

Dana Ward Newsletter



BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

March 2014

Dana Ward Family

Many hands make light work. At the storehouse today the shift had just enough people to make the crew. At one point I was feeding bottles into the cooling tunnel and it was all I could do to keep up. I looked around and everyone was just as busy doing their job. It took each person to produce the product.

I thought of our ward and how it functions much like an assembly line. Most of the time the ward runs smoothly with each of You quietly doing your calling. From nursery to the High Priests Youth leaders and teachers. Many visits from Home teachers and Visiting teachers consistently selflessly giving your time and service.

As a bishopric we want you to know how valuable each of you are and express our love and appreciation for your service. It is an expression of your love to God.

Brother Hassell

P.S. Please remember that if you cannot fulfill a calling that it is Your responsibility to find a substitute and inform your leader of your absence.

Bishopric

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Happy St. Patrick's Day



it's a
girl!

Jadyn Rae

Feb. 11th

6 lbs. 2 oz.

20 inches long

Proud Parents

Isaac & Hannah Nelson



Called To Serve

Jenn Packer

Dawna Bury

Destiny Taylor

Vicki Stevens

Tanya Smith

Brent & Syrena Waters

Amilia Smith

RS Committee

RS Pianist

Asst. Webelos Den Leader

Asst. Librarian

Indexer

YSA Advisors

RS Committee

Our Awesome Dana Ward Youth

Lizzy Crandell - District Honor Band, Clarinet

Renle Hird - Regional Band

Kimball Rogers - Regional Choir

Mesa District Voices Writing Competition

Eden Carter - 5th Grade

Honorable Mention for her Narrative

Noah Nichols - 5th Grade

1st Place for his Narrative

WELCOME

We would like to extend a great welcome
to our newest members of our ward.

Jared Montierth

Amy Curtis, Donovan and Makenna

Lizette Mendez

Christine Palmer

Samantha Ruelas

Chad Adair

Virginia Kimble

Ed Hildreth

Tara Behnke, Mackenzie and Alyssa Rosen

Genesis and Toby Tarrats



Congratulations to
JARED NICHOLS

he has achieved the
Eagle Scout Rank



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
TO YOU

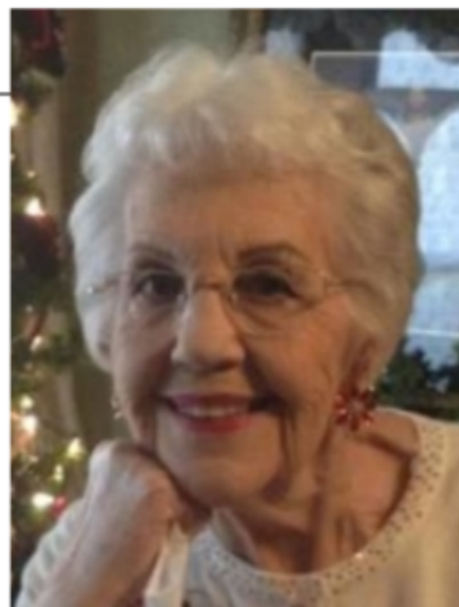
1 Mar.	Raemey Mitchell
1 Mar.	Jonathan Nichols
2 Mar.	Kelly Eyring
2 Mar.	Cory Molina
2 Mar.	Isaac Nelson
3 Mar.	Shaun Brown
3 Mar.	Kyle Hassell
3 Mar.	Jerri Ann Valles
5 Mar.	Margaret Espinosa
6 Mar.	Roe Mitchell
6 Mar.	Jenn Packer
7 Mar.	Rita Blackstad
7 Mar.	Tayte Nicholson
7 Mar.	Cody Suhr
8 Mar.	Jerry Liles
10 Mar.	Kim Hale
10 Mar.	Pinky Hoepfner
10 Mar.	Ryker Tietjen
12 Mar.	Judy Legler
12 Mar.	Hazel Parra
13 Mar.	Chris Carter
14 Mar.	Anna O'Bryant
14 Mar.	Chris Standage
16 Mar.	Harmony Beals
16 Mar.	Tonya Whiting
20 Mar.	Giordan Hanks
20 Mar.	Nick Hird
20 Mar.	Melanie Smith
21 Mar.	Dennis Blackstad
21 Mar.	Evan Redd
22 Mar.	Jeri Lin Brown
22 Mar.	Kamea Turner
25 Mar.	Mari Ashby
27 Mar.	Elaine Beech
28 Mar.	Marilyn Mingione
29 Mar.	John Chapman
30 Mar.	Clyde Ransom
31 Mar.	Adia Wood

Sister Edwina Dastrup

We would like to acknowledge the great life of Sister Edwina Dastrup. She passed away on Sunday, February 2, 2014 at the age of 83.

Sister Dastrup was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer a few years ago. She was known to have said, "Don't be sad for me, this is a "Win/Win" situation. If I live, I get to be with all my children and grandchildren and if I die, I get to be with my dear husband, Tom. So don't shed tears for me.

She always had such a great attitude about life. Sister Dastrup was such a delight to have in our ward. We will all surely miss her very deeply. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.



Calendar



Write a letter to:

Jeff Hoepfner

AZ Department of Corrections

ADC# 78465

Eyman Complex

Meadows 10-A-29

PO Box 3300

Florence, AZ 85132-3300



Ward Campout

Please join us for the ward campout.

March 14 & 15

Off Hewett Canyon Rd. near Queen Valley.

Breakfast provided
Saturday morning.



WARD CONFERENCE SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD

WE WELCOME ALL STAKE
LEADERS AS THEY VISIT OUR
DIFFERENT AUXILIARIES.



SPRING BREAK
March 17 - 21
YEAH! No School

Sat. March 15th
DI POD at the
Stake Center

GENERAL WOMEN'S MEETING

The general women's meeting will be held in the Conference Center auditorium on **Saturday, March 29, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. (MDT)** and will be broadcast to many areas of the world.

All women, young women, and girls eight years of age and older are encouraged to gather together, especially as families, in meetinghouses to view the broadcast.

GENERAL CONFERENCE
APRIL 5th & 6th
9 AM & 1 PM
PRIESTHOOD SESSION Sat. 5 PM



Missionary Mail

Sister Carol Ransom

Florida Orlando Mission
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I just found out Saturday that my companion is leaving tomorrow and that I am staying in this area. I'm excited and also kind of nervous. I'm going to be the expert in the area and I've only been here for 6 weeks. I am happy that the Lord is trusting me enough to put me in this position, and will strive to do all He has planned for this area while I am here.

We have had two missionaries that were out from the ward I'm serving in return within the last couple of weeks. It has been insightful to hear their perspectives on things.

We had an awesome experience yesterday after church. We were at the chapel to teach a lesson with one of our investigators and we were waiting for the member we had asked to come for the lesson to get there. While we were waiting, someone showed up to the church and knocked on the door. Turns out, it was someone we had been trying to get a hold of a while ago. That was their third time to the chapel that day, and they had been calling the church building phone all week because that was the only number they had. Long story short, we are doing service for them this Saturday.

Sister Carol Ransom

Elder Brandon Boone Oregon Salem Mission 700 Deborah Rd. Ste 260 Newberg, OR 97132

The last few weeks have been really intense I can really feel the prayers sent my way and not just toward me but toward all those in Oregon. At the beginning of the month we lost a few investigators and started to wonder what we were doing wrong in our work that we deserved this detriment. Through pushing through it all Salem Oregon got the worst snow storm in over twenty years. Over a foot of snow was accumulated and Salem has no way to fight something like that since they get very mild snow maybe once a year. As my companion and I strived to make ourselves more consecrated towards The Lord we noticed many changes. The last two days have been spectacular especially. Saturday we had no down time and one guy finally became an investigator. We have been working with him on and off since we got into the mission field. His wife is an ex Mormon and he strongly believes in the trinity. The guy is concerned for us and loves us a lot. He finally let us into his house and let us teach him. The guy never really wants to listen to us and has never let us inside. We taught and talked for two hours. And came to a common ground. The man also never wanted a Book of Mormon because the bible to him is the only true scripture. Eventually he downloaded it on his phone and has agreed to read the Book of Mormon and pray if it is true. Miracles happen everyday and that is just one of many. The challenge I would leave for you all is to find the moments that matter most no matter how small they may be and notice those miracles. Because they are everywhere. I love you all and always remember to Stay Strong and Carry On.

Elder Brandon Boone.

Missionary Mail

Elder Steele Crandell

Texas Dallas Mission

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Waxahachie, TX 75165



I am so excited that the Gilbert Temple is up and running, it is quite beautiful. A friend sent me a pamphlet from the temple, that was really cool.

I wasn't transferred and I got a new companion from Orem, Utah Elder Bryant.....

So this week two pretty cool things happened we have SAGU (Southwestern Assemblies of God University) a school that teaches a lot of anti-Mormon classes. and we were trying to find a less active member that had an address on the campus and we couldn't find it and a young man came and asked us if he could help. The conversation evolved and we then asked if we could teach him, and he agreed for Tuesday afternoon, then the next morning he texted us to cancel then asked if we could teach his class of 30 ministerial students. And so we were a little nervous and but very hopeful that maybe one person might feel the spirit and want to learn more, kinda like an Abinadi story except not the burning at the stake. So we asked President Durrant and he let us go, so we went and we took about an hour teaching the restoration, talking about what missionaries do, and answering questions about the church and it was all positive and very awesome, until the professor raises his hand. He then proceeds to answer the question "can you explain the concept of eternal progression?" and we answered very tactfully and it went well.

Then later in the week on Saturday we had a BAPTISM!!!! Heather Anderson and I baptized her! It was really awesome. She has been the most prepared person I have ever met and it was all because a friend of hers in New York was brave enough to share the gospel and what a blessing it has been in her life so far and it will continually be a blessing to her. That's all I have to share for this week, but it was a really good week.

Love, Elder Crandell

The Gilbert Temple Is Now Open



Missionary Mail

Elder Sheldon Hassell Oregon Eugene Mission 5115 Walton Dr. Apt. A Klamath Falls, OR 97603

This past week has been amazing. We have been working with some amazing families and had some wonderful opportunities and blessings. Rafael and Bertha, two of our investigators are set and excited to be married on March 1st. We talked to President Coffman and he called one of the sisters in the branch who is going to do a small reception for them afterwards. And his daughter Amelia, is going to make a cake. She's only like 11, but absolutely loves to bake. It's pretty cool how into it she is and really wants to try making a wedding cake, so that will be a really cool thing for her.

Just this past week on Monday night, the 10th of Feb, we invited a family to be BAPTIZED!!!! Originally when we invited Rafael and Bertha to be baptized they both said yes and the daughters where there, so we kind of assumed they were on board too. When we went back, we found out the youngest of the two daughters, Noemi, didn't really understand too much gospel Spanish and wasn't sure about baptism and had some questions. She's 10 by the way. The older sister, Silvia, is 19 and she also wasn't too sure, although she understands quite a bit more Spanish. Anyway, we knew we needed to give them some personal attention so last night we went and because Noemi really wanted to know more about Prophets, we taught most of the Restoration and we taught from the Pamphlet about baptism. We had already talked a little about baptism and she asked the question. "So why do I need to be baptized?" It was perfect because for the section on Baptism in the pamphlet, the title is that exact question. She is a super smart little girl and will ask us if she doesn't understand and shares personal experiences like things she's learned about God or Christ. It's really cool. Anyway, her and Silvia both committed to being baptized on the 8th of March as well. We are super duper excited for their family and know that they are some truly elect and prepared people.

WOW no time and SOOOO much to tell you all. I got to translate again for stake conference. It was a really good experience although a bit nerve racking because I was seated on the stand. We have an amazing Stake President here though, President Stewart. His talk was by far the best, but by far the hardest to translate. He is the CEO of the Hospital here in Klamath and is a very smart man, very spiritual as well.

Sunday evening we went to an investigators to eat and I convinced my companion with lots of coaxing to eat a chili. Unfortunately, I cannot send the video which is pretty hilarious, but needless to say hopefully the picture of his face says something about it. He drank about 3 glasses of milk and ate ice cream. He's not used to the heat. I honestly felt bad afterwards though because he was on the back seat of the Jeep, doubled over just about, with his stomach churning. We both learned a lesson out of it. Me, don't get him to do something dumb and him, not to listen to me telling him to do something dumb.

We met with a recent Convert and he said something that just cracked me up. His name is Aron and he nicknamed himself Skill Saw because he loves skill saws and all power tools. He actually knows how to use them too. Also you need to know before I say what he said, is that he has high functioning autism. He's a super smart kid and a skilled artist. Anyway, we had asked him to write down his testimony, because Pres. and Sis Young keep a book of testimonies of all the converts in the mission. Anyways, he hadn't done it when we went over but he'd drawn something. He then said "Thanks to Heavenly Father I drew this". Then showed the following picture of a Skill saw that he invented and drew. If you could only have heard the enthusiasm in his voice. He's a great kid and we are trying to teach his mom, she's a funny one too. Super dramatic, but a nice lady. It's hard for her because she's a single mom of 3 boys: Aron 15, Salvador 11, and Moy 3, who is a little terror. Oh man I have never seen a crazier little kid in my life.

This is such a wonderful area and there are so many wonderful and truly prepared people here in this part of the Lords vineyard. This is not even half of what I wish I could share, but it'll hafta do. The gospel is true, Therefore NOTHING ELSE MATTERS.

Con Amor, Elder Hassell



Missionary Mail

Elder Kevin Hale Chile Viña del Mar Mission 4 Norte 1112 Casilla 631 Viaparaíso Chile

2/3/14

Hello! This week has been a pretty good week. I have gotten a lot of good news from all of you! My sister is getting married and my other sister had her baby! Families are amazing and I am so glad that they are eternal, thanks to Jesus Christ and His Atonement and the Plan of our Father. Sometimes, I get thinking about our family and start to get a little homesick but then I think about the people here who don't have that and this sacrifice that I can do to help them.

I feel like a great tool in the hands of the Lord. There is no time while here in the mission to feel bad for yourself or think about yourself. The only thing that we can do is go to work. And love everyone that we see, especially your companion. I have been trying to do that a lot more in this past week. We were watching some videos about Preach My Gospel and they talk about a companionship that are awesome! One elder is talking about his companion and says something to the extent that his companion helps him become the best Elder that he can be. Instead of letting the little things that bug me get into my head and stop me from progressing and working, I think about how my companion can help me reach the maximum of my abilities and how I can also help him reach his. It has been a great week and I have been learning a lot. I am so grateful for the mission! I love you all and again am so grateful for your prayers! Keep up the good work back home!

2/10/14

This week has been a trial of my faith in the Lord and a test of my desire and my devotion to the mission. These past 3 weeks, we have been struggling to find new investigators and so starting on Thursday, we didn't pass by any less active members unless we had been working with them to come to church. We started to talk to EVERYONE and knock doors. Knocking on doors is the least effective way to do missionary work but it was all we have had left. We have tried to give tours of the church and talk to the members but nothing is working. But, on Saturday night, we got back to the apartment building tired and hungry, and disappointed. It was very difficult to keep up our excitement but we went on and come Sunday morning, we had 3 investigators come to church! Last week, this family said they were going to come and they didn't but this week they came and stayed only for Sacrament meeting but they came! Now we are going to challenge them to get married so they can get baptized! I am so excited for them and this area! It's small but there are people ready to receive the Gospel always!

I love this work and I have learned so much from the scriptures and how to love everyone regardless of their position. I love Christ and I know He is my Savior and Redeemer. I have seen His power change the lives of many people, people we are teaching and missionaries alike. I love you all!

2/17/14

This week was awesome!!! The last week was a giant trial of our faith as we had to walk and walk and knock on a lot of doors because no one was opening up to us. We got back to the apartment every night tired but we kept planning and kept up our spirits. Then, come Sunday when we think we have about 2 people coming to church, and 3 come!!!! We were so happy and grateful that the Lord blesses those who are faithful and keep pushing forward. But it doesn't stop there. We went to the house of another sister where she and her daughter are the only members of the church in their family. But every week, her grandchildren go to church with her. He is 8 years old and has never had the desire to be baptized. But he was in a Primary class and they were talking about baptism and he decided he wanted to be baptized! So now he has a baptismal date for this Saturday and we are teaching like crazy! This kid is a stud! He understands everything and clearly wants to be baptized!

We have also been finding other great investigators that are going to progress very well. I am happy that the Lord answers our prayers and blesses us for our faithfulness. But all of this came after that we had been tried.

I have also gained a stronger testimony this week of the living prophets. This past week we had Stake Conference and Elder Quentin L. Cook presided via satellite. The other 2 General Authorities spoke and the spirit was really there. They spoke about missionary work and what the Lord wants from us right NOW! The time is now to hasten the work and in just about every meeting now, we are talking all about missionary work.

Thanks again for all of your love and prayers! I am so thankful to have such a great family and ward to support me! I love you all and hope you all have great missionary experiences!

2/24/14

This week was awesome! We exploded the missionary work here and have been teaching people like crazy! I am way happy and satisfied with the work and how it is progressing here. Paulo got baptized and a lot of his family came to the baptism. Also, we had an investigator come to church and he was a miracle. His name is Gabriel and we contacted him in the street on Friday and didn't think much of the contact. Then we went to the church to clean the baptismal font and he knocks on the door and wants the DVD that is offered on the back of the card. We gave him a tour of the church and taught him a little about the restoration and the made an appointment to go to his house in the afternoon. He agreed and we went by and he loved it! He came to church on Sunday and as well loved it! He is an older man and I am very happy that the Lord prepares people for us to be able to Baptize them!!!! This work cannot be stopped by Satan!

Elder Hale

