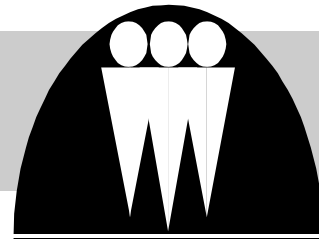


Reunion

Summer 1995

The Family Fellowship Newsletter



Issue 5

Marv and Geneva Peterson

By way of introduction, we were both born into the LDS Church and raised in active LDS families. Geneva graduated from Brigham Young University in 1952 and served a mission to Brazil in 1954; Marv served for three years in the Marine Corps during the Korean War and graduated with a Master's degree from Utah State University in 1956. We married in the Salt Lake Temple in June, 1957, and have been blessed with seven wonderful children, five daughters, (one is deceased) and two sons. They are now between the ages of 25 and 36. We are active members of the Church and have served in many ward and stake positions in the various auxiliaries. We are presently serving as temple ordinance workers.

Eight years ago, we learned that our youngest son, Michael, who was 18 years of age at the time, was homosexual. Two of Michael's sisters happened to notice that he was crying one day at a family gathering, while he was observing his nieces and nephews playing. When they asked him what the problem was, he replied, "I'll never have a family of my own." They had noticed his melancholy moods on other occasions, and began to put the pieces of the puzzle together. After fasting and praying, and attending the temple, his sisters decided to approach him with their feelings that he might be homosexual. (At one point we, his parents, had even thought strongly about asking him if he were having same-sex feelings. If it proved to be the case, perhaps we could help; if it weren't, on the other hand, it would be a devastating blow to his ego to know that we had even entertained the thought. That idea was abandoned.) When his sisters confronted him, he denied it at first, but then he broke down and sobbed — partly because he was relieved to finally share this information with someone else, and partly because he was afraid that we, his parents, would find out. His main concern has always been, "I don't want to hurt Mom and Dad." His sisters convinced him that it would be better for everyone if we knew. They felt that his family could help share his burden.

When we met together and heard Michael tell us of his life-long secret, he revealed to us that he had known he had same-sex feelings from an early age. He told us of absolute horror stories of humiliation and fear that he had experienced since he was in grade school — not only from his peers — but from some of his teachers as well. We asked him why he always found excuses not to attend ball games and other high school functions. He related how he was usually confronted by a group of

boys who would shove him around and call him "faggot." One time he was pushed and kicked down the bleachers at a high school football game by a group of boys shouting "Queer, fag!" etc. (There are some people who would have us believe that Michael chose this lifestyle!) He recalled the negative expressions we had always communicated to our children whenever we spoke to them about homosexuality. He knew his church taught that homosexuality was an abomination, and that anyone who had same-sex feelings was morally corrupt. He confided to us that every Sunday he made excuses to his Priesthood leaders to avoid blessing the sacrament, because someone had told him he sounded like a "fag" whenever he spoke on the microphone.

We wondered how Michael possibly could have lived with these circumstances, wondering constantly when someone might

We are very grateful for the opportunity of sharing Michael's experience because, as a result, we have grown closer to our Savior.



find out. He told us how he went to his ward and stake ecclesiastical leaders for help, and was told to pray and repent of his feelings; after that, they never again mentioned Michael's concerns. He spent long hours in the mountains, meditating and praying, and contemplating how he could commit suicide and make it look like an accident, so his family wouldn't be hurt too much. The most logical plan to him would be to drive his car into an oncoming semi-truck. Thank heaven our daughters felt inspired to confront him, and we were able to convince him that he was still the same Michael, that we would accept him as he was, and that our love for him would never change. At the conclusion of this very tearful and heart-wrenching meeting, Michael, in a very humble state, asked for a father's blessing. During this blessing Marv felt that the words he uttered were directed by the Spirit, and his blessing was one of reassurance, understanding, and above all, of love for our son.

We recognized some of the different tendencies which Michael had exhibited as a child, but denied them, feeling there was really nothing unusual about this. Many were the times we removed the dolls from his hands and replaced them with a toy truck or a football. He seemed to enjoy the company of his female friends more than he did the friendship of his boy friends. He was always talented and wanted to get into plays and take gymnastic lessons. We discouraged this, thinking it would be better for him to become involved in more "masculine" activities. How we regret this decision now; he would have excelled in either of these areas, and we denied him that opportunity. Our greatest regret is knowing that we were ignorant of Michael's situation; consequently, he suffered his personal turmoil alone, thinking he had nowhere to turn. When he was 16, Michael got a part-time job. Naturally we were proud of him, thinking he wanted to earn some dating money, or perhaps buy a car. Just recently we learned that he was using the money he earned from his job to secretly pay for psychiatric counseling, to help him achieve some degree of self-worth!

Michael had always planned to serve a mission, but when the time came to receive his call, he was advised that he should not go. This was devastating and humiliating to him, because he had no answer for people when they continually asked him why he didn't serve a mission. Everyone just naturally assumed that he would, because it was a goal he had set for himself since he was very young. Two of his cousins, with whom he had always been very close, were preparing to leave for missions. They had always done everything together. They wrote to him and said, "Michael, just repent from whatever you have done, and let's all go at the same time!"

Questions arose in our minds as to how we could have been so blind to what was happening. Where did we go wrong? Should we have insisted that he be more active in sports and scouting? What did we do, or what did we fail to do, that might have pushed him into homosexuality? We were aware that some psychologists believed a weak father/son relationship, coupled with a domineering mother, contributes to homosexuality. Our relationship with Michael was no different than it was with any of our other children. We sincerely believed that we did not fit into this mold — nor does Michael feel that we did. Where could we go to gain some understanding as to why he had these feelings? We somehow

Continued on the next page

Family Fellowship

Family Fellowship is a volunteer service organization, a diverse collection of Mormon families engaged in the cause of strengthening families with homosexual members. We share our witness that gay and lesbian Mormons can be great blessings in the lives of their families, and that families can be great blessings in the lives of their gay and lesbian members. We strive to become more understanding and appreciative of each other while staying out of society's debate over homosexuality. We seek to put behind us all attitudes which are anti-family, which threaten loving relationships, and which drive family members apart. All who can support these goals are welcome to contribute to this newsletter. However, the views expressed here belong only to the individuals who express them.



Board of Directors

CHAIR

MILDRED & GARY WATTS - PROVO: 801-374-1447

VICE CHAIR

RON & ADONNA SCHOW - POCATELLO: 208-233-8958

SECRETARY

JANIE BENNETT - OREM: 801-226-0559

COMMUNICATIONS

TONY COLLETTE - OK

NON-PROFIT STATUS

MORGAN SMITH - UT

TREASURER

KEITH & MAROLYN FROGLEY - SLC: 801-227-6720

PARENTS CONFERENCE

MARY & GENEVA PETERSON -
FARMINGTON: 801-451-7955

FORMER BOARD MEMBERS

WANDA & FRED KARFORD - ID FALLS: 208-523-3786
KATHRYN STEFFENSEN - SLC: 801-485-1833

Advisory

DUANE & KAYE JEFFERY - UT
GERRY JOHNSTON - UT
LYNETTE MALMSTROM - UT
MARYBETH RAYNES - UT
WAYNE & SANDRA SCHOW - ID

Newsletter Staff

TYLER YATES - UT
RICKY LOYND - UT
GRANT & EVELYN JOHNSON - ID
CLAIRE MALMSTROM - UT

Regional Family Affiliates

JOAN & BILL ATKINSON - LOS ANGELES: 310-378-3938
MAC AND DIANA NIELSEN - SAN DIEGO: 619-470-7184
RENÉE & RICHARD VAN WAGONER -
OGDEN: 801-393-0395

Additional Family Affiliates

MAX & JANET BERRYESSA - UT
BEN BLAIR - UT
WAYNE & ARLENE COOPER - ID
STEPHEN & ALLISON DUNN - UT
KRIS KELLOGG - UT
JEANINE & DELOY NELSON - ID
TRACIE & BOB RADFORD - ID
STEVE AND SUG WRIGHT - UT



found the courage to share our plight with a very loving friend and church leader who was related to a General Authority. We poured our hearts out to him, hoping that his close relationship with the General Authority could help us gain some insight as to how we should handle this dilemma. It must have been a very awkward situation, however, because he never talked to us again about Michael. It was as if we had never had the conversation. We certainly do not fault any of our church leaders, because most of them have received little guidance in working with this issue. It didn't take long as parents to realize that we, like Michael, had nowhere to turn for help.

We always felt that the most tragic and horrible thing that could happen in a family would be to experience the death of a child or a spouse. In 1964 our third daughter, who was 3 years of age, was hit by a car in front of our house and died a few hours later. We didn't feel that we could possibly survive such a tragedy. It became apparent, however, that our Father in Heaven blessed us with a spirit of peace and understanding through the many prayers that were offered in our behalf. However, when a child or a spouse reveals his/her same-sex orientation, it is usually even more tragic. There are few prayers of comfort from friends, and the person (and sometimes the family) is ostracized and, many times, abandoned by church and friends. Most people simply have no idea what most homosexuals have to endure on a daily basis in the way of reminders that they are considered evil, depraved, or immoral because they have "chosen" to be homosexual. Sadly, most people do not care.

In 1987, we moved to a new ward and stake — a move which we now feel was directed by the Spirit. Our new bishop was compassionate, caring, and understanding, and he was a tremendous help to Michael and to us, his parents. He was instrumental in helping Michael to turn his thinking around, so that he no longer thought about suicide. As Michael's parents, we were also able to talk openly with the bishop and start our own personal quest to understand homosexuality. From that day to this, our entire family has been in a constant "coming-out" process, and it has probably been as difficult for us as it was for Michael to share this information. Even though it has been eight years since we have really tried to understand it, we are still reluctant to discuss this issue with some people, primarily because they have little knowledge of the subject and are therefore very biased in their opinions. Some of Michael's closest, life-long friends have chosen to turn their backs on him. On the other hand, other friends have surprised him and have given him much love and support.

Eventually, we started to take interest in how many other parents and family members within the Church must be affected by the issue of homosexuality and wondered how these parents were dealing with this situation. Through a series of events, which we believe were an answer to earnest prayer, we were led to other parents who had to deal with homosexuality, and who were also seeking answers. After having been referred to the book, *Peculiar People*, we became more enlightened and became good friends with one

of its editors, Ron Schow, and his wife, Adonna. They have been extremely helpful in helping us to understand this puzzle. They introduced us to other parents with homosexual children and, as a result, we made a commitment to help dispel the ignorance, irrational hatred, fears, and misconceptions about homosexuality. We became founding members of Family Fellowship and currently serve on the board of directors.

We have found that there is an army of homosexual men and women who have either been excommunicated, disfellowshipped, or who have left our Church because of their feelings of rejection — if not repulsion — by the constant reminders from the pulpit by some leaders that they are evil and can "change" if they but repent. Most parents who have a close relationship with their Savior, and consequently have not abandoned their homosexual children, know within their hearts that their children did not choose their sexuality any more than they chose their height or the color of their eyes or hair. It is our opinion that scientific evidence of "how" or "why" is not needed to prove anything to the parents, because we all know of the sweet spirits of each of our children. Michael's brother and four sisters and their families also feel this way.

We all believe that we have an obligation to educate friends and relatives about the complexities of homosexuality and the need for understanding. We, as a family, feel this burden should not be carried by Michael alone, but should be shared by all of us. We are very grateful for the opportunity of sharing Michael's experience because, as a result, we have grown closer to our Savior. We are more understanding and compassionate. We are more tolerant of others' differences and try to love unconditionally. We are more Christlike and less judgmental. We feel that we are better people. 🙏

We live in a world of diversity. We can and must be respectful toward those with whose teachings we may not agree. We must be willing to defend the rights of others who may become the victims of bigotry.

*President Gordon B. Hinckley
General Conference
April 1995*



A Former Wife's Story

Susan Fullmer

My name is Susan Fullmer and I was married to a gay man. Currently I co-facilitate a local support group in Provo, Utah, for spouses, ex-spouses, and straight partners of gays and lesbians. Our intent is to provide a safe place that provides support, healing, self-clarity, and education. For more information, I can be reached at 801-373-5003.

When my husband told me he was gay, I was overwhelmed. It was a situation beyond comprehension, and yet I was living it. Have you ever had the experience of swimming down into deep water and becoming disoriented? I knew I was drowning, but I couldn't figure out which way was up. In the aftermath of disclosure one thing was clear: we could not tell anyone what was going on in our marriage. The possibility of being ostracized or worse hung over our heads constantly. At this time I became aware of gay bashing. I was horrified to hear news stories of men who were attacked simply because they were gay. I became acquainted with a few men who had been harassed or beaten. One man nearly died when he was stabbed in the back by a homophobic assailant.

Then there was the threat of death from within the walls of our own home. My husband was suicidal. What I didn't understand then was that as our marriage progressed, he realized that his decision to marry me was a mistake. Instead of easing his pain, this realization served only to magnify it. Not only was he in more pain, but he had created a tragedy for those he loved. I hated to leave the house because when I came home I never knew if I would find a warm body or a cold one. He had detailed plans for his suicide and kept the paraphernalia in our garage. I wanted to throw it away, but I knew he would just buy more, and it would only make him angry, adding to the already tense situation we constantly lived in. He refused help and forbade me to seek it. I was confused and scared. I didn't have the clarity or the strength to do what needed to be done. Somehow, I thought, we would figure it out together.

I spent sleepless nights worrying about the fate of my infant son. What kind of life would he have? What would people think of him? And more importantly, what would he think of himself? Should we keep this a secret from him or would he be happier in the long run if he knew? Could we fit a skeleton of this size in our closet, and if so, what price would be paid for it? Should I stay in the marriage? What would be best for my family? What would be best for me? The questions were never-ending. The answers seldom came.

One of the most frustrating things to deal with is the lack of support and understanding surrounding this topic. It's not discussed because, frankly, most people don't even consider the possibility of it happening. Those who do experience it don't talk about it for obvious reasons. This makes it very difficult for those seeking accurate information. The solitude can be unbearable. The only person I

had to talk to was the source of my pain: my gay husband. And then we usually ended up talking about him and his problems. I used to think I was the only woman in the world married to a homosexual. That was a lonely and frightening thought. Many women who find themselves married to a gay man feel the same thing. Who can they talk to? How can they know they are not alone? I have since talked to hundreds of people in situations like mine throughout the United States and Canada. No, I am not alone.

Being married to a gay man damaged me in many ways. I find it astounding that the number of years it has taken me to heal has far exceeded the years I was actually married. Many issues that the straight spouse goes through can be typical of a heterosexual divorce as well, such as anger, trust, abuse (especially emotional), single parenting, finances, etc. These things alone are overwhelming, but then there are also the issues that are uniquely found in gay/straight marriages, such as the issue of femaleness. In three short years of marriage, my sense of my own femaleness took a terrible blow. These were my sexually formative years. My beliefs about myself and my relationships to men were molded by a person who was not attracted to women or their bodies. This goes far beyond sex. Most gay men do not want to be with a woman in a physically and emotionally intimate partnership simply because she is female. The devaluation of a person due to their sex is very damaging. The words I often hear women use to describe themselves are "non-person," "asexual," and "unique." Often these women reject femininity in their dress and manner. The acceptable parameters a gay man sets for his wife are very narrow. She must deny a large part of herself to fit within them. I can not overstate to you what being intimate with a gay man does to the mind and soul of a woman.

Almost all women to some degree or another blame themselves for their husbands being gay. Sometimes even the husband or others will tell her it's her fault. I spent hours in desperation trying to figure out what I did wrong or what I didn't do right. I now realize that this makes no sense. For example, if you are a straight man, what would it take for a woman to turn you gay? It's absurd, yet I rarely meet a woman who hasn't struggled with these thoughts.

I have talked to too many women who discovered their husbands were gay when they were diagnosed as HIV positive. Most gay men I have talked to yearned most of their lives to express their true feelings. But the pressure to be straight from family, religion, and society is excruciating. We as human beings have a strong need for love and acceptance, and so gay/straight marriages continue to happen. I have even heard some gay men refer to women as their "ticket" to acceptance. After marriage, these same men still treat their spouse as nothing more than a "ticket."

I heard a story many years ago that I can't seem to get out of my head these days. Once there was a pretty little town in the mountains. The only road leading to town was a dangerous drive with a particular turn that was difficult to maneuver. Many a car had missed the turn and

plunged over the embankment into the dropoff below. One day the town council held a special meeting to decide what to do about the many accidents at this infamous curve. Many suggestions were made, but after long debate, everyone agreed on a plan. An ambulance would be parked at the bottom of the hill to immediately assist anyone who might have the misfortune of missing the curve and falling to certain injury. My message is simple. We don't have to stand at the bottom of the hill and watch them fall. The ambulance is not a bad idea. The injuries of those in gay/straight marriages are severe. They need and deserve immediate attention. But we need more than that. We need a guardrail placed by those who care. We need sign posts along the way with clear and accurate information. What we need is prevention. I continue to see so much suffering. I ask myself all the time, "Couldn't any of this have been prevented?" The answer is yes!

If you are encouraging homosexuals to marry, please reconsider. Understand clearly the long-term effects of what you are asking them to do. If you are in a dilemma as to what kind of counsel to give them, ask yourself this: what advice would you give to a gay man who was engaged to your own daughter? Is the risk minimal enough to experiment with her health and happiness and that of your grandchildren? If you are a heterosexual who is in love with a homosexual and you feel that you can make it work, insist that your loved one speak honestly with you about their true feelings. Deal with the facts. Insist on the truth. This is very difficult, but it is much easier to do it now than later. Seek information, and most importantly, talk to those who have actually married a gay person.

If you are homosexual and are married or are considering getting married, I ask you to take responsibility for your actions. I empathize with your pain. I understand the unfair pressure that is put on you. I know that those whom you love and trust are assuring you that it is the best thing to do, but they tell you this because they do not understand the nature of this situation. Ultimately you and you alone are responsible for your decision. Make it a decision you can live with. Make it a decision she can live with. I promise you that a marriage of deceit and lies will only add to your pain in ways that you can not imagine. If you are ready to talk to a heterosexual woman in your life, do so with love and clarity. Have support and information ready for her if she wants it. Do not assume that she understands homosexuality. Unless she has had extensive conscious involvement with homosexuality, she will not get it! Do not drop subtle hints that you expect her to understand. It will take time and patience on your part. If you are a gay man, be careful how you treat a close woman friend. Don't be overly affectionate and don't use her as your sole emotional support. Remember that she is straight and you are a man. It is natural for her to develop strong feelings for you. This kind of support feels good, but it is not fair to her.

The topic of gay/straight marriages is not an easy one to bring into the open. But I have seen over the years that keeping the secret is more damaging than the secret itself. If you want support and information, it is available to you. Many others understand and have gone through what you are going through. You do not need to do this alone. 🙏

The entries below list some ways that families and family members are reaching out to each other, sharing their experiences, and holding their families together. This space is provided for anyone to report on and advertise activities that share the goal of strengthening Mormon families dealing with this issue, regardless of what organization the activity may be sponsored by.

The Second Biennial Intermountain Conference on Sexuality April 28-29, 1995

— Kathryn Steffensen, Salt Lake City

The April 28 and 29th conference at the University of Utah was informative and affirming. The 400 people — gay men, lesbians, parents, siblings and professionals — who were in attendance gave every indication that they enjoyed the experience. There was a general feeling of love and togetherness among the families. It was good to see people dealing rationally with the phenomenon of same-sex orientation. One could feel a sense of power emanating from the physical presence of this large group of functional, adjusted, heads-up people. They seemed to say, "We are here. We can work through this. We are ready to move on constructively." Of course, there were some sessions which produced tears. But hand-wringing and self-pity were rare. There was lots of humor which produced smiles and refreshing laughter. People gathered around the book displays and clustered in small groups in animated discussions. It was good to hear people talking and reasoning together about an issue that is usually shrouded in silence and shame.

Dr. Dean Hamer's Keynote Address was very informative. He described how the N.I.H. study was conducted and what the findings were. He concluded that biology is a significant aspect of male sexual orientation. Male homosexuality appears to run in families with more gay relatives on the mother's side of the family tree. After studying the DNA of family members, they were able to identify a specific genetic region on the X chromosome (XQ28) which is significant. Studies of women are in progress. Dr. Duane Jeffrey introduced the study of zoology and discussed the reproductive diversity in mammals and particularly in humans. Clearly this is a subject which is far more complex than many suppose. Jamie Henderson J.D. provided background on legal issues such as child custody concerns and also the legal arguments surrounding the Colorado anti-gay initiative which is progressing to the Supreme Court. Dr. Karen Harbeck documented the emotional and physical abuse encountered by gay and lesbian youth in public schools. Because the law of the land mandates that all children must be provided a safe learning environment, schools must be held accountable and fulfill their obligation to all children regardless of their sexual orientation. This is an area which cries out for adult advocacy.

Wayne and Sandra Schow touched hearts with their perspectives on "Remembering Brad" a son who died of AIDS. "Decisions of the Soul" is a contender for the most powerful session. No one will forget the honest testimonies of the husbands and wives who struggled to salvage their marriages and maintain their individual integrity and personal dignity. The consensus of this group is that heterosexual marriage does not cure homosexuality and it may be morally irresponsible to encourage it. The speakers in

the final plenary session dealing with discrimination alerted everyone to the danger posed to a free society when any majority attempts to take away the civil rights of a minority. It was a fitting culmination and sent us home feeling a personal responsibility to act to combat the hatred swirling around us. Injustice to anyone is a very real threat to everyone. This is a struggle which requires the best efforts of us all. High quality tape recordings of all the sessions are available through Family Fellowship.

— Clair & Marsha Nielson, Orem

As part of the Intermountain Conference on Sexuality and Homosexuality, we had the privilege of attending two different parent and Family Fellowship support group activities. The first session was on Saturday evening and the second was on Sunday morning. The meetings focused on sharing personal stories and the feelings involved in dealing with the issue of



homosexuality. The details of each individual story were different, and yet the feelings being expressed were very much the same. Here we were, sitting in this safe, warm, accepting, supportive environment, listening to person after person telling our story. They talked about coming to terms with the pain, moving from feelings of isolation and loneliness to gaining understanding, and moving beyond judgement to unconditional acceptance and love.

The meeting Saturday evening followed a structured format and involved four individuals who told their personal stories. The four included Richard Van Wagoner, a former bishop, art professor and father of a gay son; Debbie Dexter, a recent convert to Mormonism who is lesbian and is currently serving in the US Air Force Reserve; Derek Casper, a former Elder's quorum president who is gay and also the father of three girls; and Jeanine Nelson, an LDS mother from Idaho who lost a gay son to AIDS.

Kent Frogley conducted the meeting and two beautiful musical numbers were provided by Kris Kellogg and BJ Tafoya. Kent paid a touching, emotional tribute to his mother, Marolyn, who is currently struggling with a serious illness. Kent's testimony of his mother's support and love for him left nary a dry eye in the congregation. The accounts we heard that evening spanned the range of emotion. Parents told of initially struggling to understand the issue of homosexuality, and seeking counsel and answers from church leaders and professionals

For more information about
Family Fellowship write to:
P.O. Box 9451
Salt Lake City, UT 84109
Phone: (801) 272-3806

who usually were neither understanding nor supportive. We heard from those who struggled with their same-sex attraction and who spoke of the initial shame for experiencing these feelings. We heard of their pleading with God to remove the burden from them and of their efforts to live perfectly, doing all the right things, in a desperate hope that their "affliction" would be lifted from them. We heard of the depression that followed when their feelings remained the same. Jeanine Nelson was the last to speak and told the touching story of her son Doug. She spoke of how she and her husband struggled with the attitudes they had been taught about homosexuality, and how they received the answer that their job was not to judge nor even to completely understand, but that they should just love Doug. Doug died from AIDS in 1993.

We were truly uplifted and we marveled at the insight, intellect, articulation and talent expressed by those who participated. We retired for the evening, feeling the warmth of being included in a fine, sensitive, loving group of people. We knew we had come a long way from two years ago when our 31 year old daughter "came out to us", and we were tossed into the pain of coming to terms with having a gay child.

The meeting on Sunday morning was hosted by Marv and Geneva Peterson and involved breaking into five small groups for sharing time. We had a lovely brunch, and the musical numbers again were outstanding. The last two hours of the meeting was an open time for those who wished to express their feelings or share their personal experiences. There was a particularly large group attending this gathering, both parents as well as their children. The group included numerous former and current bishops, members of stake and relief society presidencies, former mission presidents, primary and young women's presidents, university professors, doctors, social workers, etc. We were sure that the proceedings of the previous evening could not be matched, and yet here we were again hearing personal stories that touched our very souls.

The entire conference was enlightening and informative. The two family support group meetings were particularly helpful and therapeutic for us. Sharing our deepest fears, hopes and pain in an atmosphere of complete understanding, love, and acceptance heals the soul and mends the heart.

Forum Fireside July 9, 1995

— Gary & Mildred Watts, Provo

The Utah County Family Fellowship quarterly forum is scheduled for July 9, at 5:00pm in the Clark Auditorium, Utah Valley Regional Medical Center. The meeting will conclude at 6:30pm at which time a light buffet will be served.

The Clark Auditorium entrance is at the south end of the hospital. The program is entitled, "Decisions of the Soul" and will expand on issues and responses related to homosexuality in heterosexual marriage.