



BOUNTIFUL NORTH CANYON FIFTH WARD

SPIRE

December 2017

Christmas is Coming *by Bishop Mike Wright*



One of the surest signs that Christmas is coming—besides the wonderful songs all over the radio—is the almost magical change that seems to come in our outlook and attitude toward others. Christmas brings a change of heart that makes us think a little more about those in need. Something about this time of year brings out the best in us, convincing us to give what we can, whether it's a penny or simply our prayers and goodwill.

Maybe it has something to do with that declaration of the heavenly angels so long ago: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men” (Luke 2:14). Those words are fulfilled and renewed every year at Christmastime, as we open our hearts to others, remember more fully those we love and look for opportunities to help those who may be a little less fortunate. When Christmas comes, we combine our faith and prayers with good works, for example, we: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, and comfort the oppressed (see Matthew 25:34–36). In short, we give the best kind of gifts which is more than what money can buy.

But really, they aren't just Christmas gifts. It's true that poverty and loneliness are felt most keenly during Christmastime, but they exist all year long. What if this season marked within us a beginning of kindness and generosity in our hearts that we carried with us always? What if Christmas left us permanently changed—a little kinder, a little more generous for the rest of the year? Perhaps this time, when Christmas comes, it can come to stay.

Michael Wright and the 5th ward Bishopric

Merry Christmas



New Ward Callings

Char Lee Behunin - RS Activity Comm. and

RS Nursery Coordinator

Linda Marrelli and Linda Schneider -

YSA Specialists

Beverly Mulitalo - RS Visiting Teaching

Supervisor

Amber Zaugg - RS Instructor

Welcome New Neighbors

Casey and Ashley Miller family

Condolences

The Reed family on the loss of our dear neighbor and ward member, Joyce Reed

Linda Kay Waters on the passing of her father

Vickie Springer on the passing of both her father and mother just 10 days apart

Phil Barnett and family on the loss his brother



Eilee Davis has turned 12 and has graduated from Primary. Congratulations! She is excited to be a Beehive and participate with the Young Women. Cheers to you, Eilee!



Orson Hunter has also turned 12 and is leaving the Primary organization and moving on to Young Men. Orson will be ordained a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood. High-five, Orson!



Dylan Meldrum is now that magic age of 16, and we will soon see him behind the wheel! He is a great young man, loves the outdoors, and is an avid Ute fan! Have a wonderful year, Dylan!



If you see this young man today, say, "Happy Birthday!" Ammon Rodgers has turned 14 and is worthy to be advanced in the Aaronic Priesthood to the office of Teacher. Kudos, Ammon!

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JOY
NOEL
ANGEL
JESUS
PEACE HOPE
WISEMEN
CHRISTMAS
BELIEVE FAITH
PRINCE OF PEACE
THANK YOU

YOUNG WOMEN AND YOUNG MEN

The youth had the opportunity to help at the Share House this past month. We all had different jobs - helping to sort and organize donations for refugees at the warehouse. There was much to do in the way of service and we look forward to helping again in the near future. *Cami Jensen, YW Pres.*



Upcoming YW Calendar

December 13 - No activity

December 20 -YW Potluck and Gift Exchange
6:30 p.m., at Cami Jensen's House

December 27- No activity

January 3 - Stake Kick-off

February 4 - New Beginnings, 6:30 p.m. at the Church



The Young Women and Young Men and their leaders served at the Share House, a facility run by Catholic Community Services in SLC, for an activity in November. Besides helping sort and organize donations for refugees, it looks like they had lots of fun too! Thank you all, for your "good works!"

RELIEF SOCIETY



We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday and ate lots of yummy food!

We enjoyed a delicious feast and great company at our Holiday Dinner on November 11!! It was so nice to visit with

each other. Many thanks to Tiffanie Hansen and her committee for putting this together. Also, "thank you so much" to the Young Men and Young Women who served, helped with the dinner and helped in the nursery! We very much appreciate your service!

We would like to welcome Amber Zaugg as a Relief Society teacher, Beverly Mulitalo as a visiting teaching supervisor and Char Lee Behunin as a Relief Society meeting committee member and nursery coordinator. A big "thank you" to Pattie Wright for her beautiful lessons. And we want to thank Beverly Mulitalo for serving on the Meeting Committee and Jessica Freebairn as a Visiting Teaching Supervisor.

Our condolences go out to Vickie Springer on the passing of her mother and father, to the Reed family on the passing of Joyce Reed and to any others who may have lost loved ones this past month.

We hope everyone finds peace and joy during this holiday season as we celebrate the birth of our Redeeming Savior! How blessed we are!

Love, Your Relief Society Presidency

November RS Lesson Schedule

- **Dec. 10** - "Joy Through Hope & Trust in the Savior" / Holly Morrill
- **Dec. 17** - Chapter 23 "The Blessing of the Holy Temple" Teachings of Gordon B. Hinckley / Brooke Freebairn
- **Dec. 24** - No lesson - Sacrament Mtg. only
- **Dec. 31** - Teachings for our Times - "Earning the Trust of the Lord and Your Family" by Elder Maynes/ Amber Zaugg
- **Jan. 7** - Presidency Council Mtg., discuss local needs. Come prepared to discuss others' needs through Visiting Teaching.

Holiday Dinner Celebration



Neighbors and friends gathered on November 11, to celebrate the holidays with a wonderful turkey dinner. Thanks to Sister Tiffanie Hansen and the RS Activity Committee for their hard work. Some of the committee pictured are (Center Picture L. to R.) Jessica Freebairn, Holley Morrill, Amy Hunter, Tiffanie, Shauna Sabey, Lezlie Mann and Ashley Phillips. And look at some of our handsome servers: Jensen Phillips, Alex Zaugg, Calvin Smith and Nathaniel Rodgers.

Sister Michelle (Misha) Dalley



Sister Dalley is currently serving in Myrtle Beach and she says it is honestly the most beautiful place on earth! (Wish you could all see this photo in color!) “But,” she writes, “the

best part of Myrtle Beach is the people who are here. I have come across so many people who, you can tell without a doubt, have been prepared by the Lord. It’s amazing to see the hand of the Lord in their lives. During my first six months out here, my testimony of the Book of Mormon has increased so much. It truly is the living witness that this church is true, and the convincing evidence that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God. It really is the one thing, combined with the Spirit, that does the converting. Seeing how it blesses the lives of the people that I work with has made my love for the Book of Mormon grow so much, and has truly been such a blessing in my life. It will help you answer any question, overcome any doubt and give you the strength you need to endure these times.

“I love you all and I love missionary work!”

Elder Deion Saumalu

Elder Saumalu is serving in the Liberia Monrovia Mission and currently in a place called “Logan Town.” He said, “Liberia is sweet!” He and his companion recently had the baptism of a man named Musa. Musa had to make a hard choice to attend his baptism or fulfill a commitment at his work. But after he was challenged to read Mark 8: 35-37, Musa made the right choice. It was a wonderful day!

Elder Saumalo wrote, “My companion right now is Elder Kabongo, but in three weeks I’ll be train-

ing a new missionary! I’m excited for that! He is a Frenchman, so I will be helping him learn English too. I’m curious how that will go because I’ll help him with English, but we’ll have to teach in Kalok-wa! So, I hope everything will be alright - Ha, Ha!”

Elder Saumalu’s mission president, President Clark, recently wrote to the missionaries: “One year



ago, Liberia had no stakes. The Bushrod Island Stake was created last November and the Monrovia Stake in May of this year. We received notice this week that on December 9, the

Caldwell and Paynesville Stakes will be created, making four brand-new Liberia stakes in the Monrovia metro area, all created in a period of just 13 months. Over 90 percent of the members in Liberia will now be living in fully organized stakes of Zion led by local leaders, which is nothing short of amazing.

“We also just received approval to “enlarge the borders” of the Church in Liberia, which is currently concentrated almost exclusively in Monrovia, the capital city

“These two events mark a pivotal point in the maturity and growth of the Church in Liberia. They also clearly witness Elder Bednar’s message to Sister Clark and me this summer that Liberia is the focal point of the Restoration at this point in history.

“Every one of us has been called to Liberia to extend the marvelous spread of the gospel here and to build a foundation for future generations of saints and missionaries who will, in turn, bless the entire Church through their pure, uncluttered application of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We’re livin’ the dream!”

Elder S. said, “The work is here is moving forward and I’m thankful to be serving here in Liberia at this time!”

Hello Primary Children & Parents!

Who's excited for Christmas!!? I love this time of year when we can focus on serving others and feel the spirit of Christmas - more specifically, the spirit of Christ. It's so fun to open gifts given to us, but there's something even more special about giving gifts, serving others and sharing what we have been blessed with. I'd like to **challenge the Primary kids to "Light The World"** this year through acts of service. The Primary Presidency would love to hear about your experiences, if you'd like to share.

December's Theme:

Jesus Christ Is the Son of God

Scripture: "Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the son of God. I am the life and the light of the world." D&C 11:28

We'd like to welcome the Miller and Thompson families. We are excited to get to know you.

This month, we have to say farewell to Mikey Freebairn as he advances to YM.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Primary Meet & Greet will be Saturday, January 6, 2018 - 9 am to 10 am at the church, where the Primary kids can meet their new teachers for 2018.

We love you all!

Amber Gardner - Primary Secretary

activity days

For our November Activity we were able to discuss the importance of GRATITUDE and share the things that we are grateful for. We then made blessing pockets. When the little pockets were finished we added a pen and slips of paper. The girls would hang these on a door knob at home so they and their families could write down the things they were thankful for and recognize the blessings in their lives.

We will only have one activity in December because of the holidays. **On December 13, we will meet at the church at 3:45 p.m. for holiday fun at our "My Favorite Things" activity.**

Our first activity in 2018 will be on January 10, at 3:45 p.m. Meet at the church for a "Getting to Know You" activity.

Girls, keep working on your Faith in God Award and learning your Articles of Faith. We are so proud of all that you have done this past year and are thankful for each of you! We love being with you.

Happy Holidays!!

Sister Linda Marrelli



Above, Activity day Girls show off the "Blessing Pockets" they made to record and keep the things they are grateful for. Left, a sweet group of Primary children got up early and sang for the 9th Branch during November. They are Orson Hunter, Cedric Hunter, Ammon Ericksen, Owen Smith and Elsa Jensen.





Each Christmas, we celebrate the life of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. By following His teachings, we let his light shine—in our lives and in the lives of others. This year, use this calendar for inspiration as you plan your Christmas activities to help #LightTheWorld by serving those in need.

Each day there is a scripture that may guide your thoughts to help or lift another. You may go to lds.org, and download the calendar to your computer and print it, if you like. Also below, are a few simple ideas of things you and your family might do. These are from the 2016 #Light the World.

MON 11 MATTHEW 25:35 <i>"I was a stranger and ye took me in."</i>	TUE 12 MATTHEW 5:4 <i>"Blessed are they that mourn."</i>	WED 13 MATTHEW 7:12 <i>"All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."</i>	THUR 14 MATTHEW 6:21 <i>"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."</i>	FRI 15 MATTHEW 5:7 <i>"Blessed are the merciful."</i>
SAT 16 MATTHEW 25:36 <i>"[I was] naked and ye clothed me."</i>	SUN 17 3 NEPHI 18:22 <i>"Ye shall meet together oft."</i>	MON 18 MATTHEW 6:14 <i>"Forgive men their trespasses."</i>	TUE 19 MATTHEW 5:12 <i>"Rejoice, and be exceeding glad."</i>	WED 20 LUKE 12:15 <i>"A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."</i>
THUR 21 MATTHEW 25:35 <i>"For I was an hungered and ye gave me meat."</i>	FRI 22 3 NEPHI 27:21 <i>"That which ye have seen me do even that shall ye do."</i>	SAT 23 MATTHEW 25:36 <i>"I was in prison and ye came unto me."</i>	SUN 24 3 NEPHI 18:15 <i>"Ye must watch and pray always."</i>	MON 25 MATTHEW 5:16 <i>"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."</i>

• **Call a friend you haven't talked to in a while** • **Scrape the ice off someone's windshield** • **Fast for someone in need** • **Leave some extra quarters at the laundromat** • **Give someone a big hug** • **Do your chores without being asked** • **Donate blood** • **Shovel snow** • **Offer to babysit for a couple that could use a night out** • **Pay for the meal of the car behind you at the drive-thru lane** • **Clean your house** • **Ask someone how they are. Listen** • **Do your visiting and home teaching** • **Take a family name to the temple** • **Introduce yourself to people in your neighborhood** • **Hold the door open for someone** • **Make fleece blankets and donate them to a hospital** • **Invite someone who may be lonely over for dinner** • **Adopt a soldier this Christmas** • **Share your testimony of Christ's birth on social media** • **Pray for peace on earth** • **Go through your closets and look for things to donate** • **Visit a nursing home and sing Christmas carols** • **Donate to a charity or Sub-for-Santa** • **Be kind to yourself**



December

- 10..... Marian Meldrum
Ammon Rodgers
- 11..... Aaron Hansen
- 12..... Beckett Story
- 13..... Preston Hooker
- 14..... Phyllis Atwood
Abigail Baker
Ammon Ericksen
Andrew Morrill
- 17..... Tammy Jespersion
Karen Mulitalo
- 18..... Joseph Jensen
- 19..... Kim Hale
- 24..... Evan Phillips
- 26..... Alexandra Dianne Hale
Stefan Leonard
- 27..... Alicia Torres
- 28..... Zachary Bass
- 29..... Michael Freebairn
- 30..... Ken Barnett
Jameson Gardner
Chloe Harker
Elli Harker
Zachary Rogers
Calvin Smith
Olivia Swan
- 31..... Jaina Davis
Benjamin Mark Freebairn

January

- 1..... Pam Duncan
Sharlene Morrill
- 2..... Bowen Reed
- 3..... Dominique Albright
Lily Freebairn
- 5..... Alex Sorenson
- 6..... Jake Watkins



**SUB FOR
SANTA**

There is still time to donate to our ward Sub for Santa. Just pick up a donation slip and write "Sub for Santa" in the "Other" category. Under the direction of the Bishopric, food and goods will be purchased and delivered to those in need.

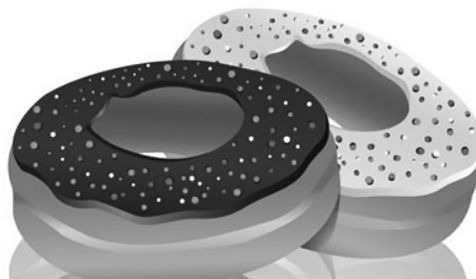
Thank You!

REMEMBER

**Sunday
December 24
(Christmas Eve)**

A joint
Sacrament Meeting
& Christmas pro-
gram with the 3rd
Ward will be held at
11:00 a.m.

Did you know that you can view *The Spire* newsletter anytime online? Brother Ron Young is the Ward Historian and he posts a PDF of it on his website. He is always so helpful and contributes photos and other material for our newsletter. Go to: ronfamst.org, then in the top menu, choose "SpireNC5."



**Donut you want to meet
your new Primary teacher?**

**Come to the church on
Saturday, January 6, at 9 a.m.
Donuts and hot chocolate!
Wear your PJs, if you want!**