

**Dana Ward  
Family Newsletter  
- March/April 2012 -**

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Dear Dana Ward Members,

Matthew 11: 28 is a fairly short verse, but like so many others, it encompasses so much.

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."



The Lord meant every word he spoke. He lived a comparatively short time on earth so He made every step, every moment, every breath and uttered word count. That's part of the reason he was perfect. At the end of his life he somehow suffered ALL pain and suffering FOR ALL PEOPLE. We will not have a bad day He hasn't already suffered. We won't feel the pain and regrets of our sins or the sins of others that He hasn't already felt. So, He has the right to command and invite us to come unto Him. We don't need to struggle in the labours caused by sins of commission (or omission). We don't need to carry heavy burdens.

How do we go to Him? The scriptures describe His life – try to do what He did. We also come unto Him by: reading the scriptures and Church magazines; going to ALL the Church meetings we can; fulfilling our stewardships in all of our callings and as visiting/home teachers; going to the temple; being chaste; paying tithes and offerings; praying; serving; caring; being honest, clean speech and thoughts, etc.

What do we get when we go to Him? Rest. The "rest" we receive is forgiveness, strength and peace - which allows us to get through the rest of life's trials without bitterness, resentment and hatred. Why wait? Go to Him now. If you are afraid to, or don't know how to, ask Him to guide and strengthen you. I would be honored to meet with you and search for answers together, if needed, that would help guide you to Him.

Sincerely,

Bishop Eyring

**Come Unto Me**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## March 2012

- 1 Jon Nichols
- 1 Mayra Candelaria
- 2 Kelly Eyring
- 2 Cory Molina
- 3 Kyle Hassell
- 3 Shaun Brown
- 3 Jerri Ann Valles
- 5 Jana Florie
- 6 Jenn Packer
- 7 Rita Blackstad
- 8 Jerry Liles
- 10 Pinki Hoepfner
- 10 Kim Hale
- 10 Braedon Florie
- 11 Wilma Emery
- 12 Hazel Parra
- 13 Chris Carter
- 14 Anna O'Bryant
- 14 Chris Standage
- 16 Gary Tiffany
- 16 Harmony Beals
- 16 Tonya Whiting
- 20 Nick Hird
- 21 Evan Redd
- 22 Kamea Turner
- 28 Marilyn Mingione
- 29 John Chapman
- 30 Clyde Ransom

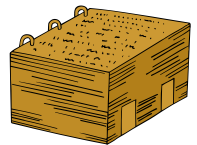
## APRIL 2012

- 1 Parker Hird
- 3 Elizabeth Stark
- 3 Justus Mason
- 3 Gwen Leiser
- 4 Tony Galindo
- 6 Lauren Eyring
- 6 Jenny Aispuro
- 7 Mark Standage

- 9 Corey Downs
- 9 Madison Carter
- 10 Doug Rogers
- 11 Floy Johnson
- 12 Eloina Gaytan
- 12 Eden Carter
- 12 Ebony Brown
- 12 Jacki McRae
- 15 Randee Gardiner
- 16 Ryan Young
- 18 Tate Brinton
- 19 Mark Robertson
- 21 Jessica Rainwater
- 23 Jared Nichols (12)
- 24 Lois Chapman
- 27 Tyson Gardiner
- 29 Tammie Burklund
- 29 Isabel Petersen
- 30 Ron Johnson

## Missionary Mailbox

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Dear Family:

It has been an eventful week! Lots of hard work and lots of humor. I had a good Valentine's Day. We celebrated "Single

Awareness Day". I bought Sister Johnson and myself a rose so that we could say we got flowers. Then we had Hershey chocolate pie ... can anyone say yummy! It was a way good day!

We got a referral from the nursing home. She is 90 years old and wants to learn about the gospel! How cool is that? There goes the excuse that someone is too old to change churches. We went to visit her and she is very sweet. Because of her age, she is hard of hearing and we had to basically yell so she could hear us. That is a first ... yelling while I'm bearing my testimony of the gospel. It's not easy to do! On our second visit we invited her to be baptized and she said YES! She told us she feels good about what we've taught her and she believes that Joseph Smith was a good man and experienced what he said he did. We were like, "Whoa! She totally gets it!" She said that she wakes up at 5 am every morning so she can listen to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir on the radio. She is sooo awesome! We are so excited to be teaching her. We will have to figure out how to get her baptized. She is in a wheelchair and can't leave the nursing home. I know that this is Heavenly Father's church and he will provide a way.

We are also working with some unbaptized teen aged girls from less active families. We have been taking them to MIA and they love it. Amanda is 16 and wants to be baptized but her Mom said she can't be baptized until she is 18. Her Mom came to the Sunday fireside with her and I think she is rethinking the situation. All the Young Women are going to fast for her. A 14 year old girl is soaking up the Young Women's Program like a sponge. It is so fun to just watch her face and see her enthusiasm.

Another of our investigator has told us how she overcame drugs and got her life straightened out. So that was petty neat to share with her.

We have found a super awesome family. We have been trying to visit less actives a lot lately - since our stake is 67% inactive. We found a mom that hasn't been to church in 7 years. She has 3 daughters that have not been baptized. The daughters are so cute and they want to go to church so bad! Last night we had an appointment to go teach them and it was great!

Last Sunday, it snowed all day and we were coming home from the Church and the car began sliding as we were trying to



get into our driveway. We got stuck right in the middle of the road. Sister Johnson and I both got out and tried to push it but we couldn't get any traction with our shoes. We finally decided to go get the husband of the family where we live. As we went in the door, their 3 dogs bolted outside and were obviously enjoying having escaped. These dogs are like children to this family. Sister Johnson and I ran after them but it became a delightful game of 'keep away' for the dogs. Brother Morrison, the dog owner, finally sent us back to get some warmer coats on. At that point, we had no dogs and our car was still stuck and blocking the road. A lady in our ward finally called and said the dogs were at her house. We



were so relieved. In the end, we got the dogs back and the car unstuck.



The next day, I was putting the new registration stickers on our car. All of a sudden, a gust of wind caught the registration paper and blew it out of my hand. I chased after it and it finally got stuck on a 5' tall huge mound of snow. After climbing through some bushes and up the mound of snow, I was soaking wet all the way to my waist, but I finally got it. I bet the neighbors are getting a kick out of watching the crazy 'Sister Missionaries' run after all these things.

It has been a great week! We have 5 new investigators - which is awesome for this area. I feel very humbled since Heavenly Father is helping us so much! We have faith that eventually the snow will melt, it will warm up, and things will quit being blown away by the wind. Thank you for your prayers and faith in me. I feel those prayers ... angels help me every day to find those to teach the gospel.

Love, Sister Hunt



The end of another rewarding Missionary Day!



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Buenos Dias Familia!

We have worked hard this entire week. We now have 3 baptism dates. The first one, is with a 14 year old named Bryan. He has been meeting with the missionaries for 2 years. He has a testimony of the gospel but his mom won't let him get baptized. She thinks he is just doing it because he likes the missionaries. We talked to her and she said that if he can show her his desire is sincere and he is not just playing around, then she will let him get baptized. His baptism date is tentatively set for the 7th of March.

We are also teaching an 18 year old girl named Rubi. She was a reference from a member. We went by to visit her and she said, "Well I have been to your church a bunch of times and I love the feeling I have while I'm there and I want to get baptized." It completely threw us off because we had just knocked on her door and a couple of minutes later, she is telling us that she wants to be baptized. We met with her

yesterday and have tentatively set the date of the 7 of March for her baptism. She accepted, but she isn't sure how her papa is going to take it. So we're hoping for the best. She is really awesome but very shy.

We also have a 40+ man who is Catholic. His name is Hno. Gonzalez Alaniz. We have been meeting with him for a couple of weeks now and he seems really receptive. He doesn't seem to learn or retain what we are teaching him very easily, but he has set a baptism date for the 14 of March.

A week ago, my comp and I went to an



Me, My Companion and Angie Wier

appointment to teach a lesson. We met the wife for the first time and she greeted us with a kiss on the cheek. I don't think I have ever been so red in my life! Here, girls always kiss guys and girls as their customary greeting. As we were entering their front door, I shook her hand and as I was letting go, she pulled me in, kissed my cheek, and went and sat by her very large husband. I was so NOT expecting that! My comp and I had a good laugh about it together, after we left their home.

My comp is pretty alright. We manage to annoy each other in the personal choices of the way we do many things, but it's all good. He's helping me a lot with my Spanish because he doesn't speak English at all, so I have to use Spanish 100% of the time. For employment here, a lot of people work on farms but most of them

work with oranges. Montemorelos is known for their oranges. EVERYONE and their mother and dog works in oranges, either picking them, sorting them, making them into ice cream or juice or whatever. Many people are employed in stores like grocery stores or little shops or people make things like screen doors and bars for windows. I've met some auto mechanics and people employed to make tortillas. These people really know how to work with their hands. They are very inventive. We do have toilet paper here, but no one has toilet seats. Everyone just sits on the bowl. A lot of times, there is no door and no one throws their toilet paper in the toilet. Everyone has a trash can next to the bowl where they throw their used paper. It smells terrible but you get used to it.

I cleaned my suits on Thursday for the first time in 6 months and they looked good! That is, until I wore one to church on Sunday. My bike broke and I had to fix the tire and being in the street for the repair, I destroyed my suit. That was a little deflating because I paid 140 pesos to clean 1 suit, just for it to get dirty in a couple of hours. But life goes on! It could have been worse!



Eating tacos at the roadside stand of Hno. Manuel

Earlier this month, we had a very humbling and spiritual experience. We had gone to a place called "Seguro" which is like a hospital/urgent care. We went to go give a blessing to the mom of one of our members. It was the most heart breaking experiences of my life. The place was so crowded with sick people lined up out into the street. These were my observations: It was way dirty, There was very low lighting, They only



had a little staff and the staff on duty, were in t-shirts and jeans, They were using steel beds from the 80s (or earlier) that were falling apart. A mother was changing her baby on one of these "Clean" beds, awaiting a new patient. The staff was asking random people to help with lifts, IVs and other chores. Just looking at the terrible conditions and the suffering people was heart breaking. When we went back to give the blessing, there were 5 beds to one tiny room which didn't allow hardly any working room for the staff. Crowded into the room, we gave the sweetest old lady a blessing. After the blessing, I have never seen anyone smile as much as she did. Two days later, we were informed that she is home and doing great. As we were leaving, a couple stopped my comp and I and asked if we could give their mom a blessing as well. As we talked to them, we inquired why they wanted the blessing and they said because they believe in miracles and they need a miracle right now. The lady named Antonia, is very elderly and has been told that she's not going to live. They gave her a life expectancy of 2 to 3 days. So I gave her a blessing with all the faith I could muster. It has been 5 days now but we don't know how she's doing. We have their number so we plan to call them and follow up soon. As we were leaving, I felt a strong impression that this is where I am supposed to be. I think I would like to become a doctor and help people who have limited health facilities.

We have had to drop our investigator Isidro. His Pentecostal Preacher got hold of him and convinced him that he doesn't need to be baptized again and we are evil people and leading him astray. I know he recognized the truthfulness in our teachings but for now, he no longer wants to listen to our message. Leticia is afraid to get married or separate so we are at a stand still with her. She hasn't come to church for 2 weeks now. We keep going by to visit and to remind her of the blessings that are waiting for her. I know these are big changes to expect of her and it involves the free agency of others.

I always show my family picture to everyone as kind of an ice breaker in conversation. They always ask, "Where are your parents? Is this just the family kids?" I point out Mom and Dad and they always think they look WAY TOO YOUNG!! So that should make you guys feel good at

home! Just remember that mail, email and packages are always appreciated!

Love  
Elder Stark



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I LOVE my mission.  
Everyone says that you better enjoy



your mission because time just flies by and that is true! Sometimes I wish I could slow it down because I just can't believe that one third of my mission is already gone by.

Last Friday I went on splits with elder Gossling from Mountain View high school. I don't hold it against him for going to the wrong school because it's so nice to see someone that knows where all of the stores and streets are in Mesa. (Go Jackrabbits!) It's nice to make friends with someone from home, even if I had to go to another country to do it.

We have been working with a man named Miguel Delgado. He is the first Investigator that has been ready for baptism before we taught him. He was prepared purely by the Lord. He's awesome! He buys us a smoothie and a grilled cheese sandwich after almost all of our lessons with him. We have a lesson with him

almost everyday :) He was going to be baptized a few weeks ago but he has been struggling with overcoming the temptation to drink. We gave him a blessing of strength to overcome this temptation and we were able to baptize him this last Saturday. He is going to be such a strong member. He bore his testimony and explained the changes in his life. He has sacrificed so much to be baptized. He literally turned his life around in less than one month. We had 3 baptisms this past month. We have been so blessed. Thank you for all of your prayers because we can feel them here.

In ward council we have been working to line up some really great activities that will help the work progress. One of these activities is to teach the people beginning English every Tuesday. I am going to be the teacher! Cool! Yes, I know. (pray for me) Everyone here wants to learn English so we will see if this works. We are also going to teach piano lessons, and no, I will NOT be the teacher for that. We are hoping that this will increase our referrals that the ward gives us. We are also starting a Family Home Evening group each week and I am really excited about that. We pray to see what the Lord would have us do to try to move the work forward. Then we try to figure out how to do it.

I had my interview with Pres. Amaya. He is such an amazing mission president and I love him so much. He talked to me about making sure that I open up my vision as a missionary and see that as we baptize people, we are bringing generations of families to the gospel. It was a very good interview. He also called me to be a trainer! I am getting a “son” on Wednesday. What a shock! But I am so happy for the new challenge. I couldn’t sleep until 1 o’clock am, but I am just so extremely happy and kind of nervous about it because it is a big responsibility. So keep the prayers coming because I need them. The gospel is true! keep up the good work! Love, Elder Trevor Schnepf

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**Elder Brandon Eyring** entered the MTC in Provo, 15 Feb, 2012 for two weeks of intensive Missionary Training. Elder Eyring will arrive in the Virginia Richmond Mission March 7<sup>th</sup>.



Hello Dana Ward,  
The MTC is so awesome. It is so spiritual here and I love learning the gospel. I know I made the right decision to serve a mission. My companion likes to play basketball, so I can already see the blessings. I was



a little nervous to practice teach the gospel, then I read the scripture Moroni 8:16 and it calmed my fears. I learned that I need to get to know the

person and truly love them so the spirit can be there and help us teach them the gospel. I love the food! Missionary work never stops; everyone is a missionary!

Love, Elder Eyring



Dad (Bishop Eyring), Elder Brandon Eyring and Mom (Julie Eyring).

**Elder Sheldon Hassell** will report to the Provo MTC April 25, 2012. **Elder Hassell** will be serving two years in the **Oregon Eugene Mission, Spanish Speaking**. Our best wishes to Sheldon and we look forward to hearing of his missionary experiences.

**Wallace and Edith Haws** have been called to serve a Humanitarian Service mission to the **Dominican Republic**. They report to the Provo MTC March 26. The ward members are invited to attend a come and go farewell at the Haws home at 560 S. Spur (NW corner of Spur & 6<sup>th</sup> Ave) on March 16<sup>th</sup>, between 6:30 pm & 8:30 pm. Brother Haws served as Bishop to a section of the Dana Ward family before he was called as a counselor in the Stake Presidency with Pres. Fleming.

Wallace and Edith Haws blog:  
[hawsdradventure.blogspot.com](http://hawsdradventure.blogspot.com)

**Tate Brinton** (452-5783) Ward Mission Leader.

FYI: Full-time Missionaries; **Elder Bowerman** (from Colorado) and **Elder Rindlisbacher** (from Washington state) 495-8138.

### Ward Calendar Activities

Feb 29-Mar 3: MHS "Beauty & the Beast"  
 Mar 1: Stake Women's Temple Day  
 Mar 3: Stake Women's Conference, 8am to 2pm  
 Mar 11: Daylight Savings Begins (Arizona doesn't make any changes!)  
 Mar 12-16: Spring Break - No School  
 Mar 15: Ward Temple Day  
 Mar 17: Stake Fun Run and BBQ at ISCenter - 10 am  
 Mar 23/24: Scouts Camp Out  
 Mar 24: General YW Broadcast - 4 pm  
 Mar 31 & Apr 1: GENERAL CONFERENCE  
 Apr 8: Easter Sunday  
 Apr 14: Scout-O-Rama  
 Apr 21: Sat-Regional Dance Festival @ Mesa Hi  
 Apr 22: Dance Festival Participants Fireside  
 Apr 27/28: Deacon's Camp Out  
 Apr 28: Stake girls (8-12 age) Activity Day  
 (Be sure to check for activities listed under the different Auxiliary Organizations)

### Mesa Temple Easter Pageant Schedule

All Performances On North Lawn of Temple Grounds – No Charge  
**March 27:** Dress Rehearsal @ 7pm (Public may attend)  
**March 28 & 29:** English Performances @ 8 pm  
**Mar 30 & 31:** Spanish Performances @ 8 pm  
**April 3 thru 7:** English Performances @ 8pm  
**Also Note** that from Mar 27 through April 7<sup>th</sup>, the temple will close each day after the 1:30 pm session for traffic & parking management. The temple will be closed all day Sat, Mar 31 for General Conference.



**Jared Broderick** (287-0444) is the ward **employment specialist** and has some good ideas. Call him if you need help finding employment.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

**Kelara Reynolds** is a new member of the Dana Ward and has moved in to 32 S. Barkley #31 – Phone: 652-6469. Kelara is 30 and single and works for Velocity Design in Marketing and Sales. Kelara was born in Silver City, New Mexico but her family moved to Mesa when she was four years old and she has lived here since and graduated from Mesa High School in 2000. Her family consists of 2 brothers and 1 sister. She grew up in the Church. She attended Eastern Arizona College for 2 years and was/is a Performance Arts Major. She is associated part time with the Chandler/Gilbert Comm. College drama department where she was in the cast for their production of “Secret Garden”. She has worked props and scenery in several of their other productions. Kelara is a soprano and enjoys singing in groups or solo and she plays the violin. She has taught in the Primary and nursery and the 16-17 year old class in Sunday School and served as Activity Days Teacher to the older Primary girls. She is the ‘Proud Mama’ to 3 kittens: Lady, Teeny and Kyle and the ‘Favorite Aunt’ to 5 nieces and nephews. She is also their favorite babysitter! Four years ago, Kelara was a Foreign Exchange Student to Ireland for a 6 week summer session and as a member of an American college group, she sang a solo at one of their Irish Castle performances. She enjoyed the Irish Experience very much. She would like to eventually get into directing for stage or film in the future. Kelara is anxious to get acquainted with the members of the Dana Ward Family. It will be fun to have her in the ‘family’!

## Notes on Dana Ward Folks

**The Ryan and Becca Young family have a new little girl at their house. Anna Elise Young was born about 7 am, March 1, 2012**

**and is a beauty. She arrived at 8 pounds and 10 oz and 21 inches long. Her six siblings are delighted to have a brand new little sister.**

**Kelsey Crandell**, daughter of **Ray and Melissa Crandell**, is engaged to **Sean Williams** from Safford, Az. They plan to be married in the Mesa Temple on April 20<sup>th</sup>. They met as students at Eastern Arizona College where Kelsey is majoring in Elementary Education and Sean is a Business Major. Their plans right now, are to return to EA to complete their studies and then Kelsey will do her student teaching and Sean will transfer to ASU. There's a good chance they may live in the Dana Ward at least until they can complete their studies. Sean filled a Spanish speaking mission to Columbia. Kelsey plans to get her endowments in the Gila Valley Temple Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!

**Sean Gleason**, husband of **Margaret Gleason**, passed away in February. His memorial services were held at the church this past week-end. The Gleason's lived at 2322 E. Capri Ave. Our sympathy is extended to Margaret and her family at this time.

**Elaine Beech**, (daughter of **Bonnie Jackson**) has really been sick since the beginning of the year. She ended up in the hospital for a few days. Her immune system just started shutting down. After LOTS of tests, therapy, rehydration, and some rounds of new medication, Elaine is starting, slowly, to feel better. Her hearing has been affected but she is hopeful she is on the way to recovery now. Elaine's sister, **Donna Larkin**, came from

California to spend a couple of weeks to help Elaine and Bonnie. Aren't we grateful to family and friends who come to our aid in times of trials?

**Edwina Dastrup** has managed to stay at her own home in the ward, with her health issues. Some days are better than others. **Daline Maddern** is still recovering from her broken arm and shoulder, in the home of her niece, Peggy. Her doctor still has her arm in a semi-cast in a position, 'bent' at the elbow. She is making progress and is doing well. She still needs assistance getting to her feet.

**Chad Morris**, oldest son of **Dwight and Linette Morris**, along with his two children, has moved from Utah to Mesa. They will be staying with Dwight and Linette for awhile until they get situated. Chad grew up in the Dana Ward and it's nice to have his smiling face back in the 'ward family'. Mom and Dad are happy to once again, have all of the Morris clan back in Arizona! Welcome HOME Chad!

**Jonathan Martinez**, son of **Johnny and Pat Martinez**, has graduated from his Auto Mechanics Program and has just returned back home again. Good Work Jonathan!



HATS OFF to several younger ward members who have auditioned for and won seats in the 'Honor's Orchestra' for the Mesa Elementary Schools. **Zac O'Bryant** plays cello, **Jared Nichols** plays trumpet and **Mason Redd** plays cello. Mason is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Franklin East. The other 2 young men are students at Franklin West. They will be performing with the 'Mesa Young People's Orchestra' at the Ikeda Theater at the Mesa Art Center on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Makes us Proud! (Note: the cello is a stringed instrument larger than a violin and viola but smaller than a bass.)

The 200 mile **Ragnar Relay Race** was held Feb 24 & 25. Over 2,000 runners participated. The **Hale Family** and the **Lester Stradling family** each entered a 12 man family team. **Kevin, Jessica, Michael and Richard Hale, Dorene, Lester, Jared, Richard and Kemra Stradling** all ran in the race. **Tyler Stradling** also participated. **Marie Montgomery** was entered on an "Ultra Team" made up of 6 team members which means that each lady on her team had to run twice as far since they could only spread the mileage of the race among their 6 members. **Rick Rogers** stepped in at the last minute and drove a chase vehicle for the Hale Family Team. **Kevin Hale**, with no training time, stepped in as a runner when one of his sisters had to drop out at the last minute. The Ward was impressed when these participants all made it out to meetings on Sunday, no worse for the wear of the race and only a little stiff!

**Joe and Elizabeth Stark** are expecting their first grand daughter in June. That would account for the big grin on "Grandpa Joe's" face! This little miracle comes to the Stark Clan by way of daughter **Tiera and her husband Rick**, who live in Idaho.

**Janet and Kyle Hassell** will be grandparents for the first time, courtesy of their daughter, **Kylie and her husband TJ Pond**. Zion is Growing!

In conjunction with the state's celebration of Arizona's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, we have some strong links to the event in our 'Ward Family'. Brother **Jess Root** (105) was an honored guest at a special brunch hosted by Gov. Jan Brewer. **Lovona Evans**, aunt of **Lois Chapman** was honored at a celebration held in Thatcher, because she was born Feb 14, 1912, the very day Arizona became a state, one hundred years ago. Sister Evans name was a combination of 'Love' because she was born on Valentine's day and 'ona' for Arizona, for obvious reasons!  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ARIZONA!**

**Wendy Tonga** has been bitten by the 'Genealogy Bug' and as a result of her research, she now has 40 family names ready for temple work!

A big THANK YOU to **Craig Montgomery and Jon Nichols** who took the 12 and 13 year old scouts to a recent District Camporee held in Phoenix. The boys were

able to earn their RailRoding Merit Badge. No prizes were won by our group in troop competition, but the boys had a lot of fun!

**Erika Crandall, granddaughter of Grace and Ernie Halliday**, (coordinated so many fund raisers several years ago for the little Siamese baby sisters from Chandler) has been notified that she has won a coveted scholarship for college from the Pepsi Co. Out of 87,000 applicants, she is one of 2,500 who will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship. These 2,500 students will be flown to Atlanta, Ga. sometime in April to attend a special awards ceremony. Among the 2,500 recipients, 500 will be informed that they have won a \$20,000 scholarship instead of the \$10,000. Either way, Erika will be a grateful recipient! Awesome! (Erika would love to attend BYU!) (Special note: Erika played the part of Mrs. Potts in the MHS production of *'Beauty & the Beast'* this past week.)

**Kevin Hale** took 9<sup>th</sup> place in the State Wrestling Competition for his weight class! Wahoo for Kevin!

**Pat and Cris Rogers** made a 'quick trip' of 2,950 miles, in 5 days, to Oregon, in Feb, to be there for the baptism of a brother-in-law of Cris who went through 19 sets of missionaries over 20 years before finally getting baptized. Don't ever give up on someone! Very Special Event! Cris also got to visit her father's grave for the first time, in San Jose, Ca.



Pat, Cris and Claire got to see the Portland and Medford, Ore, and Sacramento, Fresno and Redlands, Ca. temples along the way. They also enjoyed the spring fruit orchards in bloom, beehives, the vineyards and lots and lots of dairy cows grazing in green pastures.



## Relief Society

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2 Couns Linette Morris 962-8221  
Sec Nancy Tiffany 834-8494

**A wonderful Women's Conference was sponsored by the Mesa South Stake on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event, "Filled with Joy" was well attended. There were interesting workshops, a luncheon and special speakers, including the artist, Greg Olsen. There was also a special temple session for the women on March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### March/April RS Lesson Schedule

**Mar 4: Lesson taught by RS Presidency**  
**Mar 11: #5 "The Holy Priesthood" by Anna O'Bryant**  
**Mar 18: #6 "Sustaining Whom the Lord Sustains" by Lonnette Millican**  
**Mar 25: "Songs they Could not Sing" (Quentin L. Cook-Ens-Nov '11) by Lois Chapman**  
**Apr 1: GENERAL CONFERENCE BROADCAST**  
**Apr 8: #7 "Immortality of the Soul" by Anna O'Bryant**  
**Apr 15: #8 "Temple Blessings /Ancestors" by Lonnette Millican**  
**Apr 22: "Teachings of Jesus" (Dallin H. Oaks-Ens-Nov '11) taught by Lois Chapman**  
**Apr 29: Taught by Bishopric**

**The Relief Society Night Meeting** will be held Wed Mar 13, at 6:30 PM in the Cultural Hall. We will be celebrating the Birthday of the Relief Society and a Fun Game Night is planned with a RS Version of "Hollywood Squares"! Lots of fun and games! And there will be "Surprise Guests"!

## Young Women

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Sec Dawna Bury 529-6112



## *"Arise and Shine Forth."*

### YW Mutual Calendar for March/April

Mar 7: Wed - 5am - Baptisms for the Dead  
Dance Festival Practice at ward bldg.  
Mar 14: NO MIA (School Spring Break)  
Mar 21: All MIA Dance Festival Practice  
Mar 28: All MIA Dance Festival Practice  
Apr 4: All MIA Dance Festival Practice  
Apr 11: Dance Practice at Mesa High  
Apr 18: Dance Practice at Mesa High  
Apr 14: Sat - Early am Dance Practice @ Mesa High  
Apr 21: Sat - Early am Dance Practice @ Mesa High  
Apr 25: YW Activity to be announced

**Lauren Eyring, as one of her "Value" projects, helped organize the Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> "New Beginnings Program" for the Ward Young Women. Parents were invited and it was a Lovely Evening! Theme: "Leap Into Personal Progress".**

**The Regional Dance Festival will be held the evening of April 21 at the MHS football stadium.**

**Stake Girl's Camp** will be May 29 – June 1, right after school is out. The cost this year is \$75 per girl. The second payment of \$35 will be due Mar 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Primary

Pres Cheeri Redd 834-7788

1st Couns: Karlie Stradling 323-0611

2nd Couns: Dawn Nichols 610-1223

Sec: Marie Montgomery 834-2093

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Primary Theme for 2012 is "Choose the Right"

**March Theme:** "Living Prophets Teach Me to Choose the Right"

### Assigned Talks:

March 11: Kaeden Blau

March 25: Jared Nichols

The 8 – 11 year old girls will meet for Activity Day at the Church, Wednesday, March 7, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm

**Kelly Eyring and Kamea Turner** will graduate from Primary in March and will be joining the Beehive class in Young Women. We will miss these beautiful girls!

**Chris Montgomery** celebrated his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> and has graduated from Primary and has been ordained a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood.

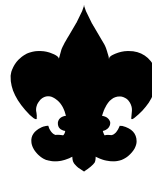
**Evan Redd** will celebrate his 8<sup>th</sup> birthday and will be baptized on

March 22. Evan is "Choosing the Right"!

**Jared Nichols** turns 12 on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jared will be graduating from Primary and moving on to the Young Men's program and the Scout Troop.

The 11 year old Cub Scouts attended Day Camp in February and had a lot of fun. They worked on knots, compass skills and first aid.

## YOUNG MEN



Pres. Richard Hale 834-3041

1<sup>st</sup> Couns. Daniel Scott 602-620-1072

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

Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194

Scout Flag Fundraiser  
Note:



The Scout Flag Fundraiser was a HUGE success this year!! The scouts want to thank all who participated and donated generously. They made enough for all 10 scouts to go to camp and they are all really excited. The big winners this year were Mason Redd for being first to reach his 12 subscription goal, and to the Montgomery Boys, Cole and Chris, for not only finishing second and third, but also going above and beyond to get 14 subscriptions each! As a whole, the troop should all be commended. They reached their average goal of 12 subscriptions apiece. Good job guys!! We know this success was not possible without the support of the ward members. Your spirit of pride, generosity and love that exists for this great nation is tremendous! We hope you enjoy the symbolic freedoms that our flag stands for.

Thank You!

### **March YM Activities:**

March 4: Collect Fast Offerings  
March 7: Dance Festival Practice for Teachers/Priests at Mutual  
March 8: Thurs- 5am-Baptisms for the Dead  
March 14: Spring Break –No Mutual  
March 21 & 28: Dance Festival Practice for All YM at mutual  
March 23-24: Scout Camp-out

### **April YM Activities:**

April 1: General Conference  
April 4: Dance Fest Practice for All YM for Mutual  
April 8: Collect Fast Offerings  
April 11 & 18: Wed – Dance Festival practice for All YM at Mesa High  
April 14 & 21: Sat – Early a.m. Dance Festival Practice at Mesa High  
April 21: Sat – Evening Dance Festival Performance at Mesa High  
April 25: Combined YM – Geocaching/GPS  
April 27 & 28: Scout Camp-out

A Stake Youth ***Pioneer Trek Reinactment*** will also be held this year, October 15 – 19 during the School Break. Kevin and Lou Hunt have been called to be the Dana Ward Trek Specialists!



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Ward Temple Day is Thurs, March 15<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup> for the 6:30 pm session or whichever session you can attend.

NOTE: The temple will close after the 1:30 pm session Mar 27 thru Apr 7 because of the Easter Pageant. The temple will be closed all day, Sat, Mar 31 for Gen Conference.



Thank You to the Dana Ward families that came on Saturday mornings in February to clean the ward building . Our responsibility and turn continues through March and April. Every family will have one assigned turn. Your family assignment will be included in the Sunday Bulletin and you will get a reminder call by phone. For information, call **Mark Standage 480-326-7408**. Thanks for your help!

### **MORMON.ORG PROFILES**

Ward Members continue to fill out their profile on mormon.org to meet the invitation of the First Presidency to proclaim our belief in our Church and Faith. We need to take advantage of this missionary tool! Your profile may have just the 'spark' to inspire someone to decide to seek more info about the Church. Bishop Eyring wants you to call him (695-2346) if you need help or to let him know when your profile is complete. The following is a partial list with profile address numbers of ward members who have completed their profile. You may want to look at some of them to get inspiration for yours. This isn't a 'term paper' or 'rocket science'. Keep it Simple!

Helen Chapman 885H, Nancy Lalliss 86VK, Nancy Tiffany 86VJ, Violet Rogers 82VG, Alec Turner 7Y5J, Cheeri Redd 7WQH, Steel Crandell 7FCS, Brandon Boone 7FCQ, Kevin Hale 7FCF, Cris Rogers 7F4B, Marie Montgomery 73S1, Kyle Hassell 6XCJ, Summer Smalley 6WSJ, Kevin Hunt 6T8F, Wes Filhart 467B, Conley Martin 3G71, Darren Eyring 3D14, Lindsey Layton 1N94, Neal Chapman 8869, Dustin Redd 7X12, Dave Hawks 6NBW, Judy Cluff 86B3.



2012 Canning Schedule for the  
Home Storage Center



**Our Stake Canning day will usually be the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday and our time will always be 10:30 am.** You do not have to sign up ahead of time for the items you wish to can during our assigned times. Just arrive 15 min. early and let them know what you want to can from

that month's scheduled items. You may also purchase extra of those items at the end of the canning session.

**Mar:** Black Beans, onions, oats, sugar & potato flakes (Canning: 27 Mar). **Apr:** Milk, fruit drink mix, carrots, apples. Refried beans (Canning: Apr 24)

**May:** Potato Flakes, macaroni, Sugar, cocoa mix, White Beans. (Canning: 22 May) For information, call Sally Goodwin 444-8740.

**Gilbert Temple construction  
progress during February 2012.**



Photos taken Feb 18, 2012 of construction progress of the new Gilbert, Az. Temple. A lot of progress has been made in just the past month. The above photo shows the facing stone almost completed on the north side of the temple which faces Pecos Rd. As of Feb 27, the facing stone on the west side (right side of photo) which faces Greenfield Rd is now also completed. The framework for the spire was installed the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Feb and the stone facing is well underway on the spire now.



Artist's rendering of the completed Gilbert, Az Temple



Close up details of corner windows.



### **Kansas City Missouri Temple**

The First Presidency has announced the open house and dedication dates for the Kansas City Missouri Temple. The public is invited to visit the temple open house from Sat. April 7 until Sat. April 21, 2012, excluding Sundays. Reservations are requested. The temple will be formally dedicated on Sunday, May 6, 2012 with broadcasts to Church units within the temple district. A cultural celebration featuring music and dance will be held Sat, May 5, 2012.



Close up of the detailed trim of the edge of the temple stone facing.

## Provo City Center Temple Update

<Provo Tabernacle as photographed 2-25-12.

In March 2012, the Provo City Planning Commission will hear a request from the Church to vacate a portion of 100 South—the road running between the Provo City Center Temple and the Church's recently acquired property to the south. The City must place the property on the surplus list before it can be sold to the Church.

As of mid-February 2012, excavation activities are nearing completion north of the temple where BYU archaeology professors and students have unearthed the foundation of the "Old Provo Tabernacle." NuSkin International has agreed to sell its parking terrace to the Church, located south of the temple, as it constructs a new facility further west. City officials anticipate that the parking structure, smokestack, and boiler will be demolished. Two buildings south of the temple, on land already purchased by the Church, have already come down: the former Los 3 Amigos Restaurant and Provo Travelodge Motel. The exterior brick walls of the former tabernacle are being supported by heavy steel girders provided by Jacobsen Construction—the general contractor for the temple. No groundbreaking date has been announced.



Possible appearance of the completed Provo City Center Temple.





**Provo Tabernacle morning after fire.**

Speculation of the Church's plans for the Provo Tabernacle began shortly after an accidental fire devastated the structure on December 17, 2010

## Temple Design



**Provo Tabernacle, original exterior**

The exterior of the Provo City Center Temple will reflect the original design of the 88' x 160' Provo Tabernacle, which featured a magnificent 147-foot central tower.

At the time of the tabernacle's construction, Bishop John P. R. Johnson and others opposed the central tower, cautioning that it would place too much stress on the building. Over thirty years later, that advice was finally heeded when it became apparent that the roof could not bear the weight of the tower in the long term. The building was partially condemned in 1913. Then, as part of a 1917 remodel, which included replacement of the frosted glass windows with stained art glass windows, the tower came down—followed by the supporting platform in the 1950s. In 1964, plans to raze the tabernacle

were entertained but eventually, the decision was made to improve the grounds and facility.

## Temple Site

The Provo City Center Temple stands at the corner of 100 South and University Avenue in Provo's Central Business District. It neighbors the world headquarters of Nu Skin International, which shares a multi-level parking facility with the tabernacle and has used the building for companywide meetings.

## Temple History

The history of the city of Provo began in September 1849, when President Brigham Young and his counselors headed a small caravan from Fort Utah to find a location to start a city. The center block of the planned mile-square city would be reserved for a chapel and schoolhouse. This "Public Square" was marked at present-day Pioneer Park, located at Center Street and 500 West. However, conflicts and disagreements combined with a lack of building materials slowed work on the meetinghouse. A foundation had been laid by 1856, but Brigham Young advocated abandonment of the project and moved Provo's center five blocks east to today's Tabernacle Block.



**Old Provo Tabernacle**

"The Old Tabernacle," a building of timber, adobe, and stone that faced Center Street, was completed in 1861. Brigham Young dedicated

the facility in 1867, publicly acknowledging that it "was entirely too small." Work on the new tabernacle began in 1883 under the direction of President John Taylor. By 1885, the building was in use and even hosted the 1886 and 1887 general conferences. The edifice was finally dedicated in 1898. The tabernacle was built with seating for 1,500 and featured a brick exterior, octagonal turrets at all four corners, a high-pitched roof, frosted-glass windows, spiral staircases, and exquisite woodwork including a hand-carved rostrum. Over the years, the tabernacle was remodeled and refurbished, culminating in a rededication in September 1986.

The tabernacle has hosted both presidents of the Church and presidents of the United States, the first being William H. Taft in 1909. It has been the venue for numerous and varied musical performances, school commencements and convocations, high-profile funerals, interfaith gatherings, and community patriotic events.

After standing unharmed for 125 years, the Provo Tabernacle met tragedy on December 17, 2010, when a four-alarm fire, reported at 2:43 a.m., engulfed the building. For hours, a crew of approximately 25 firefighters subdued flames and doused the building with water. Around 5:00 a.m., the roof began to collapse, giving way completely within the hour and dragging with it portions of the front parapet and wall. Crews were still drenching hot spots by mid-afternoon, but felt encouraged by the still-standing exterior walls. Tearful crowds gathered throughout the day, looking on in reverent dismay as black smoke billowed from the iconic edifice.

After three and a half months of investigation, a 135-page report by the Provo Fire Department concluded that a series of human errors led to the merciless blaze that destroyed the interior of the Provo Tabernacle. The events were set into action when a lighting technician, making room for temporary stage lighting, removed two 300-watt light fixtures in the attic and set one on a

wooden speaker box without removing the bulb. The night before the fire, the light came on with the rest of the house lights at 7:00 p.m. when performers arrived for a rehearsal of Lex de Azevedo's *Gloria*. The report estimates that the hot bulb ignited the speaker box by 9:30 p.m. and continued burning by the time everyone left at 11:00 p.m. Signs of a fire were passed off or mistaken by observers until a security guard at Nu Skin saw smoke coming from the tabernacle roof at 2:39 a.m. and called the fire department..

### **TEMPLE TO BE BUILT IN HARTFORD, CONN. SUBURB**

According to a newspaper article that appeared in "The Hartford Courant", 7 Feb, 2012, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is seeking to build Connecticut's first Mormon temple in Farmington, Conn.

The 24,000-square-foot building would be located on an 11-acre lot on Farmington Avenue near Winding Trails, according to Town Planner Jeff Ollendorf. The site is currently owned by Peter Fishman of PKT Development, and houses the former Whitman Restaurant, which has been converted into 12,000 square feet of office space.

If the site is approved by the city's planning and zoning commission, that building, along with a parking lot and some houses along Farmington Avenue also owned by Fishman, would be demolished.

Fishman said he has entered into a contractual agreement with Mormon church officials for the purchase of the land. Ollendorf said the church has been working with local landscape architectural firm Richter & Cegan Inc. on preliminary designs for the temple. "It is going to be a very handsome building, single story, with a 115' spire topped by a gold leaf Angel Moroni figure. The building would be surrounded by a New England stone fence .Because the project is in the preliminary stages, church officials aren't releasing details of the temple's exterior design at this time.

Farmington, steeped in New England history as one of the oldest communities in the state, is no stranger to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It was the birthplace and home of Pres. Wilford Woodruff who was a miller by trade.

In 1838 Wilford Woodruff began to preach the Mormon faith in his hometown. He arranged to have a meeting of non-church-members in town and he later baptized his father, stepmother, sister and three others, and a small Mormon congregation was born. Neil McMurdie, a Glastonbury resident and local public affairs director for the church, said it is in part because of Woodruff's legacy that the church decided to build a temple in Farmington. Woodruff, who later became the 4<sup>th</sup> church president, grew up on what is now Route 10, not far from where the proposed temple is to be built. During his tenure as president, he helped organize the church's genealogical society and dedicated multiple temples, including the church's massive headquarters in Salt Lake City.

By 1930, there were 198 Mormons in Connecticut. Since then, that number has risen to 15,000, according to recent U.S. Census data.

Currently, Mormons in Connecticut who wish to visit a temple must travel 115 mi to the temple in Belmont (Boston), Mass., 120 mi to the New York City temple, or 360 mi to the Washington DC (Silver Springs) temple. In 1995, plans to build a temple in Hartford that would have served more than 30,000 Mormons in the Northeast were shelved when a suitable site could not be found. Instead, the Belmont and New York temples were built.

Plans for the Farmington temple went before the town's planning and zoning commission on Jan. 23. The proposal, which includes a 196-space parking lot and a home for the temple's caretaker on the 11-acre lot on the corner of Melrose Drive and Farmington Avenue, must wind its way through a number of the town's land-use boards. In addition to the planning board, the town's Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses Agency must sign off.

It is estimated that the earliest construction could begin, would be in the coming 2012 summer.

## 1940 US Census Records to be Released

What do **Gordon Curtis, Joyce Berry, Wally Burgess, and 9 other ward members** have in common? They are part of the 'Greatest Generation', and for the first time, we'll be able to find them on census records! The 'Greatest Generation' survived the Great Depression, fought in WWII, practiced thrift and compassion, innovated technology (TV, computers, microwave, etc), understood hard work, and gave us Bambi.

The launch of the 1940 US Census Community Project is just a month away! Census records are kept private for at least 72 years, and a new one released every 10 years. The 1940 records will be released on **April 2, 2012**. A huge effort is underway to digitize these records and make them easily available online to everyone for free.

*Every person matters!* An army of volunteers is needed to INDEX the records of 132 million people living in the USA in 1940. YOU CAN HELP!! Indexing is done at home, at your own pace, is verified for accuracy, and it's EASY to do. All you need is internet access and a desire to give service. Even small amounts of time are valuable. When you sign on again, your screen will be right back to where you left off. You can get started today and practice on beta records, or begin with existing records. Sign in: LDS.org / Menu / Service / Volunteer / Index FH Records / Sign in (using LDS signon) / Start Tell your friends (without an LDS signon) to join the cause by registering at The 1940Census.com . The project can also be found on [blog@the1940census.com](http://blog@the1940census.com); Twitter at Follow @The1940Census ; on Facebook, and Pinterest board Vintage 1940s.

Today's greatest generation IS CONNECTED! This project is a perfect springboard for YW Medallion projects, YM Duty to God or Eagle projects, and filling service hours.

**WHO DO YOU WANT TO FIND IN THE 1940 CENSUS???**



## Margin Notes:

"I have never witnessed the removal of an actual mountain. But, because of faith, I have seen a mountain of doubt and despair removed and replaced with optimism and hope." Bishop Richard C. Edgley of the Presiding Bishopric

"All of our choices have consequences, some of which have little or nothing to do with our eternal salvation and others of which have everything to do with it." Pres. Thomas S. Monson

"Trials can be very personal. ... And no one is exempt, especially not saints striving to do what is right." Elder Paul V. Johnson

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:35

Courage becomes a living and an attractive virtue when it is regarded not only as a willingness to die manfully, but also as a determination to live decently. Pres. Thomas S. Monson

"Let your families be families of love and peace and happiness. Gather your children around you and have your family home evenings, teach your children the ways of the Lord, read to them from the scriptures, and let them come to know the great truths of the eternal gospel as set forth in these words of the Almighty." Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley

Wo be unto them that shall pervert the ways of the Lord after this manner, for they shall perish except they repent. Behold, I speak with boldness, having authority from God; and I fear not what man can do; for perfect love casteth out all fear. Moroni 8:16

It is in deep humility that each member is aware of the name given His Church in these latter days: *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*.

"Revelation is when our Heavenly Father conveys messages to His children here on earth. Prayer is when we seek to communicate with Him." Elder David A. Bednar

"Someday I hope to enjoy enough of what the world calls success so that someone will ask me, 'What's the secret of it? I shall say simply this: 'I get up when I fall down.'" Paul Harvey

"When some people have a difficult job to do, they give up everything else until that job is finished. Others just give up." Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. Romans 8:16

**Heavenly Father loves us because He is filled with an infinite measure of holy, pure, and indescribable love. We are important to God not because of our resume but because we are His children.**  
Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf

**God loves every one of us, even those who are flawed, rejected awkward, sorrowful, or broken. God's love is so great that He loves even the proud, the selfish, the arrogant, and the wicked.**  
Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf

**"Though we are incomplete, God loves us completely. Though we are imperfect, He loves us perfectly. Though we may feel lost and without compass, God's love encompasses us completely."**  
Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf

**Regardless of our current state, there is hope for us. No matter our distress, no matter our sorrow, no matter our mistakes, our infinitely compassionate Heavenly Father desires that we draw near to Him so that He can draw near to us.**  
Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf