



BOUNTIFUL NORTH CANYON FIFTH WARD

SPIRE

July 2019

Our Priceless Heritage *by Counselor James Gardner*



My great-great-grandfather was heading to California to find gold. On his way west, he heard unfavorable reports of the “Mormons” and decided to avoid them. He probably would have bypassed Salt Lake City all together, but as he was passing near it, he fell seriously ill and was replaced as a teamster and left at a wayside camp near death. He was soon picked up by a passing party and left in Salt Lake City.

He was distrustful and fearful of the people of whom he had heard unfavorable comments, and didn’t want contact with them. A friendly family who were members of the church, however, helped him recover from his illness and offered him a teaming job, moving freight. He was taught the Gospel by the way this family lived. His fears began to seem foolish and his heart softened. He was baptized May 3, 1853. With peace in his soul, he knew his search for truth was over, that though he had not found the gold he had left home to seek, he found something far more precious. He went on to become a leader in his community and helped settle parts of southern Utah and Mexico where he helped lift others in difficult situations and strengthen the testimonies of those around him.

He is an example to me of humility, faith and courage to face our fears.

This month we have the opportunity celebrate patriots and pioneers. As I considered what we could do to honor those who have sacrificed so much for the abundance of opportunities we now have, I kept coming back to gratitude and the desire to live my life with remembrance of their gift.

President Ezra T. Benson in his talk, “Our Priceless Heritage” said, *“I pay fervent tribute to our forebears - the Founding Fathers of this republic and our Mormon pioneers. I pay tribute to their faithful deeds, their noble lives, and their lasting lessons of faith in God, courage, industry, self-reliance, and integrity. We stand today as beneficiaries of their priceless heritage to us, a heritage based on the truth that righteousness brings forth the blessings of God. Their lives should be reminders that we are the blessed beneficiaries of a liberty earned by great sacrifices of property, reputation, and life.*

“There should be no doubt what our task is today. If we truly cherish the heritage we have received, we must maintain the same virtues and the same character of our stalwart forebears—faith in God, courage, industry, frugality, and integrity. We have the obligation to maintain what those who pledged their lives, their fortunes, and sacred honor gave to future generations. Our opportunity and obligation for doing so is clearly upon us.

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New Ward Callings

Lawrence Schreiner - Ward Family History Consultant

Tammy Brice - Ward Social Activities Coordinator

Jared Gardner - Ward Financial Clerk

Welcome New Neighbors!

Kendall Andrews

Preston & Anisa Vance

Condolences

John & Diana Rogers on the passing of their son Benjamin Leavitt

David Stuart and family on the loss of his father, Roy Stuart



We have another beautiful "sweet sixteen" in our ward! Lydia Loftus will turn that magic age this month. Lydia is a very active and strong young lady - she loves to swim and climb. She plays the flute in the Woods Cross band and also plays the piano. Most of all, she loves her family and is an awesome big sister. Happy Birthday, Lydia!

RELIEF SOCIETY



We hope everyone has had a good first month of summer! We have really had some beautiful weather. On June 18, we had a great activity on Emergency Preparedness! We want to thank Nannette Hansen, who gave us some wonderful instructions on putting together 72-hour kits; Jeff Midgley, who talked about first aid and how we can be prepared for medical emergencies; and Becky Goodrich who taught us about water storage. It is so important for us to work on being prepared! Also, thanks to our Activities Committee for arranging this event and for the refreshments.

Our next Relief Society lesson is from Elder Renlund's talk: "Abound With Blessings." He states that, "Most blessings that God desires to give us require action on our part—action based on our faith in Jesus Christ. When you receive any blessing from God, you can conclude that you have complied with an eternal law governing reception of that blessing. But remember that the 'irrevocably decreed' law is time insensitive, meaning blessings come on God's timetable." May we all try and do all that we can, then be still and have faith and trust in the Lord.

We hope all those who have had surgeries, illness, or other challenges are healing. Our condolences to the Rogers Family and Stuart Family who

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"As one with you, charged with the responsibility of protecting and perpetuating this noble heritage, I stand today with bowed head and heart overflowing with gratitude. May we begin to repay this debt by preserving and strengthening this heritage in our own lives, in the lives of our children, their children, and generations yet unborn."

I encourage us all to take a few moments over this next month and tell the stories of our ancestors and forefathers. Share with your kids, your spouse or your friends the stories from your past that have helped make you who you are and helped cultivate the testimony your bear. Whether they were pioneers or patriots, immigrants or converts, farmers or soldiers, the stories of their courage and examples of faith can help us be more grateful for our blessings and remind us that we should live our lives in honor of their sacrifices.

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both lost family members. Our prayers are also with the Zubal family at this time. May we continue to reach out to one another and lift one another.

With Much Love, Your RS Presidency

RS Lesson Schedule June 2019

July 14 - "Abound with Blessings"

by Elder Dale G. Renlund/Mindie Dalley

July 28 - "Good Shepherd, Lamb of God" by

President Henry B. Eyring/Brooke Freebairn

PRIMARY

Mark your calendars!

Thursday, August 8

6:00 p.m.

Primary Activity for all Primary-aged children and their families at the Legacy Splash Pad in North Salt Lake.



On June 11, we had a "Sweet" activity. We took a tour of the Mrs. Cavanaugh's Chocolate Factory in North Salt Lake. We watched a short video about the process of harvesting cocoa beans and making chocolate, got to see someone hand dipping chocolate, saw the machinery and employees that produce all those sweet treats, visited the "train" room and got some yummy samples. We ended with an ice cream cone. Great finish to a fun tour.

We took a short summer hike to a local waterfall on June 25. We snacked a bit at the bank of the stream and talked about the plants, bugs and rocks we noticed as we walked. Thanks to Brother Drew Schnebly who came with us to help and also pointed out some interesting things on the trail and at the waterfall.

Wednesday, July 10 - Meet at the ward at 10:00 a.m. to go to a splash pad for some water and sun! Bring a water bottle, a towel and don't forget your sunscreen.

Tuesday, July 23 - We will have an Ancestry Discovery day. Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m., to share stories and have fun and treats.

Linda Marrelli - Activity Days Leader



Activity Day girls enjoy a trip to a chocolate factory and a beautiful nature hike.

SISTER ELIZABETH BARNETT PHILLIPINES CAUAYAN MISSION

Dear Family and Friends,

This week, I would primarily like to share with you my testimony of repentance. This week I have learned for myself that repentance is for the joyful, for the righteous, and for those who are seeking to draw closer to Christ as well as those who may be struggling with any manner of ailments. I love this quote which Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles shared with the Missionary Board.

He said, “When a person has gone through the repentance process, the Savior does more than cleanse that person from sin. He also gives him or her new strength. That strengthening is essential for us to realize the purpose of the cleansing, which is to return to our Heavenly Father. To be admitted to His presence, we must be more than clean. We must also be changed from a morally weak person who has sinned into a strong person with the strength to resist sin and the spiritual stature to dwell in the presence of God. That is what it means to be saved.”

I am so grateful to share this message of hope and joy to all of the people here in the Philippines, but I am even more grateful to share it with you, who are my family and friends, who I most want to have close to me as we pass from this life into our eternal home. If you have not yet laid hold on the great gift of repentance and baptism, I would invite you to do so now. Do not procrastinate the day in which all that the Father hath will be poured out upon you, if only you are willing to receive it. I know that all of these things are true. I know for myself that Jesus Christ is our Savior and Redeemer because the Holy Ghost has manifested it to my mind and to my heart. I have received many wonderful gifts and blessing from my Father in Heaven, and I pray that each of you also will be blessed for your righteous actions. I leave this testimony with you in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.



I love you all, Sister Barnett

CUB SCOUTS

We had a great time at the Pinewood Derby on Tuesday, June 23. There were a lot of amazing cars and excited racers. They put a lot of hard work into those cars and it showed.

We're so thankful for the families and leaders that came to support these Scouts, especially to Mark-David and Steve Freebairn for stepping in and helping with the races.

There will be no pack meeting in July, but we will meet again in August for the Raingutter Regatta.

Steve & Shannon Phillips - Cubmasters





With excitement and a bit of nostalgia, realizing it will be our last official Scout summer camp, we set off for the first leg of our adventure. It began with a tour of the Big Cottonwood Water Treatment Facility and the Stairs Power Plant, then, continued up the canyon to Silver Lake for a chat with the ranger. We hiked up to Twin Lake which was still full of floating ice. The boys had a fun time bum sledding down one of the steep snow fields still remaining. Afterward, we headed up to

Hidden Lake just above Oakley where spent the remaining time. Casey Miller's employee and a 50-year-plus Scouter, Darrell Newbold, organized and taught all the merit badges we worked on including Wood Carving, Mammal Study, Nature, Scout Heritage, Pulp & Paper, Forestry, Soil & Water Conservation, and Fishing.

Lincoln Loftus successfully caught and ate a nice rainbow trout while Casey caught and released most of the rest of the fish in the lake. Lincoln's fish was shared all around, eyeballs and all (It's better than the grasshoppers of last summer's camp, right?).

Another unique occurrence was the phrase never before uttered at a Summer Camp, "What can I do to help?" Certain bribes - I mean incentives - may have been offered to incite said words. At the end of the day, all demonstrated behavior worthy of a Boy Scout and enjoyed the camaraderie hoped for with such adventures. Thank goodness for a few more campouts yet to come!

Josh Hansen - Scoutmaster



The Cub Scouts, their families and leaders had a great Pinewood Derby last month. Left, Brother Mark-David Freebairn prepares the cars to race down the ramp. This year's winners were from left to right: Rhett Phillips, 1st Place; Ammon Ericksen, 2nd Place; and Ben Freebairn, 3rd Place.

Youth Conference - 2019



From June 13 to 15, nearly 40 youth from our ward ventured north to Utah State University for Stake Youth Conference. We had a great turn out with nearly 300 in attendance. The weather was lovely and the campus was beautiful and scenic, especially during the dance on Friday night when stakes from Salt Lake and Idaho Falls joined us. The Young Women especially appreciated the multi-stake selection of handsome Young Men!

Although the dance was a highlight, the youth also enjoyed activities like sports, swimming,

volleyball, climbing ball, Aggie games and ice cream, an outdoor movie and great speakers - Bishop Rob McKenna, President Coleman, President Hammon and EFY speaker Eric Richards. Then we polished all the fun off with a truly uplifting testimony meeting.

The theme of the Youth Conference was "Enlist in the Youth Battalion" from a special fireside President Russell Nelson had for the youth last summer. In connection with that theme, Sadie Stats won the Purple Heart of Service award and Cami Jensen was the true winner of the female adult push up contest (at least in our opinion - for her form and accuracy)!

We're so thankful for each of our leaders who attended and sacrificed to be there - especially Sister Kathy Gardner and Brother Robin Phillips who coordinated things for our ward. Thanks to our youth for being so wonderful and fun to be around! We felt of their strength and goodness!



Young Women Presidency



More Youth Conference



ELDERS QUORUM

A big “Thank You” to all those who helped make our July 4th breakfast a great time for all. A special shout out to our chairs, Eric Holmes and Dave Pearson, and to the Relief Society, Primary, Young Women, Scouts and those of our quorum who did all the heavy lifting (cooking, set-up, clean-up, etc.). Old timers said it may have been the best turnout ever!

Elders Quorum Meeting Discussion Schedule:

July 14 - “*Cleansed by Repentance*”
by President Dallin H. Oaks
Josh Minson and Luke Hansen, facilitators

June 28 - “*Abound with Blessings;*”
by Elder Dale G. Renlund
Joe Reed and John Rogers, facilitators



July

- 7..... Ella Martushev
Mike Rafferty
8..... Nora Jane Harker
Dawson Wright
9..... Emily Aycock
Owen Hansen
Cynthia Tarsha
14..... Chilyn Barton
15..... Jake Thompson
16..... Jayden Sorenson
17..... Thorley Applegate
18..... Keith Radley
19..... Eric Gubler
Tyne Schnebley
21..... Lezlie Mann
Charles Mortensen
22..... Tommy (Linda) Stuart
25..... Cindy Khamedoost
Lydia Loftus
26..... Helen Hunter
Titus Miller
27..... Connie Nielsen
29..... Johan Gibb
30..... Ada Knocke
Kyle Wilson
31..... Savannah Hooker
Cherie McDonald
Eileen West

August

- 1..... Colton Lemmon
Matthew Morrill
Joseph West
4..... Grace Gardner
Vivie Jensen

An Old-time Barn (Shed) Raising

On Saturday, June 15, neighbors and friends joined at the Cerar home to participate in what was pretty much like a “barn raising,” but it was a “shed raising.” Brother Cerar said he found a place in Brigham City that made sheds of the type he liked and they offered it as a “kit.” In a flat-bed truck, two men from the company delivered and carried the kit parts (walls, etc.) to his back yard.

On Saturday helpers came to assemble the shed, but it took six to eight of them to carry one wall (not like the two younger men who delivered)! By Sunday, the roof joists were in place. It was fun to watch, but only occasionally would the workers face the camera!

As I watched them carry each wall, I thought of President Uchtdorf’s comment: “Lift Where You Stand!”

Report & photos by Ron Young



Helpers rallied around to help Dave Cerar assemble a new backyard shed. At the end of the day, it was almost done!

FLAG ASSIGNMENTS

Pioneer Day - Wed. July 24

1. Davis Family
2. Aycock Family
3. Stats Family
4. Wilson Family (Kyle)
5. Ralph Family

