

Dana Ward Bishopric

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Dear Dana Ward Members,

This month's message is a combination of quotes from various sources. May they serve as a reminder and inspiration in our daily lives. I hope you enjoy them and that they will give each of us pause for thought and action, especially in this month of Thanksgiving..

"The thankful heart opens our eyes to a multitude of blessings that continually surround us." James E. Faust, Ensign, May 1990, pg 85.

"Some have supposed that trials are reserved only for the disobedient. But the scriptures make it clear that even the humble and obedient will face tribulation. Experience is a great teacher, and sometimes our hardest experiences can be our greatest teachers (see D&C 122:7). This may be why we are commanded to give thanks for all things (see Eph. 5:20). Some blessings come to us painfully. But the Lord promises that 'he who receiveth all things with thankfulness shall be made glorious' (D&C 78:19)." Carolyn Wright, Tambuli, Nov 1994, 11

"Thankfulness is measured by the number of words; gratitude is measured by the nature of our actions." David O. McKay (Gen Conf, Oct 1955)

The Prophet Joseph once said: "Happiness is the object and design of our existence; and will be the end thereof, if we pursue the path that leads to it; and this path is virtue, uprightness, faithfulness, holiness, and keeping all the commandments of God." Let us walk these clearly defined paths. To help us do so we can follow the shortest sermon in the world. It is found on a common traffic sign. It says, 'Keep right.'"
- Thomas S. Monson, Ensign, Oct 1993, pg 2

From *Church News*, October 24, 2009
President Thomas S. Monson, speaking to Church members of the Salt Lake Valley, asked the congregation to reach out to the aged, the widowed, the sick, the handicapped and the less-active members of the Church.

"All too often, they are found in the parched and desolate wilderness of isolation called loneliness..." he said. "Extend to them the hand that helps and the heart that knows compassion," said President Monson.

"Reaching out to another will bring joy into their hearts." and, he added, "We ourselves will experience the rich satisfaction which comes to us when we help another along the pathway to eternal life."

President Monson has asked Church members to love their fellowman, to serve, to take care of the rising generation, and to rescue the inactive or less-active members of the Church. We need to understand that these priorities are God's priorities, and the prophet is His voice in communicating it to all of the Church and the world.

May we each be thankful for what the Lord has blessed us with and may our priorities be in line with that of the Prophet and Lord is my prayer.

Love, Dwight Morris

A VETERAN - whether active duty, retired, national guard or reserve - is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to the "United States of America" for an amount of "up to and including, MY LIFE"! That is an honor and we are a grateful nation! Thank you



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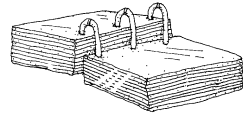
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Missionary Mailbox

Elder Caleb T. Oldner
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When the Gen. Conference tapes came, it was like Christmas for us here in Argentina! My favorite two talks were by Jeffrey R. Holland and M. Russell Ballard. To see the Book of Mormon that was with Joseph and Hyrum in Carthage Jail was amazing. Elder Ballard's special talk about Fathers and Sons was awesome.

I got hold of some kind of a bug that played havoc with my stomach last Saturday. I threw up all night. I think it might have been the cold pizza from our Zone Conference. I was supposed to go with my companion to conduct some baptism interviews, so I drank a glass of Pepto Bismal and felt much better afterwards. I felt like I had returned from the 'land of the dead'!

We have been helping an investigator couple get married and they are anxious to be baptized. We had 6 investigators in church on Sunday and have 3 baptisms planned before the end of October. We are going to celebrate this evening with 4 boys that were baptized last month. We are ordering pizza and it should be fun. It was so exciting to see all four of them passing the sacrament last Sunday.

I have enjoyed my companion so much. He is from Antofagasta, Chile and he is serious but also fun at the same time.

We are nearing the end of the month and it's a little rough as our monthly allowance has not arrived yet. Fortunately I still have some personal money but that is not the case with all of the Elders. Hope everyone at home is enjoying the cooling off temperatures. Our weather is really warming up here. I truly am glad to be here and the time is flying by. Hope all is well back in the Dana ward.

Elder Oldner



Elder Mark E. Driggs
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One of my favorite investigators (shhh, we don't have favorites) was so excited to share some good news with us. His name is Juan Cortez and he recently visited his doctor and they were running tests, suspecting he might have Cancer. His tests are negative for Cancer and he is sure it is due to the Priesthood blessing we gave him after his first lesson with us. He offered to make breakfast for us. He is an awesome cook. He worked for 7 years as a restaurant chef. As a family, they are all involved right now with communion classes for his young son. But Juan has committed to attending our Sacrament Meetings every week before they have to head over to the Catholic Church for the communion classes. I was surprised and very pleased that all four of them have actually been showing up for our Sac. Meetings. His wife has been reading the Book of Mormon and has some doubts about her Catholic faith. But at the same time, she believes that her son needs to complete his communion classes. Little by little, they seem to be learning LDS gospel principles and expressing happiness at their new knowledge.

We have baptismal dates set for two kids from another family; Armando (9 years old) and Fatima (10 years old). Their parents also love church but are working on some personal problems before we can set their baptism dates.

We got our transfer calls and I will be staying in my area as a trainer and Elder McDaniel will be opening a new area and training a brand new Elder for the last 6 weeks of his mission. I will also be training a brand new Elder from the MTC. This is my first and I am still working on fluency with my Spanish. This wasn't what I had wished for, but I am hopeful it will make me speed up my skills in several areas. Maybe I've been given this opportunity so I can learn and grow myself. Our entire Zone, area and district are reorganizing. We were all quite comfortable the way things were and change is always hard. It makes me nervous but our fears are somewhat modified by our faith that we can all meet our challenges and fill our responsibilities as missionaries.

This week I had an interesting challenge. I was riding my bike to the chapel and not paying good attention to my surroundings. A silver car zoomed right past me and hit a deep puddle near me. The end result was a thorough soaking. Water was dripping off my helmet. Half frozen and dripping wet, I continued on to the church where I arrived cold and soggy. I was pretty miserable but

remembered that I can never enjoy the good things of life if I have not experienced the lows. I changed my attitude since I couldn't change my clothes and made a joke of my soakage. Our lesson went well and I didn't get sick so I did receive some blessings from the experience.

Love, Elder Driggs

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We were so excited here in Guam to get to see the taped Gen. Conference broadcasts. Five new temples is exciting!

We had an exciting October with the local typhoon watch for this time of year. At one point, there were 4 Super Typhoons headed for our island, but one went South, one went North and two dissipated into tropical storms. All of them missed us. We had been notified by the Mission Office to stay inside and off the streets for our safety, for a few hours. Being unique to us, it was rather disappointing that we barely got any rain or wind at all. I think that every missionary was hoping to get to experience some kind of tropical storm but they passed us by. All in all, it was a different week for us but turned out to be very normal with only the usual amounts of high humidity.

We do each carry a cell phone here so the Office can always contact us for Church business or safety checks. They are paid for from mission funds and we are not allowed to make any long distance calls.

We will be working as a threesome, with one of the new missionaries for a short time until his travel arrangements can be completed for him to fly to Saipan (part of the Mariana Islands) where he has been assigned. It will be fun to get acquainted with him, even if for a short time. We have dropped our family of 9 we were working with as they were unable or unwilling to keep their appointments with us. The work is a little slow right now in our area.

I was disappointed to hear from a friend at home that he has decided to join the Air Force rather than turn in his mission papers. However, a missionary I came out with served in the Army for a few years before his mission. He said it

allowed him some personal maturity time before he went on his mission and it worked well for him. I hope this proves true for my friend at home.

The humidity here is sure hard on my scriptures. All the tropical moisture has made my scriptures separate from the binding and they are literally falling apart. Otherwise, all is well here in Guam and the Gospel is True! Love, Elder Standage

Special Note: **Matthew Eyering** got his mission call Oct. 22nd. He will be serving in the **AWESOME Idaho, Boise Mission**. Most of the Boise citizens speak English so Matthew will have a short training period at the MTC and then be able to head straight to Idaho for the "Best 2 Years" of his life! Matthew reports to the Provo MTC on Dec. 16th. He loves deer meat and hunting so he will do fine in Idaho! Congratulations Matthew! We are proud to have you represent the Church and the Dana Ward!



NEW WARD MEMBER



Willa Stago has her nephew, **Bo Hopkins**, staying with her now. Bo is 20 years old and a member and comes to our ward from the San Carlos, Arizona area. Bo is friendly and courteous and played guitar in a band up on the Reservation. He is looking for a job and happy to be a member of the Dana Ward Family. Welcome Bo!

Notes on Dana Ward Folks

We weren't sure if the ward members know who is serving in the **Ward Elder's Quorum**

Presidency. They are: Pres-Dustin Redd;; 1 Couns-Paul Allen; 2 Couns-Joseph Cowlshaw. Also, the Elder's Quorum class instructors are **Spencer Bury, David Hawks and Ray Southwick**. Thanks to these Priesthood men who do so much service for our ward family.

Martha Morgan has a cast on a broken ankle for a few weeks and then will be re-evaluated for surgery to repair some tendon damage in that same ankle. Hope you recover soon Martha!

Brad and Jaimie Waldman are moving to Lemoore, Ca. near Fresno, for his next Navy assignment. They know this will be a temporary assignment but if or when he gets assigned overseas, we are hopeful their records will be transferred back to their Dana Ward Family. Although we tried to talk them into leaving behind baby Benjamin for all the ward grandma's to rock and cuddle, they insist on taking him with them. Good luck to the Waldman family.

The **Oliver family** have gotten word their Queen Creek area new home is completed and their move is imminent! So long and Thanks to a great family that have contributed much to our ward!

Joe Frye and Carol Cannizzaro were married in October. Joe was recently baptized and became a new member of our Ward Family. Joe and Carol have moved to the Adobe Ward in the Mtn. View Stake.

We thought this would be fun information to know. **Bishop and Kim Hale's daughter, Tiffany, and her husband Richard Stradling** (son of Bishop and Doreen Stradling) are expecting Fraternal



TWINS! Congratulations to all family members!



Audrey Stradling is recently engaged to **Aaron Fry**, from St. David. They are planning a spring wedding.

Kelsey Crandell has been nominated as a contestant for



Homecoming Queen at Westwood High School. Homecoming events will be held Oct. 30th, so we will have to keep in touch to see how this fun experience goes. Congratulations and best wishes Kelsey!

Dave Morales was able to attend the recent funeral of his Aunt in Provo, Utah. "Auntie" is actually the sister of David's grandfather, but she was a member of his family household when he was growing up. She was 92. Our condolences to the Morales family.

Joe Stark has spearheaded the opening of the new "FYE Outlet" store in Arizona Mills Mall and Joe is the General Manager. "FYE" buys and sells used CDs, DVDs and Video games. Ultimate way to recycle!

Cheryl Lans did her "good deed" this past week. She heard a child crying and rescued a little 2 yr. old girl from the middle of the street. She was able to help the Mesa Police reunite the baby with her frantic but grateful family. The baby had wandered away from her family yard from about 2 blocks away. Yeah Cheryl!

Kelsey Crandell and **Kevin Hale** competed in the City Diving Competition last week. Kelsey placed 5th and Kevin placed 7th, which qualifies both of them for places on the State Diving Team. They will compete in an upcoming Swim Meet. **YAHOO** for our youth!

Courtney Eyring and **Larissa Hunt** are on the tennis team for Taylor Jr. High and will be competing in the City Tournament. Good Luck girls!

Bill Reynolds continues to recuperate from his heart surgery and if all goes as planned, he will get to come home at least a few days each week. It is expected that in early Dec., his doctors can begin the procedures to close up his chest wound. We are all rooting for you, Brother Reynolds!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

As of Nov 1st - the rest of the States end Daylight Savings Time. **We don't have to do anything!** We will now be the same time as Utah again.

November Ward Temple Night is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 19th, 6:00pm session or whenever you can make it. Join us at the Dwight and Linette Morris Home afterwards for a small social and treats.



If anyone would like to host a small social after the December Temple Night (date to be announced), please call Jeff or Pinki Hoepfner @ 733-0963.

YOUR HELP NEEDED!! The contract which required television Channel 6 and 61 to broadcast General Conference has expired. This was the only non-cable video broadcast available to us in the greater Phoenix area. President Fleming and our Area Seventy, Elder David E. LeSueur, have asked for the help of members in contacting the TV station as soon as possible to urge them to continue to broadcast General Conference. It needs to be done promptly and please remember to be polite and

express thanks for the past broadcasts. The address is: News Channel 3, attn: Director of Programming, 5555 No 7th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85013.

Thank you!

Brother David Lane (Pueblo Stake Clerk)



As far as we can tell - there were no children or adults carried off by ghosts and goblins at the Ward Fall Social held Halloween Night at the Church. The activities were fun, the costumes were great and the food was wonderful! We have some excellent cooks that competed in the Chili and Cornbread Cook-off. Happily, there were no known after-affects from the chili concoctions! IT WAS GREAT! Thanks to all who helped in any way to organize, set up and clean up this fun and special event!

Dry Pack items available Nov: potato flakes, fruit drink mix, sugar, black beans, rice, quick oats. (Order due Nov 1, canning on Nov 23.)

Dec: white beans, refried beans, cocoa, flour, onions, red wheat. (Order due 6 Dec, canning on Dec 29th.) **(JAN: 2010 schedule is not available yet.)** Canning time is always **1:00 PM**. Call Rosa Rodriguez for further information 644-0128.

DECEMBER DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Temple Christmas lights will be on from Nov 27th thru Dec. 29th, 6 PM to 10 PM each night.

Dec 1: RS Christmas Dinner - 6:00 PM

Dec 6: First Presidency Christmas Broadcast 6:00 PM.

Dec 12: Ward Family Christmas Party - 6:00 PM

Dec 16: All Mutual Christmas Caroling.

Dec 23 & 30: NO MUTUAL

ACTIVITIES/CLASSES

Dec 29 & 30: Stake YM/YW Baptisms.

Dec 19 thru Jan 3 - No School. Classes resume Jan 4.



JUST FOR FUN!

There are rumors circulating around Utah, Arizona, Idaho and California of a new chain of non-pretentious Mormon-themed restaurants to be called "The Steak Center" (Where There's Never a Dry, Boring Meeting!) Each Steak Center will have one enormous dining area with basketball hoops at either end and folding metal chairs and long banquet tables covered in plastic or paper. The Steak Centers will not have hostesses, but greeters who will be men in their seventies who meet you at the door and talk like they have known you forever. The menu items for lunch and dinner will be:

Porterhouse Rockwell Steak

Primary Rib

Poor Wayfaring Pan of Beef

Parsley P. Pratt Funeral Potatoes

Eliza R. Snow Crab (in season)

And It Came to Pasta

Kraft MacaMoroni and Cheese

Breakfast items will include:

Pearls of Great Rice

Frosted Minivans

Adam-on-di-Omelettes

Desserts will include:

Fast Sundaes

Gandiaton Cobbler

Laman Meringue Pie (just sinful)

In Our Lovely Desserts

The waiters will be 12 and 13 year old boys wearing white shirts and their fathers' ties. At the end of the night, the customers will be asked to help fold up the chairs and tables and vacuum the floors. Franchises are selling faster than Sunbeams on Skittles!

(Excuse us - but sometimes we just have to laugh a little!)

Relief Society



Pres. Tima Hird 282-8479
1 Couns Mary Filhart 452-8618
2 Couns Naomi Morales 218-5887
Sec Dawna Bury 298-0562

Legay Parks, April Parker and Mary Filhart have been released as RS teachers. Our gratitude to all of them for many wonderful lessons. The new RS teachers are **Michelle Unga, Melissa Crandell and Lou Hunt**. They have already proved themselves as talented teachers and we are looking forward to their lessons.

November RS Lesson Schedule

Nov 1: "As Sisters in Zion, We Support One Another", guest teacher **Nivla Hatch** (Tima's Mom)
Nov 8: #44 "The Restoration of All Things", **Lou Hunt**
Nov 15: #45 "Joseph Smith's Feelings About His Prophetic Mission" **Michelle Unga**
Nov 22: "Unselfish Service" (Elder Oaks), **Melissa Crandell**
Nov 29: Combined meeting with the Priesthood

RELIEF SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

Gardening Thurs, Nov 5, 7pm at the Mehlberg home (1735 E. 1st Ave.)

Temple Session Thurs, Nov 19, 10am session. Lunch after in the temple cafeteria.

Kid's Play Group Every Wed, 10am at Silvergate Park (S of Pueblo on Briar)

Book Group Mon, Nov 30, 11am, @ home of Lynette McGraw. "The Undaunted" by Gerald Lund and "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

Gardening Thurs, Dec 3, 7pm at the Mehlberg home.



Young Women

Pres. Kim Hale 834-3041
1st Counselor Miriam Martin 313-7194



2nd Counselor MaryAnn Kaberry 835-5149
Secretary Elizabeth Stark 964-7754
Alyce Hill has been called as the new Laurel Advisor and **MaryAnn Kaberry** is the new 2nd Counselor and Beehive Advisor.

Congratulations to **Alyce Turner** who completed her **Young Womanhood Recognition** Award requirements. Alyce was presented her medallion by Bishop Hale in the Oct. 18th Sacrament Meeting.

Oct. 7th was our **Evening of Excellence** Program. The theme was "Go the Distance". It was compared to running a marathon. Each girl told about their achievements in the goals they set in their YW Values. At the end of the program, the girls were awarded their medal, which was a YW torch necklace. We are proud of the achievements of our ward Young Women.

Our ward Laurels are pretty unique in that between all of them they represent **4 different City High Schools and a trade school**. These schools are; Mesa High, Heritage Academy, Westwood High and Horizon High as well as E.V.I.T., where **Katelyn Turner** is enrolled in their cosmetology program. WOW!

Larissa Hunt was bubbling over this past Sunday because she is preparing to receive her **patriarchal blessing**. What a special event for her.

ATTENTION ALL "YOUNG PARENTS"

All of our Y.W. are begging for babysitting jobs! You can call Sister Kim Hale (834-3041) or Liz Stark (964-7754) for a list of names and phone numbers. Thanks!

YOUNG MEN

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

CITIZENSHIP
IN THE
COMMUNITY

"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



The ward Young Men and Young Women will be hosting the November 11th, Veteran's Day Dinner to honor all of our ward

Veterans who have served in the Armed Forces. Thank you to all the special individuals who served in any capacity to help protect and preserve our FREEDOMS!

PRIMARY



President Jennifer Mehlberg 279-2790

1st Couns Cheerl Redd 834-7788

2nd Couns Darcy Allen 733-4339

Secretary Janet Hassell 969-4276

Nov Theme: "My family and I can serve others."

Nov Scripture: "By love, serve one another"

(Galatians 5:13)

12th Article of Faith: We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers, and magistrates, in obeying, honoring, and sustaining the law.

Nov 1:

O. Prayer: Bryson Patenge

Scripture: Chris Montgomery

Talk: Rylee Hird

Art of Faith #12: Zach O'Bryant

C. Prayer: Jared Nichols

Nov 8:

O. Prayer: Josh Montgomery

Scripture: Cole Montgomery

Talk: Kaia Mehlberg

Art of Faith #12 Corey Downs

C. Prayer: Mason Redd

Nov 15:

O. Prayer: Claire Rogers

Scripture: Donovan Blau

Talk: Payzlee Hird

Art of Faith #12: Mariah Rogers

C. Prayer: Raizja Moore

Nov 22:

O. Prayer: Rhett Hird

Scripture: Lauren Eyring

Talk: Renle Hird

Art of Faith # 12: Shelby Standage

C. Prayer: Spencer Nichols

Jr. Primary Sharing Time: CTR 6

Sr. Primary Sharing Time: Val. 9

Nov 29:

O. Prayer: Evan Redd

Scripture: Kyle O'Bryant

Talk: Ben Shope

Art of Faith #12: David Morales

C. Prayer: Rylee Hird

Watch for more information on the coming
"Priesthood Preview - Nov. 8"

"Thank You" to all the Primary children and teachers for the GREAT job you did in the Primary Sacrament Meeting Presentation!!!

"Thank You" to Sister Carter, Sister Rodriguez and Sister Redd for their hard work on the Primary Sacrament Mtg. Presentation! It Was SUPER!!!!

Turkey Crossword Answers:

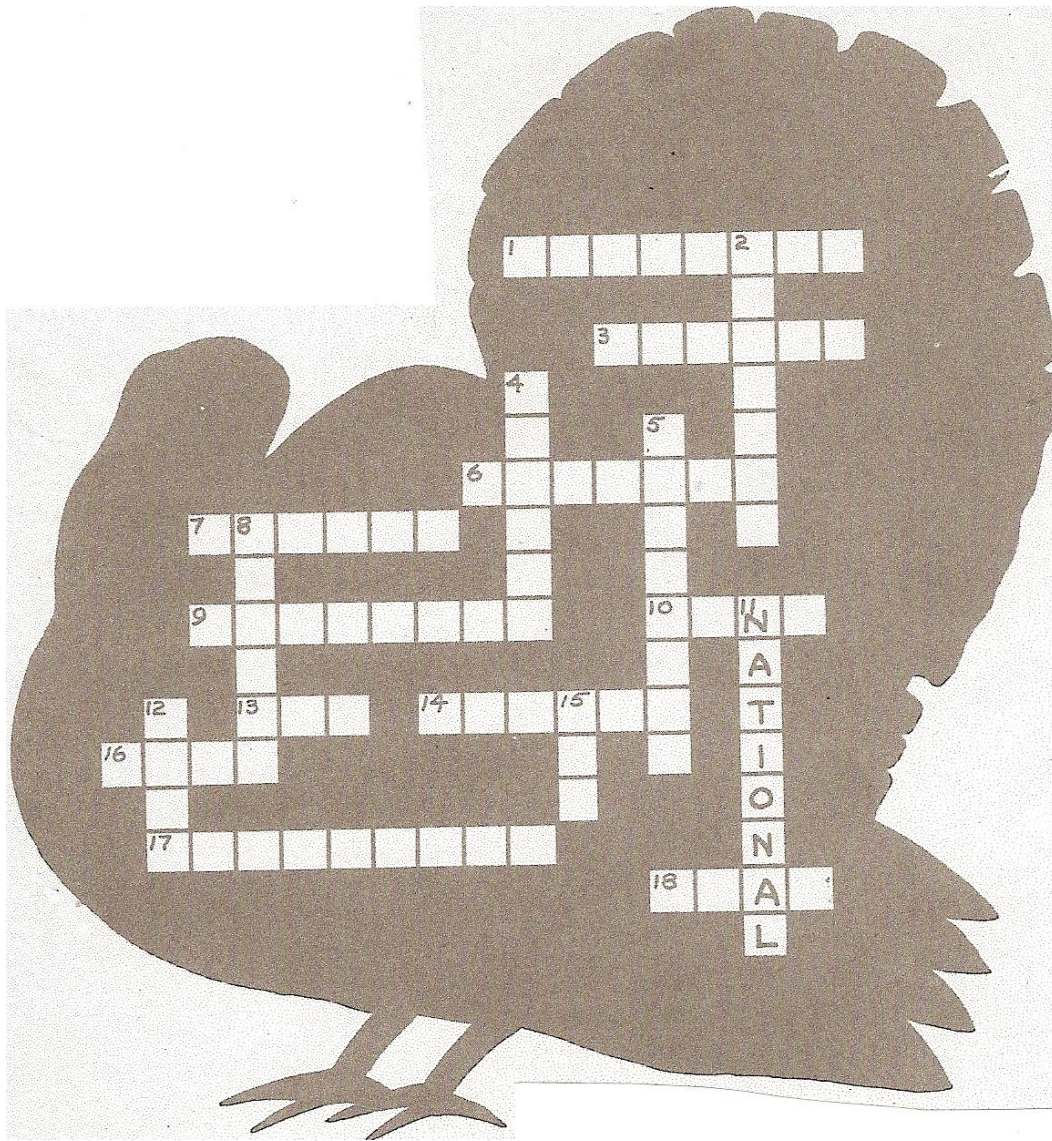
1-A thankful, 3-A church, 6-A harvest, 7-A turkey, 9-A pilgrims, 10-A land, 13-A eat, 14-A hunger, 16-A cold, 17-A delicious, 18-A meal, 2-D forests, 4-D states, 5-D settlers, 8-D united, 11-D national, 12-D food, 15-D get.

How We Got Fast Sunday's

"Special fast days for various purposes were held during the exodus from Nauvoo, and after the Saints arrived in the Salt Lake Valley, some fasts were held on the first Thursday of the month. . . . During the difficult years of 1855 and 1856 in Utah, because of prolonged drought and famine, the exceptionally hard winter, and the plague of grasshoppers, many of the Saints were in desperate circumstances. This is what Brigham H. Roberts wrote of it:" "To meet the very great demands of charity upon Latter-day Saints in those trying years, our fast day came into existence; the servants of the Lord instituted the first Thursday in every month as fast day, with a view of taking what was saved by this sacrifice and minister unto those who otherwise would be in want. This plan

of meeting that emergency became an established institution.' (Conference Report, Apr. 1913, p. 120)

"Prior to this time the poor had been sustained by donations, but now the care of the poor became associated with fast day and what was donated became known as fast offerings, which were brought to the monthly fast meetings. From this early period when the Saints came to the valleys of the mountains to 1896, a regular fast day was held on the first Thursday of each month, and offerings were brought and given largely in kind." "Fast Day," Ensign, Nov. 1985, 73



Fill in the missing words in this Thanksgiving story. Each missing word has a place on the turkey crossword grid. A stands for Across, D for Down. The first missing word of the story is printed to give you a start. It is NATIONAL, 11-D (11 Down).

Thanksgiving Day is a ... (11-D) .. holiday in the ... (8-D)... .. (4-D)... It was started by the ... (9-A).. because they were .. (1-A).. for their first good .. (6-A).., after a winter of .. (14-A).., sickness, .. (16-A).., and hardship. Success in raising .. (12-D).. was very important to these ... (5-D).. in a new .. (10-A)... There were no stores where they could buy .. (12-D)... They

must raise it, and hunt for it in the .. (2-D)... .. (12-D).. is so easy for most of us to .. (15-D).. today that we forget to be .. (1-A).. for it. We .. (13-A).. Thanksgiving .. (7-A).., because the .. (9-A).. had wild turkeys to .. (13-A).. on the first Thanksgiving Day. So when we .. (13-A).. the (17-A).. roasted ... (18-A).. let's remember to thank God for all the good things we have today. And we should thank God for the .. (9-A).., who went through .. (14-A).., and ... (16-A).., and all kinds of suffering to start life in America, so that they might worship God in their own way. They gave us more than a holiday - they gave us the chance to worship in our own .. (3-A)... (answers on page 8)

MARGIN NOTES :

"None of us makes it through this life without problems and challenges - and sometimes tragedies and misfortunes. After all, in large part we are here to learn and grow from such events in our lives. We know that there are times when we will suffer, when we will grieve, and when we will be saddened. However, we are told, 'Adam fell that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy.'" Pres. Thomas S. Monson

"I would ask that your faith and prayers continue to be offered in behalf of those areas where our influence is limited and where we are not allowed to share the gospel freely at this time. Miracles can occur as we do so." Pres. Thomas S. Monson

"I bear my testimony to you that this work is true, that our Savior lives and that He guides His Church upon the earth. I leave you with my witness and my testimony that God our Eternal Father lives and loves us. He is indeed our Father and He is personal and real." President Thomas S. Monson

"God's love is so great that He loves even the proud, the selfish, the arrogant and the wicked. That means there is hope, no matter one's current state." Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf

"God's love encourages us to walk in righteousness - not out of fear or obligation but out of an earnest desire to become even more like Him, because we love Him." Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf

"Mercifully, the Son of God offers us deliverance from the bondage of our sins, which is among the heaviest of all the burdens we bear. When we repent and keep the commandments God strengthens us and blesses us with peace of conscience and joy." Elder W. Whitney Clayton

"Like Moroni who taught the Prophet Joseph Smith, all parents and gospel teachers are messengers from God. Not all of us teach future prophets.. but we are teaching future leaders of the Church." Elder Russell T. Osguthorpe

"We can help others become more familiar with the promptings of the Spirit when we share our testimony of the influence of the Holy Ghost in our lives." Sister Vicki F. Matsumori

"God does not require more than the best one has to offer but he also asks for nothing less." Elder Jorge F. Zaballos

"Members cannot expect to be free entirely from trouble, disappointment, pain and discouragement. These are the things that people were sent to earth to endure. But no one is left alone on earth without hope of guidance and redemption." Pres. Boyd K. Packer

"If anyone thinks that Godly or parental love for an individual grants the loved one license to disobey the law, they do not understand either love or law." Elder Dallin H. Oaks

"God's choicest blessings are clearly contingent upon obedience to God's laws and commandments." Elder Dallin H. Oaks

"Your personal knowledge of God is not only the greatest gift you will ever give; it will bring you the greatest joy you will ever have." Elder Robert D. Hales

"The invitation to repent is rarely a voice of chastisement, but rather a loving appeal to turn around, and to return toward God. Repentance is a blessing." Elder Neil L. Andersen

"Joseph Smith restored all the powers, keys, teachings and ordinances necessary for salvation and exaltation. You cannot go anywhere else in the world and get that. Salvation can only be found within the boundaries of the Gospel." Elder Tad R. Callister

"Find someone who is having a hard time, or is ill or lonely, and do something for him or her." Pres. Thomas S. Monson

"The full-time missionaries teach three basic gospel lessons - The Restoration, the Plan of Salvation and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We need to fully prepare ourselves to teach basic gospel principles so we can answer questions and share our testimony with others." Elder L. Tom Perry

"It is love of God that will lead us to keep His commandments. And love of others is at the heart of our capacity to obey Him." Pres. Henry B. Eyring

“Now is the time for us to join in rescuing and preserving that which is virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy.” Bishop H. David Burton

“The first step to walking in righteousness is simply to try.” Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf

“Revelation need not come all at once. It may be incremental... Patience and perseverance are part of our eternal progression.” Elder Russell M. Nelson

“Use the ‘Safety Equipment’ God has provided for you. Hold fast to the Iron Rod and believe that Heavenly Father will bless you for your diligence.” Sister Ann M. Dibb

“Each family prayer, each episode of family scripture study and each family home evening is a brush stroke on the canvas of our souls.” Elder David A. Bednar

“Before his death, Joseph Smith bore powerful testimony to his guards of the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon and the restoration of the gospel. No other book in religious history has been examined and attacked, denied and deconstructed, targeted and torn apart as has the Book of Mormon. Yet it still stands!” Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

“We are the Lord’s hands here upon the earth, with the mandate to serve and to lift His children. He is dependent upon each of us.” Pres. Thomas S. Monson

“As seedlings of God, we barely blossom on earth; we fully flower in heaven.” Elder Russell M. Nelson

“Relief Society is not a frivolous work, a leftover or a made-up job for the women... This is where the Lord organized His daughters to do His work.” Sister Julie B. Beck, RS general president

“Be thankful that sometimes God lets you struggle for a long time before that answer comes. Your character will grow; your faith will increase.” Elder Richard G. Scott

Whatever principle of intelligence we attain unto in this life, it will rise with us in the resurrection.
D&C 130:18

Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them. 3 Nephi 14:12