



BOUNTIFUL NORTH CANYON FIFTH WARD

SPIRE

January 2019

Welcome 2019 *by Bishop Michael Wright*



The start of a new year is upon us. In many ways, 2018 was historic. How we view history can influence our future. We may learn to do things differently moving forward based on our experience of the past. One thing is for certain, the past cannot change, but it can be remembered. We can remember our failures and our successes and those experiences influence our decisions in the future.

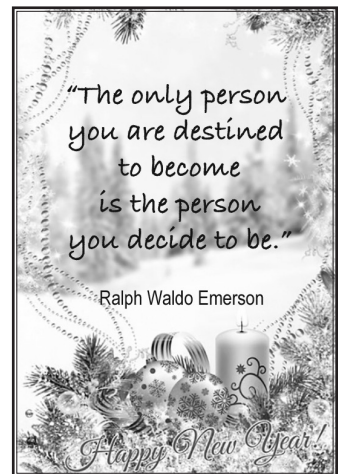
I love the quote by Winston Churchill, “To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.” The beginning of a new year marks, for many, a renewed focus on goals to better ourselves in some way, to strive toward perfection. We can focus on one or two

things, within our control, to work on.

We have seen history made this year in the Church. President Nelson, our prophet, has made changes to the Sunday church meeting schedule and more importantly, he has exhorted its members to focus on teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the home. This movement toward “a home-centered and Church-supported plan to learn doctrine, strengthen faith, and foster greater personal worship” will help us teach the Gospel in our home. The change to the meeting schedule will provide one extra hour on Sundays to do this. I hope this will be one of our goals.

We may ask, “Why all the changes?” Changes come at times to push us to do better, to become stronger. I believe that is exactly what we are being asked to do: To become better in how we teach and learn within the walls of our own home; to become better in how we minister to others needs; to become better in all aspects of our lives; to draw closer to Heavenly Father so we can feel joy.

A great quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson is, “The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.” I encourage each of us to decide today who we really want to be; to look at the future with hope, even in the midst of trials and difficulty. It is my prayer that 2019 will be a historical year for each of us personally, a year to remember, a year to strive toward perfection, if not in all things, then just a few that we can control. Let’s decide who we want to be and try to change to be that person.



Michael Wright and the 5th Ward Bishopric

Congratulations!

Shanelle Lemmon & Keith Saylin on their marriage December 29
Melissa & Callin Morrill on the birth of their daughter

New Ward Callings

Matt Draper - Class Coordinator
Mindie Dalley - Youth Speaker Coordinator
Becky Rodgers - Ward Librarian
Roylene Schnebly - Primary Teacher
Lisa Tippetts - RS Compassionate Service
Heather Anderson - RS Compassionate Service

Welcome New Neighbors!

Christine Harker
Karen Mulitalo



Zachary Bass was baptized on December 29, by his father Tim. He is so happy and feeling "it's great to be eight!" Zachary is fun and silly. He loves playing video games with his brothers and dad. He loves egg salad sandwiches. And his favorite dessert is Oreos.



Just baptized on January 5, Alex Sorenson is the newest member of the church in our ward. He was baptized by his father, Ryan. Alex likes to play games and watch adventure shows. He has a very caring personality and is a great helper at home. He is also excited to be in Cub Scouts.

Editor's Note

In light of the new Church program where the youth will advance from Primary and progress from one class or quorum to the next as age-groups instead of individuals, I will be spotlighting them when they are baptized and when they turn 16.

Next month in *The Spire*, we will acknowledge all of the youth and their advancements into the various classes and quorums as groups.

If any of the youth have achievements or receive awards in Church programs, school, scouts, sports, etc., please let me know, so I can recognize them for their efforts.

Thank you, Diana Rogers



Jaina Davis has turned 16 and will be the newest driver in the neighborhood! Jaina is so talented! She plays the ukelele and violin and she is an accomplished artist, creating a unique and different style of her own. Jaina is fun-loving, loves her family and friends and is a great help to her parents and siblings.



December was an exciting months as we said goodbye to the three-hour block. Our theme was, "I know Jesus Christ Will Come Again" and our scripture, "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" Job 19:25.

We want to recognize Aaron Hansen, who turned 12 last month and moved into Young Men. We also want to say goodbye to our Valiant 10 class, moving into Young Men and Young Women: Owen Hansen, Parker Miller, Payton Lee, Bo Tippets and Evan Phillips We've enjoyed having you in Primary!

We extend a welcome to Sister Roylene Schnebly our new CTR 7 class teacher. Thank you Brother and Sister Derek and Bailee Cooper for your service in CTR 7A!

Congratulations to Zachary Bass on his baptism on December 29 and Alex Sorenson for his baptism on January 5.

The Primary theme for 2019 is:

"Families are Forever"

Tiffany Sorenson - Asst. Primary Sec.

January 2019 Activity Days:

We are so excited to add seven new Activity Day Girls for 2019: Abigail Baker, Grace Gardner, Lily Gardner, Vivie Jensen, Callie Minson, Marisa Sabey and McKynlee Schnebly. We look forward to having you join us and getting to know you better. WELCOME!!!

We are really going to miss Eliza Davis who will be going into the Beehive Class. We have loved having you be part of our group.

On December 12 we had our Christmas activity. We talked about the reason for the season. We did a tree craft and a project titled "12 Days Closer to Christ." The girls tied 12 little bags to a decorated hanger. Each day they would open a bag, read something about Jesus Christ, read a scripture, then do a challenge. If they completed everything that day they got to have a small treat. We hope doing this activity helped them focus more on the Savior this Christmas season. We also enjoyed lots of Christmas treats.

January 9 will be our first activity for 2019:
"Just like a snowflake you're one of a kind."
Meet at the church at 3:45 p.m.

Activity Days are usually the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. However, instead of meeting the 4th Wednesday, our second activity for January is going to be the **annual Stake Activity Day event titled, "You Were Born to Be A Queen."** This will be held on **Saturday, January 26 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Stake Center.** All mothers and Activity Day girls are invited. Make sure to put this on your calendar. It is always an amazing activity. More details and invitations will be coming soon.

Sister Linda Marrelli



The Activity Day Girls had a great time in December creating a project called "12 Days Closer to Christ." They are so lucky to have such fun and creative leaders!

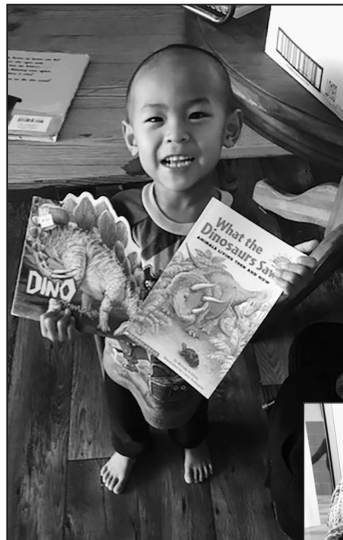
Sharing our Blessings - - - - -

On Tuesday, December 11, North Canyon 5th Ward members gathered for a Sub-for-Santa wrapping party and devotional. The cultural hall was abuzz with activities as friends and neighbors brought purchased gifts for children very much in need at Liberty Elementary School in Salt Lake. Sister Judy Wilson initiated and inspired this effort and was assisted by Talicia Porter and the Humanitarian Committee, headed by Nannette Hansen.

Children, adults and youth were in high spirits as the hot chocolate and goodies warmed us on a chilly night. Bishop Mike Wright gave remarks during a short devotional emphasizing the reason for the season in sharing and giving to those in need, as the Savior would do. Sister Kathy Gardner talked about some of her experiences working with refugee families and Brother Andy Schnebly shared the time-honored story "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry. It reminded all of the beauty of giving and the true reason we do it.

Some of the photos displayed here show many appreciative and happy children who were recipients of coats, shoes and toys. Many hygiene kits were also assembled and donated. Thanks to all who contributed and participated.





“Verily I say into you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” Matthew 25:40

RELIEF SOCIETY



Hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! We are looking forward to the new schedule times and the time we will have to study as individuals and families, using

the new “Come, Follow Me” outline.

Our Relief Society Activity will be “Scatter The Sunshine” and will be held on January 15 at 7:00 p.m. We will be making sunshine baskets, lemon sugar scrub and learning about the book “What a Holy Woman Would Do.” Come and share in a fun evening together.

As we start the New Year, we want to meet with each ministering companionship (where possible), and counsel together about the needs, strengths and challenges that our ward families are having. **The dates for the interviews are Wednesday, January 23 from 6:30-8:30 and Sunday, January 27 and February 3, both starting at 1:30 p.m. after our two-hour block.**

Please try and work out a time that works for you and your companion and then you can sign up using an email link that will be sent out for “Sign-up Genius,” or call our ministering secretary, Sister Faye Anderson. More information will be coming. We really hope that as a Presidency we can meet with each of you. We know that it is important that we watch over one another and the Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, helps us in doing this.

We are so grateful for each of you and we hope that each of you can feel our Savior’s love and peace!

Love, Your Relief Society Presidency

January Relief Society Lessons

January 13 - *“Truth and the Plan”* by Elder Dallin Oaks, taught by Mindy Dalley

January 20 - *“Believe, Love, Do”* by Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf, taught by Allison Bass

ELDERS QUORUM

A big “thanks” to the two Elders Quorum teachers who were released last week. Marlin Shelley and Darryl Brown gave us a lot to think about over the past couple of years and we appreciate all the time and effort that went into the discussions they led.

Going forward, the Elders Quorum presidency has decided to call upon members of the quorum to lead the discussions during the two weeks per month when we have quorum meetings. We will invite ministering companionships to work together in facilitating quorum discussions.

As a presidency, we encourage each member of the quorum to follow the “Come, Follow Me” course for home study as outlined in the new manuals we have received. Gather your families together each week and study the New Testament lessons the Brethren have outlined by date. Your family will receive great strength and spiritual growth through study together. We then encourage you to attend the Sunday School classes that will be taught each first and third Sunday and that will be based on the “Come, Follow Me” lessons you have studied during your home-centered gospel learning. That’s the revelation-inspired way we should be doing things now. Let’s jump in with both feet and reap the promised blessings.

Elders Quorum Meeting Discussion Schedule:

January 13 - *“Shepherding Souls”* by Elder Gary E. Stephenson/Mark-David Freebairn, facilitator

January 27 - *“Taking Upon Ourselves the Name of Jesus Christ”* by Elder Robert C. Gay/Matt Rocha, facilitator

The Wonder of Christmas

The Christmas season got off to a great start on December 7 when adults met for a wonderful dinner and evening of entertainment. Food, friendship and music went together under snowflakes and stars.

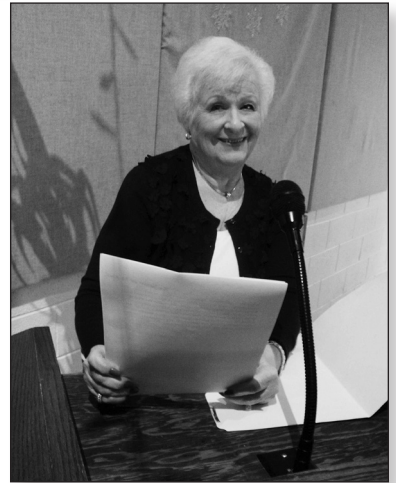
Toe-tapping music was provided by Todd and Natalie Campbell, their daughters Olivia and Nora, and several members of the Woods Cross Jazz ensemble, including Jacob Loftus of our ward. We so appreciate their time and talents!

Another highlight of the evening was a beautiful reading written and shared by Sister Linda Schneider. She directed our thoughts from the magical fun of Christmas to the true joy and wonder of the birth and life of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Many thanks to all those who helped in making this an event to remember.



Sister Linda Schneider provided perfect prose for the party! (Wow, Sister S., how's that for alliteration??)



A delicious meal of chicken cordon bleu and twice-stuffed potatoes was prepared by the beautiful ladies working in the kitchen. Right, Sister Jespersen and Sister Felley?





January

- 6.....Jake Watkins
- 8.....Andrew Hale
Leilani Porter
Brad Samuelsen
Adeline Zubal
- 9.....Dana Jankowski
Nathaniel Rodgers
- 10.....Kathi Shelley
- 11.....Leland Morrell
Bo Lisa Tippetts
- 12.....Wayne Carlson
Cassandra Opheikens
Sadie Stats
- 13.....Helen Jane Midgley
- 15.....Becky Andrews
- 18.....Teresa Andersen
- 21.....Joshua Minson
- 24.....Kim Shirley
- 26.....Chan Hale
Haylee Shirley
- 27.....Judy Kelly
Kody Reed
Kathrine Thompson
- 28.....Samantha Draper
Chessa Phillips
Stephen Phillips
- 29.....Donald Clifford
- 30.....Clark Loftus
- 31.....Joyce Craig
Vanessa Wright

February

- 1.....Matt Brice
Indie Creighton
Finn Larsen
- 2.....Kody Samuelsen



TIME MARCHES ON!
History Marches Off
Please tell Brother Young
any experiences
he should put in our
ward history.

SCOUTS

The scouts have the **Klondike coming up on January 25-26**. The boys and their leaders will be preparing and giving out more information about this event in the coming weeks.

The activities for the year will be posted and updated on the ward calendar on lds.org. You can see them if you have the “scouting” category checked when you are on the ward calendar.

CUB SCOUTS

Just a reminder ...

Pack Meeting
Tuesday, January 22
6:30 p.m.
Ward Cultural Hall

SELF-RELIANCE DEVOTIONAL AND CLASSES

The 2019 Self-reliance program will be starting the end of January with a devotional on Sunday, January 27 at 3:30 p.m. at the Stake Center. Classes will begin February 3. More detailed info will be announced. These classes are wonderful resources for those seeking better employment, furthering education, budgeting and getting out of debt and much more.