

Dana Ward Bishopric

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Dear Dana Ward Family,

"Obedience is better than Sacrifice" was one of the lessons taught to our youth, as they participated in their pioneer trek earlier this year.

Brother Steven Covey points out that our perception of love may be different from someone else's perception of love. He gives an example of Person A doing something nice for Person B, and then points out that while Person A feels it is an expression of love toward Person B, because that's how Person A would like to be treated, in reality Person B does not recognize it as an expression of love because that is not the way Person B perceives a conveyance of love. Bro. Covey then goes on to point out that the tricky part is to learn what the other person's perception of love is and then to convey your love to them in a way they understand.

With Brother Covey's observation in mind, please consider the following comments about obedience and sacrifice:

President Monson is quoted as saying; "[The] revealed word [from a living Heavenly Father] vividly describes the blessings that obedience brings and the inevitable heartache and despair that accompany the traveler who detours along the forbidden pathways of sin and error.

"To a generation steeped in the tradition of animal sacrifice, Samuel boldly declared, 'To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams' (1 Sam. 15:22). Prophets, ancient and modern, have known the strength that comes through obedience. Think of Nephi: 'I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded' (1 Ne. 3:7). Or Alma's beautiful description of the strength possessed by the sons of Mosiah: 'They had waxed strong in the knowledge of the truth; for they were men of a sound understanding and they had searched the scriptures diligently, that they might know the word of God. But this is not all; they had given themselves to much prayer, and fasting; therefore they had the spirit of prophecy, and the spirit of revelation, and when they taught, they taught with power and authority of God' (Alma 17:2-3).

"The strength that we earnestly seek today to meet the challenges of a complex and changing world can be ours when, with fortitude and resolute courage, we stand and declare with Joshua, 'As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord' (Josh. 24:15). In other words, the strength

we earnestly seek comes from our obedience to the will of the Lord.

Regarding the sacrifice of the pioneers in their desire to be obedient, Elder M. Russell Ballard says; "We find one of the most touching stories of sacrifice, faith, and loving charity in the life of Jens Neilson, who was a member of the Willie Handcart Company. Jens, a relatively prosperous Danish farmer, heeded the call to bring his family to Zion. In Iowa he wrote that he had let all of his money go to the Church except enough to buy a handcart and stock it with 15 pounds of belongings per person. Jens wrote, 'Obedience is better than sacrifice.' Traveling with Jens was his wife Elsie; their six-year-old son, Neils; and a nine-year-old girl, Bodil Mortensen, whom Jens offered to take to Utah. In the early Wyoming blizzard, temperatures plummeted below zero. The Neilsons had consumed their last pound of flour days before, but somehow they made it over the treacherous Rocky Ridge, urged on by their indomitable courage and unconquerable faith. Tragically, 13 of the company died at Rock Creek and were buried in shallow, snow-covered graves – among them, Jens and Elsie's son, Neils, and young Bodil Mortensen.

"Jens arrived at Rock Creek, 11 miles beyond Rocky Ridge, with both feet frozen. He was unable to walk another step and pleaded with Elsie, 'Leave me by the trail in the snow to die, and you go ahead and try to keep up with the company and save your life.' Elsie, with her unfaltering pioneer courage, replied, 'Ride. I can't leave you. I can pull the cart.' "

During His ministry, Jesus taught; "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15) This single verse of scripture clearly blesses us with the knowledge of how to truly express our love and gratitude to a loving Heavenly Father and His Son, our Savior. At this time of year our thoughts reflect upon the stories of obedience and sacrifice found among the pages of our great pioneer heritage. As we remember their examples, may we continue to dedicate our lives and efforts to the strengthening of the Church in our day, through our obedience, as an expression of our love. In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. Brother Mark Standage

WARD SWIMMING PARTY!

Wed., July 8th – 7 PM to 9 PM

Brimhall Jr. High

Admission is FREE!

It'll be a lot of fun and cool and wet and if you don't swim, you can visit with fellow ward friends and family. Bring a friend and have a

GREAT time! Each family is asked to bring a dessert snack to share. Brimhall is located on the S side of Southern, just W of Higley Rd.

NOT YOUR USUAL PIONEER STORY!

This Pioneer story begins in faraway Ashville, Jefferson County, Florida sometime in the late 1800's. Uriah and Ludie lived in town and were quite successful by the standards of that day. They knew nothing of farming, roughing it or living completely by their wits! They had 3 young sons.

Some Mormon missionaries came along preaching the Gospel and the young family were baptized and made the decision to sell all their property and belongings and move to Salt Lake City, Utah to be near the central hub of the Church and its members. They were enroute to Salt Lake by train when they met some representatives of the Church, traveling to El Paso, Texas. This LDS group were on their way to visit the Mormon Colonies in Old Mexico. When they got to El Paso, Uriah decided to purchase tickets and travel with the Mormon group to Colonia Juarez. After looking over several little Mormon communities, Uriah and Ludie decided to homestead a piece of land and they settled into the little mountain community of Garcia. Like so many of the town's men, Uriah took his turn working at the lumber mill farther up in the mountains. The community leaders had secured a contract to cut timber for the rail road that was being built through the Sierra Madre Mtns. One rainy Sunday afternoon at the lumber camp, Uriah was in his tent resting when lightening hit a nearby tree which fell on Uriah's tent and killed him. Ludie was left a widow with three children to raise on her own.

Living conditions in Mexico were extremely primitive. There was no electricity or plumbing and no stores other than the little family co-ops. They sold only bare essentials which were purchased in Juarez or El Paso when some family could make the rare trip for supplies. Ludie had to learn how to operate a kerosene lamp, the installation and operation of an 'out house' and preparing and cooking foods from scratch. Butter came from the cream you skimmed off your milk and was then processed in the family churn. Eggs came from chickens you raised yourself and fried chicken came from the hens that ran around your yard that you butchered and cleaned yourself. Even cornmeal and flour came from the corn or wheat that had to be grown locally and then ground by hand at your own kitchen table or on the back porch. Ludie was a 'city girl' and was accustomed to purchasing canned foods and meat from a local butcher shop. She was used to sending out the family laundry to be done and returned by a local laundress or washed, hung to dry and ironed by hired

domestic help. She was ill prepared for having to raise and provide for her family from a garden (which she did not have) and milking a cow (which she did not own) and raising and butchering her own fowls and pigs (which she did not have). Sister Ludie and her young family were nearing the end of their meager supplies when some RS sisters visited her and left a small bag of pinto beans. After they left, Ludie opened the bag. She had never seen pinto beans before. They were too hard to bite into and she decided the 'sisters' had played a cruel joke on her. She threw the beans out into the front yard and was crying in despair when the Bishop's 12 year old son knocked at her door with some extra milk from their family cow. He inquired about the beans scattered in the dirt in her front yard and the reason for her distress. Ludie told him about the beans. The young boy laughed and began picking up the beans and explained to her how she had to soak them overnight and boil them all day and then they would be really good to eat. This reduced Ludie to a new set of tears and she lamented to the young 12 year old that she didn't even know something as basic as what to do with dried beans and she was never going to survive here in the mtns. of Mexico. She would have to write to her brother to send them train fare to return to Florida. There at least, she had family that could help her raise the children, even though it concerned her that none of them were members of the Church. The 12 year old pleaded with her not to abandon Garcia. He would think of something and immediately his eyes lit up and he said, "I know! You can marry my Dad! He's the Bishop and he will take care of you!" This made Ludie laugh at his over-simplified solution to the problem, but the boy told her not to worry, he would go ask his father right away! Sure enough, the boy came back within a very short time, with his father by the hand. Bishop Whetten had come to check on this discouraged member of his little flock. the Bishop saw to it that the family had food and instructed the RS sisters to help Ludie learn the skills she needed to prepare their 'natural' foods and other homemaking skills she needed to survive. Eventually, Bishop Whetten did marry Ludie as a plural wife. She moved with the Whetten family when the Saints left Mexico in 1912 during the Mexican Revolution. They settled in New Mexico in the area around a little Mormon community known as Bluewater.

An elderly Ludie, in reflecting back over her life, once remarked "Well, you might say that some of us converts just didn't know BEANS about pioneering but thanks to the spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood, we all pretty much made it through the tough times and survived."

Happy Birthday!

July 2009

5 Nadia Morello
5 Zack O'Bryant
7 Dolores Barnum
7 Jennifer Carter
9 Mariah Morales
9 Eddie Rodriguez
10 Billy Reynolds
14 Michael Hale
14 George Cherrington
17 Denlynn Brown
18 Luis Rivera
19 Kaeden Blau
19 Gideon Filhart
22 Anne Berryman
22 Denean Beals
22 Bella Morello
23 Tyson Hill
25 Alec Turner
27 Kevin Schnepf
27 Reed Tiffany
28 Dawn Southwick
28 Nazario Mendez
29 Renle Hird
29 Susan Jackson
30 Lauryn Tiffany

Missionary Mailbox

Elder Jared R. Eyring **China Hong Kong Mission**

Elder Jared Eyring safely returned home on June 27th, after completing his 2 year mission to China, Hong Kong. Darren and Julie and their son, Matthew, were able to travel to Hong Kong and visit some of the areas of Elder Eyring's mission service. They met some wonderful people and saw some beautiful locations and had a chance to sample the local foods, although Julie says that she didn't actually taste the 'chicken foot soup'. It will be nice to get to hear his report in Sacramento Meeting on July 12. Welcome Home Jared! Well done! You look GREAT!

Elder Caleb T. Oldner **(Argentina, Resistencia Mission)** **AV. Rivadavia 323** **Resistencia, Chaco** **Argentina**

I had my interview with Pres. del Castillo. He is pleased with our area and the progress we are making finding new investigators and helping the members.

I've been working out in the mornings but it is winter down here now and about 45 degrees every morning. We have a heater but only in the bedroom. We exercise in another room and it's so cold I feel like my joints are frozen. I guess I will have to exercise faster to keep frost from building up!

Sounds like Claire is learning lots of ways to be helpful at home. Doing the dishes works anywhere. I'm glad to hear that Grandma Betsy is doing better. Tell her I love her. I enjoyed hearing about the family having missionaries over for dinner and it occurred to me what a cool experience it would be for me as a missionary to be able to drop in and eat dinner at my own home.

The work here is greater than ever. This area is progressing well. We had 3 investigators at Church last week. We are now also teaching the boyfriend of a daughter of the Morrado family. We had been told he wanted to be baptized so went out and found him ASAP. He plans to be baptized July 11th and we are sure he will be ready then. Yesterday was great. All 6 elders in our Zone worked our area Monday evening and all day Tuesday and we found 12 new investigators. Next Wednesday is transfers but I'm pretty sure Elder Rodriguez and I are staying here and together. I think my shoes must have been made for a 'driving' missionary. The holes in the bottoms let in the sunshine as well as the rain! I'm trying to find a shoe repair shop to see if they can resole this pair for me, otherwise, I'm going to have to invest in a new pair here locally.

All is well and I'm happy. I'm learning a lot here in the mission field and continue to learn something new every day.

Love - Elder Oldner

Elder Mark E. Driggs **(Dallas Texas Mission)** **13747 Montfort Dr. Ste 120** **Dallas, TX 75240-4497**

Dallas, Texas is sweet! I'm still in the Dallas 1st and 9th wards. The work is going forth even though the heat + the humidity is a killer. On Wednesday there was a tornado

warning and it rained and stormed really bad. We were told to stay inside and couldn't leave. Luckily we were at the church building, getting ready to take some youth out on splits, but we ended up playing basketball in the gym instead. Thursday is our planning day and that whole morning it poured and rained A LOT. Streets flooded and the lake flooded over. That means the next two days it was over 95% humidity! WOAH! Tracting in that kind of heat results in drenched clothes, shoes and sox – from sweat!

We found two wonderful new prospects in unusual situations. When our appointment canceled on us, we decided we would go tracting on that street. The first door we knocked was a lady by the name of Gloria Garza. She has a few relatives who are members and was in search of an El Libro De Mormon. We gave one to her and taught her and she wants to know a WHOLE LOT MORE she said. Saturday we had another appointment cancel on us and we felt prompted to go tracting in that area. We met a lady who said she knew a "missionary" that she worked with. She is a dental assistant and the man she works with served his mission in Argentina and speaks perfect Spanish. We asked if he had talked about his church and she said "ALL the TIME!" We got a return appointment. The Lord sure is helping us find those who are wanting to learn and be taught about the gospel.

Also, my companion and I ended up playing an impromptu soccer game that resulted in 8 new investigators, so the game was worth it.

We also had a fun encounter yesterday. We were visiting a member in the lower income part of town. As we were walking to her house we got stopped by a large group of black people and one white lady. A very large black man asked, "If we were da Mormons?"

We said, "That's us." He replied, "GOOD! I got your back, and you ever need something let me know, but while you're in my hood I won't let nothing happen to ya." It turned out this man served in the army in UTAH, and married a Mormon lady. They are no longer married, but he has a high respect for us as missionaries. Crazy things happen on your mission when you meet random people willing to help you or experience the life of others through their traditions and games.

I recently met the tallest player in the NBA at 7 ft. 6 in. He belongs to the 9th Ward. His name is Shawn Bradley. He used to play for the Dallas Mavericks as their Center. He is a very nice guy and didn't mind when we asked if we could have a picture taken with him. I know he is famous and probably gets hounded by fans and people all the time, so we didn't want to bother him, but he was happy to let us have a picture with him. He wears a size 17 shoe! Elder Stout is 6 ft. 7 in. and barely came to his shoulders.

The church is true. That is all that really matters. I hope I'm doing all the Lord is asking of me. I love being a missionary and serving in this sacred capacity. Please keep sending me the Missionary section of the ward news letter, I enjoy reading it.

Sincerely, Elder Mark E. Driggs

Elder Isaac Standage
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Greetings from Guam! I got my Guam driver's license the last part of May so I share the driving responsibilities now. Anderson Air Force Base is part of our area and I am really enjoying working with the people who live on the base. They are really good to us. They invite us to dinner on a regular basis and most have instructed us to just give them an hour's notice and we can come and eat anytime we want. How's that for service? They seem to be a little more missionary work oriented than the locals although all of the members are great to support us. There are 4 branches in the Guam district and one of them is on the island of Saipan. Right now, the district is just 40 baptisms away from becoming a stake, so it is getting close. We are hopeful that will happen by the end of this year. I'm not sure about the percentages but there are more locals in this branch than there were in the last branch I was in. Our local building is undergoing an expansion and the construction should be completed soon. In the meantime, we

are meeting in the building next door to the Mission Office.

I live in an apartment that is nice and roomy. Elder Frogget, my companion, is from Nevada.

I met Brother Gregory at church on Sunday. We knew him when we were stationed at Elmendorf AFB in Alaska. He has offered to go with us on splits and also to give us a personal tour of the base here. He is here for summer training and I'm not sure how long that is. A Brother Henry who is a convert, asked all of us missionaries to sign his journal and our home phone numbers so he can call our moms and let them know that we are doing good. He is really nice and very helpful to the missionaries.

We are working with a golden family of 11 members. They were referrals and they have already expressed a desire to be baptized and we haven't even completed the full first discussion. I can't wait to teach them and get them progressing. Love, Elder Standage

New Faces in Dana Ward Places

Brother Joseph Frey was baptized June 20, 2009 and is the newest member of our Dana Ward Family. Bro. Frey lives at 1933 E. Dana and his phone # is 964-4177. A great big WELCOME to our 'flock'!

Also, welcome to **Olin and Molly Reynolds** and their children **Porter and London**, who will be members of our ward for at least a short while. Olin is the son of **Bill and Arlyce Reynolds**.

Notes on Dana Ward Folks

Paul and Darcy Allen are the proud parents of a new little daughter they have named **Hazel June**. She was born June 12th

and weighed 6 # 4 oz. She's a darling little girl and is much loved by her older sisters, **Molly and Sophia**. Congratulations!

Sister Helen Fort had emergency surgery Thurs. June 25th, for a thoracic aneurysm. She is doing well with her recovery in a care facility.

Audrey Burklund is making great progress with her knee replacement and is expecting to be released to come home on July 8th if all goes as planned.

Elizabeth Stark had surgery on both hands for carpal tunnel problems but is recovering well.

Jennifer Oliver's grandfather, Ron Lax, passed away from a heart attack early in June, while he and his wife Donna, were on vacation. Ron and Donna were members of the 19th Ward, many years ago. Our thoughts are with Jennifer and her family at this time.

We share the excitement of **Wes Filhart** and his extended family as his parents were sealed, along with their children, in the temple this past month. Wes and his mother were 'guest speakers' in Relief Society and shared their personal story that led them as a family, to this wonderful event. This is a very inspirational story.

Anna O'Bryant recently went fishing for the first time. She 'caught' a good sunburn and 4 little fish, but she had a good time!

Little **Logan Brower** was blessed by his daddy, June 14th and is now officially on the Church and Ward records! He's a KEEPER! Logan is the new son of **David and Lillie (Carter) Brower**.

David Morales baptized his daughter, **Leah**, while they were vacationing with his parents and extended family in Utah. Congratulations **Leah!** Neat Experience!

Lindsay Apple was able to visit Hawaii in June, with her parents and extended family. She had a great time and we wish we had been there... She also recently got a promotion at work and is excited about the new responsibilities and chance for advancement. Awesome!

Christine Martin only has 31 grand children and with such a small number, one of her daughters (Colleen) has decided they would adopt another little boy to give her at least one more! This little boy was sealed to their family June 27th. YEAH!

Bill and Arlyce Reynolds are thoroughly enjoying their latest grandson born to son and wife, **Clair and Kristen**. It was an extra bonus that the little guy has been named **Hunter 'Bill' Reynolds!** Do you suppose Grandpa is going to spoil him WAY more than all the others?

Cheryl Lans has adopted an 'abandoned' little dog and both Cheryl and the dog are doing great!

Heidi Blau says that if you see smoke coming from their block, don't assume their house is on fire. **Kerwin** is honing his skills towards a part-time career for his new BBQ catering business. He is still teaching school, but is polishing up a side business. If the wonderful smells drifting over their back-yard fence is any indication of his finished products, he is a **WINNER** already!

The Parkers are delighted to report that they no longer have any roosters among their family flock of backyard chickens! (They were delicious!) The eggs are plentiful and everyone seems to have settled into their pecking order among the Parker Poultry! We may want to check out their unusual family pets – we've heard they also have a very friendly and tame RAT as a new member of their family menagerie!

We are very impressed that **Carol Ransom** got up at 4:30 am to make her dad a Father's Day Pie! Sounds like we have another expert 'Pie Chef' in the ward family! YUM! YUM!

Kyndra and Sheldon Hassell will be traveling to Pennsylvania this summer to visit the Jackie Hemmis family that used to live in the Dana Ward.

Sven Budge, who recently moved from the ward with his family, is the new Elder's Quorum President in the Silvergate Ward.

The Mark Standage family enjoyed a vacation trip to Utah and 'Dad' got to spend some time at his Missionary Reunion.

Kevin and Lou Hunt spent a week on a 'working vacation' at Camp Geronimo in the cool pines near Payson. Kevin served as a volunteer commissioner and Lou enjoyed a week of prepared meals in the camp dining hall. Lana was named sharpshooter of the week. She got a score of 48 out of a possible 50 at the rifle range and tied the honor with a new Marine recruit serving on the staff.

Larissa Hunt has earned enough money with a garage sale and lemonade stand to buy a one way ticket to visit sister, Jenae, in Texas. Larissa will be helping Jenae with her children, through a difficult pregnancy. Soooo.... How is that 'One Way' ticket going to work out????

Rick Rogers is spending his summer between college classes, working in Alaska. Some people are very innovative in avoiding the Arizona Summer Heat!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BARGAIN "DATE NIGHT"

Be sure you save the evening of August 7th for a fun date night for the ward Married Couples and Single Adults. Dinner will be a menu from 'Year's Supply' items and best of all – IT'S FREE! Plan to come join the fun and sample some tasty vittles from pantry storage items!

Then - Save the following night, **August 8th** and attend a **FAMILY PREPAREDNESS NIGHT!** There will be lots of ideas and good information on how to plan/get your Family Year's Supply (or Month's or Week's Supply!!!) **WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!** Come learn some good ideas that really work and taste good too!

Just a reminder that the **Stake Employment Center** is open every Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm. There are individuals there that can help you hone your employment skills, write resumes, etc. to help you with your job search. Location: NE corner of the Ward/Stake Bldg.

Dry Pack items available for July: milk, regular oats, macaroni, carrots, apples and pinto beans. (Order due 28 June, canning on July 23.) **August:** potato flakes, fruit drink mix, sugar, black beans, rice, quick oats. (Order due Aug 2, canning on Aug 27.) **Sept:** white beans, refried beans, cocoa, flour, onions, red wheat. (Order due 30 Aug, canning on Sept 24.) Canning time is always 1 pm. Call Rosa Rodriguez for further information 644-0128.

Relief Society

Pres. Cris Rogers	695-4370
1 Couns Melissa Standage	964-1685
2 Couns MaryAnn Kaberry	835-3973
Sec Kim Brown	223-3773

July RS Lesson Schedule

July 5- To be announced!
 July 12 -#37 Charity, the Pure Love of Christ
 July 19 -#38 The Wentworth Letter
 July 26 - "Honorably Hold a Name & Standing" by Elder David A. Bednar, May '09 Ensign, pg 97/"Sacred Homes, Sacred Temples" by Elder Gary Stevenson, May '09 Ensign, pg 101.

Mucho, Mucho Gracias for all the help the ward sisters gave to complete the 400 baby blankets for the Humanitarian Services! You are **SUPER HEROS!**

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Senior Single Sister's FHE (Canceled due to Sister Fort's Medical crisis.)

Temple Session Thurs, July 16, 10am session, lunch after in the temple cafeteria.

Book Group-Day Mon. July 27, 11 am, @ home of Lynette McGraw. Ch 21 & 22 of "*Jesus the Christ*" and "Being Dead is no Excuse" by Gayden Metcalfe & Charlotte Hays

Book Group-Night Thurs, July 16 @ 7pm in the YW room at the Church. Like to read? Join us!

Kid's Play Group Cancelled until cooler weather in the Fall.

Gardening Class Thursday, July 9 @ 7 pm at the Mehlberg home (1735 E. 1st Ave).

Cooking Tues, July 7, @ 7 pm in YW room.

Canning Tues, July 21 @ 7 pm in YW room. We won't actually can, but will teach you everything you need to know to can (bottle) all kinds of dried beans. (See Pioneer story at beginning of newsletter for inspiration!)

Scrapbooking & UFO Tues, July 21 @ 7 pm in the Primary Room. Scrapbook techniques and tricks and bring your Un-Finished Objects to work on and complete.

Young Women

Pres. Kim Hale	834-3041
1st Counselor Miriam Martin	313-7194
2nd Counselor Jen Oliver	219-8443
Secretary Elizabeth Stark	964-7754

Special Congratulations to **Kyndra Hassell** who has been awarded her Young Womanhood Recognition Award after several years of much effort on her part!

Mariah Morales turns 14 on July 9th and will be entering the Mia Maid class.

Courtney Eyring had an exciting month as she got her missionary brother back home and her braces off. Lots to smile about!

During one of the June class activities, the girls made necklaces with the help of Sister Miriam Martin and Sister Tami Turner, to represent all 8 Values, including the newest value, Virtue, represented by the color gold. Each YW was able to design her own necklace and they all turned out GREAT!

Girl's Camp will be July 21 – 25 at the Orchard Site at Camp LoMIA. The theme is **"Live Like You Believe"**.

The ward girls helped make posters for the décor - ations in the lodge as a class activity. We are looking forward to Bishop's Night on Friday at camp for fun games and dinner with the Bishop, followed by a special program.

YOUNG MEN

Pres. Darren Eyring 835-1799
1st Couns. Wes Filhart 277-1924
2nd Couns. Lance McGraw 699-0723
Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194

"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight." The Scout Oath

Sheldon Hassell completed all the requirements for his Duty To God Award back in December and now has the actual award in his possession. Congratulations Sheldon for a job well done!

Kimball Rogers joined his uncle's scout troop this past month for a 20 mile hike. They are working towards their Hiking merit badge which culminates with a whopping 50 mile hike. Kimball was thinking this would put him a step closer to earning his own hiking merit badge. The selected 20 mile course was tough but Kimball survived to tell the tale. Great work Kimball!

Brandon Boone, who has been serving as the Deacon's Quorum Class Pres. has turned 14 and been ordained to the office of a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood. Brandon will be advancing to the Teacher's Quorum.

Chris Martinez has earned and passed his Scout Star Rank. WAHOO!

Alec Turner has passed his Life Scout Review! SUPER!

The ward Scouts and Teachers (ages 12, 13, & 14) will be attending **"The Pima-ree"** this summer instead of regular scout camp at Camp Geronimo. This will be held on Mt. Lemon above Tucson July 19th thru the 24th.

PRIMARY

President Jennifer Mehlberg 279-2790
1st Couns Cheeri Redd 834-7788
2nd Couns Darcy Allen 733-4339
Secretary Janet Hassell 969-4276

The Primary is in need of **volunteers** who are willing to **substitute-teach** when a regular Primary teacher is unable to teach their class. If you would like to do this occasionally, please advise a member of the Primary Presidency.

RICH BLESSINGS ARE THE REWARD!

Sunday Assignments

July Theme: I will strengthen my family

July Scripture: "And ye will not have a mind to injure one another, but to live peaceably."

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.

July 5:

O. Prayer: Ronan Blau
Scripture: Kaia Mehlberg
Talk: Donovan Blau
Art of Faith #8 Rylee Hird
C. Prayer: Mason Redd

July 12:

O. Prayer: Emma McGraw
Scripture: Zack O'Bryant
Talk: Chris Montgomery
Art of Faith #8 Payzlee Hird
C. Prayer: Corey Downs

July 19:

O. Prayer: Kaitlin Gardiner
Scripture: Emily Parker
Talk: Cole Montgomery
Art of Faith #8 Raizja Moore
C. Prayer: Mariah Rogers

July 26:

O. Prayer: Morgan Oliver
Scripture: Shelby Standage
Talk: Lauren Eyring

Art of Faith #8 Renle Hird

C. Prayer: Ben Shope

Jr. Primary Sharing Time: Sunbeam Class

Sr. Primary Sharing Time: Valiant 11 Girls

Margin Notes:

Look to the lighthouse of the Lord. There is no fog so dense, no night so dark, no gale so strong, no mariner so lost but what its beacon light can rescue. It calls, "This way to safety; this way to home."
Pres. Thomas S. Monson

And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. Isaiah 42:16

"It's a noisy world, and you're going to learn first...that revelation comes in the quiet times. It will come when the Lord can speak to our feelings."
Boyd K. Packer

All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen. Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Love is never wasted. It may not be reciprocated, it may not be fully appreciated, but it is never wasted." Elder Neal A. Maxwell

"The voice of heaven is a still small voice; likewise, the voice of domestic peace is a quiet voice."
Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley

"If you make a mistake {in life} accept blame, make things right and move on. If you are completely averse to risk, you will have a miserable life." Elder Steven E. Snow, Presidency of the 70

"The gospel of Jesus Christ is that penetrating light that makes of every hopeless dawn a joyful morning."
Pres. Thomas S. Monson

Adam fell that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy. 2 Nephi 2:25

"You must stay on the true course if you want to obtain happiness here and reach the safe harbor hereafter." Elder Carlos E. Asay

For my soul delighteth in the song of the heart; yea, the song of the righteous is a prayer unto me, and it shall be answered with a blessing upon their heads.
D&C 25:12

In America, anyone can become president. That's just one of the risks we all have to take.

"Visualize what you can accomplish and then take the necessary steps to make it happen." Elder Steven E. Snow, Presidency of the 70

"After all that has been said, the greatest and most important duty is to preach the Gospel."
Pres. Joseph Smith

Therefore, Alma did rejoice exceedingly to see his brethren; and what added more to his joy, they were still his brethren in the Lord. Alma 17:2

As a missionary, I may be planting seeds I will never see grow to fruition, but let me try anyway.

"Listen to that still, small voice which speaks to the depths of our souls the Master's gentle invitation, 'Come, follow me.' " Pres. Thomas S. Monson

"We are to press forward, whatever the length of the near horizon, while rejoicing in what waits us on the far horizon." Elder Neal A. Maxwell

In the expansiveness of space, there is stunning personalness, for God knows and loves each of us.
Elder Neal A. Maxwell

And now I say unto you that the time shall come that the salvation of the Lord shall be declared to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.
Mosiah 15:28

Those who read the Book of Mormon will be blessed with an added measure of the Spirit of the Lord,...and a stronger testimony of the living reality of the Son of God." First Presidency-Aug '05

Watch for good times to retreat into yourself. Frequently meditate on how good God is to you.
Thomas A. Kempis 1380-1471

The secret to success is to get up one more time
than you fall down.

From Maple Valley, Wash. One Sunday morning the chorister was missing for the opening hymn so the ward sang along with the organ. When the Counselor got up after the invocation he said, "In these tough economic times, we've had to cut back on some of our ward staff. The chorister was the first to go!"

Overheard in Relief Society:
My grandson asked me how old I was and I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Well, look in your underwear Grandma," he advised. "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."