

# Happy Happenings

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49th Edition

## Mom & Lynn:

As we look back at the year 2002, there's one thought uppermost in our minds: *WE'RE GLAD IT'S OVER!* Now, before you jump to conclusions about the meaning of that statement, let me hasten to say that there were many good things that happened. We certainly have felt the hand of the Lord many times--answered prayers, spirit-filled blessings, family and friends lending support, and for me, the total devotion of a wonderful husband.

The sad part is that in October, 2001, we had our mission papers just about completed. When I put the Christmas things away that year, I packed a "mission Christmas box" to take with us because we were sure that we'd be half done by Christmas 2002. You know how that worked out.

It has been hard. I began the year with a fractured wrist--complete with pins and external fixator. Then there was the physical therapy so that I could regain the use of my thumb and wrist.

On January 30, on our way home from our anniversary trip to Moab we made a detour by Saratoga Springs. And what a change that brought into our lives! And I will say--all good! We put earnest money down on our condo and by February 14, it was ours! What followed was a real struggle as we tried to sell our wonderful Bountiful home--on our own. That took until September and isn't really done yet--but we have high hopes that the Whites (yes, we sold it to Ken White and his family) will be able to get their loan and we can really complete the sale. That will mean that we're out of debt--which we need to be now that we're on a small fixed income since Lynn retired from his work at the end of January.

The olympics were so great. Now, not that we saw any of the events. But we were privileged to usher at a wonderful production where we welcomed people from all over the world.

Next came little Broox and I got to spend some time in Riverton helping that sweet little family. What a sweet baby he is! We attended lots of graduations--all the way from kindergarten to college. That included a trip to Mesa for Tiff's big day.

We were so glad to have the reunion at the Summit this year. Thank you all for a great time. We never know from one year to the next if we'll still have our property so it was good to be there with all of you.

I turned into a victim of the move as I broke a rib and tore my insides. The strain undid the prolapse repair surgery I had in the 70s, necessitating a fun "female" surgery on July 22 to do fix it all over again. And guess who was right beside me on her birthday--yeah, the one whose birthday is July 22! We really enjoyed having the Wilsons here after their long stint in Germany.

I credit Brittney's faith with my ability to go to Connecticut to help after Caleb was born in August. I really didn't think I'd be able to make it but Brittney never gave up hope. I'm afraid I wasn't much help, but I was able to go and share in that wonderful event!

Then I decided I hadn't had enough fun so I volunteered to let them cut my leg off, insert some titanium and plastic and sew it back on. What a trip! And no--I'm not glad that I had it done, yet. I pray that I will be some day. All the physical therapists and the doctor say I did very well. I'm sure glad. I'd hate to have done poorly. I told Lynn I'd never felt older in my life. He cheered me up by saying: well, duk, you've never been this old in your life. I think one of the worst things that happened had little to do with the knee. I had to have an MRI because my back was hurting and I found out I'm severely claustrophobic! HELP!

In the first few days after the knee replacement surgery, I had some pretty wild heart problems--atrial fibrillation to be medically correct. What followed included weeks of anti-arrhythmia medication that made me very sick to my stomach. Because I continued to have "flutters" Dr. Chun Hwang, an electro physiologist, performed an EP study by inserting catheters into my heart and then did an ablation--he cauterized two extra electrical pacemakers which were firing off when they shouldn't have been.

So how many hospitalizations? How many surgical procedures? How much money has our medical insurance put out for me? Oh well--they're just numbers and the important thing is that I'm getting better and that once again--we have our mission papers right ready to turn in--right down to having our pictures taken.

So--family, please pray for your parents. We desire to be well and healthy. We desire to have the funds to support ourselves on a mission. We desire--so much--to be able to serve the Lord in whatever capacity He needs us. So soon we hope you'll be praying for two senior missionaries.

### The Burnetts:

Hello everyone. My broken finger is all healed so I've been able to get back to playing basketball. Thank goodness - Kelly was starting to make comments about my belly! Like she has any room to talk! Have you seen her belly lately? It just keeps getting bigger and bigger! We're excited and nervous for the new baby to arrive next month. I can't believe how fast time passes. It seems like just yesterday the kids were asking when Christmas was going to be here. That was 6 months ago. Now it's over!

We had a really fun Christmas. The boys were well behaved and had fun with their new things. I went sledding for a while in the afternoon with the 3 older boys - they needed to get out of the house for a while! Cason got a snowboard for Christmas so he and I went skiing at Brighton the day after. That was fun, but it seemed that he forgot what he learned last year, because he spent a lot of time in the snow and had cold, wet hands and a sore bum and knees before it was over. He didn't seem to be having too much fun right then, but after he said he loved it and couldn't wait to go again!

We went to Dad's for the weekend after Christmas. It was a nice visit and the weather was nice so we were able to ride 4 wheelers around and do a little sledding! Landon went that time at Dad's and we went one other time back home. Landon just loves it! He has no fear! Maybe because he doesn't understand what could happen!

A friend helped me put forms up to pour a concrete wall for our sand pile/clubhouse area. Hopefully we'll be able to get some work done on that this summer.

We started gam church this last week. I like that schedule because we can usually get a nap in! Kelly was release from being gospel essentials teacher and was called to be beehive teacher. She's excited about that.

Hope everyone is doing well. Love, the Burnetts.

### The Dye Family:

We are mostly absorbed in the remodeling of our house. There are lots of decisions to be made: the railing on the spiral staircase and the powder coat to go on it, light fixtures, kitchen cabinet stain, sink, countertops, etc., not to mention making it all go together!

Anthony is entering a catapult in the Science Fair.

Laura is now the Enrichment Leader (and still in Cubs and Wolf Leader).

Greg, as Assistant Scout Master, is going to the Klondike Derby and winter campout. Boy, is he excited! (Ha, ha)

The kids are getting back into the groove of things at school and we are all looking forward to a new year.

Happy Birthday!

Christie - Jan. 9

Steve - Jan. 18

Cason - Jan. 19

Hope you have a great day!!



### The Coons:

November and December were very busy months for us and we had many special and fun times. Our trip to Utah for Caleb's blessing and Thanksgiving was one we won't forget. Thanks to all of you who were there for Caleb's blessing! It was wonderful to have 10 of Caleb's relatives who worthily hold God's priesthood participate in his blessing (the crying he did must have been from happiness, right?). Then to be together with his Grandmas, Grandpas, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, and Friends for lunch was a real celebration. We enjoyed it so much and thank all those who helped to make it possible!

One of the highlights of the trip was doing Grandma's temple work in the Provo Temple on Nov. 30 (Lisa and Steve's Anniversary). I felt honored to stand as proxy for her. I really felt the Spirit as I spoke her name, received the endowment, in the prayer circle, and at the veil. I feel that she was there and was grateful to be able to progress on the other side of the veil.

Other fun things we did on the trip were to swim in the hot swimming pool. The girls thought that was great and still talk about it. We went to Dad's and enjoyed a nice visit there. We had fun at the Gingerbread House Fair. We went to Temple Square to see the lights. That is a special Christmas memory that I have so I wanted to share it with the kids. Coincidentally, Mom and Lynn were ushering there and Brittney got to stay with them and help a little. She loved it and got to stay up until 11:00! We got together with my old roommates, Jacinta and Kristie, and their families, played at the park, visited, and had dinner. Thanksgiving day was another great memory with delicious food and 21 pies. It was great to be with everyone. The only bummer about the trip was when Hannah threw up on the way to the airport and again on the plane. Fortunately for the Dye's van (but not for Hannah), it got all over her clothes. I changed her clothes before we checked the luggage but then she threw up again as soon as we sat down on the plane and had to wear those clothes the rest of the trip.

We went to the Boston Temple during the break and enjoyed it (as always), though it was a challenge to get there (as always!).

Christmas was very enjoyable. For New Year's we played games and made homemade peppermint ice cream (a tradition for us) with our Christmas candy canes. Yum, yum!

For our ninth Anniversary we had a girl from the ward babysit the girls for an entire day and Todd and I (and Caleb) went to the Norman Rockwell Museum. First we went to lunch at the Red Lion Inn (pictured in Rockwell's "Christmas on Main Street" painting which you would probably recognize if you saw it), then to the museum. It is such a neat place and it's incredible to learn about his paintings - why he did what, what models he used, bits of information that you wouldn't normally notice, etc. We had a very fun time together.

We love you all very much and hope all is well. Love, The Coons

### Where's the Giver?

Giver	Receiver	Giver	Receiver
Tiffany	Amy	Zachary	Thayne
Heather	Rich	Cason	Zac
Katelyn	Anthony	Tanner	Broox
Christie	Caleb	Thayne	Jancy
Jared	Landon	Landon	Hannah
Jenny	Jaxon	Baby Burnett	Aubrey
Cory	Katelyn	Brittney	Amberly
Rich	Jeremy	Hannah	Jenny
Amy	Tiffany	Aubrey	Cason
Brianna	Ondy	Caleb	Tanner
Jeff	Heather	Jaxon	Jeff
Jeremy	Cory	Jancy	Christie
Anthony	Brianna	Amberly	Baby Burnett
Ondy	Brittney	Broox	Jared

### And the Sibling Present List:

Giver	Receiver
Larry & Jill	Laura & Greg
Lisa & Steve	Lawson & Kelsey
Leslie & Greg	Loreen & Todd
Laura & Greg	Lana & Aaron
Lawson & Kelsey	Larry & Jill
Loreen & Todd	Lisa & Steve
Lana & Aaron	Leslie & Greg

