

BOUNTIFUL NORTH CANYON FIFTH WARD

SPIRE

August 2019

The Spirit Will Lead Us to Ministering Opportunities *by Counselor Andy Schnebly*



In the June Spire I introduced the ward to Sister Benkosi who shared her process of ministering. She prays in the morning when she first arises who she might bless that day. She is open to the promptings of the Spirit of how and to whom she might minister. She acts on the promptings when they come. In the evening she reports in prayer of her successes.

I have followed her suggestions. Each morning when I say my prayers, I specifically ask to have opportunities to bless other people. I have an expectation that I will be guided. I am richer for the experiences I continue to have.

Last week in late afternoon during the hot spell, I was driving up Edgehill when I saw a hose in Camille Bradshaw's front yard flip-flopping back and forth moved by the water pressure coming out of the hose. As I drove by her drive way, I saw her working in her yard/garden. I was prompted to stop. I asked her if she was aware of her hose still watering her front yard. "No." She thought her daughter had turned it off. I turned it and another one off. She apologized for her appearance. She said she probably looked like a farmer - having been working in her yard. I assured her she was as neat and beautiful as ever (she really was). I asked her how I might help her. She declined but asked me to just sit down and talk with her. She asked me to get her a cold orange Gatorade from the fridge. We talked as she sipped and hydrated herself.

I told her I was writing the article for *The Spire* and I was going to write about her. "You just do that," she said laughing. We talked about health challenges, getting older, the hot weather, Sister Doris Swanson's recent death and funeral, family challenges, children and grandchildren, the Bishopric, etc.

That night when I was writing a summary in my journal of my day, I was thankful for the time I had spent talking with Sister Bradshaw. I was thankful I noticed her misbehaving hose that prompted me to stop and enjoy talking with her. I again encourage all of us to follow Sister Benkosi's method of ministering. Don't be so busy that opportunities to minister pass by. Expect them to come, and they will.

WHO
NEEDS
ME
today?
BONNIE L OSCARSON



Congratulations!

Tiffany & Jaden Zubal on the birth of their twins - a boy and a girl on June 27

Jacob Loftus who received his call to the North Carolina Charlotte Mission & will be reporting to the MTC on October 30

Helen Hunter who received her call to the Arizona Scottsdale Mission & will be reporting to the MTC on November 6

Elder Mitch Dalley who returned from the California Carlsbad Mission & reported on Sunday, July 28. (See details on page 6.)

Ethan Hansen who was sustained an Elder in the Melchizedek Priesthood

New Ward Callings

Mark-David Freebairn - Stake YM Sports Director
Alex Frank - 11-year-old Scout Leader

Josh R. Hansen - Young Men's President

Casey Miller - YM 1st Counselor

Andrew Morrill - YM 2nd Counselor

Todd Jankowski - Deacon's Quorum Advisor

Dan Higgs - Primary worker

Condolences

To family & friends of our dear sister Doris Swanson, who passed away on July 15

August Cub Scout Pack Meeting

**It's the
Raingutter Regatta!!**

**Tuesday, August 27
6:30 p.m. at the church**



There is so much spunk and creativity crammed into this little body! Grace Gardner is always busy and is awesome at sharing and including others. She loves dance, art, swimming and traveling.

Grace's strong, smiling spirit will be a great force for good in this world, and she is so excited to be baptized! Happy eighth birthday!



Vivie Jensen is so excited to turn eight and be baptized! She is strong-willed, courageous and vivacious. She loves to tell jokes and riddles to make her family laugh and can do it without cracking a smile. She has enjoyed acting in a couple plays at The Children's Theater and is learning to play the piano and ukulele. But the thing she is best at is being a friend. She has a big heart and is often there to comfort and lift her friends and family. It's great to be eight, Vivie!



Summer Primary Party

for the whole family!

Legacy Park Splash Pad

1140 W 1100 N, North Salt Lake

August 8 6:00 pm

*Pizza, tossed salad & drinks provided
Please bring a dessert to share.*



Hope to see you all there!



One of our lessons this month will be on Sister Eubank's talk "Christ: The Light That Shines in Darkness." She talks about one night when the lights of the Salt Lake Temple didn't come on like they always do at dusk. She said, "Seeing darkness where I expected to see light reminded me that one of the fundamental needs we have in order to grow is to stay connected to our source of light—Jesus Christ. He is the source of our power, the Light and Life of the World. Without a strong connection to Him, we begin to spiritually die. Knowing that, Satan tries to exploit the worldly pressures we all face. He works to dim our light, short-circuit the connection, cut off the power supply, leaving us alone in the dark."

She goes on to say "If you feel that the beacon of your testimony is sputtering and darkness is closing in, take courage. Keep your promises to God. Ask your questions. Turn to Jesus Christ, who loves you still. Jesus said, 'I am the light that shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not.' That means no matter how hard it tries, the darkness cannot put out that light. Ever. You can trust that His light will be there for you. ... We, or people we love, may temporarily go dark. ... It's hard to get the lights back on by yourself. We need friends. We need each other. ... Take a few more steps on the covenant path, even if it's too dark to see very far. The lights will come back on."

Our lights may not at times be shining as bright as we would like them to, but know that there is always hope and always help. May we strive be a light for those around us who may need help and remember that our Savior is our ultimate source of light that we can always turn to.

We love you and so appreciate the light that you all add to our ward family!

Your RS Presidency

RS Lesson Schedule June 2019

- **August 11** - "Seeking Knowledge by the Spirit" by Elder Mathias Held/Brooke Freebairn
- **August 25** - "Christ: The Light That Shines in Darkness" by Sister Sharon Eubank/ Mindie Dalley



North Canyon 5th Ward
Adult Summer Social
 Tuesday, August 13th
 6:30 pm

At the home of Brandon and Ashley Phillips
 (Access using driveway on Pheasant Way by Allcott's)



Please bring a potluck salad, fresh fruit, or dessert.

ELDERS QUORUM

Elders Quorum Meeting Discussion Schedule:

- **August 11** - "Preparing for the Lord's Return" by Elder D. Todd Christopherson
 Tyler Harker & Drew Schnebly, facilitators
- **August 25** - "Great Love for Our Father's Children" by Elder Quintin L. Cook
 Marty Steckler & Steve Andrews, facilitators



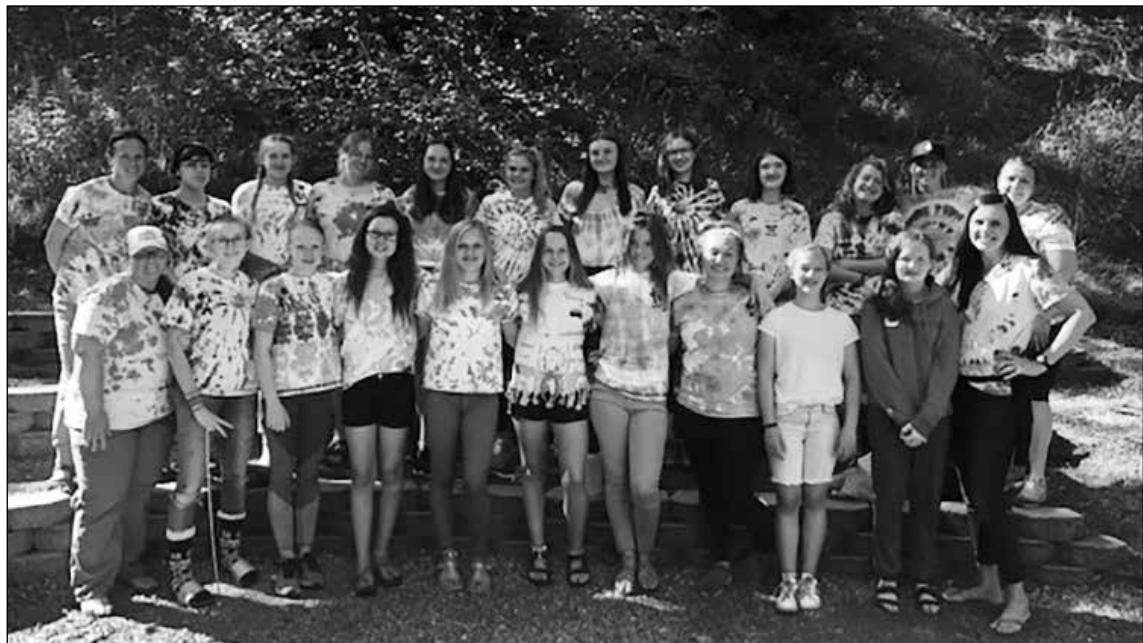
The Young Women recently returned from a very fun and adventurous girls camp. We camped at the beautiful Cinnamon Creek Campground in Cache Valley, near Porcupine Reservoir. Our theme was “Straight is the Course” and we had many great activities and devotionals to help us learn the significance of the theme. We were led by our fearless Camp Director, Ashley Miller. She taught and inspired us in many ways but specifically how to be better at journaling and studying our scriptures.

After asking some of the girls, these were the highlights of camp this year: Taking turns on the rope swing up Deuel Creek Canyon in Centerville - the hike to get there was challenging but worth it; and the Iron Rod Challenge at the campground. This proved to be difficult as the girls were blindfolded and led through obstacles by a guide that they had to rely on in order to finish the course. We felt the Holy Ghost testify of the importance of holding tight to the Iron Rod and trusting the Spirit to be our guide.

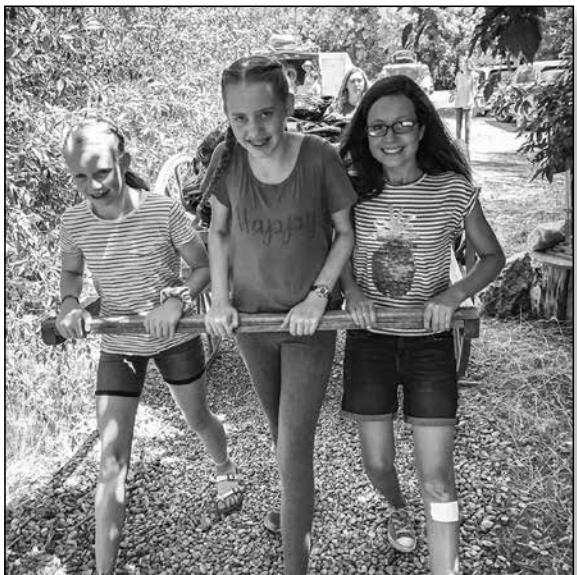
We spent a day at Porcupine Reservoir swimming, paddle boarding, kayaking and cliff jumping off of the steep cliffs - some too high to speak of! The food was amazing, as always, but the best part was the spirit of kindness, inclusion and friendship. As leaders, our hearts were touched by so many Christ-like acts that we witnessed.

A special thanks to Ashley Miller, our wonderful Priesthood leaders, Bishop Wright, Randon Jensen and all of the YW leaders who could be with us, as well as help prepare. We were in such great hands and appreciate the sacrifice of so many to make it such an awesome experience for all.

Cami Jensen & the YW Presidency



5th Ward Young Women and their leaders look spiffy in their custom tie-dyed Ts at camp July 16-18.



Young Women Calendar for August

- 8/7 Stake YW Fitness Activity 7 p.m.
- 8/14 Combined Family History Activity 7 p.m.
- 8/15 Combined Baptism Trip to Ogden Temple 9 a.m.
- 8/21 No Activity - first week of school
- 8/25 Stake Fireside - Diana Barton from Hope4Utah 6 p.m. @Stake Center

SISTER ALEXA MINSON

TEXAS FORT WORTH MISSION

Dear Fifth Ward Brothers and Sisters,

My mission is going great! It's been full of ups and downs. Just as knees hurt when you're growing taller, I'm growing through these experiences. At times, it's really hard but I know that it's for my good.

Its crazy to think that I've already been out for six months. I spent my first six months in Denton, Texas, and recently got transferred to Irving. I'm absolutely loving my companion and my new area. I've had the blessing to be a part of five baptisms so far. I love those five women with all of my heart. I know that we will be good friends forever.



My testimony has grown immensely from being on a full-time mission. At home I would cope with stress by talking to my wonderful Jenny (Minson), whom I like to call Mom. I would also reach out to my sisters and close friends. It's sad to admit, but I would also turn to social media as a way to distract from the problems going on around me. Out here on my mission, I haven't had those people and things to help me through the hard times. I've had to learn how to solely rely on the Lord. There is no better source of comfort than through Him. I've found that the best cure to any sad day is prayer and faith in our Savior - that He is there and that He's going to make sure it all works out.

At the end of the day, I know my Redeemer lives. I know that I have a Heavenly Father who knows each of his children personally. I know that the Book of Mormon is the word of God. I have seen it change people. I've seen the Gospel of Jesus Christ change lives, which I know will lead to changing their eternity.

Love, Sister Minson

ELDER MITCHELL DALLEY has returned honorably from serving in the California Carlsbad Mission. He reported to our ward congregation, family and friends on Sunday, July 28. His mission president wrote that Elder Dalley was an great missionary who was obedient, diligent and humble.

Elder Mitch told us that a great many of the people he and his companions taught were Marine Corps recruits who were seeking God. They were ready to experience a "mighty change in their hearts," as taught in Alma 5:14. He reminded us that each of us has that same opportunity to change. It requires a mighty repentence process as well.

Elder Dalley bore a strong testimony of how his mission changed him "to the core." He let the Spirit soak into his soul and he also experienced this mighty change. The important thing for all of us to do now, is to preserve those feelings and desires. We need to do those things - keeping the commandments, reading our scriptures and following the prophet - to keep us strong. Elder Dalley reminded us of how crucial *The Book of Mormon* is and he bore his witness of its truthfulness.

The ward is so grateful for your service, Elder Dalley. We are happy to have you back home safely and ready to go forward serving your fellow men and the Lord.



The Priest Quorum had an amazing high adventure activity in July! After finding out that Red Castle was covered in snow and ice, we camped instead near Monte Cristo. We want to say a special “thank you” to President Gardner for convincing his brother that we wouldn’t permanently damage his recreation property! We had a great time fishing, hiking, shooting and building fires.

We learned that Skull Crack Trail is just a cool name and that the hike itself doesn’t involve any actual cracked skulls. We did some service with a chainsaw and removed a bunch of dead wood. We learned that several of the Young Men can push over dead trees, and that if you stack a fire six feet tall, it’s possible to get about 15 feet of flames. We didn’t really build fires - we built one fire that burned from one day to the next. We’re especially grateful that it has been a really moist year and that we didn’t start a forest fire. Again, a big “thanks” to President Gardner for all of his service and leadership with the Young Men.

Steve Freebairn, Priest Quorum Advisor



The 5th Ward Priest’s Quorum and its leaders enjoyed a high adventure camp July 11-13. Looks like Bishop Wright and others were honing their sharp-shooting skills. They also know how to built one gigantic fire!



Activity Days



With all the warm days of summer we decided it was time to cool off. On July 10, we went to the splash pad in North Salt Lake. It was refreshing and we enjoyed “cup” water fights and popsicles.

On July 23, we had an “ancestor” activity. It was so interesting to listen to the girls share stories about their relatives.

**This will be our last summer
“TUESDAY” activity:**

Tuesday, August 13, 10:00 a.m. - Meet at the church and we will travel to Salt Lake so we can say “farewell” to the Salt Lake Temple Square Plaza. With construction beginning the end of the year and lasting several years, we decided to visit the gardens and reflection pool to create some final memories. We will bring the girls home after the activity.

Tuesday, August 20 - First day of School. Girls, we hope you have a great school year!

Now that the girls are back in school, our regular Activity Day schedule will be WEDNESDAYS at 3:45 p.m. at the church.

Wednesday, August 28, 3:45 p.m. - Meet at the church for a “Believe in Yourself” party. The activity will be done at 5:00 p.m. and parents can pick up girls at the church.

Linda Marrelli - Activity Days Leader



Above & Left, the girls got to share stories about their ancestors at Activity Days on July 23.



Activity Day girls cool off at a splash pad and enjoy popsicles on a hot July 10th.



I thought about writing our July camp report in the voice of Uncle Screwtape to put a positive spin on it, but decided against it, thinking the sarcasm might be misconstrued.

Instead, I'll just say that our fantastic run of incredible campouts came to a wet and mosquito infested end. Our leaders and Scouts are awesome and have taught me well how to stay positive under every circumstance. Thanks to all who participated.

I think we can say we overcame some of the most challenging Uinta's camping conditions Mother Nature can dish out. Would honorary Shackleton Awards* to everyone be a bit of a gross exaggeration? Perhaps, but that's my story and I'm sticking to it. Still, we got a great workout and did enjoy each other's company. We look forward to more pleasant outings to come!

Josh Hansen - Scoutmaster

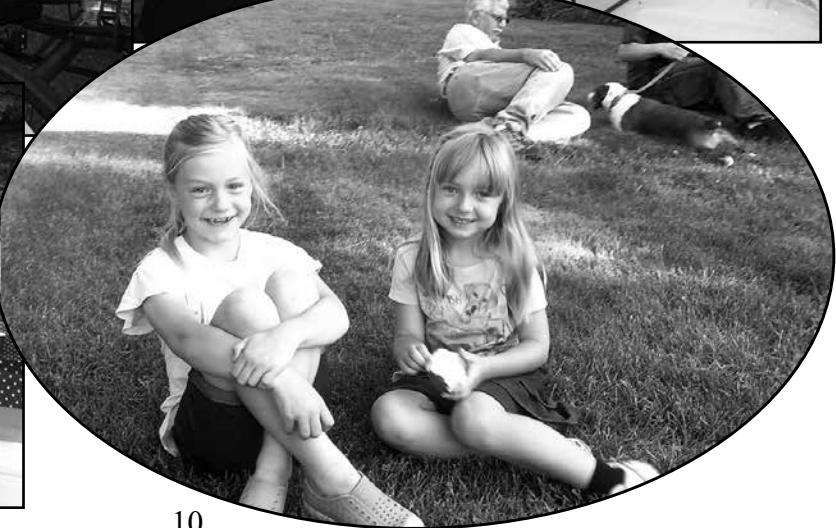
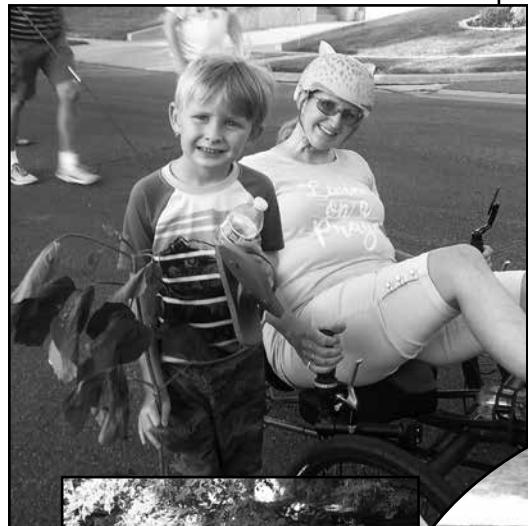
**For those confused, like this editor, Ernest Shackleton was the first to attempt a crossing of the Antarctic continent. He ended up getting stuck with his men for two years in sub-freezing conditions. A much worse fate than our Scouts encountered on their campout!*



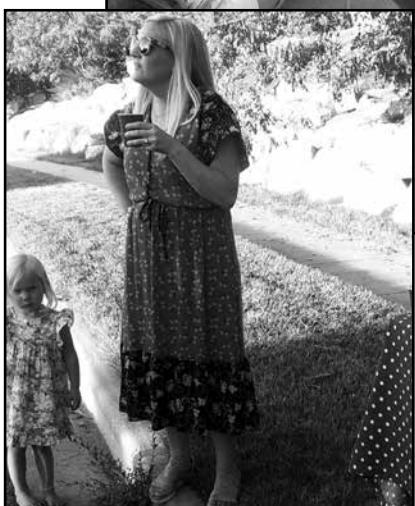
Treats ...

On a beautiful summer's evening, Sunday, July 28, neighbors and friends gathered around at five locations to share each other's company and get to know each other better. Hosts were Marlin & Kathi Shelley, Les & Sherrill Lemmon, Mike and Elisa Felley, Josh & Tiffany Hansen, and Mike & Pattie Wright.

Thanks to Brother Ron Young for the photos!



... in the Streets



happy birthDay

August

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| 4..... | Grace Gardner Vivie Jensen |
| 5..... | Julie Hansen Becky Rodgers |
| 6..... | Kaitlyn Meldrum |
| 7..... | Faye Anderson Ryan Sorenson |
| 8..... | Marijke Leonard |
| 9..... | Dominique Tecklenburg Elaine Mae Thompson Emily Vedaa |
| 10..... | Nathan Davis |
| 11..... | Curt Hansen Dylan Hansen |
| 12..... | Kay Gerber Lisa Tippetts |
| 14..... | Thea Grace Erickson Stacey Steckler |
| 15..... | Chloe Cochran Derek Cooper Joshua S. Hansen Leo Samuelsen |
| 16..... | Jessica Freebairn |
| 17..... | Darryl Brown Jared Gardner |
| 18..... | Rodger Calder |
| 19..... | Saydee Schnebly |
| 21..... | Andy Anderson Josh R. Hansen |
| 22..... | Merritt Creighton |
| 23..... | Luke Hansen |
| 24..... | Jimmy Davis Ava Gardner |
| 25..... | Aliya Sorenson |
| 26..... | Winston Petersen |

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| 28..... | Darrin Applegate |
| 29..... | Parker Miller |
| 1..... | Margaret Williams |



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nication plan; the code
at right is a FEMA emer-
gency contact card.



Emergency Preparedness Tip

An important part of an emergency plan is having an emergency communication plan. With school right around the corner, everyone will be busy with school, sports, and various school activities. Therefore, it is not uncommon for families to be running all over the place. The goal for August is to create or update an emergency communication plan for your family.

As part of Family Home Evening, discuss the steps which should be taken if there is an emergency and who to contact. During an emergency, cell phones may not work, which means it is important to have other plans in place.

You can scan the QR code images (above) which will take you to a FEMA communication plan and emergency contact card. You can also search emergency contact forms to find a version you prefer.

For additional questions, you can contact Matt Rocha, our ward Emergency Preparedness Chairman - 719-351-8706.

