

Dana Ward Family Newsletter - JULY 2012 -

Dana Ward Bishopric

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BE NICE!

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them:"

(Matthew 7:12)

"And the second is like unto it,

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

(Matthew 22:39)



So many scriptures, talks, sermons, lectures and stories reflect the Lord's command that we "**BE NICE**" to each other. In order for us to be ready and prepared to meet and live with our Heavenly Father again we need to be nice. Being nice takes work and practice. It entails doing certain things and not doing others. Envy, gossip, back biting, lying, and profanity are not actions displayed by those who are considered to be nice. Serving, showing care and concern, and speaking kindly are traits displayed by nice people.

Sometimes we forget the 2 scriptures at the beginning of this message and get to thinking we are good Latter-day Saints because we go to the temple, go to Church, pay tithes and offerings, keep the Word of Wisdom and so on. But if we aren't nice people we are tossing aside the most important commandments of all – loving the

Lord and our neighbors. "Being" something means we act that way in all circumstances and in all places. If we're only nice to certain people, at certain times of the day or week, or only in certain places – we have not become nice yet. Luckily, if we want to improve in our ability to "BE" more kind or nice the Lord will help us. Go to him in prayer. Learn more of Him each day. Then show your faith and gratitude in Him by keeping His commandments, including being nice.

Love,

Bishop Darren Eyring

Happy BIRTHDAY

July 2012

02 Karen Schnebly	22 Tanner Layton
03 Donovan Blau	24 Ryn Brown
04 Kyndra Hassell	25 Alec Turner
05 Emily Young	26 Keith Merkley
06 Samuel Williams	27 Kevin Schnepf
06 Olivia 'Ahia	28 Dawn Southwick
07 Jennifer Carter	28 Nazario Mendez
08 Shane Namuth	28 Jim Kitchen
10 Billy Reynolds	29 Renle Hird
12 Chris James	29 Susan Jackson
16 Lilyann Merkley	31 Emmett Hawks
17 Denlynn Brown	31 Amber Merkley
17 'Ele 'Ahia	31 Kent Ray Batty

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19 Kaeden Blau	01 Tanya Smith
19 Gideon Filhart	01 Heather Suhr
19 Bailey Young	03 Brian Bohot
19 Brenden Merkley	03 Emma McGraw
19 Sara Rose Sheeler	03 Myrna Pace
21 Dylon Merkley	03 Payton Young
21 Dallas Petersen	04 Ray Crandell
21 Caleb Martin	04 Robert Jorgensen
22 Anne Berryman	04 Garrett Lans
22 Denean Beals	05 Jordan Gardiner

Missionary Mailbox

Sister Marinda Hunt
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(Marinda will complete her mission labors and return home on Aug 16, 2012).

This has been another great week! We have a total of seven now, that have committed to baptism. Two of these are the kids of less active parents. The sad part is that they have no knowledge of Heavenly Father or Jesus Christ. One of the boys at the start of the lessons asked "Well, who is God anyway?" I had to take a moment to think how to explain that. He is a teenage boy and is so thirsty for knowledge about Heavenly Father and knew nothing. It made me realize the importance of the role of the mother teaching her kids the gospel concepts and how much this knowledge helps to strengthen our families. By the end of the first lesson they were really excited about what they were learning. I think it is neat that we never really stop learning things about the Gospel.

The 'cat people' are doing really good. We've had a few lessons with them and we also helped them move to another apartment. As we taught them about the law of chastity we learned that they are not married. They are receptive to the plans for them to get married. They came to church last Sunday and they loved it!

We have really been trying to come up with new ways to find more investigators to teach. We spent a day trying some surveys that are a good way to approach people and ask them what they believe. That same day we taught a total of eight lessons. The norm for us is a maximum of three lessons in any one day. That was definitely a faith building experience. We got to talk to so many people and it was so neat! I don't know why we didn't think about this resource before.

That same day we had a guy call us and ask us if we wanted to come over for dinner. He said he had met us and talked to us before. Well then it clicked! Three months ago, we were tracting and we had sat

on this guy's porch and talked. He wasn't interested in our message, so we left, still respecting each other. So now he calls us three months later and says he would like to have us over for dinner. So we went and had a BBQ with him and his wife. They are great people and we are excited to start teaching them.

On Sunday, the White family came to church and this means that they can now set a date to have their kids baptized. The parents are members but have not been active for years. The Mom got up and bore her testimony and so did the oldest daughter! That was really awesome! We were so excited! I think the parents are really serious about changing their lives and habits. I know that Heavenly Father has answered my prayers and is helping me build my own faith. I know that there are lots of people looking for the gospel and I hope we can find as many as possible. I love this work. It truly is incredible! August and my release are fast approaching. I don't want this to end!

Love

Sister Marinda Hunt



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Hello to everyone, from the 'Land of Mexico'! We only work 2 areas here; Montemorelos and San Jose in Reynosa. Someone had asked about our baptism rate here. All I can say is that the missionaries wish it was larger numbers, but we have a 'steady trickle'. It isn't really about the numbers, but we love them when they come! My Companion and myself have actually baptized six, but for record purposes, some we had to leave because of transfers and other missionaries completed teaching them and actually did the baptism ordinance. Then, with transfers, we picked up a few who were already being

taught and completed the lessons and baptized them. So, it evens out all around.

Someone also asked about whether we can get pizza here. We can, but they don't do the garlic and cheese on the crust. It's sad I know. We have to eat ours 'plain', but pizza in any form is still awesome to a missionary!

Sounds like dad had a fun Fathers Day! Mine was full of drunks yelling at us and appointments that fell through, but some days are just like that. The pictures of the family 'backhouse' at home, looks sweet with all the renovations! I'm kinda weary of tile floors because that's just about all everyone has here. The 'Big Dream' of the Americans here, is to get to stretch out on a carpeted floor when they get home! Another thing we worry about is going back to the States to discover that we cannot function with all the new technology.

I appreciated the notes from the Return Missionary's talk from the Dana Ward Sacrament Meeting. It sounds like he was an awesome missionary and dedicated to service as a missionary. I would hope that I'm able to express myself half as well when I get home, and am able to share some special missionary moments. I love the story about Alma. It gets me pumped up to do meaningful missionary work!

If I remember correctly, Marinda Hunt will be coming home soon. That will be cool!

I can hardly wait to get to meet Darwin Chapman's wife. I hope I get to continue as his Home Teacher. I wonder if he ever got a chance to finish his Hot Tub? He was working on that before I came out to the Mission Field. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting in his home.

I appreciate all the support and help my family has given me while here as a missionary. The gospel is true. I love my parents and family and hope everyone has a WONDERFUL week!!!

Love

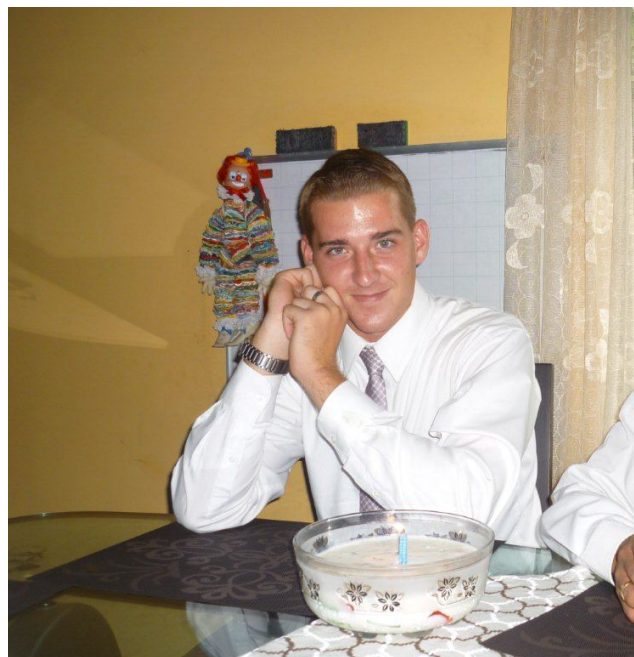
Elder Stark

(Elder Stark's parents said that Joseph has not been sending pictures because the place where he does his emailing has been infected with a virus that has destroyed all of his pictures and corrupted his missionary file. Perhaps in the future when he has other emailing resources, he can go back to sending pictures again.)



Elder Trevor Schnepf
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Hello everybody! A BIG THANKS to my family for the Birthday Care Package! I'm now officially 20 years old and a bit disappointed I don't feel any different! It just sounds really weird that I'm getting old! I loved everything that was in the Birthday Box. Last Sunday, I cooked the tacos at the



Bishop's house and we had Kool Aid and Rice Crispy Treats for dessert. It was truly a Feast from Home. It will probably be my last 'big' activity here. I have been at this location for 6 months so will probably get a new assignment this next week when transfers come out.

We did get some recent good news here. One of our investigators passed her interview with President Amaya and we got to baptize her. So she and we were happy! I know she will be a super good convert and as a member, will be a good support in the ward

when she gets her callings. We are working really hard to find and teach new investigators, but sometimes they seem so eager to learn about the gospel but fail to make it out to Church, so can't be baptized. It's really frustrating, but we just keep on working and looking for ways to better ourselves, our teaching methods and encouraging them. Just keep praying for us there at home. We need all the prayers we can get.

We've been working with Elder Gossling a lot this week. He will be heading home to Mesa next week, and will be knocking on the Schnepf door with some things I'm sending with him.

We also had interviews with President



Amaya this week. It was really fun to talk to him. Sister Amaya made us all cookies and they were almost as good as cookies from home. She is such a sweet lady!

That's all I can think of for this week so that's my report.

My love to all,
Elder Schnepf

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I am doing great. Missionary work is very exciting. It is amazing to see the spirit work in other people's lives. We are working with a family right now. I have truly come to love them. We meet with them every week and I can see how the spirit is working in their lives. I am still getting used to the high humidity. Last week, the biking Elders had to stay indoors from noon on, because of the



heat. There was a huge storm coming in and we had to be extra careful. The storms can be very intense on the East Coast. There was so much rain and the lightening and thunder was so loud and intense.

We have been able to do some site seeing on our p-days. We were going to go to Jamestown, but it was raining pretty hard so we went to Yorktown instead. We went to some history museums. There are a lot of historical sites in Virginia.





I love sharing the gospel with others. I am so glad for the opportunity I have to serve the Lord and the people in Virginia. I know the gospel is true.
Love, Elder Eyring

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{**Elder Sheldon Hassell** has been at the Provo MTC since April 25. He is scheduled to leave for Eugene, Oregon on June 26, 2012.)

Today at the temple we did initiatory again and it was an awesome experience, not that other times weren't, just that today I felt so peaceful and calm and just plain good. I love going to the temple and am really going to miss not getting to go every week once we leave the MTC.

Every Sunday we prepare a 5 min talk en Espanol. Several missionaries are called up to speak, but we never know who will be asked to present theirs. It gives us good practice, doing the preparation. I gave mine last Sunday, along with leading the music. Luckily, nobody looks at you when you lead because they are all so focused on their hymn books, otherwise it would've been embarrassing. My talk went really quite well though. I did good on the timing and several people told me they understood

what I said. The cool thing is that I actually wrote it. I asked for help writing some stuff but it wasn't copy-pasted out of PMG like my first few talks were. So I was pretty happy about that.

Elder Malm spoke to us last Tuesday and this Sunday, Sister Sheri Dew spoke. Both gave some really great talks. Elder Malm was really funny! He kept us laughing and is a really great member of the 70. He talked to us about pillars of missionary work to be effective missionaries. He also said something pretty cool, I mean It's something we know but still neat: "Each of us is in control of our Eternal life."

Sister Dew is a very independent and neat lady. I really liked her talk.

I'm so excited to know that this time next week, I will finally be in Oregon. During the orientation they talked to us about working with members, focusing on Baptizing and Confirming and how that is very important to what we do. It kind of changed my outlook on baptisms. Just so much good information on how to plan better, set goals, and focus on names associated with each number in our daily planner. We heard from a lot of really cool teachers and had practices applying principles. We discussed more effective finding methods as well and using Mormon.org to answer people's questions. They encouraged us to work with the local Bishops and to find out what we can do to make their jobs easier.

So this last week is Cram! They told us to finish strong. I'm trying to polish the language and the gospel as well. I'm really excited to get out there and teach. I report to the Travel office here at 8 AM Tuesday the 26th. I know that there are people in Oregon waiting for me to bring them this wonderful message that blesses individuals and more importantly, families, for Eternity.

Con Amor
Elder Hassell

Tate Brinton (452-5783) Ward Mission Leader.

Full-time Missionaries:
Elder Tanner and Elder Hamby 495-8138.

Ward Calendar Activities

July 4: Happy Birthday U.S.A. {Temple Closed}

July 5: Priest's Golf Tournament

July 18: Priest/Laurel Dance

July 16-30: Mesa Temple Closed for
Maintenance

July 21: Pioneer Day Concert Broadcast

July 24: Pioneer Day

July 25-28: Priest's Super Activity

July 28: Stake Preparedness Fair 9am @ Spur
Bldg.

(Be sure to check for activities listed under the
different Auxiliary Organizations)

GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

Pete and Amelia Smith and their children, **Audrey (4), Brandon (2) and Melanie (2.5 months)** have moved into the former home of Amelia's grandmother, Edwina Dastrup (1806 E Nielson) (602-463-3722). Amelia is also the sister of Dallas (& Helen) Petersen. When they were first married, Pete and Amelia lived in our ward. They have moved back from the Gilbert Cornerstone Ward where Pete taught the 10 year old Primary class and Amelia was the Primary chorister. He grew up in Flagstaff and is the youngest of 11 children. He is a Dodger's baseball fan and enjoys playing neighborhood football. Pete is currently the manager of Everest College here in Mesa and has graduated from ASU with a degree in political science. He is preparing to take his LSAT pre-law test in Oct. hoping to get into law school. He filled a mission to Mexico Tampico. Amelia has an Elementary Ed. Degree from ASU and teaches piano lessons. She enjoys crafts and being a mom. It is nice to have them back in the Dana Ward family.

It has been fun to have the chance to get acquainted with **Lina Nong Chapman**, the

wife of **Darwin Chapman**. They met on the internet and were married 27 May, 2011 in her native city of Nanning, China. Lina and Darwin have been working on the papers and documents necessary for her to move to the United States, since their marriage. We are so happy to finally have her here and now part of our Dana Ward Family. Lina is 42 and has 2 sisters and 1 brother. Her mother is still living but her father passed away about 25 years ago, from cancer. She has worked in her sister's store doing retail sales, sold cell phones and has been a receptionist at several government offices. She likes to crochet and holds several awards in Tie Chie which is a form of martial arts that involves a 3 foot sword. She enjoys singing and plays a bamboo flute. She would like to learn how to play a wood, 9 stringed Chinese instrument called a Cujong. Darwin says that Lina is an awesome housekeeper, is very neat and tidy, is very kind and caring towards others and is an excellent cook. Darwin is learning to love Chinese foods and Lina has already been introduced to Mexican food and loves it, especially refried beans. She is looking forward to attending a Church sponsored English skills class. They have already met and spent time visiting with a couple from SGP Ward that speak Lina's dialect of Chinese. Lina is not a baptized member of the Church, so this gives us a chance to fellowship her and get acquainted. Welcome Lina!

Notes on Dana Ward Folks

Dallas and Helen Petersen will be moving to Australia the end of July where Dallas will continue his pursuit of a Doctorate Degree in Chinese/American

Studies. They have housing lined up and a plan to complete his degree. Helen's family still lives in Australia, but they are about a 10 hour drive from where the Petersen's will be living. We wish them well and hope their future includes the Dana Ward again.

We were all saddened by the passing of **Brother Ed Provence**. He passed away unexpectedly, Wed. June 6, 2012 and his services were Tues, June 12. The ward Primary kids knew him as the "**Cookie Grandpa**" and will miss more than his bag of animal cracker cookies which he generously shared with them each Sunday. The "Cookie Handouts" were a hold over from his days serving in the Primary Nursery. **Carol** is continuing to carry his 'cookie bag' for the kids, so they won't be disappointed. Our love and kind thoughts to Carol and her family at this time.

The good news is that Carol's granddaughter, **Andina Budiyo** is going to be staying with Carol to help her. Andina is 18 and currently taking online classes with BYU-Idaho, hoping to be accepted into the Idaho 3 semester program sometime this coming year. Welcome to the Dana Ward Andina! Feel free to call on the ward members for assistance!

We also extend our love to **Holly Romero**. Her father, **Thomas Mingione**, passed away early in June

We have also learned of the passing of **Lucille Pratt**, the sister of **Berta Whitney**. Lucille and Berta were former members of the Dana Ward. Her services were held June 16th.

GOOD NEWS! **Cheryl Lans** had her family's temple sealing ordinances done on June 12, 2012 in the Mesa Temple. **Garrett, Gavin, Cheryl and Mike** are now a 'Forever Family'. Also, Cheryl was rear-ended in a car accident, but is OK! Bummer there!

Richard and Kim Hale have had a new granddaughter born to son, **Michael** and his wife **Taylor**. The Hale Clan is having a Family Reunion early in July and this child did not want to miss the fun of attending! In her hurry to get here, she was born in the family vehicle, on Higley Rd, on the way to the hospital. Everyone is healthy and happy! This makes for 14 Hale grandchildren and 10 of them are under the age of 2! They made the 6:00 news for the local TV channels. They have named her **Chloe Taylor Hale** and she weighed 7# 11oz and was born Tuesday, June 19, 2012.

Jessica Hale is 'summering' at NAU where she has been serving as an E FY counselor for the past few weeks. She is loving it!

Pat and Cris Rogers have completed their filming adventures of their Mountain Man Business. The filming crew loved the experience of getting to sleep in a teepee and the wonderful dutch-oven meals and getting to experience and film all the Mtn. Man activities. No one was particularly thrilled with all the insects that joined them in camp and stayed for the 'duration'! Pat has shaved off his Mtn. Man beard – probably to get rid of the insects that 'nested' there! Their segment will be broadcast on the OUTDOOR CHANNEL sometime around the end of Sept.

Betty and Gordon Curtis are excited about getting to attend their Curtis Family Reunion in Salt Lake. Fun Times!

We can't let the opportunity go by without making note of a milestone in the life of **Dale Rogers**. Dale retired the middle of May and we congratulate him on his many years in the work field of computer technology and most recently with Rieth Auto. We suspect that Dale is not going to just sit on the porch and watch his grass grow! Welcome to the world of Social Security and Medicare Dale.

Wes Filhart and his young son **Steele**, had a great visit with Wes's extended family in Chau Doc, South Viet Nam. Wes and Steele traveled with Wes' mother and father and got to visit his mother's homeland for 3 weeks, renewing family history and mingling with 4 generations of their family. Wes and Steele learned a lot about their family heritage. It was the first time Wes had ever met his grandmother and other relatives. His grandfather was a soldier in the South Vietnamese Army and died as a prisoner of war of the North Vietnamese. It was a special experience for Wes to get to visit his grave site. Another highlight was to get to attend a small LDS Branch meeting in Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon). There were about 122 members in attendance. Missionaries are still not allowed in Viet Nam, but the members are allowed to meet together for worship services. The country is still under communist rule but there are a few more freedoms available as the country moves towards more international trade. Steele is now a World Traveler and didn't complain once about the long (29 hr) flights or unusual foods! It was a totally awesome trip and wonderful opportunity to strengthen family ties!



Jared Broderick and Camy Smith were married in the Mesa Temple June 16, 2012. Congratulations! They will make their home in the Dana Ward at 1917 E. Dana (287-0444).

Bishop Gary Tiffany is hobbling around right now, recovering from a partial knee replacement. He says his 'hero' is definitely Bishop Hale, who had both knees done a couple of years ago. Brother Tiffany says he yelled 'UNCLE' early on, but no one paid any attention to him. We wish him a speedy recovery and appreciate his dedication to his ward calling with the YM by coming out to meetings while still in early recovery!

Joe and Elizabeth Stark flew to Idaho to meet their brand new and ONLY granddaughter! All the Stark married daughters joined them from Texas, Utah and Colorado so they could enjoy a few days together. Next year, son, Elder Joseph Stark, will be able to join them.

Patricia Watts enjoyed a special summer adventure with her daughter who talked her into taking a ride at 11,500 feet, on a ski lift above Flagstaff. Patricia doesn't usually do anything more than 3 feet off the ground, but she thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful scenery and the view. Way to go Sister Watts!

Chris Martin is going to enjoy a week in the Bahamas with her twin daughters, **Charlene and Cindy**. The three ladies will be celebrating the twins 40th birthdays. The twins were born in Las Vegas when Sister Martin's plane had to be diverted from their destination, to accommodate the early delivery of these twin daughters. Hopefully,

this celebration of their birth will have less drama and it will be smooth sailing on their cruise ship! We hope they have fun!

Congratulations to **Conner Morgan** who graduated from High School. Lots of hard work to reach this goal!

Joe and Mickey O'Barr's daughters have visited on "work vacations" to help Martha paint the O'Barr basement after a plumbing crisis! After the installation of new tile and carpet, the basement will be declared 'livable' and 'restored' again and they can resume 'life as usual' in their home! Joe and Mickey are putting into practice, the Bishop's theme of "**Endure to the End!**"

The Ray and Melissa Crandell family have house guests for the summer. **Daughter Kelsey and her husband Sean**, are staying with the Crandells until school starts up again in August at EAC. Son, **Golden**, has moved out of the Crandell home and is living in their old ward area with several room mates and attends a YSA ward. **Steele** got a summer job as a welder through his welding classes he took at E.V.I.T. Hopefully, it will work into a full time position and help him build his mission fund account.

The O'Barrs have also learned that their oldest daughter, Becky, is going to Scotland with a drama group in Aug. Along with performances, Becky will get to pay a visit to the town of Kelsoe, the home place of Mickey's Mother's Scottish Clan. O'Barr daughters Martha and Kathy, plan to meet Becky there so they can enjoy the homecoming together. Mickey is a little miffed that she is not going to be able to go with them!

Daline Maddern has had another fall and sustained some new injuries. Daline is living with her Niece, Maggie Fitzgerald. She would enjoy an occasional phone call or a little card in the mail once in awhile from her Dana Ward Family. Daline's cell phone number is 623-455-5301. Her address is: Daline Maddern, C/O Maggie Fitzgerald, 46108 W. Starlight Rd., Maricopa, Az 85139.



Relief Society

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1 Couns Lonnette Villarreal	969-5291
2 Couns Linette Morris	962-8221
Sec Nancy Tiffany	834-8494

July RS Lesson Schedule

July 1: "A Worldwide Circle of Sisterhood" (Daus in my Kingdom #6) taught by Lonnette Millican-Villarreal

July 8: #13 & 14 "How to Share the Gospel & Doing it" - by Vickie Stevens

July 15: #15 "Advancing the Work of the Lord" by Wendy Tonga

July 22: "The Powers of Heaven" by Bednar-Ens-May '12) by Lois Chapman

July 29: RS/Priesthood Joint Lesson

All Relief Society sisters are invited to attend a unique Fashion Show at **Night Relief Society, Tues. July 10th**. Sisters have volunteered to model clothes purchased at DI, other Thrift Stores, or clothes they have recycled from their own closets or those of others, or have made from remnant fabrics obtained from sale tables.

Some items are super bargains from clearance tables and 'sale' racks. There will also be a 'Swap Table'! You may bring useable items to put on the table and feel free to take home any other items you and your family might be able to use. (No charge for these items). There will also be a table display of/or pictures of great bargains

found by ward sisters to stimulate our thinking processes of 'thrifty buying' ideas. Come enjoy a fun evening with us and pick up a few tips on **"Living Good on a Budget"**!

Bring your favorite salad to share.

The fun starts at 6:30 pm.

Please remember that **Lou Hunt**, the RS President, and her family, is spending the summer at Camp Geronimo, as part of the staff. If you need to contact the Relief Society for any reason, please call either Lonnnette or Linette. Lou will return to Mesa early in August.

Young Women

Pres Lindsey Layton 292-4556

1st Couns Jill Schnepf 890-8934

2nd Couns MaryAnn Kaberry 993-3351

Sec Dawna Bury 529-6112



"Arise and Shine Forth."

As a ward, we enjoyed the youth speakers and messages from two of the leaders that attended Girl's Camp in early June. Their theme this year was **"Service Without A Trace"** or **"SWAT"**! The girl's had many opportunities to put 'Service' into practice!



Primary

Pres Cheeri Redd 834-7788

1st Couns: Marie Montgomery 834-2093

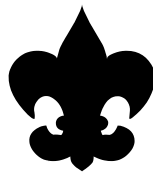
2nd Couns: Dawn Nichols 610-1223

Sec: Anna O'Bryant 602-509-8757

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Primary Theme for 2012 is
"Choose the Right"

YOUNG MEN



Pres. Richard Hale 834-3041

1st Couns. Daniel Scott 602-620-1072

2nd Couns. Pat Rogers 695-7616

Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194

YM Activities

July 7: Venture Golf (Priests play 9 holes of golf against other Mesa Venture groups)

July 11: All Mutual Activity (Laurels)

July 15: BYC

July 18: Stake Priest/Laurel Dance

July 25: Stake YM Sports Night

July 26-28: Priest Super Activity Campout

Note: Teachers are finalizing their Super Activity plans for sometime near the end of July

Alex Shope is still in Russia.

Alec Turner is working at Camp Geronimo for the summer.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Pioneer Day Concert will be transmitted over the Church broadcast system on Sat. July 21, 2012 at 6pm Az. Time. The program is 1.5 hrs long and will feature the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square. It may also be viewed at the same time or online thereafter, on the internet, through Sun. July 22, up to 8:30 pm Az. Time. Other broadcasts are available. More info is available at broadcastinfo.lds.org.

Please be advised that the Mesa Temple is closed for maintenance July 16 thru July 30. Please attend any session/s



your personal schedule will permit, during the first two weeks of July. The temple will reopen Tues, July 31, 2012. Also, the Stake Presidency will not be available for temple recommend interviews on the 2nd Sunday of July. They will be available July 22 from 3-5pm.

2012 Canning Schedule for the Home Storage Center



Our Stake Canning day will usually be the 4th 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.

July: non-fat dry Milk, fruit drink mix, dry carrots, apple slices, Refried beans(Canning: July 31). **Aug:** Potato Flakes, macaroni, Sugar, cocoa mix, White Beans. (Canning: Aug 28) **Sept:** Black Beans, dry onions, regular oats, sugar & potato flakes (Canning: Sept 25)

For information, call **Sally Goodwin 444-8740.**

Saturday July 28, 2012

Mesa South Stake

Emergency Preparedness Fair*

Free immunizations for infants through high school aged children.

Classes, booths, and demonstrations.

9 am to 12 noon at the Spur Building

(1415 S. Southern Ave.)

This is a community event-Please invite your friends and neighbors

Gilbert Temple construction

With the installation of the Angel Moroni statue on the spire of the Gilbert Temple, most of the work will now be on the inside of the temple and not available for photos. We will keep you advised as information is released concerning the Gilbert Temple progress.

NEIGHBORHOOD BURGLARY ALERT

Just to alert the neighborhood- You should all know that during the last two weeks of June, the neighborhood west of Gilbert Rd. and north of Broadway, has been targeted by home break-ins, burglaries and theft. Several ward families or their neighbors, have been victimized and others have actually encountered the thieves. Their methods seem to always be the same: one rings the doorbell at one of the front doors, during mid morning, at houses with no cars in the driveway. If no one answers, they go to the back yard and break in through a door or window. They are taking guns, cash, computers and other electronics. It is assumed that they are escaping thru the alley with their 'booty'. Of the two sightings of the 'perps', they are about 5' 8", unshaven, dark Mexican males, black hair and slight to medium build. A couple of ward members have been home alone or with their children and were busy so did not answer the door, only to find these unknown men either in their back yard (said they were looking for some place to go to the bathroom) or found them inside their house. They are probably assuming that if no one answers the

door and there is no vehicle in the driveway, there is no one home and they are trying to strike before the owners come home for lunch. They are brazen and should be considered dangerous. If you suspect anyone who knocks on your door, do not answer the door and do not let them in. If possible, take their picture through a window as they are leaving and call the police. Alert your neighbors and watch each other's homes and be observant of any suspicious, unknown people loitering around on your street or in yards.

Margin Notes:

"Oft times those we think deserve our love the least need it the most." Bishop H. Burke Peterson

Speak evil of no man, be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. Titus 3:1-2

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Be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another... Ephesians 4:32

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

Angry words, oh, let them never
From the tongue unbridled slip;
May the heart's best impulse ever
Check them ere they soil the lip.
(From the 1909 Sunday School Song Book)

Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you. Matt. 5:44

Thou shalt not speak evil of thy neighbor, nor do him any harm. D&C 42:27

And Now abideth faith, hope, charity these three; but the greatest of these is charity. 1 Corinthians 13:13

"Gossip is the worst form of judging. The tongue is the most dangerous, destructive, and deadly weapon available to man. Half-lies about an individual are as deadly as those insect parasites that kill the heart and life of a mighty oak." Pres. N. Eldon Tanner

"True conversion to Jesus Christ comes when we treat others with patience, kindness, a gentle acceptance, and a desire to play a positive role in their lives."
Elder Marvin J. Ashton

"It is so easy to find fault. Cultivating criticism will only deter us in the pursuit of our great divinely given goal. Stop seeking out the storms and enjoy more fully the sunlight. Treat one another as brothers and sisters in the gospel"
Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley

"I have never heard anyone complain for having been thanked too much. Remember people thrive on praise and recognition."
Elder Steven E. Snow, Presidency of the 70
If you wouldn't write it and sign it, don't say it.

"I think in all of us there is a profound longing for friendship, a deep yearning for the satisfaction and security that close and lasting relationships can give." Elder Marlin K. Jensen of the Seventy

I have wept in the night
For the shortness of sight
That to somebody's need made me blind;
But I never have yet
Felt a tinge of regret
For being a little too kind.
Quoted by Pres. Thomas S. Monson

Please help me to be kind, honest and law abiding even when no one is looking!

"Gracias, danke, merci - whatever language is spoken, 'thank you' frequently expressed will cheer your spirit, broaden your friendships, and lift your lives to a higher pathway as you journey toward perfection. There is a simplicity - even a sincerity - when 'thank you' is spoken." Robert W. Woodruff

I always know that God won't give me more than I can handle. There are times I just wish he didn't trust me quite so much.

Even though a marriage is made in heaven, the maintenance work has to be done here on earth.

This evening and every evening, turn your worries over to God - He's going to be up all night anyway.

Husbands sometimes speak of their in-laws as if their wives didn't have any.

Acquire enthusiasm; you can't be enthusiastic and unhappy at the same time.

A test of your fairness is how fair you are to those who are not.

Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matt. 25:40

"And as all have not faith, seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom; yea Seek ye out of the best books, words of wisdom; seek learning, even by study and also by faith." D&C 88:118

"A loving earthly parent establishes rules to keep a child safe; our Heavenly Father has given us commandments for the same reason."
Cecil B DeMille at a BYU commencement address

"The 10 Commandments are the laws of God. Violate them and we suffer lasting consequences. Obey them and we reap everlasting joy." Pres. Thomas S. Monson

"May we see the 'shall nots' as doorways to freedom, safety and happiness rather than barricades that restrict us. And may we incorporate in our daily lives all the "thou shalt" He has lovingly given us to help us, truly, to be free. Cecil B DeMille at a BYU commencement address

"We must cherish one another, watch over one another, comfort one another and gain instruction, that we may all sit down in heaven together." Sister Lucy Mack Smith

"We cannot always lift the burden of one who is troubled, but we can lift her so she can bear it well."
Elaine L. Jack, Relief Society general president

"Sometimes we don't understand why we are not feeling successful and wonder 'what's wrong with me'? We haven't necessarily done anything wrong - we just have not been doing the right things long enough. Success will come!" Pres. Boyd K. Packer

"Our opportunities to give of ourselves are limitless, but they are also perishable. There are hearts to gladden. There are kind words to say. There are gifts to be given. There are deeds to be done. There are souls to save."
Pres. Thomas S. Monson

"During your lifetime, you may achieve wealth or fame or social standing. Real success, however, comes from helping others." Pres. Thomas S. Monson