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Whereas, it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and

Whereas, both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness;"

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November next to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our service and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have

been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a government of wise, just and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the third day of October, A.D. 1789.

*G. Washington*





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Much has been said and written about the significance of the family in the LDS culture and about the joint responsibility of fathers and mothers in strengthening their children and causing the family as a unit to grow and develop in accordance with the gospel plan. President Harold B. Lee said, "Now you husbands remember that the most important of the Lord's work that you will ever do will be the work you do within the walls of your own home." (Strengthening the Home, p.7)

According to the First Presidency, "The primary function of a Latter-Day Saint home is to ensure that every family member works to create the climate and condition in which all can grow toward perfection. For parents, this requires a dedication of time and energy far beyond the mere providing of their children's physical needs. For the children, this means controlling the natural tendency toward selfishness...parents and children must be willing to put family responsibilities first in order to achieve family exaltation." (Family Home Evening Manual, 1973, p.4)

As your Bishop, I would suggest the following keys to family unity and development:

1. Hold family home evening weekly.
2. Lead your family in prayer twice a day (morning and evening).
3. Interview your children regularly.
4. Give father's blessings to your children and spouse for special occasions or purposes.
5. Read the scriptures daily with your family. Focus on stories and single incidents that teach specific lessons. Such stories will linger in the mind longer than just so many verses.
6. Spend time with your spouse. Consult with her when making major decisions. Keep your courtship alive.
7. Bring your family into your personal life. Involve them as much as possible in your daily activities.
8. Support your children and spouse in their activities by attending special functions at school, at church, or in the community.
9. Emphasize family activities in the ward by going and participating together. Your own example of attendance at church meetings and participation in activities in support of all church leaders is one of the most powerful examples you can set for your children.
10. Have fun together. Plan regular activities as a family that will allow each member to enjoy being together in recreational settings.

The week of November 22 - 28, 1981, has been designated as Family Unity Week in the Norman Oklahoma Stake. Let me challenge you as your Bishop to use this time to consciously strive to unify and strengthen your family. I can promise you that to the extent you put into practice the ten principles listed previously, you and your family will be blessed beyond measure.

President Spencer W. Kimball has issued a similar challenge: "So much depends upon our willingness to make up our minds, collectively and individually, that present levels of performance are not acceptable, either to ourselves or to the Lord. In saying that, I am not calling for flashy, temporary differences in our performance levels, but a quiet resolve...to do a better job, to lengthen our stride." (Regional Representatives' Seminar, 3 Oct. 1974)



# ELDERS QUORUM

"...THERE ARE MANY WHO WERE FOREORDAINED BEFORE THE WORLD WAS. TO A GREATER STATE THAN THEY HAVE PREPARED THEMSELVES FOR HERE. EVEN THOUGH THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN AMONG THE NOBLE AND GREAT, FROM AMONG WHOM THE FATHER DECLARED HE WOULD MAKE HIS CHOSEN LEADERS, THEY MAY FAIL OF THAT CALLING HERE IN MORTALITY..." (PRESIDENT HAROLD B. LEE, GENERAL CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 5, 1973).

This thought has always been somewhat disturbing for me. Not only when I consider whether I am measuring up to my potential, but also when I consider those around me: children, home teaching families, etc., which may not reach their potential because I have failed in some stewardship given me by the Lord.

We need to constantly remind ourselves of the eternal perspective concerning our thoughts and actions. One of the best ways to do this is through the use of a personal journal. President Kimball has counselled all of us to keep journals. He has indicated that one of the

primary reasons (there are many) for keeping journals is the way the journal reminds us frequently of the Lord, our actions, and our feelings. By consistently recording these we develop habits of evaluating our testimonies, our stewardships, and our actions. Thus, the journal becomes like a stewardship interview where growth can be measured and reported.

This has been the case when I have been diligent in keeping a journal and with those I know who keep journals. I have one friend who has written in a journal every day since 1971. He has often commented on reviewing his past thoughts and experiences and on his personal growth as he reviews the previous pages of his journal.

The prophet of the Lord has directed his people to keep journals. Let us all receive the blessings gained by not only keeping journals, but also by following the counsel of a living prophet.

## Home Teaching Assignments

ATCHLEY, BUD  
ATCHLEY, JEFF  
Bradshaw

HARRIS, LARRY  
CLARK, LES  
Taylor  
Hyde  
Burgess  
Conrad

FOREMAN, RICHARD  
VAN CUREN, GARY  
Coggins  
Thompson, D.E.

DOSHIER, JERRY  
HOWELL, JACKIE  
Kelly  
Cunningham, J.  
McBride  
Thompson, J.

JAMISON, ROY  
LUSK, RANDY  
Huish, J.  
Mattice  
Janes, Y.

SLAUGHTER, PAUL  
ORR, TERRY  
Jared  
Andrews  
Brown, T.

CHESNEY, MITCHELL  
Mitchell  
Harris  
Arnold, R.  
Cox, J.

HULSMAN, DAVID  
LEIGHTY, BUDDY  
Hall, G.  
Chesney  
Hedrick  
Donaldson, D.

CHURCH, TIM  
COX, KENNY  
Wyrick, R.  
Karr, T.  
Guy  
Knowles, R.

WEBB, JAMES  
Sells  
Hulsman  
Sims

COLE, WILLIAM  
Atchley, J.

COOK, DAVID & DARRELL  
Wilson, L.  
Smith, W.  
Wilden

WOOD, DANNY  
Hersh  
Shepherd  
Mullnix  
Fulmer

HALL, GARY  
COX, DAVID  
Glover  
Cox, E.  
Rogers, E.  
Vongchanyakul

BOOTH, DONALD  
Wells  
Bridwell  
DeMoss  
Douglas, W.

HUIH, JACK  
Atchley  
Satterlee  
Lusk  
Stone, Lloyd

VONCHAI  
BAUDER  
Wood, D.  
Foreman, R.

JARED, D.  
BROWN, T.  
Holmes  
Mueller, D.  
Doshier

PRIGMORE, G.  
PRIGMORE, C.  
Littlefield  
McDonald, M.  
Church, T.  
Young, Joan

SELLS, STEVE  
KIDWELL, JOE  
Woods, J.  
Swinney  
Kinney, C.  
Crowder

SATTERLEE, GARY  
Guinn  
Lowe  
Herrold

DONALDSON, D.  
LEIGHTY, B.  
Cole  
Cook  
Howell  
Webb

MATTICE  
Prigmore  
Montano  
Watson, L.

PITTS, DAVID  
COOK, DARRELL  
Orr, Tim  
Stephenson, M.  
Mills, G.  
Reiche  
Esparza

WILSON, LES  
ARNOLD, L.  
Viola  
Van Curen  
Gittings  
Barlow, C.  
David, D.

BARLOW, C.  
Harrison, S.  
Jones, R.

HARRISON, S.  
LOWE, LISTON  
Henson  
Morgan

SEYMOUR, DOUGLAS  
CARLSON, DAVE  
Leighty  
Hoff  
Slaughter  
Creel

HALL, ANDY  
Clark, S.  
Drain, M.  
Poe, B.  
Ray, O.



## WHICH ONE OF THESE EVENTS WAS NOT FORE- -SEEN BY NEPHI?

Christopher Columbus  
discovers the Americas

Lamanites smitten by Gentiles

True Gospel restored  
to the Earth

religious oppression  
among Gentiles

Gentiles seek  
religious  
freedom in  
the Americas

the New Jerusalem  
descending from  
Heaven

signing of  
the Constitu-  
tion

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# PRIMARY

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At Primary Preparation Meeting this past month, we had an enjoyable evening learning about our "Mystery Person", Sister Martha Sells. She met her husband while attending Ricks College. When they decided to marry, Brother Sells rode a horse over to her parent's home, clothed in white, and asked her father for her hand in marriage. And if that were not enough, can you imagine Sister Sells' face when her new husband picked her up after their wedding reception in a Terminex truck with a huge bug on top?

We are all looking forward to the new Primary program in 1982. The older classes will be needing scriptures on Sundays. (How's that for a Christmas idea?) Both CTR classes will be taught from the New Testament. Our Targeteer classes, which will be renamed as Valient A & B, will be taught from the Old Testament. The Merri Miss classes and the Blazer classes will be taught from the Book of Mormon.

The 1982 classes will be divided by age, using January 1st as the cut-off date. It will be necessary for some children to skip a class, so you can look forward to a letter from the Primary Presidency indicating what class your child will be in.

We had an activity night on November 18 where our classes gave fruit baskets to different families of the ward. Each class chose a family and their teacher drove the entire class to their destination.

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## YOUNG SPECIAL INTEREST

Friday, November 6th, there was a Thanksgiving Party at Sister Donnye Murley's house. The party was great fun, and well attended. We had delicious food. Two plays were done, both with involuntary, spur-of-the-moment actors. "Little Girl and the Wolf" starred Margaret Guy, who gave a fantastic performance. "The Unicorn in the Garden" was also a hit, with Jack Huish in the starring role as the wise husband, and Jim Elledge as the dedicated policeman. Many laughs were had by all.

For December, all are invited to a play on December 19th, Saturday night, at Oklahoma City Fourth Ward, "The Rented Christmas."

Let's all get involved and have more good positive fun!

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## SCRIPTURE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Religious oppression: 1Nephi 13:1-9
2. Christopher Columbus: 1Nephi 13:10-12
3. Lamanites smitten by Gentiles: 1Nephi 13:14
4. Gentiles seek freedom: 1Nephi 13:13
5. True Gospel restored: 1Nephi 13:33-41
6. New Jerusalem: Rev. 21:1-2  
This vision was given to the Apostle John.  
Nephi also saw it, but did not record it.  
(See 1Nephi 14:18-27.)

7. Signing the Constitution:  
Nephi makes many allusions to the type of government which would be established on this continent, but there is no scriptural evidence that he foresaw the actual signing of the Constitution.

## Dear Missionaries

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With  
**Christmas**  
Just Around The corner....  
let's not forget those who  
have been sent to declare  
Glad Tidings of Great Joy!





## NORMAN STAKE CONFERENCE: "DUTCH TREAT"

The weekend of November 7-8 was the Semi-Annual Conference for the Norman, Okla. Stake. Our speaker was General Authority Elder Jacob de Jager (pronounced dē-YĀ-ger), a member of the Quorum of the Seventies. The good Elder had much wisdom to impart to us such as "The reason a person falls out of the gospel is the same reason he falls out of the bed....he is not in far enough. We must pick him up when he falls out and put him further in." Or, "Behind every good man in the Church stands a surprised mother-in-law."

Elder deJager captures the floor at his first words, when he speaks with a delightful Dutch accent. He further holds his audience by relating the tale of the little boy who tries to read the time as his father does, by the sun. Only - he couldn't read the numbers!

But conference time wasn't all fun and games (as the author of this article found out when assigned to "scoop" this session of conference!) The theme of this session was reactivation. Not reactivation of "inactive" members, as the enlightened elder was careful to point out - but "members not presently participating".

We were reminded that the mission of the Church is still the same as it was 151 years ago: "Let no corner of the world go without a mission." We always have been and always will be a missionary church. We are told that EVERYONE will have an opportunity to hear the Gospel before Christ returns. This means that we have  $4\frac{1}{2}$  billion people to touch.

Did you know that:

In 1832 the first mission was opened when Heber C. Kimball was called to labor in Liverpool, England.

In the thirteen years between 1837 - 1850, 9 new missions were opened.

In the fifty years between 1850 - 1900, 9 more missions were opened.

In the fifty years between 1900 - 1950, 25 more missions were opened.

In the twenty years between 1950 - 1970, 5 more missions were opened.

In the five years between 1970 - 1975, 37 more missions were opened.

In the year 1975-1976, 16 more missions were opened.

In the four years between 1976 - 1980, 40 more missions were opened.

We now have 188 missions in 151 years - all because of our love of sharing the Gospel and love of our fellow man.

Elder de Jager pointed out that the stake is the yardstick for the growth of the Kingdom of Zion; and that the Lord helps us spread His Gospel with new inventions. When we had:

20 stakes, the telephone was invented. (This, as Elder de Jager mentioned, was so the Relief Society could have something to do when they weren't busy.)

50 stakes, the automobile was invented.

60 stakes, the radio was invented. (It was at this at this time that the



Mormon Tabernacle Choir began broadcasting. The Choir is now the oldest continuous broadcasting program in the world. It is also our biggest missionary tool.)

100 stakes, the airplane was invented.

120 stakes, the first steps in television were being developed.

175 stakes, the first television broadcast was made from the Tabernacle.

300 stakes, the jet plane was perfected. (At this time, the Church was spreading to Canada and other neighboring countries.)

600 stakes, short wave radio transmissions were taking place. (The Church was spreading to South America, Europe and Asia. The first radio station to broadcast General Conference overseas was WRUL in Boston, MA.)

800 stakes, technological developments were taking place in the computer field. (Church records, activities, etc. are computerized. The Church has one of the largest computerized systems in the nation, being second only to the federal government.)

1000 stakes, the present geneology program was developed. (This system allows for records to be requested by events rather than strictly dated. Billions of names are stored on memory discs.)

1150 stakes, after 151 years of the restored Gospel being on the earth, the satellite system is nearing completion. Within the next year, this system will allow General conference to be broadcast from Utah to any stake center in the nation with only a 1½ second delay. Also within this year, every stake center in the nation will be equipped with one of these systems, at an approximate cost of \$4,000 per stake center. The cost will be largely borne from general funds (70%) and the remainder funded by the stake.)

We can surely see by the leaps and bounds in which our modern scientists are learning and developing that our time is nearing an end: this means that even more "Every member a missionary". So we need to step up our missionary efforts, learn to love our fellow members, learn to work with them better, so that we may help others to learn to love our Father as much as we do. Remember especially those who have "fallen out of the Gospel" or those who are not "presently participating" and show them how much we need their help, too.



PILGRIM is an interesting word which anymore we associate nearly exclusively with the early settlers of the AMERICAS. Its original intended meaning is defined as: "one who travels to a shrine or holy place as an act of devotion". This is certainly an appropriate definition when we consider the reasons for the migration of those early colonists, and the freedom they hoped to establish for all who would inherit this new land. Freedom for which they fought and persevered at such great sacrifice. Freedom which was ordained of God for the benefit of man. Freedom which we all too often take for granted.

The pilgrims held the first Thanksgiving in October, 1621. The bitter winter of 1620 had passed when they had known hunger and hardship, and sickness had carried away half the band of nearly 100 settlers! But whatever the hardship, whatever the sacrifice, freedom was worth the price and for that, the pilgrims were thankful.

Those who went before us laid the foundation upon which we must build. Forging onward, we are still pilgrims traversing the rocky road toward establishing Zion! As we face hardships, sacrifices, endure crises, and reap the blessings of our labors, let us, along the way, emulate our humble forbears, who were grateful unto the Lord.



# RELIEF SOCIETY



Visiting Teaching Message for December  
(See Boyd K. Packer, Ensign, Nov 1980 pp. 20-22)

"Our lives," said Elder Packer, "are made up of thousands of everyday choices. Over the years these little choices will be bundled together and show clearly what we value. The crucial test of life... does not center in the choice between fame and obscurity, not between wealth and poverty, The greatest decision in life is between good and evil..." What, then, do we want you to do? Simply this: Be good! Study the Gospel! Live it! Stay active in the church. Receive the ordinances. Keep your covenants.

These are the topics for the Sunday morning Relief Society lessons for the month of December:

December 6 - Spiritual Living

God Will Have a Tried People, May 1980, pp. 24-26

The Choice, November 1980, pp. 20-22

December 13 - Mother Education

Families Can be Eternal, November 1980, pp 4-5

December 20 - Cultural Refinement

Jesus of Nazareth, December 1980, pp. 3-9

December 27 - Social Relations

Singleness: How Relief Society Can Help, November 1980, pp. 106-107

Sister Wanda Owens was released as Relief Society Homemaking Counselor on November 15. Sister Alice Brooks was sustained as Relief Society Homemaking Counselor.

We urge all sisters in the Ward to attend these beautiful lessons, and you may bring a friend or neighbor if you wish.

We pray that all of us sisters will be extra kind and thoughtful this month. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, which is in Heaven.

Matthew 5:16

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## YOUNG MEN, YOUNG WOMEN

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The Young Men and Young Women of Oklahoma City, Fourth Ward would like to express our appreciation to the Gary Hall, Billy Jameson, Curt Creel, Thomas Godwin, Jimmy Armstrong, Glenn Orr, Jim Orr, Gene Prigmore and Dave Hulsman families for helping us make the Fourth Ward Halloween Party a great success. Thanks a lot.

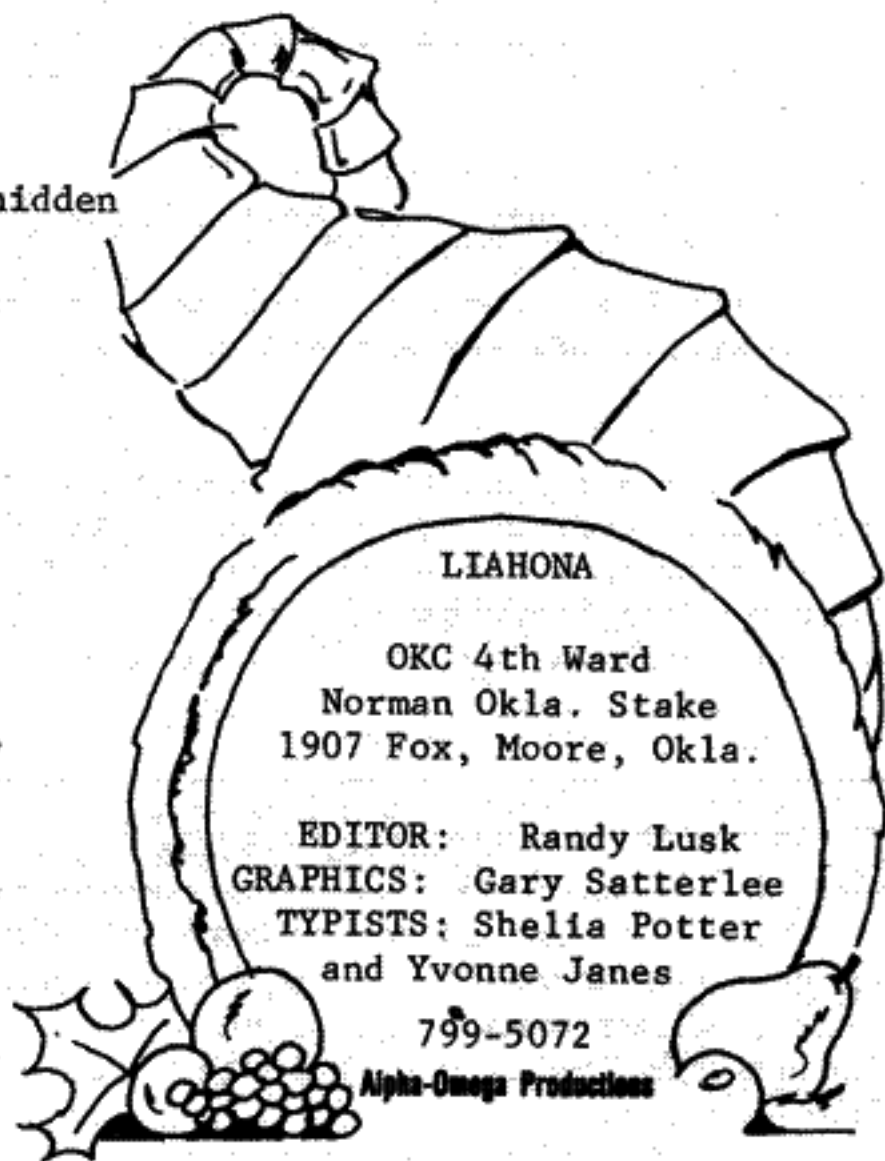


Into the forest of the mind  
Fly thoughts, as birds, unbidden.  
Within its boughs they hide there, hidden  
Until another that enclosure find.

Bright birds, joyful birds,  
Birds of charm and cheer.  
Dark birds, bitter birds,  
Birds of doubt and fear.

As birds of thought fly in our mind,  
We bid them welcome or farewell.  
For though they come unbidden  
They'll not unbidden dwell.

Nancy Allen



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