

DANA WARD NEWS

3-2013 Issue



BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

"Behold I say unto you that ye shall have hope through the atonement of Christ" (Moroni 7:41).

Dear Beloved Members of the Dana Ward,

As we approach the wonderful opportunity to celebrate Easter I think it is fitting that in the month of March the Church has assigned the topic of the Atonement of Jesus Christ to be taught to the Young Men and the Young Women. The doctrine of the Atonement is one that we as members of the Church should be studying and applying often as part of our discipleship. We invite individuals and families to take the time to prayerfully use LDS.ORG as a resource, specifically "Come Follow Me", to study and teach about the Atonement of Jesus Christ in your homes. Please find strength in these words of the First Presidency- "Every worthy Latter-day Saint can teach the gospel in the Savior's way. As you follow His example, the Holy Ghost will help you know what to do. Your own testimony will grow, your conversion will be deepened, and you will be strengthened to meet the challenges of life. May our Heavenly Father bless you in your service to His beloved youth." I can testify that when we use the provided videos, doctrinal outlines, and teaching suggestions provided by the church, the effectiveness of our teaching and the depth of learning in your homes will increase. I have witnessed these blessings my home and it is amazing what the new curriculum has provided for us. I also leave my testimony of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ and His Atonement. I have seen the power of the Atonement heal many souls and bring comfort in times of suffering. Jesus Christ is the only way back to our Heavenly Father. I know He lives and will soon come again. May we be blessed in all our efforts to follow Him.

Brother Wesley Filhart

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| 1 - Jon Nichols | 12 - Hazel Parra | 27 - Elaine Beech |
| 2 - Kelly Eyring | 13 - Chris Carter | 28 - Marilyn Mingione |
| 2 - Cory Molina | 14 - Anna O'Bryant | 29 - John Chapman |
| 3 - Kyle Hassell | 14 - Chris Standage | 30 - Clyde Ransom |
| 3 - Shaun Brown | 16 - Gary Tiffany | |
| 3 - Jerri Ann Valles | 16 - Harmony Beals | |
| 5 - Margaret Espinosa | 16 - Tonya Whiting | |
| 6 - Jenn Packer | 17 - Bella Aulicio | |
| 7 - Rita Blackstad | 20 - Nick Hird | |
| 7 - Cody Suhr | 20 - Hailey Crosby | |
| 8 - Jerry Liles | 20 - Giordan Hanks | |
| 10 - Pinki Hoepner | 21 - Evan Redd | |
| 10 - Kim Hale | 22 - Kamea Turner | |

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News From Around The Ward

Lizzie Crandell has made the District Honor Band and will perform at the Ikeda Theater on March 25th at 7 pm.

Riley Hird and **Mason Redd** have made the District Honor Orchestra.

Nathan Young has made the cast of the play "Into the Woods" at Taylor Jr. High. He will play the role of Prince Charming.

Brother Tom Legler has become engaged to **Judy McDonald**. Judy is from the Boise, ID area. They have plans to become husband and wife in the very near future. Judy will be moving here to Mesa.



Jackie McCray has been called to be a Gospel Doctrine Teacher.

Jennifer Carter has been called to be the Nursery Music Leader.

Brandon Boone and **Brendan Merkley** have been called as Ward Missionaries.

Ron Johnson has been called as a Sunday School Class President.

Leslie Bohot has been called as a Nursery Leader.

mark your calendars

Jan Feb **Mar** Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Stake Boys Primary Softball will be held March 5th & 6th at 5 pm at the Tri-Stake Center field on 2nd Ave.

Relief Society Meeting on March 5th at 6:30pm
Wear your gloves and hat and join us to celebrate the **Birthday of The Relief Society** with an evening tea party. Learn about the General Relief Society Presidency, enjoy finger foods and harp solo.





MISSIONARY MAIL



Our mission is getting split into two missions in June. There will be a Virginia Richmond mission and a Virginia Chesapeake Mission. I am not sure where I will be going. The work is going good here. We are teaching a lot of people. Over half our ward is related to each other. It is funny. We had wild boar yesterday. It was delicious. We eat a lot meat here. Everyone talks funny as well. We have just been trying to focus our prayers on asking a pleading that we can be answers to people prayers.

We have two baptisms coming up this Saturday. We are very excited about that. The work is divine and I am blessed to be apart of it. I love it. I know with all my heart that a mission is inspired by God. It is super fun and super hard. It makes you who God wants you to be.

Love,
Elder Eyring

Hello family! thank you so much for the pictures. they always lift up my spirit. i love you all and i am great full for you all.
GRANDPARENTS! hello i still remember you all and i have not forgotten you in my prayers.

Well what a great week for you all. hearing about Sister Johnson and Elder Richards receiving there calls really brought back special memory's when I received my mission call.(it seems like yesterday). It has been the best decision that I have ever made in my life and it is the most rewarding. This week something special happened. So Sundays we always eat lunch with the Vega family. and Sister Vega told us a something that happened a few weeks ago. she said. She was feeling really down about herself and a little sad because her son had just started his mission and she really never experienced doing missionary work and she was afraid and nervous to do it. So she didn't know what to do. then she told us that that day the missionaries came to her house(elder bustos and I). and we talked about missionary work and gave her ideas how to do it. she said that she received a lot of comfort with that visit and from then on they have been working a lot in missionary work. For me this experience was so special because I had know idea that she was going through so many difficulties. and that i had the privilege to be a blessing in the life of someone without even knowing it. I have also been listening to the Mormon Messages every week as I write you my beloved family and I listen to many amazing ones but one in particular. It is called " God will Lift us up" I invite you all to watch it and see how we can all use our talents and our abilities to bless the lives of many and enjoy more abundantly the holy spirit.

So this week was really hard because Sunday Monday and Tuesday was carnival and it was a ghost town and yesterday was elections and we didn't have one lesson. My comp had a talk in church about mission work and it was great the members are all excited and all want to help. we pray that the desire come to action. We are meeting with a bigg family that all have accepted a baptismal date for march 9th. they have a few economy issues and they need to get married so we pray that they can work things out and accomplish this goal of learning more about the restored gospel. they are amazing and very humble. Okay well i love the mission it is amazing. we had a baptism last week but i m not sending pics because don't have my camera. I love you all have a good week.

Elder Schnepf



MISSIONARY MAIL



This past week has been very good. We made contact with an investigator that's kinda been off an on. He told us of an amazing experience he had in a dream he basically had Lehi's vision. Super cool. We also invited another man to be baptized. This week at sacrament we were blessed to have 5 investigators attend. It was just a great week.

Last night in a lesson, we were teaching a family that's been investigating for quite some time now. At first the husband had absolutely no interest whatsoever in the Church. We talked to them a little more about the Priesthood and the ordinances that we perform through it. We told them about eternal marriage and that it doesn't have to be "until death do us part". It was an awesome lesson and as our member testified, I could feel the spirit telling me that what was being said was true.

It has got to be one of the greatest blessing to be sitting in a lesson or reading during personal study and having what I know be confirmed again and again and again, that it's true.

Con Amor,
Elder Hassell

Update on Elder Kevin Hale:

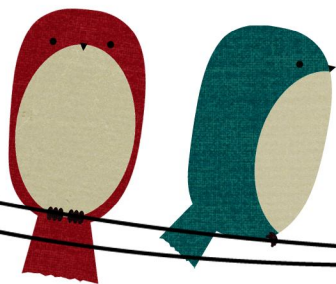
We were able to talk to Kevin briefly while he had a lay-over in Miami before flying to Chile. He was very excited as he had a missionary opportunity on his flight from Salt Lake City to Dallas. He was seated next to a sister from Peru. They started a conversation in Spanish and she said she was in the States visiting one of her children and so her husband could receive some medical care. She recognized the missionaries (there were 21 missionaries on his flight) as she had been taught one lesson previously. Kevin and another sister missionary, Hermana Smith, then taught this sister for over two hours in Spanish. They taught her about the First Vision and the restoration of the priesthood. They found a pamphlet in Spanish that one of the Elders had and gave it to her. Then they taught her about prophets, baptism, and prayer. They

taught her to pray and helped her say a simple prayer with them. They also gave her a Book of Mormon in Spanish and read the Introduction and 3 Nephi 11 with her.

Kevin was so excited by this opportunity and the Spirit he felt, that is really all we talked about. He was very focused on missionary work and after relating this experience, he said he had to go so other missionaries could use the phone. We haven't heard from him since he arrived in Chile and don't know when his preparation day will be, but we are anxious to hear where he was assigned and about his new companion. Kevin loved the MTC, but said he could hardly sleep his last night because he was so excited to get into the field. Thank you everyone for your love, support, prayers, and letters.



UPDATE AS OF MARCH 2ND: Elder Hale has arrived in Chile safe and sound!



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NOTE WORTHY

The Easter Pageant is quickly approaching. Please invite your non-member friends and family to enjoy it with you. The pageant has asked the following of us:

1. **NO PICNICS.** We aren't allowed to bring picnic type food (pizza, subs, chicken, etc) to the pageant anymore. Too many people left their trash behind in years past. Small snacks are OK such as granola bars, etc. Please take ALL trash with you when you leave.
2. **NO SAVING SEATS.** Unless you bring a non member or a member who is returning from a long period of inactivity.
3. **NO PROTESTER INTERACTION.** Ignore those who protest at the pageant. Quickly and politely go to your seats and avoid arguments/conversations with protesters.

Dates are:

English: March 20, 21, 26 - 30

Spanish: March 22, 23

ASL: March 20 - 23

All performances begin at 8pm.



There are many new changes coming regarding missionary work.

- 1) There will be 2 new missions added to the Phoenix area. It is very likely each Ward will have their own set of full time missionaries after this happens.
- 2) We have been asked to have at least 20 lessons taught by the full time missionaries in our Ward boundaries each month. Please consider or reconsider all your neighbors and friends and ask them if you can have a lesson with them and the Elders. Let myself, Ryan Young or the Elders know of any potential names.
- 3) Housing: There is a new need for housing for the full time missionaries. If you could possibly have a set of missionaries live in your home please let myself or Ryan Young know. The Church offers a small stipend to help house the missionaries.