



BOUNTIFUL NORTH CANYON FIFTH WARD

SPIRE

April 2019

Rain Clouds Have Silver Linings *by Brother James Gardner*



The deer are eating our tulips, Cadberry eggs are on the shelves, and the kids are asking when summer is coming - it must be spring! During this season we celebrate new life and new hope. We remember that the world isn't always gray and cold, even if my five-year-old complains that it will never stop snowing. With every blossom that survives the deer, we are reminded of color, newness and the promise of the warm days to come.

As I write this I am sitting next to the Gulf Coast. I took the family here on a work trip with me and on our last day we had planned to go to the beach. It was the only day we had because during the other days I had to be at a conference. The kids had been looking forward to it all week - their one beach day. As the day grew closer the forecast grew darker and rainier. We got to our hotel by the water and watched the forecast only get worse. At night thunderstorms rolled and there was a 100% chance that they would continue throughout the next day.

The kids prayed and I prayed that perhaps the storm might be tempered for at least a while to let the kids enjoy a part of their day. In the morning the rain continued and the forecast was unchanged. We got up, got dressed in warm clothes and went to breakfast, deciding to trust that Lord knew best. It was then that the rain slowed, the radar cleared a little and then a little more. Then the hourly forecast showed two hours of a pause in the rain, then four and then the forecast cleared completely. There were storms all around us but not where we were. The kids got to enjoy a beach day and I enjoyed a thankful heart for answers to simple prayers.

As I thought about this, I considered how many times we are surrounded by storms and only see more to come and we lose hope. As I laid in bed listening to the thunder and torrential rain I definitely doubted that a miracle could happen, thinking that perhaps there were some storms that could not be prayed away. But our Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus Christ have the power to calm any storm and clear any forecast. From ruined beach days to losing a dear one, our Heavenly Father knows our trials and pain and knows how to heal them and sent His Son as a sacrifice so He could.

Elder Wirthlin said, "Each of us will have our own Fridays—those days when the universe itself seems

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Congratulations!

To Maggie Draper who has received her mission call to the Argentina, Salta Mission. She will be entering the MTC in June.

To Robin Phillips who received the Silver Beaver Scouting Award.
(See related article this page.)

To Sara Aycock who earned the Young Woman Medallion (see page 5)

New Ward Callings

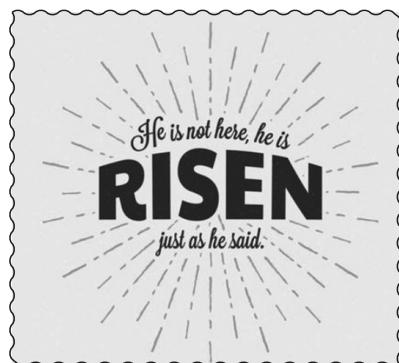
Dominique Tecklenburg - YW Camp Director
Talia Porter - Primary Worker
Brian Green - Cub Scout Wolf Leader
Bruce & Karen Cochran - Cub Scout Bear Leaders

Welcome New Neighbors!

Tamera Brice & daughter Grace Scoville

Condolences

To Teresa Anderson & family on the loss of her father and also her brother-in-law
To Gladys, Lee, Kim and Mike Shirley and family on the loss of their husband, father and our dear Brother Mel Carter



A big “high-five” to McKynlee Schnebly as she will be celebrating her eighth birthday this month! McKynlee is the oldest of four girls. She is a wonderful big sister and is very helpful to her mom and dad. She loves to read, go fishing, play with her dogs and play with her friends. She loves to sing in Primary and learn about the Gospel. She is excited to get baptized so that she can be closer to Jesus and always have the Spirit to help her and make her feel happy when she is sad.



On March 5, Robin Phillips was presented the prestigious Silver Beaver award by the Great Salt Lake Council of the Boy Scouts of America. This distinguished service award is given to Scouters who have made an impact in the lives of youth through decades of devoted service.

The event was hosted at the Bountiful Regional Center, with presentations by Bob Evans and performances by Alan and David Osmond. There were 79 other leaders who received the award the same night.

Robin loves scouting and has shown that he believes in our Young Men by the hundreds of overnights and thousands of meetings attended on behalf of troops in the North Canyon Stake. It was a great honor for him to be recognized and so well-deserved.



Dear Sisters,

How lucky we all are to be able to listen to General Conference, and be taught by the prophet and apostles. I hope all of you were able to see at least some of conference. If not, I hope you take advantage of looking up the talks on the LDS library app or on www.ChurchofJesusChrist.org.

One of the things that stuck out to me during conference is how important it is to have faith in Jesus Christ, and that we need to act on that faith. Looking back in my notes, in the Sunday morning session, Sharon Eubank said “that this isn’t the stage in our eternal development that we can know all the answers, but it is the stage where we develop the assurance or hope of evidence of things not seen.” I understood this to mean that even though we can’t have all the answers now, we can have faith that someday we will be able to have those answers. I have so many friends whose testimonies are struggling because they aren’t getting the answers that they want. It’s important to have faith and remember to be patient with the Lord’s timing.

April 28 Lesson - “*Taking Upon Ourselves the Name of Jesus Christ*” by Elder Robert C. Gay, taught by Sister Allison Bass.

Love, Amy Hunter and the Relief Society Presidency

R. S. April Activity

Spring fling

*Friday, April 19
6:00 p.m.
at the church*

*Dinner will be served!
Crafts & Socializing*

Hope to see you!



On March 10, Sister Allison Bass gave us an excellent lesson on the conference talk by Elder Garrit W. Gong, “Our Campfires of Faith.” She even built a “real” campfire to illustrate the main points of the message. Best of all, Allison served us the ultimate campfire treat - S’mores! We love all our RS teachers and they do such an excellent job helping us understand the principles of the Gospel.

Here is the recipe for the S’more Bars:

Ingredients:

1/2 cup butter, softened; 3/4 cup sugar
1 large egg; 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1-1/3 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup graham cracker crumbs
1 teaspoon baking powder; 1/8 teaspoon salt
5 milk chocolate candy bars (1.55 ounces each)
1 cup marshmallow creme

Directions:

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Combine the flour, cracker crumbs, baking powder and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture. Set aside 1/2 cup for topping.

Press remaining mixture into a greased 9-in. square baking pan. Place candy bars over crust; spread with marshmallow creme. Crumble remaining graham cracker mixture over top.

Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack. Cut into bars. Store in an airtight container.

Nutrition Facts:

1 bar: 213 calories, 9g fat (5g saturated fat), 28mg cholesterol, 114mg sodium, 30g carbohydrate (19g sugars, 1g fiber), 3g protein. Originally published as S'More Bars in “Simple & Delicious,” September/October 2009

ELDERS QUORUM

Dear Brethren,

Thanks to all of you who are out ministering! A lot of good work was done on our day of service and folks attending the Sunday morning session of General Conference found a sparkling clean Conference Center due, in part, to the cleaning efforts of some members of our quorum.

We will continue to encourage you to keep good track of the families to which you have been assigned for ministering. With spring here and summer coming, there is a lot left to be done in the yards around the ward. Make sure nobody in our neighborhood is left wanting. Call one of your families today and see if they need anything. That's what the Lord has asked us to do!

Your Elders Quorum Presidency

Elders Quorum Meeting Discussion Schedule:

April 28 - “Our Campfire of Faith” by Elder Gerrit W. Gong, facilitated by Mike Larsen and Cody Creighton

MISSIONARY UPDATE

SISTER KIERRA HANSEN

PORTUGAL LISBON MISSION

Olá tudo bem? I am absolutely loving my mission here in Portugal! The people, the food and the culture are amazing. I have already served almost five months and I am loving every moment.

One thing that I have learned while here is that God knows and loves each one of his children!! I am so grateful to be a representative of Jesus Christ.



Sister Kierra Hansen, pictured here (rear) with her companion, is loving her mission in Portugal!

ELDER PRESTON HOOKER ARMENIA GEORGIA MISSION

So everything is going so good. I am still the clerk in Gyumri, and it has been a blessing to serve in this mission. The language is also coming along fairly well, I am by no means a linguist, but I am just above a babbling idiot so that's good, ha ha. We are working with some

investigators; hopefully we get them to baptism.

Being a missionary is honestly the best choice I have ever made.



This past month the Young Women held New Beginnings on March 17, St. Patrick's Day. Our theme was, Matt. 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

We were happy to hear from a member of each of our class presidencies about how the Personal Progress Program has influenced them for good in their lives. Sister Kathy Gardner was able to meet and interview Sister Ardeth Kapp who happened to be the general YW president at the time Personal Progress was introduced. Kathy shared portions of the interview with us. One of the most touching portions of the interview was when Sister Kapp described how the spirit was able to influence the prophet and apostles to put more emphasis on the YW program and update it for our day. Her witness was a powerful testimony of the love that our Heavenly Father has for girls and women in the Church.

We were also able to present Personal Progress awards to some hard-working Young Women. Congratulations to the following:

Kienna Stats earned ribbons for Faith, Divine Nature and Individual Worth; Breanna Mortensen for Choice & Accountability; Becca Draper for Divine Nature, Knowledge and Integrity.

We are so happy for Sara Aycock who completed the entire Personal Progress Program and earned her YW medallion!

Cami Jensen - YW President

Activities for April/May

April 17 - Stake Fitness Night

April 24 - Combined Activity-Flag Money Collection

May 1 - Joint Activity-Stake YW Recognition Banquet

May 8 - Class Activity

May 15 - Combined Activity -Human Foosball

May 22 - Personal Progress

May 29 - No Activity



Top, The Young Women New Beginnings program was held on St. Patrick's Day. Middle, Personal Progress Secretary Britnie Larson & Bishop Wright present Sara Aycock with her YW Medallion; Bottom, Breanna Mortensen receives an award from the Bishop. Don't you think he makes a great leprechaun?

Our Boy Scouts participated in a campout to Red Man Cave on March 22-23. Scouts can survive on very little food apparently, as long as there is adventure to compensate. It's becoming a trend that a few scouts opt out of dinner in lieu of a great hike to the top of the mountain. It's also a trend that the food is mostly gone when they return. The scouts chosen dinner, "fire pizza," was certain to be an adventure in its own right. Fortunately for them, Casey Miller stepped in with Dutch ovens. I was inclined to let them figure out their own fantastic method for experience's sake, but he is much nicer than I!

The coyotes' appearance was much later in the night than last year, but according to Dan Higgs, it certainly qualified as a close encounter. Alas, Casey's hopes for coyote stew were not realized. The biggest concern was hoping to avoid the rain which we did for the most part. We enjoyed enough of a pause to set up camp and have dinner. The wet tents dried out in the morning sun. As expected, the leaders enthusiasm expired long before the boys' whose hour of retirement was not noted. We may consider a curfew to keep things under control next time.



The photos of the hike hardly convey the magnitude of the incline, but it hardly seems to phase the boys other than their shirts come off, whether for heat or to show off their incredible muscles is debatable. All made it to the mysterious cave to wonder on the red warrior and its creator. The view

is fantastic from that point, leaving little doubt as to why its location was chosen for such a memorial.

Josh Hansen - Scoutmaster



CUB SCOUTS

The Cub Scouts have been busy beavers and had a fun pack meeting during March. New Bear leaders Bruce and Karen Cochran, and Wolf leader Brian Green were introduced and welcomed. The Webelos den designed and hosted the activity and it was a blast for the kids!

A major award was handed out to Cedric Hunter. He received his Arrow of Light and was welcomed into the Boy Scout troop by Scoutmaster Josh Hansen. He also received his First Responder, Fix It, Game Designer and Scouting Adventure awards.

Other awards received that evening were: Ammon Erickson: Bear, Game Design, First Responder; Carson Hansen: Wolf, First Responder; Asher Phillips and Rhett Phillips: Bobcat; Jayden Sorenson: First Responder.

APRIL PACK MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 23 - 6:30 P.M.

Come early and enter prize drawing!

Steve & Shannon Phillips - Cubmasters

Activity Days



Last month on March 13, we invited the families of our girls to join us for a talent show. The girls entertained us by singing, playing the piano, dancing, doing magic tricks, playing the vi-



olin, performing a skit, playing the ukulele and displaying their art and talking about their projects. We even enlisted several of the fathers to share jokes (provided by Sister Park) during the transition between numbers. Thank you

girls, for working so hard on your performances and being willing to share your talents. You were amazing and we were so proud of you! We also want to thank all the parents and siblings for supporting the girls.

On March 27, we toured the Conference Center in downtown Salt Lake. It is such an amazing building and we really enjoyed getting to see, not only the main area where conference originates, but the girls also really enjoyed the seeing all the original art throughout the building.

Linda Marrelli - Activity Days Leader

Upcoming Activity

On April 24 we will meet at the ward at 3:45 p.m., and make pictures frames to display a photo of our prophet and share some of his latest counsel from General Conference.



AD Girls participate in a talent show. (Note: Editor is sorry all photos would not fit!)



Activity Day Girls and their leaders Tyne Schnebly, Linda Marrelli, Vickie Springer & Janet Park visit the Conference Center in SLC.

Happy Birthday!



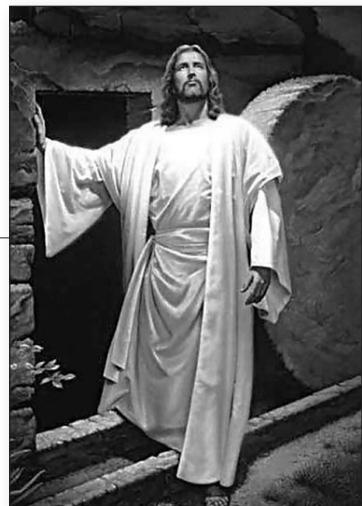
April

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17.....	Angela Avei David Pearson
18.....	Tiffany Sorenson
19.....	Katie Bike
20.....	Kevin Allcott Karen Cochran
21.....	Earnest Atwood Knox Miller
22.....	Paulette Birdsall Jessica Erickson Gabriel Green Ashley Miller Kenyon Papaj John Rogers
23.....	Sister Alexa Minson
25.....	Wren Nicole Larsen River Tanner Larsen
26.....	Camille Jensen McKynlee Schebley Sophia Wright
28.....	Steve Andrews Stevie Ann Hansen Olivia Rocha Jonathan Waters
29.....	Lesie Hansen Elizabeth Radley Suzanne Tayler
30.....	William Petersen Michael Stephenson Else Voorhees

May

1.....	Robert Aycock Casey Miller
2.....	Adelyn Hansen Jeff Mann
5.....	Vickie Springer Doris Swanson

The Joy of Easter



First Presidency Easter Message

He is risen! (see Matthew 28:6). This is the glorious message of Easter and great reminder of the victory of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The Savior was resurrected, as we all will be. He suffered so that He could succor us in all of our trials. He paid the ransom for us as Heavenly Father's children so that we could be delivered from death and sin.

The "lively hope" (1 Peter 1:3) we are given by the resurrection is our conviction that death is not the conclusion but a necessary step from mortality to immortality. We should all praise God for the assured resurrection that makes our mortal separations temporary and gives us the hope and strength to carry on.

We thank God for His Son—for Christ's mission in mortality and for Christ's ministry as the resurrected Lord. We testify that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is our Creator, Savior and Redeemer, Advocate with the Father, and Deliverer. One day He will return to rule and reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.

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shattered and the shards of our world lie littered about us in pieces. We all will experience those broken times when it seems we can never be put together again. We will all have our Fridays. But I testify to you in the name of the One who conquered death—Sunday will come. In the darkness of our sorrow, Sunday will come. No matter our desperation, no matter our grief, Sunday will come. In this life or the next, Sunday will come."

This Easter Sunday, as we consider new beginnings, new life and new hope, I hope we consider the new life that is promised to us. The crucifixion, death, and resurrection of the Savior helps us to see beyond our daily frustrations and personal storms to the light of a new day, the color of new life and the peace the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ brings.