief Society Lesson Schedule

March

- Sunday 4 Spiritual Living #4 pg.20.
Keep Mine Ordinances
11 Home/Fam (Conference Talk)
18 Spiritual Living #5 pg.25. Come
Listen to a Prophet's voice
25 Comp. Service #3 pg.169.
Instruments of Our Savior's
Love.

April

- Sunday 1 General Conference
8 Home/Fam #3 pg.115. Prepare Ye
15 Spiritual Living #6 pg.32.
(Easter). The Effects of the
Fall and Atonement.
22 Stake Conference.
29 Comp. Service (Conference Talk)



by Rodney Zitterkob

On Sunday the 11th of February, brother Joe Smith of the High Counsel released brother Randy Lusk and brother Leonard Davis, who had been serving as counselors in the Bishopric. At the same time we sustained brother Davis and brother Anthony Ramos as first and second counselor respectively. This change caused a vacancy in the Elders Quorum.

A week earlier President Allen called me and asked me to meet with him. All kinds of callings went through my mind, and I kind of thought maybe I knew what he had in mind. I was very, very surprised when he let me know that the calling being extended was Elders Quorum President!!! I remembered not moving (or even breathing) for what seemed like hours. Then with a knot in my throat, I gulped and said: "...what did you say?" But President Allen just smiled the way he does and a bit of the sting went away.

During the next week I was to choose two counselors that would be the best strength. In choosing Rodney Hernandez and Gary Massey, I thought these two would be who I would consider above myself. The three of us together were very excited about getting Home teaching accomplished on a high percentage. We feel this is very important to the ward, and hope and pray that we can accomplish it.

As we achieve and succeed as a Quorum, we can further administer to the needs of the ward. By uniting the quorum we can distribute the responsibilities, gain the confidence of the families and further the work of the Lord. I am very excited about this calling and truly hope and pray to serve by the examples of past Elders Quorum Presidents. []

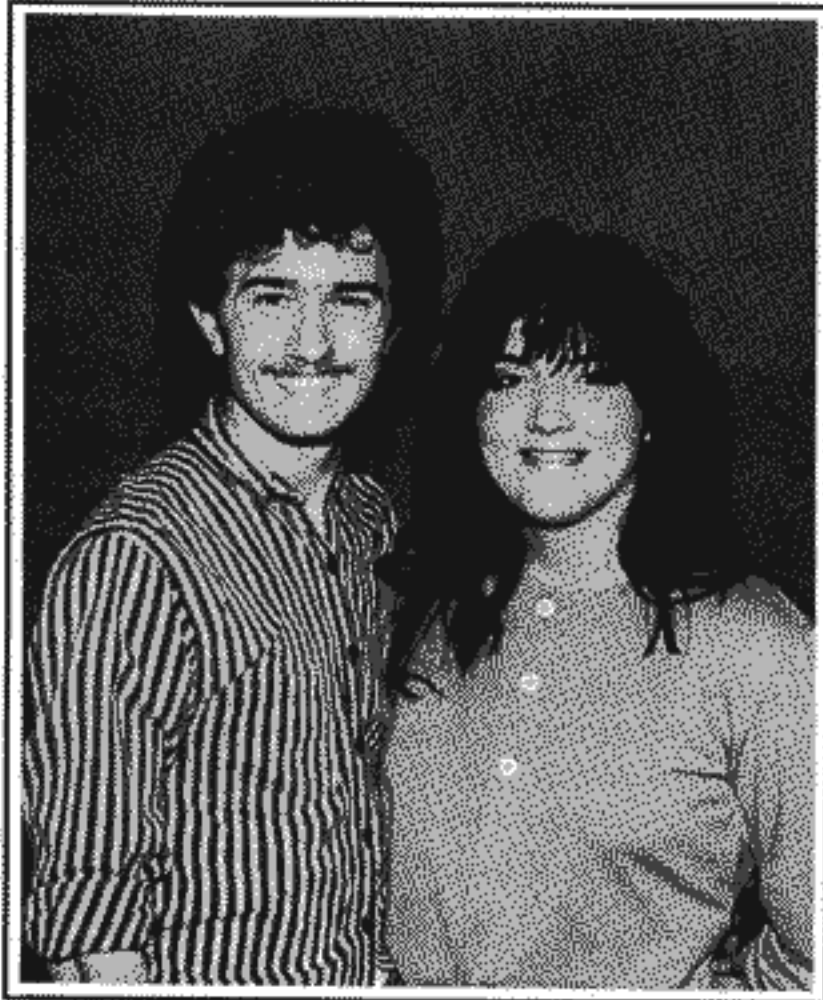
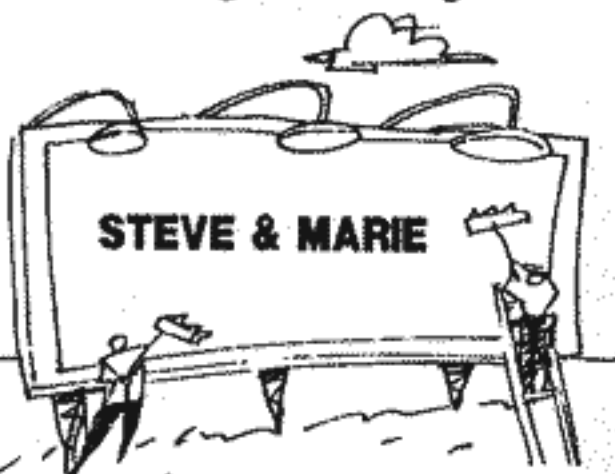


PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW

Steve Lee Gibson was born in Okla. City on November 19, 1968, the son of Jack Garrard and Linda Gibson. Steve has one sister, three stepsisters and two stepbrothers.

He graduated from Southeast High School in 1988. Steve was involved in sports and was the mascot for the football team, as well as a player. After graduation he started to work right away, and it was while he was working at Western Sizzlin' that he met the girl that it was to be his wife....Marie Lynn the daughter of Raymond and Linda Anderson. Marie was born in Tucson, Arizona on April 30, 1970. She is the second child of three, an older brother and younger sister. Her family moved to Oklahoma City in 1973 and lived here for one year before moving to Mustang where they currently reside.

A graduate from Mustang High School where she was an active member of FHA, and the Key Club. Marie left the State to continue her studies at Ricks College in Idaho (a church sponsored college). She transferred to Rose State and is majoring in Managing Marketing with a minor in



Fashion Merchandising. Her favorite subject is the Art History of Clothing.

When Steve met Marie, the first thing he saw was a glow around her that impressed him. so they became friends and eventually started dating. On one occasion while visiting at her house, her family's home teacher came by and that was the beginning of Steve's discussions about the Gospel. He knew Marie was a mormon girl and was impressed by her standards. A week after Marie left to go to College, Steve was baptized by Elder Sandstrom on August 29, 1988. They continue to keep in touch over the phone and through letters.

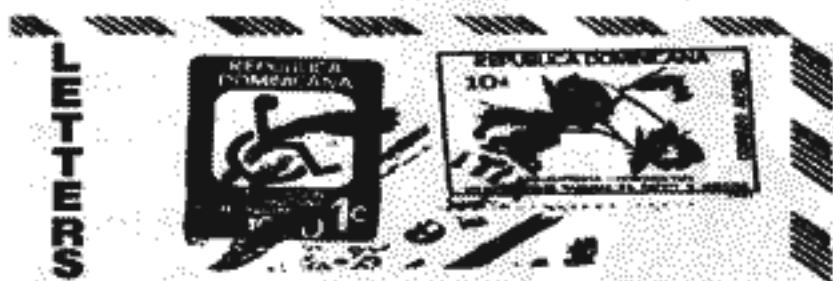
Marie returned home to Oklahoma for Thanksgiving 1988, and it was then that Steve proposed marriage to her. They did not want it to be in any other place but in the Temple, a goal Marie had since she was a little girl. So they committed themselves to wait till Steve's one year anniversary since his baptism, so she returned to Ricks until April 1989. On

August 29, 1989 they were sealed for time and all eternity at the Dallas Temple.

Steve loves sports and says that through the basketball program he has become friends with several members of our ward. He is working towards his black belt in karate, likes diving and told us that when he was a little boy he used to love to dress up as different singers, his favorite being Paul McCartney. For the last two and a half years he has worked at Fred Jones Ford as a stocker and fork lift operator.

Marie serves as the second counselor in the Young Womens Presidency. She loves dancing, horseback riding, and aerobics.

As any young married couple starting there lives together, Steve and Marie have learned to trust and rely on the Lord, Marie said: "When something happens, we pray and at the last minute it turns out OK." □



Dear OKC II Ward,

Thank you for the cards and tape. It was great hearing your voices!!

I would like to say a few things to the Priesthood holders specifically to the young men. Brothers, be mindful of the sad and lonely, there are some who always need our special care and attention. I admonish you to visit the fatherless, motherless and widows in their afflictions, you must not overlook their needs. There are many needy people, I challenge you to visit these children of God, those that are in rest homes, snare yourselves with them, visit the people from your own ward. Draw close to the Lord with use of prayer, be close to your Mother and Father. Be close as a family, remember the family is one of Gods greatest fortresses against the evils of our day. Prepare yourselves to go on

missions. Not only should a mission be regarded as a priesthood duty, but as an honor to each of you.

Remember one never knows what influence you may have on those with whom you are associated with or how you will affect their lives, you must set an example of uprightness, avoid vulgarity and profanity, demonstrate to all whom you meet that you live clean, honorable lives.



Keep the commandments. I know trying times are ahead, you must pray for help. Search and ponder if you do not know these teachings are true, and like I have, you will find that Jesus is the Christ. The true Church is upon earth today. Enjoy it and share it. You will be blessed.

Elder Michael Smith

Dear OKC II Ward,

When asked if I would like to share a missionary experience, I jumped at the chance. Now that I have been transferred, I would be ungrateful if I passed this opportunity to also express my gratitude to each of you for your love and hospitality.

I have found in my life that the spirit isn't something I can conscientiously force into my thinking. Usually, it comes in moments when I expect it least. "Sudden strokes of imagination" as described by Joseph Smith.

Such an experience happened one evening while my companion and I were checking an old investigator (people who were taught by missionaries months earlier). We felt impressed to stop by Mrs. Paula Lopez. Both of us were new in the area and so we

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éstas quejas, Job y Jeremías también se quejaron de los mismo. Pero veamos lo que el Señor responde a éstas quejas:

Vuestras palabras contra mi han sido violentas, dice Jehová...

Habéis dicho: Por demás es servir a Dios. ¿Qué aprovecha que guardemos su ley, y que andemos afligidos? (Malequía 3:13-18)

Porque he aquí viene el día ardiente como un horno. (Mal. 4:1-2)

No necesitamos esperar hasta el día del juicio para recibir nuestra recompensa. Tenemos muchas bendiciones hoy. Así como lo dice una estrofa de nuestro himno 236 "Cuando vez a otros que más ricos son, piensa que de Cristo es tu galardón; oro no te compra lo que Dios te dá, un hogar eterno, dónde El está. Contamos son una familia hermosa y unida que vive rectamente ¡Que maravillosa recompensa es ésa a cambio de los supuestos sacrificios! Las bendiciones de las que gozamos al servirle al Señor, no pueden compararse con todas las riquezas de nuestros vecinos. Nadie se escapará de recibir la paga por sus actos. Ningunos de nosotros dejaremos de recibir las bendiciones que merecemos porque Dios es un Dios justo.

Si podemos andar en ésta vida por medio de la fé, si podemos creer en las ricas promesas de Dios y si somos capaces de **OBEDECER** y esperar pacientemente, el Señor cumplirá todas sus ricas promesas.

También podemos reflexionar sobre las grandes promesas que nos ha hecho para ésta vida: Traed todos los diezmos al

falforí..y derramaré sobre vosotros bendición hasta que sobreabunde (Mal. 3:10)

Si vivimos éstos mandamientos entonces nacerá tu luz como el alba, y tu salvación se dejará ver pronto...entonces invocarás, y te oirá Jehová, clamarás, y dirá El: Héme aquí...y..en las tinieblas nacerá tu luz, y tu oscuridad será como el mediodía.

Jehová te pastoreará siempre y en las sequías saciarás tu alma, y dará vigor a tus huesos, y serás como huerto de riego, y como manantial de aguas cuyas aguas nunca faltan. (Isaias 58:8-11)

¿Que más podemos pedir y desear? El Señor nos da su compañía y guía constante, como un manantial eterno que nunca se agota, salud, vida, luz y conocimiento son bendicio-

nes que ya estamos disfrutando.

¿Que más se puede desear? En D&C89:19-21 el Señor nos promete sabiduría y grandes tesoros de conocimiento.

Además nos promete que el ángel destructor pasará por nosotros y no nos matará.

Aquel que disfruta- a expensas de su espiritualidad- de los lujos que ofrece el mundo hoy en día, esta viviendo solo para el momento.

La felicidad, la paz, el gozo, la satisfacción, el crecimiento y la alegría son dones que vienen por el cumplimiento fiel de los mandamientos de Dios.

¿Que más podemos desear? Sigamos fieles y obedientes a los mandamientos de Dios y El nos recompensará con el más grande de los tesoros: Inmortalidad y Vida Eterna. []



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drove all over town to find her living about five blocks from our apartment. When we arrived at her house it was 9 o'clock. Since she lived so close we thought it might be smarter to come back another time, but we both thought we should at least introduce ourselves.

After knocking on the door, a short gray haired woman escorted us into her small one-room house. She was excited to see us, and asked why the missionaries stopped coming by to visit her. We explained that we were new to the area, but wanted to continue where the others have left off. We asked if she had any questions for us, she responded "yes, tell me the part about how families can be together forever again." We taught her the plan of salvation and explained the role of Temples in eternal families. "Temples are beautiful aren't they" she said, and continued.. "The other night I dreamt of a huge gray temple. It had a big grassy lawn in front and people were going inside. I think it had lots of windows with pictures of the sun and stars above them. Inside I remember a beautiful gold stairway with people all dressed in white. Jesus came and appeared there."

She could see that we both were paying particularly close interest to every word she said. "I also remember a big building or hotel across the street with people waiting to go inside. It looked like the same type of building as the temple."

We were both in awe at what she was saying. My companion opened his flip charts to a picture of the Salt Lake Temple. Tears started streaming down her face as she told that was the temple she has seen. Her description fit the Temple exactly!!

I testified my Brothers and Sisters that miracles do happen and that God reveals himself today as He has always done.

Thanks again for all of your love and support. I am anxious to hear from you all.

Elder DeGraw. ☐



YOUNG WOMEN

Congratulations to our Young Women's team for coming in third place at the Stake Basketball Tournament. Thanks sister Polly Swab for your time.

SEMINARY

by Yvonne Zitterkob

Praises, cheers and congratulations to TJ McDonald, the first Seminary student to complete reading the Doctrine and Covenants this year!!!! Honorable mentions go to James (who has also completed reading), Chandra, Jesus and Faith. These youth were at least 15 sections ahead of schedule at mid-term. **BRAVO!!**

I am so pleased to be associated with these high school students. Everyday brings new experiences and challenges as we share our lives with one another while learning to apply gospel principles. I want each student to know that I love you, You are Awesome! You are **ALL** winners. So along with those I've already congratulated, I have some special recognition awards.

Most Patient: Jennifer - She never complains when it takes me forever to gather things up before taking her home.

Best Dressed: Erin - She wears the wildest colored pajama/sweat outfits.

Funniest Storyteller: Tyler - my personal favorite, "How my Dad taught me not to spit on others."

Best One-Liners: Andrea - "Let's play that game where you scream when you hear a certain word and let's use the word 'scriptures'." I can always count on Andrea for

thought provoking and challenging help with the lesson.

Andrea and Chewy have been on winning teams twice now in our big competitions. YEA!

These are just some of the wonderful youth that we have in our ward. If you are not acquainted with them, extend a hand and congratulate them. Each day provides us with priceless events that will change us for eternity — if we can only be in tune enough to discern them and take action. Remember, decisions determine destinies. []



Sisters, come and join in the fun! Aerobics class held each Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00pm. For more information, call Donna Hernandez at 685-2107. []

NEW ARRIVAL!

Congratulations to Anthony and Lisa Rambo! On Feb. 8th they became proud parents of Caleb James. He weighted 7lbs 4oz. and was 21 inches long. []



Welcome and Congratulations are extended to Sister Vanessa Láinez, who was baptized into the Spanish Branch on Sunday February 25, 1990. ¡Felicitaciones hermanita! []

Announcements

Sunday 4 - Single Adult Fireside 6:30pm
Moore. Brother McCook President of the Dallas Temple will be the speaker.

Tuesday 6 - Homemaking Meeting. Dinner 6:30pm.

Friday 9 - Single Adult Dance at Norman 9:00pm.

Sat. 10 - Leadership Meetings.
Youth Dance - Moore 8:00pm.

Sat. 17 - Relief Society Anniv. Celebration 7am-3pm. Road Shows at Stake Center 6pm.

Sunday 18 - Tri-Stake Youth Fireside 7pm.

Friday 23 - Single Adult Dance OKC North Stake - 9pm.

Sunday 25 - Stake Youth Comm. Mtg. 5pm. Single Adult Fireside 6:30pm.

Sat. 31 - General Conference 11am & 3pm. General Priesthood Mtg. 7pm.

Those of you who will be interested in a Beginning Genealogy class, please notify Bishop Payne by the 18th. []

GOSPEL DOCTRINE SCHEDULE

March 11 - Exodus 16-20.

March 18 - Exodus 21-25;31-34.

March 25 - Leviticus 5-7;10-11;16.

April 1 - Numbers 11-14;20-21;27

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