 

Monday, February 11, will be our last day of parking. This will also be the last day for our YW to earn camp credits. We will be meeting at the church, at approximately 2:45pm, and carpool from there. All girls are required to eat a heavy lunch before arriving, and they should come equipped with the following:

Packed dinner

Folding chair

Lite sweater or jacket

Water

A bag for catching beads

They will also need to be comfortable dressed: tennis shoes, t-shirts, and jeans. We should return to the Church no later than 9pm.

All parents and family members are encouraged to attend, so that this may count as a family home evening activity. If any parents are interested in attending, please see our Young Women President.

We are going to have a great time, and we look forward to seeing all of you there!

Location

New Orleans Building: 3613 Saint Charles Avenue, New Orleans

Events/Birthdays

02/04 Cara Crawford

02/18 Durrannesha Davis

02/21 Ayanna Crawford

02/11 Mardi Gras Parking

02/14 Happy Valentine’s Day

02/16 Multi-Stake Fireside & Dance

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# Mardi Gras parking

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We are participants in Heavenly Father’s plan, and our eternal experience can be divided into three main parts: pre-mortal life, mortal life, and life after death. As we come to understand the plan, we find answers to questions asked by so many: Where did we come from? Why are we here? Where do we go after this life?

**Pre-Mortal Life**

Before we were born on the earth, we lived in the presence of our Heavenly Father as one of His spirit children. In this pre-mortal existence, we attend a council with Heavenly Father’s other spirit children. At the council, Heavenly Father presented His great plan of happiness.

In harmony with the plan of happiness, the pre-mortal Jesus Christ, Son of the Father in the spirit, covenanted to be the Savior. Those who followed Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ were permitted to come to the earth to experience mortality and progress toward eternal life. Lucifer, another spirit son of God, rebelled against the plan and “sought to destroy the agency of man (Moses 4:3). He became Satan, and he and his followers were cast out of heaven and denied the privileges of receiving a physical body and experiencing mortality.

Throughout our pre-mortal lives, we developed our identity and increased our spiritual capabilities. Blessed with the gift of agency, we made important decisions, such as the decision to follow Heavenly Father’s plan. These decisions affected our life then ad now. We grew in intelligence and learned to love the truth, and we prepared to come to the earth, where we could continue to **progress.**

**Life**

# Plan of Salvation

Progress.

**Life After Death**

When we die, our spirits will enter the spirit world and await the resurrection. At the time of the resurrection, our spirit and body will reunite, and we will be judged and received into the kingdom of glory. The glory we inherit will depend on the depth of our conversion and our obedience to the Lord’s commandments. It will depend on the manner in which we have “received the testimony of Jesus” (D&C 76:51).

**Blessings through Knowledge of the Plan**

A testimony of the plan of salvation can give you hope and purpose as you wrestle with the challenges of life. You can find reassurance in the knowledge that you are a child of God and that you lived in His presence before you were born on the earth. You can find meaning in your present life, knowing that your actions during mortality influence your eternal destiny. With this knowle3dge, you can base important decisions on eternal truths rather than on the changing circumstances of life. You can continually improve your relationship with family members, rejoicing in the promise that your family can be eternal. You can find joy in your testimony of the Atonement and the Lord’s commandments, ordinances, covenants, and doctrines, knowing that “he who doeth the works of righteousness shall receive his reward, even peace in this world, and eternal life in the world to com” (D&C 59:23).

Confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed “From your Valentine,” an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic heroic and—most importantly—romantic figure.

**HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY**

**Who Is Valentine**

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first “Valentine” greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor’s daughter—who visited him during

Young Women Theme

WE ARE DAUGHTERS of our Heavenly Father, who loves us, and we love Him. WE WILL “STAND as witnesses of God at all times and in all things, and in all places” (Mosiah 18:9) as we strive to live the Young Women values, which are:

FAITH

DIVINE NATURE

INDIVIDUAL WORTH

KNOWLEDGE

CHOICE & ACCOUNTABILITY

GOOD WORKS

INTEGRITY

& VIRTUE

WE BELIEVE as we come to accept and act upon these values, WE WILL BE PREPARED to strengthen home and family, make and keep sacred covenants, receive the ordinances of the temple, and enjoy the blessings of exaltation.

Multi-Stake Youth Dance & Fireside

On February 16th there will be a multi-stake fireside and dance, at the Denham Spring’s Stake Center (25367 Riverton Dr., Denham Springs, LA 70726). The youth will have the opportunity to hear from a visiting general authority. The fireside will begin at 6pm and the dance will immediately follow. Because of the fireside, we are requesting that the youth come in Sunday dress. There will be no separate activity planned for the 12 & 13 year olds after the fireside. If anyone should need a ride please see our Young Women President.