



# Dana Ward Newsletter



## BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

APRIL 2015

Brothers and sisters it has been a wild ride the past few months. It is hard to believe it has only been three months since the boundary change so many things have happened. I must admit it was hard to be moved from a ward that I had been deeply involved in for years. It was strange looking out over a congregation and I knew just a few people. With everything that has happened in the new calling to test me both physically (late night meetings) and spiritually (conducting my first Sunday with the largest congregation ever) through everything I have felt Christ's love and support. You have reached out to my family with love and support and made us feel loved and welcomed and I thank you for everything.

I have been thinking a lot about Father Lehi this past month and all the challenges he went through in his life. Through it all he stayed true to his commitments to the lord. He lived in the wicked city of Jerusalem and was able to hold himself and his family apart from that influence. It gives me hope that we can do the same for our families if we follow the council of our leaders.

He receive a calling to call the wicked to repentance. He fulfilled that calling so well that they wanted to take is life and he had to leave everything behind and flee with his family. In the end they were blessed with a great inheritance. We will also be asked to do difficult things: accept a new calling and leave one we love, share the gospel, love and fellowship investigators and new and returning members, visit or home teach our brothers and sisters. If we do our best we have been promised an inheritance in our Fathers kingdom.

Lehi endured many hardships and at one time even lost some faith when his family was hungry and Nephi broke his bow. Each of us will face challenges in life and may even stumble along the way just remember that our brother and savior has paid the debt if we will but repent and set our feet back on the narrow path.

Brothers and sisters there are many more examples that can be paralleled with our own lives. Take the time to read and learn that you are not and never will be alone in your struggles. Reach out for there is always hope. Know that we love you and pray for you.

In love and brotherhood  
David Biggs

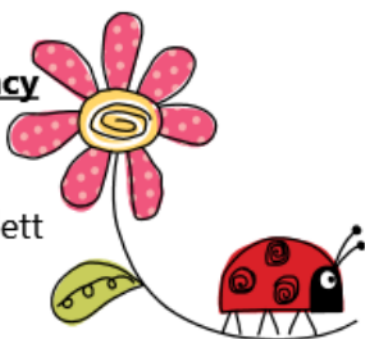


### **Bishopric**

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Bishop - Darren Eyring          | 480-695-2346 |
| 1st Councilor - David Biggs     | 480-848-2696 |
| 2nd Councilor - Jimmy Carpenter | 480-695-1592 |
| Exec. Secretary - Dustin Redd   | 480-369-7903 |
| Ward Clerk - Conley Martin      | 480-313-7194 |

### **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      |

# EASTER

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Apr. 6 Lauren Eyring  
 Apr. 9 Madison Carter  
 Apr. 9 Ayan Dixon  
 Apr. 9 Corey Downs  
 Apr. 10 Christine Palmer  
 Apr. 10 Douglas Rogers  
 Apr. 11 Anna Knudsen  
 Apr. 12 Ebony Brown  
 Apr. 12 Eden Carter  
 Apr. 12 Eloina Gaytan  
 Apr. 12 Ben Shope  
 Apr. 13 Isabella Galindo  
 Apr. 13 Sheryl Smith  
 Apr. 14 Nick Droke  
 Apr. 15 Randee Gardiner  
 Apr. 15 Kassie Reilly  
 Apr. 16 Jeneisha Ellery  
 Apr. 18 Tate Brinton  
 Apr. 19 Mark Robertson  
 Apr. 20 Jeff Knudsen  
 Apr. 23 Jared Nichols  
 Apr. 24 Brandon Smith  
 Apr. 27 Tyson Gardiner  
 Apr. 29 Tammie Burklund  
 Apr. 30 Ron Johnson

May 2 Max Ashby  
 May 2 Melvin Beals  
 May 2 Spencer Bury



Congratulations to **Justin & Rachel Schnepf**  
 on the birth of their second boy.

**Jackson Schnepf**

Feb. 25, 2015  
 8 lbs. 5 oz. 21"

Congratulations to **Scott & Destiny Taylor**  
 on the birth of their third daughter.

**Addicyn Renae Taylor**

April 1, 2015  
 9lb 1oz 20 1/2"



# My Baptism



**Ian Adams**, son of  
**Tom & Anais**  
**Wuorio** was baptized  
 on Mar. 28th by his  
 grandfather.



## 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

## April Lesson Schedule

| Week 1             | Week 2    | Week 3    | Week 4                              |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| General Conference | Lesson #7 | Lesson #8 | Tad R. Callister<br>Nov. '14 Ensign |



PV2 **Chris Martinez**  
 CMR 415 Box 6795  
 APO AE 09114

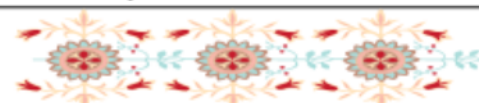


Write a letter to:  
**Jeff Hoepfner**  
 AZ Department of Corrections  
 ADC# 78465  
 Eyman Complex  
 Meadows 10-A-29  
 PO Box 3300  
 Florence, AZ 85132-3300



## New Callings

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Mari Ashby -      | Nursery            |
| Donna Baker -     | Nursery            |
| Max Doty -        | Ward Missionary    |
| Kristi Harris -   | RS Committee       |
| Ann Layton -      | RS Pianist         |
| Amber Merkley -   | Nursery            |
| Dawna Bury -      | Primary            |
| Randee Gardiner - | Primary            |
| TJ Pond -         | Asst. Scout Master |



## Full-Time Missionaries

**Elder Rippstein**  
**Elder Hoggan**  
**480-212-2744**



# Primary

## Primary Presidency

|           |                        |
|-----------|------------------------|
| President | <b>Laura Carpenter</b> |
| 1st Coun. | <b>April Hogue</b>     |
| 2nd Coun. | <b>Janet Hassell</b>   |
| Secretary | <b>Tima Hird</b>       |



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

April Theme: Jesus Christ Restored the Fullness of the Gospel through Joseph Smith

Week 1: General Conference

Week 2: Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ appeared to Joseph Smith.

Week 3: Joseph Smith translated the Book of Mormon by the power of God.

Week 4: Jesus Christ restored the gospel through Joseph Smith.

## Primary Cookie Night

Sunday, April 26th  
6-8 PM

Come pass off the  
Article's of Faith at  
Sister Carpenter's  
Home



# Welcome to the Ward

We welcome the following members to the Dana Ward. We look forward to getting to know you and serve along side you. We hope you will soon feel right at home.

Sheryl Smith  
Lisset Bautista  
Brandon Miskin  
Jim & Jessica Bear  
Olivia and Abigail  
Adam Gilgen

We welcome back **Danielle Driggs**, daughter of **Scott & Ann Driggs**. Danielle has been off to school at BYU-I. Welcome home Danielle.

Congratulations to  
**Scott Baker**. He was  
ordained to the office  
of High Priest.



# young men

## Young Men's Presidency

|           |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| President | <b>Kyle Hassell</b> |
| 1st Coun. | <b>Daniel Scott</b> |
| 2nd Coun. | <b>Isaac Nelson</b> |
| Secretary | <b>Spencer Bury</b> |



# young women

## Young Women's Presidency

|           |                        |
|-----------|------------------------|
| President | <b>Wendy Tonga</b>     |
| 1st Coun. | <b>Julie Eyring</b>    |
| 2nd Coun. | <b>Melanie Brinton</b> |
| Secretary | <b>Jill Schnepf</b>    |



Renle & Rylee Hird were awarded an Honor Bee for Young Women's Personal Progress. This Honor Bee is awarded after a young woman completes her Personal Progress. It involves 40+ hours of service, helping other girls doing their Personal Progress and read the Book of Mormon again. Way to go girls.

# HIGH PRIEST GROUP

## HIGH PRIEST GROUP LEADERSHIP

|              |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Group Leader | <b>Kevin Schnepf</b>  |
| 1st Asst.    | <b>Scott Baker</b>    |
| 2nd Asst.    | <b>Kumen Dixon</b>    |
| Secretary    | <b>Jimmy Matthews</b> |



# ELDER'S QUORUM

## ELDER'S QUORUM PRESIDENCY

|           |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| President | <b>Aaron Martinez</b> |
| 1st Coun. |                       |
| 2nd Coun. | <b>Shaun Brown</b>    |
| Secretary | <b>Scott Driggs</b>   |



# Sunday School

|           |                        |
|-----------|------------------------|
| President | <b>Chris Carter</b>    |
| 1st Coun. |                        |
| 2nd Coun. |                        |
| Secretary | <b>Ernest Halliday</b> |



Congratulations  
**Kevin Hale and Mary Jarman** are getting married on May 30th.



Thanks to everyone who helped out with this Service Project. Our stake did a great job working hard for our community. Go Mesa South Stake!



Our Elder's are awesome.

Thanks to all the great things you do.



### CUB SCOUT PINEWOOD DERBY

1ST Place **Ronan Blau**  
 2ND Place **Ian Adams**  
 3RD Place **Steele Filhart**



## Look at this Indexing List

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Mildred Pearl Smith       | 14021 |
| Violet Jean Rogers        | 8721  |
| Conley Richard Martin     | 4923  |
| Ann F Driggs              | 2164  |
| Wendy Gaylynn Tonga       | 1875  |
| Darren Eyring             | 1085  |
| Chris Carter              | 894   |
| Jennifer Elizabeth Carter | 716   |
| Deborah Kay Schram        | 683   |
| Tanya Lea Smith           | 656   |
| Christine Martin          | 376   |
| Aaron Joshua Schram       | 198   |
| Janet Matthews            | 180   |
| Audrey Burklund           | 126   |
| Marianne Ashby            | 110   |
| Claudia Lee Hoepfner      | 100   |
| Ann Marie Layton          | 83    |
| Dustin Hardison Redd      | 59    |
| Mason Hardison Redd       | 42    |
| Nancy Ann Tiffany         | 16    |
| Michael Evan Ashby        | 2     |



### Flag Subscription \$35

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.



Congratulations  
 to **Nirrel Hanks and Josh Waite** on their marriage on April 1, 2015.

# Missionary Mail

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

Hey family! Last Monday we spent the entire p-day with the sisters in our district and with President and Sister Forbes. President and Sister Forbes drove us to the place we had lunch then to the St. Paul Cathedral. We ate lunch at a place called The Nook. They are famous for their Juicy Luicies which is a hamburger with cheese and/or other things in the middle of it. They are pretty good.

Oh, and there were two young moms that liked us I guess. There was like 14 of us eating lunch. These two moms decided they wanted to pay for half our meal for everyone at our table. It was sweet of them. Oh, and after we have a meal for zone conference we sing a hymn to say thank you to the people who made the food. Sister Forbes decided that we should do that for those two ladies. So in this restaurant we sang "I am A Child of God" to say thank you. It was a little awkward at first but ended up being good. Some people thought we were weird but I think the two moms and their kids enjoyed it. The waiter also liked it.

After we ate we saw the St Paul cathedral. It was huge and very pretty inside. We all had a good time. It was fun hanging out with Pres. He and his wife are so cute. I love them!

This week we have been trying to organize our new place. It takes so long to do that. Our apartment is nice. It is just a little smaller than our other apartment but it's cozy.

Oh for April Fool's day I wanted to make one of our famous cakes but I didn't know where I could find the supplies. We played a good trick on the Elders though. My companion called them and told them I fell and my ankle was bruised pretty bad. She said that it was broken and that we were at the urgent care waiting to get in. We told them that we already let the medical people ("the gaffs") know. They totally fell for it. They seemed very concerned for me and said they would keep me in their prayers. We were trying not to laugh. We called them like 20 minutes later and said we got the x-rays back. We said the x-rays said April Fools. They still didn't get it for a little bit then we just start laughing. We really fooled them. It gave us a good laugh.

Thursday we helped take down some fences they had up by the lake so the snow wouldn't cover the walkway. Pretty much our whole zone was there so it went pretty quickly.

This week has been a very long week because all of our investigators were on vacation for Spring break. We didn't know what to do with ourselves. Our life kind of revolves around them so we did a lot of knocking. We didn't have any success with that.

General conference was so amazing! I don't know what it is but general conference is more awesome on a mission. I feel like it just flew by because I was writing so many notes. I always feel inspired after conference. I loved Elder Holland's talk and Elder Bednar's talk. Elder Holland is such a powerful speaker. It's amazing when you know they are speaking from God. I could really feel the spirit during his talk. I like the story he shared about the guy on the cliff. We sometimes feel like that guy and there is nothing to hold onto. Jesus Christ is always there lifting us up. When we need him most he is giving us something to hold onto. He will not let us fall! That brings me a lot of hope! He doesn't give us anything we can't handle without him. He didn't say it would be easy, he only said it will be worth it.

I love this Easter season where we can celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I know he lives and he is our savior and redeemer. Because he lives we can all live again. I know he loves each and every one of us. I'm grateful for this time to reflect on the savior and all he has done for us.

Oh, President Rulon Stacey, of the mission presidency, got called to be an Area Seventy in conference. He is in my current ward so it was cool to hear a familiar name. It was pretty cool.

Love, Sister Hunt



# Missionary Mail

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

**March 2** Things here are starting to pick up. Vera has not been baptized yet but soon we feel. My companion is great but he is getting transferred tomorrow. Yes we did get some snow this week and it is quite beautiful. I know that as I am working out here there are tons of people that need to feel of his love. I know that I feel of his love every day as I am sharing his message to those around me. I love being out here on my mission to be strengthen and to strengthen those around me. I know that as we read the Book of Mormon and pray about it daily we can be able to have a witness of our heavenly fathers love. I know that he called prophets to this earth to give us the guidance that we need in order to return to him. This is my solemn testimony in the name of Jesus Christ amen.

I got a new companion and he's my MTC companion, Elder Wood!! He is from California and he is great! We work well together and we are working hard. We got Ipads now I am still trying to figure it out. I can't believe I have been out for almost a year and it has gone by so fast! I don't have much time to write today. I love you.

**March 23** Things here are going great. That picture I know Elder Wood looks grumpy in the picture I sent you, that's how Elder Wood takes photos. He actually is really is happy. Elder Wood and I went to the Vander Veur's home for hump day. We both burned shirts because came out on the same day. I burned 5 shirts total, I let the members throw in 3. Park City is great the people in it still to be determined. We think things are picking up but not in the way were hoping. I guess we are going to have to be more patience. No, Vera is still not baptized yet we have not had a lesson with her for over a month. Thank you for the package... which reminds me STOP SENDING ME CANDY!! I don't need it. We have like 8 dozen cookies in our apartment and an arm full of candy from both you and members. Do you want me to be fatter then I am? The fishers if men box you sent was fine but no more sugar please. So yes i am still fitting in my shirts but some of them are not going to if i keep growing. We might get to go to the Conference Center for general conference if we get people to go with that we are working with. That is cool that Jake got his mission call, if he has any questions about going out let him know he can ask me. Wow that is cool that is cool that Dylan and Colin got to do baptisms for so many family names. Where did they find the names?

**March 29** Things are great. We are both staying in Park City and going to the Conference Center for conference. We have no plans for Easter expect working hard. Tell Sarah to keep a video of Sherk the Musical so I can watch it and to email me. I have not heard from her in a long while. Tell Dylan nice job on both the job and 2nd place. Cool thing about having the Ipad is that you can email me through out the week and I can read them when ever, so if you want to email me more you can. But I can not replay until Monday.

**April 6** General Conference was great. We were able to go to ever other sessions starting with Saturday morning. Hopefully it will pick up soon we have a lesson with a part member family, 4 of the kids are not baptized. That is great that you guys are keeping the tradition going that Grandpa started, I was actually think about that right after the priesthood session was over was if they were still planning on going to that. So by the way we were told this week that we can only email between 10 to 12 out here so between 9 and 11. but you can still email me through out the week I just cant reply until Monday between those times. By the way I really like the talks that were given at priesthood like the first 3 to 4 I cant remember who talk cause I don't have my notes in front of me.

I love you and hope all is going well. Love, Elder Merkley

p.s. What is the new car? and if you are thinking to drive that up here when you pick me up, all I can say is don't take the dips strait on!



spring



# Missionary Mail

**Elder Steele Crandell**

Texas Dallas Mission

2800 Victory Dr. #114

Marshall TX 75672



Elder Crandell will be returning home from his mission on April 29th. His homecoming talk is on May 10th. He is excited to see what his future will bring him. He wants to work right away and is considering what path to take educationally. Can't wait to welcome you home, Elder!!



## Our Missionaries NEED Our Help

### How does forgiveness of sins and missionary work go hand in hand?

Here is what the Lord has said:

**D&C 62: 3** Nevertheless, ye are blessed, for the testimony which ye have borne is recorded in heaven for the angels to look upon; and they rejoice over you, and your sins are forgiven you.

**D&C 84: 61** For I will forgive you of your sins with this commandment—that you remain steadfast in your minds in solemnity and the spirit of prayer, in bearing testimony to all the world of those things which are communicated unto you.

**James 5: 20** Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Is there any doubt in what the Lord has said? Are there any of us that do not have things to be forgiven for? We have a great set of fulltime missionaries, but they need our help. One of the Ward Mission goals is that each month each family give out one of God's Plan dvds and let the missionaries (ward or full-time) know who the dvd was given to. Giving out a dvd is the same as testifying that the Church is true.

Since the first month that we launched the goals, very few have asked for an additional dvd.

The good news is that due to the work of our full-time elders we are on track to meet our goals of 12 baptisms for the year. Imagine what we could do if we all helped.

I love this ward and I know we can bless the lives of our neighbors and friends. Please help and make a commitment to give one dvd out per month. Put the Lord to the test and get forgiveness of our sins.

Dwight Morris



### Full-Time Missionaries

**Elder Rippstein**

**Elder Hoggan**

**480-212-2744**



### WARD MISSIONARIES

**Dwight Morris**-Mission Leader

**Anne Berryman**

**Krista Biggs**

**Tate Brinton**

**Max Doty**

**Hugh Eaton**

**Jane Eaton**

**Grace Halliday**

**Sharon McCartney**

**Stuart Montierth**

**Semisi Tonga**





April 2015



| Sun                                         | Mon | Tue | Wed                  | Thu                     | Fri | Sat                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|-------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 29                                          | 30  | 31  | 1                    | 2                       | 3   | 4<br>General<br>Conference                                                              |
| 5<br>General<br>Conference<br><b>Easter</b> | 6   | 7   | 8<br>Mutual<br>7 PM  | 9                       | 10  | 11                                                                                      |
| 12<br>Fast<br>Sunday                        | 13  | 14  | 15<br>Mutual<br>7 PM | 16                      | 17  | 18<br>Coolidge<br>Farm<br>6:30 AM                                                       |
| 19                                          | 20  | 21  | 22<br>Mutual<br>7 PM | 23                      | 24  | 25<br>Stake Girls<br>Activity<br>Day Camp                                               |
| 26                                          | 27  | 28  | 29<br>Mutual<br>7 PM | 30<br>Pack Mtg.<br>6:30 | 1   | 2<br> |