## Dana Ward Bishopric

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#### Dear Dana Ward -

The Prophet Joseph Smith wrote in the 12<sup>th</sup> Article of Faith: "We believe in being subject to kings. presidents, rulers, and magistrates, in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law". As members of the Church and as Americans, we have a duty to be more than just subject to governments and civil authority. As the Brethren have instructed, we should be actively engaged – as voters, as participants in the political process and, where possible, as candidates for appointed and elected office. We need to make ourselves acquainted with the issues and learn about the candidates. We need to choose reliable sources of information by which to inform ourselves about current affairs and public issues. There is no honor or virtue in choosing deliberately to keep oneself in ignorance. Without a knowledge base we cannot carry out the scriptural injunction to seek diligently for good, honest and wise public officials. In promoting good public policy and opposing the bad, we must be careful not to give place in our souls for rancor, incivility and discourtesy. Pres. Hinckley wrote:

" (Regarding elections) there are issues that demand our earnest and inspired attention".

In the coming election, we must and should make choices. Some are easy to make; others more difficult and still others can have eternal consequences for good or ill. The consequences of wrong choices might not be immediate, but at some point become evident. "Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness; For the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves. And inasmuch as men do good they shall in nowise lose their reward." D&C 58:27-28.

Pres. James E. Faust of the First Presidency in the April 2004 general conference said; "In this life we have to make many choices. Some are very important choices. Some are not. Many of our choices are between good and evil. The choices we make, however, determine to a large extend our

happiness or our unhappiness because we have to live with the consequences of our choices."

There are important choices to be made at the polls in November. We must each carefully study and determine and then vote to declare which choice is best for ourselves, our families, our ideals and values and our community. It is our civic duty to vote and defend the constitution. I encourage you to do your research and get to know the candidates and issues and then vote according to your own personal decisions.

Love - Bishop Richard Hale

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### September

- 1 Darren Eyring
- 1 Miriam Martin
- 1 Chris Germany
- 2 Dwight Morris
- 5 Bonnie Jackson
- 7 Ben Standage
- 8 Emily Towne
- 8 Joyce Berry
- 8 Brenda Lee
- 9 Hal Cluff
- 9 Ken Coker
- 11 Heidi-Ann Blau
- 14 Amber Blau
- 14 Doris Smalley
- 14 Claire Rogers
- 17 Lynette McGraw
- 18 Christine Martin
- 18 Savanah Thompson
- 19 Erika Payne
- 20 Michelle Unga
- 21 Donna Smith
- 21 Tyler Sandberg
- 23 MacKenzie Price
- 23 Jackson Oliver
- 24 Sophia Allen
- 24 Kerry Lengel
- 25 Violet Rogers
- 26 Luke Nichols
- 29 Kimball Rogers
- 29 Tasha Newman

#### October

- 1 Jana Crowe
- 2 Audrey Burklund
- 2 Cheryl Moore

- 4 Gordon Curtis
- 4 Linette Morris
- 8 Pat Rogers
- 10 Cora Burgess
- 10 Sarah Morales
- 11 Anjuli Hale
- 11 Joseph Standage
- 11 Pat Martinez
- 11 Loni Unga

### Missionary Mailbox

Elder Keith H. Hunt California-Oakland Mission 4945 Lincoln Way Oakland, Ca. 94602

Things are exciting here in Pittsburg (California). We are still working two areas that were combined. A few weeks ago, they really shook up our area and transferred out the majority of our missionaries and left only 5 of us here. The new elders that transferred in are struggling to learn names and streets, but are picking up on the current investigators and we are seeing some great results. President Beck has encouraged us to save miles (and gas) by using our bikes a couple of days a week. We often pack a lunch so we can save time by not having to go home for lunch. It's a bit like being back in elementary school, but actually fun. My companion, Elder Hutchinson, used to work at a sandwich shop and makes some really good varieties. In fact, we invented a new routine for our Zone to encourage us to get up earlier and be better organized to study our scriptures and daily planning. We call it "Morning Madness". We hammered out some tracking charts and as a reward for improved success in this area, Elder Hutchinson is going to make philly cheese steak sandwiches for those with high marks!

Pres. Beck flew in his former Stake President to speak to us about the Book of Mormon. He is the great-great grandson of Willard Richards that was in Carthage Jail with Joseph and Hyrum Smith. He gave a great talk and discussion on the Book of Mormon and it really helped me realize that it is indeed an inspired record written by ancient prophets. We are all now on a plan to read it by December. It will be a good experience. Pres. Beck has also been traveling around our mission, going out with the elders on their lessons and tracting. It has been great and has inspired all of us to try to improve our methods and techniques. We are all working harder.

We have been enjoying the help of Juan Flores who is a convert of less than 2 years. He doesn't have a regular job, just works construction as a random day laborer. He told us that since he has become a full tithe payer, he has not missed a single day of being able to find work. Sometimes we ask him if he can go with us and he never

turns us down. If we miss a few days inviting him to go out with us, he will ask why we haven't called him. He is so enthusiastic and such a great help teaching new investigators. He is so positive and always bears his testimony about how the gospel has changed his life.

One day, we decided to visit a family who had been receptive at first, to our lessons but had been avoiding us. When we arrived at their home, it was obvious they were in the process of moving. They firmly let us know they were no longer interested in our message. We asked if we could help them with their moving. They resisted our help but finally relented. We helped for about an hour, loading couches, tables, beds and the rest of their heavy stuff. As we were leaving, the mother told us they had just been really busy but she wanted to make some time for us because she needed it. She gave us their new address nearby. We were sooo happy. If we hadn't helped them, I know their hearts would not have been softened towards the Gospel message.

We have been so delighted with a turn of affairs of another family we have been teaching. The parents are not married and the husband has been a real jerk about our visits. Patricia, the mother, has read everything we have given her and is trying hard but she cried and told us she knows she can't be baptized unless they get married. We suggested she see if her husband would let us pick them up and visit the Visitor's Center at the Oakland Temple and thought he would enjoy the films and especially the Christ Statues that are there on display right now. We actually invited him ourselves and he said he would go with us. When we called them to let them know we were on our way to pick them up, she answered their cell phone and told us they were already at the VC and they were looking at the statues as we spoke. Her husband has had a real change of heart and the spirit is working on him. It is the neatest thing to watch people's lives change and to know we had a small part in it.

Love, Elder Keith Hunt

Elder Jared K. Stradling (Russia, Yekaterinburg Mission) POB 30150 Salt Lake City, Utah 84130-0150

Our Russian summer is starting to wind down here. It is not so hot and it has been raining a lot. We were out on the street doing contacting and there was more than the usual number of drunk people. Most of them seemed to be sailors. We found out today, it was the "Day of the Navy". I guess that is how they celebrate the occasion. We were excited to receive a referral from a member, the first time that has happened to me during my mission.

The guy is about 20, really shy, but said he was interested. During our second lesson with him, we were reading 3 Nephi:11 and discussed what is required of us. He seemed to understand it so I invited him to be baptized. My companion was shocked, but I think it went well. He honestly is nowhere near ready for baptism, but hopefully he will continue to study and change. He has a desire to do what is right. We set a date for Sept. 20. We will see how it goes.

We have been teaching lessons to other investigators and on Saturday, we decided to visit an older lady who is a member. She has been really sick. She is pretty much allergic to everything and has a lot of health issues. We had not been to see her in quite some time. She was happy to see us, but in really bad condition. She was very sad and expressed to us that maybe she suffers because she hasn't been attending any meetings (she's too ill). We assured her that she is not being punished. We gave her a health blessing and left. The next day, we dropped by again because she had requested some Liahona magazines. When she opened the door, she looked the best I have ever seen her. She was dressed nice, was smiling and told us she was doing good. It was amazing to see such a change in her condition from the day before. Last week, I had to renew my visa, so flew to Prague. It is such a beautiful city. We saw a lot of really old buildings. The architecture of the entire city was beautiful. Prague has one of the oldest cathedrals in Europe. I had seen a lot of pictures of cathedrals in school, but to get to go inside one was awesome. It was neat to see the gargoyles and flying buttresses. We did a lot of walking and several of we elders just took in all the sites. The only down side was how tired we were after the trip. Over a period of 2 nights, I only got a total of 3 hours of sleep – 2 of those on the plane on our way back to Ekat. We got into the airport at 7 am on Sat. and were met by the President who took us directly to Chelly where our Zone Conference was just beginning. I was wasted but managed to stay awake through the conference and until we fell into bed at 8 that night. And, Yes, we have to do this all over again in 3 months.

We are aware of the Georgia-Russia conflict but it has not affected us. People on the street ask us about it all the time, but we just tell them that the missionaries do not get involved in such matters. We know the Church leaders are well aware of the situation and know what to do if it should affect our well being. President did say that 3 moms had called him, worried about their sons. Mom – you didn't call him did you? And Mom, I don't think it is a good idea to

wear your NAU shirt while sitting in the ASU section for the big game. Remember who you are and be true to your heritage.

Love, Elder Stradling

Elder Patrick W. Rogers Jr. (Mexico, Tijuana Mission) PMB 157 P.O. Box 439056 San Diego, Ca. 92143-9056

Dear Dana Ward Family,

This August wasn't quite as hot as the last one (I was in Mexicali), but it was still pretty hot considering we're right on the coast. It was a good month though. We had a good day at Church yesterday. One of my converts brought her boyfriend to Church. His name is Abimael. He's 22 and way excited about turning his life around. My convert, Elvira, has been having a hard time lately. They weren't able to stay for the whole service; she just wanted to introduce Abimael to me and the rest of the ward.

This past Saturday, a recent convert, Jesus, went with us to teach investigators for 6 hours. Since being baptized back in February, he's brought about 50 people to Church. A lot of them aren't baptized because they're all his friends from the past. They like to party. Jesus always tells me that no one knows how to party better than the Mexicans. I think he's right. Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday there are parties on every block. It's always been hard to get his friends out to Church because the majority are hung over from the parties that last until the cock crows. Nonetheless, we got a lot of work done while we were with Jesus. I wish we had about 6 more members like him. Then we'd have one for every day of the week to do visits with.

This past Monday, my replacement arrived. His name is Elder Musick. He's from Enumclaw, Washington. President is only giving me 3 weeks to train him. He's definitely cut out for the job. He's doing it better than me! I guess that's the point though. With every secretary, the quality of the work should get better and better. All three of us have been working really well together. He really grabs the people's attention. Not only is he an American, but he is physically strong and agile as

well. Here in Tijuana, the missionaries always hitchhike. It's actually encouraged. It's a great way to find new people. About 95% of the time, people stop and give us rides. But when we need a little extra help, Elder Musick will do a back flip and the problem's solved. In just one week together, we've had a lot of fun.

Last week, a missionary called me saying that his companion, Elder Casteñeda, was very sick with stomach pains. They took him to a doctor and concluded he had appendicitis. During the surgery, they realized that he didn't have appendicitis but took out his appendix anyway since they already had him open. It turned out he just needed a couple of weeks of medication for the problem, but he has a 6 inch incision to be cared for now. No one else in his apartment felt adequate to clean and dress his wound every night, so I have been doing that duty. It's been educational and it is working out pretty good. He was my companion early on and we get along well.

Elder Mickelsen came and conducted a full day of training for all of the Zone Leaders. He was great and taught us how to simplify our teaching of gospel principles and to allow the investigators a chance to express their understanding of the concept. Elder Mickelsen had such an electrical presence. The Spirit was definitely there. I think that I learned more than in any other conference I have ever been in. It was awesome!

I have loved getting to know and work with President Heyn who is extremely calm and quiet but he is an excellent leader. We have worked really well together. He wants me to finish my mission here in the mission office. I'm not too sure if I want to do that, but I'm willing to go wherever I'm called.

Love, Elder Rogers

Elder Jared R. Eyring China Hong Kong Mission 2 Cornwall St. Kowloon Tong Kowloon HONG KONG

Hello Dana Ward.

We had a blast with our own mission Olympics. Our zone took gold! There are big screen TV's everywhere on the streets, so we got to see a little bit of the Olympics.

My companion and I stopped to talk to a guy on the street and he couldn't believe that we could speak Chinese. He was pretty impressed. We wanted to schedule a time to meet with him the next day and then, he asked us the most perfect, inspired guestion of all; he said "Do you boys like pizza?" I chuckled to myself and told him it just so happens that pizza is my favorite. So he took us for pizza. It was so good! If I could have a choice between Chinese food and pizza, I would pick pizza every time! We did some splits recently and I went with Elder Tucker. We went to this place called Ma Wan. We had to ride a bus to get there. It is an old fishing village. For some reason the government wants everyone cleared out of that village, so they are offering them other places to go to live. A lot of the houses are deserted and chained up. It is such a quaint and picturesque little old place. Most of the people who are there have lived there for their entire life. It was such a cool place to get to see. On Aug. 22, we had a level 9 typhoon. When we left our apartment in the morning it was only at level 3. By the afternoon it was a level 8 and we had to get off the streets. The church was closer than our apartment, so we went there. It got pretty bad with very strong winds. We were at the church about 4 hours before it was safe for us to go back to our apartment.

The gospel is true. Love, Elder Eyring

Elder Caleb T. Oldner Argentina, Restencia Mission (Temporarily assigned to the Georgia, Atlanta Mission.)

Elder Oldner is still serving in Atlanta, along with all the other 14 elders assigned to his Restencia Mission. They are working hard to master their Spanish language skills and not so patiently waiting for their visas to come through. They are

tracting and teaching in Spanish neighborhoods and wondering what an Atlantic Hurricane storm is going to be like since several are expected within the next week. The Church is True in Atlanta as well as Restencialli

### Getting to Know You

HEY! HEY! We have some terrific young newly-wed couples that have moved into the ward and we are excited to welcome them into the Dana Ward Family!

Derrick and Darci Schneider have moved into 62 5. Barkley #4 (phone 480-239-5573). Derrick was born in Mesa, but grew up in Snowflake, Az. and graduated from Snowflake High School. He filled a mission to Baltimore, Maryland. Derrick's father is a golf pro and runs the Snowflake golf Course. Derrick pretty much grew up on a golf course as a result, and even attended Eastern Arizona for 2 years on a golf scholarship. Derrick met Darci at Walden University in Tempe, near ASU, where both of them are working. They are enrollment advisors and counselors. Darci was born in Mesa and graduated from Mesa High School and ASU with a Bachelor degree in Psychology and a minor in Religious Studies. She plans to pursue more education but hasn't settled on a plan of action as yet. She plays the piano, likes to do scrapbooking, cooking, and SHOPPING! She has 3 sisters (she is the 2<sup>nd</sup> in birth order) and all of her family lives here in Mesa. Her maiden name was Weaver. Derrick has 2 brothers and 1 sister. Both of his brothers live here in Mesa. Derrick loves any kind of sports, but of course is partial to golf. They both love to travel.

Joseph and Christina Cowlishaw also live in the apartment complex at 62 S. Barkley, unit #2. Christina is the daughter of Larry and Margaret Manning who lived in the old 19<sup>th</sup> ward some years ago. She graduated from Mesa High in 2002 and

has earned her Associated Degree from MCC in arts and music. She loves working with children and is currently teaching the Two year old class at Child Time Learning Center. She plays the piano and sings. In the past she has served as a Sunbeam Teacher, choir director, ward music chairman, first and second counselor in the YW, and was just called to serve as the Laurel Advisor in our own ward. Joseph has 1 older brother and graduated from Cedar (City) High School. He filled a mission to N.Y., New York (North) which covered Manhattan, the Bronx and a small part of Conn. He took quite a few classes at SUU (in Cedar City) and is currently enrolled in MCC, planning a degree in Civil Engineering, with an emphasis in Telecommunications, Joseph is a CAD technician for AVR (Audio Visual Resources). He enjoys hiking and the out-ofdoors, has a coin collection and a rather unique hobby of making clay whistles on his pottery wheel. He says he doesn't read music but likes to sing. They met on a ward temple trip traveling to the St. George Temple. He asked her for a date the next day, proposed the following month and they were married in the St. George Temple May 10, 2007.

# Notes on Dana Ward Folks

We are all so pleased with the progress **Arliss Ellsworth** is making with her recovery from her hip replacement following her bad accident which resulted in a broken hip. Arliss is home from the rehab facility and her daughter Julie has been staying with her for a couple of weeks. She is doing so well with her walker that she has made a short trip to Prescott and Flagstaff and has gone out for lunch a few times with her daughters. Her therapist says she is ready to try driving again which will greatly boost her independence. GOOD FOR YOU ARLISS!

**Al Berry** is very grateful to be much recovered from his episode with kidney stones. We are glad he is feeling better.

We are sad to say farewell to the **Jess and Cami Root family** who have moved from the ward. We wish them well in their new home.

The S.T.O.M.P. Book of Mormon readers of the summer, were honored at a BBQ. Those who were honored were: Dwight and Linette Morris, Pat, Cris and Kimball Rogers, Kyle, Janet, Sheldon and Kylie Hassell, Ron Johnson, Kevin, Lou and Larissa Hunt, Rod and Brandon Boone, Summer Smalley, Arlyce Reynolds, Carol celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary. ALSO – this Ransom, Gordon Curtis and Bishop Hale.

Camillia McGraw was blessed by her father last Sunday.

On Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, **Miriam and Conley Martin** will celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup>
wedding anniversary. This is
also Conley's 4<sup>th</sup> year since his
last heart transplant! SUPER!
Congratulations!

**Dolores Barnum** had a very long surgery on Wed. (Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>). Her doctors say the surgery went well. The very fact she could be taken off the respirator almost immediately was more than they expected.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Most of you are aware by now that **Darlene Farnsworth** passed away Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> in Fresno, California from a stroke she suffered a few days before. Darlene served as the RS Pres. here in the Dana Ward as well as the Stake RS President for several years. She and her husband Arlo, lived next door to the Craig

Montgomery family on S. Forrest. Craig and Marie were such "good" neighbors to Darlene and Arlo as their health declined and the Farnsworth family greatly appreciated the services and help of Robby and Tammy Turner and many other members of the Dana Ward. Darlene was buried next to Arlo in West Jordan, Utah. Their daughter Allyson, wrote to thank the ward for the flowers. "The past 2 weeks have been sorrowful, but also fulfilling as we made and carried out plans as a family. My brothers and I have been joking that we are all orphans now. Thanks for all the wonderful years of memories in the Dana (19<sup>th</sup>) Ward. Allyson, Steve, Ron and Eric." We will miss both Darlene and Arlo.

Just as a note of interest, some of the ward "Old Timers" may remember the family of Grant and Fern Ellsworth that lived out on Southern Ave. when the ward boundaries extended from Stapley to Greenfield and Main to Baseline. Two weeks ago, Dr. Lansing **Ellsworth**, the son of Grant and Fern, perished in a tragic plane crash in Moab, Utah. Lansing grew up in the 19<sup>th</sup> ward and was a skin cancer specialist and operated a clinic that serviced many small communities in the 4 corners area. Dr. Ellsworth, his 23 year old son Dallin and 8 of his medical staff all perished in the accident. Lansing was married to Lynnann Farnsworth, daughter of Dr. Lynn Farnsworth and niece of Dr. Allen and Bobbie Farnsworth, all former 19<sup>th</sup> ward members.

# Relief Society

Pres. Cris Rogers 695-4370 1 Couns Melissa Standage 964-1685 2 Couns MaryAnn Kaberry 835-3973 Sec Karisa Budge 610-6407

### September RS Lesson Schedule:

Sept 7:Walk in the Light-taught by MaryAnn Kaberry Sept 14:#17, "The Great Plan of Salvation" Sept 21:#18-"Beyond the Veil: Life in the Eternities"
Sept 28: My Soul Delighteth in the Things of the Lord:
Sis. Tanner, May 2008 Ensign

### ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Cooking Class Mondays @ 9:30am @ the
Storehouse. Sept 8: Building & Using a 3 Mo.
supply. Sept 15: Yeast Bread & Rolls Sept 22:
Baking Powder & Baking Soda Sept 29: Finance
Senior Single Sister's FHE Mon, Sept 15, 5:30 pm
@ home of Helen Fort. (969-1810)

Book Group Sept 29, 11 am, @ home of Lynette
McGraw. Book: "Gifted Hands - The Ben Carson
Story", by Ben Carson and Cecil Murphey
Temple Session (Stake-Sept 19, 4pm chapel
session), Thurs. Sept 18, 10 a.m. session/lunch @
12pm in cafeteria.

# HOT DIGGETY! SUPER SATURDAY RETURNS!

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> in the Cultural Hall, 9am to 3 pm. All ward Women and Young Women are invited. Lunch will be served. If you missed the sign-up for the arts & crafts, come and help tie quilts or attend some of the free cooking classes: Pie Making, Bread Making, Christmas Candy and Meat Canning. Watch for more info and updates!

# Young Women

Pres. Arlyce Reynolds 615-1628 1st Counselor Lou Hunt 833-4867 2nd Counselor Janet Hassell 969-4276 Secretary Yolanda Zepeda 834-4469

The Young Women are busy making sunbonnets, aprons and skirts to wear on their Trek adventure. The youth also are trying to condition their bodies so they will be prepared physically as well as spiritually. They are considering what essentials they plan to take with them. Each participant is allowed only what

will fit into a 5 gallon bucket. Their experience will cover a 3 day period without any electronics of any kind. This means no one will have access to phones, Ipods, blackberries, laptops, GPS devices, etc.( No wonder the Handcart Pioneers had such a hard time!) These kids will find out how much they can really do depending on themselves and each other! We have faith in their abilities to survive and thrive!

### Stake Pioneer Trek Message

We hope you are all getting excited and ready for the Pioneer Trek scheduled over New Years. We all need to be gathering our Pioneer Clothing. Your Ward Trek Specialist will have a packing list for each of you. We are having a wood carving activity in September that will be held at the ward building. Also, getting physically fit for the Trek is a must for the Ephraim Hanks Challenge. We are asking everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to do temple work, especially for your own ancestors, at this month's Stake Temple Day. We will have a Pueblo Stake Pioneer web site soon to help get information out to everyone. Please study and read your scriptures so that you will have the best Trek experience possible.

# Young Men

Pres. Darren Eyring 835-1799

1<sup>st</sup> Couns. Trent Payne 967-1101

2<sup>nd</sup> Couns. Lance McGraw 699-0723

Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194

A Court of Honor was held for all the Scouting Units of the ward. Kimball Rogers and Joseph Standage received their Star Awards. Joseph Stark received his Life Award. Alec Turner and Kyle Baggett received their 1<sup>st</sup> Class. Alex Espinoza received his Star Award. Many of the boys received merit badges – a lot of them earned at Camp Geronimo. Brother Eyring showed

videos of the Camp Geronimo experience, highlights of the recent youth talent show and the Priest's recent outing to San Diego.

Congratulations to **Jonathan Martinez** who has turned 16 and was ordained a Priest!

## PRIMARY

President Kim Hale 834-3041 1st Couns Naomi Morales 218-5887 2nd Couns Elizabeth Stark 964-7754 Secretary Erika Payne 967-1101

### Sunday Assignments

Sept Theme: I can pray to Heavenly Father, and He

will hear and answer my prayers.

**Sept Scripture:** "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." (Mark 11:24)

"9<sup>th</sup> Article of Faith: "We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God."

Sept 7:

O. Prayer: Molly Allen Scripture: Korben Mehlberg

Talk: Sarah Morales

Art. of Faith: #9 Rhett Hird C. Prayer: Payzlee Hird

Sept 14:

O. Prayer: Brittin Budge Scripture: Claire Rogers

Talk: Evan Redd

Art of Faith #9 Luke Nichols C. Prayer: Kaia Mehlberg Sept 21: To Be Announced Sept 28:

O. Prayer: Sophia Allen Scripture: Kimball Rogers

Talk: Kaler Mehlberg

Art of Faith #9 Chris Germany C. Prayer: Joseph Standage Congratulations to **Zack O'Bryant** who celebrated his 8<sup>th</sup> birthday and was baptized in his father's ward. WAHOO Zack!

#### MARGIN NOTES:

"Be thou humble; and the Lord thy God shall lead thee by the hand, and give thee answer to thy prayers." D&C 112:10

When God speaks and a man obeys, man will always be right. Pres. Thomas S. Monson

We can strengthen one another; we have the capacity to notice the unnoticed. When we have eyes that see, ears that hear, and hearts that know and feel, we can reach out and rescue those for whom we have responsibility.

Thomas S. Monson

The decisions we make, individually and personally, become the fabric of our lives. The fabric will be beautiful

or ugly according to the threads of which it is woven..."

Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley

Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth...choose you this day whom ye will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:14-15

That which is of God inviteth and enticeth to do good continually; wherefore, every thing which inviteth and enticeth to do good, and to love God, and to serve him, is inspired of God.

Moroni 7:13

We care because the Lord, who knows the source of all happiness, has asked us to do missionary work and has assured us blessings and happiness and joy if we will do it. Thomas S. Monson

(If we) live only for tomorrow, we will have a lot of empty yesterdays today. Thomas S. Monson

That which we willingly share, we keep; and that which we selfishly keep to ourselves, we lose. We care because we want all of our members everywhere to be happy.

Thomas S. Monson

When we share the gospel with others, we unavoidably get outside of ourselves; we think and pray and work for the blessings of others and this only further enriches and quickens us by the Holy Spirit. Thomas S. Monson

"I constantly think about and pray for the children and youth and their parents." Pres. Boyd K. Packer

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt 6:33

"We want our children and their children to know that the choice of life is not between fame and obscurity, nor is the choice between wealth and poverty." Elder Boyd K. Packer

"The choice is between good and evil and that is a very different matter indeed. When we finally understand this lesson, thereafter our happiness will not be determined by material things. We may be happy without them or successful in spite of them." Boyd K. Packer

"It is so obvious that the great good and the terrible evil in the world today are the sweet and bitter fruits of the rearing of yesterday's children. As we train a new generation, so will the world be in a few years. If you are worried about the future, then look to the upbringing of your children." Gordon B. Hinckley

Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you. 1Peter 3:15

"The gospel is nothing to be ashamed of. It is something to be proud of...Opportunities for sharing the gospel are everywhere." Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley

"Now my brethren and sisters, we can let the missionaries try to do it alone, or we can help them. If they do it alone, they will knock on doors day after day and the harvest will be meager. Or as members we can assist them in finding and teaching investigators." Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley

How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

Proverbs 16:16

"Tithing is one of the basic ways we witness our faith in Him and our obedience to His laws and commandments. Tithing is one of the commandments that qualifies us, by our faith, to enter the temple – the house of the Lord." Robert D. Hales

"The clean and conservative dress and grooming of our missionaries has become a badge of honor recognized wherever they go throughout the world." Gordon B. Hinckley

But ye will teach them to walk in the ways of truth and soberness; ye will teach them to love one another, and to serve one another. Mosiah 4:15

"Among the tragedies we see around us every day are the countless children and adults who are literally starving because they are not being fed a daily portion of love." Bishop H. Burke Peterson

"We have in our midst thousands who would give anything to hear the words and feel the warmth of an expression of love. Oft times those we think deserve our love the least need it the most." Bishop H. Burke Peterson

"We need to remember the purpose of our service one to another...We serve God and our fellowmen in order to

become the kind of children who can return to live with our heavenly parents." Dallin H. Oaks

"Brotherly kindness overcomes the rudness of selfish intent. Each of us can develop brotherly kindness at home, at school, at work, at play..." Russell M. Nelson

"Be still and know that I am God." D&C 101-16

Wherefore, be not weary in well-doing, for ye are laying the foundation of a great work. And out of small things proceedeth that which is great. D&C 64:33

"No man is a failure who has friends." George Bailey from "It's a Wonderful Life"

I will call you friends, for you are my friends, and ye shall have an inheritance with me - I called you servants for the world's sake, and ye are their servants for my sake.

D&C 93:45-46

William Tyndale, by translating the bible, helped pave the way for the restoration of the gospel. To those who opposed his work, he said: "If God spare my life...I will cause a boy that driveth the plough shall know more of the scripture than thou dost."

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:9

"God does notice us. He watches over us. But it is usually through another mortal that He meets our needs. Therefore, it is vital that we serve each other." Spencer W. Kimball

"Verily, verily I say unto you, I will impart unto you of my Spirit, which shall enlighten your mind, which shall fill your soul with joy; and then shall ye know, or by this shall you know, all things whatsoever you desire of me, which are pertaining unto things of righteousness in faith believing in me that you shall receive." D&C 11:13-14

"The people of the Mormon faith are valued, appreciated and important members of our community. I want to thank you for all that you do and congratulate you on 50 years of having established a stake here in St. Louis." St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay-2008 "

"New converts to the Church need three things to help them find their way; a responsibility, nurturing with the good word of God; and, yes, a friend." Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friend; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. John 15:12-15

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#### Dear Dana Ward -

The Prophet Joseph Smith wrote in the 12<sup>th</sup> Article of Faith; "We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers, and magistrates, in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law". As members of the Church and as Americans, we have a duty to be more than just subject to governments and civil authority. As the Brethren have instructed, we should be actively engaged – as voters, as participants in the political process and, where possible, as candidates for appointed and elected

office. We need to make ourselves acquainted with the issues and learn about the candidates. We need to choose reliable sources of information by which to inform ourselves about current affairs and public issues. There is no honor or virtue in choosing deliberately to keep oneself in ignorance. Without a knowledge base we cannot carry out the scriptural injunction to seek diligently for good, honest and wise public officials. In promoting good public policy and opposing the bad, we must be careful not to give place in our souls for rancor, incivility and discourtesy. Pres. Hinckley wrote;

" (Regarding elections) there are issues that demand our earnest and inspired attention".

In the coming election, we must and should make choices. Some are easy to make; others more difficult and still others can have eternal consequences for good or ill. The consequences of wrong choices might not be immediate, but at some point become evident. "Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness; For the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves. And inasmuch as men do good they shall in nowise lose their reward." D&C 58:27-28.

Pres. James E. Faust of the First Presidency in the April 2004 general conference said; "In this life we

have to make many choices. Some are very important choices. Some are not. Many of our choices are between good and evil. The choices we make, however, determine to a large extend our happiness or our unhappiness because we have to live with the consequences of our choices."

There are important choices to be made at the polls in November. We must each carefully study and determine and then vote to declare which choice is best for ourselves, our families, our ideals and values and our community. It is our civic duty to vote and defend the constitution. I encourage you to do your research and get to know the candidates and issues and then vote according to your own personal decisions.

Love - Bishop Richard Hale

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