



BOUNTIFUL NORTH CANYON FIFTH WARD

SPIRE

February 2018

Learning From the Past *by Brother Andy Schnebly*



My twin sister, Sandy and I have always liked sharing our birthday month of February with George Washington (Feb 19) and Abraham Lincoln (Feb 12). Fifty years ago, their birthdays were celebrated as separate holidays. In 1968, congress combined them to be celebrated on the third Monday in February as Presidents Day. Both men are invaluable to the history of our great country.

George Washington has been referred to as the “Father of Our Country.” Church leaders have said that George Washington was foreordained to this role as a military and political leader. Heavenly Father preserved the Americas for the restoration of the gospel. Washington fulfilled his assignment to secure a free land where the events of the restoration could unfold.

Heavenly Father preserved America as a place where the gospel of Jesus Christ could be restored. The Book of Mormon states in 2 Nephi 10: “And this land shall be a land of liberty ...” and 1 Nephi 30: “Nevertheless, thou beholdest that the Gentiles ... have been lifted up by the power of God above all nations, upon the face of the land which is choice above all other lands ... for the land of their inheritance.”

George Washington was aware of the significance of his role as the leader of the new country and the divine assistance he was given. He wrote in a letter on May 13, 1776 to Rev. William Gordon, “No man has a more perfect reliance on the alwise [sic] and powerful dispensations of a Supreme Being than I have, nor thinks His aid more necessary.” He also stated, “I have only been an instrument in the hands of Providence.”

In doing family history, we discovered that my 5th great-grandfather, John Cheston (born in Bristol, England April 14, 1748, and immigrated to the colonies) had enlisted in the Continental Army in New Jersey on December 24, 1775. He fought in the battle of Trenton on December 26, 1776. This is the battle in which Washington and his troops crossed the ice flow that clogged Delaware River on Christmas day and defeated the British. I am proud of my forefather who fought with Washington and



It is exciting to welcome our new First Presidency and get to know each of them better. Elder Dallin H. Oaks, First Counselor, President Russell M. Nelson and Elder Henry B. Eyring, Second Counselor.

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Congratulations!

Candace & Jason Hadley on the birth of their daughter

Shelly and Rob McKenna on the birth of their son

New Ward Callings

Shauna Sabey - RS Activities chair

Todd Jankowski - Primary worker

Melissa Morrill - YW Beehive Advisor

Kierra Hansen - Chorister

Welcome New Neighbors!

Celeste Minson (living with Josh and Jenny Minson)

Courtnei Ann Nelson

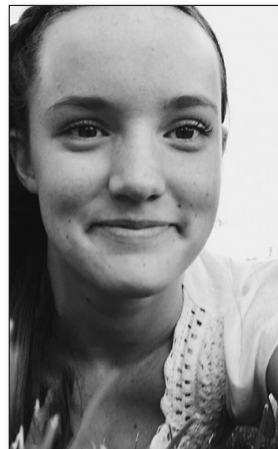
Matt & Melissa Papaj and family



Besides football, Wesley Veda loves music, is a fantastic artist and cares deeply about his friends, family and other people. He is a great help to his mother and always includes others and does his best. He is turning 12 this month and will now be in the Young Men organization. Thank you, Wes, for all you do!



Miss Haylee Shirley has turned 14, and she is advancing into the Mia Maid class in Young Women. Haylee loves to draw and is an excellent artist. She enjoys helping her family and younger brother. The Shirleys are newer in our ward and Haylee is the granddaughter of Gladys and Mel Carter.



Kayla Ralph will be celebrating her "Sweet Sixteen" this month! She is on the swim team at Bountiful High and also plays viola in the orchestra. She enjoys hanging out with her friends and sisters, reading, traveling and anything chocolate! She will be advancing to the Laurel class in Young Women. Congrats, Kayla!

Ward Conference Sunday, February 11

We will have the opportunity to hear from many of our Stake leaders in Sacrament meeting and our auxillary meetings!



Our Relief Society Council Meeting in February is a discussion about what we can do if we feel like we don't belong in the church. There is an article in the December 2017 Ensign entitled "We Can Do Better, Part 2: Finding Your Place in the Church of Jesus Christ," by Betsy VanDenBerghe, which addresses this topic. We hope to learn from one another how we can take responsibility for our own faith and follow the Savior regardless of whether we feel like we belong. How can we allow Christ to transform us and resist the urge to compare ourselves unkindly with others? How can we learn to increase our faith, find the courage to return if we have been away and never give up once we are here? Our Savior loves each of us individually and has reserved a place for each of us in His Church. How can we help ourselves and each other find that place of belonging?

"Wherefore if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life" (2 Nephi 31:20).

On January 16, we had a wonderful evening of feasting on delicious food brought by our sisters and "Feasting on the Word." Sister Susan Jones, a good friend of Tiffanie Hansen, came and spoke to our sisters about fun and effective ways to make our scripture study more enriching and fulfilling. We learned a lot of good tips and went away with new resolve to make time for meaningful scripture study.

We are excited to announce we will be having a



Neighborhood Adult Progressive Dinner
February 23, 2018
6:00 p.m.



"Host Houses" will accommodate 8-12 adult guests for dinner. The Host House will provide the main dish and make food assignments to their guests for the rest of the meal. Everyone who signs up will go to one house for dinner, then will move to the church at 7:30 p.m. for Dessert. Don't miss out on this wonderful evening. Make sure to sign up soon!

Love, Your Relief Society Presidency

RS Lesson Schedule February

- **Feb. 11** - Ward Conference/Stake, "By Divine Design" by Elder Ronald Rasband
- **Feb. 18** - "The Book of Mormon - What Would Your Life Be Without It?" President Nelson
- **Feb. 25** - The Sabbath Day
- **Mar. 4** - Presidency Council Mtg., discuss local needs.

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helped fulfill the prophecy concerning a free land for the restoration. I am thankful that almost 200 years later, I was taught about the events of the restoration, accepted the gospel, and was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

ELDERS QUORUM

EO Lesson Schedule:

Feb. 11 - President Oaks - *"The Plan and the Proclamation"*

Feb. 18 - President Eyring - *"Fear Not to Do Good"*

Feb. 25 - The Sabbath Day

Basketball Schedule:

We play February 8, 15 and 22 (all Thursdays) at 9 p.m. at the stake center.

HIGH PRIESTS

HP Lesson Schedule:

Feb. 11 - President Oaks - *"The Plan and the Proclamation"*

Feb. 18 - Elder Stevenson - *"Spiritual Eclipse"*

Feb. 25 - The Sabbath Day

SCOUTS

A big "Thank You," to all for getting your Scouts ready for Klondike and a special thanks to Rob McKenna and Casey Miller for doing most of the work.

It was impressive to see the boys' preparation and participation in the events. The boys did sled racing, fire building, first aid and orienteering. They were enthusiastic and happy to be camping in sub-freezing temperatures. For the most part, I think they all stayed warm and had a great time. They enjoyed perfect Klondike weather. They woke up to 12" of fresh powder which made the activities epic.

Just a Reminder ...

Every Wednesday in February are merit badge classes at the Stake Center for the Scouts. There will be no Combined Activity.

- Josh D. Hansen/Ward Scoutmaster



What a stout and hearty bunch of young men to brave the cold and snow at Klondike this year! The derby was held at Camp Zarahemla in Morgan, UT, on January 19-20.



Above, YM Counselor Bishop McKenna and Scoutmaster Josh D. Hansen prepare the food tent; below, the boys are mushing through the deep snow with their sleds.



Elder Mitchell Dalley



Elder Mitch Dalley (R.), pictured with one of his companions and two recent converts.



Elder Dalley was recently called as a District Leader. Looks like they are having a good time at their district meeting.

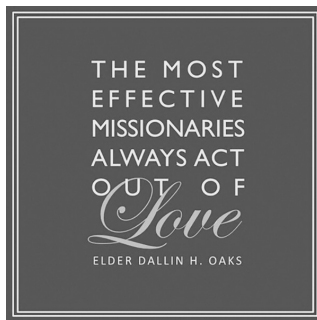
Elder Dalley reports that he is currently serving in the Fallbrook, California 5th Ward, and the work is going great there! He said, “The members remind me a lot of back home and support me in all I do! Fallbrook is actually the avocado capital of the world so we are fed lots of avocados - good thing I love it!

“The five months I’ve been here we have had five baptisms in a ward that hasn’t had one in over a year. The members have really upped their game!

“The area is beautiful and the weather is perfect everyday. I don’t think I could have picked a better mission for myself! The short time I have been out here I have come to understand my Savior and His love for all his children in much abundance. I feel Him guide me every step of the way and have no fear in anything I do! The Book of Mormon is, without a doubt in my mind, the word of God and I know this to be His true church!

“What a blessing it is to come to this knowledge and to help others find their path as well.”

Thanks, Elder Mitch, for representing our ward and doing the work of the Lord in California.



Cub Scouts held their Pack meeting on January 17. It was a fun evening! The Cubs and their families played some “Minute-To-Win-It” games and then enjoyed root beer floats for a treat.

February Pack Meeting February 21, at 6:30 p.m.

We hope to see you there!!



Boys receiving rank advancements and other awards during January's pack meeting were (l. to r.), Carson Freebairn, C.J. Leavitt, Bracken Borders, Bowen Reed, Ammon Ericksen and Owen Hansen.



Cub Scouts had a great time at their pack meeting in January! They played team games - one was trying to blow all the plastic cups off the table in one minute.



Where are your steps taking you?

A trek back to our Heavenly Father is the most important trek of our lives, and it continues each day, each week, each month, and each year as we increase our faith in Him and in His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

Although it is appropriate and important to remember the historic 19th-century Mormon pioneer trek, we need to remember that “the trek through life continues!” for each of us as we prove our own “faith in every footstep.” I invite everyone within the sound of my voice to welcome and embrace anyone who is making his or her own trek today, no matter where they are in their journey.

We need to embrace God’s children compassionately and eliminate any prejudice, including racism, sexism, and nationalism. Let it be said that we truly believe the blessings of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ are for every child of God.

(Excerpts from “The Trek Continues!” by Elder Russell M. Ballard - October 2017 General Conference)

Activity Days



On January 10, the Activity Day girls met at the church for a “No One is More Wonderful” activity. We did activities to learn more about each other. They played a yarn game that connected them all together, and made ice cream in a bag which ended in a successful treat. There IS nothing more wonderful than these Activity Day girls - just ask their leaders!!

On Saturday, January 27, the girls and their mothers attended the stake activity entitled “Put on the Armour of Light.” They attended six mini-sessions where they participated in many activities and used the “Sword of the Spirit” to destroy Satan’s chains of distractions. They prepared for battle with exercises and relays. The girls also learned and discussed how to be valiant and prepare for the battle of life using the “Armor of God.”

Lunch was served and at a closing ceremony, the girls were presented with their own sword which means, “Watch out, siblings!” These girls are now ready for battle. It was an amazing day and we are so grateful to our Stake Primary leaders for all their hard work to put this activity on for the girls in our stake.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

February 14, at 3:45 p.m. - (Yes, Valentine’s Day) Meet at the church to do a service project. What a perfect day to share thanks from our heart for the service the police and fire departments provide. We will visit their stations with a treat and notes of gratitude.

February 28, at 3:45 p.m. - Meet at the church. We will be making lip gloss and talking about the power of words.

Sister Linda Marrelli

2018 Primary Theme: I Am A Child of God

February’s Theme:

“The Earth Was Created for Heavenly Father’s Children”

Scripture: Abraham 3:24-25 “We will make an earth whereon these may dwell; and we will prove them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them.”

Mark your Calendars!

“8” “Great to Be Eight” “8”
Sunday, February 25

6:00 p.m. at the Stake Center

For all seven-year-old children who will be getting baptized in 2018 and their parents.

Amber Gardner - Primary Secretary



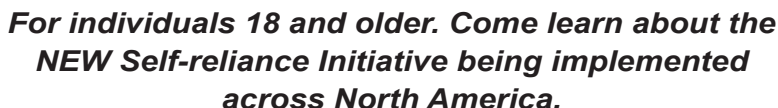
Activity Day girls wield their “Swords of the Spirit” as they participate in activities at a stake activity on January 27.



- 4..... Eden Gardner
8..... Wesley Vedaa
9..... Tatum Minson
10..... Diana Rogers
11..... Brynn Morrill
12..... Eric Christensen
 Jacob Loftus
13..... Amy Hunter
14..... James Gardner
 Kayla Ralph
15..... Gloria Bushey
 Alicia Curtis
 Jared Fleurant
17..... Phil Barnett
 Elyse Frank
18..... Dorothy Christensen
19..... Marek Miller
20..... Dave Stuart
21..... Misha Dalley
22..... Gail Cunningham
 Gayle Rafferty
25..... Brighton Reed
26..... Mercedes Mortensen
27..... Isabella Wright
28..... David Hansen
 Jenny Minson
 Andy Schnebly
29..... Cedric Hunter

March

- 4..... Freda Young



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!

10-Feb
Mike Hansen - Coordinator
 Hunter, Reed
 Dalley, Michael
 Nordfors, Rodney
 Schnebly, Andy

Butler, Leslie
Brown, Darryl
Davis, Nathan
McKenna, Rob

24-Feb
Mike Hansen - Coordinator
 Marrelli, Linda
 Loftus, Clark
 Jespersen, Byron
 Wright, Mike

3-Mar
Cliff Porter - Coordinator
Campbell, Bob
Jensen, Randon
Jankowski, Todd

