

Dana Ward Family Newsletter - May 2012 -

Happy BIRTHDAY



Dana Ward Bishopric

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Dear Dana Ward Family,

One day, in the past couple of weeks, I was riding my motorcycle on a particularly hot day. As I went down the freeway, my nostrils seemed to burn as I inhaled. I was thinking how uncomfortable I was. Then in my mind I thought "Yes, it is hot, but it's bearable". I thought, "I can do this", and knew it was only about 15 minutes before I would be home and comfortable again. The temperature did not change but it seemed cooler just because of my new outlook. I know my inconvenience was not a real trial or test of faith. I have had bigger tests. Many suffer with health issues, relationship challenges, sin and addictions, financial woes or just hurdles in life. But like the Lord told Joseph Smith, "if he endured it well, it would be but a small moment". (Soon we will be "Home" and free.) In addition to just deciding you will make it through your trials, relying on the Lord to make up the difference, is key. Accepting the atonement and help from others will aid in our success. Taking the necessary steps of repentance will bring happiness. Righteous living will not guarantee a problem free life but our perspective will help us deal with challenges and the Lord will "make our burdens seem lighter". Our message and theme for June is "Endure".



Love, Kyle Hassell

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03 Madison Suhr
03 Judy Ahlberg
03 Laura Rosenkrans
08 Sharon McCartney
08 Joshua Jurado
09 Rosa Rodriguez
09 Golden Crandell
09 Dora Wilson
10 Yvonne Molina
11 Fisher Hawks
13 Kerwin Blau
14 Kim Brown
14 Ezekiel McRae
15 Marcine Mamani
16 Wes Filhart
16 Marlene Stokes

17 Tima Hird
17 Payzlee Hird
18 Matthew Eyring
20 Brandon Boone
20 Conley Martin
21 Paul Price
22 Danny Ivie
23 Trevor Schnepf
23 Camillia McGraw
24 Daniel Zepeda
24 Dan Scott
25 Nathan Young
29 Callie Gardiner
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Missionary Mailbox

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I love having Sister Kalio as my companion. We survived another transfer and neither one of us got transferred! YEAH! We have so much fun working together and are so much alike. It is really exhausting being us because we have so much fun. We get to laughing and then can't catch our breath and have to rest a few minutes to get the energy to go on. By the end of the week we are so worn out but that just seems to make us laugh even more!

Our investigator, John, requested to be baptized at Martin's Cove? How cool is that?



Sister Hunt and Sister Kalio at Martin's Cove, Wyoming.



Preparing for the baptism of a new convert, in the Sweetwater River.

His amazing baptism took place on Saturday at Martin's Cove in the Pioneer historic Sweetwater River. The baptism was probably the neatest one I have ever been to. There were thunderstorms and lots of rain the day before the baptism so we were so nervous that it would have to be indoors. It turned out to be the most perfect day for an outside baptism.

I'm glad I got to be a part of John's conversion and that I got to see him totally accept the gospel so rapidly. He was just beaming after he got baptized! He was so golden, studied

everything we taught him, did his own research and was so totally converted.

We got a referral to a couple that wanted their questions answered and wanted to come to our church. So we went over and got to know them a little bit before we sat up a discussion with them. They are super nice and are excited to learn. I'm not really a 'cat' person and they have 5 cats that seem to really like me, so I'm learning to tolerate their cats and they are graciously learning about the gospel!

We are still working with the White family. They had some conflicts with schedules and couldn't attend Sunday meetings for a couple of Sundays, but they are earnestly striving to get back into activity. We have loved working with them.

I got to visit my old area of Newcastle to attend the baptism of some people I had taught while serving there. That was exciting and fun to get to go back and see old friends. I gave a talk at the baptism service.

I love that I have been able to serve a mission these past 15 months. When we look for opportunities to share the gospel, then we will see that they are right in front of our face and this is what can make people truly happy! I know it can, because it has for me. I have never been happier in my whole life!

Love, Sister Hunt



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Missionary Humanitarian Service Project; taking blood pressure for a medical clinic.

Dear Dana Ward -

Our Zone got to participate in a humanitarian service project a couple of weeks ago. We donned the standard yellow T-shirts that say "Mormon Helping Hands" and traveled out into the local countryside, visiting ranches and remote areas to do a combination of needed services. We gave haircuts, did some needed cleaning chores and offered a health clinic. I was assigned to help out with the Medical stuff. They had me taking blood pressures, temperatures, pulses, respirations, and testing their blood for diabetes. Now I know why God allowed me to go to my EMT school. Just before I finished, we had just learned and practiced taking blood readings for diabetes. It was neat to actually get to practice some of the skills I learned before my mission.

My embarrassment of the week happened while we were out doing door contacts. We met a lady who didn't particularly care to listen to our message but she referred us to a neighbor she thought might be interested. So we continued down the street, and knocked on her door. She is AWESOME! She is really interested and really fun. We were in the middle of the lesson and her little toddler son was fiddling around in his chair. I was watching him while my companion was giving the mother a lesson. There was a crystal looking dish near the little boy and he bumped it about that time and it started falling over. I went into an automatic reaction and dove from the couch across the entire room and caught the dish right before it touched the concrete floor and

shattered. I was stunned that I caught it. This dive seriously could have been on ESPN. It was so beautiful in every way. I had form and length and everything. I saved this expensive dish! As I'm laying there on the lady's floor with this dish in my hands, it occurred to me that it was really light in weight. That's when I realized that it was made of PLASTIC! With this new knowledge, I looked up and saw that I had scared my comp half to death and the lady had a stunned look on her face, but was impressed with my intentions and performance. I sheepishly stood up, cleared my throat and said, "I saved your plastic dish." At that point, EVERYONE busted out laughing. I felt like an idiot, but everyone was so impressed with the catch that it didn't matter. We finished the lesson and thank goodness she invited us to come back to give her another lesson.

Ok - on a more spiritual note; We visited our recent convert, Leticia, the other day. While we were there, her husband came up and asked me when I was going to baptize him. So we taught him the first lesson about Joseph Smith, watched a movie about him and then invited him to get baptized on the 16th which he accepted very excitedly. So we have another baptism scheduled!

It was way awesome to hear family voices on my call home on Mother's Day. The hardest part for me was to try to remember how to speak English. I've only had totally Spanish speaking companions since I began my mission and it is a real struggle to think or speak in English now.

We had a zone conference this month, which was sweet. I got to stay in a mansion (for Mexico) for the night so we didn't have to travel at 3 in the morning to get to Monterrey. It was awesome and included some 'luxuries' missionaries are not used to. We also attended a meeting where Elder Bednar of the Twelve was speaking. I got to shake his hand. Sweet! Thanks for all of your prayers, love and thoughts.

Love,
Elder Stark



Elder Stark is happily serving in the Monterrey, Mexico mission. (This is actually a sign for a concrete company.)

work with. Our ward bishop actually performed the baptism ordinance. The ward members turned out in large numbers to support him. It was a very special day. We continue to work hard and enjoy the many blessings of serving as a missionary. **(More info on Elder Schnepf is found on page 16 of this Newsletter, due to “technical difficulties”).**



The ward showed up to support our baptism of Edwin Reyes. The Bishop performed the baptism.



This is our ward we attend. Marvelous members!



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We've been working hard with all the folks in our teaching pool. We had an especially nice baptism with a young man who was raised as an atheist. His name is Edwin Reyes and he has really embraced the gospel and was a delight to



Elder Charney, Sis. Amaya, Pres. Amaya and Elder Schnepf



Elder Charnay, Edwin Reyes, Bishop and Elder Schnepf

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Dear Dana Ward,

We had a Mission Conference this month and Elder Russell M. Nelson and Elder Jay E. Jensen were the speakers. It was amazing! The missionaries got to shake their hands. We have already had a sample of the bad humidity and it was only 90 degrees. It was miserable and it was only the beginning of the summer heat here. I don't know how the people here survive the humidity. We feel like we are in a sauna that can't be turned off.

We have been knocking on doors and talking to people we have met on the streets. As a result, we have met a lot of people and gotten to teach the first lesson to many, but they seem less interested the second time we meet with them. It's a bit discouraging, but we did have one baptism (my first) and it was a great experience for him and for us. My comp and I are thinking that one of us will get a transfer the first of the month. I have enjoyed this area but also look forward to getting to serve in other areas and to

meet new people. Missionary work is all about keeping a positive attitude and learning to love and serve others along the way.

I love it here in Virginia although it would be nice if someone could turn off the torrid humidity. A mission experience is great and the church is TRUE.
Love, Elder Eyring

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Elder Sheldon Hassell has been at the Provo MTC since April 25 and will be serving two years in the Oregon Eugene Mission, Spanish Speaking. He is scheduled to leave for Eugene on June 28, 2012. Once in Oregon, his address will be:

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Hello Everyone!

So far, things are 'mui bien'. Way easier and more comfortable than the first few weeks. My comp, Elder Preston, and I have been teaching our first investigator, Gary, from Honduras. He is actually a teacher here at the MTC, but we were 'practicing' on him. We taught him and during one lesson, my comp was explaining stuff about the Restoration. I honestly don't know all of what he said but I had a prompting to share my testimony. I could see my comp was struggling with what to say and it was just getting really deep. At a break, I asked my comp to ask Gary (AKA Hermano Voss) if I could share my testimony. So I did and it was pretty sweet. The spirit was definitely there. It is so essential to have the spirit and I realize that more and more every day.

I had a neat experience during personal study. I got out my English Book of Mormon to read the chapter heading in English because I've been reading

the book of Mormon in Spanish. I came across some quotes. I read a quote by Elder Bednar. He said that often as Members, we have that feeling that the spirit has to be some big emotional thing and that it only happens on a rare occasion. The exact opposite is true though. More often than not, the Spirit will speak quietly and it may be as simple as a peaceful or inspirational thought. The Lord does know us and I can testify of that. I read that quote at the exact time I needed it.

We had an amazing speaker last night. I don't remember his last name but he told us at the beginning of his talk to not try to copy every word he said in his notes but rather listen to el Espiritu and see what we learned that way. My experience doing that was pretty amazing.

I have realized that I need to love my companion with Christlike love and not sweat the small stuff so I can have the spirit with me. Any companion does little things that bug us. Those things will only bug us if we let them, so we just need to "Stop it". I've made a real breakthrough in the way I see and understand my companion and it is a change for the good for both of us.

I'm really loving all the experiences here! It's such a testimony building, faith challenging and character building experience. We held our first Fast Sunday which was really good. I shared my testimony mostly en Espanol but with some English. I shared in Spanish, my favorite quote that President Millett always told us; "El Evangelio es verdadero, entonces nada esta importa".

Our Zone was reorganized this week. It consists of 6 elders and 5 sisters, many of them new to the MTC. They seem to be adjusting well and I hope that I can set a good example for them and help them if they need it.

I think I have been trying too hard and not enjoying my experience here. So far, we have been taught by Elders L. Tom Perry, D. Todd Christoferson and M. Russell Ballard. What awesome teachers and learning experiences for us. I learned from them that I shouldn't be so uptight that I don't enjoy the blessings of the gospel. Relax and let the blessings flow over me, be patient with the language, enjoy the Spirit. I don't need to kill myself in struggles. I should leave the MTC with a decent amount of vocabulary and a burning love of the gospel in my bones. That

was exactly what I needed to hear! This past week I took a leap of faith and went into a lesson without any notes. I had studied hard and felt pretty comfortable with the things I wanted to say and went in and said all that I needed and wanted to and then some more stuff that I didn't even know I could say in Spanish.

I know that Jesus Christ lives and he loves us so much. He has suffered for all of us. No wonder he expects us to follow him, to keep his commandments and is sad when we choose to do otherwise. I keep learning so much about the gospel and know the Lord is helping me learn Spanish and as I exercise faith I can really feel empowered.

Con Amor,
Elder Hassell

Tate Brinton (452-5783) Ward Mission Leader.

Full-time Missionaries:

Elder Tanner and Elder Hamby 495-8138.

Ward Calendar Activities

June 2: Stake Cub Scout Day Camp, 8am, Glade Bldg

June 4-9: Scouts at Camp Geronimo

June 6: YM Baptisms for the Dead

June 7: YW Baptisms for the Dead

June 7: Faith in God Recognition - Ice Cream Social

June 15: Stake Temple Day 4pm

June 17: Father's Day

June 23: Stake Blood Drive-6am-ward bldg.

(Be sure to check for activities listed under the different Auxiliary Organizations)

GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

Brian and Leslie Bohot have moved from Safford, Az. into 1757 E. Jarvis Ave. (734-5610). They have 2 children, **daughter Bella** who is 5 and anxious to start kindergarten in the fall, and **Sammy**, age 2, who is a very energetic and bright little boy. Brian just graduated from Eastern

Arizona College and is enrolled at ASU, pursuing a Psychology degree. Brian is a convert of 3.5 years. In his 'spare time' he is taking piano lessons this summer. In Safford, he served as a counsellor in their Elder's Quorum and also worked as a tutor for students in math, English and statistics. Brian would like to continue the role of tutor here in Mesa. Leslie served in the Primary Nursery and also as the girls Activity Day specialist. She and Brian had signed up to serve as cooks at their girl's camp the last week of May, and although still in the process of getting moved, they plan to keep their camp commitment! They both were also serving as counsellors in an addiction recovery program. Leslie is starting a new job with Applebee's on Gilbert and Baseline. It's also fun to know that Leslie is the niece of Alayne Favreau in our stake. The Bohots love entertaining and enjoy the company of friends. Welcome to the Bohot family!

Jonathan and Melina Crosby are also new in the ward. Melina is the daughter of **Marilyn Durfee** and the Crosby's are living with the Durfee's while Jonathan does his 15 month rotation schedule to complete his degree at Midwestern, as a Physician's Assistant (PA). Jonathan is a full time student and is looking forward to his graduation in August of 2013. The Crosby's come to us from Glendale, Az. Their address will be **2226 E. Alpine** (the Durfee home) and their phone is **480-459-1464**. Jonathan and Melina have **3 daughters; Raylin (4), Kiley (2), and Hailey (2 mo.)**. Special treat to get to have the Crosby's join our ward family. We wish them lots of luck as Jonathan completes this final step to earn his medical degree.

Brent and Heather Suhr and their 3 children, **Cody age 5, Madison age 3 and Makenzie age 1**, will be members of the Dana Ward Family for a year, until Trevor Schnepf returns home from his mission in Ecuador. (Heather is the daughter of Kevin and Jill Schnepf and they had all those empty rooms and no one using them!) Brent served a mission in Brazil and he and Heather have been married for 9 years. Heather of course, grew up in the ward and graduated from Mesa High. Brent grew up in the Mesa Vista Stake, but is acclimating to Mesa High territory. The Suhr family moved here from Maricopa, Az. It will be nice having them in our ward, even if for a short while.

Jeff Keath is a new member of the Dana Ward. He was baptized Sat. May 12, 2012. Jeff lives at 2118 E. Broadway, phone 480-343-0109. Jeff is currently on disability but when he can, he is a window cleaner by occupation. We are happy to have Jeff in our ward family. His parents and brother, Tom, live in the 39th and Baseline area of Mesa. Get acquainted with Jeff when you have an opportunity. He is a very nice young man!

Also new in the ward is Brother **Mark Brinton** who lives at **1620 E. Dana. Phone: 756-2256**. Mark is the son of Van and Ruth Freestone Brinton and is a descendant of the Brinton family that 'immigrated' to Arizona from Idaho in 1921. He is a first cousin to the father of Dil Brinton that also lives in the ward. He served a mission to Chile ('71-'73) when Chile was still all one mission. He graduated from Westwood and earned a college degree in Finance from ASU. Mark works for ADT Home Security Systems. He enjoys archery, deer hunting, birding, herpetology, back packing, volleyball, frisby-golf and softball. For 5 years he has produced Gilbert's Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, having been inspired by Tempe's annual service. He is willing to be an unpaid consultant to anybody in the ward who wishes to organize a similar service in Mesa. Mark also grinds his own wheat and makes killer pancakes, waffles, muffins and chocolate chip cookies that won a prize at the Arizona State Fair several years ago. In the past, he has taught free Spanish classes at the ward building and would be willing to do the same here in the Dana Ward if he can get together a class of at least 5 individuals. (With a little arm twisting, he even agreed to provide some of his famous chocolate chip cookies to class members that show dedication and progress!) Although Mark is single, he was convinced that he had perfect parenting skills until, while caring for a girlfriend's 7 and 9 year old sons, he was forced to convene a spontaneous huddle for family prayer at the school bus stop. Well – It Works! Mark enjoys Home Teaching and is looking forward to his membership in the Dana Ward Family. Mark says we can email him if we have any interest in attending a group Spanish class. mfbrinton@gmail.com.

Brittany Nichols, who is the grand daughter of **Yvonne Molina** has moved into the Dana Ward. Brittany is living with Yvonne at 1924 E. 2nd Ave.

Notes on Dana Ward Folks

BIG NEWS! The following youth graduated from High School Thursday, May 24, 2012: **Harmony Beals, Alyse Turner, Steele Crandell, Ezra Zepeda, Kevin Hale and Alex Shope**. Congratulations and Best Wishes to these special young people! We are proud of you!

Kevin Hale received the “**Leadership Award**” for Chamber Choir, of which he was a member his Senior year at Mesa High. Kevin also was awarded the “**President’s Scholarship**” to **ASU** for \$9,000 a year. This scholarship is renewable for 4 years based on his GPA each year. Kevin **also graduated from 4 years of Seminary** at the Seminary graduation held May 20th. Congratulations Kevin!

Alex Shope was presented with his E eagle at the May 27th Court of Honor. He also graduated from Seminary and is also going to spend a month in Russia this summer. Alex is the son of Cristal James.

Sarah Young was awarded “**Outstanding Freshman Choir Student**” at Mesa High’s choir concert.

Brendon Merkley was recognized as the “**Outstanding Junior Choir Student**” at the same concert. We are very proud of the Dana Ward Youth and their school accomplishments!

MAY FATHER & SON’S OUTING

Included here are a few of the photos taken at the May 12 Father & Sons Ward Campout that was held at Pivot Rock. You may view other photos on Bishop Eyring’s Facebook page. Everyone who was able to attend the event had a lot of fun!



Craig Montgomery and sons – “Looking Back at You!”



Tossing around the ‘ol pigskin is always fun!



Father and Son Football



Garrett Lans "roughs it" with Luke Eyring in the mountains of Pivot Rock!



"So.... Did anyone else hear that big bear in camp last night?"

"Look Mom! We're cooking dinner with Dad!"
(Marshmallows are nutritious – Right?)



"Whuz Up?" Johnny Martinez and sons had fun!



Jared Broderick and his fiancé, **Camy Smith** are planning a Mesa Temple wedding for June 16, 2012.

Nancy Lalliss and her daughters, **Christine Taylor** and **Shellie Stark**, have moved into their new home in North Phoenix, in the I17 and Cactus area. Nancy has sent a big "THANK YOU" for all the help from the Dana

Ward people that gave assistance. **Joe Stark, Kyle Hassell, Clyde Ransom, Dustin and Cheeri Redd and their kids, and John Barnum**, put in lots of time and muscle that was much appreciated!

Marcine Mamani and her children Norman and Jacqueline, moved from the ward May 30th. They will be living in Madera, California, near Fresno. We will miss them.

As a ward family, we are sharing the happiness of **Lonnette Millican** and her new husband, **Art Villarreal**. They were married May 23, 2012 and are living in Lonnette's home. Art will now be a part of the Dana Ward Family. We are all looking forward to meeting Art and welcome him as a friend and neighbor.

Congratulations to **Josh Montgomery**. He was baptized May 19, 2012 by his Uncle David. Josh is the youngest son of **Craig and Marie Montgomery**.

Jared Nichols was ordained a Deacon by his father, **Jon Nichols**. Jared also has graduated from Primary and is now officially a member of the MIA program. Jared is the 2nd son of Jon and Dawn Nichols.

Al Berry should be congratulated for turning 91 on his birthday which was May 28th. It should be duly noted that the entire nation celebrated the special event even though there are rumors that the day was also Memorial Day! Happy Birthday Bro. Berry!

Ryan Young was in an auto accident shortly after his wife Becca, became ill. The Car was 'totaled' but Ryan was able to 'hobble' away with only a serious knee injury. For a couple of weeks, it looked like Ryan might

need surgery to repair the damage but Ryan says something 'popped' in his knee a couple of weeks later and it seems to be normalizing now. Meanwhile, **Becca** is showing some good progress and response to her medications and we are all hoping and praying for a speedy recovery of both Becca and Ryan. Becca's doctors are still running tests trying to nail down the source of her seizures. The Young family has expressed gratitude for all the love, support and help with meals this past little bit.

Jen Carter is celebrating the 15th anniversary of her baptism and the rest of us are joining in as Jen contributes much to the service of our ward. We are all benefiting from her joining the Church 15 years ago.

Holly Romero's son has graduated from Glendale College and is going into the military. **Holly and Marilyn Mingione** are proud mother and grand mother!

Edwina Dastrup's membership will remain in the Dana Ward, although her children have moved her to the home of daughter, Julie Petersen at **2633 E. Pueblo Ave**, just East of our chapel. Edwina has been a member of our ward for 51 years and would enjoy a phone call or visit from ward members. Her cell phone number is **480-980-8859**. She would love to show off the cute room Julie and Dallas have prepared for her in their home. She has good and bad days as she continues her battle with pancreatic cancer. She sends her love to the ward and appreciates the sweet support she has received. **Julie's phone number is 545-4771**

***Yeteve Pace**, mother of **Marden Pace**, passed away at the age of 96, April 30, 2012. She and her husband Ray, were long time farmers in the Gilbert*

area. Some of us may have known Sister Pace from the Mesa temple where she served for 30 years, or from her services at the Family History Center. Our love to the Pace family.

We were also saddened to learn of the passing of **Mark Standage's father, Del Standage**. Brother Standage had suffered with bone cancer. His services were held May 26, 2012 here in Mesa. We offer the Standage family our heartfelt sympathy and love, especially Mark's mother, Kay. They are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.



Relief Society

Pres Lou Hunt	833-4867
1 Couns Lonnelle Villarreal	969-5291
2 Couns Linette Morris	962-8221
Sec Nancy Tiffany	834-8494

Thank You to **Tammy Turner, Arlyce Reynolds and Lois Chapman** who have worked on missionary projects from the RS "Missionary Basket" available on Sundays in meeting! Lots of good experiences and shared activities!

June RS Lesson Schedule

June 3: Lesson taught by RS Presidency
June 10: #11 "Revelation from God to His Children" - by Vickie Stevens
June 17: #12 "An Enthusiastic Desire to Share the Gospel" by Wendy Tonga
June 24: "You Matter to Him" (Dieter F. Uchtdorf-Ens-Nov '11) by **Lois Chapman**

Young Women

Pres Lindsey Layton 292-4556
 1st Couns Jill Schnepf 890-8934
 2nd Couns MaryAnn Kaberry 993-3351
 Sec Dawna Bury 529-6112

"Arise and Shine Forth."



Dana Ward Young Women

Stake Girl's Camp will be May 29 – June 1

The ward Young Women and their leaders will return home from the mountains of Camp Loma, refreshed and invigorated for another year! Our Thanks to the ward and stake leaders that make camp possible!

Primary

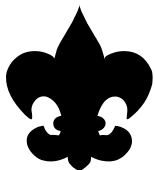
Pres Cheeri Redd 834-7788
 1st Couns: Marie Montgomery 834-2093
 2nd Couns: Dawn Nichols 610-1223
 Sec: Anna O'Bryant 602-509-8757

CTR

Primary Theme for 2012 is "Choose the Right"

NOTE: **Stake Cub Day Camp** will be June 2 from 8am to 1pm @ the Glade Bldg on 24th St. This is for all boys age 8-11 years.

YOUNG MEN



Pres. Richard Hale 834-3041
1st Couns. Daniel Scott 602-620-1072
2nd Couns. Pat Rogers 695-7616
Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194

June 4-9: Scouts to Camp Geronimo
June 6 & 7: Youth Baptisms for the Dead
June 7: Stake "Faith in God" Ice Cream Social

A Stake Youth **Pioneer Trek Reinactment** will also be held this year, October 15 – 19 during the School Break. Kevin and Lou Hunt have been called to be the Dana Ward Trek Specialists!



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Dana Ward will attend Stake Temple Day Friday, June 15, 2012. There will be a special chapel session at 4 pm. Please attend any and as many sessions as your personal schedule will permit.



Special Interest Item!

A **Young Single Adult Stake** will be formed at a special conference to be held in the old Mesa South Stake Building at Spur and Southern on **June 10, 2012**. All Young Single Adults are invited to attend this historic event!

MORMON.ORG PROFILES

Bishop Eyring is still encouraging the Ward Members to fill out their profile on mormon.org . If you need help, please call Bishop Eyring (695-2346) or let him know when your profile is complete. Keep it Simple! This isn't supposed to be hard! WE CAN DO THIS!

2012 Canning Schedule for the Home Storage Center



Our Stake Canning day will usually be the 4th Tuesday and our time will always be 10:30 am. You do not have to sign up ahead of time for the items you wish to can during our assigned times. Just arrive 15 min. early and let them know what you want to can from

that month's scheduled items. You may also purchase extra of those items at the end of the canning session.

June: Black Beans, onions, oats, sugar & potato flakes (Canning: Jun 26) **July:** Milk, fruit drink mix, carrots, apples. Refried beans (Canning: July 31).

Aug: Potato Flakes, macaroni, Sugar, cocoa mix, White Beans. (Canning: Aug 28)

For information, call Sally Goodwin 444-8740.

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On a windy May 15, 2012 afternoon, workmen used cranes to hoist the Angel Moroni figure and attaché it to the spire on the new Gilbert, Az. temple. A huge crowd showed up to watch the momentous event.



Gilbert Temple construction

(5-1-12 photo) E side, which is front of temple. In 1 month it is nearly completely covered with the stone facing and is topped with the Moroni statue.





Artist's rendering of the completed Gilbert, Az Temple. East side is front.

1940 US Census Records Project

The 1940 US Census Community Project was launched in April, 2012 and is approximately 1/3 completed after only 2 months, thanks to the thousands of volunteers working in short time segments to digitize these records and index them to make them easily available online to everyone for free. It would have cost millions to 'hire' the labor required to complete this project and would probably have taken several years, at least, to complete. **YOU CAN BE A PART OF THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT!**

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left off. You can get started today and practice on beta records, or begin with existing records. Sign in: [LDS.org](https://www.lds.org) / Menu / Service / Volunteer / Index FH Records / Sign in (using LDS sign on) / Start Tell your friends (without an LDS sign on) to join the cause by registering at [The 1940Census.com](https://www.1940Census.com) .

This project is a perfect springboard for YW Medallion projects, YM Duty to God or Eagle projects, and filling service hours.

THE PROVO CITY CENTER TEMPLE

Out of the ashes of a beloved tabernacle, the Church will build the Provo City Center Temple. Elder Jeffrey R. Holland presided at the groundbreaking of Provo's second temple on May 12, 2012. A devastating fire gutted the historic Provo Tabernacle in Dec. of 2010.

Since 1898, the building was a community gathering place for meetings and cultural events in Provo. After the fire, Church leaders contemplated the future of the tabernacle shell and Pres. Thomas S. Monson announced during general conference in Oct. of 2011 that a temple would be constructed on the site, preserving the 'castle-like' original appearance. The Provo City Center Temple is expected to be completed in three years and will include underground parking. More than 5,600 people gathered on the future temple grounds for the groundbreaking ceremonies. Elder Holland stated that he was thrilled with the significance of two temples located within a mile of each other in "the shadow of 'Y mountain' and near the shores of Utah Lake." The current Provo temple is the busiest temple in the world, due to its location near the 56,000 student campus of BYU. For more than 100 years, the Provo Tabernacle hosted stake conferences and worship services of all kinds, firesides, funerals, lectures, concerts and graduation services. It has heard the voice of at least one president of the United States, William Howard Taft, and at least 12 presidents of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

The Provo City Center temple is one of 29 temples announced by President Thomas S. Monson since he became the president of the Church a little more than four years ago.

HARTFORD TEMPLE PLANS

From the Hartford Courant Newspaper 10 May, 2012.

Representatives from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have submitted their architectural plans for the state's first Mormon temple.

The plans for the 11-acre parcel off Farmington Avenue were shown this week to members of the conservation and inlands wetlands commission. They include renderings of the proposed temple as well as those of the president's residence and a service building.

According to the design, the white granite, one-story, 28,610-square-foot temple would be 115 feet tall at its highest point. It would have more than 40 rooms, including separate men's and women's dressing areas, a confirmation room, a baptistry, a dressing room for brides, waiting rooms, two counselor's offices and an office for the president. Eight of the rooms would be reserved exclusively for instruction.

The temple would face the intersection of Melrose Drive and Farmington Avenue. The spire on the top of the structure would be capped with a gold-leaf statue of the angel Moroni.

To the right of the temple on the parcel would sit a 2,260-square-foot residence that would serve as the temple president's home. A 680-square-foot two-car garage is also included in the plan. Behind the house and to the back right of the temple would be a 753-square-foot service building.

Concrete and stone pathways would snake through dozens of shrubs and trees on the grounds. According to the renderings, there will be a variety of "shade trees," "ornamental trees," and evergreens dotting the property and several islands that will be incorporated into a 193-space parking lot.

Plans for the Farmington temple first went before the town's planning and zoning commission on Jan. 23.

Moving forward, the proposal must now wind its way through a number of the town's land-use boards. In addition to the planning board, the town's inlands wetlands and watercourses agency must sign off.

Currently, Mormons in Connecticut who wish to visit a temple must travel to Belmont, Mass., **New York City** or Washington D.C.



Hartford, Conn. (Farmington) temple according to Artist's drawing.

STAR VALLEY, WYOMING TEMPLE UPDATE

The site for the Star Valley, Wyoming Temple has been selected. The new temple will be constructed east of U.S. Highway 89 on the Haderlie Farm property south of Afton, Wyoming. It will be the first temple built in Wyoming.

The Star Valley Temple was announced at the Church's October 2011 general conference. A date for construction to begin has not been released. Once started, it is expected to take approximately two years to complete.

The Church now has 166 temples in operation, announced or under construction across the globe. The Star Valley Wyoming Temple will serve members living in the western part of the state, who now travel approximately 1.5 hours to Idaho Falls and Rexburg, Idaho, for temple services.

(Neat Letter from Elder Schnepf that reached us a little too late, because of technology problems, to be included in the Missionary section of the Newsletter.)

Hello Family!

It's been a busy month with a lot of changes for me. I was called to be the district leader in my zone in Valencia. I am still with Elder Charnay so that's been good. We have been blessed to be able to work in an amazing ward and I love the people here so much. The Bishop and his wife are like my own family here. They treat me so well and take such good care of us. On Mother's day, we went over and cooked dinner for them. It was just like being home and cooking for Mom. Then I was able to call home and talk to everyone. You all sound so weird. I don't talk to anyone in English anymore so my brain is stuck in Spanish now. But the call home was great and I am happy that everyone is doing so well.

So being a DL is super stressful and I have no time to do anything except worry about my district. I have a small district, only 3 companionships with a lot of problems. Two Elders just started training. So it's Elder Charnay, me and two trainers with their companions. I haven't had time to write in my journal for a long time and I feel bad because a lot happens, but I just don't have anytime to record it in my journal. We have 3 exchanges next week. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday so I can do a bunch of interviews. So I will be out of my area for 3 days, and that stresses me out as well because whenever I leave, I return to a million problems. But we shall see what happens.

We had the baptism of Edwin Reyes. We have been working with him for several months and he is amazing! He was raised as an atheist and one year ago this week he had a near death experience and saw and felt the love of the Savior. He began to look for the true church and we found him or he found us. He is super awesome and has such a testimony. It was a really nice day for the baptism and after the ordinance we watched "To This End was I Born", and it was very spiritual. I could hear a bunch of women crying, and after the movie Edwin bore his testimony. It is so rewarding to

see him so happy as he entered the waters of baptism. I explained it to Elder Charnay; It's like football. You work your tail off all week, all year, just to see the Friday night lights. It's like that, we work super hard all day everyday so we can see the waters of baptism. But it's a lot more fulfilling in the water than in the lights. I love the mission and I want to spend the rest of my life doing this. Time passes too fast out here and it is starting to pass by even faster. I don't miss home at all. It feels as if I left only last month. In Mathew it says that for God, one day is a thousand years and a thousand years is one day to God. It kind of feels like that out here. But it's more like one week feels like one day and one month feels like one week. We are already almost half way through this year and it feels like only weeks. I love my mission! I love the work and I Love the Lord. Have a great week and keep up the good work.
Love,
Elder Schnepf

Margin Notes:

"Like the vital rudder of a ship, we have been provided a way to determine the direction we travel. The lighthouse of the Lord beckons to all as we sail the seas of life. Our home port is the celestial kingdom of God. Our purpose is to steer an undeviating course in that direction. A man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder-never likely to reach home port. Chart your course, set your sail, position your rudder and proceed." Pres Thomas S. Monson

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ... 1 Peter 2:9

"The purposes of Relief Society are to increase faith and personal righteousness, strengthen families and homes and seek out and help those in need." Julie B. Beck

"Visiting Teachers are the Lord's hands; she is His heart. Women need to be 'nourished' both physically and spiritually. It is practicing principles and applying gospel principles in a personal setting." Julie B. Beck

During 2011, the LDS Church responded to 111 disasters in 50 countries. 2011 was the costliest year of disasters on record. (from LDS Church Welfare Services)

For behold, again I say unto you that if ye will enter in by the way, and receive the Holy Ghost, it will show unto you all things what ye should do. 2 Nephi 32:5

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.
John 14:18

"It is the challenge of mortality to be a worthy and responsible parent. Neither man nor woman can bear children alone. It was meant that children have two parents - both a father and a mother. No other pattern or process can replace this one." Boyd K. Packer

"The ultimate end of all activity in the Church is to see a husband and his wife and their children happy at home, protected by the principles and laws of the gospel, sealed safely in the covenants of the everlasting priesthood. Husbands and wives should understand that their first calling - from which they will never be released - is to one another and then to their children." Boyd K. Packer

"One of the great discoveries of parenthood is that we learn far more about what really matters from our children than we ever did from our parents. We come to recognize the truth in Isaiah's prophecy that 'a little child shall lead them.'" Boyd K. Packer

"The role of the Holy Ghost is to carry the truth unto the hearts of the children of men. The role of a parent is to create an atmosphere where children can feel and recognize the influence of the Spirit." Cheryl A. Esplin, 2nd counselor in the general Primary presidency

"Although life may not be what single parents hoped or expected, do not fear for the future. With God's help... your children will grow up and call you blessed, and every single one of their many achievements will stand as a tribute to you." Elder David S. Baxter

"Single parents face many struggles. You have to be father as well as mother. You run your household, watch over your family, sometimes struggle to make ends meet and miraculously, you even find the wherewithal to serve in the Church in significant ways. You demonstrate resilience year after year. Please never feel that you are in some kind of second-tier, sub-category of Church membership, somehow less entitled to the Lord's blessings than others. In the kingdom of God there are no second-class citizens. Heaven will smile upon you. Truly you are not alone. Take courage. Have faith and hope. Consider the present with fortitude and look to the future with confidence." Elder David S. Baxter of the Seventy

"There is enough heartache and sorrow in this life without adding to it through stubbornness, bitterness and resentment. Part of the purpose of mortality is to learn how to let go of such things. That is the Lord's way. Lay your burden at the Savior's feet. Let go of judgment. Allow Christ's Atonement to change and heal your heart. Love one another. Forgive one another. Let us be known as a people who have love, one to another."
Dieter F. Uchtdorf

"The leadership of the Church honestly believes that today's generation of youth can build the Kingdom like no previous generation. You have not only our love and confidence but also our prayers and blessings. We know that the success of your generation is essential to the continued establishment of the Church and the growth of the Kingdom. We pray that you will act well your part: as you avoid wearing a mask of anonymity, act in accordance to your true identity, set appropriate goals and build the country and community where you live."
Elder Quinton L. Cook, Apostle

Men are that they might have joy. 2 Nephi 2:25
Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.
Lead me in thy truth, and teach me for thou art the
God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.
Psalm 25:4-4

"Let us relish life as we live it and find joy in the journey." Pres. Thomas S. Monson
...Cast your mind upon the night that you cried unto me in your heart, that you might know concerning the truth of these things. Did I not speak peace to your mind concerning the matter? What greater witness can you have than from God? D&C 6:23-34

Wherefore, I the Lord, knowing the calamity which should come upon the inhabitants of the earth, called upon my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., and spake unto him from heaven, and gave him commandments... D&C 1:17

"Learn to pray. Pray often. Pray in your mind, in your heart. Pray on your knees. Prayer is your personal key to heaven. The lock is on your side of the veil." Boyd K. Packer

And moreover, I would desire that ye should consider on the blessed and happy state of those that keep the commandments of God. For behold, they are blessed in all things, both temporal and spiritual. Mosiah 2:41

"Not one of the trials and tribulation we face is beyond our limits, because we have access to help from the Lord. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us." Elder Paul V. Johnson