



BOUNTIFUL NORTH CANYON FIFTH WARD

# SPIRE

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## Easter - A Time of Celebration *by Bishop Mike Wright*



I look forward to each General Conference. It is a wonderful opportunity to hear from our general church leaders. I am confident that the answers to many of today's pressing problems are to be found in the messages they will give. I am also looking forward to springtime and the renewal that comes with each warming day.

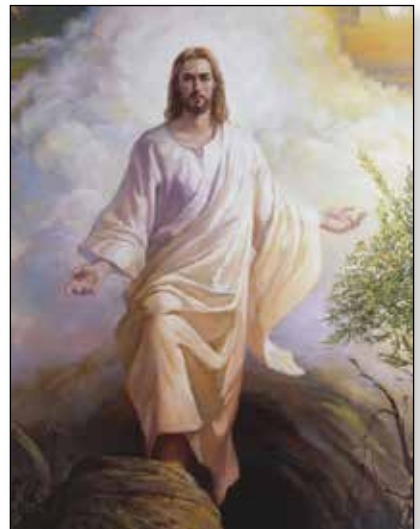
On April 12, we will celebrate Easter. Eastertime is a reminder that the human spirit cannot be confined and offers us the assurance that God has preserved life beyond the grave. It is the literal resurrection of Jesus Christ that is the focus for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. "And the resurrection from the dead is the redemption of the soul .... And the redemption of the soul is through him that quickeneth all things." (D&C 88:15–17.) And, "We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel." (A of F 1:3)

It was Christ's right to be the Redeemer of mankind, and though it required sacrifice beyond our comprehension, he made the sacrifice voluntarily. This is why we worship Jesus Christ. His sacrifice is beyond our comprehension; His gift of the resurrection is beyond a miracle. Christ is alive today and all daughters and sons of God will enjoy a literal resurrection of the earthly body with the spirit.

Christ's resurrection is truly a reality as clearly demonstrated in this dispensation with Joseph Smith's first vision when he said, "I saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other—This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!" (JS—H 1:17.)

I look forward to celebrating the 200th anniversary of the first vision of Joseph Smith. That vision changed the world by confirming, yet again, that Heavenly Father lives and loves us. He provided a Savior for us and the reassurance that the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ is upon the earth again. With all the challenges of our day, may we take comfort in that very fact.

May this be an Easter season of meditation, reflection, and appreciation. May we resolve to be



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## UPDATES

### *Congratulations!*

Brynn Morrill and Hayden Coffey on their marriage in the Bountiful Temple on March 20

### *Welcome New Neighbors*

Lyndsey Nichols

### *Welcome Home Missionaries*

Elder Preston Hooker

Elder Nathaniel Rodgers

Sister Sarah Wilson

Sister Alexa Minson



*Knox Miller is turning eight in April. He is in 2nd grade and LOVES to read and has read 80 chapter books in about one year! Knox is very helpful and likes to help bake in the kitchen and read to his little brothers. He loves art, drawing and journaling, and wants to be an inventor*

*when he grows up. His favorite color used to be red but has now declared that as “the devil’s color,” he likes bright neon green now :) He is very excited to be baptized (“dunked in the warm water...I think I’ll like it!”), and receive the Holy Ghost. Have a very happy birthday, Knox!*

**GENERAL CONFERENCE  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
APRIL 4 - 5**



Hello Neighbors,

This past month has truly been remarkable with so many things happening in the world, and then the earthquake! The good news is we are all doing well and better yet, we are still able to prepare. It will be important for us to continue to prepare ourselves in case of a future emergencies.

Do you know who your block captain is? In an emergency, letting them know you are okay will be critical. They will try to be in communication with you by text, phone call or a knock at the door. Please be responsive to help them help you! Most of you have door-hangers that let people know if you are “OK” or if you need “HELP.” If you do not have one, please let your block captain or me know, and we will get one to you.

In addition to this newsletter, you should have received another PDF file that shows our neighborhood divided up into 18 areas and who the block captains are for the area where you live. You may print this out for reference. In the near future, the ward will have a new directory and ward map which will be distributed and will contain the same information.

Kyle Wilson

*Emergency Preparedness Coordinator*

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*Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Kyle Wilson holds a virtual meeting with neighborhood block and zone captains.*



**Woke up this mornin'  
Smiled with the rising sun ...**



# Spreading a Little Sunshine

**Chalk Art Around the Neighborhood**



**Three little birds ...**



**Sat by my window  
Singin' a sweet song ...**



**A melody pure and true ...**



**'Cuz every little thing  
Is gonna be alright!**



**James Gardner and two  
of his children enjoy  
fresh air and spring  
sunshine as they stay  
close to home.**

*•Thanks to Ron Young for these  
fun photos and many others  
in this edition.*



Brethren,

We hope you are all well and happy. Thank you for continuing to minister to your wonderful families. Also, please make sure they are receiving the sacrament if they don't have the priesthood in their homes and would like it.

We have an April Deseret Mills pasta assignment on the 21st of April. If you have committed to this, please let Todd Porter know. If you would like to help us with this assignment, please contact him as well. It is from 7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If you signed up to clean the Conference Center, that has been canceled.

Welcome to all our new move-ins. Thank you to all those who helped move out our old members. block captains, you are a special group of people and we want you to know how much we appreciate you and the job you are doing. If you need help from the elders, don't hesitate to let Kyle Wilson know so we can assist where needed. Thanks for checking on all of us after the earthquakes. (Please see related article on page 2, and the Emergency Preparedness file that was sent to you.)

If any of you brethren need assistance with something, please don't hesitate to let a member of the presidency know. This quarter, all ministering interviews are complete. Thanks for accommodating us to make it go smoothly.

Even though we won't be meeting to conduct our generally lively lesson discussions, we encourage you to study the scheduled lesson material and discuss it with your families:

**April 12:** "The Message, Meaning, and Multitude" by Elder Jeffery R. Holland from October 2019 General Conference.

**April 26:** "Covenant Belonging" by Elder Gerrit W. Gong from the same conference.

We hope you will enjoy next weekend's historic General Conference as you watch with your families.

*Sincerely, Your Elders Quorum Presidency*

The Bountiful Temple is closed temporarily. However that does not mean that we can stop trying to find those of our ancestors who will need proxy work done for them. This is a great opportunity to spend some time identifying them and reserving the ordinances that need to be done for them, so when the temple opens again for proxy work, we will be ready. Pray to learn who we should find and which of our ancestors might have accepted the gospel and are just waiting for their temple work to be done.

If you need help in anyway, help is available on line. Go to "Family Search" and once signed in, click on "Help," then click "Contact Us." There you will find a list of ward members who are available to be of help to you.



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obedient to prophetic invitations from those who hold the keys of the kingdom. The challenges we face - may we face them with confidence that we are loved, that Jesus Christ has paid the ultimate price for us! His Gospel is on the earth and we can take part in moving the kingdom forward. May we give thanks always to God for this blessing.

*Love, Bishop Wright*

North Canyon 5th Ward Young Women!! How we miss your beautiful smiles, your witty stories, your enthusiasm for life. I hope you are all well and finding ways to be happy every day in this new world adventure.

Thanks to our small, but fierce YW basketball team. We played surprisingly well for having little to no experience in the sport. It was a fun night. Looking forward to volleyball in the fall. We also enjoyed a great evening volunteering for Days For Girls International preparing hygiene kits. Thanks to all who were able to come and serve.

We look forward to when we can all be together again. In the meantime, I hope you will take care of each other. Reach out with a text or phone call. Read a good book. Even better, read a good book to a younger sibling! Are they becoming your best friends? Try Family Search and Indexing. Work on your personal development goals, like doing your own laundry and learning to fold clothes the Marie Kondo way. So many options.

We love you and pray for you every day. A favorite *Book of Mormon* chapter—Ether 12 is a great read for this week. Take a look. Have faith and SEEK JESUS!

*Love, Teresa Draper & the YW Presidency*

*On March 11, before the restrictions, the 5th Ward YW basketball team had fun playing and competing (top). The girls and their leaders participated in a very worthwhile project (Days for Girls) on March 18.*



## RELIEF SOCIETY

Our Dear Sisters,

We love you! Our greatest desire is to encourage, strengthen, and bring you the relief that our organization, the Relief Society, was created for. As I have prayed to know what I could do or say, Elder Jeffery R. Holland's comforting words came to mind. In one of my all time favorite talks titled, "An High Priest of Good Things to Come," Elder Holland explains:

*"Every one of us has times when we need to know things will get better. Moroni spoke of it in the Book of Mormon as "hope for a better world." For emotional health and spiritual stamina, everyone needs to be able to look forward to some respite, to something pleasant and renewing and hopeful, whether that blessing be near at hand or still some distance ahead. It is enough just to know we can get there, that however measured or far away, there is the promise of "good things to come."*

My declaration is that this is precisely what the gospel of Jesus Christ offers us, especially in times of need. There is help. There is happiness. There really is light at the end of the tunnel. It is the Light of the World, the Bright and Morning Star, the "light that is endless, that can never be darkened." It is the very Son of God Himself. In loving praise far beyond Romeo's reach, we say, "What light through yonder window breaks?" It is the return of hope, and Jesus is the Sun. To any who may be struggling to see that light and find that hope, I say: Hold on. Keep trying. God loves you. Things will improve. Christ comes to you in His "more excellent ministry" with a future of "better promises." He is your "high priest of good things to come." (Oct 1999)

I know the Savior is the ultimate source of relief and strength. He has helped me take the next right step and reach out to those I know can help. There is help and hope all around us and I testify that there are good things to come and we can get there together! Giant hugs to each of you!

*Love, Kathy Gardner and your RS Presidency*

## MISSIONARY UPDATE

**Note from the Editor:** *During February and March I spotlighted all the missionaries serving from our ward. Elder Hooker's report was to be in this, the April edition. I wanted to include that report, although he has returned home.*

*Sister Diana Rogers*

**Elder Preston Hooker**

ARMENIA GEORGIA MISSION



Hello everyone!

Life is going so good on the mission! I have really learned that life is all about frame of mind. I was going through a difficult period on my mission and I realized that the only reason it

was rough was because I was wishing my trials to be lifted. Instead, I just need to enjoy my trials and know it will get better and it did! Anyway, I love the mission and it's such a fun experience - I would not trade for anything! All the people I have met and will meet - it's just incredible! Honestly, I love it.)

Corona just got here so we will see how that sits with the population. My love to everyone back home.





## MISSIONARY UPDATE, CONT.

As of the publishing time of the April edition of *The Spire*, four of our 5th Ward missionaries have returned home. These include Elder Hooker from the Armenia Georgia Mission, Elder Rodgers from the Cambodia Phnom Penh Mission (may be re-assigned), Sister Wilson from the Oregon Portland Mission and Sister Minson from the Texas Fort Worth Mission.

On Tuesday, March 24, a parade of ward members in their cars drove by the Hooker residence to honk, wave and say “welcome home,” to Elder Preston Hooker and Elder Nathaniel Rodgers. Sister Sarah Wilson and Sister Alexa Minson drove around the ward on Thursday, March 26, so people could wave and shout “welcome home” to them. We are so glad these valient women and men are home safe and hope their 14-day self-quarantine will be uneventful!



## PRIMARY



**Activity Days in February**



On Wednesday, February 26, the Activity Day girls met at the church for an activity in honor of President’s Day. The girls and their leaders sang a few patriotic songs, watched a video of Red Skelton doing “The Pledge of Allegiance,” took a little quiz, then enjoyed some cake! It was a fun afternoon. Thanks so much to the leaders.

Primary President LindaKay Waters reports that she and her counselors are missing seeing all the children so much and sends them each a big smile and hug! She shared a message from the General Primary President Joy Jones:

“As we face our current circumstances, we are experiencing a variety of emotions, concerns, and challenges. I have witnessed examples of creative, unique, and loving ways family members and ward members are strengthening their relationships and caring for each other. My personal reflection has led me to consider the opportunity I have been given to get to know the members of my family better.



## March

- 29..... Larry Gerber  
Nannette Hansen  
30..... Dick Everett  
Eric Holmes  
31..... Alex Harris  
Ashley Phillips

## April

- 1..... Barbara Barnett  
Mark Calder  
Ranesha Seymour  
3..... Andrea Veda  
4..... Susan Brown  
Bruce Cochran  
5..... Mathew Draper  
6..... Tiffanie Hansen  
8..... Teresa Draper  
9..... Jared Garn  
Alissa Loftus  
Alan Meldrum  
10..... Nora Phillips  
11..... Lincoln Loftus  
12..... Lyndsey Nichols  
Jace Phillips  
14..... Bailee Cooper  
Jason Mortensen  
16..... Jenna Cutler  
Vicki Everett  
Ryan Gardner  
17..... Angela Avei  
David Pearson  
18..... Tiffany Sorenson

- 20..... Kevin Allcott  
Karen Cochran  
21..... Earnest Atwood  
Knox Miller  
22..... Amber Barton  
Paulette Birdsall  
Jessica Ericksen  
Gabriel Green  
Ashley Miller  
Kenyon Papaj  
John Rogers  
23..... Sister Alexa Minson  
25..... River Larsen  
Wren Larsen  
26..... Camille Jensen  
McKynlee Schnebly  
Sophia Wright  
28..... Steve Andrews  
Stevie Ann Hansen  
Jonathan Waters  
29..... Leslie Hansen  
Elizabeth Radley  
Suzanne Tayler  
30..... William Petersen  
Michael Stephenson

## May

- 1..... Robert Aycock  
Casey Miller  
2..... Adelyn Hansen  
Jeff Mann

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“At this time, perhaps more than ever, I have had the impression to increase my involvement in family history work. I have enjoyed learning about all of the activities available on FamilySearch. I especially love the activities where we can learn about our names, create a family time capsule, and learn how to identify weaknesses and make them strengths. These are simple things to do in our homes that can help us get to know our family members better. I believe these opportunities of getting to know and connect with our families will help us to #HearHim.”

- Sister Joy D. Jones

<https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/activities/>



### Mosiah 3:3

**For behold, I am come to declare unto you the glad tidings of great joy.**

“The declaration of glad tiding of great joy in Mosiah matches the one in Luke 2, that Jesus will come, that He will meet us where we are, that He will enter into our stories and help us find the way back home. It is what Jesus does best.

“These are glad tidings of great joy.”

Excerpts from “Don’t Miss This in the Book of Mormon,”  
by Emily Belle Freeman and David Butler

