



BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

MAY 2015

Dana Ward Family, Dale Carnegie who was an American writer and lecturer and the developer of famous courses in self-improvement, salesmanship, corporate training, public speaking, and interpersonal skills once said, "If you are not in the process of becoming the person you want to be, you are automatically engaged in becoming the person you don't want to be."

In our life, time seems to be our biggest adversary. We strive to get everything done that we set out to do each day, but seem to fall short and as a result we get down on ourselves or feel we don't measure up. I seem to fight this battle on a regular occasion. Even though we know in the back of our minds that we should not compare ourselves to others and run our own race, it's easy to fall into the trap of discouragement, and feelings of inadequacy. So how can we run our own race? How can we solve our problems, keep our commitments we make with our family, the Gospel and our employment or other obligations we have? I believe the answer is not to give up. As we are taught in the scriptures, we need to "Press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men" (2 nd Nephi 31: 20)

The late Apostle Marvin J. Ashton gave some great advice on how we can overcome feelings of inadequacy and raise our self-worth. He stated: "However, we must realize not all problems of life can be solved at once.....Break down big commitments into smaller ones that you can handle. Then self-esteem will grow and commitment toward goals of greater magnitude will become possible. The journey of success is long and is dotted with a series of commitments to worthy goals. A person does not become committed to worthwhile goals just by making the declaration or decision. It must be daily progression toward established purposes." - (Marvin J. Ashton Oct 1983)

Another way we can improve our feelings of self-worth is building the self-worth of others. If we look more for the good in those around us and build them up and show confidence in them, then we will in return feel the pure love of Christ lift our own souls and lighten our personal burdens we carry, whatever they may be. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe spoke of this building up of others when he said: "If you treat an individual as he is, he will remain how he is. But if you treat him as if he were what he ought to be and could be, he will become what he ought to be and could be." Brothers and Sisters, I have a testimony of the power of the Atonement of Jesus Christ. The Atonement has the ability to heal our souls and lift us up out of our personal depressions and feelings of inadequacy. But we must "look to Christ" and strive to find his words of encouragement in the scriptures by feasting on them daily and kneeling daily to speak with our Heavenly Father. As we do this, He will lighten our burdens and bring peace to our souls. This I testify of and do so in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

Jimmy Carpenter 2nd Counselor in Bishopric

Bishopric

Bishop - Darren Eyring	480-695-2346
1st Councilor - David Biggs	480-848-2696
2nd Councilor - Jimmy Carpenter	480-695-1592
Exec. Secretary - Dustin Redd	480-369-7903
Ward Clerk - Conley Martin	480-313-7194

Dana Ward Schedule



Sacrament meeting
1pm - 2:10pm
Sunday School
2:20pm - 3:00pm
Primary
2:20pm - 4:00pm
RS - Priesthood - YW
3:10pm - 4:00pm

Mesa South Stake Presidency

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



Mother's Day

May 10th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 3 Edith Sartain
 May 5 Kyle Kerby
 May 6 Cheryl Lans
 May 6 Ruby Redd
 May 8 Debbie Schram
 May 8 Jade Williams
 May 9 Andrew Wood
 May 10 Denim Metcalf
 May 10 Clarissa Palmer
 May 12 Steele Filhart
 May 13 Kate Ashby
 May 13 Cherish Beals
 May 13 Troy Thomas
 May 14 Dale Rogers
 May 15 Duane Johnson
 May 15 Josh Montgomery
 May 17 Grace Halliday
 May 17 Martha Morgan
 May 17 TJ Pond
 May 18 Gavin Lans
 May 18 June Reynolds
 May 18 Sharon Zufelt
 May 19 Logan Metcalf
 May 20 Jane Eaton
 May 21 Wallace Burgess
 May 21 Ernest Halliday
 May 23 Wyatt Guerrero
 May 23 Preston Metcalf
 May 23 London Reynolds
 May 23 Brigham Tietjen
 May 23 Brinley Tietjen
 May 24 Audrey Redd
 May 24 Rob Turner
 May 24 Jared Wood
 May 25 Lou Hunt
 May 25 Chad Metcalf
 May 26 Mark Cristiano
 May 26 Lydia Donahue
 May 28 Alfred Berry
 May 28 Holly romero
 May 29 Lucy Garcia
 May 29 Johnny Martinez
 May 29 Cheeri Redd
 May 30 Lisset Bautista
 May 30 Aaron Hill
 May 30 Tamera Turner
 May 31 Justin Schnepf
 June 2 Larissa Hunt
 June 3 Judy Ahlberg
 June 3 David Clift
 June 3 Laura Rosenkrans
 June 5 Daelan Hanks
 June 6 Angel Alvarez



Flag Subscriptions

\$35

The Young Men are gearing up for their annual fundraiser - Flag Subscriptions. If you would like a flag to wave in your yard on the holidays, then look forward to signing up. This fundraiser will run through the end of May. Please contact a member of the Scout Committee or look for a flier in the Ward Bulletin or contact Bro. Conley Martin.

Sunday Lesson Curriculum

Sunday School - New Testament
 Youth Sunday School - Come Follow Me
 Youth 3rd Hour - Come Follow Me
 HP, Elder's & RS - Pres. Ezra Taft Benson

May Lesson Schedule

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Pres. Choice	Lesson #9 & 10	Lesson #11	Pres. Monson Nov. '14 Ensign	Pres. Choice



PV2 Chris Martinez
 CMR 415 Box 6795
 APO AE 09114



My Baptism



Congrats to **Celena Sommer** on her baptism on April 25th.
 Also, congrats to **Madison Carter** on her baptism on May 2nd.

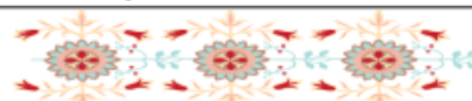


Write a letter to:
Jeff Hoepfner
 AZ Department of Corrections
 ADC# 78465
 Eyman Complex
 Meadows 10-A-29
 PO Box 3300
 Florence, AZ 85132-3300



New Callings

Alyssa Teal	Nursery Worker
Jill Schnepf	SS Teacher
Jill Schnepf	Family History Leader
Linda Ross	Nursery Worker
Corrin Prestwich	Nursery Worker
Bryce Prestwich	Nursery Worker
Kylie Pond	RS Comm. Member
Mike Harris	Ward Missionary
Ray Crandell	Ward Missionary
Dawna Bury	Activity Day Asst. Ldr.



Full-Time Missionaries

Elder Rippstein
 Elder Hoggan
 480-212-2744



Primary

Primary Presidency

President	Laura Carpenter
1st Coun.	April Hogue
2nd Coun.	Janet Hassell
Secretary	Tima Hird



2015 Theme: **I KNOW MY SAVIOR LIVES**

May Theme: Principles and Ordinances of the Gospel
Lead Me to Jesus Christ

Week 1: My faith in Jesus Christ is strengthened when I obey.

Week 2: I can repent.

Week 3: When I am baptized I make a covenant with God.

Week 4: When I am confirmed I receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Welcome to the Ward

We welcome the following members to our ward. We look forward to getting to know you.

Adam Gilgen
September Allen

Tammy Taylor
Debbie Bragg
Kirby Carter

Amanda Smith
Ernesto Martinez
Angel Alvarez
Lili Alvarez

Alfonso Duran & Melissa Ziegler
Nathan McGraw



We also welcome **Brandon & Paige Eyring** to our ward for the summer. Brandon & Paige were married on Mar. 12th. They had to live the first little while apart while Brandon finished up school in Utah. Now you can find them living with Mom & Dad Eyring. Be sure to congratulate these Newlyweds when you see them. They will return to Utah for school in August.

Primary Cookie Night

Sunday, May 24th
6-8 PM

Come pass off the
Article's of Faith at
Sister Carpenter's
Home



**Congratulations to
Corey Downs.** He
was ordained to the
office of Priest in the
Aaronic Priesthood.



young men

Young Men's Presidency

President	Kyle Hassell
1st Coun.	Daniel Scott
2nd Coun.	Isaac Nelson
Secretary	Spencer Bury



young women

Young Women's Presidency

President	Wendy Tonga
1st Coun.	Julie Eyring
2nd Coun.	Melanie Brinton
Secretary	Cris Rogers

HIGH PRIEST GROUP

HIGH PRIEST GROUP LEADERSHIP

Group Leader	Kevin Schnepf
1st Asst.	Scott Baker
2nd Asst.	Kumen Dixon
Secretary	Jimmy Matthews



ELDER'S QUORUM

ELDER'S QUORUM PRESIDENCY

President	Aaron Martinez
1st Coun.	
2nd Coun.	Shaun Brown
Secretary	Scott Driggs



YM & YW BAPTISMS FOR THE DEAD



YM May 19th
YW May 20th
5:00 AM



Sunday School

President	Chris Carter
1st Coun.	Rob Turner
2nd Coun.	Jason Neenos
Secretary	Ernest Halliday

New Priest Quorum Leadership

1st Asst. **Dylon Merkley**
 2nd Asst. **Junior Ankien**
 Secretary **Spencer Nichols**

The Boy Scouts at Schnepf Farms



Our Bishopric enjoying a fun day of golf.



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Priest Quorum
Ping Pong Activity



Missionary Mail

Sister Larissa Hunt Minnesota-Minneapolis Mission 5931 W. 96 th St. Bloomington, MN 55438-1715

Hello family! This week has been really good!

Last Monday we ate with a cute family, the Murrys, that just moved in the ward. The wife is due to have a baby girl next week. She is a cute pregnant lady. Haha!

That night we went to see Mom (Ilene Soorjpal), her daughter and son-in-law Debbie & Louis. Debbie is always joking around with us when we see them. She was doing that again but this time she sounded more serious. She was "joking" around about something that isn't to be joked around with about one of my companions. We defended her though. Then later after we had a lesson with them Debbie got mad and said she was just joking even though it didn't sound like it. She made my companion feel bad and brought her to tears. Then Louis said some things to make it sound like we weren't doing our job as missionaries which made us all feel like bad missionaries. It was quite the day but we let it go and everything is fine now.

On Tuesday we went to see one of Faith's softball games. It was a bad day to go because it was flurrying snow almost the whole time. We were freezing and didn't have the proper attire on since it has been warmer. We did have our coats but everything else was freezing. Haha! I tried to sit on my toes to keep them warm but it didn't work. It was fun though! We had dinner with Desirae after the game. We also had a lesson with Annika about the Ten Commandments. We asked her if she prayed about a baptism day and she said she felt good about May 9th. The lesson was kind of short so we played some games with her after the lesson. We did some of our favorites like the penny game, the audience game where you have to make the people watching clap, and the one where you have to hug the pot-holder. We had a good time!

On Wednesday we had a lesson with Shania about the law of chastity. It was probably the best one yet. Shania is only 11 so she was feeling really uncomfortable with the lesson. Sister Zimmerman kept flashing the cheesy pictures in the pamphlet to her and she would flinch to cover her face. She was hiding in the hood of her jacket and covering her ears. It was pretty funny to watch! I took some pictures of her because it was too funny not to.

We also had a lesson with Faith about the plan of salvation. She has paid a lot more attention in the lessons since we started making them more fun. We each drew the Plan of Salvation. It was funny what she came up with for hers. Oh and she also came to church for two weeks now. She has only been a few times since I got here. Usually just her sisters, Hope and Shania come. We are happy she is doing better and progressing towards baptism.

On Thursday morning we had a lesson with Hope. We set an official date with her for May 5th. So we will have two in one week! Woot! Woot! She wants Elder Stacey to baptize her and with his new calling he is super busy on weekends so she will be baptized on a Tuesday. We are super excited for her.

Later in the day we had our district meeting. We talked about Charity, planning, and setting goals. It was really good! We had our usual meeting with the Bishop. Thursdays are always tiring since we are in meetings all day and we wake up a little earlier for Hope's lessons at 7:30 am.

After dinner we had an awesome lesson with Christina whom I told you about last week. As soon as we get in the room she sat down and started telling us what she learned from her reading. She has a hard time understanding the scriptures but it was still good. We broke down a few verses for her so she could understand what it was saying. She asked us if we could read more scriptures with her. She is so golden! We hadn't even started with a prayer yet because she was excited to learn more. We didn't have much time but we read some of Alma 32 with her and explained it to her. She seemed to enjoy it. We invited her to come to church and in her prayer she asked that nothing will get in the way of her coming. It was cute! She did come - which was good.

On Friday we had a lesson with Summer. She basically just teaches us since she knows the lessons forward and backward. After her lesson Hope had her baptism interview. Elder Fuller did the interview. She passed so she is all set for May 5th. That night we had a lesson with Desirae and her kids about the priesthood.

On Saturday we helped clean and put putty in holes in the wall at the Anderson's house. We were there all day. Charity is trying to get the house all clean because they are wanting to sell their house. It is hard for her to get up and down stairs. We had a good time with girls. Oh, and we had the bishop order Charity some big 8 by 10" scriptures. They came in and she is excited to start reading them. She told us that if we gave her a chapter to read she would read it. We gave her Alma 32 and she loved it. She even read it twice. She has come a long way and we are trying to get her back to church. We are definitely making progress which is good. She would hardly talk to us when I first got here. Now we are good friends and we talk with her all the time.

Well that's all the news I have! I love you all! Love Sister Hunt



Missionary Mail

Elder Brenden Merkley Utah Salt Lake City East Mission 3625 S. 900 E. #10. Salt Lake City, UT 84106

April 13 So, I did hear the apposed during conference but I was not there so I don't know if it effected the spirit of the meeting or not. We did not go to Saturday pm and Sunday am the rest of them we did go to at the Conference Center. So transfers are tomorrow but neither one of us are leaving, Elder Wood broke the pattern of the package! Naffy looks the same to me not bigger or older, but Michael does dang he is big.! Can you tell him he needs to cut his hair for me.? :) By the way can I get a photo of Ruby and Pax ? I miss the dogs. Along with a picture of the new car?

Thing are great, we might pick up 3 new investigators this week! Our week is starting to fill up! By the way can you ask Ethan and Booner to email me. I have not heard from them in a while.

Love, Elder Merkley



graduate

Congratulations to:

Jake Biggs Ethan Merkley Kimball Rogers

Relief Society Meeting

hello

SUMMER

Tues. May 5th @ 6:30 PM

Come enjoy some classes & ice cream sundae bar.
Nursery Provided

**Father's & Son's
Campout**

May 15 & 16

Pivot Rock Campground



Dana Ward S.T.O.M.P.

Month	Day	Title - Brief Explain	Month	Day	Title - Brief Explain
May	22	1 - 3	July	1	20 - 22
	23	4 - 7		2	23 - 25
	24	8 - 11		3	26 - 28
	25	12 - 13		4	29 - 30
	26	14 - 15		5	31 - 32
	27	16 - 17		6	33 - 35
	28	18 - 20		7	36 - 37
	29	21 - 22		8	38 - 41
	30	1 - 3		9	42 - 43
	31	4 - 6		10	44 - 45
	1	7 - 9		11	46 - 47
June	2	10 - 13	August	12	48 - 49
	3	14 - 19		13	50 - 51
	4	20 - 24		14	52 - 53
	5	25 - 26		15	54 - 56
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2015

Ready... Set... Go!
May 22nd

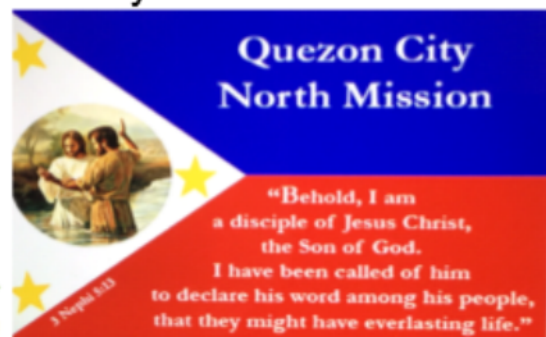
Missionary Mail

Elder Homer & Sister Connie Rogers

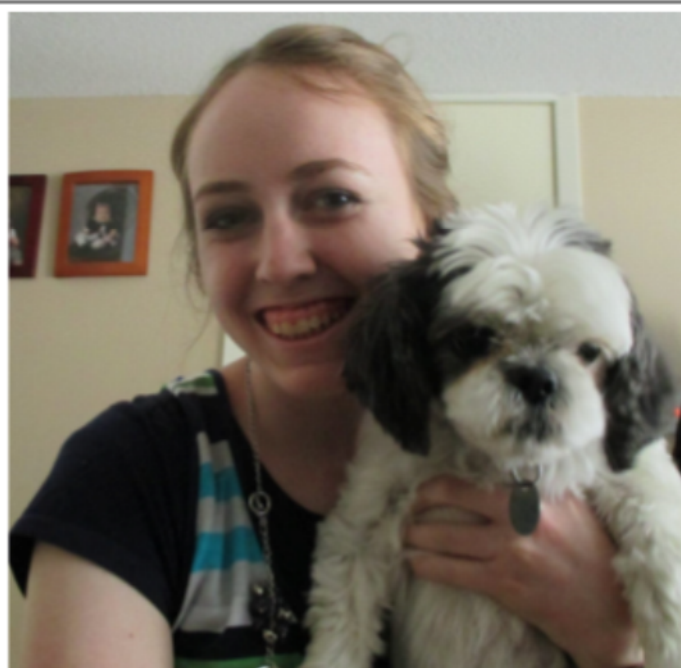
Philippines Quezon City North Mission



Elder Homer & Sister Connie Rogers reported to the MTC in Provo, Utah on April 27th. They will fly to the Philippines on May 4th. Their mission will include training and assisting local members and reaching out to the less active to reactivate them. There are over 500 members in the small branch they will be serving in and only 80 members are active. They will be a great asset to the Quezon City North Mission. We look forward to hearing of all their activities and adventures.



Elder Steele Crandell returned home from his mission in Texas on April 27th. Welcome Home! We can't wait to hear your report. Well Done!



Sister Larissa Hunt

Elder Brenden Merkley



Our Future Missionaries!

May 2015

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

26	27	28	29	30	1	2
						Madison Carter Baptism 3 PM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Fast Sunday	RS Mtg. 6:30	Mutual 7PM				Ruby Redd Baptism 4 PM Jade Williams Baptism 5 PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mother's Day	Face to Face with Elder & Sister Bednar @ Eyring's 4:45 All YM & YW	No Mutual			Father's & Son's Outing	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	YM Baptisms 5 AM	YW Baptisms 5 AM Seminary Graduation 6 PM		Last Day of School GRADUATION		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Primary Cookie Night 6 PM	memorial day		Mutual 7PM			DI Pod
31						
Stake YM & YW Fireside 7 PM						

April 2015						
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-----Girl's Camp-----

----- Ventures to Havasupai -----