

Dana Ward Bishopric

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Please call Pat Rogers if you need to make an appointment with Bishop Hale. Pat's phone number is 695-7616.

Dear Dana Ward Family,

Recently I have had the privilege to issue several temple recommends. As I have asked the required questions, it caused me a chance to reflect on my own life. Let me mention just a few.

Do I have a testimony of God, the Eternal Father, His Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost? I have always answered in the affirmative. It was through their love that I was able to celebrate my one-year anniversary of my heart surgery last Sunday. It is through their love that I have a family that is sealed to Linette and I for all eternity.

Do I have a testimony of the atonement of Jesus Christ and His role as savior and redeemer? I am grateful for the opportunity to repent, to change my life and try to live closer to what the Savior expects. Elder Neal A Maxwell has said that the atonement could not happen if it were not for the character of Christ. His love, His selfless service and His caring for each of us are examples of how we should behave. Do I carry His example in my heart and serve as He served? Do I put the needs of others ahead of my own?

Do I have a testimony of the restoration of the gospel in these the latter-days? I answer with a resounding "Yes." D&C 84:61 says: "For I will forgive you of your sins with this commandment—that you remain steadfast in your minds in solemnity and the spirit of prayer, in **bearing testimony** to all the world of those things which are communicated unto you." Do I share the gospel with others?

Do I sustain the President of the Church as prophet, seer and revelator and possessor of all priesthood keys?

"This priesthood and these keys were conferred upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery by Peter, James, and John, and by Moses and Elijah and others of the ancient prophets. They have been given to each man who has been set apart as a member of the Council of the Twelve. But since they are the right of presidency, they can only be exercised in full by the senior apostle of God on earth, who is the president of the Church. These keys of the Kingdom of God are found only in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. These keys 'belong always unto the Presidency of the High Priesthood' (D&C 81:2) Neither the President of the Church, nor the First Presidency, nor the united voice of the First Presidency and the Twelve will ever lead the Saints astray or send forth counsel to the world that is contrary to the mind and will of the Lord." Joseph Fielding Smith, "Eternal Keys and the Right to Preside", Ensign, July 1972, 87-88.

Do I live the Law of Chastity? Do I keep pornography, dirty words, etc. that may lead to unrighteous thoughts or acts, out of my life? Do I listen to or watch anything that may drive the Spirit away? In *For the Strength of Youth* pamphlet, it says, "Do not attend, view, or participate in entertainment that is vulgar, immoral, violent, or pornographic in any way. Do not participate in entertainment that in any way presents immorality or violent behavior as acceptable."

Time and space do not permit more. But each interview question is designed to cause us to examine our lives. Each question prompts us to do better. Some of the interview questions give us great pause, because none of us is perfect yet. We are all still working towards that eternal goal. It is my hope that each of us will think of the temple questions and guide our lives by them.

Love, Brother Dwight Morris

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

3	Myrna Pace
3	Emma McGraw
4	Robert Jorgensen
4	Elizabeth Price
5	Jordan Gardiner
6	Rylee Hird
9	Kevin Ward
10	Kaia Mehlberg
10	Raylee Payne
11	Rod Boone

11 Chris Martinez
 11 Tanner Payne
 11 Taylor Payne
 12 Scott Driggs
 12 Marden Pace
 12 Salesi Morello
 12 Domani Maldonado
 12 Lorenzo Reyes
 13 Julie Eyring
 15 Miriam Douglass
 17 Camden Smelser
 19 Rita Gaytan
 20 Taylor Oliver
 22 Brody Trimble
 24 Trent Payne
 24 Taye Hill
 26 Lonnette Millican
 26 Kacy Towne
 26 Johnathan Martinez
 29 Jarvis Carter
 29 Neal Chapman
 29 Tom Dastrup
 30 Arliss Ellsworth
 31 Helen Chapman
 31 Elma Felix

September

1 Darren Eyring
 1 Miriam Martin
 2 Dwight Morris

Missionary Mailbox

Elder Keith H. Hunt
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We had an appointment to meet with a lady for the first time but when we knocked on her door at the appt. time, there was a large group inside and it was obvious they were having a party. But she answered the door and invited us in. I was about to suggest we should come back later but my companion blurted out that we would love to come in. Many times, people don't want their friends to know they are meeting with Mormon Missionaries. We went in and it was like we were wearing signs that we had a really contagious disease or something. Everyone started bailing out until there were

only 3 people left, that sat down to listen to our message. We made it rather short since they were preparing for a camping trip. One of the guests was very interested and has invited us to teach her again. We visited another lady, Marta, and her teen aged son and although she was busy making tamales, she let us come in and teach them a lesson while she worked. The son speaks good English but she is only comfortable in Spanish. The lesson went well and when we left, she graciously sent us on our way with some of her tamales! YUM!

We had an interesting experience last week. We happened upon an accident. The driver who caused the accident was Mexican and didn't speak English. His airbag had deployed and he kept holding his chest and arm. He said he was on his way to purchase insurance for his new car, which wasn't registered yet. The other driver was not happy about the situation. The police finally arrived and we were able to translate for them because they didn't speak Spanish. We felt bad for the little Mexican guy. They ended up towing his car and now he has to go to court. I think we were able to help out a little bit for all concerned.

With our last transfers, I am back with Elder Hutchison. They are short a few elders with all the ones that went home last month having concluded their missions. They combined 2 areas, thus Elder Hutchison and I get to serve together again. This is going to be awesome. At first, we didn't have any other elders sharing our apt., but after 2 weeks, two elders assigned to the Tongan ward, moved in with us. One is Anglo, the other Tongan. They are both pretty cool! The first night, the Tongan was wearing one of the lava lava things and I told him it was pretty neat and where could I get one. He immediately took it off and gave it to me. I told him I didn't want his, just one like it. He insisted and wouldn't take no for an answer. We also don't get many dinner appointments and so he makes sure we always get some of their food that the Tongan members give them. I could learn to love this arrangement! He is such a kind and loving person and I think that must be a big part of their culture.

Putting the two areas together has doubled our work load but unfortunately they didn't give us more time to do it. It is now such a large area, but it is nice to get to meet the investigators from Elder Hutchison's area and he is enjoying mine. Susana is getting baptized this week. She has been investigating for over a year

and finally decided she's ready. Sylvia has postponed her baptism several times because of a problem with smoking but she has been attending meetings and trying hard to give up smoking. Last week in Relief Society, she suddenly blurted out in meeting that she was getting baptized Aug. 17th. That will work! Alfonso is a little guy we have been teaching and he is so excited about every new gospel concept we teach him. He has not missed a single meeting for 5 weeks. Last week he said he wishes so badly that the missionaries could teach the rest of his family back in Mexico. We said we could arrange that and asked for their address, which went something like this.... "There are no street names or house numbers and there are only 12 houses in the entire town. You take the taxi from Isla Vera Cruz to Santiago Tuxtla. Get off at the first stop after about 20 miles. Face north and walk down to the end of the street and look for the 3rd house." We are going to send in the directions. I would love to see the faces of the elders who get our instructions for this contact! I hope they follow through!

We met a very humble man a couple of weeks ago. He lives in a little shack made up of tarps and old boards in someone's backyard. I had no idea people lived like that. He got excited about our first lesson and asked about the B of M and wanted to know how much one would cost. He was so excited when we gave him one. In 3 days, he had already read to pg. 90. He loves it. He said someone asked him why he was reading it and he told them he was reading it because it came from a living Prophet and it is the word of God. He is so awesome! They are getting ready for a display of Angela Johnson's statues in the Oakland Visitor's Center. I thought that was pretty neat that Jenae took singing lessons from her and now her sculptures will be here on display in my mission.

Thanks for your love and prayers. Elder Keith Hunt

Elder Jared K. Stradling
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Some dramatic changes have been made in the Russian missions due to tougher visa laws. North American missionaries who are already in the MTC in Provo, preparing for missions to Russia, will be reassigned to different missions. Missionaries

already serving in Russia will complete their missions as assigned and all Russian missions are fully staffed. LDS missionaries have been serving in Russia since 1990 and the church now has about 20,000 members, 121 branches and 8 missions spread across the country. Current Russian law requires most foreigners to return to their home country after 90 days in Russia, to renew their visas. Technically, they cannot return to Russia for at least another 90 days. Fortunately, that has not been enforced, but it costs about \$1,000 for each missionary (includes travel and visa) to travel to another country outside of Russia where they have to stay for about 3 days while their visa is renewed. The Church is currently working on an alternative solution to the 90-day renewal requirement. Until a solution is found, new missionary assignments to Russia will be limited to those nationalities not needing visas. Some mission areas will be closed and others combined to increase the size of areas covered by a reduced missionary force. (Jared will complete his missionary service in Russia.)

Last week, we got to attend a ZLC and there were some good ideas shared. Probably the 2nd best thing about the conference was that I got to take a hot shower. We have not had hot water in our apt. for about 2 weeks and it will probably be another 2 weeks before it is turned back on. Consequently, we are highly motivated to do a really vigorous workout each morning! Our one serious investigator, Vitali, is doing well and progressing slowly but surely. He always comes to church and is reading his B of M. We are expecting him to get baptized, perhaps within another month.

Elder Scott, my companion, has gone to Prague to renew his visa so I am in a threesome until next week when he returns. I am staying with a companionship of 2 Ukrainians during that time. I thought it would be interesting to live with

some natives. The Ukraine is very similar to Russia but they speak a different dialect. They speak Russian here, like the rest of us, but last night, the two of them reverted to speaking Ukrainian and I was surprised that I could actually understand about 50% of what they said. Not bad for my first time hearing it! I am understanding how a Russian person must feel when he is alone with only Americans. They talk about some things that I cannot relate to, even a little bit. I don't understand their jokes, etc, but it is a fun experience. We went to a fireside Sunday night because the Ukrainian elders were taking an investigator. It was a good fireside. I had to make the 2 hour drive to Miass with a member of the district presidency Sunday because we had to conduct a financial audit. While there, we both spoke in Church. We are not having a great amount of success in setting up teaching appointments. This time of year, everybody is traveling or hanging out at a vacation lake area or staying at their summer gardens. The city is pretty much deserted on week-ends. Hardly anyone is at home. I've been doing exchanges with another elder and his "greeny". I get the greeny. He is having a hard time adjusting to the language, the people and the mission, but we're working on it. We were all there once! I am not exactly sure what the plans are for our P-day this week as our planning meeting last night was in Ukrainian. I guess this way, it will be a nice surprise! It has rained here, like mad, for the last 3 days. We got soaked in a 30 min. walk back to our apt. We must have looked pretty funny - 2 guys in white shirts and ties, completely soaked! I don't suppose you are getting any rain this time of year in Mesa. Love, Elder Stradling

Elder Patrick W. Rogers Jr.
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Dear Dana Ward Family,

Elder Garcia, my companion and the financial secretary, basically runs the mission. I am the visa, travel and record keeping secretary as well as secretary to the President. The 4 of us serving here in the mission office have a lot of chores as well as trying to study and to proselyte. I love it though. I know that I am here for a reason. I never in a million years would have pictured myself as a secretary. But here I am.

This past week, I have been working with Elder Spicker. Our regular companions went on a little road trip throughout the mission to do audits. Elder Garcia and Elder Campos go out every six months to make sure that things are running smoothly with the finances and the MLS system. All three of the branches they have to audit are a considerable distance from the office. It's been a lot of fun this week, being with Elder Spicker. He's from Ogden, Utah. We've had quite a bit of success working in both of our areas these past few days. We found a lot of potential investigators to take to Church on Sunday.

Our focus lately, has been working with inactive young men of the Aaronic Priesthood and future elders, missionaries and grown men alike. The ward has about 600 inactive potential priesthood bearers which really surprised me. The four missionaries from the ward have been doing visits with the bishopric and other priesthood leaders. It has turned out to be extremely effective. Over 250 inactive members were visited in just one week. In that same week, more than half were interviewed by their corresponding bishop. The work is progressing very well. My bishop and his counselors are very pleased with our efforts to help the ward grow. Brothers and sisters, I know that this Church is the true Church of God. I know that what I am doing as a missionary is a blessing for

me as well as those around me. I know that the Book of Mormon is the word of God. Over the last little while, I have had the opportunity to really study it and understand its teachings. I was studying Lehi's dream and discovered how much it relates to missionary work. In 1 Nephi 8:21-22 it says "And I saw numberless concourses of people, many of whom were pressing forward, that they might obtain the path which led unto the tree by which I stood. And it came to pass that they did come forth, and commence in the path which led to the tree." As I really thought about these verses, I thought of all the people that are in my area. All of the people that desire to ". . . obtain the path which leads unto the tree. . . ." There are so many sons and daughters of God that are ready and willing to grab hold of the iron rod. The only problem is that they don't know where to find it. The "mists of darkness" cloud their path to righteousness and eternal life. But we as missionaries are the Lord's mouthpieces to call unto them and invite them to come unto Christ. Knowledge of the Book of Mormon is invaluable to us as members of the Church. I have taken upon myself to decrease my use of the Bible and instead, use the Book of Mormon much more often in the lessons. I know that I will see better results as I do this. Thank you for your love and prayers.

Love,

Elder Rogers

Elder Jared R. Eyring
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We had an awesome mission conference the first week of July. It was so good. We talked about the Book of Mormon and its truthfulness. We need to never give up or stop, just keep going. Our next mission conference, we will be having our own

Olympics. It is going to be fun. The Olympics start on 8-08-2008. The number 8 is lucky for the Chinese. I heard that is was even going to start at 8am. Our mission has a summer missionary program. Boys between the age of 16-18 come live with the missionaries for one week. We had Brother Lee come and stay with us for one week. It was good having him with us. I was hoping to learn more Chinese from him, but he wanted to learn English from me. Then we did zone 24's. We trade places with other missionaries for 24 hours. It worked out pretty good. It has been pretty hot and sunny, no rain for awhile. It is nice when it rains. My companion and I had been working with an investigator. He was moving right along with the lessons and he was ready for his baptism interview. We couldn't get a hold of him and we were kind of disappointed. Then my companion and I were having breakfast at McDonalds when my companion looked out the window and there he was. We were able to catch him and he had his interview. His baptism is scheduled for next week. We had moves this week. I didn't move but I got a new companion. President Van Dam called to ask if I would be a trainer. I went to pick up my new companion from the mission home. He had only been in Hong Kong for 24 hours. He is from Kansas. Well, that is about all for now.

Love, Elder Eyring

Elder Caleb T. Oldner
 Argentina, Restencia Mission
 (Temporarily assigned to the
 Georgia, Atlanta Mission.)

This is an update on Elder Caleb T. Oldner.

His visa did not come through in time for him to travel to Argentina on July

28th, his scheduled MTC departure. He has been reassigned stateside until the visa issues are resolved. He reports Tuesday, July 29th to the Georgia, Atlanta Mission. It is expected he will serve 1-2 months in this mission until his visa is issued. He will be speaking *Georgia Spanish*! He is doing well and has enjoyed the MTC for the past 2 months. He sounds terrific and is excited to get to work. He says his Spanish language is coming along. We look forward to hearing from him once he gets settled.

New Dana Ward Faces

Newlyweds, **Tyler and Bryna (Brin-uh) Isaacson** have moved into the ward at 62 S. Barkley #7 (520-260-3686). Tyler grew up in Tucson with 3 sisters, filled a mission to Kennewick, Washington, attended Eastern Arizona College and is currently a Jr. at ASU, working towards a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He works for Wells Fargo Bank in an Apache Jct. branch. Bryna grew up in Sierra Vista, Az. and is certified in Cosmetology. She is employed at Tantrum Beauty Salon as the asst. manager and also does hair. She has 5 brothers and they taught her everything she knows about sports, which she loves. She played on the volleyball team at E.A. Tyler also played Baseball for E.A. (1st and 3rd base). They met as students at E.A. and were married June 12th of this year in the Mesa Temple. They both admitted to singing in high school and college choirs and we suspect they may have other musical skills, but we will have to dig a little deeper for that information. When asked if they had any interesting experiences or claim to fame, Bryna said that Tyler was once interviewed by Elder Bednar and Bryna got to shake hands with him. We think there must be lots of fun things to learn

about this young couple who are now part of our Dana Ward Family! Wahoo!

SHAZAM! Welcome Home to **George and Ann Cherrington** who have returned early from St. George. Actually, they were both called to serve as Assistant Directors of the Mesa Humanitarian Center for the next 18 months.

A big welcome to **Anthony Joseph Rodriguez** a young man who recently moved into the ward at 2136 E. Bramble. Also, the **Thomas and Toni Newman family** have moved in to 1923 E. Dana with their children **Tasha and Thomas Jr. Shannon Garrett**, the daughter of Dwight and Linette Morris, has returned to the ward. Shannon has 4 beautiful children. It's great to see the ward family growing!

Notes on Dana Ward Folks

Brian and Jennifer Mehlberg's baby son, Kanon, passed away July 17th. Kanon and his entire family put up a valiant fight against some pretty terrific odds. Sister Carol Marshall passed away July 19th. Our love and thoughts are with their families at this especially difficult time. Carol's family plans to take her ashes up to Utah to spread on her favorite mountain. Her stepson, Scott, is taking her dog, Koko to care for. Both the Mehlberg and Marshall families have expressed their thanks for the love, help and concern shown by the ward members.

Marian Galindo passed away July 24th. Our condolences also go to her family.

Conley and Miriam Martin organized a Family Reunion of his 9 brothers and sisters in mid-July. Six of the nine were able to attend with their families and they did a great job of honoring their mother, **Chris Martin**. They attended a temple session together

and were able to do ordinances for several family ancestors. They also enjoyed a fun game night, a talent show and a craft activity. Twenty seven of Chris's 34 grand children were there and Conley made arrangements for each grandchild to be photographed on the lap of their grandmother. Then each creatively decorated a picture frame to take home with the picture. Chris says a highlight was when one of the 5 year old little grandsons ran up to his Mom and said, "See that grandma sitting next to you, she's the best grandma in town!" Chris says she has been indoctrinating them and they have learned well! They almost have the house back in order, the kitchen cleaned up and all the chocolate, popsicles and whatever, off the floors, walls, windows and ceilings! She says it was well worth all the work involved!

Bonnie (Potter) Jackson has some fun family news.

Her brother, Ronald Ashcroft of Mesa, recently married **Ann Cherrington's** sister, Ruth Pace, of St. George. Bonnie and Ann played Matchmakers. Sweet family links! (Dana Ward Family too!) Bonnie and Ann have offered their matchmaker skills to anyone else who would like to benefit from their successful efforts!

Bro. Alfred Burt recently returned from a trip to the Philippines to visit his **wife Emily** and 19 mo. old **daughter, Eowyn**. Emily is regaining much of her mobility and coordination after her stroke. They were able to get Eowyn registered as a U.S. citizen and hopefully speed up their emigration by going through the Homeland Security Dept. Alfred is so proud of little Eowyn who dances and sings and speaks her own mix of Tagalog and English. He is grateful to a boss and parents who helped him obtain his air fare to visit his family. You can view pictures of Alfred's family on the ward website (www.danaward.org) Click on the picture page or go to www.flickr.com/gp/14251315@N00/304580.

Laura Rosenkrans (Audrey Burklund's daughter) injured her ankle back in March and when it didn't get better with treatment, her doctors finally did surgery and discovered that she had a severed tendon and torn ligaments. She got her cast off recently and

is hobbling around with the aid of a walker until she can build up strength in her ankle. Hopefully, she will soon be at full recovery and able to go back to work.

Laura's "little" sister, **Tammie Burklund** has been receiving innovative denervation treatments for her back pain and is doing much better. Tammie gives much appreciated service in the ward library.

Arliss Ellsworth has had her hip replacement and is doing great! She will spend a few weeks in a rehab facility that is helping her with physical therapy. Hang in there Arliss - this project will soon be completed and you will be back on your feet!

Lana Hunt got to spend several weeks in Utah with her married siblings and a friend she met at EFY a couple of years ago.

Larissa Hunt got to spend a few weeks in San Antonio, Texas visiting her married sister Jenae. Jenae's husband has joined the Air Force as a nurse and they will be living in San Antonio for 4 years.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We have included a list of our **Dana Ward Young Single Adults** (even if their memberships are not currently in our home ward) so we can be aware of the many good things they are accomplishing. As far as we were able to determine, they are:

Adrienne Driggs: Just completed her 1st year at ASU and took some summer classes. She particularly enjoyed European Geography and likes Science and Art. She spent some summer time vacationing in Idaho with her family, grand parents and cousins.

Mark Driggs: Just received his Scout Eagle Award, his Duty To God Award and was ordained an Elder. He will attend BYU for a semester and plans to turn in his mission papers this winter. He was able to visit

Italy with a Travel Club from his high school this summer.

Michael Hale: Just completed his mission to Spokane, Wash. Returned for a short visit with his family, to his mission area, is looking for work here in Mesa and plans to return to school at ASU to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Anjulie Hale: Entering 2nd year at ASU, working on a PE and Special Ed degree. Spent a month in Ore. this summer. Coaches volleyball @ Taylor Jr. Hi and plays on City League women's Volleyball and Softball teams. Teaches Sunbeams in our Primary organization.

Kylie Hassell: 1st year at NAU- music major. Worked this summer at Neilsen's Custard. Spent a few days with 5 friends at the Burgess Pinetop cabin riding bikes and enjoying cooler weather.

Rusty Hunt: Employed at Dish Satellite Network, runs his own business building gazebos and other landscape structures, engaged to be married in Sept in the SL Temple. Oct. reception in Mesa.

Marinda Hunt: After a year at Snow College in Ephraim, Utah, she is home seeking a job to earn money to return to college.

Jessica Moat: Lives at home, would like to attend art classes. Loves animals (has 17 fish, a lizard and 4 dogs). Jessica loves computer games, video games, and music. She assists with our Primary Sunbeam class.

Annalessa Morgan. Works for an insurance company call center, processing claims. She has wonderful art skills!

Terrence Morgan: Works with his cousin, Steven O'Barr, doing cleanup and maintenance on repossessed homes. Would like to pursue further art education.

Anais Rodriguez: Attended a semester at the University of Phoenix and worked 1 semester as a Reading Instructional Assistant at Longfellow Elementary. She also taught at their summer school and will teach again this coming school year. Anais serves as the pianist for our primary.

Tjanna Standage: Currently working in Provo area for a distribution warehouse of wedding and formal dresses.

Isaac Standage: Works at Ned's Crazy Sub, is taking on-line classes from MCC and is working on his mission papers to be turned in soon.

Justin Schnepf: Just completed his mission to the Dominican Republic, Santiago. Currently looking for employment. Extended plans include pursuing a Mechanical Engineering degree at MCC, then ASU.

Emily Schnepf: Employed as a full time welder for Able Steel. Has her own apartment outside the ward boundaries.

Kelcie Schnepf: Works for Ned's Crazy Sub and 3D Concrete, in their office. Plans to attend MCC and eventually go to Beauty School. Kelcie is one of our ward organists and we appreciate her music skills!

Becca Stark: Completed her 1st year of college at Utah Valley in Orem. Currently home, taking a few classes at Gilbert/Chandler College and working for Wells Fargo. Hoping to attend ASU, seeking a degree in Business Management and eventually work in Real Estate. Ask her about her new car!

Vanessa Zepeda: Currently lives at home, working at IQOR and saving her money.

Clarissa Zepeda: Attended MCC and BYU/Idaho. Would like to go back. Currently working for an on-line wedding invitation co. and attends the Countryside Park Young Adult Ward. Lives at home.

Daniel Zepeda: Works for a computer company repairing and rebuilding computers. Daniel can take a computer apart and completely reassemble it.

Elder's Quorum

Pres. Dustin Redd	834-7788
1 st Couns. Paul Allen	733-4339
2 nd Couns. Cassidy Trimble	223-2837
Secretary Loni Unga	275-4414

High Priests

Group Leader: Anthony Kaberry
835-5149
1st Assistant. Joseph Stark
964-7754

2nd Assistant. Clyde Ransom 602-672-5933
Secretary Dale Rogers
464-0765

The High Priests have expressed a heartfelt thanks to Brother **Alfred Berry** who has faithfully served as the Group Secretary for 7 years, with four different High Priest Group Leaders. Bro. Berry is experiencing some kidney stone problems. He has been released and Brother **Dale Rogers** is welcomed as the new secretary. Bro. Rogers served with two different Bishoprics as the Dana Ward Finance Clerk. We express our gratitude to these two faithful brethren, for their diligent service.

Relief Society

Pres. Cris Rogers 695-4370
1 Couns Melissa Standage 964-1685
2 Couns MaryAnn Kaberry 835-3973
Sec Karisa Budge 610-6407

August RS Lesson Schedule:

Aug 3: "Opening Our Hearts", taught by Cris Rogers
Aug 10: #15 "Establishing the Cause of Zion"
Aug 17: #16 "Revelation & the Living Prophet"
Aug 24: "Testimony" by Elder Oaks & "Gaining a Testimony of God the Father, His Son Jesus Christ; & the Holy Ghost" by Elder Hales
Aug 31: Combined with the Priesthood

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Cooking Class Mondays @ 9:30am @ the Storehouse. **Aug 4**-Main Dishes, **Aug 11**-NO CLASS, **Aug 18**-Desserts and Snacks, **Aug 25**-Everyone bring something to share.

Senior Single Sister's FHE Mon, Aug 18, 5:30 pm @ home of Helen Fort. (969-1810)

Book Group Aug 25, 11 am, @ home of Violet Rogers. Book: "Fire of the Covenant" by Gerald N. Lund (story of the Willie/Martin HC Pioneers)

Temple Session (ward-Aug 14, 6pm), Thurs. Aug 21, 10 a.m. session/lunch @ 12pm in cafeteria.

Newborn Kit, Humanitarian Service

Project needs one final push to complete our goal of 600 kits. 409 completed kits have been turned in, leaving us with 191 to go. We urgently need your help to donate 65 packs of the flat fold diapers (Walmart is least expensive), 75 pair of booties/sox, and 100 more gowns. We have enough pins, soap and blankets now, thanks to your wonderful help!

A humdinger **Luau Party** was enjoyed by the entire ward in early July. The **Loni and Michelle Unga extended family** provided the entertainment. We were delighted by the talents and singing voice of Loni's father. The men learned a Maori "Slap Dance" which will be practiced in quorum meetings if anyone dozes off! The women learned to hula and **Lou Hunt and Ann Driggs** surprised everyone with their demonstration and performance of the "Balls on a cord" dance. (Yeah- there's a name for it, we just don't know what it is!) **Jennifer Carter** and **Bishop Hale** each gave impressive demonstrations blowing on a big pu (conch) shell. We were awed by Loni's fantastic "Fire Dance" and impressed that he did not set himself or the building landscaping on fire when he told us this was his first time to do a fire dance! Michelle performed an authentic island dance for us. It was a wonderful night of good food and fun entertainment. Thanks to everyone who helped make the evening possible!

HOT DIGGETY! SUPER SATURDAY RETURNS!

Super Saturday will be Sept. 13th in the Cultural Hall. All ward Women and Young Women are invited. Lunch will be served! Projects will be on

display Aug. 10th. Sign up by the last day of August.
Watch for more info and updates!

Young Women

Pres. Aryce Reynolds 615-1628
1st Counselor Lou Hunt 833-4867
2nd Counselor Janet Hassell 969-4276
Secretary Yolanda Zepeda 834-4469

New Laurel Presidency

Pres. Jessica Hale
1st Counselor - Carol Ransom
2nd Counselor - Lana Hunt

Carol Ransom has expressed her happiness of the safe return of her **brother Stan**, from Camp Geronimo..... and that he can once again resume his turn doing the dishes! (...And the opportunity to celebrate Stan's Birthday!)

Young Men

Pres. Darren Eyring 835-1799
1st Couns. Trent Payne 967-1101
2nd Couns. Lance McGraw 699-0723
Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194

NEW LEADERSHIP IN THE PRIEST QUORUM

1st Assistant - **Matthew Eyring**
2nd Assistant - **Ben Pace**
Secretary - **Tyler Sandberg**

NOTE: **Matthew** is working at Houston Trucking helping with maintenance on their truck fleet. He is also studying and preparing to get his CDL license so he can drive trucks. He attends Institute classes at MCC. He is hoping to be able to turn in his mission papers next spring. Besides serving as quorum secretary, **Tyler** is also the Dana Ward Rep. on the Stake Youth Committee.

(Tyler is also a recent convert.) We appreciate the hard work, faithfulness and service of our ward youth!

Conner Morgan, Eddie Rodriguez and Joseph Stark were recently ordained as Priests. CONGRATULATIONS!

We all enjoyed the Camp Geronimo experiences of our ward Scouts as shared by **Brandon Boone, Chris Martinez, Stan Ransom, Alex Turner and Jacob Standage** last Sunday. The 4 other boys were proud of Alex as he earned all 6 of the Merit Badges he had set as his goal! They learned a lot, made new friendships with another troop that shared their campsite, had fun and **endured to the end!** These 5 young men are great examples as our Deacons, Scouts and Sons and we appreciate their individual qualities. We tease them, but they really are super representatives of our Church and ward. We also pay a special tribute to **Rod Boone** who endured the entire week as their leader, sleeping on a top bunk, hiking 50 miles uphill, both ways, to the cafeteria, and still returned home with a smile on his face, a firm testimony in the value of the scout program and the truthfulness of the Church. Thanks to **Lance McGraw, Jon Nichols, Mark Standage, Rob Turner and Darren Shope** who also spent time at camp. Thanks to all the Dads and Moms of the ward that made Camp Geronimo possible!

We also appreciated the impromptu account of **Kevin Hale's** experiences at BYU/Idaho OYA Outdoor Youth Activity. Kevin made us all wish

we had shared his experience. The Dana Ward Youth are SUPER!

PRIMARY

President Kim Hale 834-3041
1st Couns Naomi Morales 218-5887
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Secretary Erika Payne 967-1101

Sunday Assignments

Aug Theme: I will show my faith in Jesus Christ by being baptized and confirmed.

Aug Scripture: "And their children shall be baptized for the remission of their sins when eight years old, and receive the laying on of the hands". (D&C 68:27)

"8th Article of Faith: "We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God. (Be sure to practice so you can recite it with us this month!)

Aug 3:

O. Prayer: Tanner Payne
Scripture: Benjamin Shope
Talk: Raizja Moore
Art. of Faith: #8 Renle Hird
C. Prayer: David Morales

Aug 10:

O. Prayer: MaKayla Edgmon
Scripture: Payzlee Hird
Talk: Donovan Blau
Art of Faith #8 Mason Redd
C. Prayer: Corey Downs

Aug 17:

O. Prayer: Isaac Root
Scripture: Kamea Turner
Talk: Chris Montgomery
Article of Faith #8 Noelia Root
C. Prayer: Kelly Eyring

Aug 24:

O. Prayer: Cayden Shope
Scripture: Audrey Redd
Talk: Jordan Gardiner
Art of Faith #8 Leah Morales
C. Prayer: Spencer Nichols
Class Presentations: CTR 8 and Valiant 12 classes
They will share with us what they have been learning! How exciting!

Aug 31:

O. Prayer: Kaeden Blau
Scripture: Noah Nichols
Talk: Salesi Morello
Art of Faith #8 Taylor Payne
C. Prayer: Joseph Standage

Rylee Hird will be baptized this week by her father, Nick.. Congratulations Rylee!

FAMILY CANNING

Our Ward's canning date each month will always be the 4th Thursday, at 1 pm EXCEPT for November (which will be Nov 13th) and December, (which will be Dec 30th). Watch for sign-up lists to be passed around in Relief Society. Pre-packaged Family Home Storage products have to be ordered at www.ldscatalog.com or by calling 1-800-537-5971. More information can be found at our local cannery or: providentliving.com Questions? Call Rosa Rodriguez 644-0128.

Several have asked for Janet Hassell's recipe for making your own Creamed Soup. So – Here it is:

Use this as a base for your own soup or in place of canned cream soups in casseroles.

2 C powdered nonfat milk
¾ C cornstarch
¼ C (or less) instant vegetable bullion
2 Tbsp dried onion flakes
1 tsp. basil leaves
½ tsp. pepper

Combine all ingredients, mixing well. Store in an airtight container until ready to use. To substitute for 1 can of condensed soup: Combine 1/3 C dry mix with 1 and ¼ C cold water in a saucepan. Cook and stir until thickened. Add to casserole as you would the canned product. Makes equivalent of 9 cans of soup.

Variations:

Mushroom Soup: add ½ C finely chopped mushrooms
Celery Soup: add ½ C minced celery
Potato Soup: add 1 C diced potatoes, cooked
Vegetable Soup: add ¾ C mixed vegetables, cooked
Broccoli Soup: add 1 C chopped broccoli, cooked

Thanks Janet!

MARGIN NOTES:

Overheard in our Sunday School;
“Many are cold but few are frozen”!

There seems to be no end to the Savior’s desire to lead us to safety, and there is constancy in the way He shows us the path. Henry B. Eyring

They shall exercise faith in me, saith the Lord, that they may become sanctified in me. Ether 4:7

That which is governed by law is also preserved by law and perfected and sanctified by the same. D&C 88:34

Remember that being born again does not eliminate our memory of past sins, but it will provide peace of conscience and relieve the pain of transgression. Keith K. Hilbig of the 70. (See Mosiah 27:29; Alma 36:19)

See that you are merciful unto your brethren, deal justly, judge righteously, and do good continually. Alma 41:14

Kindness is a passport that opens doors and fashions friends. It softens hearts and molds relationships that can last lifetimes. Joseph B. Wirthlin

We can help plant roses in each other’s lives so that the thistles of life will not choke out the joy of God’s love - and His gospel. Unknown

“The fruits of your missionary labors will reach far beyond your present horizon. Generations to come will be grateful and bless your names for your faithfulness and dedication in teaching the gospel.” Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf (Speaking at MTC)

“Humility is not a sign of weakness; it is a sign of spiritual strength.”
Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf

“All beings who have bodies have power over those who have not. The adversary only has power over those that permit him to.” Prophet Joseph Smith

If any man among you be strong in the Spirit, let him take with him him that is weak, that he may be edified in all meekness, that he may become strong also. D&C 84:106

Wherefore, lift up your hearts and rejoice, and gird up your loins, and take upon you my whole armor, that ye may be able to withstand the evil day, having done all, that ye may be able to stand. D&C 27:15

You Might Be a Mormon if....All your dishes have your name written on masking tape on the bottom.

You Might Be a Mormon if You believe HECK is the place for people who do not believe in GOSH!

You Might Be a Mormon if Your Mom was pregnant at your sister’s wedding reception!

You Might Be a Mormon if You pray that your food might “nourish and strengthen your body” before eating doughnuts!

You Might Be a Mormon if You think Jello-O is one of the basic food groups!

You Might Be a Mormon if At least one of your salad bowls is at a neighbor’s house.

You Might Be a Mormon if You’ve ever written a “Dear John” to more than 2 missionaries on the same day!

You Might Be a Mormon if You have one kid in diapers and one on a mission!

You Might Be a Mormon if You have more wheat stored in your attic than most third-world countries!

You Might Be a Mormon if You’ve already got your order in for Volume 50 of “The Work and The Glory”.

You think it is all right to watch football on Sundays as long as a direct descendant of Brigham Young is playing!

You Might Be a Mormon if You have to guess more than five times the name of the child you’re disciplining!

You Might Be a Mormon if You go to a party and someone spikes the punch with Ginger Ale!

Never let a problem to be solved become more important than a person to be loved. Pres. Thomas S. Monson

Let us relish life as we live it, find joy in the journey and share our love with friends and family. Thomas S. Monson

“And whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name; which is right, believing that ye shall receive; behold it shall be given unto you”. 3 Nephi 18:20

“Choose your friends wisely. The influence of a young person’s friends appear to be equal to parental urging and more influential than classroom instruction or proximity to a temple”. Pres. Thomas S. Monson

“It isn’t enough to simply seek good friends. Be a good friend. Not only will your circle of friends greatly influence your thinking and behavior, but you will also influence theirs. Many non-members have come into the Church through friends who have involved them in Church activities.” Pres. Thomas S. Monson

Coincidence is God’s way of remaining anonymous.
Albert Einstein

“Love is an act of endless forgiveness, a tender look which becomes a habit.” Peter Ustinov

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