



BOUNTIFUL NORTH CANYON FIFTH WARD

# SPIRE



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## A Christmas Prayer *by Bishop Michael Wright*



As we enter the Christmas season, there is something magical about this time of year. The Spirit of Christ fills the world and there is a change in people's hearts. While I may grumble about putting up the many boxes of decorations and exterior lights, the beauty that surrounds the season is not felt nor seen during the rest of the year. There is truly something special about remembering the birth of the Savior.

*I remember the story called "A Christmas Prayer" by Rian Anderson. The story takes place in a small rural town in the late 1800s. The setting starts with the finishing of chores on Christmas Eve. It is a very cold night and Matt, the only child left at home, is feeling very upset because there was not enough money to get him a rifle for Christmas. After finishing the chores of the day, his Pa asks him to bundle up again because he needs his help that night.*

*Wallowing in self pity, Matt gets dressed and helps to load the big sleigh with wood (that he had split all summer) while his Pa gathers a ham, flour and new shoes and some candy. As they leave the house for the two mile journey to Widow Jensen's home, Matt is even more upset.*

*Widow Jensen had lost her husband a year ago with three small children. Matt sits quietly wondering why he is going on the frigid night. Pa starts a conversation by telling Matt that he had been by the Jensen home earlier that day and saw Little Jakey scrounging around for some wood. They were out. He had gunnysack on his feet because he had no shoes.*

*When they arrived, they unloaded the sleigh full of wood quietly, then Pa and Matt went to the door. When Widow Jensen opened the door, Matt saw the children huddled around the weak fire shivering. Pa said they had brought them a few things. Matt brought in the ham and flour, Pa passed out the shoes to all and the candy to the children. Widow Jensen didn't say much, but the tears in her eyes said it all. Her tears brought tears to Matt's eyes.*

*On the journey home, Pa told Matt he had been saving for his rifle during the year but was a little short when a man repaid a past debt, but when he drove past the Jensen home and saw Jakey, he just knew he had to do something to help them. Matt understood and tears filled his eyes. He didn't feel the cold from the overwhelming joy of helping someone in need.*

This Christmas, we have the opportunity to help others. That help may be in the form of a visit, some candy or even shoes and a coat. We have the opportunity to feel the joy of the



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## Congratulations!

Sister Misha Dalley has returned home from her mission! (See report on page 5.)

## New Ward Callings

Heather Reed - RS Activities Committee  
 Faye Anderson - RS Ministering Secretary  
 Steve Brown - Sunday School Instructor  
 Cody Reed - Building Manager  
 Darryl & Susan Brown - Webelos leaders  
 Teresa Anderson - Primary Teacher

## Welcome New Neighbors!

Matt Brice and family



*Sister Sarah Wilson spoke in Sacrament meeting on November 25 as she prepares to leave to the Portland Oregon Temple Visitors Center Mission. Sarah said she loves this gospel with all her heart and is filled with gratitude that she gets to share it with the Lord's children in Oregon. Recently, her scriptures were stolen from her car and she was very*

*sad and upset until it occurred to her that whomever may have taken them could perhaps turn to Jesus Christ. She realized then what a burning desire she had to serve a mission and knows she can do all things through Christ.*



*Sister Alexa Minson will be serving a mission to Texas Fort Worth. She spoke in Sacrament meeting on November 25, and bore a sweet testimony of how she came to know that a mission was what she wanted to do. Alexa has been through many trials and sadness during her life, but she realized she was not alone. Jesus was there for her and she could feel how much He cared and loved her. Alexa had compassion for those who did not have that knowledge and realized how much she wanted to help others.*

We are so excited to have these two wonderful sisters going out to serve the Lord from the NC 5th Ward. May God be with you 'til we meet again.



*Aaron Hansen is turning 12 this month. He will graduate from Primary and join the Young Men and Deacon's Quorum. Aaron is a kind and compassionate young man. He's an awesome helper, too, as he has helped his dad and siblings every other week to clean our chapel. He likes to play video games, and he is happy his sister is serving her mission so he can use her cell phone!*



*Chloe Cochran is happy to be eight years old and her family is so happy she chose to be baptized. She is very kind to others and always looking for ways to make others happy. She writes notes of gratitude to her mom and is very caring towards her siblings. Chloe loves to cheerlead and is on a competitive, traveling team.*

*Hannah Wilson just celebrated her 16th birthday! She will advance to the Laurel class in Young Women. Hannah has the cutest, bubbly personality and is friendly with everyone. She's excited to get her driver's license and is a good driver! Hannah will be missing her sister Sarah who just left on a mission, but she gets to drive Sarah's car while she's gone. Hannah is a cheerleader at Woods Cross High School.*

## RELIEF SOCIETY



### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We want to thank all those who helped and attended our Holiday Dinner! It was a wonderful meal and good to hear about the great ministering that goes on in our neighborhoods. We truly have angels among us! A **BIG THANK YOU** to our activities committee!

#### The schedule for the month of December:

**Dec. 8th and 9th** - Stake Conference

**Dec. 16th** - *“One In Christ,”* conference talk by Elder Ulisses Soares, by Allison Bass

**Dec. 23rd** - Sacrament meeting only

**Dec. 30th** - (2 hrs, with Relief Society) *“Women and Gospel Learning in the Home,”* conference talk by Henry B. Eyring, by Brooke Freebairn.

The 1st and 3rd Sundays will be Sunday School and the 2nd and 4th Sundays will be Relief Society. We are excited for these changes and hope that each of us can deepen our conversion to our Savior and to his gospel by study and seeking the companionship of the Holy Spirit.

We love each of you sisters and appreciate all the acts of service that take place every day! May you all feel the peace and love that our Savior has for each of us at this special time of year!

Love, Your Relief Society Presidency

#### *Bishopric message continued from front page*

season, to follow the example of Jesus Christ in providing some relief to others in their hour of need. I pray that we will be kinder, more compassionate and more giving of our substance to others in need. I pray that the Spirit of Christ will touch each of us this Christmas Season. May the Lord bless you in your service. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## ELDERS QUORUM

Brethren, our Family History and Temple Committee is ready to be of help to you and your family if you have been putting off your family history work for too long. Remember, the Lord expects us to be active in “redeeming our dead.” It’s not an option, it’s a commandment. Beside that, once you get going, it’s a lot of fun.

If you have yet to jump into Family Search, let a member of the committee help you get started. It’s easy to get going and it’s free to members of the church.

Please remember your ministering duties - especially at this time of year. There will be ample opportunity to serve and bring joy to your families. And remember that a true minister does more than drop off a treat. Watch for chances to serve - both at the homes of your assigned families and throughout the ward and neighborhood.

### Elders Quorum Meeting Discussion Schedule:

**December 2** - “Shepherding” - Kyle Wilson, facilitator

**December 8 -9** - “Stake Conference

**December 16** - *“The Vision of the Redemption of the Dead”* by Elder M. Russell Ballard/Darryl Brown, facilitator

**December 23** - Sacrament meeting only

**December 30** - *“The Ministry of Reconciliation”* by Elder Jeffery R. Holland/Bob Hood, facilitator



*Congratulations to Cameron Morrell who has been called and ordained to the office of Elder in the Melchizedek priesthood. Cameron is a fine young man and serves his family and the Lord with all his heart. Welcome to the Elders Quorum.*

### ELDER MITCH DALLEY CALIFORNIA CARLSBAD MISSION



myself in the work I have grown tremendously! I can see a large change in myself and I am day-by-day becoming more of the person the Lord would have me be. I have come to know the Savior on a more personal level and truly feel His love and guidance in my life daily. I love the work and I love the missionaries! I love my mission President! I love my Savior more and more every day!

*Photo above is a new group of missionaries that Elder Dalley and his companions helped to train. (Elder D. is in the middle, top row.)*

I have now been out for 15 months and I am loving it! I am serving in the Torrey Pines YSA ward which has been a big change from only serving in family wards. We also cover Edson Range on Camp Pendleton, which is where the recruits in the Marines go through boot camp. Many humble young men come to us to find peace and we see great success.

As I have continued to apply



*Elder Dalley (left) with his companions*

### SISTER ELIZABETH BARNETT PHILIPPINES CAUAYAN MISSION

Hello Everyone!

I have been loving my mission here in the Philippines! Everything is very different from the U.S., but that is part of why I love it. We have been working hard to find, teach and baptize everyone. The people

here are so loving and receptive to the gospel. Right now I am in a trio with Sister Cabaraban, from Cagayan de Oro, Philippines; and Sister Crawford, from Eagle, Idaho. Last week we did a service project where we helped some of the people we are teaching to plant a pechay garden. We had a great time and this week at stake conference we were taught about the importance of self-reliance and eating healthy foods! I know that the Lord loves all of his children all over the world.

Thank you all for the love and support you have given me! I love you all and look forward to being with you again.

Sincerely,  
Sister Barnett



*Sister Barnett (center) with her companions*

## MISSIONARY UPDATE

Sister Misha Dalley returned home from her mission to Columbia, South Carolina and gave us a wonderful report in Sacra-ment meeting on November 18. She was presented with a plaque by Bishop Wright and President Cory Coleman for her honorable service.



Misha loved the people and loved serving them.

So important in a missionary's experience is that their own personal witness and testimony of Jesus Christ grows in the process. This happened to Sister Dalley. She told how she loved the story in Mosiah where the people were baptized in the "waters of Mormon." In Mosiah 18:30 it states how those who were baptized "came to the knowledge of their Redeemer." South Carolina was the waters of Mormon for Sister Dalley, where she came to know her Redeemer.

Welcome home, Misha! Thank you!

up as we hiked and we got a little sun. We found a wizard along the way and became a fellowship of sorts. Regrettably, there wasn't enough time to finish the quest. Thanks to all the boys and leaders that participated.

*Josh Hansen - Scoutmaster*



We had a great time on our last campout to The City of Rocks in Idaho on November 16-17. Daylight savings time ensured we got to set up camp in the dark. The hot springs were hot, but sadly there weren't any lights to get pictures. For some reason one of the pools was empty except for some ice at the bottom. I'll let your imagination work out the battles for manhood that ensued over that.

I think most of us stayed warm throughout the night. We woke up to a skiff of snow and thick overcast skies but thankfully, it started to break

## PRIMARY

This last month, we have been sad to lose great Primary teachers who have served faithfully and have done a great job teaching our Primary kids. Thank you Brother Mark-David Freebairn and Sister Becky Rodgers for your service! We are excited to welcome Sister Lisa Higgs and Theresa Anderson as new teachers.

The Primary presidency and teachers were invited to attend a training at the stake center about the new curriculum rolling out in January - "Come Follow Me." We learned how important those 20 minutes are for our teachers to lead conversations with their classes and to discuss the gospel principles that week. We were encouraged to prayerfully prepare each week to guide the teaching of these concepts. We also were informed on how important singing time is and will continue to be. Our lessons taught during Primary will be taught through song and music. What a privilege!

Big congratulations to our newest baptized Primary children, Chloe Cochran and Deacon Wright.

### December Theme:

"I Know That Christ Will Come Again"

### Scripture:

"I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" (Job 19:25).

*Tiffany Sorenson - Asst. Primary Sec.*



## Activity days



We would like to welcome Sage Brice to our Activity Day group. We are excited to get to know her better!

On November 14, Sister Tyne Schnebly taught the girls how to make pie. They got to pick their favorite filling and make their own individual miniature pie. They were delicious! (See photos below.)

**In December we will have only one activity day. We will meet at the church on December 12 at 3:45 p.m. for our Christmas activity.**

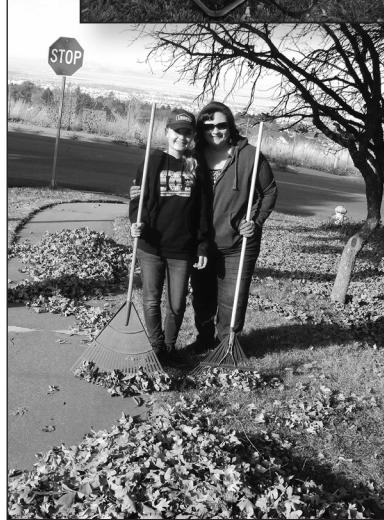


# Day of Service

It was a chilly, cloudy morning on Saturday, November 10, but that didn't stop dozens of helping hands from showing up to rake and clean up many yards in our neighborhood. Young and old got in on the fun! The fall weather warmed up by the time the projects were finished and so did many hearts. Thanks to everyone who participated.



*Helpers of all sizes came to help on our fall day of service!*





**Happy Birthday!**

## December

1.....	Hannah Wilson
3.....	Grace Baker
	Brodie Jesperson
4.....	Elsa Jensen
5.....	Harold Groberg
	Dylan Meldrum
6.....	Bradley Hood
7.....	Byron Nielsen
9.....	Calista Minson
	Holley Morrill
10.....	Marian Meldrum
	Ammon Rodgers
11.....	Aaron Hansen
13.....	Preston Hooker
14.....	Phyllis Atwood
	Abigail Baker
	Ammon Erickson
	Andrew Morrill
17.....	Tammy Jesperson
19.....	Kim Hale
24.....	Evan Phillips
26.....	Alexandrea Hale
	Stefan Leonard
27.....	Alicia Torres
28.....	Zachary Bass
29.....	Michael Freebairn
30.....	Ken Barnett
	Jameson Gardner
	Chloe Harker
	Elli Harker
	Mallory Miller
	Zachary Rogers
	Olivia Swan
31.....	Jaina Davis
	Benjamin Freebairn

## January

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

**STAKE CONFERENCE**  
**DECEMBER 8-9**

