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Learning From the Past and Looking Forward *by Brother James Gardner*



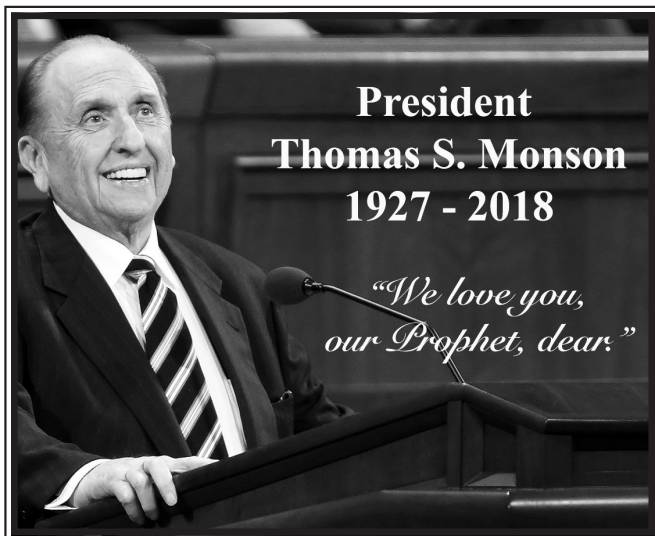
With the start of a new year I often take the opportunity to look back at the last and look toward the year ahead. I try to learn from the challenges, missteps and mistakes of the past and seek to know what I can do to progress. I am sure I am not alone in this process. Resolutions and goals take shape this time of year as we attempt to improve ourselves or lengthen our stride.

The goal-setting and resolution process can be constructive and helpful, but we can also allow it to become destructive and hindering if we begin by looking only at our weaknesses, seeing our perceived flaws and believing that the person we are isn't enough. If we start from this negative place we often become overly critical of ourselves and others around us and if the goals we set are not completely met, we may think we are failures and that our end result is not acceptable. This is not true.

Instead, I suggest that we begin the process with love, begin by remembering the love that our Heavenly Father has for us. He loves us as we are now, as we were and as we will and can be. "True love ... is eternally patient and forgiving. It believes, hopes and endures all things. That is the love our Heavenly Father bears for us. His love is such that even should we give up on ourselves, He never will. We see ourselves in terms of yesterday and today. Our Heavenly Father sees us in terms of forever. The gospel of Jesus Christ is a gospel of transformation. It takes

us as men and women of the earth and refines us into men and women for the eternities. The means of this refinement is our Christlike love. The greater the measure of our love, the greater is our joy. In the end, the development of such love is the true measure of success in life." – Elder Joseph Wirthlin, "The Great Commandment," 2007. From this starting place, we can look at our lives and seek for ways we can become more like Him and His Son Jesus Christ.

Lastly, as we go through the goal-setting process we should remember to find joy in the now and joy in the journey ahead. So many of us are always waiting to be happy: "If only I could graduate, if only I could afford a car, if only I could get married ... For too many, happiness



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New Ward Callings

Young Men

Jared Gardner - YM President

Andrew Morrill - YM 1st Counselor

Robert McKenna - YM 2nd Counselor

Jeff Mann - YM Secretary

Jonathan Waters - Teachers' Advisor

Stephen Freebairn - Priests' Advisor

Joshua Hansen - Scoutmaster

Mike Hansen - Building Coordinator

Bryan Green - Gospel Doctrine Teacher

Dave Pearson - Gospel Doctrine Teacher

Tiffanie Hansen - Gospel Doctrine Teacher

Gail Cunningham - Temple Patron

Freda Young - Temple Patron

Drew Schnebley - Primary Teacher

Eric Holmes - Primary Teacher

Josh Minson - Primary Teacher

Chrissy Borders - Primary Teacher

Casey & Maegan Fitzgerald - Sunday School Teachers

Brandon Phillips - Sunday School Teacher

Brian Tecklenburg - Sunday School Teacher

Stephen & Shannon Phillips - Webelos Leaders

Steve Brown - Repeat mission call as the Water Treatment Technical Advisor for the Temple Facilities Management Division



Elli Harker (top) and her twin sister Chloe Harker are the Fifth Ward's newest members! They were baptized yesterday by their dad. They said they were excited to receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost. The girls looked so beautiful in their white baptismal dresses.

Michael Freebairn turned 12 in December and has graduated from Primary. Congratulations, Michael for earning your Faith in God Award. He is happy to be a new Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood and be in the Young Men organization.

Beautiful Sadie Stats will be turning 14 this month and advancing to the Mia Maids in Young Women. Sadie loves school and loves her friends and being a big sister!

Calvin Smith has turned 16 this past month and is advancing to the Priest's Quorum. He just landed his very first job at Neilsen's Frozen Custard! You look mighty fine in an apron, Calvin!

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is just over the horizon, never reachable. It is a terrible thing always to be waiting for tomorrow, always depending on tomorrow, always excusing our todays because we are sure that only in the future will we possess the things that will fulfill us. Don't wait for tomorrow. Don't wait for the right job, the right house, the right salary, the right dress size. Be happy today. Be happy now. Make up your mind to be happy—even when you don't have money, even when you don't have a clear complexion, even when you don't have the Nobel Prize. Some of the happiest people I know have none of these things the world insists are necessary for satisfaction and joy. Why are they happy? I suppose it is because they don't listen very well. Or they listen too well — to the things their hearts tell them.” – Elder Wirthlin, “Lessons Learned in the Journey of Life,” Dec. 2000

I pray for a year filled with happiness and joy, with hope and kindness and with love. I pray the Lord will help each of us in the process of filling the measure of our creation as sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father. I love you all and I know our Heavenly Father loves each us more than we comprehend.

Brother James Gardner

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Elder Damon Hooker



Elder Hooker in Taipei

I am currently serving in Bali District, which is part of the Tamsui Ward. I love serving in Taiwan! There are lots of great people here, an amazing mission and tasty food. I love this area - it is close to the city but still counts as a rural area. The people are amazing. The ward is probably one of the strongest wards I have seen in

Taiwan and it is a lot of fun serving here.

Recently with Christmas, our Stake put on a live Nativity program. It was fun working with members and investigators as we built, painted and moved the set. Then, when we went to the performance, they had a live horse and everything, and did a splendid job portraying an essential event. It was neat to see the portrayal of Christ's birth and to remember the true meaning of Christmas. It's amazing to see how little changes on making the set all work up to a big change in the final atmosphere.

On a mission I have learned a lot about change. The areas and companions change often. The people you teach change as they follow commitments and you change as you learn more about the Gospel. I love the ability we have to change in our lives to become closer to Christ. All of us are mortals and as we sin we drift away from Him. But when we repent, we change and this is how we come closer to Him.

I know that as we pray and read the scriptures every day we can better remember Him. As we go to church we can learn more about Him and as we serve others we can share of Him. What an amazing message we have - a message everyone needs, but it all starts with a willingness to turn outward and share.

Thank you so much, Elder Hooker for sharing your testimony and experiences with us!



Elder Hooker with fellow missionaries and members caroling at Carrefour (like a Walmart) for Christmas!

RELIEF SOCIETY



We hope everyone had a joyful and peaceful Christmas! We will be starting a new curriculum for our Sunday Relief Society meetings. The following is the schedule for January:

January 7: Council Meeting

(No lesson will be taught.) Come prepared to counsel together about visiting teaching opportunities, responsibilities and challenges. We can learn from each other's insights and experiences. **January 14: Conference talk**

"By Divine Design" by Ronald A. Rasband

January 21: Conference talk

"Exceeding Great and Precious Promises" by David A. Bednar

January 28: "The Sabbath Day" (Topic chosen by the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve

The purpose of the Relief Society is to help accomplish the Lord's work. These changes were made so that we can gather to discuss and plan how we will accomplish His work. We hope that we can all be positive in making and adjusting to these new changes.

Our **Relief Society Activity will be on Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m.** It will be a "Feast Upon The Word Activity," with a light dinner. Susan Jones will be speaking to us about scripture study! A nursery will be provided. Bring friends and neighbors and come and enjoy the sisterhood!

Love, Your Relief Society Presidency

Family Christmas



Photos:

At 9:00 a.m. on December 9, friends and families joined for a delicious neighborhood Christmas breakfast. Sister Heidi seemed to like her husband, Brother Eric Holmes, all lit up like a Christmas tree as the M.C. of the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Claus (aka Brother and Sister Tolman) showed up for the fun. And Brother and Sister Rogers enjoyed the wonderful breakfast casseroles and homemade cinnamon rolls made by Bishop McKenna.

Breakfast



YOUNG MEN

The Young Men organization was recently reorganized and the new presidency would like to extend a big “thank you” to the outgoing presidency. Released was Brandon Phillips, President, Randy Berg, 1st Counselor, Ryan Sorensen, 2nd Counselor and Jeff Mann as Secretary. These brethren did an outstanding job and will be missed.

The new presidency is listed in the “Updates” section of this newsletter on page 2.

Top, young and old enjoyed eating breakfast at the ward party. Later, families and children drew pictures and wrote letters to the missionaries. Middle is the Sabey family and just above are some of the Gardner family. Lower right, Breanna Mortensen helps wrap presents that were delivered as part of the Sub-for-Santa effort. Thanks to all the organizers and helpers who made this a fun Christmas activity!

**Happy New Year
Primary Children & Parents!**

2018 Primary Theme: I Am A Child of God

January's Theme:

"I am a child of God, and he has a plan for me."

Scripture: "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Romans 8:16

We bid farewell and say "THANK YOU" to Marlin and Kathy Shelley, Maegan Fitzgerald, Brian Rodgers, Suzanne Tayler, Lori Cerar and Kristy Anderson for your service in the Primary. You will each be greatly missed. We appreciate the difference you have made in the lives of our Primary children.

Thank you to all those newly called, and soon to be called teachers and Primary workers. We look forward to working with each of you.

Amber Gardner - Primary Secretary

activity days



On December 13, we met at the church to have a "Favorites" Christmas party. We sang carols; played games, including a guessing game to learn about everyone's favorite Christmas tradition, book and treat; we had treats and Sister Park read us a special Christmas story. It was a really festive holiday afternoon.

We are sad to say goodbye to Erin Boyce who will be moving the first part of January. We have

loved having you with us and will miss you!!

UPCOMING CALENDAR

January 10, at 3:45 pm - Meet at the church for a "No One is More Wonderful ..." activity.

January 24 - There will be no activity on January 24. We will only have one activity day during the month of January because of the special Stake event on January 27.

All Activity Day girls and their Moms or other guest are invited to the **"Put On the Armour of Light" Stake activity - January 27 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Stake Center.** This activity is always amazing and a real highlight of the year. Lunch will also be served. Make sure to put this event on your calendar. You won't want to miss it.

Sister Linda Marrelli



For their activity on December 13, the Activity Day girls and their leaders had fun singing Christmas carols, playing Christmas bingo and talking about all their favorite Christmas traditions.



Cub Scouts took a break from pack meeting for the holidays in December. We hope you all had a great Christmas and New Years!!

In November, the Cub Scouts met to learn a few new skills. We separated into groups and moved to and from station to station to have four mini-classes. The classes were flag folding, first aid, knot tying and fire starting.

For refreshments we roasted marshmallows over the fire! Everyone had a great time and lots of “mallows” were consumed!! Thanks to our great leaders and instructors.

January Pack Meeting - January 17 at 6:30 p.m. - We'll be doing a family game night! Families will compete in “minute to win it” - type games!

We hope to see you there!!



November Cub Scout Pack meeting was really fun for the boys and their leaders. They rotated between four mini-classes to learn some skills. Above, Brother Porter teaches them how to properly fold the American flag; Right above, the boys went outside with Brother Reed to learn how to start a fire; Middle, Brothers Schebley and Hansen show some first aid techniques; Lower, Sister Davis has the boys quite tied up in knots, as they learned to tie several useful knots.



January

- 8..... Andrew Hale
Leilani Porter
Brad Samuelsen
Adeline Zubal
9..... Dana Jankowski
Nathaniel Rodgers
10..... Kathi Shelly
11..... Leland Morrill
12..... Wayne Carlson
Sadie Stats
13..... Helen Jane Midgley
15..... Becky Andrews
Rachelle Fleurant
18..... Teresa Andersen
21..... Joshua Minson
24..... Kim Shirley
25..... Jason Hansen
26..... Chan Hale
Haylee Shirley
27..... Judy Kelly
Kody Reed
Katherine Thompson
28..... Chessa Phillips
Stephen Phillips
29..... Don Clifford
30..... Gabrielle Fleurant
Clark Loftus
Ryan Smith
31..... Joyce Craig
Vanessa Wright

February

- 1..... Indie Creighton
Finn Larsen
2..... Kody Samuelsen
4..... Eden Gardner

Letter from the First Presidency December 14, 2017

An announcement from the First Presidency stated that under the direction of the temple presidency, young women (ages 12-18) may assist with baptism assignments currently performed by sister temple ordinance workers and volunteers. Under the direction of the temple presidency, all priests in the Aaronic Priesthood with a limited-use temple recommend may officiate in baptisms for the dead, including serving as the baptizer and as a witness.

Also, the Primary's Priesthood Preview will be called "The Temple and Priesthood Preparation meeting," and includes all 11-year-old girls and boys.

According to Elder Quentin L. Cook of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and Chairman of the Temple and Family History Executive Committee, these changes will be a great blessing to the young women, young men, and children of the Church. "With magnificent advances in technology, the rising generation has responded spiritually to the opportunities and challenges it presents," he said. "These changes will allow increased pre-paration and participation in the great work of salvation for the dead."

See Primary.lds.org

Building Cleaning Schedule

It is our privilege and responsibility to clean the church building during 2018. When it's your turn, please arrive promptly with your family at 8:00 a.m. on the assigned Saturday. If you are not able to fulfill your assignment, please trade weeks with another family or find your own replacements. Thank you!

13-Jan

Mike Hansen - Coordinator

Albright, Bill
Hale, Kim
Felley, Mike
Zaugg, John

20-Jan

Cliff Porter - Coordinator

Anderson, Mark
Hooker, Damon
Reed, Cody
Rafferty, Mike

27-Jan

Mike Hansen - Coordinator

Applegate, Darrin
Barnett, Phil
Hoyer, Ryan
Smith, Ryan

3-Feb

Cliff Porter - Coordinator

Berg, Randy
Freebairn, Mark
Gardner, James
Springer, Jeff