



# Dana Ward Newsletter

August 2013 Issue

## BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

# GO TO THE TEMPLE



### Bishopric

Bishop - Darren Eyring	480-695-2346
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### Mesa South Stake Presidency

President - Ray Johnson  
1st Councilor - Rondal Jones  
2nd Councilor - Douglas Millett  
Exec. Secretary - Daniel Zufelt  
Stake Clerk - Larry Schnepf

### Full-time Missionaries

Elder Brooks & Elder Park  
480-495-8138



# happy birthday

1 Aug	Tanya Smith
1 Aug	Heather Suhr
2 Aug	Sergio Monzalvo
2 Aug	Alexia Slade
3 Aug	Akim Celik
3 Aug	Myrna Pace
3 Aug	Peyton Young
4 Aug	Ray Crandell
4 Aug	Robert Jorgensen
4 Aug	Garrett Lans
5 Aug	Jordan Gardiner
6 Aug	Rylee Hird
7 Aug	Aaron Martinez
7 Aug	Brook McRae
8 Aug	Shawn Collins
9 Aug	Kevin Ward
11 Aug	Rod Boone
11 Aug	Chris Martinez
12 Aug	Scott Driggs
12 Aug	Marden Pace
13 Aug	Julie Eyring
15 Aug	Rebecca Young
16 Aug	Mason Tietjen
16 Aug	Badd Waldman
16 Aug	Ryan Wood
18 Aug	Colin Merkley
19 Aug	Lily Filhart
23 Aug	Mike Hill
26 Aug	Lonneta Villarreal
29 Aug	Jacee Bury
29 Aug	Neal Chapman
29 Aug	Jasmine Lopez
31 Aug	Helen Chapman



# Sweet Baby



**Daniel Scott & Tanya Whiting** and big sister **Ali** welcome a sweet bundle of joy to their family. **Marcus Daniel Scott** was born on June 11th, he weighed 8 lbs. and was 21" long. He is healthy and happy.

**David & Jessica Hawks** and big brothers **Emmett** and **Fisher** welcome a new baby boy into their family. **Cooper McNaughton Hawks** was born on July 23rd weighing 8 lbs. 5 oz. and 22" long. He has lots of hair.  
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

## New Callings

Jimmy Carpenter	Deacon's Quorum Advisor/ Asst. Scout Master
Bro. & Sis. Goodwin	Primary Workers
Spencer Bury	Cub Committee Chairman
Dawna Bury	Asst. Webelos Leader
Laura Carpenter	Relief Society Instructor
Amber Blau	Primary Teacher/ Activity Day Leader

## Priesthood Advancements

Brandon Boone - Elder  
Brendan Merkley - Elder  
Donovan Blau - Teacher  
Nathan Young - Teacher  
Nathan Wood - Deacon



Courtney Eyring just completed a CNA course and passed with flying colors. She is well on her way to becoming a nurse. Way to go Courtney.



### High Priests

President	Ray Crandell
1st Asst	Dwight Morris
2nd Asst	Kevin Hunt
Secretary	Melvin Beals

### Elders Quorum

President	David Hawks
1st Coun.	Mac Rainwater
2nd Coun.	Kyle Packer
Secretary	Pete Smith

### Young Men

President	Richard Hale
1st Coun.	Daniel Scott
2nd Coun.	Patrick Rogers
Secretary	Kris Tiffany

### Priest Quorum

1st Asst.	Kimball Rogers
2nd Asst.	Ethan Merkley
Secretary	Chris Martinez

### Teacher's Quorum

President	Dylon Merkley
1st Coun.	Spencer Nichols
2nd Coun.	Cole Montgomery
Secretary	Gabriel Wood

### Deacon's Quorum

President	Mason Redd
1st Coun.	Chris Montgomery
2nd Coun.	Jared Nichols
Secretary	Hunter Tietjen

### Relief Society

President	Lou Hunt
1st Coun.	Lonette Villarreal
2nd Coun.	Linette Morris
Secretary	Nancy Tiffany

### Young Women

President	Lindsey Layton
1st Coun.	Jill Schnepf
2nd Coun.	Janet Hassell
Secretary	Myra Rosas

### Laurel Class Presidency

President	Summer Smalley
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### Mia Maid Class Presidency

President	Lauren Eyring
1st Coun.	Sarah Young
2nd Coun.	Renle Hird
Secretary	Payzlee Hird

### Beehive Class Presidency

President	Rylee Hird
1st Coun.	Kelly Eyring
2nd Coun.	Elizabeth Crandell
Secretary	Kamea Turner

### Primary

President	Cheeri Redd
1st Coun.	Lois Chapman
2nd Coun.	Dawn Nichols
Secretary	Anna O'Bryant



# Our Awesome Dana Ward Youth

## SCOUT CAMP

Our Scouts went to Camp Raymond in Flagstaff for Scout Camp from July 8-13. This was their first time to go to Camp Raymond. They had a great time and were so excited to be awarded all of the merit badges they all earned at the Court of Honor on July 24th. **Nick Droke** and **Corey Downs** received special recognition at camp from the staff with the "Most Diligent Shooter Award". **David Webb** walked away with the "Top Shot Award" for the entire camp. He scored the highest in all the shooting events.

Archery	36/50
Rifle	47/50
Shotgun	47/50

If you would like to see proof, ask to see his hat. It's full of holes. Great Job Young Men.

## COURT OF HONOR MERIT BADGES

Jared Nichols	8	Daelen Hanks	8
Jordan Gardiner	4	Mason Red	14
Parker Hird	4	Nathaniel Arriaga	5
Mason Tietjen	4	Corey Downs	8
Gabe Wood	6	Hunter Tietjen	5
Nick Droke	5	Nathan Wood	5
Donovan Blau	4	Xavier Hamilton	7
Chris Montgomery	6	Colin Merkley	3
Nathan Young	7	David Webb	4
Zack O'Bryant	13		



## YOUTH CONFERENCE

Our youth ages 14-18 went to youth conference from July 25-27th in Pine, AZ. The theme for the conference was --

## ***STAND YE IN HOLY PLACES***

One of the first activities for the youth was to get them all familiar with Indexing. A room full of laptop computers and some instruction was all that was needed. After that everyone had the opportunity to get their hands dirty by participating in a service project for Sis. Eyring's parents. Everyone stacked firewood into neat piles and then cleared the land of brush and debris. All that hard work was rewarded with a big BBQ that evening. Friday was filled with classes on Sabbath Day observance, repentance, modesty, time management and good language along with some great object lessons. Saturday came with cabin cleanup, breakfast at Denney's and then the drive home. The youth and leaders alike enjoyed great food, good company and, most of all, cooler weather.

# New Members



We welcome the following families and individuals to our ward. We hope you feel welcome and we look forward to getting to know each of you.

**Kimball & Maria Skousen** moved into our ward a few months ago. They live in the "pink" apartments on Shouse. Kimball is a bus driver and Maria works at Fry's. You may have seen them riding around on their motor bike.

**Brandon & Maryann Legler** are house sitting for **Tom & Judy Legler** while they are in Idaho. Brandon is a grandson to Brother Legler. Their first baby is due in September. We hope you enjoy your short stay with us.

**Steven Neas** grew up in Florida and served a mission to NYC. He later moved to Phoenix. About 6 years ago he found himself in trouble and went to jail. He served his time and now lives in our ward boundaries. He is striving to get his feet on the ground and begin his new life. We welcome him and wish him well.

**Aaron & Elizabeth Martinez** just moved into a home on Alpine Ave. They have 3 children **Nora** (14), she's a freshman at Mesa High and she likes to sing, **Nathan** (13), he's an 8th grader at Taylor and he enjoys being in scouts and playing the trumpet, and **Ethan** (6), is a 1st grader at Robson and loves to play outside and to make new friends. Elizabeth is a stay at home mom and loves to play the piano and loves music. Aaron loves to play basketball and go camping. He is a tile worker by trade. Aaron and Elizabeth both grew up in Mexico City. Aaron came to the United States when he was 17 and Elizabeth came when she was 20. They met at a Liahona 1st ward singles dance and got married two years later. They have been married for almost 16 years. They love spending time together as a family. Ask them about their "FUN FRIDAYS".

Kevin Schaffer  
Sheila Alvarez  
Joseph Phelps

Primary Assignments		
Aug.	Scripture	Talk
4	Raylin Crosby	Jordan Gardiner
11	Cody Suhr	Colin Merkley
18	Lily Filhart	Bailey Young
25	Zeke McRae	Evan Redd
Sept.		
1	Jade Williams	Andrew Wood

# Calendar

School Starts on  
Aug. 7th.



*Baptism For The Dead*  
**Aug. 20th & 21st**

# STOMP

Dinner **Aug. 16th**  
6PM @ Stake  
Center

Seminary Opening Social  
**Aug. 17th**

Ward Temple Day  
**Aug. 22nd**

swimming fun



Ward Swim Party  
Mon. **Aug. 12th** 6PM  
Brimhall Pool

Don't Forget --  
The Ward Campout on Friday,  
**Sept. 6th**  
at Pivot Rock!!



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# Missionary Moments

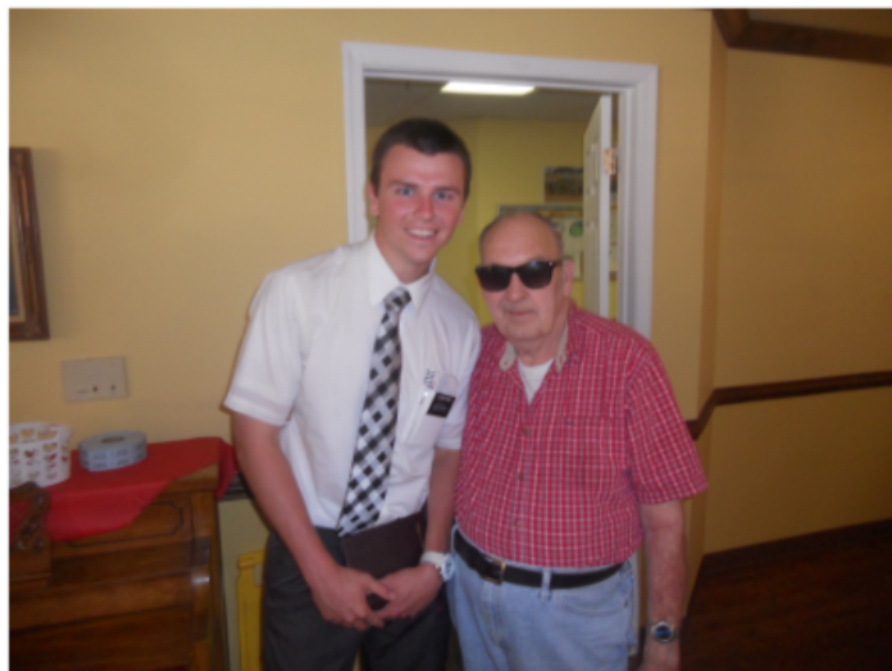
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Elder Brandon Eyring  
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Transfer calls are usually on Sunday. And we got a last minute revelation transfer call on Monday night!!! I got transferred to Woodbridge! I was so sad to leave but the Lord needed it. We have 6 people set for baptism!! I am loving it. We are with two other missionaries. We have seen a lot of miracles this week. We got a referral from Nevada and this kid is already set with a baptismal date, in our area like right down the road. There is this place called Williamstown and there is a basketball court there. A lot of guys go and play there. My companion and I went there and played two guys two on two. Then we shared the gospel with them! It is sweet.

Another time we were walking to go to a bbq at our apartment complex and this guy says hey! and waves us over. He says he is a bad man and needs to change. We talked with him for awhile and then I told him being baptized into the true church of Jesus Christ will change your life. We told him if he wants to change then he needs to prepare himself to be baptized on September 7th. He agreed and we set up some appointments to keep teaching him. The gospel is true.

Love, Elder Eyring



# Missionary Moments

Elder Elder Kevin Hale  
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Chile

Dear Family and Friends,

Wow. This week has been great! This is the last week of the transfer and this week is usually the hardest week but we had a great week. Finally we are having success and we had 4 investigators attend church yesterday! And we have 3 of them waiting to be baptized! The other one had a baptismal date and we are going to set another one this week! I am so happy that they were able to attend and feel the spirit and get ready for baptism. I am still working hard and learning a lot. We can always learn a lot from other people and especially from the words and lessons from the prophets and missionaries in the scriptures. They teach by the spirit and by revelation and that is exactly how we should teach as well. I heard once that there are only 2 things that we can change in our life. Our obedience and our diligence. When we work hard and are even more obedient and endure to the end, the blessings will come and we will be blessed with success. The Lord wants us to succeed and will always help us. I have been learning a lot from other missionaries and the scriptures. I am excited to see the new changes in the missions. I won't see too many here too fast but I'll see them. Thanks again for everything! I love you all and don't have much more time so I'll end it here! Keep working hard!

So now I am in a new area in the north part of the mission. The Zone is called Coquimbo and I am in the branch, Coquimbo. We get to share this branch with the Zone Leaders and they are great. I am glad I have this opportunity to learn a lot from them. My companion has been here for 3 changes now and he is great! We actually have A LOT in common and I feel like we're going to have a great time here!

But before I came here, I was in Viña and we went to the change meeting a little early and then President asked the people waiting to go and do contacts in the street. So for an hour we went and did street contacts, but I had left my backpack in the chapel. Open. I thought that in the church it would be safe from people but I have learned a valuable lesson - that it is never safe to leave anything anywhere. Luckily I had my camera in my pocket but I lost quite a bit of valued stuff. Mainly what I am sad about losing was my scriptures, picture of our family at Aspen Grove, and a notebook of memories and notes from the other Elders and Sisters in the MTC and families from my other ward. But that's fine. I must have lost it for some reason and now with Elder Griffeth, I get to start over!!

Here in Coquimbo, we can see the GIANT cross in South America. I think it is the biggest in the world. It is GIANT! I'm sure you can probably look up some pictures but it's really funny to go to the bathroom in the morning and see a giant cross while looking out the window of the apartment. Haha! But Elder Griffeth and I are working hard and getting to know each other and this will be a great transfer! I am excited! Keep up the good work and I love you all!

Elder Hale



# Missionary Moments

Elder Sheldon Hassell  
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Corvallis, OR 97330

Dear Family & Friends,

This week has gone pretty good. We didn't reach all of our goals, but we definitely saw some really cool miracles happen. We started teaching a guy named Israel. He is in a power chair and is only 18. He has been reading in the Book of Mormon and likes it. It's just hard for him to understand. We really wanna get him to church but he isn't comfortable doing that right now, so we really gotta help him out with that. He has some physical disabilities and doesn't have complete control of his movements. He is really sincere though and is willing to keep learning and progressing. This morning, Monday, we went over and taught him. We watched the Restoration video with him.

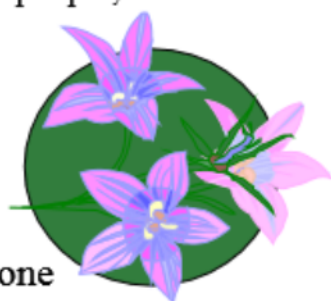
This Saturday, the Corvallis stake had its 50th anniversary celebration. They had a huge Salmon bake at a park called Avery Park, here in Corvallis. There was a TON of fish. We were asked to help with it. Since there is very limited parking at the park, they had people park at Reser Stadium at OSU, then a 12 passenger van as well as a small bus, about the size of a short bus, came and shuttled families over to the park. We helped people unload their stuff at the park, then we directed people to wait for the shuttle over at the stadium. It was a lot of fun. We got to eat a lot of good Salmon. At first they were thinking that they would run out of food. But it turned out that many people didn't show up, so there was more than enough.

As another part of the celebration, the stake put on a play. It wasn't some small event either; I mean it was like a full blown production, with a 10 minute intermission and everything. Every companionship was assigned a night to go and usher at the play. We went this past Thursday. We had to leave at 8:30, so we missed the last three scenes, but what we saw was really cool. It was called "Promised Valley." It talked about the pilgrimage of the Saints who crossed the plains; quite a few non members attended and it seemed like a really good production. They actually even had an orchestra, which was really neat.

Yesterday we met this way cool guy out tracting. He has a couple projects restoring some trucks: one was a '63 Chevy and it's completed and looked amazing. The current project is a '50 Chevy and he is making it look real cool. We got to share part of the restoration with him right on the doorstep and he took the pamphlet. He also gave us his phone number and told us we were welcome to send the English elders by so they could teach him more.

I know that the Lord is allowing me to become who he wants me to become here on my mission. It really is the refiners fire, I feel at times, but it's like the Lord told Joseph, "know ye not that all these things shall work together for your good" I must keep the faith. I must fight a good fight. I know that as I do that, and as I serve with my heart and love the work and love the people, the Lord will bless me.

Con Amor,  
Elder Hassell



Oregon Anemone

# Missionary Moments

Elder Steele Crandell  
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Dear Family & Friends,

In my last area the baptisms I had first was Kyu Brown a young boy from a less active family and he was just a ray of sunshine. He was a bit socially off, but he was very darling and will turn into a great man one day. The next person is Marcus Stephens, he was about 25 and we found him through other members in the ward. He was quick to accept the gospel into his life and is striving to live the gospel even though his wife is not wanting to live the gospel because she feels it was pushed on her at a young age and doesn't want it in her life again. So he was struggling with that. Next is Carol Holme he was married to a member who had been inactive for many, many years and when they moved from St. George to Durrant. She became a lot more active and we began to talk to him. He already had a testimony of the gospel, he was just having a hard time with the word of wisdom and we got him to set a date by saying "ok you know its true when are you gonna do it" and he said "yeah ok, lets do it." Ha Ha, it was pretty dang cool.

The next is such a sweet lady named Julie Brink. She moved from California. Her life got completely flipped upside down. She had been meeting with the missionaries before I got there, but just went down hill and we couldn't meet with her for like 3 weeks and we finally did and we were all in tears talking about how great she is and I could really connect with her and really gained a love for that lady and Daughter of God. She realized she needed to change, she realized the environment she was in was not where she needed to be. So she got up and with our help and most importantly with God's help, she was able to be baptized and she wanted me to confirm her so I had the opportunity to do so the following day in sacrament meeting yayayayayaya. That was a happy day. The next person was Kye Harless he was our ward mission leader's grandson that lived in a very, very inactive family and a divorced family and he was scared to hurt his mom's feelings if he got baptized, because she was not a member but dad and step-mom were. And finally was Julie's husband, Mike Brink, he was very, very unsure about the gospel, but he saw what a difference it made in his wife's countenance and he said "if it can make her life that much better, I'll definitely give this a try." He was baptized two weeks after I left.

But here in Tyler we have not had any yet. We have 4 investigators now and 3 baptismal dates set, so we are trying hard and doing the best we can. The missionaries before did a lot of service and helped build member trust, so now we are able to gain referrals. The members are getting excited about finding others to teach and its so exciting so that is so much fun. and to see it, but we still do a lot of service, and trying the "Ammon Approach" (service - not the cutting of arms) and that's my life story so far. Sorry I just get so busy and forget to share things. Oh and speaking of service, there was a lady in the ward that is a second grade teacher and needed help changing classrooms. So we got to help and it put a smile on my face I felt as if I was helping move Kelsey's class and it was super special. And one of the boys there was visiting cousins and he was from Utah and his name was Golden, so that was pretty crazy haha.

Love your boy,  
Elder Crandell



