

BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

JANUARY 2016

Happy New Year! The new year is a milestone in the passing of time that often reminds us that we are mortal and life isn't forever. Our mortal life is a time for us to learn and experience all the things that life has to offer and to improve ourselves while here. In the new year let us resolve to be a little nicer, to be a little stronger, to be more righteous, to be more caring, to be more observant, to be more empathetic, to endure a little more, smile a little more, and love everyone. If we use our strengths to bless others and remember the Savior's love as we try to improve our weaknesses, we remember what the Lord said to Joseph Smith in his hour of great need, "...know thou, my son, that all these things shall give thee experience, and shall be for thy good." The power is in you to be better and bless others. Resolve this year to do just that.

Bro. Redd

Mesa South Stake Conference

Adult Session Sat. Jan 23rd 6:30 pm

Sunday Session Sun. Jan 25th
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Mesa South Stake
Family Temple Week
Jan. 11th - 16th



CLOSER TO LOVE.
CLOSER TO FORGIVENESS.
CLOSER TO PEACE.
CLOSER TO HAPPINESS.
CLOSER TO HIM.



Bishopric

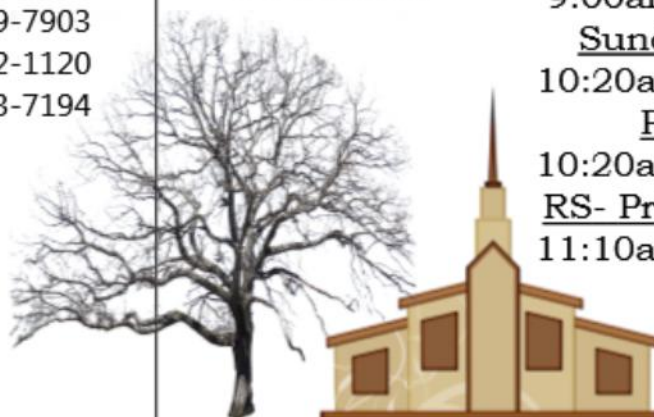
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2nd Councilor -	Dustin Redd	480-369-7903
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Ward Clerk -	Conley Martin	480-313-7194

Mesa South Stake Presidency

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

Dana Ward Schedule

2016 Schedule
Sacrament Meeting
9:00am - 10:10am
Sunday School
10:20am - 11:00am
Primary
10:20am - 12:00pm
RS- Priesthood-YW
11:10am - 12:00pm





Jan 3 Nora Martinez
 Jan 5 Carson Carpenter
 Jan 6 Ethan Martinez
 Jan 6 Lora Stewart
 Jan 7 Oliver Smith
 Jan 8 Kerianne
 Jan 8 Lawrence
 Jan 8 Efrain Rodriguez
 Jan 8 Savannah
 Jan 8 Rodriguez
 Jan 8 Dixie Starkey
 Jan 10 Jacob Carpenter
 Jan 11 Joshua Cook
 Jan 12 Hugh Eaton
 Jan 12 April Hogue
 Jan 12 Cesar Lopez
 Jan 12 Samantha
 Jan 12 Montgomery
 Jan 13 Serenity
 Jan 13 Valenzuela
 Jan 15 Betty Curtis
 Jan 17 Sione Pulotu
 Jan 18 Amalyn Merkley
 Jan 21 Jim Bear
 Jan 21 Chad Gardiner
 Jan 21 Desiree Gutierrez
 Jan 23 Syluss Wuorio
 Jan 28 Johnnie Dickson
 Jan 29 Dawn Nichols
 Jan 30 Ian Adams
 Jan 31 Devin Tietjen

Feb 1 John Ahlstrom
 Feb 1 Zayne Prestwich
 Feb 1 Audrey Smith
 Feb 3 Rachel Silvas



Find Take Teach

FIND, TAKE, TEACH

Per our last Stake conference the Stake President has assigned each member to get involved in Find, Take, Teach by the end of the year. We are asked to: Find an ancestor in FamilySearch.org. Take the name to the temple. And Teach a friend or family member to do the same.

Write a letter to:

Jeff Hoepfner

AZ Department of Corrections

ADC# 78465

Eyman Complex

Meadows 10-A-30

PO Box 3300

Florence, AZ 85132-3300



Full-Time Missionaries

Elder Despain

Elder Snarr

480-212-2744

249795846@mormon.org



Sunday Lesson Curriculum

Sunday School - New Testament

Youth Sunday School - Come Follow Me

Youth 3rd Hour - Come Follow Me

HP, Elder's & RS - Pres. Howard W. Hunter



January 2016 Lesson Schedule

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Pres. Choice	Lesson #1	Lesson #2	Stake Conf.	Bishop's Choice



PV2 Chris Martinez

CMR 415 Box 6795

APO AE 09114



Recruit, Merkley, Ethan E.

1st Bn Alpha Co Platoon 1001

39001 Midway Ave

MCRD San Diego, CA 92140-3077



Experience The Blessings That Come With Community Service!

Visit JustServe.org for opportunities.

Please share your stories and

experiences with Karen LeSueur at

klesueur@cox.net or 480-22507097

Need Help?? The full-time missionaries want to get to know the members better and offer service at the same time. No job is too big or small!! If you are interested or know of a non-member that needs service they would like to help. They would love to teach non-members and members alike.

PRIMARY

Primary Presidency

President **Laura Carpenter**
 1st Coun. **April Hogue**
 2nd Coun. **Tima Hird**
 Secretary **Jessica Bear**
 Asst. Sec. **Denean Beals**



My Baptism

Congrats to
Ana Pulotu on
 her baptism.



2016 Theme: **I KNOW THE SCRIPTURES ARE TRUE**

January Theme: The Scriptures Are the Word of God

Week 1: The scriptures are the word of God.

Week 2: We are to feast upon the words of Christ.

Week 3: The words of Christ will tell us all things we should do.

Week 4: I can know the scriptures are true.

ORDINATIONS

Mason Redd - Priest

Porter Reynolds - Teacher

Rhett Hird - Deacon

Congrats to these fine young men.



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Victoria
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December 13th

8:45 pm

6 pounds 9 ounces

Proud parents are Daniel
 Scott & Tonya Whiting

YOUNG WOMEN

YOUNG MEN

Young Women's Presidency

President **Wendy Tonga**
 1st Coun. **Julie Eyring**
 2nd Coun. **Tori Golding**
 Secretary **Cris Rogers**

Laurel Presidency

President **Lauren Eyring**
 1st Coun. **Renle Hird**
 2nd Coun. **Denim Metcalf**
 Secretary **Nora Martinez**

Mia Maid Presidency

President **Kelly Eyring**
 1st Coun. **Rylee Hird**
 2nd Coun.

Secretary **Elizabeth Crandell**

Beehive Presidency

President **Audrey Redd**
 1st Coun. **Arianna Wuorio**
 2nd Coun. **Daija Hanks**
 Secretary **Samantha Montgomery**



**PRESS
 FORWARD**

WITH A STEADFASTNESS IN CHRIST
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THE CHRISTIAN
 JESUS CHRIST
 OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Young Men's Presidency

President **Kyle Hassell**
 1st Coun. **Jeff Knudsen**
 2nd Coun. **Isaac Nelson**
 Secretary **Tyler Benson**

Priests Quorum Presidency

President **Bishop Eyring**
 1st Coun. **Dylon Merkley**
 2nd Coun. **Cole Montgomery**
 Secretary **Spencer Nichols**

Teachers Quorum Presidency

President **Mason Redd**
 1st Coun. **Jared Nichols**
 2nd Coun. **JJ Thomas**
 Secretary **Nathen Wood**

Deacons Quorum Presidency

President **Porter Reynolds**
 1st Coun. **Carson Carpenter**
 2nd Coun. **Parker Hird**
 Secretary **Noah Nichols**



Brooke Marie

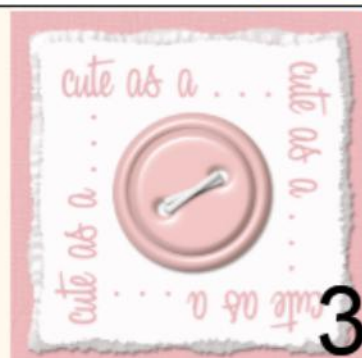
Dec. 28th

9 am

6lbs 13oz

19" long

Isaac & Hannah Nelson

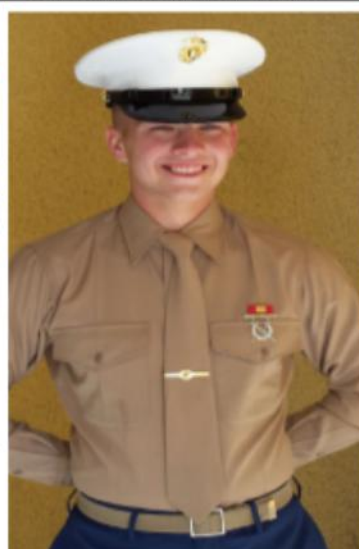


Missionary Mail

Elder Brenden Merkley Utah Salt Lake City East Mission 3487 South 1300 East. Salt Lake City, UT 84106



The Merkley's loving and supporting their missionary and their soldier. What a great year!!



Welcome to our Ward!!

We welcome **Todd & Tori Golding** to our ward. They have recently bought a home and moved into our ward. Todd and Tori have been married for just over one year. Todd works for Tree Doctor as an arborist and Tori works for Maids on the Spot. They have been immediately put to work with Todd being called as a Gospel Doctrine Instructor and Tori as the Second Councilor in the Young Women's Presidency over the Beehives. We really look forward to getting to know them better. Welcome to the ward Goldings!



Congratulations to **Cheeri Redd** on graduating from ASU on December 16th. She graduated with a dual major in Special Education and Elementary Education. Cheeri has taken a teaching job at Whitman Elementary in Mesa. Cheeri says, "wouldn't have made it through college without this bunch." Hooray for Cheeri!!

Get Ready!!



Ward Talent Show
Fri. Feb. 19th

Want to participate?
Contact Violet Rogers
or Keith Merkley.

Family History Library -- Beginning January 4th The Family Search Library, will be opening a Training Center facility at 464 E 1st Ave (the corner of LeSueur and 1st Avenue), will be open every Monday from 9am - 5pm, Tuesday 10am - 6pm and Wednesday 10am - 6pm. In addition, a family history consultant and priesthood training class will begin Tuesday January 5 at 7pm at the Training Center. If you have any questions please contact Jill Schnepf.

Wanted: Temple Selfies

The Stake needs your selfies in front of the temple for a slide show. Please email your selfies to mesasouthtempleweek@gmail.com
Stake Dinner Jan 16th 6pm

Missionary Mail

Sister Larissa Hunt

Minnesota-Minneapolis Mission

5931 W. 96th St. Bloomington, MN 55438-1715

Dear family ... MERRY CHRISTMAS!

I hope you all have a merry Christmas. I love this time of year when we can reflect on the Savior's life and all that He has done for us. It has been amazing to share the Christmas video and to bring the Christmas spirit to people we meet. Just remember to have a Christ-centered Christmas. Even if you don't get many gifts, just cherish this precious time with family this Christmas.

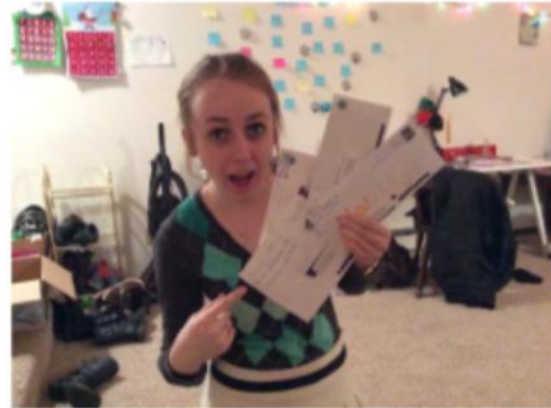
We are so blessed to have Jesus Christ as the center of our lives. What would we be without Him? He has done so much for us. What are you willing to do for Him this Christmas season? He was born so we can be forgiven of things we have done wrong. He was born so we can have peace. He was born so we can feel happiness in this life and the life to come. He sacrificed His life because he loves us and wanted us to have a way to return to live with Heavenly Father again. He suffered more than man can suffer so He is the only one who perfectly understands what we go through. He can bring us comfort.

I know Jesus Christ lives. He lives so we can all live again. I know He is our Savior and Redeemer. I have felt his hand picking me up again and again. He has brought peace and joy into my life. I have had many struggles on my mission but Jesus Christ helped me through all those hard times. It isn't all easy but I can tell you that it's worth it. Those hard times I've had have been swallowed up in the joy I feel as I share the 'gospel. As we share the message of the Restoration to the world, I know it will help them. I know this message can change lives. I have seen it over and over again on my mission. This message brings a joy that people haven't felt before. They are searching for that joy.

I want to leave you with my testimony of Joseph Smith. I know he translated The Book of Mormon only by the power of God. He couldn't do it any other way. I know The Book of Mormon is true. I know Joseph Smith saw God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. I know he was God's hands in order to restore the Church. I know Thomas S. Monson is the true prophet on the earth today. I know he is God's mouthpiece. He receives direct revelation for the Church and for us. I know this is the true Church.

I have so much enjoyed being a missionary over the past 17 months and sharing that testimony with everyone. It brings me so much joy to see the Gospel change lives. My mission not only helped me change other people's lives but it changed mine, as well. I have grown so much spiritually. It truly has been the best thing I could have done for my life. One of the Seventy who visited our mission said, "Are you just going through your mission, or is the mission going through you?" I feel like that has happened – that the mission has gone through me and helped me so much.

Sister Larissa Hunt



Sister Larissa Hunt will be completing her mission this month.



Missionary Mail

Elder Homer & Sister Connie Rogers

Philippines Quezon City North Mission



Happy New Year from the Philippines.



Tradition of round fruit for the New Year's Eve celebration. These are Bustos members.

*Watch your thoughts,
they become words.
Watch your words,
they become actions.
Watch your actions,
they become habits.
Watch your habits,
they become your character.*

*Watch
your
character,
it becomes
your
destiny.*

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Family History Class



Priest & Laurel Service Activity

High Priest Group Dinner

Friday, January 15th 6 pm

All HP & Spouses, Widows & Singles 50+

Elder's Quorum FHE

Monday, Jan. 18th 6:30 pm

All the Family

is Welcome to come!!



Welcome to the Ward

We would like to welcome these individuals and families to our ward.

Todd & Tori Golding	Jennifer Farnsworth
Donald Smith	Shane Flores
Jesse Williams	Savannah Frazier
Dusty Adcock	Rachel Silvas
Joshua Cook	

Welcome HOME

We want to give a warm welcome home to Elder **Ottley Pulotu**. He has returned from serving his mission in the South Carolina Columbia Mission.

New Callings

Daniel Scott	Primary Teacher
Clyde Ransom	Family History Consultant
Richard Hale	Primary Teacher
Tori Golding	YW Second Councilor
Todd Golding	Gospel Doctrine Instructor

Sunday School - Gospel Principles Lessons

January 3 Chapter 1: Our Father in Heaven
 10 Chapter 2: Our Heavenly Family
 17 Chapter 3: Jesus Christ, Our Chosen Leader and Savior
 24 Stake Conference
 31 Chapter 4: Freedom to Choose

Sunday School - Gospel Doctrine Lessons

January 3 Lesson 1: The Keystone of Our Religion
 10 Lesson 2: All Things According to His Will
 17 Lesson 3: The Vision of the Tree of Life
 24 Stake Conference
 31 Lesson 4: The Things Which I Saw While I Was Carried Away in the Spirit



YM & YW Gingerbread House Activity

DECEMBER INDEXERS



Ward	Name	Indexed	Arbitrated	Total
Dana	Mildred Pearl Smith	12,444	13,556	26,000
Dana	Kevin V Hunt	3,882	0	3,882
Dana	Janet Matthews	112	1,477	1,589
Dana	Jennifer Elizabeth Carter	1,086	0	1,086
Dana	Violet Jean Rogers	1,008	0	1,008
Dana	Chris Carter	337	0	337
Dana	Audrey Burklund	268	0	268
Dana	Claudia Lee Hoepfner	84	0	84
Dana	Ann F Driggs	67	0	67
Dana	Aaron Joshua Schram	58	0	58
Dana	Clyde Ransom	27	0	27
Dana	Richard Collins, Jr Hale	4	0	4
Dana	Rodney William Boone	4	0	4
Total=		19,381	15,033	34,414



Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts!! -- All leaders and parents with boys ages 10-13 need to have the following training done at <https://my.scouting.org/>, click on HOME then My Dashboard (this is a new website -- the old web site was myscouting.org still exists but the E-training has been moved -- if you have signed into the original website before your old username and password will work for the new site):

- 1 Youth Protection training needs to be updated or done for the first time
2. Committee member specific training

Please complete by the end of January 2016 . If you have any questions please contact Keith Merkley.



January 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
						Primary Meet & Greet 9 am
Fast Sunday Church 9 am	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Mutual	Roundtable 7 pm		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
YSA Devotional 6 pm						
			Mutual		HP Group Dinner 6 pm	Stake Dinner 6 pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
						11 yo Daycamp 7:30 am
	EQ FHE 6:30 pm	Open Softball Night 7pm	Face To Face			Adult Stake Conf. 6:30 pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Stake Conf. 10 am			New Beginnings Mutual	Pack Mtg. 6:30 pm		
31	1	2	3	4		

December 2015							February 2016						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
29	30	1	2	3	4	5	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
27	28	29	30	31	1	2	28	29	1	2	3	4	5
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