

BUTLER BANNER

Celebrating 30 Years of
Butler Third Ward

May 1988

THE PURE LOVE OF CHRIST

The world is God's great handiwork; but man is His son, the greatest of all created things. I find that the closer I come to giving and receiving the "true love of Christ", the better I feel. Elder John H. Vandenberg stated, "The man of Christ has a wise and understanding heart." What a glorious blessing, to have a wise and understanding heart! President Harold B. Lee, speaking of a special experience in the Los Angeles Temple just prior to dedication, said, "The spirit was so unusual. I seemed to hear the voice of President David O. McKay say "If you want to love God, you have to learn to love and serve the people."

Isn't it remarkable that to truly love God and Christ, we must first learn to love and serve the people, God's children. It is also wonderful that this love is not qualified but is given without consideration to race, color, creed, relationships, or other modifiers. Simply, to love and serve.

"Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing in constant prayer; distributing to the necessity of the saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but descend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. IF IT BE POSSIBLE, AS MUCH AS LIETH IN YOU, LIVE PEACEABLY WITH ALL MEN." Romans 12:9-18

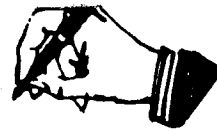
The depth and wisdom of Paul's understanding and teachings give us all reason to reflect and to consider that we truly radiate "THE TRUE LOVE OF CHRIST". Can we who claim to be His chosen Saints do less?

All we need to do is to learn to put together the personal elements of Godliness that the Lord put into us, in the right combinations and with the right spirit, and we have taken a great step toward giving and receiving the true love of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Eva Lou and I send our best to all our dear friends who were and are members of the Butler 3rd Ward. We send our testimonies that, above all else, all that the church provides and teaches is true; we need but to live it to gain exaltation. The Lord bless and keep you,

Steve Featherstone, 7th Bishop of Butler 3rd Ward (1976-77)

Mission News



MIKE SPENCER

We were able to see Mike for a little while on April 8th, as he came up for our dentist to fix a broken filling. He was at our home for about a half hour--just long enough to see that his bedroom had been turned into Rick's exercise room. Also, long enough to say a final "goodbye" to his grandmother.

I can't imagine how his friends found out he was coming, but about five of them stormed into the dentist's office to see Mike.

Our family and Mike's friends met

him at the airport April 18th to wish him good luck and say goodbye to him for 22 months.

There is a mail strike in Argentina now so we have no idea when we will hear from him or when he will receive news from home. Mike was eager and excited to get started on his "real" mission and we wish him godspeed.

Elder Mike Spencer
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ROY SCHULZ

I surely have learned a lot on my mission. I hope to remember most of it. Out here I have learned to be very patriotic. I love America, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. America is the Best! I love Austria too, but nothing beats America. Be glad you live in the country that is spoken of in the Book of Mormon. I sure am!

The Gospel is so true and so important! It's too bad many people can't see what they're missing. We're so helpless without the Lord's help,

but yet with the Lord's help and some faith, we can do anything and everything righteous.

The Gospel is so true. It is one of the absolute truths we have here on this earth. Prophets are great and we are the only ones who have the true and living Prophet led by God. Life is super! What an opportunity... God loves us!

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DEREK BUTTERS

Derek has had a lot of exciting things happen to him during the past six weeks. He was made District Leader and transferred to a new area. He is thrilled with both happenings! He writes, "I'm loving this place. I'm living in an awesome apartment (they have a kitchen now, so they no longer have to wash their dishes in the shower), in a great area (one thing he mentioned about the area was being to jog for a couple of blocks to the beach for exercise), with a terrific ward and a cool district. From that sentence, we all get the feeling he loves what he is doing!

Derek also says they are all working hard every day to make contacts, teach discussions and

encourage those investigators to be baptized. He loves the people he meets and wants them to know the same happiness he feels as a member of God's Church. Even though it is difficult to see those baptisms happen, he loves sharing his testimony with as many people as he can. With his enthusiastic, hard-working optimism, we know he is laying the groundwork for many to accept his message some time during their lives.

The best part of his last letter was a sentence that truly shows how he feels about his mission; "Who ever said missionary work was a sacrifice?" To Derek, it is a great blessing.

Love from HOME.
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RICK BARKER

President Hardy has called Rick to be a district leader in a town called Guelph. It's 50 percent Italian and the Mafia capital of Canada. He also serves in Kitchner, a very Amish community. To be honest the move was difficult as Rick has had so many wonderful experiences in Toronto and loved the people and missionaries so much. However, to our relief he has learned to rely on the Lord and has adjusted well and quickly. His letters already express the love he has for his new area.

Rick writes, "A funny thing happened to my companion and me the other day while out tracting. A drunk lady let us in. She was kind of sober at first as we started our discussion. As time went on, she got worse and more drunk. We didn't know what was going on, but she had a glass of milk she kept sipping. The milk was laced with liquor. In time, she got so bad that we told her we had to go. She was out of her mind and gave my companion a big hug. He tried to get away but couldn't because she was

large and held on tight, and wouldn't let go. I was laughing so hard. He finally broke loose and we ran. She kept saying I know who you are-- you're Jimmy Swaggart's sons."

Another experience Rick had lately was a discussion with an excommunicated man that was anti. He was giving them goofy ideas and telling them they were brainwashed. Rick says, "I was able to look the man straight in the eyes and say boldly 'I KNOW this church is thje only true church on this earth.'" The spirit was so strong that he shut up. I've learned you have to be a bold, testifying missionary. Very few people can keep running you and your church down when you look them in the eyes and bear testimony. It's so neat!!

Needless to say we are proud of Rick, for his strong testimony, and for his love of serving the Lord.

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DAVID CLOWARD

On David's birthday (April 9), we got a letter from his Mission President to tell us that he has been called as an Assistant to the Mission President. What an opportunity for Dave!! He loves his Mission President so much and now he will have the opportunity to work closely with him and get to know him even better.

The Stake Mission President in Dave's last area told him that we are born with 10 talents when we are raised in America and in the church. David will agree with that after serving and living overseas and seeing

the difference in dedication of the saints.

Dave writes that his mission is causing him to use the talents that he has been blessed with and therefore magnifies them. He says that he is working to be as good as Pres. Pinegar thinks he is.

Each letter we get has mention of a baptism or prospective baptisms. We know they're working hard in London South.

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SCOTT STUBBS

Sister Brinley, wife of the Mission President, reported that Elder Stubbs has a hard mission working in Central City with Asian refugees. "Many days are spent doing social service work, rather than teaching discussions, and baptisms come hard," she wrote. "Elder Stubbs has the

sensitivity to recognize that the people have been through a lot and that they can't be pushed too hard with new ideas," she added. Elder Stubbs told her that one of the blessings of working with the Asians is that it has made him realize that the gospel is for all people and that

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we are all children of our Father in Heaven.

At the end of March, Elder Stubbs went to the Dallas Temple with two families. He was also called upon to help with the translating even though some words used in the temple are very difficult to translate. Elder Stubbs did some additional translating when Elders Neal Maxwell and Burke Peterson were in Dallas for a Zone Conference.

One of the recent converts in the Asian Branch was a family in which the

father was an ex-police captain in Laos. Elders Stubbs reports they are incredibly smart and have worked very hard to establish some financial stability. They even collect aluminum cans for an extra \$100 per month. They family has two cars worth about \$8,000 and a bank account to show for just two years in America. They arrived with just what they could carry.

Elder Scott Stubbs
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TREVIN BEATTIE

During the first part of March, the work was going very slowly for Trevin and his new companion, Elder Rice. He wrote, "It's hard to find people humble enough to teach. But we know they're hiding around somewhere -- we contacted three of them on the street just last Saturday. We also taught our only discussion for the week then, to a man who works at a private Catholic school! He's really cool, and he's from some country in African (it's a fact, blacks, and possibly any foreigners, with the exception of Arabs, in general are more open and willing to listen than native French people)."

After that, things really picked up until by the end of the month they were teaching seven people, and the first of April, they had a couple of baptisms. One was someone the Sisters were teaching, and the other was a nine-year-old girl they taught (they're still teaching her mother). About the girl, Trevin said, "I thought it was really cute when she explained the gold plates to her little brother from a picture book. 'C'est vrai? (That's true?)' he asked in wonder. 'Oui, c'est vrai! (Yes, that's true))' she replied confidently.

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JOE GLAD

Missionary work is going forward in Chofu Japan and Joe is enjoying the labor and gaining a great deal of pleasure from his service in the Army of the Lord as the gospel is carried to the world.

Missionaries come up with all sorts of ways to conserve their resources and Joe and his companions are no exception. A few weeks ago, they found a bakery that would give them bread crusts free. Apparently the Japanese do not eat the crusts. When Joe explained to the bakery owner what these young Americans were doing in Japan, the man was very impressed that the Elders would give their own

time and money to go over there and share their beliefs. Now the baker slips them a full loaf of bread every once in a while. A loaf of day-old bread would cost about \$4.50 if they had to pay for it.

Spring is a beautiful time of year in Japan and all the trees and flowers are in bloom. For Joe this brings a request for his mother to send him some hay fever medicine. Otherwise, all is well in the Land of the Rising Sun.

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GARY ALLEN

Gary has had a terrific month, with one baptism and several people to teach. He has also found over the last 10 months that missionary work is a labor of love and service. He has helped people move, cut down 60-foot pine trees, counseled with a troubled young man, and also help unload and stock a surplus store for an elderly man. He has strengthened his testimony through study, pray, and feeling the spirit and enthusiasm of many good Christian people.

His companion, Elder Austin, part of the Double A Team, will be released the end of April. They have worked well together and it will be hard to say good-bye to such a strong, hard working companion.

The missionaries always make sure they bless the food in South Carolina. That way they are sure they will be strengthened and nourished by no

matter what it is they eat. Sometimes they must not think about what is in the pot, or how it was prepared, but just eat it, knowing it is the best humble people can provide. I think all missionaries must miss Mom's home cooking.

Gary has appreciated receiving the Butler Banner each month plus cards and letters. To receive mail is a very important and positive thing at the end of a hard day. He wants to say "THANKS!"

Gary says missionary work is a JAMMING job and the rewards are AWESOME.

Note his new address and his latest communique reports he's been made a District Leader.

Elder Gary Allen
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RELIEF SOCIETY

Just a word of appreciation again to all who worked so hard to make our "Bridging Friendships" evening such a success. The dinner was delicious; the decorations spectacular and your support was the most important of all. To any who were not able to come, we want you to know we missed you and hope you will join us in the future!

At this time we wish to express our sincere appreciation to Kathy Clayton for her devoted service to Relief Society. We will really miss you, Kathy. Thanks so much.

Changes are inevitable in the church and we are so grateful to the sisters who have accepted calls to serve in Relief Society at this time. We are looking forward to working with Laurel Harris, our new Education Counselor. Laurel has much to

contribute to our presidency. We're also excited to have Rose Ostler, Barbara Brasner and Donna Watts join our teaching staff. These are wonderful women and great teachers.

YOUNG WOMEN

The girls are actively involved in the Road Show and enjoying their participation.

Happy Birthday in April to Stephanie Gollaher (5th), Charlotte Glad (8), and Lynn Barker (21).

ROADSHOW

Join us for a night of fun! Road Shows from across the Stake will be presented May 4 and 5. Come and support the youth of our ward as they present "Brighton Bits of Broadway."

NOTICE

For youth 4-18, Youth Conference will be held at Weber State College at Ogden July 14-16. The theme will be "Brighton Beach Club." For those planning to go, there will be an orientation meeting for them and their parents on May 1 at 7:30 pm at the Stake Center.

We've set May 18 as the date for the spring clean-up for an area on the north side of our chapel. Let's all come and pitch in.

All Primary children--please notice the item about the art contest in April 1988 Children's Friend on the bottom of page 38. Let's participate!!

Thanks to all who ordered their lawns power raked. The teachers netted over \$700 toward their summer river trip.

SCOUTS

This month in Scouts we held a Court of Honor. Scott Paxman and Daren Beattie were in charge. The flag ceremony was given by the Cobra Patrol with Nathan Cloward leading. Nate Stubbs played the prelude music and the opening song, with Scott Paxman conducting. Then Ryan Beattie gave the opening prayer.

The following people received awards:
 Varsity Scouts Kevin Hilyard and Brian Rowe received their Life rank, Brian also receiving Woodworking, Dentistry and Communications merit badges.

Of the Scouts, Nate Stubbs received his 1st Class and Star ranks; Scott Paxman received his 1st Class.

Note these Scouts and the merit badges earned:

Daren Beattie - Citizenship in Nation, Cit. in World, and Dentistry.

Nate Stubbs - Cit. in Nation, Dentistry.

PRIMARY

Primary is rolling right along. We are all excited for our first activity May 12, 3:30 - 5pm. We need moms and dads to look for large boxes to decorate. We will decorate them like cars for our activity. (A drive-in movie, popcorn, hot dogs for dinner, etc. Lots of fun.)

We have three children who will be 8 this month, all ready to be baptized -- They are Suzanne Ostler, Michael Terkelson and Amanda Hiland.

We are proud of you. We would like to thank Bro. Mike Smith for being our Alma the

Steve Francis - Cit. in Nation, First Aid, Lifesaving, Communication, Dentistry, Art and Swimming.

Scott Paxman - First Aid and Dentistry.

Jeff Felt - Dentistry.

Steve Allen - Emergency Preparedness, Ice Skating and Dentistry.

Of the Webelos, Nate Cloward, Cameron Copeland and Ryan Beattie earned their Tenderfoot rank.

These boys earned these skill awards:

Ryan Beattie - First Aid, Citizenship and Family Living.

Cameron Copeland - First Aid and Citizenship.

Nate Cloward - Citizenship, Physical Fitness and Family Living.

Tim Gatler - Physical Fitness.

After the awards, a skit was done by Troop 311, then the closing prayer was given by Cameron Copeland.

CUBS

On March 30, Cub Scouts and their parents enjoyed a special evening, The Blue and Gold Banquet.

This night always has been something all Cubs look forward to. This year's gathering will be remembered by everyone. Everything had a festive flair. Blue and Gold streamers curled down table centers. Hand-made place mats and Indian drums added to the table decorations.

The best part of the evening was the entertainment. Doug Wallentine, his wife and small son spent the evening spinning tales of Indian legends and history. He explained the Indian dress and weapons they used. Best of all, he demonstrated tribal Indian dances, told about their origins and meaning. Everyone enjoyed his presentation.

In fact, our Cubs enjoyed it so much they spent their next Cub meeting writing on a huge "Thank You" card--They even included their favorite Indian symbols on the card. Then we all drove down to present Mr. Wallentine with a very special THANKS!!

That evening awards were presented--

The highest religious award in Cubbing, The Faith in God Award was presented to Nathan Cloward and Ryan Butters. Ryan also received his Assistant Denner cord, Tim Larish his Denner cord, Tyler Call was awarded his Bobcat, Kent Copeland received two silver arrows. Michael Larish received engineer, family member, and fitness activity badges, plus his Webelos Badge.

Younger. Look for Ammon to come through the time machine in May.

Don't forget to read May's assignment -- Mosiah 11-13, 17-18, 27.

- Happy Birthday to
- 1 Amanda Hilyard
 - 7 Christopher Jones
 - 12 Brianna Boulton
 - 12 Sharon Cloward *
 - 13 Jean Francis
 - 16 Nicole Smith
 - 17 Emily Beattie
 - 20 Craig Copeland
 - 30 Bonnie Berhold
 - 30 Madelin Seguin *

Ez Taylor has returned to us from his mission. We look forward to his report on May 8.

CONGRATS!

Congratulations to Tim Ostler, who graduated from Primary and was ordained a deacon by his father on April 24.

Darrel J. Dean, son of Claude and Bernice, graduated from the University of Phoenix on April 23 with his bachelor's degree in management.

Dave and Glade Young's daughter-in-law, Gay Young, graduated from Brigham Young University.

Dean Dioward has been appointed assistant vice president in the newly created BYU Student Association. That's superb!

Amy Young and Roger Butters received academic letters from Brighton High. Both maintained at least a 3.75 GPA for three consecutive quarters. Roger received a pin for participation in Madrigala (Fine Arts) and Amy received an award for language, having a poem published in Runes, Brighton's prestigious literary magazine.

Steven Francis was on the Honor Roll last quarter, and had some of his art work chosen for display in the school art show.

Sherry Beebe, granddaughter of Delbert and Zola Wood, was the Four Star Winner of the Future Homemakers of America that was held at the Marriott Hotel April 8 & 9, and goes to Cincinnati, Ohio in July for national competition.

Mikelle Wilson earned her Young Women's Medallion.

Kevin Copeland earned his Duty to God Award.

Adrian & Karidee Thomas received the Principal's High Honor Roll Award and joined the Principal's Citizenship Club at Canyon View.

Clay Hansen participated in state competition in welding.

Mandy Hague also joined the Citizenship Club and made the Honor Roll.

Robin Crawford has been promoted to engineer of remodeling and insulation.

Justin Crawford received his Life rank advancement in Scouting.

Criss Crawford is playing soccer for the Dillworth #2 for the second year. Last year, the team was undefeated.

Amy Smith joined the Principal's Citizenship Club at Canyon View.

Joshua Hansen made the Honor Roll at Canyon View.

WEDDING BELLS

Frank and Jan Price Boucher's son, David Price married Mardeen Hadley on April 19 at Jan's home. Mardeen had a son and a daughter. Bishop Butters performed the ceremony. We wish them every happiness.

Angela Kartchner married Don Encanbrack on April 9. They have bought a home in Bountiful.

Congratulations to Karen McOmber! She's planning to be married on June 13.

BABY NEWS

A baby girl, Kountney was born on April 3, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. Proud grandparents Ray and Lola Kartchner say, without bias, that she's a doll. This is the first child for Todd and LeAnne and Ray and Lola's third grandchild.

Bob and Rose Ostler welcomed another grandson on April 21 into the home of their son Michael and Debbie Ostler in Phoenix. He is their fifth child, and is named Douglas Michael.

On April 12, John and Gay Bishoff welcomed another grandson to Ken and Sally Bishoff. He joins three brothers and one sister in Blanding, Utah.

Wilf and Lois Ingleby's daughter, Susan, had a baby girl on April 20. She's Melissa Sue Hatch. She arrived after three brothers!

David and Mindy (Watts) Folsom had a baby boy 7.5 lbs. He's Ryan John, their third child. They live in Cleveland, Ohio. Grandma went to help out Grandpa Nick stayed home.

Kimber LeAnn joined the Bill and Connie Hawkes family on April 15. She weighed 8 lbs. All doing well!!

Brandy Dawn Herzog was born to Glenn and Shirley Herzog on April 14. Another granddaughter was born to Don and Lee Herzog on April 30. She's named Mindy Lee Herzog.



DEATHS

Barbara Blackhurst's mother died on April 9 in Pocatello, Idaho. Our condolences.

Earlene Spencer's mother, Merle Soote, 94, died on April 20.

Wanda Mackintosh's Aunt Leone died the morning of April 24.

Our condolences to Barbara Tea, whose father died in late April.

GET WELL

Frieda Ross had quite a scare with inflamed chest nerves which have the same symptoms as a heart attack. We're glad you're doing alright.

Florence Jacobsen's mother, 94, who lives with her fell and is bedridden. Luckily, no bones broken.

RELEASED:

Kathy Clayton as R.S. Education Counselor
 Joyce Skidmore as Banner reporter
 Glenda Lindquist as Mennie Miss teacher
 LouJean Middleton as Cultural Refinement Specialist on Activities Committee

SUSTAINED:

Laurel Harris as R.S. Education Counselor
 Linda Hansen as Banner reporter
 Carol Mayfield as Banner reporter
 Glenda Lindquist as Cultural Arts Specialist, Activity Committee
 LouJean Middleton as Mennie Miss teacher

BIRTHDAY

Amanda Hilyard	May 1
Katie Vargo	May 3
Richard Faxman	May 6
Derek Butters	May 6
Christopher Jones	May 7
Ronney Arnt	May 8
Natalie Goggin	May 9
Bernice Dean	May 9
Ryan Kartchner	May 9
Dale Hansen	May 10
Grant Housekeeper	May 10
Jessie Conover	May 12
Sharon Cloward	May 12
Megan Ogzewalla	May 13
Fete Skidmore	May 13
Drew Brown	May 15
Nicole Smith	May 16
Emily Beattie	May 17
Mark Berhold	May 17
David Noble	May 18
Kevin Seguin	May 18
Marilyn Cammans	May 20
Craig Copeland	May 20
Mark Cram	May 22
Edna Butler	May 22
Greg Ihler	May 22
Brianna Boulton	May 23
Heather Smith	May 23
Mynna Okerlund	May 24
Tracy Woolston	May 24
Debbie Smith	May 25
Bill Griffith	May 25
Jan McCombs	May 25
Clarence Montgomery	May 25
Nathan Stubbs	May 27
Chris Holbrook	May 29
Madelin Seguin	May 30
Steven Hansen	May 30
Dawn Redmond	May 31



Old age is when you know all the answers and nobody asks you the questions.

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CALENDAR MAY 1988

- 1 Fast Sunday
- 2 Family Nite
- 4 Roadshows
- 5 Roadshows
- 8 Mothers Day
- 9 Family Nite
- 14 Stk. R.S. Ldrshp Mtg.
- 15 Satellite Brdcst (Opt) AP/H Restor'n
- 16 Family Nite
- 19 Stk. Prim Ldrshp Mtg. 7 pm 23 E Build.
- 21 Aaronic P/H Comm Trackmeet 8 a.m. Brighton Track Meet
- 23 Family Nite
- 25 Stake Blood Drive 4-8 p.m.
- 26 Stk. Melk/AP Ldrshp Mtg. 8 pm SC
- 30 Family Nite Memorial Day

RIDDLE

1. Why was the mother flea so sad?
2. What happens to naughty pigs?
3. What did the dirt say to the rain?
4. What helps keep your teeth together?
5. What is the brightest fish?
6. What did the bald man say when he got a comb?

1. Because her children were going to the dogs.
2. They became deviled ham.
3. "If this keeps up, my name will be mud."
4. Toothpaste.
5. Sunfish.
6. "I'll never part with it."

ANSWERS

Articles for the June issue of the Butler Banner will be accepted between the dates May 15th - May 25th.

Getting Acquainted

THE HILYARD FAMILY

John was born in Worcester, Mass. He has two brothers and two sisters. They lived across the road from a lake and his fondest memories are of summers spent swimming, fishing and sailing -- he even almost got run over by a 100-mph hydroplane once. John was raised a devout Catholic by Kennedy Democrats, and never missed Church. John grew up and went to school in Massachusetts through college. He received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He was in college ROTC, was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Signal Corps, and was assigned to Fort Gordon, GA; Lexington-Blue Grass Army Depot, KY; and U.S. Army Tropic Test Center, Panama Canal Zone. He was a captain when he "got out." He later received a master's degree in business administration from Corpus Christi State University.

Linda was raised in northeast Kentucky, not very far from the Ohio River. Her dad owns a 150-acre farm. Linda's mother has been a member all her life. Her dad was baptized in 1964. As a result of her efforts, three of her college roommates and several other friends joined the church. Linda received a bachelor's degree in elementary education and taught grammar school for several years. She later got a real estate sales license. She was introduced to John by her cousin, who was his secretary at the Army depot in Kentucky. Their dates often consisted of "lively discussions" with Linda trying to convince John that the Mormon Church was true, and John doing his best to convince Linda that she should be a Catholic. Linda won.

John's commanding officer offered him a choice of going to Panama for three years. They had two children in Panama, Kevin and Chrisanne, and happily returned to Kentucky following John's request for release from active duty in July 1973, and were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple.

They lived in Lexington, Kentucky for a few years. They moved to Ashland, Kentucky (Cara was born

there); moved to Corpus Christi for three years (Amanda was born there); moved to Houston (Stephanie was born there); and moved to Nashville, Tenn. for five years with John's present employer at the Nissan plant -- now new children, just a dog.

Fluor Daniel, Inc., asked John if he would accept an assignment here with a promotion to Project Manager at Hercules. Upper management cautioned John that the lifestyle was different out here, because of the Mormons. John told them he didn't think that would be much of a problem--he thought he and his family could fit in--and explained why.

Kevin, 17, will be a senior at Brighton, and plays tenor saxophone in the band. He is an excellent student, and works part time mowing lawns and working at Taco Bell. Kevin enjoys playing most sports, especially basketball. He plans to go to the BYU and on a mission in the next couple of years.

Chrisanne, 15, will be a sophomore at Brighton next year, and plays the clarinet in the band. She is very talented musically, and is very creative in many areas. She hopes to have a future in interior decorating.

Cara, 10, is an excellent 5th grade student, and is in the Canyon View Chorus. She enjoys playing the piano and taking in homeless animals. Cara put on ice skates for the first time in her life after coming here, and is already skating backwards, and trying new things. Most of the time she is very cheerful and fun to be around.

Amanda, 7, is going to be baptized soon. She loves riding her bike and going to school. She loves doing things with her parents, going anywhere they go. She especially likes to help her dad work on the car. She is also in the Canyon View Chorus.

Stephanie, 6, is our youngest. She likes riding her bike, and sings all the time, often making up her own music and lyrics. She plays the piano by ear. Stephanie also likes to ice skate.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

FULFILLING OUR PERSONAL MISSION

An article in a recent New Era asked, "What is your mission in life?" "What does God expect you to accomplish?" "How are you doing?" It stated that the Lord had a specific mission for us. It is possible for us to discover that mission and that, with His help, we can fulfill that mission. In order to do so, there is a price to pay and we had better pay whatever price is necessary.

Guidelines were given that will help us in our search:

1. Get yourself worthy and keep yourself worthy to honestly hold a temple recommend.
2. Get a patriarchal blessing and study it often, carefully, and prayerfully.
3. Read the scriptures prayerfully each day.
4. Pray diligently and fervently at least every night and every morning.
5. START DOING SOMETHING--take a course, go on a date, choose a major, read a book, visit a friend. Maybe you feel negatively about many things, but start somewhere, in the direction you feel least negative about. In other words, don't just sit and wait to be moved. Don't wait for a different situation. Start where you are now and for heaven's sake DO SOMETHING.

So rather than saying, "I will not move until I have a burning in my heart," turn it around and say, "I will move unless I feel it is wrong; and if it is wrong, then I will not do it." By eliminating these wrong directions and moving forward in the others, very quickly you will find yourself going in the direction that you ought to be going, and then you can receive the assurance, "Yes, I am going in the right direction". This is part of the growth process and part of discovering our purpose in life that our Heavenly Father has in mind for us.

Sherman L. Butters, Bishop

MOTHER'S DAY



Regarding the importance of motherhood, Pres. David O. McKay wrote:

"This ability and willingness properly to rear children, the gift to love, and eagerness, yes, longing to express it in soul development, make motherhood the noblest office or calling in the world. She who can paint a masterpiece or write a book that will influence millions deserves the admiration and the plaudits of mankind; but she who successfully rears a family of healthy, beautiful sons and daughters, whose influence

will be felt through generations to come, whose immortal souls will exert an influence throughout the ages after paintings shall have faded, and books and statues shall have decayed or shall have been destroyed, deserves the highest honor that man can give, and the choicest blessings of God. In her high duty and service to humanity, endowing with immortality eternal spirits, she is co-partner with the Creator Himself."