

DANA WARD NEWS

5-2013 Issue



BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

"We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God" (Articles of Faith 1:9)

The scriptures include the commandments for us to "give diligent heed to the words of eternal life" and "live by every word that proceedeth forth from the mouth of God" (D&C 84:43-44).

We sustain the members of the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles as prophets, seers, and revelators. Their teachings reflect the will of the Lord. They give us instruction, warnings, and counsel from the Lord for our day. We are blessed with safety, peace, and spiritual strength when we listen to and obey their counsel.

As a Bishopric we encourage YOU Members of the Dana Ward to put forth your best efforts in:

-Consistent church attendance (3 hour block on the Sabbath).

-Paying a full and Honest Tithe (Paying from each paycheck or weekly helps to keep ahead).

-If you have a Temple recommend, use it; if you don't, work earnestly to obtain one. Meet with Bishop and establish a time frame in which you can receive one.

If I tell you that your hand will be safe and free of burns if you keep it out of the fire, do you believe me? Now that you trust me, also believe this promise given by Latter Day Prophets: As You keep these commandments, YOU will be blessed with safety, peace, and spiritual strength.

With Love, Brother Hassell



2 - Melvin Beals	13 - Paul James Perez	21 - Joseph Stark	29 - Cheeri Redd
2 - Spencer Bury	14 - Dale Edwin Rogers	22 - Olivia Ahia	30 - Dil Brinton
3 - Kevin Hale	15 - Raylin Crosby	22 - Maria Mendez	30 - Tamera Turner
3 - Edith Sartain	15 - Josh Montgomery	23 - Wyatt Guerrero	30 - Leticia Zepeda,
6 - Courtney Eyring	16 - Katie Jane Johnson	23 - London Reynolds	31 - Genevieve Hewes
6 - Cheryl Lans	16 - Raymond Luddington	23 - Brigham Tietjen	
6 - Ruby Redd	17 - Nellie Halliday	23 - Brinley Tietjen	
7 - Jonathan Young	17 - Martha Morgan	24 - Audrey Redd	
8 - Kiley Crosby	18 - Gavin Quigley-Lans	24 - Robert Turner	
8 - Jade Williams	18 - Sharon Ann Zufelt	24 - Jared Wood	
9 - Andrew Wood	19 - Richard Durfee	25 - Lou Hunt	
10 - Harvey Mosley	19 - Amy Petersen	26 - Lydia Donahue	
12 - Steele Filhart	20 - Ezra Zepeda	28 - Alfred Berry	
12 - Kristopher Tiffany	21 - Wallace Burgess	28 - Connie Rogers	
13 - Cherish Beals	21 - Ernest Halliday	28 - Holly Romero	
13 - Jia Jeanne Mallette	21 - Lindsey Layton	29 - John Martinez	

BISHOPRIC

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1st Counselor - Rondal Jones

2nd Counselor - Douglas Millett

Exec. Secretary - Daniel Zufelt

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Full-time Missionaries - 480-495-8138

DANA WARD PRESIDENCIES

High Priests

President Ray Crandell

1st Assistant Dwight Morris

2nd Assistant Kevin Hunt

Secretary Melvin Beals

Elders Quorum

President David Hawks

1st Counselor Mac Rainwater

2nd Counselor Kyle Packer

Secretary Andrew Petersen

Relief Society

President Lou Hunt

1st Counselor Lonette Villarreal

2nd Counselor Linette Morris

Secretary Nancy Tiffany

Sunday School

President John Chapman

1st Counselor Semisi Tonga

2nd Counselor Chris Carter

Secretary Ernest Halliday

Young Men

President Richard Hale

1st Counselor Daniel Scott

2nd Counselor Patrick Rogers

Secretary Conley Martin

Priest Quorum

1st Assistant Brandon Boone

2nd Assistant Alec Turner

Secretary Brendan Merkley

Teacher's Quorum

President Dylon Merkley

1st Counselor Spencer Nichols

2nd Counselor Cole Montgomery

Secretary

Deacon's Quorum

President Donovan Blau

1st Counselor Nathaniel Arriaga

2nd Counselor Nathan Young

Secretary Jared Nichols

Young Women

President Lindsey Layton

1st Counselor Jill Schnepf

2nd Counselor Janet Hassell

Secretary Chris Tiffany

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President Kyndra Hassell

1st Counselor Courtney Eyring

2nd Counselor Summer Smalley

Secretary Cherish Beals

Mia Maid Class Presidency

President Sarah Young

1st Counselor Lauren Eyring

2nd Counselor Renle Hird

Secretary

Beehive Class Presidency

President Payzlee Hird

1st Counselor Kelly Eyring

2nd Counselor Rylee Hird

Secretary Kamea Turner

Primary

President Cheeri Redd

1st Counselor Lois Chapman

2nd Counselor Dawn Nichols

Secretary Anna O'Bryant



News From Around The Ward

Brother Tom Legler and Sister Judy McDonald were married on March 30th.

Sarah Young and Jessica Hale were able to participate in this year's Easter Pageant.

Marie Montgomery ran in the Phoenix Marathon and finished it and lived to tell the tale.

Nancy Tiffany participated in the 10K portion of the Phoenix Marathon. She improved her own best time by 2 minutes. She also participated in another 10K on April 27 and did not come in last.

Kyle Packer took the bar exam at the end of February. He feels like he did a good enough job to pass it. He will get the results in a couple of months.

Steele Crandell reported to the MTC in Provo, Utah on May 1st. We are so excited for him and his family and look forward to hearing all about his mission.



Conley Martin: Ward Clerk

Lance McGraw: Asst. Ward Clerk

Rosa Rodriguez: Greeter

Ann Driggs: Historian

Homer Rogers: Gospel Doctrine Instructor

Nick Hird: 11 Year Old Scouts Assistant

Craig Montgomery: 12 year Old Scouts Assistant

Jason Clelland: Cub Master

Ryan Mitchell: Flag Specialist

Jennie Hughes: Primary Worker

Chris Tiffany: Young Men's Secretary

Marden Pace: Public Affairs Specialist

On April 13th David Webb, Katrina and Tayte Nickleson were baptized.

David Webb was baptized by Patrick Rogers
Katrina Nicholson was baptized by Bishop Eyring
Tayte Nicholson was baptized by Jon Nichols
We congratulate them on this great decision.

Everyone is invited to the baptism of Al Celik on Sunday, May 5th at 7pm

Al is the neighbor of Scott and Ann Driggs. He is also the good friend of Patrick Rogers and his family. You may have seen Al walking up and down Broadway as he goes to give service each day at La Paz, an organization that feeds the homeless, every day.

The Stake President has given our ward a goal of 100 ancestors to do temple work for during the summer months.

Please track the number of your own ancestors that you do temple work for and forward that information to Sister Martin 835-6396 or piepieagain@cox.net

NEED HELP FINDING SOMEONE
TO DO TEMPLE WORK FOR?
Call Sister Martin at 835-6396



The Mitchell family welcomed a baby boy to their home, Roe Warren, on March 6th.



MISSIONARY MAIL



Current Missionaries Serving From The Dana Ward

Joseph Stark : Mexico Monterey East

Trevor Schnepf : Equador Guayaquil Norht

Brandon Eyring : Virginia Richmond

Sheldon Hassell : Oregon Eugene

Kevin Hale : Chile Vina del Mar

Scott Baker : Maricopa County Correctional Facility

Audrey Burklund : Mesa, AZ Bishop's Storehouse

Brooke McCray : Maricopa County Correctional Facility

Steele Crandell : Texas Dallas



DANA WARD MISSION PLAN 2013

GOAL: BRING 8 SOULS UNTO
CHRIST THROUGH BAPTISM!

MEMBER MISSIONARY WORK

- EVERY MEMBER (OR MEMBER FAMILY) WILL INVITE A NON-MEMBER TO A CHURCH ACTIVITY THIS YEAR
- THE WARD WILL HOST AN ACTIVITY FAIR WITH A FOCUS ON INVITING NON-MEMBERS

RETENTION

- THE NEW MEMBER LESSONS WILL BE TAUGHT TO EACH NEW CONVERT WITHIN 1 MONTH OF BAPTISM
- THE NEW AND RETURNING MEMBER REPORT WILL BE REVIEWED AND UPDATED EACH WARD COUNCIL MEETING

ACTIVATION

- EACH WARD COUNCIL MEMBER WILL HAVE A FOCUS FAMILY OR PERSON TO FELLOWSHIP AND ENCOURAGE CHURCH ACTIVITY



MISSIONARY MAIL



Elder Crandell boarded a Delta flight at 7:37 am May 1, 2013. He was very ready to go and left with 5 other missionaries that we could count. One Sister was the older sister of Lizzie's (his little sister) friend from school. Another was a young man that he went to Kino Junior High with. One was going to Barcelona Spain, another to Santa Rosa, California. Some cried as they left their families, others just waved goodbye with a huge grin. Elder Crandell left with a determined look on his face. Thank you everyone for your support. You are so appreciated. Elder Crandell's email address is steele.crandell@myldsmail.net. It may be difficult for him to reply to all the emails he receives, but i will definitely email to you the ones that he sends to me.

Love to all.
Melissa Crandell



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My dear and beloved family. Thank you for your prayers, support, and pictures that you send to me. They always uplift my spirit. The rumor about the 4th mission in Ecuador IS TRUE. the change will be made in July I will be going home about 15 days after the change. I think my mission gets extended for these 15 days. So....it will be an interesting change to see. I hope I finish here with President Amaya (Im sure I will).

This was a stupendous week. We were richly blessed in our efforts in this great harvest. Elder Rubio and I have been working very hard with these families and Elder Villafranca did the interviews and they were very successful obviously. They all went to conference afterwards and it was a very special experience. We also had 2 investigators go to conference and they both decided that they are going to get baptized. So great news and 1 other future investigator that we are going to visit today for a family home evening. So we shall see her desires. She is friends with the young woman and her mom that were baptized this weekend, so perhaps she saw a good example.

Conference was marvelous we enjoyed abundantly the spirit of the Lord. I love it because there always seems to be a message that it especially for yo. and a couple of messages that are perfect for your investigators which I am going to print off today. This conference strengthened my testimony of President Thomas S. Monson who is a prophet of God who holds all the keys of the kingdom of God. and of Revelation that i know that those messages were inspired by the Holy spirit of the Lord. It was an edifying experience and I will miss it for another 6 months. I'll be home for the next conference which will be very different hearing conference in English.

I hope that you all enjoyed conference just as much as I did and I hope you all took good notes to always remember personal revelation that you received i love you all. i pray that you all have an edifying week that you may strengthen your testimonies daily and that your homes may be centered on Christ, the Savior and redeemer of all man kind. I love you.

Elder Schnepf





MISSIONARY MAIL



Responsibilities as a district leader are going well. This week I get to do a baptismal interview for the Sisters that work out in Jefferson. Pretty exciting time. I am pretty sure the other district in our zone is having some baptisms going on as well this weekend. I got to hold my first district meeting as a district leader this past week. The assistants to the president were doing some exchanges in our zone and they both came to my district meeting which was a little nerve racking. Everything went really well though. The subject for district meeting is based off of a booklet entitled the "First 12 Weeks," used for training new missionaries, that talks of fundamentals of Preach my Gospel. This weeks topic was: "The Role of the Holy Ghost In Conversion." Really good topic! We had some awesome role plays, practicing how to use scriptures and apply the material and concepts learned, practicing for our actual investigators. It's a lot of fun being able to do that.

We found a new man that we have started teaching from a member referral that knew of where a Hispanic family lived. His name is Jaime. He has been reading in the Book of Mormon and praying, so we're super excited. After our lesson yesterday he said an amazing prayer and we've just barely taught him the way to pray. We invited him to prepare for baptism- the 18th of May and he said it was too soon, that he thinks with more time, but we invited him to pray about it at least. We really want to teach the rest of his family, but haven't yet. He has several teenage kids and his wife. He's such a sincere guy that really wants to know and do what's good.

I hear that the Dana Ward made a trip to the Randolph center. I have a very, very fond memory of being on one of the trips out there and taking part in passing the Sacrament to those in attendance. The spirit that was felt there was unforgettable. Especially for the youth-- remember those feelings of love that you felt as you had the opportunity to be among some of the very choice spirits of Heavenly Father. And also, always remember as you give service that "when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God" -Mosiah 2:17.

We are teaching Umberto who's from an active member family, his parents just want us to teach him, to help get him ready for baptism when he turns 8. He's a sharp kid and really knows a lot. I mean he's basically, completely bilingual, even in a gospel vocabulary, which is incredible with words like sacerdocio-Priesthood for example, neither is exactly easy to roll off the tongue. But it's a lot of fun to be able to share the gospel with him.

Extravagant P-day plans today: Read, read, read. I have a goal to finish the BOM in Spanish before I hit my year mark* and well, I still lack a few hundred pages. Did you know there are 641 pages in Spanish versus the 520 something in English. Yeah crazy I know, but that's what I will be doing with any spare time today and the rest of the week. Oh, I am also driving for like 40 minutes round trip, with our Zone Leader so he can go to a Dentist appointment..

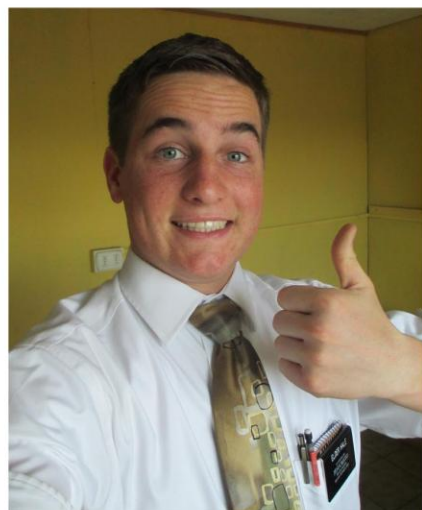
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Elder Hassell

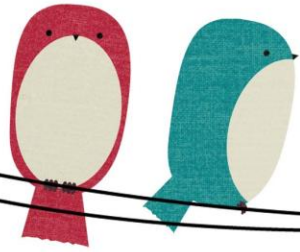
Well, this week has been a good week. I have been learning so much with Elder Jarpa and we have been working a lot here. Partly because I can't plan super effectively yet and we have to walk a lot... But I am glad that I have good shoes that will last me a long time!

This week we also got a new Bishopric and it is awesome to be able to work with them and to see their excitement. Las Maravillas is a really big ward and there are a lot of inactive members. They want to focus on them and helping them come back to church. So, that has been what Elder Jarpa and I have been working on as well. The members here are all great, they just need a good friend to sit with them and make them feel welcome. It's also amazing what it can do to have a member present in the lessons, both with less actives and investigators. I've also been able to see different ways of teaching with other Elders. Because my companion is the District Leader, we have exchanges every Wednesday and that is great. I get to learn from other missionaries and vice versa. Oh it's great. But this week, I learned the importance of bearing testimony every possible chance you get. Your testimony is something that you will always have that no one can take from you! It also invites the spirit which is the real teacher.

I have to go now but I love you all and am super grateful for everything you are doing and have done for me! Talk to you next week!

Elder Hale





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WELCOME
TO THE WARD

Jeri Payne
The Wood Family
Camilla Jorgensen
Cynthia Noble
Judy McDonald Legler
Alicia Via
Jason and Nancy Clelland
and Colter, Camilla and Katie
Dixie Starkey
Jaqueline Rogers
Joseph Shaw