

Dana Ward Newsletter

BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

MARCH 2015

Dear Ward Members,

It can seem as if the scriptures teach the same things in different ways. Sometimes it can even seem the scriptures contradict themselves:

Open your mouths (D&C 33:10)	Our words will condemn us (Alma 12:14)
Judge righteously (D&C 11:22)	Judge not (Matthew 7:1)
An eye for an eye (Matthew 5:38)	turn the other cheek (Matthew 5:39)
I and the Father are one (John 10:30)	3 beings at baptism of Christ (Matthew 3:16-17)
For by grace are ye saved (Eph 2:8)	faith without works is dead also (James 2:26)
Mercies blot out my transgressions (Psalms 51:1)	justice cannot be denied (Jacob 6:10) Lord cannot allow sin (D&C 1:31)

By listening to the Holy Spirit and the prophets we can properly understand the scriptures. We need to be clean in order to hear and interpret what the Spirit can tell us so that we can navigate our way through troubled times. The best way to do that is to **be baptized and receive the Holy Ghost** by the laying on of hands by proper authority. Then, **keep the covenant of baptism** and try to **be like Him**.

Bishop Eyring



Bishopric

Bishop - Darren Eyring	480-695-2346
1st Councilor - David Biggs	480-848-2696
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Mesa South Stake Presidency

President - Ray Johnson
1st Councilor - Rondal Jones
2nd Councilor - Douglas Millett
Exec. Secretary - Allan Ricks
Stake Clerk - Larry Schnepf



Dana Ward Schedule



Sacrament meeting
1pm - 2:10pm
Sunday School
2:20pm - 3:00pm
Primary
2:20pm - 4:00pm
RS - Priesthood - YW
3:10pm - 4:00pm

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day

happy birthday



Mar. 1 Jonathan Nichols
 Mar. 2 Kelly Eyring
 Mar. 2 Cory Molina
 Mar. 2 Isaac Nelson
 Mar. 3 Shaun Brown
 Mar. 3 Kyle Hassell
 Mar. 3 Jerri Valles
 Mar. 4 Angel Dees
 Mar. 5 Margaret Espinosa
 Mar. 6 Tonya Orozco
 Mar. 7 Rita Blackstad
 Mar. 8 Jerry Liles
 Mar. 10 Kim Hales
 Mar. 10 Pinki Hoepfner
 Mar. 10 Ryker Tietjen
 Mar. 12 Judy Legler
 Mar. 12 Hazel Parra
 Mar. 13 Chris Carter
 Mar. 14 Anna O'Bryant
 Mar. 14 Chris Standage
 Mar. 15 Lillie Driggs
 Mar. 16 Gary Tiffany
 Mar. 16 Tonya Whiting
 Mar. 20 Giordan Hanks
 Mar. 20 Nick Hird
 Mar. 20 Melanie Smith
 Mar. 21 Dennis Blackstad
 Mar. 21 Evan Redd
 Mar. 22 Kamea Turner
 Mar. 25 Mari Ashby
 Mar. 25 Blake Driggs
 Mar. 26 Russ Ary
 Mar. 27 Elaine Beech
 Mar. 28 Marilyn Mingione
 Mar. 30 Clyde Ransom
 Mar. 31 Adia Wood

Apr. 1 Parker Hird
 Apr. 1 Kimberly Metcalf
 Apr. 1 Heidi Morgan
 Apr. 3 Gwen Leiser
 Apr. 3 Elizabeth Stark



Welcome to the Ward

We welcome the following people into our ward.
 We look forward to getting to know you.

Cheryl Dall
Tonya Orozco
Jaslene Carrillo
Criz Rivera
Fabiana Sebastian

Clarissa Palmer
Camri Palmer
Cruz Rivera
TJ & Kylie Pond
Jake and Major

We welcome the **Pond** family into our ward. **TJ & Kylie** and their two sons **Jake and Major**. **Kylie** is the daughter of **Kyle & Janet Hassell**. The Pond's have moved into 1922 E. Nielson Ave. **TJ** is a Financial Planner and **Kylie** is a mom to her sweet boys. **Kylie** is also a photographer and has a little business called **Kylie Pond Photography**. We look forward to having them in our ward and getting to work side by side in the gospel. Welcome.

Sunday Lesson Curriculum

Sunday School - New Testament
 Youth Sunday School - Come Follow Me
 Youth 3rd Hour - Come Follow Me
 HP, Elder's & RS - Pres. Ezra Taft Benson

March Lesson Schedule

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Pres. Choice	Lesson #5	Lesson #6	Allan F. Packer Nov. '14 Ensign	Bishop's Choice



PV2 Chris Martinez
 CMR 415 Box 6795
 APO AE 09114



My Baptism



Congratulations

Mae Hogue was baptized by her father on February 21st.

Caitlyn Nichols was baptized by her father on February 24th. Way to go girls. We are happy for you.



Write a letter to:
Jeff Hoepfner
 AZ Department of Corrections
 ADC# 78465
 Eyman Complex
 Meadows 10-A-29
 PO Box 3300
 Florence, AZ 85132-3300



New Callings

Isaac Nelson - Scout Master
Jeff Knudsen - Primary Teacher
Chelsi Knudson - Primary Teacher
Wes Filhart - Sunday School Teacher
Stuart Montierth - Ward Missionary
Aaron Schram - Bldg. Cleaning Specialist
Debbie Schram - Bldg. Cleaning Specialist
Duane Johnson - Employment Specialist
Patricia Johnson - Employment Specialist
Mike Hill - Stake Sunday School 1st Councilor
Chris Carter - Sunday School President

ST. PATRICKS

Full-Time Missionaries

Elder Rippstein

Elder Hoggan

480-212-2744



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Primary

Primary Presidency

President	Laura Carpenter
1st Coun.	April Hogue
2nd Coun.	Janet Hassell
Secretary	Tima Hird



2015 Theme: **I KNOW MY SAVIOR LIVES**

March Theme: God Speaks through Prophets

Week 1: Prophets are called by God.

Week 2: Prophets testify of Jesus Christ.

Week 3: There is safety in following the prophet.

Week 4: God speaks through prophets.

Activity Day Girls



young women

Young Women's Presidency

President	Wendy Tonga
1st Coun.	Julie Eyring
2nd Coun.	Melanie Brinton
Secretary	Jill Schnepf



New Beginnings

These four cute girls,
Emberlyn Tietjen
Mercedes Silva
Eden Carter
Jocelyn Gardiner
will be entering into Young Women's this year. YAY!!



Primary Cookie Night
Sunday, March 22nd
6-8 PM

Come pass off the
Article's of Faith
Sister Hassell's Home



Primary Boys Softball



young men

Young Men's Presidency

President	Kyle Hassell
1st Coun.	Daniel Scott
2nd Coun.	Isaac Nelson
Secretary	Spencer Bury



Deacon's Quorum Presidency

President	Nathen Wood
1st Coun.	Mason Tietjen
2nd Coun.	Porter Reynolds
Secretary	Noah Nichols

ELDER'S QUORUM

ELDER'S QUORUM PRESIDENCY

President	Aaron Martinez
1st Coun.	Scott Baker
2nd Coun.	Shaun Brown
Secretary	Scott Driggs

The Elder's Quorum put on a fantastic Valentine's Social. The food was so delicious. The games we so fun, especially the balloon game. Everyone had a balloon tied around their ankle. You had to run around and try to pop each others balloon while "Cotton Eyed Joe" played in the background.



CALLED TO SERVE

Homer & Connie Rogers received their mission call on Feb. 20th. They are going to the Philippines Quezon City North Mission they report to the MTC in Provo on April 27th. They are so excited.

MISSIONARY
HASTENING THE WORK
OF SALVATION

Dana Ward Talent Show

The talent show was sponsored by the Ward Choir. They did an awesome job. It was a very fun night. The participants were:

"The Filhart Boys" playing "Louie, Louie" on guitar, bass and drums. They were awesome!

"The Gardiner Dancers" performed a routine to music. **Adrian Soto**, the son-in-law of **Violet Rogers** sang "If I Were a Rich Man" accompanied by Violet on the accordion. It was so fabulous.

Keith Merkley sang a great song called "I Am My Own Grandpa" It was quite the song to follow in your mind.

Claire Rogers performed a few magic tricks.

Nathan Martinez played "A Thousand Years" on the trumpet with his mom, **Elizabeth Martinez** at the piano.

Lina Chapman performed a very moving "Chinese Tai Chi Fan Dance" it was spectacular.

Nora Martinez made us all smile with her rendition of "Frozen".

Elizabeth Crandell performed "Amazing Grace" on her clarinet. It was so soft and sweet.

Then a Hoopa Hoop contest took place while **Mari Ashby** played the "Entertainer" on the piano.

The final act of the night was the Ward Choir performing "The Worm Song" (Nobody Likes me, everybody hates me). It concluded with the choir throwing gummy worms to the audience. It was such a fun night. We ARE talented.

Mesa South Stake Business

New High Councilors

Wade DeMordaunt

Gary Lawyer

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESIDENCY

President **Nathan Young**

1st Coun. **Mike Hill**

2nd Coun. **Dagoberto Lopes**

Secretary **Mark Noble**



Flag Subscription

The Young Men are gearing up for their annual fundraiser - Flag Subscriptions. If you would like a flag to wave in your yard on the holidays, then look forward to signing up. More info to come.



We need you as a Honey Bee!

Like the Honeybee who collects nectar on a daily basis, all members who make indexing a regular part of their daily or weekly routine contribute in a significant way to accomplish our stake goal of having 200 Honey Bees each month.



Our Stake 2015 Goals are:

2,000,000 records completed in 2015

200 Honey Bees each month

A Honey Bee dinner February 2016

BYU's RELATIVE FINDER

A BYU-developed website call "Relative Finder" enables users to find out how closely related they are to historical figures. Now we can even use this site to find out which ward members we are related to and how. This information is gleaned from input in FamilySearch. The further back your family is entered, the better the chance of finding other relatives. You can find this site At <https://roots-fb.cs.byu.edu>.

Our ward members have been having a great time on social media networks bragging about who they are related to. **Jimmy Carpenter** - "Found out my wife is my 9th cousin 3x removed.is that bad????? Should we move to the South and buy banjo's now?"

Patrick Rogers - "The Rogers are coming with you because **Cris** and I are 9 cousins too."

Laura Tenney Carpenter - "I'll buy a banjo and start a band, but I'm not moving anywhere!"

Cheryl Lans - "I don't know whether to be butt hurt that I'm not related to anyone here or scared because you all ARE. LMBO!!! "

Mary Filhart - "**Cheryl** think of it as a blessing! There's a reason I haven't signed in yet, I'm too scared to find out if I'm related to some of these crazies.

Bishop Eyring - "**Brother Merkley** nailed it when he sang "I am My Own Grandpa".

Chris Martin - "**Cheryl Lans** should be feeling the love now!!! She's related to more than 30 people in the ward and to 10 of the current 15 apostles! Love you **Cheryl**!!!

Some people are finding they are related quite closing without even realizing it. It seems that **Pete Smith** is the furthest related on a whole lot of peoples list. Hmm, wonder why that is? Just kidding Pete.

If you haven't checked this out yet, get on the bandwagon because we want to know, **ARE YOU MY COUSIN!!!**

RS Birthday Extravaganza

Tuesday, March 3rd

6:30 PM

Food, Program & Nursery



Missionary Mail

Sister Larissa Hunt Minnesota-Minneapolis Mission 5931 W. 96 th St. Bloomington, MN 55438-1715

Hello all! I was excited to see that a big amount of money was put into my account at the ward. This is so wonderful. This brought me to tears. I'm just so full of gratitude. I feel extremely blessed that Heavenly Father is watching out for me. I know he wants me here because of all these miracles I've seen happen. Heavenly Father is definitely watching out for us and knows how to best help us. I wouldn't be here on my mission without the help of all of you. Thank you everyone! Man I just love this gospel and I'm grateful for the opportunity to be a missionary. It seriously brings me so much joy. I wouldn't trade it for anything.

So transfers... I got transferred to Edina (ee-die-na). It is up in "the cities" so we actually work a lot in Minneapolis. I served here for a day with Sister Hulet when Sister Hudson was going home so it was cool to come back. It is different not being in the outskirts of the mission. I like the cities except for all the crazy drivers. My companion does the driving which I'm happy about.

My companion is Sister Young and she is from Salt Lake City. She is so much fun. She has a great personality and I love working with her. We have a lot of fun together. I'm excited for this new transfer and my new area. I have met some awesome people already.

We had zone conference last Monday. It was very good! I always learn so much from them. They really help me be a better missionary which I'm grateful for.

Monday night we stayed in Rochester and helped the sisters in their area. We stayed with them. My companion and Sister Jones in Rochester were both going home so they drove together to Bloomington on Tuesday.

I stayed with Sister Smith all day Tuesday. We had a good day together. It is always a little weird though not being in my area because I meet new people and then don't see them again.

On Wednesday morning we drove to Bloomington for the transfer meeting. Sister Forbes wanted to take a picture of all the missionaries sitting in the chapel which was a lot because President made a lot of changes. She had to stand up on a chair up by the podium while President was holding her up to get us all in the picture.

It was pretty funny to watch. It was fun to see the sisters that came out with me. I saw my MTC companion so that was nice. I haven't seen her since we first got to here. It is like a big reunion when we have a big meeting like that. It is fun to see all the interactions of the missionaries.

I got my new companion and we headed off to Edina. A member from the ward picked us up in Bloomington so we didn't have to use our miles to get back home. Her name is Brittany. We are teaching her boyfriend the gospel. He is ready for baptism pretty much except they need to get married first. I don't know why they don't just get married but they don't seem to be in any hurry. I guess the sisters before me had lessons all about families and eternal marriages. They have been trying to help them see the importance of getting married. We are doing the best we can.

We are also teaching a family of sisters. Their mom, named Charity, is less-active and has MS. She has a hard time coming to church. Her daughters are Summer(21), Faith(14), Hope(12), and Shania(11). We call them "The Girls" so we don't have to name off all their names each time - so you will know who I'm talking about when I say the girls. Summer has a baptism date for March 20th on her 22nd birthday. We are working with the others girls to set a baptism date with them.

We are teaching a part member family. The mom, Desirae, is a recent convert and some of her kids are members as well. She had nine kids but we only see 8 of them. Their house is a little crazy as you know with all those kids. They are in kind of a sad situation. At their house they have bed bugs, lice, and mice. It's sad! Whenever we go over there we have to put our clothes straight into the drier when we get home to kill the germs and anything that could have come with us. I feel bad for the kids but there's not much we can do. The kids are all great though and we enjoy teaching them.

I haven't met the other investigators we are teaching so I will update you on them next week. Well until next week....

Love Sister Hunt



Missionary Mail

Elder Steele Crandell

Texas Dallas Mission

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Marshall TX 75672

2/15 Well to start off things for this week we just had a baptism of Micheal and Demetric Sneed they were baptized on Saturday with a really good turn out. it was a very moving service they have come so far from just the worst of the worst to then getting married (after being together for 20+ years) then doing the things that we invited them to do to prepare themselves for baptism. there were few dry eyes in the audience for sure. Our Ward Mission Leader performed the baptism for both of them, it was awesome because he has been a part of their journey for a long time now. Sunday at church they were both confirmed members of the church and given the gift of the Holy Ghost and that was done by my companion Elder Sellers. we had alot of investigators at church well 5 and thats the most this ward has had in quite a while. This week was full of some fun times after the baptism we had to rush off to our dinner appointment, and the couple recently married an our at about retirment age and the husband isnt a member of the church. I more or less invited ourselves over but she was overjoyed and they made a great dinner and her kids were over and they were older and had kids but are very inactive and havent been to church in forever. Our instructions from the mom was simply "be human", and i said that i was very good at doing that. and we talked and had a good time and i guess after we left one of the sons talked to his mom and told her "if i had missionaries like him i would still be in church". Well if that doesnt warm your heart i dont know what will especially amongst some of these people that tell me that im not "doing it right". i had a lady in the ward last night tell me, "i wasnt spiritual enough, and i joke because im scared of being to spiritual"..... some peoples children, but what do you do except smile and i told her that i will agree to disagree but she kept talking about it and telling me that she knows me so well (so irritating)..... so its great you get a little bit of both, but im tough so its no big deal. other than that i have 11 more weeks to be a missionary!!!!!! what the heck i dont remember that happening or me saying that was ok, but i guess ill embrace and it looks like this will be my last area i'll serve in. i think im starting to figure it out now. maybe ill be an awesome missionary by the time i get to my last week haha thats about right isnt it haha. well the church is true the book is blue and Moroni is still on the ball!!!

2/2 Marshal is getting better i keep meeting people that are either pipeline welders or iron workers, there are some crazy people out here. this week was exciting we did service and we were putting in tin sidding for a roof with self tapping screws (it drills the metal and then screws in) well i was being dumb and didnt wear my safety glasses, well there were none available and a little piece of metal fell into my eye, and luckily it was a big piece and i got it out and the lady we were helping asked if i wanted eye drop. Assuming that they were soothing eye drops of some kind, i said yes well apparrently they were more like medicated dialating eye drops so my right pupil was huge there was hardly any color in it and it was blurry and sensitive to light and that was wednesday morning and its almost back to normal now kinda crazy. i thought i was gonna be blind. then thursday night we drove into dallas about 3 to 3and half hours away and stayed with some elders that live with members and it was a great and amazing home and i asked what he did for a living and he said "petroleum engineer" well i think that is what i want to do or some kind of engineering. friday morning we went and listened to Russel M. Nelson of the quorum of the 12 Apostles and man you could tell he was the real deal he just emulated christlike qualities in all that he said and did. it helped me confirm my testimony of a living prophet and apostles for sure. oh wednesday we had a baptismal interview for demetres and micheal and they PASSED!!!! and will be having there baptsims on the 7th of february so that will be excellent. itll be the first baptisms this area has had since 2013 if not before. well keep being awesome and keep loving Jesus. Much Love, Elder Crandell



Missionary Mail

Elder Brenden Merkley Utah Salt Lake City East Mission 3625 S. 900 E. #10. Salt Lake City, UT 84106

2/9

Things are good. Park City is beautiful, I am loving it! It looks like Flagstaff but bigger. When I say bigger I mean the trees, the land, and the houses. I am getting along with my companion. His name is Elder Hymas and he is from Maine. He has been out the same amount of time as Elder Peters, Elder Mahony, and Elder Andela they all came out the same time. The work is slow here but not as slow as Cottonwood Heights.

I hope Ethan got the letter from my last area. This member was a great guy that did almost the exact thing but a whole lot worse. And on that dates challenge I gave them tell Ethan that I have not gotten an email from him yet and I want him to tell me how many he has gone on. And I just thought of some thing can you let Colin know that I am still planning on taking him to Disneyland. I haven't forgotten that he didn't go on his class trip last year so he could watch me graduate. We still don't have Ipads in our mission which I am glad about. So, don't worry about getting me one

2/16

Things here in Park City are good. Yes, you will defiantly want to see Park City when you come out here. No, it's not very cold right now and no, we don't have snow. I haven't gotten your package yet. The work is pretty slow. No, I did not find my camera but I got one, my land lord in Cottonwood Heights went and bought me one because he thinks it was his son who stole mine.

So we only have one investigator named Vera who is from Latvia. She was adopted by some members. There is a lot of inactive members but they don't ever want to be active so its hard all around. There are 8 wards and 1 branch in our stake. We cover 4 of the 8 wards and the sisters each cover 2. There are 3 sets of sisters, one set covers the Spanish branch. And all the sisters take turns working at the Family Tree.

So this week I went on an exchange with my zone leaders. I went to their area and we went to one of their investigators who is getting baptized this Saturday. When we were teaching them his girlfriend, who is a member, said that she can not remember her baptism at all. So I was able to help her by telling her that I can't remember much of my baptism either but I do remember the feelings I had every time I go and do baptism for the dead I feel the same way. She was so excited to do that to have those feeling come back to her. So I think she is planning on going to the temple with him to do baptism for the dead together.



2/23 I am great! We think things are going to pick up this week. Vera is doing good, she is thinking about being baptized which is great! She is 11 years old. There is like no service opportunities here. What I mean is like every one has a maid!!!

I did get the package you sent, thank you! We are in a car but we are starting to run out of miles so we are taking the bus and then walking, but I am staying warm even more after that package. Thanks for the hat and scarf you made! My companion liked the stuff you sent for him too, he is a great.

No the family history center here isn't new it's been out here since the Olympics were out here. Nope I am working on missionary work not that kind of work. But there is a cool site I found called rootsmapper.com. You should check it out.

Love,
Elder Merkley

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March 2015



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