

**The Church of Jesus Christ
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Bishopric Message

Some time ago, a human resource professional was asked to assist a newly promoted general manager in investigating an alleged altercation between employees. The investigation began, and the general manager and HR representative started to peel back the layers of the situation. By speaking with the two team members involved and speaking with witnesses to the altercation, the reason for the fight emerged. These two team members, who otherwise worked together daily without issue, came to blows when they disagreed on whose soccer team was better. It's crazy to me that this sort of disagreement would lead two grown men to fight and ultimately both lose their jobs.

This is a small and simple example of Satan's work on earth. Satan has many names, one of which is the great divider. He glories in our arguments, fights and disunity. In this state of contention, the Spirit is withdrawn and Satan is content. The scriptures give us guidance on the topic of unity. D&C 38:27 reads, "If ye are not one ye are not mine". Now, I don't believe God has a favorite team (sorry BYU enthusiasts). Nor does he have a favorite flavor of soda or shoe type. He doesn't expect us to be "one" in things of the world. He does expect us to be one with spiritual and godly things. Elder Bruce R. McConkie of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles stated: "Unity within the Church and among the saints (our neighbors) is the goal of the gospel. There is no place in the Church for division, for disagreement on doctrine, for cults and cliques. ... Among the faithful saints there is only one mind and one judgment and these are the Lord's."

Satan will use every tool in the toolbox to divide us. He will use religion, politics, race, gender, sexual orientation, sports, music and a hundred and one things like that, that may come up—little things, insignificant in themselves when we compare them with the greater and more real things of life. And yet, I know from experience that the adversary can magnify them that they become mountains in our lives, and we are offended, and our spirituality starves because we entertain those feelings. To build unity we must avoid contention by controlling our own words as well as rumor, gossip, accusation, and criticism. Elder H. Aldridge Gillespie of the Seventy stated "the seven evils the Lord "hates" all seem to be associated with the failure to control our thoughts and words. These are "a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren" (Prov. 6:17-19). We must be constantly alert to and eliminate such behavior among us."

More than ever Brothers and Sisters, we need to unite through love, charity, kindness, integrity, gospel centered principles, being a good neighbor and more. By so doing, we will create an environment where unity abounds and the Spirit of the Lord will be present. This is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

Brother Mike Hawkins

High Priests

The High Priest group is doing quite well! We are loosening up our joints in preparation for the winter snow removal that will come all too soon. Brother Mike Keeney was recently called to serve as the Ward Mission Leader and we are excited for his new calling and want to thank him for his tremendous service as one of our instructors. We would also like to thank Bishop Glad who faithfully served as one of our instructors and still instructs us by his example and powerful testimony. We have called two new instructors, Brother Wes Hogan and Bishop Judd Mackintosh, and look forward to having them lead us in thoughtful and spiritual discussions. Recently Sister Child, myself, and Brother Preece went to the Murray cannery to help with the corn canning assignment. A good brother greeted us and explained the nature of the work that we would be performing. This brother made a statement that made a powerful impression upon my soul. He stated "We go to the temple to make covenants and to serve the dead; we come to the cannery to keep our covenants and to serve the living." We are truly blessed in this area to have so many temples close by and to have so many wonderful opportunities to serve our fellow man and to serve the Lord. I hope that we will all take full advantage of these opportunities to serve in the Lord's Kingdom and to enjoy the blessings that we have been promised from faithful service.



Bro. Craig Child
High Priest Group Leader

Relief Society

July was a sad month as we mourned the loss of our dear sister Marilyn Wilson on the 30th and just recently the passing of another dear sister, Beverly King on Sept. 9th. We will miss them and appreciate all they did to bless our lives.



August was our "Outside-Inside themed" Pot luck dinner. OUTSIDE, in Debbie Mackintosh's beautiful back yard we enjoyed wonderful food and visiting with one another. Our evening was enriched as Deb Mackintosh sister Robyn came and shared her expertise in Interior Design. We learned some do's and don'ts and fun ways we can change things up "INSIDE" our homes with small, fun and inexpensive ways. We appreciate Sister Mackintosh sharing her beautiful yard and her sister's time and all the effort put into her presentation that evening.

We are so excited for Lizett Mc Loney and her family on the birth of their new baby boy in August. What a wonderful addition to those beautiful girls.

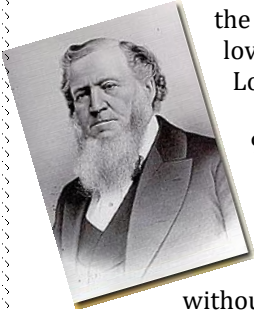
With Fall in the air, our September activity was, "A Road to a Healthier You." We had a wonderful presentation by our dear President Debbie Mackintosh. She demonstrated how to make sauerkraut that we each got to sample, and the health benefits it can provide for our digestive system, many home remedies as cold and flu season will be upon us and also non-toxic cleaning recipes to keep our homes fresh and germ free. We so appreciate her knowledge and her willingness to share it with us. I'm sure she would E-Mail copies of her handout to those who weren't able to attend.

We appreciate all you marvelous sisters and all you do for one another.
We know there are many acts of service that goes unseen!
We always know we can DEBpend on you.

From Debbie Watts In Behalf of our Presidency... Debbie Mackintosh, Debbie Rogerson, & Deb Bruno

Elders Quorum

Early in the Restoration, the Lord told us to "remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God." (D&C 18:10.) Nothing testifies more to the truth of that pronouncement than our work in the temples for both the living and the dead. When Brigham Young thought of the worth of souls as shown by the Lord's plan for the redemption of the dead, he wished for "a voice like ten thousand earthquakes, that all the world might hear and know the loving kindness of the Lord." As we participate in this work, we too come to understand the depth of the Lord's concern and share his compassion for each individual soul.

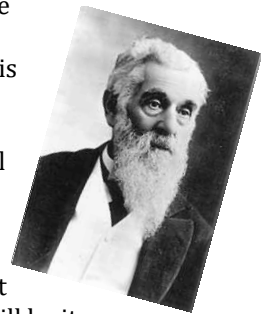


We have been promised that in the temple, if we are "pure in heart," we "shall see God." (D&C 97:16.) There are many ways of seeing, and some of the most profound do not require our natural eyes. Can we see or understand Jesus any more clearly than when we feel the weight of our brothers' and sisters' salvation, their eternal worth, and share in Jesus' great vicarious work, thus becoming "saviours ... on mount Zion?" (Obadiah 1:21.) "We have a work to do," Brigham Young said, "just as important in its sphere as the Savior's work was in its sphere. Our fathers cannot be made perfect without us. ... They have done their work and now sleep. We are now called upon to do ours." In one sense, when we are acting as "saviours on mount Zion," we see with the eyes of the Savior. We see so much more clearly how he viewed all his Father's children, and in that vision we see Jesus more completely.

If a soul was worth the atoning sacrifice of the Savior, as section 18 teaches us, if it is worth the "whole world" as Jesus taught (Matthew 16:26-29), then surely it is worth a few hours of our time searching the records for the information necessary to submit the individual names for saving temple ordinances. And if we "labor all [our] days ... and bring save it be one soul unto [Jesus] how great shall be [our] joy with him in the Kingdom of [our] Father! And now if [our] joy will be great with one soul, ... how great will be [our] joy if [we] bring many souls." (D&C 18:15-16.)

Many times in the early revelations of this dispensation, the Lord introduced his instructions with his own description of the coming work. "A great and marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men," he said. (D&C 6:1.) He then invited us to thrust in our sickles and reap the whitened fields. Although his words are true of all the works of the kingdom and are usually applied to missionary work, they are especially true of our labors in the temple.

Surely the work is great, especially considering the billions of our Father's children who still await the saving ordinances. But the work is also marvelous. Could there possibly be more whitened fields ready to be harvested than among those who live beyond the veil? We know through the teachings of modern prophets that the work there is different than it is here. Lorenzo Snow assures us, "When the gospel is preached to the spirits in prison, the success attending that preaching will be far greater than that attending the preaching of our elders in this life. I believe there will be very few indeed of those spirits who will not gladly receive the gospel when it is carried to them. The circumstances there will be a thousand times more favorable." I love the Lord's attitude toward this harvest. We need to partake of this spirit as we help our Savior in the work. "If ye have desires to serve God," he states, "ye are called to the work." (D&C 4:3) In other words, the work is so marvelous that the Lord is going to give us the privilege of participating in it with him, but only if we desire to. He does not twist arms or preach duty or try to instill obedience through guilt. He simply tells us that the work itself will be its own reward. In fact, it will be marvelous.



The work is so marvelous that anyone who "thrusteth in his sickle with his might" will reap an eternal and joyful blessing. (D&C 4:4.) Far too often we stress the "greatness" of the work, forgetting its "marvelous" nature. But the Lord himself noted the "marvelous" aspect of the coming work. It would be difficult to find anyone who has spent much time in temple work who did not think it was marvelous.

"Therefore, blessed are ye if ye continue in my goodness, a light unto the Gentiles, and through this priesthood, a savior unto my people Israel. The Lord hath said it. Amen." (D&C 86:11) In this verse the Lord reminds us of two things. First he reminds us of our responsibility to do missionary work here on earth. Second, he informs us that we are not only to be messengers of salvation to the living, but also saviors for our ancestors who went before us and who, though now dead, have paved the way whereby we might receive our present blessings. The promise was made them that, even if they were born at a time and place where they could not hear the gospel preached in life, God would provide saviors for them from among their decedents so they could eventually receive all the blessings promised them. We are those saviors God promised through whom they can have every priesthood blessing as children of the promise.

Elders Quorum Presidency: Aaron Ellison, Cody Walker, Michael Vanderhooft, Michael Coombs

Young Men

This has been a busy time for the Young Men of our Ward. School has begun and the Young Men have many who are involved with various extra-curricular activities as well as their regular scholastic pursuits.

The Young Men have been doing a lot of hiking and mountain climbing. It culminated with the over nighter and climbing Pfeifferhorn up Little Cottonwood Canyon. Ben Beasley and Forrest Mackintosh have taken the boys on these climbing experiences. Ben is a master teacher and has been teaching the boys how to climb and boulder safely.

We also are feeling the spirit of Elijah. The Young Men and Young Women went to the Midvale Genealogy Center and put in their family trees and began the effort of finding family names to take to the temple next month for baptisms for those family members who have past on and waiting for their work to be done. Brothers Lorne Redmond and Bob Davis, and Sister Elfriede Schultz helped the young men and women to get on the Family Search website and find those family members. It was well attended and the kids had fun. You will have to ask them what they learned and how far back some their lines went.

We have great young men and women in our Ward. Getting to know them is definitely worthwhile. It is awesome for the adult leaders to have the opportunity to serve and work with your children. We can be proud of them and the way they are living their lives.

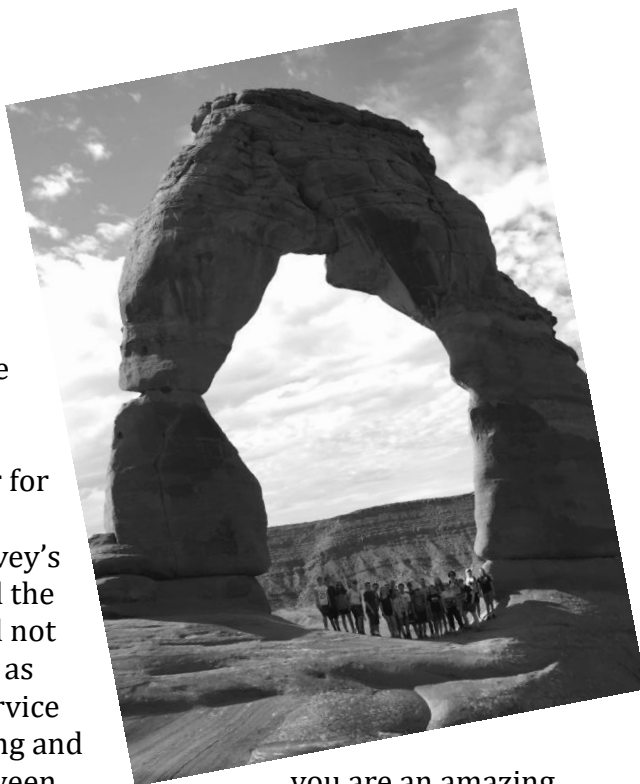
Bro. Doug Wagstaff
Young Men's President



Young Women

Youth Conference for the Young Women was a fun-filled, activity packed weekend. We started off with an Amazing Race competition, planned by Sonnet Barbee. The girls had a blast river rafting, with a few mosquito bites to add to the fun. We ended the action-packed weekend by hiking the Delicate Arch, in Arches National Park. Between morning scripture study with the Bishop and devotionals on love for our fellow man; the spirit was definitely felt.

A special thanks to Kathy Harvey and Lori Walker for all the food prep done for Youth Conference. This made meals and snacks easy to access and whip up. Kathy Harvey's hard work, endless hours of personal time, planning, and the prep of Youth Conference is much appreciated! We could not have done it all without you! We appreciate your service as Young Women's president. Your dedication, love, and service were above and beyond the regular calling. From planning and executing the fundraising dinner, and everything in-between, example of service and love for your fellow man. You will be missed in the Young Women's program. Carol Nelson is the new Young Women President.



you are an amazing

We had a great Youth Leadership Training at the Bishop's work where the youth learned from the Bishop that ministering to the one is the most important responsibility they have in their calling. Bishop wrote, "It was fun and inspiring to spend some time with these mature teenagers who are already great leaders and have even more potential to tap into! We were even able to fit in a game of mondo-jenga during the training."

We also met at the Midvale Family History center and were trained by Lorne Redmond to help us find and print family names to take to the temple when we do baptisms for the dead on October 19th. If you would like the youth to help you with baptisms and confirmations of your family members, please pass your cards along to anyone in the Young Men or Young Women organizations. We will be happy to do them for you.

Upcoming activities include:

October 5 – YW Standards Night at the Stake Center at 7pm

October 8th – Deep cleaning at the chapel - Come for an hour or two between 1-4pm

October 19th – Baptisms for the Dead – Meet at 3:45pm

October 26th – Activity

November 16th – Combined YM/YW activity to be announced by the Young Men

November 30th – Young Women in Excellence

December 21st – Combined YM/YW activity – Ice Skating at the Cottonwood Heights Rec Center

Sunday lesson themes:

October – Becoming More Christlike

November – Spiritual and Temporal Self-Reliance

December - Building the Kingdom of God in the Latter Days

We love working with the young women in our ward and are inspired by their testimonies, goals and talents.

Carol Nelson, President

Lori Walker, 1st Counselor

Rachel Olson, 2nd Counselor

Julia Gates, Secretary

Sunday School

The Sunday school lost a great teacher when Brother Doug Wagstaff was called as the YM President. His service and insight as a Gospel beyond. He will be missed and we wish him the being said... We are excited to have Brother Scott Doctrine Teacher. We are happy to have Scott after completing their second mission to Peru. as he blends his missionary experiences with

The inspired direction of the church to Savior's Way" is a great help to all of us. As every gospel teacher—every parent, every home teacher and visiting teacher, and every follower of Christ—is to teach the pure doctrine of the gospel, by the Spirit, in order to help Gods's children build their faith in the Savior and become more like Him."



Doctrine Teacher went above and very best in his new calling. That Nelson as our new Gospel and Carol back in the ward Scott will do an amazing work the scriptures. implement "Teaching in the stated on the cover, "The goal of formally called teacher, every

We express our love and appreciation to the Ashton Family in their loss of Sister Mae Dean, who has been a pillar of strength and kindness over many years. She truly exemplified "Teaching in the Savior's Way" by the way she lived her life. She has influenced all of our lives for good and made us better followers of Christ. Mae Dean will be greatly missed.

Sunday School Presidency,
Dan Mackintosh, Sherm Bartschi, Dennis Loertscher

Primary

The school year is up and running once again but summer fun was not in short supply. Our "Activity Day" girls had a lot of fun at "Jeremiah Johnson" summer camp. They spent a day learning to shoot a pellet gun, learning the basics of archery, canoeing on the lake and much more! Our Cub Scouts also spent a day at Camp Tracy. It was a full day of activities, passing off requirements, making new friends and enjoying the great outdoors.

WELCOME NEW TEACHERS!

We love all of our teachers in primary and are so grateful for their service seen and unseen, and want to give a heartfelt THANKS to all primary workers who have been released.

WELCOME TO:
Matt Powers
(cubmaster) and
Cameron Gundry
(teacher)

Also, this summer we completed all of the baptisms for our eight-year-old primary children. It has been joyous to share the sweet spirit of those special baptism days. Congratulations to: Lily McLoney, Max Rogerson, Calvin Hawkins, June Walker, Lydia Beasley, Ava Nye, and Brynn Baker on their baptisms this year.

During the past three months we have been focusing on the 4th Article of Faith and how faith, repentance, baptism and the Holy Ghost are necessary to return to our Heavenly Father. We've also learned about temples and also that our body is a temple that we need to keep pure.

The children have been working on reading the Book of Mormon this year at home. As they read the Book of Mormon they add ribbons to their bookmark to mark their progress. We

hope all parents will encourage your child to read or listen to the BofM

daily even if it's only for a few minutes. We love your children and we love the Book of Mormon and want them to feel the spirit and power that comes from this sacred book.

The primary children have beautiful testimonies of our Savior and we love to hear them testify each week.

Love, The Primary Presidency – President Suzannah Beasley, Kyla Vanderhooft, Keri Curtis, Brooke Baker.

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FOURTH, LAYING ON
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Missionary News

Elder Heber Jenson

Elder Jenson celebrated his 20th birthday this month. He has been serving 13 months in the Salem, Oregon mission. He is busy teaching lessons, giving service and attending meetings. They

were recently recruited to help load a hay loft. They drove out into the country part of the area to a members barn. The hay had already been delivered and all that was needed was to load and stack the loft. The bales were a bit large this time compared to the last time that they had helped with the hay. The bales weighed close to 100 pounds each. They had fun running back and forth unloading 5 tons of feed. He can stack hay 4 bales high now.

They recently talked to a lady named Robin. She asked if they had any time they could spare to talk with her. She had been praying to God to send someone to her with the truth and something that would bring her peace. They taught her about the restoration and answered many questions. She said that she felt something different and they met with her the next day. She is continuing to investigate the gospel and her daughter is attending now as well.

He said the mission has been that best thing he could do . It is hard, stressful, joyous and amazing all wrapped up on one. He is needed in the Royal Oaks ward and he loves the people there. They are generous, kind and willing to give.

He ended a recent email with the following thought. "I know the gospel is true. It has been such a blessing to have been sharing it for a year now. Keep staying close to the Lord and he will help you in this journey of life."

Elder Tyler Hoecherl

Elder Tyler Hoecherl is currently serving in Bulan with his native companion, Elder Casignal. They are both new to the area and are living with the district leaders while they look for an apartment. It seems they have been able to finally secure an apartment and are scheduled to move in on October 1st.

Elder Hoecherl loves his area and the wonderful Filipino people. He is working hard to master the Tagalog language and we are pleased with his positive attitude and faithfulness as he experiences the struggles that come with being unable to communicate they way he'd like to. He is serving in a branch where about 40 people attend and has already had the opportunity to play the keyboard for all the Sunday meetings and to help teach the Gospel Essentials class. His sense of humor remains in tact and he jokes about drowning in his own sweat or coming home a little plumper than he left from all the delicious bread he is eating. He has learned to clean and cook fresh fish for dinner and says nothing tastes better after a long day of work. A quick excerpt from one of Elder Hoecherl's recent letters:

"I came across a scripture that I just loved!! It is Moroni 8:16 and it says "Behold I speak with boldness, having authority from God; and I fear not what man can do; for perfect love casteth out all fear." That hit me so hard and I am trying to apply it. If I just love and work and go then I have no need to fear. That goes the same for all of you!!!"

We are grateful for the blessing of having a full time missionary in the field and for the love and support our ward family offers us and Elder Hoecherl.

Tyler's blog address: www.hoecherlmissions.com

Local Missionaries Elder Cliff and Sister Iris Beattie

For those who haven't met the newest full-time missionary serving in our stake boundary (as well as the Wasatch Stake), we're delighted to welcome Sister Moala as Sister Earl's new companion. Sister Moala is from Tonga, but says her family recently settled in California. Her first area in the mission was Green River, Wyoming. These young missionaries get changed around often, so we hope you have a chance to get acquainted with each of them while they're here.

We were delighted with the speaking line-up at Saturday evening's session of our Stake Conference this past weekend. Along with our stake



presidency, we heard the sweet testimony and reactivation story of our dear friend, Sue Eakle, from the 2nd Ward. Meeting with Sue and the young Elders each week this past spring was one of the highlights of our missionary service. We also enjoyed hearing from President Araujo, 1st Counselor in the SLC East Mission Presidency, and his wife. They came here five months ago from San Paulo, Brazil, on a 3-year work release; and even though he was surprised about being called into the mission presidency just a few weeks ago, he seems perfect for the position. Sister Araujo read her short talk from notes because she still doesn't feel comfortable with our language, but Pres. Araujo speaks English very well. He talked about being a 13-year-old alter boy in the Catholic church when he was invited by a friend to attend a meeting in the Mormon church. He hadn't heard of Mormons before, but became interested. He was the same age as Joseph Smith was when Joseph first prayed to know which church was true, and when the missionaries told him about Joseph's first vision – seeing the Father and the Son standing above him in a pillar of light, telling him that the truth had been lost for many years, but it was time for it to be restored again, the Holy Spirit confirmed the truth to him also. President Araujo quoted Matthew 13:14-15, where Christ explained to his disciples why he taught in parables. He learned for himself that the prophecy of Esaias applies in today's world as much as it did at the time of Christ, and this is the message he gives our young missionaries as well as the members he speaks to – it takes three things to receive a testimony of the truth, (1) eyes to see, (2) ears to hear, and (3) a heart that understands. He reminded us that the last component is the most important, getting the true gospel of Jesus Christ planted deep into our heart, and keeping it there.



We are also happy to announce that another couple has accepted the call to serve as the next full-time MLS (Member-Leader-Support) missionaries in our stake – Elder Gordon and Sister Jane Long. Most of you already know them, that they are “Old Hats” at missionary work, and will do a great job. The Longs are scheduled to enter the MTC in Provo the week of October 10, which is still a few weeks away, but they're looking forward to working with the members in each ward of our stake. Please remember Sister Earl, Sister Moala, and Elder and Sister Long in your prayers each day. We know they can feel your support, because we did, and we truly appreciated it.

Love to each of you,
Cliff and Iris Beattie

Emergency Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness is a process which has no end. But the need to be prepared will no doubt have a beginning the day there is a disruption or disaster occur in or neighborhoods or nearby. There are many things to know about and many preparations to make. It can be overwhelming; I know it seems that way to me at times.

Food, water, first aid supplies, shelter, heat, sanitation, pets, where are the kids, are then alright, where is my spouse will he or she be able to make it home. We will attempt to provide beneficial Emergency Preparedness information in our newsletter articles going forward. If any of you have specific questions or concerns please contact me and our neighborhood team will try to get answers to you. In the meantime, I invite you to visit the website www.chgetready.com. It is prepared by our own Debbie Mackintosh who works very closely with the Cottonwood Heights Emergency Preparedness program and city EP planners. When you open the site click on Emergency Preparedness at the top of the page and review the following sections: Put Your Plan Into Action; What You Need To Do If You Need To Flee In a Flash; After An Earthquake; Office Grab and Go Bag; School Grab And Go Bag; and Alternative Heating Options. The priority in and emergency is 1) yourself, 2) your family and 3) your neighbors...Lets make it happen!!

Brother Kim Watts