

Dana Ward Newsletter

BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 2016

I have had cause the past few months to reflect on our mortal existence and how fragile it can be. My oldest brother and a good friend have both been diagnosed with cancer. Few things in life can stop you in your tracks and force you to look at your own mortality like that word. It can cause us to reflect on our lives, what have I done, what do I still need to do? This brings to mind a scripture in Alma 12:24 - And we see that death comes upon mankind, yea, the death which has been spoken of by Amulek, which is the temporal death; nevertheless there was a space granted unto man in which he might repent; therefore this life became a probationary state; a time to prepare to meet God; a time to prepare for that endless state which has been spoken of by us, which is after the resurrection of the dead.

Our Father has given us time on earth to do with what we may. We can spend our time doing his will or our own, we have been given the most precious gift of free agency so we can choose. We will all make bad and good choices. Our loving father in his infinite wisdom called for a savior to fulfill his Plan of Salvation and give each of us a chance to repent. Christ stepped forward and submitted himself to the Fathers will in every way and fulfilled his calling giving you and I the chance to repent and be shown mercy. None of us knows when the end will come, when we will be called home. May each of us in our own way take this precious time to show our gratitude for our Heavenly Father and his son, our brother Jesus Christ by grasping that iron rod a little tighter and show forth the fruits of repentance. May the spirit of love and peace rest with each of you. Brother Biggs

DON'T FORGET

VALENTINE'S DAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

MESA SOUTH STAKE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 27, 2016

8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

INTERSTAKE CENTER

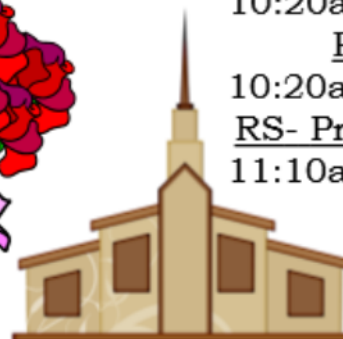
Bishopric

Bishop -	Darren Eyring	480-695-2346
1st Councilor -	David Biggs	480-848-2696
2nd Councilor -	Dustin Redd	480-369-7903
Exec. Secretary -	Olen Reynolds	480-882-1120
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

happy birthday to you

Feb 7 Cheryl Dall
Feb 7 Carol Provence
Feb 8 Joshua Schram
Feb 9 Ana Pulotu
Feb 11 Ephraim Goodwin
Feb 11 Jady Nelson
Feb 12 Major Pond
Feb 12 Arlyce Reynolds
Feb 12 Jeremy Smith
Feb 13 Jarom Hogue
Feb 13 Patricia Watts
Feb 14 Chris Montgomery
Feb 14 Abdon Soto
Feb 16 Taiki Pulotu
Feb 17 Mae Hogue
Feb 17 Lina Chapman
Feb 18 Janice Ellery
Feb 18 Patricia Johnson
Feb 18 Nathan McGraw
Feb 20 Chad Robinson
Feb 21 Alfonso Duran
Feb 21 Stephen Noble
Feb 24 Catherine Christensen
Feb 24 Richard Taylor
Feb 25 Pam Farnsworth
Feb 26 Caitlyn Nichols
Feb 26 Destiny Taylor
Feb 27 Dustin Redd

Mar 1 Jonathan Nichols
Mar 2 Kelly Eyring
Mar 2 Cory Molina
Mar 2 Isaac Nelson
Mar 3 Shaun Brown
Mar 3 Kyle Hassell
Mar 3 Jerri Ann Valles
Mar 5 Margaret Espinosa
Mar 5 Beau Stoddard



Write a letter to:

Jeff Hoepner

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 Priesthood & Relief Society Lesson Schedule

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Pres. Choice	Lesson #3	Lesson #4	"Why The Church" Nov. 2015 Ensign



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



Seminary Registration 2016-2017

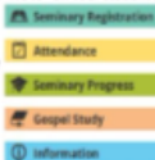
Step 1: Go online to www.seminarylds.org/myseminary
Step 2: Log in with your LDS Account username and password (If you do not have an LDS account, register at ldsaccount.lds.org)
Step 3: For each of your children listed, click on "Seminary Registration"
Step 4: Click "Register" to continue
Step 5: Select the correct "Graduation Year"
Step 6: Select the "Program Site" where your child will be attending seminary
Step 7: Click on the "Participation Policy Agreement"
Step 8: Review and update the "Parent/Guardian Contact" information
Step 9: Click "Register"

*Important Reminder: Please make sure to include "NC40" on your student's official school registration form for next year

MySeminary Parent Portal

By clicking on these links on the website seminary parents can now:

- Excuse absences, check on attendance
- Check progress towards credit/graduation
- See reading/lesson schedules
- Find seminary contact information



Building Cleaning Saturday's 8:00 am



Feb. 13th
Richard & Kim Hale
Mike & Kristi Harris
Kyle & Janet Hassell
Jarom & April Hogue
Kevin & Lou Hunt
Duane & Patricia Johnson
Ron Johnson
Jeff Keath

Feb. 20th
Nick & Tima Hird
Anna Knudsen
Jeff & Chelsi Knudsen
Cheryl Lans
Deborah Lawrence
Conley & Miriam Martin
Jimmy & Janet Mathews

Feb. 27th
Elder's & High Priest's



Congratulations to the following ward members for memorizing all of the Articles of Faith.

Carson Carpenter
Jacob Carpenter
Tressa Carpenter
Jocelyn Gardiner
Ethan Martinez
Amalynn Merkley

Luke Nichols
Steele Filhart
Mae Hogue
Sis. Tima Hird
Sis. April Hogue
Sis. Laura Carpenter
Sis. Janet Hassell
Sis. Elizabeth Martinez
Bro. Jimmy Carpenter
Bro. Jarom Hogue



PRIMARY

Primary Presidency

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



My Baptism



Congratulations to **Brodey Stoddard**. He was baptized by his father, JD Stoddard, on January 23rd. Brody's family just moved here from Oregon. He is the grandson on **Kevin & Lou Hunt** and his parents are **JD & Kaylea Stoddard**.

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

February: The Scriptures Teach of Heavenly Father's Plan

Week 1: Heavenly Father has a plan for me.

Week 2: Jesus Christ created the earth for me.

Week 3: Families are central to Heavenly Father's plan.

Week 4: I will follow God's plan.



YOUNG WOMEN

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. **Samantha Montgomery**
 Secretary **Elizabeth Crandell**

Beehive Presidency

President **Eden Carter**
 1st Coun. **Jocelyn Gardiner**
 2nd Coun. **Daija Hanks**
 Secretary **Mercedes Martinz**



PRESS FORWARD

WITH A STEADFASTNESS IN CHRIST
 2 NEPHI 31:20

THE CHURCH OF
 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 Asst. **Spencer Nichols**
 2nd Asst. **Donovan Blau**
 Secretary **Nathan Martinez**

Teachers Quorum Presidency

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

Deacons Quorum Presidency

President **Noah Nichols**
 1st Coun. **Carson Carpenter**
 2nd Coun. **Parker Hird**
 Secretary **Garrett Lans**

YOUNG MEN

DANA WARD NEW BEGINNINGS



New Beginnings was held on Jan. 27th. This is the time of year to welcome in the NEW young women for the year and tell them all about Young Women's.



Brooklyn Harris, Claire Rogers & Mia Hanks are the incoming Beehives for 2016.

Missionary Mail

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



Elder Merkley will be home from his mission in less than 45 days. His family is so excited.

Sister Larissa Hunt just returned home from the Minnesota Minneapolis Mission on Jan. 20th. We welcome her home.



MISSIONARY

HASTENING THE WORK
OF SALVATION

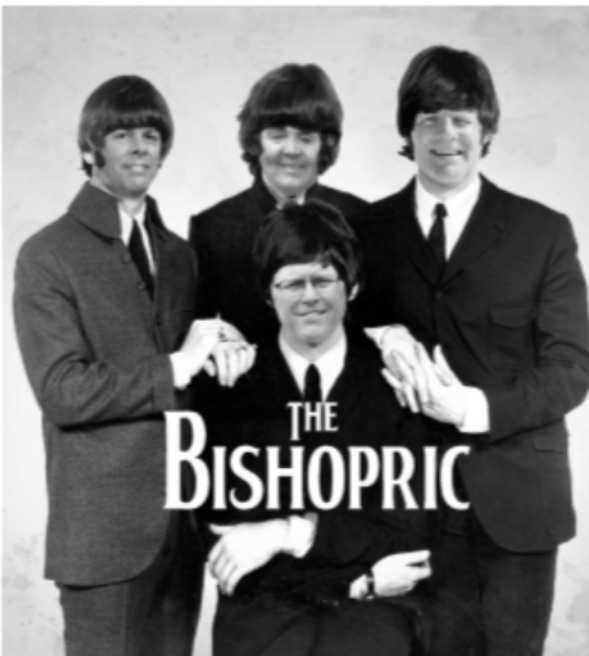
Welcome to our Ward!!



Chantz & Danielle Whipple had mutual friends at high school in Lehi Utah, but never officially met until he returned from his mission in Kentucky and those friends brought them together. They hit it off immediately and were married six months after their first date. Danielle went to school for Graphic Design and Digital Imaging and now owns a wedding stationery business, working from home to create custom invitation suites and other paper goods. Chantz is passionate about health and wellness, and will soon be able to go back to school to study Dietetics. He will become a Registered Dietician and help people heal their bodies with food. Henry, who just turned 2 in January, is a happy energetic kid who loves airplanes, bears, and his little sister. Bridget was born at home in August and is a little ray of sunshine with a contagious grin. They are all excited to be here and ready for new adventures to come!



Congratulations to the Martinez family on the long awaited adoption of their granddaughters Mercedes and Jade. The adoption was final on January 27th. We are so happy for all of you. Bishop Richard Hale and his wife, Kim, were there to celebrate this grand day with them.



THE DANA WARD TALENT SHOW

TO PARTICIPATE
CONTACT
VIOLET ROGERS
OR
KEITH MERKLEY

FRIDAY
FEB. 19
7:00PM **4**

WELCOME TO OUR WARD

Greetings! We are the **Noble** family. We have 3 very beautiful and very energetic children. **Noah** is 11 years old and is a sixth grader at Burke Basic School. He enjoys baseball, karate, board games, watching scary movies with his grandma, and reading pretty much any type of book he can. **Rylee** is 7 years old and excited to be baptized this year. She is in Second grade at Burke Basic School and enjoys playing with her Barbies, out-running the boys on her sports teams, hanging out with her cousins and friends, cooking with her mom and spending time with her grandma. Last, and never the least, is **Reagan**. Reagan is 2 years old and enjoys playing at the park, climbing on everything that she shouldn't, singing songs (radio and primary) and getting into mischief with her cousin Emmi.



April is the oldest of 5 children and grew up in Mesa with a passion for academics and softball. She graduated from Westwood High School, attended SCC on a softball scholarship and then went on to graduate from Ricks College (BYU Idaho). April just completed 19 years working for Burke Basic School in Mesa and Happy Valley School East Campus in San Tan Valley. She loves to travel, read, go on family activities in the desert (shooting, quad riding, etc), camping trips, horseback riding, and will someday have her pilot's license. She and her family lived in Guadalajara, Mexico and New Jersey for Stephen's schooling.

Stephen grew up in West Phoenix with four older brothers. He graduated from ASU and attended medical school at La Universidad de Guadalajara (UAG). He loved serving in the Indiana, Indianapolis mission from 1997-1999. He enjoys working in the medical field, hunting, fishing, camping, gardening, archery and competing against his wife.

We are very happy to be back home in Mesa and in this Ward! Stephen, April, Noah, Rylee and Reagan



Relief Society

We say goodbye to Rachel Schnepf and hello to Kristi Harris. Rachel and her family have moved out of the ward so Kristi is the new 1st Councilor.

Relief Society Presidency

President **Dawn Nichols**
1st Coun. **Kristi Harris**
2nd Coun. **Kim Hale**
Secretary **Miriam Martin**



new callings

Semisi Tonga	Asst. Ward Clerk
Arlyce Reynolds	Activity Day Ldr.
Wes Filhart	Ward Mission Ldr.
Melanie Brinton	Activity Day Ldr.
Adia Wood	SS Teacher
Aly Shepston	RS Comm. Member
Kimball Rogers	Ward Missionary
Chelsi Knudsen	Primary Teacher
Kristi Harris	RS 1st Councilor
Tyler Benson	Teacher's Quorum Asst.



Sunday School - Gospel Principles Lessons

February

7 Chapter 5: The Creation
14 Chapter 6: The Fall of Adam and Eve
21 Chapter 7: The Holy Ghost
28 Chapter 8: Praying to Our Heavenly Father



Sunday School - Gospel Doctrine Lessons

February

7 Lesson 5: Hearken to the Truth, and Give Heed unto It
14 Lesson 6: Free to Choose Liberty and Eternal Life
21 Lesson 7: I Know in Whom I Have Trusted
28 Lesson 8: O How Great the Goodness of Our God

Thoughts and Prayers are needed for the Scott Family

Please keep **Daniel & Tonya Scott's** family in your thoughts and prayers. Their newborn daughter has been in the ICU for 2 weeks.



Welcome To Our Ward



We welcome the Kaylea & JD Stoddard family to our ward. The Stoddard's have six children, Dallin-12, Bryson -11, Joseph -10, Beau -9, Lucy -8, and Brodey - 8. They come to us from Forest Grove, OR. Kaylea is the daughter of Lou & Kevin Hunt.

JD transferred with Intel to Arizona. They are very happy to be here and around family. They will only be with us a short time until their home in Oregon sells and they purchase a new home here in Arizona.

Kaylea & JD have remodeled 2 homes together, but hope to buy a move -in ready home that won't require any fix up, except for being "Kayleified".

They are a cute family that loves to have fun. We hope they enjoy their short time with us.

SERVICE OP

East Valley Men's Center
Feb 10th

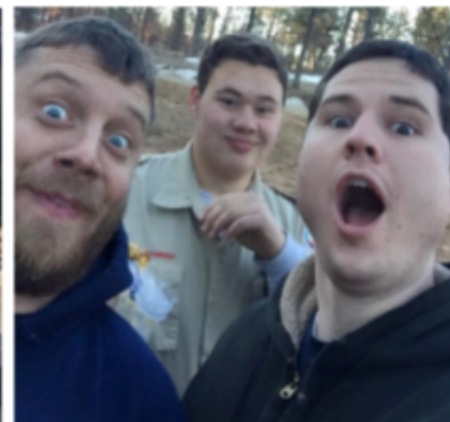
The Dana Ward is being asked to help prepare a meal for the East Valley Men's Center on Feb 10th. If you are interested in helping the sign-up sheet will be passed around the coming Sunday. Any questions, please contact Millie Smith at 480-293-4622.

The Mesa Temple will be open on Monday, Feb. 15th. Sessions every 30 minutes from 7:00 - 11:00 a.m.



YM/YW Stake Choir Practice

Youth are needed for a choir to perform at the Feb 28th Youth fireside. Practices will be held at 7pm in the Relief Society Room on Feb 7th, Feb 14th, and Feb. 21st. Please contact the Young Men and Young Women Leaders for more info.



Welcome to the Ward

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

Jeremy Smith

Amy Thomas

Zander

Brandon Rainwater

Jonathan Dunnuck



The scouts had a great campout in the snow and ice.



Givers of Service



Woodbadge Participants






David Biggs, Patrick Rogers, Kyle Hassell and Kewin Blau. Not pictured - Paul & Linda Ross.





February 2016



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