



BOUNTIFUL NORTH CANYON FIFTH WARD

# SPIRE

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## The Law of the Harvest *by Counselor James Gardner*



In this time of harvest, I have been pondering about the concept of reaping what we sow and the difficulty, hardship and doubt that arises when the harvest we have planted for, nurtured for, prepared for, planned for, worked for, sacrificed for and prayed for never seems to come or appears to produce unexpected or unwanted fruit.

The Lord taught the parable of planting a seed and taught that the good ground “are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.” It isn’t always easy to wait upon the Lord, especially if we feel the ground we were given may be difficult. I remember planting a garden with my grandma in the Arizona desert. We dug up the hard clay ground in her backyard and plowed little rows and planted okra and squash and tomatoes and we watered the seeds thoroughly. I left and came back in a few days and ran out to the garden to see if it was ready to harvest. I ran into the house and told my grandma that nothing was growing and that we must have done something wrong, and she said, “You need to be patient James, sometimes plants in the desert take longer to grow.”

Sometimes the ground we are given may be difficult, hindered by trials and adversity, but the blessings will come. The interesting thing about desert plants is that for the first part of life, the plants will put all their effort into growing strong roots; they dig deeper and grow wider in order to help the plant survive. Once the roots are formed and ready, then the plant will begin to grow upward and produce. Sometimes we may not see the growth that is happening in our life, and when this occurs it can be frustrating and discouraging, but we are promised that if we continue to nourish those seeds, they will grow and the fruits will be great.

Amulek teaches us about patience in our harvest. He planted many good seeds, he helped Alma when no one else would, followed the promptings of angels and the spirit, preached to the people in his city and converted many. Not long afterward, he was persecuted for his belief and was forced to watch his family and friends be burned for their faith. His soul was wounded to the point that he asked, perhaps in hope of relief from the pain he was feeling, “Perhaps they will burn us too,” but Alma answered that his work was not yet finished. So it can be with us. At times we may feel discouraged, alone or wounded, to the point where we may want to give up, give in to sin, allow our faith to give in to doubt; but we have work left to do. Amulek went on



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## New Ward Callings

Wendy Hooker - Sunday School Instructor  
Tim Bass - Ward Financial Clerk  
Steve & Shannon Phillips - Cubmasters

## Welcome New Neighbors!

Michael & Heather Petersen & Family  
Pam Elkins & children Arik & Autumn Upvall

## Sympathy

Our neighbor Barbara McKean passed away  
September 30. Condolences to family and friends.



*Congratulations to Elder Preston Hooker who entered the MTC on October 3. Elder Hooker spoke in Sacrament Meeting on September 23, and this devoted young missionary bore a strong testimony of the restored gospel and his desire to serve the Lord. He will be serving in the Armenia, Georgia Mission.*

*Happy Birthday to Sarah Aycock! Sarah will be turning 14 this month and advancing in Young Women. She is the most sweet and caring person and has a cute laugh that everyone loves. Sarah belongs to a horseriding group and loves to have fun and hang out with her friends!*



*Ryan Cochran, son of Lisa and Dan Higgs is turning 16 and excited to be ordained a Priest. Ryan is a remarkably talented young man with perfect pitch. He enjoys composing his own music and attends NUAMES H.S. through Weber State University, where he is also earning college credit. He is looking forward to serving a mission in a couple of years.*



*Sixteen looks really good on Jaden Andersen! Jaden is looking forward being advanced to the office of Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood. He plays on a competitive soccer team and is a very good student. Jaden loves the outdoors and activities like backpacking. He enjoys listening to Conference talks as he falls asleep each evening.*

## You can Help!



**North Canyon 5th  
RS Humanitarian Night  
Tuesday, October 16, 2018**

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In September, the primary children and their leaders worked hard to put together a wonderful Primary Program on the last Sunday. As a Primary presidency, we are so grateful for the children's efforts in learning the songs, singing with confidence and creating, then memorizing their parts. Beautiful testimonies were shared from our youngest to our oldest. Many hearts were deeply touched and the Spirit was so strong just hearing the children testify of Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ through word and song.

We recognize and are grateful to our leaders and parents for their sacrifices in teaching and loving the Primary children. Without their talents, our Primary would not be what it is.

In sharing time, the Bishop visited the Jr. Primary to talk about what a special experience the Primary Program was. We shared the words written on the comment cards (that were provided during the program). The kids loved hearing how the program made the congregation feel.

*-Tiffany Sorenson, Primary Asst. Secretary*



*After the Primary Sacrament Meeting program, Bishop Wright visited the Junior Primary to let the children know what a wonderful job they did with their parts and their singing. It was apparent they felt a great sense of accomplishment, as well as a warm spirit knowing they had served Heavenly Father.*



*Left, Primary President Linda Kay Waters helped the children learn their songs by donning more and more items of apparel when they did a good job. The kids were delighted!*





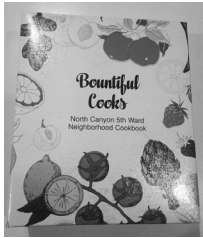
On September 28 -29, the Scouts had a fun adventure in the Knolls Recreation Area, located off I-80 out in the West Desert. We had a great turnout. Despite my best efforts at emphasizing the scout law (a scout is ... clean), there was a little sand in the mouth or at least enough to make your hair 'sand' on end. Next time, keep your knolls clean!

We have other campouts planned for October 26-27 to Craters of the Moon National Monument and November 16-17 to City of Rocks National Reserve. We are currently working on the Personal Fitness merit badge. Each scout should have an exercise program with workouts three times a week.

*Josh Hansen - Scoutmaster*



## RELIEF SOCIETY



The Relief Society Presidency would like to give a big “Thank You” to Pattie Wright, Tammy Jespersen and the Activities Committee for the wonderful new NC 5th Ward “Bountiful Cooks” cookbook they put together, and the great activity in September with demonstrations and yummy food by cookbook contributors. Unbelievable!

## ELDERS QUORUM

### Elders Quorum Meeting Discussion Schedule:

- October 14** - “Revelation” -  
facilitated by Mark Andersen
- October 21** - “Wounded” by Elder Neil L.  
Maxwell/facilitator Marlin Shelley
- October 28** - “Family History and Temple Work”  
by Elder Dale Renland/facilitator Van Nielson
- November 4** - “Gratitude” -  
facilitated by Mike Felley

### No One Can Do What A Righteous Woman Can Do!

These are the words spoken by President Russell M. Nelson at the general women’s session of October conference. “My dear sisters, we need you! We need your strength, your conversion, your conviction, your ability to lead, your wisdom, and your voices,” said President Nelson. “We simply cannot gather Israel without you.”

President Nelson invited us to do four things:

1. **Participate in a 10-day fast** from social media and from any other negative or impure media.
2. **Read the Book of Mormon between now and the end of the year.**
3. **Establish a pattern of regular temple attendance.**
4. **Participate fully in Relief Society.**

President Nelson said: “My dear sisters, you have spiritual gifts and propensities. ... I urge you, with all the hope of my heart, to pray to understand your spiritual gifts—to cultivate, use and expand them, even more than you ever have. You will change the world as you do.”

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to preach the gospel to thousands and thousands. His spiritual power after overcoming this unwanted, unexpected harvest was great enough to tumble the walls of the prisons which surrounded him. In the process of digging up, plowing and replanting with patience, we become spiritually stronger and more able servants of our Heavenly Father.

There are no easy answers to questions of delayed, unexpected or prolonged harvests. One could say that things will work out in the end, but that may not give comfort to those who are feeling discouraged or alone. It is difficult when we are standing in the midst of our barren ground to not look upward and ask “Why?” Answers may not come readily to the question “Why?” But if we instead ask the questions, “Who can I serve?” “What would you have me do?” “What can I learn?” the answers often come more quickly and it will be easier to find joy in the process of planting seeds - seeds of service, seeds of love, seeds of trust, seeds of patience. As we are faithful and trust in God, we will find that the Lord will teach us and use us in His work. Like waiting for a seed to grow in desert clay, it may take time, work, tears and fears, but the harvest will come. Perhaps it will arrive in unforeseen ways and perhaps when we least expect it, but the promised harvest will come.

*Brother James Gardner*

*North Canyon 5th Ward Bishopric*



# Neighborhood Dinner Social

On the evening of September 10, neighbors young and old gathered at the home of Brother Jared and Sister Amber Gardner for dinner, fun and friendship. This event has come to be an annual gathering! Thanks to Brother Ron Young for capturing the moment.



**North Canyon 5th  
RS Humanitarian Night  
Tuesday, October 16th, 2018  
6:30 p.m.  
Church Meeting House**

# The INN Between

Hospice for the Homeless

**The INN Between** is a safe, comfortable place where homeless men and women can experience the end-of-life process and death with dignity. We envision a world where no one dies alone, on the streets.

We will be collecting items below and money for The Inn Between. Please make donations to the ward. Indicate it will go to the RS Humanitarian Fund. Bring any purchased items to the church the night of our activity.

- We also hope to put up 2 Twin XL quilts to tie that evening. If you have any material, batting, yarn etc. that could be used, please call Nannette at 801-661-4990.

## **ITEMS TO PURCHASE or Donate:**

### **Snack Bags** (Bring one package of each of the following)

- 1 - 6 to 8 pack of unrefrigerated pudding
- 1 package ( 8/pack) of crackers filled with cheese
- 1 package ( 6-8 cups) applesauce
- 1 package soft granola bars (no nuts)
- 1 Package Juice containers (Grape or Apple Juice, 6-8/pack)

### **Smith's Gift Cards** - \$15.00 (To be used for gas or groceries)

### **Kleenex Boxes**

### **Craft Supplies**

- Paint by the number
- Yarn, needles or hooks, patterns
- Jewelry making kits
- Other

### **\$\$\$ For Tubeless Toilet Paper, Bus Tokens**

### **Twin XLong Blankets or Quilts**

### **Box of Fresh Apples and/or Little Cutie Orange Bags** (Buy no sooner than a day before our Activity Night.)

*Please call Nannette Hansen, 801-661-4990 if you have any questions.*





## October

- 14.....Elisa Felley  
Jay Freebairn  
Stephen Freebairn  
Mitchum Hunter  
Payton Lee  
Scarlet McCloyn
- 17.....MaryKate Gardner
- 18.....Heidi Aycock
- 19.....Jason Hadley
- 20.....Connie Calder  
Grey Lance Jensen
- 21.....Damon Hooker, Sr.  
Bishop Michael Wright
- 22.....Heather Reed
- 23.....Kate Olivia Freebairn
- 24.....Ryan Cochran
- 25.....Rod Nordfors
- 26.....Buck Frampton  
David Shutt  
Alex Zaugg
- 28.....Jaden Andersen
- 29.....Sarah Aycock  
Sue Nelson
- 30.....Camille Bradshaw  
Michael Shirley
- 31.....Susan Hood  
Reed Hunter

## November

- 2.....Michael Dalley
- 3.....Jeffrey James Freebairn  
Marisa Sabey
- 4.....Arthur Hunter

### Building Cleaning Schedule

#### 20 - October

##### Mike Hansen - Coordinator

Eric Holmes Family  
Callin Morrill Family  
Kent Njord Family  
David Pearson Family

#### 27 - October

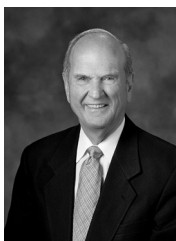
##### Cliff Porter - Coordinator

Nathan Ericksen Family  
Johan Gibb  
Leland Morrill Family  
Janet Park

#### 03 - November

##### Mike Hansen - Coordinator

Cody Creighton Family  
Joshua Hansen Family  
Andrew Morrill Family  
Robin Phillips Family



*“As Latter-day Saints, we have become accustomed to thinking of ‘church’ as something that happens*

*in our meetinghouses, supported by what happens at home. We need an adjustment to this pattern. It is time for a home-centered Church, supported by what takes place inside our branch, ward, and stake buildings.” —President Russell M. Nelson*

### Church Schedule Changes

“Church leaders have announced changes to the Sunday meeting schedule, beginning in January 2019, in connection with the release of a new home-centered, Church-supported curriculum. These changes and others build upon several prior initiatives the Church has set in motion in recent years, meant to help members focus their lives more fully on Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ and deepen faith in Them. These initiatives include a focus on more meaningful study of the gospel at home, honoring the Lord by keeping the Sabbath day holy, and caring for one another as the Savior would and as directed by the Spirit.”

Beginning in January 2019, each Sunday service will consist of a two-hour block divided between a one-hour Sacrament Meeting, a 10-minute transition time, and an alternating 50-minute class period for Sunday School or Priesthood, Relief Society, Young Women and Young Men. The Primary will meet each week during the second hour.

“In addition to encouraging gospel study, Church leaders renewed their invitation for all to participate on the Sabbath day—and throughout the week—in family councils, home evening, family history and temple work, ministering, personal worship, and joyful family time.”  
*Please see the Church website for more complete information.*