



BOUNTIFUL NORTH CANYON FIFTH WARD

SPIRE

June 2020

Count Your Blessings *by Martel Steckler and the 5th Ward Bishopric*



I have a daily video call with some folks in India as well as a few from Salt Lake. At the beginning of each call, we check in on each other making sure that each person and their families are safe. It has been particularly important to check on each other's safety over the past few months as we have experienced the earthquake in Utah, riots across the U.S., a cyclone in India, and a pandemic worldwide. We often discuss the weather and do some comparisons between locations.

On one call this week, after experiencing power outages due to a cyclone, one of my colleagues in India said that they don't have anything to complain about. They have it pretty good. She said that there are many others throughout the world who have it pretty tough. We all agreed and we moved on to the purpose of the call.

However, I thought about what my colleague had said. Here is a woman who is living in a developing country and really does not have it as good as we do and yet she recognizes what she has is pretty good. Since these are video calls and everyone is working from home due to the pandemic, we can see their humble homes and their work/living areas. It's not as comfortable or as cool as their work environments but they still recognize that they have it better than most.

I loved hearing the reminder to count our blessings. Even with all of the serious and scary things going on around us, we have it better than 99% of the world's population. I don't mean to downplay the very real issues that some of us are experiencing including anxiety, depression, loss of a job, or health concerns as well as many other possible challenges. What I am suggesting is that even with all of this going on, we can still count our blessings and remember what is important in life.

What blessings do you have? If we can focus on those blessings, we will be in a better position to manage through the tough times. "So amid the conflict, whether great or small, do not be discouraged: God is over all. Count your many blessings; angels will attend. Help and comfort give you to your journey's end." -Hymn #241 "Count Your Many Blessings"



Congratulations!

OUR GRADUATED SENIORS!!!

Sabrina Hooker, Dylan Meldrum and Kayla Ralph

Welcome Home

Sister Kierra Hansen (see page 4)

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Gladys Carter



Adelyn Hansen is excited to finally be baptized this summer after turning eight in the spring! Ada enjoys playing with her friends and cousins, gymnastics, crafts, and grossing her family out with her favorite food: mayonnaise sandwiches. She is looking forward to seeing everyone at her baptism, and going under the water because I love water!"
Have a wonderful year, Adelyn!

Flag Assignments

Independence Day - July 4

1. Mortensen Family
2. Jensen Family
3. Jensen Family
4. Kyle Wilson Family
5. Ralph Family



Pioneer Day - July 24th

1. Kyle Wilson Family
2. Loftus Family
3. Barton Family
4. Aycock Family
5. Aycock Family



Richard Davis will be 16 this month! He is smart, funny, kind, caring and generous. He loves to talk politics and was on the debate team last year. He is very excited to get his driver's license. He loves to read and have sword fights with his brothers. He teases his sisters, but if anyone messes with them, watch out!! He's a great protective brother. Happy Birthday, Richard!



Chaden Barton is turning 16 in July. He is friendly to anyone he meets with an easy going, sunny personality. He rarely has anything but a smile on his face. He loves to read non-fiction books about pilots in WWII. His goal is to become a commercial airline pilot. He was chosen for the school's competition ballroom dancing team and was captain for the cross country team as well! He will be attending Woods Cross High School and he would like to be on the football team. Good luck in all your endeavors, Chaden!



Temple & Family History

June 2020

Temples are still closed for proxy ordinance work. We still do not know when work for our ancestors will begin again. Some ordinance work for living individuals has begun but only with a minimum of temple workers and others present. So what should be our “Temple Focus” when the temple is closed?

President Russell M. Nelson recently shared a thought for us. “While worshipping in the temple is presently not possible, I invite you to increase your participation in family history, including family history research and indexing. I promise that as you increase your time in temple and family history work, you will increase and improve your ability to hear Him.”

Elder David A. Bednar shared this thought about keeping our temple covenants. “We do not come to the temple to hide from or escape the evils of the world. Rather, we come to the temple to conquer the world of evil. As we invite into our lives the “power or godliness” by receiving priesthood ordinances and making and keeping sacred covenants, we are blessed with strength beyond our own to overcome the temptations and challenges of mortality and to do and become good.”

We can review ordinances in our mind. We can silently visualize the ordinances and ponder the wording and the meaning of the ordinances. We can renew our covenants by partaking of the sacrament.

We can turn to the scriptures and look for the temple in them. Helaman 10:6-7 points out that what we seal on earth is also sealed in heaven. We can also learn about covenants in Matthew 19:16-20. Take time to read these scriptures. You might also search the scriptures further for the importance of temples.

The presidency of the Bountiful Temple and a few others who have been in the temple since the closure have made an important observation that has been very noticeable and that is that an amazing reverence has been experienced. They hope that when the temple opens again that all who enter the temple will do so with a renewed desire to keep the level of holiness and reverence that has been felt there in recent weeks. Reverence is not just being quiet. It is much more. A talk given by Elder Lionel Kendrick of the Seventy in the April 2001 General Conference discusses this subject.

So until the temple is fully open again, we can do some of the things mentioned to keep the temple importance near to us.

Lawrence Schreiner, Ward Temple and Family History Leader

MISSIONARY UPDATE



Sister Kierra Hansen has completed her mission in Portugal and returned home on May 15. She was a faithful and diligent missionary who blessed the lives of all she touched. She came home just in time to see her brother Ethan off

to his mission in Philadelphia. Elder Hansen completed his MTC training online and left for the mission field on May 27. We are so proud of these great young people.

Elder Nathaniel Rodgers has been reassigned to the California, Anaheim Mission and will leave in July.

Sister Talicia Porter has not yet received any information regarding her reassignment or return to her mission.

PRIMARY

On Wednesday, May 27, the Primary presidency drove around delivering ice cream and popsicles to Primary and neighborhood children. They stopped at each house and honked the horns. The kids would come out for a treat! They loved seeing the children and were sorry that some of the kids were not home. The presidency and leaders are missing seeing the children so much and want them to know they are thinking of them and are looking forward to meeting together again.



The Primary children get a welcome frozen treat from their leaders on a hot, sunny day.

ARE THESE PERILOUS TIMES?
They are.
BUT THERE IS NO NEED TO FEAR. WE CAN HAVE PEACE
IN OUR HEARTS AND PEACE IN OUR HOMES. WE CAN BE
AN INFLUENCE FOR GOOD IN THIS WORLD
every one of us.

GORDON B. HINCKLEY



June

7..... Wirtjo Leonard
 Robin Phillips
 8..... Richard Davis
 Amber Gardner
 Shauna Sabey
 11..... Bryan Green
 12..... Kassie Jespersen
 Judy Tayler
 Jaden Zubal
 13..... Ethne Creighton
 Larry Curtis
 Lynnette Nielsen
 16..... Charlene Samuelsen
 18..... Ron Young
 19..... Janene Phillips
 Jeff Springer
 20..... Asher Higgs
 Lawrence Schreiner
 21..... Tyler Harker
 Kent Njord
 22..... Cody Creighton
 Maycie Dalley
 24..... Sabrina Hooker
 25..... Tyler Freebairn
 26..... Linda Marrelli
 27..... Alice Zubal
 Archer Zubal
 28..... Ethan Hansen
 29..... Janet Park

July

1..... LeR Beauregard
 Lindsay Pearson

2..... Grace Scoville
 3..... Chadan Barton
 Lori Cerar
 Elliot Erickson
 4..... Becky Green
 5..... Pam Elkins

Thanks to Brother Ron
 Young for the photos.

Spreading a Little Sunshine



Freda Young shows off her new gardening gloves and a chocolate treat the 5th Ward Bishopric delivered to the sisters in our ward for Mother's Day.



Jessica Erickson enjoys a little funshine in her yard with her kiddos.



Gardens are “cropping up” all over the place!

Dear Ward Members, **RE: 5th WARD CHURCH MEETINGS**

As you have seen in the media, our Church leaders (working in conjunction with the Governor's directive) are now beginning to allow sacrament meeting in our church houses. I have been meeting with our stake leaders to discuss how to meet safely under the guidelines the Church leaders have outlined. Here are a few of the details for the meeting:

When and how to start again:

- Each ward will hold one sacrament meeting in June and twice in July.
- **Our day to meet is June 28th at 9 a.m.**
- The meeting will be no longer than 45 minutes. There will be one speaker.
- Singing is approved, but NO use of hymn books or printed programs. Please plan to use your own electronic device for the hymns.
- Each ward decides whether to hold more than one sacrament meeting on their assigned day. If more than 99 members want to meet, we will hold a second meeting that day. Time to be determined due to cleaning after the meeting.
- Sit in every other row only (this will facilitate the passing of the sacrament, we encourage six (6) feet between families.
- Masks are encouraged for members, but not required
- It's OK to socialize – larger groups perhaps go outside after the meeting.
- Each ward determines how and when to clean after the meeting. We will discuss, but most likely we will ask for 5 or 6 volunteers to stay and help clean the building.

Handling the sacrament:

- Those blessing the sacrament will sanitize hands multiple times.
- Those preparing and administering sacrament wear masks.
- Space the bread out on each tray (not touching) – for example 10-15 pieces per tray.
- Those administering the sacrament always hold the trays (do not hand off to members).
- Water cups are spaced on the trays, i.e., approximately 12-15 cups per tray instead of the normal.
- One priesthood holder carries the tray with the water and another carries an empty tray to collect the used cups
- We will hold a simple training for the young men before the first sacrament meeting.

Those not attending may continue to have the sacrament at home, encouraged to do so at least monthly. PLEASE let me know if you are in need of the sacrament at home. We want to encourage ministering brothers to reach out to families to ensure the sacrament is readily available each Sunday. Those attending but not comfortable taking the sacrament at the meeting may continue to have the sacrament at home per the Church's guidelines.

These are a few of the guidelines that we will be following. Over the next few weeks, we would like to hear back from you if you will or will not be attending so we can plan the day accordingly. I want to be clear again that those not comfortable attending, especially those in a high-risk category per state guidelines, should not attend. There is no reason to feel anxious about this. The only one required to attend is the Bishop. :)

PLEASE LET THE BISHOPRIC KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND. This will help us to know if a second meeting is needed that day.

I am excited to get back together. I look forward to working on this phased approach until we can begin having our full meetings again. I appreciate our church leadership and their caring manor in outlining how to meet and stay safe. I love you and looking forward to June 28th with much anticipation.

Sincerely, Bishop Wright, Brother Steckler, Brother Jensen