

April 2010

Dana Ward Bishopric

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<i>Exec Secretary</i>	<i>Paul Allen</i>	<i>733-4339</i>

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Dana Ward,

We were so blessed from General Conference, to “sit at the feet” of our Prophet and the other leaders of the restored church, to receive their counsel. These leaders are truly called of God and inspired by Him to teach us the things He would teach us if He were in our midst.

We are so blessed to live at this time – the dispensation of the fullness of times. Even with the chaos and unrest that surrounds us, it is so nice to have the calm harbor of the gospel to turn to for safety, peace, and a secure foundation on which to anchor our lives.

We live in a time of convenience – a time when everyone seems to be looking for the easiest and quickest way to do things. Instant gratification. The media constantly bombards us with all sorts of schemes - “get rich quick,” “buy now, pay later,” “what happens here, stays here.” It’s no wonder people struggle to survive, without having the gospel as a compass to guide them through the treacherous waters of their lives.

As with the last few conferences, I noticed that several of the speakers admonished us to simply remain faithful, obedient, and true to what we know to be right. This is sound counsel for our time because it is true. It is our faithfulness, obedience, and being true to the principles of the gospel that makes our lives easier, quicker, and safer than anything the world has to offer. We may not be perfect, but our continued efforts to be faithful and obedient to the truths of the gospel will help us avoid the pitfalls which lead to certain spiritual and physical death.

As we have spiritually feasted this past week, it is my prayer for all of us, that we will take advantage of the counsel we have received and apply it in our lives. When the Ensign magazine arrives in May, containing all the conference talks, take the time to read and re-read them.

Make whatever changes are necessary in our lives, and anchor ourselves even more securely to the principles of the gospel. In so doing, I testify that we will draw closer to our Heavenly Father, gain a better appreciation for the Atonement, and we will receive the inspiration and guidance to know what choices we need to make so we won’t be misdirected or deceived by the false role models that surround us. In the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Love, Mark Standage

If you need an appointment with the Bishop,
please call our new **Executive Secretary**,
Brother Paul Allen.

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1	David Morales
1	Parker Hird
3	Elizabeth Stark
3	Rev. Melvin Winkelmann (90)
6	Lauren Eyring
6	Kaylea Hunt
7	Mark Standage
7	Dallas Hammond
9	Corey Martinez
9	Madison Carter
10	Doug Rogers
10	Christine Palmer
11	Floy Johnson (85)
12	Eloina Gaytan
12	Eden Carter
12	Ebony Brown
15	Randee Gardiner
16	Ryan Young
18	Henry Silva
19	Mark Robertson
21	Legay Parks
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21	Jessica Rainwater
23	Jared Nichols
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- 1 Samantha Rivera
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Missionary Mailbox

Elder Caleb T. Oldner
(Argentina, Resistencia Mission)
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Resistencia, Chaco
Argentina

Dear Dana Ward

I have been transferred to FORMOSA. That means that I have realized my dream of getting to serve in all four provinces of our mission: Misiones, Chaco, Corrientes and now Formosa. My new companion is Elder Conner Hyde from North Salt Lake, Utah. He has an adopted 5 year old black brother, from Chicago. They adopted him through church services. He is a cutie!

It was hard for me to say goodbye to Elder Zimmerman (Zim-Dog). I enjoyed my time with him and he is my best friend. I loved the time I was able to serve in Alberdi 2. I can truly say that I enjoyed every minute of it. I had 13 baptisms there and loved the people, members, my companions, lunch appointments ...(aaahhh I will miss those especially!) I did enjoy a terrific last week there. We picked up 17 new investigators, made 67 street contacts, got 4 referrals from members (contacted all of them) and taught 8 lessons with a member present with us.

My new area is Centenario 4 and there are 6 missionaries assigned to our ward and we all share one apartment. Our zone leader has only been in the mission for 9 months and he is already a Zone Leader. He is awesome! I am glad I got here at the END of the hot season. My companions told me that one day in January it actually reached 138 degrees F! Our apartment leaves a lot to be desired. The frig doesn't work and there is no toilet seat! But we do have working Air Conditioning!

During my 2 weeks here, we have been teaching Enzo, Regino and Adriana. Enzo is a 22 year old police officer. He is really cool and shows a lot of sincere interest. Regino was taught previously but got lost somehow in a mission shuffle. He is reading everything we give him. Adriana is the daughter of a less active member and she attended a baptismal service held last week. She has had

a hard life but she seems sincere and wants to be baptized. The Saturday baptism was Juan and Magdalena. Juan was a drunkard and could usually be found passed out in the street. I have never seen anyone make such a big change as he has in his life. He is now following Christ and will be ordained to the Aaronic Priesthood in a few weeks. We are so proud of him. The missionaries found them through a member referral to his wife, Magdalena. GIVE REFERRALS TO THE MISSIONARIES!!

One of our missionaries has a real problem. A 50 year old investigator has been stalking him and thinks she is in love with him. None of us even go down her street anymore, but the problem continues and they may have to make an emergency transfer out of the area for this Elder. I'm pretty sure the lady must be a little crazy!

We got to watch all 5 sessions of General Conference at the Stake Center. I especially enjoyed Elder Holland's talk. My companion is doing really well with his language. A guy on the street this week told us that he speaks better Spanish than me! I enjoy him and his friendship. Elder Plaizier who was in the MTC with me is now an assistant to the Mission President. He talked in our last Mission Conference and it was good to get to see him again. We have 2 baptisms set for May. I love it here and look forward to each new day.

Love
Elder Oldner

Elder Mark E. Driggs
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My exciting news for the month of March is Michele Rosales' Baptism in Richardson. SHE FINALLY GOT BAPTIZED!!! It was my first deaf baptism. Then we made a dash back to Mesquite for the wedding of Sandra and Juan. It was a 30 minute drive each way.

Afterwards we ate dinner at Juan's sister's home, whose kids we are teaching. It was my honor and privilege to confirm Michele in her ward on Sunday. . So we really have to keep moving to keep up!

This week we had leadership meetings which involved dealing with the troubled elders in the zone, and working on how to help them improve their skills and attitudes and develop our skills to help and support them. I still don't like getting up and talking in front of people but I have had to give some of my training presentations in Spanish, so I guess I am polishing those skills.

A lady ran a stop sign and almost T-boned us the other day! Good thing the vehicle we drive has good brakes. That probably saved our lives. Funny thing is, the next day going down the same street I saw a

truck pulling out and I thought to myself, 'what are the odds this truck will run the stop sign too'? The intersection looks like a 4 way stop, but it is not. So I slowed down and had my guard up and sure enough he went right through.

I got the flu last Thursday night and was feeling pretty rotten Friday. I worked most of the day but had a fever and coughing and my energy was gone. I used hand sanitizer all day to try to 'protect the innocent'. I wanted to watch the conference sessions at the member's home where we live. Sister Becker (our landlady) was a life saver. She gave me Nyquil and I sure felt better. Brother Becker gave me some throat relievers from Germany. (He served his mission there and then worked there for some time). So the members were really nice to me. Sunday afternoon however we went to an investigators home, and ate lunch and watched the last session of conference at their home. I sure feel a lot better.

This next week is pretty important as we have two baptisms scheduled. I am the only missionary who can do the interviews. If you have taught them before, you can't do it, and if you're not a District leader or Zone leader you can't do it, so I got the check mark. We have a family of 5 that we have been working with and they are getting baptized at the end of April. The family consists of Mom, Dad, 2 boys aged 13 and 11, and an 8 year old daughter. These are relatives to the family we baptized last month. Things are great here in the Dallas Mission. Love to all,

Elder Driggs

Elder Isaac Standage
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Pohnpei

We've had a pretty good week here. We have a baptism scheduled for an investigator named 'Johnny Johnny'. He is very enthusiastic; so much so that he even walked to Church this week in the rain. This is huge because Pohnpeians never do anything in the rain. Consequently, attendance at church really suffers on rainy Sundays! We have been teaching Johnny for quite awhile and we are excited he has finally made a baptism commitment. We are also teaching a single lady named Bristla Albet, but it is hard to schedule teaching appointments with her as we cannot visit her alone. Sister Johnny, who is the only

endowed member in the branch, is her good friend and she teaches her during the week and a senior couple that teach seminary then visit Bristla on Fridays and teach and review with her, the teachings of Sister Johnny. We catch her when we can arrange for someone to accompany us. Bristla has committed to baptism and we are hoping to set a date soon.

Our area here is quite small and we have just about tracted out every house in the past 18 weeks. We still have a trail and road or two and some remote areas yet to do. When we finish, we start over. It seems that most of our contacts drop out after 1 or 2 lessons. It has been exciting to have several baptisms scheduled! At the last transfers, I am staying in the Mand area, but my companion, Elder Larson, is going to be the new Zone Leader and my new companion is Elder Clark, the outgoing Zone Leader. I have known him most of my mission and am looking forward to working with him.

We lose our electric power here on a regular basis, which is annoying, but we get by. I guess we should be grateful we have power SOME of the time! I had stomach flu for a few days, but survived it. My language is coming along. My goal is to get my 'Language Mastery' certificate which means you are good enough to at least struggle through most things (Well-maybe that isn't exactly what it means, but that's my goal!) I think about the temple a lot here, since it is almost impossible for the local members to attend a temple, even once in their lifetime. I would love to be able to attend often just to be able to recharge my batteries.

We are good here in Pohnpei and things are going well.
Love – Elder Isaac Standage

Elder Matthew G. Eyring
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Dear Dana Ward,

Everything is great here in Idaho. We have two active investigators we are working with and are doing a lot of tracting. I had been told I would be transferred out of Kuna but then our Mission President changed his mind and I am staying here. I should get a new companion soon though. Since my

companion is leaving, I inherit the bottom bunk. Awesome! The weather here has been weird. It will randomly snow or rain and then it will be hot.

We have baptized a couple of people since I arrived and that was really a neat experience. I love this area and the people are awesome! We got to enjoy the broadcasts of the April General Conference at the Bishop's house. Weren't the talks great? I took lots of notes. There were so many good messages.

My companion and I have gone to the temple for the last two p-days. It is great to be so close to the temple. We were tracting the other day and came across a family out working in their yard. My companion and I stopped and helped them pull some weeds. It was great to work with that family and share the gospel with them too. I know the gospel is true and it is good to be a part of the Missionary Program!

Love, Elder Eyring

FYI: Our full time Missionaries **Elder Harral and Elder Kearns** may be reached at 495-8138. Elder Passenelli completed his mission and left for home Mar. 23rd. Elder Kearns is from Missoula, Montana and has been in the Arizona mission field 8 months.

Tyler Sandberg has completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. His mother and several other relatives and some friends were able to attend a ceremony where 800 young men and women were graduated. He is expecting to be transferred to a new facility to receive extensive training in "EOD" (Explosive Ordinance Disposal) but will not know if he has been approved for that for a few more weeks. He has been active in an LDS Serviceman's Group that he has linked up with and enjoys attending the 2 hour Sunday Block of meetings that gives him a welcome break from an intensive week of military training and routine. He has acquired a great appreciation for home and parents who cared about him enough to encourage him to do chores and assume personal responsibilities. He is

generally unable to take personal phone calls but can receive text messages and e-mail on his phone when he is off-duty. Phone calls are expensive for him, but text messaging is free, as is e-mail. His phone number for texting is 480-392-9087.

His e-mail address is

tylersandberg90@gmail.com. Tyler would love to hear from friends and ward members here at 'home'.

New Faces in Dana Ward Places

Semisi {pronounced Sem-ee-see} and Wendy Tonga have bought a home at 1434 E. Jarvis (480-962-4825). Semisi was born and grew up in Tonga. He took English classes in school, so when he was called to serve in the Texas, Ft. Worth Mission in 1988, he thought he was pretty fluent in the English language. That is... until he landed in Ft. Worth and realized there was a 'Texas Version' to the English language! You may notice that Semisi has a bit of a Tongan/Texas drawl! He is employed with Linden Wood Mfg. Co but would like to find other employment. Back in Tonga, he worked as a policeman. He is Waaaay Cool!

Wendy was born in the Showlow area but her family (Neff) moved to Mesa during her high school years and she graduated from Mesa High. She and Semisi were 'Pen-Pals' for many years before they married. Wendy attended Eastern Arizona College for one year and is employed with SRP in their Commercial Construction Dept. She is also working to complete her Business Management, Bachelors Degree at Western International University. She likes to read, scrap booking, and crochets baby hats and blankets for preemie babies for the neonatal intensive care hospital units here in the valley.

When Semisi was on his mission, he and Wendy continued to write each other and when he was released from his mission, he had a short layover in Salt Lake on his way home and asked Wendy if she could meet him there so they could actually meet face-to-face for the first time. She did and during that layover, he proposed and they became

engaged. He was able to get a fiancé visa and they were married 18 years ago. During those 18 years, they have lived in the Olive Ward over by the temple and are delighted to be in their first 'very own' home! They have not been able to have children but are hopeful that adoption may be a future possibility for them. We are happy their new home is in our Dana Ward and welcome them to our Ward Family.

Tyler and Karlie Stradling are newly weds and just purchased a home at 2156 E. Bramble (480-223-3795). Tyler was born in Mesa and graduated from Mesa High in 2001. He completed his Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture at ASU and filled a mission to Ohio, Cleveland, which included Kirtland and other church sites. Their Mission Christmas Conferences were held in the Kirtland Temple, courtesy of the Reorganized Church. Tyler is employed at *Urban Shadow*, a company that makes tension fabric shade structures (like the white sails overhead at the Mesa Arts Center). He also enjoys photography and has done photos for a few friend's weddings, but mostly, just for fun. He sang in his high school choir and once played saxophone, but is not sure he would recognize one now.

Karlie (Ellsworth) was born and raised in Thatcher and had her Cosmetology License by the time she graduated from high school. She worked in a hair salon in Thatcher for a year and has been working in the Tempe and Mesa area for the past 2 years. She is employed at *Ultra Source Salon* in Superstition Springs Mall and has been there for 1 ½ years.

They met in a Singles Ward. Tyler chased her down the hall and complimented her on her nail polish. She was impressed that he even noticed the polish. They dated for 7 months and while hiking with his family and roasting marshmallows, he proposed. They were married March 19, 2010 in the Mesa Temple. We know they are gonna love being members of our Dana Ward Family and we are already glad they chose us!

(They have photos on their website at tylerandkarlie.com.)

Genevieve Hewes has moved into 44 S. Barkley #23. Her phone number is 430-8687. Genevieve was born in California but at age 3, her family

moved to Mesa and she graduated from Mesa High in 2004. She has 1 brother and 3 sisters. She grew up a member of the Church and is a medical filing clerk at Tempe Family Practice. Her hobbies are dancing and she enjoys babysitting. Her fiancé, Doug Sheeler, is Catholic and learning about the LDS Church from the missionaries. We hope Genevieve enjoys the Dana Ward and we are looking forward to getting acquainted with her.

Notes on Dana Ward Folks

Rev. Melvin Winkelmann, who has been part of our 'Ward Family' for several years, celebrated his 90th birthday on Saturday, April 3rd. The smiling, distinguished gentleman, Rev. Winkelmann, is also known as 'Violet Rogers' Daddy'. He enjoyed the more than 50 cards he got for his birthday! Violet and her sister are planning a big birthday celebration later this summer at Mahoney State Park in Nebraska, on the Platte River, in Rev. Winkelmann's old 'stomping grounds'. The Rogers Family took 'Bro' Winkelmann to Rocking R Ranch to celebrate. He enjoyed their 'corny' program very much, especially the impromptu role of the 'ugly daughter' played by Dale & Violet's son-in-law. Happy Birthday!

We continue to discover the many musical talent accomplishments of our ward youth! **Brandon Boone** a 9th grade student at Taylor Jr. High, won 6th chair in the flute section of the Mesa Public Schools Jr. Hi Honor Band. 40 students tried out for the 10 positions. Brandon also plays the piccolo in the band.

Raizja Moore is a 5th grader at Horizons Academy for the Performing Arts and will both sing and dance in a special program planned for May.

Kelsey Crandell's Westwood Cheer Squad participated in a national competition for cheerleading at Disneyland and took 6th place in the nation. **Fantastic!**

A couple of the kids in the "**Hird Family Choir**" will be speaking and singing with a bit of a lisp for awhile. At the beginning of our recent "Spring Break" from school, **Parker** 'wiped out' on his skateboard when he slammed into a neighbor's retaining wall. He managed to take out his 2 front teeth in the incident. Shortly thereafter, tomboy sister, **Payzlee**, knocked out one of her permanent front teeth when she wrecked her bike. (Her dentist was able to make her an implant using the tooth she skillfully removed.) **Nick and Tima** are trying to look on the 'bright side' and hoping at best, this may eliminate any need for future braces for their active children. Tima, meanwhile, has explained to her tribe that the term "Spring Break" is a noun and not a verb and it is not intended that they should 'break' anything during that week! (We love you Hird kids!)

Bonnie Jackson took a tumble a couple of weeks ago and broke her collar bone. She is mobile and recovering, with much thanks and appreciation to her daughter **Donna Larkin**, who came to take care of her and other daughter, **Elaine Beach**, who had foot surgery. Elaine is off her knee scooter and has her stitches out and is getting around with her 'fashionable' wooden boot. You girls have way too much excitement in your lives! We are glad everyone is recover-ing nicely. Donna had to return home Mar. 29th.

Loni and Michelle Unga had their little 8# 2 oz girl on March 19th. The Unga's have moved from our Dana Ward Family, but we were happy to know about their new addition.

Richard and Tiffany (Hale) Stradling were able to bring their brand new, and a little early, twin daughters, home from the hospital the last

week of March. **Ellie and Kate**, Mom and Dad & grandparents are all doing great! HOORAY!

Floy Johnson has expressed delight and gratitude for the services of the **Craig and Marie Montgomery family** during the kid's 'Spring Break'. **Cole, Chris, Samantha, Joshua and their parents**, showed up 2 different days to weed and fertilize Floy's flower and vegetable gardens for her! Three Cheers for the Montgomery Family!

Judy Ahlberg is having fun doing a few remodeling chores at her house. She is putting new floor tile and carpet in some of her rooms. She is a lady of many talents!

Dale and Violet Rogers are happy to announce the engagement of their son, **Craig**. Craig took **Paloma**, who is from Brazil, to the Grand Canyon to propose to her and she accepted and they plan to be married in June. Paloma came to the US and enrolled in BYU as a non-member. She got a job working at the MTC and the rest is history! She has been a member for two years now and the Rogers family is delighted with Craig's choice.

Ward Youth Graduating from High School

Carol Ransom, Jessica Hale, Cassandra Rivera, Lana Hunt and Kelsey Crandell will all graduate in May. **Jennifer Sapien and Jolene Emerick** have already graduated but with the other Laurels listed here, will be transitioning into Relief Society in May. **Rosa Dilworth**, 18 year old daughter of Ferrill and Susan Dilworth, will graduate from her Idaho High School in May and then join her parents here as an official member of the Dana Ward Family.

Not to be outdone by the girls in the ward, the following Young Men will also be graduating: **Ben Pace (T-Bone), Trevor Schnepf, Eddy Rodriguez, Jonathan**

Martinez and Joseph Stark. Joseph is also receiving "The Honor for Excellence in Service Learning" award. Joseph plans to enroll in the EMT program at MCC this summer. He is hoping to get his EMT license and be able to work as an EMT for a year before his mission service. He is also graduating from 4 yrs. of Seminary and is trying to arrange a summer trip to visit Australia. Wahoo!

Hope you had an opportunity to see the Easter Pageant at the temple grounds. **Rebecca Stark** was one of the 10 virgin dancers in the ballet number.

Pat Rogers has finally gotten approval to have gastric by-pass surgery and although not 'joyful' about the procedure, is grateful to be able to move forward with it. We wish you the very best Pat. Good luck recovering from your recent accident to your foot! It's nice to have **wife, Cris**, recovered from her recent bout with pneumonia. "All is Well" at the Rogers residence!

Kevin and Lou Hunt and kids, have had a busy past month. They helped prepare and serve a Mexican dinner to the visiting BYU Young Ambassadors who were in town to present a program at the Gilbert High School Auditorium. They also hosted an annual family picnic between the Hunt Family and the LDS singing Dutton Family of Branson, Missouri. The Dutton's have their own family theater in Branson and expect to open their winter family theater here in the east valley at Sossaman and Main next December.

Cheryl Moore is very excited about her new job with the Chandler 'First Regional Animal Hospital'. She works in the ER and loves her hours and the work.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Ward Elder's Quorum

reorganized

Pres.	Dustin Redd	834-7788
1st Couns.	David Hawks	200-5895
2nd Couns.	Reed Tiffany	834-4046
Sec.	Tyson Hill	650-4173

The Mesa Temple is losing 125 volunteer workers to the Gila Valley Temple which will open May 24th. If you would like to be a Mesa temple worker, there are many positions available in all areas. If you are interested in filling one of these openings, please see the Bishop for a referral to the Temple President.

Ward Temple night will be Thursday, Apr 22nd, 2010, the 6pm session, or whichever session you can attend.



The annual YSA Luau will be held at the Killian Residence Saturday, April 24th. For more information, please contact Matt Bingham at bingham04@gmail.com.

Watch for more information on the **Ward Fathers and Sons Outing** which is scheduled for **April 30 & May 1st**! It's always tons of fun!

Dana Ward Mexican Fiesta

Pot-Luck Dinner

Saturday - April 17, 2010 - 6:00 PM

There will be a salsa bar and a quesadilla bar
Everyone bring either a **LARGE** Mexican main dish or green salad, to share. Also sign up to bring "1" of the following:
Bag of tortilla chips, salsa, shredded cheese, sour cream or flour tortillas.

Don't forget to do your civic duty and fill out and return your 2010 Federal Census. The 1st Presidency and our Bishopric are encouraging all of us to send back our Census forms. Arizona's share of Federal Funds is based on our Arizona head count!

Thank You to The High Priest Group of the Dana Ward for cleaning the ward building during the month of March.

Canning Schedule for the Home Storage Center

Canning time is always 1:00 pm for each month for 2010. **Apr:** milk, regular oats, macaroni, carrots, apples. (Orders due Mar 21, canning Apr 14). **May:** Black Beans, sugar, fruit drink mix, potato flakes. (Orders due Apr 18, canning May 12). **June:** refried beans, cocoa, flour, onions. (Orders due May 16, canning June 9)

Call the cannery (480-214-9114) or Rosa Rodriguez 644-0128 for further information. Current prices can always be checked at www.providentliving.org (click on "Home Storage Order" form) **NOTE:** From now on, pinto beans, rice, quick oats and hard red wheat is always available at the cannery. You just go there, pay for it and take it home. These 4 items will no longer appear on the monthly canning list.

Relief Society

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

March RS Lesson Schedule

Apr 4: General Conference

Apr 11: #7 "The Holy Ghost" - Lou Hunt

Apr 18: #8 "Praying to Our Heavenly Father" - TBA

Apr 25: "Two Principles for any Economy" by Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf - Melissa Crandell

There is only a 'little truth' to the rumor that every 2nd Sunday RS lesson is a 'COSTCO' experience! You'll have to attend to get the facts!

RELIEF SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

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

Single Older Sisters Potluck Mon, Apr 19, 5:30pm, home of Audrey Burklund.

Temple Session Thurs, Apr 15, 10am session. Lunch after in the temple cafeteria.

Book Group Mon, Apr 26, 11am, @ home of Lynette McGraw. "No Apologies" by Mitt Romney.

Gardening Thurs, May 6, 7pm at the Mehlberg home.

Thanks to the many, many sisters who helped in any way with the RS dinner and program on March 16th. The invitations were fantastic, the tables were beautiful, the food was delicious and the program was outstanding. We also appreciate all the priesthood help with set-up, props, program, clean-up and parking lot security. This is such an AWESOME ward!

"Learn of Me"

Stake Women's Relief Society Meeting

Thursday, April 29th at 6:00 pm

in our Stake Building

Dinner will be served

Address by Pres. and Sister Gilliland

Of the Mesa Arizona Temple Presidency

Sunday dress is requested

Young Women

Pres Kim Hale 834-3041

1st Couns Miriam Martin 313-7194

2nd Couns MaryAnn Kaberry 835-5149

Sec Elizabeth Stark 964-7754

Harmony Beals has turned 16 and has been advanced to the Laurel class. She got her certificate of accomplishment for

her achievements in the Mia Maid class.
Way to go Harmony!

The girls will be playing volleyball at the Interstake Center, the last 3 Wednesdays in April.

The Laurel girls are rounding up party dresses in anticipation of the coming 5 Stake Prom/Dance which will be held April 16th. They are also learning how to make boutonnieres.

The Young Women and Young Men will attend the

Gila Valley Temple Open House
Saturday - May the 15th

Appointment Reservation is 9:15 AM
(Thanks to the efforts and services of the Bishopric and the ward Youth Leaders!)

You guys are so fortunate to have this special privilege!

(If you would like to get free, **required** reservation tickets to attend the open house, call 1-800-521-5105 Ext 27645.)
Reservations may also be obtained from
www.lds.org/reservations/

YOUNG MEN

Pres. Darren Eyring 835-1799

1st Couns. Wes Filhart 277-1924

2nd Couns. Pat Rogers 695-7616

Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194

The Priest aged Young Men of our ward are encouraged by Bishop Hale, to practice their

dating skills by inviting a Laurel to the **Five Stake Dance** which will be held in our building on Friday,

April 16th. You don't need formal attire, just Sunday Best. There is no charge to attend and the only expense will be for a corsage which Kevin and Lou Hunt have volunteered to make for each

YM for his date. This will be an especially fun evening with dancing, music, refreshments and really good company. It is just possible that there is some kind of a merit badge that can be earned for participation! Boys and Girls do not have to have a date to attend - But - You boys won't have nearly as much fun if you don't ask your own Laurel to go with you!

Just a reminder that it is not too late to subscribe to the **Ward Scout Flag Service Fundraiser**. A contribution of \$30 gets you a posting in your front yard, of a large American Flag, on 9 major holidays. Contact Patrick Rogers, Wes Filhart, Darren Eyring or Cris Rogers, the Flag Chairman (695-4370).

Deacons: Duty To God Assignment

April 2010	29 - 4	F1:	Mosiah: 24 - 29 (Congratulations!!! You finished your first 3 month goal.)
		C7:	Learn, practice, and show you have proper dance etiquette.
	5 - 11	E1/E9:	Start 3 month goal . Choose either E1: Make and follow plan to improve reading, writing, and math skills. OR E9: Develop and follow a financial budget for 3 months.
	12 - 18	E1/E9:	E1: Learning Skills OR E9: Budget
		C1:	Explain to a parent (leader) how to be a friend, maintain a friendship, and resolve conflicts between friends.
	19 - 25	E1/E9:	E1: Learning Skills OR E9: Budget
		S4:	Read D & C 20:38-60, discuss w/parent (leader) about the duties of a deacon.
	26 - 2	E1/E9:	E1: Learning Skills OR E9: Budget

F2: Read in the For Strenght of Youth Dating.

Teachers: Duty To God Assignment

April 2010	29 - 4	F1:	Moroni: 1 - 10 (Congratulations!!! You finished your first 3 month goal.)
		F3:	In True to the Faith or Gospel Principles read the topic, <u>Forgiveness</u> .
	5 - 11	F6:	Start 2 month goal . Develop and follow a financial budget for 2 months.
		F6:	Develop and follow a financial budget for 2 months.
	12 - 18	C8:	Discuss w/parents (leaders) ways to prevent crime in your area.
		F6:	Develop and follow a financial budget for 2 months.
	19 - 25	S2:	Discuss w/parents (leaders) what it means to keep the Sabbath day holy. Practice appropriate Sabbath observance.
		F6:	Develop and follow a financial budget for 2 months.
	26 - 2	F3:	In True to the Faith or Gospel Principles read the topic, <u>Holy Ghost</u> .
		F6:	Develop and follow a financial budget for 2 months.

Priests: Duty To God Assignment

April 2010	29 - 4	E7:	Write in your journal.
		F4:	In True to the Faith or Gospel Principles read the topic, <u>Eternal Life</u> .
		F1:	Read Book of Mormon. Mosiah 7-14
	5 - 11	Q3a:	Start 1 month goal ; serve as a companion to a full-time or ward missionary at least once. Discuss the teaching experience with the missionary.
		F1:	Read Book of Mormon. Mosiah 15-22
	12 - 18	Q3:	Serve as a companion to a full-time or ward missionary.
		S3:	For Mutual (or on your own): visit a hospital or care center, and talk with or read to the patients or residents.
		F1:	Read Book of Mormon. Mosiah 23-29
	19 - 25	Q3:	Serve as a companion to a full-time or ward missionary.
		F8:	Read D & C 134, and discuss with your parents how it relates to your responsibilities as a citizen of your country.
		F1:	Read Book of Mormon. Alma 1-5
	26 - 2	Q3:	Serve as a companion to a full-time or ward missionary.
		F4:	In True to the Faith or Gospel Principles read the topic, <u>The Fall</u> .
		F1:	Read Book of Mormon. Alma 6-11

Suggestions from LDS Cleaning Guru Don Aslett:

One year before your children's mission, quit doing their laundry, cooking their meals and cleaning up after him. The worst thing you can do is protect and insulate them.

Change the meaning of CTR to 'Clean The Room.' Don't be a Litter-day Saint. Those who are sloppy in their habits tend to be sloppy in their keeping of commandments. Those who keep their physical house in order keep their spiritual houses in order. The Holy Ghost doesn't want to stick around where it's messy and dirty.

Mormons with their big families and busy lives need to de-junk and take individual responsibility more than anyone, from childhood on.

If you're big enough to make a mess, you're big enough to clean it up.

Too many young men and young women arrive in the mission field with a sense of entitlement but without manners. If they are taught from childhood to be responsible for themselves, they have much more successful missions and marriages.

Teach your children, "I am responsible for my own outcome in spirituality, finances, health, everything." Don't believe they can't change their behavior. They can if the consequences are weighty. Look at how fast they can learn in the military.

Make cleaning easy and they will do it:

Put cleaning supplies in every bathroom.

Keep a used vacuum on every floor.

Put up shelves.

Have a place for everything.

A spot takes a minute to clean now. A stain is forever and takes hours to clean later!

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Apr Theme: "Jesus Christ Restored the Fullness of the Gospel through Joseph Smith."

Apr Scripture: "We Believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church." 6th Article of Faith

4th Art. Of Faith: "We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Apr 4: General Conference

Apr 11:

O. Prayer: Molly Allen

Scripture: Eden Carter

Talk: Rhett Hird

Art of Faith #4: Korben Mehlberg

C. Prayer: Rylee Hird

Apr 18:

O. Prayer: Jocelyn Gardiner

Scripture: Garrett Lans

Talk: Sarah Morales

Art of Faith #4: Bailey Young

C. Prayer: Chris Montgomery

Apr 25:

O. Prayer: Kaeden Blau

Scripture: Noah Nichols

Talk: Audrey Redd

Art of Faith #4: Samantha Rivera

C. Prayer: Jared Nichols

CHURCH LEADER QUIZ ON CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

1. As a young man, this church leader was benched in a basketball game after he almost scored a basket for the opposing team.
A. Elder Jeffrey R. Holland
B. Elder David A. Bednar
C. Pres. Thomas S. Monson
D. Elder Russell M. Nielson
2. This apostle was once a professor at Texas Tech U. and the U. of Arkansas before helping Ricks College become BYU-Idaho.
A. Elder M. Russell Ballard
B. Pres. Henry B. Eyring
C. Elder David A. Bednar
D. Elder Jeffrey R. Holland
3. Prior to his apostolic call, this internationally renowned surgeon and medical researcher performed perfect surgery on Pres. Spencer W. Kimball.
A. Elder L. Tom Perry
B. Elder Russell M. Nielson
C. Elder Robert D. Hales
D. Elder Quentin L. Cook
4. This Apostle once served as a State Supreme Court justice.
A. Elder Dalin H. Oaks
B. Elder Quentin L. Cook
C. Elder D. Todd Christopherson
D. Elder Neil L. Andersen
5. This apostle had interests in automotive, real estate and investment businesses, and served on many church and civic committees and boards.
A. Elder L. Tom Perry
B. Elder Richard G. Scott
C. Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf
D. Elder M. Russell Ballard
6. How many of the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve have piloted airplanes?
A. 5; B. 2; C. 3; D. 4
7. How many of the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve have law degrees?
A. 4; B. 1; C. 3; D. 2
8. Which one of the apostles is most likely to cheer for the Duke Blue Devils to win the national championship?
A. Elder David A. Bednar
B. Elder D. Todd Christofferson
C. Elder Neil L. Andersen
D. Elder Richard G. Scott
9. True or False: President Thomas S. Monson wiggled his ears during his talk in the April 2008 priesthood session?
10. How many Ivy Leaguers are in the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve?
A. 3; B. 4; C. 6; D. 2
11. Which apostle was a nuclear engineer and is fluent in Spanish?
A. Elder Quentin L. Cook
B. Elder Robert D. Hales
C. Elder Richard G. Scott
D. Elder Neil L. Andersen
12. Before attending Harvard, this apostle was raised on an Idaho dairy farm. He is also fluent in French, Portuguese and Spanish.
A. Elder Neil L. Andersen
B. Pres. Henry B. Eyring
C. Elder Jeffrey R. Holland
D. Elder Russell M. Neilson

13. These 2 apostles each have 10 children.
 A. Pres. Boyd K. Packer & Elder L. Tom Perry.
 B. Pres. Boyd K. Packer & Russell M. Nelson.
 C. Elder Russell M. Nelson & Elder Richard G. Scott
 D. Elder Russell M. Nelson & Elder Jeffrey R. Holland
14. This apostle stands 6 foot 3 inches.
 A. Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf
 B. B. Elder D. Todd Christofferson
 C. Pres. Thomas S. Monson
 D. Elder L. Tom Perry
15. This apostle was a Cache Valley high school star athlete and earned degrees from Utah State and Stanford?
 A. Elder Neil L. Andersen
 B. Elder L. Tom Perry
 C. Pres. Boyd K. Packer
 D. Elder Quentin L. Cook

Quiz taken from “Mormon Times”, 27 March 2010.

Answers:

1-C; 2-C; 3-B; 4-A; 5-D; 6-C (Pres Uchtdorf, Pres. Packer, Elder Hales) 7-C (Elder Oaks, Eld. Christofferson, Eld. Cook); 8-B; 9-True; 10-B (Pres. Eyring, Eld. Holland, Eld. Hales, Eld Andersen; 11-C; 12-A; 13-B; 14-D; 15-D.

MARGIN QUOTES

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matt 11:28, 30

“I find myself hungering and thirsting for just a word of appreciation or of honest evaluation from my superiors and my peers. I want no praise; I want no flattery; I am seeking only to know if what I gave was acceptable.” Pres. Spencer W. Kimball

If your day is hemmed in prayer, it is less likely to unravel.

There is a difference between presents and gifts. The true gifts may be part of ourselves - giving of the riches of the heart and mind. James E. Faust

And again I would exhort you that ye would come unto Christ, and lay hold upon every good gift, and touch not the evil gift, nor the unclean thing. Moroni 10:30

“There is something of divinity within you and me, each of us, something divine, something tremendous and wonderful, to be lived up to, to be thought about, to be meditated on, to be reckoned with.
 Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley

Life is a mission and not a career. It is a great and eternal journey that leads onward and upward to good and wonderful things.” Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley

Faith is a lamp in the hands of men. If it is never lighted, the world is seldom aware that they have passed. Douglas Meador, newspaper editor and publisher

“Faith without works is like a bird without wings; though she may hop with her companions on earth, yet she will never fly with them to heaven.”
 Francis Beaumont, English playwright

“By living the gospel of Jesus Christ, we develop within ourselves a living spring that will quench eternally our thirst for happiness, peace, and everlasting life.” Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin

“Be dependable and reliable in all you do. It is a choice blessing to be someone people can count on. Such an honor does not come easily or quickly. It is earned. But if you achieve it, it will bring great dividends.”
 Elder Steven E. Snow, Presidency of the Seventy

Behold, I say unto you that you must study it out in your mind; then you must ask me if it be right, and if it is right I will cause that your bosom shall burn within you; therefore, you shall feel that it is right. D&C 9:8

Were it not for the veil of forgetfulness, we could not stand this world. Our mortal amnesia is the Lord’s anesthesia.” Truman G. Madsen

“We stand and testify and speak well about the Lord’s menu. But do we deliver the Lord’s food - and feed his sheep with heavenly manna?”
 Truman G. Madsen

“In refusing to forgive another, we, in effect, attempt to deny the blessings of the Atonement to that person.” Truman G. Madsen

“If any of us has been slow to hearken to the counsel to pray always, there is no finer hour to begin than now.” Pres. Thomas S. Monson

And truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come; And whatsoever is more or less than this is the spirit of that wicked one who was a liar from the beginning.
D&C 93:24-25

Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life.
2 Nephi 31:20

“The blessings of the temple are eternal. Those who come to this holy house will feel of God’s love for His children and come to a greater understanding of their own divine origin and potential as His sons and daughters.” Pres. Thomas S. Monson

Success and failure are not necessarily final.

“Both faith and hope will carry us across oceans of temptations, over mountains of afflictions, and bring us safely back to our eternal home and destination.” Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf