

Dana Ward Newsletter

BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

May 2014

"There is too much at stake for us as individuals, as families, and as Christ's Church to give only a halfhearted effort to this sacred work."

President Dieter F. Uchtdorf

Last month the world was blessed with the wonderful opportunity to be taught by our Heavenly Father's chosen prophets, apostles, and general authorities of His church. His love, mercy, and concern for us were clearly communicated as we heard the inspired talks. It is obvious that this church is guided and directed by God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. The doctrines of the gospel of Jesus Christ have been taught in its fullness since the Restoration began in 1820. President Dieter F. Uchtdorf reminded us that the Restoration is not something that happened, but that it is happening. He said, "Sometimes we think of the Restoration of the gospel as something that is complete, already behind us--Joseph Smith translated the Book of Mormon, he received priesthood keys, the Church was organized. In reality, the Restoration is an ongoing process; we are living in it right now."

Brothers and Sisters of the Dana Ward- we are all invited to be actively engaged in the Restoration. President Uchtdorf warned us of selfishness, addictions, and competing priorities that may distract us from this work. May we be able to overcome these distractions while relying on the enabling power of Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Ghost to give our all to this great cause. Bro. Wes Filhart

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Mesa South Stake Presidency

President - Ray Johnson
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Happy Mother's Day



happy birthday

2 May Max Ashby
 2 May Melvin Beals
 2 May Spencer Bury
 3 May Kevin Hale
 3 May Edith Sarain
 6 May Cheryl Lans
 6 May Ruby Redd
 8 May Jade Williams
 9 May Andrew Wood
 10 May Denim Metcalf
 10 May Harvey Mosley
 11 May Esther McWhorter
 12 May Steele Filhart
 13 May Cherish Beals
 14 May Dale Rogers
 15 May Josh Montgomery
 17 May Grace Halliday
 18 May Gavin Lans
 18 May June Reynolds
 18 May Sharon Zufelt
 19 May Logan Metcalf
 20 May Ezra Zepeda
 21 May Wallace Burgess
 21 May Ernest Halliday
 21 May Lindsey Layton
 23 May Wyatt Guerrero
 23 May Preston Metcalf
 23 May London Reynolds
 23 May Brigham Tietjen
 23 May Brinley Tietjen
 24 May Audry Redd
 24 May Robert Turner
 24 May Jared Wood
 25 May Lou Hunt
 25 May Chad Metcalf
 26 May Lydia Donahue
 28 May Alfred Berry
 28 May Connie Rogers
 28 May Holly Romero
 29 May Johnny Martinez
 29 May Cheeri Redd
 30 May Aaron Hill
 30 May Tamera Turner
 30 May Yolanda Zepeda
 31 May Genevieve Hewes

My Baptism

Giordan Hanks 3-19
 Je Je Thomas 3-22
 Thomas St George 3-29
 Tyra Thomas 4-26



Priesthood Ordinations

Je Je Thomas Deacon
 Parker Hird Deacon
 Jared Nichols Teacher
 Corey Downs Teacher
 Patrick Rogers High Priest

Ward Missionaries

Elder Barlow
 Elder Krzycki
 480-212-2744



Brent & Heather Suhr
 had a baby girl on
 March 9th.
 Her name is
Piper Christine Suhr

welcome
 baby



Former Ward Members
Kris and Suzette Tiffany
 had a baby boy in March.
James Tiffany
 Congratulations!



BOY SCOUT FLAG FUNDRAISER



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 359 U. S. FLAG HOLIDAY SERVICE FUNDRAISER

SHOW YOUR PATRIOTISM AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BOY SCOUT TROOP

For \$35 dollars, Boy Scouts from Troop 359 will display a beautiful United States flag in front of your home for the following holidays of 2014-2015:

May 26 - Memorial Day
 June 14 - Flag Day
 July 4 - Independence Day

September 1 - Labor Day
 September 11 - Patriots Day
 October 13 - Columbus Day

November 11 - Veterans Day
 January 19 - Civil Rights Day
 Feb 16 - Presidents Day

The Boy Scouts will set flags up in the morning and take them down in the evening. All you need to do is enjoy the effect of the flags waving festively up and down your neighborhood streets. Boy Scouts will provide, display and store these flags for you and your neighbors. Also, please speak to your neighbors about joining in this fundraising event. The more families that participate, the more dramatic the effect will be.

Sign up now to be included in your neighborhood's celebration!! To subscribe or renew please fill out the bottom portion of this flyer and return it along with your check to: Gary Tiffany - 2254 E Capri Cr. Mesa, Arizona 85204. All proceeds from this service will support the Dana Ward Boy Scout Troop 359!!

For any questions please contact Gary Tiffany at gtiff@hotmail.com or 480-834-8494. Please include your contact information in your email or phone message. Thank you for your support!!!

Troop 359 Flag Service Fundraiser

☐ Cash ☐ Check Please Circle: New / Renewal

Name _____ Phone _____ Amount Paid _____

Address _____ (Please make checks payable to the Dana Ward.)

Scout Name _____

HELP SUPPORT THE BOYS SCOUTS IN EARNING
 MONEY TO GO TO CAMP THIS SUMMER.
 SIGN UP FOR FLAG SERVICE.

New Relief Society Presidency

Pres. Dawn Nichols
1st Coun. Lonette Villarreal
2nd Coun. Arlyce Reynolds
Sec. Bryn Neenos

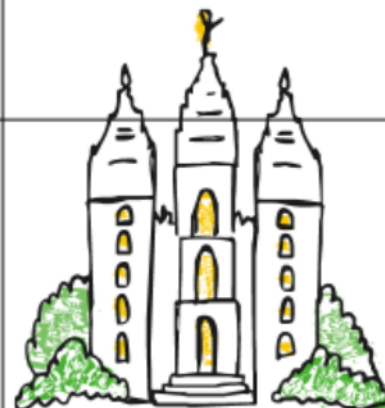


New Scout Master
Jimmy Carpenter
Asst. Scout Master
Nick Hird



New Primary Presidency

Pres. Laura Carpenter
1st Coun. April Hogue
2nd Coun. Janet Hassell
Sec. Tima Hird



New Ward
Mission Leader
Kyle Packer

New Stake High Councilors

Patrick Rogers
Michael Evans
Gary Grant

Former Dana Ward High Councilman **Rich Hulsey** was called to be the Bishop of the Solomon Ward. We wish him well in his new calling. He will be awesome.

Our new High Councilman is **Grant Mickelson**. Welcome to Dana Ward.

Callings

Kerwin Blau	Cub Master
Jason Neenos	Asst. Varsity Coach
Olen Reynolds	Asst. Varsity Coach
Heidi-Ann Blau	Indexer
Bro. & Sis. Curtis	Greeter
Rod Boone	Gospel Doctrine Teacher
Chad & Kimberly Metcalf	Primary Workers



New Ward Members

New Sunday School Presidency

Pres. Jimmy Matthews
1st Coun. Homer Rogers
2nd Coun. Chris Carter
Sec. Ernest Halliday



Jason & Bryn Neenos and
twin boys **Rylie & Easton**
Jimmy & Janet Matthews
Tom Wuorio & Arianna
Willa Jean Stago
Alex & Alexcandera Shope
Genaro Silva
Ruth Kasper
Anais Rodriguez

You'll Be Missed



Brent & Heather Suhr and their children moved to Kingsborough Park Ward. They have purchased a new home. We wish them well.

Tony & Jeri Lin Brown have moved to Dallas, TX where Tony will be an engineer at the Dallas Temple. Congratulations to them and their family.



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



PV2 Christopher Martinez
 DCO 2-10 IN 3rd PLT
 495 Iowa Ave, Unit 42
 Ft. Leonardwood, MO 66473

Calendar



Sunday
May 11th
 Mother's Day

May 20th
 Pack Meeting



May 21st
 Seminary Graduation

May 22nd
Graduation
 Mesa High
 7 PM

Father's and Son's Outing -- May 16th



- Fri and Sat May 16-17th
- Bring your own meals, camping supplies, tents, etc.
- Fireside Program Friday Night
- Ward will provide Breakfast Sat Morning



May 26th

Sat. May 31st
 DI Pod
 Get your donations together.

Missionary Mail

Sister Carol Ransom Florida Orlando Mission 10502 Satellite Blvd Ste E Orlando, FL 32837-8426

I have been studying the Atonement and the last week of Christ's life a lot recently. I am reading in Jesus the Christ by James E. Talmage about the Lord's last mortal week. I completely agree with something my Dad sent me this week about how the only thing that really matters is having that Christ-like love and gratitude for everyone. When we have that, everything else falls right into place. Trials are still hard, but that love allows us to access the Atonement and change to meet our trials and overcome them. I know that I have grown a lot by trying to live by what the Lord said were the two most important commandments, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Miracles have been happening here in Oviedo. People on the street this week have been letting set up return appointments to go back and teach them and the Lord is hastening His work. I know that when we are anxiously engaged in a good cause, God will bless us, and what better cause than the work for the salvation of souls!

Greetings and welcome from the Florida that is about to enter summer already. This week has been good. We have been visiting quite a few old potentials and were surprised at how many of them set return appointments. I suppose that shouldn't be surprising though, considering that this is the Lord's work. It was wonderful to see. We still aren't sure as to their intent, but we hope that as we teach by the Spirit and they listen by the Spirit, some part of what we say will touch their hearts. Hope everything is going well and that your 100 degree days are staved off for a little while at least. Love, Sister Ransom

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

This last transfer has been a real struggle. As our mission is getting raised to a higher standard we have been suggested that if we have investigators with no real intent to change then they should be dropped because they aren't ready yet. So before this transfer my old companion and I went through all our investigators and came to the conclusion that no one really wants to change. A feeling of discouragement came over my new companion, Elder Pawlowski, and I when we could find no one to teach. We prayed about it and realized that this work cannot progress if the members are not actively involved in helping the full-time missionaries find people to teach.

We have gone to three-four members houses a day to visit and talk about missionary work, since we have been discouraged to go tracting unless we feel prompted to. We had seen no fruits come of visiting with the members because they, for a majority, are very shy.

While meeting with the ward mission leader last week my companion and I came up with some monthly numbers for the month of May. We felt we would have one person baptized, another on date, a total of twenty at sacrament (meaning if one person came four times to church out of the month it would count as four at sacrament) and five new investigators. I thought these were outrageous numbers because there was no way we were going to accomplish this.

Yesterday in church we were approached by a member who doesn't come as often because he works a lot and he told us to call his wife later and that she had a missionary experience to share. We talked and she said that one of her friends, and her husband, want to take the discussions and learn more about the church!! They also have a daughter who is baptismal age! We also got a referral from some other Elders in the area that will help us accomplish the goal we have set forth.

I have come to realize that we can't let ourselves shrink into despair because we feel that we can do nothing, when in fact, we can do anything and we are powerful beyond measure because we ARE sons and daughters of an all powerful Creator who loves us unconditionally.

I know that this church is true and that miracles are out there, all we have to do is ask and look for them. I know that the love my Savior has for me, He has for all of us. I know that there is a living prophet on the Earth who receives revelation for all of us. I pray all is going well for you in your lives and I know if you ask for help in anything He is always running to our sides to aid us. Remember to always Stay Strong and Carry On! Love, Elder Brandon Boone



Missionary Mail

Elder Brenden Merkley Utah Salt Lake City East Mission 3487 S 1300 E Salt Lake City, UT 84106

Easter was great we had 3 dinners so yes, I am getting fed and do they feed us! I 'm trying to eat little so I don't get fat. Elder Totten got his package he was waiting for so he was happy to get things for Easter, too. I did take a picture of me in my Easter tie and I am going to use it for when we have baptisms. We are supposed to wear blue ties at baptisms. I can't email pictures to you, it is hard to get the pictures off the camera and onto the computer. I'll just send the sd card when it is full and a list of the people in the pictures.

That is cool that the ward choir did good on Easter Sunday. What songs did they sing? WWhhhaattt?!?!? Dawn is the new relief society president! That is great! You said you saw Elder Baker and Elder Lithgow at the Easter Pageant. How are they doing?

I am in the Salt Lake City South Zone. So when you see pictures on the mission's facebook look for that zone. On my pdays we do a lot of things with the zone.

I forgot to bring my camera to the baptisms. Elder Totten said he would send them to me and I will forward them to you. The first baptism was Alex. He is from Iran and he reminds me of Dad and how he raises his kids. The other baptism was a lady named Dawn Prince. Before she met the missionaries she was drinking 20 beers a day and smoking 1 to 1 and half packs of cigarettes a day. She totally did a 360 and turned her life around. Diamond, like the rock, and Ariana are asking their Dads today if they can be baptized or not. We did not get to see Holden this week because of Spring Break. Yes, there are a lot of gays and anti's in the area and they tell everyone that what we say is wrong. I feel great and strong when I teach and my studies are going well. There are so many things that have strengthened my testimony. There are too many to email you about and so little time. I will tell you them all when I get home because I have written them all down. Love you, bye. Elder Merkley

Elder Steele Crandell Texas Dallas Mission 1231 W. Hishway 287 Bypass Apt 45 Waxahachie, TX 75165

Hello family and friends and who ever that this goes out too. It's so funny because all this week I was thinking about the Easter pageant, this is the first year I haven't gone in many many years. It was a little bitter sweet, but I think I will survive.

This week was pretty exciting we started it off by on Monday's we are now taking a kick boxing class from a lady in the ward and she might just kill me haha. She is beating us up, but its good. I gotta shave off some extra pounds. Tuesday we went to a soccer game, we were invited by a less active family and they had a young daughter that was playing. Wednesday we did service at a food pantry and that was awesome. Wwe always try to make it more exciting so we end up making an assembly line of throwing things at each other, so that gets pretty fun haha. Then lessons and missionary stuff. Our 6:30 appointment bailed on us and I was so mad because we have not been able to meet with them in forever. And then I'm bickering about this as we are driving down the road then we see this couple with their motorcycle pulled off to the side of the road and the bike wouldn't start so being the good Samaritans we are, we went over to help them and what would you know it was our 6:30 appointment Ty and Mercedes. We had a great little lesson on the side of the road (captive audience..... bike wouldn't start) and then Ty called his boss from the ward to come and pick them up, so that was as little miracle. And then we set up a follow up appointment for later in the week.

Then we went to the church and had Bishop Anderson sign our baptismal form and played a little ultimate frisbee with the youth. I always tell people that my mom always wanted me to be a pro frisbee player. Then Thursday we had splits and I went with Ryan who is a young man in the ward preparing to go on a mission. And we were out and had two awesome lessons but on the way home we were driving in his vw bug and he looks at his speedometer and says "holy crap we are going a hundred miles an hour" haha it was really funny. People in Texas like to drive fast. Friday was jam packed full of good stuff. We started the day off by doing service at the Ellis County Musuem and we did a lot of cleaning of the top story, which is an old masonic lodge and its so cool up there. And its cool to see all the history and we really got alot done while we were there.

Then Sylvia the old lady who supervises us took us out to eat and I had the best sandwich of all time haha. Then we shot off, got changed, and had two lessons and then flew up to Duncanville for the baptism. And how great was that. The chapel was full of people it was awesome and the baptismal room was standing room only it was incredible. It was really touching and I was so humbled that he asked me to do it and he was so happy there. When we were changing he said I'm not putting my socks or my tie on, haha it was really funny.

Easter was awesome it was good to reflect on the Savior a little more than I generally do. Aand something that Im going to strive to do some more. Life is good. We keep finding new people, so we are really excited to find some more. With love your boy, Elder Crandell

Missionary Mail

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

4/14/14

Dear Family and Friends,

I am fine and all is well in Villa Alemana. I am inland about 45 minutes in car from Valpo. But the fire has destroyed so much. We were told to get our water together as they were going to cut the water until Tuesday but we have had water all day. The missionaries in that zone are all fine and from what I have heard, all of their possessions are alright and they are safe. The 2 zones and President Kahnlein were doing service Sunday afternoon. Also, part of the zone of Viña del Mar is helping. Until further notice, we won't be able to help and go and do service. Pres. Kahnlein will talk with the Stake Presidents to give us further direction. More than 10,000 people have been left homeless. It is true that the architecture there was just asking for a disaster. But there is nothing more that we can do for them besides praying and all the members and non-members here are coming together to send beds, clothing and water to the parts and families that have been affected. But Chile is a strong country and will be able to come back. From what I have heard, the fire is still going but they are getting it under control.

This has been making me think of how sneaky Satan is. We have had an earthquake recently, and now a fire. We don't know when the next earthquake will be or the next fire. Just as how we don't know when The Son of God will come again. Even He and the angels don't know the day in which He will come. But we do know that the Lord is hastening His work and that the day is coming soon. So what do we need to do? We need to gather our oil and become prepared to receive Jesus into our homes and our hearts. We are reading the Book of Mormon together as a mission and we finished 1 Nephi recently. It is interesting to see how Satan can blind the people after they have seen so many miracles or disasters. All of the signs from God and yet they still refuse to prepare. It is sad but we have to keep working.

The Lord is preparing the world for His Second Coming. What are we doing to prepare ourselves! I am so glad that I have this opportunity to be a missionary in this time to gather His sheep for the last time. I am doing well and excited to keep working! Thank you for all of your prayers!

This week has been a good week. Nicole got confirmed and she bore her testimony in Sacrament meeting yesterday! We didn't tell her to or anything! She is amazing! Definitely the solidest convert ever! Elder Choez and I are doing well! We will have changes this next Wednesday. Not this week but the next. We'll see who goes because I am almost 100% sure one of us is going.

I am coming to love the Bible more and more. To be perfectly honest, before the mission, I didn't really have a testimony of the Bible. Because we have always had the Book of Mormon. But recently, I have been realizing how much in Conference that the Apostles and General Authorities use the Bible. We have to learn how to teach from the Master of Masters if we truly want to help people come unto Him and let them feel His spirit. I am halfway through Jesus the Christ now and it is amazing how much he taught in such a short time. And all that he implied in his teachings. And once again, how good Satan is at blinding the hearts and minds of those whom he teaches.

I am doing well and feeling great! A little sunburned because it looks like the fire has messed a little bit with the weather here. But it just feels like home so I am all good! I love you all!

4/21/14

This week was a pretty good week! We found a new investigator that is going to progress pretty well and also, our recent convert, Nicole, said that she wants to go on the mission!!!! LO MEJOR!!!! And she went with us to teach Alejandra, and turns out that they already know one another! Alejandra worked in the house of Nicole and has helped her a lot and now, Nicole has the chance to help Alejandra! What a coincidence!

We were able to go to Valparaíso to help with the fire that was there and there is so much to do.... There are a lot of hills and a lot of the houses, were built on the hills and don't have a main street connected to their house. And so we made a line and were taking all of the trash to the street so the trucks could come in and take everything away. It was a lot of fun to be able to help and organize everything that was destroyed. The people there have been so humbled and I was able to see the other side of that this week. Last week, pride, and this week humility.

Elder Choez and I are still working hard and doing well! This week we have transfers so we'll see what happens! Thank you for everything!

4/28/14

We had transfers this week and now I am in the zone of Viña del Mar! I thought I was going to stay in Villa Alemana for another transfer because Elder Choez has been there for a long time. But Pres. knows what he is doing and now Elder Choez is District Leader Training there. I am content. Also, I am now Zone Leader here in Viña with Elder Esquivia. He is from Colombia and he is a great teacher. He has been in the mission for one month less than I and he is great. I am excited to learn a lot from him and to also be able to serve more missionaries as a Zone Leader. I am happy to be here in the mission. We had a good week and I was able to get to know quite a few investigators and last night, we put to baptismal dates for the May 24th! So that's a week we are going to be having some baptisms! Our area is actually on top of a hill and is called Las Torres. We are a branch in a Stake and I was talking to the Branch President last night and he told me that they haven't been made a ward for 2 years because 2 years ago, they had planned to combine some branches and wards and all that jazz. Well, turns out that recently, this year, the Quorum of the 12 got the papers for the changes. So, we will be a branch for a while but we are big enough to be a ward. Jackson is getting BAPTIZED!!!! YAYAYAYAYAY!!!!

I am doing well and happy to be in the mission. I have a lot less time to write now esp. at the end of the month because we have to send a bunch of reports. But that's all good. Thanks again for the news and the updates! I love you all! Elder Hale

Sister Kahnlein sent Kevin this birthday card. It says: Have a great week! Let the Lord keep guiding you and helping you to continue giving much and to give more to this work. Thank you for your love, work, character, and faithfulness. We love you and are always watching out for you. Pres. and Sis Kahnlein

