# Dana Ward Family Newsletter November 2010

# Dana Ward Bishopric

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Recently in Gen. Conf, Elder Patrick Kearon shared some ideas and counsel I would like to reference. He talked about the safety and peace that can be found in being obedient to the commandments and standards of the Church. He paid tribute to all who are diligently striving to become what the Lord needs and wants us to be but reminded us of the undesirable and spiritually damaging consequences of choosing paths contrary to teachings of our parents and leaders and as confirmed to our own hearts by the Holy Ghost.

The scriptures teach us that 'the Lord requireth the heart', and we are commanded to love the Lord and serve Him with 'all {our} heart'. The promise is that we 'may stand blameless before God at the last day' and return to His presence. We find healing and relief only when we bring ourselves to the feet of the Great Physician, our Savior, Jesus Christ. We must give up our desires to follow the world. We must give our whole hearts to Him, holding nothing back. "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him, might be saved."

Pres. James E. Faust taught; "When obedience becomes our goal, it is no longer an irritation. Instead of a stumbling block, it becomes a building block... Obedience leads to true freedom. The more we obey revealed truth, the more we become liberated."

We can help strengthen ourselves, our families and the Dana Ward by doing our home/visiting teaching, having family home evening, family and personal prayer, scripture study and perhaps even enlarge our musical talents by attending ward choir. We can all find ways to enhance our obedience and safety and thus find peace and joy. Our Savior is the Prince of Peace, the Great Healer and the only One who can truly cleanse us from the sting of sin and help us change rebellious hearts into covenant hearts. His Atonement is infinite and embraces us all. May we each evaluate our own life and make changes as necessary to achieve these goals.

I love each of you and our Ward Family, Dwight Morris

The Ward Family extends a grateful heart to **Bro. Mark Standage** who served as 2<sup>nd</sup> Counselor in the Bishopric for 5 years. Many, many thanks to him and his family for all the service he has rendered in our behalf and for the loving support and assistance of his special family. Bro. Standage was released Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. **Kyle Hassell** has been called to serve as the new second counselor. We support Bro. Hassell in this new calling.

Pueblo Stake Conference will be held in our building on Saturday, Nov 13 – Adult Session 7 PM Sunday, Nov 14 – 10 AM - Chapel



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#### **NOVEMBER 2010**

- 2 Carmen Newman
- 3 Bennett Turner Ed Goodwin
- 4 Jaidyn Bury Marilyn Durfee
- 5 Joseph Stark Mercedes Silva
- 6 Cris Rogers Seth Collins
- 8 Dawna Bury
- 10 Marnita Hill Owen Crum
- 11 Marie Montgomery Jeff Hoeppner
- 13 Kaye Legler
- 15 Noah Nichols Tokay Johnson
- 16 Jacob Standage
- 17 Nancy Tiffany
- 18 Johnny Coopwood
- 20 Edith Mosley
- 21 Ray Southwick
- 23 John Barnum
- 25 Spencer Nichols Taniela Levatau
- 27 Samuel Stevens
- 28 Connor Morgan Summer Smalley
- 29 Richard Hale

#### **DECEMBER 2010**

- 1 Lawanna Talmadge
- 2 Alyse Turner

- Edwina Dastrup
- 3 Sonya Silva Cristal James
- 4 Ethan Merkley
- 5 Janet Hassell

# Missionary Mailbox



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Elder Isaac Standage (Micronesia Guam Mission) PO Box 21749 GMF Barrigada, Guam 96921 Guam



Dear Dana Ward,

I am no longer on Pohnpei! It was a sudden and unexpected (unwelcome!) shock to be taken from Pohnpei and moved to the office on Guam. I was lucky enough to be able to say good-by to most of the people I knew and loved in Pohnpei, but I could have used more time. I will miss some expected baptisms, but someone else will take care of them.

I have been called to serve as the Office Recorder. I am mostly in charge of records of everyone who gets baptized, sending statistics to the area office, managing much of the transfers in the mission and typing up and sending out messages and information from the Mission Pres. and the Assistants, to all the missionaries in our mission. Pres. Dowdle has also asked me to send a form letter to all the converts who have been baptized since Nov. of 2009. I also take care of arrangements and information to missionaries preparing to return home. I think this job will keep me very busy. Pres. Dowdle has assured me my Pohnpei language skills will be valuable here. We have received word that the official language of the Guam Mission henceforth, will be Chuukese and I have been instructed to learn that as my new language. Maybe as I learn my new responsibilities in the Office, I will have more time to devote to language study. Right now, there are so many changes going on, I am feeling a bit overwhelmed.

We have a lot of Elders due to be released and returning home and this past month, we have gotten a total of 23 brand new Elders and expect 11 more by the end of November. That means that 70% of the mission has only been out for less than 6 months.

I miss the actual missionary teaching the most. I still get to teach people, but only from 6 to 9 every evening. The good news is that we have received word that Guam is going to be made into a Stake. I am pretty excited for Guam to finally achieve "STAKE" status. Elder L. Tom Perry is coming in December to form the Barrigada Guam Stake. This is a big and significant change for the members here.

My Companion is Elder Garcia. He is Filipino and serving as the Office Secretary. He has been here long enough, that we are assuming he will be transferred soon. I am also serving as the District Leader here in the office. My District includes my companion, myself, the Assistants to the Pres., the Zone Leaders and a senior couple also serving here in the office.

We had an interesting meeting yesterday. An investigator family was attending our meetings and at the very end of Relief Society, the woman had a seizure. Luckily the Mission Nurse was in attendance and able to help, along with some other people. She was given a blessing and transported to the hospital by a member. It all worked out okay but it certainly made for an memorable meeting. Things appear to be going well back on Pohnpei. Our recent convert, Emwin, was given the priesthood this past Sunday.

We also contacted a referral who had been a former investigator. She was really nice and extremely interested. We sent the Sister Missionaries to her on follow-up and she accepted a baptismal date that same day. It is exciting to see people growing in the gospel. We are hopeful we can get her husband and daughter interested. It would be wonderful if her whole family could be baptized together.

My biggest problem right now is finding time to study the Chuukese language. It will work out. Please continue to pray for me! Love – Elder Standage

Elder Matthew G. Eyring Idaho Boise Mission 1111 S. Cole Rd.



## Boise, ID 83709-1869

Matthew has been in Eagle, Idaho for about 4.5 months now – his longest area. They had the privilege of opening Eagle as a brand new area. They are just now beginning to see success. They are excited about their first baptism scheduled for this weekend.

He is training a new missionary right now and all is well. The snow is all around them on the mountains and occasionally even falls on them as they proselyte. He loves it and knows he is in the mission he was meant to be in.

Elder John Pace Idaho Pocatello Mission 1246 Yellowstone Ave Ste F3 Pocatello, Id 83201-4374



Dear Dana Ward,

I finally made it here to the mission field. I love it here!!! It is a bit Cold! Well, actually, a lot cold! But everything here is fantastic! My Trainer is really cool. My Spanish is coming along - or it was - until I woke up yesterday and couldn't speak or understand any of it. It was so weird! I'm really enjoying the Spanish Branch. We are all hoping to turn it into a ward soon. There are 3 baptisms lined up in the next 2 weeks. I love it here. I'm so busy, I don't even think about anything back home, but do wonder occasionally about what's happening in Arizona. I hope all is well. I love my family and think they are amazing people and I'm thankful to have all of you in my life.

Love, Elder Pace

FYI: Our full time Missionaries **Elder Nielsen** & **Elder Imlah** may be reached at 495-8138. They live in the Gordon Curtis apartment, 1634 E.

Nielson Ave. Elder Appiah-Knudsen has been transferred to the Scottsdale area. Elder Imlah is from Portland, Ore. and has been serving in the mission field for 1.5 years.

## New Faces in Dana Ward Places

Tanner and Lindsay Layton moved into our ward in Early Sept. They have purchased their first home at 2435 E. Alpine, near the Kaberry home (529-8758). Tanner and Lindsay were both born and grew up in Mesa and graduated from Westwood High School. They were married Oct. 24, 2008 in the Mesa Temple.

Tanner filled a mission to Santiago, Chile and is a student at MCC majoring in Pre-Med. Lindsay attended International Academy and

earned her Cosmetology license and worked for 1.5 years in a local salon. She does haircuts and other beauty services out of her home. She also graduated from ASU

and teaches 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Emerson Elementary, the same school she attended as a child. This is her 2<sup>nd</sup>

year teaching. Tanner works full time at 'A New Leaf' a non-profit counseling service and serves as their Central Coordinator over the East Valley and does Spanish translations for them. He has taught the 10-11 year old boys in Primary for 2 years and served as the financial clerk for the Spanish ward in the Maricopa Stake. He plays the saxophone (8 yrs.) and the guitar, sings and plays the piano by ear. (Although he doesn't read music for the piano, he does write his own original music for piano.) He is also very artistic and has

worked with ceramics and loves computer art programs.

Lindsay loves kids, teaching, crafts, scrap booking, and reading. She taught the Gospel Doctrine class for 2 years in her singles ward, directed the Singles Ward road show and in their last ward, was the Beehive teacher and counselor in the YW, for 2 years. Lindsay also spent 6 months in China teaching English.

This talented couple are going to be a great asset to our ward family and we look forward to getting to know them.

The Mesa Tongan Ward was recently disbanded and we are excited to welcome six Tongan families into the Dana Ward Family. They are: The Levauau Family at 1638 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave – phone 529-0056; the Leo and Olivia Ahia Family at 2048 E. Bayberry- phone 615-1216; William Holakeituai who lives at 2327 E. Alpine Ave; the Sione and Sulieti Pousine family at 1618 E. Nielson Ave – phone 248-9904; Ofa Terrell Ulakai at 1638 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. – 529-0056; and Ului & Siosi Apino and daughter at 1754 E. Nielson, 215-1971. WELCOME! WELCOME!

We are also happy to have **Johnny and Bernadette Coopwood** and their two daughters in the ward. They are living at 2252 E. Broadway #B.

Brian Molina is now living at 1932 E. 2nd Ave.

Charles and Tracy Killiebrew and Children have moved back into the ward at 2310 E. Broadway #A – 628-9348.

Sally LeSueur and children have moved into 1645 E. Nielson (200-1602). Her grandmother is Bert Charon. Sally's son, Chandler Rodriguez loves basketball, is 16 and a student at Mesa High. Daughter, Savanah Rodriguez, age 13, attends Poston Jr. High.

Savanah also is a gifted viola player and was the Beehive class pres. in their old ward. We are so happy to welcome all of these new families into the DANA WARD FAMILY! YEAH!

# Notes on Dana Ward Folks

**Kevin Hale** is on the Mesa High Diving Team and currently competing in City and State Diving Competition.



Sister Rowena Root passed away Tuesday, Oct. 12. Her funeral was held at our ward building on Oct. 20. Her family accompanied her to Safford, Az. for burial. As a ward family, we offer our condolences to her husband, Jess Root, and her daughter, Linette Morris and other members of her family. We will all miss the sweet spirit of Sister Root.

The S.O.S. Potluck Group surprised

Audrey Burklund with a Birthday

Party at their Sept. gathering. Way

to go Single Older Sisters of the Dana Ward!

.... and Happy Birthday Audrey!

While visiting family, **Bonnie Jackson** got to hear Apostle Robert D. Hales, speak, and shake his hand.

Mary Filhart is ecstatic to learn that she has been awarded a scholarship that will pay for her college education in Nursing! Wahoo Mary!



Bill & Arlyce Reynolds plan to visit the Holy Land. Their daughter is living in Jerusalem now, serving with the US State Dept. What a wonderful adventure for the Reynolds.

Helen and Neal Chapman are also world travelers. They got to accompany their son-inlaw to visit Austria and anxious to hear of the beautiful places to visit.

Anthony and MaryAnn Kaberry and Aiden just returned from visiting Anthony's family in Australia. They report that everything "Down Under" is good and the Church is still True there also!

Linette Morris was treated to an overnight canoe trip with two other couples for her birthday, by her husband, Dwight Morris. The GOOD NEWS is that all 6 people returned safe and dry from the adventure! (We didn't know that Dwight could swim or paddle a canoe!)

The David and Naomi Morales Family are moving from the ward. We will miss them so very much! This tremendous family has contributed so much in service to the Dana Ward! Wish you Well! Come back and visit whenever you can and thanks for the memories!

Susan Dilworth & Daughter, Rosa, have become certified in 'Foot Zoning' and are now qualified to give special foot massages to enhance whole body well-being. Susan is also a certified massage therapist.

Melissa Standage is working on her Master's Degree and we are excited for her to already be experiencing success with this important project! Melissa teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade and is striving for more knowledge and credentials in her teaching field.

**Betty Curtis** has learned that her Grand Son, Spencer Robinson who lives in Provo, Utah, just got his mission call to Tampa, Florida, Spanish Speaking. This is Betty's tenth grandchild to serve a mission.

Rebecca Stark has been accepted at BYU and plans to attend the coming January Semester. YEAH for Rebecca!

Courtney Eyring and Danielle Driggs just completed their performances in "Joseph & the Technicolor Dreamcoat", a musical production by Mesa High School music and drama departments.

Sarah Young has a part in "The Mikado", the Gilbert and Sullivan Musical produced by the Gilbert Fine Arts. Performances will be Nov 5-13 at Mesquite Jr. High at 7 PM.

Kevin Beech is the new Bishop of the Plano, Texas 5<sup>th</sup> ward and that is important to our Dana Ward because Kevin is the son of **Elaine Beech** and grandson of **Bonnie Jackson**. We share the joy of Elaine and Bonnie.

#### THE SICK AND INJURED LIST

Harmony Beals had a traumatic encounter with the pavement at Reed Park back in late September. She and her mother were riding their bikes thru the park when Harmony was inspired to ride her mountain bike thru one of the skateboard features at the park. With a broken jaw, she had to develop some innovative ways to eat. We are grateful that Harmony is healing from her adventures without any apparent long term problems!

**Bishop Hale** has become the latest ward member with a knee replacement. He had surgery for one knee on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> and it was

so much fun, he did the other the following week. It really isn't much fun but we are hoping he has a quick recovery and can now win a few foot races against the boys in the Priest's Quorum! He arrived home from the hospital to learn that son Michael and wife Taylor had a baby girl. Their little grand daughter is named Peyton Lyn Hale and she was born Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. All the Hales including 'Grandpa Hale', are doing well.

**Dawn Nichols** had an accident in her home and broke her wrist. She had surgery Tues. to repair the damage with pins and a plate. Sorry Dawn!

Randee Gardiner had an accident in her home a couple of weeks ago and broke her ankle. Her mother and the ward sisters are helping with the care of her children and household chores until Randee is back on her feet. We would like to announce that the ward has now filled their quota for bone and joint injuries for this year so no more will be needed in the near future!

The Ward Chili/Cornbread Cookoff Party held Oct. 30th was a Big Success! Lots of old ward members returned for the fun and good food. Kris Tiffany took first place in the Pumpkin Carving Contest with his likeness of Pres. Monson. Garrett, Cheryl and baby Gavin Lans won awards for their pumpkin art. Garrett was such a big helper for Gavin's entry. Kelly Eyring lent a helping hand as well. Anne Berryman won overall "BEST" for her cornbread and Darwin Chapman once again was the winner of the overall BEST Chili. There were lots of very tasty Chili entries and we don't think there was a bad batch in the lot! Special thanks to judges Dil Brinton, Kyle Hassell and **Johnny Martinez**. Johnny was heard to say that he really didn't have to pay anyone to get to be a judge - he just loves doing it! We saw him 'sampling' Chili and Cornbread

all night-even after the contest was over! Now That's Dedication!

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Temple Day was Thurs, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>. If you missed it, you are invited to try to atter



invited to try to attend another time during the month.

Just a reminder that the Mesa Temple will close at 10 am on Nov 24, and all day Nov 25 (for Thanksgiving). Plan Ahead!



Elder Claudio R. M. Costa (Presidency of the Seventy) will preside over the groundbreaking for the Gilbert, Az. Temple on Sat. Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. Instructions for

attending the event will be provided by area priesthood leaders. Proceedings may be viewed on the website, <a href="www.LDS.org">www.LDS.org</a>

President Monson announced 5 new temples to be built. They are Hartford, Conn., Indianapolis, Ind., Lisbon, Portugal, Urdaneta, Philippines and Tijuana, Mexico. The Tijuana Temple will be a sparkle of joy to the Baja Border Saints and other citizens who have to contend with the chaos of almost daily battles between the Police and drug gangs. They deserve something to raise their hopes for better times. With the announcement of the 5 new temples, there are 134 operating temples, 7 under construction and 16 announced. This will be the 13<sup>th</sup> temple for Mexico, the 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Philippines and the first for Indiana, Connecticut and Portugal.

The Church has opened a Family History Center at the new Alex Haley Center in Henning, Tenn.
All research resources available through the Church will be available to the public at no charge.

If you need help searching for your Ancestors, preparing 'Temple Ready' forms, getting help with your ancestor's temple ordinance work, or finding family histories, call our ward Family History Consultant, Sister Christine Martin 835-6396. She is always happy to help!

A special adult and youth, 12 and older, Fireside will be held tonight, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Glade building at 24<sup>th</sup> and Glade. Sister Gracia Jones, the great-great-granddaughter of the Prophet Joseph Smith will be the speaker. Sister Jones is the first direct descendant of the Prophet to join the LDS Church.

The Church is inviting people to visit Mormon.org to learn more about the faith of individual members of the Church. They are also inviting members to post your own profile on the site by clicking Our People at the top of the home page or by going to Mormon.org/create. Become familiar with the site and consider communicating with nonmember visitors by adding your own profile. You are also encouraged to use your own social networking activities on the Internet through blogs, Facebook, Twitter and so on. Share with others how your faith in the Savior influences the way you approach the challenges and opportunities of daily life.

## Canning Schedule for the Home Storage Center

Canning time is always 1:00 pm for each month for 2010. November:
Potato flakes, fruit drink mix, sugar, black beans (Orders due 17 Oct, Canning 10 Nov). December: Refried Beans, cocoa, flour, onions (Orders due 14 Nov, Canning 8 Dec). January: Milk, Reg. Oats, macaroni, carrots, apples. (Dates to be announced)

Free Cooking Classes are held in the Wet Pack Training Room of the Mesa Cannery, Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11 am. No sign up or registration is necessary. The classes are based on the church pamphlet about building a three month supply of food.

> Nov 1: How to and Substitutions Nov 8: Soups Nov 15: Main Dish-Turkey leftovers Nov 22: Desserts Nov 29: Gifts from your kitchen Dec 6: Something to share

# Relief Society

Pres Susan Dilworth 1 Couns Arlyce Reynolds 615-1628 2 Couns Melissa Crandell 353-9556 Sec Wendy Tonga 962-4825



### November RS Lesson Schedule

Nov 7: #21 "The Gift of the Holy Ghost" by Lou Hunt

**Nov 14: STAKE CONFERENCE** 

Nov 21: #22- "The Gifts of the Spirit" by **Linette Morris** 

Nov 28:- "And Upon the Handmaids..." by Julie Beck (May 2010 Ensign)- Rosa Rodriguez

**NOTE**: With the new changes in the Relief Society Program, some of the Activity Groups are no longer under the direction of the Relief Society. FYI, the Single Older Sisters group will continue to meet for their Potluck dinner and social on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evening of each month at the home of Audrey Burklund. The Book Group will continue to meet on the 4th Monday morning of each month. You are welcome to participate in these groups but they are no longer under the Relief Society Program.

# Young Women

Pres Kim Hale 834-3041 1st Couns Miriam Martin 313-7194 2<sup>nd</sup> Couns MaryAnn Kaberry 835-5149 Sec Elizabeth Stark 964-7754

YW November Activities will be their Stake Softball Tournament Games. Come out and support our youth!

Katy Turner was awarded her Young Womenhood Recognition Award. Congratulations to Katy for fulfilling all the requirements and completing the hard work to earn this prestigious award!

Alyse Turner has earned her Honor Bee, which is a new award in the YW program. It requires 40 hours of service and reading the Book of Mormon again.

**Girls** Camp was super fun this past month! Every Young Woman was able to attend. There were lots of camaraderie, hiking, crafts, campfire activities and spiritual experiences enjoyed by all.

# YOUNGMEN

Pres. Darren Eyring 835-1799

1st Couns. Wes Filhart 277-1924

2<sup>nd</sup> Couns. Pat Rogers 695-7616

Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194



Joseph Standage has turned 14 and was ordained to the office of a Teacher in the Agronic Priesthood

Joseph Stark was awarded his EAGLE at a Court of Honor held Sunday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>.



The Court of Honor also included an Eagle presentation to Jordan Brown, who used to live in the Dana Ward. Jordan and Joseph are good friends. Joseph is currently working for Target, and saving his money towards his mission expenses.

**Trevor Schnepf** has passed his Board of Review for his Eagle Scout Rank and as soon as the process is finalized, he will be awarded his Eagle.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Turkey Round Up will be held Saturday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to Noon at the Stake Building. The stake youth are competing

between wards to see which ward can collect the most frozen turkeys. The turkeys will be delivered to the Mesa United Food Bank whom will distribute them to families in need in our community. Please encourage your neighbors to buy an extra turkey to donate. Watch for

more information.

The 11, 12 and 13 year old scouts attended the **Stake Fall Camporee** which was held at McDowell Mtn. Regional Park. The campfire program included songs and skits and a special talk by Dea Montague, a lifetime scouter. Activities included Pioneering (lashings), First Aid, Bugling, Wilderness Survival and Orienteering. A relay Race was held between all the troops of the stake. The Scouts had to work as a team and build a fire using flint and steel, cook a pancake and successfully toss it over a line and catch it, follow directions to find a wounded scout, treat him correctly and fashion a stretcher to bring him back. Dana Scouts were first with the fire building but struggled a bit with their directions. We took third on the relay race but received a First Place overall. YAHOO!

> YM Activities for Nov. will mostly be their softball games with other wards in the Stake.

## PRIMARY

President Jennifer Mehlberg 279-2790

1st Couns Cheeri Redd 834-7788 2nd Couns Darcy Allen 241-9315 Secretary Janet Hassell 969-4276

**November Theme:** "When we serve others, we serve God."

**November Scripture:** "When ye are in the service of your fellow beings, ye are only in the service of your God." (Mosiah 2:17)

**12<sup>th</sup> Art. Of Faith:** "We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers, and magistrates, in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law."

Nov 7: Practice for Sac. Program Nov 14: STAKE CONFERENCE Nov 21:

O. Prayer: Spencer Young Scripture: Chris Montgomery Talk: Spencer Nichols Art of Faith #12: Rylee Hird

## The Veteran's/Senior Dinner

will be held on Veteran's
Day, Nov 11 at 6 PM at the
Lazona Bldg on 6<sup>th</sup>
Ave. Invitations
will be sent out.
The YW & YM will
help prepare and
serve the dinner as a

service project.

C. Prayer: Kamea Turner

Nov 28:

O. Prayer: Katelyn Gardiner Scripture: Mason Redd Talk: Donovan Blau

Art of Faith #12: Nathan Young

C. Prayer:

Saturday, Nov. 20, our Activity Day will be a practice for our upcoming program 9:30 to 11 AM. We will meet in the chapel so please have your children wear Sunday clothes.

The Primary Sacrament Meeting Program will be presented November 21st. Please help your children memorize their parts and listen to the CD given to the children to help them with the program music.

Apparently some of the ward parents are taking advantage of favorite Primary songs to teach their children healthy sleeping habits at home. Some of the Primary children were recently heard to be singing the following words to the song "Book of Mormon Stories" - '... given this land, if they go, right to sleep!' (Meridian)

#### MARGIN QUOTES:

But behold, I, Nephi, will show unto you that the tender mercies of the Lord are over all those whom he hath chosen, because of their faith, to make them mighty even unto the power of deliverance. 1 Nephi 1:20

...wherefore your mission is not yet full. Nevertheless, ye are blessed, for the testimony which ye have borne is recorded in heaven for the

angels to look upon; and they rejoice over you, and your sins are forgiven you. D&C 62:2-3

Ye shall go forth in the power of my Spirit, preaching my gospel, two by two, in my name, lifting up your voices as with the sound of a trump, declaring my word like unto angels of God. D&C 42:6

"The consummate Christian attribute of charity has a first cousin, it is friendship..." Elder Marlin K. Jensen of the Seventy

Is it alright for vegetarians to eat animal crackers?

How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?

What was the best thing BEFORE sliced bread?

One nice thing about egotists: They don't talk about other people!

How is it possible to have a civil war?

If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?

Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?

Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. Amos 3:7

"Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah! Jesus anointed that Prophet and Seer. Blessed to open the last dispensation, Kings shall extol him, and nations revere." Praise to the Man - Hymn #27

For my soul delighteth in the song of the heart; yea, the song of the righteous is a prayer unto me, and it shall be answered with a blessing upon their heads. D&C 25:12

"Duty does not require perfection, but it does require diligence." Bishop Keith B. McMullin

"It is not enough to want to make the effort and to say we'll make the effort. ... It's in the doing, not just the thinking, that we accomplish our goals." Pres. Thomas S. Monson

"I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an 'Honest Man'". George Washington

"I testify that no one of us is less treasured or cherished of God than another. I testify that He loves each of us-insecurities, anxieties, self-image, and all. He doesn't measure our talents or our looks; He doesn't measure our professions or our possessions." Jeffrey R. Holland

Men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness. D&C 58:27

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. Psalm 100:4-5

I love the Lord because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. Psalm 116:1-2

"When the Savior was to choose a missionary of zeal and power, He found him not among His advocates but amidst His adversaries. Saul of Tarsus-the persecutor- became Paul the proselytizer. The Redeemer chose imperfect men to teach the way to perfection. He did so then; He does so now."

Pres. Thomas S. Monson

"Often small acts of service are all that is required to lift and bless another; a question concerning a person's family, quick words of encouragement, a sincere compliment, a small note of thanks, a brief telephone call. If we are observant and aware, and if we act on the promptings which come to us, we can accomplish much good."

Pres. Thomas S. Monson

"The Lord will not leave you unprotected if you put your confidence in Him. We are asking you to be the example the Lord expects you to be." Pres. Thomas S. Monson

If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed,... nothing shall be impossible unto you. Matt 17:20

And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God. Mosiah 2:17

"An abiding faith, a constant trust, a fervent desire have always characterized those who serve the Lord with all their hearts." Pres. Thomas S. Monson

For verily the voice of the Lord is unto all men, and there is none to escape; and there is no eye that shall not see, neither ear that shall not hear, neither heart that shall not be penetrated. D&C 1:2

Miracles are everywhere to be found when priesthood callings are magnified. When faith replaces doubt, when selfless service eliminates selfish striving, the power of God brings to pass His purposes." Whom God calls, God qualifies."

Pres. Thomas S. Monson