

# NEWSLETTER

THE FAMILY NEWSBUSTER  
Edwards Family Newsletter  
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## FALL HAPPINESS

Fall happiness is trees -  
Seeing trees turn bright red, yellow, and  
brown,  
Seeing them lose all their leaves,  
Hiking through them with your family.

Fall happiness is apples –  
Seeing them hanging ripe red from the trees,  
Picking them and eating them, drinking apple  
cider.

Fall Happiness is pumpkins-  
Seeing great orange piles of them in  
the grocery store,  
Making Jack-o-lanterns,  
Eating Grandma's pumpkin pie.



Fall happiness is seeing –  
The frost on the ground,  
The wind making the leaves dance around and  
around,  
The birds flying south. By, Ruth Hansen



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Cru Goimarac 28 October 4 years old  
Eddie (Papa Eddie) 27 October 1929 39 years old  
Claire Noel Hendriksen 30 October 11 years old

Happy honorary birthday to:  
Barnabas Howard born 09 October 1791

## \* HONORARY BIRTHDAY HIGHLIGHTS \*

**Barnabas Howard** was born 9<sup>th</sup> of October 1791 - either in Pennsylvania or New York. Barnabas is your Dad/Papa's great, great, great grandfather (some of his descendants the Howards' in Canada are also working on this research)

Barnabas came to Ontario Canada from the state of Pennsylvania with his mom Mary and his brother James and Sister Rebecca along with his wife and son about 1818 settling in the township of Ancaster, near where Alberton, Ontario, Canada now is.

Barnabas' ninth child Henry wrote a history telling that Barnabas had settled Lynden, Wentworth, Ontario, Canada, saying: *"I belong to a pioneer family which moved from the state of Pennsylvania in the year 1818 and settled on the Mohawk Road just west of where Alberton now is. My grandmother (Mary) bought a farm of 300 acres of good land there. It was partly improved. She had a family of two sons and one daughter. My father (Barnabas) was married then and had one son. My uncle James was single. My Aunt Rebecca was also single."*

Barnabas was 5 feet 8 inches tall with blue eyes and brown hair and of light complexion. He had married Margaret Victoria Moore the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 1813 shortly after he had fought in the war of 1812; and according to the military record, he had been held prisoner of war by the British for a time.

So with his wife, and son, mom and siblings he had moved to Wentworth, Ontario, Canada and *"Here he stayed for a length of time, where later on he bought a hotel at what was known as Upper Corners, West Flamboro. Referring to the deed in his son's Henry's possession dated was the "20<sup>th</sup> of June 1827."*

*"He remained there a few years and did a very extensive business as the travel on the Waterloo road at that time was immense. All the produce from the Waterloo district had to come down that way at that time to get to the head of navigation."*

*"While doing business there he bought 400 acres of land and when building his house, there being no*

*public house near, he built large, so that he could entertain weary travelers with meals or lodging, and there being no store for a long distance, he fitted up one room in his house as a store, in which he kept such goods as the neighbors required."*

Margaret Victoria and Barnabas had eleven children, James who was born in New York in 1814, then John in 1819 in Canada, Mary Amy in 1822 in Canada, **Catherine** in 1823, Barnabas A. in 1826, Susan 1827, Margaret Jemina 1829, James 1830, Henry in 1831, Rebecca in 1833, and Eliza Jane in 1835. Two of their children Susan and Rebecca died very young.

*"In the spring of 1835 his health having failed, he thought he would go across the woods once more to visit his mother and the old farm. He did so, but was soon taken very much worse, and felt anxious about getting home. His kind neighbors made a kind of bier, on which thy arranged a bed and carried him home, a distance of seven miles, and he died on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 1835 and was the first man that was buried in the cemetery in Lynden."*

It was Barnabas who created that cemetery in which he was buried in Lynden. His little child Susan had died before he did and had also been buried there in what they called the Howard/Rous Cemetery

He lived on the frontier. It was very wooded and at this time sparsely settled. In this place, Lynden, as it was called there was a log school house that was used for many other purposes.

Wolves were plentiful and stories of the wolves being frightened away at the sound of gunshot etc. are told.

We don't have a photo of Barnabas, but below are four of his sons and two daughters and their spouses – Margaret his widow is in the center – their children are the ones on the top row: left to right: James. John, Barnabas A. Margaret, Henry and Elizabeth Jane William Long is on the bottom right corner – he was married to Catherine Howard ...



1. James Howard (1814-1884)
2. John Howard (1820-1896)
3. Barnabas Howard (1825-1891)
4. Margaret Howard Page (1829- )
5. Henry Howard (1831-1914)
6. Jane Howard Knox (1835-1904)
7. Sarah Van Every, wife of James Howard
8. Jennette Knox, wife of John Howard
9. Margaret Moore, wife of Barnabas Howard Sr. (1792-1878) mother of 1-6.

10. Mary Camp (1836-1910) wife of Henry Howard
11. Thomas Knox, husband of Jane Howard
12. Susanna Bennett, 2nd wife of Jas Howard
13. Adeline Smith, 2nd wife of Barnabas Howard
14. Hannah Long, 1st wife of Barnabas Howard
15. Charles H. Page, husband of Margaret Howard
16. William Long husband of Catherine Howard

I have photos on a large "cardboard like" material with these photos on. I have taken care of it since Grandma Olive gave it to me many, many years ago. When I was in touch with the Howard family some years ago, they sent me this photo with the 49 on. Before that, I had no idea who they were. Now, we know a little. It was Grandma Force's (Lillie May Long) grandfather William Force who is on the bottom, right hand of the photo. Apparently Catherine was deceased. We have his wife listed as Sarah Howard and perhaps that was her middle name or... who knows, but William Long in the photo was our William Long. I even talked to the Howards' about it and they thought that possible since many of the daughters had middle names.

Grandma Olive told me that the Long side of the family had a "book" with genealogy and pictures, but would not share it with Olive and Eddie Edwards when they heard this wonderful couple had become

members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Somewhere there is a book of great interest.



## NEWS FROM PAPA \*

### IT'S ALWAYS AGAIN:

Before I can get the current issue of the Newsletter read it's time to type a new one. Will this hectic pace ever slow down? I guess not. Really I guess we shouldn't complain if we are healthy and have everything we need, huh? It does seem that we have been well blessed to be allowed to enjoy life as we are. I look around and see so many who are handicapped and haven't the freedom we enjoy to do almost anything we want to.

I have wanted to repaint our basement but the price of paint has scared me off until I was in Walmart's and found the color I wanted on a clearance shelf. They had 5 gallons for only \$9 a gallon so I scooped them up and have them stacked in the basement. I'm now waiting for as good a sale on energy so I can get started. We have had a little company lately but now I think we have a break and I can get to work. I just hope that grandma is capable of moving the piano so I can paint behind it.

We woke up one morning to find a crew of men behind our house cutting down the big cottonwood tree that has been there forever. In fact we spent most of the day watching and wondering how they would get it done. It was a lot of fun even though we didn't do much else that day. They have removed about 100 trees from the golf course because they were old and some were dangerous. The one behind us has been a hazard, and every time a strong wind came up, we had large limbs dropped into our yard. Mommy and I went for a walk this morning and we were amazed how different the course looks now. It seems so open.

Again this month we were blessed to have a new arrival in our family with Ben and Amber's baby daughter, Rose. Mommy and I marvel at the beauty of these infants. They are all so perfect. We have been truly blessed, haven't we? That must be 29 great-grand-children!!! Who would have believed that such a thing could have happened to us, and we are so young? What will our neighbors say when the word leaks out? We're so proud of each of you.

Now that the hot weather is behind us I have turned my attention to the yard. Before it gets too late in the

season I have thatched and reseeded our lawn. It is now growing and with the rye grass it will stay green throughout the winter. So many of the lawns turn brown for the whole season, but we like ours green.

We had a fun experience when the Young Women of our Ward invited us to a game night in the home of one of their Advisors. There were three older couples and we split up with the young women and had an evening of playing various games. They were celebrating Grandparent's Day and it got a little rowdy before the evening was over. We were well acquainted before the night was over.

This was the month we watched the super lunar eclipse from our front yard. There was Debi, Garth and Patty and their two friends, Mommy and me. Christie was there earlier, but she left for higher ground to get a better view. I was a bit cloudy to begin with, but it quickly cleared up and we had a spectacular view. Isn't it interesting how everything works so perfectly, so balanced? Not only can they predict exactly when these events will happen, but they can tell us that in 33 years it will happen again just as it did on this night. Don't you get the feeling that all of this was planned to work as it does by a Planner of amazing abilities? Our whole universe is perfection at its best.

Before the month ended Greg and Jenny came to spend the night with us. They were on their way to visit Jenny's mother in California. She is recovering from hip surgery and they went down to help her and also to make some changes in her home that would make it safer for her.

Other than our trip to the dentist, what I have written is all of the really good things that have happened to us this month.. I hope that you have had a wonderful month too. We love reading of what is happening in your lives. It's just too bad that we can't hear from each one of you. When we don't hear, we don't know, and that's too bad. Surely there is something you "seldom writers" can share. It can't be because you haven't the time, for we all have the same amount of time. I guess it's just a matter of priorities. Try this: skip a TV show and write. We want to hear from you. To those of you who write regularly, we love your messages. It makes us feel closer to you. Must go, my space is gone. I love you, as you already know. Your Dad, Papa, & Grandpa



## \*NEWS FROM GRANDMA \*

Dearest Family,

Well, to our growing family came little Rose on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September – her mommy's birthday. This



photo was the first one they sent us, the day she was born. I have to put it in here. It reminds me of a photo taken of our Ronnie when he was just a few hours old. His eyes were wide open like hers. I also remember the “specialist’s” telling us that the babies cannot see until they are such and such... well, I

proved them wrong when I was holding our baby Sharee just hours after she was born. I held my hand over her sweet little face and she followed it wherever I moved it. No one can tell me no matter how educated they are that our babies cannot see us etc. I love tiny little babies so. They just came here to us from Heavenly Father. How many times I have sat and held each one of you when you were babies and asked what you could tell me if you could talk. There would be ever so much!

Now that makes e tiny babies in a few months. How beautiful each one is!! How we love each one of you our dear children, grown up, your spouses (like daughters to me), our grandchildren and that includes their souses and each dear, dear great grandchildren. How we love you. You are so very, very special to both me and Dad/Papa Eddie. And like Papa and I agree you are all just beautiful!! My dad Papa Arlos used to say they might look like a family member but “always an improvement on the old stock”. I’m not sure I agree with that, but it was his way of saying they were just beautiful!!

So many birthdays this month and I could go on and on but I want to talk more about our “great” activities and then I realize I can’t even tell you about the first week in October and that was just a **wonderful** week. But you have to wait until next issue to see that.

One of the “exciting” events was when the tree cutters came and cut down the big tree on the golf course that worried me so, because it was getting old and every time the wind blew it would lose a branch

or two in our yard. Some of them were pretty big sized and I was so afraid it was going to topple on us some day.

It was not only fun to watch them saw it down, but when they hauled it away too. I had no idea that simple trailer would hold that heavy tree trunk. It did.

One morning when we hurriedly dressed up and went to the temple, fearing we would be late, we walked back to the back of the chapel and there sat our dear Patty and Garth. It was so fun to be in the Temple with them. We always see people we know, but to see family was so very, very special.

As I read about Carrie and David and their little family finishing the reading of The Book of Mormon together I wanted to really applaud them! It is so easy thing to read the entire book to small children. Do you remember when the stale President in San Diego (Lemon Grove) asked us to read it by Christmas? He asked us at conference in September. We did it. You children were young. Laddie might not remember because he was only three years old but he might. When Nephi died, I remember the older kids trying to comfort Sharee as she began to cry. They were trying to get her to realize that he has been dear for a long time. Anyway, it was a great experience and I am so proud of you kids David and Carrie. That is a Big accomplishment and all the work you went to to help them learn was unreal.

I had to go to Dr. Winger my new doctor before he would renew my prescription and he wanted to check me out. You would have laughed at the way he talked to dad/ Papa Eddie and me. It was like we are going to live forever because he thought we were both doing so well. (But you know we won’t.)

It was so sad to have Elder Packer, and Elder Perry and then Elder Scott all die before conference. We miss them. President Monson had such a hard time at the end of his talk as it looked like we might lose him on the spot. It was frightening. We did get 3 new Apostles sustained and this is exciting. They are all such good men. The talks given about Mothers by Elder Holland and President Nelson were priceless. Everyone should have heard that and if you didn’t go into lds.org and you can hear it yourself.

t would take pages and pages to tell you all that I and Papa did, without even mentioning October but my space is almost gone. What can I say? I just have to say; above all I love all of you so!! Mom/Grma K.

## Carrie's Comments

The pictures are of Hiram and Marian's first days of school.

Emma just being a cute 5 month old.

September has been a beautiful month and we gladly welcomed autumn's cool weather.

Hiram started 2nd grade. That first day the girls didn't know what to do because they were so used to having him around.

The following week Mariah started going to preschool 3 days a week. She loves it so much. It's like she has new meaning in life and wakes up so happy on her school days.

Jasmin is keeping us laughing and running all the time. She is a busy kid.

Emma is rolling around everywhere and just keeps bringing a smile to everyone's face.

David started his final class; it's the beginning of the end! I am very excited for his graduation in June. My birthday was wonderful and I felt very loved.

We went shopping at IKEA and then David spent the rest of the day building our new dressers. It sure is nice to have enough drawer space without stuffing and busting out the bottom of the drawer.

Life is good!



We love you  
all,  
Carrie and  
David clan  
Sent from  
my iPhone



And a picture of Jasmin in her "superhero" suit. She found that captain America dress at the thrift store and started running around shouting, "I'm a superhero!"



**More natural curls! Love it! Beautiful!**



**Baby Emma**



## Greg's Greetings

Hello everyone!!

I thought several times that I had already sent my newsletter, but then I couldn't remember, so I would send it again, but then I couldn't remember, so I would....wait a minute, I was hit by a car on my scooter, and the rest is a blur!!

Not really.... The blur part! I really was hit by a car while riding my scooter!!! I had come to an intersection with a four way stop, looked all the different directions, and then started out. I realized that the lady driving to my left was not going to stop! I'm not sure she even noticed the stop sign, or me! I was almost stopped, and luckily she was not driving too fast, but when her car caught the front tire of my scooter, I went airborne! It turned out that I was a little bruised up, lost my shoe, but ended up walking away from it with no serious injury. Angels must have been watching (and laughing). It's not too often you can walk away and not be seriously hurt from a motorbike accident. I was stiff and sore for a day or two, but I am now feeling pretty good. The older I get, the more I hear the snap, crackle, and pop—but it comes more from getting up and down, or out of bed, rather than from the breakfast cereal bowl that has the Rice Krispies in it!



September was a great month! We have had fun watching the garden grow and watching the weeds take over everything! If there was just a use for those weeds! We ate a lot of corn on the cob, green beans, beets, cauliflower, broccoli, tomatoes, carrots, and tons of cucumbers! We were really blessed by how much we were able to harvest! In case I forget next month, we went the other night and dug up the red potatoes... it was fantastic! Now comes the chore of gathering everything up and getting it ready to plow under and make way for the winter... then we start all over again!

The leaves have been changing colors and everything has been beautiful, so we know fall is here and the temperatures are getting cooler all the time. Probably the most important thing that happened this month was the arrival of our 10<sup>th</sup> grandchild! Little baby Rose. Born on her mother's birthday! She is just like all other 9 grandchildren... Perfect!

I was in Montana at a conference that I could have taken Jenny to, but she felt like she needed to stay home, in case the new arrival would be early... and it was! She helped for almost a week, and then I got a call one morning saying that something had happened to her eye, and she could hardly see out of it! It was very red and inflamed, and she wanted me to come and get her.

It just so happened that Celeste and her kids were planning a trip to see Mike's family in Utah, so I hopped in and went with them to bring Jenny home. Everything worked out well and we returned safely home.

Speaking of grandkids, we got to celebrate Asher's birthday a little early, and then ran down to Ogden



area to celebrate Jade's birthday. She is a beautiful little princess, as are all our granddaughters!

We spent Sunday with Ben and Amber to watch their kids take part in their primary program. It was fun and they did so well!

From there we continued to head south to St. George to spend the night at the famous boarding house, "Grama and Papa's". I'm sure you have all heard of them and tasted the good home cooked meals that are prepared there. This was no exception! When we arrived late Sunday night, they had fried chicken! Of course it was cold, but it was good.

The next morning we continued our travels south and west, heading to Wrightwood, California. We seemed to have a little car trouble on the trip... every time we would hit a hill, we had to turn off the AC and limp up the hill, missing and sputtering all the way. On the downhill areas and the flats, we seemed to do ok, but not great. By Vegas, I had decided that we would pull into an Auto Zone and get some new plugs to see if they would make a difference. I knew that if we had problems, they would happen on that big grade just south of Whiskey Pete's. As we began the climb, I realized that I didn't even have the right socket to change the plugs even if we did have a problem! We made it! We traveled as fast as most of the slow moving trucks! I don't think we passed anyone the whole trip! We finally made it to Grama Beam's house and breathed a sigh of relief, as well as offered a prayer of thanks for getting us there!

The next day was spent fixing everything I could think of at her house... the deck around her house, the insulation in the attic, the pipe insulation under the deck where a pipe had already been replaced, raking up pine needles, and many other things. I also had the

time to replace my spark plugs! They were the cause! We had a very nice ride back to St. George, and home again, but that is the starting of next month! We loved being there with Jenny's mom! She has great faith and is very independent and stubborn...and has taught her children to do the same!

See, I did remember just about everything that happened this month! The accident didn't let me forget anything! Including how great all of you are! We got to see Laddie and Paige (save it for next month) and even got to go to Priesthood meeting with Papa, Laddie, Ronnie, Samuel and me! I wonder how many years it has been since that happened! (Save it for next month!!)

Family really is the best part of my life!! We saw Debi, Christie, Kendra, Ronnie, Samuel, Rebecca, Uncle Garth, Uncle Darrel, Aunt Charlotte, Grama Beam, Grama and Papa, Ben and Amber, Jonathan, Talmage, Jade, Rose, Odin, Wally, Mike and Celeste, Lily, Asher, Devin and Emily, Josh, Claire, Andrew, Peter (their family via Skype), Daniel-who rode with us to see Rose and then took the shuttle home to go to work- and of course my good wife!

I wish we could have seen all of you! We miss Debi's kids and grandkids, and Cassie and Kyle, and Sharee and all her kids and grandkids! What a bunch, but what would we be without any of them????!!

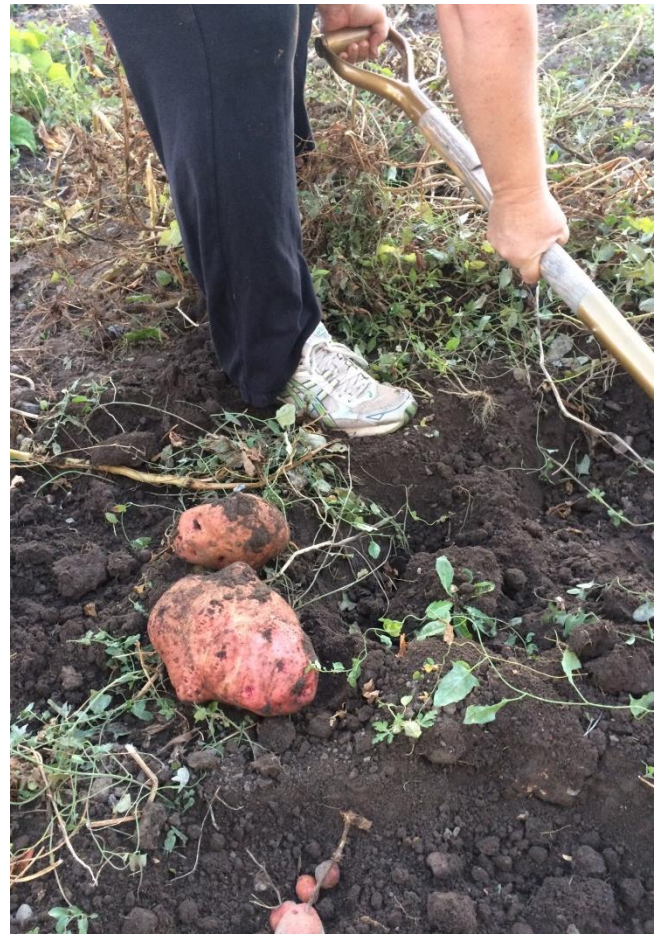
I love you all!!! I hope the Lord has been good to you and you are having the time of your lives! You know what they say, "Life is Fragile, handle with Prayer". Can't wait to hear and see you all again soon!

Love ya'll!!!!

Mr. Fix It



Daddy Ben and baby Rose



Greg said they were BIG, but ...? Huge!



Celeste's garden veggies – wonderful!!!



Jade  
and  
baby  
Sister  
Rose



## Jenny's Journal

We just got home from a wonderful visit with our parents, so it feels like we already got the newsletter! But those are memories that live in the heart and if they aren't recorded, then they will be forgotten by those who didn't get to enjoy them personally. So, here I go!

September has been a jammed packed month! We have so many birthdays for our family...Amber Edwards, Emily Hendriksen, Asher Miller, Andrew Hendriksen, Jade Edwards, and now Rose Katharine Edwards!

What was even more special was that Rose was born on her mother's birthday, September 10th! I was able to go down and help take care of Jonathan, Talmage, and Jade while their Mom and Dad spent time in the hospital with Rose. Those kids were SO excited for their new sister and they were so sweet and good! I loved how Jonathan and Talmage always took very good care of their little sister Jade. It was wonderful to stay for almost a week.

On the day before I was planning on leaving I woke up with a painful eye that I couldn't see anything but white blur. I called Greg and he hopped a ride with Celeste and drove me back home from Utah. Celeste stayed in Utah for a few more days to visit Mike's family in Kaysville, Utah.

When I got back to the doctor's he said my eye was inflamed and that I needed drops and a week without contacts. Luckily, nothing serious and my sight was better by the close of that first day.

I finally was able to convince Greg he needed a vacation. I think he was even more ready for it when he narrowly escaped being hit head on by a driver who ran through a stop sign. Greg was on his scooter and mostly stopped, but hit the side of the car, losing the front end of his scooter, and throwing him to the ground. I can't even think about what would have happened to him if he were just a second faster. Thankfully he wasn't seriously hurt.

Saturday, the 26th of September, we headed down to West Point, Utah, to celebrate Jade's birthday. Ben and Amber created this cute little carnival for the kids, with fishing, bean bag toss, balloon throw, and ring toss over soda cans. Quite fun with toys and candies! Amber make her famous Cheese cake and we all had an enjoyable dinner at Chili's.

On Sunday was the Primary program at their ward sacrament meeting, so we were able to watch the kids participate by saying their parts. They all three did so well! We were so proud of them! Jade was waving to us all, and we even heard a "hi, papa!" above the crowd.

We then headed down to California, via St. George, where we stopped for the night at Mom and Dad's. They are always so good to us and we kept them up WAY TOO LATE!

The next morning we headed off to Wrightwood, Ca., to visit my mother and help with some maintenance on her home to make it a safer place to stay. Mom was doing so much better. She was no longer using a walker, but has progressed to a cane. Greg fixed a wiper on the back of her van, repaired the sagging deck that was beginning to fall apart, fixed the insulation in her attic,

insulated some pipes that were under her deck that didn't have protection for the winter, replaced a shower head, straightened faucet handles, re-caulked the tub, fixed the toilet, and rehung the gate so it would swing easily.

My mom couldn't stop thanking him. She gave him a wonderful compliment one time to me when she said that he is blessed with a gift of being able to see what needed to be done. He is very wonderful!

In order to beat the Vegas traffic we had to leave on Thursday. I felt sad, and I could feel my mother's sadness at having us leave.

We didn't get to St. George until 11:00 pm, and caught mom and dad before they were sound asleep. Again, we kept them up for way too long!

Friday, we went to a garage sale, and basically just rested for the day.

Laddie and Paige drove in around 8:30 pm that night. It was so much fun seeing them again!!

Conference weekend is always my favorite!! I love the words of the prophet and apostles!! Three new apostles were called, Elder Ronald A. Rasband, Elder Gary E. Stevenson, and Elder Dale G. Renlund.

We left on Sunday morning to head back up to Idaho, so we listened to conference on the radio.

We stopped and spent a little time with Ben and his family, then took off again in order to avoid the conference traffic from Idaho, and the rain storm that was headed up the Wasatch front. We beat both and arrived in Rexburg by 8:00 pm.

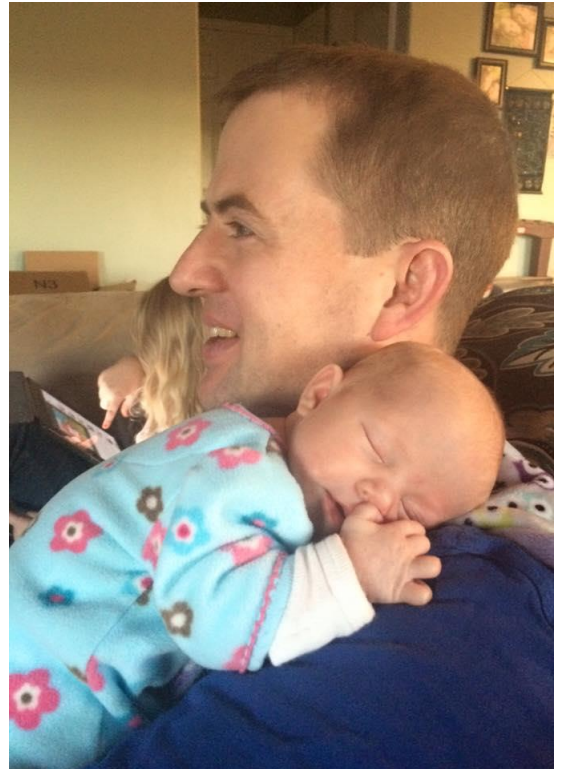
This has been a wonderful month. Family is so important!! We love you!!!

Jenny

**From Face Book)**

(How can you not love a photo of a little girl cuddled to the point of sleep with her daddy?

She wouldn't burp for me, so [Benjamin Edwards](#) took over, only for her to instantly fall asleep).



Benjamin and his beautiful little girls He loves them so!





## Ashley's Adventures

Dear Family,

The weather has been cooling off and I am counting my blessings every minute :)

September was a great month!

Crew started preschool and loves it!! He has the sweetest teacher and I just love her! She is LDS and has been teaching preschool for 18 years. She only has 8 students, which is amazing and she only lives one mile away!! We have been so blessed with her and Crew just loves his class and Mrs. Renay. He gets so much attention and is just thriving. He is learning his letters so fast and always looks forward to going!

Devin hasn't been on an elk hunt with his family in so long that he really wanted to make it happen this year. He got the time off and we decided to join him!

We drove through the night because he was too excited to wait to drive the next day. It was supposed to be around 17 or 18 hours and somehow it only ended up being 15 ;)

The kids did awesome. As soon as we got there, it was around 48 degrees and we were all in shorts and t-shirts and the kids were in shock!! They kept asking if it was snowing haha. They have definitely turned into Arizona kids.

I stayed with Devin's Uncle Stacey down on the river and Devin left with all his guy cousins and uncles. He had a blast and got a 5 point buck. It was huge!! We are so excited to have lots of meat for the year!

The kids and I had so much fun with his family!! We got to see so much family and most of them hadn't met Brighton yet so it

was a blast! We even got to be at his cousin's farewell. She is going to Phoenix!! First his brother gets called to Tempe and now his cousin is right next door in Phoenix. I guess we will have to keep an eye on them :)

I think the visit that meant the most to me was seeing Devin's Great Grandma. Yes, Great Grandma! She is 96 and in great mental and physical health. Devin's family oddly lives SO long! He even knew HER DAD. His Great, Great Grandpa. He was born in 1898 and died in 2003. They always joke they he lived for 3 centuries. Kind of cool! But His Granny was so excited to see the boys because those are her only Great, Great Grandkids. She is so sweet and tender. I really am so grateful I married into such a wonderful family.

The last few days of September we had a few visitors. Mom and Dad decided to stop by on their way to St. George!! It was seriously a blast having them here. I hate living so far from them. They had never seen our house before so that was fun and they gave us lots of ideas on fixing it and projects. They even helped us plant our front yard flowers and greenery. Dad was the fix it man while Devin was at work and surprised us with fixing a stuck door and changing out one of the old dingy fans for a new one! We sure are lucky to have handy guys in our family!!

That's about it for September. I can't wait to hear from all of you!

Love,

The Woodruffs

## Aubrey's Adventures

Hello Grandma,

We've been keeping busy this past month.

Shayna has learned to ride her bike without training wheels and then took up the challenge of helping her little sister do the same. Shayna is doing VERY well in school...she is way past her grade level in reading and is excelling in math. I'm so proud of her. Her two front teeth are hanging on by a thread. So, she's going to be singing that "All I want for Christmas...." song and mean it!

Adri loves preschool and is the only girl in her class! She says she's NOT the only girl though because her three teachers are all girls. She knows most of the things they're learning, but it's a good review before kindergarten and it's getting her used to a schedule and classroom environment. Little Jackson is keeping Mommy company while the girls are in school... we've enjoyed our one on one time together.

We love you and hope all is well. ~Aubrey

Adrianna is my little Brunette holding her schoolwork. Shayna's my little blonde holding her school work. They are both in school....Adrianna is in preschool and Shayna is in 1st grade. Then the picture of the kids cheering at the football game includes all three of my kids along with Kent and his little boy JJ (JJ's the little red head sitting on Kent's left).

I love you,

Aubrey







At the right is Aubrey's Jackson (looks like Aubrey's eyes and his Grandpa Scott (does he to you?))

## Paige's Page

Dear Family,

Happy Birthday you bunch of spooky peeps - especially Papa Eddie.

Where did the month go? That was the fastest September on record (at least in my books). Laddie and I are waiting for our plane here at the McCarran Airport, waiting for our flight home; and I thought I'd better shoot out an email to the Editor before the newsletter goes to print.

We started the month off with Carreen's birthday. She has now officially switched from her favorite German Chocolate Cake birthday cake, to the Lemon Meringue Pie Crowd. This has been a tough month for her and my mother's heart aches as she goes through this time of deep trial.

Laddie's still working on the roof, but needs another shot in his knee before he can finish it. I think his torn meniscus didn't care much for the knee activity on the rooftop and leaked. We'll see how long this next shot lasts before we know if he'll need surgery or not.

September started our official Mid-Atlantic States Day to Serve Projects. Since our stake has 15 units, that's a lot of service projects I visit, report about and engage with our local media. Our stake upped the food pantry/food bank donations from last year's 32,000 pound goal. We don't have a final tally this year yet, but I think we're going to beat that weight.

The variety of service provided by each ward has touched my heart deeply. Some of the projects have included: Roofing Projects with Habitat for Humanity, providing and cooking meals at the local homeless shelter, blood drives, 4 gleanings projects (think Ruth and Boaz), river clean-up, repairing elderly homes and yards, sewing patchwork quilts and providing kitchen and home products for refugee families, basic hygiene kits, blankets for juvie cancer patients, hospital puppets for terminally ill children, computer station set up and refreshments for

the Freedman's Bureau Project, cleaning up local flower beds at community centers, mulching a park, and rails to trails.

We've made a lot of friends as we've joined with other churches and community groups to provide service in our area.

I also had a grandma date with Jazzy. She had a tea party with a pink tablecloth, pink lemonade and lots of goodies, and watched the Disney Princess Tea Party with Grandma. My grandma dates are so much fun to spend one on one time with these precious grandchildren of ours. Plus we changed our weekly Sunday dinners to Friday dinners with our Virginia posterity. That way we can play all sorts of games in the yard, and keep the Sabbath a delight. How we love our children and grandies.

To cap the month off Laddie and I went to Mesa, AZ to visit our Arizona kids. We love their new home. It's such a joy to see them so settled and happy in their profession, neighborhood and ward. The boys were a delight and entertained us constantly. Crew and Brighton were a big help when we planted the new flower beds. How we miss them - but are so glad to see them settled and happy and serving.

From Mesa we drove the northern route to St. George. It's a longer drive but wanted to avoid Friday night traffic into Vegas. We ran into miles of traffic back-up from an accident and several one lane segments of tarmac due to flash flood damage. Since six hours of our drive was without cell coverage. I believe Laddie is looking for a better mobile provider.

We were able to see both sets of parents, which is always wonderful. We love them so very much. Greg and Jenny spent the week-end, too. It had been over five years since we had seen them. We were also able to spend time with Ronnie, Rebecca, Samuel, Christie, Kendra, and Debi. We love you all. There is nothing quite like family.

With the passing of three Apostles in the last few months, it has been a little tough to realize no longer



will we hear the zeal of the gospel proclaimed from Elder Perry, or doctrine in all its clarity from Pres. Boyd K. Packer or the powerful testimony of the Atonement by Elder Scott. I vividly remember the day Elder Scott ordained Dad a Patriarch to serve in the Simi Valley Stake of Zion. That was a choice experience for us. We look forward to the ministry of Elders Rasband, Stevenson, and Renlund.

Sorry about the Epistle from Paige - we had A LOT of time at the airport.

Have a wonderful month.

Love Paige

## Laddie's Lines

Dear family,

This will be a quick note just to say we love you all.

September went like a blur...as do all months lately.

Just a few events – hope I don't miss to many of the important ones that occurred back East.

Carreen celebrated a birthday; it is wonderful to be together as a family.

This month ended by Paige and I making a trip out West and visiting with family. We were able to spend time in Arizona and see Ashley and Devin's new home. They did great! Not a starter home at all. We are so proud of the way they are raising their boys and making a great home as a family.

Then we drove to St George and visited with most of my family. Greg and Jenny were even in town. It has been several years since we had seen them. Funny how the time

away from each other can disappear with just a few minutes being together. We were able to see almost all of my siblings while in St George. There is just nothing like family.

The boys were all able to go to the priesthood session of conference together, that was one for the record books – Samuel even attended with us!

We are so blessed to have family around and to feel this tender love for one another.

We hope you each enjoy the Fall weather.

Love Laddie

## Celeste's Comments

Happy Newsletter everyone!!

September wasn't too eventful, but my little boy did turn ONE! I can't believe how fast time has gone by. He is so silly. He'll be screeching like a pterodactyl one minute and growling like a gremlin the next. He walks everywhere. He adores his sister and has to do everything she does. It's so cute to watch them. He is so fun. He was mistaken for a little girl a couple too many times and finally I was convinced to give him a haircut. He looks much more

grown up now, and I miss all his pretty hair. :)

Lily is my little princess and in love with Cinderella right now. She'd watch that movie all day if I let her. :) So she's going to be my little princess for Halloween. It's going to be so cute.

Mike is still as busy as ever, and I've even had to go help him catch up with the computer business at home. So many broken computers for students, so little time.

I was called to help with the activity day girls in church, and it is hilarious! They are between 8 and 9 years old, and I can't stop laughing when I am with them.



My garden is amazing!! I have had a LOT of tomatoes; I think Asher has to take a bite out of each one before we get to use it for anything, and even one tiny watermelon. I had a couple carrots, and corn, and squash, and I even finally got to eat a strawberry before a bird, bug, or child, got to before I did. It was delicious.

I am sure that there are plenty of things that happened that I can't remember, but just know that life is great.

We are all super happy and love each other more than ever. Even with the tantrums. :)

I love you all!

Michael, Celeste, Lily, Asher







“I’m so sweet”



“I’m not going to do any raking – just watch me”



Oh! Oh!



Looks like Fall in Rexburg – darling gardener





Happy Birthday Asher  
Top left photo – he has teeth and a big smile!!  
Bottom left: What happened to this baby??

## HENDRIKSEN'S HIGHLIGHTS

Hello Family!!! Ayeboan!

We have INTERNET!!! HOORAY!!!! We've had continuous internet now for 12 whole hours! It's very exciting. After hit and miss for SO long. It may or may not stay, but all the internet guys work for Devin, so eventually it will be all ironed out. Ha! It's been just over a month since we've had internet...and it's made it very interesting both for school and for keeping in touch.

So, September...we arrived in Colombo!! Hooray! It was a LOOOOOOOOONG trip, but we love it thus far! My birthday was fun. Andrew's birthday was fun. Both days spent with family and just enjoying each other's company. :) The kids and I have been doing school every day (with LOTS of interruptions as the embassy maintenance guys come to fix pretty much everything in our house!!). We have our lovely Devika here with us and she is such a huge blessing! She found us a driver who can come and manueuvre through the nutty traffic that all drives on the wrong side of the road every afternoon to do field trips, archery class, visit friends, etc. We're seeing a lot of the country!

We went white water rafting with the kids! It was SO much fun! Peter screamed a lot...but after the day was over, he said, "Mom, this was the best day ever! I only pretended to be sad so that no one would know!" Chuckle. He's such a crazy nut. Andrew was in a boat full of marines, and he had the time of his life!!! All the kids were in different boats from us, since they had to sit in the middle (except Josh, who is in fact ginormous). I would look back and see Andrew front and center in his boat with the biggest grin you've ever seen! Ha! So great! It

POURED rain almost the entire time, which made it all the more fun! :) Love it! I'm am LOVING the rain!!

We have all our shipments safely here, and have realized that we have WAAAAAY too much stuff. So, we're beginning the mega purge this time around, and hope to leave with about half the weight we brought with us. We can see that it will all be well loved here by the people, so it has a place here! We have lots of fun plans in mind for ways to give things away, and are talking to the kids about how they need to be listening for promptings...when they are talking to someone, many times the Spirit will tell them they need to give something or do something, and that they need to act on those promptings! We've already seen fruits from that and it is exciting! It makes everyone so happy!!

We LOVE the branch here! Lots of strong, happy members! It's a relief to know that we won't be carrying the entire weight of the branch this time around, but we can still be a huge support! Devin and I both have received callings...but they're not technically official yet, so we're not going to tell anyone! Just have to wait until next month! So stay tuned! We get to have an actual conference weekend this weekend! So we'll tell you all about that next month, too. :) This is the FIRST branch/ward that I've ever lived in where they don't need me to play the piano. I find that a little sad, but I'm ok. I suppose it's good to take a little break once in awhile. Doesn't mean I'll stop playing, though!! :)

Anyway, things are good. We are loving the country--the beach, the warm humid air, the silly tuk-tuks...the kids and I are learning the language and enjoying that, too. Anyone who



wants a nice getaway can come on over! We have a coconut tree and an avocado tree...and the papayas and pineapples are year-round! Mmmmm...

Lots of love,  
Gilligan, the Skipper, MaryAnne,  
the Professor, Ginger, and  
Thurston Howard, III!

I'm attaching a few pics from  
our white water adventure. SO  
BEAUTIFUL!!



"The sooner you step away from your comfort zone, the sooner you'll realize that it really wasn't all that comfortable!" --Eddie Harris, Jr.  
"That which does not kill you will make you stronger!"  
"!Lo que no se mata, se engorda!"

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## **Mikey's Mia**



**From face Book Nicole's Cayla  
Cayla's Birthday September 16th 5 years  
old**



**Cayla**





## Edwards' Epistle (Amber and Ben)

Hello Family!

Hopefully our little note will be coherent, as I seem to be running on the equivalent of 3-4 hrs of sleep for the last 4 weeks. Our September was an adventure. I spent the first two weeks hurrying to finish putting together the nursery for our new baby. And then also preparing for Jade's Birthday, the baby to arrive and even my own birthday.

I finally finished the major parts of the nursery, including the diaper changing station. It's been a lot of fun to design and put together this room. I still have a few projects left, but they will have to wait a little while.

The day before my birthday i felt inspired to get started on the hospital bag. I didn't know why, because I was still 2 weeks away from our due date. And we were scheduled for an inducement on September 17th. I honestly did not think this little girl would come early.

The next day, September 10, my birthday we had our weekly baby doctor appointment to make sure all was good. Our doctor didn't like what she heard when she checked the heartbeat. So she did a stress test. We were joking that it would be just our luck if this little girl decided to come that day as it was my birthday.

After the stress test our doctor conferred with another doctor and came back and said, "I think this baby needs to be born today."

We laughed. We thought she was joking. It took a few times of her repeating it, for us to get that she wasn't joking. Our baby had failed the stress test and her heart rate kept dropping drastically.

She gave us time to run home and get my hospital bag, and find someone to pick up Jade from Kindergarten and keep the kids until something could be arranged for them.

We called Mom Jennifer who packed and started down to stay with the kids. And we went back to the

Hospital about noon to get checked in and begin an emergency inducement.

By 2:25pm in the afternoon they broke my water. Shortly after that I asked for my epidural. And then at 6:58pm Rose Katharine Edwards was born, coming in at 6 lbs 07 oz and measuring 18.75 inches long.

And she had the most perfectly shaped head! No squishing! We couldn't believe it, and she was such an amazing baby! She cuddled right up and was very alert. And that first night she slept amazingly.

24 hours later we returned home from the hospital. The kids were very excited to meet their sister.

The boys think she is adorable. But Jade has really taken to Rose and is protective of her. And she is always trying to be my helper to help take care of Rose. And even better, she never is overbearing. She doesn't try to pick up Rose. She is the perfect level of helpful and careful. She adores her new baby sister.

The rest of our month is a bit of a blur for me, since after returning home from the hospital Rose seems to have switched her sleep schedule and has her days and nights mixed up. She sleeps amazing in the day and horrible at night. I'm working on trying to get her to switch back to how she was in the hospital with sleeping well at night and awake in the day. But so far; it's not going very well.

What I do remember, Mom stayed for a week and was a huge help to cook and help the kids. Ben also took time off from work and helped entertain kids, and run them to the bus stop and scouts and any other event they needed to be at.

A few days later, Mom babysat for us, so Ben could take me out to lunch for a late Birthday lunch, since we had to cancel our plans for my birthday.

Speaking of birthdays, Ben also did a lot of hunting and after years of trying to get one for me, he found me a piano! I couldn't be happier with my birthday present. I have loved having a piano in our home. And it has been very therapeutic to play when I feel stressed.

We also celebrated Jade's 6th birthday this last month. She has really grown and I just can't believe she is 6! Mom and Dad and Danny were able to stop by for the weekend to celebrate Jade's birthday with us, and to see the kid's Primary Program at church the next day.

Now family is all gone, and Ben has gone back to work. And my days are filled with trying to find a new normal and get into a routine with a new baby and trying to get kids to bus stops, pick them up and run them to scouts. I'm not keeping up on anything, except the very bare basics, and homework is suffering. So I do feel a bit overwhelmed at times. But I just remind myself that this won't last very long. And I need to enjoy my sweet newborn while I can. Because they grow way too fast.

That is about all I can remember for September. Hopefully I will be able to think more clearly at the end of October!

Much love to you all

Ben, Amber, Jonathan, Talmage, Jade and new baby Rose Katharine

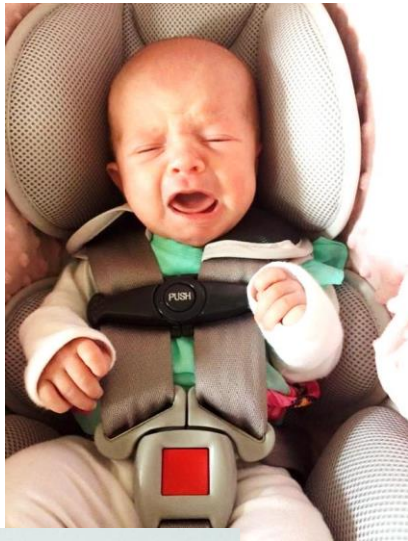


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*Rose Katharine  
1 Month Old*







The new piano





## Grma's Gossip

Papa Garth and Grandma Patty came over the afternoon of the day the tree was cut down. As Grma and Papa sat on the Patio with them, birds – **lots of Doves** – flew around and around like they were simply lost without that tree. Hope there wasn't a nest in it. There were so many birds!

When baby Rose was born, Greg had gone to Montana on a business trip for his company. It was one of those where you can take your wives, but Jenny opted to stay at home in case Amber and Ben might need them. As it turned out, it was truly inspirational. The need was there almost immediately. Greg called Grma Katharine and Papa Eddie and told them the good news. It was wonderful to hear the baby had been born and all was well.

Grma gets involved with the political issues and Grandma Patty gave her a book on Dr. Ben Carson. It was written a couple of years ago and was entitled "Gifted Hands". It told about his growing up years and the hardships he went through, about his stalwart, courageous mother who encouraged and encouraged him to be the best he could be no matter what it took. It told about the surgeries he performed on little children and then separating the Siamese twins with great success. It was an amazing book about a very amazing man.

Grma and Papa watched the TV as the terrible flooding in Colorado/ Hillsdale cities were involved in raging flash floods where a couple of cars were sent plunging over the cliffs, killing 10 children and 3 wives. One boy about 10 years old managed to scramble out of the window and jump to safety before it went over – how? Who knows? They found all of the people except one little boy's body still remains hidden somewhere in all that debris and sand and etc.

Then another tragic flash food swept through Zion's Canyon and seven people, all seasoned mountain climbers from California, were swept to their deaths. Grma and Papa have often talked about the amount of rain that falls. If too many inches fell

on them, they would be history, except they do live on the highest part of this valley. Right?

The news came that Chili had an earthquake of 8.3 and even California was warned that they may have tremendous waves, rain etc. from it, but no more was mentioned.

Papa Eddie, the most wonderful gardener, put an anchor on the trellis beside the house to hold up the beautiful climbing rose that Sharee gave us.. It has grown so large that was pulling the trellis away from the house and it is a gorgeous rose.. The roses are beginning to come back now that the heat of the summer is over and many plants have been planted, including the beautiful Lantana. There are quite a few and they grow profusely The yellows, oranges and even some red and pink mixed with the yellow ones are simply beautiful. One bush is called British something and has a gorgeous lavender flower. Love these wonderful plants. And love Papa Eddie even more for keeping the water and everything going to them. His lawns were looking like a velvet carpet since he planted the new winter Rye, but then the skunks got into it, looking for grubs and now he has a few "sports" to work over. What do you do with skunks to keep them away?

When Greg had his accident he called Grma and said, I have bad news and good news, which do you want to hear. Grma asked for the bad. So happy he wasn't hurt badly. The woman he hit was told, as she stood on the sidewalk sobbing. "He is such a nice guy. You couldn't have chosen a nicer guy to hit."

Grma lost 2 embroidered blocks, or thought she did, but Papa saved her, telling her they were right by the quilt she was working on. Oh! Oh! ????

Grma cleaned her four bathrooms and it made her think of how in Marysville when she was only 6 and 7 years old their toilet was a few yards from the house and the bathtub was a tin tub about 3 feet across that hung on the wall outside when not in use. No running water. How blessed we are in this day!.

Your Grma loves you so, keep smiling, Grma

**Words** of a song given me by Grandma Patty:

**AND A RECORD SHALL BE KEPT**

My Golden Plates are paper; I carve them  
with a pen.

And with every line the mem'ries shine like  
they live again.

All the wonder of my childhood, the struggles  
of my youth,

Speak of love and tears that through the years  
led me to the truth.

And a record shall be kept that 'will crown the  
works of righteous men,

Like a monument of love woven of some  
paper and a pen

I've seen the Holy Priesthood bring healing  
with its hand.

In my darkest hour, the Spirit's power gave  
me strength to stand.

So I put my life on paper that someone else  
may find

Through a gift of me, the legacy that I leave  
behind.

And a record shall be kept that will crown the  
works of righteous men

Like a monument of love, woven of some  
paper and a pen.

I begin with paper and a pen...

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And with the words of that beautiful song, I will tell  
of an incident that happened recently. We were  
sitting together one night talking about when the  
Quail Dam broke and when in relationship to Papa  
Eddie having his operation on appendix and our  
moving to St. George. There were some differences  
of opinion so Grma went down to check with her  
journals. Yes, we moved to St. George in December  
1988 but it was Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> when we thought St. George  
was ushering in the New Year early because sirens  
were blaring. Our neighbor came running over and  
told us the dam had broken and to go to higher  
ground. Where is higher ground we wondered? But

then we learned we were okay. However that being a  
Saturday night the next day at Church we were told to  
go change our clothes sand pick up our tools and go  
help those whose basements had flooded - in the  
Ranches. So the men did. The next Sunday was fast  
Sunday and Papa Eddie bore his testimony. The next  
day he went into the hospital and had his surgery. The  
Dr. remembered him from his testimony.

*President Spencer W. Kimball stated:*

*What could you do better for your children and  
your children's children than to record the story of  
your life, your triumphs over adversity, your recovery  
after a fall, your progress when all seemed black,  
your rejoicing when you had finally achieved? Some  
of what you write may be humdrum dates and places,  
but there **will also be rich passages that will be  
quoted by your posterity.***

*We hope you will begin as of this date. If you have  
not already commenced, this important duty in your  
lives, get a good notebook, **a good book that will last  
through time and into eternity for the angels to look  
upon.** Begin today and write in it your goings and  
your comings, your deeper thoughts, your  
achievements, and your failures, your associations  
and your triumphs, your impressions and your  
testimonies. We hope you will do this, our brothers  
and sisters, for this is what the Lord has commanded,  
and those who keep a personal journal are more  
likely to keep the Lord in remembrance in their daily  
lives.*

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by Judy Capener

