

Dana Ward Bishopric

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Dear Dana Ward Members,

For the last few months I have been thinking of the difference between tolerance and intolerance. Then last Sunday in stake conference it really came home to me. Those who were there will remember the opening prayer. I caught myself thinking, "What is going on here and who asked that person to pray?" Then I saw the tears in that person's eyes as the prayer was concluded. I immediately thought, "Here is someone who brought a different background and experience to my point of view", and I was uncomfortable. Yet, with the growth of the Church, many people are coming in and they bring a different perspective than what I, as a lifelong member, have been taught. What is my responsibility?

President Joseph Fielding Smith in *Gospel Doctrine*, page 254 has said, "Change the focus of your view, and of your eye, from watching for evil to watching for that which is good, and that which is pure. Look for good in men, and where they fail to possess it, try to build it up in them; try to increase the good in them; look for the good; build up the good; sustain the good; and speak as little about the evil as you possibly can. It does not do any good to magnify evil, to publish evil, or to promulgate it by tongue or pen. There is no good to be obtained by it. It is better to bury the evil and magnify the good, and prompt all men to forsake evil and learn to do good; and let our mission be to save mankind and to teach and guide in the path of righteousness, and not to sit as judges and pass judgment upon evil-doers, but rather to be saviors of men."

So I come to the crux of the matter. How do I react when someone prays differently or teaches differently than I am used to? Maybe they have not been in the Church as long as I have. Maybe they are not as good as someone else in whatever they are doing. What is my responsibility towards them?

President Gordon B. Hinckley recently commented on a problem that is related to a principle my father taught. He said: "We live in a society that feeds on criticism. Faultfinding is the substance of columnists and commentators, and there is too much of this among our own people. It is so easy to find fault, and to resist doing so requires much discipline. ... The enemy of truth would divide us and cultivate within us attitudes of criticism which, if permitted to prevail, will only deter us in the pursuit of our great divinely given

goal. We cannot afford to permit it to happen." (*Ensign*, May 1982, p. 46.)

I have vowed not to be as critical, but to be more tolerant, to reach out kindly to others and help if needed.

May I challenge each of us to do as the Savior taught when He said, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Sincerely,
Brother Dwight Morris

Happy Birthday!

May 2009

- 1 Samantha Rivera
- 2 Melvin Beals
- 2 Andrea Tiffany
- 2 Jason Rodriguez
- 3 Kevin Hale
- 6 Courtney Eyring
- 6 Ruby Redd
- 8 Jade Williams
- 10 Harvey Mosley (75)
- 13 Cherish Beals
- 14 Dale Rogers
- 15 Lana Hunt
- 15 Joshua Montgomery
- 16 Patrick Jaurez
- 17 Grace Halliday
- 17 Martha Morgan
- 20 Ezra Zepeda
- 21 Ernest Halliday
- 21 Wallace Burgess (84)
- 21 Joseph Stark Jr.
- 22 Antonieta Mendez
- 24 Robert Turner
- 24 Audrey Redd
- 25 Lou Hunt
- 27 Anthony Kaberry
- 28 Holly Romero
- 28 Alfred Berry (88)
- 29 Cheeri Redd
- 29 Johnny Martinez
- 30 Shelby Standage
- 30 Tammy Turner
- 30 Yolanda Zepeda

JUNE 2009

- 2 Larissa Hunt
- 2 Darcy Allen
- 3 Judy Ahlberg
- 3 Laura Rosenkrans

Missionary Mailbox

Elder Jared R. Eyring
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We had interviews with the mission president this week and Sister Van Dam gave us some A&W root beer. It was a real treat because root beer is hard to find over here. Our whole zone visited the China border for a special P-day activity. There is a lookout tower and we could see far into China. It was amazing! We talked about the history of the mission and about the history and cultures of China. I love this place and these people. We also did a street display. We had a big board with pictures about the restoration. We talked to a guy who has some relatives that were members. We had a good talk with him and he said he would come to church with us. Then two guys came by and spit on us and tried to kick my companion. We held our district zone conference at the temple. We talked about the Book of Mormon and how to use it. We are reading the Book of Mormon to gain a witness of its truthfulness and to reaffirm our confidence in the Moroni 10:3-5 promise that people will feel the Holy Ghost and know it's true. My companion and I went tracktng and had a full day of rejections. We were ready to quit for the day but stopped at one last house. A lady came out and said "yahp leih" which means "enter". This lady had investigated the church when she lived in Tin Seui Wai, but she moved and never found the church again. She said she had been praying for help lately. They have 4 kids and are an awesome family. I am glad we followed the promptings of the Holy Ghost and found this wonderful family. The gospel is true.

Love, Elder Eyring

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Dear Dana Ward,

I left the MTC early in the morning on March

30th, and arrived in Dallas with no problems. President Smith and his wife are excellent. On our way to the mission home we made one stop; we got to visit the Dallas Temple. Sister Smith knows some ASL (American Sign Language) and I heard there are some ASL missionaries here in Dallas, so I may get that opportunity as well.

There are seven of us that arrived together and we did splits before we were sent to our new/first area. My companion and I are the only Spanish greenies. The five others are English speaking. My first night here I got to see a baptism. What an awesome way to start off my time in the mission field.

There are 178 missionaries in this mission and that is incredible to me. My companion is Elder Brian B. Pincok of Omaha, Nebraska. My first area is in the "Metroplex" of Dallas, serving a population of almost four million people. My first area is very diverse. We eat dinner at member's homes pretty much every night. We are in an area where I've seen just about everything. There are HUGE expensive homes and also Ghetto sections, which are pretty sad. It makes me feel grateful for what I have. The Ghettos of my area are where our most humble investigators are. So one night we may eat off china and use silver, and the next we eat off paper and use plastic utensils.

Everything is pretty sweet and I'm adjusting well and learning quickly. Hopefully the Spanish will come a lot faster as I use it all the time now. Some of the Spanish I've heard is nuts because of the different dialects. There are Mexicans, Peruvians, Costa Ricans, Salvadorians and probably some others that I didn't catch. Because their Spanish is all so different, I have a lot of work to do!

One of our investigators just committed to be baptized. It has taken four months for him to warm up but he sees and recognizes the positive changes the Gospel has made in the rest of his family. We are also teaching a family that has four girls and one boy. Three of his family are members and have just recently been coming back to church. The rest of the family that aren't members are making great progress. I can tell that my Spanish is coming along pretty good but my conversations are still slow and pretty choppy.

President Smith remembered that I know how to Sign ASL and called me the other night and asked me if I would be willing to accept a mission reassignment. He has asked me to serve as a "Tri-lingual Missionary". He wants to be able to send me out to work with the deaf as well as Spanish speaking members and investigators. I could be sent to Richardson, because the missionaries in that area found a group of deaf people that may be interested in hearing more about the gospel. There is also a deaf member here in the 1st Ward, and I

may interpret for him for awhile, during Sacrament meeting, because no one else can. The Gospel is TRUE and it must saturate the earth. I'm doing my part to help that become a reality.
Love, Elder Driggs

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We have 20 missionaries serving here on the Island of Guam - 18 Elders and 2 Sisters. The people of Guam are called Chamorro and are very Catholic. They have some unusual traditions like the Tatamona, where a Catholic doctor is called in to get rid of their evil spirits who come and possess them.

I am living in a small house with 2 bedrooms, a bathroom, kitchen and a living room area. We have a car but usually walk if our destination is close. We get \$300 a month for our expenses and are asked to spend only \$50 a week so that it will last. It is U.S. money. I haven't seen any other kinds of money used here. The members are very friendly and they feed us all the time. They eat lots of rice here.

I have been reading in 'Preach My Gospel' and it talks about the importance of missionary work and how important it is to have member's participation. The stats they gave us in a recent meeting stressed that a member referral that is taught in a member's home is over 90% baptism rate whereas people tracted out by the missionaries are only baptized at a rate of less than 10%. That shows how important it is for members to do their part in missionary work. Just because members are not set apart to preach the gospel doesn't mean that they can't do anything to further the work.

I have an 18 inch machette now. Believe it or not, we are allowed to carry one around with us and we are supposed to kill any snakes we see.

Conference was great. Elder Holland's talk was awesome and I also took tons of notes from President Uchtdorf. I was right! I had guessed

that Elder Neil Andersen was going to be the next apostle! Because of the time difference, we don't get to watch conference until the following weekend but we did get to see all 5 sessions.

The family we were teaching had to be dropped. They told us one day when we arrived for an appointment that they just didn't want to study anymore. But we do have a guy we met that is from Chuuke, so he is Chuukese. He is doing really well. He knows that the Book of Mormon is true and we are going to start working him towards a baptism goal. There is also a less active man we have been seeing. He is starting on the process of becoming active and fixing some things he has messed up in his life. I gave him a blessing yesterday and he was very grateful.

We have had a very sad past week. The ward youth were on an activity last week. One of the young men went off by himself to take some pictures. They are guessing that he slipped and fell and hit his head and drowned. Search and Rescue was called but he was found face down in the water. We spent most of the week helping with the funeral and arrangements so didn't do much teaching or missionary activities. It's a very sad situation for the entire ward.

The work is progressing slowly, but surely here. My companion and I get along well. I learn something new from him just about every day. P-days we don't really do anything special because we live so far away from everything. I love you guys! The Church is True!
Love - Elder Standage

Elder Mark T. Douglass
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Elder Mark Douglass (son of Miriam Douglass) is now in the Provo MTC. The Elders attend the Provo temple each week on their Prep Day and Mark has requested he be sent some family names so he can do ordinance work for deceased family members on his temple days. "My 2 years of high school Spanish which I was

pretty sure I had forgotten, is coming back and I'm pleasantly surprised how much it is helping in my language classes. I think I am catching on!" Mark is 9 months older than most of the other elders and feels like he is being treated as a Sr. Companion because of his maturity and ability with the language. He also shared some humor with his family by stating that he has memorized his most favorite scripture - Jacob 6:12: "O be wise; what can I say more?" When his parents drove him up to the MTC, Mark had declined to take more than 3 ties, thinking more than that would be 'excess baggage'! But after a few weeks there, he has come to the conclusion that since every single Elder is wearing a suit, white shirt and tie, their only distinguishing feature is their choice of 'tie for the day', so Mark has requested that his Mother send the other 6 ties she had purchased for him earlier. These young Missionaries learn so much at the MTC after they leave home! Mom, Miriam, really appreciates her Home Teacher, Bro. Gary Tiffany, for helping get missionary suits for Elder Douglass. Mark is scheduled to leave for Mexico May 25. Best Wishes Elder Douglass!

Getting to Know You

Trent and April Parker and their family of 4 children have moved into the Trent and Erika Payne home at 2345 E. Capri. They will be 'inactive' in our Dana Ward Family for awhile as he is still serving as the Bishop in a Val Vista area ward and they need to tie up loose ends in their "old" ward. Bishop Parker is a Real Estate Investor and April is a Physician's Assistant. Their children are: Emily 9, Chase 7, Kalena 4 and Brigg 6 months. We are looking forward to getting acquainted with them and are excited to welcome them as ward members! (That must be pretty unique to have 2 current bishops living across the street from each other in the same ward boundary.)

Jaimie Waldman is temporarily staying with her parents at 2116 E. Arbor (277-7707), making her the newest member of our Dana Ward Family. Jamie's husband, **Bradd** is a full time Navy Corpsman Medic, assigned in Iraq

right now where he is serving with a Marine unit. They are expecting their first baby, a little boy, in September. Bradd will complete his tour of duty in Oct or Nov and then expects to be reassigned to his base in Fresno, Calif. Bradd was born in Mississippi and grew up in Nebraska, where at age 10, the missionaries knocked on their door and Bradd, his father and sister were baptized. Jaimie was born and raised in Mesa and graduated from Mountain View High School. Jaimie grew up with lots of LDS friends and was baptized after graduation. She is the only one in her family who is at present, a member. She attended MCC and ASU where she earned her degree in Business. Jaimie loves to scrapbook, read and write. She is currently working on family histories and stories. She and Bradd met on the LDS Singles Website.

David and Lillie Brower will be living in the ward over their summer college break from NAU. Their family consists of **Chelsea** (almost 2) and brand new son, **Logan Nicholas** who was born Apr 23rd. Although arriving a month early, he weighed a healthy 6 pounds 14 oz. David is a pre-med student at NAU and is hoping to graduate May, 2010. Meanwhile, he is processing applications to medical schools for the following school year. The Brower family will be living at 256 S. Hill St. (Lillie is the daughter of **Jarvis and Josie Carter**.) Welcome back to the Dana Ward Family!

Notes on Dana Ward Folks

Congratulations to **Jolene Emerick** and **Tyler Sandberg**, High School Seniors that will be graduating in May! This is a special milestone in their lives! Jolene is an investigator who has been attending ward Laurel activities. Dates to remember on your calendar:

Baccalaureate May 17
Seminary Graduation May 19
Mesa High Graduation Services May 21
(and the last day of school-YEAH!)

"Happy Birthday" to **Rev. Melvin Winkelmann (Violet Rogers' father)** who celebrated his 89th birthday April 3rd. Violet took him to IHOP for breakfast where he was treated to an employee rendition of "Happy Birthday" and a complimentary chocolate dessert. Before they could finish eating, a generous family that wished to remain anonymous, paid their bill for them. Rev. Winkelmann is already looking forward to celebrating his 90th next year! Congratulations dear friend and adopted member of our Dana Ward Family!

**Michael Hale and Taylor Allen plan to be married May 22, in the Mesa, Az. Temple.
Terrific!**

The pediatric cardiologist has given **Ronan Blau** an "all-clear" as to his previously irregular heart beat. The Dr. is fitting the rest of the family with roller skates so they can keep up with Ronan!
SUPER!

Many of you may know that **Daline Maddern** has been helping care for her daughter, **Linda Wimmer**. We share the grief of Daline as Linda passed away from cancer on Sunday, April 26, 2009. Our thoughts and love are with Daline at this special time.

Best wishes to **Helen Fort** who is recovering from gall bladder surgery and a few other health problems, in a nursing home, and receiving physical therapy to help build up her strength. She is off oxygen, the pic line and antibiotics and feeling much better. Her son Kenny, received a kidney transplant from his donor brother, Steve, and both are doing well and the kidney is functioning just like it needs to. They should both be home from the hospital before Helen.

We wish a speedy recovery to **Edwina Dastrup** who is recovering from a hip replacement on

Apr 22nd. She was able to come home on the 26th. Daughter, Sandra, will spend a week here to help her and Tom and daughter, Julie will assist her after that.

Al Berry had a procedure to co-ordinate the rhythm of the chambers of his heart. His doctors think they have 'fixed' the problem now.

Bishop Gary Tiffany is healing well from his broken ankle, just impatient to be done with it all. Nancy found him an exercise bike on Craig's List and he has been doing repairs on the Scout's Equipment Trailer to entertain himself. He is still wearing his fashionable "boot" to his knee and now has permission to start putting a little weight on that foot. Nancy is looking for some relief for his "Cabin Fever" but all in all, things are going well at the Tiffany house.

Kaylea Hunt is creating quite a reputation with her photography business. She recently had a photo published in the ESPN magazine. Congratulations Kaylea!

Scott and Ann Driggs have big smiles on their faces. Older son, Blake, has graduated from BYU-Idaho with a degree in Automotive Technology Management and he has a new job and with his wife, will be moving to Show Low, Az. That will put their expected new grand child within driving distance for Grandpa and Grandma. Congratulations!

Jarvis and Josie Carter added 2 new grand children to their family this past month. They also learned another is expected later this year.

Jeff Hoeppner has started a new electrician job with a new boss and **Pinki** is going back to school. She is enrolling in the Univ. of Phoenix to get her certification in medical code and billing. If all goes as planned, she should be able to finish in about Feb. 2010. Congratulations to both Hoeppners!

Just thought you might like to know that a **former 19th Ward Bishop, LaRue Crockett**, has recently been called to serve as the Stake Patriarch where they are currently living in Show Low, Az. **Leberta** will serve as his recorder.

Audrey Burklund's grandson, Travis Bright, has played football for BYU for the past few years as a right guard, offensive lineman. Travis graduated in April and has signed to play professional football for the Dallas Cowboys. Ask Audrey for details.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Neil Linden Andersen, was sustained in the April 2009 Gen. Conference as the newest apostle, to fill the vacancy left by the death of Joseph B. Wirthlin. Brother Anderson was born Aug. 9, 1951 in Logan, Utah and grew up in Pocatello, Idaho. He and his wife, Kathy, have 4 married children and 13 grandchildren. He earned a Bachelor's degree in economics from BYU in 1975, Master of Business Administration from Harvard in 1977 and has had business experience in advertising, real estate development and health care. He most recently served as senior member of the Presidency of the Seventy where he has served since 1993. His duties have given him responsibilities in Brazil, Western Europe, Mexico and Central America. He speaks French, Portuguese, Spanish and English. He has served as executive director of the Church audiovisual dept., and oversaw the production of the large-screen motion picture, *"The Testaments of One Lord and One Shepherd."* He served a mission in Paris, France as a young man and Pres. of the France Bordeaux Mission from 1989-92. He has served as elders quorum president, high councilor and stake president. For the last 10 years, he and his wife have lived outside the United States. As a Seventy, he served as president of the Brazil South Area and served in the Europe West Area Presidency. He learned French as a young missionary and after being called to serve in the Seventies, he requested and received a blessing from Elder Russell M.

Nelson to be able to acquire language skills to better fulfill his calling responsibilities. He learned Portuguese and Spanish as a General Authority.

Church Statistics announced for 2008:

13,508,509 members
265,593 convert baptisms in 2008
52,494 current missionaries
123,512 babies born in 2008

As of April 6th, the **Salt Lake Temple will be open on Mondays** from 7 am to 11 am. All ordinances will be available to temple patrons. Endowment sessions will begin every hour on the hour.

Larry EchoHawk, a Church convert, priesthood leader, politician, former Marine, law professor and former BYU football player, has been nominated by Pres. Barack Obama as assistant secretary for Indian Affairs. Brother EchoHawk is a Pawnee Indian and holds law degrees from BYU, University of Utah and attended the Stanford Graduate School of Business's MBA program. He has practiced law in California and Utah and was elected as Idaho's attorney general. Currently, he is a law professor at BYU. He and his wife, Terry, have 6 children and 22 grandchildren. He is also a former stake president.

The Church has released the **"Gospel Art"** picture packet in a spiral booklet form. It contains 137 colored pictures for use in teaching at home or at meetings. The cost is \$3.50 per book.

If you need **help with research on your ancestors or family history**, you may contact a member of the High Priest Group Leadership and/or Sister Christine Martin for some wonderful help. (See phone numbers below.) Sister Martin has a lot of her own family names that need temple work. Call her if you can help with any of these names and the temple ordinances.

Group Leader: Anthony Kaberry	835-5149
1 st Assistant: Joseph Stark	964-7754

2 nd Assistant: Clyde Ransom	602-672-5933
3 rd Assistant: Darwin Chapman	964-8803
Secretary: Dale Rogers	464-0765
Sis. Chris Martin:	835-6396

A "Ward Missionary Family Night" on Tuesday, May 12, will be held in lieu of ward temple night. Bring your family to the ward cultural hall at 6 PM for Pizza and some fun ideas of things you can do to share the gospel with your friends and neighbors. There will be missionaries and ward leaders to discuss our ward missionary efforts.

Dry Pack items available for **May**: potato flakes, fruit drink mix, sugar, black beans, rice, quick oats. (Order due 3 May, canning on May 28th.) **June**: white beans, refried beans, cocoa, flour, onions, red wheat. (Order due May 31, canning on June 25th) **July**: milk, regular oats, macaroni, carrots, apples and pinto beans. (Order due June 28, canning on July 23rd.) Canning time is always 1 pm. Call Rosa Rodriguez for further information 644-0128.

Relief Society

Pres. Cris Rogers	695-4370
1 Couns Melissa Standage	964-1685
2 Couns MaryAnn Kaberry	835-3973
Sec Kim Brown	223-3773

May RS Lesson Schedule

May 3- "Learning & Latter-day Saints", Apr 09 Ensign, pg 22, by Dallin and Kristen Oaks
 May 10-#33 Spiritual Gifts of Healing, Tongues, Prophecy ...
 May 17-#34 The Power of Forgiving
 May 24-Teaching For Our Times-Sac Meeting & the Sacrament by Dallin H. Oaks (Nov. '08 Ensign)
 May 31- Combined meeting with the Priesthood

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Senior Single Sister's FHE Mon, May 18. (Since Helen Fort is in the hospital, the place and time is yet to be determined.)

Temple Session Thurs, May 21, 10am session, lunch after in the temple cafeteria.

Book Group Mon. May 25, 11 am, @ home of Lynette McGraw. Ch 17 & 18 of "Jesus the Christ" and each member will read a book of their choice and share their report in the meeting .

Kid's Play Group Wed May 20th @ 10 am @ Silvergate Park (S. of Pueblo on Briar)

An evening class on **Gardening Tips** will be taught by **Jennifer Mehlberg** beginning Wed., May 6th at 7 pm at the Mehlberg home (1735 E. 1st Ave.) and the 1st Thursday of every month, thereafter.

Young Women

Pres. Kim Hale 834-3041
 1st Counselor Miriam Martin 313-7194
 2nd Counselor Jen Oliver 219-8443
 Secretary Elizabeth Stark 964-7754

The Ward Youth Conference is scheduled for May 15th and 16th. in a cabin in the cool pines up on the Rim. We depart Friday after school at 4 pm and return Saturday by 5 pm. This is for all YM and YW, 12 and older. The Theme is "Hold Your Torches High"

MIA classes will not be held May 13th and 20th due to Graduation and end-of-school activities.

Our YW are looking for ways to earn money for Girl's Camp. Please call Kim Hale if you have any opportunities for them to do so. Stake Girl's Camp is July 21 – 25 at Camp LoMia up near Payson.

The Laurels are holding an overnight activity May 29th and 30th at the Connie Rainwater Cabin to do some YCL training for girl's camp.

YOUNG MEN

Pres. Darren Eyring 835-1799
 1st Couns. Wes Filhart 277-1924
 2nd Couns. Lance McGraw 699-0723
 Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194

"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other

people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight." The Scout Oath

The 12 – 13 year old scouts of the Dana Ward are downright AWESOME! That goes for their leaders also! A year ago, these boys set a goal to earn their "Biking Merit Badge". Sat., Apr. 25th, they completed that goal. Early on, they attended activities to learn about bike maintenance and repair. Seven specific bike hikes were required, so they worked steadily to complete two 10 mile rides, two 15 mile rides, and two 25 mile rides. The final 50 mile ride had to be completed in a maximum of 8 hours so it required good physical conditioning and well maintained bikes. Scout Master, **Lance McGraw**, has worked all year with the boys but due to a scheduling conflict, was unable to go on the 50 mile ride. **Pat Rogers** drove a pickup as their support and "chase" vehicle and **Jon Nichols** and **Rod Boone** were the support and emergency personnel. Rod Boone was on a bike himself, riding with and enduring the joys and hardships of the trip. **Brandon Boone, Alec Turner, Chris Martinez** and newest scout, **Kimball Rogers**, were all on bikes and determined to complete the full 50 mile ride. They started at Florence Jct. and rode into Florence, took a few side trips and returned to Florence Jct. The boys paced themselves so they could complete the 50 miles within the limit of 8 hours. They had planned to start at 4 am, but not all the boys remembered to set their alarm clocks. Nevertheless, no one was left behind and they were on the road by 5 am. Alec's bike was proving troublesome and after the first 20 miles, Bro. Boone made a personal sacrifice and loaded Alec's bike on the pickup and graciously 'loaned' his bike to Alec to complete the ride. Along the way, they had a few adventures. A motorcyclist kept passing them, but a few miles down the road, they would pass him parked along the highway trying to solve some mechanical problems with his bike. Finally, the motorcyclist called it quits and they passed him for the last time as he was loading his bike into the back of a good Samaritan's pickup. At one point, a heavily loaded hay truck passed them, but down the road, they came across the hay truck and a large contingency of police vehicles and a damaged car. A bale of hay

had fallen off the load and the car had run into it causing significant Honda damage. The boys walked their bikes around the accident scene and then resumed their ride. The only casualty with the bikes was a flat tire for Chris Martinez but by that time, the end was in sight and Chris was able to finish on Alec's bike. Near the end, Brandon developed some physical distress but finally completed the 50 miles about 10 minutes behind the other 3 boys, to their cheers and encouragement. Final time was 50 miles in 6 hours! The boys learned a lot about planning, commitment, teamwork and their own personal capabilities. This is an accomplishment they will always remember. Many Thanks to the fantastic leaders and fathers who work with these young men to help them 'reach a little farther' to achieve their goals. DOUBLE WAHOO'S!!

PRIMARY

President Jennifer Mehlberg 279-2790

1st Couns Cheeri Redd 834-7788

2nd Couns

Secretary Janet Hassell 969-4276

Special Announcement

Saturday, May 9th is our "Family Temple Activity Day"! The WHOLE family is invited to join us. Meet at the FLAGPOLE in front of the Visitors' Center at the Temple at 9 AM SHARP! We will be taking FAMILY pictures – so be sure to bring your WHOLE family! Sack Lunches will be served afterwards.

Sunday Assignments

May Theme: Baptism and confirmation are ordinances that bless my family.

May Scripture: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5

6th Article of Faith: "We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, namely, apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc."

May 3:

O. Prayer: Jordan Gardiner

Scripture: Leah Morales
Talk: Samantha Montgomery
Art of Faith #5 Cayden Shope
C. Prayer: Jared Nichols

May 10:

O. Prayer: Kelly Eyring
Scripture: Kamea Turner
Talk: Rylee Hird
Art of Faith #6 Lauren Eyring
C. Prayer: Zach O'Bryant

May 17:

O. Prayer: Mariah Rogers
Scripture: Raizja Moore
Talk: Renle Hird
Art of Faith #6 Ben Shope
C. Prayer: David Morales

May 24:

O. Prayer: Rhett Hird
Scripture: Bryson Patenge
Talk: Luke Nichols
Art of Faith #6 Sophie Allen
C. Prayer: Spencer Nichols

May 31:

O. Prayer: Elizabeth Rivera
Scripture: Evan Redd
Talk: Josh Montgomery
Art of Faith #6 Clair Rogers
C. Prayer: Kyle O'Bryant

Happy Mother's Day

by Erma Bombeck

For the first four or five years after I had children, I considered motherhood a temporary condition, not a calling. It was a time of my life set aside for exhaustion and long hours. This too would pass.

Then one afternoon with three kids in tow, I came out of the supermarket pushing a cart (with 4 wheels that went in opposite directions) when my toddler son got away from me.

Just outside the door, he ran toward a machine holding bubble gum in a glass dome. In a voice that shattered glass, he shouted, "Gimme! Gimme!" I told him I would gimme him what-for if he didn't stop shouting and get in the car.

As I physically tried to pry his body from around the bubble gum machine, he pulled the entire thing over. Glass and balls of bubble

gum went all over the parking lot. We had now attracted a crowd.

Donna Reed would have brushed away his tears and granted him absolution on the spot. I wasn't Donna Reed! I told him he would never see another cartoon as long as he lived and if he didn't control his temper he was going to be making license plates for the state!

He tried to stifle his sobs as he looked around at the staring crowd. Then he did something that I was to remember the rest of my life. In his helpless quest for comfort, he turned to the only one he trusted his emotions with – me. He threw his arms around my knees and held on for dear life.

I had humiliated him, chastised him and berated him, but I was still all he had. That single incident defined my role. I was a major force in the child's life.

Sometimes we forget how important stability is to a child. I've always told mine, "The easiest part of being a mother is giving birth. The hardest part is showing up for it each day."

Mother's Day is traditionally the day when children give something back to their mothers for all the spit they produced to wash dirty faces, all the old gum their mothers held in their hands, all the noses and fannies that were wiped, and all the bloody knees that were "made well" with a kiss.

This is the day mothers are rewarded for washing all those sheets in the middle of the night, driving kids to school when they missed the bus and enduring all the football games in the rain.

It's appreciation day for making them finish something, not believing them when they said, "I hate you," and for sharing their good times and their bad times.

Their cards probably won't reflect it, but what they are trying to say is, "Thank you for showing up." Happy Mother's Day to all the Dana Ward Mothers. We love you!