

# Happy Happenings



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## Things are going pretty well for the Burnetts

Kelly's mom and several sisters are coming for a get together in Idaho Falls. Kelly's excited to see them all and be able to spend a few days together. Kelly still loves to get up at 5am every day (except Sunday) and do the paper route with Thayne or Landon (they take turns.) She was released from nursery and is doing activity days now. She likes that calling. She has also started to get ready for the annual Laurel Legacy camp that she helps out with.



Cason has made good progress with his treatment program and is scheduled to finish this week and be home here pretty soon. He will get back into Roy High and should be in good shape to graduate this spring. We were able to get out and do some ice fishing recently and he caught some whoppers!

Tanner is doing well in his program. He recently made it up to another level so he gets more privileges and home visits now. He got to come ice fishing with us and he's hoping to come on the winter Klondike campout this weekend. He is enjoying his new black lab and is working to train her to retrieve. There are several dogs there that he gets to work with and he really enjoys getting out with them.



Thayne is playing indoor soccer now and enjoying that. He's (kind of) working on his Duty to God and scout merit badges as we can encourage him to.



Landon isn't really involved in anything right now but he's at a fun age where he just occupies himself playing inside or outside as needed to stay entertained! He enjoys cub scouts and wants to get out camping!

Meg is pretty low maintenance right now! People tell us that will change! She is good to spend time in her room coloring, reading or playing with dolls or whatever.



I've really been enjoying working with my chocolate lab Bella to train her to be a bird dog. We've had an ok winter getting out bird hunting, ice fishing and one trip to the Summit so far.

Thayne was really hoping for more snow to be able to make a snow cave, but there wasn't much snow there at all. We used some wood and a tarp to make a shelter but it was so cold by bedtime that the boys didn't sleep out! We have the winter Klondike camp this weekend. I think it's supposed to be above freezing so it shouldn't be too bad.





# Hello from the Coons Family!



November was busy with Soccer. Todd coached Hannah's soccer team. They didn't have very many players so Brittney joined the team after she finished with Cross Country. They didn't win any games, but they did score a few goals during the season.... we think.



We enjoyed the trip to Utah for Thanksgiving and Mom's 70th birthday party. Thanks to Jeremy sleeping on the sidewalk at 2:00 a.m. we now have a new camcorder. It was just-in-time as our old camera does not transfer sound anymore.

December was lots of fun! We had Grandma and Grandpa over for Christmas. We took them to a fun museum and a park as well. We ate at Pete's Fish-n-Chips. We joked that eating there takes a day off your life. Caleb asked, "Can that day be today so it'll be one day closer to Christmas?" Cute. While we were looking at the Temple lights, Grandma discovered kumquats (little citrus fruit) and wants us to plant a tree.



(No, Aubrey didn't get her hair cut. Grandma just shares hair with her buddy!)

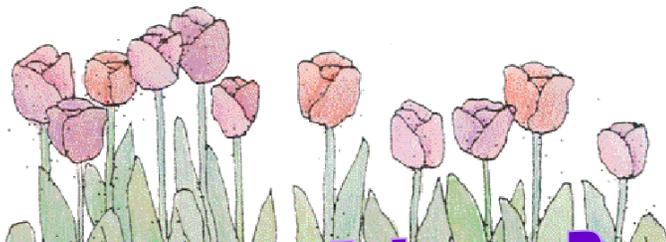


Our patience with our take-15-minutes-to start and crash regularly piece-of-junk computer finally reached its limit. We are now part of the Apple family and have enjoyed learning how to make slideshows and family videos. We were at home New Year's Eve because Brittney loves stake dances. It was great going to Todd's parents house on New Year's Day. Winter in Arizona is wonderful, eating citrus, pecans, and tamales. The weather is cold enough for a jacket but beautifully sunny.

January has whizzed by! Loreen is pushing hard to finish her last BYU class so we can head to Provo in April. Brittney has been to a couple of tennis practices at school and may play this semester. Aubrey has started singing and dancing with a group organized by a lady in our ward. Loreen and Todd are taking a 6-week Love-and-Logic class to try and learn to be better parents :). We are hoping that they can provide a users manual. Caleb's leg is about the same... some days are better than others. Brittney and Hannah had a fun party with 6 or 7 friends each. They have lots of great friends and played many fun and unique games. We love you all!!!

# I Love! Love! Love! You!





# SURPRISE from the Arizona Burnetts

Hi Family! It's been much too long since we have updated you on all the happenings out here in Arizona. We've been very busy over the past year and a half. Moving into a new house, having one of us get married (Heather), school, work, moving to another state (South Carolina-Katelyn), graduating from college (Heather), and having another marriage on the way (Tiffany). You've gotta love how busy life can be, but that's what makes it exciting for all of us.

Dad has been keeping busy with work. He travels every week (Monday through Thursday) and it has become a routine way of our life. He enjoys his job and is busier than ever since his promotion. The economy isn't stopping him. He's also been busy decorating our new house and taking part in his new hobby, guns. He decided that he needed to keep up with Jon and buy 2 new guns. He's proud to show anyone that walks through the door and keeps busy at the shooting range on his free time. He recently got to pursue his lifelong dream of going on a church history tour with mom and had a great time seeing so much church history.

Mom is still working over at the elementary school by our house and loving it. She finally fulfilled her lifelong dream and got a ping-pong table down in our basement. She is keeping busy with work, taking care of our family and watching all of our TV shows on a weekly basis (Biggest Loser, 24, The Bachelor, and Burn Notice).

Tiffany is busy planning for her wedding in May to her upcoming hubby, Drew Martin. She is still working towards pharmacy school but has decided to take a break from school this semester to focus on planning her wedding. She and Drew are having fun getting all the details together and planning for a celebration they will remember the rest of their life. Mark this day on your calendars (May 20)!

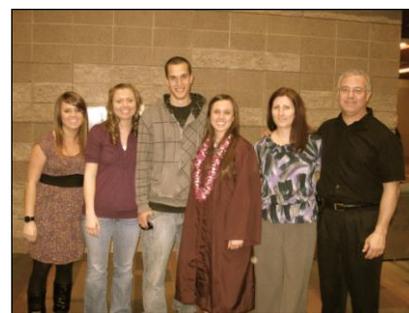
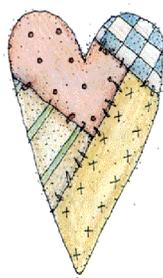
Heather and Jon are doing great. They bought a new home and have kept busy painting, decorating and making it as homey as possible. They added a new addition to their family a few months ago, a new dog who is happy and so fun to play with. Heather just recently graduated in December from Arizona State University and is now looking to pursue a job with her degree. Jon is still busy with the National Guard and going to school at ASU.

As for me, I am keeping busy with work, school, and an internship. I am in my junior year of college and am excited at the fact that I only have one year left after this semester. I am busy doing an internship at a wedding venue (the one Tiff will be married at) and working at a physical therapy office as a therapy tech. I am also going to school and taking 15 credit hours while trying to balance a social life all at the same time. Gotta love life!

As a family, we were able to take a trip to New York for Christmas and had the time of our lives. It was a little too cold for some of us, but overall, we had a great time. Some of the sights we saw were, The Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Times Square, A Broadway Show, Ground Zero, The David Letterman Show, Central Park, the Empire State Building, and pretty much everything we could do and see in the time we were there.



We are enjoying life and are happy with the successes we have on a daily basis. We look forward to seeing all of you (or those who can make it) for the wedding in May. Happy February!





# News from the Sorensens

Things in Wyoming are going great. The kids are all doing well in school. Jaxon has been gone every Saturday for a while. He has gone to Jackson Hole snowboarding 3 times, he and Aaron went on the scout Klondike overnight campout and slept in a snow cave they built, and he went with our Young men on an overnight snowmobile trip. He and Jancy picked out their steers for next years fair, so we hope they will be good ones. Jancy has been playing basketball on the school middle school team. She has really done well, and has fun playing. Broox is getting excited for his birthday. Dixon and Rix's favorite thing is to check the eggs, and we usually get 12-14 a day.



The pictures are: The kids Christmas morning, Broox with the rabbits he shot with the gun he got for Christmas, and Dixon and Rix playing.



## Mom and Lynn

Much has happened since the last newsletter.

- ❖ Two wonderful 'old' Birthday parties! A great big 'Thank You' to all!
- ❖ A great Thanksgiving! Thanks to everyone, especially Laura & Greg
- ❖ Brief Christmas visits with some of you before leaving for:
- ❖ Arizona for Heather's graduation. Way to go, Heather! Bachelor's degree from A.S.U.
- ❖ Christmas with the Coons! A great time! Hannah did family name baptisms!
- ❖ Home just in time for a few more Christmas visits and then rush to:
- ❖ Wyoming for New Year's! Great time—Ice Pucky, Cattle drive (1 milk cow), wood cutting service project

- ❖ Finished teaching one New FamilySearch class—started a new one.
- ❖ Two-day child-sitting at Lawson's & Kelly's. What good kids! Thank you!
- ❖ Visit from Sorensen's and trip to Mt Timpanogos Temple so Jaxon and Jancy could do baptisms for family names (Jancy's first time to the Temple!)

We love you all very much and are looking forward to the many wonderful family events coming in the next few months! We hope to see all of you *sometime* and maybe *many times this summer!*

## Our Busy Calendar

Event	Date	Place	Event	Date	Place
Broox' Baptism	2/27/10	Pavilion, Wyoming	Amy & Tyler Marriage	6/10/10 @ 2:30pm & 6 pm	Mt Timp Temple & Camp Williams
Loreen's Graduation from BYU	4/22-23/10	Provo, Utah	Family Reunion Games, Picnic, Family Activities	6/11/10 All Day	Hobble Creek Canyon, Utah
Party for Univ. Graduates (Heather, Loreen, Tara, Jeremy, Ondy-)	4/23/10	Utah County To be determined	Free Family Day Waterpark? Travel to Rexburg?	6/12/10	Utah County? Road to Rexburg?
Tiffany & Drew's Marriage	5/20/10	Mesa, Arizona	Sister Brianna Wilson's Missionary "Goodbye"	6/13/10 @ 9 am (Hopefully) Party afterward	Rexburg, Idaho
Ondy Seminary Graduation	5/23/10	Springville, Utah	Elder Cory Pierson comes home	6/16/10 ????????	Springville, Utah
Ondy & Kylie HS Graduation	5/26/10 @ 10 am	UVU, Orem, Utah	Elder Pierson <u>could</u> speak in Church	6/20/10 ??????? Remember <u>could</u>	Springville, Utah
Cason HS Graduation	5/26/10 @ 1 pm	Dee Events Center, Ogden, Utah	Baby Dye is born and blessed	7/26/10 ?????? First Babies don't know about due dates. The Blessing just depends!	Utah
Jeffrey HS Graduation	5/27/10 @ 2:30 pm	Rexburg, Idaho	Caleb's Baptism	September?	Gilbert, Arizona

In addition, Grandpa and I have his brother/sister reunion on June 19, his cousin reunion August 13/14. My cousins are having a Smith Reunion, which includes all of you, July 30, 31. It's being held down near Bryce Canyon—don't know the details yet. Sarah and family will be going and it'll be a chance to get to know those related to us through my mother, Agnes Webb, her mother, Clara Mabel Smith, and her father and mother, Wallace Garner Smith and Diana Adeline Love Smith. (Addie who kept the journal I have.)

SO—busy summer! But a wonderful one for proud Parents/Grandparents/Great Grandparents!



# Pierson Family

Hello, family! The Pierson's are doing well – healthy and busy and happy! Steve and Jenny are signed up and training for two Half-Marathons. This first is the Salt Lake City Marathon in April, and the second is the Utah Valley Marathon in June. Jared is jogging 3 miles a day now with Steve (and on Tuesdays with Ondy!). He is pretty amazing. I am looking into a Horse Therapy program for him. I think he will really enjoy that. He is still happy to go to work every day at the MTC. We love you all! This is the message I put in our Ward Newsletter with Cory's update:

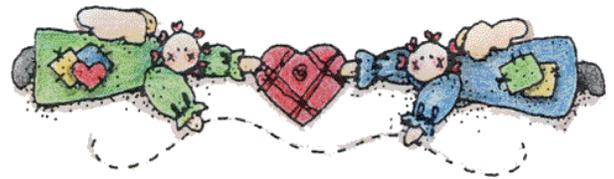
**Elder Pierson is currently serving in Newport News, Virginia. He writes, "This last week (Jan. 2010) our zone did well at getting people to church. There were 37 investigators who attended, five of these were set for baptism, two of whom were in an area that was just opened and hasn't seen baptisms in years.**

**"Thank you for your prayers in my behalf, and also for those whom I serve. If it wasn't for your prayers I know I wouldn't have seen the miracles that I have. Another one happened at church this past Sunday (Nov. 2009). We had two gentlemen from Haiti come to church. They moved here from Florida where they had been attending church with a friend. In talking with them they, like Dan (another investigator), said that they wanted to become members of the church. Member missionary work works!! Thanks for the example of that man in Florida, two more of Gods precious children are going to come closer to Him!**

**"One of the lessons that really hit me this week (Jan. 2010) is just how important members are in the conversion process, and in the church in general. The work can almost cease completely if we don't have the help of the members. We all can help, and the Lord expects us to help as much as we can. There are unending blessings that come from doing missionary work. I am a firm believer that if we involve heaven in all that we do, nothing can stop us or bring us down. The Church is true, and it is very wonderful and comforting to know that. I love being a missionary and being part of this great work. My thought this month would be to make sure that you are enjoying every minute that you have. That is our purpose here on the earth, to have joy. Don't get so caught up in life that you forget this.**

**"Thank you again for your prayers!"**

Love, Elder Pierson



Here is a copy of the thank-you letter for our Festival of Tree donation. I want to thank everyone again for helping me make this happen! This has been a dream of mine for a number of years, something I wanted to be a part of – and we did it!! Thank you, thank you!!!

*December 2009*

*Dear Lisa, (and all our family!!)*

*Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for the large tree you decorated and donated to the 2009 Festival of Trees! Your beautiful contribution awed and inspired more than 90,000 who visited the Festival to experience the childlike wonder of the Holiday Season. In addition, your gift of time, energy, and creativity will help children at Primary Children's Medical Center feel the magic of Christmas all year long.*

*We refer to the Festival of Trees as "A Gift of Love" because your gift will provide comfort, joy, hope, and love to children and families at the hospital who need it most! And, although you may never meet the patients and families you have helped, please know you have given a gift that will last long past childhood.*

*On behalf of Primary Children's Medical Center and the Festival of Trees Executive Board, please accept our sincere gratitude. May your Holiday Season be filled with the precious gifts you have so generously given to others.*

*Warmest regards,*

*Robyn Austin, Chairwoman*

*Festival of Trees Executive Board*

