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President Hinckley, in communicating his vision of this history, said that he hoped that it would be a testament to the faith and good works of the Saints in the Salt Lake Bonneville Stake. He hoped that it would be written in such a way that the events that have taken place in the stake might “vividly come alive with personal stories, journal entries and eyewitness accounts.” He said that “there should be a great spirit about the book, inspiring and uplifting all who read it.”

We hope that this history is true to his vision.

Roger and Colleen Thompson, Stake Historians

BONNEVILLE FIRST WARD



Bonneville First Ward

**Bonneville First Ward
Bishop W. Eugene Hansen
1975-1980**



Bishop: W. Eugene Hansen sustained: 1975; released: November 1980
First Counselor: Harold Collipriest
Second Counselor: Dale O. Zabriskie, Gary D. Forbush, Raymond A. Haeckle
Executive Secretary: Gary E. Forbush, David E. Halliday, Richard B. Jensen
Ward Clerk: Gary A. Ede, S. Neve Fox, W. Virgil Dick
Assistant Ward Clerk:
High Priest Group Leader: Alvin J. Schoenhals, W. Virgil Dick
Seventy Group Leader: Ralph J. Marsh, Gerald R. Daynes, Henry A. Theurer
Elder's Quorum President: Charles Brown, Richard W. Evans, Daniel C. Hunter
Sunday School President: Paul L. Taylor, Raymond A. Haeckle, Peter W. Guyon
Relief Society President: Maurine C. Sanders, Orpha Y. Hunter
Primary President: Alice J. Merrill, Louise M. Taylor, Susan Daynes
YM President: Ferron O. Olsen, Marvin Barnes, Oscar M. Hunter, Charles E. Hunter
YW President: Jeanine S. Hansen
Activity Chairman: Karyn Haeckel/Kathy Kidd

Bonneville First Ward

ANNUAL EVENTS

- Blue and Gold Banquets for Cub Scouts
- Ward Clean-Up
- Ward Traditions recalled by Bishop Hansen: ward dinners, summer outing, fathers and sons outings, bus trip for adults to Logan and Tooele, ward shows, seeing missionaries off and meeting them on their return, visiting the 92 widows, organizing river trips led by Dick Winters, roadshow competitions, visiting in the homes of ward members each Wednesday, ward fasts for the sick, Empty Nesters gathered together on Monday nights, and the strong youth program which made sure the girls had equal treatment.

1976

- On May 2, 1976 at a special Sacrament meeting, it was announced that it was time to create a new ward in the S.L. Bonneville Stake. The area previously joined to the Yalecrest Second ward was reunited with the Bonneville Ward and the Bonneville Ward was split with the division running along 16th east. The area east of that line was Bonneville First Ward.
- Elder’s Quorum Christmas Party
- APYW Quilting Bee
- Primary Christmas Party with visit from Santa Claus

1977

- Ward Goals: 1) Missionary Goals- Every family will participate in the “Every Member a Missionary” program by selecting one family to friendship and introduce to the gospel. Work toward the ward goal of one convert baptism per quarter. 2) Personal Welfare Goal: Each family will acquire one year supply of food, clothing, and medical supplies and support the ward preparedness committee. 3) Reverence Goal: Each family will increase the reverence of the ward’s worship services by observing the Sabbath personally and with family.
- Ward summer Party- homemade cake, bread, and jam
- Onion Bawl Reunion party with onion roll and onion pie, French fried onion rings onion candy and onion cough syrup from a pioneer recipe made by Orpha Hunter. Invitations were place in an onion that was placed on each neighbor’s front porch.
- Ward Christmas Party where appetizers and treats were served followed by a musical program
- High Priests have 47 members in their quorum
- Relief Society Boutique
- Second Session Relief Society held for working women
- Young Adult Relief Society

Bonneville First Ward

1978

- Ward Clean-Up
- Ward Canning Projects: grape juice In Oct. and tomato juice, soup, and stewed tomatoes in Nov.
- Neptune's Banquet – ward dinner
- Mexican Mercado – a Mexican dinner followed by a sale of items that will help the ward budget
- Relief Society Birthday Celebration with an Irish theme – Irish dancing and folk singing
- Canning turkey at Welfare Square
- Y.W. enjoyed an evening with Dian Thomas - Camping Made Easy
- Blue and Gold Banquet with both wards combined. All the cubs made and decorated cakes that were judged in various categories. The Cubs also had a Pinewood Derby, a Genesis Night, and Cub Carnival.
- Steven Covey outlined methods of doing missionary work in the ward.
- The Elders and Seventies enjoyed a day in Park City downhill and cross-country skiing.
- Stake Variety Show Presentation: "Salt Lake City: That's the Town that We Love Best" – with Wendy Barnes, Leah Smith, Photos by Bob Skeen, Music by Sherri Guyon and Vera Dick, Temple Square Tribute by Morris and Elaine Told and the ward youth as the cast.

1979

- Ward Dinner with King Arthur in Camelot
- Ward Children's Dinner
- VIP vs. Youth Basketball
- Ward Canning Project: corn
- Father and Sons Outing at East Canyon Resort
- Ward Family Picnic: Washington Park #1 in Parley's Canyon (barbequed chicken, beans, salads root beer and ice cream)
- Fathers and Daughters Outing
- Super Homemaking Day
- Relief Society Birthday Party – Reader's Theater using Carol Lynn Pearson's book Daughters of Light
- Relief Society Summer Party at Alpine Turf Farm where Carol Cornwall Madsen discussed "Early Women of Utah"
- Relief Society Closing Social with a Japanese theme
- Aaronic Priesthood Commemoration held at Hill Air Force Base
- YM-YW Car Wash and Pie Bake- raising funds for summer youth conference
- Youth Conference at Snow College

Bonneville First Ward

- Young Women and Mothers attend an evening at the McCune Mansion for a discussion on temple marriage led by Ray Haeckel and Kris Stone.
- Mutual visits KSL Studio
- Picnic Supper and walk around Lake Mary in Brighton-with flashlights!
- Sunday School Summer Party Primary Mini- Olympics
- Blue and Gold Banquet (for both wards)
- Primary Celebration of the Founding of Primary 100 years Ago
- Primary Basketball
- Father and Daughter Outing and Father and Sons Outing
- Ward Party with Ray and Karen Haeckel as chairmen

1980

- Church begins a new consolidated schedule on March 1st (Priesthood, R.S., YW, Primary first, Sunday School, second, and then Sacrament Meeting.)
- Relief Society Spring Social honoring Bishop and Sister Hansen
- Ward Dinner – “Dinner Flight B-1” with an International menu 3/11

NOTABLES

- Bishop Joseph B. Wirthlin had been a bishop for 9 years and a counselor before that for 8 years.
- Keith Kelly and Bert Tidwell – outstanding youth programs
- Oscar Hunter as priest advisor taught that “the smallest package in the world is one who is all wrapped up in himself.”

MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Margaret Collipriest – Stake Young Women’s President
- Richard Winters –Alternate High Council, High Council
- Karl G Lagerberg, Stake Patriarch
- Marilyn Bennion – Stake Relief Society First Counselor
- Morris Told, Stake Mission President

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Comments from Bishop Eugene Hansen found in the ward scrapbook:

Serving as Bishop of the Bonneville First Ward has been the greatest experience of my life. How fortunate we are to be living in such a golden era when the fullness of the gospel has been restored. I pray constantly that we might all grasp the import of this life that we will strive continually for excellence and work unceasingly for perfection.

Memories of Rick Evans, Elders Quorum President:

When our ward was divided, half of the members were from the Yalecrest Second Ward and half, from the Bonneville Ward. There were many unknown faces. Gradually as new members moved in, the members grew together. I felt very dependent on the Lord in choosing counselors, secretaries, and a teacher when there were so many members I didn't know. Our presidency has been fun-loving, enthusiastic and hardworking. The choicest fruit have been the change of heart wrought within many quorum members. Four prospective elders have advanced into the Melchizedek Priesthood. Three of these are sealed to their families in the temple and the fourth is preparing to do so. Another prospective elder has advanced from no priesthood to the Aaronic Priesthood. Many other inactive members are participating in ward meetings and quorum activities. I have witnessed great personal growth in the lives of many of the active elders. The fruits I observed did not yield themselves accidentally. Members of our quorum magnified their callings, holding 12 socials and two firesides

The Splitting and Obtaining of the Bonneville Ward – May 1976 – Anonymous:

The final decision was made, the line was drawn and old friends and neighbors were shocked, hurt, and dismayed to be separated by the middle of the street, blocks or house, be it whichever held the boundary line. From before and after the date set for separation the two wards functioned as one, holding separate meetings, and having separate officers and Bishoprics. The social functions and parties were still combined on one big fun, for some months, because they had spent a year getting

canyon spaces and setting dates together as one. This could not be separated overnight. So, when the last combined date was readied and the wards spent their fun, Bonneville First and Bonneville Second became separated in all things. Separate officers housed the vital statistics of each ward with their own Bishop and officers as one family. Both wards had people with preferences but on the whole basis the separation was equal as possible in numbers of adults, Primary, MIA, Relief Society, Special Interest and Priesthood members. Talents began to show that had lay dormant for many year4s with "let someone else do it, they do it so much better." This is never true. The act performed by one has a little twist, a little something, the other one does not have. This makes for individuals and working together smoothed out the pent-up wrinkles and many new and treasured relationships began to come forth

Memories from Susan Hansen Porter, daughter of Bishop Hansen, in which she recalls the difficult events during her father's tenure as bishop:

Elder Hansen's experience which shaped his and his wife, Jeanne's lives thereafter.

In 1963, the Hansen's oldest son, Chris, was struck by a car while riding his bike. He was diagnosed with a severe head injury. The Hansen's bishop, Joseph Wirthlin, administered to him with his counselor, Alvin Schoenhals. The ten-year-old boy was operated on by a neurosurgeon to drain a hematoma that was causing pressure build up. The Hansens fasted for their son and after the surgery, the prognosis seemed positive. Then Chris suddenly took a turn for the worse. Unable to reach their doctor, the Hansens walked around the hospital wondering what to do. The impression came that Chris needed another administration, but this time by his

father. During that blessing, Bishop Hansen pleaded with the Lord to preserve the life of their precious son. He added that if the Lord would spare him, his parents would raise him to honor and serve the Lord all the days of his life.

In 1977, two years into his term as a bishop, tragedy involving their children struck again. This was the first and greatest sorrows the Hansen's would endure during this year. Bishop Hansen's son, Matt was driving a group of friend's home from East High School on their way to a debate tournament. A terrible accident occurred where their car crashed into a snowplow, killing Matt and two of his friends. Two others in the car were seriously hurt and were hospitalized for months.

Three months later, another son, Steven, was returning with ward members from a ward campout at Bear Lake. The group stopped for ice cream and as Steven crossed the street, he was hit by a car. He was life-flighted to Primary Hospital where he was eventually place in a body cast, which he wore for 6 months. Steven received a Priesthood administration which greatly aided his recovery.

About the same time, Elder Joseph Wirthlin, serving in the International Mission, visited the Hansen's son, Jeff, who was serving in the Sweden Goteberg Mission. He knew immediately that something was physically wrong with Jeff. Elder Wirthlin had him sent home to find out the cause of his malady. He was diagnosed with MS. Another son was also hospitalized.

When the oldest son Chris was to marry the summer of 1977, only one sibling, Susan, was able to attend his wedding.

Just as Brother and Sister Hansen had promised the Lord years earlier when Chris was injured, they continued in faith and humility through all these ordeals. As a result of their strong example, their children learned how to face life with faith and commitment.

Mary Winters recalls her feeling of the ward:

Bonneville Ward may not have been a perfect place but came close as an area to spend the most rewarding and important years of life-raising a family, forming close and dear friendships, making vital choices and just plain enjoying being alive. After 41 years Dick and Mary reluctantly left Bonneville Ward to follow several of their children south. But always, even into eternity, Bonneville Ward will hold a very unique, important, tender place in their hearts.

Bonneville First Ward

**Bonneville First Ward
Bishop Marvin Peterson Barnes
1980-1981**



Bishop: Marvin P. Barnes, sustained: November 9, 1980; died: June 26, 1981
First Counselor: Raymond A. Haeckel
Second Counselor: Oscar M Hunter
Executive Secretary: Reed G. Spjut
Ward Clerk: W. Virgil Dick
Assistant Ward Clerk:
High Priest Group Leader: John Hardy
Ward Mission Leader: Henry A. Theorem
Elder's Quorum President: Richard B. Jensen
Sunday School President: Peter W. Guyon
Relief Society President: Orpha Y. Hunter
Primary President: Vena J. Childs
YM President: David E. Halliday
YW President: Susan Daynes
Activity Chairman: Kathy Kidd

EVENTS

1981

- Primary International Activity Day
- YMYW Yellowstone Fire Hole River
- Salt Lake Tribune newspaper article reports of a light airplane accident that kills 3 as it slammed into the rugged Ruby Mountains near Elko, Nevada, on June 26, 1981. Bishop Marvin Barnes, age 53, one of the occupants, was traveling as a geological engineer. He had been a Navy veteran, active in SME of AIME, Society of Economic Geology, Utah Geological Assn., Wasatch County Jaycees, Filled LDS mission to Eastern States, served on Stake High Council and presently Bishop of the Bonneville First Ward.

FUNERALS

- Gaylen Snow Young, 1/8/81
- Elizabeth Hunter Blyle, 6/13/81
- Marvin Peterson Barnes, 6/26/81

**MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS
OUTSIDE THE WARD**

- W. Eugene Hansen, Stake President
- Karl G. Lagerberg, Stake Patriarch
- Richard Winters, Stake High Council
- Marilyn Bennion, Stake Relief Society Second Counselor
- Morris Told, Stake Mission President

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

President Hansen’s Memories of Gaylen Young:

I know of no assignment or requested assignment that I ever gave or requested of Brother Young that he wasn’t totally faithful in fulfilling. For example, working at the Stake Farm when he was 84 years of age, he cleaned ditches and talked and joked as he worked. Later he was there weeding onions. He and I introduced some of younger brethren to fresh asparagus. He would take the bus with his driver, putter and a few irons on his way to practice golfing. Gaylen was patriotic. He always attended the 4th of July Flag Raising Ceremony. He always encouraged us to sing the Star-Spangled Banner and to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Memories of Bishop Barnes by his daughter, Wendy Barnes Macfarlane:

Marvin Peterson Barnes served in the Southern States mission.

At that time of his passing he had a daughter, Stephanie, serving in the Argentina, Buenos Aires South mission. He had 2 sons and 5 daughters. Both sons and 4 of his daughters served missions.

When he was made Bishop, Cathy Kidd said she felt the ward was wrapped in a great big hug because of his warmth and love.

He loved serving many years as the gospel doctrine teacher. He had a profound knowledge and understanding of the gospel and the scriptures. He left a legacy of testimony to his children and all who knew him.

Bishop Barnes also served as the High Priest group leader, Assistant Ward Clerk and Young Men President. As the High Priest Group Leader, he made countless visits to the widows and widowers in the ward. He had a great love for them. Joan, his wife, often sent Sunday meals to the homes of the widowed. I remember running next door or down the street or driving to the home of one of the ward members to deliver a plate of food before our own family sat down to Sunday dinner.

Bishop Barnes also loved the youth and had served in the Young Men's Program. The week before he died, the ward had a youth activity at Bear Lake. Bishop Barnes was waterskiing when he "wiped out" and injured his ribs.

Mark E. Peterson came to visit Joan at the time of Marvin's passing. He asked how he could be of service and Joan asked him to speak at the funeral, which he did. The chapel was filled to capacity at the funeral and extended into the gym with ward and stake members, work associates, friends, and family, which included his father, stepmother, 6 living brothers and 4 sisters.

Comments Made by President Hansen at the Funeral of Bishop Marvin Barnes:

Let me pay tribute to the Barnes family as true examples of stalwarts. Every assignment they were ever given was fulfilled and with extra measure. When the duties of the ward nursery leader were greatly expanded and we needed someone to fill that assignment (which to many would have seemed quite difficult), who should come forth but Joan and not only accept the call but after a year of service, tell the Bishopric how much she loved the assignment. She genuinely thanked us, her Bishopric, for the opportunity she had

been given to serve. Whenever we had a farm assignment that was difficult to bear, you could always count on the Barnes family from Lisa on up being there, working, supporting and serving. All of the children are exemplary.

Marvin and Joan have always been ready and willing to support the ward financially, and their love and generosity have been felt by scores of people.

Bishop Barnes was chosen by the spirit of revelation. There was no question that the Lord wanted him to serve as Bishop. As my counselors and I prepared ourselves with fasting and prayer and then counseled together, we received the deep burning feeling that Bishop Marvin was the Lord's choice. And there was never any question that we had done the Lord's will.

Bishop Marvin in our discussions many times expressed a humble feeling of concern that he would be able to guide, encourage and motivate his people to attain the levels of growth and development that they were capable of.

Bonneville First Ward

**Bonneville First Ward
Bishop Ralph Marsh
1981-1987**



Bishop: Ralph Marsh, sustained July 5, 1981; released: May 17, 1987

First Counselor: Ray Haeckel, Gerald R. Daynes

Second Counselor: Oscar Hunter, Reed G. Spjut, A.J. Smith

Exec. Secretary: Reed G. Spjut, Chadwick C. Clark, Morris Told

Clerks: W. Virgil Dick, Ray L. Nielsen

Ass't Clerks: Ted J. Turman, Clark L. Kidd, Gene N. Savage, Howard E. Bird, Clyde E. King, Werner K. Otto, Joseph J. Whyte, Henry R. Krantz

High Priest Group Leader: John Hardy, Harold D. Collipriest

Seventy Group Leader: David H. Epperson, William Turner

Elder's Quorum President: Alan J. Smith, Brent A. Larson, Edward L. Clissold

Sunday School President: Charles E. Sorensen, Richard E. Harry, Jr.

Relief Society President: Mary N. Winters, Shirley L. Rogers

Primary President: Vena J. Child, Laura Brown

YW President: Diane C. Epperson, Marian Holden

YM President: Richard McKeown, Richard K. Winters

Activities Chairman: Kathy H. Kidd, Susan Daynes

ANNUAL EVENTS

- Ward Summer Party
- Ward Christmas Party
- Ward Dinner
- Father and Sons Outing
- July 4th Flag Raising Program
- Autumn Pot Luck Dinner

1981

- Fireside for Youth – dreams and aspirations – “Enlightened Mediocrity” by Bishop Marsh.

1982

- Young Marrieds Fireside in Bishop’s home.
- Youth Fireside
- Changed order of Sunday meeting to sacrament meeting last of the 3 meetings.
- Youth Conference at the Stake Center. Father’s and Daughter’s Outing – 7/28

1984

- Spring Sing – Sherrie Guyon as chair – Thirteen different groups participated singing barbershop, Primary songs. YM, YW, and RS quartets plus a surprise number from the Exec. Sec. and clerks performed.

- YM and YW singing in trios and quartets at sacrament meetings

1985

- Youth Fireside on Morality

1986

- Ward Christmas Party – Dec. 16 – under the direction of Kevin and Susan Pinegar.

1987

- Members participated in various Bicentennial celebrations of the U.S Constitution
- Six baby boys were born into the ward during this year to the Eric Swenson family, to Lyman and Michele King, to Kevin and Susan Pinegar, to Sam and Maureen Wilkinson, to the Skanchy family and to Brad and Valerie Parker.

NOTABLES

- W. Eugene Hansen elected chairman of the State Board of Regents
- Richard Winters helped with fundraising to build a chapel at S.L. C. Detention Center. Fundraising was at \$45,000 and Brother Winters’ efforts brought the total to \$105,000.00 (1985)
- Richard Winters featured on KTVX TV on Christmas Day featuring his untiring service to others in the community.

- Ray Haeckel – writer for Spence Kennard on Sunday Choir Broadcast

FUNERALS

- Arvyl Corey, 1/30/82
- Harry Russell Brough – 6/23/82
- Byron Strong, 6/30/82
- Margaret Elizabeth Peterson Thomas, 7/1/82
- Thira Robinson – July 1982
- Mother of Werner Otto
- Oscar Murdock Hunter, 3/8/83
- Dean Bench, 7/27/83
- Gordon Parker Owen, 5/16/84
- Raul B. Gusman, 3/8/85
- Nancy Strong, 10/26/85
- Helen Hagerman, 3/7/87

MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Mark E. Peterson, member of Quorum of Twelve Apostles
- Ray Haeckel –High Counselor in University Stake
- Skip Daynes- Student Ward Bishop
- W. Eugene Hansen, Stake President

- Karl G. Lagerberg, Stake Patriarch
- Harold D. Collipriest, Stake Sunday School President, Stake Executive Secretary
- Ione Roundy, Stake Relief Society Secretary
- Betty N. Taylor, Stake Sunday School Secretary

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Bishop Marsh’s Memoires:

Reflecting on our time in the bishopric, there are two things we did that stand out as effective as anything else we did. While we visited new members as soon as possible after they moved in, we invited all the new members who had moved in each quarter to our home for a dinner and asked each of them to introduce themselves and give information on their backgrounds. Each member of the bishopric did the same so that the new members could get acquainted with us. It was very effective in getting them involved in the ward and helped us to learn more about them. It was a burden on Judy to prepare dinner for these events but she was cooperative and helpful. The second thing we did as a bishopric that was especially effective was to visit all of the widows and widowers in the ward at Christmas time and deliver them a gift. Because of the difficulty of visiting them all at or near Christmas time, the first year we tried to just deliver the gift and not spend time with them. But it quickly became obvious that they were offended if we did not go in and spend time with them. Thereafter, we did spend fifteen minutes or longer with each one of them. That meant that I, sometimes with both counselors, sometimes with one

counselor and sometimes alone, spent nearly every evening and Saturdays in visiting every widow and widower in the ward during the month of December. There were about fifty-five of them. This, of course, was in addition to time spent in meeting with most members of the ward in tithing settlement during December. Those visits paid great dividends in the relationship I had with each of those individuals during my years as bishop. One sister was upset if we visited too early in the month of December because she wanted to have her home cleaned up and in perfect condition when the bishopric came. There were obviously some considerations we men don't think about even when trying to do the right thing.

Another thing we did that was very effective was to invite the bishopric and all of our clerks and executive secretary and assistants, with their wives, to a dinner and evening of entertainment in our home just before Christmas. I usually invited my secretary, Karen Marcroft, and her sisters, Renae and Shawna, to sing for us. They were all accomplished musicians and regularly sang as a trio. I took the opportunity to thank them for their service and let them know how much their efforts were appreciated. That, too, paid dividends in cementing our relationship with each of them.

Memories of Oscar Hunter:

Oscar had been an amazing man for many years and was famous throughout the valley for the "Oscar Hunter Firesides" that attracted many young people for some 15 years. These firesides had far reaching effects even to the extent that youth who came later in life to his funeral wanted to contribute to his burial expenses.

Bishop Marsh's Gratifying Experience:

An interview was especially gratifying. Chad Clarke, a single member of the ward, had been a member of my seventies group ten years earlier and, despite the fact that he had served two missions, was somewhat cynical and critical about the Church and some of its history. He had changed in those intervening years. He came in to see me and told me of his commitment to the Lord. He said that everything he owned, his home, his car, whatever assets he possessed were available to me if I needed them to assist any member of the ward. And he meant it. He was willing to serve anywhere, anytime, that I might ask. He later became my Executive Secretary. At that time, because he was single and wanted very much to be married, he asked for a blessing to help him in his efforts to find a wife. He knew women who wanted to marry him but they were not committed members of the Church. He later found a woman who had agreed to marry him, who happened to be a client of mine, but she called it off at the last minute. That was the big disappointment of his life. But he served faithfully as long as I knew him. I only share these details about him because he recently died and has no family.

Bishop Marsh's thoughts on preparing talks and receiving inspiration:

I often stayed up late at night to prepare the talks I had to give and usually put on a record or tape of classical piano or opera music to inspire me. I gave a talk on Mother's Day, May 8, 1983, after a vocal solo by Tricia Farr, in which I mentioned that I had put on a recording of Joan Sutherland the other night as I was preparing that talk. Afterwards, Ruth Peterson of our ward told me I should listen to that music more often if it inspired me to prepare that kind of talk. There are those who

can stand up and speak without significant preparation and are, or claim to be, inspired as to what to say as they stand at the pulpit. For me, standing at the pulpit in front of a crowd of people is the most difficult place to receive inspiration. I am much more likely to be inspired in the quiet of the night as I ponder about the subject of a talk I have been asked to give. I have had enough experience in speaking when called upon impromptu, even when my response may have been okay, to know that I will retire to bed that night after the talk and start to think of all the things I should have said. Rather than lose sleep thinking of those things the night after a talk, I have decided that it is much better to lose sleep the night before—or two nights before—and let my thoughts flow freely at that time. That has always produced a much more satisfying and comfortable experience.

In all of my interviews with President Hansen, he was very kind and gentle, never critical or demanding in any way, but always supportive and often complimentary. He asked on occasion how things were going in the ward and what new efforts we were making to improve activity and devotion. I answered that sometimes I felt like I was being successful by just “keeping the wheels turning.” If I ever complained about not having enough time to do everything I needed to do, he responded by saying “a bishop’s work is never done.” I always wondered what else I should be doing to help members of the ward or to increase activity and there was always more I could have done. But I loved being bishop, not because I was in the spotlight or felt important, but because of the relationship I had with the members of the ward. They were so open in telling me of their problems and concerns and trusting me with intimate details of their lives. So many of them were willing to do anything asked of them. And I was always amazed at their generosity as I reviewed the tithing and other

contributions each week and at the end of each year. I missed that relationship after my release but many members were kind in expressing their gratitude for my service both in person and in cards and letters they sent. My father-in-law had told me that the two best assignments in the Church were bishop and mission president. I could now agree with him on one-half of that assessment. It was the best, and most productive, time of my service in the Church. So far!

Memories of Floss Waltman, Counselor to Mary Winters in Relief Society Presidency:

Mary Winters was the personification of the ideal ward Relief Society President. It is quite probable that every member and non-member within the ward boundaries received her sweet rolls. She bathed and took meals to the homebound. She invited many to her home for dinner. She would hear of someone’s needs and would be there. Most of her children had left home by the time she was called as the Relief Society President, but she still had one or two still under her wing. There was only one Bonneville Ward at that time and it was a large ward. (It was divided shortly afterward.) Anyone who got married would be privileged to have a shower in honor of the bride sponsored by the Relief Society at Mary’s home.

A fun Relief Society sleep-over was held at the Winter’s home at which the sisters watched old-time movies or worked on crafts at a nearby table. There was plenty of food. Those who didn’t want to stay overnight spent the evening and then went home to their own beds. But, Mary was willing to provide overnight accommodations for all those who wanted to stay. She loved and cared for everyone.

Richard Winters helps the Homeless:

Dick and Mary Winters have a summer home in Bear Lake where Mary was raised as a child. Dick had been working there and was on his way home to Salt Lake through Evanston. His daughter Liz was getting married and he wanted to get the yard in shape for the reception. Arriving in Evanston, he stopped for gas. As he entered the convenience store, a young woman ran past him. As he left the store, the same young girl called to him, "Hey Mister, Where are you going?" Dick stopped and returned the question, "Where are YOU going?" adding a cautionary note, "If you're not careful, you could be raped!" She teared up but asked for a ride to Salt Lake with him. Dick agreed to that. As he drove to Salt Lake, this young homeless girl slept sporadically, nervous about being with another strange man. In between her sleeping, she told him about catching a ride with a truck driver who did just what Dick had previously suggested might happen to her. He talked to her about her family and encouraged her to call her mother in California even though this girl insisted her mom didn't want to see her.

When they reached Salt Lake, she agreed to call her mother. Dick paid for the call. They decided to check the bus depot, but it was just closing as they arrived. They did find out that a bus would be leaving for California at 6:30 am. So, Dick paid for a room for her in a motel on the same street. He headed home to much wedding planning, awoke early, drove to the depot and met this homeless girl, paid for her ticket and put her on the bus for California. Her mother called Dick later to tell him that she had arrived and thanked God for some decent people in this world.

Valerie Cooley told of her son Vernon's miraculous recovery from a cancer growth. All signs of the cancer were gone within a month's discovery of it.

Bonneville First Ward

**Bonneville First Ward
Bishop Harold Collipriest
1987-1993**



Bishop: Harold D. Collipriest sustained: May 17, 1987; released: 1993
First Counselor: Bradley H. Parker
Second Counselor: Kevin R. Pinegar, John P. Creer
Executive Secretary: Morris W. Told, John P. Creer IV, Thomas H. Wilkinson
Ass't Executive Secretary: Loren D Hennick, James A. Roberts, Tommy J. Nicolaides
Ward Clerk: T. Addison Bennion
Ass't Ward Clerk: Reed G. Spjut, Dave Robbins, Scott A. Wilkey, Joseph J. Whyte, Henry R. Krantz, A. Bradley Hertz, John T. Crandall, Dave Robbins, Timothy A. Henson
High Priest Leader: Gerald R. Daynes, Morris W. Told
Seventy Group Leader: Chadwick C. Clarke, W. Virgil Dick, Richard K. Winters, Gary D. Russon
Elder's Quorum President: Randall N Skanchy, Cary R. Clark
Sunday School President: Tommy J. Nicolaides, Douglas H. Smith
Relief Society President: Shirley L. Rogers, Elaine Harding
Primary President: Laura Brown, Sydney Aland
YM President: Alan J. Smith, Jard W. Hulme, Randall N. Skanchy
YW President: Kristine B. Swenson, Maureen Wilkinson, WenDee Russon
Activities Chairman: Maureen Wilkinson, Karen R. Hill, Arlene M. Conley, Jane W. Creer

Bonneville First Ward

ANNUAL EVENTS

- The ward picnics
- The gatherings at Christmas time
- Gatherings in the Bonneville glen.
- Relief Society Luau

1988

- Lagerberg 50th Anniversary party, honoring their arrival in the USA

1989

- One convert baptism performed – Sara Smith
- Tim Daynes had a tragic accident at Lake Powell where he broke his back.

1990

- Open House for Harold d. Collipriest and Adele C. Smith at Dick and Mary Winter’s home 7/16/90
- Open House for Elder Eugene and Jeanine Hansen prior to departure for Hong Kong

1992

- Scout hike with Bro. Lagerberg
- Relief Society Program “A Society of Sisters” – Sesquicentennial Celebration

FUNERALS

- Mary Louise Ross Young, 12/11/87
- Norma Foulger Knight, 1/8/88
- Fred William Schwendiman, 2/88
- Jess R. Jensen, 1988
- Ted James Turman, 10/11/88
- Margaret Mary Bullock Collipriest, 10/28/88
- Frank Richard Haehle, 1/24/89
- Orland W. Allred, 2/6/89
- Julia Romania Brown Peterson, 4/10/89
- Warren Jeff Hansen, 11/3/89
- La Retta Anderson Spurrier, 1/9/90
- Sister Beal
- Walter Everett Boyden Sr., 1/28/91
- Wealthy Parker Hanson, 7/6/91
- Joan Harries Barnes, 11/2/91

**MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS
OUTSIDE THE WARD**

- Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin – Apostle
- W. Eugene Hansen, Stake President and later called as a member of The First Quorum of the Seventy
- Karl G. Lagerberg, Stake Patriarch

- Margaret Collipriest – General Board of the Young Women
- Floss Waltman- Director of the Brighton Girls Camp
- Richard E. Harry, Stake High Council
- Ralph J. Marsh, Stake Sunday School Presidency Second Counselor
- Donna P. Taylor, Stake Relief Society Secretary
- Betty N. Taylor, Stake Sunday School Secretary
- Wendee Russon, Stake Primary First Counselor
- Raymond A. Haeckel, Stake High Council
- Laura P. Brown, Stake Primary First Counselor
- Mary N Winters, Stake Primary Secretary
- Ralph J. Marsh, Stake High Council, Stake Sunday School President

NOTABLES

- Skip Daynes sponsor of the Gina Bachauer Piano Competition
- Ron Davey helped the scouts in the ward complete Eagle requirements by following up with all the necessary paperwork. He and his wife Janet organized all the Courts of Honor.

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Memory of Kevin Pinegar, first counselor in the Bishopric:

When Kevin was called as a counselor in the Bishopric, he didn't know Brother Collipriest. He worked in the same office building as President Hansen who called him over to his office to see if he knew Hall Collipriest and to call him as his counselor. Brother Collipriest prayed about who he should have for counselors and the names of Brad Parker and Kevin Pinegar whom he didn't know came to his mind. Following their calling, Elder Wirthlin invited the new bishopric to his office for training. He gave them notebooks with information enclosed.

The first Sunday that the new bishopric was to conduct, both Bishop Collipriest and Brother Parker were out-of-town. Elder Wirthlin fortunately was present to be a guide for Bro. Pinegar. At the close of the meeting, Elder Wirthlin commented about how well Bro. Pinegar had conducted, adding, "It would have been even better in a white shirt." Kevin had worn a blue shirt!

About the loss of Margaret Collipriest:

Margaret was diagnosed with a brain tumor and within 3 months was gone. During this difficult time, Bishop Collipriest "was grace under fire", the consummate gentleman' according to the Pinegars, and was so grateful not to be released as the bishop. He needed something to keep him busy during this sad, devastating time.

Memory of Floss Waltman during a serious time of her life:

Floss was going through a divorce. She prayed for help for something to get her through those difficult days. She received a call from the stake president, Eugene Hansen, who called her to head the Brighton Girls Camp, a regional summer camp for 13 and 14 year-old young women. She helped to select the staff, cared for the facility, and developed a beneficial program for young girls there. This calling and opportunity was an absolute life-saver for Floss as it helped her maintain her self-worth at a time which was sad and depressing. She continued with that calling for 22 years.

Memories of Adele Collipriest, wife of Bishop Collipriest:

Hal was a very caring bishop, taking his calling most seriously. It must have been excruciating for him to watch his Margaret rapidly decline from the ravages of aggressive, cancerous brain tumors in October of 1988. He also lost his beloved Mom...who raised her two sons alone after losing her husband at a very tender age from an accidental electrocution while working on a power line. Hal was only three at the time. He lost his only sibling, a cherished brother, Alan, in World War II. This was devastating to Hal. His Mom was his heroine, and Margaret his first real love...so as a bishop, that would be extremely hard. But he had such a deep and abiding love for his Savior, and so much faith that helped him carry on.

Elder Wirthlin was concerned about Hal and was hopeful that he would marry again. Mary Winters must have thought the same thing, for she arranged for us to meet at a dinner party...and when she invited me, she said, "and we will have your reception." I laughed

of course...but the dinner party was quite magical, and Hal instantly won my heart, for many reasons.

A couple of months later, the Relief Society held their annual Luau in Clela Jorgensen's back yard. They invited their widowed Bishop, and his brand-new fiancé', as their special guests. We were both dreading and anticipating the event... I was terrified of having to walk into a brand-new group of women whom, I was sure, would be "sizing me over!" But it turned out that I knew several of the sisters, and they all made sure that I was comfortable, and that they were happy Hal did not have to be alone anymore. I loved the ward...every single person in it. They made me feel loved and included, and reassured Hal that they were happy for him!

Memories of Brad Parker, Counselor to Bishop Collipriest:

Both Bradley Parker and Kevin Pinegar were rather new in the ward at the time they were called- neither of these counselors knew Bishop Collipriest well. At the time he was sustained as the bishop, however, Bishop Collipriest indicated that he had been directed to select these two counselors after praying about the matter in the temple.

Brad Parker recalls that after he was called on Friday afternoon, May 15, 1987 to serve as a counselor to Bishop Collipriest, he went home to discuss it with his wife Valorie who was then nine months pregnant. After that discussion, Valorie immediately went into labor and the next day their son and fourth child, Braden, was born. The following day, on Sunday, Brother Parker left the hospital briefly to attend the May 17th sacrament meeting and then after he had been set apart as a counselor, rushed back to the hospital to bring Valorie and their new baby son home.

Bonneville First Ward

Apostle Joseph B. Wirthlin lived in the Bonneville First Ward and though many assumed that Bishop Collipriest would be released after the death of his wife Margaret, both Elder Wirthlin and Stake President W. Eugene Hansen, felt that he should not be released. Following Margaret's death, and with the support and encouragement of Elder Wirthlin and President Hansen, Bishop Collipriest consequently spent a few tender months with family away from the ward and then returned to finish his full term of inspired service as the ward bishop. During his brief absence there were several ward member deaths and several funerals held in the ward. There were also other ward matters which normally would have required the attention of the ward bishop, but with the direction and approval of the stake presidency and when it was possible, after consulting with Bishop Collipriest by telephone, the affairs of the ward were temporarily handled by Bishop Collipriest's two counselors.

Bishop Collipriest was a bishop who was attentive to detail and who believed in "doing things right." Funerals, ward conferences, and sacrament meetings were planned in such detail that even the number of filled water glasses available on the podium was planned and assigned. Just as he had been taught by Elder W. Eugene Hansen, who had in turn been taught by Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin, Bishop Collipriest taught his counselors how to carefully and meticulously but also kindly and lovingly, oversee and care for the extraordinary members of the Bonneville First Ward.

Bonneville First Ward

**Bonneville First Ward
Bishop Ray Haeckel
1993-1997**



Bishop: Raymond A. Haeckel, sustained: 1993; released, March 27, 1997
First Counselor: Daniel L. Harding
Second Counselor – John P. Creer IV, Joseph P, Cook
Ward Clerk: David A. Brown, William L. Allen, Richard E. Harry
Executive Secretary: Thomas H. Wilkinson, Joseph P. Cook, Brian Israelson, Blake E. Strong
Assistant Clerk:
High Priest Group Leader: Morris W. Told, Kenneth T. Allred, Richard K. Winters
Seventy Group Leader/Mission Leader: Gary D. Russon, Cary R. Clark, David B. Aland
Elder’s Quorum President: Cary R. Clark, Blake E. Strong, Brian E. Israelson
Sunday School President: Kirk J. Partridge, James A. Roberts, Timothy A. Hansen
Relief Society President: Adele Collipriest, Elaine P. Told
Primary President: Jody L. Morrill, Vicki L. Clark, Sue S. Skanchy
YM President: Randall L. Skanchy, John P. Creer IV, Jeffrey B. Edwards
YW President: Wendee P. Russon, Laura P. Brown, Brenda A. Holliday, Valorie J. Parker
Activities Chairman: Allen J. and Leah T. Smith, Cindy A. Strong, Michael

Bonneville First Ward

EVENTS

1993

- Convert baptism of Tony and Tyler LeBlanc, close friends of Travis Nicolaides

1994

- Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat, a stake production, was directed by Jeff Edwards. Other ward members involved were Kara Edwards (women’s chorus), Brad Parker (hairy Ishmaelite), Ashley Allen, Morgan and Weston Edwards, Hillary Wilkinson, Kami Told, Brin Russon (youth chorus), Bill Evans, (musical director and conductor), Morris Told (orchestra), Elaine Hardy and Leah Smith (Art Scenery), Jessica and Mary Ann Webster(properties artists), Eric Edwards, Richie Harry (stage crew), Tom Nicolaides (House Manager)

1995

- Kay Ensign married Reed Spjut – date unclear
- Back to Bethlehem organized by Kay Spjut

1996

- Ward Christmas Party headed by Kevin and Susan Pinegar

FUNERALS

- Annie Sims Jones Carter, 7/25/87
- Clela Jergensen

- Ruth Clayton
- Mina Finlayson
- Paula

MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Karl G. Lagerberg, Stake Patriarch
- Ralph Marsh, Stake High Council
- Betty N. Taylor, Stake Sunday School Secretary
- Laura P. Brown, Stake Primary First Counselor
- Bradley H. Parker, Stake Mission Presidency First Counselor
- Mary N. Winters, Stake Primary Secretary
- Jane R. Steffensen, Stake Primary Second Counselor
- Tom Nicolaides, Stake Young Men First Counselor
- Adele C. Collipriest, Stake Relief Society Second Counselor
- Rick Gaykowski, Stake High Council
- Randall N. Skanchy, Stake High Council
- Vicky K. Nicolaides, Stake Primary Second Counselor

NOTABLES

- Sue Skanchy – CFO Utah Food Bank
- Jeff Edwards – head of a non-profit Economic Development Corporation of Utah
- Richard Winters – headed fundraising to build a chapel at S.L. County Detention center bringing the total from \$45,000 to \$105,000.

He was also featured on KTVX TV on Christmas Day for his untiring service to others in community.

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Memories of Oscar W. McConkie, Counselor in Stake Presidency as to calling of Bishop Haeckel:

President Jacobsen needed to choose a new bishop for the Bonneville First Ward. Lists were made and reduced to three men. The stake presidency attended the temple to get some spiritual help in making the decision. As the temple session progressed, President McConkie felt that none of the three were right and was nervous to tell President Jacobsen his opinion. Luckily, President Jacobsen first asked Bro. Orton who he thought the bishop should be. Bro. Orton said, "None of them." Those words made Bro McConkie feel much better and helped him to see his feelings were in order." Then who should it be?" President Jacobsen asked." Ray Haeckel" answered Bro. Orton. The three leaders discussed how Bro Haeckel had been serving in the University Stake, but had serious heart problems to the extent that he had recently had surgery. So, his health wasn't good and his wife wasn't an active member. But he is the one the Lord had

chosen. So, he was invited to be the Bishop. Elder Wirthlin, a member of the ward brought up his concerns about Bishop Haeckel mainly because of his wife's position regarding activity in the church. The stake presidency had to say that they were sure it was to be Brother Haeckel.

Bishop Haeckel's Memories while serving:

We had a young man who began attending some of our church meetings. I saw him in Priesthood and Sacrament Meeting, and he always had his scriptures with him. I assumed he was a visitor and welcomed him. He was still attending after several weeks, and I had heard he was a non-member. One evening the thought came to me that I needed to visit with him as soon as possible. The following Sunday he was there, and I invited him into the bishop's office for a visit. Yes, it was true. He was a non-member but had previously taken some of the missionary discussions. He was a UU student from Wyoming. Then a strong impression came to me, and luckily, I responded to the prompting. I asked: "Is there any reason you shouldn't be baptized." He said, "I can't think of any?" I said, "How about next Saturday?" "That would work," he responded. The baptism took place. Sometime later, I heard that he was serving as an Elders Quorum President.

This experience confirmed to me, that often you just have to be direct if the spirit nudges you, without being antagonistic. Sometimes members are reluctant to engage in gospel discussions with non-members, but we need to look for openings. And then just do it.

Calling a New Leader:

After much prayer and discussion, the bishopric concluded who should be the next Relief Society President. [As an aside, I have always tried to make callings a spiritual experience if possible. I have concluded that there are three types of callings: a. those that are pure inspiration. b. Members that are discussed and prayed about but when we eventually arrive at two or three possible candidates for a position, we receive no further inspiration, no matter how hard we try. I've concluded that the Lord is telling us that they are acceptable to Him, and He wants us to make the final selection. c. The final group includes "callings of necessity". If someone moves into the ward and loves to play the piano, and if the ward needs a Primary pianist, he or she is likely to get the calling. Zero inspiration, but I believe that regardless of the category, those in the third tier will receive the same blessings that the first group receives, all predicated on their faithfulness, and the way in which they magnify their calling].

So, we had selected a sister to be the next R.S. president. We were near one of our temple days [can't remember if it was a ward or stake temple day]. We knew this couple would be in the temple with us, so the bishopric planned to issue the calling in the Salt Lake Temple, after the endowment session. We felt their hearts would be softened and that the spirit would be strong. We invited the couple into one of the sealing rooms off the side of the Celestial Room. The bishop and counselors were present. We visited and then issued the call. I'll never forget that experience. The new president wept, and all of us were touched by the spirit. She was one of the great presidents.

It was reaffirmation to me that all callings need to be as spiritual as possible. If you create the right kind of environment -- whether the call is issued in the bishop's office, or in a home, or other place --the level of commitment to the position will be greater.

Memories of Adele Collipriest, Relief Society President:

During the years I served with Ray, we had MANY funerals, and lots of activities involving all the auxiliaries. I recall that there were approximately 17 funerals during that time: many were the sweet "older" women who had lived and served in the ward so faithfully.

Ray was always wonderfully kind to all those affected, and we were a good team, working very well together. I always loved the talks that Ray gave...full of wisdom, and delivered with humility and passion. He was great with the youth, completely supportive to us in the Relief Society, had a great sense of humor, and our PEC meetings were not only efficient and caring, but fun as well.

Bonneville First Ward

**Bonneville First Ward
Bishop Randall Skanchy
1997-2002**



Bishop: Randall N. Skanchy, sustained: March 27, 1997; released: September 2002

First Counselor: Richard B. Harry

Second Counselor: David B. Aland/D. Gary Russon

Executive Secretary: Mark Reed/ Stephen R. Nielsen/Arthur B. Berger

Assistant Secretary: Blake Strong

Ward Clerk: E. Keith Lignell

High Priest Group Leader: Richard K. Winters,/ Wilfrord K. Lieber/ Michael J. Card

Seventy Group Leader:

Elders Quorum President: Brian C. Israelsen/ Mark A. Clawson

Sunday School President: Ralph J. Thompson/ Brian W. Steffensen

Relief Society President: Sherri L. Guyon/Janet C. Davey

Primary President: Kathryn J. Seninger/Virginia V. Smith/ Molly J. Justice

Young Men President: Bradley H. Parker/Alan J. Smith

Young Women President: Allison Dayton/Susan R. Frost

Activity Chairman: Michael A. and Sheila Cox/ Alan J. and Leah. J. Smith/Gerald R. and Susan E. Daynes

Bonneville First Ward

ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

- YM/YW “Immersion Activities”
- Ward Summer Parties
- Ward Christmas Parties

1997

- Revival of the Spring Sing, an evening of musical numbers performed by ward members. The showstopper was a number performed by the High Priests who dressed as flowers and sang a Primary song while Eldo Halliday, in his late 90’s danced in a yellow leotard and a tutu.
- Built a float for the 24th of July Parade under the direction of Jeff Edwards. Primary children rode on it. (Members camped out at the Russon Mortuary to see the float pass in review.)
- Occasional “Mingles” were started after Sacrament meetings to enjoy light refreshments and encourage socializing between ward members.

1998

- YMYW Scripture Emersion
- Two day ward re-enactment trek of the Willey handcart company
- The bishopric asked three families to live without electricity or hot water for three weeks and to eat entirely from their food storage. (year may be incorrect)
- Empty Nesters Activities – dinner and speakers in various homes

1999

- Nine missionaries left for the mission field this year: Christopher Kerr, Ryan Parker, Tommy Nicolaides, Sarah Smith, Isaac Smith, Matthew Lieber, Robert Harry, Joshua Smith, and Matthew Marsh.

2000

- 50th Anniversary Dedicatory service for the organization of the Bonneville Ward-1950-2000
- Three missionaries left for the mission field: Tony and Tyler LeBlanc, and Derrick Clark
- Ward Party – Western Theme 4/25
- Progressive Dinner Activity – started by A.J. Smith
- Top Secret Primary Activity – glasses, moustaches, secret files
- Book of Mormon Immersion
- Young Women Recognition Award given to Elizabeth L. Guyon, Morgan E. Edwards, Imogene E. Hennick
- Emergency Preparedness Seminar- every family in the ward prepared with 72-hour supplies. Scouts demonstrated emergency shelters.
- Daddy Daughter Activity
- Scout Outing to the Sawtooth Mountains in Idaho.
- Ward Campout at Bear Lake

Bonneville First Ward

- Neighborhood Safety Workshop – Organize Neighborhood Watch
- R.S. sponsored a testimony meeting
- A Night in Bethlehem - theme for the ward Christmas Party with booths offering items of Bible times, Nativity, and costumes/customs of the time.
- R.S Christmas gathering – Women in Christ’s Life. Characters portrayed in costume.

2001

- Travis Nicolaides left for his mission.
- Christmas Dance Party (see photo) under the direction of Leonard and Susan Black.
- Tragic accident following a boating excursion
- R.S. Birthday Celebration- Return to the first Relief Society
- YW hosted a senior dinner
- YW Basketball
- Y.W. Timpanogos Campout
- Book of Mormon Immersion
- Primary Achievement Day: Ice Skating
- Ward Party: Springtime Fiesta – 4/18
- Ward Campout: Starvation Reservoir, Skip Daynes Chairman
- Ward Summer Party at Washington Park

- Concert in the Glen
- Youth Immersion on The Last Week of the Savior’s Life
- Move outs: John/Jane Creer to California; the Collipriests to three Fountains; the Todd and Andrea Daynes family to Sullivan, MO.
- Eldo is 100 years old!
- Relief Society concentrates on the Lost Arts: quilting, knitting,
- Robert and Joy Orton Farewell
- R.S. Opening Social with former Miss Utah as speaker
- R.S. Super Saturday – 4 hours of crafting
- Jamie Steffensen Farewell
- Member families participate in the production at the Conference Center, Savior of the World
- Christmas Ball

2002

- Primary Activity: Heart Attack of Love- 5 member’s home decorated for Valentine’s Day
- Move Outs: Ralph and Branda Thompson, Brad and Debra Kinney, Dearden and Max Orfanidis, Steve and Jill Nielson to San Antonio, TX.
- YW enjoy an Academy Award Night
- R.S. Birthday Party – Hats Off to the R. S. – Sister Oaks was speaker.

Bonneville First Ward

- R.S. Enrichment: DeAnn Sadleir discusses How to Study the Scriptures
- YMYW host a Senior Dinner
- Nauvoo Temple Dedication Broadcast Thursday or Sunday, June 30, 2002
- Ward Campout to Starvation Reservoir – near Duchesne, UT – Ken and Allision Dayton.
- Retreat to ZoBell’s Cabin, 7/20
- R.S. Opening Social- Getting to Know You was the theme.

FUNERALS

- Francis Bench 3/23/97
- Virgil Dick – 4/25/98
- Paul Kerr- 11/2/2000
- Reed Spjut -12/9/2000
- Lindsey Wilkinson -1/15/2001
- Daro Taufer – 6/7/01
- Warren Otto
- Haley Parker 8/2001
- Mildred Martin –9/16/97- had to be only a one hour service!
- Lillian Schwendiman 7/98

MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS OUTSIDE THE WARD

- President and Sister Hansen – Salt Lake Temple President and Matron
- Hal and Adele Collipriest - Nauvoo Mission; Oversee new building in Historic Nauvoo
- Karl G. Lagerberg, Stake Patriarch
- Rick Gaykowski, Stake High Council
- Dennis L. Harding, Stake High Council
- Jeffery B. Edwards, Stake Young Men Presidency First Counselor
- Vicky K. Nicolaides, Stake Primary Presidency Second Counselor
- Blake E. Strong, Stake High Council
- S. Glenn Seninger, Stake Mission President
- S. James Nebeker, Stake Mission Presidency First Counselor
- Peter N. Williams, Stake Mission Presidency Second Counselor
- Carrie Gaykowski, Stake Primary President
- Kathryn J. Seninger, Stake Primary Second Counselor
- Bradley H. Parker, Stake Young Men President
- Virginia Ginny Smith, Stake Relief Society Second Counselor

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Bishop Skanchy's memories:

In 1998, our ward began a series of “scripture immersions: for the YMYW. The first course of study was the Book of Mormon, which we covered on one weekend. The Relief Society room was transformed into a very authentic looking Book of Mormon setting. The youth were asked to bring their scriptures and spend most of their weekend at a spiritual feast. Forty-two members of our ward beginning with Elder Wirthlin and ending with Elder Hansen covered a portion of the Book of Mormon and shared their testimonies with the youth. The spirit was present in abundance and the entire weekend was filled with faith-promoting experiences. In subsequent years we undertook immersions on The Life of the Prophet Joseph Smith, The Last Week of the Life of Christ, and The Four Gospels and Acts of the New Testament. One highlight of the series was seeing the High Council room redone to appear as the sacred Grove. It took our breath away as we stepped into the room. Our whole ward participated in these immersions studying their assigned section of the scriptures and trying to capture the spirit of their assignments in one way or another.

In 1998, our ward did a two-day re-enactment trek of the Willey handcart company. The first day we journeyed to Independence Rock, climbed to the top and had our lunch while one of our ward members recounted the events that occurred in and around the area. From there we went to Martin's Cove where we hiked or pulled handcarts into the cove to explore the important sites. While there, we got caught in a heavy rainstorm that lent some authenticity to the experience and we quickly sought refuge in the chapel at Martin's Cove. That evening we camped at the Cherry Creek campground where we ate dinner together and enjoyed square dancing until late.

The next day we picked up our handcarts at the memorial below Rocky Ridge and began the arduous climb to the top. We then stopped for lunch before beginning the trek down on our way to Rock Creek. Unfortunately, we were caught in a hailstorm and experienced, in a small way, what it was like to be in a storm on the high plains without shelter. That evening as we camped, we had another rainstorm that challenged the structure of many tents and kept us nervous throughout the night. In the morning, we shared our testimonies and thoughts about the sacrifices the pioneers had made to establish a haven for their posterity in the Salt Lake Valley. We shared many moving experiences over those two days.

On Oct. 22, 2000, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Bonneville ward. Bonneville 1st and 2nd wards joined together in a sacrament meeting to mark the occasion. Marilyn J. Clawson, daughter of Junius Jackson, spoke representing her father who had served as the first Bishop of the ward. Bishop Theodore C. Jacobsen the builder of the ward building, then spoke to us, and lightly chastised his nephew, our own Stake President Theodore M. Jacobsen, for having a light out on one of other street lamps on Bonnevieu Drive. We were all amused watching our beloved Stake President squirm just a little. President W. Eugene Hansen was the concluding speaker and spoke of being a new move-in to the ward while Bishop Joseph B. Wirthlin served as the Bishop. Many former bishops and members who had moved from the ward were in attendance that day.

A Spiritual Experience for the ward:

On Saturday, August 25, 2001 while returning from an outing with several families from our ward, some of our youth were involved in an

automobile accident. Most of the injuries incurred were not life threatening, but Hailey Parker, the daughter of Brad and Valorie Parker, was seriously hurt and in intensive care.

Bishop Skanchy immediately got the word out to all ward members and asked that we begin a fast on Saturday which would end at a combined meeting of the Relief Society and the Priesthood the next day.

On Sunday morning, all of the adults gathered in the Relief Society room. We sang an opening hymn, had an opening prayer and then we were given an update and some information on Hailey's condition, which was critical. We were then invited to kneel as Bishop Skanchy offered a beautiful and heartfelt prayer to end our fast. It was a very emotional gathering, but as we arose from our knees, the spirit of our Heavenly Father filled the room with peace and comfort.

We had all fasted, hoped and prayed for a miracle! But, it was not to be. Hailey died the next morning, but her spirit continues to live on in the hearts of all of us who knew and prayed for this darling young girl. She is survived by her parents and four older brothers.

What Goes Around Comes Around - an Experience of Ralph and Judy Marsh:

In 1999, our son Matthew was called to serve in the South Africa, Johannesburg Mission. He was especially excited because he would be the fourth generation in my family to serve in South Africa. However, when it came time to leave the MTC, none of his group had received visas so the Church sent them to missions in the southern states to await their paper work. Matthew was assigned to

Brunswick, Georgia in the Florida, Jacksonville Mission.

As a family, we like to invite missionaries to dinner any time we can get a hold of the sign-up sheet. One evening, about 2 weeks after Matthew had arrived in Georgia, two young Elders came to our house for dinner. One told us that he was from Brunswick, Georgia. What a coincidence! We told him that we had a son who was serving in Brunswick temporarily. We all laughed and wondered what the odds would have been for that to happen.

About a week later, we received a call from Matthew. A member with whom he and his companion were having dinner asked him for his home telephone number. Matthew gave it to him and the man dialed the number then handed the phone to Matt. When we answered, the man told him to ask us if we had fed a missionary from Brunswick the week before. We told him, yes. The man then said, I thought so. Tell them that was our son and you are having dinner with us tonight. We just wanted to say thank you.

In 2004 Ralph and I were called to preside over the Florida, Jacksonville Mission which extends into southern Georgia. The first Stake Conference we attended after arriving in the mission field was in Brunswick. As Ralph spoke, he related the story about the swap of missionary sons and said he hoped we would have an opportunity to meet the other family involved. A woman approached Ralph afterwards and told him he had been speaking about her family and she remembered Matthew. We were later able to meet her husband (then a bishop) and to get reacquainted with their son and his baby daughter.

The moral of the story is: what goes around comes around! Feed the Missionaries!

Letter from Nicole Warner in 2000 following severe personal health problems:

My Dear Ward Family: (08-06-00)

I wanted to write and express to you my deep appreciation for the love, kindness and great concern you have shown our little family through this difficult period. Without exception, each time I have felt disheartened a phone call, visit, or card has arrived to lift my spirit. It is a difficult thing for me to accept the charity of others. It is a humbling thing to be in such need of it. I have had the opportunity to reflect a great deal on my life, on what I have accomplished with it thus far, and what I hope yet to do. I have especially pondered what lessons the Lord is trying to teach me through this experience. You, dear ward members, have instructed me over and over again in the lessons of compassion and thoughtfulness. You have come to my home and imparted the strength of your faith through your smiles and your tears, truly making our burdens light. I am also learning how seriously inter-dependent we are on one another, how everything we do affects so much more than ourselves. Most of all though, I am learning how completely dependent I am on our Savior Jesus Christ. It has been somewhat shocking to me to realize that, despite my best efforts, I am not in control of my time here on Earth, and that God's plan for my mortal probation may be vastly different than my own. There is great solace in knowing that He is watching over me with more tenderness than I can imagine, that He does know the best course and that He is ever present to uphold and sustain me if I will but trust in these things. Our lives are so tenuous, and our circumstances and securities can change in an instant. The only thing that never changes is the Rock of our Redeemer. May I bear testimony to you today that he lives? I know he is very aware of me and of you.

I bear witness that he has blessed me with his love through the good works of my cherished family, friends and neighbors. I know more powerfully now than ever before that he uses our hands to do his work upon the Earth. The spiritual manifestation of his caring has been sent through you, in the form of friendship, food and ministrations.

Can you possibly know what an affect this has had on my life? I do not know how, with mere words, to tell you the depth of my love and gratitude for your prayers and fasting this day. I believe in miracles. I believe that we are seeing them already. I believe in the power of the priesthood and in the power of prayer. I believe that God does make our weaknesses strengths, and that such a mighty change is occurring in my life. I thank you for your faithfulness and many examples of courage and dedication to our Heavenly Father. In the time we have lived here, each one of you has made an impression for good on my heart. Dean and I have gained so much by observing the ways in which you conduct your lives and raise your families. I feel a great sense of indebtedness to all of you for the manner in which you have accepted and loved us.

I leave you now with my testimony of Jesus Christ and our merciful Father in Heaven and in the truthfulness of this, his gospel. I look forward to the near future when I may join you again in our beautiful chapel to worship them together. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Hal and Adele Collipriest's experience returning to Nauvoo:

We were thrilled to be invited to return to Nauvoo, for a three-month full-time mission as a follow-up to our previous Nauvoo mission in 1997-98. The new assignment was

to oversee a brand new building in Historic Nauvoo. The ideas for this building were inspired. We can bear testimony of that as we worked to see our dream for the many possibilities of its use come to fruition. The ideas for this building flowed as a result of being a part of the writing and planning for a family-friendly place, where members of the Church could come with their families to learn about the noble pioneers who resided in Nauvoo, and how they lived and supported themselves in that historic time. The objective was to increase and strengthen testimonies as well as to invite friends of other faiths to feel the Spirit of “The City of Joseph”. Plans for its use were granted approval by The First Presidency of the Church in late spring of 1998. The building became a reality through a grant offered by the State of Illinois Travel Bureau. The building was completed in the spring of 2000. Among its many facets for hands-on opportunities was a pioneer kitchen, looms for weaving, quilts to tie, woodworking, and tools and gadgets, even a rope-making machine. We had a wonderful time being “parents” and theater critics for 14 wonderful Young Performing Missionaries. We took them to doctor appointments, to get groceries, chaperoned their parties, and accompanied them on “photo-shoots.”

Karamea Edwards recalls her family living on their home storage for 72 hours:

We called it the ORDEAL. Bishop Skanchy told the ward that three families would be asked to live for 72 hours on the food and water that they had in storage. The Edwards, the Russons and the Seningers, we were told, were “pulled out of a hat” although we were very skeptical about the process.

We were asked to pretend there had been a natural disaster and we had to live for

72 hours accordingly. We could not live in our house so we set up tents and slept outside and cooked using a propane stove and charcoal. We used no electricity and ate only what we had on hand.

What did I learn from this? I thought a lot about the importance of water. In the 100-degree weather it became necessary to drink a lot and living in close proximity to other family members made it a necessity to bathe. I learned I could bathe, wash my hair twice and condition it in only one gallon of water that had been heated over the stove. But had it been a real emergency, that I didn’t know how long it would last, would I have used water in that way? I looked at my vegetable garden and wondered how far I would go to keep it watered. The flowers and the lawn would go but I think I would walk to the gully and carry buckets of water to have fresh vegetables.

We got a lot done without electricity. The kids painted a fence and defrosted a freezer in our garage that hadn’t been done in years. We had a great Dutch oven dinner of chicken and rice. The kids read all 700 plus pages of Harry Potter. We enjoyed quiet nights together, a beautiful full moon, and the kindness and support of many neighbors.

We pay for insurance hoping that we will never have to use it. It’s the same with our 72-hour kits and food supply. We hope we don’t ever have to use it. But now I have gained a testimony of following the prophet’s voice in having a food and water supply and being prepared for an emergency. If ye are prepared ye shall not fear. And if you’re prepared enough you can even have fun.

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**Bonneville First Ward
Bishop Brad Parker
2002-2009**



Bishop: Bradley Hugh Parker, sustained: Sept. 8, 2002; released: February 15, 2009
First counselor: Ralph J. Marsh, Blake E. Strong
Second Counselor: Blake E. Strong, Arthur E. Berger
Executive Secretary: Arthur E. Berger,
Ward Clerk: James A. Roberts
High Priest Group Leader: Michael Card, Leonard Black, Randall Skanchy
Seventy Group Leader: Michael Van Roen
Elder's Quorum President: Mark Clawson, Glenn Seninger, Chris Webb, Kevin Watkins
Sunday School President: Brian Steffensen, Randy Judd, Kevin Watkins, David Aland
Relief Society President: Janet Davey, Susan Black, Julie Rogers, Wendy Russon
Primary President: Molly Justice, Elizabeth Clark, Allison Dayton, Pamela Clawson
YM President: A.J. Smith, Ken Dayton, Dan Nielsen, Mark Pugsley, Michael Vonrosen
YW President: Susan Frost, Liesa Card, Stephanie Pugsley, Ashley Hoopes, Susan Porter
Activity Chairman: D. Gary and Wendee Russon, Travis and Emily Maughn, Mark and Pamela Clawson, Ken and Allison Dayton
Ward Demographics: Ward Membership – 352 with 156 families

EVENTS

2003

- Ward Goals: Families - Faithfully hold family home evenings as counseled by the prophet; Children- Express your love for your parents and family members every day. Remember to say thank you; All Members: Set aside a time when you are not rushed to faithfully and sincerely pray every day. In every prayer, review your blessings; All Members – Do a kind deed for a family member, friend, or neighbor every day. Look for opportunities to help one another.
- Conversion of Carin Bunker 2004
- Ward Goals: hold regular family home evenings; get to know the names of every person in the ward; every day, take time to pray and reflect on your blessings; express your love to family and friends; be kind and helpful to others; and have a little fun!
- The High Priests helped with snow removal, yard cleanup, and household repairs for certain members of the ward.
- The Primary Sacrament Program included a slide show and percussion instruments for each child. They also reenacted the nativity during the Christmas season at sharing time.
- The R.S. Visiting Teacher results were very near 100%. They gathered 70 coats for the Road Home Shelter and when they were delivered, and because the weather was so cold, the coats were put immediately on the needy. The Enrichment Evenings were designed to be easy and comfortable.

- Nine sisters sang in the General Conference Saturday afternoon choir.
- The R.S. learned from Kaylene White, a Home Economist, Susan Porter, a psychotherapist.
- The mission leader arranged for the missionaries to practice presenting lessons in member's homes.
- The YM's summer activity was a 76-mile 4-day canoe trip down the Green River after building ten canoes from scratch!
- The YW worked on Personal Progress goals at a condo and overnight activity in Heber City.
- The YW learned to make cherry pies, took first place in stake basketball and volleyball, did baptisms for the dead, and took orders for a fundraiser where they sold engraved glass baking pans.
- The YM-YW were involved in an etiquette training night where they were actually judged on their behavior!
- Michelle Reedy spent hours counseling with girls rarely seen at activities.

2005

- Blake and Cindy Strong adopt a baby.
- Two convert baptisms occurred: Jeffrey Hansen and Carin Bunker.

2006

- Ward Goals: Be involved- be supportive; attend and support auxiliaries,

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ward socials, temple days; Take time to listen – set aside at least 15 minutes each day for quiet solitude and to ponder and listen to the spirit; Participate in our ward service project and in a family service project; families with children at home- each day eat at least one meal together as a family; those without children- Record the family history of one or more family members (2 hours of video or audio tape or 20 written pages)

- The new Relief Society Presidency led by Julie Rogers was honored by the outgoing presidency at The Social Hall at This is the Place Monument. A Lion House meal was served and a slide show presented by a returning missionary couple from Ghana.
- Themes for the R.S. Enrichment Nights were personal preparedness and humanitarian service. 250 hygiene kits were made in April and 72-hour kits were made in the summer.
- Sister Elisa Wirthlin passed away suddenly but peacefully on August 16, 2006. Her funeral was held in the Bonneville First Ward on August 21, 2006 with President Gordon B. Hinckley presiding.
- The Bonneville First Ward Relief Society began to hold joint events with the Relief Society of the Liberty 8th Ward and in December of 2006, the Bonneville First Ward Relief Society assisted by the high priest quorum, prepared and delivered to 118 single elderly members of the Liberty 8th ward, Christmas gift sacks containing personal items such as soap, toothpaste, stationary, stamps, pencils, a small towel, hand lotion, a brush, a comb, chocolates and filled with other personal items as well. Bishop Remund reported back that

for many of those 118 elderly individuals, the Christmas sack was the only Christmas remembrance gift they received. This effort at Christmas continued on for several years.

- The Elder's Quorum organized their home teaching using the block method; the statistics for home teaching is around 50%. The quorum participated in helping with three moves, blessings at the VA Hospital, service to Dan Nielsen's widowed sister-in-law, the ward summer party, yard work for the elderly ward members, the Stake Nativity, and the 12 Days of Christmas for the Lowry family. A Family History goal has been set for 2007.
- The High Priests consist of 31 members and are assigned to home teach 50 households. They were responsible for the Christmas dinner, which coincided with the Stake Nativity Project. 200 were fed warm food on a cold night.
- The Primary theme for the year is "I will Follow God's Plan for Me." As Liesa Card, the Valiant teacher said, "Noise Happens" in the Primary."
- Susan Frost became engaged to Brian Steffensen, both ward members.
- The R.S. organized quarterly birthday brunches for the sisters in the ward.
- Many bridal and baby showers were held, the majority being in the Skanchy's backyard.
- A Mothers Room was crated from a small passageway between the R.S. room and the restrooms to provide nursing mothers with privacy.

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- The YW went to Soldier’s Hollow for sledding and fun In January. In February, a fireside was held at the Pugsley’s.
- The YM organized a temple fireside and later in the month all the youth did Baptisms for the Dead. Later in the year they went a second time. They decorated cookies also and delivered them to former leaders.
- Molly Meadows, Elise Russon, Whitney Alland received their YW Recognition Awards
- The High priests number 31 and they are assigned to teach 50 households, including 10 single-sister-heads-of-households.

2007

- Ward Goals: Personal Goals – Reflect and take time to serve one another, set aside time to pray and listen each day, participate in a ward service project. Family Goals- Express love to family and friends daily, hold regular FHE, eat at least one meal together as a family.
- Karl G. Lagerberg passed away on January 11, 2007. President Thomas S. Monson, first counselor in the First Presidency spoke at Patriarch Lagerberg’s funeral. He noted that he had ordained Karl Lagerberg a patriarch when the Lagerbergs had lived in Europe during the time that patriarch Karl Lagerberg had supervised the construction of numerous European chapels.

- Convert Baptism: Cassidy Potter, enthusiastic granddaughter of Virginia Bull.
- The Elder’s Quorum helped members move in and out and gave blessings at the VA Hospital. Their goal was to improve home teaching. The Quorum visited Pat’s Barbeque to hear Gary Russon’s band.
- The Primary focused on being on time by placing a star by the child’s name every time they arrived at 11:00. When they had achieved 10 stars, they received a blue missionary Book of Mormon from Bishop Parker. The Primary program was most successful thanks to Lisa Preece, chorister.
- The Relief Society planned a one-time Movie Night, temple days and dinner nights. The March activity was called, ” Low Expectations” where no one was assigned to bring food and everyone visited and laughed.
- A number of ward members participated in the Stake Pioneer Trek. The YW prepared by sewing bonnets and pockets in the pioneer skirts.
- The YW enjoyed a PJ Night where they discussed prayer, journals, and scriptures.
- The Scouts attended Camp Steiner.
- The YW Beehive members attended Beehive Camp.
- Continued relationship with the Liberty 8th Ward: The YMYW organized a bicycle drive to collect, repair, and provide the children of the Eight Ward with bicycles. Clothing, furniture, and food was collected and distributed to them

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- YW made Father’s Day gift baskets for widowers of Liberty 8th and gathered coats and gloves for them as part of “Operation Stay Warm.”
- The Relief Society and High Priests purchased, donated and assembled over 120 care packages during the holidays to needy elderly members of Liberty Eighth. They also held a joint R.S. luncheon with the R. S. of the Liberty 8th Ward.
- Mary Ann Webster devoted hundreds of hours in assisting members of the Liberty 8th Ward.
- R.S. members and YW provided significant service to Heidi Hughes Meadows, her two daughters, at the hospital, helping the girls with homework, and meeting with counselors and teachers. Specifically, helpers were Constance Lieber, Sue Skanchy, and Kay Spjut.
- Skip Daynes served as Elder Wirthlin’s home teacher, picking him up for church and delivering him home; also, brought accomplished musicians to his home to perform for him.

2008

- The Relief Society theme was BABIES as the Sterner triplets needed constant feeding and 5 other births were due by June.

NOTABLES

- Members of the East High soccer team were Erica Cook, Whitney Alland, Elise Russon, Lauren Porter, McKenzie Garn.
- Tessa Nicolaides played soccer for a team that made it to the Olympic Development; other soccer players were Sarah Skanchy, Savannah Garn, Ambryn McCallson.

FUNERALS

- Heidi Hughes Meadows
- Elly Otto – 2004
- Jane Steffensen – 2004
- Ruth Peterson – 2004
- Ken Allred- 2004
- Billee Peel – 6/2006
- Lois Jensen – 5/2006
- Elisa Wirthlin 8/16/2006
- Verlie Kirk – 2006
- Anna Lagerberg – 2006
- Letha Fox – 2006
- Karl Lagerberg 1/11/2007

**MEMBERS SERVING WITH CALLINGS
OUTSIDE THE WARD**

- W. Eugene Hansen, emeritus First Council of Seventy; Stake Patriarch
- Robert F. and Joy Orton – Second Council of Seventy; President of St. George Temple.
- Ralph and Judy Marsh, President and Sister of Jacksonville Florida Mission
- Mike Card Family – Inner-city mission
- Jeffrey B. Edwards, Stake High Council
- Wilford K. Lieber, Stake High Council, Stake Sunday School President
- Sydney Aland, Stake Young Women Sports Director
- Vicky Nicolaides, Stake Primary President
- Nancy B. Cook, Stake Primary First Counselor
- Morris and Elaine Told, Stake Music Directors
- Kenneth W. Dayton, Stake Young Men Secretary
- Virginia Hoffman, Stake Music Director
- Glenn Seninger, Stake Young Men Secretary
- Liesa R. Card, Stake Relief Society First Counselor

- Missionaries: Weston Edwards, Jake Marsh
- Alan J. Smith/wife – University Stake High Council

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Bishop Parker’s Memories - The Bishopric sets goals for the ward as follows:

Sacrament Meetings:

Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin counseled that the quality, spirit and tone of a ward’s Sacrament Meetings and the manner in which they are thoughtfully and carefully planned and conducted helps to establish and dictate the spirit, direction, and cohesiveness of a ward. All Sacrament meetings were consequently planned and organized when the whole bishopric met jointly together and an effort was made to be prompt and always start ward Sacrament Meetings on time and to be careful and precise in the manner in which the meetings were conducted.

It was also decided that during the closing hymn of each Sacrament meeting, the two bishopric members who were not conducting the meeting would leave the stand and proceed to the foyer doors at the rear of the chapel to be there personally and warmly greet each member as they left the chapel.

Meetings with Ward Members to Express Appreciation and Gratitude:

It was an additional focus of the bishopric to be liberal in the expression of gratitude to ward members. To this end the bishopric frequently invited individual ward members to meet with the bishopric where the bishopric could express with the individual’s family present, its love and appreciation for the

individual and its gratitude for their faithful, extraordinary service.

Emphasis on Family: A consistent focus on family existed. Among the Ward goals adopted in by the new bishopric and ward council were: (1) “Faithfully hold family home evenings as counseled by the prophet;” and (2) “Express your love to your parents and family members every day.” These family centered ward goals were repeated each year.

Fathers were often given the opportunity on Fast Sunday to bless or pass the Sacrament with their sons. Additionally, on Fast Sundays, no meetings other than the regular three block meetings were held so that bishopric members and other ward leaders could spend all of Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon and evening with their families.

Service: Service to others was also an area of ward emphasis. In 2006, with the approval of the stake presidency, the Bonneville First Ward began an association with the Liberty 8th ward, an inner-city ward in Salt Lake City.

Blessed with General Authorities living in the ward boundaries: Elder and Sister Wirthlin, Elder and Sister Hansen, Elder and Sister Orton:

During Bishop Parker’s term of service the ward was blessed with a strong, established and extraordinary ward membership. Elder and Sister Joseph B. Wirthlin, Elder and Sister W. Eugene Hansen and Elder and Sister Robert F. Orton lived in the ward. When they were not out of the ward on general church assignments, they attended their Sunday church meetings in the ward and regularly attended and participated in ward activities.

As an apostle, Elder Wirthlin presided at any church meeting he attended unless a senior member of the Quorum of the Twelve or a member of the First Presidency was present. For this reason, by church practice, he always sat on the stand with the bishopric whenever he attended ward Sacrament meetings. It was Elder Wirthlin’s practice when he sat on the stand to always sit in the seat that was closest to the sacrament table. He had begun this practice when years before he had served as the bishop of the ward. As the presiding, Aaronic priesthood officer in the ward and as the president of the Priest quorum, he had felt it appropriate to sit as close to his Priests as possible. This practice of sitting close to the sacrament table helped his deacons, teachers and priests to know that he took his Aaronic priesthood callings seriously and it helped them to know that he took their callings seriously as well.

Elder Wirthlin generally spoke at the joint Christmas Sacrament meeting held every year with the Bonneville Second Ward. When for health reasons he was unable to speak on one occasion, Elder Russell M. Nelson spoke in his place. Elder W. Eugene Hansen and Elder Robert F. Orton also spoke on occasion at the joint ward Christmas Sacrament Meeting.

At Elisa Wirthlin’s Funeral many General Authorities were present:

A contingent from the Tabernacle Choir sang and was accompanied by Tabernacle Organist John Longhurst. Rebecca Gerritsen, Bishop Parker and Joseph Wirthlin Jr. briefly spoke. They were followed by Elder Boyd K. Packer, President James E. Faust and President Thomas S. Monson each of whom spoke affectionately about Sister Wirthlin. President Gordon B. Hinckley then gave the concluding remarks. Included in his remarks was the following testimony: To lose one’s

much loved partner, with whom one has long walked through sunshine and shadow, is absolutely devastating. There is a consuming loneliness that increases in intensity. It painfully gnaws at one's very soul. But in the quiet of the night a silent whisper is heard that says, "All is well, all is well." And that voice, from out of the unknown, brings peace, certainty and unwavering assurance that death is not the end, that life goes on with work to do and victories to be gained. That voice quietly, even unheard with mortal ears, brings the assurance that as surely as there has been separation, there will be a joyful reuniting.

Helping the Liberty Eighth Ward:

The Liberty 8th ward had a large elderly and a large refugee population. It additionally had significant leadership and welfare needs. Bishop Ed Remund of the Yale Ward had been called out of the Salt Lake Bonneville Stake to the Liberty stake to serve as the bishop of the Liberty 8th ward and it was Bishop Remund who helped the Bonneville First Ward establish its association with the Liberty 8th Ward.

Members of the Bonneville First Ward soon began to assist weekly in efforts to teach English to African refugees. The Strong family discovered that there were many in the Liberty 8th ward who wished to attend Sunday services, but could not because of transportation difficulties. Of their own accord, and in partnership with Skip and Susan Daynes, they procured and purchased at their own personal expense a van they then donated to the Liberty 8th Ward. Each Sunday, that van makes several trips to pick up members who could not otherwise attend church on Sunday and it is repeatedly used as well to get them back to their apartments when the Sunday meetings are concluded

Service at the Liberty 8th Ward became a focus of our young men and young woman as well. The Bonneville First Ward young women and young men, collected, repaired and delivered to the Liberty 8th Ward, used bicycles, several of which were used by men in that ward to travel to work, but most of which were given to children, young men and women in the Liberty 8th Ward.

A refugee family living in a home with zero furnishings and only a single light bulb was provided furniture collected and delivered by the young women and young men of the Bonneville First Ward. The ward was blessed with multiple other such experiences as well.

The Young Women and Young Men organized clothing, coats and shoe drives and after the clothing, coats and shoes were collected cleaned and sorted, they were delivered to needy families in the Liberty 8th Ward. During one such delivery, one of the Bonneville First Ward.

The Laurels, discovering that the young women in the home they were visiting had not a single pair of shoes, took off her own new shoes and gave them to the young woman in that home.

The opportunities of service born of the association with the Liberty 8th Ward helped to create a focus on the needs of others and an atmosphere of service, which continually blessed the Bonneville First Ward.

Bonneville First Ward

**Bonneville First Ward
Bishop Blake Strong
2009-2014**



Bishop: Blake E. Strong sustained February 15, 2009; released: April 2014
First Counselor: C. LeLand Rogers
Second Counselor: Daniel A. Nielsen
Executive Secretary: Lynn Skene/ Kevin Watkins/ Matthew Smith
Ward Clerk: Craig DeMordaunt
Assistant Clerk: Mark Walker/Tommy Nicolaides
HP Group Leader: Randy Skanchy/David B. Aland/D. Gary Russon
Elders Quorum President: Kevin Watkins/ K.C. Bramwell
Sunday School President: David B. Aland/Randolph Judd/ Jeffrey Lindsay/ Michael Ridd
Relief Society President: Wendi Russon/Valorie Parker
Primary President: Pamela Clawson/Christine Demordaunt
Young Men President: Michael Von Rosen/ Chad Funk/ Jeffrey Justice
Young Women President: Susan Porter/ Michele Berger
Activities Chairman: Virginia Hoffman

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EVENTS

2009

- New Bishopric sustained Feb 15, 2009
- New Stake Presidency sustained on March 15, 2009, with Oscar W. McConkie, III, President, John Jackson, 1st Counselor, and Robert Fowles, 2nd Counselor.
- March 21, New Utah Draper Temple Dedicated by President Thomas S. Monson
- Eagle Projects building grow boxes for the Elderly for the Liberty Eighth Ward residents.
- Ward progressive dinner April
- Youth Baptisms for the Dead May 5
- August 23 Utah Oquirrh Mountain temple dedication, Block of meetings cancelled so that members could participate in dedication proceedings.
- Oct 11, primary program in sacrament meeting.
- December 20 combined sacrament meeting with B2 ward speakers; President Oscar W. McConkie, Elder Robert F. Orton former member of the second Quorum of Seventy

2010

- New Elders Quorum Reorganized Feb 20
- YW “New Beginnings” program Feb 28th

- Bishops youth Firesides, “Brownies with the Bishop” March 14, Sept 19
- Young Men’s Priesthood commemoration hike to Ensign Peak Sat. May 15
- Carthage Presentation Fireside Dr. Lyons YC2, general ward membership invited
- First annual “Breakfast in the Glen” for Yalecrest neighborhood and B1, B2 wards. Hosted by B1 June 5
- New Primary Presidency sustained. Christine DeMordaunt Aug 15
- Youth performed a service day for President Monson Birthday Aug 19
- New YW presidency sustained. Michele Berger Aug 22
- 3rd Nephi reading challenge during month of November to Ward. 30 chapters in 30 days to better prepare our spirits for true meaning and spirit of upcoming Christmas season.
- Ward Mingle following our Sacrament Meeting Dec. 12
- Priesthood Preview for incoming YM receiving the Priesthood next year Dec 12

2011

- New leadership in Relief Society and the High Priest’s Group, with Valerie Parker as Relief Society President in December and Gary Russon in the High Priest’s Group. May 29
- Our ward goals for 2011 were: 1) Qualify and attend the temple, 2) Serve your family, 3) Develop and build your

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testimony by following the Savior and keeping His day holy, and 4) Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing (D&C 88:119). To accomplish these, we scheduled and emphasized ward temple visits, and prepared lessons and talks on each of the topics

- Ward filled assignments to the Bakery, Cannery and Dairy. High Priests Group organized a Neighborhood clean-up which focused on widows and the elderly who could use some help with yard work, house work, painting, weeding, cleaning, raking, etc. Every organization participated and was a great success.
- In March, we celebrated the Relief Society's Birthday by going to "This is the Place" and hearing many stories of our early pioneer sisters, we also saw the quilt display and had punch and cookies, and it was a really fun evening.
- Vickie Walker was honored as Woman of the Year and was to be the keynote speaker at the Grand America, while on the way to speak Vickie and her daughter Alex were hit by an impaired driver and both of them were injured. They were released from the hospital shortly afterwards and the women of the ward helped with meals and errands for a short time.
- In May, we had a night with our own Leisa Card where she taught us to store and eat your food storage, she had recently published her own book, I Dare You to Eat It, and we all learned so much from her.
- We started a fun thing called the Friday Lunch Bunch where once a month we choose a nearby restaurant and meet for

lunch. It has been a really fun way to get to know many of the women in the ward.

- Events of note in 2011 also include the Bishop's challenge that the young men read the Book of Mormon.
- In April, we celebrated "Young Women in Excellence" in connection with our sacrament meeting program. All of the Young Women and leaders memorized THE LIVING CHRIST. After each girl and Michele Berger spoke in sacrament meeting, all the girls and leaders recited THE LIVING CHRIST

2012

- We had regular Ward Temple nights bi-monthly organized by the High Priests and had fair participation
- We also had two very successful youth baptisms for the dead at SL Temple
- The following couples returned back to our ward after providing service outside the unit
- Alan and Leah Smith – University Stake
- Robert and Joy Orton – Temple President, St. George
- Great Ward choir sang for Easter, conducted by Bill Evans longtime outstanding choir director for ward and Stake
- Young men attended an overnight camp in the high Uinta Mountains at Ted Kimball remote cabin July 27,28

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- YW camp at the Church Heber Camp Aug. 8,9,10
- Successful Ward service night doing yards and needs in the neighborhood Aug. 16
- Stake Standards night featuring General YW President Elaine Dalton as speaker Sept. 6
- Ward Campout with families, great turnout Sept 15
- President Clark and Kathleen Hinckley return from Presiding over Barcelona Spain mission and bless us with a memorable sacrament meeting spirit
- Utah Brigham City temple dedicated by President Boyd K. Packer and members participated at Ward house screening
- Ward Member Mike Von Rosen who is the Director of Public Relations for the church, arranges International reporters to attend our meetings and write about the Church. Increased awareness and interest spreads as the US presidential Candidate Mitt Romney continues his campaign. Approximately 5 reporters visit during the Fall of 2012.
- Christmas party a successful night as we focus on providing for the less fortunate. We collect 360 pair of new socks and distribute to SLC homeless shelter.

2013-2014

- The Life and Teachings of Prophet Lorenzo Snow is the course of study for Priesthood and R.S.
- New Youth teaching program “Come Follow Me” launched world-wide. Main

aspects of program include more pre-planning and study by instructor, active discussions with Youth and viewing of more new videos on monthly topics of focus. Enthusiasm is very high for the new directions.

- Youth initiate and carry out a special fast for their beloved Sunday School teacher Steve Evans who is struggling with effects of 5-year battle with Leukemia. All the youth focus on healing him through prayer and fasting and close with prayer at Bishop Strong’s home. It was later reported Steve had a much improved few weeks following the special love demonstrated by the Youth.
- Monthly ward temple nights are successful with good attendance.
- Fathers Daughter Date night held at Porters home was a huge success with large turnout of all ages of young girls and their fathers. Fun craft activities, great food, a group photo and more fun things made for a special night for the Dads to spend precious time with their daughters. April
- Ward Progressive dinner April 26.
- “Bowling with the Bishop” ward party at Olympus Hills Bowling had a large turnout of young families and numerous children of all ages. Pizza, Bowling and lots of fun, May 1.
- Change in YM leadership. Jeffrey Justice sustained, May 5.

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NOTABLES

- Mike Von Rosen - Director of Public Relations for the church, arranges International reporters to attend our meetings and write about the Church.
- Vickie Walker was honored as Woman of the Year

FUNERALS

- Roine Allred passed away 4/2009
- Marian Lignell Passed away, longtime ward member, 3/ 25/2011
- Virginia Bull passed away, 1/2012
- Joe White passed away, 2/2012
- Ron Davey passed away, 5/2012
- Betty Taylor passed away, 1/13,2013
- Emmeline Halliday passes away at age 99. Longtime ward member, 2013

**MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS
OUTSIDE THE WARD**

- Virginia Smith called to serve on Primary General Board of the Church (2010)
- Jim And Mary Anne Webster set apart as Church Service missionaries with focus on Liberty Eighth ward to assist Bishop Remund, 1/17/2010

- Cliff and Vena Childs—VAMC
- Virginia Smith – General Primary Board
- Keith Lignell - VAMC
- Doug Smith - Stake High Council
- Arthur Berger – Stake High Council
- Kay Spjut- Part time missionary museum
- Loren and Annette Hennick– VAMC
- Randy Skanchy – Salt Lake Temple Mission Counselor
- Zachary Zobell, Andrew Williams (Full Time Missionaries)
- Ralph Marsh- Sealer SL Temple

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**Bonneville First Ward
Bishop Dale Gary Russon
2014-Present**

Bishop: Dale Gary Russon, sustained, April 27, 2014
First Counselor: Mike Ridd
Second Counselor: Mark Clawson
Executive Secretary: Matthew Smith
Ward Clerk: Craig DeMordaunt, Douglas Smith
Assistant Clerks: Mark Walker, Ben Nielson, Tommy Nicolaides, Barton Robison
HP Group Leader: Jeffrey Edwards
Elders Quorum President: Ryan Savage
Sunday School President: Gerald Daynes
Relief Society President: Valorie Parker, Lindsay Monson
Primary President: Desiree Funk
Young Men President: Jeffrey Justice
Young Women President: Christine DeMordaunt

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EVENTS

2014

- Olivia Walker was baptized

**MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS
OUTSIDE THE WARD**

- Virginia Smith—General Primary Board
- K.C. Bramwell—Stake High Council
- Douglas Smith—Stake High Council
- Brad Parker—President, Stake Sunday School
- Molly Justice—1st Counselor, Stake Primary Presidency
- Craig DeMordaunt—Stake Auditor
- Jessica Gooley—Church Service Missionary
- William Evans—Bonneville Stake Strings Director
- Eugene Hansen—Temple Specialist
- VA Hospital Branch Volunteers
- Clifford Childs
- Vena Childs
- Loren Hennick
- Ruth Hennick
- Keith Lignell

- Kay Spjut—Church Service Missionary
- James Webster—Church Service Missionary
- Maryann Webster—Church Service Missionary
- Randall Skanchy—Counselor, Stake Mission Presidency
- Virginia Hoffman—Stake Relief Society Secretary

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

The ward has had regular parties, some move outs and move-ins. We are having a 100-day reading of the Book of Mormon right now, under the direction of the bishop. We are hoping it strengthens testimonies, families and our ward family.

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**Bonneville Second Ward
Bishop Ferron Olson
1976-1982**



Bishop: Ferron A. Olsen, sustained: May 9, 1976; released: June 13, 1982
First Counselor: Grant Hardy
Second Counselor: Dale Zabriskie, Garth N. Peterson
Executive Secretary: Charles E. Sorensen, Glen E. Young, G. Kem Nixon, Phillip J. Clayton
Clerk: Glen E. Young, Elmen K Ellsworth, A. Lewis Elggren, Glen A. Jones
High Priest Group Leader: Phillip J. Clayton, Vaughn E. Epperson, Loile J. Bailey, Glen E. Young
Seventy Group Leader: Stanford S. Smith, Frederick A. Smith, RobertF. Fillmore
Elders Quorum President: Jonathan W. Bowerbank, Jesse N. Fox
Sunday School President: J. Craig Jackson, George Earl
Relief Society President: Joan W. Young, Miriam Zabriskie, Roberta Smith
Primary President: Terry Peterson, Pamela Jolley, Sandra Powell
YW President: Valerie J. Cooley, Joan Earl, Alice Cannon, Virginia Fox
YM President: Hal R. Cannon, Vernon E. Cooley, Kevin Cameron, Robert Holt, Alvin J. Schoenhals
Activity Chairman: J. Craig Jackson, Phillip J. Clayton, Martha Dyner, Miriam Zabriskie

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ANNUAL EVENTS

- Auxiliary Birthday Parties
- Blue & Gold Dinner Cub Scouts
- Elder's Annual Party
- Holiday Parties
- Primary Program
- Relief Society Birthday
- Relief Society Fall Retreat
- Ward Conference
- Ward Picnic at George Washington Park

EVENTS

1976

- On May 9, 1976, the Bonneville Ward was split into two Wards and Bonneville I and Bonneville II were established.
- 6/21 - MIA members held various fund raising activities to help raise funds for their upcoming summer activities.
- 6/30– RS Early Bird Breakfast where the “early bird got the worm.”
- 7/4 - combined BI & BII held “In the Spirit of Patriotism” program with a flag raising ceremony and continental breakfast.
- 8/6 Combined BI & BII: Old Fashioned Summer Picnic @ Washington Park
- Primary held a “Fish Pond” with toys & prizes

8/7 V.I.P. Party – Dr. Henry Eyring spoke and Bonneville Stake Band entertained the Very Important People

- 8/25 RS Potluck made from food in storage.
- 10/7 Combined BI & BII Primary Halloween Carnival with dinner, games, booths with prizes.
- 10/30 Mini Olympics
- 11/5 High Priest Special Event with spouses- music from The Swiss Choir, Edelweiss.
- 11/17 High Priests, Seventies and Elders Quorums/Groups sponsored a “Special Temple Day” for members of the ward.
- 12/1 First convert Baptism in Ward Cheryl Oglevie
- 12/2 – Christmas Dinner for all Primary workers, spouses and bishopric.
- 12/14 Primary classes had service projects, decorated Christmas tree and visited Santa.

1977

- Bishop Olson returns from Germany where he spent three months for his job.
- Beehives activities were Progressive Dinner, sledding, and working at the Genealogical Library.
- MIA Maid tied baby quilts, had night where they learned about a positive self-image and poise. Ted Evans and Louise Lake spoke to the girls.

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- Relief Society stretched their skills in sewing where they modeled their own creations at the birthday luncheon.
- April 10 - Sacrament Meeting attendees heard talks on “Every Member a Missionary.” A special musical number was heard from Mary Wilde, Sandra Jenkins, Halene Hiatt, with pianist Grietje Rowley.
- April 29 - A celebration called “A Ward Is Born” was the focus of the first birthday party of Bonneville II Ward.
- Young women in the ward baked bread for secret grandmothers, held a birthday dinner and had a demonstration on make-up by Joan Earl and hair care by Jan Rudd.
- 5/17 All young women went to see the play “Moroni” and learned to make cinnamon rolls.
- 5/24 Relief Society had an authentic Tahitian Island dinner in the lounge area, learned of the culture and saw many items from Tahiti.
- Early bird breakfast for RS sisters where woman heard talks on “friend-shiping” non-members.
- 6/8 Summer primary started with the first program being “Pioneers all over the World.”
- Eagle Scout Awards given to Robert Earl and Michael Zabriskie
- 12/6 Children started Christmas Service Projects for elderly Ward members.

- The Lion House was the location of a RS Christmas Luncheon. Christmas stories and music was enjoyed by sisters.
- Young women took plates of cookies and sang Christmas Carols to members of the ward.
- 12/13 Primary children decorated Christmas tree with decorations they made themselves

1978

- Members 421 Families 170
- 1/1 Bishopric encouraged members to attend Ward functions and activities.
- Elders Quorum held a progressive dinner in order to know the quorum members and their wives better. This became an annual event.
- 3/19 Special Sacrament Meeting with Elder Neal A. Maxwell as speaker. 231 people in attendance.
- 3/16 Special Primary Program,” Lift Up Your Voice & Sing of the Gospel
- 3/23 Elder Cregg Cannon reported his mission
- 3/21 Elder Steven Hardy reported his mission
- 7/9 Sacrament speaker Elder Russell Nelson
- 7/10 Primary Pioneer Fair
- 7/16 President Douglas and Family reported on London England Mission

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- 7/23 Elder Ralph Della-Piana
- 8/3 Richard Osguthorpe reported his mission
- August began on a high note for the Young Women when they took home 1st place for the Stake Football Tournament
- 11/14 The young women's "Ballet Best" or Corps de Ballet leaped, pranced, and otherwise danced their way to eight highly entertaining minutes in the Stake sponsored Variety Show
- 11/19 Sacrament Meeting Speaker was Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin
- 12/24 Sacrament Meeting Speaker was Mark E. Peterson

1979

- Members 402 Families 161
- 2/2 Father & daughter western party with dinner.
- 2/4 Ward Conference Fireside with Tom Rogerson speaker.
- 2/13 Combined Valentine Party with B I. Combined basketball team was undefeated 1st place winner in the stake.
- 3/11 Youth fireside with FBI Agent, Bob Galligar
- 3/11 Primary Sacrament program under direction of Mary Wilde
- Sister Deborah Hardy and Elder Matt Rowley reported their missions.

- 3/14 Relief Society celebrated birthday with a presentation by Jane Hansen on Egypt with music presented by sisters in the Ward Grietje Rowley and Christine Webb
- April Douglas Johnson reported his mission
- 4/28 Children's Ward Dinner, "The Fair."
- 5/12 At the RS Closing Social Halene Hiatt sang "Wagon Wheels" composed by Grieta Rowley.
- 9/20 Young Men and Young Women sold Kentucky Fried Chicken to raise money for next summer's super activity.
- 9/30 Halloween Carnival was held by combined BI & BII Wards with light supper and entertainment.
- 11/25 Fireside for Elder's Quorum with Gerald Peterson from Tabernacle Choir.
- 12/19 Special Speaker, Stake President Francis M. Gibbons
- 12/23 Elder Mark E. Peterson spoke in Sacrament Meeting

1980

- Members 375 Families 162

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**WARD THEME FOR 1980:
FRIENDLINESS**

- The Seventies were involved in the Book of Mormon project. Had pictures taken and wrote a short testimony to be sent to the mission field.
- 2/24 Milt Jackson Missionary Farewell (Korea Pusan) Violin solo by Julianne Schreiner accompanied by Alexander Schreiner
- Young Men & Young Women trip to Lake Powell
- Young Adult Fireside where Mary Sturlaugso the first black missionary spoke on “Unconditional Love.”
- 6/11 Relief Society Breakfast in the Rose Garden
- In June Rex & Faun Warner opened the West Virginia Charleston Mission
- 10/24 Pioneer Fair
- 10/12 Elder Robert Earl reported his mission
- 12/14 Elder Mark E. Peterson spoke in Sacrament Meeting
- 7/6 Lagoon Outing
- 7/11 Trip to Bear Lake (Family Camp Out)
- 11/16 Kim Kephart received mission call to Brazil

1981

- 3/25 Spaghetti Dinner, Slave Auction & entertainment
- 2/13 Elders Quorum sponsored a Dinner /Dance at “13th Floor Restaurant
- 5/3 Elder Rick Hoggard reported his mission
- 5/24 Special fast for the missionary effort in all the world, but especially in our Stake & Ward
- Bake Sale to make money for youth summer activities
- Combines BI & BII “Aerobic Dancing” class
- 6/27 Primary International Party
- 7/5 Special Sacrament Meeting speaker: Dan Marriot U.S. House of Representative
- July Scout Troop 819 spent a week at Camp Steiner
- Eagle Scout Award presented to Stephen Earl and Bradley Smith
- 9/17 BI & BII play against each other to determine the Softball Champions. The winner received the traveling trophy - the Bonneville Boot
- 10/14 Young Woman & Young Men attended the stakes Sports Award program. The speaker was Kirk Brinkman, the BYU marathoner
- 12/20 Special speaker Mark E. Peterson, Council of the Twelve Apostles

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1982

- Relief Society Luncheon “Pioneer Life” with entertainment
- 3/21 Special Sacrament Meeting honoring women
- 3/21 Special Fireside for Bishop Olson to talk about his trip to China
- April Teacher’s Quorum Basketball Team (Randy Fox, Paul Harper, Jeff Hiatt, Greg Lunt, George Rivera) were a super team and winners of the Stake basketball championship. They practiced hard, showed good sportsmanship and terrific team spirit
- 4/2 Special Program for Young Women and their Mothers “Reflections in Time”
- 5/19 Special Temple Outing for the Relief Society Sisters
- 6/2 Shirley Graff of BII Ward organized a fashion show that showed the sisters new fall fabrics. Special guest was Susan Olsen, one of the directors of the Missionary Training Center who talked about being a beautiful woman inside and out
- June 13 President W. Eugene Hansen reorganized the bishopric by releasing Bishop Olsen. Robert F. Fillmore was called to be the next bishop.
- New members – Oscar W. and Carol McConkie 111 family
- Members 361 Families 149

MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS OUTSIDE THE WARD

- O. Rex Warner – Stake Presidency
Second Counselor ‘76; Stake First
Counselor, ’76-’80
- Phillip Clayton – Stake Sunday School
President
- Beverly Hoggard – Stake R.S.
Secretary, ’76-81
- Donna Olsen, ’82-85
- Douglas A Smith – Alternate High
Counselor, ’79; High Counselor, ’80-85
- Robert Fillmore – Alternate High
Counselor, ‘82
- Jesse Fox – Stake Sunday School Second
Counselor, ‘82
- Alice C. Cannon, Stake YW Second
Counselor

FUNERALS

- Eva Jackson
- Virginia Tanner Bennett
- Zola Jacobs McGhie
- Vera Anderson
- Hazel Price
- Rudolph E. Hainke

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- Marvin W. Fillmore
- Frieda Buehler Bollinger
- Fred C. (Pete) Mathews

NOTABLES

- November 6-11, 1978 was declared Virginia Tanner Week in Salt Lake City by Mayor Ted Wilson and was marked by a series of news reports featuring Virginia Tanner Bennett
- Vaughn Epperson is listed in “Who’s Who in America” for his outstanding work as a Civil Engineer for Kennecott Copper. He serves as the High Priest Group Leader
- Bishop Ferron A. Olson was honored by the members of his professional organization when he was elected chairman of the Utah section of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers (AIME)
- Grietja Rowley won second place in the General Relief Society Music Contest
- Shirley Graff honored as best salesman for Western Region of American Silk Mills
- Sandra Powell named Corporate Trust Council in Trust Division of First Security Bank
- John Hiatt excelled in Ballet West’s production of “Firebird”
- Tracy Daines won 8th place in championship swimming for the 100 yard free style

- Shannon Young took 2nd place in the consolation championship for the 500 yard free style
- Joni Young took 2nd place in the 200 yard individual medley
- Brian Clinger won the high point award for the eight and under boys at the Granite Swim meet.
- John Jackson East High Math Sterling Scholar & State runner-up
- Kim Young was finalist in Summer Arts Piano Compaction
- Kimberlee Young received “Hope of America” Award as well as second prize in the nation in the “Reflections” musical composition contest sponsored by the Parent Teacher Association
- W Blair Walkington named as director of Economic Development for the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce.
- Helen Musser worked 12 hours a day, three days a week in the Salt Lake Temple. She has done over 121, 000 ordinances.
- Shannon Young member of the free-style relay team won first place in the state.
- Natalie Bang, Alison Cooley and Joni Young made the Honor Roll at Clayton Intermediate
- Cuella Stout was official BII Ward Photographer who took her calling seriously taking many photos that will appear in scrapbooks as well as in this book.

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- As Ward Mission Leader, Robert F. Fillmore did an outstanding job. In one year, B2 had around 6-7 baptisms – almost all of the stake total for the year
- After 22 years as principal dancer for Ballet West, John Hiatt retired from the company
- Kim Young, Jenny Jenkins, Cathy Clayton, Andy Cooley and Tony Smith were initiated into the Honor Society at Clayton Intermediate School
- Lori Wilde was elected President of East High Associated Girls
- Arnold Hanson was a member of the first Salt Lake City Rugby Team to win the 4th of July Pacific Tournament
- Rice Twins Rebecca and Rosalie excelled at poetry and the art competition at Clayton Jr. High School

MISSIONARIES

- Robert Earl (Canada-Vancouver)
- Larry Epperson (Dearborn, MI)
- Rich Hoggard (Fiji-French)
- Marty Howard (Ohio-Columbus)
- Milt Jackson (So. Korea-Pusan)
- Joel Rowley (Spain-Seville)
- Mike Zabriskie (Argentine Buenos-Aires South)
- David Barlow (Guatemala)

- John Jackson (Frankfort Germany)
- Anna & Loile Bailey
- Michael Zabriskie

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Memories of Bishop Olsen: Creating a New Ward:

I met with President Francis Gibbons early Sunday morning on March 28, 1976, not knowing what to expect. He informed me that on Sunday afternoon, May 2, three wards, Bonneville, Yalecrest First and Yalecrest Second Wards, would hold a special meeting to form a new ward, the Bonneville Second Ward. He then said that the Lord wanted me to be the bishop of the new ward. Floored and humbled by this I said that I had never turned down a calling in the Church and accepted. He explained that I could tell my dear wife, Donna, of the new calling.

On Sunday April 25, a special meeting of the three wards was announced for the next Sunday, following stake conference. Speculation was rampant. At the special meeting, President Gibbons presented the proposed boundaries of the ward reorganizations, which were accepted by the congregation. This placed Dale Zabriskie of the now Bonneville First Ward bishopric in the Bonneville Second Ward. He was released as a counselor to Bishop W. Eugene Hansen and replaced.

President Gibbons then said that only members of the Bonneville Second Ward could vote and presented my name as the new bishop. He then asked me to stand. My knees shook as I grasped the pew in front of me and

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arose. I could sense a thousand pair of eyes on me. When he asked all those in favor of sustaining me as bishop to raise their right hands, tears welled up in my eyes as I felt their support. He then asked if any opposed and no hands went up. Donna and I were asked to take our seats on the stand with the other bishops and their wives. He then presented Grant Hardy as my first counselor and Dale Zabriskie as second and asked them to stand. They were also readily sustained.

At the conclusion of the meeting, in which all four bishops spoke, it was evident many were sad at the change in ward boundaries. Tender partings, with many tears shed, followed as former ward members realized they would no longer be in the same ward.

Grant, Dale and I were the only officers in the Bonneville Second Ward for the week that followed. It was a week for us of much praying and frequent evenings together conducting ward business. With the inspiration of the Holy Ghost we formed the presidencies of the Aaronic priesthood, Sunday School, Relief Society, Primary, Young Women and Young Men's and recommended to President Gibbons our clerks, the high priests' group leader and Elders' Quorum president.

It was a joy to behold the willingness the newly called officers showed in accepting their callings. Also, once called, they willingly responded to the challenge of staffing their various organizations during that busy week. By our first Sunday as a ward, we were ready to sustain officers and teachers alike.

Sunday, May 9, one of the great days of my life, started for me at 6:30 a.m. My bowels were twisting and turning, I was so scared and nervous, but the day unfolded beautifully. I felt the Holy Ghost almost every moment of the day as I fervently prayed I would. At that time, Priesthood Meeting was followed by Sunday School with Sacrament Meeting in the late afternoon/early evening. The other auxiliaries met during the week. Also, it was Mother's Day and the ward honored my dear wife as mother of the new ward, both in Sunday School and in Junior Sunday School. I told the ward members how fortunate they were to have her.

At 7:30 p.m. the new bishopric headed for home, the new officers and teachers had been sustained and set apart. Bonneville Second ward was organized and moving full speed ahead.

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**Bonneville Second Ward
Bishop Robert F. Fillmore
1983-1988**



Bishop: Robert F. Fillmore, sustained June 4, 1983; released 1988
First counselor: Philip J. Clayton
Second Counselor: Elwood P. Powell, T. Richard Davis, Alvin J. Schoenhals
Executive Secretary: Kevin S. Cahoon, Garth Peterson, Fredrick Barth
Assistant Secretary: Joel Rowley, Hal Cannon, Jr., Kirk Orton
Ward Clerk: Glen A. Jones, Hyrum Smith
Assistant Clerk: Frederick A. Smith, Brian Mendenhall, Vaughn Epperson, Larry Foley, Grant Rowley, Robert H. Holt, David Wilde, Elman Ellsworth
High Priest Group Leader: Glen A. Young, Philip J. Clayton, Garth N. Peterson
Seventy Group Leader: Jerry M. Murff, Wayne Cannon, Jesse N. Fox
Elders Quorum President: Wayne Cannon, Kevin S. Cahoon, Oscar W McConkie, III
Sunday School President: Bruce Stewart, Kenneth J. Rice, W. LeGrand Maxwell
Relief Society President: Terry Peterson, Joan Earl
Primary President: Alta Davis, Barbara McKeown
YW President: Rebecca Owen, Jeri Cahoon
YM President: David M. Owen, Oscar McConkie, III, T. Richard Davis

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EVENTS

1983

- David Barlow called to Dublin, Ireland
- Spring Clean Up
- Youth Fireside
- Seven Wonders of the Ward Dinner
- Aaronic Priesthood Fireside from Temple Square
- Multi-stake Dance
- Mutual Outing- Steal the Flag
- Seminary Graduates: Brad Smith, Shannon Young, Jerry Murff
- Cub Scout Mormon Battalion Hike
- Ward Court of Honor
- Pioneer Trek
- Varsity Scout Campout
- Boy Scout Breakfast
- YW Rough Camp Clinic
- R.S. women walking for exercise
- Ward Overnighter
- Brighton Camp for YW
- Young Womanhood Recognition Award presented to Holly Welcher

- Bishop concerned about converts staying active after baptism-need firm testimony of Jesus Christ
- Personal Canning at Welfare Square
- Stake Cultural Arts Series
- R.S. Showoff Fair
- Youth Timpanogos Hike
- Started a scripture of the month for the ward. This scripture emphasized in each organizaion
- YM-YW Car Wash
- Ward Goals: 1) Improve sacrament Meeting attendance, 2) Activate Aaronic Priesthood, 3) Advance eligible Aaronic Priesthood, 4) 100% home teaching, 5) Increase fast offering donations, 6) Increase attendance at seminary, 7) Fulfill stake farm assignments
- Bishopric to fast, pray for spirituality, temple attendance, scripture reading, testimonies, and hearing from each member
- Stake Farm Assignment: bagging onions
- YM-YW Stake New Year's Eve event at the Sports Mall

1984

- New People's Fireside at the Bishop's home
- YM-YW Evening with Senator Jake Garn

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- Death of Elder Mark E. Peterson
 - Eagle Scout Award presented to Brian Jackson and Anthony Smith
 - Blue and Gold Banquet
 - High Adventure Activity
 - YM-YW standards Night with Elder Neal Maxwell
 - Alcohol and Drug Abuse Conference report by Helene Hiatt
 - Stake President encourages all to keep a personal journal
 - Ward Dinner- a smashing success
 - Welfare Seminar
 - Aaronic Priesthood trip to Clarkston, Utah
 - Boy Scouts to Steiner Camp
 - Days of 47 Float with chairman Rick Davis and his father Cliff; won second place in historical division
 - Transmitters for shut-ins to hear sacrament meetings
 - Funds raised for distributing Books of Mormon
 - Temple preparation seminar
 - “Bonneville Boot” softball completion between Bonneville I and II at Sunnyside Park
 - Scouts stripe parking lot
 - Elders Progressive Dinner
 - YW Overnigher
 - Bishop suggests keeping journals
 - Youth Fireside at Graham home
 - Scout Troop to combine with other ward(s).
 - Reactivation program planned and regularly discussed
 - YW Dinner
 - YM-YW Sub for Santa
 - Primary Party
 - YM-YW New Year’s Eve Party
- 1985**
- Primary Preparation Meeting with Elder Neal Maxwell as guest speaker
 - District Blue and Gold Banquet
 - High Priest Temple and dinner night
 - Primary Carnival—bake sale, food and games.
 - Senior Basketball—best season placing 2nd in stake
 - Elders quarterly Temple Night
 - George Rivera mission call to Montreal, Canada, French-speaking

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- Marriages: Victoria Cooley to Douglas Greer and Lori Wilde to Jeffrey Snell
- R. S. begins aerobics class
- R.S. Birthday Celebration
- Bonneville Stake Visiting Teaching Conference
- Scouts collect old newspapers as fundraiser
- Ward Kite-Flying Contest
- Women's Basketball Game
- Primary Time Machine with "visits" from the prophets
- Second Annual Bonneville Bee-Line Run—one mile and three mile courses
- Senior Softball team winning due to new coach- Mark Newton
- YM Outing to mountains for Restoration of Priesthood celebration –Rick Davis entertainer
- Ward Campout to Mirror Lake
- Annual ward picnic
- Oktoberfest- German dance by Primary, cultural display, German treats
- Scout Camp Out
- Eagle Scout Awards presented to Michael Wilde and Brian Powell

- Ward temple Night and Dinner
- Single Adult Fireside
- Veteran Baseball
- R.S. Homemaking—Holiday Decorations and Treats
- Bonneville I and II -R.S. Fair—Crafts, Food, Fun
- New Year's Eve Dance and Buffet for SL Area Special Interests
- Christmas Evening Dinner and Entertainment

1986

- Theme for the year: D. & C. 19:23 – "Learn of me, and listen to my words; walk in the meekness of my spirit, and you shall have peace in me"
- Greitje Rowley's new hymn, "Be Thou Humble", is to be sung in General Conference
- YM-YW Overnight Retreat for leaders
- Bishopric Goal to convert 5 people this year
- Primary Tour of the MTC – met the 3 elders called to serve from ward
- YM-YW Winter Carnival
- Goals set for increased temple attendance- 50% of recommend holders to go once a month
- Reactivation Goals set at 4 this year

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- YM-YW Valentine Dinner for Widows and Widowers
 - Women's Basketball
 - Scout Campout
 - Kite-Flying
 - YM-YW Slave Auction
 - Elders quorum Party
 - Ward Birthday Party
 - Ward Olympics
 - Temple Trip to Manti Temple
 - Youth outing down Green River- many spiritual experiences
 - Singles Manti Trip
 - Ward Camp Out in Uintah's
 - Scouts to Camp Steiner
 - Monthly firesides on the Book of Mormon – Grant Hardy leader
 - "Bonneville Boot" competition
 - Food Storage emphasis
 - Veterans Basketball team took 2nd in region
 - Seminar on Pornography
 - High Priest Temple Day
 - YW-YM Ice Skating
 - Randy Fox called to Spain, Barcelona Mission
 - Mike Wilde called to Scotland, Edinburgh Mission
 - Ward Court of Honor – 3 scouts
 - Cubs Pow-Wow
 - Sub for Santa
 - Christmas Devotional
 - Ward Christmas Party
- 1987**
- Multi Regional Dance Festival with dancers from every ward in stake (Diane Baldwin and Lori Driggs)
 - Women's Softball
 - Boy Scout Overnighter
 - Bonneville Second Ward Bike/Run
 - Independence Day Flag Rising Ceremony- Dr. Joseph Wood speaking on the Constitution; sweet roll and juice
 - Stake Youth Conference – Snow College
 - Ward Overnighter at Bear Lake
 - Scout 50 Miler
 - Old Fashioned Summer Picnic – Washington Park- Softball, Volleyball
 - Sunset Service – Garden Park Ward- Daniel H. Ludlow: Prophecy and Israel

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- Stake Sports Night at Sugarhouse Park and The Salt Lake Tennis Club
- Mt. Olympus Hike
- YM-YW Waterskiing Party
- Annual ward Timpanogos Hike
- Members to trace one ancestor to do their temple work before stake conference (Hyrum Smith and Mildred Elggren called as special genealogy councilors)
- YM-YW Canyon Outing
- Celebration Ball of the Bicentennial of the Constitution at Stake Center with “We the People” Floor Show
- Evening with Elder Neal Maxwell and Dallin Oaks who discuss the Constitution
- YM-YW Standards Night – “The Conversion Experience”
- Oktoberfest
- YW and parents to A Young Women In Excellence Program – “Shopping for Values”
- Stake single Adults Christmas Party
- Basketball for Seniors and Veterans

FUNERALS

- Erma Lewis 3/83
- Franklin Lyman Stout – 4/2/84
- A Lewis Elggren

- Barbara Stucki
- Arturo Rivero

NOTABLES

- Alvin J Schoenhals returned to college after retirement, graduating Magna Cum Laude with Bachelor degree
- Dale Zabriskie- newly elected chairman of the SUSC Institutional Council; received highest honors in Public Relations profession
- Marcia Zabriskie elected co-captain of East High Volleyball team
- LaDru Jensen- retired law professor in the news at a nursing center holding a new puppy
- Greitje Terberg Rowley, winner of 3rd Annual Jackman Music Corp music writing contest, wrote the words and music to the following songs which are now included in the Children’s Songbook: (1) “I Want to be a Missionary Now” (page 168); (2) “Samuel Tells of the Baby Jesus” (page 36); (3) “Each Sunday Morning” (“Peaceful Moments, page 290); (4) “Distant Bells” (Peaceful Moments, page 299); (5) “Father, We Thank Thee for the Night” (page 8); and (6) “A Smile is like the Sunshine” (267). She also wrote the words and music to “Be Thou Humble” which is included in Hymns of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints page 130. She also arranged “Roll Your Hands” which is included in the Children’s Songbook, page 274.

- Alice Cannon- sent letter of achievement from LDS Social Services
- Brian Jackson member of National Honor Society; No. 2 math student in the state of Utah and top junior student in the state
- Tom Clayton in East High plays: The Bald Soprano and Take Five- award best supporting actor
- Andy Cooley elected president of East High School; named Youth of the Year by the Exchange Club; member of National Honor Society; Sterling Scholar in Social Studies
- Mike Wilde named most improved player on East High varsity basketball team
- Vernon Cooley Jr. – accepted to Harvard School of Medicine (1986)

**MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS
OUTSIDE THE WARD**

- Alice C. Cannon –Stake YW First Counselor
- Douglas Smith – Stake High Council
- Richard C. McKeown – Stake High Council
- Ginny R. Fox- Stake YW First Counselor
- Michal Hales – Stake Nursery-'87-88
- Loile and Anna Bailey – New Zealand Visitor Center
- Mildred Elggren – temple worker
- Oscar W. McConkie – Stake YM Presidency

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Memories of Bishop Fillmore:

Bishop Fillmore felt a strong spiritual feeling when he was setting apart the President of the Elders Quorum.

Bishop Fillmore while doing initiatory in Temple, was thinking about a certain person. That very person called him that night saying he was ready for baptism.

During the ordination and blessing of Bishop Fillmore, President Hansen admonished Bishop Fillmore three times to center their first interests on the youth. He also mentioned the need to be conscious of each individual in our ward and not neglect the widow and widower. It was from this ordination and Priesthood blessing that the theme of the Bonneville 2nd Ward was born for the years of 1982-1987. Our theme and goal was to: “Focus on the one.”

The goal of the Bishopric and Aaronic Priesthood leaders was to have personal contact with each Aaronic Priesthood holder every week, even if they didn't attend church on Sunday or other weekly activities. It was a laborious task but seemed to lift and bless lives including young men and the leaders. Some of our most spiritual experience occurred while seeking after the lost sheep.

Early in their service they made the decision that every family/person in the ward deserved a visit at their home each month from either the home teachers or from a Melchizedek Priesthood holder. Perhaps the greatest miracles were experienced by those who made those extra and often difficult visits. Through this plan of action the miracle of reactivation was witnessed by many in the ward.

The wonderful widows were another great blessing to each member of the ward and to the ward leadership. The ward had many within its boundaries. Under the direction of gifted RS Presidencies, we held two annual events for the aging generation. Widows and widowers enjoyed what was affectionately called the “Leaf Express”. Ward leaders would rent a small bus with large windows and take those who chose to attend for an afternoon drive to view the beautiful autumn leaves (in the spring, the beauty of the new season). At the conclusion of our drive, all returned to the Bishop’s home for lunch. Many happy hours were spent laughing, telling stories and reminiscing past decades. It was an event that brought perspective to the workers and unity to all. This event was enjoyed by many.

In an effort to make new neighbors feel welcome and part of the neighborhood and ward, we established a “New Member Move-in Dinner” and get together. Every six months the Bishopric would invite each new person or family who had moved into the ward boundaries during the previous 6-month period to meet at the Bishop’s home for dinner. Each new move-in was invited to introduce himself or herself and to bear his or her testimony if they felt so inclined. It was a tradition that helped break the ice for many new members as they moved into the ward. Testimonies were born, tears were often shed and we noticed the beginning of several reactivations as a result of this activity.

Within 12 to 18 months this new bishopric recognized that those who attended the temple regularly seemed to have a greater enthusiasm and a spiritual vitality that blessed the ward greatly. With that realization, there was great emphasis placed on encouraging all ward members to attend the temple as often as they possibly could. Additional training was provided to help those who did not have

recommends prepare to attend/return to the Temple. Of all the hours invested by the ward leadership, perhaps the time invested in helping prepare ward members to attend the temple paid the highest dividend in terms of blessings to the ward and individual families. Tithing donations increased along with Sacrament Meeting attendance. The Lord seemed to recognize the sacrifice and commitment on the part of the ward members as temple attendance increased from year to year. What a tremendous blessing it was to witness the power of the Lord and his many blessings to those who became frequent temple attenders.

An experience in the elder’s quorum:

An inactive Elder, who hadn’t attended in almost a year, had suffered for several months from a partial facial paralysis. A special day of fasting was observed by both of the Mechizedek Priesthood quorums. The Elder, who was scheduled for surgery, improved sufficiently that the surgery was cancelled. He continued to improve.

These were wonderful years in the history of the Bonneville Second Ward. Memories remain bright among those who served during that time period. Surely we were among the most blessed people on all the earth. We will forever praise His Holy Name and thank him for those tender experiences.

Memories of Rick Davis, counselor to Bishop Fillmore:

Rick Davis said that his daughter Amanda fasted after seeing TV presentation about Ethiopia.

A young man from another ward was invited to attend the Bonneville Second Ward by his friend and B2 priest quorum member. This

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young man it was discovered had been abused by a person in his home area. As this boy continued attending the Bonneville 2nd ward, he had psychotherapy, read scriptures with a family in the ward. He eventually served a mission. He presently is an Elder's Quorum President and has a good job. A young woman in the ward, Holly Welcher, was actively involved in the ward. Her family members discouraged her from attending. One time when the youth were doing baptisms for the dead, Holly saw people from the spirit world watching the baptisms taking place. She told her leaders that she could see people watching in the temple. This experience helped her to combat her home situation.

One night, Rick had a dream about a boy in the ward. This boy had been a good kid, but recently had become troubled. The next day at work, Rick couldn't get this boy off his mind, so he left work and went to the home of this young man. His mother was there which was surprising because she held a job. She told Rick that the boy had taken a hammer to the TV and then written a suicide note to his parents. His mom hadn't gone to work worrying about his condition.

Rick went to the boys room, took him on a 2 to 3 hour ride. They talked through his problems and averted the crisis. Rick has stayed in touch with this young man and even officiated at his wedding.

Arturo Rivero was a medical student whose family was so proud of his efforts. He was to be the one to help his family reach a new level of prosperity. However, he was killed in a car accident. This was so devastating to his family and so saddening to the ward family as well.

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**Bonneville Second Ward
Bishop Alvin J. Schoenhals
1988-1990**



Bishop: Alvin J. Schoenhals sustained:
1st Counselor: Kevin S. Cahoon
2nd Counselor: Richard B. McKeown
Executive Secretary: Patrick Lucero Jr.
Ward Clerk: Dale O. Zabriskie, Glen Ashton Jones
Assistant Executive: John H. Mabey, Jr.
Assistant Clerks: Vaughn E. Epperson, Elwood P. Powell, J. David Cook, L Richard Feinauer, George B. Rivera
High Priest Group Leader: Douglas A. Smith
Mission Leader: Robert F. Fillmore, Milton J. Updegraff
Elders Quorum President: David M. Owen
Sunday School President: Robert H. Holt
Relief Society President: Gretchen S. Jackson
Primary President: Cristie Mabey, Kay Merkley
YW President: Susan W. Holt
YM President: T. Richard Davis, Robert F. Fillmore
Activity Committee: Barbara Jo & Fred Barth, Liz & Dick Whitney, Joan Earl
Music Committee: W. LeGrand Maxwell
Ward Librarian: Janell R. Hardy

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EVENTS

1988

Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Chad Peterson, Aaron Clinger, Jonathan Feinhauer

1989

- Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Brandon Jaenish
- Boy Scouts of America Roundtables
- Primary Theme: “Destination: Round Trip Heavenly Home”
- Richard Trussell Farewell
- High Priests 100% Sunday
- High Priests worked on individual history program
- Allyson Baldwin & Analisa Balestrero were baptized
- Homemaking Meeting presented by Salt Lake Kiwanis Club on Pediatric Trauma
- Robert Blackham baptized
- Elders’ Quorum had Spring Clean at the ward.
- Ward Conference Theme: D & C 12:8 “...No one can assist in this work except he shall be humble & full of love...”

- Elders Service Project to help Elderly in Ward
- Relief Society had a canning project
- YM had 20 mile backpacking trip
- YW placed 1st in Basketball
- Primary was visited by President John Taylor (Rick Davis) who taught about the life of the 3rd President of the Church
- Ward Activity “It’s A Small World Party.”
- RS was visited by Esther Truitt a Temple Square Gardener.
- YW congratulate girls for East High School activity - Heather Smith - Madrigals & A cappella, Peggy Clayton - Woman’s Ensemble & A capella & Colleen Rice – A cappella
- Members of the Military were honored: Alvin Schoenhals, Douglas M. Smith, Hyrum Smith, Helen Musser, George Earl, Orlando Rivera, Phil Clayton, Elman Ellsworth
- High Priests held a “Send a Book of Mormon on a Mission” night

1990

- Ward Conference March 10-11, Theme: Moroni 10:30-31 ... come unto Christ....

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- Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Brock Holt and Mathew Jackson
- Young Womanhood Recognition Award for Stacy Snyder
- May 16, 1990 -Fiesta de Mayo a Ward Dinner to celebrate the 15th year of BII Ward.

NOTABLES

- Brian Powell (Young Men) qualified & swam for the East High School in state meet'89.
- Brittany Baldwin (Primary) received 1st place in Reflections Contest as Uintah School-'89
- Melissa Fillmore & Brandon S. Cahoon, President Uintah Elementary
- Andy Cooley elected president of Beta Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity for 1990-1991
- Ben Feinauer elected Vice President 1990 – 1991 Clayton Jr. High School
- Whitney Evans elected Jr. Class Senator at East High School
- Sean Carlson & Chad Feinauer selected as members of East High Basketball Team
- Peggy Clayton, Heather Smith & Stacey Snyder all graduated from Seminary.
- Heather Smith was featured performer in a trio singing group as part of East High Madrigal Concert

- Stacey Snyder received her YW Womanhood Medallion Award
- Ann Robinson received her Master of Architecture Degree from the University of Utah
- Kevin Cahoon is recipient of the Graduate Dean's Scholar Award for outstanding achievement in the U. of U. MBA program & has been nominated to Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Sigma Honors Society
- Cathy Clayton was accepted to study under the world-renowned jazz harpist, Carol McLaughlin in Tucson, Arizona. She is one of the few musicians selected by Ms. McLaughlin to enter private study and train for performance and tour.
- Lynnette Stewart was one of the featured violinists in the Nova Chamber Music Series' final program presented at the Museum of Fine Arts on the U of U campus.
 - Janice Blackham graduated from U of U with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication. She completed an internship as a reporter for the Davis County Clipper and is a member of Kappa Tau Alpha, national horary journalism society.
 - Peggy Clayton received the Utah. Merit award, a scholarship award for outstanding high school achievement.
 - Andrew Cooley is chairman of the Board of Academic Affairs at the U. of U.
 - Valerie Cooley received her Masters of Education degree from the U. of U.

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- Vernon Cooley completed his research as the recipient of the Howard Hughes Research Award, and is finished his last year at Harvard Medical School.
- Clyde Gerome graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the U. of U.
- Dan Odette graduated from the U. of U. with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise and Sport Science. He is a graduate assistant for the U. of U. football team.

MARRIAGES

- Rebecca Rice married Barry Birkin

FUNERALS

- Florence Huber Gibson Dalglish (1989)
- Jeff Hanson (1989)
- Isabella Vilate Fillmore (1989)
- Frank W. McGhie (1990)
- Donnette Willis (1990)

**MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS
OUTSIDE THE WARD**

- Oscar W. McConkie III, High Council, 1st Counselor Stake YM
- T. Richard Davis, President Stake Young Men

- Miriam Zabriskie, Secretary, Stake Primary
- Elman Ellsworth - Assistant Communications Specialist
- Vaughn & Margaret Epperson, Extraction Program
- Cuelia Stout Copy Specialist
- Rebecca B. Owen 1st Counselor Stake YW
- Miriam Zabriskie Assistant Women's Sports Director
- Elman Ellsworth - Assistant Communications Specialist
- Vaughn & Margaret Epperson -Extraction Program
- Wayne H. Cannon, Bishop University Student Ward
- Jesse Fox, Bishop, University Student Ward 18th
- Grant Hardy Teacher Development Commitment Chairman
- Vaughn Epperson - Church Family History Missionary
- Anthony E. Smith Japan Tokyo South Mission
- Andrew J. Cooley Italy Catania

- Brian R. Jackson Germany Hamburg
- Elmer and Geraldine Jespersen - Family History
- Brian Jackson – Germany Hamburg
- Richard Trussell – Taiwan
- Louisa Hansen – Sydney Australia Temple

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Thoughts from John Mabey:

Bishop Schoenhals was energetic and positive! He began his term as bishop when he was 73 years old and could enlist almost anyone into service with the comment that if he could do it at his age and with less than perfect health, they could do it too. He was forward thinking in many areas including women's role in ward council meetings and unique callings they could hold. He was a priesthood leader who understood the value of personal touch and his ward members loved him for it. A tradition began when each general conference Bishop Schoenhals would summarize talks and present them at Sacrament Meeting. The tradition of the bishop summarizing continued through the present day.

Thoughts from Cristie Mabey:

Bishop Schoenhals was an interested and loving bishop for all the children in the primary and urged the primary leaders to make lasting memories for each child. One such memory was the reenactment of the 2,000 Stripling Warriors that took place in Memory Grove. Boys dressed up as the Army of Helaman and raised their voices and arms in defending the flag of liberty. The primary also took a fieldtrip to the Salt Lake Temple where they viewed the symbols on the temple and were photographed sitting at the temple doors. A ward primary scrapbook was made from letters and artwork from each child's reflections of their heritage.

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**Bonneville Second Ward
Bishop T. Richard Davis
1991-1996**



Bishop: Richard Davis: Sustained, Jan. 13, 1991
1st Counselor John Craig Jackson
2nd Counselor: Oscar W. McConkie, Randal J. Olsen, Nathan J. Morgan
Executive Secretary: Nathan J. Morgan, Kevin S. Cahoon, Todd D. Gardner
Assistant Exec. Sec.: L. Richard Feinauer, Scott E Blackham
Ward Clerk: Glen Ashton Jones, John Joseph Carter, John T. Badger
Assistant Clerks: John H. Mabey, Devin D. Thorpe, Hyrum J. Smith
High Priest Group Leader: Douglas A. Smith, Wayne Cannon, Jesse N. Fox
Seventy Group Leader: Milton Updegraff, John Baldwin, John T. Badger, Garth N. Peterson, Richard B. McKeown, Ernest Saiz
Elder's Quorum President: David M. Owen, Milton J. Updegraff, John H. Mabey, John Carter
Sunday School President: Robert H. Holt, David Wilde, Philip J. Clayton, Thomas A. Lund
Relief Society President: Ann Robinson, Virginia R. Fox, Susan W. Holt, Christine S. Mabey
Primary President: Kay Merkeley, Karrie J. Baughman, Irene Rivera
YM President: Robert F. Fillmore, Kevin S. Cahoon, Todd D. Gardner, C. Riley Cutler
YW President: Karen Feinauer, Jill M. Carter, Carol F. McConkie
Activities Chairman: Joan Earl, Pam Fillmore, Cristine Mabey, Janet Gleave, Susan W. Holt, Miriam Zabriskie, Linette Sheffield, Jill E. Carter
Music Chair: Sylvia F. Hartley, LeGrande Maxwell

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ANNUAL EVENTS

- Auxiliary Birthday Parties
- Blue & Gold Dinner Cub Scouts
- Elders' Quorum Annual Party
- High Priests' Annual Summer Party
- Holiday Parties
- Primary Program
- Relief Society Birthday
- Relief Society Fall Retreat
- Ward Conference
- Ward Picnic

1991

- 2/28 Elder's Temple Night
- 3/17 – Ward Conference with Lloyd Poelman, Stake President presiding. 269 people at Sacrament Meeting
- 5/12 – Welcome back from Mission Louisa Hansen
- 8/11 Sacrament Meeting featuring Art Berger. Car Accident, Priesthood Blessing that he would walk again. “Why am I still in a wheelchair? When I have learned all that I need to learn in this wheelchair then I will walk again.”
- 8/21 Family Outing, George Washington Park
- 8/25 Elders' Fireside

- Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Jonathan Olson
- 9/8 Sacrament Meeting -Karen Feinauer introduced Young Women's Program,
- 9/22 Primary Sacrament Meeting Program: “I can gain a testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ.” 282 in attendance
- 11/3 Sacrament Meeting Highlight Hyrum and Lucille Smith and their strong activity in the church.
- 12/8 Elders Quorum Christmas Fireside with Michael O. Leavitt
- 12/8 Sacrament Meeting: the East High School A'Cappella under the direction of Ann Applegate
- 12/15 Bishopric reorganization under the direction of President Theodore M. Jacobsen – Releases Oscar Walter McConkie II as 2nd Counselor, Glen Ashton Jones as Ward Clerk - Sustained as 2nd Counselor Randal J. Olsen and Ward Clerk John Joseph Carter.
- Oscar McConkie sustained as 2nd Counselor in the new Stake Presidency
- 12/22 Sacrament Meeting speaker Joseph B. Wirthlin

1992

- Eagle Courts of Honor for Patrick Olson and Brett Blackham, Brandon Cahoon
- 8-9 February Bonneville II Ward Conference. Oscar W. McConkie, III sustained as Second Counselor in Stake Presidency. Talks by Patrick R. Olson, Bishop Richard Davis, Robert F. Orton, First Counselor in Stake Presidency and

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President Jacobson, Stake President
(Stake Goal – Enlarge the Circle)

- New Beginnings Program for Young Women
- 3/22 Young Women Fireside
- 3/25 Cub Scout Meeting
- 3/27 High Priest Party
- 3/28 Ward Relief Society Luncheon
- 3/29 Bishops' Fireside with Young Men
- 4/8 Scout Court of Honor
- 4/10 I Merrie Miss and Moms
- 4/25 April Kite Flying Party – all invited
- 4/26 Young Men Fireside with Karl Lagerberg as speaker
- 5/6 Relief Society Homemaking Meeting
- 6/13 Temple Baptisms Young Men and Young Women
- 6/19 Elders' Quorum Party
- 7/7 Senior Softball at Sunnyside Park
- 7/18 Bonneville II Timp Hike
- 7/19 Missionary Farewell Jonathan Olson Kobe Japan
- 8/17 Brighton Camp for Beehives
- 20–21 Ward Laurel-Mia Maid Backpacking Trip
- 8/23 Young Men Fireside

- 8/26 Young Men/Young Women Swimming Party
- 9/20 Primary Sacrament Meeting Presentation “I Can Feel and Show Reverence for Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.”
- 10/25 Missionary Open House
- 10/27 Bishopric sponsored Temple Night
- 11/13 High Priest's Social
- 11/15 Young Woman's sacrament Program
- 12/2 Homemaking
- 12/5 Young Women/Young Men VIP Breakfast
- 12/9– “The Spirit of Christmas Past – Michael Bennett as Scrooge
- 12/13 Elders Quorum Fireside – Bruce Stewart “Joseph Smith, the Seer.”
- 12/16 Young Women/Young Men Temple Night and Dinner

1993

- 1/17 Missionary Farewell for Stacey Snyder to Portugal Lisbon North Mission
- 1/24 Ward Conference, Theme: 2 Nephi 31:30. Presiding Theodore M. Jacobsen Stake President

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/14 Missionary Farewell for Christopher Davis for New Jersey Morristown Mission • 2/19 Young Women/Young Men Book of Mormon Study Read-a-thon • 2/21 Priesthood Preview for Blazers and parents • 2/28 Missionary Farewell for Heather Smith to Portugal Lisbon South Mission • 3/2 Winter Camp for Young Men/Young Women • 3/16 Joint Party with Bonneville I and II A Celebration of Spring • 3/27 Primary Visit to Church Museum • 4/17 Primary visited Salt Lake Temple grounds for Centennial Celebration hosted by the Temple Presidency • 5/2 Aaronic Priesthood Restoration Fireside • 5/4 Ward Presentation “Music’s Notes” a birthday celebration with a centennial salute to the music of yesteryear. • 5/15 Young Men/Young Women Service Project • 5/30 Sacrament Meeting talks from family members of full time missionaries in the field • 6/5 Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Fair • 6/18 Bonneville Glen Neighborhood Barbecue • 6/21 e Beehive Brighton Camp | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/13-15 Young Women Wilderness Camp • 7/27 Ward Summer Party at George Washington Park- An Old-Fashioned Picnic • 8/8 Missionary Farewell Patrick Olson • 8/13 High Priests Party • 8/20-21 Ward Camp Out Jeremy Ranch • 8/22 Sacrament Meeting speaker Karl Lagerberg, Stake Patriarch • 8/28 Ward Timp Hike • Young Women Recognition Award presented to Louise McConkie and Margaret Jackson • Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Chad Feinhauer, Ken Wilde • 9/19 Primary Sacrament Meeting with theme: “I Love to See the Temple” • 10/17 joint Bonneville Wards fireside speaker Dr. Lynn Scoresby, marriage counselor and clinical psychologist • 10/24 Special Young Women Presentation • 11/20 Young Men/Young Women VIP Brunch • 11/21 Neighborhood Open House “The True and Living God narrated by Elder Neal A. Maxwell • 12/7 Christmas Party “A Classical Country Christmas” |
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- 12/12 Special Sacrament Meeting Program under the direction of the East High A' Capella Choir with ward member Natalie Smith as Student Director
- 12/19 Special Sacrament Meeting with music by ward member LeGrande Maxwell and speaker Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin

1994

- 1/9 Ward Quarterly Teacher Development Meeting with all Auxiliary and Priesthood Teachers and Instructors
- 1/12 Young Men/Young Women Cross Country Skiing
- 1/18 Relief Society Dry Pack Canning Project
- 1/23 Missionary Welcome Home Sister Stacey Snyder (Portugal Lisbon North Mission)
- 1/30 New Beginnings Young Women
- 1/30 Sacrament Meeting on Family History
- 1/25-27 Ward Conference Theme: Deuteronomy 4:9, 6:7-9
- 4/19 Relief Society Homemaking Meeting
- 4/24 Spring Neighborhood Open House in celebration of International Year of the Family
- 4/24 Missionary Farewell Selina Rivera to Hawaii Visitors Center Mission
- 4/27 Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

- 4/30 Elders' Date Night to movie Legacy followed by dinner
- 5/4 Ward Birthday Party "Return to Mayberry" picnic
- 5/8 Missionary Farewell Elder Brock Holt to Germany Berlin Mission
- 5/15 Teacher Development Meeting
- 5/15 Missionary Farewell for Elder Christian Frederick Feinauer to Portugal Lisbon South Mission
- 5/22 Homecoming for Scott Stewart
- 5/22 Special Fireside for Ward Couples "Marital Relationships"
- 6/12 Reorganization of the Relief Society Susan Holt, President, Janice Foley 1st Counselor, Bonnie Rice 2nd Counselor, Barbara McKeown
- 7/18-23 July Boy Scouts Camp Steiner
- 7/24-25 Ward Youth Outing – Bear Lake
- 6/26 Sacrament Meeting speaker George I. Cannon President Salt Lake Temple
- 7/23 Chuck wagon Breakfast sponsored by Troop 14
- 8/1-3 Young Women Wilderness Camp
- 8/1-5 Beehive Camp
- 8/14 Welcome Home Jonathan Boshard Olson from Kobe Japan Mission

Bonneville Second Ward

- 8/19-20-- Ward Camp-Out in the mountains east of Jeremy Ranch, north of Silver Creek Jct.
- Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Morgan McKeown, Rick Davis
- 9/11 Welcome Home Sister Heather E. Smith from Portugal Lisbon South Mission
- 9/17 High Priest Party
- 9/18 Primary Sacrament Meeting Program "The Gospel of Jesus Christ Can Bring Me Peace"
- 9/21 Relief Society Shakespeare Social
- 9/24 Young Men/Young Women Mt. Olympus Hike
- 9/28 Young Women Food Bank Project
- 10/9 Sacrament Meeting Program Young Women "Service"
- 10/14 Elders' Quorum Chili Cook Off & Line Dancing
- 10/23 Primary Presidency Reorganization
- 11/20 Family History Fair
- 11/20 Missionary Farewell for Matthew David Jackson (California Fresno Mission)
- 12/17 Bishop Open House
- 12/25 Combined Bonneville Wards Sacrament with speaker Joseph B. Wirthlin

1995

- 2/11- 12 Ward Conference Theme: Enlarge the Circle "Ears to hear and hearts to feel, and the courage to follow (President Howard W. Hunter)
- 3/18 Family Kite-Flying & Picnic Lunch
- 3/19 Program presented by the East High A'Cappella Choir
- 4/9 Easter Fireside with Margo Butler, Institute Instructor, LDS Business College
- 5/5 Young Men/Young Women Book of Mormon Read-a-thon
- 5/16 David Chapman, Professor of Geophysics, Department of Geology at the U of U "The Wasatch- It's Our Fault
- 5/23 Ward Birthday Party: Come join Robin Hood for a "knight" of fun in Sherwood Forest
- 6/13 Young Men/Young Women bike hike
- 6/27-30 Young Women Wilderness Camp
- 7/3-7 Brighton Camp for Young Women
- 7/4 Neighborhood flag raising ceremony with Sale Lake County Commissioner Randy Horiuchi
- 7/27 Elder's Temple Night
- 8/8 Relief Society Poolside dinner
- 8/13 Missionary Farewell Kenneth E. Wilde - Indiana Indianapolis)

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- Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Oscar J. McConkie, Adam Nelson, Anthony Olson, Ben Mabey, Clark Cannon, Tayler Fox
- 9/12 Relief Society Social, speaker Winifred Eyring
- 9/19 Neighborhood Ice Cream Social
- 10/22 Young Women Sacrament Presentation “Experiment on the Word”
- 10/29 Primary Sacrament Meeting Presentation Coordinated and written by Linette Sheffield
- 11/10-11 Young Women Retreat
- 12/12 Relief Society Progressive Dinner with treats, music & Christmas books
- 12/16 Bishops’ Open House
- 12/17 Missionary Welcome Home for Selena Rivera Hawaii Honolulu
- Young Womanhood Recognition Award for Candace McConkie, Amanda Davis, Elisa Della-Piana

FUNERALS

- Freida Arnt

NOTABLES

- Margo Watson vocal recital at Temple Square Concert Series in Assembly Hall (1992)

MISSIONARIES

- Scott B. Stewart (Italy Catania)
- Jonathan B. Olson (Japan Kobe)?
- Heather Smith (Portugal Lisbon South)
- Patrick R. Olson (Singapore)
- R. Brock Holt (Germany Berlin)
- Selena Rivera (Hawaii Honolulu)
- Kenneth E. Wilde (Indiana Indianapolis)
- Chad F. Feinauer (Portugal Lisbon So.)
- Matthew D. Jackson (California Fresno)
- Morgan T. McKeown (Argentina Buenos Aires)
- Stacey Snyder (Portugal Lisbon No.)

MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Oscar W. McConkie, III -2nd Counselor Stake Presidency
- Kevin S. Cahoon & Milton J. Updegraff, Stake High Council
- Robert F. Fillmore & Andrew J. Cooley, University Stake High Council
- Bruce G. Stewart, Bishopric University Stake
- Joan Earl: Church Service Missionary

- Karen L. Feinauer: Guide YW Resource Center
- Grant Harvey: Church Museum Docent
- Vaughn E. Epperson Family History Missionary.
- Glen A. & Billie Jones: Park Stake Missionaries
- Wayne Cannon, Bishop, University Student Ward
- Jesse Fox, Bishop, University Student Ward
- Garth Petersen – Branch Presidency at WIN

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Bishop Davis’ recalls the Miracle Mission:

One of the young men in his priest quorum had some learning disabilities. Bishop Davis thought he should go on a mission. The stake leaders doubted that would be possible. Bishop Davis called a member of the Seventy that he knew well and asked his opinion who suggested that he had to know all the missionary lessons. So, Bishop Davis met with this boy every Sunday for three months, reviewing every basic principle of the church. At his farewell, he read the talk his mother had written. Then he put the paper in his pocket and continued speaking. “All my life people have told me that I couldn’t do things. I have hated my schools. You are my school. I am going on a mission. The mission president called Bishop Davis who explained this missionary’s condition. This young man met a man at one point in his mission who said to him, “Elder, can you read?” The young man replied, “Not very well” This man

said that he couldn’t read either. The young missionary said that he would teach him. He did and the man was baptized. This young man is now married, has a stable job and is a good father.

Legrand Maxwell Organized the Round Table Singers:

Brother Maxwell was an amazing man who at one point in his life had a national radio program. He invited a few ward members to be part of a singing group who practiced at his house, sitting at a round table. They sang at various places including the ward.

Tami Gardner’s Reflections on Bishop Davis:

Bishop Rick Davis was a very dynamic bishop willing to do whatever was required despite the demands of his large family and busy professional life. Whether going out of his way to visit a young man who was lost and not attending church or dressing up as Julia Child and singing Climb Every Mountain with a rubber chicken at girl’s camp, Rick went above and beyond his calling and always with enthusiasm.

Memories of Jill Carter:

Under Rick Davis, I was the YW’s President and that year we did a YW weekly activity. During many of those weeks the girls provided service at the municipal, county, state and international levels. All sorts of service was done to teach the YW the value of serving others as well as to bolster their resumes for college and work.

The Blue and Gold Cub Scout Banquet was always a hit! The cub scouts had to assist their

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parents in making the cakes. The cakes were to be auctioned off. I bought an incredibly tasting German Chocolate Cake and have never forgotten how delicious it was.

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**Bonneville Second Ward
Bishop Wayne Cannon
1996-2002**



Bishop: Wayne Cannon, sustained Sept. 15, 1996, released Sept 2002
First Counselor: Scott Thorley, Milton Updegraff
Second Counselor: Milton Updegraff, John Mabey
Executive Secretary: Kenneth J. Rice, Devin D Thorpe, Jeff H. Duncan
Ward Clerk: John Mabey, Scott Blackham
Ass't Clerks: Hyrum J. Smith, Michael F. Krieger, J. Craig Jackson, David H. Sheffield, Stephen P. Frederickson, Glen A. Jones, Gerald Elzinga
High Priest Group Leader: Jesse N. Fox, Frederick A. Smith, Vern L. Della-Piana, Kelly D. Patterson
Seventy Group Leader: Harry F. Nelson, Gary Facer, C. Riley Cutler, Stephen P. Frederickson
Elders Quorum President: John J. Carter, Michael T. Benson, Devin D. Thorpe, John T. Badger, Donald C. Hartley, Randy Philpot
Sunday School President: Jeff H. Duncan, Kelly D. Patterson, Lawrence Foley, Harry Nelson
Relief Society President: Christine Mabey, Lynette S. Stewart, Claudia D. Smith, Janice E. Foley
Primary President: Linette P. Sheffield, Patricia R. Lucero, Sande Krieger.
YW President: Carol F. McConkie, Pamela J. Fillmore, Shirley J. Duncan, Kathryn M. Della -Piana
YM President: Vern L. Della-Piana, Thomas A. Lund, David H. Sheffield, Nathan J. Morgan
Activities Chairman: Shirley G. Duncan, Jeri L. Cahoon, Silvia Hartley, Wanda Jo Frederickson, Frederick A. Smith

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ANNUAL EVENTS

- Ward Christmas Party
- Ward Summer Party at Washington Park
- Relief Society High Tea
- Ward Yard and Glen Clean Up
- July 4th Flag Raising Ceremony

1996

- Members invited to participate in the Bonneville Stake Mission evening at the Joseph Smith Memorial Bldg. Family Search Center.
- High Priest Fireside with speaker Bruce Stewart
- Eagle Scout Courts of Honor for Adam Smith and Sean McKeown
- Boy Scout Campout- South Willow Canyon
- YM Basketball
- YW-YM Leaf Raking Party
- Relief Society Christmas Party at McKeown's Home
- Primary Christmas Activity at Wheeler Farm

- Christmas Centennial Party -12 and older invited
- Sub for Santa Project
- Special Sacrament Service with Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin as speaker
- Young Womanhood Recognition Award for Missy Fillmore, Alta Davis

1997

- Single Adult Fireside
- Sesquicentennial Celebration- Barn Dance and Social – “Learn to Square Dance Like the Pioneers”
- Concerts in the Glen: Nancy Hansen, Holly and the Bonneville Jazz
- Daniel Stewart to the Brazil, Riberao Preto Mission
- Worldwide Service Day- members met at the ward at 8:00am to work on yards and homes of pioneers in the neighborhood., ending with picnic lunch on the ward patio.
- Adam Smith to the Sweden Stockholm Mission
- New move-ins: Steve and Gena Alder, Tom and Cyrene Johnson, Michael and Caryn Nieves
- YM-YW Swimming Party at Jackson's
- YW Recognition Brunch

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- Timpanogos Hike, 5 am
- R.S. to Sorting Center
- High Priest to VA Hospital
- Elder's Fireside at Benson's
- YW did Baptisms for the Dead
- Relief Society and YW combined for a service day, making hospital gowns, blankets, puppets.
- Eagle Court of Honor for Jay Thorley
- Young Womanhood Recognition Award for Dianne McCone, Allison Cannon

1998

- Eagle Courts of Honor for Ralph Davis, Riley Cutler III, Joshua Feinhauer, Brock McKeown, and Alex Drake
- Young Womanhood Recognition Award for Marianne Mabey, Marianne Jackson, Jennifer Thorley, Pam Fillmore, Emily Fillmore, Patti Lucero

1999

- January has 10 missionaries serving from the ward
- Ward Conference theme: Fulfilling commandments brings remission of sins through 4 scriptures: John 13: 15-17; John 7: 17; Moroni 8:25; Mosiah 5:2

- Young Womanhood Recognition Award for Anne Duncan, Cecily Lucero, Sara Wilde, Malinda Cutler, Erin McKeown, Jill Carter

2000

- New members: Darin and Saralinda Bell; Jay and Melissa Jorgensen
- YW New Beginnings – Stand as a Witness
- Ward Conference: Understanding and Keeping the Covenants We Have Made
- New Members in the Neighborhood Semi-annual Party-
- Relief society Valentine's High Tea
- Ward Activity Night – Dancing with Memories where dance instructor, Paul Wilding taught the dances from 1910-1950
- YM-YW Yard Sale
- Ward Campout at Antelope Island
- Joint Ward Clean-Up Day
- Neighborhood golf Tournament
- 50th Anniversary of the stake/ward Dedicatory Services with Marilyn J. Clawson, Pres. Ted Jacobsen, Pres. Eugene Hansen

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- YM-YW Homeless Shelter Service Project
- Eagle Court of Honor for John McConkie
- Young Womanhood Recognition Award for Kate McConkie

2001

- Baptism of Dr. Wang Guo-Jin, visiting professor at U. of Utah
- Ward Conference – Seek Ye Diligently and Teach One Another- recommit to home & visiting teaching; bring non-LDS or less actives to a meeting or event.
- New Members: Matt and Ann Parkin; Jason and Shelly Hamula; Chris and Jenny Mumford
- Relief Society Enrichment: Scott Blackham teaches how to make soap with each woman doing her own bucket of soap; Jennie Mumford teaching easy hair-do techniques.
- Scout camp at Steiner's
- Flag-raising speaker: Rich McKeown, Chief of Staff for Gov. Leavitt
- Bishop Cannon's semi-annual "Meet Your New Neighbor" Party
- YW Rough Camp – Teton High Adventure Camp

- YM-YW Water Skiing Activity.
- Family Dry Pack Canning
- R.S. sponsors CPR training with fire department training (25 attend)
- Elder's Temple Night
- Eagle Court of Honor for Alex Duncan and Parry Cutler
- YW Recognition Brunch
- Farewells for Mariel Della-Piana and Zack Fredrickson, Brock McKeown, Clark Cannon, Ben Mabey.
- 25th Birthday Barbeque with 25-year quiz and history survey
- Primary Children visit with President Gordon B. Hinckley by means of his granddaughter, Celia Benson. Primary program theme was Follow the Prophet.

2002

- Relief Society High Tea with an Evening in Old Nauvoo, re-enacting the first meeting of the Relief Society in full costume.
- Eagle Court of Honor for Zach Carter and Conner McKeown

FUNERALS

- Grant Reynolds Hardy – Dec. 2000
- Janell Ruth Clayton Hardy – Dec. 2000
- Eleanor Thomas Alley – May, 2001
- Maggie Barton Rowe – Oct. 2001
- Helene Hiatt - Oct

NOTABLES

- J. Craig Jackson – names to serve as Director of Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing
- Margo Merrill Johnson – good deed by helping a woman in a wheelchair who was stuck in a gutter.
- Mike Benson chosen to be President of Snow College
- Dr. Jason F. Hamula welcomed to the IHC Health Center Family Practice.

**MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS
OUTSIDE THE WARD**

- Irene Riveras, temple worker
- Jill Carter, Stake YW 2nd Counselor
- Christine Mabey, Stake YW Pres. (2000)

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Bishop Cannon Thoughts:

I would summarize these years as the following:

1. A wonderful vibrant ward – I lived in the Bonneville 2nd ward for 26 years. It was a wonderful combination of ward members who had lived there a long time to new members who came and stayed for a long time, and many who came for briefer periods of time. I would describe the Bonneville 2nd ward as warm, inclusive, fun, effective, wise, humble and all around just like coming home and sitting on a big soft couch with dear family, even if you have never been there before. New individuals and families I think seemed to quickly feel at home and feel part of the ward family.

2. Dedicated and effective leaders and teachers – In the Bonneville Ward, one year you are the student, one year you are the teacher, and another year you are in a leadership role. There has always been a great pool of able and willing people to take these roles. Some things do not change much, such as Grant Hardy teaching Sunday school. Other things did change. One of my first experiences as bishop was calling a new ward member to help with the Beehives. As we visited with her and her husband in their home, she looked at me and said, ‘Bishop, are you inspired to make this calling?’ I could have answered that much better at the end of 5 years than the beginning. What I did say to her was, ‘Yes, this feels like the right thing to do.’ But you learn as bishop that the Lord cares both about the person serving and the people being served, and He does direct these decisions. It is sometimes by the sweet confirming spirit, it is sometimes by direct impressions, and other times it is by a clear departure of the spirit if you start going to the wrong direction. As President Eyring says,

“You get the inspiration after doing the work, but the Lord does care about his ward family, and does help the Bishopric.” These experiences were one of the great blessings of being allowed to serve in a bishopric.

3. An active energetic youth program – One of the greatest blessings for the Bonneville 2nd ward was the arrival of Sharon and Riley Cutler and family the Michigan Avenue. We have always had great youth activities, but along with many other qualities, what the Cutler’s brought was a catalyst of experience, enthusiasm, and love for the outdoors. You couple that with all the other wonderful people already there and our youth were raised with a side variety of amazing and meaningful experiences. Whether it was a makeshift snow cave under a picnic table at 4 degrees in January in the Uintah’s, or joint YM and YW winter camps in the Uintah’s in March, (and the YW leaders came!!) midnight cross country skiing the stars, Muddy Creek (once we finally found it) Coyote Gulch (with or without 2 am thunderstorms) Goblin Valley, Little Wild Horse Canyon, the West Rim Trail amidst smoldering tree stumps, backpacking etc. Other leaders were equally amazing. I will never forget Chuck Merrill laying on the ground with a terrible upset stomach as we went from station to station on the “confidence course” our first day at the Teton High Adventure Base, refusing to go lay down in the cabins, and then the next day conquering the “Moose Rock” rapids. Our youth were blessed by them and now by dedicated effective leaders and parents.

4. Missionary Blessings. Having missionary experiences is a great blessing to a ward. During the years of our bishopric we were blessed by regular missionary experiences. Interestingly, the missionary teaching experiences that we had were rarely linked to the missionary activities that we supported. There were many thoughts, prayers, activities,

etc. directed at missionary work, but then the Lord would bless individuals that had come into the ward and we would average about one missionary baptism per year, not necessarily directly related to our missionary efforts. The other part of this was missionary service by ward members as local missionaries, senior missionaries, and young missionaries. The highlight of a bishop’s week or month or year was the sweet experience of walking through the cultural hall to the stake president’s office to deposit a completed missionary application in that special folder in the stake president’s office.

5. Temple – the most profound experience I had as bishop relates to the temple. One Sunday morning in our first year as bishopric during bishopric meeting as we were discussing the ward, ward members, and needs of ward members and what should we do, for a brief moment the Lord blessed me with an experience where I could feel the love that the Savior had for every member in our ward boundaries. It was similar to what elder Kristofferson described when called to be an apostle, where he states that you can’t put the knowledge you received into words, and you can’t feel it the same way afterwards, but you know what happened and what was said. The Lord has a great love for the members and neighbors of members in the Bonneville ward. And attached to that feeling that morning in the Bishop’s office was the message, “ get them to the temple.” Get them to the temple”. There are occasional experiences in life where you know something is true, and not sure about the details. As hard as I try, I do not understand the full reasons for going to the temple. But I know it is key. We need to get to and be at the temple.

6. Bishopric, clerks and executive secretaries – Shortly after being called as a bishopric, Milton Updegraff, Scott Thorley and I performed “Blue Moon” in the YM/YW

lip-sink. This was a good example that part of being bishop is doing things you are not really comfortable doing, or feeling qualified for. Thank heavens for amazing, wonderful counselors, and clerks and executive secretaries. Since October the year prior to being called as bishop, the spirit had whispered to me that I was going to be the next bishop. It came often enough, that I was at least trying to “listen up” and be aware of what was going on in the ward. Then during the summer before the call, the spirit whispered to call Scott Thorley and Milton Updegraff as counselors. Thus, when President Jacobsen interviewed Alice and me for this position and asked me to think about counselors, I just told him then and there. After serving perfectly for two years, the Thorleys moved to a larger home to fit their family and John Mabey became the new counselor. I don’t know how many times I just looked at Scott, or Milton, or John and handed off a huge project and they just ran with it, and did remarkable jobs. The same is true of our clerks and executive secretaries. The ward was always supportive, thoughtful, kind, patient, understanding and sustained us in spite of our weaknesses and shortcomings. Elder Wirthlin would stop in once in a while to “check on his flock” and see how they were doing, and he would always pat us on the shoulder, and give words of encouragement. ‘You are doing a good job’ he would say.

From a letter to President Hinckley –

At approximately 6:30 last night, Brad Parker was at my home, dropping off a paper bag of lifesavers and a letter. The letter was for each priest in my ward asking them to start this school year at East High showing kindness towards incoming freshman (such as giving them a package of lifesavers instead of hazing and shaving heads.)

At about the same time 60 miles away a white Volkswagen van with 8 occupants rolled at freeway speed. One of the occupants was Hailey Parker. Many of the occupants were ejected from the vehicle. All but Hailey Parker sustained different levels of miserable but superficial injuries. Hailey however is in critical condition in the intensive care unit at Primary Children’s Hospital. When Hailey was found, she was not breathing and had no pulse. This was confirmed by one of the first persons on the scene who was a man who works in the Emergency Room. As he monitored her, one of the vehicle occupants kneeled at Hailey’s side and prayed for her recovery. As he closed his prayer her heart began beating.

We need your faith and prayers for three miracles. The first is for the comfort and support for the Parker family. There was a tremendous outpouring of love and support at the hospital for this family by their friends and neighbors. They are handling this with much sorrow but with faith. The second is for the driver of the vehicle, who was not driving carelessly or recklessly, and apparently simply became drowsy at the wheel. This young man understandably feels a great burden at this time. Lastly is for Hailey. It is clear that the only hope of Hailey surviving this event and having a good recovery is a miracle. Please join us this day and week as we pray for those miracles.

Carol Schoenhals - Memories regarding the deaths of Grant and Jan Hardy:

I often think about the wonderful lives the Hardys lived and how much I miss them. I was impressed at the funeral service to hear their children pay them such loving tributes. What a shock for the family to lose them both just a day apart, and yet they would have been

lost without each other. Neal Maxwell told the family that "it was a beautiful tragedy." We are truly blessed to have had such fine Bishops these 25 years. Our present Bishop Cannon is so caring and sincere in his quiet, unassuming way.

Letter clips from Mark Hardy following the funeral of his parents, Grant and Jan Hardy:

I shared (with the High Priest Quorum) some of the literally hundreds of letters and remembrances that we have received regarding Mom and Dad. ...they speak for themselves but it is important to point out that Mom and Dad influenced people in every walk of their lives and to the very, very end.

Sample Letters about the Hardy's:

I just wanted you to know that your Dad helped gain my testimony. He holds a special place in my heart. I was in his church history class at East High in 1957-58. He made every class so interesting and he went the extra mile by taking us on field trips to other churches and the monastery in Ogden. It was in his class that I gained a testimony of Joseph Smith and I realized we really do belong to the true church. Whenever I hear a lesson on testimony, Grant Hardy's name pops into my head....Judy Richards Jones

Grant Hardy became and remains for me my exemplar of the consummate CES teacher-administrator. He spoiled me for every succeeding supervisor I have had since. Not one (there have been eight) came even close to measuring up to his combination of optimism, sense of humor, authenticity, accomplished content mastery, organization, and insightful grasp of human nature.

His supreme achievement of course was the family he produced....Richard C. Russell

From the first day Grand and Jan entered the pool at Steiner Aquatic, they made friends with the entire class. Grant came with his physical therapist and they requested a small area of our pool space for their work. Through diligent effort it was not long before the therapist was not needed and Grant progressed to walking along holding the pool side. I remember so well the day he moved away from the wall unaided and the entire class burst forth with applause. He beamed with pride!

Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 10:10 Jan would push the wheelchair from the car through the doors and into the pool. It was a breath of fresh air to have them enter the room. Grant's dignified manner with his warm smile and greeting and Jan's enormous energy and radiance warmed us all. Jan had a way of assisting Grant that seemed so subtle and private that you were not aware that he needed help at all. She was always right there at the hydraulic pump making sure he was moved from his wheelchair into the pool safely and many times trained the new life guards to perform their duty with greater ease. Grant and Jan were always patient, kind and appreciative of even the smallest amount of assistance from the staff and they were generous with their warm thank "you's". ...Dorothy Mullins, Friend and Steiner Aquatic Exercise Instructor.

I was privileged to be the last nurse to have the opportunity to care for your father during his last hours in this life. Being present in the hospital room with all of you and witnessing each of you say goodbye was one of the most inspirational and beautiful experiences I have ever had. It was very obvious how important the gospel of Jesus Christ was to your father

and the wonderful example he was to each of you. I could tell that he was a missionary in the truest sense simply by living a Christ –like life.

I am sure none of you realized the impact that this experience had on my life. I honestly feel that I was “converted” that night. I could feel the spirit so strong in that room. It was also manifested to me just how thin the veil really is. After this experience, I have no doubt that there is a hereafter. I also know that the ones who have left us previously are there waiting with open arms to greet us again.

As a member of the church my entire life, I had found myself taking it for granted and therefore I had become inactive. This experience made me realize just how much I missed having the Light Of Christ dwell within me. After this experience, I made a promise to myself and to the Lord that I would become active again and also try to exemplify the gospel to others. I cannot tell you how wonderful it feels to have the spirit dwell within me again.... Camille Mabey, R. N. University Hospital, Burn Trauma ICU

Memory of Rick Davis:

President Hinckley visited their ward where a young man bore his testimony. This young man, Alex Drake, had become active and was preparing to be baptized that very day. He said that he was so happy to be getting baptized. Following this testimony, all the Teachers Quorum members each stood and bore a testimony. President Hinckley did not bear his testimony and the ward was disappointed. However, President Hinckley used this experience in a talk he gave the following week at General Conference. Steve and Wanda Frederickson were inactive, had moved away and returned to the ward area. Brother Davis met them one day and invited them to come back to church. He said that he would love to teach their children. Some time passed and they asked him if he was serious about teaching their children. The mission leader, Rich McKeown and missionaries assigned to the stake, began teaching them. The three children were baptized, later served missions and have been married in the temple. The parents as well returned to activity through the help of their boys.

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**Bonneville Second Ward
Bishop Kevin Cahoon
2002-2008**

Bishop: Kevin Cahoon, sustained April 2002: released: April 2008
First counselor: Richard B. McKeown, Jesse N. Fox
Second Counselor: Jesse N. Fox, John J. Carter
Executive Secretary: Jeff H Duncan, Brian C. Petersen, Glen Jones, Randy Philpot, Blake Bauman
Ward Clerk: Brian C. Petersen, Michael R Krieger, John T. Badger
Ass't Clerks: J. Craig Jackson, Jeff H Duncan, Darin J. Bell, Michael A. Parker, Jeffrey J. Hardy, Fred A. Smith, Jeff Duncan, Joe Gleave, Glen Jones
High Priest Group Leader: Kelly D. Patterson, Nathan J. Morgan, Riley C. Cutler
Ward Mission Leader: Wayne H. Cannon, Joseph Gleave, Nathan Morgan
Elder's Quorum President: Jason Hamula, Jeff Smart, Scott Whittle
Relief Society President: Janice E. Foley, Karen Feinauer, Shirley J. Duncan
Primary President: Sandy Krieger, Gena M. Alder, Jodi Glende
YW President: Alice C. Cannon, Barbara McKeown, Ann Parkin, Linette Sheffield
YM President: Nathan J. Morgan, John T. Badger, Matthew Parkin
Activities Chairman: John Mabey, Christine Mabey, Janice E. Foley, Steve Alder

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EVENTS

2002

- Young Womanhood Recognition Award given to Jennifer Lund, Krista Della-Piana, Varel Della-Piana, Candace Mabey
- Eagle Scout Award presented to Zach Carter, Conner McKeown

2003

- The ward goal was, “To develop the love of God, the love of family, and the love of neighbor through daily scripture study.”
- Eagle Scout Award presented to Jonathan Cook
- Young Womanhood Recognition Award presented to Sarah Cutler
- The first Breakfast on the Triangle was organized, an idea of Bishop Cahoon, where neighbors come together for food, live music, and the opportunity to donate canned goods to the Utah Food Bank

2004

- The ward membership was 154 families and 343 individuals.
- The High Priest group had a monthly Temple night followed by dinner or refreshments at the home of a member.
- The High Priests provided blessings at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

- Elders Quorum had a summer party at Sunnyside Park and they also provided blessings at the VAMC
- The ward mission leader and the Activities committee organized the second annual, “Breakfast on the Triangle” which involves members and nonmembers alike.
- The goal for the R. S. Presidency was to reach as many sisters as possible on an individual basis, and make them feel part of the sisterhood.
- The R. S. gave much compassionate service with several new babies in the ward, surgeries, and the terminal illness of our dear sister Alice Cannon.
- The YW did baptisms for the dead four times this year.
- There was a ward youth retreat to a cabin in Heber Valley in addition to quarterly firesides with the Bishop
- YW Basketball
- Young Womanhood Recognition Award presented to Libby Cannon, Stevie Frederickson, and Ashlee Cahoon
- Scouts participated in a 50 mile hike through the Wind Rivers.
- YM cleaned widows’ yards and fed the homeless at one of the shelters.
- Primary theme was, “My Family can be Forever.”
- The Primary children drew pictures of their families which were displayed.

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- The children researched and displayed their family trees around the temple.
- Enjoyed a swimming party at the Morgan home and a visit to the church museum.
- The Activities chair organized neighborhood dinner groups in April and November.
- The Summer Party at Washington Park included a golf tournament at Mountain Dell Golf Course.
- Pie and Ice Cream social in the fall.
- The Activities committee organized refreshments on Halloween night for trick-or-treaters and a Christmas breakfast.
- The Sunday school held the Gospel Essentials class to help bring couples to the temple.

2005

- An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held for John Morgan and Abe Carter

2006

- Sister Janet Gleave organized and scheduled wonderful artists to perform in sacrament meetings.
- Both Bonneville wards celebrated the 30th anniversary of the division of the ward with a beautiful sacrament meeting where every bishop of the past 30 years or a member of their family participated.

- The ward filled their welfare assignments at the Bishop's Storehouse and the Deseret Bakery.
- John Carter and Spencer Glende attended the Woodbadge Program of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Convert baptism- Richard Butler
- Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Andrew Cahoon
- 33 High Priests participated in four Salt Lake City temple sealing assignments, 5 welfare bakery assignments, and gave blessings at the Veterans Hospital.
- High Priests had one social, patio dinner at the home of Nathan and Karen Morgan.
- The High Priests worked with the Ward Family History Consultant to identify, consult with, educate and train approximately 6 members of the ward in weekly online-real time on-site genealogy research.
- A very successful summer party, the traditional summer shish-kabob BBQ, was held at the Bell's residents followed by watching old movies with the kids.
- The ward mission leader continued to support community events such as "Breakfast on the Triangle," blood drives, Christmas gifts for children and families at Horizonte School, and ward dinner groups.
- At one Relief Society night many books were donated for the students at Whittier school.

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- The Relief Society staged a cooking class with special guest, Martha Moench.
- Each sister in the ward was invited to a special birthday brunch to celebrate her birthday.
- The small enrichment interest groups consisted of a book group, a cooking group, and a group that attends the temple regularly.
- The Young Women are invited to Relief Society once a month.
- The Relief Society worked on a project called The Noah's Ark Project, where they discussed financial security, improving relationships, increasing spiritual awareness, emergency preparedness, and scriptural proficiency.
- The theme for YW was "Make it Personal" to help young women internalize gospel principles.
- YW performed baptisms for the dead three times and saw the Joseph Smith movie at the Joseph Smith Memorial building.
- The Youth had a video road rally, played laser tag, had a Book of Mormon Read-a-thon, studied relaxation techniques.
- The ward Youth Conference was held at East Canyon Reservoir. They wrote testimonies in Book of Mormons to send to the Missionaries, and hiked part of the Mormon Trail.
- The Young Womanhood Recognition Award was given to Caitlin Bartsch.
- The YM participated in the stake basketball program.

- The YM took part in several camp-outs, the most notable being a week-long 50-miler camp-out through Dark Canyon in Southern Utah. Stuart Gardner was injured with a burnt foot, and Sam Owen and Scoutmaster Mike Hales hiked out to secure rescue helicopter.

2007

- 357 people and 152 families
- High Priest filled two assignments at the VA Hospital and 6 at welfare Square in the bakery, storehouse, and creamery. 16 persons did temple sealings.
- The High Priest Missionary Committee attempted individual fellowshipping activities.
- The Elder's Quorum performed neighborhood service (shoveling snow, visiting, successful class teaching)
- The Ward Mission leader combined with the Ward Activities Committee organized Breakfast on the Triangle on Yale Ave. and quarterly dinner groups in the neighborhood.
- The Activities committee sponsored the Spring Chili Cook-Off and a cake baking competition with Jeff Duncan as master of ceremonies
- Annual picnic at Washington Park
- Halloween On the Triangle
- Service project collecting items for the Horizonte Center which the Blazer Scouts helped to deliver in several car-loads.

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- Children and Youth were encouraged to earn money to help the villagers of Barekuma, Ghana to buy machines for making concrete building blocks.
- A service night was held where members assembled newborn kits and made quilts for the Humanitarian Center. Gifts were wrapped for teen mothers there.
- A ward devotional was held in Dec. to reflect on service provided by us and then for us by the Savior.
- The Relief Society has 35 women attending regularly with the YW coming once a month. A visit is made each month to members on their birthdays.
- The Primary theme was “I Will Follow Him in Faith”. The quarterly activities were (1) playing games requiring faith or trust in someone else, (2) potted plants and delivered them to members, (3) swimming party, (4) playing pioneer games.
- Baptisms were held for : Max Brown (afraid of water but obediently followed through), Sarah Nelson (played piano number “When I am Baptized” as part of program) Ashley Peterson (smiled broadly as she came into church)
- Goals for YW were (1) to love the organization and attend meetings, (2)to work together as one, listen, support, and love one another, (3)to increase in personal testimony and knowledge of the gospel, seek to have the gospel in their lives, and choose to go to the temple
- Participated in doing Baptisms for the Dead three times during the year.
- The Beehives enjoyed an evening with Elder and Sister Oaks in their back yard.
- The YW who received their Young Women Recognition Award were: Lindsey Sheffield, Hannah Owen, Julia Cutler, Caitlin Bartsch.
- Each YW received a handkerchief embroidered with the temple and their initials on it, done by Tammy Gardner and Jennifer Whittle
- Many participated in the Pioneer Trek with lots of hiking and pulling carts, singing, Dutch oven cooking, and hoe-down fiddling.
- YW Overnighter with theme: Be Happy with Who You Are.
- YW in Excellence display and Linger Longer were held after church.
- Combined activities with YM and YW included (1) a video road rally, (2) a Senior Barbeque (3) hike to Ensign Peak (4) boating at Jordanelle Reservoir.
- The YM raked leaves for ward members, played laser tag with the YW, and did Baptisms for the Dead.
- The scouts held monthly camp-outs, the favorite of which was the sand boarding. Over 50 merit badges were earned during the year.
- Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Thomas Mabey, Joshua Greer.
- The YSA representatives were Lauren Bartsch and John McConkie and Alex Duncan. There were 53 listed YSA’s with a mentor assigned to watch over each one.

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2008

- Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Dane Philpot, Philip Morgan, and Joseph Morgan
- The activities committee continued with their annual events of the ward picnic, Halloween on the Triangle, and the Gifts of Christ's Christmas celebration.
- In November, the ward gathered food, school supplies and clothing for refugee families.
- They made ABC Books to help with literacy and sang at local nursing homes and made Christmas cards for the Veterans at the VA Hospital.
- The ward made and furnished educational toys for a low-income daycare, as well as Christmas gifts for the children in this daycare and their teen parents.
- Our Christmas "Season of Service" ended as we gathered on a Sunday evening to remember our Savior and see slides of our activities.
- Primary theme was "I Can Trust in Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus Christ- Their Promises Are Sure". The goal was to immerse ourselves in the scriptures- bring them, read them, learn them and love them.
- During a sharing time the children were asked, "What happens when we don't read the scriptures daily?" Sam Parkin (V10) responded, "We don't work right."
- Each Sunday two children were given leather "Promise Pouch" containing a marked Book of Mormon. They would take it home, read the marked scripture

story and draw a picture depicting the story. The following Sunday they would display the picture and share what they learned in Primary.

- During the summer Primary children earned \$32.33 to purchase 16 copies of the Book of Mormon to send to the missionaries.
- A Primary Activity focused on missionary work, singing songs and listening to Elder John McConkie, a returned missionary. They wrote letters with their testimonies and drew pictures for the missionaries.
- Brother Elman Ellsworth, a retired army Colonel in our ward, spoke to the Primary about veterans and how they can show our appreciation to them.

NOTABLES

- Several youth participated in the plays at both Clayton Middle School and East High.
- Four YM who played East Football reached the state semi-finals.
- Dane Philpot won an individual event in State swimming while East High finished third.
- Tom Butler and Stuart Garner were involved in musical performances.

FUNERALS

- Hilde Kibel
- Vaughn Epperson

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- Philip Clayton
- Barbara Beck

MISSIONARIES

- John McConkie (Spain)
- Zach Fredrickson (Florida)
- President and Sister Oscar McConkie (California, San Jose)
- Alex Duncan (Australia, Perth)
- Zachary Carter (Arizona, Mesa)
- Krista Della-Piana (Italy, Milan)
- Parry Cutler (Australia, Sydney)
- Douglas Greer (Argentina, Rosaria)
- Sarah Cutler (Washington, Kennewick)

MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS OUTSIDE THE WARD

- George and Joan Earl (Central City mission project)
- Bonnie and Ken Rice (Central City mission project)
- John H. Mabey, Jr- Stake Executive Secretary
- Fred A. Smith and Larry P. Foley- Stake the High council
- Jill E. Carter- Stake Young Women's President

- C. Riley Cutler, Jr.- Stake YM 1st counselor
- Marcia Updegraff - Stake Primary Secretary
- Rebecca B. Owen- Music Organist
- Danielle Plester - Stake RS 2nd Counselor

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Bishop Cahoon's Report:

Theme: Love of God, Love of Family, Love of Neighbor.

The ward council decided that daily searching the scriptures as a family and individuals would better prepare us to listen and act upon promptings received in our minds and hearts as to how we could more unconditionally love God and each other, the greatest commandments in the law.

Within months of our call, Sister Alice Clark Cannon, wife of former Bishop Wayne Hales Cannon passed away in December in the prime of her life. She was so loved by all who knew her and our hearts were broken at their loss and ours. As a ward we grieved together for many months, felt the balm of Gilead distill upon our souls, and looked on as our former presiding high priest, bore this sore trial with meekness and godliness. This experience changed us all.

We seemed to be a little more forgiving, a little more tolerant, a little more entreating to those who were struggling among us. Several returned to activity in the church. Richard Butler was baptized after years of attending church and was later sealed to Sandra and Tomas, just before their Tom left for his mission.

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We lost dear friends (refer to Funerals) who quietly went about doing good in this neighborhood and serving us for nearly half a century. There was true greatness in their meekness and service.

We tried to be more inclusive in all we did with our neighbors, holding an annual event in late spring and feeding "trick or treaters" in the fall with the Bonneville First Ward on the triangle between Yale and Yalecrest streets. The Bishopric continued to stress that we are more than an LDS ward. We are a neighborhood. Probably the event that most rallied the neighborhood was the tragic illness, and eventual death, of our good friend Alice Cannon at Christmas time. She had touched many of our lives and many people gave countless hours in serving her and her family. The tremendous gratitude in this neighborhood that we have for one another was very obvious and was strengthened as we gave our time and support. At Christmas time the Primary children, YMYW and adults were involved in projects assisting those much less fortunate than we, from Africa, to the worlds' refugees to single parent families at the Horizonte School. The spirit of giving was and is the spirit of Christ. It blessed us as a ward and as individuals and families.

Several YM and YW and adults served full or part-time proselyting or inner-city project-service missions. As a ward we were greatly blessed by their service.

We were richly blessed with the spirit of the Lord as we taught each other from the scriptures, through inspired music and worshipped together in spirit and truth.

We give thanks to God, and His Holy Atoning Son for the merciful plan of redemption, for the restoration of all things in the Church of Jesus Christ in these extraordinary times, and for the sacred blessing to live together in love in this mortal estate in this special place on earth, the Bonneville Second Ward.

Memories of Jill Carter:

The women's Book in RS under President Karen Feinauer and counselors Cristie Mabey and Jill Carter was very memorable. It was printed and given to each Relief Society sister as a Christmas gift. This book created by the women in the ward was a series of sweet and abiding testimonies of Jesus Christ. There were diverse ages and backgrounds of the women in the ward, and each testimony was a heartfelt validation of the spirit of the Lord in their lives and His influence throughout their lives. The testimonies talked about the good as well as the challenging times in each of their lives. They were real and sincere. Money was very tight in the auxiliaries. Alta Davis and I scoured the neighborhoods for flowers and greens for the table decorations for many ward activities and dinners. We made more baked goods from scratch and salvaged more supplies and goods than anyone can imagine to save money.

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Bishop Jesse Fox
2009-2013**



Bishop: Jesse Fox, sustained: 4/8/08 Released: 9/8/13
First Counselor: C. Riley Cutler, Jr.
Second Counselor: Scott B. Whittle, Mathew J. Parkin
Executive Secretary: Randy Philpot, John Lee
Ward Clerk: John Badger, John Gleave, Larry Foley and Glen Jones (Assistants)
High Priest Group Leader: Steve Alder
Ward Mission Leader: Nathan Morgan
Elder's Quorum President: Brian C. Peterson, Jake Crockett
Sunday School President: Bruce Stewart, Richard Butler
Relief Society President: Becky Owen, Tami Gardner
Primary President: Kathy Seninger, Jessica Petersen
YM President: Matt Parkin, Spencer Glende, Tom Taylor
YW President: Linette Sheffield, Saralinda Bell, Angela Smart
Activity Chairman: Todd and Tammy Gardner

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EVENTS

2009

- Baptism of Randy Miller
- The Elder's Quorum rotated teaching assignments on the 3rd Sunday to involve members, gave blessings at the VA Hospital, set up chairs for stake conference, funerals, firesides, and neighborhood activities. They enjoyed a Barbeque Mingle at the Bell home.
- Move-ins: the Jake Crockett family, Grant and Lindi Duff, the Robert Elster family.
- Move outs: The Jeff Biddulph family, the Bryant Casteel family
- Zack Carter married
- The High Priests attended the temple once a month, the 2nd Tuesday. They filled assignments at the bakery, dairy, soap factory, and Utah Food Bank, plus gave blessings at the VA Hospital
- Sister Glende, the Ward Music Coordinator, spoke to a combined group during Sunday School about the importance of music. She said Show Up, Tune In, and Sing Out. Each month each organization plus individuals performed musically in sacrament meeting.
- Relief Society theme for the year was 2 Nephi 31:20; They prepared sandwiches for the Good Samaritan program (multidenominational) spearheaded by the Catholic Church
- Nanette Osguthorpe broke her back so the women of the ward helped her family with housework, meals, and personal care.
- The R.S. emphasized personal preparedness taught by Suzanne Hennefer. Lanterns, radios, wheat grinders, and 72 hour kits were ordered. Canning was done also. Bread-making was taught by Cristie Mabey, and Scott Whittle taught about healthy marriage relationships.
- A Relief Society Retreat was held at the Stack/Fowles cabin where hiking and an art activity took place.
- A Sunday meeting for all women of the ward (the priesthood took over in Primary and YW) centered on Visiting Teaching, making it a way of life.
- The Primary theme was "My Eternal Family." They enjoyed a family tree activity, a Pioneer Party in the Glen, and a pool party. They wrapped gifts for the Granger 5th Ward where the Cahoons are serving.
- William Parkin was baptized in his family hot tub because of flooding at the Mt. Park Stake Center.
- Sumner Bell was baptized on Halloween.
- The Sunday School Presidency began an assessment of the B1 and B2 wards and stake library
- This was the first full year where the scout troop, a combination of B1 and B2 with YC1 and YC2 worked together. Ass't scout leaders are assigned from each ward. Varsity Scouts was also aligned that way. The scouts, dividing into two groups, executed a 5-day backpacking trip to the High Uintahs, even reaching King's Peak. They also hiked the narrows of Little Wild Horse and Bell Canyons, floated on the Green River, and backpacked the steep trail of Lake Blanche.

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They built snow caves at Guardsman Pass and jumped the sand dunes of Little Sahara. All three troops combined for an overnight Aaronic Priesthood campout near Affleck Park

- The YW theme was I Timothy 4:12 where the Virtue Value was introduced into the Personal Progress Program. The young women performed baptisms for the dead, had an overnigher in Park City, held a VIP dinner with the elderly, enjoyed stake basketball, boating at the Jordanelle, had a YW/YM game night and water games on the Triangle
- The YM and YW took part in the stake “No More Strangers” events, serving the refugees who recently have arrived in Salt Lake.

2010

- Breakfast on the Triangle has been moved to The Bonneville Glen due to Health Dept. restrictions,
- Dinner Groups where 8-10 gather at a host house for food and conversation
- Washington Park picnic includes 9 holes of golf for the men, water balloon flights for the youth.
- Halloween Hot Dogs on the Triangle happened under a tent to get out of the rain.
- Members and neighbors gathered together to serve the African refugees under the care of John and Jill Carter. Rice, beans, and blankets were gathered.

- The Primary children enjoyed Breakfast with Santa, eating pancakes and strawberries.
- The Adult Christmas Party enjoyed music from ward musicians.
- Elder Dallin H. Oaks visited the ward and spent time in the Elder’s Quorum where he was part of the circle setting apart the new Second Counselor, Jacob Crockett
- Ward Talent Show
- Move ins: The Zachery Magleby family, Tim and Michelle Davis,
- As part of the ward party, the Elders challenged the YM to a soccer game where the youth won 7 to 6.
- High Priests Advancements went to Tom Hulbert, Jon Badger, Dave Sheffield, and Spencer Glende
- The Elders set up chairs for stake conference, funerals, the Stake nativity and provided blessings at the VA Hospital
- Eight Elders performed in The Octet singing group for the Stake Presidency and for the ward Christmas Party.
- The Elders helped the Hulbert family move into their new home.
- The R.S. sisters shared many kindnesses through visiting teaching; for enrichment meetings, Ann Cannon, news reporter spoke, beautiful quiet books were made for ward families, service was given to Swahili Branch, and speakers from BYU Education Week; sisters enjoyed a tour of

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- the Gardner and Cooley gardens and deluxe grilled pizzas; joining with YW, the sister walked around Albian Basin to view the wildflowers; a day at the Crockett cabin in Brighton
- The sisters brought meals to Heather Hulbert whose colon cancer returned.
 - A new Sunday School 16-week course called Strengthening Relationships was formed.
 - The YM new Duty to God Program began with focus on learning, acting and sharing.
 - The combined Scout Troop is led by Jeff Smart had a winter camp, went biking in Moab, and enjoyed a summer camp in Aspen Ridge in Idaho in addition to many interesting and educational weeknight activities.
 - Eagle Scouts for 2010 are Phillip Morgan, MJ Nelson, McKean Krieger, Andrew Patterson, Mark Bell, and Sam Parkin.
 - A three day YM and YW activity was held in Boulder, Utah where they attended mini-classes and listened to Bishop Dell LeFevre, a cowboy and special forces veteran.
 - The YM performed baptisms for the dead, performed acts of service, including passing sacrament at the VA Hospital.
 - The YM did well in multi-stake basketball competition and competed with the Elders in a dodgeball game.
 - The YW theme comes from Joshua 1:9
 - The YM and YW held a devotional to discuss negative issues they are facing.
- Young Women's Recognition Award was given to Isabelle Alder and Emma Gleave.
 - The YW participated in the Stake Rough Camp in Weber Canyon.
 - The girls were asked to read the Book of Mormon during the summer months
 - The YW and Relief Society combined for a GNO, a Girls Night Out in various sister's home showing their talents.,
 - The Primary theme is "I Know that My Savior Loves Me." The activities included painting pots and planting seeds., playing pioneer games, painting winter pictures at the Christmas Breakfast
 - There was one convert baptism, Aleah Peck. Another investigator was fellowshipped by a ward member but was baptized into another ward.
 - Many wonderful musical numbers were performed during sacrament meetings including Primary children singing, piano performances, a flute number, a male quartet

2011

- High Priests held a barbecue on the ward's Day of Service.
- The ward elected to provide service and honor veterans at the Freedom's Landing center, a residential living center for them.
- The Elder's Quorum prepared for a ward talent show which took place in the Garden Park building – arts, crafts, music were enjoyed

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- Elder's donated and distributed men's suits, shirts, ties, jackets, shoes, coats to Freedom's Landing, a veteran's facility.
- Elders moved the Drysdale family and welcomed and helped move in the Hilmo's.
- The R.S. listened to Heidi Swinton's stories about writing the book on Pres. Monson.
- Traveled to the BYU Museum to view the Carl Block collection.
- R.S. gathered with Bonneville First R.S. at This is the Place Heritage Park for an historical interpretation of important pioneer women presented by sisters in pioneer dress.
- R.S. made dolls for the Humanitarian Center and provided Christmas for 4 needy girls.
- YM gathered books and magazines for the veteran's Freedom Landing Center.
- The youth took part in the Pioneer Trek where they experienced harsh sunshine and a violent storm.
- The YM learned about car care from Mike Krieger; had a soccer match with the elder's quorum; learned food preparation from Kathy Seninger; had a rice party; toured the U. of Utah's Football center; joined the YW in "Where's Waldo?", "Minute to Win it" and Book of Mormon Quest.
- The YW received the sportsmanship award in basketball; they enjoyed a brief day camp hiking, learning compass

navigation, and tying ropes, swimming and dinner.

- Baptisms of Joey and Abi Hernandez-Culas
- The ward missionaries helped with service to the veterans at Freedom's Landing, made an effort to know the non-member neighbors, and gave packets to the new move-ins introducing them to religious offerings, points of interest in the valley.
- The stake has put Wi-Fi in the building, but one needs a code to use it.

2012

- Ward emphasis was centered on Family History. Goal: take one ancestor to the temple to receive ordinances. Held Sunday School class to teach computer use for family history.
- Ward night at the temple with adults and youth doing baptisms, sealings, initiatory.
- Youth Conference –attended Manti Temple Pageant. Fireside with Bruce Stewart taught about the settling of the area. Testimony meeting concluded the trip.
- Eagle Scout Awards: Sam Parkin, Jake Parkin, Hank Seninger, Kris Cook, Will Taylor, Ike Alder, and Andy Smart.
- Young Women Recognition Awards: Savannah Seninger, Mary Gardner, Jeanette Hernandez-Culas, Frances Gleave, Devin Dayton

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- R.S. Family History Meeting with Christie Mabey, who taught about the church genealogy websites. Their next meeting focused on Preparedness (food storage and the cannery).
- The R.S. Summer Party was held at Joan Earl's and the R.S. Fall Retreat to Ali Crockett's cabin
- Welfare Assignments were fulfilled
- "Season of Service" included open-houses to gather clothing for needy children.

2013

- Youth activity: The Book of Mormon Read-a-thon - on Friday night, 13 speakers gave talks and 12 more speakers on Saturday morning, concluding with most recent returned missionary, Spencer Krieger discussing Moroni 10.
- Theme for the year: Elder Bednar's talk - Knowing that the Gospel is true is the essence of a TESTIMONY. Consistently being true to the gospel is the essence of CONVERSION. Bishop Fox used this phrase for the ward goal.

NOTABLES

- Members in the news
- Youth in school leadership/music/sports

FUNERALS

- Elman Ellsworth – '09
- Douglas Smith – '09

- Phyllis Johnson – '09
- Heather Hulbert - 3/4/11
- Carol Schoenhals – 11/10

MEMBERS SERVINGS IN CALLINGS OUTSIDE THE WARD

- John H. Mabey, Jr. – Stake Executive Secretary
- Fred Smith, Stake High Council
- Joseph Gleave – Stake High Council
- Jill E. Carter – Stake YW President
- S. Glen Seninger – Stake High Council
- Saralinda Bell – Stake Relief Society First Counselor
- Janet Gleave – Stake YW Camp Director
- Kathryn Seninger – Stake Relief Society Second Counselor
- Matthew J. Parkin – Stake YM First Counselor
- Marcia Updegraff – Stake Primary Secretary
- Randy Philpott – Stake Executive Secretary
- Temple Workers:
- Mission Couples: Larry and Janice Foley, Mexico City East Mission; John and Jill Carter, Central City- Parley's Creek Swahili Branch

- Kevin & Jeri Cahoon, Inner-City Missionaries

MISSIONARIES

- Tom Butler (No. Carolina, Charlotte)
- Clark Seninger (Switzerland, Zurich)
- Jon Cook (California, Oakland San Francisco)
- Anthony Badger (Washington, Seattle)
- John Morgan, (Germany, Frankfort)
- Joel Hulbert –(Virginia)
- Mark Bell –(Brazil Florianopolis)
- Spencer Krieger – (Russia Vladivostok)
- Janice and Larry Foley (Nova Scotia Canada)
- Jill and John Carter (Inner City)
- Thomas Mabey (Michigan Lansing)
- Joseph Morgan (China Hong Kong)
- Tanner Tew (Mexico Leon)

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Bishop Fox's memories:

When I was set apart on June 11, 2008, I received a wonderful blessing. I have reflected many times about the moment President Clark Hickley set me apart to be the President of the Aaronic Priesthood and the Young Women of my ward. It was that moment that I felt the outpouring of the Spirit

which made me shiver. I knew that part of my calling was important to the Lord and I had a deep feeling that he wanted me to know it.

As I read about the calling of a bishop in the Handbook of instruction it states, among other things, that the Bishop should be a teacher. I now had the responsibility not only to administrate but to teach the gospel to my ward also. I knew there were many in the ward that were much more educated to the scriptures and doctrine than I was. As I prayed and asked my counselors to do also, to come up with a direction for our service in the bishopric and the core principles that the Lord wanted us to teach, an experience I had had in a Stake Conference years before came to my mind. I was certain that this was what the Lord wanted us to use as our overall theme to teach the ward. I felt very strongly about it. I remembered this moment in Stake conference vividly and had wondered for several years why I could remember it so well. Elder Bateman, who later became President of BYU, was our visiting authority that conference. He was talking about walking with the Spirit and made this statement: "I wonder why missionaries come home from their mission so filled with the Spirit of the Lord?" So, he called up the most recent returned missionary and asked him a few questions. He asked, "Elder, how many times a day did you pray?" The young man answered "about 10 times" as it turned out. He then asked, "How many times a day did you read scriptures?" The answer was many. Thirdly, "Elder, did you ever wonder what you would have done if your roles were reversed and you had two young men come up the walk to teach you the gospel? Would you have accepted?" He looked brightly at Elder Backman and said, "Why yes, I thought that many times." Elder Backman said, "Elder, that's called 'pondering' or thinking about spiritual thoughts. And lastly, he said, "Elder, did you ever serve anyone while you

were on your mission?" Again, the young man replied, "Yes, many, many times did we go out and do service for the people of my mission." Elder Backman then turned to us and knowingly said, "I wonder why missionaries come back so full of the Spirit". Can you guess? Then he said, "I promise you that if you pray only twice a day and read the scriptures for 5 minutes every day then ponder for 5 minutes per day about your blessings and principles of the gospel and serve someone for even a few moments every day, you will walk with the Spirit daily and feel His presence in your life." I never forgot that and knew that the Lord wanted our new Bishopric to focus on walking with the Spirit through these four habits of behavior. That became our theme for all 5 years and, though we had yearly themes, it remained, at least for me, the bedrock core of the teaching portion of my calling. I have to admit that of the four, "Pondering" became my favorite because, while doing that, I would spend my time in the presence of the Holy Ghost. I began to love being there in His presence. My spirit would fill with light and my soul would be the most peaceful I had ever been. These four principles were the first ones I ever taught anyone as Bishop and were in the last address I gave before my release. I love the Lord.

The story of Randy Miller's baptism:

Randy had married Lynette Powell who grew up in the ward. Randy had met Lynette when she taught at the school where he served as principle and, of course, was not a member of the Church. They moved into her family home on Harvard Avenue with Lynette's two children. We knew him as a great friend and neighbor. He supported his family when they participated in church activities. He made many friends in the ward. He often attended meetings with his family. We all thought he would make a great member but we were

hesitant to bring up joining the Church as Lynette was worried about pushing him somewhere that he didn't want to go. However, one Fast Day we had a couple visit our ward who had been former ward members. Their names were Andy and Bethany Spalding. While in the ward Bethany was instrumental in converting Andy to the Gospel before their marriage. He had become a wonderful and faithful member. He rose that day to bear his testimony and thank our ward for the part we played in his conversion. During his testimony, Andy said that he felt he was bearing his testimony to somebody who was in the congregation but he did not know who that was. He bore a strong and committed testimony. About 2-3 days later, I received a phone call from Randy who asked if he could come over to talk to me. When we met, he informed me that he was the person to whom Andy was bearing his testimony. He had been thinking of the Church and its place in his life and he knew when Andy was talking that he had to be baptized. He wanted to know what he needed to do. That began the path which ended in Randy's baptism and confirmation. As Bishop, I had many opportunities to watch the Lord put people and situations together to bless the lives of His children. This was one of those events. It was deeply spiritual to me and one of the greatest experiences I had as Bishop. The Lord loves His children.

Influence of Elder Dallin Oaks:

On the first Sunday in 2010, I was in the Primary for my monthly message. Upon leaving there, I remember my two counselors running down the hall to tell me that Elder Oaks had come into our Priesthood opening exercises unannounced. They were breathing hard and said that he was staying for the entire block. I remember being worried that they might not have recognized him

appropriately but, of course, they had. He attended the Elder's Quorum and participated in the setting apart of the quorum secretary. He then proceeded to Sunday School and dropped in on a very surprised, but prepared, 12-year-old Sunday School teacher who jokingly let me have it for not telling her he was coming. He was so kind and unpretentious that he made everyone feel comfortable (once their lessons were over). I was privileged to sit next to him on the stand during Fast and Testimony meeting. I asked if he had had a good morning. He replied so kindly that he did. He said that the only way he learns about how the church operates is to drop in unannounced and he did it regularly. What a privilege to be chosen by him to be with us. It was a beautiful meeting and the Spirit was strong. At the end of the meeting, he leaned over to me and asked, "Bishop, would it be appropriate if I bore my testimony?" I was so humbled by his humility in asking me. I was filled with love for him and overwhelmed with the thought that the Lord takes ordinary men and turns them into wonderful servants who emulate the Savior in every sense. I loved this day and remember how my testimony grew to be in the presence of one of the Twelve.

In March of 2011, one of our great ward members, Sister Heather Hulbert passed away with Cancer. As the family suffered through this ordeal for some time, the ward had supported and sustained them. It truly was a labor of love and not an easy one at that. Many events involving her treatment and situational events in the neighborhood had combined to make this last couple of years very hard on the family and the beautiful people in the Bonneville 2nd Ward. Many blessings and fasting and meals taken in made this truly an overwhelming effort for all of us. My choicest memory of this ordeal, and really, of my bishopric was her funeral on March 10th. Funerals were always special for

me because they seemed like such an act of service to the family involved. So many of the funerals I conducted were for people I had known all my life and I tried to make them all personal and uplifting. Heather's funeral was different. I felt I had a talk prepared when the Spirit rested upon me and literally told me that I had to speak directly to Heather's three sons and bear my witness of where their Mother was. I was prompted to share the experience I had when my Mom passed away. My situation was entirely different in that my mother died at 99 when people are supposed to pass away as opposed to losing a young and vibrant mother like they had. However, my mother's passing was the most spiritual experience of my life and taught me the reality of the resurrection and how thin the veil is between us and our ancestors. I won't go into details here as this story is saved now for my children but I bore testimony to feeling the presence of my deceased family members as they came to welcome my mother and of a very strong Spirit who brought peace to the experience and, I believe, took my Mom across the veil into eternity. As I told this story to the Hulbert boys, I could feel the spirit confirming to me the truthfulness of what I had experienced that day. I knew I had been in the presence of my eternal family and that they were real and resurrected beings. I knew that some spirit who represented the Savior came and brought us peace and comfort. I hope the boys will someday read that talk and know for themselves that what I told them that day was the truth. The experience of my mother's passing, on Christmas Eve, 2006 remains the bedrock of my own testimony. I couldn't then and I can't now deny the truthfulness of that moment, and the truthfulness of the Plan of Salvation of which it testifies.

During 2011, President Henry B. Eyring, in his April Conference address entitled "Opportunities to do Good", challenged each

ward to have a day of service dedicated to helping someone or something in need. I knew right as I heard him say this would be an opportunity which would bless our ward in ways we could not see. I felt strongly that this had to be more than a superficial effort to check off an assignment. We had always framed our Christmas season as a “Season of Service” and had events and projects each year that would bless people less fortunate than us. However, this seemed like a particularly great opportunity to bless others and, in the process change ourselves for the better. As we discussed this as a ward council, it was stressed that we needed to involve as much of the ward as we could. We also demanded of ourselves that this would be an effort of giving over many days, not just one, and that we would like it to go beyond the event into the future. As it turned out, I was more than right about being blessed, as much as we ever blessed the Veterans we served. We all became better people in our service to a group of people who had given service to our country but had not been as blessed with the opportunities that we had in life. The actual assignment was given to Nathan Morgan, our outstanding WML who took this assignment to heart. Our stake serves the George W. Wahlen VAMC hospital so he contacted President Steven J. Hatch of the VAMC branch. After much discussion, it was decided that we could make a difference for the veteran residents of Valor House at Freedom Landing. The leadership of the ward made several visits to Freedom Landing to see the facility and residents as well as discussing with the staff just what service we could provide and how to provide it. After determining this, each organization in the ward chose some of the projects and planned how they were going to provide the service. We had a ward meeting on October 30th and the leaders of each organization in the ward addressed their groups, discussed the needs, and bore their testimonies of the value

of this service. On Thursday, Nov 10, 2011 (the day before Veteran’s Day), according to a timed schedule, the ward members met at Freedom Landing. The Bishopric serviced Bicycles. The YM collected hundreds of books and magazines that stocked the library. The YM and YW took personal pictures of the veterans and recorded their personal histories. The Relief Society donated fresh fruits and vegetables, which they don’t usually get, for the veterans to take to their rooms. The Elders had racks and tables of donated clothing and footwear. The YW created and donated beautiful wrapped baskets of personal hygiene items, jewelry and crafted items for each of the female veterans. Then, the highlight of the entire day was gathering in their large conference room where I spoke to them, explained why we were here, that we loved them and honored their service. The ward members who came, along with the Primary children then sang, “Thank You, Soldiers” which we had practiced for several weeks. The Primary children then passed out cards to each of the veterans with colored American flags and handwritten notes of thanks. We then moved outside and had a BBQ prepared by the High Priests and socialized until mid-evening. As we thought, we had many unforgettable moments that day and were able to better the veteran’s experience at Freedom Landing. But, this story doesn’t end on that November day, as I mentioned above. We continued to visit there and some provided more fruit and food, while others just visited. We had 2-3 good veterans attend our church services for several months after this day. One of the Veterans who was a former Colonel, actually spoke at our 4th of July Flag Raising Ceremony in 2012. We became good friends and, I believe, affected some people’s lives for the better, not to mention our own. To me this will be one of the sweetest memories of my service as Bishop. I was so grateful for everyone in our ward and most of all Nathan

Morgan and Tom Lund who put so much of their natural kindness and giving into the project.

Our ward has always had a service mentality. Each Christmas season, as I mentioned, we have what is called the “Season of Service” where we hold neighborhood open houses on each block, invite each neighbor to come, socialize, get a little snack and give either toys or money to various charities. We have even had our good friends of other faiths host some of these open houses. From those efforts many organizations, such as the House of Hope were blessed with clothes and toys for the children and money for the organizations. I remember a ward event where we went and sang Christmas songs to the elderly in an assisted living center. Those were beautiful Christmases for me.

Memory of the Primary President, Kathy Seninger:

One of my most memorable experiences of the year was during the Primary Sacrament Meeting program. The Senior Primary boys sang the 3rd verse of the Hymn, “How Firm a Foundation”. They sang with such enthusiasm and conviction: “Fear not, I am with thee; Oh be not dismayed...” Then when the congregation joined in on the seventh verse, the Primary children sang the words, “I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!” It brought tears to my eyes and a lump to my throat. I am inspired by the good parents of this ward who are raising their children to have testimonies of the gospel.

Special Sharing Times were: (1) when President McConkie came for sharing time for Ward Conference. He was telling a story from church history and made Brother Whittle lay down on the ground pretending he got shot. (2) Several ward members came and

told family history stories. The children sat on blankets and moved from storyteller to storyteller. (3) One Sunday the entire Primary moved into the chapel, McKean Krieger talked to them about the sacredness and significance of the sacrament. He also explained the responsibilities of the Aaronic Priesthood quorums.

Memory of Spencer Glende, Scoutmaster:

Preparing for their 2009 backpacking trip to Kings Peak (Utah's highest summit), the boys of the Bonneville and Yalecrest Wards' combined Scout troop designed a hot-pink troop t-shirt. The adult leaders weren't so sure about the pink color but supported the concept of a "boy-led troop." And the highly visible color came in handy on the trail, as our two separate trekking groups were able to spot each another on opposite sides of Henry's Fork Basin, about a mile apart, when the time came to meet up. Near the end of our trip, another group of boys snickered at our Scouts in their pink shirts, to which Assistant Scoutmaster Tom Taylor responded, "Those men in pink have stood atop Kings Peak--go see if you can do the same!"



Memories of Jody Glende, Primary President:

Children were magnetically drawn to Bishop Fox. He knew all their names and let each of them know how much he loved them. Every year Bishop Fox would show up to the ward Halloween party dressed head-to-toe as either Mickey Mouse or Winnie-the-Pooh to the delight of all present. Our family will be forever grateful to Bishop Fox for his love and support during the premature birth of our son, Leo Spencer Glende in 2008.

Outside of the hospital staff, Bishop Fox (then a counselor to Bishop Kevin Cahoon) was one of very few people to see our son alive. He assisted Spencer in giving a blessing to Leo, and when things grew more serious, Bishop Fox helped us to determine the best plan of care for Leo. Although we were sad to lose our Leo, we were so grateful to the Bonneville 2nd ward for all the care they gave our family. Spencer and I were especially grateful to Bishop Fox for so generously sharing his love, knowledge and time with us. A few months later Bishop Fox asked me to speak on Easter Sunday. Reflecting upon the Savior's death and resurrection, and feeling so keenly the loss of our own son, I felt indebted to a loving Heavenly Father who allowed His Son to die that we might return to live with Him.

Memory of Tami Gardner:

Bishop Jesse Fox was the bishop of love, love, love and complete understanding for everyone. After early morning rounds at the hospital, a full day of work and church meetings all evening, I never heard him complain but always had a smile and a sense of humor and genuine love for all of us.

Memories of Jill Carter:

Under the fostering care of all of the Bishops of the Bonneville 2nd Ward, new members were warmly greeted and welcomed by prompt visits callings blessed the lives of so many. The prevalent love of the members of the Ward made others happy to be included and be a part of the ward family and community. There was a constant effort to include less active and those not of faith in the various activities that were organized. On several occasions ward relief society sisters would provide food and comfort to those not of our faith who had lost loved ones or who needed the loving arm of friendship. Extreme care was taken to ensure that Young Single adults felt comfortable in a family ward setting and many lives have been blessed by their willingness to serve in callings. They all have become a part of the Bonneville 2nd Ward. As we reflect on the past of the Bonneville 2nd Ward, the wonderful hymn "Each Life That Touches Ours for Good" typifies the culture of this remarkable ward. This culture is so pervasive that youth and adults alike who have made mistakes are encircled about with love and never judged by the members who realize that through the Atonement of Christ, we are all worthy of forgiveness. Faith, forgiveness, charity, devotion, courage and love serve as the backbone of the Bonneville 2nd Ward.

Bonneville Second Ward

**Bonneville Second Ward
Bishop Matthew J. Parkin
2013-Present**

Bishop: Matthew J. Parkin, sustained September 8, 2013
First Counselor: Glenn Seninger
Second Counselor: Jacob Crockett
Executive Secretary: Kelly Patterson
Ward Clerk: Joseph Gleave
HP Group Leader: John Carter, Nathan Morgan
Elders Quorum President: Benjamin Whisenant, Kenn Dayton
S.S. President: Mike Krieger
Relief Society President: Alison Taylor, Susan Bell
Primary President: Susan Bell, Shenise Sarger, Suzanne Paylor
Young Men President: Jeffrey Smart, Justin Godfrey
Young Women President: Gena Alder, Sande Krieger
Scoutmaster: Kenn Dayton, Daren Bell
Ward Mission Leader: Dave Sheffield, John Mabey
Ward Missionaries: John Sarager, Saray Perez, Tim Davis

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EVENTS

2014

- 1/5/14 Fast and Testimony Meeting: Testimonies were shared by many and the Theme for 2015 from Elder Uchtdorf's "You can do it now" talk from General Conference was introduced.
- 2/2/14 Fast and Testimony Meeting: Casey Bramwell spoke about his son's baptism and President Jackson bore his testimony to the Young men about being a student of the gospel.
- 2/9/14 Anna Smart talked about the Young Women Virtues and Come unto Christ. Bishop Parkin shared the 4 Sayings his mother taught him. 1. Holy Ghost Goes to bed at Midnight. 2. Truth is Truth wherever it is. 3. To know is to do 4. Remember who you are.
- 2/23/14: Steve Alder spoke in sacrament meeting about the Tornadoes in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and how to endure through hard circumstances.
- 3/2/14 Fast and Testimony Meeting; George Earl bore his testimony about his father and how he lost his dad early after his mission. He also bore record that he has had strong women in his life. His mother and his beloved wife Joan.
- 3/9/14 Ike Alder spoke about the restoration of the gospel. Tyler Cline his spiritual journey to Nepal and how this helped in better understanding his life's journey. Ron Anderson shared his feelings about the most distinguishing feature of the Church is direct revelation.
- 3/23/14 Ben Parkin spoke about mission calls being sacred and shared 3 ways to prepare for mission service. Marie Nelson and Kiran Nelson spoke their experience serving at Primary Children's hospital.
- 4/13/14 Sarah Nelson shared her thoughts on Elder Uchtdorf's conference talk on Gratitude. An Isaac and Kelly Smith spoke on their favorite conference talks.
- 4/17/14 Many of the Ward attended Clayton M. Christensen's fireside at the Monument Park Stake Center that focused on 3 steps of running a Ward Council. Brother Christensen shared his thoughts from his book. "The Power of Everyday Missionary Work."
- 4/20/14 Emma Gleave shared her testimony of Elder Bednar's Conference talk about driving a pickup truck bearing too much of the load. Gena Alder also spoke on "coming unto Christ."
- 4/27/14 Hank Seninger spoke on knowing who you are in the gospel. The Drysdale family also spoke. Sidsie and Derek shared their experiences in missionary work and their love of the ward and neighborhood.
- 4/27/14 Stake Youth Fireside and the Yale Ward Building featured Morgan Munford who spoke on "You are never alone in the Gospel." She shared her testimony of how the gospel has helped her through her trials.
- 5/4/14: Fast & Testimony Sunday saw many share their testimonies. Tom Taylor shared his experience as a missionary on the Navaho reservation and how the gospel has helped keep him on course.

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- 6/1/14 Fast and Testimony Sunday saw many members testify and Janice Foley shared her thoughts on her 50th wedding anniversary and her love of the gospel and her husband.
- 6/15/14 Father's Day sacrament meeting had Anna Smart talk about her love of her father, Jeff. Also, Randy Fox expressed his gratitude for his father, Jesse Fox and Steve Earl, the son of George Earl spoke on the lessons learned from their father's.
- 6/22/14 Pam and Robert Fillmore former members of the B2 Ward talked about their love of the temple and their time serving there. It was 32 years ago to the day that Bishop Fillmore was called as the new bishop of the B2 Ward.
- 7/13/14 Ruby Alder spoke about her love of the YW's campout experience. Mike and Ginger Price also spoke about how they met and their love for each other.
- 7/20/14 Will Parkin spoke on the Mormon Atheist camping story. Also, Allison Dayton shared her thoughts on how we as members of the church need to not separate ourselves from God and Kenn Dayton shared his experience and advice from scout camp. "Keep Moving."
- 7/27/14 Jake Dayton spoke about the story of Ammon and King Lamoni. Elder Jacob Badger shared his experience in the Oslo, Norway mission during his homecoming.
- 8/1/14 Youth Conference at the Crockett's summer home at Brighton Ski resort. There were canoe rides on the lake, hikes by the youth, a tug of war and a tree cutting all part of a great day. Testimonies were shared that evening and a "guess who this is" contest.
- 8/2/14 Youth Conference continued at Jordanelle Reservoir. Many of the youth and leaders spent time waterskiing, wakeboarding, tubing and swimming. Food, sun and fun for all.
- 8/9/14 Sam Parkin's farewell. He shared that Concepcion, Chile South mission was not on his radar as a place he would be called to serve. He shared a tender testimony and story about gaining a confirmation of his mission call while praying in his sacred place near Brighton Ski resort. Jon Lee also spoke to the youth of the ward and extolled the virtues of reading preach my gospel.
- 8/17/14 Ike Alder's and Andy Smart's farewell. Ike--Chile Concepcion Mission and Andy--Honduras San Pedro Sula East Mission shared his thoughts on President Hinckley's advice to make sure your moms are your best friends. Andy shared his testimony of the truth of a mission call to Honduras. Spencer Glende a former B2 Scoutmaster and ward member concluded with "Keep the Commandments."
- 8/20/14 Ward Summer Party at Washington Park. Volleyball, games and great food and fun.
- 9/3/14 The B2 Young Men and Young Women visit the Ogden Temple Open house and viewed this wonderful refurbished temple.
- 9/14/14 James Lloyd talked about temples and his experience going to the temple and the feeling he gets when he attends. Ashley and Adam Davis shared their experiences meeting and getting married and how the experience of cleaning the temple gave them a better appreciation that it was truly the house of the Lord.

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- 10/12/14 David Hernandez-Culas Farewell, Mexico Hermosillo Mission put all his faith in the Lord for his mission call and his love of his mother. His brother, Joey Hernandez-Culas talked about Elder Ballard's conference talk about "The Old Ship of Zion." Tom Taylor their young men's leader shared his experience as a pilot and how the gospel helps keep you on course just like a flight plan for a pilot.
- 10/19/14 Ben Simoneti shared feelings on Elder Packard's conference talk about "The Reason for our Hope." Shenise and John Sarager talked about their favorite conference talks. Elder Lynn G. Robbins and John shared his experience working in Seoul South Korea.
- 10/26/14 Young women's program: This was an outstanding program with all of our young women speaking and sharing their testimonies.
- 11/2/14 Fast Sunday: This was an amazing meeting. David Buzz Lee and Poppy Lee were blessed by their father Jon Lee. These twins were miracles for Courtney and Jon Lee and were answers to many prayers and fasting from friends, family and the B2 ward. Also many testimonies shared by those who are twins and have a connection to twins.
- 11/26/14 Special Sunday School Church wide training featuring Elder Sam Clark, Elder Devin Durrant and their suggestions for effective teaching in the church.
- 12/5 and 12/6 Season of Service: This is the annual service project for the B2 ward. John and Cristi Maybe helped coordinate this event with their Rose Park ward and 6 families in that ward were provided gift items for the Christmas Holiday.
- 12/9/14 Annual Christmas Party: Brook and Aleta Tew provided Food, along with Suzanne Paylor on the cookie decorations and Kathleen McMillen doing table decorations. Jon Lee helped coordinate the entire event which concluded in a children's nativity and Bishop Parkin reading from Luke the story of Christ's Birth and a re-enactment of that scene.
- 12/21/14 The annual B1/B2 joint Christmas Sacrament meeting featuring the Sister Missionaries from Temple Square Mission. They all shared their experiences of serving from all of the world in Salt Lake City and Temple Square. The music and spirit were strong.
- 12/28/14 Joint Homecoming for Gardner Lange, Ft. Lauderdale, FL mission and Mary Gardner the Philippines Legaspi mission. They both shared wonderful experiences of conversion and how they changed during their service. Both encouraged the youth to serve and be prepared to fight the evils of the world and proclaim the gospel.

MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Carol McConkie—1st Counselor, Young Women General Presidency
- Oscar W. McConkie III—Bonneville Stake President
- Riley Cutler—Stake High Council
- Randall Philpot—Stake Executive Secretary
- Saralinda Bell—1st Counselor, Stake Young Women Presidency

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- Janet Gleave—YW Camp Director
 - Larry Foley—Assistant Stake Indexing Director
 - Thomas Taylor—Assistant Stake Clerk
 - Dale Zabriskie—VA Hospital Branch
 - Miriam Zabriskie—VA Hospital Branch
- John Carter—Temple Volunteer
 - Seija Cook—Temple Worker
 - Rebecca Owen—Temple Worker
 - Mary Wilde—Temple Worker
 - David Wilde—Temple Worker

GARDEN PARK FIRST WARD



Garden Park First Ward

**Garden Park First Ward
Bishop Richard S. Fox
1976-1981**



Bishop: Richard S. Fox, sustained, May 23, 1976; released, June 14, 1981
1st Counselor: Bruce Reading
2nd Counselor: John Richards/Howard Herbert/Edmund Hoff
Ward Clerk: Ralph Robbins
Executive Sec.: Arthur C. Pierce/Paul A. Sorensen/Benjamin Romney/Richard Rasmusson
HP Group Leader: Frank P. Reese/J. Lee Eakle
Seventy Group Leader: Don Thorpe
EQ President: Gene Bowers/Randy Baker
RS President: Beulah Paxman/Louise Sorenson /Joy Herbert
YM President: Richard Bateman/Ted Evans/Jack Newell
YW President: Jean Robbins/Mary Ellen Reading
Primary President: Gloria Evans/Nina Taylor/Marilyn Kamp
SS President: Otto W. Schloss/Gene Bowers/Howard Herbert/Hyrum Dalglish
Activity Chairman: Grant Taylor/Robert Fitts/Laurie Chivers

EVENTS

1976

- Bicentennial year of the nation's birth.
- Under the direction of Frank Reese, 1196 endowments were performed in one month.
- February 22, Bishop Sid Manning discussed the purpose of solemn assemblies and asked the congregation to trust the Lord, increase genealogical research, set goals, and pray always.
- May 23, Richard Fox was called as bishop and noted the increased use of women in sacrament meetings including prayers and sermons.
- March 31, Elder Sterling Sill and wife Doris visited their former ward.
- In April, a strong group of Scouts thrived with a great leadership and real experiences from Frank Pond Reese and Norm Bryner who constructed a teepee and instructed in authentic Indian cooking from nature's foods.

1977

- The members were given a missionary challenge to invite someone to their home.
- Members were asked to consecrate 5 hours per month in genealogy-related activity.
- Each member was asked to improve the quality of worship through personal reverence and conduct

1978

- On Feb. 6, the ward fasted for moisture to relieve a drought.
- Sister Marie Oliphant was presented a 50-year service pin in sacrament meeting for her years in Primary.
- Grant Taylor remembers fondly the wonderful pipe organ in the chapel with its challenging stops. It was a joy to play. In 1977, Leah Johnson was the organist. She took lessons from Alexander Schreiner, the Tabernacle organist. She also played by ear. She could transpose the hymns and was truly a gifted organist. She recorded organ prelude music that was played as her prelude at her funeral. Alene Lamphere took over playing in Sacrament meetings. She always did a beautiful job and was so concerned that she was inviting the spirit into our meetings. Grant played the organ in Priesthood opening exercises. Mike Broshinski, a doctoral student from the University of Utah conducted for a few years. Mike and Grant had a great time helping the Priesthood brethren sing hymns in a rousing fashion. Grant's vision began to decline and soon he was playing the hymns only by memory.
- New retaining walls were built for the pond, shrubbery, and curbing as ward members continued to care for and upgrade the grounds.
- Primary was held only in the fall, winter, and spring.
- On June 2, under the direction of Ted Evans, all the Primary children helped plant two Kwanza flowering cherry trees (Primary "popcorn" trees). They produce

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a bounty of blossoms each spring, which are enjoyed 30 years later.

- GP 1st ward youth excelled in sports competition with other wards in the Stake.
- The youth had a super activity at Lake Powell

1979

- The ward held a special fast for moisture to relieve the drought that year. The arid Utah climate often tries the Saints' faith!
- Sterling Sill was the featured speaker at the VIP Brunch held on the ward grounds.
- Hundreds attended the annual chuck wagon breakfast on July 24, held to raise funds to support the missionaries
- The original Carriage House was remodeled to provide additional classrooms and a kitchen to facilitate service of food on the west end of the ward grounds where many activities and wedding receptions were held.
- Grant Taylor remembers about the 1979 Christmas party. Nina Taylor, Barbara Fox, Ann Tyler Shelly and Bill McClennan and Norm Bryner, Sr. served on the Activities Committee. Norm designed the invitations with an RSVP. Decorations included grape vine wreaths with brass horns, heraldic banners draped the cultural hall and, of course, the Christmas tree. Dinner was Cordon Bleu and desert was coconut ice cream snowballs. The RSVP count was 125, but instead almost 200 people attended. Chicken was soon cut in half. Ice cream snowballs had been made a day before and the thought was that they would stay

frozen because of the cold temperature in the garage where they were stored which they thought matched the temperature outside. The dessert had all melted so they had to run to the grocery store for more ice cream. It worked. But in spite of the difficulties, it was a glorious evening with the choral singing and a Christmas reading by Alene Lamphere. Ward members felt the spirit of Christmas in their hearts.

1980

- The consolidated meeting schedule was introduced and the Garden Park wards decided to switch meeting times each year. Members were asked to use their extra Sabbath day time wisely.
- A banquet was held to honor the genealogical extraction workers who completed their first year of service, having submitted thousands of names for temple work.
- 5 young men received their Eagle Scout awards at a Court of Honor.
- The youth traveled to Manti for the Mormon Miracle Pageant.
- Many ward members participated in sorting onions at the Church farm.
- Eagle Scout Awards: Byron Longhurst, Russel E. Jones, Keith R. Jones
- On August 26, 1980, the ward held a special reunion commemorating the 45th anniversary of the formation of the ward, with music provided by the Garden Park mini-philharmonic consisting of 15 members of the ward playing different instruments. The finale consisted of four

guitarists from the ward. Bishop Fox participated by playing his cello at many of these occasions and in the Bonneville Strings.

1981

- The ward Seventies and member-missionary, Richard Rasmussen, rejoice following the convert baptism of Brother Peter Storts.
- A “Pioneer Trek” was held on the ward grounds. The men were encouraged to grow beards, and all were invited to bring nonmember neighbors.

NOTABLES

- John Brewer, a seventy, represented the USA in the International wheelchair marathon in Florida. John uses special events like this to share the gospel. This faithful members’ physical handicap gives him special insight and understanding of human frailty. He is often able to touch the hearts and minds of others and share eternal truths of the gospel.
- Don Thorpe visited the Holy Land on a Church photography assignment for the Seminary and Institutes programs. He also participated in dedication ceremonies in Nauvoo.

FUNERALS

- Bishop Sid Manning

MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Harold H. Bennett – Stake Patriarch
- Edmund C. “Ted” Evans – Stake High Council

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Rosa Schloss:

“In the year 1951, I, Rosa Schloss, was teaching the young children in the Junior Sunday School. I could see that some of the younger children, ages 18 months to 3 years, really wanted to stay in Junior Sunday Scholl with their older brothers and sister. So I talked to Sister Lucy Picco who was assisting me in teaching and also spoke to my husband, Otto Schloss, about having a class for the younger children. My husband suggested I speak with the Bishop which I did and he said that we could try having a nursery class.

“We were given a room at the top of the stairs next to the Junior Sunday School room. My husband build wonderful cabinets against the walls that had a drop-down door that could be locked and opened when needed. When the door came down the children could use it like a table to play on, and then we could lock it up with all the toys and supplies inside.

“We would attend opening exercises of Junior Sunday School where we could enjoy the Sacrament. Then we would be dismissed to go to our classroom.

“First we would sing and do finger plays and then we would have a lesson with lots of pictures so the children could help with the lesson. Then, we would have “play time” with toys, puzzles, coloring books and story books. Then the last 10 minutes we would

put all the toys, etc. away and sing a song and have a prayer and be ready for the parents to come to pick up their children.

“After having great success, we began having visitors from all around the Church who had heard of our program come to observe what we were doing as a nursery. Sister Marie Fox Felt from the General Board of the Sunday School of the Church came to our ward to observe our class. She was so impressed and she asked me if I would write a manual for the Church to use with the lessons, activities and finger plays we were using in our class. Because of my limited knowledge of the English language (as I had grown up in Switzerland), I did not feel confident enough to do this. I know that Sister Felt was disappointed.

“I taught in the nursery from 1951 to 1971, approximately 21 years, along with Sisters, Picco, Sorenson and Myers. This nursery was the model the Church has used for the nursery program for the entire church and was started in the Garden Park First Ward.”

Memories of Grant Taylor:

“I remember one Christmas Sacrament meeting where Otto Schloss spoke of his memories of Christmas. He spent his childhood in an orphanage. He remembered on Christmas where things were pretty bleak. The only present that the orphans got for Christmas that year was a Christmas orange. His talk was touching. Otto and Rosa were custodians for the ward for many years. They maintained both the grounds and the building. The present parking lot was a beautiful rose garden that Rosa would keep pruned all summer.”

“LaRue Maw Hathaway conducted the ward choir for years. Her husband, Ben, Hyrum

Dalgliesh, David Oliphant, Harold Bennett and Henning Sorenson anchored the bass section while the tenor section included Frank Reese and Grant Taylor. Linda Newell, Helga Meyer and Melba Burbidge were among the altos and Catharine Reese was a major factor in soprano section. Ann Cedarlof was the accompanist. Christmas programs were always well written and scored with beautiful and somewhat daunting degrees of difficulty, but it always seemed as if angels came to help on those special days. The Sunday after Christmas, Ben and LaRue would bring in the “ringers” consisting of many of their children to perform selections from Handel’s Messiah. Brother Bennett or Ben would trade off on the bass solos. We would be joined by Richard Fox on the cello and Marge Dalgliesh on the violin.”

Memories of Ralph Robbins:

In 1975 I was called by Bishop Sid Manning to serve as ward clerk. In the spring of 1976 Bishop Manning unexpectedly passed away. Following the reorganization of the bishopric, Bishop Richard S. Fox asked me to continue on as ward clerk. I was thrilled because I truly enjoyed the responsibilities and working with such qualified assistant clerks. Bishop Fox, Bruce Reading, John Richards, Howard Herbert, and Edwin Hoff were a delight to serve and work with. Brother Darwin Sorensen was serving as ward financial clerk when I was called. Brother Sorensen was manager of one of the financial departments at Church headquarters and therefore was well qualified in every respect of Church finances. I never felt one moment of anxiety regarding ward financial matters or the year end issues associated with tithing settlement. With such great support on every side I must say it was one of the most enjoyable callings, ever.

One of the perks of physically occupying the clerk's office each Sunday was that the clerk's and bishop's offices were the only areas in the building that were equipped with air conditioning. Such was a true blessing for me because I am troubled with Hyperhidrosis. When decked out in a tie, buttoned collar and suit coat, the heat associated with Summer or temperatures above 75 degrees can prove to be rather unpleasant; 85 degrees plus is near unbearable for me as well as others if we great by shaking hands.

I thoroughly enjoyed serving as ward clerk during the administration of Bishop Sid Manning and Richard S. Fox. As ward clerk, my duties included the recording of the minutes of Bishopric, PEC, and Ward Council meetings. I became acquainted with and learned to love and appreciate all those who served.

One sad experience was an occasion when Bruce Reading, First Counselor to Bishop Fox, was seriously injured while duck hunting. Blessedly, Bruce recovered but was left with a minor physical ailment. Such a setback never derailed his ability to find humor and optimism in the challenges and trials associated with mortality. I must admit that nary a meeting adjourned with dry eyes. Bishop Fox and Bruce Reading are blessed with extraordinary wit and charm. It was truly a joy to bask in the light and love they exhibited for one another and for all ward members.

Memories of Bishop Fox:

“While I was bishop, a church wide policy was adopted concerning the preservation and maintenance of art. We were notified that the paintings in the chapel were to be stored and maintained by the Church Museum of Art. It proved helpful to have some members who

were in the ward when the building was completed to discuss the removing of the paintings. They remembered statements by the architects to the effect that wall space was provided in the chapel specifically for paintings. We were relieved and pleased when notice was given that the art work would be cleaned, repaired and returned for hanging in their permanent sites in the chapel.

Over many years the mortar between the bricks of the masonry structures eroded. When a mason was authorized to "repoint" the mortar on the building we raised questions about the mortar in the perimeter walls which had never been repointed. Very few chapels have masonry fences, but after inspection, deliberation and discussion, the labor-intensive repointing procedure was approved for the masonry perimeter walls.

Maintaining the flower beds and other landscape features provided opportunities for voluntary service. Where youth in some other wards had welfare farm service opportunities, Garden Park youth could serve on our grounds weeding, trimming or lining the creek with stones. Some of the adult members of the ward would plant and maintain flowers and shrubs on the grounds. The beautiful grounds provided such a popular site for receptions that it became necessary to limit the use to ward members or their descendants. Some tithe paying members who did not qualify under the new policy complained about the restrictions, but without any limitations, the ward grounds would have become a full time reception site.

The grounds also attracted uninvited night visitors, some of whom were noisy and destructive, especially when drunk. Neighbors complained and we were concerned. When we met with the Salt Lake City police, they explained they could not apprehend the fence

climbers unless we not only locked the gates, but also put up trespassing" signs. I considered the recommended signs unfriendly and ineffective, but we used signs that could only be read when the gates were closed. Arrangements were made for policemen to gain entry in response to complaints and after a few arrests the night visits stopped.

Bishop Fox recalls Elder Sterling Sill's Influence:

“Elder Sterling W. Sill, the first Bishop of Garden Park Ward, was given general authority emeritus status at age seventy while I was bishop. Adjusting to this change was difficult for this highly motivated leader. He graciously accepted invitations to speak and conduct leadership training sessions, but he would advise me only when asked specific questions. I conducted many funerals for ward members and he spoke at most of them. Before the funeral service, he would always ask how much time he should take. His eyesight was failing him so that he was unable to see a clock or read notes, but he always spoke for exactly the number of minutes I suggested. Being accustomed to the Elder Sill approach, I suggested a time limit to another church leader who had been asked by a family to speak at the funeral of their father. The visiting speaker let me know my approach was offensive and that he would speak as the spirit directed. I apologized and assured him he could speak as long as he wished. He concluded his remarks in exactly the amount of time which I specified.

“A project of great significance, the first temple-building experience of our generation in this valley, was announced. The support was instantaneous and generous. The fund-raising campaign for the temple was linked to the financing of the most extensive ward

building and grounds renovation program since the dedication of the Garden Park Ward Chapel. The essential aspects of temple work and the historical significance of our beautiful ward facilities were underscored. Both projects required broadly based participation. The results more than justified the effort and costs.”

Bishop Fox recounts how changes in policy make it necessary for members to adjust:

“Consistent with a church wide policy change in the late seventies, we asked sisters to give one of the prayers in sacrament meeting. This practice was well received by most members, but to my surprise, some faithful sisters would decline an invitation to pray. They had considered such a practice to be improper and it took some time for some of them to change their view even though they acknowledged the new policy had been approved by general and stake authorities.”

Garden Park First Ward

**Garden Park First Ward
Bishop Howard S. Herbert
1981-1986**



Bishop: Howard S. Herbert June 14, 1981 to June 8, 1986
First Counselor: Benson Hathaway, Frank P. Reese
Second Counselor: L. Jackson Newell/Ed Hoff, Steven Tyler
Executive Secretary: Richard E. Rasmuson, Randy Baker
Assistant Executive Secretary:
Clerks: Ralph Robbins/Norman Bryner
High Priest Group Leader: Julian Lee Eakle/Frank Pond Reese
Elders Quorum President: Gene Bowers/Robert Shelton/ Robert H. Wright Jr. /Randy Baker
Seventies: Don Thorpe, Randy Baker
Relief Society President: Beulah Paxman/Louise Sorenson/Joy Herbert
Young Men President: Bruce Reading/Vaughn Day/Ted Evans/Jackson Newell
Young Women's President: Jean Robbins/Mary Reading/Colleen Stevens
Primary President: Gloria Evans/Nina Taylor/Marilyn Kemp
Sunday School: Otto Schloss/Gene Bowers

EVENTS

1981

- Shortly after becoming bishop, Bishop Herbert oversaw a “Pioneer Trek” held on the ward grounds on July 22, 1981, in which the men of the ward were asked to grow beards, and all were asked to invite their neighbors. Missionary and fellowshiping efforts continued under Bishop Herbert’s leadership.
- The ward celebrated the convert baptism of Peter Storts.

1982

- In late September, Red Butte Creek flooded the grounds. Members rallied to sandbag and protect the buildings, also diverting the creek and bailing out the basements of several homes adjacent to Red Butte Creek, including the homes of Leah Johnson, Harold Bennett and Amy Price, the latter being a non-member who expressed deep gratitude for the assistance she received.
- On March 13, KSL TV broadcast a special originating from the home of Brother Herbert B. Maw in recognition of his 89th birthday. Brother Maw was governor of the state from 1941 to 1949.
- Sister Diane Aquilar and her son were baptized by Brother Hyrum Dalgleish. Hyrum and his family were instrumental in teaching and friendshiping the Aquilar family.
- Primary children participated in the 24th of July Children’s Parade. Their float was Puff the Magic Dragon. Some children

rode on the float and some walked in down Salt Lake City on July 17. This was among the many enjoyable and inspiring activities held by and for the youth, in 1982. The children were thrilled to participate.

- Second place honors were awarded to the Young Men and Women for their entry during the Stake Film Festival, Nov. 16.
- Missionary success continued with the conversion and baptism of Diane Aquilar and her son.

1983

- Floods inundated the grounds and resulted in the rebuilding of stream banks and building of retaining walls on the west end of the grounds. Members also helped neighbors whose lots abutted Red Butte Creek. In an unusual move, the gates to the grounds were locked for protection.
- A cultural arts festival was held June 5, with many members sharing talents.

1984

- On Sept. 9, Frank P. Reese and Steven Tyler were sustained as 1st and 2nd counselors to Bishop Herbert
- Ward member Charles R. Burton was honored on his 75th birthday. He lived with his family in Hawaii during the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Active in the electronics industry, he eventually became head of the sound department of the Church.
- Jean Robbins offered a spiritual feast with her inspiring Relief Society lessons.

- Young Women focused on goal setting and the youth raised money for a Lake Powell trip.
- Members of the ward are encouraged to become self-reliant
- On January 1, 1984, Elder Sterling Sill, first bishop of the Garden Park Ward, spoke in Sacrament meeting. Larue Hathaway led the ward choir in selections from the Messiah, accompanied by the ward strings.

1986

- The wards combined to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Garden Park Ward. A commemorative 50th Anniversary memory book was published. On September 13, at the ward reunion, a commemorative plaque was unveiled as present and former members met and enjoyed music by the ward musicians, as well as art and literature displays. Elder Russell Nelson spoke in Sacrament meeting the next day.

MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Harold H. Bennett – Stake Patriarch

NOTABLES

- Don Thorpe, Seventies President and well respected photographer, presented a multi-media show on the life of the Savior, to encourage missionary work.
- John Brewer, a seventy, represented the USA in the International wheelchair marathon in Florida. John uses special events like this to share the gospel.

This faithful member's physical handicap gave him special insight and understanding of human frailty. He was often able to touch the hearts and minds of others and share eternal truths of the gospel.

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In contrast to prior drought-stricken years, the years 1982-1984 saw unusual flooding of Red Butte Creek. Brother Harold Bennett, whose home was adjacent to the ward, expressed gratitude to ward members for protecting his home: "In all my experience I have never witnessed such selfless, general helpfulness as these brothers demonstrated, as well as the wonderful sisters who sent us food and gallons of hot chocolate, for the 'troops' as we struggled with the forces of nature gone wild."

Memories of Ralph Robbins:

As ward clerk, I recorded the number in attendance at Sacrament Meeting, those who administered and passed the Sacrament, members who offered prayers; guest or ward members provided musical numbers and a synopsis of the talks. I was able to make note of many inspired and uplifting messages during those many years. My brother, S. Kenneth Robbins Jr., was invited to speak shortly following the flooding of Red Butte Creek in 1982. My brother did make note that many years had passed since he had stood at the pulpit of the Garden Park Ward. He said, in fact, that there had been a lot of water under the bridge (which garnered quote a few chuckles).

Bishop Howard Herbert and Joy Herbert were a blessing in so many ways. My wife Jean enjoyed a cooking class taught by Sister Herbert. As Jean's spouse, I was invited with

the other spouses of students to a sit-down dinner following graduation. I'll forever remember the Herbert's generous hospitality and the sumptuous six course dinner. We also had the opportunity to spend several weeks of vacation at the Herbert's beach home at Laguna Beach, California. As is truly evident, the Herbert's were truly an example of Christ-like love and generosity.

Memories of Jean Robbins:

In 1984 I was called to work in the Garden Park First Ward nursery. It was a calling that I did not look forward to because Ralph and I were not successful in having children. Shortly after her call, she became pregnant with their only child. After her baby was born, she was called to be the Primary President. It turned out to be a delightful calling. The primary children very loving; they hugged her and told her how much they loved her. She called two less active members to be part of her primary staff. They became active in the Church again and set wonderful examples for their children. Jean also was able to convince her mother who lived in Taylorville to work with her in the primary and go to church them.

Jean also helped to raised two of her brother's children and remembers taking them and her child to receive their patriarchal blessing from Harold H. Bennett. As they walked into his home, they felt a heavenly influence like no other, even when compared to the temple. Patriarch Bennett had been fasting and praying in preparation for these blessings.

In the 50-year history of the ward, published in 1986, Bishop Herbert reflected on his tenure as bishop:

The blessings we all share by our membership in the church, and as members of the Garden Park Ward, are innumerable. Our close friendships and shared testimonies will be remembered always. I feel particularly blessed for having served as your bishop from June 1981 to June 1986. My life has been enriched through my association with the good members and neighbors of Garden Park 1st Ward. I am eternally grateful for your support and love. The beauty and serenity of our ward grounds and uniqueness of our buildings are something we can all be proud of and enjoy for years to come.

This cherished spot will have a special place in my heart and my family's, but treasured most of all is each one of you that shared your lives with us.

God bless each of you!

Bishop Herbert recalled his experiences as bishop:

These years hold very fond memories for me. Having been given the first volume of "The Tradition of Excellence" I realized what a heritage Bonneville Stake and Garden Park Ward had. I feel the members of Garden Park Ward are very indebted to Sterling W. Sill for his pursuance in obtaining the property for what is now Garden Park Ward . . . a ward unique in all the church. As many know, it was the late Howard estate, and much of the grounds still remain the same, from the gazebo, the carriage house, and the beautiful duck pond, and the very setting of the beautiful old trees and surrounding wall. As I walked through the back gate early each Sunday morning I felt the tranquility of the

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beautiful setting. In winter snow covered the large trees and bridge, and outlined the glassy ice of the pond. In summer the ducks and ducklings swished around in the pond against a background of colorful spring flowers and green flowering shrubs, adding to the peaceful early Sabbath morning tranquility. I think we were the only ward that had a budget allotment for duck feed! The uniqueness of the chapel with its comfortable theatre seats, and stained glass windows, along with the beautiful artwork of Minerva Teichert gives all who enter a feeling of awe.

However, the thing that made Garden Park 1st Ward so special were the very special people who worshipped there each Sunday. Many of the original members at the dedication of the ward in 1936 were still there at the time I served, including Sterling and Doris Sill, Harold and Emily Bennett, and Herbert and Florence Maw. All took the time to tell me of the unique history of the ward and its members. I remember the wonderful Sunset Services held each summer in the park-like setting of the lovely grounds, with music accompaniment of the Bonneville Strings Orchestra. Also the brunches held once each summer for the Bonneville stake senior in our cool green lawn, with the creek running by.

We had many elderly members at that time whose wisdom and sweet spirits were a joy to all, especially to me. One such couple was Otto and Rosa Schloss who were dedicated members of Garden Park Ward for over 60 years. What a privilege it was for me to be among such choice special spirits. I also remember our youth conferences held at Utah State University and the heartwarming testimonies shared there. I will always treasure, along with my wife, our precious years spent in Garden Park 1st Ward, and the happy memories that we will always hold dear.

Garden Park First Ward

**Garden Park First Ward
Bishop Steven Tyler
1986-1991**



Bishop: Steven Tyler June 8, 1986 to 1991
First Counselor: Frank P. Reese/ Edmund K. Hoff/Eugene Bowers
Second Counselor: Edmund K. Hoff/Eugene Bowers/David Thomas
Executive Secretary: Randy Baker, Norman Bryner/Don O. Thorpe/Lee Eakle
Clerks: Kenneth Fultz/William Giles/David Oliphant
High Priest Group Leader: Randy Baker/Richard Rasmuson
Ward Mission Leader: Randy Baker
Elders Quorum President: Grant Taylor/Richard Dibblee/Elwin G. Hunt
Relief Society President: Colleen Stevens/Rebecca Thomas/Catherine Reese
Young Men President: David Thomas/Grant Taylor
Young Women's President: Susan Stevens/Pamela Sjostrom/Becky Thomas
Primary President: Christine Martineau/Jean Robbins

EVENTS

1987

- The 50th Anniversary of the Garden Park Ward was held. A commemorative book was published and at the ward reunion a commemorative plaque was unveiled. Approximately 1,500 people attended the reunion dinner. Music, art and literature were displayed and President Russell Nelson, our stake president and former member of the ward spoke the following day at the sacrament meeting.
- Fathers and Sons Outing
- Fathers and Daughters Outing
- On September 17, the wards participated in the Church's bicentennial celebration of the U.S. Constitution. Members were encouraged to study the document and were invited to participate in related activities.

1988

- Built a float, "Finding Gold at Sutter's Mill" for the July 24th Parade under the direction of Randy Baker. Becky Thomas, Ronalee Baker, and Nina Taylor camped out through the night to save a site for ward members to watch the parade.

1989

- The ward held an art festival in April
- Fathers/Sons and Fathers/Daughters activities were held in May and June, respectively
- A ward outing was held in July
- A ward reunion was held in August

1990

- Members are asked to donate their time, labor and talents to care for their meetinghouse and grounds. This request was not a big change for the Garden Park. Members from both wards have lovingly and faithfully cared for the ward and especially the grounds from the beginning. Carl Wankier, Bob Evans, Hal Sharp, Dan Bennett, Grant Taylor, Alan Lund and Ted Evans were particularly faithful over the years. Bishop Ted Evans built a large greenhouse onto his home and nurtured geraniums to be transplanted into the gardens each spring.

1991

- Ward conference introduced the theme for the year, from 2 Ne. 25:26 ("And we talk of Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophesy of Christ, and we write according to our prophecies, that our children may know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins.")
- Members were encouraged to read the Book of Mormon by June 1, and many responded to the challenge.

NOTABLES

- John Brewer, Olympic Wheelchair Athlete

FUNERALS

- Anona Ash
- Norm Bryner

- Fay Campbell
- Reid Case
- David Frederickson
- Francis Giles
- Karl Harrison
- Leah Johnson
- Barbara Leary
- Herbert Maw
- Klara Sorensen

**MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS
OUTSIDE THE WARD**

- Harold H. Bennett – Stake Patriarch
- Richard Rasmuson –Stake Mission

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Bishop Tyler, an attorney in the mold of Bishop Fox, brought a keen sense of humor and deep love for the members and the Gospel, to his calling.

Bishop Tyler expressed the following concerning his service as bishop:

For over twenty years, the Garden Park wards have been a part of Ann’s and my lives. That is a blessing for which we are truly grateful. It is hard to conceive of any other area that has such a tradition of excellence, commitment, and service. In deciding where we wanted to raise our family, it was not difficult at all for Ann and me to decide on

this area. Fond memories of loving teachers, concerned advisers, and sharing neighbors made our decision one of the easiest that we have ever made. The people who live within the boundaries of the Garden Park wards have provided us with personal heroes to admire and wonderful examples for our children to follow.

It was with some awe and trepidation that Ann and I contemplated my call to serve as bishop of the Garden Park I ward. I am grateful, however, for the opportunity of serving with the other members of the Garden Park I Ward in this portion of our Heavenly Father’s kingdom. I am also grateful for the restoration of the gospel and bear my personal testimony that this is the Church of Jesus Christ.

Memory of Ralph Robbins:

Bishop Steve Tyler is especially dear to my heart. As I accompanied my daughter Shari and other members of the YM and YW on a bicycle trek to Lake Powell, Steve sacrificed the experience of biking and drove his vehicle which was designated to assist with mechanical breakdowns and other emergencies. Bishop Tyler is truly one of a kind. I also turned to him in a moment of crisis and he guided me by the words, depth of love and compassion found in Alma 7:11-13 for which I’ll ever be grateful.

We have cherished photography by Don Thorpe in our home. Catherine Thorpe has taught Jean the French tongue and escorted Jean on an outing to France.

There are fond memories of Frank Pond and Catherine Reese as they related experiences on so many remarkable teaching and testimony bearing experiences with members, non-members and less active. I am grateful to

proclaim that I was ordained a High Priest by Frank Pond Reese on September 20, 1992 in the Relief Society Room of the Garden Park Ward building.

Memory of Randy Baker, Ward Mission Leader:

The conversion of a new family in the ward boundaries was exciting. Randy Baker visited the Finnigans to welcome them into the area and proceeded to help them to be baptized.

Memory of Ronalee Baker, Counselor in Relief Society Presidency:

The Thomases had just adopted a new baby when Becky, who was serving as the Relief Society President, became very ill. Ward members took turns for many weeks going to the Thomas home and helping with the new baby, Emma. The ward held a fast for Becky and she did recover.

Randy Baker's Memories of Sterling W. Sill:

During 1990, I was a reader for Sterling W. Sill a member of the Garden Park First Ward. Elder Sill has been placed on emeritus status due to health problems. One of his health challenges was his eyesight. I would go to his home every Saturday afternoon and for an hour or so we would retire to his office. He would either have me read copies of letters he kept in his files from his time as first Bishop of the Garden Park Ward through his years as an Assistant to the Quorum of the Twelve or read from his many books he had written.

Often I would glance over to see what appeared to me as if he were dozing. However, if I would misread one word from his books, he was quick to correct me to make sure it was read right. I was reminded where true greatness of people exists, in their true inner selves. We need to look beyond the surface and see the greatness of those around us.

Another memory of the Sills – The day before I was sustained as counselor to Bishop Ted Evans in the Garden Park First Ward Bishopric I was finishing reading for Elder Sill and was met at the door as I was leaving by Sister Sill. She asked me with a twinkle in her eye “Do you know who the new Bishop is tomorrow?” She must have caught a look at my face that said I did because she took me by the arm and said “Now just whisper in my ear who it is, I will not tell anyone.”

Garden Park First Ward

**Garden Park First Ward
Bishop Edmund “Ted” Evans
1991-1996**



Bishop: Edmund “Ted” Evans 1991 to 1996
First Counselor: Grant Taylor/Randy Baker
Second Counselor: Randy Baker/James Larson
Executive Secretary: Fred Longhurst/James Larson/Eric Jones
Clerks: William Giles/Bruce Bammes
High Priest Group Leader: Richard Rasmuson/Lanny Campbell
Elders Quorum President: David Perkins/William Stimpson/Calvin Close
Relief Society President: Catherine Reese/Beth Larson/Audra Case
Young Men President: Miles Lignell/Robert Jones/Carter Steenblik
Young Women’s President: Claudia Lignell/Ann Cederlof/Dolly Close/Leslie Richardson/Cynthia Turner
Primary President: Janie Tyler

EVENTS

1992

- The cryptic but thought-provoking ward conference theme was from Proverbs 26:20 (Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out.”).” This reflected not only his deep insight into obscure scriptural passages, but also his love of the outdoors, which he has conveyed to the youth of the ward for decades.

1993

- Ward goals for the year included increasing self-reliance, reading the Book of Mormon by April Conference, reading the Doctrine & Covenants, and improving family history and temple activity
- A Neighborhood breakfast for the whole ward family was held on Harvard Ave. It was a great opportunity for getting to know some of the non-member families. Great food and live music.
- A campout for all youth was held at Jericho Sand Dunes. Hiking and playing in the huge sand piles kept everyone laughing and sandy. Rob Jones and Ann Cederlof had a great menu.
- Dutch over cooking each month was a learning experience for some, and a delicious meal for all who participated.

1995

- The traditional reunion for the combined Garden Park wards was held August 24, featuring live music and traditional barbeque cuisine.
- The VIP brunch was held on the grounds of the ward. A lovely brunch was followed by an address from Dr. George

Durham, a former member of the Stake Presidency.

- The Relief Society observed a Hanukkah experience with explanations of Jewish holidays.

1996

- The Primary set a goal of reading one verse from the Book of Mormon each day.
- The Scouts participated in a summer camp at Bear Lake, and also helped collect a significant amount of food for the Utah Food Bank

MEMBERS SERVING IN ALLINGS OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Harold H. Bennett – Stake Patriarch
- Richard E. Rasmuson – Stake High Council
- Audra W. Case – Stake Relief Society First Counselor
- Ronalee Baker – Stake YW Sports Director

MEMOIRES & TESTIMONIALS

Having proved his worth as a bishop of the Garden Park First Ward many years previously, in 1991 Ted Evans was called to be bishop of the Garden Park First Ward for a second time. His vast prior experience as bishop and Scout leader, combined with the maturity of years and his unwavering love of the ward, its people, and the building and grounds, uniquely qualified him to serve once again.

In addition to fulfilling all the responsibilities of a bishop, it has been (and still is) a common sight to find Bishop Evans working on the grounds at any time of the day or evening. He singlehandedly provided hundreds of geranium plants from his own greenhouse to brighten the flower beds, and worked tirelessly to care for every plant, as well as the building and the people. He was joined by brother, Bob and Hal Sharp.

Highlights of Bishop Evans' administration included holding a neighborhood breakfast for the entire neighborhood, campouts at Lake Powell, Bear Lake and Jericho Sand Dunes, organizing Dutch oven cooking classes, emphasizing reading of the Book of Mormon, and organizing wonderful ward reunions and activities that brought the members together and fostered fellowship and good will. He continued to provide positive, optimistic leadership even as the population of the ward declined, making it more and more difficult to staff positions and provide robust programs for the youth.

Memory of Grant Taylor:

"In 1992, Edmund C. Evans was called again to serve as Bishop of the Garden Park First Ward. Randy Baker and I were called to be his counselors. Beth and James Larsen were long-time members of the ward, living on the corner of Douglas Street and Harvard Avenue. Beth was a wonderful mother and had offered day care in her home for younger children. When it came time to call a new Relief Society President, the whisperings of the Spirit were so strong to the Bishopric that Beth was the person to be called. She was so humbled by the call and expressed her feelings of insecurity, but she became a wonderful Relief Society

President with great counselors and served faithfully in her calling."

"Becky Thomas served as the Activities Chair for a time and her parties were especially memorable. At one of the parties, she had three people play the game of "To Tell the Truth." One person had to tell the truth while the other two had to make up fictitious stories. The group has to choose which one was telling the truth. Grant Taylor said that he had sung "Blue Moon" by the Marcells before 10,000 people in Guadalajara, Mexico while in college. Harold Bennett said that he had been at a bull fight with Marion G. Romney in Mexico and had been asked to sing. The Stake Patriarch told his story and since it was not likely that he would lie, his story was selected. The party was a great success."

"Nancy Harrison wrote a play that was performed in the Cultural Hall. Her character names were outrageous and the plot was pretty thin, but the costumes were great and so was the scenery. A great time was had by all."

Bishop Evans expressed the following concerning his tenure as bishop:

As a seven-year-old boy I sat at the meeting when the Garden Park Ward was organized. I grew up in the Primary, Sunday School, Priesthood Quorums and went to the British Mission, courted my wife and we lived as a young married couple in the Garden Park Ward. We had children, went away for education and army duty, and came back to live next door to the ward. My father had been in the first bishopric. Sterling W. Sill, Joseph W. Bambrough and Hoyt W. Brewster had been my bishops and heroes. Otto and Rosa Schloss were my ideals of

selfless service. What a frightening, humbling shock to be called to lead the ward in the time of its division. But what a wonderful, warm and joyful experience it was to see the growth of spirit, leadership, testimony and togetherness that developed among the membership of the “little ward.” What good people have lived in, loved, and served each other and their Heavenly Father in this lovely part of his vineyard.

Memory of Randy Baker regarding Sterling W. Sill:

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Garden Park First Ward

**Garden Park First Ward
Bishop Richard Rasmuson
1996-2000**



Bishop: Richard Rasmuson 1996 to February 6, 2000
First Counselor: James E. Larson
Second Counselor: Paul Richardson
Executive Secretary: Slade Spencer/Paul Werner
Clerks: Mike Brochinsky/Jayson Orvis/Reed Hull
High Priest Group Leader: Lanny Campbell/Scott Stevens
Elders Quorum President: Calvin Close/Norm Bryner/Scott Whittle
Relief Society President: Gloria Evans/Kay Dalton/Helga Meyer
Young Men President: Scott Morley/Matthew Pearson
Young Women's President: Sunny Orvis/Pamela Hull
Primary President: Janette Mack/Michelle Jones

EVENTS

1997

- The Garden Park Wards hosted the annual VIP Brunch, featuring speaker Ralph J. Marsh, a member of the Stake, and the Sunset Service, which departed from usual practice of having a general authority speaker, and instead was a collection of remarkable pioneer quotations.
- Members volunteered many hours tutoring at the Whittier School, gathering food for the Utah Food Bank, and performing other acts of charity.

1998

- Following the loss of a majestic old Norway spruce to bark beetle infestation, the wards organized a committee to explore ways to preserve the ancient landscape and trees on the grounds. Eventually, the head landscaper for Temple Square, Peter Lassig, was engaged as a consultant, who provided valuable advice on selection, placement, and care of plants on the grounds. The project resulted in removal of several old trees, and planting of 30 new trees and many shrubs and flowers. Funds for the project were provided by fees from wedding receptions etc.

1999

- On May 11, the Relief Society presented the musical production, "Women at the Well," written by Vickey Pahnke and Kenneth Cope

- Members contributed many service hours as tutors at the Whittier Elementary School
- The Young Men and Young Women participated in the Stake Pioneer Trek July 15-17
- Elder W. Craig Zwick was the featured speaker at the annual Sunset Service
- On December 1, Harold Bennett, a long time member of the ward, passed away at age 99. Brother Bennett was the first President of ZCMI who was not also President of the Church.

2000

- The wards were combined in February.

FUNERALS

- Harold Bennett

**MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS
OUTSIDE THE WARD**

- Ronalee Baker – Stake YW Sports Director
- Henning Sorensen – Stake Sunday School Presidency Second Counselor
- Randy K. Baker- Stake Sunday School Presidency Second Counselor, Stake Sunday School President
- Calvin L. Close – Stake High Council

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Margot Butler:

Harold Bennett was president of ZCMI and was on the board of Deseret Book Company. He had the idea of combining the Bible and The Book of Mormon into one volume. The then president of Deseret Book said it was impossible to do so owing to the thickness of the paper. At the next Deseret Book board meeting, President N. Eldon Tanner, a member of the First Presidency of the Church also suggested putting the Bible and The Book of Mormon into one volume. Then, the president of Deseret Book said he would push ahead to get it done, but the spine would have to be hand-sewn because of the thickness of the paper. He would eventually find thinner paper that would allow printing on both sides without bleeding through and would allow the combination not to be too cumbersome. Harold Bennett kept the first combination that was printed with the hand-sewn spine and used it for many years. This was a literal fulfillment of the prophecy in Ezekiel 37.

Bishop Rasmuson:

Bishop Richard Rasmuson replaced Bishop Ted Evans in 1996, with counselors James E. Larson and Paul Richardson. His quiet and humble demeanor served the ward well. During his tenure, the ward continued a trend of declining population, eventually resulting in the consolidation of the Garden Park First and Garden Park Second Wards, thus earning him the distinction of being the last bishop of the Garden Park First Ward. However, Bishop Rasmuson continued his predecessors' tradition of strong leadership, and the remaining members proved valiant as many had to assume multiple responsibilities with an ever-smaller ward.

Rasmuson expressed his feelings about his term as bishop in the following story:

Many memorable events occurred during my tenure as bishop of Garden Park 1st Ward. Many gained strong testimonies and many were sealed in the Temple. I share one event because it took place over several years and involved almost all of our ward members in one way or another. I mention the names of those I know, but there were many involved who I am not aware of, as much happened both before I was bishop and without my knowledge.

It was "in the time" of our Heavenly Father that Reed and Pam Hull should return to activity after being inactive since their teen years. They were living in California and decided that they should move to Utah to raise their two daughters. The week that they moved into our ward, their neighbor to the south, Alice Jamison, invited their daughters Stephanie, age 12, and Jenny, age 11, to Young Women's and then made sure that they got safely there. The Young Women's Presidency, Ann Cederlof, Dolly Close, and Susie Steenblik, shared the gospel and their love with them. They took the missionary discussions with the full-time missionaries and our ward mission leader, Randy Baker. They were baptized on December 28, 1993. On the evening of the baptism and just before they were to leave, Pam's uncle, and the only active member of the Church in the family, showed up on their doorstep unexpectedly and unaware of what was happening. He borrowed a tie and was able to confirm the girls as members of the Church. Many in the ward had become their friends, including James Larson and Paul Richardson, who would later be my counselors in the Bishopric. Brother and Sister Hull remained inactive while the girls attended every Sunday. Sister Hull did accept a call to be the camp director, but turned down a call from

Bishop Evans to be in the Young Women's presidency.

Sister Sunny Orvis moved in next door to them on the north and was called as Young Women's President. Sunny and Pam became good friends. During our bishopric meeting with the Young Women's Presidency, we were discussing the call of a sister to fill a vacancy in the Young Women's Presidency. A clear and strong impression came to me that we should call Pam Hull, who was not among those being considered. I asked Sister Orvis, "What about Pam Hull?" Sister Orvis said that Pam would be great if she would accept the call.

Pam did accept the call and agreed that she would be an example to the Young Women, and she did just that. She attended church the next week, became a great example to the young women and everyone else, and has been active ever since. Reed stayed at home on Sunday for the next 3 or 4 weeks. When he finally attended our meetings I walked up to greet him and he said, "I'm not sure what I'm doing here." He and Pam attended the gospel essentials class taught by Frank and Catherine Reese. Brother and Sister Reese taught by the spirit and shared their testimony each week. In the ensuing months in Sacrament Meetings, Fast and Testimony Meetings, and classes our whole ward enjoyed many spiritual experiences as the light of the gospel began to shine in Brother and Sister Hull's eyes.

Brother Reese then taught the temple preparation course to them. They were married in the Temple and sealed together as a family for time and all eternity. That was a glorious day, but the greatest spiritual treat was in store for the whole ward on a subsequent Sunday when Brother and Sister Hull, as speakers, shared the journey of their return to activity and what a glorious difference the gospel had made in their lives. One of their comments was, "We were fine and we were happy but we could never have imagined the great happiness we now feel." There were not many dry eyes that day as our Heavenly Father poured out His spirit in great abundance.

I am truly grateful for this and the many experiences I had as Bishop. This calling has been a great blessing in my life and I cherish the closeness I felt with the members of our ward. I bear my testimony that this is the Church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that He lives and directs His church through living prophets.

GARDEN PARK SECOND WARD



Garden Park Second Ward

**Garden Park Second Ward
Bishop Keith B. Romney
1972-1978**



Bishop: Keith B. Romney July 2, 1972 to August 13, 1978
First Counselor: Rex Sohm/Theodore Jacobsen/Kent Richards
Second Counselor: Kent Richards/Jack S. Ashton/Timothy C. Lunt
Executive Secretary: Paul Curtis/M. Dean Anderson
Clerks: Don F. Cordner/Graham Dodd
High Priest Group Leader: Lee T. Jarvis/M. Eugene Bridges
Seventy Group Leader: Theodore L. Cannon/Brooke Noall/Val L. Jensen
Elders Quorum President: Jack S. Ashton/Gill O. Sanders
Relief Society President: Faye Walch/Virginia Sanders
Sunday School President: Stephen M. Harmsen/Paul L. Curtis
Young Men President: Bill Evans/Jay S. Wimmer
Young Women President: Sally Wimmer/ Martha Wankier
Primary President: Jeanette Jarvis

Garden Park Second Ward

EVENTS

1963

- Eagle Scout Award: Grant P. Taylor

1973

- Eagle Scout Award: Sid S. Stevens

1974

- Eagle Scout Award: Norman K. Bryner II

1976

- 3,000 endowments were performed by ward members.
- 14 youth and 4 adults rode their bicycles to Lake Powell, and were joined by other youth in a “super activity”
- The ward strings presented a Spring Concert on June 13, although the wintry weather forced the concert inside.
- Three members of the ward participated in the cast of “Threads of Glory,” a Bicentennial production by the Church. Jeri Jarvis was one of the leads, while Jeremy Eagar and Jamie Delamare were supporting actors.
- The ward held a genealogy class that trained several ward members in genealogical research.
- The High Priests sponsored a ward campout at East Canyon Reservoir, at which a program commemorating the Bicentennial was presented.

- The ward was chosen by the Presiding Bishopric to produce a filmstrip on the Aaronic Priesthood, to be used by Regional Representatives throughout the world.

- Jane Taft was baptized

1977

- After many years attending the ward Albert Hamal was baptized, influenced by the example of his neighbor Mildred Altman and his daughter Marilyn Lundgren.
- The Sunday before Christmas the Garden Park 2nd Ward Strings performed as part of the Sunday School program. Following Sunday School the ward band played its annual Christmas concert in the foyer. That evening the ward orchestra and choir performed their traditional Messiah which was reportedly the best ever followed by a remarkable Christmas address by former Bishop, Ted Evans. Sister Margot Butler, choir director, and Utah Symphony violinist, Jack Ashton were responsible for the musical program.
- 7 young men received their Eagle Scout awards in a single Court of Honor including Steve Tyler, and the Cummings twins, Ian and Aaron.

1978

- Relief Society was held on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.
- July 4th, the ward conducted the annual flag raising ceremony at the ward.

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- Legendary Scoutmaster Hal Sharp (14-year tenure) conducted the Scout banquet, which included a slide presentation, graphically showing the growth of boys into young men.
- The ward choir and strings played selections from the Messiah at the conclusion of fast and testimony meeting, which fell on Easter this year.
- The Bonneville Stake Sunset Service, held the first Sunday in August, featured Elder Thomas S. Monson as speaker.
- The carriage house was remodeled by Hal Sharp to accommodate two classrooms, convertible to a single large activity room, as well as a kitchen.
- The ward building was remodeled, with the chapel being repainted and a new organ grill installed, to complement the new carpets and upholstery of the seats in the chapel.
- The grounds were also updated, with new curbs, reworked pool, and many new shrubs and flowers.

FUNERALS

- Emir Neilson Miller 9 /28/75
- Hugh B. Brown, ward member and former member of the First Presidency, 12/2/75

NOTABLES

- Bill and Julie Dowse, joined Shirley and Vernie Swenson in the Tabernacle Choir.

- August 6 Brother Hal Sharp was featured in full page article in Church News having served 12 years as scoutmaster
- Jack Ashton- Utah Symphony violinist

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Margot Butler Promised Valley Playhouse Board

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Bishop Romney’s Memories:

Bishop Romney was ordained a Bishop on July 2, 1971. He served with several counselors: Rex Sohm, Timothy C. Lunt, Ted M. Jacobsen, Kent F. Richards and Jack S. Ashton. Shortly after being ordained, he spent most of his family’s vacation at Bear Lake reading the Bishop’s Handbook of Instructions. In that book, he read President Spencer W. Kimball’s admonition: “A Bishop should not open or close a window if he could delegate the task to someone else.” As a result of that advice, he delegated a great deal to his counselors and others, leaving him free to spend time interviewing and counseling the members of his ward. He had great and able counselors and quorum and auxiliary leaders who carried out most of the day-to-day operations of the ward.

At his first sacrament meeting, Bishop Romney gave a Church statistic that 45% of the priests of the Aaronic Priesthood did not want to meet with their Bishop. This was likely because they were not living the gospel standards. Bishop Romney said that he hoped to change that attitude in the Garden Park 2nd Ward. Shortly thereafter, he met with one of the young priests. Instead of sitting behind

the bishop's desk, he decided to sit close to this young man, "face-to-face", "knee-to-knee" and asked him to tell him about the lives of the 14 priests in the Ward. After some hesitation, this young man told Keith about serious deviant behavior on the part of many of these boys. The young man said he was willing to confide in Keith because Keith had hiked Mount Olympus with him and because he felt Keith had his best interest and the best interest of the boys in the quorum at heart. The young priest who confided in Keith about his fellow priests went on to serve a mission, be married in the Temple and have a nice family. (He visited Keith in later years with his wife and a couple of his children so that they could meet the Bishop who made such a difference in his life.) Keith worked closely with the 14 wayward priests, and all but two of them went on to serve missions.

From that point on, Keith decided never to sit behind the desk when interviewing anyone but would try to look them straight in the face and be close to them. He did the same in temple interviews and tithing settlement, often just saying things like, "Life is great, but it is better if you are not carrying any guilt. Take this opportunity to get any guilt off your chest. Tell me everything that might be bothering you. As a common judge, I can find a way for you to have forgiveness, and I will promptly forget all you ever told me." With this approach and with the exception of one person who wanted his name removed from the records of the Church, Keith never dis-fellowshipped or excommunicated anyone during his six-year tenure. He was constantly interviewing and counseling members of his ward and would often not arrive home until midnight on Sundays.

Under Keith's leadership, the Bishopric set a goal of 100% home teaching. He asked the quorum leaders to assess by the latter part of

each month, which families had not been visited. He then asked the quorum and group leaders to visit these families themselves to make sure everyone had been visited. Ted Jacobsen, who later became Stake President, was the President of the Elders Quorum. He initially objected to this program arguing that it was the individual home teacher's responsibility to do the home teaching and that by having the leadership actually do the home teaching, it would take the incentive away from the home teachers and was contrary to the principle of delegation. He also worried that they would not have time to do this with all their other responsibilities. But Keith persisted and told Ted that it was his great desire to see the home teaching program be effective. So, to his great credit, Ted obeyed his Bishop and did a great job. For six years, the ward achieved 99% home teaching and it made a great difference in the activity and spirituality of the ward. There were 6 families who indicated that they did not want home teaching visits. Bishop Romney assigned his counselors to visit these families. They did and they were accepted into these home.

The following list represents some of the unique programs, policies and efforts undertaken during Keith Romney's tenure as bishop:

- The Bishopric wanted to make Church attendance and membership fun, meaningful and exciting.
- The Bishopric kept a record of attendance at Sacrament meeting. At various times of the year, they would honor those families with perfect or near perfect attendance. As a result of these efforts and others, the average attendance at Sacrament meeting went from 43% in 1970 to 66% in 1975.

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- At the close of Sacrament meeting, but before the closing prayer, two members of the Bishopric would proceed to the doors at the back of the chapel to greet those in attendance as they left.
- Once a month in Fast and Testimony meeting, Sister Marie Ashton would stand before the congregation and recite from memory lengthy chapters of scripture without mistakes.
- In order to encourage attendance at Stake General Priesthood meetings, the Bishopric asked the quorum and group leaders to host a breakfast at their homes afterward.
- The Bishopric instituted a ward orchestra and a ward band, both of which played at various ward functions during the year.
- The Bishopric initiated a program to personally invite every member in the ward to attend tithing settlement, rather than just give them an opportunity to attend. Bishop Romney also decided to conduct a 15-minute interview with every family in the ward to set personal and family goals for the year. Keith encouraged each husband to take his wife out on a date each week and to take a “honeymoon trip” each year, separate from the children.
- Every year, Bishop Romney and his wife, Janet, hosted a Christmas open house for the ward which was very successful.
- Keith was very insistent that records be kept and goals set each year. He was a practitioner of the saying, “When performance is measured, performance improves.” In connection with the annual ward conferences, Keith, in connection with the entire ward leadership, would prepare a large, three-ring binder showing the goals and achievements of the ward and of each quorum, group and auxiliary organization. His use of data was extraordinary and used to good effect.
- The introduction to the 1976 book states: “This report was created with one overriding purpose, to bless the lives of the families and individuals in the Garden Park II Ward. As a bishopric, we desire to help each member of the ward receive the full blessings of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and with our quorum leaders assist the fathers in our ward to build their families into eternal units. We feel fortunate to be part of a ward which is blessed with strong unity and strength in its priesthood. That strength is indicated by the 99 percent home teaching, 66 percent sacrament meeting attendance, and generous tithes and offerings. On the average during 1975, 88 percent of the ward’s members attended at least one meeting or another every month. And in a strong stake of Zion, the ward consistently maintains the overall first place standing.”
- Bishop Romney noticed that a sister in the ward was having a difficult time with depression. He also noticed that there were many sisters in the ward who appeared to be lonely and without friends. So he asked the sister with the depression problems to reach out secretly to some of these sisters to become their friends. Neither she nor Bishop Romney told anyone about this assignment. This great sister reached out to these other sisters and became their friend. By so doing she was relieved of her depression. Eventually, she had befriended approximately 39 sisters in the ward and greatly improved the feeling of fellowship throughout the ward.

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- The ward had many fun activities. Virginia Sanders was called to be the activities chairman and she put on wonderful parties and programs. During Keith's tenure, a few boys in the ward decided to ride bicycles to Lake Powell in connection with the annual ward outing there. It became an annual activity and was broadened to include most of the ward youth, including the young women.
- In those days, the Stake encouraged the wards to attend a Stake Lagoon Day. Except for one or two years, the Garden Park II Ward won a cash prize for having the highest attendance.
- The youth sports programs were emphasized, and, as a result, the youth were consistently in the competition for the championships in basketball and softball. In addition to the stake-sponsored sports program, the ward held an intramural basketball tournament for Deacons and Teachers for both Garden Park wards. This tournament consisted of four teams chosen from among both age groups in both wards and each team would play the others twice. At the end, there was a father-son game.
- Terrific scoutmasters, such as Hal Sharp and Bob Evans, created wonderful camping and advancement opportunities for the young men. There was a good scout committee. Bob Evans would invite all the boys to his home around Christmas for a breakfast with all the trimmings. All the scouts attended.
- The youth, including the YW, participated in an annual Deseret Industries Pickup. There was an annual ward Aaronic Priesthood Commemoration activity usually consisting of a service activity around the ward, then an outing to the

sand dunes for a day of motorcycles, Frisbees and sand.

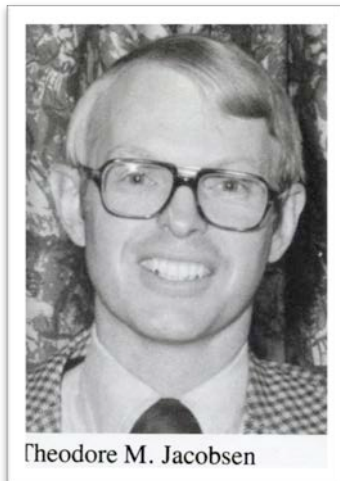
- The priests had activities at Bear Lake and enjoyed innovative weekly programs inspired by Jay Wimmer involving golf, checkers, and pool tournaments and a series of more serious, but just as enjoyable, Sunday morning breakfasts at the Wimmer home. During this time, there was almost 100% attendance in the Priest Quorum with great love and brotherhood exhibited.

Memories of Marie Ashton, Music Chairman:

Bishop Romney was an amazing Bishop. He followed the admonition of President Gibbons, "Progress Measured. Progress Improved." He carried "Things-to-Do" cards in different colors, each color associated with an auxiliary organization. He would write down problems or issues he saw on the various cards so he would remember to discuss them with his counselors and ward council. He would take the advice of the bishopric members. He kept detailed statistics on attendance at sacrament meetings. The ward reports were an inch thick. He stressed Home Teaching to the extent that he had 100% home teaching every month. He had the prospective elders pegged. Seven elders were activated. When we moved in the Elder's Quorum was small, just 3 or 4. Then under Bishop Romney, it grew. He knew how to use everyone's talents. Many strong leaders came out of Keith Romney's ward and elder's quorum. As Music Chairman, I had to have a special prelude numbers every Sunday and a special musical number for sacrament meeting. We always put on a Christmas program and an Easter program. We performed the Book of Mormon Oratorio and the Messiah with parts. Janet Romney sang gorgeous solos

Garden Park Second Ward

**Garden Park Second Ward
Bishop Theodore M. Jacobsen
1978-1980**



Bishop: Theodore M. Jacobsen August 13, 1978 to November 16, 1980
First Counselor: Timothy C. Lunt
Second Counselor: Hal T. Sharp
Executive Secretary: L. Brent Eagar
Clerks: Graham Dodd
High Priests Group Leader: M. Eugene Bridges
Elders Quorum President: Gill O. Sanders
Relief Society President: Elaine J. Sharp
Young Men's President: Jay S. Wimmer
Young Women's President: Martha S. Wankier
Primary President: Sally T. Wimmer
Activities Chairman: Lee T. Jarvis

Garden Park Second Ward

EVENTS

1979

- To celebrate Valentine’s Day, the Elders Quorum held a Sweetheart Dinner at the Lion House. Fifty attended.
- Seventy youth and adults participated in the annual Lake Powell outing.
- Remodeling of the carriage house was completed in June, with a new kitchen and classrooms.

1980

- From March 30 to April 2, the ward performed an original musical, “Zion,” at the Promised Valley Playhouse, under the direction of Jeri Javis and Margot Butler, as part of the Church’s Sesquicentennial (150 years) celebration. Approximately 50 members participated and whole families were called instead of just individuals. The cast included members of the ward choir and strings. Bill Evans played the title role of Joseph Smith. The performance received favorable reviews by Howard Pearson in the Deseret News.
- A strong music tradition continued within the ward. Fourteen members played the violin, 4 played cellos and one a bass. Many gifted singers and conductors participated freely in ward meetings and activities.
- The ward built a float for the 24th of July Parade won an award.
- Eight girls and 16 boys rode bikes to Lake Powell for the annual outing.

- In December, the Laurel class had a special service project at the American Fork Training Center, where they stuffed 1,200 stockings for the people at the Center.

FUNERALS

- Mae Lunt
- Naomi Brewster

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Lloyd Graham – Stake High Council
- Keith B. Romney – Stake High Council
- Faye B. Walch – Stake Relief Society President
- Zenna Mae Bridges – Stake YW First Counselor
- Josephine Perkins – Stake YW Second Counselor

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Memories of Margot Butler Concerning the Contributions of Members of the Garden Park Second Ward to the General Church:

Harold Bennett was president of ZCMI and was on the board of Deseret Book Company. He had the idea of combining the Bible and The Book of Mormon into one volume. The then president of Deseret Book said it was impossible to do so owing to the thickness of the paper. At the next Deseret Book board meeting, President N. Eldon Tanner, a

member of the First Presidency of the Church also suggested putting the Bible and The Book of Mormon into one volume. Then, the president of Deseret Book said he would push ahead to get it done, but the spine would have to be hand-sewn because of the thickness of the paper. He would eventually find thinner paper that would allow printing on both sides without bleeding through and would allow the combination not to be too cumbersome.

Harold Bennett kept the first combination that was printed with the hand-sewn spine and used it for many years. This was a literal fulfillment of the prophecy in Ezekiel 37.

David W. Evans visited Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen, Denmark, which utilized a large amount of lights during the Christmas season. He thought it would be a great idea for Temple Square and suggested the idea to President Harold B. Lee. However, due to the energy crisis, the idea was rejected. Later, President Spencer W. Kimball approved the idea and the rest is history.

Bishop Jacobsen's Tenure:

Bishop Jacobsen's tenure as bishop was the shortest in ward history because of his call to serve as a counselor to W. Eugene Hansen in the Bonneville Stake Presidency in November, 1980.

Bishop Jacobsen was ordained bishop shortly after the 1978 revelation extending priesthood blessings to all worthy males. Also during his administration, the consolidated meeting schedule was implemented Church-wide, in which members met for Priesthood, Relief Society, Young Women, Primary, Sunday School, and Sacrament Meeting during a continuous three-hour block of time each Sunday rather than holding meetings during the week days. It was a welcome policy that gave families more discretionary time on

Sundays. The wards elected (with approval from the Stake Presidency) to hold Sacrament Meeting as the last meeting of the block, even though many other wards throughout the Church held Sacrament Meeting first. This was done partly for administrative convenience, but also to emphasize Sacrament Meeting as the spiritual high point of the Sabbath.

Bishop Jacobsen was in charge of one of several ward remodeling projects, this one involving the kitchen and the carriage house.

Bishop Jacobsen considered the funerals that he conducted as some of his most inspirational experiences. His first was for the wonderful matriarch, Mae Lunt (mother of Tim, Owen, and Mae Lunt Nelson and a widow of 44 years), and soon after for Naomi Brewster (daughter of Joseph Fielding Smith and wife of Bishop Hoyt Brewster). It was a blessing for him to learn of the lives and sense the spirit of each good member. It was also humbling to him to see "from the inside," at tithing settlement and other times, the great generosity of his flock and their willingness to sacrifice.

Other significant events during Bishop Jacobsen's administration included (1) fathers and sons and fathers and daughters outings at Bishop Romney's vacation home in Wallsburg; (2) the first ward *girls* bicycle ride to Lake Powell; (3) an annual Christmas open house at the bishop's home; and (4) a youth conference at Snow College which included watching the Mormon Miracle Pageant on the grounds of the Manti Temple (a humorous thing happened on this occasion: During the pageant, the time came for Samuel the Lamanite to stand heroically on the walls of the city. A spotlight shone on the place where he was to be and the audience and cast awaited his appearance. However, he never appeared on the "ramparts," having fallen

asleep backstage!) During Bishop Jacobsen's tenure, the ward continued to have a ward orchestra which performed several times each year, most notably on the Sunday before Christmas with the ward choir. Orchestra members included many teenagers, which was a very positive thing. Ward members looked forward to the Christmas sacrament meeting in which Janet Romney sang "O Holy Night" with a voice of remarkable clarity, beauty and strength.

One of Bishop Jacobsen's favorite experiences concerns a lesson learned from David W. Evans, one of the founders of Evans Advertising, a highly successful advertising and public relations company. He tells the story thus: In December of 1978, just four months after becoming bishop, I met in tithing settlement with David W. Evans (then in his mid-80's) and his wife, Beatrice (Bea). Brother Evans was a clearly respected voice in the ward and the community. He had served for nearly ten years as first counselor to Sterling W. Sill, the first bishop of the Garden Park Ward. He had been the successful head of a prominent advertising agency and was a brother of Elder Richard L. Evans of the Quorum of the Twelve (who lived in the Garden Park 2nd Ward until his death in 1971). As we concluded our interview, Brother Evans said gently and respectfully to me: "Bishop, I think you are making a serious mistake." As a new bishop anxious not to make mistakes, that statement caught my attention. I asked him to what he was referring. He responded by saying (to the best of my recollection): "You drive a Mercedes-Benz. The young couples in this ward look to you not just for Church purposes but for an example. They want to be like you – live in a home like yours (which was relatively modest), dress like you, and drive a car like yours. They will feel that, to be "successful," they too must drive a Mercedes." I told Brother Evans that I would

give his view serious thought. Within a few weeks, I sold the Mercedes and purchased a rather sedate and ordinary four-door Ford. I was grateful for his "fatherly," insightful and wise advice.

Bishop Jacobsen expressed the following concerning his tenure as bishop:

"With the calling of bishop came feelings of honor, trust, tradition and excitement along with initially distant and (mercifully) somewhat muted feelings of immense, eternal responsibility. I soon learned of the remarkable faith and innate goodness of ward members as I shared their hopes, stumblings, grief and triumphs (none more thrilling than those of the human spirit). It became clear that the family has both primary responsibility and commensurate power (with love) to teach, sustain and positively influence family members. I appreciate the love, trust and efforts of wonderful ward members, a great family, my mentors, and two Christ-like counselors."

Memory of Marie Ashton:

Marie and Jack Ashton were holding a New Neighbor Party at their home when policemen came to their door informing them they had cordoned off their property. They were searching for a robber who had run through their yard. No one could leave the party for some time until the police had finished their search.

Garden Park Second Ward

**Garden Park Second Ward
Bishop Gill O. Sanders
1980-1985**



Bishop: Gill O. Sanders November 16, 1980 to October 1985
First Counselor: Jay S. Wimmer, Paul L. Curtis
Second Counselor: Jack Ashton/Rand Clark
Executive Secretary: Carl Wankier/Kent Scott/Robert C. Evans
Clerks: Graham Dodd, Robert England
High Priest Group Leader: M. Eugene Bridges/Carl Wankier
Elders Quorum President: Craig Etherington/Eugene Jones/Rand Clark
Relief Society President: Tammy Jensen/Janet Romney
Young Men President: Rand Clark/Dean Anderson
Young Women's President: Charlotte Jacobsen/LaRae Scott/Virginia Sanders
Primary President: Sally Wimmer/Margot Butler
Activities Chairman: Lee T. Jarvis

EVENTS

1981

- The ward entered a float in the Days of '47 Parade depicting the completion of the transcontinental railway at Promontory, Utah. The float featured an authentic replica of the engine of a Steam train, with a scroll on the back that read: "May God unite our country as this spike unites two great oceans." The float won the Sweepstakes prize.
- The ward choir and strings performed major portions of Handel's Messiah for Easter.
- Members enjoyed attending the Jordan River Temple open house and dedication.
- The Primary held a special program Sept. 22 to commemorate the appearance of Moroni to Joseph Smith. The children watched the movie "The First Vision," then sang "I am a Child of God" in several foreign languages.
- Kirk Alldredge passed away unexpectedly, leaving a wife and four small children.

1982

- The ward choir and orchestra accompanied a narration by Margot Butler and scriptures on the resurrection for Easter.
- Returned missionary Nathan Sharp organized a service project to help transport an Alaskan family to the temple
- 70 young men and fathers attended a fathers and sons outing in Midway.

- 24 Primary youth participated in a Young Artists festival in the ward chapel.
- Many members contributed to the ward choir and orchestra, which presented selections from Mendelssohn's "Elijah."
- The Cub Scouts organized a Bike Rally, learning to care for their bikes as well.
- The 24th of July Breakfast for the entire stake was held on the grounds.
- An early morning flag-raising on the 4th of July with music and a short talk was held.
- The YM-YW had a car wash in the parking lot to raise funds for their summer activity.
- The priesthood had a Scone Party after the 7:30 am stake priesthood meeting in a member's home.
- The Youth planned extensive bike trips.
- An Ice Cream Bust was held after ward conference where the bishopric dressed with vests, served the ice cream and sang fun songs.
- The scouts went on many over-night camp outs where Jack Ashton loaded his truck with their gear.

1983

- Twenty –eight young people participated in the Young Artists Festival, and the "Primary Strings" provided prelude music for Sacrament Meeting.
- Brother Richard Young, a sculptor, made a presentation on how he sculpted Angel Moroni statues for various temples.

Garden Park Second Ward

- On May 27, the scheduled ward cleanup was rained out due to continued record-breaking rainfall.
- Jeri Jarvis and Margot Butler wrote an original production for the annual Relief Society birthday party.
- The floods of 1983 washed away the bridge across Red Butte Creek. However, Dan Bennett built a new bridge, patterned after the famous bridge in Monet's garden, which the Bennetts had visited previously.
- The youth participated in a Pioneer trek.

1984

- Former Bishop Hoyt Brewster was called to be a Stake patriarch.
- The cultural hall was renovated, with the windows being bricked in and carpet laid on the floor, much to the disappointment of some members.
- The ward youth participated in a 330-mile bike ride to Lake Powell, where they then recuperated and recreated with boating, swimming, and waterskiing. The activity required physical and mental stamina, as well as dedicated efforts of many leaders who provided support along the way (some even rode bikes) and at the lake. The youth who participated developed greater self-respect and closer bonding with each other.
- Ward music flourished with the talents of Ron & Karen Archibald, Gwyneth England, and Jack & Marie Ashton, to name but a few.

- The angel Moroni (or someone impersonating him) appeared on the roof of the chapel, wearing a white robe and playing a trumpet, on September 22, for the benefit of the Primary, which was celebrating his appearance to the Prophet Joseph Smith.

1985

- The Relief Society formed a book club that met monthly.
- Garden Park 2nd won the "Spirit of 85 Award", "Chocolate Mousse Award" and "Best Roadshow Award"
- The Varsity Scouts explored the Tetons and canoed the Snake River, led by Floyd Jensen
- Tim Lunt, Vaun Archibald and Kevin Lunt attended the BSA National Jamboree in Virginia.
- The Young Men held a golf tournament, under the direction of Ken Hepworth.
- Vella Evans received her Ph.D.
- The ward road show, written and directed by Jeri Jarvis, presented "If I had my Way – There Would be a Diet Riot."
- Jeri Jarvis also displayed her acting skills in one of the lead roles in "Arsenic and Old Lace" at the Triad Theater.
- Book of Mormon dinner held at the Jensen's for all who had completed the Book of Mormon in 1984
- The women's basketball team won 2nd place in regional play.

FUNERALS

- Kirk Alldredge
- David W. Evans, 8/7/1982

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Hoyt Brewster – Stake Patriarch
- Mission Calls: Mark Wankier (Philadelphia, Penn.); Jonathan Bridges, (Australia, Brisbane)
- Margot Butler – Chairman of the Church Committee on Teaching Resources

NOTABLES

- David Dunn – won the State of Utah Squash Championship, placed 2nd in Regional Competition in Colorado
- Oletta Cummings sang alto in the Christmas Concert with the Utah Symphony Choir
- Richard F. Wood sang 1st tenor with the Jay Welch Chorale Christmas Concert

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Memories of Margot Butler, Primary President:

A world map was set up to see where ward missionaries were serving. It also helped the Primary children learn geography!

Primary classes wrote to the missionaries and a photo of the entire Primary was mailed to

the ward missionaries for Christmas. Each Primary class learned “I Am a Child of God” in a different language with the help of some of the fathers who had learned that language on his mission.

The Primary children interviewed the Bishop and the Stake President to get to know them. Then each had their photos taken with the two leaders.

A tree covered one Primary wall. Adam and Eve were the roots; Bible prophets’ names ascended the trunk; the Twelve Tribes were the branches; Bible heroes’ names were in their places; and each Primary child’s family photo was on an apple appended to Ephraim and Joseph’s branch. Each family took home their apple because God loves us and we are the apple of His eye.

The Primary Presidency set up a sheet cake decorated with watermelons after Sacrament Meeting to celebrate the beginning of Primary on August 25. The cake was for all those who attended Primary, those who should have or would have attended Primary. If you don’t know the significance of the watermelons, you don’t know enough about the history of Primary.

All the children knew when Halloween was so we told them they didn’t need a party to remember that. (But that didn’t go over so well) No one knew the date of Angel Moroni’s visit to the Prophet Joseph Smith, so we had a September party to celebrate it. The “actual” gold plates were found on the grounds during a treasure hunt, and miraculously a white-robed Angel Moroni appeared on the roof playing “An Angel from On High” and “The Trumpet Shall Sound” on his trumpet that gleamed gold in the autumn sunlight.

Memory of Val and Jann Ludlow:

In 1983, they were newlyweds and had their first child. Since Val was a jazz musician, he became involved with helping Jay Wimmer sing to the mothers of the ward after sacrament meeting for Mother's Day. Val moved Karen Archibald off the organ and began playing How You Look Tonight while Jay Wimmer sang to the mothers.

Val also recalls riding bikes to Lake Powell and Sun Valley with the youth.

Memories of Virginia Sanders:

The Garden Park ward was amazing in so many ways. The parties were spectacular with a live band consisting of Jay Wimmer and other ward members. Many musicians performed on Sundays at church and at special programs.

Memories of Marie Ashton:

As a Primary leader, Margot Butler taught the children religious facts, wrote songs so the children would learn the names of the prophets and their time periods in history. Every child had a set of scriptures in which they drew pictures next to the chapters and verses to remind them of their meaning. Calling Virginia Sanders as the Social Chairman changed the ward. She put on great parties for new members, scone parties, ice cream busts using the ward band and orchestra. At the Ice Cream Busts, the bishopric would dress up and serve ice cream. Jay Wimmer's parents owned Distinctive Catering so he always had access to food in large quantities.

Then there was the Priesthood Scone Parties which took place after the 7:30 Stake

Priesthood Meetings. The breakfasts would be held in members' homes.

Memories of Hal Sharp, Scoutmaster:

Each year, we took the scouts to Lake Powell with my boat. The youth were told this wasn't a play time. They had to work-- which they did. They all earned the boating and waterskiing merit badges.

Four boys were not members when they joined the troop, but eventually joined the church.

At one campout in Moab, my daughter Anne and her friend Jenna Bennett came with us. They set up a tent quite a way from the troop tents. When I went to check on them, their tent and camp looked better than the troop's did.

Hal calculated that he and his scouts camped out 28 days of each year—just about a month per year.

Garden Park Second Ward

**Garden Park Second Ward
Bishop Jay S. Wimmer
1985-1990**

Bishop: Jay S. Wimmer October 1985 to March 18, 1990
First Counselor: Carl Wankier
Second Counselor: Rand Clark
Executive Secretary: Craig Etherington
Clerks: Robert England/Richard Bennett
High Priest Group Leader: Floyd Jensen/Gill O. Sanders
Elder's Quorum President: Dan Bennett/Ron Hollberg/Richard Waltman
Relief Society President: Josephine Perkins
Young Men President: John Hale/ Richard Graham
Young Women's President: Shellie Hepworth/Karen Archibald/Kathleen Jones
Primary President: Diane Etherington/Charlotte Jacobsen

EVENTS

1986

- Two senior couples, Don and Ardith Delamare and Richard and Faye Walsh, were called to serve in Manchester, England by Elder Russell M. Nelson
- Bishop Wimmer instituted the “Goodness Program” for the Primary, which included goal setting and rewards
- such as a “Goodness Parade,” complete with banners, to the neighborhood Dairy Queen.
- Ron Miya was called to serve as a missionary in the Family to Family Book of Mormon project.
- The ward had the best temple attendance in 1986 for any year in the last 10.
- The ward participated in a Family to Family Book of Mormon program in which 2,500 copies of the Book of Mormon with personalized testimonies were submitted.
- The Young Men and Young Women participated in an outing to Sun Valley. Several of the Young Men, led by Val Ludlow, rode their bikes from Salt Lake City to Sun Valley.
- The Garden Park 50th Anniversary Sacrament Meeting was held with Elder Russell M. Nelson speaking.
- Ramses Fireside followed by a tour of Ramses at BYU Museum.

- Cub Scouts Annual Blue and Gold
- Women Seniors were the Regional Basketball Champs
- Kevin Lunt was the youngest ward scout to earn his Eagle Scout Award.
- Fine Arts Festival

1987

- Primary presented their annual Young Artists Festival at the ward in which fifty children participated.
- An annual ward temple outing to St. George was initiated.
- Lee and Jeri Jarvis were called to serve in the Phoenix, Arizona Mission. They served primarily in the Navajo reservation, ministering to the Navajo people.
- The Walchs and Delamares returned from their mission to England.
- The Garden Park Ward Grounds received a People’s Choice Urban Design Award from Salt Lake City with the words, “ward grounds constituted an Oasis in the middle of the city.”
- The elder’s Quorum enjoyed a very successful Road Rally with over 50 people in attendance.

1988

- The Young Men and Young Women presented a drama, “Leave it to Beaver.”

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- Shirley Lunt tackled a 44-lb. box of genealogical research from an acquaintance, assisted by many ward members.
- The youth completed a 300-mile bike ride to Lake Powell for their summer activity in July.
- Lee and Jeri Jarvis continued serving a mission to the Navajos in Mexican Hat.
- The ward continued and improved on its tradition of outstanding Christmas musical programs, under the direction of Margot Butler. Janet Romney sang a sublime rendition of "O Holy Night," accompanied by her daughter Lois Waltman. The ward choir and strings performed various Christmas carols, concluding with Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from the Messiah. Kathy Manning, violist with the Utah Symphony, joined the strings, as did Karen Archibald on the string bass and Gwyneth England on the organ. Gill Sanders sang "Gesu Bambino," and Scott Jarvis and Lynette Cowley played a drum and finger cymbal carol.

1989

- The Church instituted a new budget program for wards and stakes, which eliminated the need for local budget assessments, substituting a budget allowance of money from Church headquarters. The net result for the Garden Park 2nd Ward (and many other wards) was that it was required to turn over to Church headquarters a substantial sum that had been held in a separate account, and was not permitted to raise funds locally, nor to spend more than the budget allotment.

As a result, many of the costlier programs that the ward had previously held had to be scaled back, modified, or eliminated (e.g. Lake Powell outings, Christmas progressive dinner, etc.)

- The bishop, aided by ward members, in particular the Primary President, Sister Virginia Hollberg, initiated this day the GOODNESS PROGRAM with the goal of encouraging all members, youth in particular, to practice daily goodness towards all men. He initiated the using of specially-prepared coins inscribed with "I BELIEVE IN BEING GOOD" on one side, and, on the opposite side, with "LOVE OF GOD, SELF, FELLOW MAN; GROWING GOOD." This was a significant program.
- High Priest Swimming Party – R. Clark's
- Ward Picnic – Washington Terrace – June 19
- Neighborhood Party sponsored by the elders, 50% non-members attended
- "Veteran" basketball team won the championship in their division and senior team won 2nd place.
- The ward softball team won their division championship

1990

- The wards implemented a new budget directive that restricted youth activities, thus eliminating trips to distant venues such as Lake Powell. Leaders were encouraged to plan meaningful activities that were less costly and time consuming, and that promoted spiritual, physical, and social growth.

FUNERALS

- Bishop Hoyt Brewster 7/23/88
- Seth Kelsey
- Vera Bowers – 3/17/89
- Frank Sansom -1/4/89

NOTABLES

- Jacob Lougi – Given an Award of Merit for service above and beyond the Call of Duty, in recognition for his generous help to many ward members, currently to Brother Dale Altman who is laid up with a terminal illness, to whom he renders daily service.
- Wendy Jarvis – Scholarship to Ricks
- Mark Wankier to the University of Utah with Hewlett Christensen Award
- Stacie Privett to LDS Business College
- Shannon White selected for All Conference Jr. College Basketball Team (1986)
- Timothy C. Lunt – Awarded the Silver Beaver from the Boy Scouts of America – 2/23/89
- Eugene Bridges – President, Western Neurological Institute
- Ken Romney, Dan Albertson – volunteered to sandbag during flooding of Emigration Canyon – June/89
- Martha Wankier – East High PTA President for 3 years straight.

- David C. Wood – Assoc. Degree – SL. Community College

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Charlotte Jacobsen - Stake Relief Society President
- Robert England - Stake Clerk
- Margot Butler-Church Curriculum Committee
- Lee Taylor and Jeri Jarvis – Mission to Arizona Phoenix (Indians)
- Virginia Harrison – LDS Historical Mission
- Homecomings: David Dunn (Italy, Milano); Ken Felkner (Penn. Pittsburgh)
- Missions: Bruce Jacobsen – Taiwan, Taipei; Douglas Stewart Mehr – Brazil, Rio de Janeiro;
- Richard and Faye Walch –mission to Manchester England
- Don and Ardith Delamare– mission to Manchester England

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Memory by Jeraldine C. Wood:

Sister Wood was tending her grandson, Cody Lynn Bradley, age 17 months. Cody wandered out of the house unnoticed while Sister Wood was cleaning a bathroom, thinking the boy was with her. Suddenly she missed him and by the power of the Holy Ghost had a video-type picture flash through

her mind showing her grandson wandering out of the house down to the street below. She had just enough time to rescue the child.

The talk of Elder Russell Nelson of the Quorum of The Twelve Apostles at the 50th Anniversary Sacrament Meeting on September 14, 1986:

I have enjoyed so much the messages of President Hanson and “Bishop” Sill. They have done a marvelous job recounting history. I’d like to just say a little bit about how the Church was faring 50 years ago. You’ll recall the President of the Church was Heber J. Grant. His counselors were J. Reuben Clark, Jr., and David O. McKay.

I looked up the Conference Reports for the year 1936. In April there were 115 stakes in the Church, the most recent one having been created in 1935, the Bonneville Stake. In the year 1936 there were two stakes created, so between April and October the numbers swelled from 115 to 117 stakes in the Church. The first 115 stakes were created in 106 years of Church history. That’s about one stake per year. Now we create on the average of one to two every week.

We had 977 wards in the Church at the year’s end in 1935. Now we have over 10,000. In Salt Lake County in 1935-36 there were approximately 100 wards. Now we have 870.

One statistic I thought was interesting in General Conference Report of 1936 was that we had 1,682 missionaries in the Church. The average cost per missionary was \$29.02 per month. As you know, we now have about 30,000 missionaries worldwide. As a member of the priest’s quorum I had the treat privilege of assisting Bishop Sill who presided. He very wisely and thoughtfully provided for us an energetic young returned missionary from

Holland whose name was Hoyt W. Brewster. There my love affair with these two great men took root. It was tested a little bit as they asked the priests of the ward to put their muscle to work doing cement work on the pond that we now enjoy so much.

In Hoyt’s priest’s quorum, we sang a song he taught us. I’m not going to presume to be a soloist following that beautiful number rendered by the choir, but I’m going to sing to you in Dutch the song that Bishop Brewster taught us as priests those many years ago. (Sang song.) Do you remember teaching us something that sounded like that? (Bishop Brewster nodded affirmatively.)

We gave Bishop Brewster a book about the prophet Joseph Smith. The names of those whose names were inscribed upon that book along with mine were Robert Murdock, Spencer Jenson, John Bennett, Andrew Nelson, Clyde A. Rasmussen, Robert C. Evans, Don Bradshaw, Eugene Bowers, Howard C. Sharp, and Roger Holly. Little did Bishop Brewster know that he had in his priests quorum at that time at least two who would become mission presidents and one who would be an Apostle.

I’d like to call Bishop Brewster here for a moment and invite everyone here who ever received a priesthood blessing, an ordination, and a personal prayer, would you be willing to stand with me in a tribute to Bishop Brewster? (Hundreds stood.) Thank you so much. I guess that’s just the tip of the iceberg, bishop. I know, at least in my case, there were lots of little children in our home who enjoyed that privilege also. Now I’d like to call Bishop Sill back. This is going to test you a little bit more because some of our contemporaries in the charter class have moved beyond. All those who are here today who have received a blessing, an ordination, a prayer of faith, or otherwise have been

uplifted directly by his ministry, will you please stand. Bishop, that's most of them. I'm standing. (Bishop Sill reminds me he ordained me a priest.)

I wasn't living here in the year 1950 when the Days of 47 Queen came to this ward and was featured on July 23. Her name was Janet Blackhurst (Romney). Janet, will you stand and let us acknowledge our queen? She was a queen in 1950 and she's a queen in 1986. I think the love affair that she and Keith have enjoyed all these years began shortly after that. I don't know that we can give Garden Park Ward the credit for that, but we surely claim credit for them both now.

I remember in 1958 when Bishop Brewster took a long shot and called me to be his counselor in the bishopric. I enjoyed that association with him so much. Well do we remember that 25th anniversary here on the grounds in 1961. We had a performance out in the garden with the stage set over the pool. We had the showboat right there in the water. There our little girls all dressed up in their special costumes and sang "You gotta beat your feet on the Mississippi Mud." It was an unforgettable experience for our sweet children.

I'd like to pay tribute to one who is not here today. His daughter, Marian, is here. Charles F. Solomon was our neighbor. On April 15, 1956, my journal records that Brother Solomon came to our home and taught those in our home his testimony of the three witnesses of the Book of Mormon. The three witnesses—Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer, and Martin Harris. Each independently bore their testimonies about the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon. Four individuals each in turn bore a firsthand witness to Charles F. Solomon. So as I have heard it from Charles Solomon, he heard testimonies from Oliver Cowdery through William Biggerton; from

David Whitmer through Angus M. Cannon; and from Martin Harris through Edward Stevenson and William Horton. So I, too, can bear the testimony that Charles F. Solomon bore, that I know those three witnesses saw the angel and the plates from which the Book of Mormon was translated and bore their testimony which the never changed to their dying day.

No one could presume to recount the history of this ward without giving credit to Rosa and Otto—Dear Rosa who taught our children in Primary. They all called her Sister Schloss, but we know her as Rosa. And Brother Otto who never turned anyone down when they wanted to have an activity in the ward even though it meant a few extra hours of work for him.

Appropriate tribute has been paid to Brother Harold H. Bennett, our patriarch and beloved friend. I would like to just complete that statement by acknowledging his wonderful wife, Emily H. Bennett, who served for 13 years as a member of the General Presidency of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association of the Church.

Now, tributes to many are left out, and necessarily so. We must temper justice with mercy because of time. Bishop Sill gave me my theme, I believe, when he said, "Why do we celebrate the 50th anniversary?" The answer I found in Leviticus, 25th chapter. In the eighth verse the Lord said:

Thou shalt number seven Sabbaths of years unto thee, seven time seven years; and the space of the seven Sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. . . . And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year . . . it shall be a jubilee unto you; . . . and ye shall return every man unto his family. (Lev. 25:8-10.)

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As I see Paul Romney and John Bennett and so many others, men and women have returned to your families on this anniversary occasion of the Garden Park Ward.

Now continue a quotation or two in verse 12:

For it is the jubilee; it shall be holy unto you . . .

Ye shall not oppress on another: . . .

But thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the Lord your God.

Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.
(Lev. 25: 12, 14, 17, 18.)

This is a Sabbath year. It is the Sabbath year of the Sabbaths-50th year. We are to recommit ourselves to the Lord and to the principle of the Sabbath. This was so well state in Leviticus in the next chapter, chapter 26:

Ye shall keep my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary . . .

If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

Then I will give you rain in the due season, and the land

shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.
(Lev. 26:2-4.)

The Lord, through his prophet Ezekiel, put it this way:

Hallow my Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God.
(Ezek. 20:20.)

We are Sabbath keepers. It is a sign between us and our God that we are his people. It is a sign of a covenant that we honor our Sabbaths.

I wish the walls of this building could speak to us. There have recounted some of the many activities that have transpired in the sacred walls of this building. In the last analysis though, it's not the building, it's not the ground that makes this special—it's the people who have been nurtured here. It's the people who have learned the ordinances, who have observed the doctrines, and who have learned to keep the commandments that they might be blessed in their lives.

Now I feel impressed, President Hansen, Bishop Sill, Bishop Brewster, you current bishops—Bishop Tyler, Bishop Wimmer—to invoke upon you, my brothers and sisters, an apostolic blessing, as though I had my hands on each of your heads, for I love you so and I know your faith. I bless you that this ward, this vineyard of God, this garden of the Lord, will continue to be a citadel of faith and strength among the people of the world, that your sons and daughters will be dispersed from this hallowed area to sow the seeds of faith throughout all the world, in the nations where the Church is now established and in those nations yet to be cultivated. I bless you that you may teach doctrines of faith in your homes, that you will feast upon the words of Christ, that you will reverence this sanctuary and sanctuary of your own homes as dedicated places to the Lord. And I so bless you in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Garden Park Second Ward

**Garden Park Second Ward
Bishop Floyd Jensen
1990-1996**

Bishop: Floyd Jensen March 18, 1990 to June 2, 1996
First Counselor: Eugene Bridges/Eugene Jones
Second Counselor: Richard Waltman/Eugene Jones/Hal Sharp
Executive Secretary: Doug Naylor/Marlow White/Richard Ensign
Clerks: Rex Sohm/William Dowse
High Priest Group Leader: Tim Lunt/Stephen Harmsen/Vernie Swenson
Elders Quorum President: Richard Ensign/Norman Younker
Relief Society President: Martha Wankier/Diane Etherington
Young Men President: Daniel Bennett/Richard Graham/Craig Galli
Young Women's President: Deborah Clark/Lisa Paulsen
Primary President: Virginia Hollberg/Carol Naylor/Amy Bennett

EVENTS

1991

- The ward promoted an emergency preparedness program, as proposed by the Stake Presidency, in which the members were encouraged to obtain emergency supplies over a 21-week period. Lani Twitchell prepared clever posters advertising each week's items, and members increased their diligence in becoming better prepared for emergencies.

1992

- The ward goals for the year were to read the Book of Mormon, invite one person to hear the missionary discussions, attend the temple at least once a month, and be a disciple of Christ.
- The Relief Society celebrated the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Relief Society with a special program featuring musical selections including a duet by Vernie and Shirley Swenson, a trio by Lois Waltman, Jeni Blackner and Amy Bennett, a vocal ensemble from the Young Women, and a solo by Jamie Wilkins; also a slide show prepared by Lynette Cowley and Utella Strang, a narration by Dayle White and Camille Sharp, and refreshments.

1993

- A wonderful ward conference was held, with Pres. Oscar McConkie III presiding. Music and speakers addressed the theme "For behold it is not meet that I should command in all things."

- Members came away filled with the desire to read the scriptures and magnify their callings.
- Doug Naylor, Assistant Executive Secretary, died in a tragic automobile accident May 17, 1993, leaving a widow, Carol, and six children, the youngest being only a few weeks old. The ward provided significant support to the family during this difficult time.
- The ward implemented a "Section 58 Citation" program to honor the unsung accomplishments of members who were anxiously engaged in a good cause and had done many things of their own free will, as counseled in D&C 58: 27.

1994

- Gilmer Park was placed in the National Register of Historic Places. Feature articles appeared in the March 13 and November 24, 1994 Deseret News. In the latter article, Allan Lund was interviewed, sharing fond memories of this uniquely pleasant neighborhood. The majority of homes in Gilmer Park were constructed between 1921 and 1928. Taylor Wooley, a former apprentice to Frank Lloyd Wright, was the principal designer. Gilmer Park is the site of the city's first golf course, the Salt Lake Country Club, from 1899 to 1907.
- Eugene and Zenna Bridges were called on a mission to North Carolina.

1995

- The Primary participated in decorating birthday cakes to celebrate everyone's birthday.

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- A Young Artists Festival was held to provide opportunity for young persons to showcase their talents.
- The Young Men and Young Women participated in a Pioneer Trek at Hardware Ranch in Northern Utah, where they simulated some of the hardships and fun experienced by the real pioneers.
- The Young Men went backpacking in the Uintahs, among other exhilarating activities
- The Relief Society held a fall social featuring a great dinner, followed by a musical, "In the Secret Garden."
- Silvia Perez, a house guest of the Jarvis family from El Salvador, was baptized July 23.
- The ward made a special effort to assist the Younker family in doing temple work for dozens of ancestors identified by Peggy Corder for them.

1996

- Craig Galli led the young men who earned their Eagle Scout award on a 50-mile backpacking trip in the Beartooth Wilderness in Montana.
- The youth participated in a Book of Mormon reading challenge, to be rewarded by a trip to Lake Powell for those who completed the book.
- Instead of a ward directory, the ward worked with the Gilmer Park Neighborhood Association to publish a neighborhood directory to include both members and non-members within the Gilmer Park neighborhood.

Members celebrated the centennial celebration of Utah statehood.

- The Relief Society held a retreat at the Romney's summer place in Wallsburg, where Margot Butler gave a presentation on Women in the Scriptures.
- Clarence and Ruth Shupe celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary, and were noted in the Church News.

FUNERALS

- Elder Sterling W. Sill, 5/5/1994
- Doug Naylor

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Margot Butler – Church Correlation Committee
- Eugene and Zenna Bridges – Mission to North Carolina

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Bishop Jensen entered at a time of transition to the new budget program, which limited the funds available for activities, and required the wards to turn over any excess funds in their control to the general Church funds. As a result, trips to Lake Powell and other far away venues became less frequent, and ward social activities were scaled back. However, the ward used ingenuity and creativity to adapt to the new program, and continued to hold worthwhile and meaningful activities.

Bishop Jensen recalled the following about his calling as bishop:

Before deciding to buy a home in the Garden Park Second Ward in 1979, we visited a Sacrament meeting to “check out” the ward. From that first experience, we knew we had found a treasure, and everything that has happened since has only confirmed that impression. The one adjective that comes to mind in describing the ward is “excellent,” as it was obvious that the ward members excelled at everything connected with the life of the ward.

In my first interview with Bishop Romney, he predicted that I would one day be the bishop of the ward. I laughed at the joke. Years later, when it happened, I thought that after the succession of bishops who had presided over the ward with such excellence, perhaps the Lord thought the ward needed to experience a little adversity by having to adjust to a less well qualified leader. Fortunately for me and the ward, I would learn that the Lord’s purposes can be accomplished despite the failings and imperfections of those who are called to lead. I came to know that inspiration is available to all, and especially those who carry the mantle of bishop, as time after time impressions came regarding whom to call to serve in various positions, who needed a visit or a word of encouragement, and what programs needed attention and adjustment.

I also came to know that every member, no matter how perfect or imperfect he or she appeared to be (and there are many in the Garden Park Ward who in my eyes are near perfection), carries some burden that needs the balm of Gilead—the atonement of Jesus Christ. This startling revelation made me realize the common condition of mankind, and the need to treat everyone with kindness and compassion. I will ever be grateful for

that and many other lessons I learned while serving as bishop.

Although I loved all the members, I had special affinity for the very old and the very young. I loved visiting Primary and seeing the bright, innocent faces of the children as they relearned Gospel principles that they had mastered in the pre-mortal life. I loved visiting the widows, who bore their loneliness with such grace and patience.

Being a lover of music, I have always been impressed with the music that emanates from the ward—from the magnificent organ, to the choir and strings, to the vocal and instrumental soloists who have so generously shared their talents. I will never forget the goose bumps and lump in my throat whenever I heard Janet Romney sing “O Holy Night.” I have experienced what seems to be a continuing miracle every year as the ward choir struggles to prepare a special Christmas or Easter program, and then it comes together into a thing of beauty and inspiration at the very moment of the performance (but not before).

I love the ward buildings and grounds, and have often visited there to drink in the beauty and serenity of that holy place. But the beautiful building, the majestic cottonwoods, and the rippling stream, lovely as they are, would only be bricks and mortar, wood, and water without the special spirit that has miraculously continued to reside there through the years, even as members come, grow older, and leave. The many Saints who have faithfully served in any position in the Garden Park Wards have hallowed the buildings and grounds and brought the presence of the Lord’s spirit more than anything else could have.

Garden Park Second Ward

**Garden Park Second Ward
Bishop Norm Younker
1996-2000**



Bishop: Norm Younker June 2, 1996 to February 6, 2000
First Counselor: Hal Sharp/Richard Ensign
Second Counselor: Richard Ensign/Martin Newton
Executive Secretary: Val Jensen
Clerks: William Dowse/Doyle Perkins/Richard Davis
High Priest Group Leader: Vernie Swenson/Doyle Perkins
Elders Quorum President: Greg Robison/Alan Jensen
Relief Society President: Faye Walch/Marlene Perkins/Diane Etherington
Young Men President: David Brown/Rick Gaykowski/Mori Paulsen
Young Women's President: Lynette Cowley/Amy Bennett
Primary President: Cindy Hally/ Barbara Lund/Lois Waltman
Activities Chairman: Stephen and Collete Merrill/David Brown/Craig and Diane Etherington
Sunday School President: Alan Lund/David Brown

EVENTS

1996

- Young Men and Young Women Lake Powel trip—4 days and 3 nights of boating, waterskiing, cliff jumping, campfires testimony meeting during a full moon.
- Ward campout at Donut Falls, Little Cottonwood Canyon.

1997

- The Young Men and Young Women summer excursion to Martin Harris's gravesite and pageant in Clarkston, Utah. Overnight camping in Logan Canyon and on the east shore of Bear Lake. Watersports, campfire testimony meeting, great food and high winds.
- The celebration of the Sesquicentennial anniversary of the pioneers entering the Salt Lake Valley.
- The Young Men participated in an activity with the Utah Air National Guard, flying on a refueling tanker as it refueled ten F-16s in mid-air, arranged by Greg and Ann Robison.
- Ward campout on the lake at Smith Morehouse. Marshmallows, campfire, stories and bear sighting.

1998

- The Young Men and Young Women excursion to Flaming Gorge Dam for 3 nights and 4 days of fishing, great food, fireside testimonials and floating the Green River below the dam.

- A committee was formed to explore the possibility of having the Garden Park Ward building and grounds designated as a Historic Landmark, as well as to plan for the upkeep and renovation of the building and grounds, and to provide continuity in maintaining the historical, architectural, and physical integrity of the building and grounds. Much work was done to improve the building and grounds, under the leadership of this committee. Members of both wards worked together.
- Ward campout in the rain at Albion Basin.

1999

- The Young Men and Young Women participated in the Stake Pioneer Trek July 15-17, pulling handcarts in the heat of the day and the darkness of night, pioneering, turkey roast, square dancing, fireside testimonials, work, work, work, and fun, fun, fun.
- The Young Men and Young Women summer excursion to Mount Timpanogos, Deer Creek reservoir and Wallsburg. Hiking, boating and water activities, games and overnight stay at the Romney Barn chasing fireflies.
- The Young Men and Young Women went on a trip to the Salt Lake City Cemetery to look for gravesites for ten of the Church's presidents buried there.
- Scout Court of Honor in which sixteen Eagle Scout badges were awarded. This was the culmination of several years of dedicated work by Dan Bennett, the Scoutmaster, and other leaders in making sure that every young man achieved the Eagle rank.

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2000

- The Garden Park 1st and 2nd Wards were combined in February.

DEATHS

- Ian Cummings
- Gwyneth England
- Jenny Erickson
- William Erickson
- Lucille Hamal
- Zola Hodson
- Josephine Perkins
- Clarence Shupe
- Ruth Shupe
- Stan Sorenson
- Utella Strang
- Rosemary Winters

MISSIONARIES

- Emily Etherington, Uruguay
- Nicholas Etherington, Costa Rica, San Jose
- Robert Gardner, Arcadia, California
- Joshua Holyoak, Bordeaux, France
- Sarah Holyoak, Vercelli, Italy

- Paul Jacobsen
- Lee and Jeanette Jarvis, East Texas and Salt Lake City service mission (family history)
- Tina Jensen, Belim, Brazil
- Burns and Marilyn Lundgren, Salt Lake City Utah Mission (technical support)
- Tim and Shirley Lunt, Mission President in Guatemala
- Jonathan Merrill, Columbia, South Carolina
- Solomon Scheidell, Fort Smith, Arkansas
- Hal and Elaine Sharp, Guatemala
- Samuel Waltman, Argentina
- Carl and Martha Wankier, Los Angeles Temple mission

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Carl Wankier—High Council
- Rick Gaykowski—High Council
- Timothy C. Lunt—High Council
- Floyd A. Jenson—High Council
- D. Kevin Bridges—Secretary, Stake YM Presidency
- Amy R. Bennett—Secretary, Stake

- Carrie W. Gaykowski—Stake President
- Margot J. Butler—Stake Music Committee

PROMINENT SPEAKERS

- Senator Robert F. Bennett
- Senator Jake Garn
- Church Patriarch Emeritus Eldred G. Smith
- President James E. Faust

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

1999 was the last full mature year of the Garden Park Second Ward prior to its consolidation with the Garden Park First Ward. The ward continued the tradition of family history work. Peggy Cordner helped research many ward members’ ancestors, for whom temple work was then performed. The Bishopric made special outreach efforts to the less active, making a point of visiting the home of every member and non-member of the ward.

Bishop Younker recalled his tenure as bishop as follows:

When I think of the time I served in the bishopric of the Garden Park 2nd Ward, I remember Hal Sharp and Richard Ensign whose names as counselors clearly and easily came to me within minutes of my acceptance of the call. I remember Marty Newton who served as a counselor when Hal and Elaine left for a mission in Guatemala. I recall Diane Etherington, Fay Walch and Marlene

Perkins who, as faithful Relief Society presidents, frequently knew more about what was going on in the families of the ward than Priesthood leaders. I enjoyed playing with our marvelous youth and sharing testimonies around the campfires on the shores of Lake Powell, Flaming Gorge dam and Bear Lake. I remember young men and women and elderly couples who looked forward to, accepted and faithfully served full-time missions. I remember visiting in the homes of every elderly couple and sister and every less active member, and feeling Heavenly Father’s love reaching out to them through us. I remember feeling the cleansing power of the atonement working in ward members’ lives as they sat in the Bishop’s office and in our Sacrament meetings. I recall participating in Priesthood blessings, bringing comfort and the hope of eternal life to some who were dying, and healing to others.

More often than not, as I left the bishop’s office late at night, I walked home grateful for the opportunity to live and serve in an historic neighborhood of winding streets and mature trees, through which ran the Red Butte Creek and fresh water springs. I recall the two summers that David Brown and the activities’ committee stocked the pond with freshwater trout, and neighborhood children spent the summer fishing behind the church.

I fondly remember those who had been less active for a season coming back into full activity and receiving the blessings of temple participation. I remember births and deaths, and the ward campouts where we hiked to Donut Falls, canoed on the lake at Smith Morehouse, and got rained out at Albion Basin. I recall being surprised each year at the willing and faithful payment of tithes and offerings. Most of all I recall the almost ever-present assurance of the Spirit that the Garden Park Ward was not mine but His.

GARDEN PARK WARD – COMBINED



**Garden Park Ward
Bishop Timothy C. Lunt
2000-2006**



Bishop: Timothy C. Lunt February 6, 2000 to January 15, 2006
First Counselor: Calvin L. Close/Rick Gaykowski/Craig Galli
Second Counselor: Rick Gaykowski/Craig Galli/David Brown
Executive Secretary: Reed Hull/Paul Sharp/Daniel Bennett/Henning Sorensen
Clerks: Richard Davis/
High Priest Group Leader: Richard Rasmuson/Paul Sharp
Ward Mission Leader: Randy Baker
Elders Quorum President: Alan Jensen/John Pearce/Matthew Lund
Relief Society President: Marlene Perkins/Margot Butler/Lynette Sharp
Young Men President: Mori Paulsen/Spencer Hill/Norman Younker
Young Women's President: Pamela Hull/Lark Galli/Melissa Taylor
Primary President: Wendy Davis/Louise Hill/Jan Wilson
Activities Chairman: Richard & Margaret Ensign/Paul & Lezlie Richardson

EVENTS

2000

- After 33 years of separation, Garden Park I and Garden Park II wards were combined in a joint sacrament meeting in February, bringing new life and interest to both congregations. Almost all living former bishops of both wards were present. Among other benefits, a new ward choir emerged, old and new friends singing together.
- The Young Men and Young Women held a chuck wagon breakfast on July 24 to raise funds for a bike trip to Lake Powell.
- The Primary held a unification activity in which each child was given a half-heart, with an assignment to find the person with the other half. Once the hearts were combined, a program on the whole heart followed.
- Many wedding receptions were held on the ward grounds.
- 16 young men received their Eagle Scout awards in a single Court of Honor. A slide show of highlights of events was presented and a Golden reception with displays of the Scouts' achievements followed the presentation.

2001

- Bishop Lunt and wife Shirley spent significant time in Texas to care for their daughter Jennifer, who was severely injured in a boating accident. Bishop Lunt's counselors, Rick Gaykowski and Calvin Close, filled in admirably during his absences.
- The Relief Society collected and donated about 700 items to the Humanitarian

Center and other agencies, including the Inner-City Mission.

- The Primary participated in the Days of '47 Children's Parade in July. The ward prepared a float with flags from all over the world, and the children dressed in costumes from many countries.
- The Young Women had a two-day Book of Mormon immersion study experience.
- Otto Schloss died at age 89. He cared for the ward for nearly 30 years.
- The Ward Christmas "Feliz Navidad" party featured a Mexican theme, with a Mexican food bar and mariachi band, and the cultural hall was decorated with a piñata and colorful paper flowers and confetti.
- Senior members served in several missions.

2002

- A huge Service Project was organized for the Humanitarian Center. Hundreds of items were collected for newborn babies and children. Hygiene kits were prepared. The whole ward participated.
- Temples were the Primary theme for this year. They visited Temple Square and learned many interesting things that increased their desire to be worthy to go to the Temple someday.
- The Young Men and Young Women went to Star Valley for their summer activity, to help construct cabins for families of Down Syndrome children. Besides service hours, they enjoyed a special testimony meeting under the stars, and

great food. The final day was spent floating the Snake River.

2003

- Senator Bob Bennett spoke at the annual Sunset Service August 10, which was organized by Randy Baker.
- The pond was stocked temporarily with 300 trout for those wishing to try their luck at fishing at the summer picnic, August 29.
- Achievement Day girls delivered 40 stockings to children at the Shriner's Children's Hospital. The stockings were made and filled with goodies by members of the Relief Society.
- Three young women, Sarah Freeman, Ariel Galli, and Ali Close, received their Young Women Recognition awards.
- The ward held a special fast for Spencer Hill, who was battling cancer. The fast ended with a special prayer offered by the Bishop.
- Dan Bennett was released as executive secretary in order to assume responsibility for care of the grounds, to assist Carl Wankier, Bob Evans, and Ted Evans.

2004

- The Young Women collected turkeys and other food items for the Utah Food Bank.
- Two young women, Brooke Bennett and Tess Younker, completed the requirements for and received their Young Woman Recognition Awards.

- Young Men activities included snowshoeing at Porter Fork, hiking Angel's Landing, water-skiing at Deer Creek, flying small airplanes, tour of the Cathedral of the Madeleine, a tour of the University of Utah Anatomy lab, visit to the State Legislature, a visit to small claims court, backpacking in the Granddaddy Lakes, baptisms for the dead, a turkey hunt, Deseret Bakery assignment, a visit with an FBI agent, and a visit to the Black Diamond climbing equipment factory.
- The Primary children participated with the Ward Choir during the Christmas program, singing several Christmas carols in foreign tongues.

2005

- On July 16, the Young Men and Young Women participated with 50,000 other youth in the "Day of Celebration" at the University of Utah's Rice-Eccles Stadium, commemorating the 175th anniversary of the restoration of the Church and the 200th birthday of the Prophet Joseph Smith.
- In July, the Young Women held a 2-day retreat at Bob and Marianne Evans' cabin. They also accepted President Clark Hinckley's challenge to read the Book of Mormon during the year.
- There were two convert baptisms: Ian Luker and Anthony Joseph Sanucci.
- The Activities Committee organized the July 24th Chuck Wagon Breakfast, a bluegrass summer party, quarterly dinner groups in members' homes, and the annual Christmas party.

- The Primary hosted a hike to the top of Ensign Peak, as well as monthly activities to act out scripture stories.
- The Relief Society started a quilting group.

FUNERALS

- Spencer Hill
- Peggy Cordner
- Afton Sue Anderson
- Phillip Rasband
- Lois Olson
- Lucille Cederloff

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Calvin and Dolly Close called to Inner City Mission, 2003
- Greg and Ann Robison were called to be inner-city missionaries. 2004
- Hal and Elaine Sharp returned from Guatemala and called to an Inner-City Mission, 2001
- Craig and Diane Etherington called to Inner City Mission, 2001
- Carl and Martha Wankier served Inner City missions, 2001
- Clark and Gayle Gable served a proselyting mission in California, 2001

- Doyle and Marlene Perkins served in the Church Education System in Salt Lake City, 2001.
- Volunteers serving at the VA Hospital:
- Margot Butler – Temple Square Concert Committee.

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Words from the ward historian, Floyd Jensen:

Timothy C. Lunt was called as bishop of the consolidated ward, with Calvin L. Close as first counselor and Rick Gaykowski as second counselor. Bishop Lunt had recently returned from serving as president of a mission in Guatemala, where ward members Elaine and Hal Sharp had also served. The combined ward experienced a new surge of strength in numbers, with approximately 550 members.

The new challenge of merging the wards, combining auxiliary programs, and integrating members from the two wards, many of whom were strangers to each other, was daunting, but under Bishop Lunt's kind leadership, was accomplished with a minimum of disruption or ill feeling. Members were genuinely excited about the prospect of being in a "full-sized" ward. One example of the reunification effort was when the Primary held an activity in which each child was given a half-heart, with an assignment to find the person with the other half. Once the hearts were combined, a program on the whole heart followed.

Later in 2000, the bishopric received notice that the Church planned to seismically upgrade older buildings along the Wasatch Front, which would include the Garden Park building. The cost of the renovation, estimated at \$2.7 million, was approximately

the same, or perhaps more than, the cost of demolishing the building and building a new one from the ground up. That latter prospect was very concerning to the members, who almost uniformly were in favor of restoration rather than a new building. Fortunately, the decision was ultimately made to restore and upgrade the old building, which was met with relief and joy by the members. During the last two years of the bishopric tenure, much time was spent planning for the seismic and building upgrade of the ward. One of the things we felt strongly about was increasing the size of the Relief Society room as well as making some modifications to the offices. We were happy that these recommendations were implemented.

Inner City Missionaries Respond to their callings:

Each couple who served in such capacities expressed appreciation for the opportunity, and raved about the spiritual growth they experienced from serving in struggling wards and branches.

Being a long-time youth leader, Bishop Lunt made sure that quality youth activities occurred frequently.

Bishop Lunt, who was fond of quoting poetry, especially that of Edgar Guest, to make a point, expressed the following concerning his tenure as bishop:

We sensed a tremendous responsibility in the need to blend the two wards into one harmonious ward knowing that there were tender feelings by many as to how this should happen. As a bishopric we spent many hours pondering and praying asking the Lord to bless us in the reorganization. One of our major objectives was to have a balance of

leadership representing the two Garden Park Wards. We did not rush through this process but took it slow enough to make sure we had the sustaining influence of the Spirit in the decisions made and callings extended. We were pleased with the enthusiastic response of the members.

After the organization was in place, the next major challenge came on August 28, 2000. Jennifer, the daughter of the bishop and his wife, sustained a brain stem injury in Texas. This necessitated them moving to Texas for ten months during 2001 to help attend to her recovery. He spent three weeks in Texas and three weeks in Salt Lake, alternating for ten months helping to care for their daughter and at the same time caring for the needs of the ward. This put a tremendous responsibility on his counselors and they performed admirably in managing the affairs of the ward. The whole ward was united in fasting and prayer for Jenny and the bishop.

Early in 2002 Bishop Lunt and his wife seriously considered going on a full-time mission. The Bishop approached President Clark B. Hinckley and asked for his feelings about the situation. President Hinckley said he thought that would be wonderful once he was released as bishop. A week later President Hinckley told him if he wanted to go on a mission that would be okay.

The Bishop was volunteering in the missionary department when an opening came up to serve. He told them that he and his wife were available. A call was extended to them the following day and they immediately started their mission May 1, 2002. "I thought that I would probably be released, but the Stake President said that we all work 40 hours a week and there was no reason I could not do the same. This was a very busy and enjoyable time with many hours focused on the mission assignment and being bishop of the ward.

“We are proud of the number of youth that have served full time missions. Several of the families served Inner City missions and at least three couples responded to calls to live at home and serve missions in the Salt Lake Mission. Several served in the temple, the Conference Center, the Museum and the Veterans Administration Hospital complex. The latter has been described by a member as unique as is ‘going away’. Individuals there come from a diverse background and suffer an endless variety of physical traumas including war injuries. Many request blessings and express gratitude for visits.

Garden Park Ward is a special ward because of its special people. It was a privilege to be one of its bishops. When those who have left find a reason to return, they will almost always say, “It’s so nice to come home.”

Memories of Randy Baker, Ward Mission Leader:

After the Garden Park Wards were combined, I was call a third time as ward mission leader. I remember how I pondered what I should do and after much prayer was strongly impressed that there were 20 people in our ward that the Lord had prepared for baptism, that we had to have the faith to allow it to happen and that I was to inspire the ward members to increase their faith to find them. Shortly after that we began to have regular baptisms, one every other month or so for a period of almost two years.

One baptism was especially memorable. We were doing some remodeling on our home and we contracted with Dan Bennett, a member of our ward, for the work. One of Dan’s subcontractors for the plumbing was a young man that Dan had interested in the church. During this time I would come home from work and head over to Dan’s house for

the discussions. Many times, I saw and spoke to the plumber during the day and then saw him in the evening again at Dan’s house. After his baptism, when he decided that he needed to attend his home ward, Dan was so kind as a friend to go with him to ensure that he was properly introduced and acclimated to his new ward. I remember even discussing the gospel with him while he was working on our plumbing.

I learned how well the Lord helps us to increase our faith by just doing what he prompts us to without doubting.

Other baptisms that took place were those of Kit Osborn who later served a mission in Malaysia even though his parents were not members. Another was Sara Schooley who came from a home of an inactive mother and a nonmember father. The Primary President, Michele Jones, kept bringing Sara to church with her. She was baptized as a 10-year-old Primary girl. Both sets of grandparents were thrilled.

Memory of Margot Butler, Relief Society President:

The Relief Society had a summer luncheon and following the Primary children’s good example of having their picture taken with the Bishop and Stake President, the Relief Society sisters did the same thing-- had photos taken with their Bishop and Stake President.

Reactivation Story of Doug Bunker

Following a divorce from a woman who was hostile to the church and religion in general, Doug attempted to pray for the first time in 16 years. He thought of himself as an Agnostic, saying in his prayer, “I don’t know if you are

out there, but if you are, I could use your help.” He met his second wife Cindy through mutual friends and again prayed that he wouldn’t make the wrong choice in whom to marry. A few months after his marriage, he learned that his best friend had died in his sleep in Chicago. He was a heavy drinker and used drugs recreationally, something Doug had done with him for years. Doug felt grief beyond anything he had felt before. About this time his work situation was changing to the point that he knew he would not be happy there anymore and needed to find a new job. Again he was praying more often and more earnestly. He even had a disturbing emotional experience where he sobbed uncontrollably. He was realizing what separation from his Heavenly Father actually meant to his stability. He met weekly with a therapist who he assumed was an atheist, but when he sheepishly told the therapist about praying and having a strong feeling as a result, the therapist replied, “Doug, that was the Spirit telling you it was the right thing.” These familiar religious terms coming from this mentor caused Doug to ask why he had said that to him. The therapist told of his own conversion story.

About this time his home teachers came by. Previously he had not allowed them in to his home, but this time he invited them in and told them he was considering coming back to church. They offered to give him a ride or meet him at church and sit by him which they did. He was greeted by Spencer Hill who had amazing warmth and genuine interest in Doug which made him feel welcome and comfortable. Doug scheduled a meeting with Bishop Lunt who shepherded him through the repentance process. Doug felt that the bishop embodied the love and mercy of the Savior. Bishop Lunt regularly gave him priesthood blessings which aided in his recovery from inactivity. At every step of the process, he felt love and support, from the bishop’s counselors many friendly neighbors who invited them to dinner, and his wife, as well. The combination of prayer, life changing events, warm and friendly neighbors, attentive home teachers, loving leaders, and continued fellowship brought Doug back into the fold where he could strengthen his testimony and become

**Garden Park Ward
Bishop Calvin Close
2006-2011**



Bishop: Calvin Close January 15, 2006 to August 28, 2011

First Counselor: Doran Taylor/Kent Orton

Second Counselor: Mori Paulsen/Chris Furstenau

Executive Secretary: Paul Werner

Clerks: Robert Jones, Bruce Woolstenhulme

High Priest Group Leader: Rick Gaykowski, Rob Jones

Ward Mission Leader: Chris Spear

Sunday School President: Craig Galli, Steve Hailes

Elders Quorum President: Matthew Lund, Jess Anderson, Marty Patch

Relief Society President: Lynette Sharp/Ann Robison

Young Men President: Paul Richardson/Peter Harrison, Paul Werner

Young Women's President: Cathryn Graham/ Kristine Orton

Primary President: Michelle Jones, Bonnie Wilson/Susan Spear

Activities chairman: Norm and Katherine Younker

EVENTS

2006

- Construction work began in July to remodel and seismically upgrade the ward building. The building was essentially gutted, leaving only the shell remaining. However, the building was being restored to its original state. In the meantime, meetings were held in the Bonneville Stake Center, which became the ward's temporary home.
- Missionary work resulted in a convert baptism of Kit Osborn, on July 29. Block parties were organized in several areas of the ward.
- Spencer Hill, a popular and effective youth leader, succumbed to cancer. His passing was a great loss to the ward.
- Relief Society Enrichment Night began to be held quarterly rather than monthly.
- Several (16) young men earned their Duty to God and/or Eagle Scout awards.

2007

- In December, after completion of the remodeling and seismic upgrade of the ward building, the members were allowed to resume meetings there. The remodeling work, under the direction of Doran Taylor, was beautiful. Changes included expanding the Relief Society room, installing an elevator to the second floor, and the cleaning, reframing and re-hanging of the three Minerva Teichert paintings. Also, the gazebo across the pond was restored to its original state, and new landscaping and a sprinkling system were installed.

- President Monson spoke at the funeral service for Marva Fitts, as he was her bishop for many years.
- Elder Russell M. Nelson spoke at the funeral service for Marion Hale, he being a close family friend.
- The young men completed a 50-mile hike in the High Uinta Mountains, accompanied by Bishop Close, Dan Bennett, Paul Richardson, Floyd Jensen, and Kent Orton.
- Christopher Kit Osborn, a convert, made the decision to serve a mission.
- R.S. Birthday – “Celebrating Us” – interviewing sister and presenting their story at the party made for a very interesting evening. Also held a yard sale for the benefit of women in Ethiopia. Focused on preparedness and food storage. Small groups functioning were the quilters, walkers, genealogists. Focused also on YW transitioning into R.S.
- The Elder's Quorum added new members; gave blessings nightly at the VA Hospital; set up and took down chairs at BBQ and at funerals; gave blood enough to win stake blood drive; fulfilled assignments at bakery and Bishop's Store House; moved furnishings, etc. back to Ward building at completion of renovation
- YW involved in basketball, sledding, rock climbing with YM, supported members involved in East High Dance Company, held canyon BBQ with some refugees, Road Rally with YM, gathered stockings to give to people outside the homeless shelter.

Garden Park Ward – Combined

- YM held overnight sledding trip to Younker's cabin, did some rock climbing, racquetball, golf; scouts had several overnight campouts in preparation for a "50 Miler"; 50 Miler took place up rock Creek Trail east of Heber in the Uintah's over 5 days.
 - Primary theme was "I'll Follow Him in Faith." Quarterly activities included a breakfast with strawberry waffles and pin the T on the CTR emblem, visited the Church History Museum, sang for Mother's and Father's Days. The Cub Scouts attended Camp Tracy, sang at a nursing home, visited a corn maze, and decorated cakes to look like trains. The Primary children put on a program about the Savior's birth at the ward Christmas program.
 - Tim and Shirley Lunt moved from the ward after 47 years as ward members. They are sorely missed.
- Newly made bronze plaques were placed on the south gates near the Harvard wall entrance to the grounds, outlining the history of the grounds and building.
 - The High Priests held two socials, one in the summer and one at New Year's Eve.
 - The theme for the R.S. Birthday Party was "My sister's Hands." With a slideshow presentation of women's hands in service.
 - "40 Days Closer to Christ" was an invitation by the R.S. to read the Book of Mormon in 40 day they also had a Spring Social where they got acquainted and created homemade cards. The new young R.S. members were spotlighted.
 - At the R.S. Christmas Open House, hats, gloves, and socks were collected to deliver to The Road Home shelter
 - The Elder's Quorum sponsored a Couples Night, gave blessings at the VA Hospital, rotated locking and unlocking the ward building, attended the ward temple night.

2008

- On January 20, 2008, the newly remodeled Garden Park Ward building was rededicated by President Gordon B. Hinckley in his last public appearance before his death six days later. The building was filled to overflowing by members and former members of the ward. Other general authorities in attendance were Elders Dallin H. Oaks, Joseph B. Wirthlin, and Russell M. Nelson. The ward choir performed "Bless This House" and, together with a special children's choir, "We Ever Pray for Thee." The dedicatory prayer is quoted on the following page.
- The ward instituted a new website to help coordinate activities on the grounds.
- The YW/YM made cookies for the elderly, performed baptisms for the dead, enjoyed a career night, had a cooking lesson, tie-dyed shirts for camp, enjoyed a boating outing, organized a Trunk or Treat for the Primary, performed for the ward party and participated in the ward choir, helping with the bells.
- The Personal Progress Recognition awards were given to Emma, Misha, and Ali Davis.
- The Primary theme was "I Am a Child of God." Each week a child was spotlighted. Their photos were added to the "Garden Park Primary Family Album", also to the family tree and on the wall. One of the

quarterly activities was filling baskets with cookies, a card, and crafts to be delivered to sisters in the ward. The Primary Sacrament meeting presentation had Stephen Bergen singing a solo.

- On December 16, 2008, Sister Alice T. Evans, widow of Elder Richard L. Evans, a member of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, passed away.
- Eagle Scout Awards: Ben Younker, Sam Close, Ryan Jones, Scott Paulsen

2009

- Elder's Quorum members enjoyed a Game Night at Doran and Missy Taylor's home fellowshipping new and existing elders; fulfilled assignments for ward lock-up, blessings at the VA Hospital, and setting up for funerals
- High Priests held two socials, at New Year's and in the summer, helping to grow closer as priesthood holders.
- Primary theme was "My Eternal Family." Guest families were invited throughout the year to present a sharing time lesson; Activities included decorating Valentine's cookies to be given to members of the ward, games in the gym, party at Sunnyside Park, a Trunk or Treat organized by the YW.
- The RS heard Sheri Dew at a tri-stake activity, invited Linda Newell to speak about Emma Smith for the Birthday celebration, made surgical dolls for children to be operated on, invited Leisa Card to speak about her book on food storage, had Margot Butler teach a series on Women of the Scriptures, and enjoyed a Christmas Party at Ann Robison's home

where a video on the life of Christ was shown.

- Lloyd Tabing, a close friend of Bengt Erlandsson was baptized in April. His conversion occurred after the ward began a Sunday School class focusing on Preach My Gospel. The ward organized a "40 Day Fast." His story is listed under Testimonies/Memories.
- Duty to God Award given to Sam Close and Scott Paulsen
- Eagle Scout Awards earned by Ben Spear, Grayden Gaykowski, Luke Hansen, Justin Evans
- YM Campouts in Goblin Valley, Green River, City of Rocks, Cutthroat Lake, Kamas Lake, a 50 mile bike ride to a camp site at Haystack Lake, trips to the Sand Dunes, and to cabins.
- YW held a New Beginnings combined with YW in Excellence where girls showcased their accomplishments in Personal Progress; made bread one week and jam, the next; heard the Sister Missionaries at a YM-YW fireside; the Beehives put on a fashion show; enjoyed a BBQ with the YM-YW; took a trip to St. George to do baptisms for the dead; more baptisms in SL Temple; made headbands.
- Activations of two couples and a single adult.
- Eagle Scout Award: Grayden Gaykowski, Ben Spear, Justin Evans, Luke Hansen

2010

- New move-ins bolster numbers, bring more children to the Primary

Garden Park Ward – Combined

- The first annual Art in the Garden exhibit was held on ward grounds and throughout the building
- New nativity scene purchased for Gazebo on display in Dec.
- Elders, High Priests, YM made flagstone patio at east end of pond and added wrought iron railings between columns.
- Grayden Gaykowski called to serve in Manchester, New Hampshire Mission; two others currently serving (Samuel Close, Ryan Jones) and one returned (Christopher Kit Osborn)
- Goals for 2010: (1) Increase sacrament meeting attendance to 250; (2) 5 less-active members reactivated; (3) 3 investigators with a baptismal date
- R.S. had the following activities:
 - (1) Margot Butler held class twice a month for 6 months on Women in the Scriptures;
 - (2) Laura Brown, marriage and family therapist, spoke on Strengthening Marriages;
 - (3) Joined Bonneville Ward to hear Janet Gleave and Carol McConkie;
 - (4) Pioneer Reflections activity with Oletta Cummings telling what pioneers did for fun and 4 sisters recalling their ancestor;
 - (5) Sisters throughout the stake taught and learned how to make bread;
 - (6) Holiday candy making night with demonstrations and exchange of candy and recipes;
 - (7) Christmas Party of soup and salad and bringing gifts to donate to homeless shelters.
- The YW held a fireside entitled: Brand New Year! They were the Regional Champions in Basketball; organized a shower for one of their leaders, Jennifer Paul, took part in morning baptisms for the dead, camped out with one night of a rain and storm.
- The Personal Progress Recognition Awards went to Madison Close, Eden Rabdau, Jane Etherington, and Lizzy Davis.
- All the youth traveled to Bear Lake for waterskiing, boating. They told ghost stories, performed baptisms for the dead at the Logan Temple and had a fireside.
- YM in addition to landscaping grounds, taught reel-casting, moved members into and out of ward; volunteered at Deseret Bakery; cleaned the Carriage House with the Elder's quorum
- Eagle Projects:
 - Elliot Lund- made benches for the Primary nursery
 - Chester Hansen- landscaping improvements at Bonneville Glen
 - Max Boyden and Carson Zuro made planter boxes for Somali refugees in the inner city
 - Jake Orton – improved the trail at the Bonneville Glen
 - David Thorpe- planted trees along the Jordon Parkway
 - Pres. Werner challenged the Aaronic Priesthood to share their testimonies as part of testimony meeting and promised that he would share his testimony any time a young man bore his. He bore is testimony 9 times during the year!

- Randy Baker taught a 10-week temple preparation class during the Sunday School hour.

2011

- Noah Close reported that the Senior Patrol went to Floyd Jensen's yurt in Lamb's Canyon, hiking in 5 miles and worked on the Collections Merit Badge; went to the Sand Dunes and worked on the Wilderness Survival badge; in Dec. went to Norm Younkens cabin in Millcreek Canyon and Nyall London taught the Nuclear Science Merit Badge. In Jan. rented a yurt in the High Uinta Mts. And snow shoed more than a mile to get to it.; went night skiing at the Brighton Ski Resort, got snowed in at Alan Flandro's cabin for 2 days.
- Kaleb Ulibarri reported the scouts went to Antelope Island to work on the canoeing merit badge; found Paul's Lake in the Uinta's; ferried across Jenny Lake and hiked to Hidden Falls, spent the night in Colter Bay.

FUNERALS

- Marva Fitts, 2007
- Marion Hale, 2007
- Hyrum Dalglish, 2007
- Ed Mansuy, 2008
- Alice T. Evans, 12/08
- Allen Lund,
- Gene Bowers

- Mae Lunt Nelson
- Maurine Merrill Beckstead Hansen

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE OF WARD

- Graham Richards – Student ward bishopric- University 7th Ward
- Craig Etherington - Student ward Bishopric –University 7th Ward
- Micah and Rachel Fleming- SL Inner City Missionaries
- Robert and Marva Fitts – volunteers at VA Hospital
- Lynn and Catherine Jones- VA Hospital
- Allen and Lou Lund – VA Hospital
- Ross and Caroline Sherman – VA Hospital
- Doug and Cindy Bunker, VA Hospital
- Floyd and Tammy Jensen – VA Hospital
- Ron and Mary Hale – Inner City Mission

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Memory of Marian Hale, Historian:

Timothy and Shirley Lunt have recently from the ward. They moved into the Garden Park Ward in 1960 as newlyweds. Both served in numerous capacities throughout the years, she in the Primary and YW and RS and as ward librarian for 8 years; also assisting her husband as a Mission President; he as Dance director in mutual, Elder's quorum

presidencies, coaching YM basketball, softball and volleyball, Young Men's Presidencies, Counselor in two bishoprics, Scout Master, Deacon's quorum advisor, Mission President in Guatemala City, and then as Bishop and Counselor in the Stake YM Presidency. Tim had a unique memory that he developed over the years by reciting many different famous quotes and stories. Whenever a child graduated from Primary and recited an Article of Faith, he, himself would recite one the graduate chose for him. They were great examples to the ward who love them dearly.

Memories of Bishop Close:

As a young boy I had the opportunity of visiting my grandparents in Salt Lake City on several occasions. They lived at 1168 Laird Avenue. One Christmas holiday, our family, along with my grandparents, Dermot and Helen Close, drove up Harvard Avenue where we saw a long, tall brick wall. Years later when my wife and I bought our first home on Harvard across the street from that same brick wall, that boyhood memory came back to me. That long, tall wall was the exterior grounds wall of the Garden Park ward. I have always had a love for the Garden Park ward grounds. That love probably stems from my early childhood visits to my grandparent's home on Laird Avenue. I have thought on many occasions since then what were the odds of me returning to that same neighborhood with my family to live and being called as the Bishop of the Garden Park Ward!

The most memorable times while I was the bishop of the Garden Park ward were when I had the opportunity of laying my hands on a member's head to give blessings or set them apart to various callings. On those occasions I felt the spirit so strongly. Words that were not mine flowed as I pronounced wonderful

blessings from the Lord. Often, it was difficult to hold back my emotions, as tears filled my eyes. I was always amazed at the wonderful blessings our Heavenly Father had for members of our ward.

As many bishops know, tithing settlement is a special time to sit in council with entire families, sharing thoughts and teaching the purpose of the law of tithing. I was always humbled by the courage it took for a member to declare that he or she was not a full Tithe payer. It would have been much easier to just not show up, as many non-tithe payers do. However, these members wanted to be honest with the Lord.

I very much enjoyed the opportunity our Young Women had in singing at the General Young Women's Conference in 2011. What a great experience that was to be in attendance each night at the rehearsals and feel of the spirit of those beautiful young women as they prepared in song for the General Young Women's Conference.

As I recall, the choir director had taught music at BYU Hawaii and shared some Hawaiian music with the Young Women one evening. Having served as a missionary in Hawaii many years ago, this brought back not only a flood of memories, but some unexpected tears and a powerful witness of the spirit.

It was also wonderful to see the Young men in our ward accept the call to serve the Lord for 2 years on full time missions or see so many of them receive their Eagle scouting awards.

Perhaps my most cherished memory as a bishop was during the Sacrament each Sunday. When I was first called as bishop, former bishop Norm Younker shared with me his feeling concerning the Sacrament and the

cleansing power of the atonement. He told me that I would soon have a special experience during the Sacrament as I felt that cleansing power. That exact experience happened several times as the congregation sang the Sacrament hymn and as the Sacrament prayer was offered. I wish I could put into words the special feeling that came over me during those times. Often it was difficult to hold back the tears, as I felt that my Heavenly Father had forgiven me for past mistakes.

I will always be grateful to have participated as the bishop during the re-dedication of the Garden Park ward when President Gordon B. Hinckley gave the dedicatory prayer. It was his last official assignment before he passed away.

YM President Paul Richardson recalled:

In 2007, the scouts had a sledding trip to the Younker's cabin. The mile long snow packed steep road made for a scary ride to the bottom on sleds and saucers. Our scoutmaster, Dan Bennett is a crazy man!

In the Spring they had several overnight camps trying to get ready for the "Fifty Miler" which came at the end of June. What an experience it was for all of our boys and the leaders! The Fifty Miler took place at Rock Creek Trail east Heber in the Uintah's which included five eventful days and a bear sighting. It was a trip none of us will forget. The testimonies of our YM became stronger. This year will be remembered for all the great adventures- camping, rock climbing, racquetball, golf, and most importantly spiritual growth.

Conversion Story of Lloyd Tabing: Lloyd was raised in Wichita, Kansas, brought up in a great home with loving parents. However, the family never attended any church on a

regular basis. His parents nevertheless instilled in his brother and him wholesome values of love, respect, honoring parents, truth and hard work. While attending college at Wichita State, he found he had a natural ability for bike racing. He juggled bike racing and school for a while, but eventually was selected to race on national teams and finally turned professional. After a few years, due to a sponsor dropping its commitment, he was out of work. He began a high-end bike shop which became very successful. His girlfriend was going to Salt Lake City for a residency, so he decided to join her there. He attended the University of Utah where he received a BS and a Master's degree and finally joined a consulting firm as an Environmental Planner. Outside he was successful, but inside personally he struggled with bouts of depression. He knew there was something more to life. Then the death of his grandmother and later, his grandfather were devastating to him. His personal relationships fell apart. He felt like he was in a downward spiral. But he kept riding his bike and swimming. After one of his swimming workouts, he met and talked with Bengt Erlandsson who had been swimming in the adjoining lane. When Bengt asked if he was all right, he honestly answered, "No, not really." The two men began talking and became friends. Finally, Bengt asked Lloyd if he had a Book of Mormon. Lloyd admitted that he had one, but it was sitting on a shelf, very dusty. Bengt asked if Lloyd would read 3Nephi to help him deal with some of his issues. So that began Lloyd's interest in the Book of Mormon. He read it all in a short time and over a couple of months, read it two more times. This book helped Lloyd to make sense of religion. As he stated: "It provided me purpose and clarity of life; it provided me this direction and grounding that I had not previously had in my life; but most importantly it provided me the path to happiness that I previously had not been able

to find.” Lloyd attended church with Bengtand his children and began realizing how prayers are answered. He was baptized and even though some of his former friends were frustrated with his decision, he no longer felt alone. He said: “I no longer feel alone, I have direction and I have an understanding of what I am doing on this earth. I no longer feel as if someone is out to get me when something goes wrong. Instead, I have realized that mortality is a period of testing, a time to prove ourselves worthy to return to the presence of our Heavenly Father. I realized now that ...I will face challenges and difficulties. I will no longer view my personal misfortunes through pessimism; nor will I feel abandoned, heartbroken and alone...I have faith and trust in my Heavenly Father. He has proven to me that he will lift me and guide me. I’d like to bear my testimony that I know that this church is true. I know deep in my heart that my new life is fulfilling; its fulfilling because I now have Jesus Christ in my life; I have direction and I have faith.”

Report of the Ward Mission Leader, Chris Spear:

Ben Emery and Chris Spear held meetings with Ward High Priest Group and Elders Quorum leadership to identify specific individuals who could be worked with for reactivation, priesthood advancement, etc. There were two adult Sunday School classes in the ward. One was following the Sunday School curriculum while the other concentrated on Preach My Gospel, used by the full-time missionaries. The Preach My Gospel class took half of the ward adults, reviewing all the lessons taught to new members and helping them to see how they could share the principles with friends and family. The second half of the adults who had been in the regular curriculum class then switched to the Preach My Gospel lessons and

the class was taught again. The bishop called several recently returned missionaries to teach that class. Another ward missionary, Pete Bennett was called and the mission leaders went out on several evenings visiting the homes of less active members whom they invited to church and ward activities. A Forty Day Fast was held by the ward focusing on finding missionary opportunities. Families signed up to fast one day of the 40-day period. Ward members were asked to keep the fast in mind and pray for the family representing them in the fast. It was an uplifting experience to focus this way. Shortly after this 40 Day period, Lloyd Tabing was baptized. Subsequently, Lloyd was ordained a priest, received all the new member lessons, blessed the sacrament, spoke in church, participated in baptisms for the dead, and received the Melchizedek priesthood in the fall of 2009. A few months after the Preach My Gospel classes concluded, a class was started using LeGrand Richards book, *Marvelous Work and a Wonder*, which is a step-by-step account of the restoration of the gospel in this dispensation. A few less-active members became regular participants.

**Garden Park Ward
Bishop Craig Galli
2011 -2013**



Bishop: Craig Galli, Installed: August 2011: Released: July 2013
First Counselor: Rob Jones
Second Counselor: Ben Emery
Executive Secretary: Jess Anderson
Ward Clerks: Doug Bunker, Bruce Woolstenhulme
High Priest Group Leader: Chris Spear
Seventy Group Leader: John Sproul
Elder's Quorum President: Marty Patch, Patrick Donohoe
Sunday School President: Steve Halles
Relief Society President: Melissa Taylor
Primary President: Mary Hale, Carrie Gaykowski
YM President: Paul Werner
YW President: Lezlie Richardson, Tia Harrison
Activity Chairman: Norm Younkens

EVENTS

2011

- Ice Cream Socials in the Bishop’s back yard
- Multiple Bishop’s Youth Firesides
- Art in the Park
- Temple Preparation Class with Lark
- Ward Fellowshiping Dinners
- Manti Temple Excursions
- Christmas in Bethlehem Party
- Youth Hike to Ensign Peak
- Trip to St. George with the YM
- YM Backpacking Trip to Canyonlands NP
- YM Bike Trip to Bryce Canyon NP
- YM Ski Trip to Brighton
- YMYW Provo River Float Trip
- YW Camp – beading the Bishop’s hair to match his daughter’s
- Halloween Party in the Carriage House
- Monthly Youth Baptisms for the Dead

2012

- Ice Cream Social in the Bishop’s back yard

- Multiple Bishop’s Youth Firesides
- Cars in the Park
- YM Ski Trip to Brighton
- Ward Fellowshiping Dinner
- YW Backpacking Trip in Bryce Canyon
- Monthly youth baptisms for the dead
- YM Narrows Hike Zion NP
- Young Men’s Campout at the Bishop’s cabin in the Uintahs
- YM Quidditch tournament
- YW Backpacking Trip to Bryce Canyon
- Halloween Party in the Carriage House
- YM trip to Bishop’s home in St. George
- YM Backpacking Trip to Trial Lake
- Monthly youth baptisms for the Dead

2013

- Ward Priesthood Campout at the Sand Dunes
- Ice Cream Socials in Bishop’s back Yard
- Multiple Youth Firesides
- Monthly Youth Baptisms for the Dead

FUNERALS

- Robert C. Evans, tended the ward and gardens for years, on 6 December 2011

- Robert Fleming, father of Micah Fleming, 25 May 2012
- Marjorie Glade Dalglish, dedicated, dependable violinist in all musical events, 3 May 2013
- Genial Bardsley Robbins, secretary to Elder Richard L. Evans, devoted mother, 21 May 2013

NOTABLES

- Kent Orton Family participated as cast members in the Nauvoo Pageant.
- Andy Jacobsen’s wedding in Yellowstone
- Chester Hansen – won national graphics art prize

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Stake High Counselors: Randy Baker, Paul Richardson, Mori Paulsen
- Dolly Close – Stake YW President
- Richard Patch – Assistant Stake Clerk
- Doran Taylor – Stake Sunday School First counselor
- Susie Hindley – Stake Relief Society Secretary
- Jessica Patch – Stake YW Secretary
- Norman Younker – Stake Missionary Preparation
- Bonnie Wilson – Stake Primary President

- Brigitte Emery – Stake Primary Secretary
- Bruce Woolstenhulme - Assistant Stake Clerk

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Bishop Galli- Putting Faith to the Test:

The first General Conference (October 2011) after being called as bishop captured my attention as no other conference. I felt like a deer in the headlights and sought any spiritual clue or tip to better perform my calling. President Monson’s talk, “Stand in Holy Places” hit me hard. He told the following story. Years ago President Monson called on a brother to speak at the Frankfurt Temple rededication who was not present in the temple. Elder Carlos Asay who accompanied him was apoplectic, but Elder Monson had complete certainty that the Lord wanted this brother to speak. Brother Peter Mourik walked into the temple chapel as his name was called to speak because the spirit had instructed him to quickly get to the temple for a reason he knew not. President Monson indicated he had complete faith that this brother would appear. I left feeling somewhat dejected because I knew I had not experienced such faith and direct revelation. How could I function as bishop and know the Lord’s will? I decided to reread President Monson’s talk and put it to the test. I would pray to know who the Lord wanted me to help especially if there was some urgency. (I googled the talk and found a blog with the clever depiction of President Monson as the revolutionary Che Guevara with the caption “Viva la Revelacion.” That was the image I needed to inspire me and I printed it). The next morning, I prayed: “Lord, if there is someone who needs my help, who is it?” Nothing, the heavens seemed closed. That night before bed I prayed; again nothing. At the crazy hour of 3:00 a.m., I awoke with a

rare touch of insomnia. I went to the den and read the NY Times regarding the upcoming election. Of course, this did not calm me. No matter what I read or did, sleep was not to come. I had a big day ahead and thought this was not good. I then decided to pray again to know who needed help and “bing,” a name came immediately to mind. I prayed for a confirmation and “bing” again. I was so excited and did not want to forget the name in case I suddenly fell asleep. So, I emailed myself the name to myself. I immediately fell asleep. When I awoke, the name was still fresh on my mind and I did not need the email reminder. I waited until about 8:15 a.m. and called. I left a message to call me as soon as possible, leaving all my phone numbers. No calls. By the time of bishopric meeting at 7:30 p.m., still no call. After bishopric meeting I decided not to give up on my experiment but to go to the person’s house. I did and found nobody home. I left my business card and a note to call me. By 10:00 p.m. I concluded the experiment had failed. I was eating birthday cake with Micah after Aaron was put to bed and my cell phone rang. I had difficulty explaining why I called and left my card, but eventually the person relented for me to come at the late hour. At first reluctant to let me in, the person later indicated that prayers had been offered the night before because all seemed hopeless. I did not arrive home until almost 1:00 a.m. – not a practice I normally followed. But the experiment worked – I will never forget Viva La Revelacion! Thereafter I felt more confidence to act on promptings of the Spirit.

Bishop Galli recalls Working with Less Actives:

Time and again I learned the Lord does not give up on us even though we may be tempted to give up on each other. There is no vice or addiction outside the Savior’s reach. I recall

after visiting three or four times with a person and not seeing any progress, I concluded that I needed to focus my time elsewhere and decided that I would not try to reschedule. The person walked me out to my car. As I attempted to close the car door after saying goodbye, the person grabbed the door, preventing it from shutting. I looked at the person in puzzlement. The person then whispered, “Don’t give up on me.” I repented of my earlier decision and was thrilled to see the person eventually go through the temple.

Ward Service Project: We had a very unusual ward service project for a family who previously had lived in the ward but had not for many years. Financially strapped and suffering from a hoarding problem, there appeared no way out. With lots of prayer and counseling, we were able to mobilize the ward resources to remove to the DI or the dump years and years of accumulated stuff in the family home and several storage units, and to prepare the family home for sale. We hauled three 28-foot Ryder truck loads to the dump and two loads to the DI. We then engaged a real estate appraiser to appraise the house. We helped them put it on the market and it sold. From the proceeds, they were able to buy a home they could afford with a nice yard for their child. It was gratifying to see the ward rally behind this good family who just needed the collective help of the ward family who rendered assistance without a word of judgment or criticism.

Bishop Galli’s Thoughts on Working with the Youth:

Most of the talks I gave were on repentance or at least I circled back to that topic. After one such talk, one of the youth approached me after Sacrament meeting, red in the face and breathless, explaining that we needed to talk immediately. We made our way back to

the office. My young friend was so agitated, I thought the person might pass out prior to confessing some heinous crime. The person blurted out that there had been a viewing of pornography several months ago at a friend's house and it was tearing the person up inside. I quizzed the person on the frequency and nature. The person indicated that it was the first and only time. I then wished that each of us could respond with such determination to the Spirit prompting us to confess and repent as this young person did. I have had more good heartfelt visits and confessionals with the youth over smash burgers or at Hires than in the bishop's office. I have particularly enjoyed counseling young men and young women planning to serve missions. Seeing their faith and sacrifice has been remarkable and inspiring.

Bishop Galli's Thoughts on His Short Term as Bishop:

A normal and sane person would not lobby to be called as bishop and one never knows how long one will serve if the call comes. After being called as bishop in August 2011, I felt a certain urgency about the work. I assumed at the time that this was merely part of the "mantle" and perhaps it was. But I cannot help but wonder if a seed had been planted somewhere in my heart that this would be a short calling – not the normal 5+ years that bishops normally serve in our area. I worked hard and have no regrets about the amount of time I spent bishoping. It was more difficult for me to leave the calling of bishop than it was leaving my law firm and my teaching assignment at BYU, to serve in Argentina as Area Legal Counsel for three years. Serving as Bishop was a short but sweet time which I will never forget.

**Garden Park Ward
Bishop Doran Taylor
2013-Present**



Bishop: Doran Taylor, sustained July 2013
First Counselor: Paul Werner
Second Counselor: Marty Patch
Executive Secretary: Jess Anderson/Emilio Nicoli
Ward Clerk: Douglas Bunker
Assistant Clerks: Brad Carter; John Jensen
HP Group Leader: Chris Spear/Bruce Woolstenhulme
Elders Quorum President: Patrick Donohoe
S.S. President: Norm Younker/Lloyd Tabing/Jean Paul Brummer
Relief Society President: Lisa Paulsen
Primary President: Carrie Gaykowski
Young Men President: Benjamin Emery
Young Women President: Tia Harrison/ Emily Burnett

EVENTS

2013

- There was a temple prep trip to the Manti, Utah Temple. This was great experience by several ward members who had been studying together and preparing to go/return to the temple.
- The Cub Scouts held a Pinewood Derby at the Stake Center on April 20th. The Garden Park Ward combined with the Yale Ward for this event.
- A ward tradition, Trunk or Treat, was sponsored by the Young Women's organization and provided treats and games for the children of the neighborhood.
- The ward Christmas party was held on December 17th. The party, organized by Rob and Michelle Jones, had a pioneer theme. There was dinner and square dancing, and a good time was had by all!
- Several members were reactivated in 2013. Under the care and friendship of High Priest Group leader Chris Spear, Clyde White returned to activity. Lani Twitchell also was welcomed back.
- Several ward families had temple ordinances performed during the year. Adam and Nicole Paul and their child were sealed in the temple. Clyde and Dayle White were also sealed in the temple.
- Bishop Taylor announced that we would celebrate the 75th anniversary of the building of the ward. Members were encouraged to become friends with their neighbors and invite them over and have street parties; all were asked to participate

in 75 acts of service; 75,000 indexed names; and all auxiliaries to work on special service projects. When the announcement was made, there were four people in the congregation who were also present at the dedicatory service in 1939 — Ted Evans, Wayne Evans, Oletta Wald Cummings and Elaine Johnson Sharp, all who have grown up in the ward. All have lived for a short time elsewhere, but all have returned with their families to the ward.

2014

- The theme of the ward mission plan for 2014 was developing a ward that The Lord can trust.
- The 75th Year Anniversary of the Garden Park Ward was celebrated throughout the year. A committee was called to plan the year with separate committees called for each event. This was headed by Margot Butler. Randy and Ronalee Baker made gardenparkward.org available and the program from the 1939 dedication was put on, along with the David W. Evans memories of the first bishopric's activities; the 25th anniversary booklet, and the 50th. Other committee members: Laura Bergen, Scott Daniels, Brigitte Emery, Bengt Erlandsson, Craig Etherington, Bel Kerig, and Jared Schultz.
- A tree planting ceremony, held on April 5, celebrated the actual dedication 75 years ago. A Burr Oak was arranged for by Rick Graham and was planted between the Yale fence and the Carriage House. Scott Daniels arranged for a plaque for the tree, and a small circular marker in the path by the South entrance to the building. James Barclay caught everyone's attention by playing the bagpipes in a stirring introduction. Several former bishops and stake presidents were in

attendance, including President Clark Hinckley who gave an address commemorating the rededication after the restoration of the ward building by his father, President Gordon B. Hinckley, who felt that as the original dedication was by one president of the Church, that the rededication should be by another. Calvin and Dolly Close hosted the event.

- To be sure of good weather the actual birthday celebration was held on June 21 on a beautiful, sunny, sky-blue day. Amy and Dan Bennett led the activity preparation assisted by the Richardsons, the Younkers and Missy Taylor. Children slid down a huge plastic castle as tall as the ward. Members and former residents put their names on their houses on a large map of the ward. Kelly Jarvis and Jan Cockayne Booth tried to contact everyone who had ever lived in the ward. Kelly also brought the band he played in in Heber City band; Misha Younker Farnsworth played her harp with students from the ward while members ate their burgers and hotdogs. Emery Nelson as the oldest member of the ward told of his memories and other joined in. Elder Russell M. Nelson dropped in to see the ward and say hello to all. It was noted during the program that at the 50th anniversary, Ted Evans had announced he would be here for the 75th. We're sure he was even though he left this earth earlier in the year. Kathy Petite kindly took photos of the event and put them on her website.
- Art in the Park was the last big celebration of the anniversary calendar held September 13. Many artists from the ward and neighborhood displayed their work inside the building and outside in the garden, which was possible because of another day of perfect weather. The event was a great success because of the talents

of the artists and the ever-helpful work of ward members like Emily Plewe and Jean and Ralph Robbins. Brooke Schultz took photos to record the event as did Kathy Petite again.

- “Missionary Moments” were held throughout the year. Parents of full-time missionaries took a few minutes in sacrament meeting to read from missionary letters and update the ward on happenings with their missionaries.
- Members fasted on a monthly basis for the full-time missionaries and to hasten the work within the Garden Park boundaries.
- The Relief Society held several birthday brunches throughout the year. One of these brunches was held in Marilyn Lundgren’s park-like backyard, but at the end of the year Marilyn and Burns moved to Gilbert, Arizona for Burns’ health and to be near family, as Susan and Chris Spear had moved there recently.
- Quarterly mingles were held at the chapel after services throughout the year. Ward members renewed and strengthened friendships over homemade cookies and juice.
- The Cub Scouts held their Blue and Gold Banquet on February 11. This festive occasion was well attended.
- Youth Conference was held at Bishop Taylor’s home in Driggs, Idaho, on July 10-12. Several YM and YW from the ward attended. In addition to uplifting discussion and in keeping with the ward goal to increase participation in family history, the youth photographed and registered all of the gravestones in a local cemetery at billiongraves.com.

- Elder Miles Waltman returned from his mission to Jakarta, Indonesia, and gave his mission report on August 14th about his experiences serving in the largest Muslim population in the world.
- Elder Carson Zuro returned from his mission to Lima, Peru, where he witnessed the remarkable growth of the Church that is occurring in this region of the world.
- Family history was a major focus of the ward in 2014. In honor of the 75th anniversary of the Garden Park Ward, the goal was set to index 75,000 names by year-end. There was a spirited but friendly competition between ward auxiliaries as to who could index the most names. When the goal to index 75,000 names was set in May, it was thought that this would be difficult to achieve. However, the goal was met by mid-October so that called for a special celebratory mingle.
- Prior to 2014, there were no Beehives in the Young Women. In 2014, 7 young women have become Beehives and reinvigorated the Young Women.
- Several ward families had temple ordinances performed during the year. Juliet and Brian Tolman were sealed in the temple. Ross and Carolyn Sherman were also sealed in the temple.
- The Stake Living Nativity has been going for 12 years, and Bishop Taylor and his wife Missy were in charge of the monumental undertaking for some years. When he became bishop, the reins were handed over the Paul and Lezlie Richardson who did an inspirational job and 6000 attendees agree. Many from the ward participated, though none more

importantly than baby Gemma Schultz who with her parents, Jared and Brooke, played the parts of Jesus, Joseph and Mary. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to stand as the Holy Family.

- When the announcement of anniversary activities was made, four people in the congregation had been at the 1939 service. Now at the end of the year two of them have died — Ted Evans and Elaine Johnson Sharp, but happily Oletta Wald Cummings and Wayne Evans are still going strong.
- Ali Woolstenhulme reported on her mission on December 28, 2014. This finished off the year on a grand focus on missionary service from Garden Park Ward.

MISSIONARIES

- Helen Sorenson —finished her mission of many years at the Conference Center.

FULL TIME MISSIONARIES SERVING DURING 2014

- Miles Waltman (Indonesia)
- Carson Zuro (Peru)
- Alison Woolstenhulme (Gilbert, Arizona)
- Jane Etherington (Nauvoo, Illinois)
- Viktoria Erlandson (Hungary)
- Laurel Galli (Anchorage, Alaska)
- Emily Arden Lund (Mesa, Arizona)

- Chester Hansen (Peru)
- Jonny Woolstenhulme (Peru)
- Jake Orton (Paris, France).

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Daniel Bennett—Stake High Council
- Mori Paulsen—Stake High Council
- Amy Bennett—2nd Counselor, Stake Relief Society Presidency
- Dolly Close—Stake Young Women President
- Randy Baker—Stake History Specialist; VA Branch
- Eugene Jones—Stake Auditor
- Margot Butler—Stake Music Committee
- Don and Catherine Thorpe—Service

FUNERALS

- Catherine Lucile Bagley Reese, active motorcycle rider and temple goer, had a funeral held 18 December 2013
- Edmund C. “Ted” Evans, twice the beloved bishop of the First Ward, and present at the 1939 festivities. (15 April 2014)
- Richard “Ricky” Anthony Rasmuson, son of Bishop Richard Rasmuson. (7 July, 2014)

- Elaine Sharp present at the ward dedication in 1939. She faithfully played the organ on Sunday and died on Wednesday. (6 October 2014)

NOTABLES

- During the year, the Garden Park ward had great success with reactivation of several families. Christine Payongo and her children Ismael Vaifo’ou, Priscilla Vaifo’ou, and Celeste Vaifo’ou were reactivated because of the faithful visits of the Relief Society presidency (Lisa Paulsen and her counselors). Their first visit arrived at the precise time when Christine and her family were receptive to the gospel message.
- Another great event was the reactivation of Ryan and Diane Crotchett and their children. This came as a direct result of Ryan’s earnest prayer for his mother and his family.

ELDERS QUORUM

The brethren of the Elders Quorum are the workhorses of the Church. Our elders continue that tradition. President Patrick Donohoe reported this typical year: They moved the households of 4 families; cleaned the temple twice; filled two cannery assignments--one manufacturing; one at the food bank--the Stake blood drive; the spring and fall Ward clean up; and three rotations of giving blessings at the VA; headed the Ward Christmas party with the theme of “1939” to commemorate you-know-what; and the work goes on.

PRIMARY

Everyone who works in the Primary loves it and the children. They worked on a splendid Primary program for Sacrament meeting enjoyed by all. The children worked to follow the Bishop's admonition to perform 75 acts of service. Carrie Gaykowski reported, "To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Garden Park Ward, the Primary set out to write at least 75 notes with cheerful messages for ward members. We superseded our goal and wrote and delivered close to 100 cards. The children also did their own personal acts of service within their families. The service included helping to load the dishwasher, raking leaves, babysitting and washing the family car."

YOUNG WOMEN

The girls had two great presidencies this year led by Tia Harrison and then Emily Burnett.

They had a "Getting to Know You" party; strived to be Women of Excellence and welcomed and spotlighted the new Beehives; set up accounts to index both regular records and to participate in the Italian Indexing project that the Church has assigned the Stake; had a BBQ party for graduating seniors; hiked in Red Butte Gardens and got snowed on; held a youth conference in Driggs, Idaho, where they mapped a cemetery for billiongraves.com and did baptisms in the Rexburg Temple; had an art lesson with Emily Plewe; visited the Conference Center; worked on transition in Relief Society; attended the Ogden Temple Open House; participated in a "trunk or treat" for children; and made sandwiches for Valor House at the VA.

YW/YM COMBINED ACTIVITIES

The Young Men and Young Women raked leaves at the ward; held an "indexing party"; participated in the annual road rally; had a "pre-back-to-school" temple trip; and performed baptisms for the dead over Thanksgiving.

YOUNG MEN

Ben Emery and his troops lead a very active life with the Young Men. Monthly the YM put out flags on holiday for those who wanted them and attended the temple monthly to perform baptisms for the dead. As needed, they delivered fliers for Ward and community events. As Elders -in-waiting, they were available at a moment's notice for every crisis: carried furniture and memorabilia from Hal Sharp's flooded basement; moved two households; and gathered the food brought to the Stake Living Nativity. This year they collected 4300 pounds. (Happily it was good weather since last year they gathered just 2800 pounds.) They made four other working trips to the Food Bank where they packaged and delivered food to homes. They also participated as usual in the Scouting for Food Drive. They dug the hole for the tree-planting in April and practiced those same skills on their scout trip to Bear Lake where they resurfaced 150 yards of road on the property there they stayed. Not necessarily happily, but obediently they memorized all the verses of the hymn "Hark All Ye Nations" and then sang loudly and enthusiastically in Sacrament Meeting.

FAMILY HISTORY

Jean Robbins is an expert genealogist and has recently retired from working at the Family History Library downtown. No one could be

of more help in doing genealogy for either the beginner or the experienced. Anyone wanting one-on-one guidance during Sunday School could sign up and many got started on their work for the dead.

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Message from the first presidency:

On December 3, 2014, the First Presidency sent a wonderful photo, message, and video of Christ to every member of Garden Park Ward. (Every member with a Church account in every other ward received one too.) This is the beginning of a new era, when by hitting one key, the First Presidency can send a message to every Church member everywhere in the world.

Bishop Doran Taylor's Reflections:

The Lord has greatly blessed the members of the Garden Park Ward.

The Goal of our mission plan has been to become a ward that the Lord can trust and I can see the changing of hearts and minds toward that end. Our members are becoming more comfortable with sharing the joy that the gospel has brought into their lives. As a result we are experiencing greater opportunity to share with our non-member and inactive neighbors. God is directing us to them and placing events in their lives that are opening their hearts and giving them a desire to know more and return to the faith of their youth.

We've been blessed to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the building. Our activities related to this celebration have brought out inactive neighbors and members of other faiths to share in the blessing of having in our neighborhood, a house of

worship that is found in the beautiful peaceful surroundings of a park.

Again as part of our mission plan we have been determined to create a haven at the Garden Park where people of the neighborhood can escape the pressures of the world and feel closer to their Heavenly Father and feel of his love. He has blessed us in this effort through spirit filled sacrament meetings and dedicated and inspired teachers throughout all the auxiliaries.

Members have sought miracles as they have struggled with health problems and overcoming the burden of debt.

In one incidence, a Husband and Wife approached me with great concern that they were not able to make ends meet monthly. They felt that selling their home and leaving the ward was probably the only way to get out from under the burden. They didn't want to leave the ward and I didn't want them to. I felt prompted to direct them to trust in God ability to direct them and place their home for sale. If it didn't sell easily then he meant for them to stay. They needed to get a certain amount for the house to be able to get out of debt and have something to put down on a new home. I was a little concerned that they were asking too much for the house. The brother texted me the day they put the home on the market. "Miracles do Happen" the home sold the first day for the full asking price to the first family who looked at it. Though we love them and hated to see them move, they were directed to another home where they didn't have the financial burden that was weighing on them.

The father of another young family had always wanted to live and raise his family in a rural area. They had found a farm in cache valley and it would require that he leave his job and that the sell the majority of their

holdings. His wife wanted to support him but was concerned about him finding another job and being so far from her family. I encouraged him to keep his job and seek heavenly fathers guidance to find a situation that all were enthusiastic about. Within a week they had found a rural location much more convenient to family and that would allow him to keep his job. Their home also sold quickly for the full amount they needed.

We had a wonderful opportunity to work with a sister who had been on welfare assistance for several years. I, and my counselor, Paul Werner along with her faithful home teachers helped her to assess her financial capacity. He landlord forced her out of her apartment and she needed to find another home. She wanted to stay in the ward and had found a more expensive place to live. I was prompted to encourage her to place her trust in the Lord and pray about it because we weren't going to help her get into another place she couldn't afford. She did pray about it and was approached by a missionary couple who had a basement apartment that they offered her for much less than she had been paying. The ward and the local missionaries banded together to help her move and we were sad to see her go but happy that she was moving forward.

Over the past several months I have had the blessing of working with a family that is returning to fellowship. He hasn't been active for over 20 years. My meetings with them as he has prepared to become an Elder and begin to live the law of the tithe have truly been inspiring and a great blessing in my life. His son from a previous marriage has received the discussions and wants to be baptized. The Lord has blessed me to know them.

I've also been blessed to work with a brother who is striving to overcome serious addiction problems that have jeopardized his marital

relationship. I have grown to love him and his wife and their kids. I have gained a greater understanding of God's ability to never give up and to give us every chance to draw closer to him.

In at least 3 separate cases we have ward members who are battling with and overcoming cancers and seeing the power of the priesthood in their lives and recognizing God's love for them individually.

We are witnessing daily acts of love and service throughout the ward. God is beginning to trust us and we are learning to trust more deeply in him and the atoning power of his Son.

I have shared a little of the miracles that are happening every day in this little corner of his kingdom.

The miracle most apparent to me is that through this service I am growing closer to him and understanding more clearly his love and his ways.

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Since I worked for the same company as Owen Reichman and had been a dental patient of Dr. Haymond, the subject of the new ward was mentioned on a number of occasions. But that was not surprising because I had recently served in the Richards Ward bishopric. In one of those conversations I was asked to suggest the names of men who might fill that position. Casually I suggested the name of Sterling W. Sill who had recently moved into a home at 1264 Yale Avenue but was still a member of the stake high council in Kaysville, Utah. Quite naturally, none of the Bonneville stake presidency knew Brother Sill. I was then asked to get them acquainted without suggesting my purpose in doing so. This I succeeded in doing. The next thing I knew was that they had asked Brother Sill to be bishop, to which he replied: "I will if you'll let me have Dave Evans as my counselor." Of course, he had no idea that I was in any way responsible for his selection. And that's the way I became a member of the first bishopric of Gilmer Park Ward.

The other member of the bishopric was Joseph W. Bambrough, a long-term resident of the area and one of the most faithful, lovable men I had ever met. The ward clerk was C. Oscar Winkler. He was older than we three and a man of great faith and dependability. In Boise, Idaho where he had once lived, he had been a member of a stake presidency.

The original proposal to divide Yale Ward, which was then one of the leading wards in the Church, quite naturally was not a popular decision. A number of its long-time and most faithful members would be affected by the change. Particularly was that true of some of those who lived on the top of the hill above Twelfth East, one of the finest residential districts of the city. In a way they felt they were being moved to "west of the tracks". Before finalizing the reorganization the stake presidency called a meeting of all members of the Melchezidek Priesthood who would be involved. Elder Junius Romney of the Stake High Council was appointed to represent those who were opposed to the change. In his characteristic forthright way he stated his case for the opposition. Present and supporting the proposal were Elders George Albert Smith and Joseph Fielding Smith of the Council of the Twelve, who pointed out that the plan had received the unanimous support of the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve. After their statement and some further discussion, Elder Romney, in his customary spirit of loyalty, declared: "If it is the decision of the Presiding Authorities and their best judgment that the division be made I will gladly vote for it for the good it will accomplish and I will counsel all others to do likewise."

On the following Sunday, September 13th, the first meeting of the new ward was held in the Yale Ward chapel and the new bishopric and ward clerk were sustained. On Thursday of the same week we were ordained and set apart.

The meetings of the new ward, then designated as Gilmer Park Ward, were held temporarily in the LeGrande Ward. Our first regular Sacrament Meeting was held

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Sunday, October 11th in the recreational hall of that building, but naturally that could be only a temporary meeting place. Finding an appropriate site for a new building would not be an easy job since there were no vacant lots of adequate size within its boundaries. That problem had been anticipated some weeks or months earlier. A committee that had been appointed by the stake president to find a building site had been unable to make a recommendation; so, the task now became one for the new bishopric. A number of possibilities were considered. One was to tear down several homes. That would be prohibitive in cost. It was then that someone, Brother Bambrough, I believe, suggested, almost as a wishful but impossible solution, that the LeGrande Young property, then held in the estate of the late John C. Howard, would be ideal but that suggestion had already been considered and dropped by the original selection committee: it was too big, too expensive, not available, etc., but not for Bishop Sill. The idea became almost an obsession with him. We must find ways to get possession of that property. When the first rumors got around that we had our eye on that property, Mr. Burton Musser, an apostate Mormon who lived next-door west of the property and one of the executors of the John C. Howard estate, heard the rumor and exclaimed: "I don't want any singing and praying Mormons next to me!"

After such a rebuff a man of lesser determination than Bishop Sill might have given up—but not he. He talked directly to Mr. Musser who gave him the same negative answer. But the more we considered the matter the more it became evident that that site was not only the best one, but the only one that could serve our needs. We then went to President Heber J. Grant for advice. His response was favorable and he gave us every possible encouragement one could ask with the suggestion that if we needed any help, "come and see me any time."

We soon discovered that Musser was only one of three executors of the estate and despite his adamant opposition, we must see the others, one of whom who just happened to be a law partner of Mr. Musser, also an apostate and the owner of the property adjacent to the Young estate to the east on Yale Avenue. Naturally he gave us no help. The other executor, W. Allan Howard, a brother of the late John G. Howard was a member of the Church and lived in Long Beach, California. Since I was planning a business trip to Los Angeles about that time, Bishop Sill suggested to President Grant that I call on Allan Howard with a letter of introduction from the president to get his support. President Grant agreed and on April 27, 1937 wrote the following letter of instructions:

Dear Brother Evans:

I hear you are going to Los Angeles. Please call on W. Allan Howard, whose address is 79 Lime Avenue, Long Beach, California and tell him I understand from Burton W. Musser that his brother-in-law (John C. Howard) in his will had made provisions to pay to each of his children \$125,000.00 and that the residue of the estate was to be divided by the executors between the University of Utah, the Boy Scouts and the Children's Hospital.

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The University gets millions of dollars from taxation, and the Boy Scouts are supported by local donations from residents of the city and I think the Children's Hospital should have all the amount instead of only one-third seeing that the will provides it can only go to one of those mentioned instead of being divided.

You can assure him that the Church would be willing to purchase the lot at an appraised valuation, and if the John Howard Estate will add \$100,000.00 or more to the value of the lot, the Church will advance a sum equal to the value of the lot at any amount the John Howard Estate shall add and we will erect a memorial building in memory of John Howard's mother and wife.

The Church would be willing to buy some adjoining property and sell to your Ward a part of the Howard premises for a meetinghouse site.

Sincerely your brother,
H. J. Grant

When I showed the letter to Allan Howard he was sympathetic to the suggestion but confessed that, as a minority member of the committee of three executors, his vote would not be decisive and in any event, Burt Musser and James Ball would have the deciding votes and both were opposed to selling or giving it to the Church.

During the following months we continued to consult with President Grant about strategy. In the meantime, Bishop Sill had several additional conferences with Mr. Musser and in one of those talks Musser said haughtily, "If Heber Grant wants me to sell this property to the Church, let him come down and ask me for it." When we told President Grant of that conversation he summoned his secretary, called for his hat and without waiting for transportation or other preliminaries, walked to the Utah Oil Building on Third South and Main Street where Burt Musser had his offices. The secretary evidently not recognizing President Grant, asked him whether he had an appointment with Musser to which President Grant replied: "Just tell Burton Musser that Heber Grant is here and would like to see him."

We never learned the exact substance of that conversation, but soon after Musser agreed to sell the property to the Church and one of the most difficult tasks we were to face in our ten-year tenure as the bishopric had been accomplished.

Selection of an architect to design the building was a comparatively easy task. Taylor Woolley and Clifford Evans, partners in an architectural firm were partners, both members of the Church and of the ward, although neither was active. I had known them both, by reputation and personally, and I had been highly impressed with some of the buildings they had designed, including the lovely Yale Ward Chapel. Largely on my recommendation they were retained and well do I recall the enthusiasm with which Taylor Woolley surveyed the property with which he was already familiar. The stately trees, which had been planted by its first owner, LeGrande Young, surpassed in beauty and size almost anything in the State. The circular walkways were built of imported red

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brick. The Italian terra cotta wall running the length of the property east and west along Harvard Avenue was certainly one of the finest in the city. The brook that ran through the grounds, the swimming pool, the well-kept lawns and shrubbery, the unique grove of centuries-old oak trees could scarcely be matched for beauty any place in the State, or elsewhere. From the moment he surveyed the property Taylor Woolley said that he wouldn't have to destroy a single plant or change a walkway, and even would be able to use the stone foundation on which the old LeGrand Young home stood for the new chapel.

On March 13, 1938, President Grant attended a special meeting with members of the ward in the LeGrand Ward recreational hall. Also present at that meeting were all members of the Bonneville stake presidency and Elder Joseph Fielding Smith. There President Grant announced that arrangements had been completed for the purchase of the LeGrand Young property. Dr. Adam S. Bennion was sustained as Chairman of the Finance Committee for the raising of funds for the purchase of the lot and the erection of a meetinghouse.

And right after that, on Easter Sunday, 1938, the first meeting of Gilmer Park Ward was held on its newly acquired site. It was attended by hundreds of members and friends and many prominent visitors, and work of construction commenced almost immediately. In the following twelve months many noteworthy open-air meetings were held on that site. Among our important guest speakers were President David O. McKay, then a counselor in the First Presidency, and President J. Reuben Clark, Jr. On August 28th of that summer President Grant laid the cornerstone and the completed building was dedicated by President Grant on Easter Sunday, April 2, 1939, exactly one year later.

In many respects the building, as well as the grounds, was unique. Among the special features inside the chapel was the use of individual upholstered theatre-type seats for which we had to get special approval from the Church architect with an agreement that the ward would pay the extra cost over wooden pews. We also installed a highest-quality pipe organ, not an electronic instrument as new chapels were then installing. I believe I was responsible for making that suggestion.

In the foyer between the recreational hall and the chapel we utilized a very valuable and beautiful black marble fireplace and mantle and in the Jr. Sunday School room on the second floor another mantle of similar quality, both of which we had saved from the original LeGrand Young home. A little later we also converted into a functional and unique Boy Scout den a brick carriage house, a relic of a generation before the automobile had replaced the horse and buggy.

Setting goals for the new ward was one of our early objectives. The first of those goals was to make the ward a friendly ward. It must be a place where people would like to come and where newcomers, whether Church members or not, would quickly be made to feel at home. It must also be a place where young people would feel wanted and important. We also committed the ward to the beautiful things of life: beautiful trees,

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spacious lawns, lovely flower gardens, a tastefully decorated and carpeted interior, good music, good drama, good teaching, a place, of excellence.

As an early step to friendliness we invited to our first Ward Reunion by personal call and by letters every resident within the ward's boundaries, including non-members, and we named as the first chairman of our annual reunion committee a non-Mormon, Maurice Warshaw, who lived next door to Bishop Sill. And that reminds me of the good-natured wise-cracking between those two good friends. On one occasion Warshaw said to Sill: "Sterling, my house is worth more than your house", and when Sterling asked him why, Maurice responded: "Because you live next door to a Jew."

Because of the uniqueness of our grounds and other facilities, Church authorities and other officials often directed visiting notables to see the Church in action at Garden Park. On one occasion, for example, LIFE Magazine selected Garden Park as "a showcase of Mormonism". "LIFE" photographers took scores of pictures of the building, the grounds and the people, although an inopportune important national newsbreak first delayed and then cancelled the publication of that feature, which was to have been one of a series in "American Churches".

On another occasion, some years later, during World War II, when Lord Halifax, Ambassador to the United States from Great Britain, and his wife and party were guests of Utah's Governor Herbert B. Maw, Garden Park Ward was selected as a showcase of Mormonism in action for the Halifax party. Nine hundred persons attended a Sacrament Meeting in Garden Park Ward at which Lord Halifax and his party were present. Speakers included Governor Maw, Dr. Adam S. Bennion and Elder Richard L. Evans. In the absence from the state of Bishop Sill, I was privileged to preside. In Lord Halifax's response he said:

I do not want to speak much because I've heard so many things this evening that have profoundly moved me, and I would like to leave these impressions uppermost in my mind and not overlay them with anything less worthy. But I would like, in a word, to thank you for having allowed us to be with you on such an occasion as this, and to be, as we have been, associated with you for the first time. It is an experience, I suppose, that none of us would like to let grow dim, but which we would like always to cherish.

No one from my country could have listened unmoved to either of those who have spoken to us, for they touched many things that closely wound around the heart strings of every Britisher. They spoke generously of our people, of whom indeed evidently you yourselves or many of you, are most truly a part, and with every word that they said, not the least in that memorable sketch of perhaps one of the greatest ventures of faith in all history (the trek across the plains), it came constantly and prominently into my thoughts what an example of faith was that great venture. Whether we are able to share to the full the high motives that inspired it or not, what an example that venture of faith is to all men today that

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seek the same liberty, freedom of conscience, and right to search for the truth along whatever path a man's conscience may dictate!"

Referring to the War and the common goals of Great Britain and America, Lord Halifax added:

Truly our meeting tonight has, because the times in which it was set, some particular significance, because never in the history of mankind, perhaps, has a challenge to all the things by which the souls of men live been more direct and more profound than that challenge which, thank God, your people and mine are meeting today; but just as I have no doubt of military victory, I have no doubt that we shall win the spiritual victory after the fighting is completed. That can only follow, for your people and mine again, please God, together are constantly dipping back into the wells from which their sustenance has flown, but fertilized the roots of their lives, and if, under the mercy of His guidance, we can do but that, I do not doubt but that we can render great service to the world—a great service to which the wounded world will stand in need.

Lord Halifax also acknowledged with gratitude a gift of a Book of Mormon, also the Pearl of Great Price, which Governor Maw presented to him. The book had been inscribed by President Heber J. Grant, Governor Maw, Mayor Earl J. Glade and Bishop Sill.

As previously noted, the beautiful setting of the grounds deserves the best and most appropriately beautiful building within our means and talents to produce; and in that I believe we succeeded. Approval of that phase of what we had done came several years later in a letter dated January 15, 1942, from President Grant to Bishop Sill commending the bishop first for his work as a bishop but adding:

You certainly have a beautiful building and now that it is completed and paid for I am sure you are glad you have everything so nice... at the time the Church Office Building was being planned, President (Joseph F.) Smith was opposed to spending as much money for the granite that was put into it, but he said in a meeting immediately after the building was completed: 'I'm glad you folks overruled my opinion when I wanted a cheaper building. I never look at it now that I do not feel gratified.'

Principal credit for the quality and beauty of the building rightly belongs to Bishop Sill who repeated over and over again as the building was being planned or constructed: "We must have the best and do the best in everything we undertake."

Another commitment, which Bishop Sill made, this one I believe at my suggestion, was that we must be a working bishopric, not a preaching bishopric. In the ten years we worked together I recall us making formal talks only twice--once when we were sustained and the last time was when we were released ten years later.

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Bishop Sill was one of the young bishops of the Church when the ward was organized. He was 32, I was 41, and Brother Bambrough, 49. Possibly those differences in our ages made Bishop Sill more deferential to his counselors than if he'd been older or had had previous bishopric experience. But, whatever the reason, he was so enjoyable that I cannot recall a single instance when the three of us were not able to come to complete agreement on every decision that was made. Moreover, Bishop Sill was generous, giving credit to those who worked with him, sometimes to his own disadvantage. Perhaps the circumstances of our release as a bishopric deserve an explanation for the vote for our release when proposed to the congregation of the ward was not unanimous. Describing frankly those circumstances I do not wish to reflect criticism on any person or persons or upon the order of the Church, which was then standard practice.

During the first seven years in which that original Garden Park Ward bishopric served I was also a fellow employee and somewhat of a business rival of Brother Owen Reichman; and for the final three years of that period I was a competitor of his after I had left its employment in November of 1943 to form my own advertising agency. Whether that circumstance had anything to do with President Reichman's suggestion to Bishop Sill on a number of occasions that he should replace me by another counselor I cannot say for certain but whatever the reason, Bishop Sill insisted on keeping me and the stake president always relented.

In 1946, and perhaps for entirely different reasons, the stake president received permission from the First Presidency to call Bishop Sill to the stake High Council. Naturally that would release him and his counselors from the bishopric and of course that was a situation that had prevailed since the beginning of the Church and one which everyone was willing to accept. But that Bishop Sill was loved by his ward members to the point they felt unkindly to any suggestion that he be released was another fact and one that was not peculiar to his situation. That has happened hundreds of times where a good bishop has been released and likely will happen hundreds of times more. But in the case of Bishop Sill's release, a spontaneous opposition of the move was widely voiced and sometimes vigorously discussed in advance of the meeting where that release was to be made. Learning about those discussions Bishop Sill informed the stake president in advance of the meeting, suggesting that he, the bishop, should be permitted to make a supporting statement about the proposed change at the beginning of the meeting, urging the members to accept the changes in good faith. To that suggestion President Reichman was not favorable. When the night came and the release proposition was put to the ward members, a considerable number of them wanted to know why before accepting the proposal. The explanation given them that Bishop Sill was needed on the stake high council did not exactly satisfy them. After some further open discussion Bishop Sill was finally permitted to make a statement, urging the members to support the change, after which the proposition was promptly approved by an overwhelming majority but not unanimously.

As one who was previously involved in the whole matter—perhaps in a more personal way than anyone except the bishop, himself I have long since thought that the stake president was fully justified in making the change and that his selection of Bishop Sill to

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direct the Aaronic Priesthood work of the stake was inspired. No better qualified or effective person could have been found in the Church for that job. Under Elder Sill's leadership Bonneville Stake set new records for Aaronic Priesthood performance. These records and examples had a beneficial effect throughout the entire Church, in the opinion of many. Some years later, largely, I believe, as a result of the matchless job he performed in that capacity he was called to be a General Authority of the Church as an Assistant to the Quorum of the Twelve and later presided for a number of years over that quorum.

As a popular and effective successor to Bishop Sill, Elder Joseph W. Bambrough was named bishop with C. Bicknell Robbins and Joseph F. Cowley as counselors. Prior to their appointment I was asked, but not urged by Brother Bambrough to be his first counselor. But, after praying over the matter, I declined the honor. I had already completed sixteen and one-half years of active service in two bishoprics and honestly thought that a change would be good for me and my wife and family, several of whom were in a most impressionable age, and my young but fast-growing advertising business which was requiring more and more of my time out of state. After that I was assigned first to the stake Elders' committee, an assignment, which I enjoyed greatly and in I was called to the General Sunday School Board.

There was never any question about the fitness and acceptability of the brethren who were selected to succeed Bishop Sill and counselors. Under the leadership of Bishop Bambrough they performed excellently and were loved by all the members. As for me and my family, Bea and I are today, in 1978, still members of Garden Park Ward II which, after forty-two years is today considered by us and by our twenty-four sons, grandchildren and their spouses, to be the best ward in the Church.

In the years that followed my release from the Garden Park Ward bishopric, Owen Reichman and I became very good friends and supported common causes and worked together harmoniously on several projects.

When I look at the fine Bonneville Stake house, which was built partly on made land on the corner of Fifteenth East and Bonneville Drive, I think how inspired he and his associates were in pushing that project, sometimes despite the and reservations of people like me and I see further evidence that this church and its appointment leaders are divinely chosen and inspired.

MONUMENT PARK FIRST WARD



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**Monument Park First Ward
Bishop John S. Boyden, Jr.
1975-1980**



Bishop: John S. Boyden, Jr. – sustained Dec. 1975 – released Nov. 1980
First Counselor: Richard L. McKay
Second Counselor: Dean R. Hodson
Executive Secretary: R. Craig Rasmussen
Assistant Secretary: R. Sidney Trinnaman
Ward Clerk: L. Jay Moffat, James Hooper
Assistant Clerk: Darrel Newman, Kent S. Oviatt
High Priest Group Leader: James S. Hooper, John Moray
Seventy Group Leader: Larry D. Rigby, Charles W. Walton
Elders Quorum President: James R. Howell, Robert L. Bauman
Sunday School President: J. Craig Larson, Robert C. Sloan, Jr., Darrel Newman
Relief Society President: Julie A. Anderson, Wilma Hooper, Alice Shaffer
Primary President: Emma Lou Moray, Janet Sloan
YW President: Patricia Sorensen, Julie Anderson
YM President: Craig Mecham, Craig R. Crockett, Samuel Clark
Activity Chairman: Darrell Howard

EVENTS

1976 and 1977

- These first two years were accurately covered on pages 267 and 268 of *A Tradition of Excellence* previously published by the Salt Lake Bonneville Stake.

1978

- Stake Variety Show entitled “Variety is the Spice of Life” with ward entry called “Beats Me.” Script and directors: Pam Hodson, Elizabeth Clark; music by Colleen Bauman
- This was a very active year. All organizations were staffed and operating very well. The youth practiced for two months in preparation for the Stake Variety Show performed November 14, 1978. Elizabeth Clark and Pam Hodson were in charge of the script. Julie Anderson was the YW President who kept the youth happy with refreshments after early morning practices. It was a very enjoyable show and our youth performed well, especially the Rubber Ducky.

1979

This year was filled with activity:

- On June 9, 1979, many ward members attended the groundbreaking for the Jordan River Temple. Instead of breaking ground with a few shovels, President Spencer W. Kimball climbed to the driver’s seat of a bulldozer and broke a lot of ground. It was a statement that the Church is growing rapidly and we must do things in a big way. Our ward had the privilege of contributing to the temple

building fund and exceeded the subscription assigned to us.

- After weeks of preparation, the ward built a float for the July 24, 1979 Days of 47 Parade. Bruce Jensen was the architect who designed the float in great detail. It followed the theme “Beehive State.” The theme was “Territory of Utah- State House- Fillmore.” There was a large bee with wings flapping followed by a hive with cute young children from our ward pretending to be bees waving from openings in the hive followed by a large map of the state of Utah showing the Territorial Capital in Fillmore and the State Capital in Salt Lake City. The float was judged to be the Sweepstakes Award Winner in the historical division. It was the best float in the Days of 47 Parade! Many ward members spent long hours building the float, especially the Jensens, the Sorensens, the Howards, the Cornwells, the Badgers.
- On November 28, there was great jubilation among our Youth. They took first place in the Stake Roadshow competition. Director Evelyn Bartholomew, Asst. Dir. Kristy Sleight Script Barbara Crockett, Kristy Sleight. Original music Written and played by Evelyn Bartholomew. Lyrics: Barbara Crockett, Kristy Sleight, Kim Lee, Liz Warner. Choreography: Barbara Crockett Kym Weggeland. Set Design: Dave Bartholomew. Costumes: Kristy Sleight, Barbara Crockett, Nona Eskelson. Make-up: Delores Anderson, Kathy Anderson, Debbie Bouge, Jeri Newman, Jany Matson, Wayne Russey, Deirdre Weggeland, Connie Jean Larson. Master of Ceremonies at our Ward: Wayne Russey (and a great job he did, too!)

- On December 7, 1979, the ward's 35th birthday was celebrated. The ward was formed by a division of the Yalecrest Ward on December 10, 1944. December 10, 1979 occurred on a Monday, so, to avoid interfering with Family Home Evening, we decided to celebrate on the previous Friday. A beautiful dinner was held with first-rate entertainment after dinner.

The following are excerpts from a talk given by Bishop Boyden:

“However important it is to have a place of gathering and meeting (and that is very important), what really gives character, strength, warmth, personality, spirituality and love to a ward is its people. The Monument Park First Ward is, and always has been, rich in people. It's our people who care for others, who welcome new families and new babies with food and gifts for the mother and family. People comfort the bereaved, seek out the lonely, visit the sick and perform the healing administrations. People fast together and meet together to pray for those in need of special dispensation from the Lord. People prepare and present the deeply inspiring lessons that enlarge our spirits and increase our knowledge of the Lord and his purposes. People accept mission calls and perform this service with love and dedication. People serve in the Temple. People from our ward respond and serve on stake boards, general boards and in General Authority callings. People oversubscribe our Jordan River Temple assessment; people labor in unfamiliar tasks at the stake farm; people create loveliness with the Bonneville Strings and in our own ward choirs and musical presentations. People teach each other from the pulpit, sharing the doctrines of

the kingdom and their own sweet testimonies with all of us. People produce and perform in winning roadshows. People design and build award-winning floats for July 24th parades. They run the Fathers and Sons outings, the youth campouts, the summer parties, the holiday celebrations, the Mother/Daughter dinners, the primary parades – all the occasions which bring us together in fellowship and enjoyment. As I look out at each of you here, I call to mind some who are no longer with us and believe you are feeling, as I am, a sense of continuity and gratitude for their legacy of unselfish service. We also sense the love and goodness of our people, and the potential for greatness in this Monument First Park Ward. All those who have been part of us in the past are remembered and cherished. All those here now, and those who will yet come to be part of the Monument First Park Ward will add their own richness to the history which will be written as we move into our 36th year. ‘Happy Birthday, Monument First Park Ward, and many happy returns!’ May the Lord bless us always to be His servants and to grow in worthiness as a ward and as a people. In the Gospel of John, we find the words to express the purposes, achievements and future goals of this ward: “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

1980

- In 1980, the Monument Park First Ward prepared for the new consolidated meeting schedule that became effective March 2, 1980. The Sunday meeting schedule became a three-hour block with no return to the ward house for evening Sacrament Meeting. It provides a substantial block of time on the Sabbath during which church members can strengthen their

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family ties and teach the Gospel in the home. The First Presidency pointed out that, "Sabbath day activities should be carefully planned and carried out."

Therefore, ward members assisted the bishopric in preparing and distributing sample plans for Sabbath activities for families having different configurations. These sample plans were intended to assist each family unit in the ward in making its own plan for appropriate Sabbath activities. The implementation required serious consideration and thoughtful planning by each family. The transition seemed to go well.

- During the remainder of the year, the monthly Ward newspaper featured "The Sabbath Journal" containing reports from various ward families on their experiences with the consolidated schedule and things which seemed to work well.
- On November 2, 1980, Bishop Boyden was called as first counselor to President W. Eugene Hansen in the presidency of the Salt Lake Bonneville Stake

FUNERALS

- Carol Shaffer – The ward grieved for Sister Shaffer who died August 11, 1978 at age 18 after a long battle with leukemia. She served as the Laurel President and was a wonderful example of faith, testimony and righteous living.

NOTABLES IN THE WARD

- Marion G. Romney – Second Counselor in the First Presidency of the Church.

- Dr. Henry Eyring, Dean of the Graduate School, University of Utah. (Later moved to the Monument Park Second Ward)
- Dr. Ewart Swinyard, Dean of the College of Pharmacy, University of Utah.

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Marion G. Romney – Second Counselor in the First Presidency of the Church
- Herald L. Carlston – Stake High Council
- Robert Sloan – Stake Sunday School First Counselor.
- Elizabeth Ryser – Stake Relief Society First Counselor
- Grette Haglund – Stake Relief Society Second Counselor
- Ray L Moffat – Stake Young Men Second Counselor, First Counselor, President
- Delma C. Clegg – Stake Primary Secretary

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

President Marion G. Romney's spiritual influence on the ward (taken from Monument Park history booklet):

He built two homes for himself in the ward, both on Yalecrest Avenue, living there until the time of his death, May 1988. He was a powerful influence for good in the ward and a source of great spiritual strength. For many years, he gave a message to the joint

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Thanksgiving Service of the First and Second wards. Long-time members will never forget the time he voiced the prayer which concluded a day of fasting held by the ward for Bishop Boyden who was grievously ill. He spoke with unforgettable simplicity and intensity and called for “angels to come, if necessary, to remove the infection from the bishop.” His prayer was miraculously answered and members of the ward continue to testify to the power of sacred prayer and to President Romney’s devotion to the members of the ward.

Oscar A Kirkham, a former member of the Monument Park Ward was almost never seen without his hat – a Boy Scout hat. He was an executive of the Boy Scouts of America and an ardent scouter. He attended six world Scout Jamborees and six national Scout Jamborees. He was the Jamboree morale officer whose assignment was keeping the restless scouts interested and happy. He was one of the seven presidents of the Council of the Seventy. (He died in 1958.)

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**Monument Park First Ward
Bishop Dean R. Hodson
1980-1984**



Bishop: Dean R Hodson – sustained November 1980 – released April 1984
First Counselor: Andrew W. Peterson, Robert Bauman, Samuel Clark, John Moray
Second Counselor: Robert L. Bauman, Samuel W. Clark, Stephen R. Warner, Darrel Newman
Executive Secretary: R Craig Rasmussen, Clark Fetzer
Ass't. Secretary: R Sidney Trinnaman
Ward Clerk: James S. Hooper, Kent S. Oviatt
Ass't. Clerk: Kent S. Oviatt, R. Allen Perry, Halbert Greaves, Robert Bickmore, John Whittaker
High Priest Group Leader: John E. Moray, Bruce H. Jensen
Seventy Group Leader: H. Allen Hedberg, Clyde L. Larsen
Elders Quorum President: Stephen R. Warner, L. Ray Moffat
Sunday School President: Glen M. Hatch, R. Kent Buie
Relief Society President: Alice G. Shaffer, Sue Ann Alder, Jeri Newman, Janet Sloan
Primary President: Janet Sloan, Connie Jeanne Larsen, Jo Ann Anderson
YW President: Elizabeth Warner, Nancy Anderson, Diane Whittaker
YM President: Samuel Clark, John R. Barton, Mark L. Anderson
Activities Chairman: Darrell Howard, Patricia Moffat

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ANNUAL EVENTS

- Traditional Memorial Day breakfast
- Christmas Party
- Summer ward picnic
- Blue and Gold Banquet for Cub Scouts

1980

- Annual fundraising project for the YW: making gingerbread houses and selling them for \$6.00 each.
- Scout Court of Honor celebrated Rick McKay completing his Eagle Scout badge.
- Ward VIP party where the YM and YW prepared and served dinner to the widows and widowers. A senior citizen harmonica band performed.
- YW caroled throughout the ward delivering homemade bread.
- Relief Society sisters visited 3 beautifully decorated homes, followed by a Christmas program.

1981

- High priest dinner social
- Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet where 120 people were served.
- Pennies by the Inch drive exceeded goal to contribute \$500.00 for Primary Children's Medical Center.

- Ward entry for stake variety show was called, "Go Bananas." The cast were fruits with a few fruit flies as villains.
- Relief Society Birthday celebration was highlighted by slide presentation entitled "Women in Deseret" by Julie Monson.
- YM and YW from both First and Second wards participated in sports activities at the YMCA from 10:00 to 6:00am called Overnight at the YMCA.
- YM-YW Slave Auction – Fund Raiser – Dinner served, followed by auction and games and movies.
- Annual Spring Fling with entertainment provided by Polynesian dancers and music and spotlighting ward members.
- YM-YW Fireside featuring Janeen Brady and 10 youth singing music about chastity.
- Memorial Day Breakfast with Memorial Day Run and commencement of a ward fitness program.
- Aaronic Priesthood commemoration at This is the Place Monument, followed by a swim and lunch.
- Elders Quorum Social
- Visiting Teaching Brunch with Elizabeth Haglund speaking about the importance of Visiting Teaching.
- Primary children made cards which were put into a book for Bishop Hodson.
- YW cookout at Warner's cabin in Mount-Aire.

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- Elders Quorum cut down and removed a large evergreen tree from Sister Barbara Nelson's yard; contributed 56 hours of service to the stake farm.
- Holly Woodward was married in the SL Temple.
- Baptism of L.C. Purer, a friend of ward member Stuart Roberts.
- Baptism of Manny Santos, a neighbor.
- YM-YW held an exchange with a Cottonwood Ward with a cook-out at Sugarhouse Park; the youth also went to Bear Lake for boating, swimming and waterskiing.
- Fathers and Sons Outing at The Spruces with 48 attending.
- Annual ward picnic held at Washington Park.
- Primary International was held where the children dressed in costumes of other nations and paraded through the streets.
- Mothers and Daughters Sharing Night was held at the Lloyd Poelman home.
- YM-YW Retreat was held in Midway with swimming, speakers and a testimony meeting.
- Relief Society Board Party was held at the Alder's Cabin in Peoa.
- The Seventy's and High Priest Quorum invited many non-members in the ward area to visit the Jordan River Temple open house with an After-Temple dinner.
- Ireta Bennett celebrated her 90th birthday in good health.
- Relief Society Fall Social had the theme of "Spice Up Your Life" with skit entitled "Clara's Crash Course in Coping."
- YM-YW held a Halloween Party, carved pumpkins to give to elderly members.
- High Priests began recording priesthood and sacrament meeting speakers so they could take them to home-bound members.
- Harvest Hoe-Down costume party where costumes were judged. Winners were the Bartons, (Sharon was a hunter and John the hunted deer.)
- Elders Quorum held a progressive dinner with 40 couples attending.
- The Primary had an activity day centered on The Treasures of Thanks giving where they hunted for clues of blessings to be thankful for.
- Elder Neal Maxwell spoke at the annual Thanksgiving Eve service.
- Annual VIP dinner was given by the youth of the ward for the single ward members over 60 years of age.
- The annual Christmas Party theme was to gather food, clothing, and money for two Laotian families who recently arrived in Utah.
- In the fall, the Cub Scouts toured the Gadsby Power Plant and had a program on fire prevention, worked on knot skills, and won an award from the National Cub Scout

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1982

- YW New Beginnings introduced the Personal Progress Program and motivated the girls to set goals.
- The Elders quorum adopted goals for the year: temple attendance, scripture study, missionary involvement, presiding in the home as husband and wife.
- The Primary celebrated Valentine's Day by singing songs and making fabric, lace, and pictured valentines, later given to ward members with a special one for President Kimball.
- The Cub Scouts held their Blue and Gold Banquet.
- The ward joined in the church celebration "Tribute to Women" at the stake center with 3 instrumentalists and 3 vocalists.
- Elders Quorum members attended a play with their wives written by quorum member Bob Elliott, entitled "Fires of the Mind" at BYU.
- Elder Neal Maxwell presented an in-service lesson for the Primary officers and teachers with the theme from Mosiah 3:19 that expressed the importance of learning from the children we teach.
- YM-YW helped several widows in the ward with yard cleanup projects.
- The Elders Quorum with spouses enjoyed a fireside on marriage relations presented by Institute instructor, Elder Dee Hadley.
- Kay Barrett edited the newsletter for 6 years helping to preserve historical information.
- A dinner at the Newman home welcomed incoming Young Adults.
- Elders Quorum members held a dinner with spouses at Warner cabin.
- MIA went to the Anderson cabin in Park City for a year end party.
- Primary has over 100 children enrolled.
- The Elders Quorum helped Sister Dowding, Sister Leymaster and Greg Hopkins move to new residences.
- YW held a cook-out at home of Diane Whittaker, each providing part of the meal. They also began making poster sized birthday cards for each member of the group.
- The super-activity for the YM-YW was an outing at Bear Lake.
- High Priest outing to McKay cabin in Provo Canyon.
- The Elders Quorum held a golf tournament at Bonneville Golf course.
- Ward building was refurbished, especially noteworthy the woodwork refinishing.
- Annual Fathers and Sons was held at Smith-Morehouse.
- Cub Scouts enjoyed a family picnic.
- The Elders Quorum held a tennis tournament.
- The Relief Society Homemaking evening sponsored Bruce Jensen speaking on his research on Moses' Temple in the Wilderness.

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- The Merrie Misses and their fathers held a dining and dancing social at the ward.
- The elders installed a new roof for Sister Bennett, removed doors of the church for refurbishing, patrolled the environs for crime prevention, assisted members with cleanup due to heavy rains and assisted Sister Sleight in some remodeling in her home.
- Relief Society Fall Social featured a musical program and dinner.
- The High Priests sent a supply of vitamins to the Far East, provided clothing, bedding and money to two Vietnamese families.
- The Cub Scouts raised money for KSL radio's Quarters for Christmas project.

1983

- The Bishopric stressed: The person who truly excels above all the rest is the one who clearly discerns his/her objective and continually works towards that end. The way to fulfill the commandment, "Be ye therefore perfect," is by setting goals and then taking one step at a time.
- The YW held a New Beginnings program where Diane Ellingson, a world-class gymnast spoke on goal setting and hard work. Mothers were presented admiring letters from daughters.
- Elders Quorum held annual progressive dinner
- Relief Society sold their new cookbook compiled by Denise Davis and Joann Tolman.

- YW participated in baptisms for the dead at the S.L. Temple.
- YW took part in the Stake Winter Carnival held at the Brighton Ski Resort.
- Ward Conference used the theme from The Thirteenth Article of Faith; the Bishopric message centered on rethinking our goals and priorities so they are centered on Christ
- The Elders Quorum sponsored a Temple excursion.
- The Primary children planted herbs and flower seeds and delivered them to the older members of the ward.
- The Relief Society Birthday Social had the theme "Blossoms and Bloomers" with a vintage fashion show. 175 women attended.
- YW held a fund raiser to raise money for the Pioneer Trek.
- The Blazer Scouts took part in a Camp-O-Ree at Camp Williams.
- YW cleaned yards for the ward widows. They also sold boutonnières for Father's Day to obtain funds for camp.
- The Elders Quorum held a racquetball tournament.
- A ward golf tournament was held.
- The High Priests helped Bro. and Sister Arthur Wood as he had suffered a stroke and needed to be moved from his bed to a chair several times a day.

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- The Primary held a “Splash-Bash Party” with water balloons, slip-n-slide, art project and tug of war.
- YW heard Kris Stone speak on family histories, records, and scrapbooks.
- Relief Society Homemaking covered the subject, “A Nutritionist in the Kitchen.”
- The Aaronic Priesthood had an outing at Bear Lake.
- Mike Hodson finished his Eagle Scout Service Project. Matt Hodson and Brian Rasmussen are working on their project.
- YW held a fireside where they conducted a program on “Spiritual Awareness.” Bishop and Sister Hodson spoke on gaining testimonies.
- The Elders Quorum participated in stake farm onion assignments, assisting Bro. Wood during his illness, ward patrol duty, home painting projects, and members moving to new locations.
- The Primary Christmas Party centered on giving gifts to the missionaries.
- YM and YW prepared a VIP Dinner for the senior members of the ward.
- The Russey family had a new baby daughter.

NOTABLES

- Ruth Dowding rated by her fifth-grade students at Bonneville School as “fair, fun, and very competent.” She later received an award from the state PTA for teaching ability and service to children.

- Brad Rasmussen elected VP of the Bonneville elementary student body.
- Jennifer Moffat sings with the Small World Entertainers.
- Ray Moffat won his flight in the All Church golf tournament.
- Gloria Hammond and Sue Ann Alder finished the St. George Marathon.
- Cecily Woodard is on the East High cross-country track team and gymnastics team.
- Cynthia Moray received a National Gymnastics Award and was a runner-up in the Sterling Scholar competition in homemaking.
- Kathleen Sims, Navajo daughter of Robert and Julie Anderson, accepted to the School of Nursing at BYU and will attend after completing a mission.
- Mary Marsell and Sarah Christensen turned 90 years of age.
- Cecily Woodard was awarded the 1982 gold cup by the Utah Federation of Music for participation in the Junior Concerto division of the violin.
- Sarah and James Christensen celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

FUNERALS

- Stella Thompson
- Glen Hatch
- John (Jack) Kelly

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- John Verney – June 2, 1981
- Olea McNeill Kienke – June 4, 1981
- J. Arthur Wood – Dec. 3, 1981
- R. Sidney Trinnaman – Dec. 9, 1981
- Lavar Dowding- Jan. 23, 1982

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- B. Lloyd and Catherine E. Poelman – Tennessee Mission
- Paula Carstensen – New Mexico, Albuquerque Mission
- Albert C. and Rhea R. Mollerup – Florida, Tallahassee Mission
- Kevin R. Moray – Leeds, England Mission
- John S. Boyden, Jr. – Stake Presidency First Counselor
- James Hooper – Stake Clerk
- Herald L. Carlston – Stake High Council
- B. Lloyd Poelman – Stake High Councilor
- Ewart A. Swinyard – Stake High Council
- Robert L. Bauman – Stake High Council
- Elizabeth Ryser – Stake Relief Society First Counselor
- Vivian McKay – Stake Relief Society First Counselor, President

- SueAnn Alder – Stake Relief Society Second Counselor
- Catherine E. Poelman – Stake Young Women’s President
- Ray L. Moffat – Stake Young Men President
- Delma C. Clegg – Stake Primary Secretary

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Memories of Bishop Hodson:

It was a humbling experience to be called as Bishop of the Monument Park First Ward. Andrew Peterson was the 1st counselor and Robert Bauman was the 2nd counselor. We were all humbled by this calling and sought to have the guidance and direction of the Lord in all we did. Every Wednesday morning our bishopric went to the temple together and were veil workers. It was a wonderful time to feel the spirit and listen to its promptings. That time together was unifying and helped us make decisions concerning the ward. As a result of that time in the temple we sought to have the ward members experience those same feelings. We encouraged them to participate in temple activities. We even organized a trip to attend the St. George temple and had a wonderful time together.

We began our service by contacting each member and nonmember in the ward boundaries. The bishopric delivered a loaf of pumpkin bread that had been made by our wives. A note of gratitude and love was attached to the bread. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to personally meet many neighbors who we hadn’t known before. We received notes and phone calls of appreciation and this small gesture set a friendly tone

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among all who lived in the neighborhood and later provided missionary opportunities and a comradery among all of us.

Marion G. Romney, counselor in the First Presidency, lived in our ward. What a privilege that was for all of us. He often attended our meetings and brought a special spirit whenever he was there. During December, my daughter Melissa delivered a pastry to various members of ward and also President Romney. President Romney answered the door and as she gave him the pastry he kissed her on the forehead and said, "Who is your father?" When she said, it was the Bishop, he came out to the car to greet me. His kindness was shown not only to me, but to many of the members of the ward. Everyone recognized without any doubt, that he was a special witness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our first ward conference for our new bishopric was in February of 1981. The Stake Leadership gave wonderful messages and we were especially touched and enlightened by President Eugene Hansen. He was always such a wonderful resource in so many situations.

The youth in our ward was one of our top priorities. We tried to attend all of their activities so that we could get to know them well. Along with the fun we hoped to help

them gain strong testimonies that would help them in these important years. We attended Youth Conference in Park City and also went to Bear Lake with them. We had a great time together and our relationships and testimonies were strengthened.

We had a great Activities Committee. The first activity we held was a VIP dinner in December for the more mature people in the ward. Invited were widows and widowers. A lovely dinner was provided and the young women of ward were the servers. The highlight was the dancing. Each member of the bishopric took turns dancing with the widows and the wives of the bishopric danced with the widowers. We had so much fun, and it brought a smile to everyone. Many other activities followed over the years. Darrel and Maude Howard were the chairpersons. Also on the committee were Bruce and JoAnne Jensen, and Arlene Carr. They really knew how to through a party. Every Memorial Day we held a ward breakfast and flag raising ceremony. The bishopric was in charge of cooking the pancakes, ham, eggs, and fried potatoes. It was a tradition we all looked forward too.

Many years have passed and I've forgotten the details of so much, but I will always remember the feelings I had during that most sacred time. I cherish the time I spent being the Bishop of the Monument Park First Ward.

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**Monument Park First Ward
Bishop Robert L. Bauman
1984-1988**



Bishop: Robert L. Bauman – sustained April 29, 1984 – released October 30, 1988
First Counselor: John Moray
Second Counselor: Darrel Newman
Other Counselors: Steven Whipple, James Ryser
Executive Secretary: Clark Fetzer
Ward Clerk: Kent Oviatt
Elder’s Quorum President: Ray Moffat, Scott Buie
Relief Society President: Emma Lou Moray
Young Men President: Darrel Newman, Peter Johnson
Young Women President: Diane Whittaker, Jeanne Fetzer
Primary President: Debra Whipple
High Priest Group Leader: James Howell

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EVENTS

1984

- Memorial Day Breakfast
- Youth Conference – Ricks College – Badger Creek Learning Center
- President Marion G. Romney celebrates 87th birthday
- Introduce reverence program – special musical number 5 minutes prior to sacrament meeting
- Veterans softball team takes 3rd place in area tournament
- Special Temple Day – Elder Marion D. Hanks speaks to ward in the Salt Lake Temple
- Elder Neal A. Maxwell speaks at annual Thanksgiving Eve worship service
- Evening with the Classics – Ward Talent Night

1985

- Aaronic Priesthood and parent’s missionary preparation fireside
- Many manifestations of the spirit in ward callings; night dreams to members prior to callings
- President Spencer W. Kimball passes away November 4th 1985
- President Marion G. Romney (ward member) sustained as President of the Council of the Twelve. Acting President – Howard W. Hunter

- Road Show – “Zap that Gap”
- Evening of the Arts
- International Primary Celebration – “Around the World in Primary” parade
- Float in the Days of 47 Children’s Parade – “Run and Not Be Weary” Theme
- Elder Neal A. Maxwell speaks at annual Thanksgiving Eve worship service
- Veterans Basketball Team – Wins Area Championship

1986

- CSN (Casual Sunday Night) bishop’s firesides introduced. Opportunity for youth to ask questions to leaders in an informal setting
- “Cruise Ship” – fall dinner dance
- Bear Lake youth summer activity
- Summer picnic moved to Sugarhouse Park from Washington Park
- Jim and Elizabeth Ryser serve mission in Johannesburg, South Africa Mission
- Richard and Grette Haglund served in the newly-opened Capetown, South Africa Mission
- Elder Neal A. Maxwell speaks at annual Thanksgiving Eve worship service
- Douglas Woodard – one year mission to London Genealogy Dept.

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1987

- Road Show – “The Bottom Line”
- Stake summer youth conference – Snow College
- Monument Park 1st Ward 15th anniversary celebration Sugar House Park (15th Anniversary since the MP 1st and 2nd wards were divided and moved to the Bonneville Stake)
- Youth celebrate the bicentennial of the US Constitution
- Ward Party – simulated cruise ship going to Beautiful Bermuda
- Combining both Monument Park Wards during the Sunday School hour, Ardean Watts led them in a joyous rendition of The Hallelujah chorus from Handel’s Messiah
- President Marion G. Romney dies – May 20, 1988
- “Come Unto Christ” – ward goal initiative presented to members
- Ward holds a “Book of Mormon Read-a-thon”
- Summer Youth Activity – Midway, Utah
- Bishopric Released – October 30, 1988

NOTABLES

- Dr. Ewert Swinyard received honorary doctorate degree at the University of Utah as a researcher in the field of convulsive disorders especially epilepsy.

He directs the center for early pharmacological evaluation of anti-epileptic drugs.

FUNERALS

- President Marion G. Romney – May 20, 1988.

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- John S. Boyden, Jr. – Stake Presidency First Counselor
- James Hooper, Stake Clerk
- Herald L. Carlston, Ewart A. Swinyard, Bruce H. Jensen – Stake High Council
- Karen A. Garff – Stake Young Women Secretary
- Clark Fetzner – Stake Mission Presidency Second Counselor
- Judd A. Turner – Stake Mission Presidency Secretary

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Memories of Bishop Robert L. Bauman:

It was a great privilege to serve the Lord as Bishop of the Monument Park 1st ward from April of 2004 to October of 2008. President W. Eugene Hansen issued the call from the Lord. I have great memories with and the deepest respect for President Hansen. At the time of my call I was just thirty (30) years old and knew I had much to learn. The Lord sustained me and helped me serve and measure up to the responsibilities.

It was a wonderful experience to see the hand of the Lord as callings were issued. Members often commented before a calling was extended that they had known about the calling either through a dream or impression a day or two before the calling was extended. I was grateful that the Lord was protecting the office of “bishop” in this way.

As a bishopric, we loved the youth and joined them most Wednesday nights on their activities and also attended all the summer conferences and activities. Perhaps because of the youthful age of the bishopric we related to them and understood their concerns and needs.

We were grateful as a ward to have President Marion G. Romney as a member of the ward and a neighbor living on Yalecrest Ave. For many years he would speak to the ward as a part of the Christmas Sacrament Service. This continued until his eyesight and health would not allow him to continue. It was a special thing many mornings to see President Kimball’s car, driven by church security, turn down Yalecrest Ave. to stop and pick up President Romney. President Kimball, who lived in the Monument Park 2nd Ward, and President Marion G. Romney were close friends and neighbors. One humorous story is told by Bishop Boyden who served previously as Bishop of the Monument Park 1st ward. The ward was having a social in the cultural hall and a live band was playing music. The Romney’s were in attendance but soon into the evening they left the meetinghouse. Bishop Boyden ran out of the building to ask the Romney’s why they were leaving. In his humor, President Romney said, “Oh we thought we would sit on the front porch of our home where we could hear the music just a little better.” (The music was a little too loud for them in the building.) President Romney was a great friend and neighbor and we were honored to have him in the ward.

Memories of Lorimer “Chris” Christensen, Activities Chairman from his autobiography:

Bishop Bauman invited us to plan something different for the ward. We concocted the idea of a simulated cruise experience, a mock “Beautiful Bermuda Cruise.” With the help of the activities committee members we decorated the cultural hall in a jaunty and nautical theme with items looking like they came from the deck of a cruise ship. Barbara was inspired to find someone to carve an ice sculpture of a dolphin leaping into the air, which was carved on the lawn outside the chapel doors just minutes before the party began. A cruise-type catered buffet awaited the ward members and friends whom we greeted, dressed as the captain and mistress of the ship. Upbeat music from a live dance band featuring a woman soloist during intermission, provided not only background music during dinner, but set toes-a-tapping following the tasty repast. The ceiling was adorned with a rotating disco ball, which added to the magical atmosphere. As host and hostess, we traded dances with many couples and took turns spinning around the floor with those sans partners. If church service allows the opportunity to dance there are few excuses for unnecessary solemnity.

A call to serve in the Sunday School presidency arrived shortly. The highlight of this calling involved my new friend (through Rotary Club #24), Ardean Watts, former associate conductor of the Utah Symphony. I had asked him to lead our ward’s Sunday school congregation in singing the Hallelujah chorus from Handel’s Messiah. Brother Watts accepted the challenge. With the Bishop’s permission, an invitation was extended to our sister ward to join us during our Sunday school period for this unique musical event. Ardean insisted that to be authentic we had to provide trumpet and kettle drum players to go

with the organ and piano. Thankfully he had recommendations and learning that Ardean had asked for them, two talented musicians accepted. With Maestro Watts' incomparable encouragement our two wards united in a joyous rendition of Handel's majestic chorus. The rehearsal to accomplish this feat lasted but thirty minutes. It was an intense practice filled with many laughs. Watching Ardean draw more out of less than seemed humanly possible was a beautiful sight to behold. Finally, the moment arrived. Our concluding performance might be summarized as follows: professional it was not, but, buoyed up by this transcendent musical score everyone's faces were aglow with joy, the Spirit was present and seemingly felt by all.

Memories of Steven Whipple, Counselor in Bishopric:

I recall an evening bishopric meeting when Bishop Bauman asked us, as his counselors, to focus our efforts on filling some ward callings until he could join us. We gave it our best effort but lacked clarity as we considered many options. When Bishop Bauman arrived, the callings rapidly fell into place with *remarkable* clarity. I gained great respect for the mantle of a bishop.

Our bishopric had a strong focus on the youth of the ward, through CSNs (Casual Sunday Nighters), firesides, and other activities. We earnestly wanted the youth to gain a testimony that the route to true happiness is through the Gospel, focused on the Savior

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**Monument Park First Ward
Bishop B. Lloyd Poelman
1988-1989**



Bishop: B. Lloyd Poelman – sustained Oct. 30, 1988 – released May 14, 1989
First Counselor: Stephen B Whipple
Second Counselor: Lorimer T. Christensen
Executive Secretary: Boyd E. Vogeler
Ward Clerk: Burt M. Slusser
Ass't Clerk: Russell B. Kinnersley
High Priest Group Leader: Richard L. McKay
Seventy Group Leader: Mark H. Stevens
Elders Quorum President: Mark L. Wilkinson
Sunday School President: Paul S. Evans
Relief Society President: Emma Lou Moray
Primary President: Lynette Orme
YW President: Jeanne Fetzer
YM President: Darrel Newman
Activities Chairman: Stewart and Connie Roberts

EVENTS

1988

- Memorable breakfast at the ward with Aaronic Priesthood young men and their fathers before proceeding to the Stake Center where George H. Durham spoke about being your best even if someone else is better. There are varying intelligences but God is more intelligent than they all. (Abraham 3:19)
- Worked with Robert Anderson and James Ryser on the use of computerized membership information for making home teaching assignments.
- Thom Harrison spoke to the youth at one of our regular Casual Sunday Night gatherings on how to communicate with parents.
- Meeting with Robert L. Bauman (former bishop and current ward mission leader) on ward missionary program we will implement through the priesthood quorums and friend shipping committee headed by Clark Fetzer.

1989

- On February 5, 1989, all meetings were cancelled due to severe weather—huge snowdrifts prevented most members from getting out of their driveways. Subsequently, the pipes burst in the boiler of the church. The priesthood brethren were organized with shovels and snow blowers to spend a few good hours clearing snow for the elderly.
- Created a “Come unto Christ” goal setting brochure to be used with all families. It was introduced in Sacrament

Meeting by Elizabeth Haglund who spoke on “Perfecting Ourselves and Others Through Compassionate Service” and her brother, Richard Haglund, who spoke on “How Christ’s Love and Love for Christ Are Expressed Through the Church Welfare Program.”

- In anticipation of Easter, Brother Judd Turner spoke in Sacrament Meeting on the last year and last week in the Savior’s life.

FUNERALS

- Faithful ward member Carl Rosell, January 27, 1989.

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- John S. Boyden, Jr. – Stake Presidency First Counselor
- Ewart A. Swinyard, Bruce H. Jensen – Stake High Council
- Mary Anne Turner – Stake Relief Society Presidency Second Counselor
- Jon M. Dunn – Stake Young Men Second Counselor
- Colleen N. Bauman – Stake Primary Music
- Richard and Grette Haglund served in the Veterans Administration Hospital Branch. Richard served as president

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Thoughts recorded by Bishop Poelman:

The first blessing after my call came as I prayed about my counselors. I received immediately an answer that Steve Whipple who I knew and loved, should serve as first counselor but I was puzzled for a while about the second counselor. The name that kept coming to my mind was a man only recently active again in the church who I had not known well. The impressions regarding Lorimer “Chris” Christensen were so powerful and persistent that I submitted his name to the stake presidency. Chris humbly accepted and served with great competence and diligence, connecting effectively with everyone and especially with those who had been less active for a time as well.

One evening, after trying unsuccessfully to visit an inactive family, I stopped briefly at the bishop’s office. For a reason not known to me I dialed the home of a brother and his wife who had not been enjoying good health. As the brother answered the phone I could sense that he was feeling very low and learned that he and his wife had just been informed of the death of a dear friend. I went to their home and had one of the sweetest hours of my life sharing friendship and some measure of comfort as we spoke of the gospel plan. I gave each of them a blessing and felt grateful as I departed their home for those special moments of inspiration and promptings which the Lord graciously provides when we seek his guidance.

I greatly enjoyed being bishop of the Monument Park 1st Ward for a short time. I know of no calling in the Church where a leader must rely more completely on the spirit of the Lord than that of bishop. I found great pleasure in serving and helping other

people, which I had been hesitant to do without a mantle. I believe I changed a lot in those six months. The Lord was kind to me. I feel such deep gratitude for Him. I really grew to love the people in the ward. I grew to feel more genuine love for people—all people—than I had ever known before. I found that being a father of teenage children at the same time was a special pleasure. When I walked over to the ward for meetings on an activity night, three of our teenagers went with me. It was the most rewarding Church calling I had ever had.

Memories of Lorimer “Chris” Christensen, Counselor:

Oct. 23 – Tonight we received a call from our stake president, W. Eugene Hansen. He asked us if we could drop down to his home this Sunday evening. Not knowing what to expect and with our minds spinning with various possibilities, we arrived promptly at 9:00 pm and were ushered into his study whereupon he said that the bishopric in our ward is being reorganized and the new bishop to be, Lloyd Poelman, has asked that I serve as his 2nd Counselor. I was flabbergasted as I have not had more than five minutes of conversation with Brother Poelman over the last five years in the ward. Not dissuaded, President Hansen said he only had two questions: “Am I worthy and am I willing?” I answered in the affirmative to both but expressed feelings of gross inadequacy and tried to deflect any final decision because I had not served a proselytizing mission. He leaned back smiling and said, “Well, for your information neither have I.” Accepting the call, I left stunned and with a total sense of amazement at what had just happened, overcome by the implications of a calling for which I felt totally unprepared.

Oct. 30 – I was sustained as 2nd Counselor in the Monument Park 1st Ward bishopric along with 1st Counselor Steven Whipple and Bishop Lloyd Poelman. I offered a few remarks and pledged to do my best, expressing publicly my bewilderment at what was transpiring. It was an almost eerie feeling to be standing before the ward, where in the past five years, we had the tendency to catch only sacrament meetings and serve quietly and nearly anonymously on the activities committee. Some of the events foretold in my patriarchal blessing were coming true already. When I remarked to Bishop Poelman that I couldn't begin to understand how or why he chose me as his counselor, he smiled broadly and placing his hand on my shoulder and with a benevolent smile said, "Well, Chris, you must remember that it wasn't me who made the choice."

Memories of Stephen Whipple, Counselor to Bishop Poelman:

In October 1988, I was set apart by President John Boyden, first counselor in the Bonneville Stake Presidency, as a counselor to Bishop Lloyd Poelman. During the prayer, President Boyden gave insightful direction and very specific answers to questions known only to my wife and me, as we had been praying for several months seeking the Lord's direction. This was a miracle of great significance in our lives, directly associated with accepting the calling to serve the Lord in this capacity.

Monument Park First Ward

**Monument Park First Ward
Bishop Judd A. Turner
1989-1991**



Bishop: Judd A. Turner – sustained May 1989
First Counselor: Lorimer “Chris” T. Christensen
Second Counselor: Jeffrey K. Wetzel
Executive Secretary: Robert P. Anderson
Assistant Secretary: James Ryser
Ward Clerk: Burt M. Slusser
Assistant Clerk: Russell B. Kinnersley, M. Ralph Shaffer, Roger Nelson, Loile J. Bailey
High Priest Group Leader: Richard L. McKay, Russell B. Kinnersley
Seventy Group Leader: John S. Boyden, Jr.
Elders Quorum President: Mark R. Wilkinson
Sunday School President: Mark L. Anderson
Relief Society President: Geraldine Oviatt
Primary President: Lynette Orme, Barbara Curtis
YW President: Karen M. Garff
YM President: Gary W. Buehner
Activities Chairman: Elizabeth McConkie, Lis Stevens

EVENTS

1989

- The Primary had 118 children and 22 in the nursery. For an activity, they made a video of various Book of Mormon stories.
- Single ward sisters held weekly scripture study classes (studying Isaiah in depth), Family Home Evenings, attended the temple and civic events together.

1990

- Bishopric sums up ward strengths: strong singles program, pretty good sacrament meeting attendance, home teaching of High Priests, and the building modifications. Weaknesses: home teaching of the Elders, mediocre missionary efforts, reverence in the chapel. New Goals: (1) Increase sacrament meeting attendance from 55% to 65%; (2) shoot for convert baptism of 10/year; (3) increase Elder’s quorum Home teaching to 90%; (4) interview singles 18-30 during SS time; (5) delegate more responsibility to the quorums, groups; (6) foster rapport with the YM/YW, encouraging them to serve others; (7) increase efforts at reactivation through inviting SS attendance.

1991

- Scouting – Bob Norton, scoutmaster; Steve Sorensen Cub Master to 32 cubs

FUNERALS

- Stephen Poelman

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Barbara Christensen – Stake Cultural Arts Chairman
- B. Lloyd Poelman – Stake President
- Robert L. Bauman – Stake Presidency First Counselor
- Stephen B. Whipple – Stake High Council
- Nancy M. Leymaster – Stake Relief Society Second Counselor
- Clyde L. Larsen – Stake Young Men Second Counselor
- Colleen N. Bauman – Stake Primary Music

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Bishop Turner’s profound memory conducting funeral for Stephen Poelman:

“I was blessed by numerous experiences that were remarkable. None had a more profound impact on me than my experience with Stephen Poelman, son of Lloyd and Catherine Poelman. Lloyd was serving as President of the stake at the time. Stephen was obviously born into a home where he was taught the gospel from his earliest years. As a primary child and in his initial years as an Aaronic Priest age he began to wander. He tested and eventually embraced a life-style that was contrary to gospel principles and very distressing to parents, family and others who dearly loved him.

On several occasions that he and I talked I could sense a battle was raging in the heart and soul of Stephen. His understanding of what was right and good was at odds with his behavior and the decisions he was making.

On what proved to be a sad Saturday in May, I arrived home after spending the day at a family event out of town to the news that, earlier in the day, Stephen had taken his own life.

Needless to say, all who were associated with this young man were devastated. In the dark early morning hours of Sunday morning I was unable to sleep. I was consumed with concerns for Stephen. He had been disobedient. He had broken commandments. He had taken his own life. The eternal consequences of all this seemed to me to be enormous, possibly irreversible.

The days between Stephen's death and his funeral were remarkable for me. My deep concerns and feelings of profound sadness gradually eased. A sense of peace grew in my heart. The Spirit whispered hope to my mind. I began to understand that Stephen's potential and possibilities were still intact; that an opportunity to repent and fully experience the gospel would still be his.

Stephen's funeral was held in the Monument Park Ward building. As many chairs as possible were set up anticipating a large attendance. When I went into the Relief Society room for the family prayer, the chapel and overflow were still relatively empty. As I left the Relief Society room and headed to the chapel, there was not a seat to be had in the building. The stand looked like General Conference. I was to conduct and took my seat next to Elder Neal Maxwell.

In addition to Lloyd and Catherine, Elder Maxwell, Elder Oaks, John Boyden, a close family friend and former member of the Stake Presidency, and I spoke. As it turned out my experience from the previous few days had not been unique. Speaker after speaker confirmed that they had had experiences similar to mine. The message of hope

whispered by the Spirit seemed to have been received generally by any and all involved in Stephen's life.

My sense is that this young man has responded or will respond to the gospel message in the next life much differently than he responded to it in this life.

Memories of Lorimor "Chris" Christensen, First Counselor in Bishopric from his autobiography:

When Bishop Poelman was released and called to be the first president of the newly formed Monument Park North Stake, our bishopric was released and Judd Turner (a Steve Martin look-a-like) was called to be the new bishop. He asked that I remain as his first counselor and a neighbor, Jeffrey Wetzel was called as second counselor, with Bob Anderson as Executive Secretary. Once again I was blessed to be serving with wonderful and joyful men. We worked hard but had many humorous moments along the way. One light-hearted moment occurred shortly after both Jeff and I had just recently strained our lower backs by lifting improperly. At bishopric meeting both Jeff and I were lying on the floor with our legs resting on the seat of adjacent chairs. Bob was looking on with amused disbelief when Bishop Turner entered his office and exclaimed, "Hey, this isn't a back clinic!" He threatened to call in Geoffrey Orme, a ward orthopedist, to give us a shot if we didn't straighten up and fly right. Judd loved to tease everyone and no one was spared.

Barbara (as the Stake Cultural Arts Specialist) and I both realize that our church callings are not for the individual but for the couple, as we continue to support each other in our callings to the nth degree.

MONUMENT PARK SECOND WARD



Monument Park Second Ward

**Monument Park Second Ward
Bishop William D. Oswald
1974-1978**



Bishop: William D. Oswald, sustained March 17, 1974, released March 19, 1978
First Counselor: Weldon N. Daines
Second Counselor: D. Dan Marriott – March 17, 1974 to September 19, 1976; D. Gail Prince – 19 September 1976 to March 19, 1978
Executive Secretary: Earl Kartchner
Ward Clerk: A. L. “Roy” Price
Assistant Ward Clerks: Grant Thurgood
High Priest Group Leader: Allan Thomas
Seventy Group Leaders: Charles Davey, Robert W. Yates,
Elders Quorum President: James Derrick, Ned C. Snell, John C. Nelson
Sunday School President: Fred H. Westergard,
Relief Society Presidents: Kathyryne Gilbert, Lee Yeates, Mary Jane Hansen
Primary Presidents: Karen Droubay, Beth Prince
Young Men President: Robert Harper
Young Women President: Evelyn Jorgensen

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EVENTS

1974

- The special “Kimball Fireside” held Sunday, May 11, 1974 where 38 of the youths in the ward, including three four non-members signed a pledge that each of the young men would serve missions and each of the young men and young women would live worthy to be married in the temple at some future time.

1976

- Bonneville Stake has fulltime missionaries for the first time in history. Ward is thrilled to hear new converts tell their conversion stories in sacrament meeting
- Ward Conference
- Daddy- Daughter Date with Merry Miss Girls
- Brent Hinckley earns Arrow of Light
- Nan Strunk baptized
- Colson Rich baptized
- Laurel –Priest Winter Party – moonlight hike to Jorgensen’s cabin, dinner at 2:00am. Movies, little sleep, great breakfast and lunch
- Roadshow- Uncle Sam’s Exam –found suffering from pollution
- Ward Family Dinner
- Song Fest – First prize to Beauty Shop quartet for Bomb of Gilead, Give Said the IRS.

- Explorer Kitchen Kapers - marshmallow stuffing, orange peeling and eating, Jell-O slurping, Ice Cream Dropping (into cone held in someone’s mouth)
- Merry Miss: Miss and Her Mom Party- came dressed as grandmother might have dressed; shared treasures from past: afghans, earrings fashioned from gold nuggets from Sutter’s Mill, china pitcher, dolly tea set, old books, decorated pillowcases, stuffed parrot
- New baby for Jim and Karen Derrick
- Young Adults at Conover’s cabin where they signed copies of Books of Mormon; previously donated blood, played football in the snow, and some miniature golf.
- Young Women- dinner and sharing talents
- Scout Court of Honor – 5 received Life Award, 1- First Class, 2- Second Class, 2- Tenderfoot
- Ward Bicentennial Party- July 5th- Dinner and Square Dancing
- Ward Float in the 24th of July Parade- The First Resort on Great Salt Lake. Blackrock- 2nd Place Award
- YW-AP- 4 days to Lake Powell
- Scouts camped at East Fork of the Bear River- earned many merit badges.
- Newlyweds: Grant and Jeanette Olsen, Norm and Marilyn Jansen, Craig and Janet Hancey
- Senior softball team goes to region

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1977

- Annual Thanksgiving Program
- Priesthood Preview
- Ward Council Dinner
- Scout Court of Honor – 1-Start, 5- First Class, 2- Second Class with incentive to have a motorcycle day
- Secret Grandmother's Banquet with Young Women

1978

- YW-AP and Young Adults take a Fateful Trip – issued airline ticket, given limousine service to the ward, given boarding passes, seated in gymnasium, hear sound of plane taking off and crashing, introduced to people and places in the Telestial, Terrestrial, and Celestial kingdoms
- Grant and Jeanette Olsen bless baby daughter
- Relief Society mini classes: crochet and knitting; French wash art technique; stretch and sew.
- Stake Variety Show entry: "Everything's Coming Up Onions." Directed by John C. Nelson; choreography by Carol McConkie and Kelly Kartchner; music by LarSene Hutchings. Ward youth were onions, weeds, and workers.

FUNERALS

- Aldon Joseph Anderson

- Earnest G. Burdett
- Florence Keate Gates
- Frank Gates
- William Earl Hutchings
- William Stephen Maxwell
- Nell Josephine West
- Dr. Stewart Alma Wright

NOTABLES

- President Spencer W. Kimball – President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Sister Camilla Eyring Kimball – First Lady of the Church
- Elder Delbert L. Stapley – Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and
- Sister Ethel Stapley
- Elder Neal A. Maxwell – Presidency of the First Quorum of the Seventy, First Quorum of the Seventy, Assistant to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, later a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.
- President Royden Derrick – First Quorum of the Seventy
- Henry Eyring – Internationally honored scientist, author of many publications, recipient of the National Medal of Science and ten other scientific awards
- David Daniel Marriott – Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1976

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and served four succeeding terms and was a candidate for Governor in 1984.

- Michael H. and Jackie Leavitt – move into the Don and Helen Lloyd historic home while they served a mission. He later became the 14th Governor of Utah (1993-2003), the 10th Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (2003-2005) and the 20th Secretary of Health and Human Services (2005-2009) in the President George W. Bush Administration.
- Margaret Draper Lee - (1909-1989) wife of former Governor and Salt Lake City Mayor J. Bracken Lee
- Emma Olson – National President of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers
- William D. Oswald –2nd Counselor in the Sunday School General Presidency
- Jana Winters – Winner of the Utah State Spelling Bee 1977
- Olinda Hoehne – One-man art show
- Dr. John Nelson – received Distinguished Service Award from Utah Medical Assoc. as chair of Unproven Health practices Committee
- Becky Hale – elected Sr. EHAG representative at East High
- Gordon Wright won Stake golf Tournament
- Barbara Snell success in stake tennis tournament

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- President Royden Derrick and Sister Allie Derrick, England North Mission and Irish Mission
- Brother Don Lloyd and Sister Helen Lloyd, Director, Washington D. C. Temple Visitors Center
- President Lyle M. Ward and Sister Virginia Ward, Washington D.C. Mission
- President Roland W. Wright and Sister Marge Wright, New York, New York City Mission
- Richard C. Andrew, Roland R. Wright, Henry Eyring, Lyle M. Ward, Oscar W. McConkie, Jr., High Councilors
- Jean Thornton, Stake Relief Society Secretary
- Roland R. Wright, 2nd Counselor, Stake YM Presidency
- Lyle M. Ward, 2nd Counselor, Stake Presidency
- Wayne Thornton, Stake Executive Secretary
- Elizabeth Ryser, 2nd Counselor Stake Relief Society

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Bishop Oswald's Thoughts: The Legacy of the President and Sister Kimball on Members of the Monument Park 2nd Ward:

On December 26, 1973, President Harold B. Lee passed away after serving only 18 months as President of the Church. He suddenly took ill and within hours passed away notwithstanding the great efforts of doctors and medical specialists to save his life. That evening, Elder Spencer W. Kimball and his beloved Camilla, our quiet and kindly neighbors living on upper Laird Drive, were suddenly thrust from backstage into the spotlight. President Kimball came into the presidency at age 78 on December 30, 1973. Because of serious health problems—throat cancer and heart failure among others—no one thought he would ever become President of the Church. Besides he was older than President Harold B. Lee by four years and no one expected that he would become the senior member of the apostles.

Little was expected or anticipated from his administration. Oh, how wrong we were! He held the office of President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for twelve years until his death on November 5, 1985. Nothing less than a marvelous “spiritual revolution” was underway as the members of the Monument Park 2nd ward attempted individually and collectively to “lengthen our stride” as we tried to keep pace with him.

Spencer and Camilla Kimball left Arizona in 1943 and moved to Salt Lake City to accept the calls to serve as a member of the quorum of the Twelve. In 1947, the Kimballs built their home at 2028 Laird Avenue. The Kimballs lived quietly among the members of the ward and were active in many of the activities of the ward as their time and

callings permitted. Once he became president of the Church, he put his tremendous work ethic and able talents as a teachers and preacher of righteousness to the task. Humbly he asked: “Brethren and sisters, I wonder if we are doing all we can. Are we complacent in our assignment to teach the gospel to others? Are we prepared to lengthen our stride? To enlarge our vision?” (*Teachings of Presidents of the Church*, 261). As we tried to follow his example, all of us were forced to lengthen our strides—both individual and collectively.

During the years of the Kimball presidency, and following the example set by the Kimballs, the members of our ward along with the entire Church strove for excellence in many areas. May I share some important ways that President and Sister Kimball have changed our lives for the better:

Living the Law of the Fast:

President Kimball encouraged us to follow his example in living the law of the fast. As we did, the members of the ward gained great blessings. During these years, the Monument Park 2nd ward led the Church in the per capita amount of contributions made to the Fast Offering fund of the Church. On one occasion when the entire Church had been requested to fast and pray for the Lord to remove the drought conditions, President Kimball taught us the power that come from knowing the scriptures. When he came to Sacrament meeting, my usual custom was to greet him and ask him if he had any instructions for the bishopric as the presiding officer. His usual response was: “Carry on bishop as though I were not here.” On this Sunday, I had been delayed in my office I did not have the chance to greet him before coming to the stand. During the course of the meeting, the Spirit prompted me to ask him if he would like to give the closing prayer on this special occasion. I quickly wrote the

following note and passed it to the chair which he always sat in saying: "In light of the special fast, would you care to offer the closing prayer? Bishop Oswald." A few minutes the note came back to me with this answer penned in red ink: "Or say a word or two before the prayer, either—as you say." At the close of the meeting, I said that because of the special nature of the worldwide fast being observed by the members of the Church, I had asked President Kimball if he would take a few minutes and instruct the congregation on the importance of the fast. For the next ten minutes, the members of the ward had the opportunity to witness a Prophet of God, under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, speak with power and authority. Without any notes, President Kimball quoted from memory several passages from the Old Testament on the importance of fasting and prayer in petitioning the Lord to send forth rain. He recited the pattern found in the scriptures where God had withheld rain in order to teach the people to be humble and obedient as they acknowledge their dependence upon the Lord for the blessings given conditional upon their personal righteousness. President Kimball wonder aloud whether or not the members were living the commandments to be worthy of asking God to open the windows of heaven and send forth the moisture so necessary to sustain life. It was a masterful demonstration of one who, over a lifetime of scriptural reading and study, had come to know the scriptures and the Author of those sacred writings given to Gods prophets in past dispensations. At the end of the meeting, the Prophet prayed. Afterwards, the congregation was immovable and did not want to leave or break the marvelous Spirit that was present and felt by all. Many members went home and wrote in their journals of having been taught that day by a living Prophet speaking under the mantle of his authority and by the influence of the Spirit. It was a sacred experience worth remembering and recording

in personal journals. The Relief Society president wrote in her journal: "President Kimball is such a tremendous example to us all. He spoke so much about our personal worthiness as a prerequisite to fasting and praying for the rain, that I am sure there were many present today who did some deeply introspective soul searching of our own, as I did." "Then I had the most thrilling experience of my life. I heard the Prophet pray. I felt the very heavens open up in that sweet but powerful communication between our Heavenly Father and his most chosen of all servants on the earth. He thanked the Lord for the Prophets of old—in a manner that made me feel he had a very personal relationship with those prophets. . . As I left my choir seat at the close of the meeting, brushing the tears from my eyes, I saw the members of the congregation, men and women alike, doing the same. We were all visibly moved by the power, the sweetness and the challenge of this most significant prayer. Especially to hear the humble Prophet say: "Lord, we pray that we may be found worthy to ask."

Volunteering for Missionary Service:

The spirit of missionary work captured our attention when every worthy young man was told that missionary service was a priesthood duty. President Kimball asked each ward in the Church to set as the goal to have one percent of the ward population serving missions at any given time. In 1975, the Monument Park 2nd ward had four percent of its membership serving as full time missionaries. . In response to President Kimball's call that every young man serve a mission, during the period 1974-1978, we were fortunate to have nearly all of young men in the ward worthy to accept President Kimball's calls to missionary service. During these four years, one-third of all ward Sacrament meetings were either missionary farewells or missionary homecomings.

Studying a Foreign Language:

President Kimball encouraged members of the Monument Park 2nd ward to study foreign languages in order to gain an appreciation of others and to be able to teach them the truths of the gospel in their own language. President Kimball taught us that those we might consider to be “foreigners” are, in fact, our Heavenly Fathers’ children and are not foreign to Him.

Keeping a Personal Journal:

President Kimball was one of the great journal keepers in the Church and taught us of the importance of keeping a personal journal. At the time he became President of the Church, his personal journal consisted of 33 black binders kept in order on the shelves of his home study. When we drove by his home late at night and saw the light in his study still shining, we knew he was either doing work he had brought home to complete or writing in his personal journal. Of keeping a personal journal, President Kimball said: “Your journal is your autobiography, so it should be kept carefully. You are unique, and there may be incidents in your experience that are more noble and praiseworthy in their way than those recorded in any other life. What could you do better for your children and your children’s children than to record the story of your life, your triumphs over adversity, your recovery after a fall, your progress when all seemed black, your rejoicing when you had finally achieved? Spencer W. Kimball, “President Kimball Speaks Out on Personal Journals,” *Ensign*, Dec. 1980)

Doing It Now:

One of President Spencer W. Kimball’s effective encouragements was the succinct “Do It.” He later expanded this to “Do It Now” to pointedly teach the need for acting rather than being acted upon. President Kimball taught us that “it is better for something to be underway than under

advisement.” President Kimball taught the profound principle that procrastination leads to the loss of exaltation. He said: “One of the most serious human defects in all ages is procrastination, an unwillingness to accept personal responsibilities now. ... Many have allowed themselves to be diverted and have become ... addicts to mental and spiritual indolence and to the pursuit of worldly pleasure” (*Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Spencer W. Kimball* [2006], 4–5). President Kimball taught us about trimming our hedges, repairing our old fences, cleaning up the unsightly things from the neighborhood. He taught us to “fix up or paint up, or else tear it down.” President Kimball told the story of Brigham Young having urged the people of a certain community to properly dress and clean their premises, refused to go back to them to preach to them saying: “You didn't listen to me when I urged you to fix up your yards. The same doors are off their hinges; the same barns are still unpainted; the same fences are partly fallen.” I believe that President Kimball would take delight in seeing the large amounts of rubbish and garden clippings placed on our curbs during the annual neighborhood cleanup knowing that we are still following his counsel. Sister Kimball taught us that busy people can have beautiful and interesting gardens. When she came to our home as my wife’s visiting teacher, she often took time to complement her about her home and garden. Many gardens in our ward contain cherished cuttings from Sister Kimball’s garden, which continue to cultivate with tenderness.

Knowing and Teaching from the Scriptures:

President Kimball taught us by example a new appreciation for reading and studying the scriptures. “I ask us all to honestly evaluate our performance in scripture study. It is a common thing to have a few passages of scripture at our disposal, floating in our

minds, as it were, and thus to have the illusion that we know a great deal about the gospel. In this sense, having a little knowledge can be a problem indeed. I am convinced that each of us, at some time in our lives, must discover the scriptures for ourselves—and not just discover them once, but rediscover them again and again.” (*Teachings of Presidents of the Church*, 62). Sister Camilla Kimball was the Spiritual Living teacher in the Relief Society for 15 years. At the beginning of each year she invited the sisters in the ward to read the assigned book of scriptures promising that those who filled the assignment were invited to her home for a luncheon honoring their effort. I noticed that a few days before the “Camilla Kimball Luncheon” was to be held, many a lights burned late into the nights as some of the sisters worked to complete their reading assignment. None of the sisters wanted to miss the opportunity of being with Sister Kimball because they had failed to complete their reading assignment.

Update on those who attended the Spencer Kimball Fireside in 1974: All four non-members who signed the pledge or attended the fireside—Nan Strunk, Lisa Langlitz, Nancy Martinez and H. Coulson Rich—were baptized., and at least three who I have contact with were married in the temple. Nan, graduated from law school, and is married to a former justice on the Arizona

Supreme Court who now serves as a stake president in Gilbert, Arizona. Lisa was the daughter of the Episcopal minister who had his congregation on Foothill Drive. Her parents initially forced her to leave home after her baptism, but she later made reconciliation and married a returned missionary member from our ward. Elder Maxwell a few years later reported to the ward that he met Liza while on a Church assignment in Toronto, Canada, where she was a 25-year-old ward Relief Society president in Canada. H. Colson Rich was a great grandson of Apostle Charles C. Rich of pioneer lore.

Thought from Corrine M. Blair:

One of the greatest things I’m thankful for is missionary work. My family was brought into the Church eighteen years ago in Battle Creek, Michigan. Because of this, I have been bless with many great blessings..., such as, having the priesthood in our home, the gift of the Holy Ghost, being sealed to my family for all time and eternity in the Temple, have love and understanding in our home and much more. Growing up in the mission field I have been able to see many people come into the Church and how it’s changed their lives. I hope we can give missionaries all the support we can to help them carry on in the Lord’s work—as David O. McKay said, “Every member a Missionary.”

Monument Park Second Ward

**Monument Park Second Ward
Bishop Nathan B. Winters
1978-1983**



Bishop: Nathan “Nate” Winters, Sustained March 19, 1978- released Sept. 11, 1983
First Counselor: Dr. Earl Snell, Robert Yates, Ned Snell
Second Counselor: Robert Yates, Ned Colwell Snell, Carter Jones, Jr.
Executive Secretary: Jack L. Sloan,
Assistant Executive Secretary: John Nelson, Russ Sorenson
Ward Clerk: Le Roy Price
Assistant Ward Clerks:
High Priest Group Leader: Weldon Daines
Seventy Group Leaders: George R. “Sam” Parker
Elders Quorum President: King Udall, Kimball Young
Sunday School Presidents: Gary Ransom, Russell Sorenson, Preston Parkinson, Carl Brockbank, Sr., Robert Campbell
Relief Society President: Asenath Evans, Mary Jane Hansen, Colleen Maxwell
Primary President: Betty Rasmussen
Young Men Presidents: Carter Jones, Weldon Daines, Jon Nelson, Colin Kelly, Alan Thomas
Young Women President: Lori Wilson, Laurel Young, Linda Nelson
Activities Committee: John Anderson, LaJune Jones, King and Kathy Udall, Connie Spjute

Monument Park Second Ward

EVENTS

1979

- Summer neighborhood parties/potlucks given by the Hydes with Eyrings and Harpers; Hinckleys and Tidwells; Parkers and Daineses
- Monument Park II Ward celebrates Silver 25th Anniversary. The Conovers chaired the event that featured a meal and 25 cakes with 25 sparklers atop each. Souvenir journals handed out and talk given by our ward's very own President Kimball.
- Ward summer pot-luck picnic, carnival and square dance chaired by Dan Lowen
- Youth Conference in July highlighted by a trip to the Manti Pageant
- Primary Summer Olympics organized by Carol Curtis
- Primary parade float theme came from Pres. Kimball's challenge to "Beautify Your Surroundings" and all were included in the float construction led by LeGrand Sharp and Dixie Sloan
- Brighton Camp and Scout Camp Evergreen are well attended
- Summer Relief Society Meeting held in yard of Saundra Parker, Ann Nicholls Madsen spoke about "Women of Perspective from the Past"
- Roadshow "The Heart of the Matter" organized by John Nelson and Florence Stamm

- Primary classes go caroling and deliver goody baskets to families in the ward
- Book of Mormon Project encouraged by the Seventies: 791 Books of Mormon were sent from the ward to missions throughout the world
- Ward "VIP" Christmas party was held at the Lion House and hosted by the Bishopric and Relief Society President

1980

- New Year's emphasis on fitness with several walking/jogging and calisthenics groups forming
- Duncan Oswald organizes and paints proper parking demarcations in the church parking lot for his Eagle Badge
- Youth conducts entire Sacrament Service at the University Hospital for a service project
- Ward Sweetheart Ball for married couples
- Youth spent an overnigher at the YMCA playing games and sports and had breakfast at the ward prepared by advisors and bishopric
- Ward switches to new church-wide consolidated schedule of three hour block
- Daddy-Daughter Party hosted by Merrie Miss girls in Primary with a Hawaiian theme
- Genealogical workshop begins and is held each Sunday during Sunday School

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- Relief Society presents a readers theatre presentation of “Because of Elizabeth” at the ward RS anniversary social
- Mutual participates in window wash fundraiser for their upcoming “Super Activity”
- Ward Carnival and Summer Party
- Graduating High School Seniors celebrated with a breakfast in the yard of YW Pres. Laurel Young
- Youth Super Activity included excursions through Zion’s Canyon, sand dunes, tennis, swimming, golf, etc. and culminated with a testimony meeting at the St. George visitors’ center
- Relief Society Garden Party Brunch in the Thomas garden with guest speaker Marion Boyer
- Merrie Miss girls host a Mother-Daughter party with a Western theme highlighted with a skit entitled “Horse ‘N’ Around”
- Annual Ward Summer Party held on East lawn of the church co-chaired by Webb Adams and Kurt Spjute; Primary presents its program, “A Prophet Speaks” following the dinner, President Kimball addressed the ward at the evening’s conclusion
- Neighborhood Fun Run a huge success organized by Susan Larsen and Joan Burdette
- Focus on Food Storage
- Youth go to midway to stay in Winters’ cabins and take part in leadership planning seminar
- Ward Christmas Party, “A Good Old Fashioned Christmas Party” theme
- Relief Society Gala Christmas Festivity chaired by Judy McConkie and luncheon by Mary Smith
- Mutual youth sponsor a Spook Alley for the Primary children
- Special Elders’ Social fireside held with the theme of “Family: Past, Present and Future” prepared by Finlinson/Hales families
- Fall Social held for the “youngish” marrieds in the ward
- Relief Society hosts a “GALA” Christmas display chaired by Judy McConkie and Barbara Daines
- Youth hold Christmas service project to meet with developmentally delayed group and sing carols and make crafts with them
- Ward Choir presents “The Hallelujah Chorus” from Handel’s Messiah
- Ward Christmas party a big success with rhymes, décor, carolers, a humorous reading of “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” and a lovely interpretation of “Away in a Manger” on the flute
- High Priests, wives and widows invited to Christmas Open House at Vernon and Evelyn Jorgensen home
- Bishopric and Relief Society host Christmas party for the Special interest group of the ward at the Lion House

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1981

- Emphasis on Scripture Study with specific “Scripture Self-Improvement Plan” set forth
- Ward Movie Night “The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm”
- Youth hold Road Rally organized by Jeff Snell, Roger McConkie, Jeff Yates and James Prince
- Sweetheart Candlelight Dinner organized by Cathy Udall and LaJune Jones
- YW-YM Variety Show “Be a Clown” held at East High
- Ward Conference theme is “Let virtue garnish thy thoughts unceasingly” D & C 121:45
- Annual “Children’s Fund” theme of “Pennies by the Inch” raised for Primary Children’s Medical Center organized by Fund Chairman Nyla Barborka
- Primary Program theme is “Families Can Be Together Forever”
- Merrie Miss Parent Party
- “March –to-March” blood bank donation year comes to a close
- Indian Placement Program meeting is held in the stake
- Annual Relief Society Anniversary Party commemorates the organization of the Relief Society in 1842
- Ward Dinner theme is “It Will Be a Three-Ring Circus”
- Relief Society encourages Earthquake preparedness
- Ward Movie “North Avenue Irregulars”
- Stamms host Easter Egg Hunt for ward children
- Youth hold a “Sally and Sam” Fashion Show
- YW slumber party at the Nelsons
- Ward Summer Party and Pot-Luck
- Elders’ Social “Gala of the year” chaired by Brad and MaryAnn Hatch
- Primary International with parade and paper flags held at the ward
- First Annual Fathers and Daughters Outing held in Big Cottonwood Canyon with 70 fathers and daughters in attendance
- YM/YW hold annual leadership retreat at the Homestead in Midway, Utah
- Ward Summer Party with County Fair theme and bluegrass music, games, and pie-eating contest
- Ward Christmas Party theme features an evening to share the fine arts talents of the ward
- Second Annual Young Men and Women’s Road Rally
- Fall Progressive Dinner Social

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1982

- RS Birthday Luncheon and program
- YW New Beginnings Night
- Primary children pay tribute to Bishop Winters for his birthday with letters of appreciation and a giant card
- Spring Scout Trip in Canyonlands
- Cub Pack Meeting with dress and personal grooming inspection and sailing race
- Merrie Miss Memorandum introducing the program and girls' achievements
- Blazer Briefing Night held discussing Gospel in Action Program
- Ward Cultural Arts Evening features an evening of talent sharing with music, poetry, etc.
- Miri Stamm holds Easter Egg Hunt for ward children
- Ward Youth Super Activity at Flaming Gorge with skits and a river trip down the Green River
- "Camilla Kimball Day" held for all sisters who took the challenge to read Book of Mormon held in gardens of Helen Lloyd's home
- Elders' Social in Washington Park chaired by Jared and Marsha Parker
- Ward Summer Party in George Washington Park
- Second Annual Fathers and Daughters Outing at Cherry Hills Campground in Layton
- Ward Primary Activity
- Young Women travel to see Utah Pageant of the Arts
- YW Brighton YW's Camp, Midway sleepover and Heritage Day tours and Luncheon
- Father and Sons Outing
- Mother and Sons Blazer Breakfast
- RS Evening Opening Social

NOTABLES

- Justin Parker – Carden School's Merit Honor Roll
- Paul Brockbank on East High's Varsity basketball team
- Ann Thomas elected to National Honor Society
- Dr. Henry Eyring receives prestigious Berzelius Medal in Gold from Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, presented to him by King Gustaf of Sweden
- Jackie Ewell named top sales person nationally for her company, National Beauty Services
- Roger Van Komen has his research paper accepted to be read at the Western Psychological Association Convention in Honolulu

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- Bishop Winters invited by MIT scholars to participate in an art project – A Desert Earth Piece – in the name of Peace
- Debra Pack rides undefeated on her jumping horse named “Better and Better”
- President and Sister Kimball celebrate 63 years of marriage
- Rob Reese graduates from U of U Law School and passes Utah Bar Exam
- Jeff Snell named “Most Valuable Player” awarded by Salt Lake Bonneville Stake Sports Director
- Russell Daines and Duncan Oswald receive Eagle Scout
- Dr. Henry Eyring has U of U Chemistry Building named after him
- Spencer Kartchner receives Eagle Scout
- Lee Wagstaff promoted to Exec. VP of Ross Journey & Associates Inc.
- Stephen R. Benson joins staff of “The Arizona Republic” newspaper as political cartoonist
- Dan and Marilyn Marriott attend Pres. Ronald Reagan’s inauguration
- Allison Oswald accepted as exchange student to Mexico for school year
- Ann Thomas attends BYU Israel Study Abroad
- Anne Daines attends BYU London Study Abroad
- Oscar McConkie set apart to spend a month in Africa on special missionary assignment; called as Regional Rep. over North Provo-Edgemont Region
- Suzie Fillmore attends BYU Austrian study abroad
- Darin Parker, David Marriott and Ed McConkie receive Eagle Scout
- Dan Marriott re-elected to Congress
- Jana Winters receives full four-year arts departmental scholarship and honors at University of Utah
- Wayne and Jean Thornton travel to China
- Nicholas Bennett joins U.S. Navy
- Bishop Winters interviewed on Earth Housing by Rich Finlinson on KSL Radio
- Neal A. Maxwell – receives an honorary doctorate from Utah State University
- Roland Wright named Exec. Director of Utahns Against Pornography
- William Oswald – honored by SLC Medical Society for his legal work with Medical Association and Legislative Conference
- Fred Evans receives award “in recognition of Service and Devotion to U of U” appointed to Professor Emeritus of Biology
- Bishop Winters qualifies for Gallon Club for blood donation to the ward blood bank

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FUNERALS

- Franklin Gates
- Bill Oblad
- Dr. Cannon
- Alpha Johnson
- Vivian Snow
- W.E. Myrick
- Eliza and Brigham Blackhurst, born five days apart and passed away five days apart
- Lee Ann Altman
- Heartha Preece
- Paul McCune
- Jayne Jackson
- Grace Grether
- Isabella Maxwell
- Alvin Johnson

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Colleen Maxwell – Stake Relief Society President
- Elizabeth Ryser – 2nd Counselor, Stake Relief Society
- Russell Hales – Stake Sunday School President

- Jay Sorenson – Stake Missionary Prep Committee
- President Roland and Marge Wright – Mission president of the New York, New York City Mission
- Elder Carl Brockbank, Jr. – serving in Japan
- Elder Pace McConkie – serving in New Zealand
- Paul Brockbank – called to serve in Fukuoka, Japan Mission
- Elliott and Susan Roberts – Serve a mission in Arkansas
- Jeff Snell – Alabama Birmingham Mission
- Jeff Yates – Iowa Des Moines Mission
- Roger McConkie – Tokyo, Japan South Mission
- Margaret Benson – Rome, Italy Mission
- Oscar McConkie – Stake High Councilman
- T. Wayne Thornton – Stake Executive Secretary & Stake High Council
- Roland Wright – Stake High Council
- Henry Eyring – Stake High Council
- Allan P. Thomas – High Council
- Elder and Sister Conover – Philippines Mission

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Bishop Winters' memories of being the Bishop in President Kimball's ward:

Imagine having the telephone ring late in the night, and a gravelly voice heard as you answer and recognize the caller to be President Spencer W. Kimball. "Bishop, could you accompany me to give a blessing tonight?" We drove together to the hospital to bless a sister not known to either of us. Answering a family request for a blessing the Prophet and I placed our hands on her head (She was comatose) and asked that a miracle be given to her as a mother in Israel if it be the will of the Lord. Can you imagine the gratitude I felt driving home with the Prophet, having participated in his unique priesthood calling for even a moment? To be bishop of the ward in which the President resided?

Recalling President Kimball's calling made manifest in their ward:

The entire Monument Park 2nd ward was present in Sacrament Meeting the day in which President Kimball ended 3 days of his personal fasting and prayer, because of his concern over the national drought that year. President Kimball took a unique direction in this Sacrament Meeting....speaking, then ending his address in prayer. As he spoke, he stopped for many seconds....looked upward to the chapel ceiling...then said "Brothers and Sisters, the Lord has just made it known to me that the reason for the drought we have been experiencing is that we have become a nation of Sabbath breakers. He then began his prayer which was amazing to hear...he addressed Heavenly Father as GOD, creator and governor of the Universe. It was so very reverent and worshipful with infinite respect for His Godhood. President Kimball then prayed and promised the Lord that we would

make new efforts to keep his Sabbath day holy. Within weeks, church publications began emphasizing the Sabbath, and within a week after that, the rains began to fall...and the nationwide drought was ended. As one little ward in Zion, we witnessed the prophet and the Lord working together on a global scale.

A Humorous Memory with President Kimball:

Once, in Sacrament meeting, after preludes and brief welcoming remarks with music and another Sacrament completed, the bishopric counselor announced the rest of the program. Included in the announcement was the mention of who would say the benediction to the meeting. The brother to give that prayer happened to be dozing. When he heard his name mentioned, he awoke, strode up to the pulpit, and promptly closed the meeting. We all looked at President Kimball...."oops, what do we do now?" The President said quietly and simply, "Let's go home."

Monument Park 2nd Ward was blessed by the influence of brotherly love:

The saints did develop an ability to sincerely watch over one another. For example, it was not surprising to see Elder Neal A. Maxwell and his sweet wife Colleen riding their bicycles with the baskets filled with bread to deliver to members they knew could enjoy a lift. It was common to see President Kimball on a leisurely walk about the Neighborhood visiting, inquiring, and loving after his neighbors.

As Bishop, it was instructive to me to see President Kimball and his fellow Arizona friend and apostle Delbert W. Stapley come to

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the Bishop's office to start out the year with their Fast Offerings for the entire year - always very generous. I was so honored to serve with such a select group of saints. When released as Bishop, I gathered our family together in prayer to ask that the Lord would accept our service as a Bishopric family. The Spirit flooded in on us as a family, and we were filled with joy.

Fred Westergard, Cub Master, recalls experiences:

In the fall before the ward building was remodeled, the ward band made up of 15 to 20 members who hadn't touched their instruments in years, performed on stage. They were all given a song to play together and without much practicing played quite well.

The ward Cub Scout Pack grew from 10 to 20 boys. They were recognized for their achievements by standing on a box (about 2 ½ feet by 2 ½ feet) painted yellow with a piece of blue carpet on top. On each side were emblems of the cub program, the Bobcat, the Wolf, the Bear, and the Webelos symbol. According to what award was given, the box was rotated to that particular emblem and the cub scout being recognized stood on top. The Cub Scouts got to choose the applause for their own award, either the live wire applause, the watermelon applause, a round of applause, or the lawn sprinkler applause.

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**Monument Park Second Ward
Bishop Roland Wright
1983-1989**



Bishop: Roland Wright, sustained: Sept. 11, 1983; released, November 1989
First Counselor: Carter Jones
Second Counselor: Sam Parker, Bill Lloyd
Executive Secretary: Jack Sloan, Richard Thornton
Ward Clerks: A. LeRoy Price, Melvin C. Petersen, Donald H Nielson,
Assistant Ward Clerks: Richard Thornton, Scott R. Henderson, Darrel J Vorwaller, John Prince, Henry C. Stevens, Luke H. Ong, Mel Peterson, Richard Price
High Priest Group Leader: Weldon Daines, Donald H. Neilson, D. Daniel Marriott
Seventy Group Leader: King Udall, John K. Hayes
Elders Quorum President: Kent A. Nelson, David W. Woodbury
Sunday School President: Vernon Jorgensen, King S. Udall
Relief Society President: Jean Thornton, Barbara Daines, Evelyn Jorgensen
Primary President: Peggy Westergard, Linda Harrison, Sue B. Thornton
Young Men President: Royal I. Hansen, Ned C. Snell,
Young Women President: Marilyn Bennett, Kathleen Jones, Rosalie Booth

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EVENTS

1983

- Three Fold Mission of the Church Declared with emphasis on a Christ-centered Church
- YM and YW theatrical and other activities diminished due to the consolidated general church scheduling. For a brief time youth activities were not held during the week.
- "Music Man" produced by Cathy Jones with Mary Ann Hatch and Kent Nelson; intense effort; pulls ward together.

1984

- Jul 11 Dinner at Washington Park to celebrate 30 year anniversary of formation of ward (annual summer parties at Washington Park continue for years afterward)
- Aug 08 ward members weed onions at stake farm
- Oct 27 annual progressive dinner at members' homes--prizes given for best Halloween costumes
- Nov 21 Elder Neal Maxwell speaks at annual Thanksgiving Devotional (an annual tradition that continues for many years)

1985

- Aug 10 ward priesthood leaders participate in seven stake regional conference with Elder Maxwell, Elder Packer and Elder Kikuchi--warnings of

dissenters in church and the dangers of the prosperity cycle

- Aug 24 high priest annual summer party at Lloyds' home--Nate Winters speaks on art and the church
- Aug 30-31 ward campout at Payson Canyon--"ward stew" served up, everyone contributes vegetables; sit around the campfire Thomas Harrison sings old 1960s songs
- Sep 29 at sacrament meeting, Sister Marjorie Wright introduces new church hymn book
- Oct 30 YM and YW put on spook alley at ward (charge \$10 / family)
- Nov 06 Pres. Spencer W. Kimball-- prophet and longtime member of the ward passes away
- Nov 17 emphasis on Book of Mormon in ward sacrament meeting
- Nov 21 "Road rally" at Cub Scout pack meeting
- Dec 22 annual open house at home of Vern and Evelyn Jorgensen - high priest group help sponsor
- Dec 29 Elder Neal Maxwell speaks at ward sacrament meeting--continuing a multi-year tradition
- 1986 Jan 26 ward hosts teaching fireside--parents meet children's teachers in Primary, YM and YW, Sunday School
- Scouting: Canyonlands' bike trip.

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- Three scouters in the ward received The Silver Beaver Award: LeGrand Sharp, Earl Snell, and Fred Westergard
- Athletics: Ward Basketball Championship (see Ode to the Champ Peons in Memory section)
- Talent Programs – many blessed with musical talent
- Primary Sacrament Program with youth playing instruments as well as singing and speaking.
- Severe Spring runoff causes flooding to the point that main streets were made into sandbagged rivers. Ward members were called to fill and place sandbags.

1986

- Feb 21 ward dinner-dance celebrating Valentine's Day--many young couples have attended dance classes leading to event--awards are given for cha cha, swing, fox trot, waltz; theme of Paradise (similar Valentine's dance held on 13 Feb 1987, 12 Feb 1988)
- 1986 Mar 12 ward day at the temple--baptisms, initiatory, sealings
- 1986 May 16 talent and variety show featuring ward members--violin duets, Ned Snell does impersonation of "Ralph Shaw"
- 1986 Jun 21 annual Relief Society "Camilla Kimball" day; sisters honored for reading gospel book

- 1986 Jul 21 annual ward summer picnic at Washington Park in Old Pavilion--kids running around
- 1986 Jul 14-16 YM and YW summer activity in Sun Valley, Idaho
- 1986 Aug 17 ward sacrament meeting introduces a Book of Mormon project
- 1986 Aug 23 High Priest social at Don Lloyd's home, Andrew Ehat speaks
- 1986 Sep 14 Book of Mormon fireside, with presentation by Alma Gygi
- 1986 Oct 04 at general conference Pres. Benson announces discontinuance of 70s quorums in stakes--now limited to general authority level; our stake and ward had implemented this one year before
- 1986 Oct 24 ward square dance at Social Hall in Pioneer Park--eat oven stew, dress in western clothes; square dance and Virginia Reel

1987

- Sister Camilla Kimball passed away
- Mar 08 Pres. Thomas S. Monson speaks in ward sacrament meeting
- Mar 18 traveling road shows at ward cultural hall - ward performs take off on Bye Bye Birdie
- Sep 04-05 ward campout at Alpine Meadows -- ward provides dinner, sing to guitar after dinner (very cold)
- Oct 08-10 ward scout Troop 539 takes trip to Canyonlands with scouts and some Dads - becomes known as "Earl's death march" - scouts and fathers take off,

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string out along trail to confluence of Green and Colorado Rivers - sandy trail, bikes break down, run out of water; Nate Winters badly dehydrated--needs blessing; turns dark with no moonlight; follow up with fun river run down Colorado; Earl Snell vows never again--superbly organizes scout trips in years to come

1988

- Jan 24 Bill Lloyd replaces Carter Jones as counselor in bishopric
- Jan 28 Cub Scouts-- typical monthly pack meeting – fake bonfire in middle of room, scouts sit around and tell tall tales
- Jan 31 Dan Rona speaks about Israel in sacrament meeting
- Feb 28 in sacrament meeting, families with full time missionaries in field speak
- Mar 19 Elders host a progressive dinner for elders and younger high priests; meet at ward for dessert
- Mar 23 stake hosts traveling road show for youth – ward presents one with “Monopoly” theme
- Mar 27 ward choir performs Easter Cantata (one week ahead of Easter—because of general conference)
- Apr 23 ward members gather for spring cleanup
- May 01 Bishop Wright teaches priesthood about fast offerings
- 1988 May 21 ward hosts “fun run”

- Jul 3 Elder Neal Maxwell teaches high priest lesson on the Prophet Joseph Smith
- Jul 6-9 YM and YW have “super activity” at Lake Powell
- Aug 1-6 Boy Scouts attend annual scout camp at East Fork of the Bear; fathers take time helping out (typical summer campout)
- Aug 12 Bishop Wright hosts dinner at his home for new ward members
- Aug 26-27 ward campout at Theater in the Pines; ward provides breakfast; hike up to Stewart Falls
- Oct 13-15 Boy Scouts travel to Capitol Reef over UEA weekend—take bikes; hike to Hickman Arch; drive up Boulder Mountain road then bike down Pleasant View Creek to Scenic Drive inside park; boys pack custom lunches in morning; Earl Snell trails in truck to carry lunches and provide emergency support
- Oct 28 ward hosts dinner-dance for mutual age and up; demonstration dances given

FUNERALS

- Ethyl Stapely
- President Spencer Kimball
- Camilla Kimball

NOTABLES IN THE WARD

- President and Sister Kimball
- Dr. John C. Nelson – member of the Federal Prospective payment Assessment

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MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Spencer W. Kimball, President of the Church
- Neal A. Maxwell, Apostle
- T. Wayne Thornton, High Council
- Allan P. Thomas, High Council
- Nathan B. Winters, 2nd Counselor, Stake Sunday School Presidency
- Barbara Daines, 2nd Counselor, Stake Relief Society
- Jack B. Sloan, Stake Clerk
- Royal I. Hansen, Stake YM President
- Mary Ann Hatch, 1st Counselor, Stake Primary Presidency
- Mindy M. Fogg, Secretary, Stake Primary Presidency
- Michal Hales, Stake Primary Nursery Leader
- Kent Nelson, Stake High Council
- Lance C. Larkin, Stake Sports Director

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Poem to Camilla by Spencer W. Kimball:

*“When I look back across our mingled years,
I know it is not just the joys we shared;*

*That made our lives one pattern, but the
tears;*

*We shed together, and the rough, wild seas
we fared,*

*Through this world’s faults and failures, we
have come;*

To heights of understanding that are based,

More on the sorrows than the joys of home,

Young love is beautiful to contemplate,

But old love is the finished tapestry,

*Stretched out from oaken floors to heaven’s
gate,*

We wove on earth for all eternity,

*With threads made stronger by the steady
beat;*

Of hearts that suffered but knew no defeat.”

Memories from Bishop Wright:

One of the highlights of 1983 was the production of the musical “The Music Man” because it involved all age groups in the ward in one way or another. It was an example of the music and production skill that made up the ward and brought us together as a ward family.

Cathy Jones was the overall director and May Ann Hatch played the part of Marian, the Librarian. Kent Nelson was Harold Hill, the music man. The men’s quartet consisted of Carter Jones, James Archuleta, Roger Tidwell and Nate Winters.

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One of the extra dimensions of the Ward was having General Authorities of the Church as ward members. Apostles Spencer W. Kimball (later Church President), Marion G. Romney (later in the First Presidency), Delbert Stapley and Neal Maxwell all lived in the ward and were not only great teachers, but also examples of the care and concern for the entire membership. These great men were really a vital part of our ward family. Sister Kimball was always serving her neighbors and was the one who often chose the books that were read in the neighborhood book club.

Monument Park Second Ward was blessed with wonderful musical talent. This talent was often featured in the ward musical night. One of the most memorable musical numbers was a trio consisting of Elders Kimball, Stapley and Romney singing "I'll Serve the Lord While I Am Young", with Elder Kimball playing the piano accompaniment.

When Elder Romney was given overall responsibility in the Church for the Home Teaching program, he asked for and was given a home teaching assignment in the ward so he would know all the challenges first hand.

Some of us will never forget the opportunity of playing weekly tennis matches with Elder Maxwell and periodic opportunities to play golf with Elder Stapley.

When Elder Maxwell first moved into the Ward, he was called to be the gospel doctrine teacher. People came from all over the valley to hear his lessons. President Kimball became known as a great advocate of missionary work. As a ward, we were able to see how he planted seeds of missionary work with the youth of the ward. He would give every young man a silver dollar when they received the Priesthood. He told them that the dollar was to be used to start their missionary fund

and was to be used only on their missions. We were able to see the positive influence President Kimball's small but effect act had on our young men. It was not uncommon for our ward to have 15 full-time missionaries in the mission field at the same time. When I served as a Mission President in New York City, 90% of the missionaries told me that President Kimball had had a great influence on their decision to go on a mission. One missionary, in particular, came from an inactive family with divorced parents. As a result, he never intended on serving a mission. He was invited by a friend to help set up chairs for a conference at which President Kimball was presiding. While helping, President Kimball greeted him and asked him, "When are you going on your mission?" This young man gained a testimony right then and there that President Kimball was a prophet and he decided to serve a mission.

President Romney had a great sense of humor. Once, while sitting on the stand and somewhat close to the musical director, Marge Wright, said to her: "Please don't hit me in the head with your baton." Once, President Romney upon viewing damage caused by his wife on their car, said to her: "You know, I went to the office today wearing two different socks," thereby avoiding any criticism of his wife.

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**Monument Park Second Ward
Bishop Kent Nelson
1989-1991**



Bishop: Kent A. Nelson sustained Nov. 5, 1989; released: Counselor: Thomas G. Harrison
Second Counselor: Cory H. Maxwell
Executive Secretary: Richard J. Sperry
Assistant Exec. Sec:
Ward Clerk: Donald H. Nielson
Assistant Ward Clerks: Bradley M. Fogg, Luke H Ong
High Priest Group Leader: D. Daniel Marriott, Robert W. Yates
Seventy Group Leader: Todd E. Kjar
Elders Quorum President: Preston N. Richards
Sunday School President: Sherm Martin
Relief Society President: Evelyn P. Jorgensen
Primary President: Rebecca Larkin
Young Men President: Scott R. Henderson
Young Women President: Colleen W. Dibble, Laura Hansen
Activities Chairman: Devan Olsen

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WARD DYNAMICS

There were over 100 Primary children; close to 100 YM-YW; and over 600 in the ward boundaries

EVENTS

1989

- Baptism Interviews: Michael Johnson, Nicholas Hatch
- Ordinations: Jeff Nelson (Elder), Ben Henderson (Deacon)
- Baby Blessing for Trent and Shanell Rogers
- Temple recommend interview and temple marriage: Heather Atkinson
- Annual Thanksgiving Fireside with Elder Maxwell as speaker
- The church announced new financial procedures. Ward members were no longer to pay a ward budget. Each ward was given funds for the year according to sacrament meeting attendance. Tithes would be used to operate the buildings.
- Bishopric held VIP dinner for 35 widows. (There were 47 widows over 80 years of age.)
- First tithing settlement.
- Remodeled the Bishop's office with pictures of the Savior and the First Presidency. Asked Nate Winters to paint a watercolor of the Salt Lake Temple to hang in the office.

- Bishopric set a pattern for weekly visits to ward members; challenged a few members to prepare to attend the temple and receive the Melchizedek Priesthood
- Ward Talent Show
- Summer Party at George Washington Park

1990

- Ward Conference theme: "Put Our Trust in the Lord" and II Nephi 4
- Dan Snell receives Eagle Scout Award
- 85 sisters attended the Relief Society Birthday Party
- 50 Youth attended activity in Midway and Wallsberg.
- Marriage of JD and Tiffany Lloyd.
- Holly Winters called to serve a mission
- Ward fast for Theda Bennett. (Bishopric would announce fast in sacrament meeting and gather the following evening in the R.S room to kneel, pray and break the fast. The member for whom the fast was intended would often comment. This was a wonderful way to unite our ward family.)
- Seminary graduates: Wendy Nelson and Dan Snell
- Scouting Activities with Earl Snell as Scout Master: biking trip to Capital Reef, climbing Mount Olympus and camping at the East Fork of the Bear River

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- YW camped in Provo Canyon
- A second ward fast for Susan Winters, Theda Bennett, Alex Fogg.
- High Priests had monthly temple nights
- Neighborhood progressive dinner
- Youth attended temple for baptisms of the dead.
- Marriage of Brad and Ranae Morris in the SL Temple
- Marriage of Devin Wright and Joslin Curtis
- Gary and Ann Mayberry had their baby daughter sealed to them
- Dinner for 30 widows in December

1991

- Fireside for YM-YW in the home of Elder and Sister Maxwell
- Ward Conference theme came from Mosiah 18:8-10, ministering to others
- FHE with Bishop for 20 widows
- Marriage of Suzie Droubay
- Marriage of Cloyd and Bev Greenhaugh
- Ward fast for Mary Stewart, Ruth Parkinson, Winter's family, Mira Bird, Thom Harrison, Larsine Huchings
- Seminary graduates: Rebekah Dibble, Morris Oswald, Sheff Lloyd

- Youth Conference at BYU where members slept in Helaman Halls
- Marriage of Dave Marriott and Emily Hansen in SL Temple
- YW camp at Sundance
- Ward Summer party
- Marriage of Amy Thomas and Dirk Larsen
- Marriage of Jennie Tidwell and Michael Wickers
- Scout trip to Moab accompanied by ward families
- Marriage of Jason Wilburn and Sarah Milanzi
- Marriage of Vicki and Carl McGavin
- There were 18 baptisms over these 2 years and 6 missionaries leaving or returning.
- Last meeting with the Bonneville Stake and Shern Martin published the Monument Part Eleventh Neighborhood Directory to bring neighborhoods closer.

FUNERALS

- Flora West – 2/89
- Herbert Hyde – 9/89
- Ina York – former member
- Tom Busenbark – 3/91
- Margret Golding -9/91

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Roland and Marge Wright- Directors of the Washington DC Temple Visitor Center
- Elder Neal Maxwell –One of Twelve Apostles
- Richard H. Thornton, Stake Executive Secretary
- Kimball L. Young, 2nd Counselor Stake Sunday School
- Mary Ann Hatch, 1st Counselor Stake YW
- Lance C. Larkin, Stake Sports Director
- D. Daniel Marriott, Stake High Council
- Susan Larsen, Stake YW Camp Director

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Bishop Nelson’s Memories:

On Oct 21, 1989, Lloyd Poelman called me to be Bishop of the Monument Park II Ward at the age of 37. My wife Pamela knew I was going to be called as Bishop before I was interviewed. I went to the Salt Lake Temple on October 24th to seek inspiration for my counselors and knew clearly that Tom Harrison and Cory Maxwell should be called. After the session I ran into Victor Brown, a former Presiding Bishop. I asked him for advice being a newly called Bishop and he told me to stay close to the Lord, go to the temple often and have your people come often to the temple. My father, Frank Nelson, a former bishop of the Monument Park 14th Ward told me to have fun with it. . My most important goals at the time were to stay close

to the Lord and to love the people I served. Our bishopric had 18 children under 16 and we each had six children at the time of our call.

Calling members to positions:

November of 1989 I called Colleen Dibble to be the YW President. Her husband, John told me he knew I was coming over to call Colleen to be YW President. I appreciated experiences like this in receiving revelation for the ward.

Tithing Settlement:

My first tithing settlement in 1989 was very memorable. I prayed with each family and challenged them with a specific goal. I also asked members why they paid their tithing and was touched with all of their responses. During the second year, I discussed the ward goal, Matthew 11:28-30, with each member and challenged them to live it. There were several I personally visited for their tithing settlement.

Visiting Ward members:

As a bishopric, we set a pattern for weekly visits to ward members. I also challenged a few ward members to prepare to attend the temple and to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood.

Youth:

I loved interviewing the youth every week and felt inspired by what they were doing in their lives. I encouraged the young men to earn their Duty to God award and Young Women their Personal Progress awards.

The Influence of Elder Maxwell:

Elder Maxwell attended one of our bishopric meetings to help us with areas of concern. Then he then spent an hour talking with ward council about ministering. He suggested the importance of being good neighbors, frequently discussing those who are prepared to hear the gospel in our meetings, training

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home and visiting teachers, creating spiritual experiences with the youth, creating golden teaching moments, working with individuals one on one, the importance of activating, building a tradition of missions, the importance of going to the temple, inviting singles into our homes and building momentum. He also spoke at the yearly Thanksgiving Firesides.

Leaving the Bonneville Stake:

I loved being part of the Bonneville Stake. My family lived on Park Row until I was five with Bishop Wirthlin serving at the time. When Pam and I were married, we lived in a basement apartment on Military Drive and were part of the same Bonneville Ward. I also served on the High Council of the Bonneville Stake for three years prior to being called as Bishop. I became acquainted with several families and individuals in each of the Bonneville, Yale, Garden Park and Monument Park wards, many of whom I now consider good friends. I have missed the close association with many of the Bonneville Stake members since our ward became part of the Monument Park Stake. However, my wonderful memories are still alive and I treasure the years I spent mingling and serving with the wonderful members of the Bonneville Stake. It was one of the great blessings of my life.

Serving as the Bishop of the Monument Park 11 Ward was a special and humbling privilege. My wife, Pam made it all possible for me to serve since we had such a young family. Occasionally one or two of my young children would come and sit on my lap during sacrament meeting. They helped the ward clerks and even went to visit members with the bishopric. It was not easy on our family but the Lord blessed us abundantly. Elder Maxwell would often remind me to not run faster than I was able. The love I felt for each member of our ward family was strong and real. I was often emotional in addressing them but always felt of their love and support. The Lord's love for each member of our ward family was also felt deeply. I enjoyed the one on one visits with older and younger members and always felt my testimony being strengthened.

YALE FIRST WARD



Yale First Ward

**Yale First Ward
Bishop Robert Edwards
1972-1978**



Bishop: Robert W. Edwards, sustained: May 28, 1972; released: July 23, 1978
First Counselor: John Paul Kennedy, Michael Bennett
Second Counselor: Eugene H. Davis, John H. Cook, Jr
Executive Secretary: Van B. Hales, George I Watanabe, Boyd Roberts
Ward Clerk: Dee L. Grose, R. Kent Lytle,
Assistant Ward Clerks:
High Priest Group Leader: J. Max Hughes, Elden G. Hurst, Donnell E. Leavitt
Seventy Group Leader: Mark T. Ballstaedt, David Johnson, John F. Bates
Elders Quorum President: Jay Haymond, Donald S. Poulton
Sunday School President: Weston L. Bayles, Harold L. Peterson
Relief Society President: Joy Hurst
Primary President: Carolyn Grose, Jill Kennedy
YM President: Wallace Charles Brazzeal, Keith J. Kunz
YW President: JoAnn Jackson

EVENTS

1976

- The ward Road Show was written by Carol Davis.
- “The Relief Society birthday party in 1976 honored the people in the ward over 75. The program, held in the chapel, was narrated by Dorothy S. Lytle. A short history was given and pictures were shown for each one honored.
- In July, the Utah State Extension Division presented mini-classes on machine embroidery, wood refinishing, and upholstering.
- July was the month of the tragic Teton Dam flood. Many members of the ward, including Relief Society sisters, traveled by bus to Rexburg, Idaho, to help with the clean-up.
- August homemaking meetings included pillow and candle making and demonstration on the Heimlich maneuver.
- At the evening Relief Society meeting, 18 were in attendance.
- An opening social was held on the morning of September 29. The program, ‘A Prepared Sisterhood,’ was directed by Arta M. Hale. It portrayed sisters who desired help in their lives so that they might be prepared spiritually, physically, and emotionally.
- “August 26, 1976. At our ward picnic a little girl ran up to me and grabbed both of my hands. Rosemary Fairbanks is her name and she’s four years old. She smiled and said several times: ‘You gave me a blessing. You gave me a blessing. I had

the opportunity with her grandfather (Avard Fairbanks, the sculptor) to give her a blessing a week or so earlier. I was impressed at how important the blessing had been to her. She has the faith of a child.” Bishop Edwards.

- Move-Ins included Mark and Debbie Jacobsen and Claire Flandro’s grandmother.
- Births: a boy to Brent and Garnet Jergensen; a girl to Arthur and Laura May.
- A Relief Society summer outing was held at the Edward’s summer home in Provo Canyon.

1977

- The Scouts camped and swam at Rockport Reservoir.
- The Yale First Ward made it a practice to invite some of the priesthood leaders who came from many different countries to Salt Lake City for leadership training in conjunction with General Conference to speak in a sacrament meeting. On October 2, 1977, for example, two brethren from Taiwan and one brother from Peru were our speakers.
- March 6, 1977. Henry Eyring, the high councilor assigned to our ward, attended Primary during Ward Conference. He told the children that he spent most of his time thinking about molecules. He asked them what they thought about molecules. The response was total silence. He then told them he loved the Savior even more than he loved molecules. He got the children talking. He bore his testimony. It was wonderful.

- April 3, 1977. Three visitors from South America spoke at our sacrament meeting following the last session of General Conference—the president and one of the bishops from a stake in Santiago, Chile, and a president of a stake in Lima, Peru. Two of them required translators. Their testimonies were powerful and humble.
- July 24, 1977. Our July 24th float was fabulous and one of the winners. The theme for the float was Jim Bridger and the entire surface was brightly painted as a meadow with flowers. Michael Bennett was Jim and four children were animals. The animals wore papier Mache heads—a skunk, a beaver, a rabbit and a fawn. When Jim would go to sleep, the animals would poke their heads up out of holes and look around. Jim would suddenly awaken, and the animals would disappear down into their holes.
- October 30, 1977. Elder LeGrand Richards spoke at a youth session of stake conference that was held at 8 a.m. in our chapel. We designated three deacons to be there at 7:30 to open the door and greet him, but Elder Richards arrived before they did, and he greeted them.

1978

- Early in the summer of 1978, the members of the Bonneville Stake were invited to contribute funds for the construction of the Jordan River Temple. The desire of the members of the Yale First Ward to contribute was very gratifying.
- April 2, 1978. After General Conference, we had three brethren speak—a Danish bishop, an English patriarch, and a Mexican regional representative, Elder

Benjamin Parra, who had previously been the first non-English-speaking mission president in the Church.

- July 14, 1978. We have been raising funds for the construction of the Jordan River Temple. Almost without exception, the members have been anxious to give more than what we, as a bishopric, felt was their fair share. I invited one sister into the bishop's office and suggested an amount. She smiled, and said "No," and then indicated she planned to give three times what I had suggested.

FUNERALS

- March 5, 1976. **Anna Krueger** at age 65 came from Hamburg, Germany. She was a woman of great faith and devotion. Her greatness was in the present as well as the past. She was someone who had extra oil in her lamp at the end of her life. Sometime ago she told of her job as a cleaning lady after she came to this country. She was tempted, in the absence of her supervisor, to not clean in all of the corners, but then she decided that she should clean the corners because she loved the Lord. She would do it "for Jesus."
- May 22, 1976. At **Sister Amy Pratt Romney's**, President Kimball, President Romney, and Elder S. Dilworth Young all attended. President Kimball spoke. She was a great lady. A year or so ago, I went to apologize to her after a sacrament meeting during which I felt the children sitting on the row in front of her might have been a disturbance. Her cheerful and forgiving response was: "They are our future." He never missed a sacrament meeting without being excused.

- May 19, 1978. **Arthur Lawrence** was 93 at the time of his death. He was born in Australia, 1 of 10 or 12 children. He was converted to the Church as a youth and came alone to this country at age 15. He sang in the Tabernacle Choir under Evan Stephens. Each time I have visited him, he has asked that we sing hymns together, just the two of us. Charles Levi (Kelly) Ericson.

MISSIONARIES

- Lehi White
- Jack Nixon—Nagoya, Japan
- Allen Hughes—Seoul, South Korea
- James McAllister—Canada
- Richard Martin—France
- Michael Smith—Roswell, N.M.
- Evan Hurst—Japan
- Melissa White—Canada
- Joseph Weaver—Scotland
- Robert Shields—Denmark
- Jeffrey Hall—Northern Ireland
- Lindsy Canevari—Columbia, S.C.
- Elder & Sister V. Wilcock--Virginia

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Donnell E. Leavitt—Stake High Council
- John P. Kennedy—Stake High Council
- Eldon Hurst—Counselor in Stake Sunday School Presidency
- Alice Anderson—Counselor and Secretary in Stake YW Presidency
- Carolyn F. Grose—Counselor in Stake Primary Presidency
- Barbara Cook—Counselor in Stake Primary Presidency

NOTABLES

- Carolee Cook - February 1, 1976. In anticipation of summer activities, we discussed fund raising activities in a meeting with the youth. One of our Beehives, Carolee Cook (the daughter of John and Barbara Cook) said we ought to allocate one-half of whatever we raised to our summer project and give the other one-half to the building of new temples. That's the spirit of the youth in our ward.
- Jay Welch, composer, conductor and founder of the Mormon Youth Symphony, served as assistant conductor and then director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Comments at the release of Bishop Edwards:

Bishop [Robert] Edwards really is loved by the ward—he will be difficult to follow.”

Also, in tribute to Bishop Edwards, the newly sustained bishopric offered these comments in the ward newsletter: "It is rare in our lifetime that we have an opportunity to have an intimate relationship with a truly great person. Over the last six years, we, the members of the Yale Ward, have had that blessing. Robert W. Edwards is one magnificent blend of those traits that make a person truly great....One of his great traits has been that of concise speech. He knows what to say, when to say it, and how to say it in a short way....He does not have to explain his meaning when he says something. He is able to say it and then stop....He is patient to a fault and generous with his means.

Teresa Lee Hughes encouraged members to participate in contributing to the Jordan River Temple fund:

"Lately we have become aware of the great opportunity for us to sacrifice some of our worldly wealth in order to help build our Father's kingdom. There has been much emphasis placed on this great event, and justly so. This truly is a once in a lifetime opportunity. We should all thrill at the chance to give to the One who has given to us so unselfishly. And yet, when we received that assessment, that letter, were we all still as excited about the prospect of a new temple being built in this valley? I certainly hope so, for I know our Bishop spent many prayerful hours concerning the letters. I was very fortunate to work on the Stake Committee with our Bishop as well as other great men and women of our Stake. As a committee and individually, these brothers and sisters prepared and discussed many ideas and searched humbly for the best approach to create enthusiasm and dedication throughout the Stake. The 'kick-off' for the fund-raising was on June 11, 1978 when each ward held a special spiritual Sacrament Meeting dedicated

to the Temple and Temple work. In every home, each member of the family should be encouraged to participate: young children, teenagers, newlyweds, parents and grandparents alike. Everyone needs to participate to reach the goal. And we must remember that this is an opportunity for us to have the blessing of sacrifice. Let's help build the Jordan River Temple. It really is a rare and very special blessing and privilege.

Specific Examples of Events during Bishop Robert Edwards Leadership:

Getting to Know a New Bishop at a Camp Out

Bishop Edwards was called to be the Bishop when he had just moved into the Yale 1st Ward. The ward members did not know him very well and he did not know the ward member. As he conducted meetings the members soon saw his spiritual gifts. He was proper, sensitive, thoughtful, creative, and a scriptionist. He was so new and so proper the youth were in awe of him. The Ward started holding the first ward camp outs during his administration. The first camp out had few in attendance but all those there had a fantastic time and this event grew into an annual fun time. After riding on bumpy roads in the Uintah's the adventurous arrived. Eldon and Joy Hurst's family were most helpful. Joy was the Relief Society President and had good meals by the camp fire. Eldon was a biology teacher and led hikes to discover and name our local plants and rock formations. Bishop Edwards had contests with the youth to see who could survive and stay balanced on fallen logs as they stood on them getting them to roll. There was much laughter when the youth fell off and got back on trying to outlast the Bishop. Occasionally even he lost his balance on the downed, rolling logs. All had

a riotous time and discovered a closeness to this proper but still playful Bishop.

Youth and Adult Cultural Events:

During Bishop Edward tenure, many of the talents of the ward members were shared in recitals and art exhibits. There would be an event featuring the youth. They met in the chapel, each child in his Sunday best clothes and his finest manners. They were to announce their numbers and bow before and after their performance. From the Sunbeam

age to teenagers they played the piano, sang, or played an instrument. As the years went by in other ward events it was a delight to see their talents grow. In the foyer was displayed creative items to share, such as ceramics, paintings, and handiwork. There also would be an event featuring the adults. The Kunz, Hughes, Smiths, and Hursts all had gifted adults who performed during recitals. Many of these same talented musicians provided many beautiful stringed accompaniments for our sacrament meetings and stake meetings.

Yale First Ward

**Yale First Ward
Bishop John Paul Kennedy
1978-1984**



Former Bishops of the Yale First Ward—Merrill Faux, Ferdinand Peterson, John Paul Kennedy, Robert Edwards, Royden Glade, Raymond Parkinson and LeGrand Backman

Bishop: John Paul Kennedy, sustained: July 25, 1978; released: September 16, 1984
First counselor: John H. Cook
Second Counselor: Donald S. Poulton, Steven H. Packham
Executive Secretary: Boyd Roberts, Norton D. Nixon, Robert C. Tippetts
Ward Clerk: /R. Kent Lytle, Randall Mackey, Jordan Hughes
High Priest Group Leader: Donnell E. Leavitt, Ralph Thomson
Seventy Group Leader: Jay Haymond, David Johnson, Grant Anderson
Elder's Quorum President: Daniel L. Harding, Duane Blatter, Warren Clark, Stephen K. Christensen
Sunday School President: Kenneth K. Kunz, Arthur Richardson
Relief Society President: Barbara Cook
Primary President: Janet Packham, Kathryn Hayes, Ann Hughes
Young Men's President: Brad Parker, Jay Caldwell, Tom Williams
Young Women's President: /Elaine Cook, Dorothy Lytle, Emily Dewey
Activities Chairman: Kent Lytle
Ward Organist: Emma Poulsen
Music Chair & Chorister: Margrit Lohner

STATISTICS

When Bishop Kennedy was ordained and set apart in 1978 there were 510 members of the ward.

ANNUAL EVENTS

- Every May, commemorating the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood, the youth would bike from the top of Big Mountain down East Canyon and over Little Mountain, and then down Emigration Canyon to Rotary Glen. For several years, Tom Williams would use a pickup to carry the bicycles to the beginning of the trip. From year to year, Dr. John Cook treated numerous abrasions (occurring mostly at the bottom of the run from Little Mountain to Emigration Canyon).
- Each year in August, Bishop Kennedy supervised the Priests' Quorum on a canoeing exercise at East Canyon Reservoir. The goal of the canoe event was to see how many Priests could fit in the Lytles' blue and white canoe before it sank (usually about 8).

EVENTS

1978

- Among the services offered by the Relief Society was assistance with funerals, providing flowers and meals. In 1978, there were ten funerals.
- President Gibbons announced that women would be allowed to give the prayers in Sacrament meeting as of September 18, 1978. On that Sunday Sister Judith

Edwards gave the opening prayer and Sister Edna Faux gave the closing prayer.

- The Yale Ward Band played every Fourth of July for the ward's flag-raising ceremony
- The band played and the Primary sang even at the annual Ward Picnic at Sugarhouse Park.
- The Yale Ward Strings performed regularly, consisting of Katherin Kunz, Farrell Hurst, Marilynne Smith, Lorraine Kunz, Teresa Hughes, Diane Anderson, Mike Slinger, Shauna Momberger, and Elizabeth Hurst.
- Farrell Hurst gave organ lessons.
- The Young Women composed new music
- The Primary wrote new verses to songs and performed often.
- The Junior Recital continued its grand tradition of allowing the youth in the ward to showcase their talents each November.
- The Mutual, spearheaded by John Bates, organized a Singing Telegram service as a fund-raiser for their super activity. The cost was \$1 per telephone call, \$1.50 for an in-person visit, and \$2 if they brought treats.
- Young Men's basketball both Junior and senior teams with Chris Andersen as their coach won their contests. The junior team consisted of Michael Lytle (captain), Bryan Stephens, Marlin Lytle, Carter Lytle, Nathan Martin, McKay Jones, Dewey Jones, and Frank Hauschildt. The senior team was composed of Jim McAllister (captain), Jack Nixon, Dave Bardsley, Brad Hertz, Kent Barry,

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Rick and Rob Martin, Don Poulton, Dave Campbell, and Mike Smith.

- Three young men earned their Eagle Scout award: Dewey Jones, Carter Lytle, and John H. Cook III.
- Primary youth earned money to purchase copies of the Book of Mormon, wrote their testimony inside and sent them to missionaries to distribute.
- At the Primary in-service meeting, Judy Edwards made onion soup for Primary workers, using onions that came from the stake's onion farm.

1979

- In January, the Deacons and Teachers offered their snow shoveling services to the widows in the ward. The assignments were as follows: Frank Hauschildt and Todd Luker for Laura Baran; John Cook and Nathan Martin for Edith Chytraus; Trent Grose and Curt Lytle for Laura Gowers; Dewey Jones for Mary Greene; Craig Petry and John Bates for Mary Hinckley; Jack Holliday for Mary Pyper; and Carter Lytle and Bryan Stephens for Alice Slusser.
- On February 18, 1979, the ward celebrated its 55th birthday. The following Yale Ward Bishops attended: LeGrand Bachman, Ferd Peterson, Merrill Faux, Ray Parkinson, Royden Glade, Robert Edwards, and John Kennedy. All bore their testimonies. In addition, 12 brethren who had served as counselors were in attendance.
- A music recital was held, along with an art show, for those 12 years of age and older (known as the Senior Recital),

Events included vocal solos; vocal groups; violin solos; and trumpet, piano, and string ensembles. Participants were Mike Smith, Irene Van Wagoner, Valleen Ogzewalla, Elizabeth Hurst, Marianne Jones, Alice Andersen, Chris Andersen, Diane Andersen, Robert Edwards, Lorraine Kunz, Lorna Monson, Mark Mumford, Farrell Hurst, Margrit Lohner, Kent Rich, Judith Wendell, Lisa Haymond, Teresa Hughes, Marnae Kunz, and Peggy Arnold.

- In November, the Junior Recital offered art and music from the younger members of the ward.
- The Primary enjoyed a Daddy Daughter Dinner. The foyer was transformed into Camelot. The Merrie Miss girls became princesses in long flowing dresses and crowned their fathers as royal kings.
- In June, the Primary enjoyed learning new songs. Janet Packham wrote, "Sister Elizabeth Bates, a fellow ward member who has composed many lovely songs for children, including 'Book of Mormon Stories' and 'Pioneer Children, was our guest teacher.' She taught the children several new fun songs. On June 12th Sister Bates accompanied the Primary children to the Veteran's Hospital where they sang the songs they had learned. The staff and patients at the hospital enjoyed our visit and served punch to the children.
- The Mutual held a fund raiser of "spaghetti dinner, bake sale, and slave auction" for summer activities. They noted that one did not have to pay until services were rendered, and many services were available in the "slave" category. In total, \$200 was raised

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- In April, the youth put on a one-act play for the ward, based on Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn*. Chris Andersen directed.
- The youth participated in a Road Show, whose theme was "Heart." Margrit Lohner and Marilyn Clark directed. Many ward members participated with costumes, makeup, lighting, set design, and advertising.
- In May, ward membership stood at 416.
- The Ward Campout in July was held at Pine Valley Campground, in the Uintah Forest.
- Curt Lytle received his Eagle Scout award in February, and John Bates received his in June.
- The Cub Scouts participated in the Pinewood Derby where they enjoyed playing Broom Hockey.
- Also in April, Trent Grose organized a first aid seminar for the ward, as part of his Eagle Scout project. Lectures and demonstrations were given in individual booths for various first aid techniques.
- A Father and Sons outing was held at Soapstone Campground, in the Uintah Forest.
- The ward enjoyed an active Special Interest Group for those over 40. They met together regularly to socialize, have Family Home Evening together, and enjoy events and talents.
- The Ward Picnic was held at Sugarhouse Park, Southeast Terrace, featuring Meier's Chicken.

- Stake farm assignments were given in September and October.
- In September, Jeanne Rust was honored for sharing her backyard swimming pool with the neighborhood children, especially scouts trying to earn swimming merit badges.
- The Youth Conference was held at Snow College.

1980

- On March 2, 1980, the Yale I Ward conducted its first meetings under the new 3-hour block schedule.
- The following individuals and groups participated in the Senior Recital: Alice, Chris, and Diane Andersen; Grant and Lucile Anderson; Marilyn and Warren Clark; Jill Hixson; Elizabeth Hurst; Farrell Hurst; Katherine Kunz; Lorraine Kunz; Amy Poulton; Bonney Tingey; and the Yale Ward Strings.
- In March the consolidated meeting schedule was put into effect, which changed how the various auxiliary organizations ran their meetings. Maps of the ward building were drawn up depicting which organizations would occupy which rooms during the Sunday schedule. Yale First Ward meetings were held from 9:00 am to noon that year.
- The Relief Society had a beautiful birthday party celebration. Florence C. Cowan invited her good friend, Sister Camilla E. Kimball, to be the guest of honor and speaker.
- "The Young Women are taking turns conducting, giving a thought, and leading

the music, helping in their growth and development. We are also meeting at least once per month with the Young Men on a Wednesday evening for an activity and one Wednesday with just the Young Women

- The Youth participated in the Stake Winter Carnival in March. “Snow has its own mystic drawing power”. Keith was the key figure from Yale I in obtaining lift tickets and leading the charge to the slopes. John Cook was at it again with a big grin on his face and doing the ‘snowplow short string.’ Mary Cook and Katherine Kennedy had a contest all their own going to see who could get the seat of their pants frozen solid first...
- The Stake Presidency established Temple Attendance months for the wards in Bonneville Stake. Yale First Ward, along with Yale Second, was designated to do special attendance during the month of April. Fifty-nine percent of those holding recommends in our ward responded to the request and performed a total of 310 endowments—122 male and 188 female
- The “Do Something Great” program was designed to encourage members to develop themselves with excellence in the fields of personal achievement, spirituality, culture, physical fitness and intellectual awareness. Five awards were offered: The Prophet Nephi Award for Personal Achievement, The Apostle Paul Award for Missionary Preparation, The Renaissance Man Award for Cultural and Intellectual Excellence, The Joseph Smith Award for Spiritual Development, and The Olympics 1980 Award for Physical Development.
- In September, a special awards function was held to honor those who earned

awards. Both adults and children worked hard all summer to improve themselves in some area, and it was indeed “Doing Something Great!”

- A Fathers and Sons camping trip was held in June 1982
- The Flag raising ceremony at the ward on July 4th was enjoyed by all. The Primary participated in raising “Old Glory.”
- Later that month, the children enjoyed a trip on Old Salty, a tour train in downtown Salt Lake City.
- The Mutual spent four glorious days at Lake Powell, from July 14-18
- The Young Women went on an all-day hike in the Uintah Mountains with Laurie, Trent, and Carolyn Grose. They enjoyed the wildflowers, even though the weather was a little stormy.
- Service projects were also important for the Young Men and Young Women. In September, they did baptisms for the dead. Katie Cook wrote, “Each person did about thirty baptisms and confirmations. It was a very spiritual and uplifting experience. It was a pleasant surprise to find Brother Dewey working with the baptisms.”
- The youth assisted Alice Andersen, whose son Chris had passed away in a sudden accident three months earlier
- The Ward Campout was well-attended despite the rain with games, water sports and a campfire.
- The Ward Picnic was held at Sugarhouse Park, Southeast Terrace. The entertainment was a performance and

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sing-along with Clarence Reynolds Musical Gems.

- On Halloween night, the scouts camped out on Antelope Island. Despite some intruding teenagers trying to stir up trouble—and a lengthy game of hide and seek—the youth had a good time,
- Paul Hurst received his Eagle Scout award.
- The ward also enjoyed a formal Christmas dinner for adults and teens. The Maître d' for the evening was Steve Packham, who greeted guests and checked reservations

1981

- The Young Men performed very credibly in basketball, with the help of Marlin Lytle, Carter Lytle, John Cook, MacKay Jones, and Bryan Stephens. “The evening the Priests won the Regional Basketball Tournament.” The Yale Ward took the Stake Championship in all the Aaronic Priesthood brackets.
- The women in the ward, made up two teams for basketball: Junior (for Young Women), and Senior (for Relief Society sisters). They were undefeated in stake play and took second in regions.
- The women softball teams were started in June. The senior team opted to join with Yale Second Ward to compete.
- The Cub scouts toured the National Guard in April. They were given their own dog tags and ID cards, plus a military rank. They toured the General's office, were able to sit in the driver's seat of a tank,

and handle an M-16 (with the bolt removed).

- The older scouts participated in a service project. Bill Burton, James Erickson, Trent Grose and Cub Scout Joel Grose picked up trash and litter in City Creek Canyon above Memory Grove.
- In May, the scouts went camping in the Shadow Mountain district.
- In September, the Cub Scouts enjoyed a presentation from Dennis Nivens, from the Utah Department of Energy, who taught the boys about tar sands and oil shale.
- At the Fall Jamboral held in Sugarhouse Park in September, the Scouts won first place in district competition for “best camp.”
- The Primary's sprint talent show was a success.
- Teresa Hughes after traveling to Israel, brought slides and clothing to help the Primary children understand the Israeli children better.
- The Primary enjoyed a sharing Time presentation by Margrit Lohner who told about her native Switzerland. She sang songs and told of her baptism in a cold river before school one morning. She explained about the languages spoken in Switzerland.
- The Fathers/Sons Outing took place at Balsam Camp Ground at Hobble Creek east of Springville.
- The Ward Campout was at the Blackhawk Campground in Payson Canyon.

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The thunder and lightning display was wonderful

- The Stake Sunday School statistical status revealed that Yale First was in top position in the Stake in attendance.
- The Junior Recital was performed
- Laurie Grose and Marianne Jones earned their Young Womanhood Recognition awards.
- The ward Christmas Party for adults was a formal affair, featuring a crackling fire, Yule-tide caroling.
- The Elders Quorum and the Young Men delivered honey to widows and widowers.

1982

- The Ward Birthday Party had a western theme, complete with square dancing.
- The Primary made thank-you books for members of the former presidency, had a filmstrip and discussion concerning missionary work with the sister missionaries, and participated in musical charades with familiar Primary songs.
- The Relief Society held a fashion show, talent program, and a light supper with the theme suggested by the General Board 'A Tribute to Women: The Legacy Remembered and Renewed.' A rousing classical number was played by Marilynne Smith on the violin and Mary Ellen Elggren on piano. Many sisters wore their grandmother's best dresses.
- The Relief Society hosted a Provident Living Fair, which encouraged sisters to bring household items they didn't need

any more to share with others in the ward. Anything that didn't find a home after the fair was donated to Deseret Industries.

- The Young Women were urged to select goals which would make service a more natural part of their lives. They took first place in region volleyball tournament.
- The Senior Recital continued its grand tradition
- The Cub Scouts enjoyed a presentation by zoo docent Laura Bridges, who showed the boys a snowy owl, a peregrine falcon, and a small falcon.
- The ward building underwent some improvement in 1982
- Yale Ward Scout Troop 41 attended the Shadow Mountain Spring Camporee at Corner Canyon. They brought the blue ribbon home to Yale Ward
- The Father and Sons outing was held in the early summer
- The Ward Campout was held near a horses pasture. Members watered and fed them.
- The Flag raising ceremony, combined with Yale First and Second Wards, was held indoors due to inclement weather. The patriotic spirit prevailed as Karl Lagerberg spoke.
- At the Stake Film Festival in November, the Young Women took first place. They made props, acted, filmed, and edited their production.

1983

- The Young Women learned how to use a potter's wheel in January
- Pioneer Trek that summer.
- The YW performed baptisms for the dead at the Salt Lake Temple, at 5:00 am.
- The YW took a tour of the Channel 2 News facilities, and also learned about a sorority at the University of Utah.
- The YM YW enjoyed a fireside featuring Chris Hicks, a local movie critic.
- The Young Women took first place in stake volleyball.
- The Ward Birthday Party was held in February. Members of the ward performed Hayden's "Toy Symphony," directed by Farrell Hurst, and the Primary sang birthday songs, including new words penned by Janet Packham to the tune of "In Our Lovely Deseret." The verses went like this:

In our lovely Yale Ward
Where the gospel is restored
Opportunity and charity abound
We must help each other out
That's what life is all about
There is work enough to go three
times around
Those whose lives are long in strength
Lend their wisdom, wit, and strength

Though their eyes and ears and legs
don't work too well
We have many girls and boys
Full of energy and noise
Special spirits of these last days we
foretell
Oh, this ward goes out to camp
In the sun or when it's damp
We endure the dirt and things that
buzz or crawl.
It is very hard to sleep
When your tent is in a heap
But the fellowship and fun is worth it
all.
We are cultured and refined
Thoughts of heaven come to mind
When the Yale Strings pour out
celestial strains
With the choir's hearty notes
Flowing from their mellow throats
We're inspired as we hear their sweet
refrains.
Some delight in basketball
Short ones yearning to grow tall
They are playing night and morning
every day.

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In our scouts we take great pride

They can camp and cook outside

And a ton of food they gobble clean
away.

Chorus

Hail! Hail! Hail! We love Yale!

We all sing with one accord

We do love our neighbors well

And in harmony we'll dwell

As we work and play and serve in
Yale Ward.

Those whose lives are long in length

- The R.S. learned to bone and stuff a chicken with direction from Steve and Melinda Rich; learned how to give and take advice without hurt feelings from Laura Kunz; had a splendid homemaking meeting; learned how to use a microwave oven at Women's Conference at the stake
- Scouts toured the computer firm of Evans and Sutherland; a spring campout turned blizzard (up to your knees snow backpacking and compass reading in in whiteout type camping) learned some new skills throughout the night; went to Promontory Point.
- At the Blue and Gold Banquet the Cub Scouts performed some skits.
- The Primary theme, "Turn the Hearts of the Children" helped the children focus on an ancestor.
- The Senior Recital and Art Show had 100 people supporting the youth.

- Father and Sons was held at Pine Valley
- The Elders Quorum gathered at Echo Reservoir enjoying dinner and water skiing.
- 20 ward members, youth and leaders were part of the Stake Pioneer Trek
- Fourth of July flag-raising was held for both Yale First and Second Wards with Even Madsen speaker.
- The Ward Campout was held at Storm Mountain with Dutch oven cooking.
- The Ward Picnic was held at Sugarhouse Park.
- The Ward Christmas Party featured Michael Bennett in a production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."
- In temple work, 1,390 endowments were done.

1984

- The scouts learned how to dig snow caves at the National Guard Armory, where snow plows had piled the white stuff high in the parking lot.
- LaVerne Cantor took out her temple endowments, was rejoicing to be able to be sealed to Elder Raleigh Cantor.
- The theme for the Ward Birthday Party was the "Roaring 20s with flappers and barbershop quartets.
- The R.S. "College of Homemaking" was begun where one could receive awards for goals achieved

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- Star A class in Primary did a service project for the Primary Children's Medical Center.
- The Primary invited Marlin Lytle to speak about his missionary experiences in Korea, following the theme of "peace."
- The Scouts participated in the Klondike Derby and took 2nd place.
- Brook Williams earned his Eagle award.
- At the Cub Scouts' Blue and Gold Banquet each boy gave a talk on what the flag stands for.
- Tracy Wigwam was the scene of Winter Camp.
- The Senior Recital was held in March
- The Young Men and Young Women enjoyed a super activity trip to Lake Powell
- The Young Women's basketball team was successful, finally reaching their goal of scoring at least 50 points (actually 52) in one game. The Young Women went undefeated in stake volleyball.
- The Special Interest Group (for those over 40) listened to their fellow ward member, Avard Fairbanks, describe his activities as he sculpts a bust.
- The Primary children participated in a stake activity day, "Heroes," with the assignment of George Washington Carver. Henning and Geraldine Anderson made a very fine replica of a log cabin and Michael Bennett was our storyteller.
- A Relief Society Barbeque was held in Dorothy Lytle's backyard

- The Relief Society focused on preparedness in the fall.

MISSIONARIES

- Julia Spencer—North Carolina
- Kelly Cox—Quite, Ecuador
- Corey Cox—Sidney, Australia
- Lisa Haymond—Kobe, Japan
- Norton & Julia Nixon—Brazil
- Dewey Jones—Venezuela
- Paul Hurst—Chili
- Craig Petrey—New York
- Floyd & Emma Poulsen—Alabama
- Bryan Stephens
- Carter Lytle--Montana

FUNERALS

- Franklin Bradshaw, Jul. 1978
- Effie Mahoney, Aug. 1, 1978
- Mary Baer, Dec. 17, 1978
- John Carlson, Jan. 4, 1979
- Jan Van Drunen Mar.12, 1979
- Alton Poulsen, Apr. 16, 1979
- J. Rolla Mahoney, May 1, 1979

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- Anna Shipp, Jul. 3, 1979
- Carol Lynn Terry, Jul. 26, 1979
- Will Latimer, Oct.11, 1979
- Byron Egan, Jun. 22, 1980
- Chris Andersen, Jun. 23, 1980
- Alburn Shields, Jun. 29, 1980
- John S. Boyden Sr., Jul. 21, 1980
- Eden Lorentzen Oct. 2, 1980
- Vernile Wilcox Oct. 24, 1980
- Ruth Kimball, Feb. 5, 1981
- Carl Shipp, Mar.16, 1981
- Catherine Lorentzen, Aug.19, 1981
- Iman Hales, Sep. 28, 1981
- Frank Stansel, Oct. 10, 1981
- Edith Chytreus, Oct. 25, 1981
- Naomi Matheson Oct. 29, 1981
- Lynne Selley, Apr. 21, 1982
- (Roger Hohnahni, May 11, 1982)
- Merrill Faux, May, 1982
- Elmer Eldredge, Jun. 18, 1982
- Gerry Anderson, June, 1982
- Max Hughes, Aug. 14, 1982

- Norm Kimball, Feb. 25, 1983
- Elaine Cook, Apr. 8, 1983
- Marie Pyper, May 5, 1983
- Edith Bowman, Apr. 17, 1983
- Raleigh Cantor, May 15, 1983
- Bob Steel, May 25, 1983
- Carol Weinwriter, Jun. 16, 1983
- Harvey Selley, Aug. 10, 1983
- Edith Jack, Nov. 1, 1983
- Lorena Nink, Jan. 30, 1984
- Emery Keoke, Jun. 24, 1984
- Eve Tatton, Sep. 17, 1984

No dates:

- Ina Richardson
- Arthur Richardson
- Rulon Horrocks
- Frank Matheson
- Larry Whetman
- Beth Whetman
- Iman Hales
- Alice Slusser
- Harold Goldthorpe

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- Claire Latimer
- Erma Baker
- Ralph Baker
- Mame Greene
- Harold Davis
- Mary Rukavena
- Emma Tanner
- Harry Holmes
- Eugene Hinckley
- Mary Hinckley
- Hume Nebeker
- Laura Nebeker
- Veneta Stansel
- Edna Faux

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Jay Haymond- Stake High Council
- Max Hughes - Stake Sunday School Presidency (adult counselor)
- Robert Edwards – Stake High council
- Donald S. Poulton - Stake Activities Specialist with the Stake Activities Committee.

- Margrit F. Lohner and Jeanne M. Hughes- the All Church Relief Society General Planning Committee.
- Jeanne M. Hughes- Relief Society General Board.
- Merrill Faux - Stake Patriarch, temple worker
- Mary Ellen Elggren -Stake Primary secretary.

NOTABLES

- In October 1979, Avard Fairbanks' Eternal Family sculpture was unveiled. Also, that month, his Angel Moroni was unveiled. "It was an exciting time for those who first viewed the 15 foot 2-inch statue of the Angel Moroni which will top the spire on the Seattle Temple. Sculpted by our own Avard Fairbanks, the angel was cast in bronze by Richard Young at Young Fine Arts Casting. The gold leaf finishing was done by Ernest Demke, who did the gold leaf finishing of Symphony Hall. The statue weighs 5,800 pounds and was placed in a special cradle to cushion it against jolting while being trucked to Seattle. Among those viewing the statue on October 10th were President Spencer W. Kimball and his counselors N. Elden Tanner and Marion G. Romney.
- Kathy Lynn Jones—East High School Cheerleader
- Kathie Cook—4.0 Grade Point Average
- Avard Fairbanks unveiled his latest sculpture, The Mortal Moroni, on the Manti temple grounds, as commissioned by those supporting the Manti Pageant. his lifetime achievements: Hubert Adams

Memorial Medal for Distinguished Service to American Sculpture (awarded by National Sculpture Society). The Medal of Knights of Thermopolis (awarded by King Paul of Greece); Lincoln Medal (awarded by the Sesquicentennial Commission of the Congress of the United States)

- Sherrie Cook, Julie Elggren, Susan Hurst, Paula Lytle were all members of the East High School Girls' Basketball Team.
- Henning Anderson worked on the Cardston Alberta Temple, touching-up and restoring some of the murals, and also refinishing of some of the beautiful woodwork. In 1982, he was sent to the Los Angeles Temple to refurbish the Angel Moroni; in 1983 he participated in building the Tonga Temple, preparing interior walls.
- Jeanne Hughes- National Vice President of Lambda Delta Sigma, a sorority for LDS women on college campuses.
- Ferdinand Peterson = Merit of Honor award at the Emeritus Club Banquet, University of Utah.
- Because of a tape, titled *Voices of Freedom*, where Michael Bennett was voice, he received a letter from Elder Ezra Taft Benson where he said, "I trust this recording may be extended widely, not only in the Church, but in every town and hamlet in America. Anyone listening to this recording surely must agree that this nation has a spiritual foundation and a prophetic history. I would hope that copies are available so that people nationwide could have the benefit and blessings of hearing the great addresses which you have selected as being somewhat typical of the great campaign

for the preservation of our freedom made by the founding fathers."

- Edna M. Faux was honored by the Murray High School Alumni at an open house for the 'impact she has had on the lives of thousands of people in the Salt Lake Valley.
- Ward music chair and chorister, Margrit Lohner, and ward organists, Emma Poulsen, provided exceptional music for the worship services.

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

The Bishopric shared some thoughts for the 55th anniversary of the ward:

In February we commemorate the founding of our ward. While it is with a new commitment to 'lengthen our stride,' also we can look with pleasure on our heritage. We live in a ward that has been a home to a prophet and apostles. We live in a stake in which the prophet and counselor now reside. We have many great general authorities that live and serve us in this area. We watch the small personal acts of kindness that come from a prophet. We have seen President Kimball visit Brother Thel Bowman to honor Thel at the end of a busy general conference. We have seen the prophet write personal notes of thanks to children sending him valentines. We have seen him take his neighbor's children to the circus. We saw the giving of the priesthood to all worthy male members. Surely, we have seen God revealing his wishes to our prophet.

Tom Williams, Scout Master, noted about the Father and Sons Outing:

The campsite looked like a scene from Hemingway's 'Over the River and Through the Woods.' People [were] all over the place, doing whatever interested them... The boys were all into the spirit of the occasion with firecrackers, marshmallows, and good food. Once it got dark the place looked like it was infested with fireflies. Each boy had a flashlight and boys and lights were everywhere. The highlight of the evening was around the campfire. Mike Bennett and his sons sang wonderfully.... Kent Lytle cooked.

Steve Packham wrote about the Fathers' and Sons' Outing:

All [32] present unashamedly gorged themselves with chicken prepared by Brother Keith Kunz as per a secret Dutch oven recipe accompanied with a side order of potato salad and ten dozen rolls, washed down with five gallons of punch and an undetermined amount of creek water, ashes, and dirt. The night, defined as the hours between midnight and 6:30 am, passed without incident but slumber had been skillfully induced with several hours of intense volleyball, pressure matches in horseshoes and campfire serenades by the Bennett family, Dr. John Cook, and Keith Kunz. In the dwindling fire light, boys alternated between roasting marshmallows and exploring the soapstone forests which were shrouded in darkness and infested with teenage sons dedicated to inflicting terminal fear on anyone leaving the fire circle. Saturday morning Brother Cal Erickson and son James cooked and coordinated a hearty breakfast of eggs, pancakes, link sausages and hot chocolate. New games of volleyball, horseshoes, and Frisbee spontaneously erupted while a volunteer clean-up crew comprised of Brothers Erickson, Dutson, and

Johnson spiffed up the camp. Also, providing assistance was Brother Avard Fairbanks and his sons who piled firewood, Brother Dale Burningham who provided athletic equipment and Brother Dave Papenfuss who helped with fires and cooking.

Barbara Cook shared thoughts about the Relief Society:

I honor and respect the work of this ward more than words can say. It is my desire to unify the three sessions of Relief Society and to help women realize the blessings of womanhood. We have to enlarge our friendship circles, to unite in closer feelings of understanding and to concentrate caring in more meaningful ways... It is a blessing to associate with the happy, productive women who are willing to share their wealth of experience, their success attitudes and techniques. In March those goals were realized when a neighborhood social included 112 participants. The Relief Society enjoyed dinner and conversation with others who lived in the area. The theme was "I'm Glad you're My Neighbor." Service continued throughout the year. "Once again the Relief Society Sisters have graciously responded in the time of need. Assistance was given at the passing of Brother Alton Poulsen. Also, help was given to Bishop Edwards' family in their recent move. There have been instances where sisters have called more than once a day on sick neighbors to check on their needs. We have heard of one sister staying the clock around for a period of one week to aid an ill sister. The Relief Society also made many quilts. In August, Kathryn Jones was called to be Relief Society secretary. In December, the Relief Society encouraged the ward to make family banners which could be flown as a flag or hung, with appliques depicting family interests and talents.

Jeanne Rust was honored for sharing her backyard swimming pool with the neighborhood children, especially scouts trying to earn swimming merit badges.

“There’s a very special lady living in Yale Ward. She has a swimming pool that she has shared with teenagers of this area for 16 years. Her name is Jeanne Rust. This she has done because she ‘loves them all.’ Her pool is 20’ x 40’. Although the use of the pool is free of cost, Sister Rust has set guidelines and standards for those using it. She, herself, acts as lifeguard for 2 hours every afternoon for the younger children, and then she supervises the use of the pool at other times. Sister Rust tells us that the youngsters teach each other. At the end of the summer season she awards trophies with names engraved, to those who excel. Mark Curtz was grand champion by swimming a mile in 23 minutes. It is with sincere appreciation for the generous offering of a beneficial learning situation as well as an opportunity for wholesome fun and recreation to the young people of this area that we say ‘Thank you, Jeanne Rust!’

Sister Camilla Kimball spoke to the combined Relief Societies

Sister Kimball “recounted the advice given by Joseph Smith to the 20 original members of the Relief Society as he admonished them to do three things above all: cherish one another, love one another, and serve one another. Emphasizing that this advice is of utmost importance to our organization, she shared her personal love for some of the sisters in the Relief Society throughout the world whom she had met while traveling with President Kimball. In telling stories about these sisters, she was able to show how they love and serve one another so unselfishly. She also displayed several keepsake gifts from these different cultures.

Marianne Jones wrote:

“The Mutual spent four glorious days at Lake Powell, from July 14-18....The first night, after renting a forty-seven foot house boat, a motor boat for skiing, and a small skiff, we found a perfect camp site where we were able to swim, jump off the top of the house boat, and cliff dive or jump off the cliffs (depending on how brave the victims were)....The last night we spent on the lake we had a testimony meeting around the campfire after the 120° rocks had cooled down from the afternoon heat....Everyone loved the immense night sky with all the stars, and the daytime scenery in the southern part of the state.

Alice Anderson recalled after youth had done service for her following the death of her son Chris:

If you want to see a beautiful sight, come to [my home] and look at my newly painted garage. Last Wednesday and Thursday the youth of the ward descended upon my house, and under the expert direction of Tom Williams and the gentle prodding of Elaine Cook, painted my garage as a service project. It is so clean and pristine now that it puts to shame everything around it. I think the young people had a good time, and they certainly did a good job. The boys splattered the girls, and the girls daubed the boys, but in spite of that the garage was scraped, primed and painted in two evenings, so you can tell they all worked well. I thought that this was really the gospel in action, and I’m sure that the young people in our ward learned a great lesson.

At the stake onion farm, it was noted that Se-go Lilies were growing amongst the weeds. Weeding was a muddy proposition, and Yale Warders watched as other wards brought their people lunch. It was also noted that “Onion

sorting at the farm has various degrees of glory. The shoveling of onions at the lowest end could be compared to shoveling coal elsewhere.

The Primary presidency noted, “The Christmas musical put on by the Primary children in conjunction with the Sunday School was a delight to be with and listen to. An especially nice new song was one about Joseph.”

Another good Deed for Alice Anderson: After winning the Regional Basketball Tournament, the team stopped at the home of Alice Andersen after the game. They presented her with one of the trophies in memory of her son Chris, who had been their coach [the previous year].”

Several ward members recorded their thoughts attending the Jordan River Temple dedication:

Paula Lytle: I attended the last session of the dedication of the Jordan River Temple. It was very reverent. The Hosannah Shout was very interesting. Neal A. Maxwell was my favorite speaker.

Emily Dewey: I was excited to attend the Jordan River Temple dedication. As we entered the Tabernacle I was pleased that they let me keep my attendance ticket. It will be a neat addition to my journal. We sat in the balcony and across the way from us sat a Tongan family with seven children. It made me realize how special the temple is with regard to eternal families. To sit among the many LDS families and feel the intense spirit really touched me. When the congregation sang “The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning” you knew that the Lord was there, because you could really feel His presence.

Elaine Cook: It was an immensely and beautiful experience to meet with the saints in the Tabernacle and to see the excitement and feel the Spirit so strongly...I truly felt that the Lord had accepted His house and that the Jordan River temple would open for countless thousands the blessings of the fullness of the gospel. I felt truly privileged to be able to share in this beautiful dedication and maybe in some small way the building of this Holy House. It was a blessing to be able to attend.

David Nielson: I was seated in the temple and as President Hinckley and others talked about the magnificent and special event that was taking place, an overwhelming feeling and impression came over me and I knew that it was a very special event. The sweet Spirit brought tears to my eyes, tears of happiness. I rejoiced that day, for I knew that a very important spiritual and temporal event had taken place. I’ll never forget those feelings I experienced.

Susan Tippets comments: “The Yale Ward ‘Old Ladies’ basketball team is not doing too badly this year...but most team members have little recollection of the games since they are played well past our bedtime. Personnel vary from game to game, but the hard core of the team consists of Emily Dewey, Janet Packham, Mary Cook, Lesley Horrocks, Marilynne Smith, Nila Haertel, Lorraine Davis, and Susan Tippets. Our approach to basketball is refreshing if not downright unorthodox. After arguing over who gets to stay on the bench, Mary C. usually gets the opening tip-off and we often score a quick basket. From then on a state of guerilla warfare is declared with purple/red faces, strained personalities, plenty of wild shots, and creative fouling. A high point of the season was when Lorraine Davis stuffed Michelle Zabriskie and then apologized!”

Specific examples of events during John Kennedy's leadership—Barbara Cook Funerals

The Yale First Ward neighborhood lost many of their senior citizens. Bishop Kennedy spent much time helping families cope with the loss of loved ones. Because the Bishop usually spoke at the funeral services, you came to admire his ability to communicate unique messages directed to the needs of the family as well as leave a firm testimony of the Restored Gospel with the audience.

Welcome Firesides

Bishop Kennedy and his wife, Jill opened their home for frequent firesides for new adult ward members. They wanted newcomers to feel warmly welcomed. The leaders of the auxiliary organization came and shared plans for upcoming activities and insights into the ward resources. The meetings also had a warm spiritual aspect as often testimonies were shared.

When Bishop Kennedy was ordained and set apart in 1978 there were 510 members of the ward.

N. Warren Clark served as one of the presidents of the Elders' Quorum during Bishop Kennedy's administration. In 2001 Bishop Kennedy commenced a three-year term as President of the Russia St. Petersburg Mission. In 2011, Warren Clark was set apart to preside over the same mission.

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**Yale First Ward
Bishop Jay Haymond
1984-1990**



Bishop: Jay Haymond, sustained Sept. 1984; released: April 29, 1990
First counselor: Steve Packham
Second Counselor: Mike Hayes
Executive Secretary: Calvin Erickson, Gene Vickers
Ward Clerk:
High Priest Group Leader: Kenneth Kunz
Sunday School President: Jeff Duncan, Robert Epperson, Grant Anderson
Seventies/Ward Mission Leader:
Elder's Quorum President: Steven Christensen, David Weed, Halston Davis, Joel Van Orden
Relief Society President: Pat Haymond, Julia J. Nixon, Dorothy S. Lytle
Primary President: Shirley Duncan, Anne E. Clark
YM President: Thomas Williams, Eric Shumway, Miguel (Mike) Torres
YW President: Janet Packham, Elizabeth Nixon
Activities Chairman: Dorothy Lytle, John Kennedy, Grant Anderson, Mary Ellen Elggren, John Elggren
Ward Organist: Emma Poulsen
Music Chair & Chorister: Margrit Lohner

EVENTS

1984

- The Junior Recital was held in the Fall
- The family-oriented Ward Christmas Party had a Mexican theme.

1985

- Ward Birthday Party served as a ward reunion also.
- Scouts participated in the District Klondike Derby at the Spruces and earned first place in the District.
- The ward entry in the stake Road Show was “If I Had My Way, I’d Work Like the Dickens to Mend This Crazy World!”
- The Senior Recital was held in April.
- The Young Men participated in fund-raising projects for their super activity, filling 600 sandbags and providing a power raking service.
- The Young Women sold pizzas and strawberry pies.
- In Relief Society, the sisters were active in making quilts and working on their homemaking skills. Five quilts were produced during the summer under the direction of Laura Kunz.
- The Fathers and Sons outing was held in July
- The Primary enjoyed a Pioneer Parade around the neighborhood; They also

performed very well, focusing on the theme “Seek Ye the Lord.”

- The Scouts held their summer camp in the north fork of the Provo River east of Kamas
- The boys had to hike 1 ½ miles to the campground only to see a sign posted that it was closed. They then went to another site and had to set up camp in the dark with their flashlights.
- Mark Packham and Joel Grose received their Eagle awards
- The Young Women camped out several times during the summer, including Brighton Camp, Wilderness Camp, and the Ward Campout
- The Ward Picnic was held at Sugarhouse Park in September.
- The Junior Recital was held in November

1986

- The High Priests emphasized temple work.
- the Scouts went on a field trip at LDS Hospital of the blood banks and laboratory facilities. During the summer, they cleaned up trash in Millcreek Canyon; At the annual scout camp in July, the scouts rode their bicycles over 140 miles in five days.
- The Primary heard missionary experiences from Curt Lytle and Paul Hurst. In July, the children enjoyed their Pioneer Parade in the neighborhood.; , Sharing Time focused on harvest themes,

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including missionary work and planting seeds of testimony

- The ward birthday focused on a meatloaf dinner and a couple of movies.
- The Young Women did baptisms for the dead. In April they joined the Young Men for a challenge match in basketball and a “Jello Snarf” competition.
- the Relief Society tied two quilts, made baby bonnets, and learned how to teach children about death; the Fall Social, a reader’s theatre about great American women and their contributions to our country. Later in the year, the Bishop spoke to them about how to do an interview for an oral history.
- The Senior Recital had fewer participants but went well.
- The Fathers and Sons outing was held at the Willow Creek camp in the Oquirrh Mountains above Grantsville.
- The Young Men and Young Women participated in the annual Big Mountain Bike Hike.
- The Young Women sold pizzas as a fundraiser for their trip to Snake River. They also learned canoe maneuvers
- The Ward Campout was held at Pine Valley in August.
- The Junior Recital had vocals, violin, piano, and readings.

1987

- The Relief Society homemaking meeting was combined with Yale Second Ward for

a discussion on the Holy Land by Daniel H. Ludlow; also a discussion on wills;

- Under the direction of Lucile H. Anderson, the Relief Society, Young Women, and the Merrie Miss class from Primary made Christmas tree decorations in the July and August homemaking meetings and throughout the fall. A beautifully decorated tree was given to the Festival of Trees in December with the theme of ‘Prairie Christmas.’ The tree was sold for 500 which was given to the Primary Children’s Medical Center.
- A Visiting Teaching seminar was held where a dramatic presentation put everyone in the right frame of mind.
- January Sharing Times were spent discussing honesty. Each child received a pencil engraved with “I Believe in Being Honest.” Stories of personal experiences with honesty were told.
- Our Road Show had the assigned theme was ‘The Bottom Line.’ Hal Davis wrote a fun and entertaining show for all age groups to participate in.
- The Blazer Scouts participated in the Scout O Rama where they taught how to make rope and how to whip a rope. They were awarded ‘A Presidential Ribbon,’ the highest ribbon that could be earned; later they participated in the District Spring Camporee at Camp Williams
- The Scouts were required to backpack to the Camporee campsite. It was a fun and interesting experience learning to put up their tents and cook in a terrible wind and rain storm. They were awarded the Honored Camper Ribbon which was the highest ribbon awarded at the Camporee.

- The Senior Recital was held in May.
- Fathers and Sons campout was held in Pine Valley with 40 in attendance. Everyone participated in a program of 'scoutcraft' skills.
- A Progressive Yard Party was held in the yards of Thomsons, Hursts, Hayes, and Packhams & Latimers.
- At the Fourth of July Flag Raising, Royden Glade inspired everyone
- The Beehives enjoyed Brighton Camp.
- Young Men and Young Women participated in a stake sports night. After volleyball, soccer, flag football and softball games at Sugarhouse Park, everyone went to the Salt Lake Tennis Club to eat and swim.
- Ward Campout was planned on a rainy day, but 80 ward members headed for the Spruces Campground. A prayer was offered and the skies cleared.
- The High Priests sponsored a genealogy seminar.
- A Harvest Square Dance was held in October. Members dressed in costumes and enjoyed the party.
- "The Junior Arts Festival and Recital was a magical evening with 27 performers and 20 artists.
- Ward Christmas Party in December was for adults only.
- Ward members performed "Scrooge" over two nights for both Yale First and Second Wards under the direction of Pat Davis

1988

- The first annual Christmas Tree Burning Party (renamed the Snow Party in later years) was held a Tracy Wigwam in January. (See Mary Ellen Elggren's memories about this event.)
- The Relief Society sisters gathered items for the opening of a new homeless shelter, including quilts, canned food, and clothing.
- Donna R. Mork, welfare chairman, conducted a workshop on making black-out kits; later they put together 72-Hour Emergency Kits. The R.S. also made many quilts for Primary Children's Medical Center. Also, personal grooming items (a precursor to the Church's hygiene kits) were assembled for use by the Y.W.C.A. to assist abused women
- The Young Women joined the Relief Society for a special makeup demonstration.
- They also enjoyed a night of volleyball with the boys and a multi-stake dance.
- The Beehive class prepared a puppet show and took it to the Primary Children's Hospital to entertain the sick children.
- the Young Women again joined the Relief Society in learning how to make rag baskets.
- the Young Women joined the Young Men at a super activity at Lake Powell
- In December, the Young Women offered free babysitting services for ward members for an evening so that parents could do their Christmas shopping

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- The Yale I Ward Primary children had the opportunity to sing during the Saturday evening session of Stake Conference
- Steve Chindgren, a bird expert from the Tracy Aviary, educated and entertained the Cub Scouts with his falcon, golden eagle, owl and raven.
- A Mother/Daughter Overnight Party was held in May at the John and Joy Van Wagoner farmhouse in Midway.
- A Father/Son outing took place at Midway at the Van Wagoner's property.
- The Ward Campout was at Ledge Fork east of Smith Morehouse Reservoir in the Wasatch National Forest. 105 people showed up (23 families)
- Ward Picnic at Sugarhouse Park served 250 people
- The Elders Quorum spent Thursday evenings during the summer playing softball. They enjoyed a barbeque social at a member's condo in Park City.
- The Junior Recital was held. With only six Lamanite Stripling Warriors.
- The formal Christmas Dinner Party was held for adults with carolers greeting guests on the front steps.

1989

- The Winter Party/Christmas Tree Burning event was held at Tracy Wigwam. Tubing, games, videos, and visiting were the order of the day. John Elggren's chili was declared a tradition for this event. 11-year-old Sara Elggren broke her ankle on

the sleigh riding hill, but it was a great time despite of the injury.

- The Young Women and their mothers enjoyed a luncheon at the Lion House with guest speaker, Sister Elaine Jack, the Second Counselor in the General Young Women's presidency.
- The Young Women offered singing telegrams and cookies to Valentine sweethearts as a fund-raiser; they delivered the Ward News every month; visited with members of the ward as part of their "Good Works" month; attended the Tabernacle Choir broadcast
- Church was cancelled on Sunday, February 5th due to snow
- The Ward Birthday Party had two simultaneous parties: one for adults and one for children. For the adults, the event was a patriotic Presidential Gala, with decorations in red, white, and blue.
- In November, the Church announced that it would no longer ask members to pay ward budgets directly. General Church funds would be available to pay for ward needs.
- The Elder's Quorum Party at the Cook's cabin consisted of snowmobiling, hiking, played pool, and sloppy joes.
- The Elders held their annual Christmas party, wrapped gifts for the needy and sang carols.
- A Spring Musical was held in conjunction with Yale Second Ward
- In Relief Society, a reader's theatre was presented about "Women in the West,"

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narrated by Corrine Cowan Parker, daughter of Florence Cowan.

- The Mother/Daughter Overnight Party was again held at the Van Wagoner property in Midway in May, which included quilting, pot luck, a baby picture guessing game, volleyball, and a campfire kazoo concert.
- The annual Fathers and Sons Campout was held at Ledge Fork campgrounds above Smith Morehouse dam. The first to arrive was Bishop Haymond.
- At the annual Flag Raising Ceremony at the ward on July 4th, F. Alan Coombs was the speaker
- The Ward Campout was held at Ledge Fork this year with 70 brave souls.

1990

- Snow Party: Joel Van Orden gathered Christmas trees from the curbs in the neighborhood, took them to Camp Tracy. When the very large pile of trees was burned, the flames could be seen for miles. That was the last year the ward was allowed to have the tree-burning ceremony, but it was a doozy.
- The Young Women have had an excellent basketball season this year coached by Mary Cook
- The Young Women and their leaders were treated to a wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings in March 21st by the Young Men
- Police Officer Done talked to the Young Women on crime prevention and how to be 'streetwise' and safe.

- The Young Men and Young Women enjoyed their super activity at the Mt. Timpanogos campgrounds.

MISSIONARIES

- Garth Bruner, Japan
- David Cook, Chiapas, Mexico
- Chance Luker, Greensboro, N.C.

FUNERALS

- Farrell Hurst.
- John Cook

NOTABLES

- Mary Ellen Elggren assisted with the Fourth of July Cavalcade held at the University of Utah Rice-Eccles Stadium.
- Dee L. and Carolyn F. Grose each received a Silver Beaver Award from the Great Salt Lake Council of Boy Scouts of America

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Jill G. Kennedy -Stake Relief Society second counselor.
- Jill G. Kennedy- the Primary General Board
- Elden and Joy Hurst were called as special missionaries (one of three couples in the stake) to help reactivate members in England prior to the sesquicentennial

celebration of the arrival of the missionaries in the British Isles.

- Kathryn Y. Hayes- the Bonneville Stake Primary President.
- Katherine Kennedy- the Stake Relief Society secretary-treasurer
- Mary Cook – stake Relief Society Secretary Treasurer.
- Mary Ellen Elggren—Stake Primary Secretary; Stake YW Secretary

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS:

Bishop Haymond gave an annual report to the ward in March:

“When we try to serve our neighbors by serving faithfully in a Church job; when we help someone who needs help and don’t expect repayment or even thanks; when we extend a neighborly hand to those around us whether they are members of the Church or not, is when we are worthy of the name Christian. The ward music program is an example of people tirelessly doing good for their neighbors. Sister Lohner and the ward choir accompanied by Sister Elizabeth Lund lift our spirits. The ward strings under the direction of Teresa Hughes and Julie Newton add the extra touch of musical substance that we have come to love and even expect from Yale Ward, but let us not take it for granted. Library services from Sister Laverne Cantor, Cleone Whitney and Joy Larson are another faithful aspect of our ward that has become routine. I hope it never becomes unappreciated.

“Whom do we rely on more than the High Priests with Brother Ken Kunz as leader? He does such a good job that the stake leaders sing his praises. President Halston Davis is our faithful Elders leader, among other things. His leadership in improving home teaching performance is an inspiration. Sister Julia Nixon and her Relief Society sisters strengthen all. It is a blessing to be in a ward with such faithful sisters because we know that dependable compassionate help is near. Gospel teaching is very good in our ward. Our thanks can only take the form of teachableness and Christian living....

Two areas that need strengthen in our ward are missionary work and temple work. Missionary work depends entirely on the ability of ward members to live close to the Spirit. No missionary ever converted a soul. Conversion comes by the Spirit, by neighbors and missionaries being guided by the Spirit. Temple work is like missionary work, only the objects of our neighborly work are in the next world. Both of these programs are dependent on our being unselfish and dependent on the Spirit. When we are converted we will know what happiness is and a new day will dawn in Yale Ward.

Memories of Ward Campout:

Ward Campout was in August. “It was raining on August 21st but 80 ward members refused to be discouraged and headed for the Spruces campground ten miles up Big Cottonwood Canyon. They gathered together under pine trees and umbrellas, and Brother John Elggren offered a prayer asking that the elements might be tempered. Within one half hour the skies cleared, and the annual Yale Ward Campout was on. Kent Lytle, Gene Vickers and Steve Packham kept a marvelous bonfire going. Dorothy Lytle organized a wonderful dinner with Yale Ward’s good cooks.

John Kennedy conducted a campfire program featuring the delightful camp kids that was extra fun and will be long remembered. Soon everyone got into the act encircling the campfire while singing a song that turned us all into ding-dongs. Marshmallows were roasted into the late hours. The teenagers stayed up all night keeping Lois Field and Susan Hojjat awake, too. David Cook and Chance Luker honked in at 3:00 am. Soon after Rick Stevens appeared on the scene to cook breakfast; Gene Vickers had been looking for the food for some time, but no one could remember where it was. A search of the infamous Packham van solved the mystery. Eggs, bacon and pancakes were cooked on three camp stoves with six cooks and only two pancake turners. It was a riotous adventure in sharing, something like a pancake turner relay race which we may want to perpetuate as an annual event. The teenagers were all so bleary-eyed that they forgot the traditional water fight...oh, well, there's always next year, kids. Thanks to all who cooked, hauled, cleaned, and endured melted marshmallows on their clothes without a complaint. This may not seem like enjoyment to everyone, but it sure seemed like it to us.

Memories of Performing Scrooge with both Yale First and Second Wards:

The participants included 60 individuals from both wards, plus 17 production staff. "Beautiful sets were created by Cliff and Chad Davis, and unbelievably wonderful costumes were provided by the multi-talented Martha Stale. Assisted by Kathryn Hayes and Diane Featherstone, they produced nearly 70 costumes in less than three weeks. Alice Andersen amazed us with her regal Ghost of Christmas Past, the genteel kinswoman, and raucous grave robber. It wasn't long before we all sounded like Alice, with some form of

British accent. New to our ward are Debbie Zeiss, who expertly played the char woman and a grave robber to match Alice, and Alisa Bruner as a very charming Betsy....Nine year old Rose Ann Menlove (Yale II) playing 'Little Fan' looked way up at Dave Cook and said, 'I think it's funny that I'm your mother.'...It was a pure pleasure to work with Yale II Ward on this production. From the first rehearsal, we were warmly welcomed by Glen Momberger (Scrooge) and Don Brady (3 different roles) and others. A desire to make this a yearly tradition quickly grew. Children who were uncomfortable in the same room now are lasting friends. Adults who didn't even know each other now love each other. It was a really worthwhile event, and was a splendid show for all who attended.

A letter from the General Relief Society Presidency:

The Bishop received a letter from Barbara W. Winder, President of the General Relief Society, "With the approval of your Area Presidency, we are writing to tell you how much we appreciate your ward member, Jeanne M. Hughes, as she serves as a National Officer of Lambda Delta Sigma and an Associate Member of the Relief Society General Board. As you know this combined full-time Church calling is her primary responsibility at this time. She is a blessing to the sisters of the Church, particularly those on college campuses, as she shares her talents and skills with so many. We hope her wonderful spirit is felt in the ward when she is able to attend.

Norton Nixon recalls a High Priest service incident:

"Recently one of our ward members had a doctor appointment. Not having a car, she

asked her Home Teacher if it would be possible for him to take her to meet this appointment. She felt 'good' calling upon him when she needed help. He responded to the opportunity of actually being a Home Teacher. The doctor's office was filled with people. So, as is so common, a long wait was required. A little lady sitting next to our ward member began talking. In the conversation, she mentioned that she had taken the bus to her appointment. She usually took the bus or a taxi and commented on how expensive it was. Living on retirement income did not leave much money for travel. Our ward member commented that her Home Teacher had brought her to the office. The little lady became very interested in this service. Our ward member explained home teaching and other gospel principles to her. The little lady knew a little about the Church because two former bishops lived in the same place as she. The little lady then advised she was going to ask one of these former bishops to have home teachers call on her. About this time our ward member was admitted into the doctor's examination room. As the little lady came out and was getting ready to go home, she went to the Home Teacher and asked 'What is it they call you? House Visiting or House Teaching?' He then explained that it was Home Teaching. The little lady then left, determined she was going to ask for the same service. What a wonderful missionary tool home teaching can be! Brethren, please be 'Home Teachers' and not 'House Visiting' or 'House Teachers.'

How the snow party tradition came to be:

In 1987 Mary Ellen Elggren was called by Bishop Haymond to be Activities Committee Chair, and asked to submit two more names for the committee and a secretary. Sitting down in Sacrament Meeting, Mary Ellen looked up to see an unfamiliar man in the

choir seats that was clearly to be on the Activities Committee. John Van Wagoner had lived in Yale Ward as a youth, and had recently returned to Utah and the family home on Ninth South. Martha Vickers was also called to the committee, and Lois Field as the Secretary. In the first planning meeting, Martha suggested an event to brighten January, an old tradition of burning the Christmas Trees and sending our past year's troubles away with the smoke. As a Scout executive, John offered to reserve the Tracy Lodge in Mill Creek Canyon where we could burn the trees, and which also has a terrific sleigh riding hill. Mary Ellen offered her husband as chef to prepare a chili and hot chocolate supper. The party was a huge success, and has occurred every year since, which is now 27 years. It has survived the prohibition of burning the trees, major snowstorms, a no snow year, and the reunification of the two Yale Wards. The Tracy Lodge, the sleigh riding hill, and John Elggren's chili and hot chocolate supper are still the mainstays that draws back former ward members and succeeding generations of families that come back and bring their children to enjoy this especially delightful Yale Ward tradition.

Music in the Yale Wards by Evan Hurst:

Yale Ward has a rich tradition of music. Back before the consolidated meeting schedule, there was a segment of Sunday School opening exercises devoted to hymn practice. Yale First Ward was fortunate to have Brother Norman Wendell as the Sunday School chorister. Brother Wendell was the choral teacher and director at Granger High School so the hymn practice was well organized with the different parts being worked on the hymn assigned for the month. Brother Wendell was also the director of the

23rd National Guard Army band which rehearsed at the armory across Sunnyside on Guardsman Way where the Pingree School is now. If conditions were right, ward members on the north end of the ward could sometimes hear the band playing in the evening.

The combined First and Second Yale Wards also put on a series of musicals in the ward cultural hall. The first one I remember was *The Music Man* in 1969. I remember the year because that is the year my older brother Wendell left for his mission. Wendell was the accompanist for both the rehearsals and the performance. The director, Pat Davis, had postponed the performance a couple of times, but she finally had a deadline of when Wendell had to depart for Japanese language training in Hawaii.

Other productions included *The Sound of Music*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Hello Dolly*. The string was broken when Pat Davis was tapped to direct productions at the Promised Valley Playhouse for a broader audience. Her husband Cliff became the artistic director at the playhouse designing sets, and many of the decorations enjoyed by the ward over the years for the Christmas parties were on loan from Promised Valley, courtesy of the Davises.

Another tradition of the combined wards was the annual Fourth of July flag raising ceremony. This was held early on Independence Day, featuring singing patriotic songs, Troop 41 raising the flag and hearing a speech. I don't remember all the speakers but I do remember Jake Garn speaking, wearing his navy uniform, before his first campaign for any political office. I also remember my own father, Elden Hurst, as well as J. Max Hughes, another World War Two veteran speaking. The flag was raised while Bill Sullivan, first trumpet in the Utah Symphony, gave the appropriate bugle call. The flagpole

in those days was immediately east of the building steps. A piano would be carried out to accompany the singing. Eventually, my brother Farrell Hurst would organize a band to perform during the celebration. One time, no one thought to turn off the automatic sprinklers which then disrupted the festivities. I don't remember when it happened, but the stake requested that the event become a stake function held in Bonneville Glen. I know I won't remember all the musicians in my brother's band, but here are the names of those I remember. Dee and Carolyn Grose on trumpet, Pat Haymond on clarinet, Lyman King on trombone, and I learned baritone enough to make some noise.

Many members of the ward will remember the Christmas Eve meditation service organized by Norma Sullivan. Norma was a longtime organist in the Yale Second Ward. As mentioned before, her husband Bill was first trumpet in the symphony. Vincent Sullivan also played trumpet while Sean Sullivan was a drummer. Many other ward musicians helped with this program which was presented after 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. I remember my siblings participating, and I even helped once playing the tubular bells borrowed from East High. Sean Sullivan would play drums for "Little Drummer Boy", but the highlight was Bill playing "The Holy City" accompanied by Norma on organ. Initially the service was informally presented in a darkened chapel with the only illumination being the music stand lights for the musicians. Over time, the meditation service became very popular and regulated with opening and closing prayers with the chapel fully illuminated. I sometimes wonder if there was a concern that Bill Sullivan, a catholic, was somehow mimicking a midnight mass in an LDS chapel.

I have been asked to write a little about my brother Farrell, who was a ward member from 1961 when my family moved in until his death in 1986 at age 33. Farrell was an accomplished violinist, but his interests ran to all types of music. His start to playing the organ came at age 17, when my brother Wendell departed on a mission. A member of the bishopric asked Farrell if he could take Wendell's place as the priesthood organist, to which Farrell assented. Later in the day, the bishopric member complimented my father on having a son willing and able to accept that calling, which surprised my father because Farrell had never been a keyboard musician. From that beginning, Farrell would eventually serve for a time as Bonneville Stake Organist. Farrell also took it upon himself to upgrade the Yale Ward organ when he realized that the organ loft at one time had been lined with sound deadening tiles. All of the pipes were removed and the loft was relined with Masonite painted white. This allowed the sound to better resonate in the chapel. The ward organists, probably Erma Baker and Irene Van Wagoner in the First Ward at that time, had to learn to recalibrate how far they pushed the crescendo pedal.

Farrell then departed for his mission to Taiwan, where the mission president decided they should break the rule about missionaries not bringing musical instruments and had Farrell send for his violin. The last part of his mission was spent traveling to all the branches of the church on Taiwan to participate in special open houses.

Back home in Yale Ward, Farrell organized the Yale Strings to provide stringed accompaniment in Sacrament Meetings the same way the Bonneville Strings did for stake conference. I think the participants are listed elsewhere. I would just add that I also played viola in the Yale Strings.

One more story that might be humorous to longtime ward members was when Farrell was the Priesthood music director. Hal and Jeff, the Davis twins, took turns providing piano accompaniment. Farrell would assign the next week's hymn, which would be rehearsed all week in the Davis home on Michigan Avenue behind the church. One week, Eugene Davis called Farrell to tell him that he didn't consider "Onward Christian Soldiers" to be an appropriate LDS hymn and that he wasn't going to have it played in his home anymore.

For a time Farrell also organized the ward youth into a pipe band to perform at the annual ward picnic. Farrell owned a rank of organ pipes which he had rescued from an organ which had been dismantled somewhere. Each ward youth was given one or two organ pipes, which they would blow on cue from Farrell. In this manner, musical entertainment was provided to the ward members.

These notes just scratch the surface of the musical legacy of the Yale Ward. Talent shows, musical road shows, senior and junior recitals were all features of the activities of the ward. Perhaps with the explosion of other forms and options of entertainment, the array of choices available on cable television or the increased sophistication of home entertainment systems has lessened the demand for entertainment at the ward cultural hall, but I feel blessed to have been able to witness and participate to the extent that I did.

Yale First Ward

**Yale First Ward
Bishop John H. Van Wagoner
1990-1993**

Bishop: John H. Van Wagoner- sustained: April 29, 1990, released: August 1993
First Counselor: John E. Elggren
Second Counselor: Halston T. Davis
Executive Secretary: Mike Facer, Kevin Shelley, Ben Davis
Ward Clerk: Glade Christensen (financial), Daniel Bates (membership), Dee Grose, Evan Hurst (Assistant)
High Priest Group Leader: Michael Hayes, Cal Erickson, John Kennedy,
Seventy Group Leader: Joel Van Orden, Norm Marquardson, David Cook
Elders Quorum President: Matt Brown, Mike Facer, Scott Gochnour
Sunday School President: Rod Bruner, Evan Hurst, Jordan Hughes
Relief Society President: Dorothy Lytle, Jeanne M. Hughes
Primary President: Anne Clark, Barbara Cook, Lucille Anderson
YW President: Carolyn Facer, Robin Gochnour
YM President: Brian Fuller, Jeff Clark, Steve Fetherston
Activities Chairman: Monte and Sylvia Luker

EVENTS

1990

- The Mother/Daughter Overnight event was held at Midway.
- The Father/Son Overnight event was also held.
- In Scouting news, Steven Hojjat was declared the winner in selling the most tickets to the Scout O’Rama—350! He enjoyed a trip to California with the JAZZ.
- The Ward Campout - Payson Lake.
- The Ward Picnic was held at Sugarhouse Park.
- Trus Van Vossen was baptized into the Church.

1991

- Ruth Shumway was called to the South Africa Mission.
- The Primary planted flowers for a Mother’s Day activity, delivered them to shut-in mothers. The Merrie Miss made dinner for their mothers. In July, built float with Yale II with the theme “The Great Salt Lake 1891-1991”, had 80 march in parade. Marched to original song, “We are the Salt of the Earth: written by Marcie Updegraff and music by Betty Bates.
- Relief Society held a fashion show of vintage dresses; had a Rhodes Bread demonstration; tied quilts and gave to homeless.

- Fathers and Sons campout – Payson Lake
- Mothers and Daughters Overnigher – Cook Cabin, Mt. Aire Canyon
- Youth held bike ride at Sugarhouse Park; attended youth conference at BYU.
- Relief Society combined with YW for ceramic project- Santa Paint
- YM played Ping-Pong, football, and basketball
- Ward Campout took place at Rockport Reservoir State Park
- Family Christmas Party – Norman Wendell and Taylorsville High School Madrigals

1992

- Cub Scouts alternated bringing treats in the Treat Bucket, received award for dressing in uniforms; used sign language for farewell message
- Jonathan Lytle received his Eagle Scout Award
- Theme for Primary was “I Can Feel and Show Reverence for Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.”; the Vernal Equinox was celebrated at the Tippets home
- YW visited the Utah Museum of Natural History; surprised the YM with a progressive dinner; enjoyed a pancake breakfast cooked by the Bishopric
- The Scouts spent January making foot stools with the supervision of Joel Van Orden. The boys cut wood, sanded, nailed and stained their projects and earned their

Craftsman merit badge. In Feb. they worked on their difficult physical fitness merit badges. "These include Sports, Personal Fitness, and Swimming

- YM prepared a Beach Party in the gym combined with YW
- YM-YW Super Activity was at the Homestead and the VanVagoner's Ranch House
- Elders Quorum Social held at the Jennings home; held a missionary fireside; fireside with Oscar W. McConkie, Jr. as speaker; party at the newly dedicated Glen; gave blessings at VA Hospital

1993

- Lots of snow for ward Snow Party; cancellation of Relief Society and YW activities due to weather
- Primary grew with new families moving in to ward
- YM-YW visited the Church Museum temple display
- R.S. reviewed Jake Garn's book, Why I Believe; learned to make door hangings; had a first aid demonstration and a Dutch oven demonstration; made candy; Saw Legacy at Jos. Smith Bldg.
- YM administered sacrament at the VA Hospital
- Ward Temple Outing at the Manti Temple
- The scouts went to Jericho Sand Dunes for their winter campout. As usual there was plenty of food for all. Kevin Bridges had a Dutch oven dinner for all and Joel

Van Orden cooked eggs, sausage, and bacon for breakfast accompanied by cinnamon rolls, milk and OJ. Some 4-wheeling was done, including pushing Joel's truck when it got stuck twice.

FUNERALS

- Laura Baren
- Arta Hale
- Floyd Poulsen
- Ina Richardson
- Mary Hinckley
- Clair Flandro
- Nillie Van Orden
- Mame Green
- Ellsworth Weaver
- Maude Fairbanks
- Arthur Richardson
- Alice Slusser
- Wesley L. Bayless
- Ralph Thomsen
- Evelyn Grover
- Helen Robinson
- Vilate McCallister
- Ferdinand Peterson

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Grant Anderson – General Research Evaluation Committee
- Janet Packham – Stake YW 2nd Counselor
- Elizabeth Perkes, Stake Librarian
- Alice Andersen, Stake Office Secretary
- Steve Packham- stake High Council
- Elden Hurst, Stake Name Extraction Director
- John and Jill Kennedy- Stake YSA Leaders
- Joy Hurst, Phil Spencer, Ruth Spencer, Janet Packham, Ken Kunz,
- Stake Extraction Missionaries
- Kent Lytle- Stake Satellite and Sound Specialist
- Jay and Pat Haymond – Service Missionaries in the Park Stake

NOTABLES

- Don Bingham voted Architect of the Year for 1993

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

The new bishopric offered these words:

“As your new bishopric, we want to express to all of you how humbled we are to serve and watch over the members of Yale 1st Ward.

We are keenly aware of the profound responsibility that is ours, and we welcome it knowing that when we are in the service of our brothers and sisters we are in the service of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Already we have experienced the joy, occasionally tempered by sorrow that comes from this service. We pray continually that our ward family will grow together in love, compassion, and service toward one another. We ask you to be extensions of our eyes and ears to help us respond, with your help, to the need of all. We are a blessed people, and our blessings will multiply as we keep the commandments and follow in the footsteps of the Son of God.

Memory of Barbara Cook, Primary President:

Our ward was invited to participate in the Fourth of July Children’s Pioneer Parade in downtown Salt Lake City. The theme of their float was “The Great Salt Lake 1891-1991.” Barbara Cook recalled, “We watched the Lord’s hand in helping us put together many small details. We combined with Yale II Ward and had over eighty march in the parade. The children carried beach balls and not one was dropped or thrown in an inappropriate way. The children sang like angels. We were so fortunate to have Betty Bates write us original marching music to words by Marcie Updegraff. The song we sang was ‘We Are the Salt of the Earth.’ JaNeanne and Marlowe Dazley made the tape for us to sing to as we marched along....We thank Tyler Hughes and Erin Packham who represented us on the float. Our great appreciation goes out to Don and Marilyn Brady from Yale II who had the major responsibility in building the float.”

Ann Hughes, YW Leader's Memories:

“With assistance from our faithful Bishopric, leaders and teachers, the young people worked hard weeding, removing rocks, turning soil, and planting new flowers. Before returning home, hungry appetites were served pizza and drinks. Well deserved credit must go to McCaye Christianson who organized and supplied this service activity. The young people showed a unique reverence for the ward grounds. We are always pleased to see their wonderful spiritual growth in action.

Love Thy Neighbor

In 1981 Ruth Shields, recently widowed and wanting to re-locate within the ward boundaries, moved next door to Emma Tanner, who had been an inactive member for many years. Emma was not a receptive neighbor. Ruth had been called to be the activities leader for the single senior sisters, but Emma refused all invitations to join in. After several years of invitations, Emma finally accepted and joined what was lovingly referred to as the Yale Ward “Granny Gang.” Reluctant to attend Church, Emma had not owned a skirt or dress for many decades preferring to cover her varicose veins with trousers. Bishop John VanWagoner and First-Councilor John Elggren (Ruth’s son-in-law) joined Ruth in assuring Emma that she and her trousers were more than welcome in Yale Ward Sacrament Meeting. For the first time in fifty years, Emma returned to Church. On 6 March 1994, Ruth Shields served as escort to Emma Tanner as she received her endowments in the Salt Lake Temple at age 81. She passed away a year and a half later.

The Lord Loves Missionaries and Their Parents

March 27, 1990 Christian Elggren left the Provo MTC for the Germany Frankfurt Mission as the German people were pulling down the Berlin Wall, and the Soviet Union was beginning to collapse. On November 12, he called his parents, John and Mary Ellen Elggren, to say that his Mission President, David Wirthlin, had brought him into the Mission Home for a special assignment to be a founding Elder of a new mission in Bulgaria, the southernmost Soviet Union country. He and a new companion were catching a flight that day, November 13, to Vienna, Austria to meet with the Austria Vienna East Mission President, Dennis Neuenschwander, and two missionaries who had been serving in Yugoslavia to prepare for this unprecedented assignment change. Elder Elggren assured his parents that he would call the next day from Vienna to fill in the details. The next day came and went with no call. That night there was no sleep for the parents who anxiously awaited word. The next day was Sunday, and by afternoon Mary Ellen went to the Stake Center for her temple recommend interview hoping to divert her mind. Two unfamiliar women in the waiting area were engaged in conversation that immediately caught her attention. A relative, Baird King, working for the U.S. State Department, had been sent to Sofia, Bulgaria to work in the U.S. Embassy. He had just called home with good news and bad news. The bad news was that the country’s economy had collapsed and conditions were very difficult. The good news was that a miracle had happened; four LDS missionaries had arrived to open a new mission. The next day, Monday, in casual conversation with friends, John and Mary Ellen learned that a couple of months earlier, Morris Mower and his wife Annetta, had been sent by the Church to teach English in Bulgaria, and to secure and furnish

an apartment in preparation for missionaries who would soon arrive. They had just called to say the missionaries had arrived; they were well and safely settled into their quarters. By the time Elder Elggren was able to call his parents, they already knew that he had safely arrived in Sofia, Bulgaria, had been received by Brother and Sister Mower, was settled into a furnished apartment, and had a U.S. Embassy nearby with a Church member employed who was aware of the arrival of these missionaries in such difficult times in a newly freed Soviet country. The Lord does love his missionaries, and He also loves the devoted parents who sacrifice to send them out to serve.

Specific examples of events during John Van Wagoner's leadership:

Young Men/ Young Women Temple Trips: Bishop Van Wagoner moved back to his old home in Yale Ward after having been employed at different Boy Scouts of America offices out of Utah. His previous employment was in Texas. While there he was an ordinance worker in the Dallas Temple. He was very emotional sharing his experiences at rejoicing when temple work was done for people who had been waiting for years to have their work done. For the youth he planned trips to many different LDS temples. He would go with them and do baptisms for the dead. Bishop Van Wagoner would rejoice in those long dead who had been served by our young people. With tears in his eyes he would thank the young people and tell them how important their service is.

Primary Fathers and Daughters Party

A young girl in Primary had no Dad to take to the party. Bishop Van Wagoner was sensitive to her need and volunteered to go to the party with her. She was thrilled. He treated her like a queen. Although he was old enough to be her grandfather he participated in all the games like the younger men did. And they were winners. Bishop Van Wagoner having been a scout executive and a cheer leader in college had kept himself physically fit. He could stand on his hands and do both front and back flips even in his later years in life. This party was fun for the pair of them and for all who saw a good Bishop caring for his flock.

Yale First Ward

**Yale First Ward
Bishop Steven C. Packham
1993-2000**



Bishop: Steven C. Packham sustained August 22, 1993; released April 9, 2000.

First Counselors: John E Elggren, Grant A. Anderson.

Second Counselor: Grant Anderson, Michael Shea.

Executive Secretaries: Norman Marquardson, Thomas B. Greene.

Assistant Executive Secretaries: Jeffery Clark

Secretaries to the Bishop: Alice Andersen, Colleen F. Smith

Ward Clerks: David Mack, David Mack, Scott Gochnour (85), Joel Van Orden

Assistant Ward Clerks: Shaun Bawden, Cal Erickson, Steven J. Fetherston, David Hunter, Elden G. Hurst, Lyman King, Kevin W. Shelly, Jeff Clark, Ben Baggett, Norm Marquardson

High Priest Group Leaders: D. Lyman King, Stuart Smith (87)

Ward Mission Leader: Martin Bates (87), David Cook, Jay Haymond, Lyman King, John Rector, Jim Earl

Elders Quorum Presidents: Scott Gochnour, Stephen Alder (86), Martin Bates, John Kimball, Daniel Ricks

Sunday School Presidents: Jordan Hughes, Martin W. Bates, Norman Marquardson, Bernard Evenhuis

Relief Society Presidents: Jeanne M. Hughes, Carolyn F. Grose, McCaye Christianson

Primary Presidents: Patty S. Bates, Donna Bates,

Young Men Presidents: Robert Tippets (86), John Van Wagoner, Stephen Alder

Young Women Presidents: Mary Ellen Elggren, Judy C. Simpson,

Activities Chairman: Valerie Shea, Martine Smith, Judy Evenhuis

Ward Organist: Emma Poulsen; Mary Ellen Elggren

Ward Chorister: Pat Haymond, **Music Chair:** Robin Gochnour, **Choir Director:** Jay Welch

Yale First Ward

EVENTS

1993

- Ward expressed appreciation to former Bishop John Van Wagoner
- Elder Aaron J. Elggren, serving, Japan Okayama Mission
- Elder Russell Fetherston, serving, Calgary Alberta Mission
- Elder John Dutson, serving, Brazil Recife Mission
- Sister Michelle Dutson, called, California San Diego Mission, now serving in the California Carlsbad Mission
- Elder Tom Dutson, serving, Pinelands, Republic of South Africa Mission
- Elder David S. Kennedy, called, District Leader, Bangkok Thailand Mission
- Caroline Erickson, BYU Study Abroad, England
- Michael Bates, son of John and Christa, studying at a University in Germany
- John Dutson, called, Brazil Recife Mission
- David Marcel Bridges, called, Argentina Mendoza Mission
- Jordan Matthew Hughes, called, Brazil, Ribeirao Petro Mission
- Ann Erickson called, Mesa Arizona Mission
- Katie Packham & Robert Boyden married

- Jennifer Stahle & Michael Leatham married
- Traci Hughes & Zigmund Kirk Peacock married
- Braxton J. H., son born, Sister & John Pearson
- Hillary, daughter born, Norm & Rosanne Marquardson
- Ward Campout held at Rockport
- Junior Recital and Art Show held in November

1994

- Snow Party at Camp Tracy. Bishop Packham assisted John Elggren in the making of the chili
- Jay and Pat Haymond, Inner-city Missionaries, Princeton Ward
- Jennifer Kennedy & Kevin Gee married, 28 Dec
- Youth Recital & Art Show, and the Adult Recital & Art Show are annual traditions
- Church meeting schedule changed, beginning with Priesthood and R.S., then Sunday School, and finally Sacrament meeting
- Ward video history produced by Michelle Dutson; shown at Ward Birthday Party
- A ward open house was scheduled for the month of February with the Bishopric as tour guides
- The ward newsletter was discontinued

Yale First Ward

1995

- Snow Party at Camp Tracy—tubing on the lighted hill by night, games and a roaring fire in the lodge; great chili and hot chocolate
- Abigail, daughter born, Matt & Laurie Elggren, 22 Mar
- Spencer, son born, Susan & Chris Elggren, 5 Apr
- Michael, a son, born to Katherine Kennedy-Yoon & John Yoon, 16 Apr
- Joshua, son born, Katie & Rob Boyden, 23 Jun
- Arianne, daughter born, Donna & Martin Bates, 1 Jul
- Zoe, daughter born, Tana & Chris Whicker, 19 Jul
- Edward W. E., son born, Anne & Jeff Clark, 20 Jul
- Isaac, son born, Elizabeth & Van Lund, 25 Aug
- Madelyn, daughter born, Jean & Len Bayles, 7 Sep
- Brianna, daughter born, Angie & John Pearson, 2 Oct
- Heather, daughter born, Camille & Kevin Shelley, 22 Nov
- Ashley, daughter born, Melissa & Luke Tedesco, 29 Nov
- Whitney Anderson, baptized, 4 Mar
- Jamie Van Orden, baptized, 6 May
- Jacob White, baptized, 22 Jul
- Dana Christensen, baptized, 31 Aug
- Michael Matheson, baptized, 22 Sep
- Arianna Bates, baptized
- R. T. Van Orden ordained, Teacher
- David Bridges ordained Elder, 22 Jun; called to Argentina Mendoza Mission
- Matt Hughes called to Brazil Riberao Preto Mission
- Stephen Mark R Dutson, called, Mexico Leon Mission
- Ann Erickson, called, Tempe Arizona Spanish Speaking Mission, Aug
- John Dutson, returns, Brazil Recife Mission
- David Kennedy, returns, Taiwan Bangkok Mission
- John Weaver & Zona Behrman, married, 25 Feb
- Joel Grose & Julianne House, married, 18 Mar
- Mickey D. Vriens & Chante Luker, married, 18 May
- Curtis T. Hopson and Kristin Packham, married, 30 May
- Mark Packham and Maria Torres, married, 2 Aug

Yale First Ward

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adrian Van Vossen, called as a Ward Missionary • Elder Rex Reeve, spoke, Ward fireside • U of U Prof., Dave Chapman, Earthquake fireside • YM and YW took local trips to Jordan, Salt Lake, and Logan temples • The Primary studied the Articles of Faith. Parents were encouraged to help them memorize them. • The Elders and High Priests met together, assigning different individuals to introduce themselves each week. • The R.S. studies Preparing for a Financial Crisis; Also presented sisters in “ To Know You is to Love You” segments; learned about beauty basics from Nancy Gunnell • Six Scouts spent 4 days at Camp Steiner with Scout Master Grant Anderson, earning 2 merit badges each. Snow was still on ground in July so swimming and canoeing were very cold activities. • Y.M planned to climb King’s Peak and Mt. Timpanogos • Youth participated in the Pioneer Trek. • Kenneth W. Burnett celebrated his 100th birthday, 30 Sep. 1995 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Lyman King – High Priest Group Leader • Stephen Alder – Elders Quorum President • Carolyn F. Grose – Relief Society President • Judy C. Simpson – Young Women President • Robert C. Tippetts – Young Men President • Patty S. Bates – Primary President • Martin Bates – Sunday School President • Jay Welch – Ward Music Chair • Elizabeth Perkes – Ward Librarian • Lucile H. Anderson – Scout Committee Chair • Jay Haymond – Ward Mission Leader • Andrew David, son born, Jeniel & David Facer, 7 Feb • Benjamin, son born, Elizabeth & David Banner 12 May • Noah, son born, Maren & Michael Bartz, 3 Dec • Chloe, daughter born, Kelly & Tony Tippetts, 27 Dec • Catherine, daughter born, Alisa & Rod Kearl, 12 May • Ian J., son born, JaNeanne & Marlow Dazley, 2 Jul |
| <p>1996</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Conference, Robert F. Orton, 11 Feb | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaac C., son born, Gena & Stephen Alder, 29 Jul • Douglas Isaac, son born, Patty & Dan Bates, 8 Aug • Linden Anne, daughter born, Laurie & Matt Elggren, 28 Aug • Clark Carapezza, baptized, 14 Sep • Jeffery Clark, baptized, 28 Sep • Trent Savage, ordained Deacon, 26 May • Kevin Van Orden, ordained, Deacon, 23 Jun • Collin Christensen, ordained Deacon, 8 Sep • Dmitri Carapezza, ordained Deacon, 13 Oct • Michael Hurst, ordained Deacon, 13 Oct • Steven Matheson, ordained Deacon, 13 Oct • Mckay Bates, ordained Elder, 29 Nov • Elizabeth Hughes & David Hind, married, 6 Jul • Tamara Bruner a& Robert D Lefavor, married, 2 Nov • Michael Kennedy, returned, France Mission • Clayton Farr Smith, called, Portugal Mission • Primary children 8 and older were to set goals in 5 different areas including | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> memorizing the Articles of Faith and wrote their personal histories for the stake history book. • 80% of the children and YW in the ward participated in the Junior Recital • The Primary Christmas Party was a service project delivering fruit baskets, caroling, and making gingerbread houses. • YW wanted to see much of Utah for the State Centennial and started a “secret sister” program • The YM and YW became interns with ward leaders, learning of their callings. Then they conducted in the place of that leader on one Sunday in May • Snow Party at Camp Tracy with plenty of chili and hot chocolate <p style="text-align: center;">1997</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abigail, daughter born, Holli & Brett Ammon, 21 May • Rylee J., daughter born, Pati & Rick Miller, 27 Jul • Dallas G., son born, Donna & Martin Bates, 30 Aug • Robert, son born, Laura & John P. Kennedy, 18 Oct • Raymond, son born, Tiffany & Robert Harrison, 3 Dec • Axel, son born, Gabrielle & Don Gale, 5 Dec • Thomas Henry Schimpf, baptized, 22 Mar |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Juarez, baptized, 29 Mar • Sierra King, baptized, 31 May • Victoria Gochnour, baptized, 1 Nov • James Mack, baptized, 6 Dec • Christopher Van Orden, baptized, 6 Dec • Sylvia Flem, Baptized, 24 Dec • Julian Tippets, ordained, Deacon, 9 Mar • Annie Kennedy, Young Women in Excellent Award, 23 Aug • Ian Tippets, ordained Elder, 12 Oct • Brandon Bingham, ordained Elder, 18 Oct • Robin Gochnour, called Ward Music Chair • Jay Welch, called, Choir Director • Suzanne Gochnour & Michael Thomas, married, 21 May • Diana Clawson & Eric Jackson, married, 26 Jul • Marin Paulsen & Michael Bartz, married, 17 Aug • Sydney Little & Aaron Elggren, married, 27 Aug • Rosie Gunnell & K. Nicholas Wiseman, married, 18 Sep • Kathleen Hinckley & Paul Mayer, married, 22 Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Alder, Michael Shea, and Joel Van Orden, sustained to be ordained High Priests, 27 Apr • Ward Birthday Party – Hoedown theme • Matt Elggren called – Sunday School Adult Counselor • Laurie Elggren called – Sunday School teacher • Pati Miller called – YW Advisor • Edith Hunsaker released – Family History Library • Alisa Kearn called – Young Women Advisor • Chance Luker called – Sunday School Teacher • YM, YW fed the homeless under the viaduct on a wintery day; held a carnival with the Garden Park Wards; camped in Goblin Valley and hiked 8 miles; • The YW made strawberry pies for a Mother’s Day fundraiser • The youth learned table manners, how to set and serve at the table • The R.S. sisters attended the temple together, shared a session with deaf members • In honor of the Pioneer Sesquicentennial, 39 baby quilts were made for the Teen Home for Unwed Mothers with over 100 ward members and neighbors participating. • In May, a pioneer history program was held commemorating the arrival of the |
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pioneers in the Salt Lake Valley 150 years ago. Speakers included Jan Bennett (who also substituted as M.C. for Michael Bennett who was out of town), Elizabeth Perkins, Ruth Ann Shields Waldoch, Jay Welch and Mary Ellen Elggren.

- Snow party was held at Camp Tracy where 15 gallons of chili were prepared by John Elggren

1998

- Ward Conference, Oscar W. McConkie, III, 25 Jan
- Ward leadership changes since Ward Conference, 1997:
- Stuart Smith – High Priest Group Leader
- Martin Bates – Elders Quorum President
- Norm Marquardson – Sunday School President
- Robin Gochnour – Ward Music Chair
- Jeanne Hughes – Ward Librarian
- Michael Shea – Ward Mission Leader
- Emma, daughter born, Susan & Chris Elggren, 28 Jan
- Delaney , daughter born, Jean & Len Bayles, 17 Jun
- Andrew, son born, Marlynn & David Hunter, 22 Jun
- Nakita, daughter born, Camille & Kevin Shelley, 20 Aug

- Megan, daughter born, to Alisa & Rod Kearl, 3 Sep
- Joshua, son born, to Lisa & Greg Marks, 5 Nov
- Daniel Shea, baptized, 4 Jul
- Trey Gunnell, baptized, 5 Sep
- Joshua Bates, baptized, 12 Sep
- Calvin Marquardson, baptized, 2 Oct
- Andrea Llamozza, graduated Primary, 11 Jan
- Tamara Bayles, Young Women in Truth Award, 17 May
- Tom Schimpf, ordained Elder, 15 Mar
- Lenny Carapezza, ordained Deacon, 25 Oct
- Stewart Anderson, ordained Elder, 13 Sep
- Jim Bridges, ordained Elder, 1 Oct
- Scott Gochnour, ordained, High Priest, 31 May
- Tom Schimpf & Janette House, married, 20 Mar
- Scott Swasey & Sylvia Flem, married, 26 Jun
- Bob Tippetts & Linda Tingey, married, 26 Jun
- Justin DeJong & Mary Bingham, married, 17 Jul

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- Paul Durkee & Bridgett Evenhuis, married 18 Jul
- David Bridges & Jessica Vicini, married, 5 Dec
- Antoine Clawson & Marti Packham, married 18 Dec
- Yale Ward Birthday Party was celebrated with students from the opera program at the U. of Utah singing Broadway musicals.
- Quilting sessions were held twice a month by R.S.
- YW went to Moab, hiked Delicate Arch.
- The youth Super activity was to Yellowstone Park, body surfing down rapids, playing Uno, singing camp songs.
- YM, YW continue doing baptisms for the dead at Salt Lake Temple
- Stewart Anderson and McKay Bates receive their Eagle Scout Awards
- The Elders went on missionary “splits” and served at the VA Hospital, hosted the ward temple nights each month.
- The Primary children were “called” on missions in the MTC Primary room from the Bishop who pretended to be the MTC President. Each young missionary learned about various countries from adults who had previously served there, including tasting food from each country
- The annual snow party was held at Camp Tracy and was enjoyed by all.

1999

- Ward Conference, John R. Jackson, 24 Jan
- Ward leadership changes since Ward Conference, 1998:
- Grant A. Anderson – 1st Counselor Bishopric
- Michael J. Shea – 2nd Counselor Bishopric
- Lyman King – Young Men President
- Bernard Evenhuis – Sunday School President
- John H. Rector – Ward Mission Leader
- Emma, daughter born, Allison & Jordan Kimball, 29 Jan
- Keshia, daughter born, Susan & Ken Auld, 29 Jan
- David, son born, Robin & Scott Gochnour, 2 Feb
- Harrison, son born, Maria Sgambati & Tom Green, 10 Apr
- Jakob, son born, Donna & Martin Bates, 16 Apr
- Colerain Mack, baptized, 8 May
- Victoria Baggett, baptized, 29 Sep
- Lauren Clark, baptized, 29 Sep
- Mary Anne Clark, baptized, 29 Sep
- McKay Shelley, baptized, 29 Sep

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- Jennifer Harbottle, confirmed, 29 Sep
- Whitney Anderson, graduated Primary, 7 Feb
- Cameron King, ordained Deacon, 14 Feb
- Arianna Bates, graduated Primary, 17 Oct
- Max Llamozas, ordained Deacon, 7 Nov
- Ralph Llamozas ordained Elder, 12 Dec
- Bernard Evenhuis, ordained High Priest, 16 Dec
- Mckay Bates, called, Oregon Portland Mission
- Adrienne Packham, called, Paris France Mission
- Cheyenne Rust & Lena Odland, married, 1 Jul
- Chance Luker & Waleska Valdez, married, 31 Oct
- Brent Everett & Melissa Darrington, married, 22 Nov
- Mike Kimball & Maria Brinton, married, 9 Dec
- Ward 75th Birthday was celebrated with a fireside with speakers Elders George R. Hill and Hartman Rector Jr.
- YM joined the Yale II YM for a basketball team; winter camped at Wheeler Farm as part of the Klondike Derby; visited the Hot Springs in Brigham City with YW

- The Youth of both Yale I and II had a barn dance in Kamas. And participated in a Pioneer Trek
- The R.S. make 26 tied quilts for students at Columbine High following shooting tragedy. The stake helped make quilts for every student in the school. And England trucking delivered them free of charge.
- Joseph Hurst obtained his Eagle Scout Award - 7/99
- AT the annual Snow Party, Bishop Packham assisted Lyman King in making the chili since John Elggren was out of town.

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- Cambrie, daughter born, Charakie & Joel Gines, 8 Feb
- Steven C. Packham, release, Bishop, 9 Apr

FUNERALS

- Arlo Poulson, former counselor in the Yale First Ward Bishopric -1993
- Ferdinand Peterson, first Bishop of the Yale First Ward - 1993,
- Florence Cowan—1993
- Bill Smith—1994
- Emma Poulsen—1994
- Frank Gunnell – 1994

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- Lucian H. Bates (1903-1994), 29 Aug. 1994
- Isabelle Peterson, age 89, 14 May, 1995
- Ruth Thomson, age 85, 13 May, 1995
- Frank Rust, 20 Aug. 1995
- Emma Tanner, passed away, 6 Nov. 1995
- Robert Paul Henning, 1 May, 1996
- Jon Bingham, 17 May 1996
- Dorothy Smith, 15 Mar 1996
- Shirley Sommers, 23 Mar 1996
- Lloyd Martin—1996
- Bessie Weaver, 26 Apr 1996
- Gladys Horrocks, 12 Jun 1996
- Rosalyn Hughes, 27 Oct 1996
- Beth Whetman, 12 Aug 1996
- Ruth Spencer, 10 Apr 1997
- Rulon Horrocks, 1 Jul 1997
- Pat Reynolds, 4 Aug 1997
- Blaine Andrew Helt, 19 Aug 1997
- Harold Davis, 10 Dec 1997
- Earnest Treseder, 5 Mar 1998
- Thelma Harrison, 9 Jun 1998
- Samantha Swasey, young daughter of Scott Swasey died in a falling rock accident, 21 Aug 1998
- Gene Vickers—1998 (had moved from ward)
- Zila Layton—1999
- Ira Beckman, 20 Dec 1998
- Elizabeth Bates, 30 Nov 1999
- Rulon Stocking, 30 Nov 1999
- Norton Nixon, 23 Jan 2000
- LaVern Cantor, 24 Mar 2000
- Ann Hughes—2000 (Moved from Ward)

NOTABLES

- Ward dinners, including Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquets, were served under Jeanne Hughes's culture eye on cloth covered tables with settings of china and silverware. No plastic.
- The Relief Society (Carolyn Grose, President) quilted blankets for families of Columbine victims, for unwed mothers (U of U, and Center for Unwed Teenage Mothers), for the YWCA Women's Shelter, for new mothers (members and nonmembers) in the Ward, and for the failing elderly. One sister requested that when the time came, her "love blank" was to be placed in her casket over her legs.
- Dee Grose and Terry Williams cooked chili and beans for men, women and children who quilted with a goal of completing 100 blankets in a single day.

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The activity was the Ward's contribution to a Stake-wide Service Saturday.

- Relief Society President, McCaye Christianson coordinated with the Sunday School organization to hold a class for nonmember female refugees who had limited English language skills. She also, organized efforts to assure refugees had medical and dental care.
- Primary children learned to love as the Savior did and be Disciples of Christ by planting seeds of love. They also spend a year learning to know personally that the scriptures are true. Children were encouraged to bring their own scriptures every week and learned to use the topic guide, chapter headings, footnotes, etc. to find hidden treasure in the scriptures. One activity focused on using those guides and studying heroes in the scriptures.
- Primary children also spent a year building faith in Christ. They studied the covenants they make and participated in a missionary activity where they received a call and learned how to share the gospel with others.
- Primary children learned about the temple and the importance of eternal families. They visited the Salt Lake Temple and learned about their pioneer heritage by making bread, butter, quilts, homemade toys, and going on a short pioneer trek.
- Evan Hurst groomed BSA Troop 41 and won the Klondike Derby held in January each year for 4-5 years in a row. One year it was minus 13 degrees, F.
- Bob Tippetts and Judy Simpson developed a Shadow Leadership Training program in YM and YW. Each young man and

young woman was assigned to "shadow" one of the Ward leaders for a month. The culmination of the program was a Sunday when the youth actually conducted the Ward meetings

- The Ward Choir grew in numbers and balanced-harmony under the baton of Jay Welch. Bro. Welch was filling the tall shoes of Margrit Lohner who had maintained the Yale First Choir as one of the best in the Stake for over two decades.
- Katie Cook had a stroke her third year of medical school. She sought and received a Priesthood blessing, graduated, and practiced Pediatric Medicine.
- Elder Jay Benjamin Elggren, called, Assistant to William Rolfe Kerr, Mission President, Texas Dallas Mission
- Martin Bates received General Conference talks several weeks before conference to translate into German

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Elden G. Hurst, Name Extraction
- Joy R. Hurst, Name Extraction
- Phil M. Spencer, Name Extraction
- Ruth Spencer, Name Extraction
- Janet E. Packham, Name Extraction
- Darwin Hunsaker, Name Extraction
- Edith M. Hunsaker, Name Extraction

- Mary I. Blakeburn, Name Extraction
- Ruth L. Shumway, Sec.to Stk. President
- Jeanne M. Hughes, Sec.to Stake Mission
- Barbara Cook, Sec.to Stake Mission
- Patricia Haymond, Sec.to Stake Mission
- Jill Kennedy, Fam. Hist. Consultant
- Elizabeth Perkes, Stake Librarian
- Elizabeth Nixon, Stake R.S. Secretary
- Dee Grose, Stake High Council
- Valarie Shea, Stake Primary Secretary
- John E. Elggren, Stk. Name Extraction Dir.
- Calvin Erickson, Inner City Mission
- Myrna Erickson, Inner City Mission
- J. Michael Bennett, Inner City Mission
- Janet Bennett, Inner city Mission
- Jeanne Hughes, Joseph Smith Memorial Bldg.
- Cal and Myrna Erickson, VAMC Branch
- Martin Smith, Service Missionary
- Mary Ellen Elggren, Stake YW Secretary
- Kathleen Hinckley, SL Temple Reception
- Mary Ellen Elggren, SL Temple Reception

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Janet Packham receives a spiritual message:

One day I took a sister to the bishop's storehouse to get her grocery order. I had never been to the bishop's storehouse, and it was interesting to see all the "Deseret" brand food on the shelves, and the produce and clothing. As I stood by the shopping basket waiting for this sister to gather her fruits and vegetables, I had this feeling of overwhelming gratitude to the Lord for providing a way for those in need to be fed and clothed. Then a word-message from the Spirit came clearly into my mind that my husband, Steve, would be "set apart unto the ministering of temporal things". Within a couple of weeks, he was called to serve as bishop of Yale 1 Ward. The poignant message received in the vegetable aisle of the bishop's storehouse helped confirm to me that his call came from the Lord.

Bishop Packham's Thoughts:

So many lives and so many memories of latter-day saints: My goal for the ward was to worship together each Sunday to partake of the sacrament and consider our burdens and trials in light of the love and sacrifice of the Only Begotten of the Father. I felt that in doing so we would find that though our burdens would not be lighter, we would be stronger. Our trials would not be simpler, but we would be wiser. We could then go forth with renewed strength and eyes-of-understanding looking forward to the time when we might be together again in this life or in the life here after. To be with my family and my Ward friends forever is my life-long prayer.

Memories of Ward Members and Leaders:

Alice Anderson's secretarial skills were sought by John S. Boyden, President of the California San Diego Mission. Alice was close to retirement and would lose significant pension benefits if she accepted a mission call. She said she would make the sacrifice if Barbara Cook would serve with her. Both accepted and served.

Ruth Thomson, while serving on the Primary General Board, expressed reservations about having nursery classes in Ward Primary curricula. The Bishop learned of this as he was extending the call to her to serve as the Ward Nursery Leader. It was to be her last church calling in mortality. She served faithfully to the end

John Van Wagoner accepted a call to serve as Young Men President within weeks of his release as Bishop. Under his leadership the Young Men and Young Women visited every operating Utah temple to do baptisms for the dead. It was called Ascend the Mountain of the Lord's House Program. The YM and YW climbed Mt. Timpanogos with Grant Anderson of the Bishopric and some of the hardier leaders the year as part of that program.

A humble brother chastised the Ward in a Fast and Testimony meeting for not showing respect to him and others who had had limited educational advantages. Mary Cook noted what a blessing it was that he felt okay doing that - knowing the members loved him, would repent, and do better; which we did.

Jay Welch, former director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, led a combined Aaronic & Melchizedek choir of singers and non-singers every Mother's Day. A child, noticing brother Welch's white hair and kind face asked the Bishop, "Does he know Jesus?"

The Bishop's reflective answer, "I think he does."

Martin Bates, Scoutmaster, recalled a time when a tenderfoot returned to camp afraid, feeling a bad spirit. The entire camp stood around the night campfire and sang Primary songs for several hours, until their young comrade felt calm and at peace.

Harriet Woods blessed the Bishop's family each Christmas Eve by coming to our home to read the Beatnik's version of "It was the Night before Christmas."

Bishop Packham shared these words when called to be Bishop:

"Since the day that President Jacobsen first spoke with Janet and me, I have experienced a universe of emotions; exhilaration and despair, joy and anguish, hope and trepidation. As the days passed, the demons of doubt—imaginary and real—were sequentially met and conquered and there emerged a vision of the future of the Yale Ward. I recalled the Proverb 'Where there is no vision, the people perish.' (Proverbs 29:18) and I was afforded a measure of peace and acceptance. My love for you surpasses words, and for this reason I am pleased to have the opportunity to show that love through service. I will cry with you and laugh with you. I will sit by you at football games and in the hospital. I will counsel with you, share your frustrations and accomplishments with you, and will empathize with you in any way I can as assisted by the Spirit of the Lord.

Comments from Scouts who received their Eagle Award:

In Scouting, Stewart Anderson and Mckay Bates received their Eagle awards. "Mckay

says that the one thing he has really learned through scouting is to avoid procrastination. He didn't procrastinate meeting all his objectives to receive this award, however, since he had already accomplished his Eagle project by the end of 1996. McKay chose to do his community service by engraving the neighbors' bicycles with identifying information so that if, by chance, their bike was stolen just as his had been a couple of years ago, they would have hopes of being able to reclaim it. He did a good job. Stewart opted to paint street addresses as his project. He attributes this idea to personal revelation. Stewart noticed that many homes in our neighborhood do not have clearly marked street addresses, which makes locating the right home difficult for others, including emergency personnel. Stewart used black and white spray paint on the curbs (after asking permission) and thereby resolved the problem. He says that becoming an Eagle Scout was on his mind from time to time while moving up through the ranks, but it wasn't until he was almost at the top that he really decided to 'go for it.

Examples of Specific Events during Bishop Packham's Leadership—observations of Barbara Cook:

Book of Mormon Young Women Retreat:

The Young Women were having a Book of Mormon retreat under the directions of Young Women's President, Mary Ellen Elggren. The teachers and girls had acted out various stories from the Book of Mormon and talked about it being an ancient record. Bishop Stephen Packham was the concluding speaker and pointed out that as Bishop he was keeping a modern-day record. He read from his laptop computer the records he kept from his interviews with the Young Women. He had some meaningful and positive thing to say

about each of the Young Women. He conveyed the value of records and also the commendable attributes of the girls.

An Emergency Service Opportunity for Leaders and Young Men.:

Sister Harriet Woods was a compulsive collector who lived in a basement rental apartment that was stacked high with layers and layers of disorganized, miscellaneous items. The apartment where she lived was flooded when a pipe upstairs had broken. Most of her boxes of treasures and down to the carpet were smelly and sopping wet. Bishop Packham and his wife Janet were down there in the trenches pulling out heavy, water drenched items rugs. The Young Men's President Lyman King called his boys and they came immediately and assisted with the horrendous mess. The sister was distraught at her loss and yet felt and needed the love of her ward family. Those Young Men saw the example of leaders who served on no notice in a tough situation. The Young Men worked hard, came quickly and did not complain.

Mourning with and Helping a Less Active Sister:

Virginia Treseder's husband Ernie passed away in her home while Virginia and her daughter from Arizona were just sitting together and chatting. It was a shock and so unexpected. They called Bishop Packham and he came immediately to help with final arrangements for Ernie. The Bishop became an emotional and spiritual anchor to her. Virginia had been less active for years. She had no family living in Utah. Bishop Packham and Bishop Stuart Smith invited Virginia to a study group about

The Book of Mormon. She started attending church and eventually went to the Salt Lake Temple and was sealed to her husband. The Smiths and the Packhams included her with many of their family events and helped her feel not so alone.

The Emma Tanner Story from Ruth Shields and Mary Ellen Elggren's perspective:

In 1981, Ruth Shields, recently widowed and wanting to re-locate within the ward boundaries, moved next door to Emma Tanner, who had been an inactive member for many years. Emma was not a receptive neighbor. Ruth had been called to be the activities leader for the single senior sisters, but Emma refused all invitations to join in. After several years of invitations, Emma finally accepted and joined what was lovingly referred to as the Yale Ward "Granny Gang." Reluctant to attend Church, Emma had not owned a skirt or dress for many decades preferring to cover her varicose veins with trousers. Bishop John Van Wagoner and First-Councilor John Elggren (Ruth's son-in-law) joined Ruth in assuring Emma that she and her trousers were more than welcome in Yale Ward Sacrament Meeting. For the first time in fifty years, Emma returned to Church. On 6 March 1994, Ruth Shields served as escort to Emma Tanner as she received her endowments in the Salt Lake Temple at age 81. She passed away a year and a half later.

From Bishop Packham's Perspective:

I remember the time President Ted Jacobsen and I sat with Emma Tanner in her living room. As a teenager, Emma had drifted away from the Church, but at eighty-one Emma was getting her first temple recommend. Emma's neighbor, Ruth Shields, held family home

evenings in her home for single sisters and other widows living in the Ward at the time, and a few months earlier she had extended an invitation to Emma to join them.

Unbeknownst to Ruth, Emma had been reflecting on a promise she had made to her father who had died in 1947 that she would come back to the Church and go to the temple. Emma accepted her neighbor's invitation and as the weeks and months passed she confided in her one-time-distant neighbor her feelings about her father and that she would like to somehow keep the promise she had made to him to go to the temple. Her neighbor started where most of us won't: She told Emma that she needed to pay her tithing. And come to church. With support and encouragement from Sister Shields and other ward members, Emma came to Church, paid her tithing, and asked for an appointment to see the bishop. As her bishop I listened as she reviewed her life - holding nothing back - and rejoiced in the Lord's promptings to as she asked for consideration to be found worthy to go to the temple. And so at her request and with the consent of President Jacobsen I sat with them in her living room, and I witnessed again her honest and humble answers to the temple interview questions. She said, "My father always told me he loved me and he knew I would come back because he knew I was a good girl." I remember her looking at me from time to time as if to say, "I am doing it." It was one of the most humbling and sacred experiences I had as a bishop.

Memory of Mary Ellen Elggren:

Emma Poulsen had been the faithful ward organist for many years. Knowing that I was a pianist, she asked me to get a key to the building and start learning to play the organ. She said that arthritis in her hands was advancing and that she needed a backup

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organist. I felt a bit old to start learning to play a new instrument, but her anxiety motivated me. Three months later, Emma passed away, and I was called to be the ward organist. My terror was compounded a couple of weeks later when one of the world's truly great organists and choir master, Jay Welch, moved in to the Yale Ward. I mentioned that I could use some organ lessons, but he just plowed ahead and expected me to rise to the occasion.

With such charming reminders, as “If you’re happy, don’t forget to notify your face,” I was launched into one of the great experiences of my life in Church service. When we accept a calling, the Lord enables us to do what we otherwise could not.

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**Yale First Ward
Bishop Mike Shea
2000-2003**



Bishop: Mike Shea, sustained March 9, 2000; released: October 27, 2002
First Counselor: Daniel J. Ricks
Second Counselor: Evan Hurst
Executive Secretary: Stuart Smith, Kent Lytle
Ass't. Executive Secretary:
Ward Clerk: Joel Van Orden, Peter Rock, Wes Simpson
Assistant Ward Clerks: L. Ward Wagstaff
High Priest Group Leader: Dee Grose, Cal Erickson
Ward Mission Leader: Jim Earl, Steve Packham
Elder's Quorum President: D. Michael Bishop, Daniel R. Probst, Norm Marquardson
Sunday School President: Norm Marquardson, Kevin Shelley
Relief Society President: McCaye Christianson, Judy Simpson
Primary President: Donna Jo Bates
Young Men President: Lyman King, Ben Baggett,
Young Women's President: Susan Baxter, Heidi Darley
Activities Chairman: Jennifer Baggett, Judy Simpson, Heather Jones
Ward Organist: Mary Ellen Elggren

EVENTS

2000

- The Primary held a Olympics and pizza party with 6 events: limbo, relay race, basketball shoot, obstacle course, somersault race balloon popping contest.; at Easter, the history and meaning of Passover was given during sharing time.
- Relief Society Enrichment centered on “What Successful Families Do” for the lesson, followed by a demonstration of bread making techniques and filling craft kits for the YWCA shelter.
- YM, YW traveled to Zion National Park for summer activity.
- McCaye Christianson, Relief Society President, has emphasized humanitarian service. Members of the Relief Society have spent many hours making quilts and other items for the LDS Humanitarian Aid Center and Child Protective Services. They have also given food, household goods, and service at the Food Bank, Crossroads Urban Center and Whittier School. Service has been the monthly emphasis at Family, Home and Enrichment meetings
- Ward Christmas Party had a slide show with works of art showing the Savior’s life and a live nativity with Danny and Chrissy Probst and their newborn.
- Elder Nelson spoke at the Christmas Sunday service

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- For Valentine’s the YM and YW organized a Ward Prom for the adults in

the ward, having a DJ (Joseph Hurst) and a photographer (Michael Darley)

- YW served at the Utah Food Bank, performed baptisms for the dead, and had a fund-raising breakfast/auction to raise money for a summer camp activity.
- YM-YW Book of Mormon Immersion event lasted for 2 days with adults presenting chapters or passages to inform the youth in memorable ways.
- Michael Hurst and Trent Savage received their Eagle Scout Awards
- Pick-up basketball was played by old and young each Wed. night.
- The Ward Picnic included piñatas, balloons and water fights.
- The R.S. sponsored a Mother-Daughter Picnic in the Lytle’s backyard. It happened on 9/11, the national tragedy.
- McKay Christensen invited Muslim immigrants to a question-answer homemaking meeting.
- At Stake Blood Drive Marquardson and Gochnour children sold lemonade to raise money for the Red Cross.
- Memorial Service for those who died on 9/11 was held at sacrament meeting
- As the Primary theme was” Follow the Prophet”, the children listened to General Conference and were aware of what President Hinckley said as he prayed for our nation. Sacrament program used Go Tell It on the Mountain as their theme song added to by Rachael Larson and James Fairbanks

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- The Annual Snow Party was held March 9, later than usual, because no one reserved the Lodge at Camp Tracy for January. There was spring snow and warm weather. The Chili was great as usual. Some older members sent containers to have chili brought home to them.
- The Scouts participated in a fund raiser, placing flags in front of homes. They held a winter campout in Martin Bates Backyard
- Kevin Van Orden and Dmitri Carapezza earned Eagle Scout awards.
- A torch relay to celebrate the Olympics was held in neighborhood.
- The Scout troop won the Klondike Derby for the 4th year in a row.
- The Priest/teacher basketball team has been on fire all season, winning all but one game.
- Tamra Bayles, Toni Schmidt, Shari Darley and Cindi Hankinson received their Young Women Recognition Awards
- The Ward Campout held in The Spruces helped to cool the members from the valley heat wave.
- Dr. Jane Ricks and Jennifer Baggett gave a R.S. discussion on depression
- The R.S. donated items throughout the year for newborn and hygiene kits for the Humanitarian Service Center. On Service Saturday they tied quilts, paint toys, and clean the ward building.

- A sister in the neighborhood was baptized due to a loving visiting teacher.
- Bishop Shea accepted employment in Portland, Oregon necessitating release as Bishop.

FUNERALS

- Kenneth W. Burnett—2001
- Louise Poulson—2001
- Mary Leona Jones Thompson—2002
- Aleda Jones—2002
- Christa Bayles—2002

NOTABLES

- Joel Van Orden was appreciated for his snow removal, clearing off Thornton Avenue for all neighbors
- Doug Fabrizio interviewed Desmond Tutu, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, when he participated in the Opening Ceremonies of the Olympics.
- Volunteers at the Olympics were Lyman King (dispatch at the Medals Plaza), Jane Ricks (hospitality), Gabrielle Gale, and Terry Miller (coordinated the Shoshone Nation in the opening ceremony) Grette and Joseph Hurst. (hospitality)
- Jodi Bridges danced in the Opening Ceremonies at the Olympics

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- John and Jill Kennedy- Mission President St. Petersburg Mission
- Stuart Smith – Stake High Council
- Dee and Carolyn Grose – senior couple in St. Petersburg Mission
- John E. Elggren – Stake Name Extraction Director
- Mary Ellen Elggren – Stake Relief Society 1st Counselor

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Bishop Shea’s Thoughts at Receiving his Call:

“Upon Bishop Packham’s release, I was terrified to learn that I was somehow selected and called to become the bishop of the ward. There must have been a mistake. Maybe a misunderstanding. A ‘fish out of water’ such as me was not a suitable choice. The Yale First neighborhood deserved far more, and much better. But how to say no? How to say ‘are you crazy?’ How to say ‘how can this make sense?’ I was screaming inside and don’t remember much after that other than my futile attempt to calm down. The call came from President Theodore Jacobsen. He asked to prayerfully consider who I felt could serve as counselors. I felt the yoke immediately. To open oneself to the promptings of the spirit without prejudice, without pride to know who the Lord would have to serve along with this gasping fish. Not long after the call and instructions to consider counselors, I was stuck on two names, Dan Ricks and Evan Hurst. I had never served with either of them in any capacity before. I was struck by their

families, particularly their spouses, Jane Ricks and Grethe Hurst. Both men had strong, devout, capable, concerned and loving wives. As mothers, there was a depth of compassion and service to their children that helped me begin to understand what might be involved in serving as bishop.

Thoughts from Bishop Shea: “One of the most notable facets of the Yale First family is how we served and cared for our fellow neighbors in need. Most of this service was performed on some other day than Sunday. So much of our identity as a ward family expanded beyond the frenzied duties of the Sunday meetings. We were truly a ward neighborhood family that did not confine itself to only the Sunday rituals. The rest of the week was where the real work of the Gospel was done.

Bishop Shea’s Memories of the Zion National Park Youth Trip:

We decided to stay in a campground near the entrance to the park. The men slept in tents, the women were lucky enough to have a teepee provided by the campground. The camp sat on the edge of the Virgin River which at the time was running high and fast.

One afternoon, we planned to tube down the river. We needed a plan as to where we could put in and take out of the river. We were informed by the “camp guy” that we could put in right where we were and float down to the city of Virgin. We could then take out at the “Virgin City Park.” This sounded perfect. The trip would take 45 minutes to an hour. We would fill tubes, launch the group, drive to the park and take them back to the camp. We planned a little surprise at the take out. We filled dozens of water balloons that we would launch with our super-duper launcher

and try to engage them when they arrived at the city park.

The picture I had in mind of the park was not unlike other city parks. Trees, grass, swings, picnic tables, etc. The river would wind its way down the middle of the park where we could pelt them with balloons and then take them out to dry on the nice cool grass under a big tree.

After some time, we decided we needed to head to Virgin, find the park and prepare for our ambush. We drove in a three-vehicle caravan, took the Virgin turn off the highway and looked for the park. It should be easy to find. Virgin was not that big, not that green, so a city park with all that grass and trees would be easy to spot. Not so fast. We drove around Virgin and did not see anything resembling a park. We didn't even see the river. We stopped and asked some residents how to get to the park, the one with the river take out. The blank stare was enough. There was no park in Virgin. There was no take out. Where on Earth were our Young Men and Women???

Lyman called the "camp guy" to ask him for directions to the park. We were very close...just a few more miles down the highway, turn left at the ??whatever?? and the park is right there. So off we go. We find the turn off, to a dirt path, and drive for several miles until we came to an ancient steel bridge barely big enough for one car to pass. There were warning signs about maximum weight but the sign was too old and washed out to read it. We forged ahead, one vehicle at a time, creaking over this bridge. As I crossed over the bridge, it dawned on me that we were crossing over the Virgin River. The bridge spanned a narrow portion of the river, however the river was several feet—maybe 25, 30 feet—below and the walls of the river

bank were straight up and down. I was looking at a little Grand Canyon scene.

The river stretched out deep in this canyon for miles. You could see the scar on the landscape as the river wound its way toward...toward...toward what???! Next stop—Hurricane about 20 miles yonder.

After all the cars were safely across the bridge, we stopped to assess the situation. It was late afternoon, the sun was dropping quickly, the park was nowhere to be seen and our group was out there...somewhere. I said to Lyman, if we don't find them by the time the sun hits the horizon, we need to call the sheriff or Coast Guard or National Guard...whoever could find our kids.

We said a fervent prayer and drove on. There was nothing but more canyon. The canyon just got deeper the further in we went. This could not be happening. We decided to double back to see if we had missed anything. As the sun drew nearer to the horizon, we came upon a small sun-bleached sign attached to a barely composed barbed wire fence. The sign read "Virgin City Park"!!!

There was no park. There were rocks. There was sand. There was some flat areas and blessed be, there was the river. We found the park, we found the river and then we saw our group, sitting and waiting for us. "What took you so long?" "Where have you been?" "We've been here forever" is all that we heard. I was never so happy and relieved to hear these complaints. Complain away, I thought, it was so sweet to hear them cackle on.

By the way, they were sworn to never tell their mothers what had happened lest they would never be allowed to go on any outing again. Of course, the first thing that happened the following Fast Sunday was a great

testimony given by one of the Young Women. She told of her testimony of prayer as we were led to find the group we had so carelessly lost in the middle of the Utah desert.

Memory of Dee and Carolyn Grose from mission to Russia:

The hand of the Lord was seen in the first summer Aaronic Priesthood camp held last month in the St. Petersburg Mission. Just finding a good camping site was a challenge. When you don't know the country, or lay of the land and you need to rely on others, it definitely is different. The camp site had large depressions in the ground with trees and grass growing in them. One was quite large and the boys were using it as an outdoor amphitheater. The depressions were bomb and mortar craters. They were all over the camp ground, along with many foundations of ruined buildings.

These ruins were from the Winter War of 1939 between Finland and Russia over borders. There were 44 boys and leaders present. One group traveled for 23 hours by train over 400 miles to attend the camp. The boys were just wonderful [and] when shown how to build a fire with a metal match they were captivated. The local water was contaminated so they brought in a truckload of water for everyone to drink, cook, and clean the dishes. One of the best experiences of the camp was to build a 15-foot-high tower. The boys had never even seen one let alone built one.

Yale First Ward

**Yale First Ward
Bishop Stuart Smith
2002-2008**

Bishop: R. Stuart Smith, sustained: October 27, 2002; released: September 28, 2008
First counselor: Kevin W. Shelley
Second Counselor: Joel E. Van Orden
Executive Secretary: R. Kent Lytle
Assistant Executive Secretary:
Ward Clerk: Weslee Simpson, John Elggren, Ford Darger
Ass't. Ward Clerks: John Elggren, Ward Wagstaff, McKay Jones, Bart Hales, Kelly Epperson, David Kennedy, Brandon Bingham, Chance Luker
High Priest Group Leader: R. Calvin Erickson, John Kennedy, Tim Spence
Ward Mission Leader: Steven C. Packham. Dee Grose, Ben Baggett, Gene Harkin
Elders Quorum Leader: Norm Marquardson, Dan Thomson, Tim Fowles, Will Abbott
Sunday School President: Lyman King, Doug Fabrizio, Bill Hammond
Relief Society President: Judy Simpson
Primary President: Donna Jo Bates, Heather Jones, Diane Hughes
Young Men President: Benjamin F. Baggett, Martin Bates, Mike Hardy
Young Women President: Kathy Van Orden, Alisa Kearn
Activities Chairman: Heather Jones, Robin Gochnour, Marnae Hammond
Ward Organists: Mary Ellen Elggren, Grethe Hurst, Robert Stefanussen

EVENTS

2002

- The Primary theme for the year was “I Love to See the Temple”; they toured the temple
- grounds and taught how the temple was built.
- The youth enjoyed a super activity at Bear Lake which included a trip to the Logan Temple doing baptisms for the dead.
- Kevin Van Order received his Eagle Scout award
- YW made quilts for Primary Children’s Hospital
- Old Fashioned Christmas Party leaders had members bring treats from their heritage. Tree was decorated with old fashioned ornaments.

2003

- 10 missionaries were in the field
- The Elder’s Quorum was busy serving at the bakery, the Bishop’s Storehouse, welfare projects, and at the V.A. Hospital
- Kim Anderson, Jodi Bridges, and Jesse Miller received their Young Women Recognition Awards.
- Dinner/Theatre Evening for the ward with the Children’s Theatre of Salt Lake performing Taming of the Shrew with ward member Heather Jones also performing.

- Edith Hunsaker reported that members were becoming more interested in genealogy.
- The Primary began a “Meet Your Teacher” breakfast the first Sat. in January
- Children over the age of 8 attended the General Primary Broadcast at the Conference Center; held a birthday party for the Primary and wrote their own talks for the Primary Sacrament meeting program with the theme, “I Belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.”
- The R.S. heard from Sister Elaine L. Jack, former General R. S. President, donated to the Humanitarian Center with 100 sown jumpsuits and quilts.
- Emiko Shea was baptized in the Japanese Ward by her son Bishop Michael Shea.
- Steven Packham was actively involved in inviting less-actives and neighbors to ward and community sponsored events.
- Pioneer Trek participants were grateful for their heritage after taking part in this event.
- The YW played basketball, had a Daddy – Daughter date, attended an East High Dance Concert, quilted, cooked pies, helped with the stake service project.
- The YM helped paint a home in disrepair as part of a Stake Service Project
- Elder Nelson spoke at the Christmas Sacrament meeting, expressing gratitude for the Kennedy’s service in Russia.
- Great Snow Party was held

Yale First Ward

2004

- At the Ward Conference the Bishop related the statistics of the ward: Family units=1.94 individuals (334 individuals), 36 children in Primary, 28 YM-YW, many elderly. Encouraged all to read the scriptures completely.
- Snow Party at Tracy Wigwam with John Elggren's chili was held on Feb. 7th.
- Many R.S. sisters sang in the Saturday afternoon General Conference Women's Choir
- On Easter Sunday the ward choir had wonderful soloists, Rachael Larson Pummill and Martin Bates, followed by a moving discourse by McKay Christensen and Elder Russell Nelson
- The Ward Picnic was held at Sugarhouse Park
- Chili and hot chocolate were served in the parking lot on Halloween.
- The first Christmas Brunch took place where names had been placed on a Christmas tree for buying gifts for the needy in the Inner City Mission and for a military division in Afghanistan.
- The Elder's Quorum sponsored the first chili cook-off with Matt Woolley's white bean chili as winner.
- The Primary painted terracotta pots and planted flowers in them for their mothers.
- The R.S. shared talents, learned to watercolor, garden, decorate cakes, and administer first aid. Their goal for the year was to increase testimonies.

- The annual Ward Women's Conference happened in March where all the priesthood took charge of the Primary so all the sisters could gather together.
- A YM campout took place with a paintballing adventure. They helped at Deseret Bakery, took part in stake service project to paint barns and old buildings
- The scouts camped at Antelope Island and took an 8-mile hike, practicing compass and map skills.
- The YW went to Region in basketball, made valentines, tied a quilt for Adrea Llamozas, had a skin care night, made homemade ice cream, combined with the YM on a river trip down the Colorado, and played volleyball.
- Chantelle Daines and Andrea Llamozas received their Young Women Recognition Awards.

2005

- On Feb. 12, the annual Snow Party was expanded to include chicken noodle soup for the younger children.
- The ward campout held in the Spruces and the game Bingo with ward members pictured in each square of the game cards—a way to get to know one another! Great Dutch oven food also!
- The Elder's Quorum chili cook-off winner was Ben Baggett.
- The High Priests faithfully provided service to the VA Hospital. John Kennedy renewed a friendship with a patient there whom he had known many years before.

Yale First Ward

- The Primary theme was “I Will Follow God’s Plan for Me”. The children shared their testimonies at the sacrament meeting program through music and their talks. There are 41 attending classes.
- The R.S. enjoyed hearing from Jane Rick’s mother, Janette Hales Beckham, former YW General President. At another Enrichment class Mike Scott from the Attorney General’s office presented identity theft prevention. Rae Ann Bentsen presented ideas for food preservation. A former ward member, Charakie Gines discussed the grieving process and how to comfort those who suffer loss.
- The YM camped out near Spring City, hiked Little Horseshoe Mt., experienced snow, high water, and a huge bonfire. Dan Ricks became the Scoutmaster after the release of McKay Jones.
- Max Llamozas, Mathew Robinson, Chris Van Orden all received their Eagle Scout Award.
- The Scouts completed another 50-mile hike without any losses; they participated in the Church-wide Day of Celebration for the 200th Birthday of Joseph Smith and 175th year for the Founding of the Church; again they were Klondike winners.
- The Halloween Chili Neighborhood Dinner fed 200 neighbors!
- Gifts were gathered at the Christmas Brunch to help the Inner City Mission and the Utah military unit serving in Afghanistan. A musical program was performed by the youth.

2006

- The annual Snow Party was held on Feb. 25 and the menu was further broadened, but still included John Elggren’s famous chili.
- The Tyler Anderson family won the annual chili cook-off contest sponsored by the Elders Quorum.
- The Sunday School offered a family history class which had three sessions each 12 weeks long. 25 names from 16 different families were processed for the temple.
- Melanie MacFarland, daughter of Richard MacFarland was married in the ward by Judge John Kennedy
- Primary membership dropped to 30 children. Classes were combined. Scouting was combined with Yale II and one 11 year old boy attended with the YM.
- R.S had difficulties in their visiting teaching program due to the low number of active sisters but continued with quilting, book discussions, humanitarian aid, activities for refugees, volunteering at the Food Band, and tutoring refugee women. They heard Emily Watts discuss “The Unbalanced Woman” visited in the Lytle back yard. To top off the year, Annie Vernon was introduced to her future husband, Steve Schwemmer, the East High Music Director, by Alice Andersen at the R.S. Christmas Social.
- A Ward Mission Leaders meeting was held for RS. And Priesthood. Then a ward fast was held to bring new members into the ward boundaries.

Yale First Ward

- YM had a campout at Crystal Hot Springs which happened to be very close to train tracks!
- Josh Bates and Michael Ricks completed their Eagle Scout Awards.
- The YM went to Bear Lake for Scout Camp, earning dozens of merit badges. They raked leaves in the Fall and worked at the Bishop's Storehouse.
- The YW made Valentine Cakes for the children at Primary Children's Hospital.

2007

- The Annual Snow Party was held on Feb. 9. There was great snow, good food and lots of fun.
- Ward membership dropped from 300 to 250 members
- Primary membership reduced to 16 during the year. They had a Time Machine that brought the prophets to visit, and had a lovely Primary Appreciation Dinner.
- The R.S. Birthday Party consisted of a Reader's Theatre portraying Sarah Granger Kimball and the Organization of the Relief Society. Mary Ellen Elggren was the organizer!
- The R.S. sisters went on "splits" with the sister missionaries and tried to encourage more interest in missionary work.
- James Mack, Josh Bates, Michael Ricks, and Rick Stefanussen earned their Eagle Scout Awards
- The YM enjoyed basketball, helped with a food drive for the Utah food Bank, heard a

lecture by a grandson of the Wright Brothers, and had a bicycling adventure, riding from Evanston, Wyo. To Bear Lake and around the lake.

- The youth participated in a Pioneer Trek

2008

- Yale First and Yale Second Wards were merged back together into one ward, the Yale Ward.
- Gerrit Bates, Trey Gunnell, Paden Hardy completed their Eagle Scout Awards

NOTABLES

- Virginia Treseder arranged crèches at Stake Nativity Display
- Linnea Curtis and Heather Jones arranged refreshments for Stake Nativity Display
- John Paul Kennedy became a judge of the Third District Court
- Jan Bennett was honored by Senator Bob Bennett with a surprise party as a retirement reception for over 25 years of service to the U.S. Senate as a Senior Policy Advisor. Senator Hatch came from Washington to be there.

FUNERALS

- Darwin Hunsaker – 02
- Ruth Shields – 03
- Todd Luker – 03

- Joy Van Wagoner – 03
- Pat Haymond – 03
- Jean Rust -03
- Phil Spencer – 03
- Phil Daines – 1/04
- Cleone Whitney – 04
- Edith Hunsaker -- 04

**MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE
WARD**

- Mary Ellen Elggren – Stake Relief Society First Counselor
- Lyman King – Stake High Council
- Michelle King – Stake YW Secretary
- Grant Anderson – Stake High Council
- Dee and Carolyn Grose – temple ordinance workers
- John Elggren- Assistant Stake Clerk
- Annie Vernon – Stake YW 2nd Counselor
- Kathleen Hinckley – S.L. Temple Receptionist
- Mary Ellen Elggren – S.L. Temple Receptionist

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Scouting Adventures:

“One event we will always remember—although not openly discuss—is the adventure of our scout troop had as they undertook an ambitious 50-mile backpack trip in the high Uintahs. All the leaders worked hard to prepare, and in some cases, lose weight, in order to make the arduous backpack trip with the boys. [One of the leaders] was determined to go with the boys, but after hiking for four days could go no further. It was decided to leave him in a secure location while the rest of the group finished the hike and evaluated means to get him back home. The required help came in the form of a Utah Highway Patrol helicopter, which flew in to the remote location, swept up our stranded backpacker, and flew him to Salt Lake. This is an experience neither the boys nor their leaders will forget.

Elder’s Quorum acknowledged blessings from serving at the VA Hospital:

No matter how reluctantly the assignment [to provide blessings to patients] is accepted, almost without exception each member of the quorum who visits the Veteran’s Hospital comes away humbled, blessed and enriched by the experience.”

High Priest’s goal to read the Book of Mormon brought blessings:

Due to the Prophet’s invitation to read the Book of Mormon that year, many members of the quorum and their families were blessed. “**Brother Cal Erickson** said as he read the Book of Mormon every day he felt closer to Heavenly Father and had insights to his life revealed to him....**Brother Gene and Sister**

Victoria Harkins began reading the Book of Mormon in November. Their son, Joseph had married and in their thirty-fourth year of marriage found themselves as ‘empty nesters’ (except for one bratty and blue gold macaw bird). This was the first time they ever read the entire Book of Mormon together. They found it necessary to buy two new large print copies because the one they had was not the new edition. Then faithfully every night, instead of watching television, they read as many as forty pages in a night to meet the end of the year goal of reading the entire Book of Mormon. Reading each word out loud was a blessing as the plain and precious treasures unfolded. Isaiah and the wars in Alma were still a challenge. Because of reading together they felt closer and had more peaceful feelings although they still had trials in the world. On Christmas day, Third Nephi was reached and the story and joy of the birth of the Savior was read. Two days before the end of the year they finished the Book of Moroni. They had a renewed resolve to live the commandment and follow the Savior in all things. They selected and purchased the ‘Joseph Smith Eternity’ rings for each other, to wear as their wedding bands and to remind themselves of the covenants with each other and the Lord and their renewed commitments to live the commandments and to be faithful in all things to the end.

The Healing Letter from the Descendants of Brigham Young to the Descendants of the Prophet Joseph Smith and Emma Hale Smith By Mary Ellen Elggren:

“What of Joseph Smith’s family? What of his boys? I have prayed from the beginning for Sister Emma...They are in the hands of God, and when they make their appearance before this people, full of his power, there are none but what will say – ‘Amen! We are ready to receive you.’” Brigham Young 1860

In 2007, as President Elect of the Brigham Young Family Association, I received an email stating that Michael Kennedy, President of the Joseph Smith Jr and Emma Hale Smith Family Organization, was requesting that we send an emissary from the Brigham Young family to a gathering of the descendants of Emma Smith in Nauvoo and bring an apology. It was a puzzling request. I had only a small inkling of what might be in store. I appealed to Heavenly Father to bless us as officers of the Brigham Young family, that we might know how to respond.

Upon learning that Michael Kennedy was a priesthood holding endowed member of the LDS Church, I felt hopeful that an important opportunity was being offered. I knew that the first descendant of Emma Smith, Gracia Jones, had joined the Church in 1956, and through her efforts a bond was developing between the descendants of Hyrum Smith, who had come west, and the descendants of Joseph Smith Jr., who had stayed behind. Now, what did the descendants of Emma Smith need from the descendants of Brigham Young?

I remembered that in 1999 Elder Dallin H. Oaks, a resident of Bonneville Stake, had spoken to our family about the rift between Brigham Young and Emma Smith, and I reached out to him for help. He responded immediately sending a packet of his research notes, helpful quotes like the one given above, and a supportive letter ending with the words, “I have no counsel on the apology subject mentioned in your message...” It seemed clear to me that this was not a Church matter; it was a family matter. Almost immediately my mind filled with words, and I felt compelled to type them as quickly as possible before they were lost. Reading what had been typed, the Spirit embraced me, and my eyes filled with tears. I audibly breathed out the words, Thank you. I think this is right.

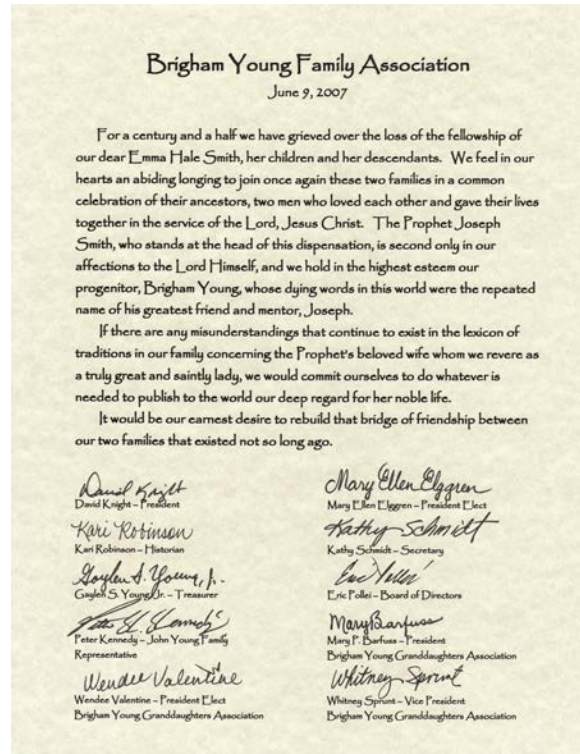
I emailed it to the Brigham Young family officers with a description of how it was received. They approved it, and sent it on to Michael Kennedy. He forwarded it to the First Presidency, and it was accepted with the request that the last sentence be expressed audibly only. I have added it to the statement as a postscript.

I was the emissary sent to Nauvoo to present the statement. Imagine my shock when, in the company of the Prophet's descendants, I learned that many of them earnestly believed Brigham Young to be the enemy of the Prophet and responsible for the conspiracy to kill him. They desperately needed the truth, and that truth was concisely expressed in our formal statement received by inspiration through the veil.

In Numbers 14:18 we are told, "The Lord is longsuffering...visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation." It became evident that when the third and fourth generations have passed away, the fourth and fifth generations may choose to overcome the false traditions of their fathers, and when they do, they will have all that heaven allows to accomplish it. Gracia Jones is fourth generation, Michael Kennedy is fifth, and I know they were foreordained by the Lord and placed by birth to do the work they are doing to gather together the descendants of Emma and Joseph Smith Jr. I am fourth generation from Brigham Young, and I do regret the time lost in our precious association with the Prophet's descendants. Since this event in 2007, much healing has occurred. Fear has been dispelled, and love has developed.

In September of 2007 the Bonneville Stake hosted a meeting, which included many descendants of Brigham Young and representatives of the Church Historians Office, to receive a report on the success of

this effort to rebuild the precious association with the descendants of the Prophet Joseph Smith and his beloved wife Emma. It was a pleasure to give a favorable report, and to be part of this historic event and continuing process.



Bishop Smith's comments on the death of two members of the ward family:

Bishop Stuart Smith wrote, "As I write this, we are experiencing in our ward family and neighborhood the death of two young people connected with us, one a newborn infant and the other a young man full of energy and the playfulness of youth. There has been one memorial service already, and we are preparing for another. It is difficult to understand, much less explain, why tragedies like these come upon us. God does not promise us a long and prosperous life, free of pain and suffering, regardless of how good we live it. He makes his rain to fall upon the just and the unjust. He only promises that we will not have to endure the loss of loved ones

without His Spirit to strengthen and sustain us. It is natural to feel pain, confusion and, most of all, anger at the apparent injustice of premature death. Only our Father in Heaven can effectively assuage the grief and neutralize the bitterness in our hearts when we lose a loved one. Even with His help it can still take a very long time to heal the emotional wounds left by their departure. If there is one thing that the experiences of this week should teach us, it is that life is too short to spend it finding fault and arguing with one another. Let us learn to better appreciate the blessings we too often take for granted, especially our association one with another, because we never know when they can be taken from us. Let us spend our time building each other up and thanking God for the blessings we daily receive at His hand.

Bishop Smith’s memories of Yale First Ward:

Bishop Smith noted, “My best memory of the Yale First Ward is the goodness of its people. Although modern demographics did not favor its growth and development, the ward continued to be a very warm and welcoming institution whose members were kind and generous with their time and talents. Their willingness to serve in any capacity and take initiative to perform their callings to the best of their abilities was most rewarding and satisfying for me. In addition, ward members invariably reached out to their neighbors and supported each other, especially during times of stress and trial.

This was a great consolation to their bishop who knew that he could depend on ward members to assist him whenever asked or needed. Yale First Ward members knew that the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in which they strongly believed, could not eliminate the vicissitudes of life nor the associated pain and suffering, but it was their most effective and valuable resource to cope with tribulation and to learn the qualities of love and empathy which adversity can teach. Because of declining membership and a continuing outlook for more of the same, I fully supported the combination of the Yale First and Second Wards into a newly reconstituted Yale Ward in September of 2008. Since the formation of the Yale First Ward occurred from a division of the original Yale Ward in the year of my birth (1952), it seemed fitting that I served as her last bishop. It was the greatest privilege of my life to do so.

YALE SECOND WARD



Yale Second Ward

**Yale Second Ward
Bishop Boyd H. Busath
1974-1980**



Bishop Boyd H Busath September 1, 1974 to April 1980

First Counselor: Milo S Marsden, Jr.

Second Counselor: Carl A McGavin/ John C. Pingree

Executive Secretary: Frederick R. Homer/Frank Uhrhan/George H. Miller/Clifton A. Davis

Assistant Executive Secretary: Theodore N. Adams, Theodore J. Barrett, William King

Clerks: J. W. Ted Quayle, Seare A Morrison, James P. Barker, Jr. Anthony H Taylor, Charles Griffin, James R. Horrocks, Lew Evans

High Priest Group Leader: John S. Boyden/ Don W. Pihl

Elders Quorum President: Rock Ballsteadt/Randall Plant Lon Clayton

Seventies: Bob Clark

Relief Society President: Joie Hilton/ Carmen Pingree

Young Men President: Scott Allen/ Terry Clemmer

Young Women's President: Annette Uhrhan/ Kristen Beckstead

Primary President: Susan Romney/ Pat Boyden

Sunday School: Walter Romney

Yale Second Ward

EVENTS

1975

- Youth Conferences at BYU
- Yale Log produced 4 times /year
- Participation in the Title of Liberty
- Youth Trips and jeep trips to Lake Powell, West Yellowstone, and Grand Canyon
- Ward Temple excursions to Ogden, Provo, Manti, St. George temples. (Ward members stayed at the Kelsch Lodge in Sterling when attending the Manti Temple)
- Bonneville Stake Film Festival entry: "The Man with the Golden Bun", directed and produced by Sean Sullivan
- Cardiac Classic Basketball game-
- (Youth against the adults)
- President's Reception at Stake Center where cornerstone was opened after 25 years
- Annual Flag-raising Ceremony- John Boyden Sr. speaker
- Missionary Parent's firesides
- Messiah performances with Br. Bob Zabriskie conducting
- Christmas Open House at home of member of Bishopric
- Christmas Eve music programs led by Sullivan family

- Quorums organized to help widows (shovel walks, etc.)
- Solemn Assembly in Temple (12/14/75)
- Temple preparation seminars
- Youth Service project painting homes for needy in ward

1976

- "Bicentennial" Celebration Ward Reunion
- Bonneville Stake Roadshow Theme: This is My Country or 200 years of Hysterical Events" Our entry: The Naked Whig
- Baptism of Nan Strunk
- Youth Conference at BYU

1977

- Participants in Stake Cultural Arts Program: Beverly Adams (piano), Vince Sullivan (trumpet)
- Youth Fireside with Charles and Chella Rogers, speakers.
- Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet with cake-baking competition.
- 20 young men and young women performed baptisms for the dead.
- Special ward fast for John Boyden
- Parents of missionaries from ward hold study group once a month using Jesus the Christ as study guide.

Yale Second Ward

- Ward temple excursions to Manti, Provo, and St. George Temples with pot luck dinners for attendees.
 - Stake Seventies fireside at Christensen's with speaker Steve Baird discussing Nauvoo Restoration.
 - Aaronic Priesthood-YW super activity to Rockport Dam for boating and waterskiing.
 - Baptisms of Eris Harmon & Melba Evans
 - Missionaries sent letters to their mothers for Mother's Day
 - Dedication of new Welfare Square Bishops' Storehouse.
 - Ward project for families to live off their food storage supplies for 2 weeks.
 - Fathers and sons outing in the Uintahs.
 - Ward fast for Nancy Bauman
 - Youth Fireside w/East High Seminary teacher, Bro. McMillan who stated that 23 converts have come out of East High within past 2 years.
 - Jeep trip for young men and women.
 - Social for members of college age and older.
 - Ward production of Our Town directed by Frank Whiting
 - Yale Second Silver (25 years) Anniversary "Happy Daze" chaired by Carl and Karlynn McGavin. Counselor Pingree dressed as The Lone Ranger and Bishop Busath as Tonto.
 - Ward dinner-dance sponsored by the Relief Society with Lowell Hick's orchestra.
 - Ward sponsored Messiah at Highland High School.
 - Christmas Day sacrament meeting with Neal Maxwell as main speaker.
 - Bishopric Christmas Open House for ward members at Marsden home.
 - Eagle Scouts: Dave Homer, Mike Christensen, Mike Evans, Kyle Timm, David Campbell, Chad Davis, and Korey Clemmer
- 1978**
- High Priest Firesides (one featuring Lowell Bennion)
 - Spaghetti Dinner Slave Auction of services sponsored by YM-YW-raised \$1600.00
 - Ward Reunion "The Family Album" with patriotic songs, Burma Shave signs, list of Guess Who's? basic supplies for early automobilists.
 - Relief Society Anniversary Party featuring Lucille Johnson.
 - Ward divided into 19 areas for missionary efforts.
 - Ward Relief Society fashion show modeling mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers clothes.
 - Gardening seminar with Lon Clayton and Grant Taylor

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- Relief Society tennis lessons at Boyden's.
 - Relief Society needlepoint project. Joy Orton teaches how to use various stitches to create pictures of individual homes. Framed and displayed at Stake Relief Society meeting.
 - Sacrament meeting celebrated 100 years of Primary with speaker, Elizabeth Bates, composer of Book of Mormon Stories.
 - Primary children travel to Old Rock church in Farmington where Aurelia Spencer Rogers held the first Primary.
 - Elders Quorum fireside with Pres. Francis Gibbons as speaker on inner workings of church.
 - Stake Variety Show entry: "Radio Station YALE 2" directed by Rick Morrison, written by Sheri Spencer, Matt Christensen and Jackie Marsden, accompanied by Marie Morrison.
 - Women now invited to give prayers in sacrament meetings.
 - Pot luck dinners after attending temple
 - Youth super activity at Jackson Hole.
 - Dramatic performance of
 - "The Matchmaker" under the direction of Frank Whiting
 - Fundraising for the Jordan River Temple
 - Priesthood Revelation
 - Scout Court of Honor – 14 advancements (5 Life, 1 Star, 3 First Class, 1 Second Class, 3 Tenderfoot)
 - Christmas dinner dance with music by ward combo: Rick Morrison, Gladys Kletting, Roger Thompson, and Hal Kemp,
 - Christmas caroling by Primary children and Bishopric and wives in large open truck.
 - Christmas Open House at Busath home.
 - Relief society Christmas party where returned missionaries told of customs in countries where they labored.
 - Ward Christmas Eve music program by Sullivan family
- 1979**
- Ward trip to Manti temple
 - Summer Primary puppet show
 - Prospective missionaries lead singing in Sunday School under direction of Amelia Marsh
 - Ward outing at Sugarhouse Park
 - Sacrament meeting theme on writing of individual and family journals with George Nelson telling personal history.
 - Pilot program for three-hour Sunday sessions.
 - Youth fireside panel discussion with Terry Clemmer, Roger Thompson, Bishop Boyd Busath
 - Bishopric made special request for ward member to pray for new active members to move into ward.

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- Special ward fireside to view movie “Windows of Heaven” which Pres. Benson had requested all to see.
- Christmas Sacrament meeting with Pres. Russell Nelson, speaker. In addition, a 22-member orchestra and ward choir performed.
- Elder’s Quorum charade party. (This presidency within 4 months had 4 baby boys born to them)
- Primary Children’s Talent Show and Reunion

1980

- Yale and Yale Second Relief Society combined for Celebrating Relief Society Sisterhood 1842-1980 with guest speaker Camilla Kimball.
- Yale Second Ward Conference with theme from Mosiah 5:7
- Children’s Ward Reunion and Talent Show
- Beginning of consolidated meeting schedule for Church worldwide.
- Ward Cub Scout Pinewood Derby with 23 cars made by cubs.
- Teachers’ Quorum basketball team makes regional playoff.

NOTABLES

- Jake Garn, elected U.S. Senator

- George R. Hill, Dean of the College of Mines, U. of Utah.
- Samuel Thurman, prominent jurist and law professor, served as Dean of the University of Utah College of Law.
- Russell M. Nelson, Director of the Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgical Residency at the University of Utah
- Laurie Nelson, one of the leads in East High’s Bye Bye Birdie
- Steve Marsden and Nathan Drage, All State Debaters
- Wendy Christensen, EHAG President at East High
- Matt Rich, All State Football (Jr. and Sr. Year)

FUNERALS

- Rebecca King, (baby daughter of Bill and Connie King)
- Bill Bracy
- Edith Elliott
- Eva Stringham

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Russell M. Nelson, General Sunday School President, Regional Representative (1979)
- Clement Hilton, High Council

- Frederick R. Homer, High Council
- Roger Thompson, Stake YM President, High Council
- Robert Orton, Stake YM President
- Lorin C. Folland, Jr.- Stake Sunday School 2nd Counselor
- 17 missionaries

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Gerry Busath's Memory as the Bishop's wife:

Typical of Bishop Busath's devotion to his calling is an experience Gerry remembers. After a particularly trying day, Boyd had finally gone to bed about midnight and had just gotten to sleep when the phone rang. Gerry answered and was tempted to say that Boyd was asleep when he jumped out of bed and said gently to Gerry, "The Bishop is always available."

Thoughts in letter from Michael Busath while serving as a missionary in New Mexico to Gerry his mother:

....Since I have been out on my mission, I have seen all kinds of broken homes, separated marriages and unhappy families. I thank my Heavenly Father that they are all so foreign to me. When I testify to people of the truthfulness of the gospel, and its ability to build and strengthen our families, I can do it honestly and from experience, because of the united household, strong marriage and happy family I have known all my life.

Thoughts in letter from missionary Sondra Adams to her mother Beverly for Mother's Day:

How can I ever attempt to express my love and appreciation for all that you do for me? Especially here on my mission I recognize things that I'm doing because of your good words and example to me... I am so grateful for the principles of righteousness I was taught in my youth. When I read of the stripling warriors in the Book of Mormon, I can liken myself unto them. How they did not face fear because they knew to put their trust in the Lord? And why did they know to put their trust in the Lord? 'Because their mothers had taught them. 'Alma 57:21. I am so grateful for your encouragement in teaching me to do my best—because you always did your best in everything you tried."

Quote from letter from Tony Lund serving in the Canada Halifax Mission to his mother on Mother's Day:

....Wherever I go, most of my actions are centered on the things you showed me. I learned charity and honesty from your example. Never can I remember you lying to me or deceiving anyone for any reason. If people were in need and you were in a position to help, you did. I remember the lady that you met at the airport, who had a long layover, so you brought her home to rest and wash up. Then there was the time you heard about a young guy who was going to be alone for Christmas. So you had him up to the house for Christmas day to share the family with him and the holiday spirit. I remember many others who were helped because you cared about people.

Message from Melinda McCoun serving in the San Salvador Mission to her mother, Diane McCoun:

“Mom, thank you for the music, the song which brings strength and true happiness to me every day. For holding me close when I needed to cry and giving me so much warmth that only a mother can give, for not holding back when I needed to laugh and laughing right out loud along with your goofy daughter. For sitting up all hours of the night for our little talks in your bedroom...me sitting on the edge of your bed...you in bed with ears and heart wide open. “

A message from Frank Whiting to Bishop Busath:

I may not have the kind of faith in the church that most of you are blessed with, but I am certainly developing faith in the kind of people it produces! Words simply cannot express my gratitude to people like you...Important adults will usually help if they or their talents are to be shown off to personal advantage, but few are so willing to help simply because they are needed. Word, sermons and arguments could never have moved me the way your example has done. God Bless you.

Memory from a former cast member of Frank Whiting’s plays:

Being in one of Dr. Whiting’s plays was an exciting opportunity to learn theater from the inside out. Following each rehearsal, Bro. Whiting would send each cast member a note explaining the feelings of his/her character with suggestions as to how to portray those feelings on stage. With his insight, each of us as novice cast members felt like we could actually become actors and bring to life the

character we were to portray. His messages made each of us feel like we were the most important part of his productions. An added bonus for each cast member was interacting with members of our ward with whom we seldom crossed paths. Colleen Thompson

Letter from Sue Center to Bishop Busath:

...but how can I say thank you in the special way you gave me help. I appreciate the concern you showed by giving me a blessing which I’m sure was extremely helpful and being with me at my side when I needed some strength...I want you to know that I heeded your council and great advice and I appreciate your concern. ... Thank you so very much. Message to Bishop Busath from Nan Momberger: I wanted to write a note and express to you the appreciation we feel for all that you have done either directly for members of our family through personal interviews—always handled with love and patience in your special, supportive, quiet way and on our behalf in ward organization. You have been both approachable and a fine example to all of us. Thank you so much.

Experience of John Pingree while he served as a counselor in the Bishopric:

John was in charge of getting volunteers to work at the stake farm each week. At this particular time his work was very demanding and he felt stressed to complete this ward assignment. He received a call from Ila Norton, a single home-bound woman in the ward who offered to do the calling for him, to find the volunteers. He was so grateful for her help. She did a masterful job in gathering people to serve. John said that her offer was an answer to his prayers.

Two comments made in testimony meeting:
“I don’t need to go to heaven; I’m already there in this ward.”

“I have finally come home.”

Pat Boyden’s memories at the time of Bishop Smith’s passing and Bishop Busath’s calling to replace him.

I recall the days following the death of Bishop Joseph Fielding Smith, Jr. The ward members were of course, terribly saddened. For the Sacrament meeting when the bishopric was reorganized, I was asked to be part of a women’s quartet who would sing “Where Love Is” by Joanne Doxey. None of us expected the Bishop’s wife, Zella Smith, to attend. But she did. She walked in dressed in a beautiful white suit with a lovely scarf, and was invited to sit on the stand. At the appointed time, we stood to sing. Zella turned around and looked up at us. I remember thinking, “I won’t be able to sing.” However, all four of us were able to sing our parts. The emotion came when we sat down. We had been blessed.

Memories from Wendy Christensen Sorensen, former member:

During my senior year at East High school, in late February 1977, several of my dear friends were in terrible car accident. On a sleety Friday afternoon, Matt Hansen, our Stake President’s son, loaded several of his friends into his family station wagon and headed off to drop some of them home and to pick others up for a debate tournament that afternoon in Bountiful. On the way, he picked up two other friends who were hitch-hiking for rides home. At the intersection of Sunnyside Avenue and Foothill Blvd, they were involved in a head on collision with a city snow plow dump truck. The devastation

was tremendous and resulted in Matt’s death and that of the other two friends hitch-hiking home. The three surviving occupants in the car required months of hospitalization and recovery. The horrible experience was felt throughout many families, the high school and the various groups in which they were involved, and the entire area for a long time. However, one of the greatest gifts of God, our Eternal Father, is taking something horribly bad and tragic and making good things come from it. The accident led to a lot of soul-searching and introspection by many of Matt’s friends who were confronted with their own mortality, some for the very first time. I was able to get to know my future husband, who was a good friend of Matt’s, through hours and hours of keeping vigil at the hospital. Another friend, David Blackner, who was leader of the Men’s Association at East High, later told me that the messages of Matt’s funeral led him to question who he was and explore a relationship with God and eternity. It was one of the most influential events in his decision to join the Church, serve a mission and raise a family to do likewise. I have carried many memories of those days and how close I came to being a passenger in Matt’s car that day. It all testifies to me that the Lord is in charge. He has a plan for us and he wishes to take our pains and sorrows and make good come from them.

Wendy Christensen Sorensen’s Memory serving in the ward:

Another experience that occurred my senior year (early February, 1977) was the Bonneville Stake Road Shows. It was a time in the church where the focus in Young Men/Young Women was “shadow leadership.” The young people were supposed to do the leading with the adult leaders supporting in a “shadow” role.

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It must not have been very successful because I don't remember that program sticking around very long! As Laurel Class President and along with Nathan Drage who was the Priest President, we were in charge of writing, casting and directing the road show for our ward. It was difficult and our leader really let us do it ourselves (or so we thought at the time!) I remember that we were a bit miffed because we had heard that the other wards in the stake were having much more help from their adult "shadows" than we were. It was pretty funny because as we got closer and closer to the actual performances, our show was a jumbled mess! Luckily, we had the consummate writer, director and casting director in the universe right in our ward. Pat Davis was called to the rescue with literally only days before we were expected to perform! Pat came in, re-wrote and re-cast the whole show (sort of using our ideas but making

them soooo much better) and gave only a few of us speaking lines to help simplify it. She involved everyone else in large ensemble songs and dance numbers. There was finally light at the end of our road show tunnel, making a huge turn for the better. Then... the day before we were to perform, I broke my leg slipping on ice on the way to school. I was one of maybe three who had speaking lines and was a main story teller so I heard that Pat went to work again and even stepped in the role herself to save the day. I went right into surgery with our old Bishop, Glen Momberger, who pinned my ankle and kept me in the hospital for the rest of the week. I don't remember exactly how the show turned out but I heard it was great and I knew why... I knew that the show would go on as the most competent, talented director in the church had it under control!

**Yale Second Ward
Bishop Roger H. Thompson
1980-1985**



Bishop: Roger H. Thompson sustained April 20, 1980; released June 16, 1985.
First Counselor: Isaac T. McQueen
Second Counselor: Robert A. Whitman/Don W. Pihl
Executive Secretary: Clifton A. Davis/Walter A. Romney
Assistant Executive Secretary: David P. Homer, Robert Fowles
Ward Clerk: J.W. "Ted" Quayle/Robert S. Clark/Carl McGavin
Assistant Ward Clerks: Seare Morrison, Lewis Evans, James Robert Lee, Ernest Campbell, Kenneth Aagaard, George Nelson, J.W. "Ted" Quayle
High Priest Group Leader: Robert C. Schofield/Boyd H. Busath
Seventy Group Leaders: Robert S. Clark/Paul Durham
Elders Quorum President: Lon Clayton, Mark Lund
Sunday School Presidents: Ted Barrett/Arben Clark/Joe Timmons/Mark Glissmeyer
Relief Society President: Melba Hill/Amelia Marsh
Primary President: Joy Orton/Marsha Lunt/Ann Glissmeyer/Colleen Thompson
Young Men Presidents: Robert Orton/Glen Momberger/David Workman
Young Women President: Jackie Marsden/Jan Cameron/Carmen Pingree/Kalma Holt
Activities Committee: Susan Romney, Colleen Thompson, Joy Orton

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EVENTS

1980

- April 12—Dedication of Stake Farm.
- New bishopric sustained on April 20.
- Bishopric begins schedule of visiting members and non-members in the ward boundaries.
- December—Primary Christmas Party (sang songs and delivered fruit baskets to senior ward members).
- Troop 789—3 Life Rank advancements, scout brass band, overnight camp as Camp Tracy.
- Craig Timm refinishes the Bishop's desk for his eagle project.
- Promised Valley Theatre Production of "The Customer is Always Right" in which Kelly Thompson, Heather Clark and Peachy Romney participated.

1981

- Frank Whiting produces and directs "Ah Wilderness", a "theater in the round" production in the Relief Society room, with Marc and Steve Boyden, Eric, Kelly and Colleen Thompson, Steve Rich, Glen and Joel Momberger, Becky Barrett, Budge and Maren Christensen and Lon Clayton.
- Temple Excursion to St. George, UT.
- Primary reunion and talent show, with music, skits, jokes, dancing and food.

- Four generation genealogy was submitted by ward members; all Church members challenged to keep a journal.
- Cub Scout Bake Sale in which the scouts decorated their cakes in 20 minutes, then Glenn Momberger auction them off, YW-YM "slave auction" to raise money.
- Troop 789 Court of Honor—2 First Class, 1 Second Class, 2 Life advancements.
- Ward Reunion—patriotic theme.
- Primary raised \$371.35 for Primary Medical Center.
- Ward participated in the Stake variety show.
- Yale Second Ward ranks 1st in fulfilling Stake Farm assignments—48 ward member filled assignments.
- Scout outing to Elephant Hill—13 boys; Priests' jeep trip—15 boys.
- Emphasis on temple attendance.
- Excursion to Manti Temple.
- Bishopric helps to form Neighborhood Watch.
- YW overnight activity at the ward meetinghouse; priests go golfing with Bob Orton.
- Ross and Amelia March traveled to Great Britain to do genealogical research.
- Primary 24th of July parade around the block.

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- Scouts attend National Scout Jamboree with 432 scouts from Utah...
- Jordan Temple open house and dedication; many members attend.
- Ward hosts members of Hong Kong choir.
- Relief Society activities—walks around Uintah schoolyard, classes in sewing, furniture refinishing.
- Marie Barlow completes 1200 endowments.
- Primary encourages children to bring scriptures and to memorize scriptures.
- David Campbell receives mission call to Iceland, the home of his mother, Thora.
- Missionary boxes prepared by Young Men and Young Women.

1982

- Bishopric Goals: Families to pray together each day and individuals to pray morning and night; each individual should develop a plan for increased spirituality; take a friend to Temple Square.
- Frank Whiting produces 3 1-act plays—"The Brute", "The Mousetrap", and "The Marriage Proposal" with Susan Romney, Steve Rich, Frank Whiting, Colleen and Roger Thompson, Michele Macfarlane, Bonnie Randall, Nena Schofield, Margaret and Ruth Morrison.
- Jared Momberger and Brad Busath earn their Eagle Scout Awards.

- High Priest outing to Huntsville, UT.
- YW-YM outing to Coalville & Park City, organized by Jan & Kevin Cameron.
- Mini Philmont Scout Activity at the Brighton Chapel—Colleen Thompson (Stake Blazer Primary Coordinator), Stephen Boyden and John Pingree made presentations.
- 32 members of the Relief Society attend the Jordan River Temple.
- Annual Ward/Neighborhood picnic in Sugarhouse Park—Theme: Saltair Tradition; block captains helped to increase attendance.
- Ward choir led by Celia Bodine.
- YW/YM Haunted House at the Orton's cabin—Bishop Thompson was Count Dracula and the priests and teachers were ghouls.

1983

- Frank Whiting's production of "Merry Wives of Windsor" in intimate theater in RS Room; participants included Susan Romney, Steve Rich, Nena Schofield, Glenn Momberger, Isaac McQueen and Celia Bodine.
- Major flooding with spring runoff—First Presidency commends Church members who responded to help in the crisis.
- Relief Society hosts evening of sewing, painting, food tasting.
- Irene Kemp, Georgia Alder and Mary Webb move out of ward to be closer to family members.

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- Scouts earn 2 palms--1 bronze and 1 gold; Christopher Timm earns Eagle rank.
- Tony Taylor conducts watercolor workshop.
- Ward youth participate in Stake handcart pull.
- Scouts and scoutmaster attend International Boy Scout Jamboree in Calgary, Canada.
- Ward reunion.
- High Priests have a steak fry at Budge and Marlene's cabin near Woodland.
- High Priests submit 3-page personal histories.
- All sisters in the Stake are invited to write thoughts/music under the theme "Sources of My Joy" to be included in a printed format.

1984

- Eagle Scout Awards to Justin Banks, Jason Layton, Michael Pihl and Bryant Romney with Senator Jake Garn speaking about responsibility.
- July 4th Flag Raising Ceremony with a band made up of Scouts, Y.W. and adults. Alice Shearer, a neighbor and member of the City Council, gives the address.
- Clint Brewer donates many free haircuts to needy persons at Welfare Square.
- Ward Party at the Salt Lake Swimming and Tennis Club—80 members attended.
- The Triad Theatre production of "Hats Off to Hollywood" includes Laurel Thompson, Rebecca Orton, Whitney Spencer and Keri Kathryn Fowles, as singers and tap dancers.
- Temple Activity—Chapel service with messages from Bishop Thompson and Temple President Collin E. Jones.
- Stake Sunset Service with G. Homer Durham as speaker and Bonneville Strings led by Ron Archibald.
- Ward Picnic at Sugarhouse Park; county fair theme.
- Special Interest Activity organized by Adelia Spilsbury.
- Scouts go to Lake Powell for summer camp; Steve Boyden beaches boat on shore in the dark, had to be turned around by entire troop.
- Michael Pingree receives Eagle Scout Award. Bishop awards "On My Honor" awards.
- Relief Society fall social: "Shoes the Right, Point Toes in the Right Direction, Don't Step on any Toes, Sole Sisters" with message from Karen Fisher, Academic Advisor at the University of Utah.
- Primary reenacts the story of Noah with children in costumes led by Kathryn Fowles.
- High Priests print the compilation of personal histories.
- Temple social for all who attended the Temple during the month.

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- Relief Society prepares cassette recordings of Spiritual Living lessons for sisters who could not attend.
- Primary Quarterly Activity—children gathered around the fireplace at the ward to hear Christmas stories; children were the stories' characters. Afterward, children delivered fruit baskets and baked goods to widows and widowers.

1985

- Ward Welfare Square assignment; bailed used clothing.
- Ward Reunion, February 24th; many former ward members attended and reminisced about experiences in the ward.
- Blazer briefing for 11-year old scouts.
- Cub Scout cake auction; Pinewood Derby.
- Spring Jeep Trip for Priests.
- Teacher/Priest summer outing to Jackson Hole and the Snake River.
- Ward Tennis Night at the Salt Lake Swimming and Tennis Club.
- The ward raised \$285.63 for the Primary Children's Hospital's annual "Penny by the Inch" campaign.
- High Priests' fireside with Wilford Kirton, legal counsel for the Church.
- Monthly ward temple outings with socials afterwards held at various members' homes.

- Ward produces Road Show, entitled "If I had my Way, I'd Roar Like a Lion."
- Ward Relief Society prepared 22 articles of clothing for Welfare Square and participated in a canning day project.
- Ward Relief Society hosted the annual Relief Society birthday party at the Lion House. Pat Davis and Jenny Bennett presented a brief history of Salt Lake City.
- The ward exceeded its goal of 60 temple ordinances during Stake Temple week by 22.
- Young Women and Young Men hold etiquette dinner at the home of John and Effie Dean Rich.
- Cub Scout Annual Blue and Gold Banquet with theme of Mountain Man Rendezvous.

NOTABLES

- Russell M. Nelson, renowned cardiovascular surgeon, former stake president, former General President of the Sunday School and faithful ward member is called to be an Apostle.
- Jake Garn served as Mayor of Salt Lake City and as a U.S. Senator.
- Eric Thompson—Selected as East High's representative for the Hugh O'Brien Award and Conference for Student Leadership; wrestler at East High; attended BSA National Jamboree; President of Pledge Class at U. of U.

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- Celia Bodine—Masters of Education.
- Lorin Folland—Sterling Scholar Judge.
- Stephen Boyden receives Award of Merit from Shadow Mountain District.
- Pat Davis—Co-Director of Promised Valley Playhouse; produces “Don’t Forget to Remember”, among others.
- Katie Hill—Talented singer, starred in Promised Valley Playhouse production of “Carnival.”
- Dan Waters—President of the Utah Peace Officers Association.
- Jan Clemmer—BYU Women’s Conference panel member.
- Dr. Terry Clemmer—his Life Flight Crew featured on Channel 2 TV. Terry is the Director of Critical Care Medicine at the L.D.S. Hospital and Professor of Medicine at the University of Utah School of Medicine.
- Dr. Frank Whiting honored for helping to found the University of Minnesota Theater. He taught and directed there for 40 years.
- Gerry Busath—parenting instructor at S.L. Community H.S. (Des. News article).
- Maren Durham—Gift buyer for ZCMI.
- Jan Clemmer—presented a paper at a conference in Vancouver, B.C.
- Lon Clayton—President of Nurserymen’s Association.
- Xan Clemmer—chosen member of U.S. Volleyball Association Intern
- Lori Orton-3rd Place in 1-A pre-regional drama competition.
- Zella Smith—LDS Academy anniversary celebration.
- Brad Busath and Marci Barrucia received the Kiwanis Club “Hope of America” awards for scholarship, leadership and citizenship.
- Clif Davis called to be a member of the Church Activity Committee for Cultural Arts.
- Jim Barker graduates Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi.
- Nadine Ward—Head of the Veterans Hospital Intermountain Regional Medical Education Program with 23 hospitals in the western region.
- Carmen Boyden Pingree—Legislative Chairperson for the Utah Society for Autistic Children; Studying for MA in Special Education & Political Science in dealing with autism; in charge of national conference of the Society for Autism.
- Alfred Nabrotzky—In the Utah Holiday Magazine issue for his “old world” craftsmanship.
- Jan Clemmer—hand-picked participant in the archival conference dealing with Native Americans.
- Orpha Boyden—Member of the Church Family Home Evening Committee charged with writing a Family Home Evening Resource Manual.

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- Jan Clemmer—presented paper at the Western History Association conference in Arizona.
- Orpha Boyden received the Scouting Silver Beaver Award for her work for Scouting on ward, stake and general Church level.
- Colleen Thompson receives the Boy Scout District Award of Merit.
- Jan Clemmer—received dual appointment—Multicultural Education and Department of History; received the McNickel-Newberry Library Research Award.
- Pat Boyden—recognized in newspaper for starting an early morning foreign language program at Uintah School for Spanish, French and German.
- LeNila Homer appointed by Governor Matheson to the State Board of Pharmacy.
- Chad Davis painted murals at the Devereaux House, Emigration Canyon, Fort Douglas and Whiskey Street.
- Robert Barrett—Exhibits paintings at BYU; won Deseret News Merit Award in art.
- George Nelson—former swimmer who swam from Antelope Island to Saltair Resort, interviewed by the Salt Lake Tribune.
- Veldron Matheson plays the pipe organ in the Relief Society Building weekly.
- Jake Garn travels into space, April 12, 1985.
- Alice Shearer—Salt Lake Councilwoman is appointed director for community development for the State of Utah.
- Susan Romney—installed as President of Utah Dental Auxiliary.
- Zella Smith's daughter, Susan Smith Davis—chosen as young mother representing the State of Utah.
- Lorin Folland—had a one-man exhibit at the Myra Powell Gallery at the Ogden Union Station; exhibited drawings and watercolors.
- Dayna Bricker—East High Cheerleader.
- Elizabeth Orton—East High Student Body Secretary.
- Marc Boyden—President of the Associated Boys of East High.
- Seminary Graduates—Ellie Black, David Pihl, Matt Pingree and Lynda McGavin.
- Senator Jake Garn and Russell M. Nelson were inducted into the East High School Hall of Fame.
- Veldron Matheson receives Diploma of Graduation from the Institute of Religion at the University of Utah.
- Anton Rasmussen, a prominent local artist, paints large mural of Delicate Arch which hangs in the SLC Airport.

FUNERALS

- John S. Boyden, Sr.
- Ramona Ogaard

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- Anna Dale Storrs Tanner
- Ila Norton
- Marion Burt Cowan
- Dr. Dorothy Day
- Dorothy Fowler Bentzar
- Louise Cluff
- Marie Morrison

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Russell M. Nelson, Regional Representative, Member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles
- George R. Hill, Stake High Council
- Fred R. Homer, Stake High Council
- Boyd H. Busath, Stake Executive Secretary
- John C. Pingree, Men's Sports Director
- Patricia Davis, Cultural Arts Specialist, General Church Activities Committee
- Clif Davis, Member General Church Activities Committee
- Colleen Thompson, Stake Primary Board
- Glenn L. Momberger, Bishop, Salt Lake County Jail

- Dantzel Nelson, Mormon Tabernacle Choir
- Richard W. Evans, Stake High Council
- Ted Barrett, Stake Statistical Clerk
- Jacqueline Marsden, Stake Activities Committee
- Joy D. Orton, 2nd Counselor, Stake Primary
- Carmen S. Pingree, Stake Relief Society Visiting Teaching Coordinator
- Patricia Boyden, Stake Relief Society Mini-Class Leader, Varied Interest
- Veldron Matheson, Church Volunteer
- Amelia Marsh, Church Volunteer
- Orpha Boyden, Church Volunteer

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Bishop Thompson's Thoughts:

When I was set apart by President Francis M. Gibbons, I was told to delegate as many tasks as I could. I had wonderful counselors and heads of our ward quorums and organizations that made my job as Bishop much easier. I was also counseled to spend time with the young people in the ward. This I tried faithfully to do. I attended all youth activities and went on many of the youth outings, including scout and priest trips. I tried to encourage the obtaining of the Eagle Rank in Scouting and, as important, the Duty to God Award. I kept plaques in the Bishop's office upon which I engraved the names of those who achieved those two recognitions. When I first became Bishop, I had to deal with some

serious Word of Wisdom issues with our youth, but, over time and with much work and fasting and prayer, most of the boys repented and went on missions, which gave me great joy. As a Bishopric, we called as youth leaders those who we felt were the best examples and could best relate to the youth.

I had the satisfaction of knowing that the Lord was guiding us as a Bishopric in selecting people to fulfill callings and assignments. It was also gratifying in working with members who confessed their sins and repented to receive spiritual confirmation of their acceptance by the Lord.

As a Bishopric, we tried to make each Sacrament Meeting special. We invited guest speakers from time to time. We used Talmage's book on the Articles of Faith as a topical guide for those meetings. We worked with the Aaronic Priesthood to ensure that the preparation and passing of the sacrament was reverent and dignified. We tried to have excellent musical numbers to add spirituality to the meetings. The Ward Choir, under the direction of Celia Bodine, added much to our worship services.

I presided at many funerals and saw many wonderful people pass to the other side. I have a testimony of the restored gospel and that the resurrection is real. These funeral services invariably bore witness to me of the love of the Savior and of life everlasting. They also reminded me to enjoy each day, to love every person and to take time to do the small things which help others.

Once, I was asked to give a blessing to a Ward member who was dying of cancer. During the blessing I was prompted to say that because he had led a good life and had received all of the saving ordinances of the gospel of Jesus Christ, he would be saved in the Celestial Kingdom. Afterward, his wife

told me that he had been very fearful of dying. He was a very shy person. He never held a calling. He never said a prayer in public. He always sat at the rear of the Chapel or class, always fearful of being called upon to answer a question or to pray. Because of his shyness and his relative obscurity, he felt he was not as worthy as others in the Church. He doubted if he would ever be saved. My blessing gave him much comfort and the assurance that he would, indeed, be accepted by our Heavenly Father. He was able to face his impending death with peace and joy.

Without the love and support of a great wife and family, the Bishop's job would be unbearable. I had great support from Colleen and the kids, from my parents and Colleen's parents. Looking back, serving as the Bishop of the Yale Second Ward was a blessing, and honor and a pleasure.

Memories of Stephen G. Boyden, Scoutmaster:

As Scoutmaster of Yale 2nd Ward's Troop 8, the scouts built a bridge across Burnt Fork that supported a motorcycle and the whole troop at once, erected watchtowers at Hoop Lake, and worked on merit badges and rank advancements at Camp Steiner and Lake Powell. The waters of Lake Powell, the destination of many scout and ward outings, cover places forever held in the memories of adult leaders who floated the river in earlier days. Those old float trips gave way to scouts earning merit badges in small boat sailing, fishing, swimming, lifesaving, motor boating, and canoeing. Downstream from the Glen Canyon Dam, Troop 8 did the rim to rim hike of the Grand Canyon. They walked the dusty streets and climbed through the ruins of Mercur, a mining ghost town, and collected geodes in the West Desert.

In the back-country the scouts endured lightning storms, saw beavers at work, and watched graceful deer and elk glide through the aspen trees on their fifty-mile hike from the Courthouse in Coaville to the doorsteps of home in Salt Lake. The scouts endured the coldest night in recent memory, minus 15 degrees F., camped in three feet of snow in Mill Creek Canyon. That bitter night a prankster scout nearly lost all of his friends for life when he threw a snowball into the tree above the dinner table that sent a cascade of snow 18 inches deep over the other scouts and their warm dinner.

As an incentive to scouts after they completed their requirements, they had a wonderful winter experience at Jacob Lake varmint hunting, jeeping and snowmobiling thanks to the generosity of John and Effie Dean Rich, and Stephen and Melinda Rich. Troop 8 formed a two Jamboree Troops with the Bonneville Stake, one of which attended the World Jamboree in Calgary, Canada and the other went to National Jamboree in Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia. World Jamboree scouts experienced the excitement of the Calgary Stampede in Canada, and National Jamboree scouts survived hurricane Bob in Virginia with their tents still standing!

Memory of Steve and Melinda Rich concerning the conversion of Chris Draayer:

In 1984, Chris Draayer lived on the southwest corner of Normandie Circle next to Gary and Diane Banks. A long stone retaining formed the boundary between them—resting on Chris's side of the property. The old wall leaned severely. Chris told neighbors that he intended to pay for repairs.

Chris wasn't able to perform some physical tasks. He had lost one arm when he swerved

his motorcycle, crashing into a retaining wall during a championship race. He did this to protect his main challenger—fallen helpless in Chris's path.

Chris had not asked for help. So, he was very surprised to find Gary Banks, Steve Rich and John Rich Sr. at his house the next Saturday to help him with the collapsing wall. To make room for the wall to stand straight—they excavated a space on the uphill side. Then, using thick plywood boards to spread the force evenly, they backed Steve's Suburban against the wall. Under John's direction, Steve shoved it upright—slowly—in small incremental sections. Chris was touched by his neighbor's gesture—and then by Spirit. He'd always enjoyed the neighborhood—but he was surprised how cheerfully willing his L. D. S. friends had been to take on a risky (from the standpoint of possible failure) and technically difficult project that size to greatly reduce his costs.

Chris later said it was in the trusting atmosphere created by this experience that he then talked with Dr. Russell Nelson, another Normandie Circle neighbor. Dr. Nelson asked Chris—as a personal favor—to watch General conference the following Saturday. Unbeknownst to Chris, there was going to be a special announcement. This was the day Russell M. Nelson was called to be a Member of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

In bearing his testimony later, Chris said, "I knew Russell Nelson. I heard him bear his Apostolic witness of Jesus Christ and this Church. I knew Russell doesn't lie.

After that, Chris started coming to church, was baptized, became an eager, willing servant and a strength to the ward. He later moved the Park City, married again and was sealed in the Temple.

Excerpts from Richard W. Evans' History:

Bishop Hill was also a great influence on Brother Chris Draayer, who Bishop Hill called to serve as his executive secretary. Chris had been a less active member whose life had started to change about a year earlier. In 1984 Chris was about 40 years old and lived on the west corner of Normandy Circle as a divorcee and with his 9-year-old son Christian. On Saturday of April Conference 1984, Elder Russell M. Nelson of our ward was sustained as a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Elder Nelson also lived on Normandy Circle next to the home of John and Effie Dean Rich. This deeply significant event for his neighbor had a deep impact on Chris.

Chris was four years older than I and had grown up in the ward on the south side of Princeton Avenue as a good friend of my oldest brother Lewis. For decades Chris' father owned the Salt Lake Harley Davidson Motorcycle Dealership on State Street. Chris grew up on motorcycles, and as a young man he became the number one amateur oval cycle racer in the U.S. Shortly after that Chris became the number 2 professional oval cycle racer in the U.S., but then he had a tragic crash at a race in Missouri. In his early 20's he lost one arm and a lot of the use of one leg in the accident and other significant bodily damage.

Late that Saturday afternoon of the day Elder Nelson was sustained as an Apostle, Chris drove to my house to see me. He wanted to talk about how incredible he thought it was that Elder Nelson had been called as an Apostle. It caused him to share with me the story of what had happened at the fateful time nearly 20 years earlier when he was in the crash. Chris said he had been comatose in the hospital for a couple of months. During that entire time he said that the only thing he could

remember was a brief moment when 2 Elders had laid their hands on his head while he was in the hospital bed, and the only words he heard them say was "in the name of Jesus Christ, amen." Though he had not been active in the Church since the crash, he said he often thought about and pondered that brief memory. That memory had sustained him through the hospital stay and ever since. He had concluded that the Elders must have been serving their mission in Missouri, they must have seen an article in the newspaper about the tragic crash of the cycle racer from Salt Lake City who is in critical condition in the local hospital, or a local or other member must have seen the article and called the Elders, and they must have rushed to the hospital to administer to a member in need.

After a very tender discussion, I invited Chris to come to church with me the next week. To my delight, he accepted. I believe his visit was an effort to reach out for that connection, and I think it is what he was hoping for. He came to church the next week and kept coming thereafter. As a Prospective Elder, Chris prepared to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood. Within the year, Chris was sustained to become an Elder. He asked me if I would confer on him the Melchizedek Priesthood and ordain him an Elder, which I was very happy to do, but on the Sunday when the ordination was to take place, Elder Nelson happened to be visiting our ward. Chris was so thrilled to see Elder Nelson. I told Chris that I would be happy to ordain him an Elder in all events, but with Elder Nelson present, I suggested, why don't we see if Elder Nelson will ordain you. He looked at me in wonder and appreciation about it. So I asked Elder Nelson on behalf of Chris if he would ordain Chris. Of course, Elder Nelson was very pleased to do so. Chris was very grateful for that opportunity.

Shortly thereafter when Bishop Hill became our bishop in April 1985, he was impressed to call Chris to be his executive secretary. Chris was not a skilled administrator or detail oriented, but Bishop Hill simply wanted to keep Chris close at hand and to nurture him, which he did, just as he did for all of us.

Chris Draayer became very involved and supportive of the troop because his son, Christian, was also in the troop.

Growing up in the Yale Second Ward by Marc Boyden:

Growing up in the Yale Second Ward, I associated with wonderful people who contributed to the development of my faith. For instance, Susan Romney, my Primary teacher, made me feel loved, did not put up with my “bologna” and called on my integrity to do what I knew was right. Colleen Thompson, my Blazer leader, taught me that Church can be fun. Jan Clemmer, my Cub Den Leader, took our den to Hogle Zoo where I and another Cub Scout threw snowballs at the camel to provoke it to spit at us. We had heard that it was impossible to dodge the speed of a spitting camel and we wanted to prove that it wasn’t so. Appropriately, the Zoo Keeper took us by the scruff of the neck and escorted us out of the zoo. Jan Clemmer had a very frank talk with us about how as cub scouts we needed to be responsible, etc. She was able to get us back into the zoo. Her frank talk had a large impact on me. My father, Steve, my uncle, John Pingree and Milo Marsden, as quorum advisors, all focused on doctrine which I learned. Bishop Thompson made an impact on me when he excused the boys in the quorums in 1983 to go fill sandbags to help with the flooding downtown and elsewhere. I learned that sometimes service was more important than a church meeting.

The Conversion Story of Don Schaub:

Four women worked at the ZCMI Fashion Place store went to lunch at a nearby restaurant. Don Schaub eating at the same restaurant began visiting with them. At the end of the meal, he asked Rosemary Meacham, one of the ZCMI employees for a date. Don, from Wisconsin, was working in Montana, subdividing ranches and was in Salt Lake on business. Rosemary and Don’s first date was at the La Caille Restaurant and Rosemary was impressed with Don. However, early on she told Don that she would not marry someone who was not a member of the Church. They quit dating for a couple of weeks while he thought about that. Don had met a couple of Mormons in Kemmerer, Wyoming, whom he thought seemed strange. Also, missionaries of the Church had knocked on his door, and he had turned them away. Don and Rosemary dated for one and one-half years before meeting with Rosemary’s Bishop, Homer Warner of the Colonial Hills Ward. Bishop Warner said at that time: “It takes a lifetime to be converted.” This comment brought peace to Don as he felt living the Mormon life would be a good way to live but he didn’t completely have a testimony. Don and Rosemary were married in November of 1979 in Rosemary’s parents’ home. Don’s family came from Wisconsin. They were impressed with the cleanliness of Salt Lake City, the Tabernacle Choir and Welfare Square. They were good, religious people who had never drank or smoked.

In March of 1980, the Schaub family moved into their current home on the corner of Normandie Circle and Harvard Avenue. They felt that they were directed to that home. They later discovered that the ward members had been praying for young families. It turns out that the Yale Ward was the perfect place for Don to learn the gospel. He took the

missionary lessons in Paul and Maren Durham's home and was baptized in November of that same year. Don was inspired by the example and lives of Lon Clayton, Kevin Cameron, the Momberger and Busath families. He fit right in to the Elders Quorum and he received a calling almost immediately after his baptism. It took a while to obtain a true conversion, but he continued to rely on the testimony of others. To him, living the gospel seemed like such a marvelous way to spend one's life. Don had no Work of Wisdom issues because of his upbringing. Don says that he became converted as he listened to his children in Primary giving their talks.

Bonnie Randall's Reactivation Story:

With two wonderful girls, I married a second time. My husband was not at all interested in the gospel. I was definitely an inactive member. However, my visiting teacher, Grace Clayton, gave me a subscription to the "Ensign Magazine." On Sundays, when my husband was out-of-town and my girls were at church, I would read the wonderful and inspiring articles in the "Ensign." Gradually, my heart was softened and I desired to return to activity in the Church. It so happened that at that same time I was working as a hair stylist and some of my clients were gentlemen who worked in the Church Office Building. One of them said, "Going to church three times leads to activity, while not going to church just one time leads to inactivity."

I wanted to become active again and determined that I would do everything that was required to accomplish that goal. Over the objections of my husband, I made an appointment with Bishop Thompson. By working with him and following the conditions outlined by the Bishopric, I was eventually able to once again have full fellowship with the saints and eventually attending the temple once again. Isaac McQueen, the first counselor in the Bishopric, gave me a most wonderful Priesthood blessing which helped me then and does so even now.

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**Yale Second Ward
Bishop George R. Hill
1985-1987**



Bishop: George R. Hill sustained: 1985; released: April 1987
First Counselor: Richard W. Evans
Second Counselor: Terry P. Clemmer
Executive Secretary: Frederick R. Homer
Assistant Executive Secretary: Don Pihl
Assistant Executive Secretary: Kevin Cameron
Ward Clerk: Carl McGavin
Assistant Ward Clerks: Ernest Campbell
High Priest Group Leader: Robert F. Orton
Seventies Group Leader: Donald V. Schaub
Elders Quorum President: Kevin Kirkpatrick
Sunday School President: Mark Moench
Relief Society President: Nan Momberger
Primary President: Colleen Thompson
Young Men President: Roger Thompson
Young Women President: Susan Romney
Activities Chairman: Patricia Davis

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EVENTS

1985

- President Spencer Kimball dies
- Stake Youth Conference: Getting Along with Mom and Dad.

1986

- Yale Ward Conference: Psalms 24:3-4
- Swimming Party for all Primary children who memorized scriptures
- Primary Sacrament Meeting: I Can Be A Missionary Now
- Cub Scout Cake Sale
- Relief Society helped with Quarters for Christmas
- Weddings: Kori Clemmer to Monica Hall; Steve Marsden to Mary Karen Jensen; Marjorie Nelson to Bradley Ray Helsten
- Christmas Party with scenes painted in cultural hall panels by ward artists
- Scout Winter Camp in Coalville- 17 below 0

1987

- Relief Society and High Priest Social hosted by John and Effie Dean Rich showing slides and Michelle Macfarlane spoke about China.
- Book of Mormon Placement Project with family testimonials placed inside the books.

- Senator Jake Garn gives kidney to his daughter, Susan
- New babies born to Jamis Johnson family and Randall Mackey family
- YM merged with Yale I YM for basketball program; also gave service cleaning up home of Hazel Komel
- YM-YW Retreat to Park City focusing on plans for new year
- Roadshows
- Primary quarterly Activity: Creative Science (fingerprinting, making lotion and caramel syrup, mapping the tongue)
- Bishop Hill called to the Council of Seventy, April 4, 1987

NOTABLES

- Terry Clemmer- Physician of Year Award from State Health Dept.
- Norma Richardson nursing educator at BYU- attends conference in NC to learn to administer and score tests dealing with dominant brain preference patterns
- Brad Busath – Semifinalist National Merit Scholar
- Briant Romney – winner in Pepsi Tennis Competition
- Steven Marsden-admitted to Utah State Bar Association
- LeNila Homer-woman and pharmacist
- Michelle Macfarlane- taught in China

- Katherine E. Nielsen – outstanding Credit Manager for Commercial Security Bank
- Paul Durham- Utah Young Lawyer Representative to Nat'l Conference accepting award for Utah Group
- Randy Dryer- elected President of SL County Bar Association
- Colleen Thompson – Shadow Mt. District Scouting Award of Merit
- Gerry Busath –Home Economics Vocational Teaching Award and Kiwanis Teacher of the Month Award
- Jackie Marsden – Salt Lake Education Foundation Board

FUNERALS

- Julie Garbett
- Eris Harman

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Joy Orton – Second Counselor in Stake Primary Presidency
- Robert Fowles- Stake YM First Counselor
- John C Pingree – University Stake High Council

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Rick Evans memories serving in the Bishopric with Bishop Hill:

I am reminded how much I cherished the experiences I had as first counselor to Bishop

George R. Hill. Bishop Hill served as Bishop with Terry Clemmer and me as his counselors for less than two years, from June of 1985 until April of 1987 when Bishop Hill was called to serve in the Second Quorum of the Seventy and to work in the Area Presidency in the Philippines with President George I. Cannon (the father of Wayne Cannon). Bishop Hill was an incredibly compassionate bishop. He made great efforts each week to visit the elderly and others and give them blessings. I'll never forget the picture in my mind of him kneeling at the bedside of elderly Sister Monson, holding her hand, encouraging and comforting her prior to administering to her with a blessing of comfort. She passed away shortly thereafter.

Bishop Hill is a world renowned expert scientist in the coal industry. He was Dean of the College of Mines at the University of Utah. Always a teacher, he related to Terry and me once in a bishopric meeting how during a faculty meeting of his college, some of the professors took him to task because of his religious beliefs and his dedication to the concept of "Creationism". They challenged him to renounce publicly "Creationism" in favor of "Evolution" because of the great weight of scientific evidence which had accumulated to support the theory of "Evolution". Maintaining all of his composure and grace, Bishop Hill calmly confounded them simply by stating that, in light of all the so-called "scientific evidence," he had far greater problems trying to rationalize the "theory of Evolution" with the Second Law of Thermal Dynamics than they had in accepting Creationism. With respect to his religious beliefs, Bishop Hill proclaimed to the other professors that his religion requires nothing more of him than to conform to the "truth" as far as it is made manifest to him. One professor broke the resulting silence by stating quietly and respectfully that such requirement is commendable and should

be the hallmark of all religions and scientific pursuits. To this no one responded nor bothered Bishop Hill any further on the subject. Bishop Hill told us that he could hardly wait to get to the other side to learn how the Lord effectuated the creation of the world.

While Terry Clemmer was very adept with the scientific discussions (and Bishop Hill loved Terry dearly because of it), Bishop Hill was kind enough to take time to explain to my unscientific mind what the Second Law of Thermal Dynamics is and how it is contrary to the Theory of Evolution. It is roughly and simplistically as follows: The Second Law of Thermal Dynamics is that all things with time break down from greater organization and complexity to its lowest common denominator of elements and simplicity. For example, wood from the complex organization of a tree dies and decays and breaks down to return basic nutrients to fertilize the earth. Hydrogen and oxygen molecules break down to water (H₂O) and under evaporative heat breaks down further to its gaseous form. Through entropy (the death analogy) things break down to lesser organization and complexity to their most simple and stable common elements. The opposite synergies (the life analogy) resulting from combining simple, basic, common elements in particular ways, cannot occur by chance or without the input of substantial energy from an external source. Without such external input the natural course of all things is entropy, the breaking down to lesser organization and complexity.

Creationists avow that the input of external energy into the system to create the synergies is sourced in Heavenly Father and the Savior, the Light and Life of the "World. Evolutionists have no satisfactory explanation for the dilemma. Some explain that an ancient incredible lightning bolt initiated a

chain of events that has resulted and continues to result in present incredible synergies, complexities, intelligence and organization, the probability of which is acknowledged by Evolutionists to be impossible. Things by natural law break down rather than build into higher complexities. It was a great testimony to me of the truth of the Lord's statement in Doctrine and Covenants 93:31: Behold, here is the agency of man, and here is the condemnation of man; because that which was from the beginning is plainly manifest unto them, and they receive not the light.@ I think this is a good example. I believe it is also a good example of Moses 6:63, that is, that all things in nature have their spiritual likeness and bear record of the Savior and Creator of mankind. In this case, it is bearing record that He is the light and life of the world which keeps all things in order and alive.

Bishop Hill also explained in terms of physics what I believe is a very understandable discourse in how the Lord can hear and answer every prayer offered unto him. It is premised on the concept that in eternity and with Heavenly Father there is no limitation of time or space. As it is stated in Doctrine and Covenants 130:7: "...in the presence of God...all things for their glory are manifest, past, present, and future, and are continually before the Lord." Bishop Hill stated that Heavenly Father has the ability to be anywhere on the time chronology continuum or axis, from the beginning to the end. Then he added the concept I had not before considered: He said at any point on the time chronology axis Heavenly Father has the ability to stretch out any given moment of time on a second axis perpendicular to the time chronology axis, so that He can be fully aware of all events occurring anywhere at the same time at that given moment point on the time chronology axis. That means that Heavenly Father can figuratively freeze the

moment to allow him to be everywhere prayers are being said at that moment to hear and respond to them, as well as be aware of all other events taking place at that moment. It is a powerful concept to me that I fully believe to be true in principle if not mechanics. It strengthens my testimony of the fact that Heavenly Father hears and answers our prayers and is all-knowing. I learned these and many more powerful lessons from Elder Hill. Both Terry Clemmer and I often expressed to each other our appreciation for the fatherly love Bishop Hill regularly showed to us.

Bishop Hill was also a great influence on Brother Chris Draayer, who Bishop Hill called to serve as his executive secretary. Chris had been a less active member whose life had started to change about a year earlier. In 1984 Chris was about 40 years old and lived on the west corner of Normandy Circle as a divorcee and with his 9 year old son Christian.

Memories of Terry Clemmer who served as a counselor to Bishop Hill:

Bishop Hill was a brilliant man who was an American chemist and a world authority on coal. He obtained his Ph. D. from Cornell University at the age of 25 and in 1951 at the age of 30 the University of Utah invited Dr. Hill to start the school's Department of Fuels Engineering. From 1966 to 1972, Hill served as the Dean of the College of Mines and Minerals Industries the U. of Utah. In 1972 he was appointed the head of the Office of Coal Research in the U.S. Dept. of the Interior. In 1977, he returned to the U. of Utah as the Envirotech Professor of Chemical Engineering, an endowed chair. More impressive than his intellectual prowess was his humility which endowed him with wisdom seldom seen in the world today.

What a privilege it was to sit in counsel with Bishop Hill during the bishopric meetings, ward councils, and ward welfare meetings. His deep dedication to the gospel and devotion to the ward members and his family were constantly apparent. He listened to others in the meeting until all the issues were understood, and then, using his vast past experience taught us how to make the needed decisions to lead the ward. He was always teaching and mentoring others. He lived by the spirit and you could sense the spirit when he was around. This instilled in us the desire to support him with all our might, mind, and strength.

Bishop Hill was older than many bishops, but his ability to garner the love and respect of the youth of the ward was amazing. The youth is always one of the greatest concerns of a bishop. Bishop Hill chose strong leaders to help, but his own ability to love, counsel and mentor the youth in the right direction was almost magical.

Memories of Carol Spencer, Counselor in YW Presidency:

The YW's program was very active and wonderfully spiritual. Strong friendships were forged with the girls and the leaders. Each year two-day activities with hikes and testimony meetings were held in Park City, Sun Valley, or St. George. These outings celebrated a goal of scripture study. At this same time, the YW began a budding basketball team which was supported by faithful parents.

Each year an Etiquette Dinner was held at the Orton home. Camp-outs with fathers and Secret Grandparents' Dinners, service projects and the YW speaking at sacrament meeting made for bringing the gospel into action. One of the YW leaders hadn't

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attended church until she accepted the calling of secretary. She and her husband supported the basketball games and assisted with the outings. Another inactive father helped with the campouts and sporting events. These two families have since been to the temple and had their families sealed to them.

Yale Second Ward

Second Ward
Bishop Robert F. Orton
1987-1991



Bishop: Robert F. Orton, sustained April 19, 1987; released Dec. 1, 1991
1st Counselor: Stephen G. Boyden
2nd Counselor: Walter A. Romney
Acting Counselor: Randall A. Mackey
Executive Secretary: Frederick R. Homer; Paul M. Durham, Boyd H. Busath, Ralph A. Finlayson
Ass't. Exec. Secretary: Anthony H. Taylor, Matthew H. Lund; J.W. (Ted) Quayle
Ward Clerk: Carl A. McGavin, Mark T. Olsen, Lincoln E. Newey
Ass't. Ward Clerk: Ernest W. Campbell; Don W. Pihl, Bradley Alston, Theodore J. Barrett, James R. Lee
H.P. Group Leader: Frederick R. Homer, Randall A. Mackey
Elders Quorum President: Timothy L. Reynolds, Kevin Kirkpatrick, Richard P. Durham
Seventy Group Leader/Ward Mission Leader: Roger H. Thompson, Jamis M. Johnson, Steven H. Rich
Sunday School President: Mark C. Moench, Milo S. Marsden, Jr.
Relief Society President: Nan Momberger, Colleen K. Thompson, Pat L. Davis
Primary President: Kathy Dryer, Marilyn N. Brady, Rebecca N. Diederich
Young Women President: Susan S. Romney, Patricia S. Boyden
Young Men President: Jamis Johnson, Terry P. Clemmer, Richard W. Evans

EVENTS

ANNUAL & PERIODIC EVENTS

- Father & daughter outings to Flaming George
- High Priest summer outing
- Father & Son Aaronic Priesthood Commemoration outings
- Independence Day neighborhood flag raising ceremony
- Troop 789 Boy Scout summer camps
- VIP Luncheon & Sunset Service/Garden Park grounds
- Christmas Eve musicale directed by Sullivan Family
- YM/YW leadership retreat at Nelson's Midway home
- Combined Yale Wards Christmas program with Choir East High A' Cappella Choir; Christmas program primary chorus; Bill Sullivan's "The Holy City; message by Elder Russell M. Nelson
- YM/YW multi-stake New Year's Eve dance
- Monthly ward temple day
- Summer picnic at Sugarhouse Park University, high school and seminary graduations with
- Ward/neighborhood picnic in Normandie Circle with honors to ward/neighborhood students

- Relief Society birthday party with notable activities

1987

- *Stake president's charge to new bishopric to listen for promptings of Spirit and to act on them; to be youth oriented; to focus intensely on missionary work; to love and serve the singles and elderly; and not to consume more than they (we) put back, April 19.
- High Priest sponsored excursion to Logan Temple.
- Warren Odekirk at hospital with fractured hip—forever optimistic, Oct 8
- "Scrooge," directed by Craig & Heidi Camp and Pat Davis, assisted by Kathryn Fowles, December

1988

- Relief Society/High Priest social with Docent of Phoenix Art Museum, presenting "Russia," January 12
- Randy Dryer, neighbor friend of Church, & member wife Kathy, sacrament service speakers, February 14
- Individual members & couples challenged to increase level of activity and long term results, ongoing
- Priest basketball team wins division tournament, March
- Relief Society birthday party features BYU Folk Dancers & international cuisine, April 12

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- Ward members intensely responding to President Ezra Taft Benson's to read & study Book of Mormon, ongoing
- Dale Kilbourn's & Jerry Moore's convert baptism; Jerry & Marry Jane marry, July 28, August 12-13
- Sociable's Group organized to fellowship new move-in's, etc., September
- Elder Russell M. Nelson performs marriage/sealing ceremony for ward members, Kristine Predovich & Kent Orton

1989

- Fireside with Oscar W. McConkie, Jr., "Covenant at the Waters of Baptism," January 15
- Ward snow party and YM/YW winter carnival, January 21 & February 4
- Relief Society sister's personal histories journal to press, May 25, March 12
- Elder & Sister George R. Hill, sacrament meeting speakers, March 26
- "The Mad Woman of Chaillot" ward play directed by Frank Whiting, March 6-8
- Combined Yale Wards musicale directed by Kay Prior of U of U, April 29
- Sacrament service honoring Seare Morrison, with tribute by Glenn Momberger, June 18
- Ward 50's-60's costume party with food, dancing & entertainment, July 1

- High Priest Group outing to Clarkson to see "A Man Who Knew," August 1
- Primary sponsored "Care & Share" project, September
- Ward sportsmanship fireside for athletic participants, November 14
- "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," a reader's theatre directed by Craig Camp, December 1-2
- Bonneville/Monument Park YM/YW Stake fireside with Elder Dallin H. Oaks, December 6
- Neighborhood Christmas party and Relief Society home tour, December 8-9

1990

- Enthusiastic response to President Benson's "Flood the Earth with the Book of Mormon," challenge, 1990
- *Special fast for Gladys Lowe and Veronica & Thatcher, infant twins of Mark & A'lissa Olson, April 8
- "Unbirthday" party featuring arts & crafts and deep/dark, but not sinister, secrets of ward members, April 21
- Participation in East High benefit project for Tim Daynes, paralyzed from diving accident, April 30
- Manti Temple and Cedar Crest Lodge excursion, May 11-12
- SLCC's "Mikado," directed & sets by Pat & Cliff Davis & starring Katie Hill, May

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- Open enrollment & free of charge guitar lessons by Jamis Johnson, 1990
- Bonneville/Monument Park YM/YW Stake dance, August 21
- Bonneville/Monument Park YM/YW Stake fireside with Elder Marlin K. Jensen, December 5

1991

- Sacrament services with extemporaneous speakers (ward members), January 13, April 14 & October 13
- Special fireside with Elder & Sister George R. Hill, January 27
- Ward reunion, "A Picnic in the Park," honoring George S. Nelson, March 8
- Three Days of National Thanksgiving to End Persian Gulf War," Presidential Proclamation endorsed by First Presidency, April 5-7
- Orientation meeting regarding Indian Student Placement Program, April 21
- Logan temple excursion, April 26-27
- YM/YW etiquette dinner at John & Effie Dean Rich home, May 7
- First Presidency "Called to Serve" missionary awareness video fireside, with Modibo Diarra (Being LDS in Mali)
- Stake youth conference at BYU, June 21-25
- YM/YW (and entire ward) water skiing outing at Pingree Coalville cabin, July 12

- Relief Society sponsored First Annual Normandie Heights & Hollow Home Tour," September 28
- Filming of VISN Cable Network mock sacrament service, with ward members, October
- Elder Howard W. Hunter presides at realignment of Bonneville & Monument Park Stake boundaries and calling of new stake presidencies (reorganization meeting at Tabernacle on Temple Square); Bishop Orton sustained as first counselor to Ted M. Jacobsen in new Bonneville Stake Presidency, November 23-25
- Reorganization of Yale Second Ward Bishopric, December 1

FUNERALS

- Eris Harman
- Peggy Clark
- Charlotte Benefield
- Marie J. Barlow
- Hazel Kommell
- Samuel Harman
- Gladys R. Lowe
- Alfred Nabrotsky
- Virginia Nelson
- Francis Ostler

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MEMBERS SERVING IN GENERAL CHURCH & STAKE CALLINGS

- Elder Russell M. Nelson, Quorum of the Twelve
- Carmen S. Pingree and Gretta Croft, Committee for Members with Disabilities
- Mark A. Glissmeyer, High Council
- Nathan G. Momberger, YSA Chairman
- Elder George R. Hill, Second Quorum of Seventy
- Melba T. Hill, Philippines Micronesia Mission
- LeNila Y. Homer, Stake Relief society President
- Roger H. Thompson, Mission 1st Counselor
- Boyd H. Busath, Stake Auditor
- Ardis S. Macfarlane, R.S. First Counselor
- Mark A. Glissmeyer, High Council and Area Athletic Director
- Robert E. Fowles, High Council
- John C. Pingree, Bishop, University Stake
- Isaac T. McQueen, Executive Secretary
- Ardis C. McQueen, Extraction Worker
- Nancy Busath, Stacey Lunt, Jamis M. Johnson, Stake Missionaries

- Patricia S. Boyden, Stake YW President

SET-APART TEMPLE WORKERS

- Marie Barlow
- Clinton A. & Ruth G. Brewer
- Boyd H. Busath
- Frederick R. & LeNila Y. Homer
- Carl A. McGavin
- Ardes C. McQueen
- Isaac T. McQueen
- Nathan G. Momberger
- R. Kent & Robert F. Orton
- John C. Jr., & Scott B. Pingree
- Amelia Marsh (and Beehive House guide)
- Stephen G. Boyden

NOTABLES

- Julie Barrett, President, Junior League
- Heidi Hill, Merit Scholar finalist in English
- Orpha S. Boyden, USU President's
- Randy Dryer, Utah State Bar Commissioner Award for Outstanding Service

- Joy D. Orton, East High Community Council chairman
- Stephen G Boyden SLC School Board
- Robert F. Orton, President, Utah Trial Lawyers Assoc.
- Bill Busath, National Merit Scholarship Finalist
- Joseph L. Taylor, U of U Vice-President, Academic Affairs
- Terry P. Clemmer, President Utah Lung Assoc.
- Colleen K. Thompson, President, Uintah Elementary PTA
- Robert E. Fowles, Utah Governor, American College of Cardiologists
- Elizabeth Orton, chosen to play flute with Western States Collegiate Band at Edinburg, Scotland Military Tattoo

MEMOIRIES & TESTIMONIALS

Bishop Orton's Thoughts:

While in Hawaii with my family in July, 1985, prior to Kent's departure for the Japan Osaka Mission, and knowing that the bishopric was being reorganized, I received a strong spiritual impression that I was going to be a bishop. Almost immediately thereafter, President W. Eugene Hansen telephoned to inform me that George R. Hill had been called as the new bishop. I pondered the meaning of my impression. On April 19, 1987, I was called to succeed Bishop Hill, immediately realizing that the Lord acts in His own due time, not in ours, and the inspiration had been wisely given to afford me time to prepare.

Two days after being sustained as bishop, my counselors and I knelt in prayer prior to visiting Celia Bodine and, then, Adelia Spilsbury, who was at the LDS Hospital awaiting surgery. I received the strong spiritual impression, during the prayer, that we should go immediately to LDS Hospital, but one of my counselors said, "Let's see Celia on the way to the hospital." Not wanting to offend my counselor, I consented. Upon arriving at the hospital, however, we learned that Sister Spilsbury had just been wheeled into surgery. We would not, therefore, be able to give her a priesthood blessing before the operation. I was guilty of having failed to respond to the promptings of the Spirit. The surgery went well and we learned an important lesson. Never ignore the promptings of the Spirit—act immediately on them. We determined to thereafter do just that.

On November 27, 1987, I was prompted to arise in sacrament service, following the closing hymn and before the benediction, to urge members to come to fast and testimony meeting on December 6, fasting and praying that the heart of an unidentified neighbor would be softened and that he/she would accept the gospel and join the Church. At the sacrament meeting on December 6, there was an intense outpouring of the Spirit, together with sincere expressions of love for neighbors during the bearing of testimonies. Two days later, I received a call from the Utah Salt Lake City mission president who asked if I knew that one of our neighbors would be baptized the following Tuesday. I later learned that during our fast and testimony meeting on December 6, Harvey Nusz walked into a downtown public library, approached a woman who was reading the Book of Mormon and asked what she was reading. The ensuing conversation resulted in the involvement of the full-time missionaries, Brother Nusz's conversion, and his baptism

on December 15. Brother Nusz became an active and contributing member of the ward until his move to Las Vegas several months later. The lesson once again taught: "Follow the Spirit!"

Dale Kilbourn was the kind of neighbor everyone would like to have. Though not a member of the Church, he sent children on missions, supported his wife Pat in her Church activity, and contributed generously, financially and otherwise, to the Church. Joy and I approached Dale at the airport upon the return of Diana from full-time missionary service in the Washington D.C. Mission. I invited him to join Diana as a sacrament meeting speaker the following Sunday. He readily accepted, although with some anxiety. In the meantime, the bishopric had fasted and prayed for him, even at a sacred location downtown. Dale was invited to meet with me two days after the sacrament meeting, at which time he was challenged to take the missionary discussions. He agreed, on condition that Mary Jane's male friend, Jerry Moore, join him. The discussions were presented at the bishop's office, in the presence of Roger Thompson and me. Dale was baptized on July 28, 1988, following which Jerry, on the eve of his marriage to Mary Jane on August 13, became a member of the Church. Both had felt the promptings of the Spirit and became active and faithful members of the ward. All this occurred in the Lord's own due time.

Duane Carr, another good neighbor, although a regular attendee at Church socials, chose not to join the Church, notwithstanding his daughter Deor's regular and intense prayers for him. On September 9, 1988, I received a call from Dr. Robert E. Fowles who reported that Duane had suffered a severe heart attack and was not expected to live. Donna, his wife, and Deor had requested that we give him a priesthood blessing. At the hospital,

we witnessed an emaciated and lifeless Duane, and two faithful women, Donna and Deor. During the blessing, we heard the Lord tell him that he would live to receive the ordinances which would enable him to enjoy the blessings of an eternal family. All present were in awe at that promise. Dr. Fowles informed me, a few days later, that Duane had made a remarkable recovery and was being discharged from the hospital. The bishopric visited the Carr family regularly until they moved from the neighborhood in May, 1989. No ordinances had been performed for Duane. Deor telephoned me after December 26, 1991, reporting that her father had been baptized and what a thrill it was to see him passing the sacrament. He died on October 7, 1993, following which Deor telephoned me with the good news that her father had been endowed and his family sealed for time and all eternity on December 28, 1992. Be faithful and prayerful and never give-up!

I love all those whom and with whom I served during that extraordinarily special fifty-six-month period in my life. I bear solemn witness that Jesus Christ lived, died, was resurrected, restored His Church and the fullness of His gospel through the Prophet Joseph Smith and his successors, that He is indeed the Savior and Redeemer of the world, our Advocate before the Father, and that he loves each of us.

Memories of Walter A. Romney;

One thing that stands out in my humble mind is the emphasis placed on looking out for the elderly; the great Christmas events held at the Orton home during the holidays; the VIP emphasis placed on frequent visits to the homes of the Odekirk's, George Nelson, Margaret Black, Adelia Spilsbury, Pearl Mason and others. I remember the passing of Gladys Lowe and meeting with her just prior

to her death; great get-togethers at the Whiting cabin in Heber; Young Women's meetings at Elder Nelson's home in Midway, etc.

Our Sunday meetings with Steve and the Ward Council, with emphasis on caring for those in need in our neighborhood and the Spirit felt there; temple excursions; great scout outings; calling on various less active's in order to interest them in returning to activity; coming together to decide on various callings in the ward and our prayers for inspiration to call the right people at the right time to various positions; counseling those who had strayed and were seeking advice in their attempts to repent and come back; etc.

The times the three of us worked together were wonderful. We learned a great deal from each other.

Memories of Rick Evans, Scoutmaster:

There were so many unforgettable experiences as a Scoutmaster in the Yale II ward. It was a magical moment in eternity I will never forget. We had about 16 to 18 boys in the troop and each of the scouts also had very supportive, involved dads. Each scout was very competitive and motivated to do outdoor activities together. I was the Scoutmaster for 3 and a half years, and I am convinced that there cannot be a more fun calling when you have sons in the troop. The calling requires you to spend incredible quality time with your son and all of his friends doing adventurous activities in the beautiful great outdoors. Whenever you have the opportunity to serve in any church calling which requires you to spend a lot of time with those in your family instead of requiring you to be away from your family, it is a rare opportunity for which you have much to be grateful.

One of the first plans that came to my mind in May of 1987 was to organize a cycling trip through Yellowstone National Park for August, less than 4 months away. Summer Camp was to be a month before the Yellowstone trip in July of 1987 at Camp Evergreen at East Fork of the Bear BSA Council Camp. I planned with them that they should all obtain their First-Class rank advancement prior to Summer Camp, which they did. Then we made a Troop rule that in order to qualify to go on the Yellowstone cycling trip, they needed to earn at least one eagle required merit badge and two other merit badges while at Summer Camp, and they all met the requirements. It was a great jump start for advancing the scouts again.

The first Summer Camp may have been my favorite. The scouts were young and everything was new. Bishop Orton called Kevin Warren to be my assistant Scoutmaster who was fantastic and fun to be with. He was an indispensable right hand for the entire 3 and a half years. Kevin was a great organizer of food and logistics which took a great burden off of me. The scouts really liked him. (He is a great cook.) I will never forget when he and I took the scouts to swim check on Monday afternoon of the first day of Summer Camp. The water, of course, was freezing. About half of the scouts completed the entire swim. Some jumped off the dock feet first to water over their head (as required in the swim check to qualify to swim), but came back out immediately onto the dock because of how cold the water felt. They looked like a camera in forward and then immediately in reverse.

In spite of the freezing water, 4 of my scouts signed up for the canoeing merit badge. I will never forget watching them spend about two hours Tuesday afternoon treading water in the freezing lake swamping their canoes, swimming the canoes to shore, and other

skills. They came out with shivering and blue lips. They stayed with it all week and got the merit badge. I'm sure it was one of the most difficult they ever earned. Most of the scouts also earned the environmental science merit badge. After 4 separate 2-hour nature observations, they had to write about what they learned. Of course, writing about anything as a 12 or 13-year-old boy at scout camp is about like chewing on a rock. Kevin and I encouraged them to finish it before the week was over. We spent late hours Thursday night under lantern light helping the scouts write their reports. Almost all of them earned it. They really loved playing steal-the-flag at night in the brushy meadows. It was great sport. They had fun and did well at the Friday Camp Competition games. One remarkable event was when Kevin and I had them cooking by patrols, and each of the two patrols served dinner to Kevin and me. We judged them and gave everyone a treat reward. It was a very good camp.

Perhaps my favorite experience of all was the cycling trip to Yellowstone a month later. We spent most of the summer of 1987 getting ready for it. The cycling merit badge called for six 25-mile bike rides followed by a 50-mile bike ride. We did the 25 milers in Salt Lake on various Saturday mornings. The scouts would show up at my driveway with their bike and helmet at 6:00 a.m. It was 12.5 miles from my driveway to the Seven-Eleven store at the base of Big and Little Cottonwood Canyon. Then the boys retraced the same route back and completed the 25 miles per trip. It was great fun and great exercise. Sometimes we rode out 13th East to about 90th South and back, and sometimes we road to City Creek Canyon and back, but they were all fun rides. We felt prepared to cycle 50 miles through Yellowstone.

We arrived in West Yellowstone Wednesday night. We slept in sleeping bags in a grassy

suburban campground. After arising and eating a quick breakfast, we all rode our bikes to the Park Entrance in West Yellowstone and were ready to begin our first day ride of 35 miles to Old Faithful Lodge. The weather was crisp, sun-shiny and beautiful as only Yellowstone can be. I'll never forget our group cycling along the Madison River. I felt a rush and thrill deep inside of exuberance and gratitude at the same time about what a great experience it was. It was very satisfying after all the work and preparation to have the dream coming true as I had imagined it. (And I loved it.) The scenery was breathe-taking. Yellowstone had always been my favorite destination from the time of my early youth when Mom and Dad used to bring us there. We organized into groups of 8 cyclists in line. Chris Draayer trailed our group with his pick-up truck full of our gear. Another vehicle full of gear that trailed the group was the Nelden's truck, driven by Brother Frank Whiting. Kevin brought a set of walkie-talkies: one for him and the other for me to keep our groups somewhat together. We had a contingency plan in case of broken-down bikes (spare bikes in the cargo van trailing the first group of 8 bikers). We stopped at Fire Hole Falls, toured the geyser fields, saw a herd of buffalo as well as Old Faithful erupting. We rode over the continental divide and along the Yellowstone Lake, camped at Bay Bridge campground, went past the Upper Falls and Lower Falls.

For our winter camps, we loved to take our scouts to the Spruces Campground in Big Cottonwood Canyon to sleep in igloo style snow caves. These were the Hilton Hotels of snow caves. We made 4 snow caves and could sleep 4 or 5 scouts in each snow cave.

Memories of Pat Boyden, Young Women's President:

I was called to be the ward Young Women President shortly after the First Presidency announced that there were to be no more elaborate super activities long distances from home. The focus was to be on service and personal development. This was challenging, as the young women were accustomed to enjoying weekly fun activities. Carol Spencer and Melinda Rich were my counselors, with Christy Lindsey as the secretary. We were blessed to serve with outstanding young women who helped with the planning of many successful activities. Several stand out in my mind.

Russian Immigrant Children:

We were made aware of large group of Russians who had recently settled in the Salt Lake Valley. Joining with the Young Men and their leaders, we planned a Christmas party for their children. We acquired a list of the names and ages of the children who would be coming. Each of our young women had a particular name and knew something about that girl. Name tags were prepared for the children to wear around their necks. The night of the event, when the children entered the cultural hall of a ward in the Rose Park area, they were greeted by someone waiting especially for them. Booths with various games and activities were set up around the hall. Each of the ward youth had personally made or bought a gift for their assigned Russian friend. Games were played, and food was served. When we gathered the following week to share experiences, many expressed the joy they had felt in this special and choice activity.

Women's Prison: On a more sobering activity, the girls visited the Women's Prison at the Point of the Mountain. Three carefully selected women spoke with the girls and told them their stories. One was a young woman in her early 20's who had been an excellent student and cheerleader in her high school until she started using drugs. Another woman told how, due to her decisions, she would never be able to have her children live with her. The following week we discussed the importance of the decisions the girls make every day that will have greatly affect the rest of their lives.

Halloween: The girls decided that, instead of going Trick or Treating, which they were really too old to do anyway, they would offer to spend that evening with one of the widows in the ward. The girls would open the doors and hand out the treat when the costumed visitors arrived. The older women were extremely grateful. Special bonds between the girls and women were created. Many of the young women declared that it was their most favorite Halloween ever.

Sports: When we were called to serve with the Young Women, basketball was a big deal in the stake, but good sportsmanship was hard to find. Sadly, the Yale II Ward had one of the worst reputations in the stake. I was anxious that this not continue. We stressed sportsmanship and the value that church sports can be as a missionary tool to other young women. The most exciting moment for all of us, I think, was when a young woman with a severe disability, from another ward, ran down the floor, without dribbling the ball, stopped just after crossing the center line and threw the basketball. It went into the basket!! Every girl on the floor cheered, ran over to her and carried her around the court. I don't think that there were many dry eyes. That was what church ball is all about.

Golfing Experience of Brad Hertz: A Spiritual Hole in 1:

During the summer of 1991, while living in the Yale 2nd Ward, my wife and young kids and I went camping to Wasatch State Park in Midway, Utah. On Saturday I played golf at Wasatch State golf course, joining a 3-some who were friends working on the Jordanelle Dam. These fellows were all in their 20's and were a rowdy bunch. Their cursing and ranting about the church went on for the 1st 5 holes. I endured it and did not say anything. Just before coming to the first par 3 hole on the Lake Course, one of them said something negative about our prophet. This comment penetrated my soul and the spirit demanded a response from me. So I told the guy who made the comment that I was a Mormon and I did not appreciate their comments about my church and my prophet. He responded, "How could you be a Mormon?" I answered that I had a spiritual experience after praying about whether the church was true. This guy stepped up to the tee and said, "Well I will join the Mormon Church if I hit a hole in 1." Now there was a lake between the tee and the green. I was hoping he would hit his ball into the lake, but as he teed off, his ball heading right for the flag and went into the hole. The guy and his friends were shocked!

The spirit was strong and I knew the Lord had sent a sign to these guys. After this, his 2 friends chided their friend that hit the hole in 1 that he would have to join the Mormon Church and find a Mormon girlfriend. A hole or two later, I approached this fellow who hit the hole in 1 and told him that this was for sure a sign and that he better not ignore it. This guy had recently gotten a divorce and was a heavy drinker-his life needed to be changed as it was going nowhere. For the rest of the round not one negative thing was said about our church by any of them. They did a complete turnabout-even their cursing stopped. They invited me after the round to join them for a drink to celebrate the hole in 1. I declined, but we parted as friends. I do not know whatever happened to the guy who hit the hole in 1, but I do know the Lord sent a strong message to him that day. I know if the missionaries ever knocked on his door that he would let them in after having this experience.

Yale Second Ward

**Yale Second Ward
Bishop Robert E. Fowles
1991-1997**



Bishop: Robert E. Fowles – sustained: Dec.1991; released: Nov. 1997
First Counselor: Paul M. Durham
Second Counselor: Mark A. Glissmeyer
Executive Secretary: Ralph Finlayson
Assistant Executive Sec.: Ted Quayle, Douglas Christensen, Kenneth J. Diederich,
Ward Clerk: Lincoln E. Newey, Matthew K. Wallace, Mark R. Lewis
Assistant Clerks: Don Pihl, Kenneth Krull, Kevin D. Warren, Richard J. Byrd,
High Priest Group Leader: Stephen G. Boyden, Walter A. Romney
Seventy Group Leader: John C. Pingree, Frederick R. Homer, Stephen G. Boyden
Elder’s Quorum President: Richard P. Durham
Sunday School President: Milo S. Marsden, Anthony H. Taylor, Steven H. Rich
Relief Society President: Patricia L. Davis, Marilyn N. Brady, Susan S. Romney
Primary President: Rebecca N. Diederich, Carolyn Crandall, Maren J. Durham
Young Men President: Mark C. Moench, Stan L. Nelson, High S. West, Jr.
Young Women President: Barbara A. Simonsen, Joy D. Orton, Kathleen H. Hinckley
Activities Chairman: Joy Orton, Rick and Christina Durham, Julia West, Don and Joyce Pihl

Yale Second Ward

EVENTS

1991

- Christmas joint sacrament meeting with Yale I and Elder Russell M. Nelson speaking
- Christmas VIP luncheon and baskets delivered to shut-ins

1992

- Birth of Jasmine Durham to Rick and Christina Durham; Elder Haight visits the ward for his granddaughter's blessing and also speaks in the ward
- Priesthood Preview at Paul and Maren Durham's home
- Ward Basketball for seniors, Teachers-Priests, Veterans.
- YW New Beginnings
- Ward Birthday Party
- Amazingly heavy snowfall: Bishop calls for ward members to help each other out by shoveling paths, sidewalks, and roofs.
- R.S. Sesquicentennial Church-wide Celebration Fireside; Humble Supper at the ward; donated to Battered Women's Shelter and R.S. combined with the Park Stake Deaf Ward.
- R.S. sponsored "Dress for Success" with the Park Stake Deaf Ward, teaching how to dress for job interviews.

- YM-YW "Work, Play and Eat" Gathering at the ward – spruce up flower beds, play volleyball, and have pizza
- Eagle Court of Honor for Jonathan Lerwill
- Scouts attended Camp Hunt at Bear Lake where Tim Fowles and Jonathan Lerwill earned 50 merit badges combined! New scout Master: Tom Jensen
- R.S. collecting used glasses to add to the General R.S. collection to be refurbished and made available for the needy.
- Special Easter Sacrament meeting with Primary children's choir, ward choir, vocal solo, and Elder Russell Nelson as speaker
- Celia Bodine led ward choir with Gladys Kletting as accompanist
- Ward Conference theme: "Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out, Proverbs 26:20
- Bishop Fowles' Beginning-of-School-Year fireside for the youth
- Priesthood Restoration Fireside at the Fowles' home.
- New daughter arrived at the Craig and Heidi Camp home; they have adopted children sealed to them
- Parents and Daughters BBQ at Orton's home
- Parents and sons party at Bonneville Glen
- Flag-raising Ceremony with jam testing on freshly baked bread

Yale Second Ward

- Eagle Court of Honor for Tim Fowles
- Marc and Kathy Boyden welcome new baby daughter, Amanda
- R.S. Breakfast at S.L. Community College
- YW Wilderness Camp- the Spruces in Big Cottonwood Canyon
- Elder's Quorum Temple Night
- Weddings: Brad Busath to Jonni McConnell; Michael Pihl to Mary Ann McMaster; Jenny Thompson to John Corbett; Chris Timm to Kaye Poulton
- Neighborhood Picnic at Sugarhouse Park
- YM-YW Leadership Retreat- Poelman cabin at Sundance
- Primary Sacrament Meeting program: "I Can Feel and Show Reverence for Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ"
- R.S. Fish on the Grill Night in Uintah Circle (including husbands)
- Ward Christmas Party
- Open House honoring George R. and Melba Hill at Boyden's residence
- Sullivan Hour of Musical Meditation on Christmas Eve at the ward
- Yale I and Yale II Fireside with Patriarch Eldred G. Smith
- East High A' Cappella sang in ward and were invited to a buffet dinner at the Bishop's home.

1993

- Ward Temple Day at Jordan River Temple
- Yale I and Yale II Birthday and Temple Centennial Celebration with temple night
- YM-YW perform baptisms for the dead
- Aaronic Priesthood Fireside at Bishop Fowles
- Neighborhood Mexican Fiesta at Boyden's home with musical entertainment
- Flag-Raising Ceremony with Robert Bennett
- R.S. Homemaking- Dutch Oven Cooking
- Weed and Feed at the ward- gloves and garden tools needed
- Neighborhood Picnic at Sugarhouse Park
- High Priest Social at Tony Taylor's cabin
- Priest Fireside at Moench's
- R.S. Homemaking with Japanese cooking demonstration and supper; Christmas in October (share ideas for Christmas gifting)
- Primary Program- "I Love to See the Temple"
- Bishop Fowles called Marilyn Brady as R.S. President; she stopped breathing; Don said, "You can do this," and she started breathing again!

Yale Second Ward

- Fred and LeNila Homer called as ward missionaries with goal of visiting every house in the ward –and they did it!
- Mew Member Progress Reporting System explained at a stake meeting
- Temple Sealing of Reno and Cristie Lindsay. Their daughter Emily described her experience
- R.S. Visiting Teaching Banquet – “Feed My Sheep, Feed My Lambs”
- Emily Watts sang “Weepin’ Mary”, by David Fletcher which he accompanied in a December sacrament meeting.
- Chris Davis farewell to New Jersey

1994

- Ward Conference Temple Session
- East High and SL Community Education sponsored a “Critical Issues Night” focusing on gang awareness
- East High Seminary Fireside with Gail Halverson speaking
- Scouting for Food for Utah Food Bank
- Cub Pack Meeting focusing on “Cubanapolis”
- Primary Activity- decorating Easter eggs
- Homemaking Night- Sabrina Theodore demonstrating Armenian cooking
- Neighborhood Service Project at the Vincent de Paul Center – help in food preparation

- R.S. Homemaking presentation on gardening from C. Salmon from Western Garden.
- Wolf Den and Bear Den attend Cub Country
- Deacons-Teachers basketball
- YW basketball
- R.S. Gathering: Douglas Smith speaking about his father Joseph Fielding Smith

1995

- YW New Beginnings at home of Steve and Melinda Rich
- Monthly Food Storage Suggestions:
 - Freeze grains, foods for 4 days to get rid of insects
 - Guidelines – milk/water 14 gallons/person
 - Store a variety of foods
 - High grade products – wheat=cereal grade, 11% protein, 10% moisture
 - Store in sturdy metal, plastic, or glass containers
 - Store sugar, honey= 1.5 lbs./person, salt=1.25 lbs./person
 - Borrowing money for food storage is discouraged; Fats, Oils= 5 lbs. /person
 - Storage place should be easily accessible and have a cool temperature

Yale Second Ward

- “Take Pride in Utah” clean-up day
 - Scouting for Food for local food bank
 - YM-YW Sports Saturday at Sunnyside Park
 - A very large Sunday School Presidency is installed- Steve Rich, Frank Garrish, and Tony Rasmussen all tall and over 200 lbs. No funny business with them!
 - R.S. made and donated 18 lap quilts to Hazen Nursing Home where Norma Richardson was being cared for. Also, gathered and donated 400 books to a Woman’s Shelter
 - Young Womanhood Recognition Award evening for :
 - Seminary Graduates:
 - R.S. “Cabin Getaway” to cabin of Lisa Jensen
 - Pioneer Trek
 - YM-YW Fireside at home of Bob and Joy Orton – Virginia Pearce, 1st Counselor in General YW Presidency as speaker
 - Brighton Girls Camp
 - Monthly Merit badge classes
 - Missionaries: Matthew McQueen, Jill McGavin, Steven Rich, Timothy Fowles, Matthew Boyden, Richard W. Evans, Brian Pingree, Rebecca Orton, Burke Rich
 - Primary Quarterly Activity- water party on the church lawn
 - Neighborhood Picnic
 - Primary Sacrament Meeting Program: “We Believe: The Articles of Faith”
 - YW in Excellence: “A Harvest of Values”
 - Ward library gave away old and well-used materials
 - Ward Christmas Party
- 1996**
- Men’s Basketball – a three-week tournament in February
 - YW Consecutive Reading Club – At 60 days of reading scriptures, a certificate of achievement was given
 - Adult Fireside on the Book of Mormon presented by Terry Clemmer, Ryan Warren, Stan Nelson, Margaret Mackey, and Susan Pinegar
 - Extravaganza Ward Birthday Party organized by the High Priests
 - Ward temple day
 - Bishopric suggests that members fast for our neighborhood in order that new members will move into the ward area that we can love and serve.
 - Amy Benefield– missionary
- 1997**
- Roger and Colleen Thompson taught ballroom dancing to YMYW
 - Book of Mormon immersion experience for Youth (John Guynn’s future wife)

Jessica was introduced to the ward)

- Welcoming the Wagon Train – The Reenactment wagons arriving at Pioneer State Park- many dressed in pioneer clothing to greet them.
- The Acoustics, a 15-member singing group from Boston College which included Camille Thompson, sang in our Fast Meeting. At the conclusion of testimony –bearing, one of the members of the singing group stood to express his feelings.
- Marriages: Amanda Timm; Ed and Phaidra Kilbourn; Chris and Suzanne Davis

Excerpts from President Gordon B. Hinckley’s journal:

Sunday, March 9, 1997

At 10:30 we drove to the Yale 2nd Ward building. Here I spoke first to the Primary children. This was only for a few moments. Our granddaughter Ann Hinckley had pleaded with me to do so. We then went up to the chapel, which was filled to capacity, for Spencer Hinckley's missionary farewell. Joseph and Ann spoke, Clark and Kathleen spoke, and I spoke. With five speakers and a musical number presented by Holly, Ada, and Elizabeth, we were out on schedule.

Sunday, May 18, 1997

This morning at 10:45 we went to the Yale 2nd Ward for the farewell of our granddaughter Holly Kathleen Hinckley. It was a delightful farewell. Holly did exceptionally well. Her parents spoke well. I gave a few remarks at the end.

NOTABLES

- Janice Clemmer, the recipient of three advanced degrees in addition to a law degree, is elected to a four-year term on the Salt Lake City School Board.
- Camille Thompson won 5th place in state high school diving championships
- Anton (Tony) Rasmussen held an Art Exhibit at the Bountiful/Davis Art Center; also featured artist at the Great Western Art show
- Pat Davis starred as Dolly Levi in Hello Dolly at the SL Community College
- Boyd Busath sang with the Eleanor Kennard Chorale
- Brad Busath – National Merit Scholarship; National Man of the Year; President of Sigma Gamma Chi
- Colleen Thompson – Brighton Girls Camp Board Member
- Gladys Kletting attended everything always looking spectacular and Geneal, her daughter took photos of everything! Thanks Geneal!
- Margaret Black, who had the lease on the Sizzler, would sponsor dinners there after ward temple nights.

FUNERALS

- Irma Marie Erekson Holt – July/92
- Duane Slocum Carr – Oct./93
- Isaac Warren Odekirk – Jan./94

- Kalma Sue Holt – Dec./94
- Seare A. Morrison April/95
- Marcell Foulger Kelly (mother of Colleen Thompson) 6/95
- Polly Rich Griffin 3/95
- Clif Davis -7/95
- John Rich – 11/95
- Charles McNeil Griffin – 4/96
- Gladys Kletting
- Vita Mitchell
- Josinette Whiting
- Donna Carr

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Fred and LeNila Homer – California Los Angeles Mission
- Kathryn Fowles- 2nd Counselor Stake R.S.; First Counselor Stake Relief Society
- Hugh West –Stake Mission Secretary
- Martha Moench – Stake YW Secretary
- Steve and Pat Boyden- President Mexico City North Mission
- John and Carmen Pingree – Mexico City Mission

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Memories of Melina Rich:

Robbie Rich, the youngest son of Steve and Melinda Rich, was baptized on November 2, 1996. It was exactly one year after John Rich, his grandfather, had died. His confirmation took place in the Yale Second Ward chapel. All the family priesthood members were gathered around Robbie in the front of the chapel. As the blessing began, a voice said to Grant Taylor, brother-in-law to Steve and Melinda, "Look Up!" Grant thought to himself that he was in the front of the congregation and he didn't want to look like he was distracted from the blessing ceremony. So he didn't look up. The voice said again, "Look up!" So Grant decided to respond. He looked up towards the ceiling of the chapel and saw three men standing just above the circle. He knew two of them--Harold I Bowman (Grandmother Effie Dean's father who died in October of 1978), John Rich (Effie Dean's husband and Robbie's grandfather who died in November of 1995), and a third man who Grant did not know. Later in the day at the family gathering, Grant was sitting by himself in contemplation. Melinda asked him if he was well. Grant then asked her if she had a photo of her father, Burke Snow who had died in a plane crash when Melinda was 14 years old. The following day Melinda produced a photo and Grant said, "Yes, that's the one." The third man that was standing above the priesthood circle was Melinda's father. When Grant told the experience to Steve and Melinda, Melinda was so reassured to know that her father was worthy to be part of the threesome who came from heaven to be part of the family's confirmation of Robbie. It is comforting to know that at important family ordinances and special times that our family members from the other side are there with us.

Bishop Fowles' Memories:

Very Important People: Bishop Fowles was sustained on December 1st, 1991, with Christmas and year's end coming on fast. The new Bishopric wanted very much to continue the ward tradition of hosting a V.I.P. luncheon, but being so new, felt the need to get into the homes as soon as possible. They wanted to honor these people and so with the help of Maren Durham, fashioned Christmas gift baskets and took them to each of the V.I.P. homes with personal visits. This was a sweet experience. One of the widows visited that year was Sister Vida Mitchell, living on 13th South, who normally could not turn out to a luncheon anyway. So like many others, she was visited by the bishopric and received a big basket. Continuing the V.I.P. luncheon tradition into each of the succeeding years was a Christmastime treat, with every person over a certain age invited and usually chauffeured to the event. One of these years, Brother Clint Brewer picked up by young Jim Boyden. At that time, the Boyden family was extensively renovating their property, with much of their lot being excavated. On the way to the party, Jim had to drop by his house to pick up something, and drove onto the construction site to gain access to the side door of their home. Brother Brewer gazed out upon the sizeable dirt space and asked what they were planning. Jim cheerfully exclaimed that they were putting in a new 7-11 store in their yard! Clint Brewer thought for quite a while that it might really happen. Delightful stories and memories were shared at V.I.P. luncheons. Sister Effie Dean Rich was heard to thank the Bishopric for putting on a party where she could enjoy her dear friends at a type of affair that she could herself no longer host, as she had so happily done earlier in her life. The Young Women, along with Young Men and Primary children came to serve and to sing. Everyone enjoyed becoming better

acquainted and our ward's more seasoned members realized how much they were appreciated.

Tithing Settlements: Surely one of the most precious experiences a Bishop can have is the privilege of seeing church members come in and account for their tithes and offerings at the end of the year. The children bring their pennies, the widow brings her mite, and it is a humbling thing to see. Hoping to broaden the experience for as many as possible, Bishop Fowles invited everyone to a 'year-end visit with the Bishop', which could include Tithing Settlement. Indeed, less active members did come, and even some nonmembers. One of these was a man whose wife was active, and in a pleasant conversation, the Bishop reassured him that his wife's membership in the Church would always improve their home and bless their marriage. This led to his inviting the missionaries to teach him. Tithing settlement taught the Bishop year after year about the good and generous hearts of the people. They gave of their substance, of their time, of their talents. Long hours in the Bishop's office during tithing settlement weren't as tiring as they were nourishing, in many ways. During one of those Sunday marathons, Martha Moench brought not only tithing, but also a beautiful plate of delicious dinner. Such generosity and thoughtfulness cannot be forgotten. One year, a venerable couple well into their years came to tithing settlement and when asked if their contribution was a full tithe, he said yes.... and she said no. "He gave more than he needed to," she offered, as he responded, "I would rather have the Lord be in my debt than me in His." They asked the poor Bishop to decide the matter. Reaching fervently in brief, silent prayer for help, he responded that he need not go over their finances with them, but asked them instead to return in a week, having counseled together with the Lord about what was right. They came back the

next Sunday, their smiles evidence of having reached a happy “tithing settlement.”

Christmas Eve musical devotionals: Bill and Norma Sullivan and their family lovingly organized and presented a yearly Christmas Eve musical devotional program. This was a wonderful tradition – an opportunity for people to come late on Christmas Eve to hear lovely Christmas music, for neighbors to enjoy a half hour of peace in the midst of a hectic evening. Beginning at 10 pm, Norma would play an organ piece after which a pre-arranged series of musical numbers – with occasion speaking parts—would follow. The lights in the chapel were dimmed and everyone was quiet. Over the years various Ward members were invited to participate by singing or playing a musical instrument. Everyone came quietly entered the chapel in awed reverence to remember through music the meaning of Christmas. Bishop Fowles’ daughter Keri played her cello as a high school senior. The year that Norma was the Ward Choir Director, the choir sang several numbers. Bill Sullivan played his majestic trumpet rendition of “The Holy City” – beautiful & stirring. Bill had been a trumpet player in a Big Band and also in the Utah Symphony. His clear notes rang through the Christmas Eve air-- even though the song was actually an Easter hymn. The chapel was always full and completely reverent during the entire half hour. Afterwards, neighbors could with each other Merry Christmas in the foyer before returning to the evening’s demanding activities. It was a sad day when Norma no longer felt she could take on the task of being responsible for the Yale Christmas Eve Devotional.

Christmas Sacrament Meetings: Christmas was a great chance for the Yale 1 and Yale 2 Wards to come together for a joint Sacrament meeting. The chapel was filled with both wards sitting together, and with the Christmas

spirit. There was plenty of beautiful music by a joint ward choir. Michael Bennett’s sonorous professional voice reading scriptures was a highlight. Elder Russell M. Nelson graciously accepted invitations to speak. He seemed so comfortably part of us as a longtime ward member, but now belonged to the whole Church as an Apostle. He prepared thoroughly for these Christmas addresses and sometimes said that he used the opportunity to “practice” on us the talks he would later give church wide. He once lamented that in some countries, Jesus Christ’s birth was represented on postage stamps, whereas in the U.S., a stamp instead featured Elvis. He favored us with detailed and vivid depictions of the scenes of the Savior’s birth in Bethlehem and of the meaning of the Christmas scriptures from Old and New Testaments and Book of Mormon. He bore strong testimony of the living Christ and of the true meaning of His birth.

The Yale 2nd Ward Book of Mormon Immersion Experience: Youth leaders and Bishopric wanted our young people to gain testimonies of the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon, but how? We could ask them to read it and come to a testimony meeting, or to read it all in one month and then report, or to come together for a weekend read-a-thon, etc. But we wanted parents to be deeply involved, too. We read from Mosiah 18:14 that when Alma baptized Helam, both were immersed in the water. We saw that we could bring parents and their children together for a memorable, intensive and inspiring immersion experience. We divided the whole Book of Mormon up into sections and invited parents and leaders to present each section in whatever manner they could to make it memorable, moving, and edifying. Elder Russell and Sister Dantzel Nelson kicked off the event with their loving testimonies. Many presenters came in costume to bring the scriptures to life. Mike Stack dressed as a

beggar to portray King Benjamin's injunction to impart of our substance to the poor without judging: "Behold, are we not all beggars?" Steve Rich portrayed the confrontation with Kori or vividly and unforgettably. Leader after leader, parent after parent, came for ten minute presentations to bring the book alive. We did this through Friday and Saturday, concluding with a stirring testimony meeting. The whole Yale 2nd Ward was excited and enthusiastic about participating. In fact, John Guynn invited a date to come and be part of it; she was impressed enough to later become his wife and valuable ward member-- Jessica Guynn! The Book of Mormon Immersion Experience truly was a great bonus experience for everyone.

The reactivation of Tony Rasmussen:

Anton, or Tony Rasmussen, is a gifted and celebrated artist. He is famous for beautiful, intricate paintings of the Southern Utah landscape. Some of his work hangs in the Salt Lake International Airport. Like the land itself, the paintings are vast, and like their artist, large enough to faithfully depict the grandeur of these colorful vistas. Tony was a church member, but not enjoying full activity. He was invited to play on the basketball team with Mark Glissmeyer, Randall Mackey, Ralph Finlayson, Robert Fowles, Roger Thompson, and others. He also filled the vital role of constructing and painting the huge canvas backdrop scenery for Uintah School musical productions. A big, strong, resourceful man with an amazing background, one of his past careers was as an oil rigger, which came in handy. One of his large paintings graced the back hallway of the Ward Meeting House. Tony, a friendly soul, had not been interested in coming to church. The Bishopric saw a way to get him there: they went over and called him into the Sunday School Presidency... and he modestly

accepted. The Bishop said, "Great, and we would also love for you to speak in Sacrament Meeting this coming Sunday!" And he did. This, and the loving acceptance of ward members and working with leaders and home teachers, let to Tony, his wife and daughter going to the Temple to be sealed together as an eternal family.

"Can a priest with an ear-ring bless the Sacrament?":

One of the hijinks of senior boys during Senior Week at East High school was to get their ears pierced with one earring. Usually they took it out after the week was over and their ears grew back – no harm done. Several of them came to Priesthood meeting sporting those earrings – including the Bishop's son, Tim. During their priest quorum meeting, they asked the new Bishop if they could bless the Sacrament with their earrings in. Remember, this was 1993, before any boys regularly wore earrings. The Bishop paused for a moment. Then he asked them to indicate what qualifies them for worthiness to officiate at the Sacrament table. A brief discussion followed and he reminded them that what they needed was simple: clean hands and a pure heart. He let that silently settle in for a while. Then he said, "When you bless the Sacrament, you are providing a service for the members of the Ward. The Sacrament is the time for them to renew their covenants and ponder about the Savior. Would you want anything to detract from that purpose? How do you think Sister Adelia Spilsbury – who is in her late nineties and still walking to Church every week – would feel receiving the Sacrament from a priest with an earring?" Nothing more was said, but by the time the Sacrament meeting began, all the priests had removed their earrings.

The Family: A Proclamation to the World:

Latter-day Saints all know the Proclamation on the Family and most have a copy framed on their wall. It was read by President Gordon B. Hinckley on September 23, 1995 at the General Relief Society Meeting in the Tabernacle on Temple Square. The Proclamation is a document famous throughout the world, but there is some history of it in the Yale 2nd Ward. Not very long thereafter, there was to be a Youth Fireside at Bishop Fowles' home. He asked Elder Nelson if he might like to speak to the young men and women of the ward. Elder Nelson not only graciously accepted, but asked the Bishop what he would like him to speak about. "Anything you would like" was the reply. That evening, the youth came early and took their seats in the Fowles living room about 30 minutes before the announced start, because we wanted them to be well prepared and ready, but also because we knew Elder Nelson would customarily arrive early. We began simply by singing hymns. The evening was pleasant, and warm enough to keep the windows and French doors to the living room open, so as Elder Nelson walked up the street to the fireside, he heard the singing, which brought the Spirit. He walked in, was greeted, prayer was offered and he commenced. He proceeded to unfold the process by which the First Presidency and the Council of the Twelve Apostles wrote this solemn and seminal document. He said that every word in the proclamation was carefully considered, that it was drafted over a considerable, appropriate period, a sentence or even a word at a time being written down, and then put into a drawer, to which they would return and go further after pondering and praying upon it. He explained that they knew how crucial each part would be and that they devoted every effort they possibly could to its creation. The Proclamation was brought to life as he clarified why they chose every

word, sentence or phrase. He concluded by going around the room, focusing on each individual young man or young woman one by one, inquiring about their family and lineage, thus illustrating the importance of the Family to the Lord in His Plan of Happiness. Needless to say, he had the rapt attention of us all at that unforgettable fireside.

A Missionary Preparation Night at Mutual:

We have always loved sending missionaries from the Yale Ward. In order to help prepare our youth for missions, we of course teach, testify, provide service opportunities, convene youth firesides and conferences, and go to the Temple. Turning to the everyday chores of a missionary, we planned a Mutual evening to help prepare youth for a whole list of needed skills. Everybody gathered in opening exercises and then divided up into small groups to visit various instruction stations, each demonstrating a missionary task. At one station in the cultural hall, ironing boards were set up to show how to press a shirt. In the kitchen, mac and cheese was cooked and tasted. Out in the parking lot, the changing of a tire was featured. Guys taught girls and girls taught guys. In a corner of the foyer, we provided polish, brushes and buffing cloths and set up "The Howard W. Hunter Shoe Shining Station." As the youth practiced this skill, they learned that as a young missionary, President Hunter would arise fifteen minutes earlier in the morning to clean and shine his companion's shoes. Isn't it wonderful when the performance of a seemingly menial chore can exemplify the humble, loving service of a great disciple of Christ?

The East High A'Capella:

Most wards in our area have for many years enjoyed having the East High A'Capella Choir sing in Sacrament Meeting and provide speakers. This is a longstanding tradition, in which the entire choir would come to the wards, led and conducted by the Director, a faculty member. In the 1990's, this was still going strong, but starting in 1993, school and Board of Education policy began to alter the practice. The whole choir would not be required to come, the faculty Director could no longer conduct. Despite this change, the A'Capella Sacrament Meeting continued to be a highlight in the Yale Ward, because we had so many students involved. At Christmas of 1992, Bishop Fowles arranged for the choir to come to Sacrament Meeting, and in addition, invited them to the Fowles home for a buffet supper afterwards – the whole choir! Mrs. Ann Applegate was the Director at the time, and of course came happily along with the choir. Food was graciously provided by parents of the Yale choir members. It became a ward practice to host dinner and the Bradys, the Mackeys, the Evans and the Romneys did so as well. At one of the dinners at the Fowles home, the kids took up all the floors of the house, and in addition, had a great time scaling an attic ladder and whooshing down the indoor slippery slide, even the girls in their classy choir dresses.

A Youth Conference transportation emergency and the Consecrated Vehicle:

Ward Youth Conferences were always popular and well attended, and usually well planned. One year as we gathered at the ward, all showed up and were excited to get underway, to go up to the Boyden cabin. As we started to pull out, we were a car short, and needed last minute help. Bishop Fowles went over the ward directory in his mind

trying to come up with one more SUV. Then he quickly ran over to the Evans home. Fortunately, Carolyn was there. He asked if we could use their red and grey Suburban for the conference, and she happily obliged. What a miracle at the last minute! The conference was a success, everybody got there, and all the cars returned just fine. Sunday, the Bishop made a point of seeking out Rick Evans to thank him for the kindness. Rick said, “Oh, Bishop, you don't really need to even thank me—that's a consecrated vehicle!”

A Priests' Quorum Rescue:

The Bishop tries to do all he can to help the Priests' Quorum. After all, he is the President of that quorum. This was a remarkable group of young men, full of promise and full of strength. Just how much they could do was not really apparent, yet. One day, the Bishop became aware of one of the young men's struggles, the boy fighting several demons, threatened with self-doubts, confusion, and failing faith. At this critical point in his life, what could be done? What could the Bishop do? Bishop Fowles called three Young Men into his office. They were each devoted Aaronic Priesthood holders, and seemed well on their way to serving full time Priesthood holders, and seemed well on their way to serving full time missions. They were strong and willing young men, and just what was needed. They were also Eagle Scouts, and knew outdoor skills. The Bishop began by posing a winter hazard problem. He asked, “Suppose you are out on a frozen lake thickly layered with ice. What would you do if one of you were to fall through the ice and into the chilled water, struggling and flailing about?” As a group, they promptly responded that it would be unwise to jump in, because then more people would be in trouble, nor should anyone venture too close to the hazard.

Rather, the best course would be to throw a lifeline to him, whether it be a rope or pieces of clothing tied together. Then, he could be pulled to safety. Finally, he would have to be warmed and given nourishment, clothed and brought home. “You guys certainly know the correct procedure for ice water rescue, to save the life of a friend,” answered the Bishop, as he continued, “Well, one of your friends is falling through the ice and desperately needs the help that I feel can best be provided by only you.” He then identified the young man in question, and commissioned the three boys to pledge in confidence to go after him and help him. Prayer was offered as they all knelt to ask for guidance. One of the boys that night invited the young man to his home for dinner and a family gathering. Another called him to go hiking together. The third asked him to “hang out” with him and other friends. This all continued for the rest of the year, and they enjoyed each other’s company and bonded better. And what became of the young man in peril? He ended up preparing for and serving a full-time mission himself—as did each of the other three.

Jessica Guynn’s memories of being introduced to the ward:

Returning from a mission, Jessica came with John Guynn, her fiancé’ and longtime bachelor in the ward to listen to him give his part from the Book of Mormon at the youth immersion. She walked into the gym where everyone treated her like a superstar (for helping John marry). People greeted her, hugged her, called her “the missionary” (John had been talking about her), and helped her find a place to sit. She felt very loved.

Yale Second Ward

**Yale Second Ward
Bishop Paul S. Evans
1997-2002**



Bishop: Paul S. Evans, sustained November 1997; released April 2002
First Counselor: Adrian H. Pulfer
Second Counselor: Mark C. Moench
Executive Secretary: Terry P. Clemmer
Assistant Executive Secretary:
Ward Clerk: Mark R. Lewis, Kenneth C. Krull, John M. Guynn
High Priest Group Leader: Roger H. Thompson
Ward Mission Leader: Steven H. Rich
Elders Quorum President: C.E. Reno Lindsey
Sunday School President: Stanton L. Nelson
Relief Society President: Susan S. Romney/ Ann Glissmeyer
Primary President: Maren J. Durham/Kelly Jayne Brady
Young Men President: Hugh S. West
Young Women President: Kathleen H. Hinckley/Rebecca Krull
Single Adults: Gary and Helen Smith
Activities Committee: Don and Joyce Pihl

Yale Second Ward

EVENTS

1997

- Sesquicentennial Celebration of Pioneer Wagon Train.
- Primary Program: Choose the Right.

1998

- Marriage of Camille Thompson and Nathan L. Johnson.
- Farewell of L. Connor Thompson to Kobe Japan.
- Letter sent to certain ward members from siblings of Brian Pingree regarding rules for visits.

1999

- Yale Ward 75th Birthday Celebration (Feb. 17, 1924).
- YM-YW Trek – July 15.

2000

- Ward Talent Night program.

2001

- Marriage: Joseph Romney Evans – Oct. 25, 2001 to Christine J. Sine.
- Sept 11, 2001 “9-11.”
- YM-YW Outing to the Manti

FUNERALS

- Orpha Boyden
- Elmer Aagaard
- Adelia Spilsbury
- Isaac McQueen
- Joyce Pihl
- Joseph Quayle
- Pearl Mason
- Melba Parker Hill
- Celia Bodine

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- John and Carmen Pingree were Mission Presidents in Mexico.
- Clark Hinckley serving as Bonneville Stake President.
- Roger Thompson – High Counselor in the Salt Lake University Second Stake; High Counselor in Bonneville Stake.
- Colleen K. Thompson – Second Counselor in Stake Relief Society.
- Steve and Pat Boyden – President of Madrid, Spain MTC.

NOTABLES

- Roger Thompson wins Salt Lake City Council District Five Seat in 1997 and serves through 2001.

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Memories of Kathleen Hinckley:

In 1997 I was the Young Women's president in the Yale II Ward. In November of that year I was in a serious automobile accident and could not continue serving in that capacity. When Rebecca Krull, who was called to replace me, came to get the materials and some advice, I had the distinct impression that I should not be her teacher. I had the overwhelming feeling the Holy Ghost would be her teacher. She was nervous and worried about taking over this calling, but I felt so strongly that she would learn by the power of the Holy Spirit more than anything I could ever teach her. She would not need to do or know what I had done, but follow the direction of the Holy Spirit and do what the Lord wanted her to do as the new president of the Young Women's organization in our Ward.

Bishop Evans' Memories:

This was honestly one of the most gratifying, endearing times of our lives. The Bishopric developed a bond and closeness that will always exist as we served together. We tried to do as much visiting of ward members as possible, and through doing that came to love and feel close to all the members we served.

I have always loved ministering to and with the older people. Reviewing the funeral programs, I recall many tender memories. I look up to all of these people for their wisdom, kindness, and love. Getting to know them was a great blessing in my life.

The Young Adults- In my lifetime, I have never experienced such a large, cohesive, powerful group of young adults as we had in the ward during the years I served. They

were, individually and collectively, an amazing group. They were and still are best friends, and they all opted to stay in the ward as a group rather than do the usual student ward thing. It was not unusual to have 20 plus kids in this age group there on any given Sunday. Many of the families had more than one young adult in the ward during our time. For being such a small ward, this large group of young adults naturally led to a continuous flow of marriages from their ranks, many of whom I had the honor of being a part of.

We had a small but strong group of Young men and women. I remember several outstanding events involving them. A ward talent night brought widespread participation from old and young. The Bishopric performed "Men in Black" and Brian Pingree was recruited to be the MC. He did a great job, continually interjecting his "what would a video do" jokes.

The families- All wards experience change, but during our time there were had such strong, stable, "been there forever" families that created the backbone of the ward.

Bishop's Memory of Brian Pingree and family: During this time, John and Carmen Pingree were called to serve as Mission Presidents in Mexico. Their autistic son Brian, in his early twenties, was left home to be watched over by immediate family and some ward family. During that rather difficult time for Brian, it was amazing to see the ward rally around Brian and take him under their wing. The young adults were always inclusive. The Rich Family (Steve, Melinda and their children) practically adopted Brian and spent countless hours with him, guiding him through the rough spots (and there were many). Brian became the superglue of the ward during their mission.

With the Clark Hinckley family living in the ward, it was not uncommon for President Hinckley to visit the ward for ordinations, farewells, homecomings, etc. I recall one visit in particular when he decided to visit the Primary, where he surprised the Primary President Peggy Stack and shook hands with each child. Hopefully the children remember this, and I'm sure the adults that were there always will.

The Roger and Colleen Thompson Family Missionary Experience:

Camille Thompson attended Boston College where she met Nate Johnson in a small singing group. Over the course of 4 years, she gave him a Book of Mormon, taught him to pray, explained many principles to him, and asked him to attend an institute class being held at the college. The teacher of the class had a big influence on Nate. The Thompson family, in addition, prayed for him, put his name on the temple rolls, sent him literature, and even was allowed to give him a blessing where the Spirit said for him to stay clean so he could receive a witness for himself. In 1997, he attended a baptism at the Cambridge Ward where he was given a personal witness that the person baptizing had the authority. He was baptized in January 1998. The Thompsons were so grateful to see the Lord working in Nate's life because he became their son-in-law and within a short time influenced his parents and 2 siblings to join the church as well.

Ann Glissmeyer, Relief Society President - April 11, 1999 – August 25, 2002:

I had the wonderful privilege to work with 5 extraordinary women in the Relief Society Presidency during our season of service.

I loved the close association with each of them and learning from each of them.

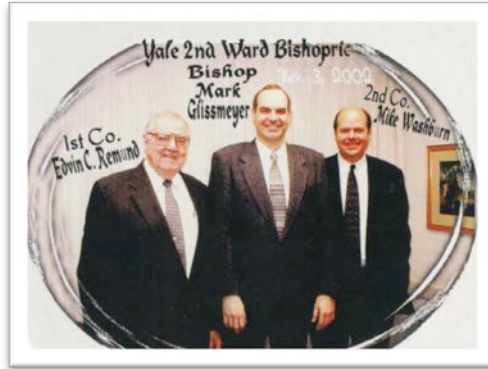
I remember this time in life being a great learning experience for me personally as we strived to carry on the great work of the Relief Society and I had many people to help me along the way. A supportive husband, family, bishopric, stake leaders, and ward sisters were kind and helpful. It was also an exciting time in life with the coming of a new century with the year 2000, the world coming to Salt Lake for the 2002 Winter Olympics, and a frightening time with the 9/11 terrorist attacks on America.

The Relief Society held monthly "Home, Family and Personal Enrichment" meetings. These were perhaps one of our greatest challenges and accomplishments. These monthly meetings helped our sisters feel the love and connection one with another. We also carried on the ward tradition of holding a wedding shower for the prospective bride or groom who was a member of the ward. These activities and programs helped us grow, serve, and learn together. My testimony of visiting teaching was strengthened as I came to realize that the Bishop and the Relief Society president relied a great deal on the faithful, monthly service to those whom one was assigned to visit and relay the messages back to the leader if additional support was needed.

I also came to rely on the promptings of the Holy Ghost to help me in this assignment. As I would express particular concern about a matter or an individual to my heavenly Father, I would generally receive a thought or direction for action that I needed to take.

Yale Second Ward

**Yale Second Ward
Bishop Mark A. Glissmeyer
2002-2008**



Bishop: Mark A. Glissmeyer, sustained April 2002, released 2008
First Counselor: Edvin C. Remund; Mike L. Washburn
Second Counselor: Mike L. Washburn; C.E. “Reno” Lindsey
Executive Secretary: Terry P. Clemmer; Robert Wright; Steven Fogg; Les Shinkle
Ass’t. Exec. Secretary: Kevin Warren
Ward Clerk and assistant(s): Bradley R. Jacobsen, C.E. “Reno” Lindsey, Steve Fogg, Lloyd Tilt, John Guynn, Kevin Warren
High Priest Group Leader: Steven H. Rich, Michael Pulsipher, Hal Farr, Adrian H. Pulfer, Ralph L. Finlayson
Ward Mission Leader: John C. Pingree, Robert Fowles, Bronson Sulser
Elder’s Quorum President: Michael Stack, Marc Boyden
Ward Mission Leader: John C. Pingree, Robert E. Fowles
Relief Society President: Carmen Pingree, Kathryn Fowles, Cheri Reynolds,
Primary: Peggy Stack, Kelly Brady, Laura Miller
YW President: Debra P. Washburn, Alison Wright, Leanne Freedman
YM President: Michael Pulsipher, Brad Helsten
Activities Committee: Gary and Helen Smith, Paul and Jewel Lefevor, Mike and Peggy Stack, Michael Pulsipher

EVENTS

- Temple Attendance. Every member to hold a temple recommend. A special effort was placed on the YM and YW and YSAs to qualify to hold and use temple recommends. [“Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip.” -Will Rogers]
- Occasional ward temple nights were held with the adults often meeting at a restaurant or at a home after for a meal or dessert and socializing.
- When set apart as the bishop, President Clark Hinckley indicated to Bishop Glissmeyer that there was to be special attention to the youth and to the elderly. To help fulfill this assignment, a birthday and sometimes a second interview during the year was held with the youth with an emphasis teaching from the Strength of Youth pamphlet, and a focus on YM/YW activities and service and temple attendance.
- For the more mature members of the ward, an annual VIP Christmas Brunch was held the first Saturday of December each year at the Washburn home where a delicious meal, entertainment and visiting were enjoyed.
- In-home visits for tithing settlement also resulted in enjoyable conversation and fellowship.
- Talent Shows- for whole ward
- YM-YW Etiquette Dinners
- Scout camps every year 2003-2008

2002

- YM-YW Corn Maze

2003

- YM Camp at Teton High Adventure
- Spencer Glissmeyer marries Diana Rogers-Aug. 9th
- Ruth Ann Stefanussen marries Jeff Stowel
- Alexis Pinegar marries Zane Shaeffer-Sept. 5th
- Heidi Wolters marries J. Andrew Rizley-Aug. 22nd
- Abigail Pinegar’s baptism

2004

- Holly Hinckley marries Robert C. Leesan of Ohio in the Salt Lake Temple
- Tausha Tucker marries Joshua Higginson –8/ 6- in Bountiful Temple
- Tina Oliver marries Jay Thorley – June 16th
- Scout Annual “Scouting for Food” drive
- YM Teachers/Priests basketball team enjoyed an outstanding season, but lost in the regional playoff game by one point! Members were Z. Miller, G. Glissmeyer, C. Pinegar, C. Warren, and B. Washburn.
- YM/YW performed at the Woodland Park Care Center in a Variety Show service project.

Yale Second Ward

- Seminary graduates: E. Hinckley, K. Pulsipher, G. Glissmeyer, Z. Miller, J. and S. Evans, C. Olsen and R. Stefannussen
 - Emily Lindsay marries Brandon Alan Jones in the Salt Lake Temple
 - Cameron Pinegar completed his Eagle Scout service project (a natural gas meter single-purpose wrench for emergency preparedness kits.)
 - YMYW Multi-Stake Winter Dance
 - YW of Achievement recipients included Rachael Stefannussen, Katherine Pulsipher, Natalie Durham, Elizabeth Hinckley
 - YW camped with the stake near the Smith-Morehouse area
 - Kelly Thompson marries Todd Eggertsen – 9/4- in the Salt Lake Temple.
 - Jewel Spilsbury North marries Dr. Paul H. Lefevor 9/11
 - YW organized the annual Christmas Missionary Box activity.
 - YW took part in the annual volleyball competition
 - YW participated in the Interfaith Dinner at the First Baptist Church
 - Combined wards Christmas Sacrament meeting with Elder Russell M. Nelson of the Twelve Apostles speaking
 - Primary Sacrament program, “Families can be together Forever” was performed by 17 children.
 - A new Family History class was inaugurated at a sacrament meeting program to be led by Rich Evans and Fred and LeNila Homer.
 - Move-Ins: Rick and Lisa Evans, Phillip and Kim Judd, Daniel D. and Lindsey Nelson
 - Move-Outs: John C. and Allison Kimball
 - Veterans from Yale II: Clint Brewer, Lorin Folland, Dil Strasser, Elder Russell M. Nelson, Jr, Fred R. Homer, Don W. Pihl, Paul N Lefevor, Milo s. Marsden, Sr. Walter A Romney, Stephen G. Boyden, Stanford B. Layton, Dr. Terry P. Clemmer, Burton K. Brasher.
- 2005**
- YM/YW Camp near Jackson Hole, rafted Snake
- 2006**
- Joseph Hinckley marries Jennifer Koelliker – June 30
 - Eagle Scouts: Jonathan Michael Pulsipher and Erik David Nilsson
 - YW Achievement – Becky Claire Cannon
 - YW Basketball Clinic and regional competition
 - YM-YW combined to meet at Durham home to plan the year’s activities
 - Missionary Farewell – Paul H. and Jewel S. Lefevor

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- Ward Conference – theme: D&C 128:9 and family history
- Primary compiled Memory Book for Kelly Jean Brady, Stake Primary President (former ward Primary President)
- YM-YW Laser Tag at Laserquest
- Ward fast for Sebastian Osmon of Yale First Ward (hit by car)
- Relief Society makes fleece blankets, hygiene kits, and collects hats and gloves for Homeless Shelter.
- Relief Society visits Deseret Soap company to fill liquid soap containers
- Special Family History class held for 2 months for YM, YW parents and interested members to prepare to take a family name to Manti Temple in June.
- YMYW Etiquette Dinner and Mystery Dinner Theater (Patty O. Furniture) written by Jonathan Pulsipher, James Stack, Robbie Rich, Bryce Glissmeyer.
- Steve and Melinda rich host Welcome Neighbor Get-Together for all new move-ins.
- Annual Boy Scout “Scouting for Food” effort for Utah Food Bank (800 sacks donated)
- R.S. Birthday Party featured Emily Bennett Watts speaking on her book, “Confession of an Unbalanced Woman.”
- YW New Beginnings concentrated on getting spiritual help to make good choices.
- YM attended East High’s theater performance of a play written by Jonathan Pulsipher
- Marriage of Elder Russell M. Nelson and Wendy Watson
- YW in Excellence Award given to Becky Cannon, Lauren Evans, Suzanne Stack, Annie Durham
- YMYW attended the Salt Lake Temple to do Baptism for the Dead.
- Primary Activities: FHE Fun Day (show children what they can do for their own FHE’s); had day trip to “This is the Place” Heritage Park
- R.S. attended West Valley Cultural Arts Center to see works of Arnold Friberg
- Troop 789 and YW began service project of posting American flag on lawns for 8 major holidays
- R.S. Cooking Group
- YMYW attended Mormon Miracle Pageant and did baptisms for dead
- YSA Fireside at stake center- Clark Hinckley speaking on “A Son Talks about his Father, the Prophet.”
- Eagle Scout project of Jonathan Pulsipher –blankets for Primary Children’s Hospital
- Marriage of Matthew Miller to Jennifer Lynn Davis in the Salt Lake Temple
- R.S. Virtues Workshop at the home of Prilla Tilt – “Five Strategies for a Better You.”

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- “Disaster Preparedness” lecture for priesthood and R.S.
 - Marriage of Clark H. Cannon to Megan Ingram
 - YSA enjoyed a summer barbeque at Boyden’s
 - R.S. and Boyden family sorted, boxed items for the Utah Food Bank
 - Neighborhood breakfast chaired by Mike and Peggy Stack at Harvard Triangle Park
 - R.S. 8-week scripture course held at Kathryn Fowles' home
 - Summer Social took place in the Fall at Fowles-Stack cabin at Brighton Loop
 - YMYW carpooled to Joseph Smith Memorial Bldg. to see the film Joseph Smith.
 - M. Jabe Washburn marries Marie Lyons
 - Primary Sacrament Meeting program: “I Will Trust in Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. (Each month’s sub-theme was presented.)
 - Annual missionary boxes and 72 hour kits organized by R.S.
 - YW Recognition Award: Rebecca Claire Cannon
 - VIP Luncheon at Washburn’s
 - Annual Christmas Party: A Night in Bethlehem.
 - Art work reception for works of late Lorin G. Folland, sponsored by Mark and Martha Moench
 - R.S. Holiday Social: Christmas Tasting (held in homes of the Durhams, Reynolds, and Schaub’s)
 - YMYW Sub for Santa
- 2007**
- Ward Conference: 2nd Peter 1:16
 - Pioneer Trek
 - YSA Outing to East Canyon for cook-out and water skiing
 - Elizabeth (Lizzy) Hinckley marries James T. Davis – April
 - Tyler Evans marries Amanda Bateman – May 4
 - Jonathan Allen Lerwell marries Maki Kawabata (Rosemary Schaub’s son)
 - Rebecca Olpin to Daniel Mehr
 - Primary Sacrament Meeting Presentation: “I’ll Follow Him in Faith”
 - New Relief Society Presidency called: Cheri Smith Reynolds, Peggy Fletcher Stack, Gwen R. Cannon
 - YM-YW Stake Pioneer Trek- 15 Yale 2nd Youth, 9 YSA’s, 6 adults.
 - Katherine (Katie) Pulsipher - called for Musical Performing Mission for the Nauvoo Pageant

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2008

- Yale 1 and Yale 2 Spruces Campout
- Stephen P. Durham marries Micah Rampton – March 14
- Katy Pulsipher marries Jefferson R. Brown – June 20
- Mark Rt. Nelson marries Emilie Dunn – Aug. 9
- Michael Taylor marries Jessica Brownlee
- Christina Schaub marries Geoffrey Greatoreaux
- Don Pihl marries Joyce Quayle
- Reynolds Cabin at Park City
- Fowles Cabin at Brighton-

FUNERALS

- Margaret Black
- Celia Bodine
- Del Ward
- Norma Strasser 8/04
- Lorin Folland – 12/04
- Dantzel Nelson
- Norma Jewel Sharp Ruhl
- Clint Brewer 11/1
- Gene Sellick

- Susan Schofield
- Betty Greenhalgh
- Nan Momberger
- Pat Nabrotzky

NOTABLES

- Burton Brasher, US Army, Attorney (Included service in San Antonio Texas, and in the Middle East and in Eastern Europe)
- Becky Cannon part of East High volleyball and basketball teams suffers injury
- Lauren Evans had watercolor painting accepted at the 20th International Art Exhibit at Visual Arts Center of New Jersey
- Amanda Boyden and Karen Stack – participants in the Clayton Intermediate Spring Musical,
- “Fiddler on the Roof”
- Jonathan M. Pulsipher – Sterling Scholar, Speech and Drama
- James A Stack – Sterling Scholar, Mathematics
- Jonathan Pulsipher portrays Prince Charming in East High’s “Into the Woods”
- East High A’Cappella Choir members: Amy Jo Miller, Brien E. Washburn
- Wayne and Gwen Cannon run in Boston Marathon; later in SLC 3rd Annual

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Marathon (Gwen place first in her age group)

- Lehua N.O. Kali spent 1 week in Washington D.C. for study and tour
- Katie Pulsipher lead youth in Orem Hale Theater Production
- Robbie Rich elected President of East High School
- Mike Washburn highlighted in Deseret News "Favorites"
- Peggy Stack, "Salt Lake Tribune." reporter won Don Baker Investigative Reporting Award in Division A newspapers for "The Shrinking Majority" (Mormons of Utah).
- Maile K.N. Kal named to Judge Memorial women's lacrosse team
- U. of Utah graduates: Melinda Snow Rick, Emily Lindsay Jones, Spencer Glissmeyer, Clark H Cannon
- Westminster Graduate: Corey Steven Kirkwood
- Due to bad back, hips, knees, Dil Strasser's family bought him a flashy purple colored scooter to zoom around neighborhood.
- Clark Cannon inducted into Beehive Honor Society; will also undertake an internship for Senator Hatch in Washington D.C.
- Ronald Remund –volunteers as equipment management for East High Football team.
- Jonathan Freedman and brother Charles featured in "Salt Lake Tribune" article,

"Utah Down-East Sold Surplus Before It was Stylish."

- East High Fall Musical featured Annie Pulsipher, Erik D. Nilsson.
- Keawe and Lehua Kali served as stage techs and props for Judge Memorial Musical.
- Peggy Stack authors a book: A World of Faith

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Veterans Hospital Volunteers: Walt & Susan Romney –Branch President; Milo & Jackie Marsden; Sid & Carol Spencer; Gene and Kathy Warner; Bob and Nena Schofield; Gary & Helen Smith
- Ed and Margene Remund - Branch President, VA Hospital; Bishop SL Liberty Stake Eight Ward
- Derek Miller – Family History
- Don & Joyce Pihl – temple workers
- Ralph Finlayson; – stake High Council; temple worker
- Wayne Cannon – Stake High Council
- Kathleen Hinckley – temple worker
- Paul and Jewell LeFevor – temple workers
- Clark Hinckley –Salt Lake Bonneville Stake President; veil worker

- Richard Evans –S.L Bonneville Stake President’s Counselor; veil workers
- Fred and LeNila Homer – veil workers
- Steve and Pat Boyden- temple workers
- Jackie Marsden – church office building host
- Susan Romney – church office building host
- Kelly Jayne Brady = Stake Primary President
- Kevin Pinegar – Stake YM President
- Roger and Colleen Thompson – Executive Secretary to West Africa Area Presidency

CONVERT BAPTISMS

- Jessica Brownlee
- Daniel Coller
- Art Murphy
- Ron & Vicki Best

PRIMARY BAPTISMS

- Abigail Pinegar, 1/4/2003; Ellie Kimball; Ashley Stauffer; Sam Pulsipher; Thabo Wright; Max Brown; Jane Helsten; Claire Boyden; Andrew Boyden (Steve Boyden Jr); Max Miller; David Morgan; Clemmer granddaughter; Michael Guynn; Isaac Guynn; Emily Young; Berkley Liddle; Luke Winters, 9/28/2008; Katie Rose Kimball; Stephen Boyden Jr’s son, 4/7/2007.

TEMPLE SEALINGS

- Two boys who were born to the Kimballs on Laird
- Rob, Rachael, and Ricky Stefanussen to Ruth Ann and Jeff Stowel
- Berkley, Elle, and Kennedy Liddle to Emalee and Kendal

BLESSINGS

- Jacobsen, Jim & Andrea Boyden’s child, Fogg, Andrew Wooley Kimball, Josh Freedman, India Colorusso, Benjamin Gillis Boyden, Kirkwood, Ellie Liddle, Kennedy Liddle

PATRIARCHAL BLESSING RECOMMENDS

- Madelyn Fowles, Garrett & Bryce Glissmeyer, James, Susanne and Karen Stack, Nicole Gathers, Brien Washburn

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Most meaningful memories were the close association with the members of the bishopric and the ward council; working with the youth and young single adults and the more mature members of the ward; the sweet spirit of service that encompassed our home during our service in the ward, including when our sons served as full time missionaries.

Being the engineer/scientist that I am, I borrow a quote from Isaac Newton, “If I have seen farther than others, it is because I was standing on the shoulders of giants.” It was my privilege to serve with wonderful brothers and sisters, youth and neighbors, giants if you

will, in the Yale Second Ward neighborhood. Though small in numbers at times (often upwards of 30 ward members served outside of the ward), our bishopric and ward council felt guided knowing that with His help we could succeed in our small but healthy ward.

Our children benefited from neighbors who took genuine interest in their education, and their sports and their missionary service. Ann and I marvel at the blessings we have enjoyed in the Yale Ward since, “we House-Sat for a summer in 1982” and then stayed for another 30 years to raise our family in a most wonderful neighborhood.

I was grateful at the end of each year to visit with the ward members who faithfully paid their tithes and offerings, or who just wanted to have a chance to visit with the bishop. The “widow’s mite” was evident as was the faithful were offering to do more than expected. I especially enjoyed the visits with the single sisters who were uniformly faithful and giving. No greater statement of their dedication to the Lord comes to mind.

Interviewing members for temple service and for receiving one’s own blessings is a most precious experience. I was consistently buoyed up by the faith of members seeking their temple blessings, or returning to serve for others. The youth leaders and the youth touched my heart with their frequent temple attendance at the baptistery. One young woman humbled me when she shared with me that she and her friends attended the temple weekly. Seeing children sealed to their parents brought to life my mother’s own sealing to her Dutch emigrant parents as a young teenager. The family came to America to enjoy the blessings of the temple and their lives were richly rewarded for having done so, as was mine. It seems that service often comes at the most inopportune times in one’s

life, yet great blessings are poured out upon those who choose to serve when called.

Whether out of necessity or driven at times by an overwhelming prompting, issuing callings was a great joy. Faithful answers to a call such as, “yes, I will do that” came to most callings. On one occasion the response to a call to the relief society was, “oh no!”, yet that calling was later accepted and faithfully fulfilled.

Story of the Conversion of Delbert Ward written by his wife Nadine:

Delbert Ward grew up in a Christian home but stopped attending church services as a preteen. His teenage years were spent in Salt Lake City where he had many Mormon friends, played church basketball and was involved in other church activities. He read the Book of Mormon and took the missionary lessons but did not join the church. When he attended the Universities, and started his professional career he moved away from church involvement.

He lived in the Yale Ward for 35 years. He was diagnosed with ALS and during his last year of life he was converted to the gospel by faithful home teachers (Stan Nelson and Edmund C. Remund) Bishop Glissmeyer, and caring neighbors who spent many hours sharing gospel principles and assisting in his care. Carman Pingree, the Relief Society President organized and implemented service to the family. He was amazed and grateful that so many individuals gave so freely of their time. A neighbor, Colleen Thompson, suggested that he have a priesthood blessing. He agreed and received many, including an apostolic blessing from Elder Russell M Nelson (also a neighbor). He said that the priesthood blessings comforted and calmed his body and mind. It seemed that it was the

only thing that that brought peace in the last months of life. Delbert died Nov. 2003.

**Memories of moving into the Yale II Ward
by Prilla Tilt:**

We moved into our “new” home on Harvard Ave. February 1, 2003. being new in the area and ward we were anxious to get acquainted with our new neighbors and ward members. We felt welcomed into our new ward, Yale II almost immediately. The first week after we moved in I was invited to go to an evening Relief Society activity. We went to the Carmen B. Pingree School to do a service project making alphabet and color books to help teachers and students at the school. After that evening spent working beside sisters I felt as if I had been a part of them for ages. Everyone was so friendly and fun to be with. Then in March an idea to make a booklet about “Things I’ve Learned along the Way” was presented to the Relief Society sisters. It would be prepared for the 161th Birthday Celebration of the Relief Society.

It would be bound with a beautiful cover painted by Karen Brasher and given to each sister. Each sister should write a short story or thought about something they had learned along their life journey. What a wonderful way for me to learn about the amazing, creative and talented sisters of my new ward. I loved reading all the thoughts and stories.

I knew I’d love and cherish all these new friends, sisters. I still love and cherish reading these sweet stories. Some sisters now gone, I remember so fondly and feel blessed to have known them for a season. Others I know and love as our friendships grow stronger year by year. I felt connected in a very special way. I’m so thankful to have moved into such a kind and loving society, the Yale II ward.

YALE WARD – COMBINED



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**Yale Ward
Bishop Derek B. Miller
2008-2013**



Bishop: Derek B. Miller sustained September 28, 2008; released December 1, 2013.
First Counselor: C.E. Reno Lindsay/Scott Gochnour/Michael Pulsipher
Second Counselor: Scott Gochnour/Michael Pulsipher/David Winters
Executive Secretary: Jordan Kimball, Norm Marquardson, Allen Hughes
Assistant Executive Secretary: Ken Kunz
Ward Clerk: David Kennedy/Kendal Liddle
High Priest Group Leader: Tim Spence/Steven Rich/Bob Nelson
Ward Mission Leader: Gene Harkins/Allen Hughes/Lyman King/Peter Van Horn
Elders Quorum President: John Guynn/Jonathan Freedman/Jordan Kimball
Sunday School President: William Hammond/Jay Elggren/Daniel Ricks
R.S. President: Cheri Reynolds, Susan Pinegar
Primary President: Marjorie Helsten/Jessica Guynn/Angela McKeller
Young Men Presidents: Mike Hardy/Steven Schwemmer/Adam Haleck
Y.W. President: Donna Bates/Nanette Shinkle
Activities Committee: Marnae Hammond/Charlotte Nelson

Yale Ward – Combined

EVENTS

- Welfare Assignments: soap project, dairy, bakery (performed by youth)
- Snow Party- Tracy Scout Camp
- Empty Nestor –meet monthly 1st Monday each month
- R.S. Birthday Party- speakers Ann Edwards Cannon,
- Ward Campout at the Spruces or Affleck park
- End of school pool party for Primary
- Cub Scouts Gold and Blue Banquet
- Mother/Daughter Pot Luck Picnic

2009

- R.S. “Out to Lunch Bunch” meets regularly
- R.S. Quilting group meets
- YM basketball begins
- R.S. Book Readers Group meets regularly
- Portable dry pack canning is available for ward members
- Annual Ward Conference, including Ward Temple night
- Draper Temple open house
- Peter Ashworth is ordained a deacon

- Draper Utah Temple Dedication at Stake Center
- YM & YW perform baptisms for the dead
- YW Personal Progress Pep Rally
- Kevin Warren ordained a High Priest
- Olivia Mary Winters, born to David and Angela Winters, 10/15/09.
- Garritt Bates receives Eagle Scout Award
- Benji Baggett has speaking role in the Pioneer Region Special Needs Mutual Fireside’s production--Spring Sing
- Elders Quorum golf activity followed by a pot luck dinner
- Open house for the Oquirrh Mountain Utah Temple
- R.S. tour of the “Utah Historical Society Inner Sanctum” led by Sharon Odekirk
- Steven and Melinda Rich teach the Family and Marriage Relations class
- YM/YW - baptisms for the dead Salt Lake Temple
- East High School Musical “Sweet Charity” with Anne B. Pulsipher, Katie Bates and Coco Mack
- Boy Scouts, leaders, family members camp out at Goblin Valley
- Chay Gathers is ordained a deacon
- Paden Hardy is called to the Texas Dallas Mission

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- YM/YW (ages 14-18) Stake Youth Conference “No More Strangers”, June 25-28
- Open House for President Clark B. and Sister Kathleen Hinckley departing Spain Barcelona Mission
- Luke Boyden baptized
- Stake Conference Temple night refreshments at the Helsten home
- Elders Quorum FME at Millcreek Canyon
- YM/YW summer activity at Sunnyside Park playing ultimate Frisbee
- Brighton Beehive Camp, July 13-17
- Primary in Days of '47 Youth Parade
- Oquirrh Mountain Utah Temple Dedication, August 23, Stake Center
- Kade Colaruso is baptized
- Libby Cannon marries Russell Dibbs 8/15/09
- Boy Scout Troop 41- Neighborhood Breakfast in the Bonneville Glen 9/12,
- Elder Steven R. Evans is granted an emergency medical release from the New York, New York Mission for acute lymphocytic leukemia
- YW Camp was held amid rain, hail, lightning and wind -a bonding effect
- John and Mary Ellen Elggren guide a tour of Family History Library
- Cub Scouts hike to Ensign Peak
- Members volunteer at the Whittier School
- Temple Night, 9/ 19- a social afterward at Helsten home
- Garrett Glissmeyer marries Amber Heap 9/25
- Missionary homecomings: Elder Jonathan Pulsipher, Brazil Curitiba and Elder James Stack, Uganda Kampala
- Kiersten Nilsson marries Andrew Swindle 10/9 in the SL Temple
- Oct. 18, Annual Primary Sacrament Meeting, “My Eternal Family”
- Fall Festival Harvest Potato dinner party sponsored by Elders Quorum
- Ward Christmas Party with play, food and music. The play, The Second Shepherds’ Play, was written from Char Nelson and Anne Pulsipher and directed by Bob and Char Nelson. Participants included Jackson Greene, Steve Rich, Ben Baggett, Ian Ashworth, Rosie Kimball, Jay and Sabreena Elggren, Abigail Pinegar, Kelly and Isaac Smith. Chorus of Angels included Elizabeth Perkes, Rachel Pummill and Annie Schwemmer. Costumes by Maren Durham and Rosemary Mecham, Charlotte England, Steven Packham and Bonnie Lindsay.
- YM/YW prepare Christmas boxes
- R.S. cookie exchange
- YM/YW bowling activity
- Troop 41 collects food for the Utah Food Bank

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2010

- Primary Pajama Pancake Party
- Elders Quorum sledding party at Eaglewood Golf Course
- YW New Beginnings program
- YM/YW perform baptisms for the dead
- Ward Conference, including Temple session
- R.S./YW/Primary female: Big R.S. Birthday Event, which included a choral group comprised of Mary Ellen Elggren, Mary Louise Hughes, Melinda Rich, Annie Schwemmer, Sabreena Elggren, Martha Moench, Ann Glissmeyer, Char Nelson, Hillary Marquardson, Donna Bates, Kelly Smith, Arianna Bates, Anne Ashworth, Ashley Morgan, Sage Mack, Celeste Hurst, Debra Ricks, Madeline Gochnour, Abigail Pinegar and Victoria Baggett, with Jenny Pulsipher as director and Kathryn Fowles as accompanist. Karen Stack prepared an inspirational video entitled “Celebrating Virtue Value.”
- Special ward fast for Steven Evans and Michael Hurst who are battling various forms of cancer
- Boy Scout food drive
- Elders Quorum Smokin’ Hot Chili Cook Off
- Elder’s Quorum “Bike Up to Little Mountain and Return” event
- Seminary graduates: Nicole Gathers, Anne Ashworth, Jeffrey Helsten, Victoria Baggett, Karen Stack and Allison Pinegar
- YW Recognition Awards: Ashley Morgan, Abigail Pinegar, Karen Stack, Amanda Boyden, Arianna Bates
- Neighborhood Picnic held at Sugarhouse Park
- YW attended Stake Wilderness Camp
- YM/YW Youth Conference held at Arches National Park in Moab, Utah
- Scout Summer Camp at Camp Steiner
- Varsity Scouts’ week-long camp in Zion’s National Park and the Zion Narrows
- Temple night at the Bountiful Temple
- Varsity Scouts Mount Timpanogos Camp/Hike
- Allen Hughes gives presentation for the Priesthood and R.S. on budgeting and financial management
- R.S. Quilting group gather
- Scout Fundraising Breakfast at the stake parking lot for neighborhood
- Cub Scouts hold their “Rain Gutter Regatta.”
- Primary Program: “I Know My Savior Lives”
- Elder Quorum Annual Baked Potato Chili Buffet
- YW spearhead annual missionary Christmas boxes

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- Primary Graduates: Claire Boyden and Megan Kearn
- Christmas party, co-chaired by Rebecca England and Tiffany Rosenhan
- Boy Scout Court of Honor, 11/14/10: 60 merit badges awarded and 16 rank advancements

2011

- Priesthood Preview held at Bishop Miller's home
- R.S.'s Utah Food Bank Service Night
- R.S.'s study groups' lesson - "The Temple—Getting More Out of Your Temple Experience"
- Ward YW tour of V Chocolate factory
- YM/YW do baptisms for the dead at the SL Temple
- YW Recognition Awards: Celeste Hurst, Madeline Gochnour, Hillary Marquardson
- Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet
- Primary sponsors the "Prophet, Pancake and Pajama Party"
- The R.S., YW & YSA visit the Carl Heinrich Bloch exhibit at the BYU's Museum of Art
- R.S. celebrates 69th birthday party with Carol McConkie as speaker
- Many of the YW sang at the General YW meeting in the Conference Center

- R.S. 4-week study group—"Understanding the Parables of Jesus" with Kathryn Fowles, leader
- Elders Quorum - Fathers' and Sons' Campout, the Thompson cabin
- Ward conference and temple session
- Ward Conference, presided by Pres. McConkie
- East High Seminary Graduates are: Amanda Boyden, Madeline Gochnour, Celeste Hurst, Hillary Marquardson and Michael Ricks
- Elders Quorum sponsors Frisbee golf tournament and pizza party
- Laurels participate in the Stake High Adventure Experience
- Youth prepare for Stake Pioneer Trek to be held in July. Head wranglers are Martin and Donna Bates. Participating youth included: Jennifer Thatcher, Amanda Boyden, Max Boyden, Arianna Bates, Abigail Pinegar, Ashley Morgan, Madeline Gochnour, Celeste Hurst, Dallas Bates, Chay Gathers, Peter Ashworth, Thabo Wright, William Morgan, Gerrit Bates, Andrew Helsten, Erin Straus, Ashlee Stauffer, Deborah Ricks, Hunter Miller, Sam Pulsipher, Logan Jensen, Derek Hardy, Emily Young, Janie Kearn, Sage Mack, Flanner Mack, Hannah Young, Ellie Kimball, Hillary Marquardson, Joshua Van Horn, John Durham, Jackson Greene and Michael Ricks. Adults who participated were Dan and Jane Ricks, Mike Stack, Nan Shinkle, Derek Miller, Steve Schwemmer, Marc and Cathy Boyden. Pa members were Rick Stefanussen, Jamie Stack and Bryce Glissmeyer. Ma members were

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- Victoria Baggett, Allison Pinegar, Anne Pulsipher, Anne Ashworth, Nicole Gathers, Karen Stack and Annie Durham. Ma/Pa co-chairs were Robert and Alison Wright.
- “Mother-Daughter, Girlfriends and Neighbors” picnic in the Lytle yard
 - Ward Campout held at Affleck Park, Aug. 5-6
 - R.S. Ice Cream Social
 - R.S. holds Quilting Activity
 - Scout Summer Camp—Bear Lake Aquatics Base
 - Pool Party and Talent Show held at Marc and Cathy Boyden’s home on August 20th
 - R.S. Day of Service —“100 Dresses”
 - Scouts hold Breakfast in the Bonneville Glen parking lot
 - Y.W. hold their Standards Night
 - 10/8/11 was Yale Ward Day, part of the 75th anniversary of the Church Welfare System, with focus on helping members of the ward neighborhood cleanup their yards and homes
 - Yale/GP Webelos hold weekly activities, leaders Jeff and Katie Brown
 - Primary children write their testimonies to send to the Hinckley, Spain Barcelona Mission
 - Primary Program “I Know the Scriptures Are True” is presented on Oct. 9th
 - Andrew Helsten and Hunter Miller receive their Eagle Scout Awards
 - Clive Romney performs his songs and stories called “Heart of a Pioneer”
 - High Priests and Elders gave blessings at the Veteran’s Administration Medical Center. Stuart Smith and Lyman King administered 15 blessings 9/28th.
 - YM/YW begin preparing The Annual Ward Missionary Christmas Boxes
 - Elders Quorum hold the Baked Potato and Chili Buffet featuring Ben Baggett’s famous chili
 - R.S. holds book and cookie exchanges
 - Annual Ward Christmas Party held 12/2/2011. Theme: “Going to Bethlehem.” Committee: Colleen Thompson, Katie Brown and Tina Bridges
 - Ward members visit and participate in the Live Nativity in the Glen, 12/7
 - The Ward grieves for, fasts for and provides some help around the house for Grant and Nina Taylor, whose daughter, Clara Taylor Evans, was in a horrific automobile-train accident and who was recovering in the McKay-Dee Hospital in an induced coma.
 - Deborah Ricks received her Young Womanhood Recognition Award. Adults earning the Y.W. in Excellence Recognition were: Nan Shinkle and Natasha Seymour

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2012

- R.S. assembles humanitarians school kits for Philippines
- Lydia Bates and Kennedy Liddle were baptized and confirmed
- Clara Taylor Lewis is released from the hospital, recuperating at home
- R.S.'s Study Group led by Kathryn Fowles - "More Effective Scripture Study for Busy Sisters"
- Primary holds Pancake Breakfast in cultural hall
- YM/YW hold fireside featuring Mariama Kallon
- Cub/Webelos Pinewood Derby, 4/12
- The ward YW are invited to the Heber Valley Camp in August
- R.S. host a Celebration of Women of Faith featuring Mary Richards Durham, Primary General Board
- Martine Smith shares talents and recipes with R.S. for "Old World Artisan Bread in 5 Minutes"
- R.S. sponsors a tour of the Utah State Capital Building led by Bishop Derek Miller who is Chief of Staff to Governor Gary Herbert
- Ward YM/YW hold their Youth Conference at Utah State University
- Ward Conference is held June 17th
- Fathers and Sons (and Primary girls) Outing, sponsored by the Elders Quorum at the Thompson's Morgan Ranch, May 11-12
- YM/YW Etiquette Dinner
- YW, Camp Leaders celebrate 100 years of YW at the Bonneville Glen
- East High School Seminary Graduates: Ashley Morgan, Gerrit Bates. Certificates awarded to Jackson Greene, Flannery Mack and John Durham.
- R.S. potluck picnic for "the women you love"
- Scouts makes 50-mile hike in the Uintah Mountains with Martin Bates, Scoutmaster
- President Clark B. Hinckley and Sister Kathleen Hinckley report on their mission to the Spain Barcelona
- Ward Summer Social-Talent Show sponsored by the Elders Quorum at the Boyden home
- The renovation of the Yale Ward Building will begin on September 15. Saturday, September 8 is the ward's packing/storing day. Assignments were given. The Ward will now meet at the Garden Park Ward building.
- Dedicatory Services of the Utah Brigham City Temple to be broadcast into the Stake Center 9/23. No regular Church services.
- Scout/Neighborhood Breakfast at the Bonneville Glen parking lot

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- YM/YW do baptisms for the dead
- Yale and Garden Park Wards have BBQ on 9/15
- R.S. presents “An Evening Remembering Minerva Teichert” by Clyne A. Curtis, whose family were neighbors of Minerva in Cokeville, WY
- Primary Program held on 10/28
- “Y.W. of Excellence” event
- Annual Christmas Party held on 12/1
- R.S. Cookie Exchange
- Ward Temple night under the leadership of Walt Romney on second Tuesday at the Bountiful Temple followed by dinner
- Laurels and their advisors toured the LDS YW offices with Sister Carol McConkie, a member of the YW General Board
- The Y.W. prepare Christmas boxes and Christmas message sheets for the missionaries
- Clark and Katherine Hinckley present a fireside for Yale and Garden Park Wards

2013

- YW activity—Mother-Daughter Divine Nature Value Night
- Ward temple day, 2/12
- Ward Snow party at Camp Tracy, 2/13
- R.S. class with Kathryn Fowles—Experiencing Christ

- Primary Pancake Breakfast, 2/9
- R.S. favorite foods night, 2/19
- YW New Beginnings, 2/24
- YM Winter Camp for 11-13-year-old scouts in Midway, Utah, 3/25
- R.S. Indexing Class led by Mary Ellen Elggren, 4/16
- Pinewood Derby, 4/20
- Youth Fireside, featuring James Gibb, Stake Patriarch, 5/5
- May 18th—Primary Missionary Madness activity
- Fireside with Author Matthew J. Grow—Gospel Insights from the Joseph Smith papers—5/19
- Y.M. biking and camping, Moab, Utah, May 23-25
- Fathers, sons and daughters campout at the Thompson’s Morgan ranch, May 31-June 1
- Priesthood Preview, May 26th
- R.S. welcomes the graduating YW into R.S.
- 8/8-9 Ward Conference with temple session at the Bountiful Temple
- 6/18, Mother-Daughter, Girlfriends & Neighbors Picnic—Lytle’s back yard
- Y.M. hiking and camping at Flaming Gorge, July 11-13

Yale Ward – Combined

- R.S. ice cream social at the Hughes home, 7/16
- Stake YW Camp, July 23-26, Smith-Morehouse
- 7/27 Ward moves back into the renovated Yale Ward building
- 7/28 first meeting in the newly renovated Yale Ward building. Meetings at 11:00 a.m.
- Bonneville Stake is now part of the newly created Utah Salt Lake East Mission which includes 50 stakes and 200 missionaries
- 8/18 Ward building dedicated by Elder Russell M. Nelson
- R.S. food tasting “To Everything There is a Season,” featuring food dishes prepared by Martha Moench, using the new ward kitchen
- September 7th, a successful open house was held for the newly renovated Yale Ward Building, with Laurel Miller and Kathleen Hinckley as persons.
- Ward youth designate September as Missionary Month with various missionary-oriented activities.
- 10/12, the Harvard/Yale neighborhood Autumn Carnival at the Harvard Triangle
- Primary Sacrament meeting, 10/13— theme: “I am a Child of God”
- R.S. gathering featuring John A. Widtsoe’s injunction, “The reading habit is most valuable in life” led by Barbara Cook and Terresa Wellborn

- R.S. activity—An evening of service at the Utah Food Bank
- YW in Excellence program for YW and their parents, held November 10th

NOTABLES

- Timothy Robert Fowles - Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, University of Utah
- Anne B. Pulsipher - special award at State Drama Competition for her play, “Eddie Rex”
- Katie Bates received the Young Womanhood in Excellence Award
- Coco Mack received the East High 2009 Academic All-State Athletic Nomination for in track
- Kiersten Nilsson - Bachelor of Science, Magna Cum Laude in Exercise Science from Utah State University
- Libby Cannon - Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, in English Teaching from BYU
- Calvin Marquardson and Erik Nilsson were named to the Utah Senior All Star Lacrosse #1 Team
- LDS Seminary graduates: Katie Bates, Joshua Bates, Coco Mack, Anne B. Pulsipher
- Jeffrey M. Helsten receives his Eagle Scout Award
- Michael Bair - MBA from the U of U
- East High School Class of 2009 graduates: Eric Nilsson, Justin Conlin,

Yale Ward – Combined

- Katie Bates, Joshua Bates, Coco Mack, Anne Pulsipher
- Mark Taylor - University of Utah graduate
- 10/24 The dedication of the old Ft. Bluff in Bluff, Utah by Elder L. Tom Perry; Grant and Nina Taylor were involved in this project
- Sam Pulsipher, Logan Jensen, Victoria Baggett, Celeste Hurst and Michael Ricks participate in the East High School Musical “Once upon a Mattress.”
- East High School Junior Choir and Jazz Band concert, with Amanda Boyden, Madeline Gochnour, Hillary Marquardson, Celeste Hurst, Derek Hardy and Logan Jensen. Steven Schwemmer is Music Chair
- Michael Bennett portrayed the Rabbi in the Yankles at the 2010 LDS Film festival in Orem.
- Ashley Stauffer, Emily Young, Sage Mack, Hunter Miller, Chay Gathers, Emily Martin, Andrew Helsten and Parker Winchester - in Clayton Middle School’s “Wizard of Oz.”
- Michael Stack-the Award of Merit for his diligent work as Cub Scout Master at the YWCA
- Michael Ricks - Debate Team Policy captain, qualified for state competition as did Arianna Bates
- Dan Ricks received the Wood Badge Award from Scouting
- Allison and Abigail Pinegar, Jane Helsten participated in the East High School Dance Company trip to Disney World
- Melinda Rich- Master’s Degree, Utah State University in American Studies
- Madeline Gochnour qualified for the state meet in the mile, 4 x 4 and medley relay races
- Burke Rich completed his MBA.
- Steve Rich- Doctor of Osteopathy
- Ben Rich - Master’s Degree in Psychology from UMASS
- Graduating high school seniors: Victoria Baggett, Lehua Kali, Allison Pinegar, Karen Stack, Anne Ashworth, Nicole Gathers and Jeffrey Helsten
- Daniel Hammond - Master’s Degree from the University of Utah in Finance, in the top 20% of his class
- Bob Nelson directs “California Suite” at the Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City and also acted in the role of Grandpa Ben in “Broadway Bound.”
- Martin Bates is named Superintendent of the Granite School District
- East High School’s production of “Footloose” included Sam Pulsipher, Michael Ricks, Deborah Ricks, Will Morgan and Ashley Morgan with Logan Jensen and Derek Hardy in the orchestra
- Madeline Gochnour - the S.L. Tribune All State Class 4A

Yale Ward – Combined

- Michael Ricks - National Merit Semifinalist and Deseret News-KSL Sterling Scholar
- Jane Helsten - school's production of *A Midsummer's Night Dream* and in Ballet West's *Nutcracker*.
- Rob Stefanussen - featured guest organist at the Tabernacle on Temple Square
- Martha Moench enters quilt in the LDS Church History Museum exhibit.
- Clayton Middle School presents "The Sound of Music" with ward members Thabo Wright, Chay Gathers, Dallas Bates, Peter Ashworth, Emily Martin and Parker Winchester.
- Michael Ricks -a finalist in the speech/Drama category of the Sterling Scholar competition
- Michael Bennett - performs in the Babcock Performing Readers production of "Cowboy Poetry" at the U. of U. Union Little Theatre
- University graduates include Michael Hurst (Honors program in Economics); Mark Taylor (Master's Degree in Economics); Brooke Taylor (Masters in Public Health) and Timothy Hardy (Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies and Japanese).
- Sun Kim graduates from University of Utah Medical School
- Wayne and Gwen Cannon complete another Boston Marathon
- Jeff Brown - the University of Utah MD/PhD program
- Joseph Hinckley –graduate of the University of Kansas School of Law
- Alison Wright is awarded her Master of Family Nurse Practitioner from Westminster College
- Ben Baggett II graduates from Bonneville High School in Ogden & Seminary
- Max Miller earns his Faith in God Award
- Katie Brown, Sam Pulsipher, Jenny Pulsipher and Michael Pulsipher participate in the South Jordan Community Theatre presentation of *Oliver*
- John Durham attends the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Rinkaby, Sweden
- Mary Ellen Elggren is featured speaker at the Sons of Utah Pioneers 2011 National Convention
- Mary Cook continues serving as bookkeeper for the LDS Church's Brighton Girls Camp
- Elizabeth Kimball is named a National Merit Scholar semi-finalist and achieved a perfect score on the ATC test
- Ashley Morgan and Deborah Ricks compete on the East High swim team
- Teresa Wellborn, as an LDS poet, shares her poetry in the anthology, *Fire in the Pasture: 21st Century Mormon Poets*
- Ashley Morgan took 10th place in the 4A High School Swim Meet and earned 6th in the region meet

Yale Ward – Combined

- Hunter Miller-- guard on the East High Sophomore Basketball team
- Dallas Bates, Claire Boyden, David Gochnour, Michael Guynn, Jane Helsten, Ashlynn Lasson, Max Miller, David Morgan, Auden Winchester and Jakob Bates participated in Clayton Middle School's production of "Oliver"
- Terry P. Clemmer, M.D. is honored by the Intermountain Research & Medical Foundation's Heart and Lung Research Foundation as the 2012 Legacy of Life Scientific Achievement Honoree
- Peggy Fletcher Stack wins a 1st Place award for best feature reporting at the annual Utah Press Association's Better Newspaper contest
- Spencer Hinckley marries Victoria Ferris, April 7 in the Salt Lake Temple
- Sam Pulsipher is cast in East High's production of "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"
- University of Utah graduates include: Randy Pummill (Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering); Garrett Glissmeyer (Bachelor's Degree in Business); Victoria Gochnour (Bachelor's Degree in Athletic Training); Cameron King (Bachelor's Degree in Economics); and Stephen Durham (Bachelor's Degree in Information Systems)
- Robert Rich marries Natalya Perkes in the Salt Lake Temple
- Maile Kali completed her Master's Program in Advanced Studies at the Utah College of Massage Therapy—SLC
- Adriana Pinegar graduated from BYU-Provo with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and Public Relations
- Ellie Kimball received a perfect score on the ACT test and is a National Merit Finalist. She will attend Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY
- Chris Van Orden marries Heather Hillam
- Annie Pulsipher is named co-winner of the prestigious 2012 BYU Mayhew Playwright Award with her play "Voovoo You Do"
- High School Graduates, Class of 2012: Ellie Kimball (Rowland Hall), Kurt Lassig (Highland H.S.), Jackson Greene, Ashley Morgan, Gerrit Bates, Flannery Mack, and John Durham (all East H.S.)
- Sam Pulsipher is in cast of *Les Miserables* at Early Light Academy
- Jonathan Pulsipher graduates from Stanford University with a degree in Chemistry
- Sierra King marries Mark Wiest in the Salt Lake Temple
- Sam Shinkle graduates from BYU-Idaho with a Bachelor of Science in Emergency Services Administration
- Paden Hardy marries Rebecca Martinez in the California Oakland Temple
- Derek Hardy receives his Eagle Scout Award
- Katriel-Maria Bates marries Seth Berbert

Yale Ward – Combined

- Allison Pinegar marries Thomas Busico in the SL Temple
- Grant Taylor receives the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award, March 5, 2013
- Victoria Gochnour and Dallin Rogers are married in the SL Temple
- Bryce Glissmeyer marries Laura Blackner in the SL Temple
- Niki Strelbel and Jason Volle’s marriage is solemnized in the SL Temple
- Joshua Bates and Ivette Amay are married, which was solemnized in the Washington, D.C. Temple

MISSIONARIES

- President Clark Hinckley and Sister Kathleen Hinckley, Spain Barcelona Mission
- Paul and Jewel Lefevor, SL Inner-City Mission
- Bryce Glissmeyer, Chile Concepcion Mission
- Robert L. Rich, Spain Madrid Mission
- Joel & Kathleen Van Orden, SL Inner-City Mission
- William and Ruth Ann Abbott, SL Inner-City Mission
- Richard Arnold Stefanussen, California Carlsbad Mission

- Christopher Joel Van Orden, Australia Adelaide Mission
- Amy Jo Miller, Argentina Cordoba Mission
- Peter Andrew Hughes, Brazil Ribeirao Preto Mission
- Paden W. Hardy, Texas Dallas Mission
- Eric David Nilsson, Washington Kennewick Spanish-Speaking Mission
- Trey James Gunnell, Brazil Londrina Mission
- Joshua Bates, Washington D.C.—North Mission, Spanish Speaking
- Roger and Colleen Thompson, Spain Barcelona Mission
- Jeffrey Helsten, Brazil Belo Horizonte Mission
- Stephen and Pat Boyden, Chile Santiago Mission
- Coco Mack, Taiwan Taichung Mission-Mandarin Chinese Language
- Michael D. Ricks, Chile Concepcion South Mission
- John Durham, New York, New York North, Spanish Speaking Mission
- Karen Stack, Thailand Bangkok Mission, Tai Speaking
- Wayne and Gwen Cannon, SL Inner-City Mission

Yale Ward – Combined

- Ashley Morgan, New Hampshire, Manchester Mission
- Celeste Hurst, Madagascar, Antananarivo Mission, French Speaking
- Derek Hardy, Arizona Tempe Mission
- Gerrit Bates, Colorado Colorado Springs Mission; Church Service Mission
- Anne Ashworth, North Carolina Raleigh Mission
- Annie Durham, Chili Santiago Mission
- William Morgan, Philippines Tacloban Mission, Cebuano Speaking; Philippines Iloilo Mission, Ilonggo speaking
- Sam Pulsipher, Arkansas Little Rock Mission

FUNERALS

- Priscilla Johnson Paul 5/16/ 2009
- Eldon Grant Hurst 5/22/ 2009
- Ardes Christiansen McQueen, 6/23/09
- A remembrance gathering for Harriett Woods, a former member of the ward died on August 9, 2009
- Doris Hayes Franckum 3/23/10, age 87
- Lee Clifford Phillips, 3/ 16/10, age 59.
- Michael Taylor – 8/6/ 2010, at age 26.
- Gloria Sellick, 84, 10/22/10

- John Capener Hansen 77, 4/28/11
- Gladys Jean Smyly Kaura, mother of Ruth Ann Kaura Abbott, who died 10/2/2011, at the age of 78
- Marilyn N. Williams Brady- 11/ 17/11 at the age of 76
- Shirl Vaughn Mitchell -1/27/12, age 88
- Kent Lewis -3/ 12, 2012
- Robert Simmons - 4/1 2/12
- Katie Nabrotzky – 4/10/12, at age 91
- Julie Elggren Hurst, the daughter of John and Mary Ellen Hurst, died unexpectedly on July 2, 2012.
- Ruth Gilchrist Foster Bracy, at 97, - 7/10/12
- Michael DeWitt Howe, husband of Jody Howe- 7/8/12
- Kenneth Keith Kunz -10/ 15/12, age 89
- Dil Strasser-1/ 4/13.
- Jay Haymond, 79, former Yale First Ward Bishop, - 1/12/13, in Boise, ID
- Faye Barrett, beloved former Yale Ward member died 2/19/2013 in Provo, Utah at the age of 88.
- Joel C. Kidd- June 13, 2013.
- Terry Miller, 57, a former ward member, died in Houston, Texas, on July 18, 2013, after difficult battle with cancer.

Yale Ward – Combined

- Effie Dean Rich, 90, beloved and long-time member of Yale Ward died Sunday, October 27th in St. George, UT.

**WARD MEMBERS SERVING IN
CHURCH CALLINGS OUTSIDE THE
WARD**

- Rick Evans- First Counselor in stake Presidency
- Robert Fowles – Second Counselor in Stake Presidency
- Clark and Kathleen Hinckley -Spain Barcelona Mission President -2009
- Stephen and Patricia Boyden - President and Matron of the Asuncion Paraguay Temple,
- Marc S. Boyden, Stake YM President
- Kevin R. Pinegar, Stake High Councilor
- Lyman King, Stake High Councilor
- Kelly Jayne Brady, Stake Primary President
- Cameron King, 2nd Counselor, Stake Sunday School Presidency, and Michelle King, Stake YW
- Steven Packham, 2nd Counselor, Stake YM Presidency
- Leanne Freedman, Stake YW secretary
- Sidney and Carol Spencer, Kent and Dorothy Lytle, Leonard and Cheri Reynolds, Lloyd and Prilla Tilt, Steve and Melinda Rich and Eugene and Kathy Warner—VAMC Branch
- Lloyd Tilt, 1st Counselor, VAMC Branch Presidency
- Edvin C. Remund (and Sister Margene Remund) who serves as Bishop of the 8th Ward of the Liberty Wells Stake
- Joel and Kathy Van Orden, serving in the Granger 8th Ward as part of the Salt Lake Inner-City Mission project
- William and Ruthann Abbot, serving in the West Valley 1st Ward as part of the Salt Lake Inner-City Mission Project
- Mark and Ann Glissmeyer -Salt Lake Inner-city Mission in the 8th Ward in the Liberty Stake
- Mary Ellen Elggren, director of the Tri-Stake Family History Center
- D. Lyman King, 2nd Counselor and then President of VAMC Branch
- Paul M. Durham, President of the SL Married Students 2nd Stake, U of U.
- Mike L. Washburn, Bishop of the SL Married Students 14th Ward of the 2nd Stake, U. of U.
- Scott Gochnour, Stake High Council
- Allen Hughes, Stake High Council
- Marc Boyden, High Council, SL Married Students 2nd Stake U of U.
- Derek Miller, 2nd Counselor, Stake Sunday School Presidency
- David Winters, Stake High Council
- Jessica Guynn, Stake Primary President

MEMOIRES & TESTIMONIES

Bishop Miller’s Thoughts and Memories:

On the Sunday preceding the October 2008 General Conference weekend our Stake President, Clark Hinckley called a special evening meeting of the two Yale Wards. The Stake center chapel was full of people and full of excitement for the meeting as President Hinckley announced the two Yale Wards would be combined into one ward. Technically speaking, the wards were “re-combined” since the ward had been split several decades earlier.

Speaking at the evening meeting were Mark Glissmeyer and Stuart Smith who had served as bishops of the two respective wards. As the newly called bishop of the combined ward, I also had the opportunity to share my thoughts and testimony. I spoke on trusting the Lord. I recall the subject because I remember feeling that “trusting the Lord” was exactly what I needed to meet this challenge that I felt was beyond my experience and ability.

What I have learned most during my tenure as bishop and what I want to share for our ward history are the eternal truths that our Heavenly Father is mindful of all His children and the atonement of Christ is powerful to save all those who will come unto Him. I have witnessed the Holy Spirit work in the lives of the members of the Yale Ward and I have witnessed miracles as these members have come unto Christ.

One of my greatest concerns as a newly called bishop was how I would be able to help members through the repentance process. I knew part of my responsibility was to act as a Judge in Israel but I wondered how I would know what to say and what counsel to provide members seeking forgiveness.

The opportunity came my first Sunday as bishop as I met with a member to discuss a transgression. During our discussion, I felt an overwhelming impression to let this individual know that the Lord had forgiven the sin. I witnessed the miracle of forgiveness on that day, as I have many times since as the Spirit confirmed to members of the Yale Ward that though their sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow. The evidence of this miracle of forgiveness is found in the countenance of these members as the sorrow in their faces and the weight bearing down upon their shoulders is transformed into joy and lightness. My greatest hope for the members of the Yale Ward is that they would cast their burdens upon the Lord. By so doing, we will all discover that the Savior’s yoke is indeed light and easy when compared to the burden of carrying our sins with us through life.

As a ward we have been blessed to see many members progress on the path to the tree of life. Yale Ward leaders have placed special emphasis on helping others to participate in temple worship and making sacred temple covenants. As a ward council, the leadership of each quorum and auxiliary has identified two to three families or individuals they can fellowship, with temple attendance as the goal. The ward council discusses how the ward membership can help these families and individuals and we have witnessed wonderful miracles.

With the responsibility over temple and family history work, the High Priest Group leadership has held mid-week temple preparation classes in their homes. Participants are given a special invitation from the bishop based on prayerful consideration by the ward council. We have been gratified to see many members of the ward visit the temple for the first time. We have also made a special effort to invite and

encourage members to return to the temple who for any number of reasons do not hold a current temple recommend. I have a testimony that a simply and heartfelt invitation can serve as a catalyst to the workings of the Spirit in members' lives.

For example, one Sunday afternoon a dear Sister visited me in the bishop's office at my request. I had been praying for the Spirit to prepare her to receive an invitation to return to the temple after many, many years. After exchanging pleasantries, I asked her if she knew why I wanted to meet with her and she replied that she thought it was about a calling. I confess my heart sank a little since I was hoping she would say she felt it was to discuss the temple. I told her that "a calling" was a good guess but that the reason for this particular meeting was to discuss her returning to the temple. She looked at me with wonder and her eyes immediately filled with tears. After a few moments, she shared with me that her husband, a wonderful Brother who had not been fully active in the church and had not been to the temple had asked her as she was leaving the house that afternoon why the bishop wanted to meet with her. She replied that she thought it was about a calling and her husband responded "as long as you're meeting with the bishop can you ask him what we would need to do to attend the temple together and be sealed." The Spirit had been working on this good Brother and a few months later, after attending the temple class, they were sealed together for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple.

Another couple that attended the same temple class had been less-active in church but responded eagerly to the invitation to attend the class. At the conclusion of one of the mid-week classes I expressed that I wanted to meet with them to talk about when they could attend the temple. They shared with me that the day they had received the invitation to

attend the class was the very day they had learned they were expecting twins and had begun talking to each other about the need to be sealed as a family in the House of the Lord. Again, a simple invitation is often a defining moment as the Spirit works in the lives of Heavenly Father's children.

We have also been blessed in the Yale Ward to see many of our Brothers and Sisters return to full activity with the community of saints. This has been due to the outreach and fellowship of kind and thoughtful ward members who are seeking to be caring and charitable neighbors. The Lord has given a charge to members of His church to seek out the lost sheep. As a bishopric, we have tried to visit members each week in their homes and to leave them with encouragement and a challenge to identify some way they can "come unto Christ" in their personal lives. The ward R.S. presidency has also faithfully visited members of the ward to provide the temporal help that goes hand in hand with spiritual sustenance.

In thinking of the wonderful members who have returned to church, I recall a visit to a Sister who up to the point of our visit had been simply a name on the ward list. No one in the ward seemed to know her personally and we wondered if she really did live in the ward. Thanks to a faithful Executive Secretary who knocked on her door and scheduled an appointment, we made a pleasant and enjoyable visit. After some small talk, the conversation turned to the church and when asked how long it had been since she had attended church I could see her start to count the time in her mind, then her head lowered for a few moments and when she looked up, with tears in her eyes she said "it has been over twelve years – I can't believe it has been that long." She expressed that she never thought she would be "inactive" from the church – which it had just

happened. She also expressed that she wanted to come back to church and the very next Sunday she was there, smiling and with the light of Christ shining in her face. She came up to me after sacrament meeting to say “hi” and to my surprise asked when she could have a calling. She has served faithfully as a primary teacher for the last three years!

The Yale Ward is blessed by the sweet spirits of our primary children and valiant young men and women. We are grateful to have seen many of these young men and women decide to serve full-time missions around the world. A recent returned missionary was fellowshipped back into the church by his fellow Priests, first by an invitation to play on the quorum basketball team, then to a missionary preparation class, and finally an invitation to begin living his life in a way to be worthy to serve a mission. Two years later as this young man reported on his mission in sacrament meeting, he bore a powerful testimony of the truthfulness of the gospel.

These are just a few examples of the many ways the Lord has blessed the members of the Yale Ward. The stories and the miracles are countless. I am grateful for the faithfulness and dedication of my fellow ward members. I am inspired by the valiant way they live their lives. Rarely, if ever, do I find myself as the bishop calling members to make assignments to “go and help so-and-so” because our members are already providing this service – heading the Lord’s call to be actively engaged in a good cause.

I believe that the history of the Yale Ward over the past four years can be appropriately summarized by the Savior’s teaching to “Love another.” As our members have strived to live this commandment we have discovered the truth that we have found our life by losing it in the service of others. My prayer for the members of the Yale Ward is

that we can continue to serve one another, to love one another and that by so doing we can each come to know God the Eternal Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

The Reward of a Faithful Mother and Grandmother – Story of conversion of the Don and Rosemary Schaub’s daughter-in-law:

Rosemary’s son, Jonathan, from her first marriage, served a mission to Japan, but became less active thereafter. He went on a blind date with Maki, a non-Mormon Japanese girl, who was working in Utah for the Usana Corporation. They married and had two children, a boy and a girl. Rosemary, with permission from Jonathan and Maki, took their son and her grandson, Yamato, to church with her each week from the time he was 18-months old. He attended Primary. When he was 5 1/2 years old, he taught his mother how to pray. When the Primary sang or performed in Sacrament meetings, Maki would come to watch her son perform. Maki’s employer gave her a Book of Mormon, coaching her where to begin reading. Maki decided to download the Book of Mormon into Japanese so she could understand it more easily. She gained a testimony of its truthfulness, took the missionary discussions and was baptized. Even before taking the discussions, she was already convinced of the gospel’s worth. She loved the Plan of Salvation. She wanted to join the Church to become a better person, a better wife and mother! By taking little Yamato to Church each Sunday, Rosemary was able to effect a profound change in her family’s life!

**Yale Ward
Bishop Martin Bates
2013-Present**



Bishop: Martin Bates, sustained December 1, 2013
First Counselor: Bob Wright
Second Counselor: Allen Hughes/Jordan Kimball
Executive Secretary: David Kemker/ Rich Evans
Ward Clerk: Kendal Liddle/David Kemker
Assistant Clerks: Gene Harkins, Cameron Greener
HP Group Leader: Bob Nelson/Joel Van Orden
Elders Quorum President: Jordan Kimball/Kendall Liddle
S.S. President: Daniel Ricks/ Bennett Borden
Relief Society President: Kathy Van Orden
Primary President: Angela McKellar
Young Men President: Adam Haleck/ Scott Gochnour
Young Women President: Catherine Nelson/ Amy Reid

Yale Ward – Combined

EVENTS

2013

- New Bishopric – 12/8/13 – Bishop Bates with counselors Rt. Wright and A. Hughes
- H.P. sponsored Temple Day each month
- Christmas Around the World – neighborhood open houses – Jessica Guynn
- Winter Party – Tracy Lodge – Millcreek Canyon

2014

- R.S. Activity – Sacred Gifts: The Religious Art of Carl Bloch, Heinrich Hofmann, Frans Schwartz – BYU Museum of Art
- Elder's Quorum Valentine's Get together – Wellborn's Home
- R.S. work at the cannery- the new chic!
- YW basketball -Yale and GP teamed against Bonneville and YC wards
- R.S. Discussion Group led by Kathryn Fowles-4 sessions- The Place of Women in the Kingdom of God.
- Scout Court of Honor: Max Miller receives his Eagle Award
- Bishop's Youth Discussion – Keno Zhu from China knew Chris Van Orden in mission field and will share her conversion story

- R.S. Good Nutrition: sharing recipes 4/15; Healthy Living at Any Age
- 5/20; potluck dinner at Lytle's
- Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast –Harvard Triangle- April Greener, chair
- Fathers –sons-daughters Outing McKellar's cabin
- Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet – 3/11; Advancements: Bobcat – Blade Gathers, Marcus Guynn. Bear-Stephen McKellar Jr, Carter Rich, George Wagstaff
- Pinewood Derby – 5/17; pack meeting to retire the Yale ward flag;
- Contribute clothing to missionaries in Mexico through Robbie and Talya Rich
- Scouts power wash garbage cans for fund raiser; YM Boy Scout Summer Camp at Steiner.
- Youth Conference at McKellar's Cabin in Midway; Service Project at the 4th St. Clinic
- Summer Activity at Sugarhouse Park – Tongan Ward presents entertainment.
- All women invited to walk around the East High track at 9:00am weekdays
- Ogden Temple Open House
- Primary Activity Days – Ancestor Charades
- YW Pool Party – Boyden's home

Yale Ward – Combined

- R.S. Neighborhood Book Group meets monthly
- R.S. luncheon 10/28, coat drive 11/18, cookie exchange 12/10
- Empty Nesters meet monthly
- YM/YW Fireside with Bonneville 1st – Judge Skanchy, drug court judge
- Primary Sacrament Meeting Presentation
- Primary Activity Days – Halloween party
- Blood Drive at stake center
- Elder’s Quorum Potato Bake and Fellowship
- Ward Christmas Breakfast
- Christmas around the World- holiday open house at neighborhood homes.

NOTABLES

- Mike Bennett and son were voices in Hill Cumorah pageant
- Rick Evans and Rosemary Schaub– Heritage School Board and theater clothing designer
- Virginia Lee and Char Nelson – Emergency Training
- Derrick Miller – CEO World Trade Center
- Allison Wright – Managing the Fourth Street Clinic

FUNERALS

- Bettie Kidd- 4/19
- Mickey Smith – 9/2
- Laura Kunz – 9/12

BAPTISMS

- Sash Burgess
- Linnea Carlton
- Caroline McKellar

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

Full Time Missionaries:

- Anne Ashworth
- Arianna Bates
- Annika Durham
- John Durham
- Derek Hardy
- Hunter Miller
- Ashley Morgan
- William Morgan
- Samuel Pulsipher

Yale Ward – Combined

Inner-City Mission:

- David Mack and McCaye Christianson
- Sage Mack
- Will and Ruth Ann Abbott
- Wayne and Gwen Cannon

Service Missionaries:

- Gerrit Bates
- Karen Hughes
- Celeste Hurst
- Dan and Jane Ricks

VAMC BRANCH VOLUNTEERS

- Monte and Sylvia Luker
- Steve and Melinda Rich
- Sid and Carol Spencer
- Lloyd and Prilla Tilt –First Counselor in Branch Presidency

**WARD MEMBERS SERVING IN
CHURCH CALLINGS OUTSIDE THE
WARD**

- Mike Washburn—Bishop, University Stake
- Marc Boyden—High Councilor, University Stake

- Paul Durham—Stake President, University Stake
- Bonneville Stake Callings
- Scott Gochnour—Stake High Council
- David Winters—Stake High Council
- Susan Pinegar—Stake Relief Society President
- Kimberly Haleck—Stake Relief Society Secretary
- Steven Schwemmer—Stake Young Men Secretary
- Laura Miller—2nd Counselor, Stake Young Women Presidency
- Kevin Pinegar—2nd Counselor, Stake Sunday School Presidency
- Michael Stack—Secretary, Stake Sunday School Presidency
- Jessica Guynn—Stake Primary President
- Steven Packham—Stake Indexing Director
- Mary Ellen Elggren—Stake Family History Center Director
- Cameron Greener—Stake Auditor
- Roger and Colleen Thompson—Stake History Specialists
- Lyman King—Branch President, VMAC

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Comments of Bishop Martin Bates:

This past year has included a full measure of turmoil, felt both internally and externally by our ward members. It has warmed my heart that our ward members feel secure enough in our ward family to participate fully and love one another although we realize that we may have fundamental disagreements with others. A great strength in our ward is our recognition that all of us are in different places in our personal testimonies and life walks, but we support one another in our respective journeys.

For the first time in many years we held a Christmas Eve reading of the nativity from the New Testament with interspersed songs throughout. With lights turned low in the chapel, and the stained glass backlit, we lifted our voices in praise and thanks to our father in heaven for sending his son. We were all touched together. As we left the chapel, the feeling of family and unity – our differences notwithstanding – was palpable and powerful.

YALECREST FIRST WARD



Yalecrest First Ward

**Yalecrest First Ward
Bishop O. Gregory DeMille
1976-1980**

Bishop: O. Gregory DeMille: sustained, September 1976; released, July 1980
First Counselor: Kenneth L. Russell
Second Counselor: Don R. Poulter, Eliot Landau
Executive Secretary: A Merrill Linford, Parker P. Robison
Ass't. Executive Secretary: Phillip Mueller
Ward Clerk: Dan R. Curtis
Assistant Ward Clerk: R. Thornton Snow, Mello C. London, Harold Bell, Scott Wheelwright, Dennis Burbidge, W. McKinley Oswald
High Priest Group Leader: Roger E. Crandall, Joel E. Jolley
Seventy Group Leader: James Sipherd, Joel E. Jolley
Sunday School President: Russell B. Kinnersley
Elders Quorum President: Alan Treharne
Relief Society President: Martha A. Kenning
Primary President: Linda Peterson
YM President: Orion B. Bishop, J. Lynn Lyon, Don Brown
Activities Chairman: Beverly Spencer, Carolyn DeVries

EVENTS

1976

- A new bishopric was sustained with O. Gregory DeMille as Bishop, Kenneth L. Russell as First Counselor, and Don R. Poulter as Second Counselor.
- Primary held a Children’s Ward Reunion with Chip the Chimpanzee performing.
- “Yalecrest Sociables” held a Halloween Pot Luck dinner.
- YM/YW opening social held at Fairmont Park featuring food, games and fun.
- Dr. T. Edgar Lyon addressed the Primary Officers and Faculty at their annual Christmas dinner.
- Relief Society sponsored a home tour through several homes to share their Christmas decorations and family traditions.
- “Yalecrest Sociables” held a Christmas party at the ward--a traditional Danish Christmas was the theme under the leadership of Even and Barbara Madsen.
- Eagle Scout Awards were given to Alex Treharne, John Crandall and Garth DeVries.

1977

- Ward goals: 1) attend Sacrament Meeting as a family and have at least 325 individual members at each meeting; 2) keep the Sabbath Day holy; 3) improve reverence in our meetings; 4) prayerfully read and study the scriptures.

- Relief Society held two birthday celebrations—one for daytime session and one for the second evening session.
- Children’s Ward Reunion held featuring hamburgers, Jell-O and doughnuts.
- Adult Ward Reunion (ages 12 and older) had a dinner and program.
- Georgene Bond presented a seminar on “Meatless Cookery” for a Relief Society work day.
- “Keeping fit” opportunities for Relief Society sisters included beginning walkers, swimming, dance routines and tennis.
- Relief Society held a fashion show, “Fashions are Forever.”
- Fathers and sons outing was combined with Yalecrest 2nd Ward at Wasatch Mountain State Park; highlight of the event was a friendly tug-of-war between the two wards.
- Primary had dress-up days in June including funny hat day, mismatched shoes day, clash day and come as you are day.
- Blazer Scouts entertained their mothers with an early-bird breakfast at Sunnyside Park.
- The Elders Quorum held their traditional steak fry in August featuring softball, volleyball and visiting.
- Primary faculty enjoyed a summer party of dinner and swimming at Phil Mueller’s backyard and pool.

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- The Ward Mutual girls won the Regional Softball Title.
- Young Men and Women held an overnight activity with the Yalecrest 2nd Ward at the YMCA; activities included swimming, ping pong, racquetball, volleyball, and basketball.
- Special Interests Group held a fireside featuring Dwayne Cardall of KSL who travelled frequently with President Kimball.
- Twenty-one girls and six boys attended Stake Youth Conference at BYU, which included talks, devotionals and recreational activities
- Young Women had an outing at Bear Lake with paddle boats, swimming, golf and tennis activities
- Relief Society women responded well to Stake Farm assignments; they also put up grape juice and did welfare sewing
- Young Men and Women held a leadership retreat at Park City that included class officers, advisors, ward presidencies and the Bishopric; activities included leadership workshops, skits and a testimony meeting
- Young Men and Women Opening Social was a hobo party that sparked a variety of fun attire along with a knapsack dinner
- Junior Sunday School had a Stake Visitor's Day where Sister Zelk Smith told a story of how a child's prayers are answered and Brother Lolea Folland, a renowned artist, drew things the children were thankful for.
- Yalecrest Young Women/Young Men met at the ward to "board" an airplane for a trip to Chicago. However; the plane crashed and the passengers were killed. They were then taken on trips to the three degrees of glory learning about them at each step. They departed from their experience in a spiritual, uplifted state.
- The oldest classes of the Junior Sunday School told the story of the first Christmas in rhyme and then everyone submitted their own drawings of this great event
- Young Women were visited by Elaine Cannon who spoke about the importance of keeping a journal
- Priests and Laurels visited a rest home where they delivered and trimmed a Christmas tree, sang carols and then visited patients

1978

- Ward goals included: 1) strengthen our love and support for one another; 2) strive for individual spiritual growth through daily prayer, scripture study, payment of tithes and offerings, Family Home Evening, observing the law of the fast, keeping the Sabbath Day holy, observing the Word of Wisdom; participation in temple ordinances and genealogical research; 3) attend Sacrament meetings; and 4) have 14 ward members on full-time missions
- The Young Men and Women celebrated Valentine's Day with individual parties
- Carol Clark spoke to the Laurel Class, expressing the Church's stand on the Equal Rights Amendment

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- Relief Society enjoyed Helen Gibbons sharing a warm and personal portrait of President Spencer W. Kimball
- At the annual Primary Miss and Mom party, lunch was enjoyed and the girls all told something about their grandmothers
- The Priests and Laurels met together and heard the dating and marriage experiences of Jon and Susan Dunn. They also enjoyed an outstanding panel of mothers who shared their views on marriage, temple marriage and choosing a mate.
- All “all-ward” basketball tournament was held with participants including members of the Bishopric and High Council; an all-ward volleyball tournament was also held
- Laurels and Mia Maids met with Debbie MacFarland, a model and make-up specialist, who advised the young women how to have that beautiful, natural look and still wear a little make-up
- The Bishopric wrote of the thrill of watching the development of the Jordan River Temple, knowing that 100% of its construction was to be provided by members’ contributions
- The Stake Cultural Arts series featured Ken Rogerson and Dr. Jay Welch who presented an evening of “Pioneer and Patriotic Music”
- The Primary Blazer boys held an early morning breakfast for their mothers at Sunnyside Park with the boys doing all the cooking!
- The Ward Lawn Party had a birthday atmosphere with the theme centered around the Primary’s 100th birthday.
- Rosemary Burbidge made an official Yalecrest 1st ward banner that has been used at the Lawn Party, Lagoon Day and the Steak Fry
- Young Men and Women and their leaders enjoyed three days of river rafting on the Green River. The youth spent several weeks mowing lawns, washing cars and doing other jobs to raise money for the trip
- A twelve-week physical fitness program was started for twelve couples in the 30-40 year age range with other age groups later joining the classes. Dr. Tom Rosenburg conducted the classes.
- The Fall Social for the YM/YW was held at the Alpine Slide in Park City
- Several young men provided compassionate service by cleaning the yards of elderly ward members
- Onions on the stake farm were available for a donation of \$2.50 per bag
- Mutual held a Variety Show entitled “Rainbow of Memories”
- The YW worked on service project packaging Christmas cards; the cards were made by autistic children at the Shriner’s Hospital and will be sold by the hospital as a money-making project
- In 1978, the ward had eight full-time missionaries with one in the United States and seven in Europe
- Special Interests enjoyed a Christmas luncheon at Bishop DeMille’s home which was followed a trip to the Capitol Theater to see the “Nutcracker”

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- Primary children made holiday gifts and took them to Primary Children's Medical Center for a service project
- The Duty to God Award was given to Nathan Burt, Douglas Christensen, Stewart Landau, Daniel Rich, Roger Robison and Calvin Wendelboe.

1979

- A fire broke out in the Cultural Hall and burned the curtain on the stage and threatened the entire building. Repairs enlarged and renovated the kitchen.
- The Cultural Arts program featured Dr. Halbert Greaves who spoke to the subject "Lincoln's Spirituality and the Preservation of the Union"
- Junior Sunday School children met with their parents where they acted out Jewish laws and customs of long ago. They also won a game of gospel tic-tac-toe against their parents
- RS Birthday Luncheon was made even more enjoyable by Dr. Jay Welch and his enlightening musical program
- The YW enjoyed an "All Girls Sports Night" with an exercise routine to the tune of Chicken Fat, parachute games and crab soccer
- June Little spoke at a special fireside to the YW where she addressed chastity
- The Primary Merrie Miss girls held a luncheon for their mothers with each girl telling warm and funny facts about her mother and presenting them with gold chains
- A dinner was provided by adult leaders in honor of the ward's youth
- Cultural Arts Series featured Ruffin Bridgeforth, President of the Genesis Branch, addressing "Black Leadership in the Church"
- Relief Society held a fashion show using fashions created by the women of the ward, either for themselves or members of their families
- Hal Eyring, Assistant Commissioner in the Church Education System, spoke to the subject "Multi-National Education" at the Stake Cultural Arts Series
- A large group of 86 YM/YW and their leaders had a super summer outing to Lake Powell; one of the highlights was Lynn Peterson jumping off an 85-foot cliff
- The Seventies Quorum held a July 24th Chuck Wagon breakfast with proceeds going to the missionary fund
- The Young Women enjoyed a fun evening with their fathers at "Daddy-Daughter Dinner and Disco." The dinner was followed by some instruction in disco dancing
- Youth Conference was held at Snow College where activities included workshops, water fights, a fireside and an evening at the Mormon Miracle Pageant
- The annual ward lawn party featured the Young Men who had a dunking booth and nail driving and golf chipping contests. The Young Women provided several booths for children

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- The Relief Society combined with the Second Ward to hold a Relief Society Boutique. These featured items created and made by sisters of the wards, with proceeds going to improve the ward kitchen.
- The Scouts completed a 50-mile hike in the High Uintahs, taking over five days
- The Primary held a Halloween Party with children and teachers wearing costumes. Games were played and treats enjoyed
- The Priests cooked and served dinner for the Laurels
- The Sunday School presented a special Christmas program featuring music by the Junior Sunday School and a message by our former Bishop Hatch
- The Young Men and Women spent many hours practicing for a roadshow that was written by Thom and Linda Harrison. It was presented at the East High auditorium as well as wards throughout the stake
- Primary children visited the Shriners Hospital as a Christmas service project delivering treats and singing carols
- The “Yalecrest Sociables” held a “Fiesta de Navidad” to help celebrate the holiday South of the Border style
- The ward was transformed into the Mansion House as ward members were guests of Joseph and Emma Smith for the Family Christmas Party. Families were encouraged to make an ornament as a Family Home Evening project. These ornaments were used to decorate one of the six trees at the party

- The Eagle Scout Award was given to David Russell

1980

- The Young Women brought their grandmothers to Mutual for a “Grandmothers” Party. The Young Women sang a song and presented their grandmothers with a flower. Light refreshments were served
- The Cub Scouts and their parents celebrated Cub Scouting’s 50th anniversary at the Blue and Gold Banquet
- Cultural Arts Series featured Harry Glick who spoke on the subject “Our Jewish Neighbors”
- The Church introduced the consolidated meeting schedule. Sunday services will now be held in a three-hour block. The new program was developed so families could spend more time together on the Sabbath as well as spending more time in personal gospel study
- The Young Men and Women went roller skating together, then went back to the ward for pizza
- The Church held events to celebrate its sesquicentennial. The Grand Ball “Church for All the World” was held at the Hotel Utah and Salt Palace
- The Stake presented “Palmyra 1820,” a cantata for chorus and orchestra, conducted by Jay Welch
- The Young Women enjoyed a meeting at the Salt Palace where they listened to President and Sister Kimball and President Elaine Cannon and her

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counselors. Elder Thomas Monson was the concluding speaker. They all spoke on the theme, "With so many voices, how do I choose?"

- 56 players participated in the 3-day annual ward basketball tournament. Team Tom Rosenberg outlasted Team George Romney for first place
- On April 12, 1980, President N. Eldon Tanner of the First Presidency offered the dedicatory prayer at the stake farm.
- A Young Artists recital for young people at the ward 15 and younger was held to display their talents
- The Cub Scout Pack visited a Salt Lake City Council meeting. Jim Hatch gave the opening prayer and Troy Lund led the Pledge of Allegiance
- The Deacon's Quorum went on a special camping trip to Arches National Park
- Cub Scouts learned about communications by publishing their own den newspaper and meeting with Morley Naylor to learn about being a ham radio operator
- The Duty to God Award was given to John Crandall.
- The Eagle Scout Awards were given to Spencer Christensen and Steven Romney

FUNERALS

- Clarence L. Giles – 4/1/77
- William McKinley Oswald – 4/1/77

- Reed Harrow- 6/1/77
- Pearl B. Clawson- 7/1/77
- Frances Wells -2/1/78
- Russell E. Reeve – 5/1/78
- Leland M. Cummings – 5/1/78
- Donetta L. L. Hilton – 11/1/78
- Alice L. Giles – 12/21/78
- Ruel Harrington – 1/1/79
- Edna D. Taylor – 6/1/79
- William D. Eldredge – 7/1/79
- Fay B. Hayes – 9/1/79
- Eugene G. Livingston – 4/1/80
- Pearl Milne – 5/1/80
- Augusta James – 6/1/80

MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Francis M. Gibbons, Stake President
- James A Kenning, Max Wheelwright, George Romney, Robert E. Crandall, Norman W. Clark, David S. Hatch, Stake High Council
- Lewis H. Lloyd, Stake Sunday School President
- Barbara Christensen, Stake Relief Society First Counselor

NOTABLES

- Three scouts, Garth DeVries, Alex Treharne and John Crandall attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Moraine Park, PA
- Natalie Lyon performed with the Primary Chorus in General Conference
- Helen Vrontikis was honored by being selected as the Western Region winner of the John Park Award for young hospital volunteers. Helen, a Mia Maid, represented the Western Region in the National Finals.
- Elder Ashby Boyle and Sister LaRue Nixon, his mission mother, handled much of the public relations for the meeting of Apostles Gordon B. Hinckley and Neal A. Maxwell with the King of Spain
- Former Bishop David S. Hatch was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow Award by Rotary International for “service above self to his community”
- Phil Mueller, ward Assistant Executive Secretary, was named News Director of KSL TV
- Donald Poulter was elected to serve on the Board of Trustees for the National Association of Children’s Hospitals
- Elder Joseph Anderson celebrated his 90th birthday and was honored at a reception in the Church Administration Building and also at a ceremony
- Kelly DeVries graduated with honors from BYU as a University Scholar

- Irene Elggren accepted the position of Salt Lake Lady Lion’s Club President for 1981
- Dr. Anne Osborn, Associate Professor of Radiology at the University of Utah was named Assistant Dean for Medical Education in the College of Medicine. Elder Russell Nelson once said, “Anne is one of the most brilliant women in the world.”
- Neil H. Burt, Vice President of Western Savings and Loan, was elected President of the Salt Lake Neighborhood Housing Services.

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

As a newly called bishop, O. Gregory DeMille felt lost as to how he should proceed, so he earnestly sought the Lord in prayer. “My petition was simply, ‘What should I do, Lord; what do you want me to do?’ The answer came quickly and forcibly. I remember it as if it were yesterday. I had retired to my bed after praying for help and then sometime during the night . . . the following words were spoken very clearly and indelibly etched in my mind, ‘Love them and serve them. Love them and serve them.’ I had my answer. From that time forward I devoted myself to loving and serving the members of the Yalecrest Ward. All of my prejudices toward certain members and families melted away and I found myself loving all of them, caring about them, suffering with them, crying with them and rejoicing in their successes. I was even willing to take some of their sins upon me had it been possible. The Lord truly blessed me and opened up what was to be a marvelous experience.”

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**Yalecrest First Ward
Bishop George J. Romney
1980-1986**

Bishop: George J Romney, sustained: July 1980, released: May 1986
First Counselor: Kenneth L. Russell, Mark Durham
Second Counselor: Orion Bishop, Jon Brown, James Kenning
Executive Secretary: Parker P. Robison, Orion B. Bishop
Ass't. Executive Secretary: Phillip Mueller
Ward Clerk: Dan R. Curtis
Ass't. Ward Clerks: R. Thornton Snow, Nello C. London, Ralph K. Little, Steward Landau, Marion L. Baird, Robert H. DeVries,
High Priest Group Leader: Joel M. Jolley, David H. Hatch, Lewis H. Lloyd
Sunday School President: Harold Bell, Parker P. Robison, Eric Smart
Seventy Group Leader: Charles Miller, Fred Babcock
Elders Quorum President: Orion Bishop, Dennis Burbidge
Relief Society President: Grace Cameron
Primary President: Diane Wilkin, Kristin Stone, Becky Woodbury
YM President: Jon Brown, Homer R. Warner
YW President: Francine Herridge
Activities Chairman: Carolyn DeVries

EVENTS

1980

- A new bishopric was sustained with George Romney being sustained as Bishop, Kenneth Russell, as First Counselor and Orion Bishop, as Second Counselor.
- Sister Rosemary Burbidge shared her many homemaking talents with the Young Women. She spoke about the importance of gaining and learning homemaking skills that can be used to beautify, personalize and add to the spirit of the home.
- The annual Ward Reunion featured a wonderful dinner, program and time to visit.
- The Elders Quorum hosted a fireside where noted clinical psychologist, Victor Cline, spoke on raising children.
- The Young Men and Young Women opening social was held at Sugar House Park.
- The Primary held an autumn activity at Wheeler Farm where the children participated in an “Evening Chores Tour” that included cow milking, egg gathering, a picnic and hayride
- The Laurels had a bowling activity in October and each took a non-member friend
- The Special Interest sisters enjoyed an afternoon at the Missionary Training Center in Provo where they were hosted by ward members Joe and Barbara Christensen

- The Young Women attended a Tabernacle Choir broadcast, then all had breakfast at Gay Bishop’s house
- Merrie Miss Girls treated their parents to a delicious dinner and lovely evening. The girls did the menu planning, did the shopping, prepared the program, set the table, and did the cooking.
- Plans were in place to remodel certain areas of the Yalecrest Ward building. The remodeling brought some areas up to standard, made more room in the kitchen area, and provide outside storage areas for yard equipment.
- Disco Santa and his Dancing Reindeer made an appearance at the Ward Christmas Party. Santa joined ward members for an evening of food, song and dance. Ward members were encouraged to bring canned food items to be donated to the needy.
- The Young Men and Young Women had a Christmas dinner of roast beef with all the trimmings prepared by their advisors. Bishop Romney provided a Christmas message. They also participated in a service project to provide a Christmas of food and gifts for a needy family with five children.
- Bishop Romney and his wife, Joanne, hosted a holiday dinner for a group of Special Interest sisters.

1981

- The ward supplied 20 members to help complete the onion sorting project on the stake farm.

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- The Young Women spent a spiritual evening learning about temple marriage and the importance of keeping high moral values.
 - The Priest Quorum basketball team won first place in a prestigious Federal Heights Invitational Tournament.
 - The Stake Young Men and Young Women held variety show at East High School. Each ward presented an eight-minute performance.
 - Cub Scouts learned about Native American lore. They made articles of Native American costume and performed a song with sign language.
 - The annual Relief Society Birthday Luncheon was held March 17 at the Lion House.
 - The High Priests presented a new Genealogy class taught by Joe Stobbe. The prime function of the class was to help ward members develop their four generation charts.
 - Thirty-two ward members participated in the first annual St. George outing. Activities included a temple session, tours of the Brigham Young and Jacob Hamblin homes, tennis, golf, shopping and lots of food. The most important activity was the good fellowship among those who participated.
 - The Young Women sponsored a fashion show to help raise money for the ward building fund.
 - The Primary Internationale was a great success. The children sang songs from around the world taught by Norma Brough and Carolyn Sipherd.
- The children “traveled” to Asia where Barbara Madsen and Carolyn Sipherd taught the art of origami and fed them wontons. The children then moved on to Hawaii where they were taught by Linda Harrison and Evelyn Crandall. They were also served fresh pineapple and coconut. Next, to Africa where DeAnn Sadlier helped paint faces and they ate dates and raisins. The world tour ended in Sweden where Shauna Olsen taught the children about the Swedish people and their customs. She also served Swedish pancakes.
- The Elders Quorum Steak Fry was held at the home of Pam and Kent Larsen. The party included swimming, dinner and great times.
 - The Young Men and Young Women held a Ward Youth Conference that included a trip to the Wild Wave. The event ended with a wonderful fireside.
 - Relief Society took a summer outing at Pioneer Trails State Park. The tour included Brigham Young’s Farm House and the Pioneer Social Hall.
 - The High Priests held their annual summer party at Sunnyside Park. Entertainment was provided by the Yalecrest Ward Sextet: Jean Robinson, Larene McShane, Shauna Bell, Carolyn Sipherd, Lois Lloyd and Juneil Lyon.
 - A new tradition was started with the first Father and Daughter overnight outing at the Charles Miller cabin in Midway.
 - The Ward Family Christmas Party provided a glimpse of Christmas in other countries.

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- The YW painted yule logs and delivered them to people in the ward. The girls sang carols when they delivered the gifts. Both the girls and recipients were deeply touched.

1982

- The following Primary boys received their Mormon Battalion Award: Tyson Larson, Clark Burbidge, John Romney, Andrew Burt, Jared Madsen, Stephen Lyon and David Nilson.
- The YM/YW held their fall social in Park City where they enjoyed great food and the Alpine Slide.
- Michelle Herridge won the Stake Women's Tennis Tournament for 15-16 year olds, while Valerie Miller placed second for 12-13 year olds.
- A Primary service project gathered items and sent them to children living in Poland.
- The YM/YW Women participated in the Stake Film Festival. The ward's entry, written, produced and directed by the youth was entitled "E.T. Goes to Church."
- The youth enjoyed a wonderful fireside presented by Sharon Goodrich, a member of the Public Relations Department at Primary Children's Hospital. Sister Goodrich told many human-interest stories about the hospital and the children it serves. The youth have plans for fund-raising activities for the Festival of Trees.
- The YM/YW sponsored a fireside for the entire ward with Brother Hal Eyring as the speaker. A youth choir provided the music.

- The ward family Christmas Party featured dinner and a special program with many ward members singing Christmas songs "borrowed" from the musical "Annie." Also, a special visitor arrived from the North Pole for the children.

- Anne Osborn married Elder Ronald Poelman, a member of the 1st Quorum of the Seventies

1983

- The Primary held a talent show that featured performances and exhibits by the children.
- The YW had many opportunities to broaden their horizons in the cultural arts. They shared their gifts and abilities at a cultural arts program on February 16th.
- The YM/YW had a great time at a bobsledding party at the Rogerson's cabin in Oakley. Brother Rogerson built a bobsled run worthy of the Olympic Games!
- The annual St. George Adult Trip took place on April 21-23. Activities included a picnic in Snow Canyon, games at the motel, golf, tennis, shopping, temple excursions, swimming and an awards banquet. Cost per person was \$42.00.
- The YW tied and donated eight quilts to the University of Utah Medical Center's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. The Young Women were also able to take a tour of the pediatric unit of the hospital.
- Sister Barbara Christensen spoke at a Stake YM's Fireside. Her topic was "Mothers and Sons."

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- The ward presented a Melodrama and Talent Evening on October 19th. Food and refreshments were sold as a fundraising activity.
- Duty to God Awards were given to Stanford Clark, Kennion Jolley, Daniel Kenning and Trevor Larsen.
- The Eagle Scout Awards were given to Trevor Larsen, Stanford Clark and Kennion Jolley.

1984

- The Book of Mormon Challenge has borne fruit in the Primary. Several children finished reading the *Book of Mormon Stories* and received certificates of completion.
- The "Yalecrest Sociables" attended an informative fireside with guest speaker Ted Lyon discussing "The Worldwide Church and How it Applies to Us." He gave a very interesting history of the Church in Mexico and Latin America.
- The Young Men and Young Women had a fun night at "Struve's." Everyone played video games to their heart's content.
- A river trip by the youth took place in the summer of 1984. Several fundraising activities, including taking inventory at Mr. Macs, were accomplished to pay for this trip.
- Relief Society's summer outing was spent touring several of Salt Lake City's historic old homes. A luncheon followed on Lela Sander's patio.
- The Primary Children, along with the other wards in the stake, participated in

the "Heros and Heroines" party at the stake center. Children gathered in the chapel to hear of our own stake hero, President Eugene Hansen. Kris Stone talked about his life and admirable qualities. The children then moved from room to room learning about other heroes such as Walt Disney, Henry Marsh, Michelangelo, Ester in the Bible and George Washington Carver.

- The Elders Quorum sponsored a Ward Auction. Funds raised were used for missionary and welfare work.
- Judy Hatch demonstrated machine embroidery for the Young Women. All who were there had the opportunity to try this fun hobby.
- Dave Tucker and Steve Young tied for first place at the 1984 Bonneville Stake Golf Tournament held at Bonneville Golf Course.

1985

- The ward's 50-year jubilee anniversary was celebrated in 1985 and many of the prior ward members were able to attend.
- Ward members were asked to exercise their faith and prayers in behalf of two members of the Elders Quorum, Lynn Woodbury and Craig Ludwig. Lynn was paralyzed in a trampoline accident while Craig was diagnosed with cancer.
- Young Men and Young Women had a sports night at Sunnyside Park. Volleyball, softball and football were played.
- The Priests and their leaders rode their bikes to Lake Powell. The trip took three

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days. They held a number of fund raisers to finance the trip.

- The Young Women and Relief Society combined to meet for a Health Fair. Classes were taught in CPR, first aid, exercise and fitness and nutrition
- The Young Men and Young Women held their Super Activity at Lake Powell. They enjoyed water skiing, swimming, cliff diving and other activities. They held a spaghetti dinner to raise money for the trip.
- The Cub Scouts were awarded the first place Presidential Ribbon for their booth at the Scout-O-Rama. The booth had an Old West theme, highlighted by a painting of a large buffalo by Evelyn Crandall.
- Duty to God Awards were given to Bennett Madsen and Scott Romney.
- Eagle Scout Awards were given to Todd Larsen and Scott Romney.

1986

- The Elders Quorum organized a fireside, "Teaching Your Children to Avoid Child Abuse," presented by Dave Brewer.
- The Young Women visited the Pioneer Museum and the Church History Museum followed by a snack at Crossroads Mall.
- The Young Men and Young Women bicycled to the Burbidge ranch in Farmington where they enjoyed submarine sandwiches and a swim that braced them for the trip back home.
- The Duty to God Awards were given to Mathew Romney and Todd Larsen.

- Eagle Scout Awards were given to Mathew Romney and John Spencer.

NOTABLES

- The ward was blessed to have three General Authorities during Bishop Romney's tenure: Elder Joseph Anderson, Elder Ronald Poelman and Elder Joe Christensen.
- The ward had numerous visits from General Authorities. Bishop Romney was able to prevail upon his father, President Marion G. Romney of the First Presidency, to speak on two occasions.
- Valerie Miller was part of a team of Bonneville Elementary students that won the Utah State Problem Solving Competition. They then moved on to Michigan for the National Championship.
- Bryce Jolley played the lead role in the church-sponsored musical "Don't Forget to Remember" performed at the University of Utah's Special Events Center.
- Kay Cameron was honored as "Best Female Athlete" at East High for 1980-1981. She was a standout in volleyball, basketball and softball.
- Dawn Baily, Administrative Assistant in the College of Mines and Mineral Industries, was inducted into the National Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi, at the University of Utah.
- William Hague, retired General Manager at the Metropolitan Water District, received the Fuller Award. He went to St. Louis for the award and received an honorary lifetime membership in the

American Water Works Association.

- Steve Young tied for first place in the Stake Golf Tournament and went to place first in the Regional Golf Tournament, 17 strokes ahead of the nearest competitor.
- Martha Hammond was named to the Advisory Board of the Utah Museum of Fine Arts.
- Carolyn DeVries authored an inspired article entitled “Decide to Decide” that was published in the October 1981 *Ensign*.
- Steve Young, Larry Welch, Trevor Larson and Dave Russell were all members of the East High Golf team that won the Utah State Championship.
- Jody Naylor was chosen to represent East High in annual table setting competition at ZCMI.
- Homer Warner participated in a sailboat race from Victoria, British Columbia, to Maui, Hawaii. He was 2nd mate to his father, Dr. Homer Warner, in the boat “Daisy,” named for Homer Sr.’s grandmother.
- Carol Clark earned her PhD degree in Educational Administration at the University of Utah. She was appointed Consumer Education Specialist for the State of Utah.
- Carol Clark was named Utah’s Outstanding Young Woman of 1982.

FUNERALS

- Lovina E. Harrow – 1/1/81
- Marion B. Shurtleff – 1/1/81
- Amanda Gemmill – 6/1/81
- Mary Lu Hatch – 9/7/81
- Jody L. Little – 11/15/84
- Ronald T. Snow – 10/19/84
- George H. Curtis – 1985
- Eva Elaine Smith – 4/7/85
- Norma P. Anderson (wife of Elder Joseph Anderson) – 8/24/85
- Neil H. Burt – 1/21/86
- Hortense Livingston – 3/3/86

**MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS
OUTSIDE OF WARD**

- Robert E. Crandall, Norman W. Clark, O. Gregory DeMille, Even S. Madsen, Joe J. Christensen, Stake High Councilors
- Lewis H. Lloyd, Stake Sunday School President
- Gay Bishop, Stake YW 2nd Counselor
- Nancy Little, Stake YW 2nd Counselor
- Diane L. Miller, Stake Primary Secretary
- Kristin T. Stone, Stake Primary Nursery Leader

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Memories of Mark Durham:

Mary and I lived in the ward from about 1977 to 1982. After our second child was born at the LDS hospital, I was driving home and saw this home for sale on Yalecrest Avenue. I stopped to talk to the neighbor, George Romney, to ask about the neighborhood and he told me how good it was. I bought the home without my wife even seeing it. We loved living there. I said wild horses couldn't pull us out, but we left five years later to build a business in Arizona.

Joe and Barbara Christensen lived across the street and up a house or two. When we moved in Barbara quickly came over with a loaf of bread. Joe Christensen was then serving with Elder Neal A. Maxwell as assistant Church Commissioner of Education, I believe. Marion G. Romney lived up the street and could be seen in the morning standing and waiting with briefcase in hand for President Spencer W. Kimball to come around the corner and pick him up in his chauffeur-driven Chevrolet Impala. He didn't want to make President Kimball wait. Stake Conference was always a treat with a full Bonneville Stake Orchestra and then one or two members of the First Presidency and several Apostles present.

It was during the time that we were in the bishopric that the church made the decision to go from morning Priesthood and Sunday School Meeting with Sacrament Meeting in the evening to the 3-hour block program.

I remember we were always going on visits as a bishopric on Sundays and were busy with the youth most evenings. One time, as we had been out visiting several nights in a row, Bishop Romney said while we sat in the car, "There is a meeting up the canyon at Brighton

Saturday with the stake, but I won't be there." I was surprised. He then said that his son had an athletic event and he was going to that. Still part way through the meeting up the canyon, Bishop Romney showed up, just a little late. He was a dedicated Bishop!

I just remember wonderful people and loving being part of the ward! Of course, the ward was in good shape because David Hatch had been the bishop not too long before. He was in the stake presidency as we served. His wife, Mary Lu Hatch, passed away from cancer as we lived there. She and David were both valiant souls!

Bishop Romney strengthens the faith of ward members:

In the early 1980's, a letter purported to have been written by Martin Harris surfaced in Salt Lake City. This letter was called "The Salamander Letter." It contained information that was contrary to some of the basic doctrines of the Church. The letter created a great deal of excitement in the city and in our ward. It seemed to have created a crisis of faith in the hearts of some of the members. Bishop Romney sensed this concern and asked the Sunday School Gospel Doctrine teacher if he could take a moment to address the class. Bishop Romney spoke calmly and forcefully about this letter. He told the members of the class that their faith should not be shaken because the authenticity of the letter was unproven. He cautioned them against jumping to conclusions about things we knew little or nothing about. He told them to rely on Heavenly Father and the Holy Ghost for guidance and he bore a strong testimony of the Church and of the mission of Joseph Smith. The letter later proved to be a forgery and Bishop Romney's words were just what the ward members needed to hear.

Yalecrest First Ward

**Yalecrest First Ward
Bishop Norman W. Clark
1986-1989**



Bishop: Norman W. Clark, sustained: May 1986, (deceased): February, 1989
First Counselor: Gregory J. Spencer
Second Counselor: Dennis Burbidge
Executive Secretary: Morley E. Naylor
Ass't. Executive Secretary: Homer R. Warner, W. Richard Woodbury
Ward Clerk: Orrice C. McShane
Ass't. Ward Clerk: Robert H. DeVries, P. Dennis Pahnke, Larry Maxfield, M.L. Baird
High Priest Group Leader: Lewis H. Lloyd, Evan S. Madsen
Seventy Group Leader: Byron J. Little, George J. Romney
Elders Quorum President: Stephen J. Hatch
Sunday School President: James A. Kenning
Relief Society President: Evelyn Crandall, Mary Jolley
Primary President: Nancy Little, Wendy Cederlof
YM President: K. Bradford Romney
YW President: Carolyn DeVries, Julie Brown
Activities Chairman: June Little, Linda Peterson

EVENTS

1986

- In May, a new bishopric was sustained with Norman W. Clark as Bishop, Gregory J. Spencer as First Counselor and Dennis Burbidge as Second Counselor
- The Elders Quorum sponsored the Yalecrest State Fair. Participants brought homemade chili, pies, rolls and home-grown vegetables. Fair-goers were entertained by a cowboy magician and a live bluegrass band.
- In October, all of the YW participated in a church-wide missionary activity at Kennedy Park. Each of the girls wrote a message on a small piece of paper concerning their love for the Church, the Lord or whatever they wished for the world. Each message was put into a balloon and let go. This took place all over the world.
- The YM/YW had an interesting Halloween Party. Each youth was instructed to wear different clothing combinations according to the initials of their names. They ordered their food by choosing from silly named dishes, not what they were.
- The Relief Society held a “Home for the Holidays” activity where the sisters visited the homes of Barbara Madsen, Connee Rasmussen, Nancy Little and Gail Williamson. There was a different activity at each home and a lot of holiday cheer.
- YM/YW raked leaves for various elderly people in the ward. They then met at the ward for dinner afterwards.

- The Ward Family Christmas Party centered on Christmas traditions. The Young Men and Young Women invited special people in the ward to accompany them. For people who could not attend, dinner was brought to their homes.
- The Primary Christmas Activity found the older children roller-skating and the younger ones decorating goodies at the ward
- The Young Women made cookies and then went caroling to ward members delivering gifts of cookies.
- The Elders Quorum sponsored a gala New Year’s Eve party at the ward. A wonderful dinner was served and activities included lip-synching, dancing and a balloon drop at midnight.

1987

- Ward goals for 1987 included: 1) Share the gospel with others with the ward accounting for at least two baptisms; 2) Do work for our kindred dead by increasing temple attendance by 20% over last year; 3) Raise our individual spirituality to a higher level by increasing Sunday School and Relief Society attendance, all adults reading the New Testament and being more prayerful with personal and family prayers.
- The Young Women participated in the Winter Carnival at Brighton. Everyone who attended had a great time. There was food, skiing, videos and games.
- The ward presented a great Road Show, “Alexander the Grape.” It was a take-off on the California Raisin commercial. Characters included Raisin Caine, Raisin

the Roof, Raisin my Head, Raisin my Taxes, etc. The driving force behind the production was Nina Norton.

1988

- The Primary ended the summer with a very fun and wet activity day. Dressed in swimming suits, the children played water games including kick soccer, water balloons, fishing pond, and a slip 'n slide tug of war, all followed by lunch.
- The Priests enjoyed a summer kayaking trip on the Green River. The trip was the culmination of months of training conducted by Creighton Rider on kayaking techniques.
- The Young Men and Young Women held a Super Activity in Park City. Although the work project turned into a forage in the woods and a "short" bus ride turned into a four-hour exodus, hayrides, dancing and other events made the activity a success.
- The Relief Society created a beautiful hand-made quilt that was donated to LDS Hospital. The hospital auctioned it off to raise funds. Before it was auctioned off, the quilt was prominently displayed at the hospital. Rosemary Burbidge and Martha Kenning designed the quilt and engineered the project.

1989

- To the ward's great sorrow, Bishop Clark suffered a heart attack and passed away on February 7, 1989.

NOTABLES

- Heather Hunt finished in third place in the Western States Skating Championships
- Rakelle Rasmussen performed in the ballet, "Abdullah"

FUNERALS

- William H. Elggren, 7/2/86
- Norma Post, 8/7/86
- Mary Watkins, 10/9/86
- Rhoda Carter, 11/1/86
- Wallace M. Clinger, 10/26/87
- Edna B. Clawson, 1/26/88
- Claude A. Stoney, 1/13/88
- Cannon A. Thomson, 2/22/88
- Gustav H. Goffe , 4/4/88
- Mae J. Thomson, 6/25/88
- Barbara A. Offield, 7/28/88
- Bishop Norman W. Clark, 2/7/89

**MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS
OUTSIDE THE WARD**

- Even S. Madsen, Joseph W. Stobbe, A. Mac Little, Stake High Councilors
- Lois A. Clark, Stake Relief Society 1st Counselor

- Beverly Spencer, Stake Relief Society Secretary
- Stephen J. Hatch, Stake YM First Counselor
- John T. Crandall, Stake YM Secretary
- Rosemary Burbidge, Stake YW Second Counselor and President
- Juneil F. Lyon, Stake YW Camp Director
- DeAnn Sadlier, Stake Primary Nursery Leader
- Ralph K. Little, Stake Mission President
- Brent Larsen, University 18th Ward Bishopric, 2nd /1st Counselor

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Martha Hammond, Ward Historian, wrote this tribute to Bishop Norman Clark:

“Bishop Clark took a personal interest in all the ward members, but one member, a struggling single parent at this time, said, ‘I always thought that Bishop Clark had a special concern for the single sisters and knew of their special challenges that they might face. I felt truly watched over and received his helping hand on more than one occasion.’

“Unfortunately, the memory that is shared by his entire ward family is of Bishop Clark’s sudden death on February 7, 1989. He suffered a heart attack while shoveling snow. News traveled fast and shock reverberated through the ward. Disbelief gave way to sadness, and we were in mourning.

“His obituary read, ‘A guileless man, he embodied integrity and instilled in his family a love of honesty, excellence, education and hard work.’ His ward family would certainly echo that statement and miss this wonderful man.”

Brad Romney served as Young Men’s President from 1983 to 1989. He shares the following: “I believe we were successful at getting 100% of our active Priests a missionary call.... One of my great memories of serving the Young Men was the opportunity I had to sit down, one-on-one, with several of them, as they prepared to serve missions. I remember, in particular, long talks I had with Trevor Larson and David Russell on my Michigan Avenue front steps, late into the night.”

Brad also fondly remembers some of the unique talents of his boys. “One thing I remember is the ability of Young Men to eat. It seems like the Hatch boys (David and Scott) and the Leavitts (Cameron and Ian) had particularly voracious appetites!”

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**Yalecrest First Ward
Bishop Brent M. Cederlof
1989-1994**

Bishop: Brent M. Cederlof, sustained: February 1989; released: June 1994
First Counselor: Fred M. Babcock
Second Counselor: Donald C. Wiscomb
Executive Secretary: Scott A. Eggers
Ward Clerk: Scott Parkinson
Ass't. Ward Clerks: Craig Swenson, John M. Hillyard
High Priest Group Leader: Even S. Madsen, Kenneth L. Russell
Ward Mission Leader: Ferron Olson, Richard K. Nebeker
Sunday School President: J. Lynn Lyon
Elders Quorum President: Mark E. Linford, Scott A. Hagen
Relief Society President: Mary Jolley, Marjorie Spencer
Primary President: Wendy Cederlof, Melissa A. Taylor, Janet D. Eggers, DeAnn Sadleir
YM President: Brent A Larson
YW President: Kristin T. Stone, Allison Parkinson
Activity Chairman: Allison Parkinson, Donald C. Wiscomb, Gary Rasmussen

EVENTS

1989

- In November, 1989, the Primary children made nearly 50 birthday cards for Elder Joseph Anderson to help him commemorate his 100th birthday. They then helped prepare several baskets of goodies that were delivered to several special members of the ward and neighborhood.
- The Relief Society contributed a beautiful hand sewn quilt for the LDS Quilt Auction held in November, 1989. The quilt drew rave reviews and contributed a sizable amount for a very worthy cause. The Relief Society also contributed 27 youth quilts to the Homeless Shelter helping many young people stay warm in difficult circumstances.
- In December, 1989, the annual Christmas party was held featuring dinner and dancing. The gym was decorated with several poinsettia plants and ten beautiful trees that were sold after the party.

1990

- In one twelve-month period, twelve baby boys were born into the ward—eleven of them went on to serve full-time missions as young men.
- Several well established ward-activity traditions continued, including the annual ice cream social, lawn party, and High Priest Group steak fry.
- Eagle Scout Awards were given to Nathan Cederlof and John Romney.

- Ray Boyce, who had long participated in ward activities with his wife, Bette, was baptized at the age of 70. He was confirmed in Sacrament Meeting on February 11, 1990.
- The YW backpacked into the Rasmussen Lakes in the High Uinta Mountains to participate in the Stake's Rough Camp.
- Joseph Anderson, ward member, emeritus General Authority and former Secretary to the First Presidency, continued to attend church and take daily walks through the neighborhood at the age of 100. He enjoyed sharing stories of President Heber J. Grant with whom he had served between 1922 and 1945.

1991

- The Young Womenhood Recognition Awards were given to Tina Lisonbee and Rakelle Ramussen.
- Eagle Scout Awards were given to Samuel Behunin, Aaron Cederlof and John Romney.
- On November 6, 1991, Laura Babcock was the hostess of a dating panel for the YW. Several high school and college age men were on the panel.
- On December 19, 1991, the Relief Society held a special Christmas dinner and program. Music was provided by Nina Norton's singing group, "The Music Works."
- The ward choir sang a special Christmas number, "Soft, Soft," composed by Laurence Lyon, at sacrament meeting on December 22, 1991.

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- The Primary children worked hard to compile a Missionary Cookbook. They colored and wrapped an individual book for each of our missionaries and hoped those serving in the field would feel the love and support of the Primary children in the Yalecrest First Ward.
- The Young Men/Young Women enjoyed a Christmas dinner prepared and served by their leaders. After dinner, everyone decorated and delivered trees to some elderly ward members.

1992

- On February 10, 1992, the Primary held a Ward Family Home Evening. A Talent Night was presented by the children to the families in attendance.
- Elder Joseph Anderson passed away at the age 102. Services were held at the Stake Center. Elder Boyd K. Packer arranged the funeral. President Thomas S. Monson conducted
- The Young Men and Young Women had a summer activity at Pineview Reservoir. The water level was low but spirits were high as the youth bid farewell to summer with a day full of water skiing, food and fun.
- The Primary ended the summer with a poolside party at the Sadleir's for the Senior Primary and waterslides and silly string on the ward lawn for the Junior Primary.
- The Young Womenhood Recognition Awards were given to Laura Babcock and Allison Burbidge.

- Eagle Scout Awards were given to David Hatch, Ryan Pahnke and Andrew Sipherd

1993

- The Ward Primary entered a float in the Days of 47 Youth Parade with the theme: "Utah: A Gathering of Nations." The float was a beautiful purple-and-gold immigrant ship flying the flags of several nations. 120 youth and adults walked with the float dressed as immigrants from difference countries.
- Matt Wood and Amy Guy were married on 7/31/1993.
- Steven Lyon married Rachael Dixon on 12/17/1993.
- Baby girl, Eliza Jean, was born to Mary Ann and Scott Rasmussen.
- Rick and Robin Robison welcomed their fifth girl, baby Victoria.
- The High Priest Group held their annual steak fry.
- High Priests--Joseph Stobbe, Harold Spencer, Percy Hawkins and Bill Clawson, with an average age of 74 ½ entered the Stake Golf Tournament.
- The Relief Society held a picnic supper and games. Due to rain, the venue was changed to the ward building foyer.
- Matt Boxell conducted singing at Paul's homecoming.
- The Elders Quorum enjoyed temple night at the Jordan River Temple. The High Priests were invited. Everyone gathered at

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- the Wiscombs' afterward for hamburgers.
- The Priest and Teachers had an outing at Coyote Gulch.
- The Young Men and Young Women held a summer bike outing to Dog Lake.
- Beehives froze at Brighton Girls Camp in July.
- The Young Women participated in YW Wilderness Camp.
- The Young Women enjoyed an evening with mothers to discuss temple marriage.
- A school opening party was held at George Washington Park.
- Leesa and Lindsay Ricci were baptized.
- Michael and Paul Taylor were baptized.
- Troop 53 Summer Camp was held at camp Evergreen at the East Fork of the Bear in July (with freezing temperatures); 88 merit badges were earned.
- Jeremy Pahnke and Matt Larson attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree

1994

- The Young Womenhood Recognition Award was given to Suzanne Spencer.
- The Eagle Scout Award was given to Scott Hatch.

NOTABLES

- Juneil Lyon served as East High PTSA President

- Bob Crandall was awarded an Honorary Degree at his 50th class reunion at Harvard Business School

FUNERALS

- Vanda Hayes
- Wilford E. Shurtleff, 2/15/89
- Flora S. Bennion, 3/22/89
- Raymond C. Solomon, 11/19/89
- Louise C. Nielsen, 11/23/89
- Juneanne DeVries, 10/16/89
- Emory C. Smith, 12/15/89
- Alma Mac Little, 11/20/90
- Beth Rich, 10/1/91
- Dan Wendelboe, 12/27/91
- Jennie Kearl, 12/23/91
- Joseph Anderson, 3/13/92
- Nello C. London, 6/25/93

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Paul R. Rich, Stake YM President
- Stephen J. Hatch, 1st Counselor Stake YM Presidency
- Joanne J. Romney, Stake YW Secretary
- Carolyn D. DeVries, Stake Primary President

- Rebecca Woodbury, Stake Primary Music Leader
- Melissa Leavitt, Stake Primary Music Leader
- George J. Romney, First Counselor Stake Mission Presidency
- Even Madsen, Bishop of a University Ward
- Dick and Pat Mackay, Church Service Missionaries
- Doran Taylor, Student Ward Bishopric
- Brad Romney, Student Ward Bishopric
- Lynn Lyon, 2nd Counselor, Stake Sunday School Presidency
- Carol Clark, Education Counselor, University Stake Relief Society Presidency

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Bishop Cederlof recalls Elder Joseph Anderson's funeral:

“Elder Boyd K. Packer arranged the funeral but invited me to his office for consultation. Thomas S. Monson conducted the funeral but telephoned me at home the night before to review the program. I was impressed with how they respected my position as Bishop and carefully involved me. I was invited to walk before the casket as it was brought into the Bonneville Stake Center. Elder Oaks caught my eye and gave me a warm smile of recognition.”

Highlights/Difficulties of the Bishop's tenure:

“During the course of an interview, [it was a highlight to] have the spirit manifest the Lord's love for someone or confirming to me that I could tell them they are forgiven. I always loved tithing settlement-especially watching the children settle their tithing; it was never drudgery. The difficulties were dealing with young people caught in sin or anyone being less than their best.”

The Priesthood made manifest:

Another highlight Bishop Cederlof recalls was working with a newly reactivated couple (who apparently could not have children) and promising them in a priesthood blessing that they would have the desire of their heart (to have children) if they would put the Lord first in their life, and then seeing it all fulfilled.”

Expressions of gratitude from Bishop Cederlof:

“It was a privilege to serve as Bishop to such a remarkable and devoted group of Latter-day Saints. I have a special feeling and love for them all.”

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**Yalecrest First Ward
Bishop Gregory J. Spencer
1994-1999**



Bishop: Gregory J. Spencer, sustained: 6/12/94; released: 11/14/99
First Counselor: Mark E. Linfoord
Second Counselor: Byron J. Little
Executive Secretary: Scott N. Rasmussen, Bradford Bowen
Ward Clerk: Stephen J. Hatch
Ass't. Ward Clerks: Tim Powell, Craig E. Ludwig, J Scott Brown, Scott Howe, P. Dennis Pahnke
High Priest Leader: James M. Sipherd, J. Lynn Lyon, Fred Babcock
Mission Leader: Christopher Robinson, William Sadleir, Scott A. Hagen
Sunday School President: J. Lynn Lyon, Charles Wood, Mark Johansen
Elders Quorum President: Scott A Hagen, Peter J. Morgan, Eric Leavitt
Relief Society President: Marjorie Spencer, Wendy W. Cederlof, Rosie Burbridge
Primary President: Carol Pahnke, Judy Hatch, Robin Robison
YM President: Mark J. Wiest, Scott Parkinson, Brent Larson
YW President: Rochelle Robinson, Sara Jayne Romney, DeAnn Sadleir
Activity Chairman: Leslie Boren, Michelle B. Morgan, Dana Wiest, Bradford and Shelly Bowen, Sara Jane Romney
Music: Juneil Lyon, Lisa Boxell, Jean Robinson

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Ward Size: We had a booming nursery of 20, a large Primary of 100, 7 to 10 high school graduates each year, and around 525 souls in the ward. There were about 35 families that moved in and about 35 families that moved out, so the ward size stayed about the same.

ANNUAL EVENTS

- Lawn party
- Ice cream social
- Fathers and family outings (Theatre in the Pines, Payson Lakes, Rockport)
- Dinners in the ward homes
- Youth outings (Ricks College, Rock'in R. Ranch, Veyo, Moab)
- Adult Christmas parties
- Talent and art shows
- Elders Quorum parties (one party was a Celebrity Couples Cruise)

EVENTS

1994

- Marriage of Artimesia Robinson to Travis Murphy – 9/22/94
- Marriage of Stephanie Cederlof to Chad Hawkins – 12/8/94
- Joseph Ferrara, an adult convert, was baptized with the help of Jeff Olsen. He later served a mission in Thailand, supported by the ward.

- The Primary Program theme was Choose the Right -- We Believe the Articles of Faith.
- The ward started the Primary Nativity tradition in December; it is still ongoing.
- The Young Womenhood Recognition Awards were given to Teresa Little and Rachael Lyon.
- Eagle Scout Awards were given to Bill Norton and Matthew Larson.
- The ward took a Saturday and held a 12-hour Book of Mormon Immersion project. Special presentations were held for the young people.
- Marriages of Allison Burbidge to Ben Jacobsen (2/6/96), Laura Babcock to Alan Dunaway (3/19/96), Sonja Madsen to Chad Downey (6/6/96), Jared Madsen to Lisa Connolly (8/15/96)

1997

- Eagle Scout Awards were given to Steve Hertz, Michael Larson and Peter Pahnke.
- The ward building received some much-needed upgrades; including new carpet and paint throughout. Also installed were new air- conditioning units that provided air conditioning to the entire building for the first time. The nursery was painted with colorful pictures. Vandalism occurred – graffiti outside and fire extinguishers sprayed inside.
- 1997 was the sesquicentennial year of the pioneers crossing the plains. "Faith in Every Footstep" was celebrated with a stake pioneer trek for the youth. Relief Society had a commemorative event, and even the Primary had a trek around the

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block. "111 Days to Zion" was a Sacramento Meeting Program put on by the youth.

- Marriages of Jennifer Stevens to Eric Wuestenberg (3/26/97), Michael Adair to Diane Done (7/31/97), Adriane Lignell to Phillip Geurts
- The ward fasted for Richard Nebeker who had acute leukemia.
- The Primary Program theme was "I Am a Child of God".

1998

- The Young Womenhood Recognition Award was given to Emily Stone.
- Eagle Scout Awards were given to David Norton, Coulson Rich and Spencer Little.
- Marriages of Lisa Boxell to Steven Riska (6/11/98), Teresa Little to Matthew Jackson (8/18/98), Richard Lisonbee to Cynthia Fawcett (8/29/98), Susanna Paxton to Allan Flandro (12/15/98) and Suzanne Spencer to John Wirthlin (12/30/98).
- The Primary program theme was "I Know the Scriptures are True."
- A special fast for the ward youth was held on 5/1/98 to support them in their challenges.

1999

- On May 29, 1999, the Elders held a 1970s party that began as a barbeque at Laird Park. Following some good eats, the group ventured down to Franklin Covey

Field where they relived the music of their youth at a Doobie Brothers concert.

- The guest speaker at the Relief Society's annual birthday dinner in March, 1999, was Liz Zirkle, Minerva Teichert's granddaughter. It was an enlightening event.
- The Deacons' basketball team won the 1999 stake basketball tournament by winning three games in one night. The older boys were also impressive, advancing to the quarter-finals of the regional tournament.
- Several young men and their leaders experienced a claustrophobic trip through Nutty Putty Cave in Utah County. A campout was enjoyed afterwards.
- The Young Men and Young Women combined activity in April, 1999, was an etiquette dinner. "Miss Manners" instructed the youth on proper dining etiquette. Following the instructions and, presumably, using their best manners, everyone dined on a scrumptious meal.
- In response to the tragedy at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, over 40 women in our ward pooled time, talents and resources to create 19 beautiful comfort quilts in only six days. Women from the ages of 12 to over 80 spent memorable bonding time together while working for this worthy cause.
- The Relief Society completed a service project in the summer of 1999. 20 procedure dolls were made, complete with gowns, for Primary Children's Hospital. Also made were gowns for preemie babies and nine quilts. The quilts are used in place of blankets on the children's beds.

- The Young Women kicked off the summer of 1999 with a barbeque and swimming party at the Saddleirs'. 'They also had an incredible experience later in the summer on the Stake Pioneer Trek. They were required to leave their modern world behind, wear pioneer clothing and eat pioneer food (which included slaughtering turkeys). Most importantly the youth drew closer to their Savior as they came to appreciate the sacrifice the Mormon pioneers made coming to the Salt Lake Valley. It was a life-changing experience for many who participated.
- In June, the Scouts traveled to Coyote Gulch and spent three days exploring the Escalante River area. They experienced desert waterfalls, slot canyons, rock arches, and a hot desert sun.
- The older Scouts took a summer trip to Buckskin Gulch in the Paria River drainage. It is considered the best slot canyon hike on the Colorado Plateau and may be the deepest and narrowest slot canyon hike in the world.
- Young Womenhood Recognition Awards were given to Leslie Boren, Allison Parkinson, Missy Taylor & Adrienne Little
- Eagle Scout Awards were given to Richard Romney and Darren Pahnke
- Marriage of Kari Ann Naylor to Chad Goodrick (8/14/99)
- Other marriages where dates are missing: Thomas and Lori Peterson, Michael Nilson, Carol Davis to Joseph Burggraaf
- The Primary program theme was "Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ."

NOTABLES

- Emily Stone -- high achievement on PSAT, National Merit Scholar commendation
- Scott Hatch -- Sterling Scholar (Math) '95
- Rebecca Spencer -- Sterling Scholar (Dance) '95, Dance Club President, Chi Omega President
- Michael Nilson -- Sterling Scholar (Technology Education) '95
- Rachel Romney served as director of the Brighton Beehive Camp.
- Mark Spencer -- National Merit Scholar and Sterling Scholar (Math) '98
- Bethany Robinson -- Coach's Leopard Award & All-Region Team – basketball
- Marjorie Spencer -- Bonneville PTA President
- Shayla Poulson was born weighing only 1 pound 10.75 oz. on 11/25/94.

FUNERALS

- Hazel Parkinson (1/30/95) and Cannon Parkinson (1/9/98)
- Katherine Cummings (2/21/98)
- Myrle Gibson (12/28/95)
- Elizabeth Olsen Hawkins (4/15/96) Bishop Spencer and President McConkie gave her a blessing of release and she died shortly thereafter.

- Glen Hickenlooper (8/23/97)
- Victoria Peine (1/28/98)
- Marion L. Baird (4/4/96)
- Richard K. Nebeker (1/24/97)
- Lavon T Baird (4/15/98)
- Roma R. Hickenlooper (4/20/98)
- Beverly Spencer (8/18/99) --Bishop Spencer presided over his own mother's funeral.
- Mildred Gaddie (3/4/95)
- Nancy Bullock (8/15/96)
- John Campbell (11/16/96)

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Ronald E. Poelman, Council of Seventy
- Dennis E. Burbidge, 1st Counselor Stake YM Presidency
- Robert H. Norton, 2nd Counselor Stake YM Presidency
- April M. Little, 1st & 2nd Counselor Stake YW Presidency
- Shelley T. Rich, Stake YW Camp Director
- Bonnie R. Barker, Stake Primary President

- Loree D. Hagen, 1st Counselor Stake Primary Presidency
- William K. Sadleir, 2nd Counselor Stake Mission Presidency

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

The Beginning:

Bishop Spencer went to the temple to ponder who his counselors should be. He felt the names he was considering weren't the ones. Later, he received a confirmation of the Spirit about whom the Lord wanted him to call - Mark and Byron.

Greg and his counselors were raised in the ward. His parents and Byron's mother were still faithful members of the ward. Mark and Steve Hatch lived in their late parents' homes. Within a week of being called, the new bishop found himself doing a ropes course with the youth at Ricks College for Youth Conference. It was unique to have the bishop and Relief Society president in the same family for the first few weeks.

Highlights/difficulties during Bishop Spencer's tenure:

Highlights included but were not limited to baptisms of 8 year olds, missionary homecomings, the youth Pioneer Trek, ward temple nights on the first Friday of the month, working with great ward members who accepted and fulfilled callings, who served one another and who sincerely tried to follow Christ.

Some of the difficulties were helping people deal with major life challenges such as health issues. Sister Pahnke's stroke was a tragedy for her, her family and the neighborhood.

Other tragedies included helping wayward youth -- what heartache for families and for a bishop – and helping men deal with Internet pornography.

Expressions of gratitude from Bishop Spencer:

“Service is such a blessing. I felt the support and prayers of ward members upon being sustained -- and I watched the ward quickly move to support the new bishop upon my release -- what a wonderful process.

“I felt the support of a loving Father in Heaven as I served. I testify that strength and inspiration come to those who seek it and need it.

“One of the most difficult things to learn as we serve is how to effectively and appropriately be a part of the lives of those served. This is also what is missed most upon being released.”

Marjorie Spencer recalls how the Lord watched over their youth:

One example was a Scout trip to Kings Peak, Utah’s highest mountain. Spencer Little became very sick due to the altitude. After a sleepless night, his father Byron and others started carrying Spencer down the mountains as fast as possible. Jared Madsen ran into a man on horseback, who allowed them to use his horse, significantly increasing their speed. Byron raced Spencer home to Primary Children’s Hospital where he was treated – his blood stats were dangerously low with pulmonary edema. A series of miracles occurred on Spencer’s behalf – and on behalf of a very grateful family and bishop!

A sad happening in the ward:

On about July 2, 1995, Carol Pahnke was struck head-on while driving on Parley’s Way. Both of her legs were broken. As a mother of five boys, she wondered how she’d manage during six weeks of recovery. Then, due to her long bone fractures and a congenital hole in her heart, she had a massive stroke that paralyzed her left side, which made two broken legs seem less serious. She spent months in a nursing home learning to walk again and returned home to her profoundly altered life. Rick Robison built a wheelchair ramp to their front door, and sisters were trained to provide regular physical therapy for her arm for many months. The ward held a fast for her and rallied around Carol and Dennis and the boys as much as they could.

A Banner Year for Babies

There was a banner year during which 17 babies were born. The bishopric’s wives made blankets and delivered many meals. The babies were: Olivia Taylor, Anna and Emma Boren, Nathaniel Hagen, Brandon and Brooke Boren, William Ludwig, Eric Bowen, Sam Taylor, Sam Rasmussen, Chase Verhaaren, Hannah Morgan, Hannah Lund, Ragenhild Read, Zachery Jones, Gillian Dee, Zoe Maier-Rhodes, Molly Wiscomb, Sophie King, Sadie Leavitt, Steve Poulsen, Victoria Brown, Christopher Kearn and Chole Cook.

Chris and Rochelle Robinson had twins, William and Sophie, whom were shared generously. Shayla Poulson was born weighing only 1 pound 10.75 oz. on 11/25/94.

Yalecrest First Ward

**Yalecrest First Ward
Fred M. Babcock
1999-2001**



Bishop: Fred M. Babcock, sustained: Nov. 4, 1999; released: August 2001
First Counselor: J. Bruce Barker
Second Counselor: Paul R. Rich
Executive Secretary: Bradford D. Bowen
Ward Clerk: Scott H. Verhaaren
Ass't. Ward Clerks: P. Dennis Pahnke, Scott G. Howe, Gary G. Johnson
High Priest Group Leader: James E. Parry
Mission Leader: Mark E. Linford
Sunday School President: A. Brad Hertz
Elders Quorum President: Eric O. Leavitt, Richard P. Robison
Relief Society President: Rosemary Burbidge, Linda Peterson
Primary President: Robin S. Robison
YM President: Brent A. Larson
YW President: Bonnie Barker
Activities Chairman: Sara Jayne Romney

EVENTS

2000

- The High Priests held their annual Steak Fry
- The Scouts camped out on Fremont Island and Antelope Island. They also participated in an Expo 2000 Camporee and the Camp Hunt Aquatic Camp
- The Elders Quorum helped with the Food Bank and constructed a ramp for a handicapped member of the neighborhood.
- The Relief Society participated with the stake “Celebration of Love,” where the sisters completed hospital gowns, bed pads, crib sheets, dresses, and baby blankets.
- The Primary children enjoyed a Breakfast with the Bishopric, visited the Church Museum to view the Book of Mormon artwork, had a talent show, and were part of a Nativity Program
- The Priests went on a trip to Dark Canyon near the Colorado River, and had another adventure to Buckskin Gulch in the Paria River Drainage.
- The young men and young women participated in a youth conference in Loa, Utah, hosted a Christmas Party for the Primary of the Park Stake 10th Ward including gifts and clothing, cleaned up a property for an elderly couple, enjoyed the annual Road Rally, and continued to hold casual Sunday Night Firesides.
- The young women prepared personal scrapbooks

- The Young Womanhood Recognition Awards were given to Elissa Wiscomb and Jessica Linford.
- Eagle Scout Awards were given to Matt Ludwig, Michael Taylor and Paul Taylor.

2001

- The Relief Society sewed velvet hearts for children who had lost a parent to death, held a kitchen shower to benefit the ward kitchen, toured the Humanitarian Center, and had a pot-luck dinner at the Rich cabin with Emma Lou Thayne as speaker
- The Relief Society Birthday Party was a dinner and program featuring the B-Sharp Singers; they later heard Diane Etherington of The Children’s Hour review children’s books.
- Francine Herridge helped sisters arrange Thanksgiving centerpieces.
- The sisters held a work meeting to decorate children’s T-shirts and toys to send with Rinda Kilgore and her family who provide humanitarian aid to remote villages in Peru.
- The Relief Society Board hosted an open house where donations of books, hats, and mittens were collected for needy children. In addition, they collected supplies and funds to aid Hopi Indians on their reservation.
- Hot dogs and hot chocolate were given out to trick-or-treaters on Halloween on the Ward lawn.
- The Elders held a Karaoke Night.

- The young women and young men held their annual Road Rally where they deciphered clues to get to various destinations. The first team to figure out all the clues and reach the destination was the winner!
- The young women performed secret service for another young woman in the ward.
- The Primary toured the new Church Conference Center. They learned that their ward is located on land once used by the pioneers as a silk farm.
- The Young Womanhood Recognition Award was given to Nicole Parkinson
- The Eagle Scout Award was given to Stephen Larson.

NOTABLES

- Herman Peine accepted a Fulbright Fellowship in Cyprus.

FUNERALS

- Lewis H. Lloyd, 11/4/00
- Percy Hawkins, 11/21/00
- Orrice C. McShane, 1/13/01
- Feramorz H. Bennion, 2/14/01
- Robert M. Rolfsen, 3/3/01
- Ann C. Wheelwright, 6/4/01
- Raymond W. Boice, 8/25/01

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Gregory J. Spencer, 2nd Counselor Stake Presidency
- Craig E. Ludwig, Stake Clerk
- Scott C. Parkinson, Assistant Stake Clerk
- Stephen J. Hatch, High Councilor
- J. Lynn Lyon, Stake Sunday School First Counselor
- Marjorie M. Spencer, Stake Relief Society President
- Louise M. Peine, Stake Relief Society 1st Counselor
- Robert H. Norton, 2nd Counselor Stake YM Presidency
- Gayle M. Linford, Stake YW Secretary
- Judy H. Hatch, First Counselor Stake Primary Presidency

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Bishop Babcock recalled a time when he was serving as Bishop and Elder Dallin H. Oaks made an unexpected visit to the sacrament meeting. When asked to speak, Elder Oaks felt impressed to address those who were struggling with problems and heavy burdens. He then bore a powerful testimony of Christ and His redeeming role in our lives. Elder Oaks said the Lord's mercy is enough and it comforted two families struggling with serious problems who were at the meeting.

A sister member said of Bishop Babcock:

“When talking with him, you felt keenly his undivided attention, his hope for all to be good and right in your world, and his desire to help in any way he could.”

Memory of Richard Mackay and Even Madsen while serving at the VA Hospital:

“Dick and I had volunteered to give blessings at the VA. When we got the list of patients requesting a blessing, we realized it would be a long night. As I recall, there were seven requests, so we needed to move right along and didn’t have time to sit down and have a conversation with them first. We were somewhat startled upon entering a room, for there in bed sat a woman. It was the first and, up until now, the last time I was involved in a blessing for a female at the VA. But of course, I reminded myself, women also serve in the military.

We introduced ourselves as elders of the Church, there to give her a blessing. Dick anointed, and I sealed the anointing of the consecrated oil, and proceeded to give her a blessing of peace and comfort, assuring her that Heavenly Father was aware of her needs. I don’t recall what else was said, but I surely recall in detail what I next heard myself say: ‘Now don’t you lay here and worry about your boy. He will be able to take care of the ranch until you get back home.’ May I point out that when one is being used as a mouthpiece of the Lord, one can think to himself one thing, while other words are actually being uttered. And think I did. ‘What am I saying!?’ were my thoughts. Upon finishing the blessing I had scarcely taken my hands off her head before she grabbed my arm and said, ‘How did you know?’ She was from, I think, Montana, where she owned a horse ranch. Her husband had passed away

sometime before, and her 16-year old son was responsible for running the ranch until she got back home. A marvelous experience, yes, but more marvelous is the testimony that God knows the needs and concerns of the 6+ billion people who live on this earth. Here was one of his daughters, worrying about her boy. In my mind’s eye, I can just hear God saying, ‘We’ve got to answer her prayers,’ and then hear Him saying, ‘Well here come Dick and Even. I guess they will have to do.’ I learned there that evening, we were merely messengers. She had done all the right things. She was living within the bounds the Lord had set, she had faith in the priesthood, and she had prayed earnestly. And we delivered.”

Bishop Babcock recalls:

“In the April 2005, General Conference Elder David Bednar gave an inspired address entitled ‘The Tender Mercies of the Lord’ in which he said, ‘I testify that the tender mercies of the Lord are available to all of us.’ I am a humble witness to the truthfulness of that promise especially as I had the privilege of serving as the bishop of the Yalecrest I ward. Even though it was for just a short time, I came to know through a witness of the spirit, to trust in the Lord and not, as Elder Bednar said, ‘to underestimate or overlook the power of the Lord’s tender mercies.’

I had the sacred opportunity to be, for a season, involved in administration of our ward. I treasure the many moments spent in sharing the joys and trials of ward members and will forever be grateful for the tender mercies that came back to me through the many acts of kindness bestowed upon Linda and I during that time.

“While most of my memories are too sacred to relate, there was one that happened before my calling that proved to be very special

during my calling. I was serving as the High Priest Group leader and was invited to stand in the circle while one of our brethren, Paul Rich, was ordained to the office of High Priest. During the prayer, I suddenly felt a strong feeling that I would be called as bishop but not for a long time. In September of 1999, while on business in Syracuse, New York, I received a message to call President Jacobsen and I knew why he was calling. I was as humbled as I returned the call and made an appointment to see him as soon as I returned. I was humbled even more as he extended the call.”

(Bishop Babcock was called as the 1st Counselor in the Stake Presidency in 2001.)

Bishop Babcock on listening to the spirit:

“I experienced many times the whispering of the still small voice giving me direction. I had to learn to trust in the personal revelation and go immediately forward. The experiences are too sacred to discuss any further, but there were too many for me to ever doubt the source of those promptings.”

What Bishop Babcock learned and how his testimony grew:

“I was privileged to serve as the bishop of the Yalecrest First ward for a very short time, perhaps the shortest of any bishop in the history of the ward. My short tenure was filled with wonderful experiences that affected my personal life and the life of my family, more than any other calling. I learned to trust in the Lord more than I ever had before. I learned to trust in and love ward members more than I ever had before. I witnessed goodness being done by others more than I ever had before – I witnessed selfless service by others in ways that I had

never done before. I will always feel that I was the beneficiary of the greatest gain during my tenure. I will always be grateful. “My personal testimony grew, in part, because I was an eyewitness to the workings of the Lord in the lives of ward members. It was so profound that I could never deny it. I am strengthened by the memories to this day (10 years later) and do not hesitate to bear my testimony of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Yalecrest First Ward

**Yalecrest First Ward
Bishop J. Bruce Barker
2001-2007**

Bishop: J. Bruce Barker, sustained: August 2001; released: August 19, 2007
First Counselor: Bradford D. Bowen
Second Counselor: David A. Boren
Executive Secretary: Warren K. Lloyd, Jim Harris, Craig E. Ludwig
Ward Clerk: Scott H. Verhaaren, Scott R. Petty, David McConkie
Ass't. Ward Clerks: Justin S. Berg, Scott G. Howe, Nathan W. Jones, Boyd W. Anderson, Scott A. Hagen, Ricardo E. Balboa, Stephen R. Larson, Matthew D. Jackson, Dennis Pahnke
High Priest Group Leader: Gregory J. Spencer
Mission Leader: Dennis Burbidge
Sunday School President: A. Brad Hertz, Don Wiscomb, Byron Little
Elders Quorum President: Richard P. Robison, Scott Verhaaren
Relief Society President: Linda Peterson, Charlotte Jacobsen, Barbara S. Madsen
Primary President: Nanette R. Kearl, Leslie M. Boren
YM President: Brent Larson, Charlie Freedman, Byron Little
YW President: Michelle B. Morgan, Stephanie Petty, Mary Larson
Activities Chairman: David L. Dee, Karen Dee, Maridin Maier, Carrie L. Harris, Judy Hatch

EVENTS

2001

- Great emphasis on humanitarian projects and service outside the ward boundaries – serving at the Utah Food Bank, a Christmas Party for an inner-city ward, an “Angel Tree” in the foyer to help with gifts for the needy
- A ramp was constructed for a handicapped member of the neighborhood.
- A member of the Elders Quorum assisted several sisters and couples with repair work on their homes.
- A “Fall Feast” was held for ward members over fifty.

2002

- Edward Crawford was ordained a High Priest
- Primary children had breakfast with the bishopric and had their photos taken with them as well. The bishopric told memories of their time in Primary.
- The Primary visited Ensign Peak with the Garden Park Primary. They learned that Brigham Young spoke there when he first arrived in the valley.
- The Relief Society assembled school supplies to donate to Whittier School.
- The young men and young women raked leaves and delivered care packages to elderly ward members.

- The Scouts earned 117 merit badges and had 20 rank advancements at Scout camp.
- Sandra Goncalves was converted and baptized.
- Ward members hosted semi-annual dinners in homes where several friends of other faiths attended. A neighborhood golf tournament had the same result.
- The Neighborhood Halloween Party gave away 425 hot dogs, 18 dozen donuts, hot chocolate and apple cider.
- The neighborhood Lawn Party had 325 attend Relief Society who enjoyed a health and nutrition discussion with a guest dietitian, Karen Packard; they also heard from Carolyn Toronto about Behind the Scenes at the Olympics and received gardening tips from landscape architect, Jerry May
- The RS Birthday Party’s theme was “Getting to Know You” where sisters shared little known facts about another sister.
- President Ted Jacobsen gave the Relief Society a presentation on the rebuilding of the Nauvoo Temple. Husbands were included and both Yalecrest wards participated.
- The RS held a pot-luck dinner for several sisters moving from the ward, collected school supplies for Whittier School, and evening meetings in the Bonneville Glen
- The RS made a set of photos of the Nativity using children in the ward and assembled them in a book. A Christmas Open House was held at Sara Jayne Romney’s.

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- A cooking demonstration was given by a new neighbor Michael Hilton.
- Young Womanhood Recognition Awards were given to Erin Barker, Emmy Wiscomb and Christine Spencer
- Eagle Scout Awards were given to Stewart Ludwig, Aric Pahnke and Eric Rich

2003

- Temple nights were sponsored by the High Priests. The High Priests also gave blessings to veterans
- Children celebrated the 125th Birthday of the Church's Primary program
- Primary children enjoyed a summer swimming party
- Relief Society sisters donated toiletries to a women's shelter, gave books to an inner-city junior high school, gave coats to a homeless shelter, donated school supplies for children in Mali, and donated time to "Friends of Sight", an organization that tests children for lazy eye.
- The Halloween hot dog night tradition continued, as did the annual ward lawn party and Christmas party
- Ward members enjoyed golf outings and dinners in homes.
- The youth participated in a Pioneer Trek
- The Scouts participated in the Klondike Derby, where the troop finished 2nd, went to Bear Lake for summer camp, and climbed Kings Peak

- The young women enjoyed a movie night in the mountains and horseback riding.
- Young Womanhood Recognition Awards were given to Allison Rowe, Brittney Boren, Julia Poulsen, Madison Morgan and Britta Nilsson.
- Eagle Scout Awards were given to Jon Stone, Jake Cook, Michael Hertz, Stephen Poulsen, Cameron Leavitt and Kelan Read.

2004

- The Elders Quorum helped with snow removal after a heavy snowfall.
- The Primary children read the Book of Mormon as a group, arranged cornucopia baskets with food and notes and delivered them to widows and widowers.
- The Relief Society donated to women's shelter, made baby clothes and receiving blankets for the Humanitarian Center, and produced a neighborhood cookbook.
- Joel Stice was baptized, thanks to the love and devotion of his friends. Later he served a mission.
- The young men did leaf-raking and snow removal for the elderly.
- The young women hiked to Donut Falls.
- Young Womanhood Recognition Awards were given to Candace Cook, Claire Linford, Alexandra King, Valerie Robison and Julia Hertz.
- The Eagle Scout Award was given to Beau Boren.

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2005

- The ward held its annual Lawn Party.
- A Family Christmas Breakfast included a visit from St. Nick
- The Elder's Quorum helped with the church-wide Day of Celebration.
- The Primary children sent care packages to all the ward's missionaries. The local missionaries spoke to them about the importance of missionary work.
- The Relief Society sisters accepted the August 2005 advice of our prophet to read the Book of Mormon by the year's end.
- Families prepared emergency preparedness kits.
- Scout camp produced 85 merit badges and 20 rank advancements.
- The young men cleaned the river bank in the Bonneville Glen, and collected hazardous paint thinners from the neighborhood.
- Ten priests finished the Book of Mormon.
- The young men and young women participated in the Day of Celebration at the University of Utah, which was a great experience for all who attended. They had practiced for 3 months!
- The young women went waterskiing and hiking, did some yoga, and prepared dinners for several elderly women.
- Young Womanhood Recognition Awards were given to Teresa Little and Katie Wiscomb.

- Eagle Scout Awards were given to Clayton Kearl, Logan Keller, Charles Morgan, Coulson Wiscomb, Kevin Bowen, Max Taggart, Brady Boren, Brent Poulsen, David Bennett, Pablo Balboa, Whitaker Morgan, Eric Peterson, and Ian Leavitt.
- Duty to God Awards were given to Beau Boren, Michael Hatch, Stephen Poulsen, Eric Peterson, Pablo Balboa, Ian Leavitt, Kelan Read, Michael Hertz, B. J. Little, Jake Cook, Stewart Ludwig, Kevin Bowen, Nathanael Read, Brady Boren, Charles Morgan, Nicholas Hagen, Logan Keller, Maxwell Taggart, Clayton Kearl, Coulson Wiscomb, Jeffrey Verhaaren, Erik Nilsson, David Bennett, Brandon Bowen, Benjamin Anderson, Geoffrey Leavitt, Michael Peine and Whitaker Morgan.

2006

- The Elders Quorum was in charge of building security.
- The High Priests had Bob Crandall teaching at age 90, and Bill Clawson attended each week at age 95.
- The Primary children were encouraged to write in journals. Missionary mothers came to speak to the Primary about their missionary sons and daughters who were serving. After, the children wrote letters, drew pictures and sent a photo of the entire Primary to each missionary.
- The ward choir performed an Easter program and a Christmas program.
- The YM hiked through the "Subway," attended the Teton High Adventure Camp

and enjoyed whitewater canoeing.

- The young women and young men assisted with a Special Needs multi-stake mutual, visited the Joseph Smith Memorial Building, and did baptisms for the dead.
- The young women made fleece hats and scarves for children in an inner-city ward, planned and carried out a Primary Christmas Party, took hikes and went sledding.
- Young Womanhood Recognition Awards were given to Brooke Barker, Lauren Keller, Ashley Kearl, Tricia Bowen, Carly Cook and Lisa Poulsen.
- Eagle Scout Awards were given to Jacob Heiner, Benjamin Anderson, Parker Ludwig, Christopher Rowe, Brandon Bowen and Jeffrey Verhaaren.
- The Duty to God Award was given to Christian Bennett.

2007

- Young Womanhood Recognition Awards were given to Rachel Larson and Jennifer Rowe.
- The Eagle Scout Award was given to B. J. Little.
- The Duty to God Award was given to Parker Ludwig.

NOTABLES

- In 2001, Joseph Stobbe, while visiting sites in France where he served with Patton's army in 1944, was struck by a car

less than 100 yards from the spot where he was wounded in WWII. With a broken leg and no flights available to the USA due to 9/11, he was helped by the police chief of the town of Metzervisse and villagers who showed their appreciation for his efforts almost 60 years previously. The police chief, Pascal Moretti, consequently led the planning of a 2004 event that brought Brother Stobbe and 50 other veterans back to France to be honored for their WWII service. The following year Stobbe and Moretti were honored in Provo as recipients of the Freedom Award, which celebrates individuals who have made a difference in helping others gain and keep freedom.

- William Clawson formally retired from Zion's Bank Corp. at age 93

FUNERALS

- Holger V. Jensen, 10/30/01
- Willis H. Gale, 2/28/02
- Lucy Watson, 3/31/02
- Douglas G. Boyle, 4/10/02
- Angeline H. Solomon, 4/14/02
- Edwin F. Vail, 6/15/02
- Gary L. Paxton, 7/16/02
- Jo Ellen Williams, 9/4/02
- Lois C. Lloyd, 1/20/03
- Julie A. Hague, 1/31/03
- Harold M. Spencer, 2/19/03

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- Barbara P. Offield, 6/2/03
- Morley E. Naylor, 6/20/03
- Bette L. Boice, 8/15/03
- Edward S. Crawford, 9/17/03
- Marie H. Stobbe, 9/5/04
- Max Wheelwright, 9/22/05 (served and led in the Church and in Scouting)
- Carolyn J. Sipherd, 11/2/05
- Margaret B. Johner, 2/27/06
- Loyal E. Patterson, 3/19/06
- Hannah F. Hathaway, 9/11/06
- Elizabeth Clawson, 9/29/06
- Larene L. McShane, 2/19/07
- Lois A. Clark, 6/7/07
- June K. Little, 6/23/07

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- K. Bradford Romney, Stake YM President & 1st Counselor Stake YM Presidency
- Brent A. Larson, Missionary Preparation
- Susan F. Taggart, 1st Counselor Stake YW
- Rosemary L. Burbidge, 2nd Second Counselor Stake YW

- Kristin T. Stone, 2nd Second Counselor Stake YW
- Jennifer Lloyd, Stake YW Secretary
- Alta D. Hales, Stake Young Women Camp Director
- Nanette R. Kearl, 2nd Counselor Stake Primary Presidency
- Allison King, Stake Primary Nursery Leader

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Leslie Boren, Primary President, recalls dedication of her counselor:

“While serving as Primary President, one of my counselors who had two small boys only a year apart in age became pregnant. During her pregnancy, she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. It was a devastating diagnosis. I prayed for guidance in dealing with this delicate situation. I spoke with her and asked her if she was able to continue in her calling. She openly cried about needing to continue. She needed her boys to see her continue and she needed the comfort of the calling. I told her I would do all of her extra tasks, Scouts, baptisms, etc. and she still wanted to do her sharing times and anything else she had the strength to do. She delivered a very premature baby and immediately underwent a radical hysterectomy. She was strong, her family was strong. We prayed for her as a Primary and as a ward. She quickly began her chemotherapy and became so ill. She would show up to do her sharing time wearing a scarf on her head, speaking about the ulcerating sores in her mouth and down her throat. It was so painful to see her talking like she had marbles in her mouth. She drew strength from us and us from her. Soon the

chemotherapy caused nerve damage in her hands and feet, causing her to lose feeling in her hands. She had difficulty telling if she was grasping onto something or not. I received criticism for not releasing her from her calling. My other counselor did not want to continue if I did not release her. But I couldn't do it. Every time I prayed about it I was not supposed to release her. I would ask her over and over and she would plead with me not to release her. It gave her some normalcy and something to look forward to. It was hard to watch her because she was so sick. She only missed one sharing time. This experience has given me a testimony of the power of prayer. She came through a champion and she thanked me for keeping her in her calling which helped save her life. It helped her children even more. I know that Heavenly Father knows us and that he sees us. I know that he expects us to do all that we can for each other. I learned so much from serving her and from her serving us. The children of our ward were blessed to have such an incredible example of enduring through life's challenges. They were blessed to be part of a miracle. Heavenly Father truly blessed us all. I bear testimony that God lives and loves each and every one of us. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."

Brent Larson, YM President, recalls one special memory from their hiking and camping outings:

Over the years, there were many outings for the young men—trips to the Uintah's, Bear Lake, Lake Powell, Wind Rivers, Zion National Park, Goblin Valley, Green River, Paria—to experience the state's natural wonders. One of the favorites was Moab. One memorable trip, we went to bike ride the Porcupine Rim. As usual we had a variety of boys, some more aggressive than others. We all started out together but as the day

progressed the older, more experienced boys got quite a way ahead of the slower group. We anticipated this and had an adequate number of leaders and walkie-talkies so leaders from both groups could stay in touch.

I was with the older boys at the end of the ride. We were hot, tired and needing rehydration with water we had planted in coolers at the end of the trail. As we were getting something to drink we got a call on the walkie-talkie. The boys in the slower group had run out of water, the leader had a bike break down and they were walking out. Some of the boys were getting dehydrated in the desert climate and didn't know if they could make it. The last couple of miles were rugged and steep so we were concerned about how long it might take to get them out or get water back to them. We were tired and going back up that last section was not going to be easy. As we got water ready and were discussing our options, Aric Pahnke, one of the priests, grabbed 2 gallons of water, one in each hand, and without being asked, took off running back up the steep and rocky trail. As he left he said I need the conditioning and would run the water back to the younger guys in need. It was his pleasure, his self-imposed duty, a joy to those in need and something to behold for us as leaders and his friends."

A sister's memories of the importance of music in the ward:

"I served as ward music chairman, choir director and ward organist under Bishop Barker. Through attendance at ward council meetings and personal directives, I gained an appreciation of him for his love of our church hymns and their place in helping to enhance our worship at sacrament meetings. Ward members were always generous with time and talents and testimonies were shared through sacred music."

A young woman who grew up in the ward said:

Growing up in the Yalecrest First Ward was always a great experience, but my time with the YW has impacted me more than any other. The leaders I had were always an incredible example to me, and have all continued to support and encourage me throughout my life. They are some of the kindest, most generous, and most spiritually strong women I will ever know. No matter where I go, I always consider Yalecrest First my 'home ward'.

A member expressed gratitude for priesthood leaders who helped her sons grow into fine, responsible and spiritual men:

These men deserve many accolades for all the countless hours and understanding patience they showed. "These brethren truly have eyes that see the light, ears that hear the truth, hearts that feel and love, and hands that serve God and His children.

Yalecrest First Ward

**Yalecrest First Ward
Bishop Bradford K. Romney
2007-2013**



Bishop: K. Bradford Romney, sustained: August 19, 2007; released: March 24, 2013
First Counselor: Scott A. Hagen, Todd N. Boren
Second Counselor: Todd N. Boren, Brent A. Larson
Executive Secretary: Craig Ludwig, Boyd Anderson
Ward Clerk: John B. Larson
Ass't. Ward Clerks: Chad Downey, Dennis Pahnke, Greg Miles, Josh Earl, Bryan Fong, David Nielsen
High Priest Group Leader: Steve Hatch, Hank Williams
Ward Mission Leader: Even S. Madsen, Ryan B. Bell, Thom Kearl, Warren Lloyd
Sunday School President: Hermann A. Peine, J. Scott Brown, Greg Poulson, Brent A. Larson
Elders Quorum President: Scott R. Petty, Ryan Bell, David Dansie
Relief Society President: Barbara Madsen, Allison Parkinson, Kim Fong
Primary President: Leslie Boren, April Little, Kristin Andrus
YM President: Dave Taggart, Brad Bowen, McKay Bateman
YW President: Mary Larson, Rori H. Rooker, Susan Rowe
Activities Chairman: Cindy Norton, Greg Spencer, Don Wiscomb

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EVENTS

2007

- Father-Family Campout was held at Warren Lloyd's property at Pineview Reservoir.
- Rick Robison home taught Martha Hammond, who lived many miles from the neighborhood. Rick faithfully visited her and assisted wherever he could.
- Ann Sharp, a less active member, was able to quit smoking, which she said was largely due to her faithful home teacher, Brent Larson, who provided encouragement and a positive example.
- The ward choir performed at Easter services and 4th of July services, and combined with the Yalecrest 2nd ward choir to perform Handel's *Messiah* for Christmas, led by Jessica Lee. It was a spiritual feast.
- The Primary paid tribute to the children's mothers.
- The Relief Society prepared 300 72-hour kits for their families
- The young men and young women participated in a special service project at the VA Nursing Home. They also enjoyed waterskiing at Jordanelle Reservoir and took part in a Pioneer Trek.
- All of the young women completed their Personal Progress and received their medallions. They knit hats and took them to a homeless shelter. Each young woman made a Four Generation Ancestry picture for display, which sparked an interest in genealogy for many girls. They rafted the Snake River near Jackson Hole.

2008

- The ward had 431 members
- The Relief Society organized gathering clothing for less-fortunate students at East High and Clayton Middle School; they also assembled hygiene kits and donated them to the Humanitarian Center
- The young women exhibited kindness at Girls Camp, where fellowship and good cheer were especially evident; they collected and delivered canned goods to the Food Bank, delivered supplies to refugee children, and took a greater leadership role in running the young women programs
- Book of Mormon Reading Program – Each Primary child received a letter describing the program and a chart to color to record their reading progress during the year.
- Tim and Stormy Vehnekamp were married in May, with Bishop Romney performing the civil marriage ceremony at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. Many ward members attended.
- A neighborhood Christmas fundraiser was held to benefit SLC Head Start Christmas Project.
- Young Womanhood Recognition Awards were given to Jocelyn King, Rachel Barker and Samantha Heiner.
- The Duty to God Award was given to Jason Cook.

2009

- The ward had 442 members

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- Relief Society Activity Groups: Study Group, Girls Night Out, Knitting Group, Mom's Play Group
- Blankets were made for a humanitarian project by the Relief Society and young women.
- The young men participated in baptisms for the dead, waterskiing, collecting food for the Food Bank, and cleaning the Bonneville Glen
- The young men and young women enjoyed a trip to a waterpark
- The young women basketball team, combined with Yalecrest 2nd ward young women, placed 2nd in regional tournament
- Tim Vehnekamp was baptized.
- The young women and young men as part of a stake youth conference spent time with refugee families, assessing their needs and learning about their culture.
- Primary children learned the importance of family home evenings. They made batons to lead the music in the home for family night.
- Elder Holland spoke at the missionary farewells of Lauren Keller and Coulson Wiscomb on 8/9/09
- The Relief Society provided assistance to Carly Watts – participated in bone marrow drive, gave her meals, rides, and visits
- Ice Cream Social was held at Laird Park

- The Sunday before Christmas, Elder and Sister Oaks spoke after the *Messiah* presentation by the Yalecrest 1st and 2nd ward choirs and orchestras.
- Young Womanhood Recognition Awards were given to Susannah Hertz, Abigail Barker and Bonnie Bennett.
- Eagle Scout Awards were given to Oliver Taggart and William Ludwig.
- The Duty to God Award was given to William Ludwig.

2010

- The ward had 444 members
- Departing missionaries: Jennie Rowe, Garrett Price, Brandon Bowen, David Bennett
- Missionary homecoming: Jake Cook, B.J. Little, Stewart Ludwig, Brady Boren
- Bill Clawson passed away in his 98th year.
- The Primary had a “Sock Hop” with the Yalecrest 2nd ward
- Primary theme: “I Know My Savior Lives.”
- Primary baptisms: Brennan Hall, Andrew Lloyd, Will Jackson, Sidney McConkie, Levi Solomon, Gavin Nielsen, Rex Bell, Lizzie Hales.
- Relief Society and Young Women held a Cupcake Extravaganza
- Our ward held a women's conference with the theme, “Feed My Sheep, Love My

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Sheep, Forgive My Sheep.”

- The young women spoke in church and hosted a reception to view Personal Progress displays
- Fathers/family outing to Huntsville
- The ward choir commemorated the martyrdom of the prophet Joseph Smith singing several hymns, with a quartet and duet performing also; they performed with the ward orchestra in a Christmas concert featuring scriptures about the Book of Mormon
- Annual Neighborhood Lawn Party
- The Relief Society learned to “Put Your Garden to Bed”
- The High Priest Steak Fry was held at Sunnyside Park
- Ice Cream Social at Laird Park
- Christmas Party Family Breakfast
- Ward Choir Christmas program
- Primary nativity program
- Requirements for Young Womanhood Recognition were completed by Mary Anderson, Abby Barker, Bonnie Bennett, and Molly Wiscomb
- The young women attended Relief Society once a month; attended young women camp also.
- Young men-young women activities: Etiquette Dinner (with dating tips included), Halloween Road Rally, sliding on visqueen at Popperton Park, Seven Peaks Water Slides, line dancing, playing dodge ball, serving at the Food Bank and

the Road Home, and Sunday casual firesides.

- The Young Womanhood Recognition Award was given to Molly Wiscomb.
- Eagle Scout Awards were given to Michael Peine, Eric Bowen, Jason Cook and Nelson Lloyd.
- The Rhodes/Meier family and the Taggart family hosted exchange students from Europe. The students participated fully in the young women and young men program and came to church services weekly. Their experience in the ward culminated with a sacrament meeting where the three students spoke. Of the three, one of the students was later baptized, and the other two spoke very positively of their experience in these families and in our ward.
- During this period the young women in the ward were essentially 100% active. They were remarkably supportive of each other and of the young men in the ward. As a result, they had a very positive experience and were a great blessing to others.

2011

- The ward had 463 members
- The Young Womanhood Recognition Award was given to Madalyn Rooker, Rachel Kearn and Victoria Robison.
- The Eagle Scout Award was given to Thomas Brown.
- Stake Pioneer Trek was held on parts of the actual Mormon Trail in Wyoming – July 25-27

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- Dinners-in-the-Home were held “out-of-the-home,” at the Old Spaghetti Factory, a restaurant managed by a family in the ward
- The ward hosted Edith Wasden’s family and friends for her 100th birthday party
- The Hagen boys (Nicholas, Will and Nat) played a concert at the Assembly Hall on Temple Square. Many ward members attended.
- A new ward photograph was taken following Sacrament Meeting on September 11
- The ward experienced three convert baptisms during the year: Monica Bae, Steven Ha and Justus Bruder
- The Yalecrest First and Second Wards combined to perform portions of Handel’s *Messiah* on Christmas Day

2012

- The ward had 431 members
- Young Womanhood Recognition Awards were given to Olivia King, Jayne Verhaaren, Anna Jackson and Zoe Rhodes.
- The Eagle Scout Award was given to Samuel Bennett.
- Janie Dahle was baptized
- Both the Young Men and the Young Women had outings to Miller Sports Park to drive go-karts with their fathers.

- The Young Women held a quilting overnigher at the Borens’ cabin near Huntsville

2013

- The ward had 464 members
- The Young Womanhood Recognition Award was given to Madeline Whitney.
- The Eagle Scout Award was given to Brandon Boren.
- Bishop Romney, Brother Boren and Brother Larson were released as the Bishopric at Ward Conference, and Bishop Larson was sustained, along with David Taggart and Warren Lloyd as counselors

NOTABLES

- Will Hagen appeared as guest artist with the Utah Symphony (violin soloist) 2010
- Michael Wilkins, a former ward member, retired from the Utah Supreme Court.
- Kevin Bowen (California Roseville Mission) saved 4 people (a mother and 3 children) from drowning just before the close of his mission.
- Brian King (D) was re-elected to the Utah House of Representatives, District 28 and served as Assistant Minority Whip
- Rebecca Whitney was East High’s Sterling Scholar nominee in Social Science

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- Michael Peine was East High's Sterling Scholar nominee in Visual Arts and was one of five finalists in that competition.

FUNERALS

- Grace Cameron - 12/07
- William H. Clawson - 1/10
- Marjorie Dickson Smith – 3/10
- Martha Anderson Kenning – 6/10
- David Stohl Hatch – 10/10
- Benjamin Garff Jacobsen – son of Ted and Charlotte Jacobsen and son-in-law of Dennis and Rosemary Burbidge – 10/10
- Joel Jolley – 12/10
- Carol Beardshall Karren – 12/10
- Marion Bonner – 10/11
- Donna Olson – 10/12

**MEMBERS SERVING IN CALLINGS
OUTSIDE THE WARD**

- Fred M. Babcock, 1st Counselor in Stake Presidency
- Scott C. Parkinson, Gregory P. Poulson, Mark E. Linford, Brian S. King, Byron J. Little, High Councilors
- J. Bruce Barker, 1st Counselor Stake YM Presidency
- Byron J. Little, 2nd Counselor Stake YM Presidency

- Dave M. McConkie, 2nd Counselor Stake YM Presidency
- Loree G. Hagen, 2nd Counselor Stake YW
- Jennifer Lloyd, Stake YW Secretary
- Nanette R. Kearl, 2nd Counselor Stake Primary Presidency
- Michelle B. Morgan, 2nd Counselor Stake Primary Presidency & Stake Primary Nursery Leader
- Cindy T. Norton, Stake Primary Music Leader
- Members serving at University Stakes, Central City Ward – Hermann and Louise Peine, Frank Dolce, Thom Kearl
- Members serving in the newly-formed Young Single Adult Stakes – Scott Parkinson and Scott Hagen in the Bonneville YSA Stake and Dennis Burbidge and Todd Cook in the Pioneer YSA Stake.
- Ordinance workers at Salt Lake Temple – Lynn and Juneil Lyon, James and Margaret Ann Parry, Debbie Goffe, Lynn and Linda Rae Peterson, Greg and Marjorie Spencer, Bruce and Bonnie Barker
- Joseph Stobbe – SL Temple volunteer
- Hank Cameron, Jim and Victoria Bennion, Steve and Judy Hatch – VA Hospital Branch
- Brent and Mary Larson, Stake YSA Specialists
- Brooke Parkinson – Stake YSA Representative

- Ted Jacobsen on assignment from the Church spent several weeks in Haiti after the earthquake, spearheading a project to build shelters

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Stormy Vehnekamp said that her husband's conversion was due to the young men and young women in the ward.

Bishop Romney's Memories:

I remember being inspired to call three great men as counselors – Scott Hagen, Todd Boren and Brent Larson. I had received a premonition about being called as bishop, and knew when I was called that I was to invite Scott and Todd to serve with me.

I remember giving many priesthood blessings. Among the most memorable was a blessing given to a young, newly-married woman in a coma, shortly after my call, who the doctors were concerned, may not survive the night. I was prompted to bless her that she would be healed and return to good health. She subsequently regained her health and had a baby girl. I was also invited to give Bill Clawson a blessing as he was nearing the end of his mortal life. I was prompted to give him an honorable release from this life, and he passed away peacefully a few hours later.

I remember many visits to members in their homes, as well as in hospitals and nursing care facilities. These were special blessings to me. Among those I visited were Fred Babcock, Craig Ludwig, Evelyn Crandall, Marion Bonner, Edith Wasden, Beverly Patterson and Carly Watts. Each of these visits, and many others, were memorable.

I loved participating with the Young Men and Young Women. I went on Moab mountain bike adventures, Halloween Road Rallies, Water Slide outings, Go-Kart racing and a Stake Pioneer Trek, among others.

I remember fondly a wonderful Ward Temple Night we had, in which members of the Yalecrest First Ward (along with President John Jackson) took all of the parts at the Salt Lake Temple. We had more than 70 members in attendance.

I'll never forget a massive Ward Service Project we held on a chilly November Saturday, which included painting some homes, cutting down 2 huge trees by the entrance to the ward, and removing a portion of the cinder block wall next to the ward parking lot.

Memory of Steve Hatch reviewing the life-saving help of a fellow ward member, Anne Osborne, to his son:

My mother, Mary Lu Hatch, resided in the Yalecrest First Ward from 1953 until her death from cancer in 1981. When she was especially sick with her illness for many months, ward members were very supportive and caring of her. Perhaps the one who spent the most time at Mom's bedside during this critical time was Dr. Anne Osborne. I know Mom really appreciated these visits that took place several times each week. Anne really brought peace and comfort to her as she slowly went downhill. She was a great blessing to Mom and our family.

Our son, Tom, was born eight months after his Grandmother Hatch died. Tom dealt with a number of medical issues during his life. His mission to the California San Francisco Mission was cut short because of medical problems. A few months after he returned

home, Tom was diagnosed with cancer. After surgery and radiation treatments he was pronounced cancer free.

A few years later Tom started experiencing headaches and general weakness. Doctor after doctor could not determine what was wrong. This went on for a few years until Tom got to the point where the headaches became nearly unbearable and he was having difficulty walking. He visited a neurologist who did an MRI of Tom's brain and told Tom that he would call if anything appeared amiss. Tom requested a DVD of the MRI. He did not hear back from that doctor. In the meantime, Anne Osborne Poelman had moved into the same ward as Tom's in-laws. Tom's in-laws asked Anne if she would review the MRI, which she gladly did. Anne discovered that Tom had a large, rare non-cancerous tumor growing on his brain stem. This tumor was probably caused by the radiation treatments Tom had endured years earlier. It had started to bleed, which was of great concern to Dr. Osborne who feared he was not far from paralysis or even death. She immediately made arrangements for Tom to have surgery with top specialists at University Hospital.

After Tom's successful surgery, Anne was able to meet Tom's two little girls. Tears welled in her eyes as she told Tom's mother in-law, "My job is to read the data and help make a diagnosis. I never meet the patients or their families. It is wonderful to see these girls knowing I was able to help save their father."

We are eternally grateful for this special daughter of God whose practice of true religion has had a profound effect on two generations of our family – for one providing comfort and peace in the last months of her life and for the grandson by actually giving him added precious years as a husband and father.

Yalecrest First Ward

**Yalecrest First Ward
Bishop Brent Larson
2013-Present**



Bishop: Brent Larson, sustained March 24, 2013
First Counselor: David Taggart
Second Counselor: Warren Lloyd
Executive Secretary: Rick Robinson
Ward Clerk: David Nielsen, Michael Sorenson, Mark Linford
Assistant Clerks: Josh Earl, Craig Ludwig, Bryan Fong, Richie King, Dallin Bailey, Patrick Didier, Joe Clay, Todd Cook, Brian Jackson
HP Group Leader: Hank Williams, Keven Rowe, Scott Verharren, Don Wiscomb
Elders Quorum President: David Dansie, Ryan Baughman
S.S. President: Mike Sorenson, Hank Williams, Ted Jacobsen
Relief Society President: Kim Fong, Elizabeth Whitney Larsen
Primary President: Kristin Andrus, Katie Sorenson
Young Men President: McKay Bateman, Derek Anderson
Young Women President: Susan Rowe, Jennifer Lloyd, Deborah Graham

EVENTS

2013

- Many members participated in the ward's monthly temple nights, usually followed by food and visiting at the home of one of the families.
- The Relief Society (and several husbands of RS members) carried out a yard-work service project to assist the Wasden family.
- The ward held its summer lawn party, complete with music from a live band.
- The Relief Society organized a "Walk to Zion," for which sisters earned "miles" on their journey by reading scriptures, doing service, and performing other worthy acts.
- Baptismal services were held for new ward members Randy Horiuchi and Jack Coleman.
- The ward building's roof was repaired, although work was suspended briefly for Beverly Patterson's funeral services.
- Musicians from both Yalecrest wards, under the direction of Kim Fong, performed portions of Handel's *Messiah* in a combined sacrament meeting the Sunday before Christmas.
- The Primary children presented their annual nativity performance.

2014

- Young Men and Young Women made several early-morning trips to the temple to perform baptisms for the dead.

- One of the monthly ward temple outings was held at the Manti Temple. Several ward members made the trip, which included lunch with the Barkers at their home (the historic Orson Hyde residence) in Spring City.
- Charlotte Jacobsen taught the Relief Society and Young Women how to make hand-dipped chocolates.
- The ward hosted a fireside about the life and art of Minerva Teichert, which was presented Curtis Cline, a friend of the Teichert family.
- Sunday evening "walkabouts" were organized, with doors open at several host homes, as a way to encourage mingling with neighbors.
- The ward's annual ice cream social was held on the lawn of the Yalecrest, rather than at Laird Park, which seemed to improve attendance.
- The Elders Quorum hosted a successful and memorable ward Christmas party. In addition to their usual duties of setting up and taking down tables and chairs (and assisted by their wives in only a few, albeit notable, instances), the brethren of the quorum decorated the hall, cooked breakfast casseroles and even donned aprons to serve the meal.
- The Primary again provided their traditional nativity presentation.

NOTABLES

- Will Hagen took 2nd place in the International Fritz Kreisler in Vienna, Austria

Yalecrest First Ward

- Bonnie Bennett was the State Sterling Scholar runner-up in Instrumental Music
- Brian King was re-elected to the Utah House of Representatives, where he serves as Minority Leader

FUNERALS

- Beverly Patterson – 10/13
- Jean Robison – 2/14
- Edith Wasden – 11/14

MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE WARD

- Susan Taggart—Young Women General Board
- Derek Anderson—Stake High Council
- David Boren—Stake High Council
- Mark Linford—Stake High Council
- Byron Little—Stake High Council
- Brad Romney—Stake High Council
- Dave McConkie—Stake Young Men President
- Ryan Bell—1st Counselor, Stake Young Men Presidency
- Bryan Fong—Assistant Stake Clerk
- Danielle Webb—Secretary, Stake Primary Presidency
- Missy Hardy—Secretary, Stake Primary Presidency

- Abigail Jenkins—Service Missionary in Public Affairs
- Bonnie Barker—Special Needs Mutual
- Bruce Barker—Special Needs Mutual
- Craig Ludwig—Special Needs Mutual
- Paula Ludwig—Special Needs Mutual
- Gregory Spencer—Special Needs Mutual
- Marjorie Spencer—Special Needs Mutual
- Catherine Poulsen—Temple Square Guest Services Missionary
- Gregory Poulsen—Temple Square Guest Services Missionary
- Jim Bennion—VA Branch Volunteer
- Victoria Bennion—VA Branch Volunteer
- Brad Bowen—Young Single Adult Bishopric
- Thom Kearn—Young Single Adult Bishopric
- Mark Linford—Young Single Adult Bishopric
- Scott Parkinson—Young Single Adult Bishopric
- Todd Boren—Young Single Adult Stake High Council/Bishop
- Scott Hagen—Young Single Adult Stake Executive Secretary
- Dave Boren—High Counselor /YSA Bishop

FULL-TIME MISSIONARIES

- Brandon Boren
- Eric Bowen
- Thomas Brown
- Dennis Burbidge
- Rosemary Burbidge
- Jason Cook
- Nat Hagen
- Rachel Kearl
- Jocelyn King
- Nelson Lloyd
- Oliver Taggart
- Chase Verharren
- Mark Jackson
- Sam Bennett
- Charlotte Jacobsen—Humanitarian Missionary
- Theodore Jacobsen—Humanitarian Missionary
- Lynn Lyon—Humanitarian Missionary

TEMPLE ORDINANCE WORKERS

- Bonnie Barker
- Bruce Barker

- April Little
- Byron Little
- Lynn Lyon
- Juneil Lyon
- Barbara Madsen
- Jim Parry
- Peggy Parry
- Linda Peterson
- Lynn Peterson
- Gregory Spencer
- Marjorie Spencer
- Kris Stone

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Craig Ludwig--A Yalecrest Giant by Bishop Brent Larson:

Craig Ludwig and his family have been devoted members of the Yalecrest 1 Ward.

They have been faithful, grateful, and stalwart through years of adverse health issues. Their story bears telling and remembering.

In 1985 Craig was diagnosed with Cancer in his head and neck. He went through all the surgeries and treatments, which left their mark. The cancer was serious and his physicians had little hope of his long term survival. In fact one of his physicians told me that in the 30 plus years of his practice Craig's recovery was the most miraculous he has ever seen.

Craig was given a reprieve, an opportunity to stay and be with his wife, Paula and to help raise his son, Matthew, and to have and raise 3 more sons, Stewart, Parker, and William. He was a great father and made the most of this gift. Part of his example was serving in many church callings, some with his boys, like in Cubs, or as a Scoutmaster (more than once). Other times he just served where needed, such as the Ward and Stake Clerk, or in the Special Needs Mutual. He built family traditions, expectations, and hoped to leave a wonderful legacy. He and Paula were always so grateful and served with joy and distinction wherever called. He would never let health problems stand in his way of doing the right thing.

In 2012, the cancer returned and took over once again. The two older boys had served missions but Parker had to decide about his. The odds were that his Dad would not be around by the time his mission would be completed. Craig was extremely ill, but Parker decided to go none the less, in true Ludwig fashion. He served a wonderful mission, while Craig and the rest of the family battled the cancer and never complained. As he lay at death's door, while Parker was away, he had some wonderful and sacred spiritual experiences and communications with the other side.

Miraculously, Craig got back on his feet, and despite suffering the ravages of cancer, he came back and looked like was going to be OK. Parker returned from his mission to a whole and grateful family. The future seemed bright. When Will, the youngest son, left on his mission, his Dad's future health seemed promising. Unfortunately, a few months into Will's mission, the cancer came back and this time it was just too much. Craig did all that he could but finally succumbed. Will had the difficult experience of participating long

distance but was not able to be with his family at his father's funeral. He remained committed to serve an honorable mission--one that he and parents could be proud of. He will return home in July, 2016.

The interesting thing was watching how these trials managed to strengthen the Ludwig family, not tear them down. From my perspective each and every one of the family has been strengthened, especially Paula and the sons. I'm sure in their private moments the Ludwig's had their share of, sorrow, worry and despair. But when you talked to them they all exuded gratitude for the time they had been given. Because of their incredible faith they knew that God had a plan for them and whatever happened was for the best. They met their challenges with as much faith and commitment to the Lord as any son or daughter of God could.

They have been and inspiration and example of dignity and grace and appreciation during the toughest to times, to all those who know them. Craig Ludwig was called home early and had a lot more to give but left more than many could ever hope to.

We are all grateful to have known him and to be able to continue to know the rest of the family.

If ever there has been a family that has followed the Lord's example of accepting the Fathers will "not as I will, but as thou wilt" and making it their will, knowing it was for the best, it has been the Ludwig's.

YALECREST SECOND WARD



Yalecrest Second Ward

**Yalecrest Second Ward
Bishop Richard G. Harper
1975-1977**



Left to right: Reed Gardner, Bishop Harper, Owen Lunt, Tony Morgan

Bishop: Richard G. Harper, sustained August 17, 1975; released May 1, 1977
First Counselor: Reed M. Gardner
Second Counselor: Owen J. Lunt
Executive Secretary: Anthony W. Morgan, Jack W. Major
Assistant Executive Secretary: J. Nicolis Eastmond, Jr., Brent J. Russon
Ward Clerks: R. Odell Nelson, Dwight W. Flickinger
Assistant Ward Clerk: Normand L. Peterson, Robert F. Clayton, David T. Daines, Shirl G. Merrell, Ted J. Turman, Allan C. Thurman, Henry G. Krantz, T. Addison Bennion, Lloyd E. Coates, L. Glen Hamberlin, Calvin MacKay, Scott A. Taggart
High Priest Group Leader: John B. Hawkes
Seventy Group Leader: Jonathan M. Jepsen
Elders Quorum President: Gary E. Wright
Sunday School President: Robert L. Torkelson
Relief Society President: Gwen S. Ward
Primary President: Blanche S. Kelly, Ann C. Jackson
Young Men President: David M. Creer
Young Women President: Tyra B. Clayton, Portia L. Jepsen

EVENTS

1976

- May 9 –Boundary change to create Bonneville 2nd Ward
- YM/YW gathered material for new Ward Library in Wales
- YW fundraiser for cerebral palsy
- March – YW child care for parents to attend temple
- July 4 – Bicentennial Celebration, new flagpole dedicated by Elder Joseph Anderson
- Ward service project to register voters
- Senior softball team won first place in stake
- November 21 – Ward choir sang at Stake Conference

1977

- January 28 – Blazer and Merrie Miss Primary children sang with Primary chorus at Stake Conference.
- Young Marrieds' Group had a "Kids' Party" where children were left, while grownups revisited their childhood with games such as hula-hoops, jump rope, etc.
- YM and YW sold pies to raise money for summer trip.

FUNERALS

- Susan Matthews Sandberg, Age 28

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Memories of Anna Harper, wife of the Bishop:

Bishop Harper was always close to the spirit and knew when things would happen to him. His time as bishop of Yalecrest 2nd Ward was an example of that. I had told him many years before that he would never be a bishop because he didn't have a bishop's wife. He told me to learn how to be a bishop's wife because he would be a bishop. Later, ending his eighth year as bishop in another older stake, we needed a larger home. The decision to move was his, and he was sure that if he hadn't finished his term, he would have another opportunity. His feelings about his second opportunity to serve as bishop were that he would not be in long and that there was something he needed to help with. He found out that he was to organize three wards into four. The main thing he learned from his time as bishop came shortly after he received his call. He had called for a meeting of the Christmas committee to report on the plans for the Christmas Party. He was told by a committee member that he didn't need to worry about the committee members doing their job. "We'll do it", the member said, and they did. Bishop Harper learned that this area had many very strong young couples that were dedicated workers and very talented. He loved working with them.

Sister Harper also recalled that for many years Blanche and Don Kelly gave every adult in the ward a bag of popcorn for their birthday. They would attach it to the inside of the birthday member's storm door.

Memories of Karren Hammer:

My husband Doug, our son, James and I moved into Yalecrest 2nd Ward in 1975. The Bishop was Richard Harper. I was called to serve as a teacher in the Primary with the 10-year-old children, including a child from each member of the bishopric's families. The curriculum was the *Presidents of the Church*, and I had a wonderful time with the children in my class visiting the site of each president's former home as we drove around the city on a weekday afternoon. The Primary President was Blanche Kelly and I think she approved of these outings, which were probably pretty unusual then, but certainly unusual now with the block schedule. But everybody came every week.

The Yalecrest 2nd Ward was familiar to me because I went to high school with many classmates who grew up in the ward.

I loved to learn from my peers' parents and others who resided in the ward. They nurtured me in many ways regarding my duties and desired sensitivities as a wife and mother, let alone in my spiritual life. I am deeply grateful for the great men and women of the Yalecrest 2nd Ward who shared their lives with me and my family. We have been greatly blessed. Daryl Hoole taught me to fast when she shared her story of fasting for her son, Roger, when he was a young man. I will always be grateful to Daryl for that lesson which has blessed my life. Activities that I was deeply involved in early on were the Young Marrieds' dinners and gatherings. Each activity included a speaker who truly taught me much and fed my spirit.

Yalecrest Second Ward

**Yalecrest Second Ward
Bishop Reed M. Gardner
1977-1982**



Left to right: Dwight Flickinger, Owen Lunt, Bishop Gardner, Terry Smith, Bill Davis

Bishop: Reed M. Gardner, sustained May 1, 1977; released August 29, 1982
First Counselor: Owen J. Lunt
Second Counselor: Terry B. Smith, Anthony M. Morgan
Executive Secretary: Jack W. Major, William L. Davis
Assistant Executive Secretary: Brent J. Russon, Jack W. Major, Douglas J. Hammer, William M. Jowles, Shirl G. Merrell, Norman W. Homer
Ward Clerk: Dwight W. Flickinger
Assistant Ward Clerk: Lloyd E. Coates, L. Glen Hamberlin, Scott A. Taggart, Keith D. Holjenson, Donald B. Kelly, Wayne Brinton, Gary E. Wright, Aaron R. Jolley, Robert W. Smith, Scott Pugsley, M. Dalton Cannon
High Priest Group Leader: Albert R. Bowen, Allen H. Lundgren
Seventy Group Leader: Jonathan M. Jepsen, George H. Durham II, Michael O. Leavitt
Elders Quorum President: M. Clark Wood, David M. Creer, John R. Jackson
Sunday School President: Robert L. Torkelson, Robert B. Beall
Relief Society President: Marilyn W. Taggart, Daryl V. Hoole
Primary President: Wendy W. Beall, Ruth N. Wright
Young Men President: Gary L. Neeley, John R. Jackson, Richard C. Ferré
Young Women President: Portia L. Jepsen, Susann Neeley

Yalecrest Second Ward

EVENTS

1977

- May 1 – New bishopric sustained with Reed M. Gardner as Bishop.
- In late November, the Priests Quorum escorted neighborhood senior citizens to visit Temple Square to enjoy holiday lights and visit the Visitors Center. The Priests Quorum made wooden toys for Christmas distribution to those in need.
- December – Bishopric prepared food baskets to distribute to single adults of the ward. Ward Christmas greetings to missionaries included \$25 from bishopric and Elders Quorum.

1978

- February 3 – Jordan River Temple announced on this day. As a result \$30,000 was contributed by the ward towards the construction.
- February – YM/YW pizza sale fund raiser for summer trip.
- March – Laurel class created and distributed Easter baskets to ward members.
- April – Richard Ferré directs ward production of *She was Only the Farmer's Daughter*.
- June 13-16 – YM/YW rafting trip on Yampa-Green River.
- Summer- Primary children enjoy outing to Old Rock Church in Farmington, and toured *Pioneer Village* at Lagoon.

- July 24 – Ward float entered in Days of '47 Parade wins Governor's Trophy.
- Oct. 17-18 – Ward presentation of *Flight 409* provides a second opportunity for ward actors and actresses.
- December 24 – Ward orchestra presented musical offering during Sacrament Meeting

1979

- At the start of the new year, and without warning, Bishop asked seven families to live on their food storage for two weeks. Everyone survived, and many important lessons about preparedness were learned and shared with the entire ward.
- February – Priests sponsor a ping-pong tournament.
- March – YW basketball team wins second place in stake tournament. Dana Boam and Nancy Hoole were picked for an all-star team.
- Relief Society President Daryl Hoole gave each sister a copy of her recently published book, *Our Own Society*, with a personal note.
- September – YW softball team captures first place.
- With Joan Creer as chairperson, the combined Yalecrest Relief Society raised \$7,000 to remodel the ward kitchen. Funds were raised by means of a bazaar and with a recipe book with favorite recipes from ward members. The book was illustrated by Carolyn Smith.

Yalecrest Second Ward

- August – Priests spend a week in the Uinta mountains, and climb Kings Peak.
- December – To close out the year, the Relief Society began a tradition of sending Christmas stockings to every missionary serving from the ward. The tradition has continued to the current time (2012).
- December – YM/YW provide Christmas gifts to three Cambodian families.

1980

- Ward kitchen remodeling completed.
- March 2 – New three-hour block schedule begins.
- March 28 – Conducted by Jan Ferré, the ward Relief Society provided the choir honoring President Spencer W. Kimball on his 85th birthday.
- March 30 – Five babies blessed during Fast and Testimony Meeting.
- June 18-21 – YW/YW enjoy outing to Lake Powell where they participated in boating, camping, waterskiing, and swimming.
- Summer – Bishop initiates “Bishop’s Fun Run” to promote fitness and friendship within the neighborhood.
- August – Ward holds “reunion” summer party to honor past and present ward members.
- September – 12-13-year-old Beehive girls hike 10 miles on eastern side of Mt. Timpanogos.

- November – Beehives focus on service by taking Thanksgiving dinner to a family in need.
- December – YW and YW close out year with a snowmobiling trip to West Yellowstone.

1981

- James and Jane King organized a ward dinner party: “A Night in Italy”, with entertainment provided by opera star Glade Peterson.
- February – Sunday School presented a special class on drugs and alcohol.
- April 15-18 – YM and YW traveled to southeastern Utah and visited Fisher Tower and Monument Valley.
- Richard Ferré directs a reader’s theater “Papa Meets Mama” presented by ward members. Mike and Jackie Leavitt starred as Papa and Mama. That night, Maren Smith was born, preventing Terry Smith from playing his part.
- September – Senior ladies’ volleyball team from the ward won the stake championship.
- November 18 – Jordan River Temple was completed, and ward members attended the open house with families and neighbors.

1982

- July 4 – YW sunrise testimony meeting held at This is the Place Monument.

Yalecrest Second Ward

- Summer - Varsity Scouts completed a 5-day venture hiking Grand Teton Peak. YW chose to hike the Robert Redford Nature Trail at Sundance Resort.
- August 29 – Bishop Gardner released, having served for 5 years.



Young Men High Adventure Outing to the Grand Teton Peak

FUNERALS

- Theron Cahoon Liddle, Age 65
- Olive Rawley Martin, Age 82
- Harold E. Baysinger, Age 66
- Emily Alice Naylor, Age 95
- Edith Miller Brinton, Age 65
- Victor Austin Harper, Age 66
- William Herbert Gadd, Age 83
- Allen Curtis Thurman, Age 70
- Dewey Valentine Aspden, Age 82

- Arne Hilden Tehlin, Age 82
- Harold J. Martin, Age 82
- Mary Preece Ellis, Age 88
- Emily Marie Lewis Evans, Age 84
- Stanford E. Samuelson, Age 74
- Walter Gustav Koplín, Age 78
- Alfred W. Oberg, Age 78
- Merle Bingham Merkley, Age 72

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIES

Bishop Gardner's Thoughts:

During the years 1980 - 1981 Bishop Gardner challenged Yalecrest Second Ward members to achieve as many of the following goals as possible:

1. Support Stake Goals:

- a. Every member study and ponder the scriptures every day.
- b. Every member to be a full tithe payer. If already a full tithe payer, then double monthly fast offerings.
- c. Invite one non-member or non-member family over for dinner or a ward activity once this year.
- d. Use the time on the Sabbath day as recommended by the prophet for spiritual enrichment.

2. Four Generations Program:

A total of 70 families in the ward complete their Four Generation sheets by August 1981.

Implementation:

- a. Develop a display (e.g. a family tree) acknowledging those families who have completed their sheets.
- b. Display sample of completed work.
- c. Schedule a sacrament meeting program on the Four Generation program/genealogy.
- d. Home teacher encouragement via handout outlining steps, resources, etc.
- e. Quorum, group and Relief Society encouragement, mini-lesson and follow-up (responsibility for follow-up and reporting will rest with each organization)
- f. Primary Sharing Time devoted to some aspect of the Four Generation program.

3. Temple Endowments:

- a. Increase the number of recommend-holders who use their temple recommends to 50 percent per-month.
- b. Encourage those who are able to use their temple recommend as much as possible.
- c. Encourage and organize group temple attendance among the ward organizations.

Daryl Hoole wrote the following to honor the many kind acts of service given by Bishop Gardner:

A solitary figure, coming from the direction of Cornell Circle, can frequently be observed walking through the Yalecrest Second Ward neighborhood. If you don't happen to see his

face with its ever-present smile, a sure mark of identification is the tool bucket he's carrying in one hand and in the other hand there's often a chain saw or a water key. Then you know it's Reed, former bishop of the ward, going about doing much good in the neighborhood as a handyman at large. An engineer by profession and a farmer by heritage, he generously uses his talents and skills to fix ailing sprinkling systems, revive dying lawns, trim wayward bushes and trees, take care of minor electrical or plumbing problems, repair dysfunctional air conditioners or sound systems in the ward building, or attend to whatever is broken. He's able to fix about anything and is happiest when he and his tools are at work. He appreciates being reimbursed for materials, but if you try to pay him for his time he says he won't come back. Who could argue with such favorable terms, and besides, his service is greatly appreciated. As a bonus feature, he'll sometimes bring his wife, Jackie, along who strikes up a delightful conversation with the woman of the house while Reed does the work.

Rex Warner's Recollection of working on the Bonneville Stake Onion Farm:

Henry Eyring, renowned scientist, was serving on our Stake High Council in the late 1970s when we were operating a stake welfare farm. He once told me that, "I will do anything in the Church if I am asked by proper authority." I saw him keep that pledge when he was asked to serve on the farm Committee and help with the farm work. On more than one occasion he helped work the onions when he was unable to stand up. He would lie down and drag himself along on his elbows, and pull weeds. These and similar experiences while working on the welfare farm cemented friendships among many people, which endure to this day.

Recollection of JoAnn B. Nelson on meeting President Spencer W. and Camilla Kimball:

Under Stake President Francis M. Gibbons the stake had a series of programs on Friday evenings called Cultural Arts. My husband Dalmas was an Assistant Executive Secretary for the stake at that time. One of those Fridays in the late 1970s, I returned home somewhat late from my school teaching responsibilities and had to quickly prepare some supper because Dalmas had responsibilities at this stake program. Because of the rush I gave no thought to the fact that I was wearing slacks until we were on our way to the Stake Center. It had been recommended to women that they wear dresses when attending Church occasions.

I was very concerned, and so we sat in the back of the overflow area. After the program Dalmas and I went to the cultural hall where chairs had been set up in a series of small semicircles to facilitate people's socializing while they partook of refreshments. Then Dalmas left me to fulfill some responsibility.

Suddenly, who should come to the very circle I was at but President Spencer W. Kimball and Sister Camilla Kimball! I kept my legs very tightly closed together to not advertise the fact that I was wearing slacks, but they didn't seem to notice. They were very gracious and friendly. Among other things President Kimball asked me if I spoke any foreign languages. I told him I spoke Spanish somewhat. He was delighted and told me that he was studying that language and that he felt we should all strive to learn other languages so we could better communicate with people in other language groups.

Of course, at the time I did not foresee the enormous growth in membership that our Church would experience in Latin America.

Ward Memories of Kathy Torkelson:

On March 28, 1980, our Yalecrest 2nd Ward Relief Society choir sang at a gift presentation for President Spencer W. Kimball. We met at noon at the Relief Society Building downtown. We sang "Love at Home" arranged by Laurence Lyon, and "Children" which was taken from a poem by Charles Dickens. The General Presidency of the Relief Society presented President Kimball with redbud trees and "Sculptures in Bronze" for the Plaza Gardens. The pieces presented at the time were "Joseph and Emma," "Joyful Moment," "In Her Mother's Footsteps" and "Preparing Her Son." The presentation was made by President Barbara B. Smith, and President Kimball responded with an acceptance speech.

I was so excited to be there and singing for the prophet. I had taken time off work so I could participate. I felt so honored and it was so much fun. When I got home I had my parents take a picture of me so I could always remember that day.

Quotes from the program - "Relief Society is a gift of God to all his daughters. Through their generosity and in their behalf, we make this Sesquicentennial presentation: four sculptures in bronze to suggest the enduring contribution of Relief Society women to the cause of Zion, a row of redbud trees to provide a continuing remembrance of the beauty and newness of life women bring."

Mother [Ruth Torkelson] was the heroine of the Jr. Primary last week. They were having testimonies in activity time and 3 or 4

children were coming up at a time to talk in the microphone and say what they were thankful for. Little Scot Ferré went up. He took the microphone and just made his usual noises (Scot suffered severe hearing loss at birth). Mother went up, she is his turning 3 (Moonbeam?) teacher, and took his face in her hands so he had to look right at her. She then told him slowly what to say, what he was thankful for, and he repeated it clearly after hearing what she had said.

I was told there was not a dry eye among the adults there. Afterwards, Janis Ferré, who wasn't there but was told about it, came up to mother, put her arms around her and cried. Mother showed them all just what that little boy could do given enough patience and understanding.

When Scot Ferré went on a mission, Elder Neal Maxwell was one of the speakers. At the end of his talk he pronounced an apostolic blessing on Scot. Chills went up and down my spine. It was a powerful moment. I've never been present when an apostolic blessing was given.

Recollection of Ruth Torkelson on the Jordan River Temple Dedication:

On Wednesday, November 18, 1981 we attended the new Jordan River Temple dedication at the 5:00 session. I knew that I would not be able to hear anything so went with that in mind. However, I wanted to enjoy the experience of being there. My daughter, Kathy, mouthed the entire service to me so that I would be able to lip read the services. Although I didn't get the entire services and all that all the speakers said, I did get a lot more than had she not done this. I am so grateful for her.

The services were wonderful, and there was such a rich spirit present. The opening prayer

was given by Brother Bangerter of the Quorum of the Seventies, President Marion G. Romney presided, and President Gordon B. Hinckley gave the opening remarks and spoke to the youth of the church to some extent. The first speaker was Rex Reeve, Sr. of the Quorum of the Seventies followed by Elder David B. Haight. A choir gave two opening numbers and also sang another number after Elder Haight's talk. President Romney read the Dedicatory Prayer - which I understood mostly from lip-reading Kathy. This was followed by the "Hosanna Shout" lead by President Hinckley. This part of the program greatly impressed me and I shall long remember all those white handkerchiefs waving. It was very impressive. Following this the choir sang again and the entire congregation, seated throughout the Temple, sang "The Spirit of God." This was so sacred to me; it brought tears to my eyes and chills down my spine. The closing prayer was given by J.H. Smith, a Jordan River Temple committee member. It was so wonderful to be able to have attended this dedication. I am so grateful for having been raised in the LDS Church. It was an experience I will never have again and one I'll never forget.



Yalecrest Second Ward

**Yalecrest Second Ward
Bishop George H. Durham
1982-1987**

Bishop: George H. Durham II, sustained August 19, 1982; released September 13, 1987
First Counselor: Richard C. Ferré
Second Counselor: Gary E. Wight. William L. Davis
Executive Secretary: Steven W. Alley, Donald B. Kelly
Assistant Executive Secretary: Leland J. Paxton, Shirl G. Merrell, Norman W. Homer, Jack W. Major, Aird G. Merkley
Ward Clerk: Dwight W. Flickinger, Aaron F. Jolley
Assistant Ward Clerk: L. Glen Hamberlin, Donald B. Kelly, Wayne Brinton, Scott Pugsley, Aaron R. Jolley, Wes S. Potter, Richard W. Koplín, Robert R. Clayton
High Priest Group Leader: Allen H. Lundgren, H.J.M. Hoole
Seventy Group Leader: Richard J. Davies
Elders Quorum President: John R. Jackson, Scott C. Pugsley, Val Hicken
Sunday School President: Robert B. Beall, Donald B. Kelly, Eugene Russon
Relief Society President: Daryl V. Hoole, Elaine Merrell
Primary President: Portia L. Jepsen, Karen G. Romney, Karren K. Hammer
Young Men President: Anthony W. Morgan, Brent Hayes, Alan Tingey
Young Women President: Susann Neeley, Carolyn B. Carpenter

Yalecrest Second Ward

EVENTS

1982

- August 19 – New Bishopric sustained with George H. Durham II as Bishop.
- September 29 – Relief Society presented Bishop Reed with quilt that was embroidered with the name of every Relief Society sister to express gratitude for years of faithful service.
- November 7 – Elder LeGrand Richards attends Fast and Testimony Meeting for blessing of his 113th great-grandchild.

1983

- January – Varsity Scouts enjoyed a snowmobiling trip to Yellowstone Park
- January – Long-time scouter Greg Hosford was awarded the Silver Beaver scouting award in recognition of many years of distinguished and dedicated service to the Boy Scouts of America
- January – YM and YW collaborated to provide a talent show for residents of the Salt Lake Nursing Home
- February – YW made valentines for ailing ward members.
- February – Entertainment featuring Lia Davis, Carolyn Carpenter, and Marcie Allen singing Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy from Company B was provided at ward dinner. Derik Boam played the bugle.
- Summer – Heeding President Kimball's admonition to plant gardens, the Primary leaders organized a fun activity to plant flowers around the Yalecrest building.

- Summer – Beehive class tied a quilt and donated it to the Primary Children's Hospital.
- June – YM and YW attended a golf clinic taught by a professional golfer.
- August – YW attended a tennis clinic.
- December – Beehives and Mia Maids distribute flyers to publicize a "holiday home tour" fundraiser in support of the community effort to build Anderson-Foothill Branch Library.
- December – YM and YW collected and delivered food and clothing to people in need.

1984

- During all of 1984, baptisms were held for 27 eight-year-olds.
- February 19 – Worldwide priesthood organization changed in which all Seventies were made High Priests.
- June – A celebration commemorating the 20th anniversary of the creation of the Yalecrest Second Ward was attended by current and former ward members. A music program included compositions by Bach, Beethoven, Suzuki, and Lehar. A quartet sang numbers from Verdi's opera Rigoletto. This quartet included Marilyn Smith (YC1), Marcie Alley, Alan Edwards, and Carl Gallup.
- August – Yalecrest 2nd Ward welcomed a special new family when Elder Dallin H. Oaks moved into the ward.
- November – Ward members joined together in a special fast for Seth Pugsley,

son of Mary Ellen and Scott Pugsley. Seth was born at the beginning of 1984 with a severe congenital heart defect. During the meeting held in conjunction with this fast, Bishop Durham, a pediatrician, made a careful explanation of the problem and the corrective steps needed. Seth's surgery went well and he has been able to complete his schooling, serve a mission and marry.

- November 9-10 – Ward members presented *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*. Richard Ferré was director, Jan Ferré was producer and costumer, Mary Ann Morgan was music director, set designers were Allen Lundgren with Alisa Clayton. Cast members included: Carl Gallup as Joseph; Lynette Baum as Narrator, Val Hicken as Pharaoh; Steve Bowen, Camron Carpenter, Richard Ferré, Quinn Ferré, Briant Herzog, Greg Lunt, Greg Morgan, Gene Russon, Gary Sanders, Brad Stoker, and Ty Theurer were Joseph's brothers. Total participation for stage performers, orchestra, and production staff included 70 people - approximately 95% were from the Yalecrest Second ward! The musical was performed to a full house on two nights.
- December – As a result of ward fellowshipping efforts, convert Tony Bradshaw was baptized, and longtime ward member Lynwood Fish, age 88, was ordained an Elder and received temple endowments.
- December 23 – Beginning a long tradition, the ward enjoyed a special Christmas Sacrament Meeting presentation from Elder Oaks and his family.

1985

- Monthly Relief Society Homemaking meetings were changed from evenings to Tuesday mornings.
- January – YW focused on Homemaking and Family Relations. Beehive class met at Chris Boardman's home and shared favorite food and recipes. Mia Maids had craft activity at Holly Sander's home. Laurel class had overnight activity at Carolyn Carpenter's home with Suzan Lake giving a cooking demonstration.
- Fall: The senior basketball team, coached by Robert Murdock, won several championships in the stake.
- December – Ward Christmas party was held with the theme of "Sharing Tree Open House." Several carloads of gifts were delivered to the city homeless shelter.

1986

- This year marked the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Yalecrest meeting house and was designated as a Jubilee Year. A combined Sacrament Meeting with Yalecrest 1st Ward was convened with Elder Joseph Anderson and Elder Dallin H. Oaks in attendance.
- May 14 – The Relief Society sisters enjoyed a supper along with three mini-courses: (1) Color Me Beautiful, beauty tips taught by Vicki Johnson, (2) Summer Delight, summer pie recipes taught by Amelia Homer, (3) Touch and See, teaching the way Christ taught, presented by Margaret Robinson.

1987

- September 13 – Bishop George Durham released as bishop.

Bishop Durham’s Thoughts:

Concerning the Seventies reorganization:

The ward Seventies were few in number. Jon Jepsen was our group leader and in time the group included Gary Wright, Michael O. Leavitt, Richard Davies, Lynn Stoker and others as well as three of the high priests who also began to meet with us: Hendricus H.J.M. (“Hank”) Hoole, Richard C. Ferré, and Steve Alley. As our small group expanded to include these high priests we called ourselves the “eighties” since three of us were other than seventies. Our weekly meetings in priesthood class were meaningful and memorable and frequently concluded with kneeling prayer.

Upon Being Released as Bishop:

The very first bishop of the Yalecrest Second Ward was named L. Clayton Dunford. The “L” stood for Love. I thought of that and mentioned it the day I was sustained as bishop. When our bishopric was released in 1987, Brother Ferré requested that the closing hymn be “Love One Another.” The ward presented me with a rocking chair upon my release. Inscribed on a birthday celebration and as his posterity gathered about him one of his sons asked if he had advice for the family. These were his words: “Keep on keeping on!” And so we try.

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Home Teaching an Apostle:

During the years that the Oaks family resided in the Yalecrest 2 Ward (1984-2010),

members enjoyed meeting with Elder Oaks in regular Sunday meetings as well as getting to know the Oaks family as neighbors. Roger Little enjoyed a very special relationship with the Oaks family as their home teacher. Roger reflected on the experiences he had in meeting with an apostle and his family on a regular basis:

“I have had the blessing of being the home teacher for the Oaks family. During that time, I have always felt a great sense of responsibility as a home teacher to an Apostle and his family; however the teaching has been mostly the other direction, family to home teachers. Just before John Hammer left to enter the MTC for his mission to the Netherlands, he gave the lesson and discussed his excitement to serve a mission and Section 4 of the Doctrine of Covenants. As we left their home that night, I told John how proud I was of him and told him to remember this night, when he fulfilled his home teaching responsibilities, even if it meant instructing an Apostle and his family how to live their lives. One evening our assigned home teaching topic from the Bishop was the “The Family – A Proclamation to the World.” As we gave our message, Elder Oaks explained some of the background of just how the Proclamation came forward. It was a lesson that taught and demonstrated to us as home teachers that we are indeed lead by Apostles and Prophets and that modern day revelation does exist.”

“When Sister Oaks was ill, she would still participate in our home teaching visits. Sometimes that meant that she was resting on the couch under a blanket, but she was there with a smile on her face and our hearts were always uplifted and warmed as we were able to talk and feel of her great spirit. Elder Oaks even called his home teacher to participate in blessing his dear wife, and when she eventually did pass away, he respected the calling of his Home Teacher and notified me

of his significant loss. Once again I was being tutored in the significance and importance of being a Home Teacher.”

Kathryn Romney’s Memory of Moving into Ward, 1986:

The first person I met in YCII ward was Anna Harper. The year was 1986. Anna was the Relief Society President and brought me a pan of cake for some reason, I cannot recall. I didn’t know her, and she didn’t know me, but we knew what to do and how to do it. When in doubt, take a cake! We later became dear friends and compatriots in helping her husband, Dick Harper, through some hard years before he passed away. The women I most admired in the ward were: Anna Harper, Jackie and Elaine Merrell. (Of course, Elaine and Shirl Merrell came with us to Russia, in order to keep our mission office filled with wry humor and a spit-spot place in which to work.)

On many a cold winter’s night we saw Elaine and Shirl walking out of the office and into the snowy white distance as they held on to each other, trying not to fall, trying not to break a hip.



Production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat.

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**Yalecrest Second Ward
Bishop James W. Gibb
1987-1994**



Left to right: Alex Schiel, Bill Hansen, Bishop Gibb, David Creer, Terry Smith

Bishop: James W. Gibb sustained September 13, 1987; released November 20, 1994
First Counselor: John R. Jackson, Douglas J. Hammer, William J. Hansen
Second Counselor: Douglas J. Hammer, William J. Hansen, David M. Creer
Executive Secretary: Leonard C. Romney, Henry A. (Ty) Theurer III, James W. King, Terry B. Smith
Assistant Executive Secretary: Aird G. Merkley, James W. King, Brent L. Tomson, Allen H. Lundgren
Ward Clerk: Henry A. (Ty) Theurer III, Robert Tingey, James M. Lee, Alex M. Schiel
Assistant Ward Clerk: L. Glen Hamberlin, Wayne Brinton, Robert R. Clayton, Allen M. Hughes, Aird G. Merkley, Michael B. Waters, Albert R. Bowen, Scott Wilkey, Gordon F. Scheffner, J. Eugene Russon, Roger W. Little, Donald B. Kelly
High Priest Group Leader: H.J.M. Hoole, George H. Durham II, Owen J. Lunt, William L. Davis
Elders Quorum President: Val Hicken, Arthur Y. Gardiner, Gordon S. Hillier
Sunday School President: Eugene Russon, H.J.M. Hoole, Lloyd E. Coates, Boone Colegrove
Relief Society President: Elaine Merrell, Ruth Lundgren, Naoma Scheffner
Primary President: Jacalyn Leavitt, Shelley Henriod, Ann DeMill, Mary Louise Hughes
Young Men President: M. Clark Wood, Anthony W. Morgan, Robert D. Tingey, Terry B. Smith, Don R. Brown
Young Women President: Carolyn B. Carpenter, Lori Hansen, Laurie Little, Cathy Brown, Christine C. Waters, Joy Koplín

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EVENTS

1987

- September 13 – New Bishopric sustained with James W Gibb as bishop.
- December – Ward members donate food to a Sub for Santa effort for the Salt Lake Community Action Shelter to assist the homeless.
- December – The ward Activities Committed, presided by Paul and Shelley Henriod, entertained the ward members with an English countryside dinner. Ward members providing musical entertainment included Jan Ferré, Val Hicken, and Kathryn Romney on recorders, accompanied by Holly Baker; Elisabeth Potter played the violin; Margaret and Rachel Romney played carols arranged for cello and piano duet; Lynnette Baum, Barbara Hanna, Tussy King, Jed Moss, Steve Murdock, Margaret Ann Robison, Brent Scharman, and Karen Smith sang humorous Christmas songs; and the Bishopric portrayed Dickens' "Scrooge" complete with original costumes.

1988

- Summer – Stake Patriarch Karl Lagerberg, an accomplished mountain climber, accompanied the YM and YW on a trip to Havasupai at the Grand Canyon. Bishop Gibb noted that several people's interest in obtaining their patriarchal blessing was enhanced by the contact with Brother Lagerberg on this trip.

1989

- June 14-15 – The annual Fathers and Sons outing was an overnight camping trip held at the University of Utah faculty retreat property by Kamas, UT.
- June 16 – The "Ward Sociables" enjoyed a "Music Box" dinner. Each box contained a portion of a portrait of a famous composer. Matching up the portraits determined the dinner grouping. Following dinner, each table performed a song aided by a large box of props to guarantee that all singers had an authentic look to their performance.
- August – Priests and Teachers hiked the Wind River Mountains of Wyoming. Deacons hiked the High Uinta Mountains.
- August – A Primary Service Activity was held to encourage all Primary children to earn money to purchase a Book of Mormon to send to missionaries for their use in teaching the Gospel.
- September 17 – A fireside was held featuring Kim Peek, the inspiration for the movie "Rain Man."

1990

- Ruth Lundgren, Tyra Clayton, Joan Creer, and Lovinia Harmsen were called as the Relief Society Presidency.

1991

- The RS and ward members took meals to the Family Homeless Shelter two-three times a month. This service project served dinner to over 800 individuals.

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- Complementing the Relief Society's homeless service efforts, the Primary collected cans of food for the Utah Food Bank, and were able to tour the facility when these items were delivered.
- Summer – The High Priests enjoyed a summer party at Wayne Brinton's home in Midway. Tres and Karen Romney chaired the committee. Other committee members included Reed and Jackie Gardner, and Kay and Corrine Long.
- Summer – Primary leaders and teachers enjoyed a "Tour de Primary" bike road rally and dinner.
- To assist ward members of all ages to get to know the YM and YW of the ward, YW President, Cathy Brown, initiated periodic displays in the cultural hall following Sacrament meeting. Display tables featured talents and interests of the youth in the ward.
- December – The ward Christmas party let ward members spend a night in Bethlehem, where the meeting house was transformed to represent the holy city. Shepherds guided the attendees to various settings representing shepherd's fields, the desert of the Wise Men, the inn with no vacancy, the court of King Herod, and finally the stable where Mary and Joseph found rest. The evening ended with a slide presentation of the Christmas Story, and with the singing of carols.

1992

- Winter – Laurels challenged Priests to a basketball game where the Priests agreed to two conditions: boxing gloves on shooting hand, and not entering the key during second half, with winner to cook

dinner for the loser. Priests eked out a win 42-41, and the Laurels paid their dues with a progressive dinner the next week.

- March – An original musical, "A Sisterhood of Service", written by Mary Louise Hughes was enjoyed by over 100 guests at a dinner theater celebrating the Relief Society Sesquicentennial.
- July – YM and YW attended the *Mormon Miracle Pageant* in Manti with leaders Cathy Brown and Robert Tingey. The following day, they attended an adventure program at Snow College in Ephraim with objective of developing potential, improving courage, demonstrating faith and trust, eliminating unnecessary fear.
- Fall – YM and YW participate in a service opportunity with the local Boys and Girls Club. Arranged by leader Jan Hemming, the ward youth had the opportunity to get to know and help on a one-on-one basis the children of the Boys and Girls Club.

1993

- Marking the centennial of the completion and dedication of the Salt Lake Temple was a special exhibit at the Church History Museum. YC2 Primary children were given a tour and explanation of the temple structure and symbolism of various stones on the outside of the Temple.
- March 26 – The Activities Committee sponsored a pot-luck dinner that featured food from the period between 1847-1893. Richard K. Winters presented a slideshow and discussion on the building of the Salt Lake Temple.
- May 8 – The Activities Committee hosted a fitness event with participants engaging

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in running, walking, and a fitness obstacle course.

- May 15 – YM and YW participated in a “Service Saturday” event and painted six bleachers and all the dugouts at the Sherwood Park in Salt Lake City. After the benches were painted, several YM and YW were also doused in green paint.
- July – YW met at Hogle Zoo with a group of children, some from the homeless shelter. Each YW then took a group of four or five children on a tour of the zoo.
- Community service was not limited to the youth. As part of the Gospel Literacy Program, ward volunteers began to assist at Bennion Elementary School.
- YW and YW participated in a Book of Mormon *read-a-thon*, coordinated by Terry Smith and Christine Waters. Approximately 55 youth gathered at the meetinghouse at 5 p.m. on Friday, and read the Book of Mormon until 11 p.m. that night. Much of the reading was assisted by about 20 adult ward members with presentations, period costumes, and testimonies. YW and YW returned at 8 a.m. the next morning and continued until 6 p.m. The *read-a-thon* concluded with a final testimony meeting.
- September 28 – A ward/neighborhood basketball tournament has held. Primary, YM/YW, priesthood quorums, and Relief Society participated.

1994

- Combined Teachers and Priests Quorums team won the stake basketball championship.

- February – The same combined quorums participated in baptisms for the dead at the Salt Lake Temple.
- February – The Relief Society assembled 325 emergency 72-hour food kits. These kits were placed in the cars and homes of ward members.
- April – The Activities Committee hosted a combination pot-luck dinner with western line dancing lessons.
- Spring -- The Primary children took a tour of the Cathedral of the Madeleine, following a two-year restoration of the building.
- The Primary Sacrament Meeting featured several vocal soloists and a small children’s orchestra that included several violinists and two flautists, Caitlin Maxfield and Christina Lee.
- The High Priests Group restarted a project begun years earlier to collect short autobiographies from group members.
- Fall – The ward responded with monetary donations and other services when neighbor, Victor Pardini, suffered a major heart attack with complications.

FUNERALS

- Judy Theurer, age 45, passed away on July 26, 1994 after a courageous struggle with a brain tumor. She was survived by her husband Ty, and her four children, Heidi, Matthew, Kimberly, and Robert.

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Dave Creer Recollection of the Havasupai Super Activity:

Probably the best activity was the Young Men and Young Women's trip to Arizona to visit Havasupai. We went on two old buses without air conditioning in the middle of the hot summer. It was a crazy trip. We had more fun than we should have. Tres Romney and Clark Wood caused lots of trouble. Some of the Young Women brought make-up in their packs. Brother Lagerberg, our Stake Patriarch, came on the trip. What a blessing Brother Lagerberg was for our Young Men and Women. He was so inspiring and let the kids and leaders ask any question. He had a lifetime of experience, in Europe and in our stake, of wonderful spiritual experiences and stories. He was so inspiring and close to the Lord that it touched everyone on the trip. On the way back to Salt Lake one of the buses broke down in Cedar City and we stayed on the front lawn of Mary Ann Morgan's mother's home. What a site we were for the neighbors! This trip was an unforgettable experience for the young people who went.

Memories of Cory Maxfield:

Not long after moving into YC 2nd ward (1987) I was called to the Young Womens presidency with Lori Hansen, Lori Martin and Diana Gardiner. My world then was all about little kids, as my children were then 1, 4 and 7 years old, so I felt ill-equipped to deal with teens. And there were a LOT of teenagers in the ward at that time. Yalecrest Second had the largest YW, YM and Primary in the Stake. A big super activity had already been planned to take the entire Young Men and Young Women's organizations to Havasupai in Arizona. What I remember most was how insane all the Young Men leaders seemed

to be. Despite a couple of problems (a bus breakdown, an injury during a lunch break, a touch football game that required that one youth return home, and a couple of wrong turns) we did arrive at the top of the canyon at sundown and began our hike down, guided by our flashlights. It was ridiculously hard to see where the trail was in the dark. We stumbled around until about 2:00 AM and then threw our sleeping bags down in what seemed to be a nice soft spot. In the morning, we discovered it was a swampy area dotted with cow pies. Ugh. Eventually we reached our beautiful campground at the oasis by the magnificent waterfalls of Havasupai. From there we took day hikes to various locations. One day we hiked to a waterfall. The braver types decided the only thing to do there was to jump off the waterfall into the river below. I wanted nothing to do with this idea but Bill Hansen and Val Hicken talked me into hiking up the mossy rocks to the top of the waterfall "just to see it." It turned out the only way down was to jump off! At the bottom of the falls a giant and very scary rope swing hung from a tree. The same folks in charge of the waterfall jumping soon instigated a daredevil move swinging over the rocks and landing in a pond. Somehow I ended up there too; doing something I had no interest in doing. At the end of this week, Larry and I were supposed to give our "welcome to the ward" talks in sacrament meeting. I was planning on playing my flute, but had to cancel due to my badly sprained finger injured on the stupid rope swing.

Memory from JoAnn Nelson:

In the summer of 1975 Dalmas and I moved back to Salt Lake City to our home at 1891 Princeton Ave. I had been teaching elementary school in Los Angeles for eight years and began teaching again in Granite District in 1976. I very much enjoyed my

classes but in 1989, when I was teaching third grade, I had a very difficult parent to deal with. She was a divorced alcoholic who didn't like my reading program where I required children to write answers to comprehension questions found at the end of each reading assignment. I offered to adapt the program for her child but she wanted me to give no homework at all. She became very verbally abusive -- not only to me but to my principal, whom she called not only at school but at late hours at home. (She did not call me, only because she did not have my phone number). For the first time in my life my blood pressure went way up and I broke out with cellulitis on my right elbow. This did not respond to the first antibiotic given to me and spread out in both directions on my arm. My doctor warned me that if it reached my lymph glands I would have septicemia blood poisoning. He sent me to Holy Cross Hospital for three days where they pumped a high-powered antibiotic into me through a shunt they put into my left wrist. On the third day, Sunday, I afterward went to my Sacrament meeting. While the Sacrament was being passed, I prayed and meditated. My blood pressure was still high and the cellulitis was still there.

I knew I needed to forgive this poor mother for all she was doing, but how? The thought came strongly to me that I was to *put myself in her place and understand the best I could why she was upset with me, and overlook what seemed to me her very unfortunate methods of dealing with her problems*. As I did that a great peace came to me. By the next day my blood pressure was normal and the infection had completely disappeared within that 24-hour period. I received excellent support from my principal, the district, and my Granite Education Association representative, Robert Beall (also a member of the Yalecrest 2nd Ward). They all (not I) insisted that this child move to another class.

I was sorry as he was a dear child. Life settled down for all of us.

Memories of Joan Creer:

Serving in a bishopric, priesthood or auxiliary presidency presents a unique opportunity to form strong bonds of friendship through serving and working together. Ruth Lundgren served as Yalecrest Second Ward Relief Society President from 1990 through 1993. Joan Creer served as a counselor with Ruth and recalls the following: One of my favorite callings was as RS counselor to Ruth Lundgren. Tyra Clayton was the first counselor and Lovinia Harmsen was the secretary. Both Tyra and I taught school so our time was at a premium. I loved our monthly birthday luncheons and when we "walked the ward" and visited different sisters as we walked the neighborhood. Ruth, Tyra and Lovinia are dear friends who taught and teach me so much about service and "keeping on keeping on." Our presidency still gets together several times a year even though we served together almost 20 years ago!

Missionary Letter from Libby Potter:

Libby Potter entered the MTC on July 13, 1994, and has been in the Argentina-Mendoza Mission just over ten months. She spent the first eight months in the city of Mendoza and then was transferred to San Juan, a city about 200 miles north of Mendoza at the foot of the Andes Mountains. The following excerpts illustrate two consistent threads throughout all of her letters -- her love of the people she is working with and her commitment to missionary work:

"When the Lord calls, the Lord capacitates" . . . and I figure if He called me on a mission, He has given me the capacity to DO this, even

though it's hard and there are days when I want to just go back to the pension, put my head under the pillow and bawl! But, it's odd that true self-confidence goes hand-in-hand with humility. Every day I think I'm not together enough or ready enough and every day someone or something proves me wrong. I suppose I've learned to just keep going when things are rough and not let hard situations paralyze me. I am learning to rely on the Lord." "I am now really concentrating on teaching people how to follow Christ, helping them to feel loved and noble and cared-about, which is what I love about the gospel! I think one of the roughest parts of the mission is that you bond with people and then get transferred, not just with your companions, but with people in the ward."

"Francisco Lanza (a man Libby and her companion taught and prepared for baptism) is going to be ordained an elder this week! We gave him a hymn book and he started to cry. Have I mentioned that I love being a missionary? It's sure tough, but, boy, are the results worth it!"

Libby's first companion was an Argentine native, a former biology teacher, whose understanding of English was very limited. This helped Libby really learn Spanish and now she feels that she can understand what she hears and communicate well with the people she is teaching. She has had both Argentine and Anglo companions since, including the companion she had at the MTC.

Anna Harper's Memories of Mongolia:

In the spring of 1992 the Mongolian ambassador requested that the Church send volunteers to assist in the transition of the Mongolian higher education system from a Russian model to a Western model. The Church called five couples to open the

Mongolian mission, including me and my husband Richard. Each of the Elders was experienced in secondary and college education. Our calling was to help the Mongolian people and make friends for the church. Each missionary worked in his or her particular specialties: computers, business, medicine, management, teaching, and counseling. Before our retirements, I taught school and my husband supervised all of the secondary counselors in Granite School District. Developing counselors was his task in Mongolia. We all taught English to students and faculties, Richard in the state university and I in the Technical University.

One missionary couple worked with the Mongolians to develop plans to open various types of businesses; one of the Elders authored a medical text in Mongolian in the field of pulmonary studies; Elder Harper taught teachers from throughout the countryside tools for counseling, and trained his interpreter to succeed him. At the same time, we were able to send six non-member students to BYU-Hawaii. Richard and I had been in the new mission for over nine months before we received young elders from the MTC who had originally been called to serve in Russia, but were shifted to serve in Mongolia. That number grew as students were baptized, and the first temple marriage of Mongolian members was in the Hawaii Temple. The first two missionaries called to serve were two of my students.

The mission was not easy. There was a food shortage, but we never went hungry. When we first got to Mongolia Richard would sometimes have to go to 8 shops just to find eggs. The power was out frequently, and the temperature was below 0 approximately eight months of the year. But we were prepared and very blessed by the Lord. Richard and I grew to love the Mongolian people who are warm, loving, helpful and generous.

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The greatest joy was in watching as the church was organized and grew in a new country. In 1993 the country was dedicated by Apostle Neal Maxwell and the church blossomed. Twenty years later, there are six chapels and one stake, all with Mongolian leaders. The first young man baptized at age 14 is now a counselor in that Stake Presidency. The Book of Mormon has been translated into their language by an early member.

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**Yalecrest Second Ward
Bishop John R. Jackson
1994-1996**



Left to right: Alex Schiel, Paul Henriod, Bishop Jackson, Gordon Hillier, Terry Smith

Bishop: John R. Jackson sustained November 20, 1994; released March 16, 1996
First Counselor: Paul E. Henriod, Gordon S. Hillier
Second Counselor: Gordon S. Hillier, Roger W. Little
Executive Secretary: Terry B. Smith, Larry S. Phillips, Brent R. Baker,
Assistant Executive Secretary: Larry S. Phillips, Lowell P. Hicks, Arthur J. Swindle
Ward Clerk: Alex M. Schiel
Assistant Ward Clerk: L. Glen Hamberlin, Roger W. Little, Michael B. Waters, Donald B. Kelly, Allen H. Lundgren, Melbourne Romney, Boone C. Colegrove
High Priest Group Leader: William L. Davis, Terry B. Smith
Elders Quorum President: Robert D. Tingey, Larry S. Phillips
Sunday School President: Henry H. (Ty) Theurer III, D. Douglas Preston, Anthony W. Morgan
Relief Society President: Anna M. Harper, Deanna A. Lunt
Primary President: Christy R. Hillier, Karen E. Ashton, Jennifer Schiel
Young Men President: William J. Hansen
Young Women President: Joy Koplín, Diana G. Gardiner

EVENTS

1995

- The ward was jolted to learn that the 1st Counselor in the bishopric, Gordon Hillier, was diagnosed with leukemia. Members rallied to give moral and spiritual support to Gordon, his wife Christy, and their five children.
- March – YC2 presented *The Music Man*, produced by the Activities Committee co-chairs Don and Cathy Brown. Director Mary Louise Hughes was helped by assistant director Richard Ferré, music director Mary Ann Morgan, vocal directors Kim Lee and Ann Busico, choreographer Amber Tanner, and costume coordinator Jennifer Schiel. Main characters included: Larry Maxfield - Harold Hill, Allison Worthington - Marian Paroo, Paul Henriod - Mayor Shinn Taylor Leavitt - Tommy Djilas, Bethany Lee - Zaneeta Shinn.

The scope of involvement included 110 people. Except for the 17-member orchestra, nearly everyone was a member of the YC2 ward. Fifteen families contributed at least three participants each. There were 29 cast members, 44 townspeople, and 20 production staff.

- May 12-13 – Varsity Scouts with Leaders Larry Maxfield and Todd Tanner completed the Slickrock Trail, a mountain-biking trail near Moab.
- July 17-21 – Varsity Scouts mountain-biked in Grand Teton National Park and went in canoes and rafts down the Snake River from Jackson Lake to Alpine Junction.

- August 15 – Over 50 YM/YW completed baptisms for the dead at the Salt Lake Temple. After remarking that she had never seen such a large turn-out from a stake, a Temple worker was surprised to learn that this was a ward activity.
- August – The Primary enjoyed a luau with storytelling, Hawaiian food, dancing, poi balls and making flower leis.
- Summer – YW/YW gathered ingredients and made sandwiches at St. Vincent de Paul for the homeless on the first Wednesday of June, July, and August.
- November 24 – The Scouts climbed Mount Olympus on day after Thanksgiving.
- December – YW conducted a Christmas party for the Primary children on the theme: “Around the World.”
- December 17 – The Primary presented a Christmas program at the Veteran’s Hospital.

1996

- February 24 – The YC2 Primary children toured the Cathedral of the Madeleine and learned how Catholics worship compared to Mormons.
- March 9 – YC2 presented an evening of entertainment called *A Night on Broadway*, consisting of nine mini-musicals from classic theater. There were about 90 participants including choruses from Primary, YW and YM.

FUNERALS

- Gordon S Hillier, age 43, passed away on January 24, 1997. The funeral was held on January 29.
- Sister June Oaks passed away on July 21, 1998. The funeral was held on July 25.

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Memories of Bishop John Jackson:

There was MUCH activity occurring! All of it was initiated and carried out by faithful, loving members of the Yalecrest Second Ward who were trying to magnify their callings and bless the lives of others. Because of the love of the Lord that was/is present in the hearts of the members, the unselfish character of the ward has been the same through all of the years we have lived within it. Ann and I and our family have truly been blessed to associate with each ward member.

Elder Dallin Oaks was a strong influence in our ward. When his first wife, June, was terminally ill with cancer, Elder Oaks invited us as a bishopric to come to the house to participate in giving June a Priesthood blessing. I remember being humbled to hear an Apostle of the Lord forcefully rebuke this disease as he tenderly gave voice to this blessing for his wife. I remember thinking that this was the end of her cancer. If an Apostle rebukes the disease and heals her it is a “done deal.” Then following the blessing he took us into the living room and taught us that we have the power to command in the name of the Lord if we are worthy holders of the

Priesthood. But our commands or our desires do not override the will of the Lord. If He wants her home, He will take her. It was a magnificent example of faith and also humility. Elder Oaks was a wonderful example of a disciple of the Savior. He would sit on the stand with us periodically, as he had a break in his scheduled travel. Without fail he was complimentary and supportive of our sacrament meeting planning and conducting. His large hands were warm and enveloped mine when he shook hands. I was never nervous sitting next to him - even though he was an Apostle.

Memories of Mary Louise Hughes:

I had just been released as the Primary President and was enjoying the very low-key calling of Relief Society chorister, when I received the call to direct a ward play. I was thrilled and overwhelmed at the same time. We were just a year past the stake production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and there was still a lot of theatrical enthusiasm in the air. My good friend Cathy Brown was the Ward Activities Chairman and pledged to be my right hand gal: producer, gofer, etc., so we jumped into this adventure together. I was so grateful that this was a calling, which involved being set apart, because I felt the need for and the presence of the Lord’s help in this project. We were greatly blessed. From the selection of the play “The Music Man”, which was family friendly with affordable royalty fees, to the casting, to the execution, to the wonderful audience response, to the feelings of love and unity which ensued, the Lord’s hand was clearly in this work. Among the greats were an incredible cast of all ages (our son Peter was the youngest cast member at age 3), Kim Lee on vocal music, Mary Ann Morgan on the instrumental, Allen Lundgren and Neal Van Keizerswaard on the sets, Jennifer Schiel on

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costumes, Amber Tanner on Choreography, Rich Ferré as an assistant director, Lynn Stoker who made a video recording, and Lori Hansen who refused to perform but insisted that we also needed enthusiastic audience members, the people involved were many and inspiring. I count this production among my most choice opportunities.

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**Yalecrest Second Ward
Bishop Paul E. Henriod
1996-2000**



Left to right: Alex Schiel, Larry Maxfield, Bishop Henriod, Roger Little, Brent Baker

Bishop: Paul E. Henriod sustained March 16, 1996; released January 30, 2000
First Counselor: Gordon S. Hillier, Roger W. Little
Second Counselor: Roger W. Little, Larry C. Maxfield
Executive Secretary: Brent R. Baker
Assistant Executive Secretary: Arthur J. Swindle
Ward Clerk: Alex M. Schiel
Assistant Ward Clerk: Melbourne (Tres) Romney, Shirl G. Merrell, Boone C. Colegrove, R. Chad Whitehead
High Priest Group Leader: Terry B. Smith, James W. Gibb
Elders Quorum President: Larry S. Phillips
Sunday School President: George H. Durham II, Reed M. Gardner
Relief Society President: Karren Hammer
Primary President: Jennifer Schiel, Julie L. Day
Young Men Presidents: David M. Creer
Young Women President: Ann C. Jackson

EVENTS

1996

- April 27 – A ward dinner and auction to help raise funds to enable ward youth to attend a 3-day Youth Conference at BYU. Among the auctioned items were some substantial works by artists in the ward.
- July – About 60 YM and YW attended the BYU Youth Conference.
- April – The Primary children experienced a Passover celebration the week following Easter. Jennifer Schiel discussed what Passover is and why it is celebrated. Carol Phillips prepared Passover food for the children to sample.

1997

- January 24 – Bishopric 1st Counselor Gordon S. Hillier passed away following a two-year battle with leukemia. Richard Nebeker, a former Bonneville Stake member, also passed away on the same day. Elder Maxwell, who was also being treated for leukemia, dictated letters to both Gordon and Richard, which were read at the funerals. In Elder Maxwell's biography *A Disciple's Life*, it states: "The Maxwell family knew he meant it when he said he really should have gone before Richard and Gordon did."
- April – A Seder dinner was put on by the Relief Society. DeAnn Sadler discussed all Passover traditions and explained the various foods that are traditionally served at the Seder dinner.
- June – The YM/YW attended the *Mormon Miracle Pageant* in Manti and then camped out in the yard of a home owned

by Bill Hansen's family.

- Summer – The Scouts enjoyed a summer trip to the Wind River Mountains in Wyoming.
- October – The Activities Committee, chaired by Joan Creer and Deanna Lunt, organized a ward progressive dinner. Chad and Sarah Whitehead devised an Excel program to allow diners to attend three separate homes and never dine with the same people.
- Sister June Oaks was diagnosed with cancer, prompting a ward fast.

1998

- July 22 – A ward summer picnic was held at Sugarhouse Park. Margie Lamb led a sing-along featuring old time favorites and Lowell Hicks played the marimba. The picnic atmosphere was tinged with sadness as it was learned that June Oaks had passed away the previous day.
- July 25 – The funeral for sister June Oaks was held at the Monument Park stake centers.
- Summer – YM participate in a scout adventure hiking and floating the Lower Black Box canyon in southern Utah.
- October – The Activities Committee hosted a ward progressive dinner.
- December 11 – The cultural hall was transformed into a winter wonderland setting for the ward Christmas dinner. The East High Barbershop choir, including several YC2 high school seniors, provided entertainment.

- December – The YM/YW host a Primary children’s Christmas party for an inner-city ward.

1999

- April – The Activities Committee sponsored a talent show, under the direction of Co-chair Margie Lamb.
- September – The Relief Society held an Enrichment evening that featured “The Vinegar Ladies.” The sisters learned about the varied uses of vinegar and made their own bottles of flavored vinegars.
- Fall – The Activities Committee sponsored an old-time movie night and showed *The Ghost and Mr. Chicken*.
- December – The cultural hall was again transformed into a winter wonderland for a ward dinner and entertainment featuring *The Beehive Band*. This band played traditional Christmas tunes from the British Isles along with music played by Mormon pioneers when they first settled the Salt Lake Valley.

NOTABLES

- 1999-2001 – Hank and Daryl Hoole serve as Asia Area Welfare/Humanitarian Administrators.

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Recollections from Cindy Powell:

I moved into the Yalecrest 2nd Ward on March 30, 1996. I remember the first week I attended meetings we had a linger-longer following sacrament meeting. I felt like I was at an East High school reunion! At the time,

there were several people in the ward that I knew from high school, or other associations over the years. At the linger-longer, Bishop Paul Henriod and Shelley were among the first to come over and introduce themselves to me. I felt immediately comfortable, accepted and welcomed to the ward family. I had not been attending church on a regular basis for many years prior to that day, and I have pretty much been attending regularly ever since. My testimony of the Gospel has been strengthened by every home and visiting teacher, by every calling I have had, and the associations that have led to eternal friendships because of those callings! Some of my fondest memories are of the few years that I was able to participate in the choir at Christmas time, when we sang excerpts from Handel’s *Messiah*. Every practice, and every performance were so wonderful, and they also were a really spiritual experience for me. My testimony grew stronger through those hours of practice.

I have also been buoyed up by every stake conference I have attended since being a member of the Bonneville Stake. I rose to the challenge extended by President Clark Hinckley to read the Book of Mormon, and as I did so, I knew that my testimony was becoming stronger with every page and chapter I read. I was inspired by a talk given by Elder Uchtdorf at one of our stake conference sessions, especially I remember him saying this: “to me CTR stands for current temple recommend. If you don’t have one, get one!” I knew he was speaking directly to me, and that I needed to do everything I could to hold a temple recommend again. Shortly after that, with guidance and love from Bishop Jackson, I realized that goal in December of 2005!

I just cannot express adequately how grateful I am to my Heavenly Father for literally guiding the events in my life so that I would

become a member of the Yalecrest Second Ward. He knew long before I did that it would take this ward family to encourage me and love me into full activity in the Church. I plan on staying here for the rest of my mortal life, and pray that in some small way I have helped others to feel as welcome here as I do.

Cory Maxfield recalls what she learned about the value of young men trips for both her husband Larry and sons Andrew and Stuart who participated:

The boys had prepared for months to hike the glacier with ice picks and crampons. This was a big group that went. Todd Tanner was there, Larry, Kim Hyatt, Bill “Buckaroo” Hansen and others. On this outing nobody died or was left behind... but Dave Hansen insisted he didn’t need to wear sunscreen on his face. Blisters on top of oozing blisters. Stuart lost his sunglasses and had to tie a bandana around his eyes and be led across the blinding snow field. Andrew became very ill with altitude sickness. Larry was terribly worried about him and was thinking that he would have to take him back down the mountain. Todd Tanner had just barely been ordained an Elder and not given a priesthood blessing before. Larry and Todd blessed Andrew and he recovered and was able to continue with the trip. This trip was an incredible experience on many levels for the boys and their leaders.

Memories from Larry Maxfield about Sister June Oaks:

We held a ward fast for Sister June Oaks last Sunday. She has been very ill with a widespread cancer that has caused her great pain. The fast concluded with a special meeting at 5:00 PM on Sunday. Over one hundred members gathered to the prayer

meeting. Sister Oaks addressed the audience and expressed her faith that God’s will would be completed. Elder Dallin H. Oaks, her loving husband and member of the Twelve Apostles declined the invitation to speak. Later he confided that he was too emotional.

June passed away after a year of pain from cancer. We used the Monument Park Stake Center to accommodate the 1200 in attendance. We had 9 members of the 12 Apostles and President Hinckley. Special seating arrangements had to be made for the members of the seventy, general authority wives, Tabernacle Choir, and many others. The funeral started early and per Elder Oaks’ direction was exactly 80 minutes in duration

Memories from Larry Maxfield about a Scouting Adventure:

After arriving home at midnight from a scout adventure in Southern Utah, I received a phone call from Bill Hansen asking if his son David had come home with me in my Jeep. It was that moment we discovered that we had left two young men, David Hansen and Jon Waters in the desert 30 miles from Green River, UT.

We had spent the day floating the Lower Black Box canyon on inner tubes. It was a fabulous excursion exploring the narrow canyon with its obstacles and mini waterfalls. Jon and David were experienced Varsity Scouts and I felt they would be smart and not stray too far. We immediately left Salt Lake to re-trace the 4-hour drive. We made a call to the Emery County Sheriff and confessed that we were stupid enough to leave two boys in the desert and not miss them for four hours until after arriving home. The sheriff arrived at the trail head to find the two scouts sleeping on their float tubes in their swim suits. They had extra water and snacks and

enjoyed watching the stars. We were grateful to find them healthy and returned home in time for our 9:00 am church service.

Memories from Ann Jackson:

During my second year of serving as Young Womens President in the Yalecrest II Ward, as Christmas was approaching I felt a strong impression to find a meaningful project for our youth. During the previous years we had organized several fun trips and activities and I knew we needed to serve, instead of just entertaining ourselves. I felt the impression to call Lark Galli of the Garden Park Ward because I knew she and her family were serving in the Inner City Project. Lark mentioned that I might check with the Primary President in their ward, I called this woman and asked her if there was something our youth could do for the Primary. She paused and then she replied with great emotion. She explained that her mother was dying and she had been struggling to give all the needed care to her mother along with balancing a full time job, her church calling, along with the needs of her own family. "I just didn't know how I was going to get through the holidays and I had no energy to plan something for our Primary children," she said, "I think your phone call is an answer to my prayers."

I told this good sister that our youth would provide a Christmas Party for her Primary children and that she didn't need to do anything except make sure we could have access to the church cultural hall. As a presidency we began to plan and decided to provide a traditional turkey dinner and games. Camille Ebert wanted to be in charge of a shopping aisle for the children. Our youth and many families in our ward donated gifts so that the children could go Christmas shopping for their own families. We obtained the names

and phone numbers of each of the children and assigned each of our youth to work with a child. The children were contacted by phone and the activity was explained. I remember cooking many turkeys, making cranberry sauce, gravy and vegetables; I felt the enormity of the project. It was a busy time for me and the day before the party Dianne Theurer called me and said, "Don't worry about the mashed potatoes. I will have them ready for pick up at 4:00 on the day of the party." As I drove out to the Rose Park area with my car loaded with food I remember how much it meant to me that Dianne had donated the potatoes. She worked at the Joseph Smith Memorial building and paid her employees to prepare these potatoes. I simply stopped on the way and someone came and loaded those wonderful potatoes right into my car. I realized that Dianne's donation had been an answer to my prayers.

Our YW leaders and many family members helped shuttle the youth to the ward building. The Young Men leaders and Bishop Henriod were there to help serve the dinner. Our youth were absolutely wonderful with the Primary children. They escorted them to find just the right gifts for their parents and siblings. Some played games while others were "shopping". Everyone was thrilled, some were overcome with emotion at being able to shop for free. Our youth, under Camille Ebert's direction, helped the children wrap and label their gifts. We had bags for them to carry their Christmas surprises home. Then our youth helped serve the children their dinner and ate at the same table with them. I was overjoyed to see how patient and kind our youth were with these children. The youth really befriended the children instead of going off in groups with themselves. The activity gave all of us, leaders, youth, and children the opportunity to serve. The Primary President told me later that all but one of their Primary children attended (along with a few "strays"

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whom we welcomed) and many came who had not been actively attending previously. We had a wonderful experience, and I felt that the Lord was pleased with everyone's efforts.

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**Yalecrest Second Ward
Bishop John R. Jackson
2000-2006**

Bishop: John R. Jackson sustained January 30, 2000; released January 22, 2006
First Counselor: James N. Lee
Second Counselor: C. Douglas Swenson, Eden A. Vera
Executive Secretary: Gregory N. Hoole, Eden A. Vera, Dick N. Creager
Assistant Executive Secretary: Arthur J. Swindle
Ward Clerk: William J. Hansen
Assistant Ward Clerk: Barry N. Ryskamp, Ralph W. Gudmundsen, Owen J. Lunt, Shirl G. Merrell, Steven B. Elliott
High Priest Group Leader: James W. Gibb
Elders Quorum President: Stephen M. Ebert, Douglas L. Powell, Todd A. Tanner
Sunday School President: Boone C. Colegrove, Wester S. Potter, John Bennion
Relief Society President: Laurie J. Little, Kathryn Romney
Primary President: Marjorie Lamb, Cammy Fuller, Marilyn Van Keizerswaard
Young Men President: Edward J. Kimball, Mark Fuller, Christopher B. Snow
Young Women President: Jennifer V. Vera, Jolene Gardiner

EVENTS

2000

- Bishop Jackson initiated a series of “Relationship” firesides for married couples taught by professional counselors.
- The Temple and Family History Committee developed a multi-page statement encouraging the writing of histories and provided advice on research and writing approaches.
- Primary quarterly activities included a “Cinco de Mayo” celebration, a trip to the University of Utah Fine Arts Museum, and a fall harvest festival.
- JoAnn Nelson led the Relief Society effort to make about 40 quilts for those in need locally and in Kosovo.
- YM and YW enjoyed several activities throughout the year including a mountain bike trip to Moab, a water skiing trip to Echo Reservoir, a barn dance with YC1, a BBQ tailgate party prior to attending a U. of Utah football game, a Christmas service project with an inner-city ward.
- Scouting activities for the year included a river trip down the Snake River and a service project to paint equipment at the Donner Park. 20 Scouts received their Eagle Scout award at a special ceremony held at the Governor’s Mansion.
- August – YC2 welcomed Elder Dallin H. Oaks’ new bride Kristen McMain Oaks after their marriage in August.
- November – YW participated in the Young Women’s Worldwide Celebration.

2001

- James Little, nine-year-old son of Roger and Laurie Little, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. James made a remarkable recovery following surgery and was playing soccer with his teammates that summer.
- Summer – Elders Quorum organized a ward sports tournament with the help of two sports professionals, Steve Elliott (golf) and Mike Trabert (tennis). After the competition, chef Rick Moreno helped in the preparation of a celebratory dinner. All of the professionals happened to be ward members.
- Summer – Supporting the Primary theme “Follow the Prophet”, the Primary children enjoyed a field trip to the Salt Lake Cemetery and toured gravesites of some of the early church presidents.
- Other Primary activities this year included a talent show, a patriotic breakfast and parade, and a visit from docents from the Museum of Church History.
- Compassionate Service by the Relief Society included the making of quilts, recording of books on tapes given to Washington Elementary School, service at the church cannery, bakery, and Deseret Industries.
- Mother/Daughter Enrichment night was held in Ann Jackson’s backyard, with the theme of “Temple Marriage.” A fashion show featured wedding dresses from every decade since 1930.
- YM and YW activities this year included: (1) Winter snow cave activity at Paul and Shelley Henriod’s cabin in Alta, (2) River trip down the Snake River with

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professional river guide Davie Finch and crew from 'Splore, (3) Youth Conference at BYU, (4) Continuing tradition of leaf raking for members needing help, and (5) a collection activity to obtain blankets and warm clothing for the needy.

- YW activities this year also included a “secret sister” friendshipping activity, New Beginnings featuring Brittany Trabert and her grandmother Emma Lou Thayne.
- Fall – Elders host an “*Around the World*” progressive dinner with cuisine from various parts of the world.
- November – The Enrichment Committee, led by Camille Ebert, published the *Yalecrest Neighborhood Cookbook*. Tables were laid out for all cookbook purchasers to sample food featured in the cookbook.
- December – Ward Primary children wrote personal notes to President Gordon B. Hinckley on a Christmas card which was personally delivered by Sister Kristen Oaks. President Hinckley personally responded with a handwritten note delivered by Elder Dallin H. Oaks. Elder Oaks visited a Sunday Primary meeting and shared some of his experiences with several prophets.
- December – A Relief Society holiday celebration dinner at the Lion House featured poet Emma Lou Thayne, who spoke on the Savior as “The Prince of Peace.”

2002

- January 6 – Hank and Daryl Hoole presented a fireside in which they

discussed Latter-Day Saint Charities in the Asia Area. Hoole had just returned from this area as Welfare/Humanitarian Administrators.

- February – YC2 ward member Brent Baker was given the honor of carrying the Olympic torch during the opening ceremony of the Olympics. Many other ward members served as volunteers at various Olympic venues. Later, Brent brought the torch to a Primary activity and encouraged the children to excel in the Gospel by lighting the light within themselves. All children who attended had their picture taken holding the Olympic torch.
- Summer – Ward summer party was held at Washington Park in Parley’s Canyon.
- Elders Quorum activities for the year included a magic show featuring local amateur magician, Chris Provost, and a game night where attendees played board games.
- October 19 – Ward members’ talents were put on display at the ward talent night, which included visual and performing arts, painting, quilting, pottery, needlework, photography, etc.
- December – A neighborhood gathering was organized for candlelight caroling. JT Martin from Emigration Market provided hot chocolate. The Utah Food Bank supplied a truck to collect donations of canned goods brought by the carolers.
- December 31 – Doug and Karren Hammer hosted a dinner and open house for the High Priests group.

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2003

- January – The bishopric was reorganized when the Doug Swenson family moved from the ward. Eden Vera was called as 2nd Counselor to Bishop Jackson.
- Spring – YM/YW traveled to Moab, UT to enjoy camping, hiking, and water fights in the scenic red rock desert.
- May 7 – YW Personal Progress evening featured inspirational stories by influential women of the ward.

2004

- July – Alex and Jennifer Schiel led the effort to build a float for the Days of '47 parade, featuring a woman carrying a large bowl of green Jell-O to share with her neighbor.

2005

- March 15 – A Relief Society birthday celebration celebrated sisters in the ward who were 80 years and older and were designated “Living Treasures.”
- April 8-9 – The YW traveled to Goblin Valley State Park for a campout.
- July –The Relief Society celebrated the arrival of the Saints in the Salt Lake Valley by climbing to the top of Ensign Peak just as Brigham Young did a few days after his arrival in the valley.

NOTABLES

- 2001: Bill and Lia Davis called to serve an inner-city mission.

- 2000: Leonard and Kathryn Romney were called to the Russia, Moscow Mission. Leonard served as Mission President.
- 2000: Shirl and Elaine Merrell were also called to serve in the same Russia, Moscow Mission.
- 2003: Ted Kimball was called to serve as a missionary with LDS Charities. Dr. Kimball traveled to third-world countries with high infant mortality rates to teach local professionals the latest neonatal resuscitation techniques. Ted received special permission to take a few young men on these service trips to help set up training sessions and record student demographics.

FUNERALS

- 2000: Wayne Brinton, age 93, a long time ward member

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Memories of Bishop John Jackson:

For me, the most significant memories that are very fresh in my mind are those sacred moments when, counseling in the role of bishop, I could see the Spirit have sway in the hearts of those who were struggling for one reason or another. I was one who had a front-seat view of the Atonement's operative power.

Most memorable were the individuals and couples, who, when faced with marriage-dissolving or testimony-dissolving issues were able to trust in the redemptive power of the Lord. I obviously can't disclose names of couples or individuals but their faces and friendship will, I hope, remain with me for

eternity. Witnessing these individuals turn to the Lord, make life changing decisions, and trust in the guidance of the Holy Ghost has, in every case, been another layer of strength to my own testimony and my appreciation of the purpose of our lives. I think it is true that sometimes a divorce is warranted. But in the circumstances where the marriage was preserved, I witnessed remarkable “glue” that then virtually cemented the two together forever. The Atonement has eternal power.

I saw 37 individuals accept calls from the Prophet to serve missions. Laurie Little, one of the Relief Society presidents during my tenure, made a “bow-tie” quilt from the ties or skirts of each of these. As I read over their names, I can still picture them sitting in the bishop’s office working through this issue or that. For some, it was simple, never-questioned, and quick. For others, it took a great deal of time as they worked through some things and for the Spirit to gradually lead them to serve.

These individual private interviews with couples and individuals were not only the most memorable part of my service, but also the most sacred. One remarkable experience was receiving a phone call from Elder Dallin H. Oaks, a member of the ward at that time. He said: “Bishop, I need a temple recommend. Could you come over to my house and interview me?” I was stunned. Was I to be a judge of an Apostle’s worthiness? As I sat with Elder Oaks, now a widower, he explained that he had met a woman 5 weeks earlier and he wished to marry her.

He would need to have a recommend issued for a “living ordinance” which is a different recommend than the usual temple recommend perpetually kept by the General Authorities. So I proceeded with every temple recommend question and signed his new “living

ordinance” recommend. Then I had the temerity to ask if he should not wait a little longer than 5 weeks before deciding to marry. We have both laughed about this since. Shortly after this interview we welcomed our wonderful Kristen Oaks into the ward.

Thinking back about the missionaries, I remember Stuart Lake - what a remarkable young man. He was one who was reluctant to leave his summer trips to the beach in California to serve a mission. He would spend whole summers there surfing and living with his father. I remember him finally saying, “Bishop, I am finally willing to serve a mission - I just don’t want to go somewhere cold.” His call came - Canada, Winnipeg! But serve he did and exceptionally well!

I remember coming home from skiing one Saturday. I had just walked into the kitchen to get something to eat when the Spirit whispered to me that I should go see this particular young man - a member of my Priests Quorum who had been very irregular in coming to church. In fact, he had stopped coming. My response to the prompting was: “Yes, I need to go to his house soon. I will get something to eat, shower, and change, and then maybe go over.” Immediately and forcefully the Spirit spoke to me again and said: “No, go now!” I went right then. I found that the young man was not home. I was puzzled about the instruction I had clearly heard. Then the parents invited me in and asked for my help. They had decided it was time to ask the young man to leave and live on his own. While we counseled, the young man returned to the house. This young man and I had a sacred hour, sitting in his truck, and talking about his change of heart and what he would need to do to begin to prepare himself to serve a mission. He did so, and several months later served more than an honorable mission. He returned to marry in the temple and now has a growing family.

I appreciated the Spirit's instruction to put me in a young man's life at precisely the right time.

Bishop James Woolley Gibb was the bishop I was called to replace in November of 1994. I've never forgotten one piece of counsel he gave me: "If you serve with all you heart, the Lord will let down a ladder whenever you hit a wall." I found this to be true over and over. I found the companionship of the Spirit was close at hand, warm, loving, and very specifically helpful. Many times I would be sitting in counsel with an individual and I would be thinking: "I don't know what to say to this person." Then the Spirit would literally and specifically say: "Ask them this question." As they then answered the question, it would take the conversation in an enlightening and problem-solving direction. Other times I would be scheduled to teach a lesson or give a talk. I would have times planned to prepare but then the time would be taken up with other ward matters. Feeling unprepared, I would go to the Lord asking for help. I could not count the times that a lesson plan or a talk would almost literally "unroll" in my mind. The Spirit would say: "Just make these three points, and bear your testimony."

Paul Henriod, Gordon Hillier, Jim Lee, Doug Swenson, and Eden Vera served as my counselors. I gained a strong testimony of the power and purpose of counseling together as I served with these men. When three men or women sit down to make decisions for auxiliaries, wards, or stakes, and when they invite the help of the Spirit in their decisions, they will arrive at the Lord's answer to a problem or issue. These men will hopefully be among those I am blessed to associate with in the eternities.

Recollections of Sister Kristen Oaks:

The new Sister Oaks had grown up in the Yalecrest neighborhood and had fond memories of some ward members who had taught her as a child:

I first met Ruth Lundgren in 1952 when my family moved into a home on Yalecrest Avenue (where Gary Wright's family had previously lived). I was 6 years old and because my family was less active I attended Primary with my friends on Tuesday. Ruth at that time was a member of the General Church Primary Board and she also assisted in the Yalecrest Primary. Her expertise made our Primary the best! It was due in part from her influence that I learned the gospel of Jesus Christ, an influence that was to last a lifetime. In 1959 my family moved to another neighborhood and I said "Good bye" to Yalecrest Ward. 41 years later, in the year 2000, I returned to Yalecrest Ward when I married Elder Dallin H. Oaks. I was called to serve as a Primary worker. As I entered our Primary room there sat Ruth Lundgren sitting with her Primary class. Ruth was still teaching Primary and still blessing lives. I also thought to myself, "these callings in Yalecrest ward surely do last a long time."

I am and always will be proud and thankful she was my teacher. Daryl and Hank Hoole have been a gift to Bonneville Stake. This couple has served in multiple capacities, I will list only a few: Stake Missionaries, Stake Young Adult leaders, Stake Relief Society President (Daryl with Hank's complete support.). Miracles happened when they served because they visited, cooked, brought food, planned elegant and meaningful events with prayerful and sincere dedicated effort. Daryl has personally touched my family with her organizational and homemaking skills. Over 12 years ago, Elder Oaks' first wife June took Sharmon, her married daughter over to

Daryl's to learn the art of organizing drawers, food storage, playrooms and kitchens.

Sharmon learned household tips that she still uses to this day. In fact, nearly everyone in my family has marveled at Daryl's closets and storage techniques. Only last year, in the summer of 2008, our youngest daughter, Jenny, went to visit Daryl and learn at Daryl's knee. Jenny spent an afternoon learning how to organize her home, time, and meals and loved every minute. Jenny left with a pile of notes and a copy of Daryl's latest book, *The Ultimate Career*. Daryl has blessed our homes to be havens of holiness and we love her."

Missionary Recollections of Bill and Lia Davis:

"It's hard for us to believe that we have just completed one year in our Inner-city mission, assigned to the Cannon 8th Ward. We currently serve with nine other service missionaries in the ward. We love the people of our ward and love the opportunity to serve them. Our mission is to help members who are struggling to learn to become self-reliant in various ways. Even though we work with our assigned families mostly in temporal ways, our work ultimately is to care for the whole soul. . . We have learned that true home teaching and visiting teaching is much more than one monthly twenty-minute visit. If needed, we arrange for medical or dental help, home repairs, take someone to the Welfare Square Employment Office in search of work, help with budgets, find legal resources, locate training programs to upgrade abilities -- in short, anything that is needed. However, we are to do nothing for others that they can do for themselves. And above all, we must not judge! There is a great storehouse of specialists available to us who will serve and help where needed. We include you in our Bishop's Storehouse, as well as extended

family members. Thank you for all you have done for the Cannon 8th Ward members. Remember, as President J. Reuben Clark stated "The real long-term objective of the Welfare Plan is the building of character in the members of the Church, givers and receivers, rescuing all that is finest down deep inside of them, and bringing to flower and fruition the latent richness of the spirit, which after all is the mission and purpose and reason for being of this Church." It is such a privilege to serve our Heavenly Father in this way. We recommend it to all -- young or old, single or married!

Missionary Recollections of Shirl and Elaine Merrell:

"The mission has just finished reading the Book of Mormon three times in three months. I finished the third reading February 28. Our apartment steps were solid three inches of ice. We found a Global USA store which takes about two hours to go and return on the Metro. It has some American products. We can only buy what we can carry. Kathryn Romney takes me with her to a regular Russian supermarket about every two weeks. Then I can load up on meat, milk, etc. We can't dine out - it's too unhealthy. I know when I get home I'll eat salad, salad, salad! We are near a bakery and buy good bread. The language comes and goes. . We talk to a few people using hand gestures and our "Tarzan Russian!" We spend nine hours a day in the office except for me. Once a week. an hour or two trip to the International Post Office for packages and mail; going with Kathryn twice a month, maybe, on apartment checks of missionaries. Shirl takes short trips to the bank. They never have enough money (the banks) even though it is wired from Salt Lake. Shirl is financial secretary. I am supplies secretary. There are about 100 missionaries in the Moscow South Mission.

We walk home (15 minutes) when 6:30 comes and we are tired, make dinner and go to bed at 10:00 pm. We appreciate your prayers, especially for the language skills.” Since returning from their mission Elaine and Shirl Merrell have often expressed the following, “Looking back on our mission experiences we know we were greatly blessed then, as well as since we have returned home.”

Recollections of Stephanie Powell:

The first ward members we met were Ida and Ralph Gundmundsen. We love them! Ida was so cute with her purple sticky up hair and hip attitude. She immediately came in and helped me arrange furniture and hang things so it would look nice. She even suggested colors to paint. She suggested this dark purple paint that terrified me but turned out to be perfect for the girls’ room! To this day they still love their purple room. Ralph also welcomed us with hot "Ralph rolls." We still love Ralph rolls. His homemade rolls are the best in the world!

John Jackson was the bishop at the time we moved in. I remember once that Jim Lee as a counselor was teaching the children in character as Lehi in a tent. He lost his watch somewhere near the tent. We looked everywhere for it and could not find it. The tent was put away and Jim bought a new watch. A year later when we put up the tent we found the watch and Jim was very excited -- it was hysterical to see him check the accuracy of his old watch to his new watch and they were exactly to the second matching. He was very excited about this. The neighborhood block parties were really fun. There was one primary party I remember where we hired ponies and the children got to ride a pony around the church parking lot.

Recollections of Elaine Merrell:

Daffodils! Elaine Merrell could hardly believe what she saw as she looked upon dozens of beautiful, happy flowers lining her driveway early one morning in March. Tears of joy mingled with those of disbelief ran down her cheeks. Joy, because those lovely yellow blossoms became symbols of life and hope and she knew spring would come. Disbelief, because she had not planted them. Who did? How did they get there? Nevertheless, there they were--bright yellow flowers dispelling the dreariness of the long winter and the despondency and exhaustion that was hers from months of chemotherapy treatments for breast cancer. She suddenly felt energized as a wave of optimism flooded over her. Six months earlier a thoughtful neighbor had faith enough in her recovery to plant the flowers for her. Seeing them that morning was a miracle for Elaine, just like the return of her health and strength would be.

Memories of Kathryn Romney:

When Leonard and I returned from our mission to Russia in 2003, Bishop Jackson called and invited me to be the Relief Society President. Leonard and I had just been released from our calling in Russia for three years as he served as mission president. We were happy to have another chance to serve. We had been very taken-up with our work in Russia and were overjoyed to have a calling where I would have to be stretched. Susan Creager, Jenny Jacobsen, and Jennifer Vera were my counselors and secretary. A favorite part of that calling was funeral dinners. The spirit that remains is when a family joins together to share sacred memories of the deceased are palpable and sacred. The whole neighborhood seems to be blessed when the sisters of the ward put on their best aprons to take upon themselves the hallowed privilege of sharing these last acts of service down to

putting the spoon in the last drawer and locking up the building. There were only a few remnants of “funeral potatoes” and chocolate cake left here and there in the corners of the kitchen. I especially liked taking the leftovers from the dinner to the shut-ins, bachelors, and those who had big families to feed. It was the last act of the day for us as Relief Society Sisters.

Memories of Susan Belliston:

Within a two-year period, my son moved away, my mother died and I left a 34-year marriage. I struggled to stay positive and to move forward. I will always remember and be grateful for the small (and not so small) acts of thoughtfulness and kindness that occurred during that time. To my knowledge, there was no gossip, and when someone asked me how I was, I knew that they really wanted to know. I particularly appreciated all the sweet cards and notes that I would find on my doorstep or in my mailbox. There were words of encouragement or concern. Often an invitation to some event would be included as well. I began saving these notes and taping them to the inside of one of my cupboards. Every time that I opened that cupboard, it was like a flood of love would encompass me. Some of my darkest moments were lifted by a simple opening of that cupboard door. Now, several years later, I couldn't readily tell you who had written any of those cards, but I can tell you that I will always be grateful that I lived among such caring people.

Recollections of Stacy Russon:

When I first moved into the YC2 ward (September 2003) I was blessed to meet Daryl Hoole. At the time she was serving as Stake Relief Society President and she took time out of her day to come by, visit with me and bring

dinner. It really touched me that a woman as busy as she was made time for me and was genuinely interested in my life. Several months later, I became her visiting teacher and continued to have the privilege of her friendship. At one point she asked me to endorse a book she was writing, *The Ultimate Career*. As I look back at that point of time in my life, it was a difficult one. My husband was working and attending school full time, and we were getting by on faith, some student loans and the financial assistance of food stamps, Medicaid and WIC. I experienced two miscarriages within six months and I was busy raising two young children. My emotions were down and my patience was stretched too thin. I really felt that Daryl Hoole was an angel in my life. Through her book and her thoughtful insights on motherhood and homemaking I heard the voice of God speak to me and I found a comfort and solace I had been yearning for. Daryl also employed me to read the galley proofs for her book before printing. This miracle came at the precise time that we lost Medicaid and food stamps. It was the financial assistance we needed and Daryl was unaware. I will be forever grateful for the miracles that occurred at that stage in my life. Now with four children and a husband happy and engaged in his career, I am still reminded of Daryl Hoole and the lasting impression she has had in my life.

Memories of Kathryn Romney:

Yalecrest 2 Ward had the MOST spirited, sweet, considerate, funny, and indomitable women on planet Earth. In 2005 our Relief Society took on a huge project to honor these women. Conveniently, our ward had extra funds on a one-time basis and we decided to immortalize the “Living Treasures.”

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Jan Hemming, Susan Creager, Kristen Oaks, and Denise Smith were key go-getters. We made a book honoring all the women in the ward 80 years and older. This book was called, *Living Treasures*. (The idea of this event was not original to us.) Nearly every woman in the ward participated in some way – even the Primary children, who sang, “Little Purple Pansies.” There has never been, nor will there ever be, a party as grand and worthy of itself than the “Night of the Living Treasures.” Women brought their honored guests. We had music from the Big Band Era, and Carole Phillips made a dinner for the hundred or so attendees. There was a fashion show, and a group of young married women (Carrie Leavitt, Kimberly Mosher, and Diana Butler) who lip synched and danced to music of the Andrews Sisters, including Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy.

Two entire sides of the gym were laid with kewpie dolls, lace wedding dresses, and shoes that would have made any girl a cripple. We had memorabilia from the 1930s through to current times everywhere. Displays of antique jewelry were dripping from picture frames and miniature easels. The round tables were bedecked with memorabilia from each “Treasure” to identify her tastes or where she had traveled. The bishopric and other men in the ward were transformed into stiff-backed waiters with white napkins over their forearms, reminiscent of “Wooster and Jeeves.” The handsome, maroon *Living Treasures* book, with original art topped off the finesse we all were looking for.

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**Yalecrest Second Ward
Bishop Terry B. Smith
2006-2011**

Bishop: Terry B. Smith, sustained January 22, 2006; released April 10, 2011
First Counselor: Todd A. Tanner
Second Counselor: Mickey L. Taylor
Executive Secretary: Calvert F. Cazier
Assistant Executive Secretary: Michael Stoker
Ward Clerk: Steven B. Elliott
Assistant Ward Clerk: Shirl G. Merrell, Neil Van Keizerswaard, Jefferey Robbins, Martin deLannoy
High Priest Group Leader: Dick Creager
Elders Quorum President: Brent Mosher, Tom Grant
Sunday School President: John Bennion, Scott Wilkey
Relief Society President: Shelley B. Henriod, Ruth Wright
Primary President: Marilyn Van Keizerswaard, Jennifer Asay, Leslie Wilkey
Young Men President: Christopher B. Snow, Larry Maxfield, Jaime Wissler
Young Women President: Suzanne Grant, Shari Taylor, Anne Cazier

EVENTS

2006

- January 22 – YC2 Bishopric was reorganized with Terry B. Smith as bishop and with Todd Tanner and Mickey Taylor as Counselors.
- March 28 – Relief Society sisters and Young Women held a “Celebration of Sisterhood” evening. Biographies of every young woman were written and compiled in a bound volume, and a display that showcased each young woman’s talents and interests was presented.
- April – To welcome spring, the Elders Quorum held a neighborhood barbecue and ugliest cake contest.
- May – The Elders Quorum took on the YW in an ultimate frisbee competition on the church lawn.
- June 21-24 – A “High Adventure” outing to hike the Zion Narrows and a highly technical mountain biking of Bear Paw Poppy Trail was combined by the Priests Quorum with a temple excursion to do baptisms for the dead in the St. George Temple.
- September –The YW learned how to dress both fashionably and modestly during a visit to the Whimsy clothing store owned by ward member Carol Phillips. They then displayed what they learned at a fashion show presented on September 20.
- September 23 – YC2 sisters were invited to participate in a multi-stake choir for the General Relief Society meeting.

- October 7 – A ward temple excursion to the Manti Temple was facilitated by Yale ward members John and Mary Ellen Elggren, who drove their tour bus, and told interesting stories about the pioneers of Sanpete County along the way.
- October 21-22 – A Book of Mormon immersion activity was held at the ward house. It was arranged by Chris and Mike Waters. This activity consisted of gathering together and reading the Book of Mormon. The YM/YW heard testimonies of ward members who gave brief presentations and impersonations of events in the book. After a late Friday, the YM and YW slept at the ward building, enjoyed a delicious breakfast, and continued on until the afternoon.
- December 7 – The ward family Christmas party was held at the Yale building with a “Favorite Things” theme. Ward members displayed their families’ favorite things including handmade heirloom Christmas stockings, train sets, crèche displays, etc. After dinner, the Taylorsville High School A Cappella Choir provided a Christmas program of music.

2007

- The High Priests Group sponsored several activities including monthly temple trips coordinated by Bob and Wendy Beall, including a full day temple trip to the Logan Temple, followed by dinner at the Bluebird Café. Ward and Susan Belliston planned quarterly activities for the Empty Nesters. In October, Dick and Susan Creager organized a ward progressive dinner that was attended by about 100 individuals.

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- The Relief Society enrichment activities for the year included “Mom and Tots,” “Preach My Gospel,” several cooking classes, a class on adolescents and young children taught by Richard Ferré. Quarterly meetings included a January visiting teaching conference, a RS birthday party in March featuring entertainment by Abe Kaelin, a garden party in Shelley Henriod’s backyard featuring Heather Marston who spoke from her book *Walking on the Ceiling*, and an old-fashioned Christmas workshop in November, which included several fun Christmas project classes.
- YM activities for the year included a winter camp at Crystal Hot Springs, bike ride on the Slickrock Trail in Moab (where a thunderstorm forced the group into a hotel room overnight), a camp at property owned by Ted Kimball in Little Cottonwood Canyon, scout camp at Camp Hunt at Bear Lake, collecting food for the Utah Food Bank, and raking leaves and shoveling snow for elderly neighbors.
- YW activities for the year included hosting a dinner for senior ward members (February 28), stake service project to clean Jordan River Parkway (May 5), Beehive camp (July), weeding service project (September), leaf raking with YM for elderly (November 14).
- February 9 – A Daddy-Daughter night was held at the Gallivan Center ice-skating rink, followed by shakes at Hires drive-in.
- February 21 – The Activities Committee sponsored a chili dinner along with a service project to assemble hygiene kits.
- April 21 – Rob Ferré DJ’d the “South of the Border Fiesta” dance.
- May 11 – The Elder’s Quorum neighborhood grill and ugly cake contest was held at the Mosher home.
- June 13 – Annual Ice Cream Social was held at Laird Park.
- June 15-16 – A Father-Son campout was held at the stake property at Smith and Morehouse in the Wasatch National Forest.
- July – YM and YW participate in the Bonneville Stake Pioneer Trek. Campers donned pioneer style clothing and pulled handcarts in the rain and endured hardships reminiscent of pioneer forebearers.
- August 11 –The High Priests and Young Men participated in a golf tournament using the scramble format.
- August 22 – Ward “Sports Night” held with water balloons, ultimate frisbee, horseshoes, three-legged races, and a tug-of-war.
- December 15 – At the ward Christmas party, attendees were encouraged to bring warm hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves to be donated to The Road Home homeless shelter.

2008

- Throughout the year, Jackie and Reed Gardner provided activities and information on the subject of Emergency Preparedness.

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- January 15 – For Relief Society Enrichment, Daryl Hoole taught “15 Little Tips That Can Make a Big Difference in Your Home.”
- February 1 – The Empty Nesters enjoyed the music of the talented family.
- February 6 – The Relief Society sponsored a tour of the Minerva Teichert Art Exhibit at the BYU Museum of Art. The tour was given by Marian Wardle, Museum Curator and Minerva’s granddaughter.
- February 8 – Elders sponsored a Daddy-Daughter Date.
- February 27 – YM and YW enjoy go-cart racing.
- February – The YSA participated in rock climbing activities and a stake fireside featuring Miriama Kallon, who survived the violent murder of family members by rebel soldiers in Sierra Leone.
- March – With eight feet of snow, the Scouts enjoyed a winter outing at the Todd Tanner’s cabin.
- March 1 – YSA enjoyed some winter fun with snowmobiling, bowling, foosball and ping-pong at Thompson’s cabin in Morgan, UT.
- March 18 – The Relief Society enjoyed a “Girl’s Night Out” with lively conversation and dinner at Red Butte Café.
- March 27-29 – YM participate in a three day jeep safari and mountain bike expedition in Moab, UT.
- May 9 – The Elders sponsor a “Neighborhood Grill and Ugliest Cake Contest.”
- April – The Teacher/Priest basketball team take the regional final championship, despite the team being severely depleted for a number of reasons.
- April – Cub Scouts performed a dragon dance with dragon heads that they had previously made at a very original Blue and Gold banquet.
- June 13-14 – Father-Son overnight activity was held at Brother’s Camp near Smith & Morehouse.
- June 23-27 – YW attend Brighton Camp.
- August 9 – The Yalecrest Golf Invitational was held at Bonneville golf course.
- August 12 – A ward picnic was held at Sugarhouse Park.
- August – The Primary visited the Church Art Museum and Temple Square for their quarterly activity.
- August – This month, the YM enjoyed both a water ski camp and the Stake Scout Camp at Camp Tomahawk in the Uinta Mountains.
- October – The Elders Quorum sponsored a Father-Daughter outing at Wissler’s cabin near Mirror Lake.
- October 12 – With the theme “I am a Child of God,” the ward enjoyed the Primary Sacrament meeting program.

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2009

- Relief Society Enrichment activities this year included a workshop on visiting teaching, “Visiting Teaching, Then and Now” (February 7); Relief Society birthday with theme “Our Favorite Things” (March 17); backyard dinner with theme “A Season of Renewal” (June 16); temple outing (August 15); cooking demonstration by Jason and Kate Pearson (August 17); “A Season of Service” hygiene kit and quilt-making service project featuring Paige Kimball sharing family experiences when her husband Ted served as a Church humanitarian missionary (September 22); a personal and family finance class with Cristie Richards, VP of Retail Banking for Zion’s Bank (October 27); and a presentation on neighborhood architecture, “The Homes We Live In” presented by Annie V. Schwemmer, AIA and member of Bonneville stake (November 10).
- Ward 40-day fast was held for the purpose of increasing missionary opportunities. Families and individuals each signed up to fast for one of the 40 days.
- YW activities included potluck dinner to watch General Young Women Meeting (March 28); Baptisms for the dead (February and August); Oquirrh Mountain Temple Open House (July); Beehive Camp; Laurels and Mia Maid camp with theme “Who Are You?”; Stake Youth Conference; helped with Laird Park Community Halloween Carnival; prepared gifts for missionary stocking; Christmas trip to Temple Square.
- January – The Activities Committee sponsored a “Chili Cook-off” with entertainment featuring local duo Yankee Clipper.

- March – YC1 and YC2 joined forces to form a YM basketball team and advanced to the Regional Tournament.
- June 17-20 – Varsity Scouts under the leadership of Curtis Pons explored the Green River in canoes.
- June 24 – High Priest’s summer party held in Washington Park in Parley’s Canyon.
- July 24 – The YC2 primary marched in the Days of ’47 parade with other children from the Bonneville Stake. Each Bonneville ward was assigned a virtue from President Hinckley’s “Be” virtues.
- July 31-August 1 – The Elders Quorum sponsored the Fathers and Sons campout.
- October 9 – Fathers and Daughters outing held.
- December – Ward Christmas party was held.

2010

- YM/YW activities in 2010 included the following: performing baptisms for the dead (February 24); Line Dancing activity (March 10); “Gospel Game Night” at the Cazier home; night skiing at Brighton (March); barbeque for YM and their fathers at the Wissler home; car wash fundraiser (May 22); visit to the Tabernacle for “Music and the Spoken Word”; Youth Conference and boating activity at Rockport Reservoir (June 24-26); Green River float trip (July 21-23); Fireside featuring Paul Cardall (July); baptisms for the dead at SL Temple

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- (August 11); slip 'n slide activity at Popperton Park (September); Casual Sunday Night fireside featuring David Foster, U of U basketball player (Sept 9); Beehive Camp (September); Road Rally with YC1 (November); bowling and pizza activity at U. of Utah Student Union (December).
- January 8 – An Empty Nester activity featured Oscar W. McConkie.
 - March 17 – Stake Relief Society birthday celebration “Virtue Values Celebration” was held at the stake center.
 - March 28 – Sock Hop event with Rob Ferré as DJ was held for the Primary children.
 - April 22 – Heidi Mucha provided a presentation on parenting skill for Relief Society Enrichment.
 - April 24 – The Activities Committee sponsored a spring progressive dinner.
 - April 29—Cub Scouts held a Space Derby with balsa wood rockets powered by rubber bands. Shirl Merrell and Roger Little displayed their own remote-controlled airplane models.
 - April 30—Artist Greg Olson was the featured presenter at the Empty Nesters dinner and program.
 - May 25 – A tour of the Church Humanitarian Center, under leadership of Kathy Stoker, was organized by the Relief Society Committee.
 - June 5 – An Achievement Day Father-Daughter breakfast for Primary children was held at Gae Baker’s home.
 - July 13 – The Primary Quarterly Activity was held at the This is the Place Heritage Park.
 - July 14 – The High Priest’s summer party was held at Washington Park.
 - July 16 – Elder’s Quorum sponsored the Fathers and Sons overnight campout, featuring campfire songs led by Matt Hansen on guitar This was also the date of the Ice Cream Social held at Laird Park.
 - August – A summer golf tournament organized by the Elder’s Quorum was held at Bonneville Golf Course.
 - August 31 – A Relief Society activity on home decorating was presented by Caitlin Creer.
 - September 11 – Relief Society Visiting Teaching Seminar “You Are My Hands” was chaired by Wendy Beall with messages from Ruth Wright and Bishop Smith.
 - September –A special Primary sharing time was taught by Elder Oaks about personal testimonies. He gave each child a “testimony glove” that Sister Oaks and others have made for children around the world.
 - October – Elder Dallin Oaks and his wife Kristen moved from the ward.
 - October 19 – Relief Society basic sewing instruction activity “Sew Easy” was held.
 - November 9 – Matt Asay provides tips for pie making at a Relief Society activity.
 - November 12 – Michael O. Leavitt, former Utah Governor and Secretary of Health and Human Services, and his wife

Jackie were the featured speakers at an Empty Nesters activity.

- November 13 – Ward leadership received remarkable training by President Monson and other apostles at the Worldwide Leadership Training meeting.
- December 1 – Relief Society caroling activity was held.

FUNERALS

- Blanche Kelly, 2008
- Gregory Hosford, 2008

MEMORIES & TESTIMONIALS

Memories of Bruce Jacobsen:

The Bruce and Jenny Jacobsen family resided in the YC2 ward from 2003 through 2006. In reflecting upon the time his family spent in the ward Bruce wrote the following:

I won't list them all, but we were truly blessed with many kind, caring, fun and faithful neighbors. Leaving such dear neighbors was a big challenge for us when we moved. We are grateful for the leadership and service provided by Bishop Jackson and then Bishop Smith, along with their counselors and their wonderful wives. We were blessed with relationships gained through callings and service. I think Jenny and I will treasure many of the relationships made while we lived in YC2. Of these treasured relationships, many were a by-product of callings we were asked to fulfill. I loved being in the primary and teaching the 11-year old boys about the Gospel. While Jenny felt out of her comfort zone for a while in the Relief Society, in time she grew to dearly love her associations in the

presidency and among the sisters in general. I also felt blessed to have the opportunity to get to know and draw strength from the families I had the privilege of getting to know as a home teacher (both those I taught as well as my companions and their families).

Personal Recollection of Jennifer Vera:

The bonds of friendship formed in a ward usually extend after an individual or family move out of a ward. Eden and Jennifer Vera moved out of the ward, yet their family continued to be in the thoughts and prayers of the Bishopric and ward members.

We lived in YC2 for ten years and had so many wonderful experiences. Surprisingly, one of the most powerful experiences was after we had moved out. The week we moved, we were stunned to learn that our son Daniel would have to come home early from his Thailand mission due to an injury to his back and neck. A year later we had been to many different doctors, none of whom were able to stop the decline of his health. He had constant burning in his legs, had lost much of his range of motion in his skeletal system, his digestive system was not working, and it eventually became painful to even walk. He became increasingly weak and dropped to 110 pounds. Being in a new place, we so much missed the support and love we had always felt from our friends and neighbors in YC2, and we struggled to maintain hope as the situation became more and more bleak. About eight months into all this, we received a note from Bishop Terry Smith that the YC2 ward was having a ward fast for Daniel. This was such a comforting and touching thing for us to know. We were still being loved and cared for by our dear friends, even though we were no longer living among them. In the months following the fast Dan did not seem to improve, but eventually we found an

alternative doctor who found a liver parasite and an infection, and after several months of treatment the downhill slide stopped. A neurologist had also found injury to the ligaments in Dan's neck and back, which only time would be able to heal. Now, a year and a half later, Dan is gaining weight and is well on his way to recovery. One of the only bright moments in that year of despair was being fasted and prayed for by our beloved friends in the Yalecrest 2nd ward, and we believe that this loving act was a great influence in saving our son. This ward has one of the greatest concentrations of wonderful people that we have ever experienced, and we are grateful to count them as our friends.

Memories of Gordon and Naoma Scheffner:

One of our goals after our retirement was to attend the temple on a regular basis. For the past 10 years, we have been performing sealings and other temple ordinances on Tuesdays and Fridays. It has been a wonderful spiritual experience for both of us. This service rendered to those people who lived on the earth without knowledge of the Gospel is so very important. In researching family names we were unable to find information as to the full name of my grandfather Scheffner's brother's wife. We just had her first name, Anna, and we did not have their marriage date. We did have the names and birth dates of their children, but could not perform the temple ordinances and seal the family together because of a lack of information concerning Anna.

For years we hired genealogists, wrote to Cincinnati, Ohio and searched ourselves, but to no avail. One day while we were in the family history library, one of the missionaries suggested we check out a certain book. We did so and were able to find an article in a

Cincinnati newspaper listing the marriage of my grandfather's brother and Anna Mose. After many years of searching we finally had the information necessary to complete the temple work for the entire family. While performing the ordinances of baptism, initiatory and endowment Naoma felt the presence of Anna very strongly and knew that she had accepted the Gospel. We likewise had the same feeling in performing the ordinances for the other family members and during the sealing ceremony. This experience, as well as the other spiritual feelings we have had as we attend the temple have greatly increased our testimony of the restoration of the Gospel and the great love our Heavenly Father has for all of his children.

From Paige Kimball, Regarding her Friendship with the Nelsons:

When I was a little girl, my mother would take a drive into the countryside to find the ripest fruit to bottle for winter. I have fond memories of sweet smells wafting up from pans of hot jam, boiling on the old basement stove. When we moved into the Yalecrest Second Ward, just in time to deliver baby number three, I lost touch with the tradition, and resigned myself to purchasing store-bought everything in an effort to save time. Fortunately, JoAnn and Dalmas Nelson live in our ward. When their fruit is on, they are more than generous with their harvest, and they know how much I love it. I don't know how old that apricot tree is, just that it is huge, and that Dalmas still manages to pick most of the cots, even at his own ripe age. My heart swells with gratitude when I come over for a box each year; I know that within a matter of a few days after JoAnn's call, those wonderful smells will be wafting from my very own kitchen once more. All year round, I enjoy apricot jam on wheat toast (my favorite treat), and each time I think of my sweet neighbors,

the Nelsons. I have seen both of them express their love to each other and to the Lord many times over the past decade. I look to them as an example of a lasting covenant marriage, and as an example of generous, industrious neighbors. JoAnn even resembles my father's mother—her beautiful light skin, her goodness, and her unyielding optimism.

I am grateful for the gospel. I am grateful for the industrial heritage of my progenitors, and for wholesome Mormon traditions, like bottling apricot jam. And I am grateful for wonderful neighbors like the Nelsons. How sweet it is to be a member of this Church, a member of the Yalecrest Second Ward!

Memories of Shari Taylor:

One weekend our son Whitey was supposed to go to a ski race up in Montana. It was an important qualifying race and he just never missed his races on the weekends. The night before he was supposed to leave for his race I had an impression that I shouldn't let him go that weekend. I didn't know why or have a good reason but just an impression to not let him go to Montana. The night before the race I told Whitey I didn't feel like he should go. He said that it was an important race and he couldn't miss it. I told him I wasn't going to let him go and he was very upset with me. Mickey asked me why he wasn't going and I said I just felt strongly that he shouldn't go and that I didn't know why. Mickey didn't understand why either but supported my decision. I had a very unhappy son. That night I got a call from the ski coach. The coaches were a husband and wife team with 2 sons and a daughter on the team. She said my sons are driving a van up with my daughter and one other skier. They will be by in the morning to pick Whitey up. I told her that I wasn't going to let him go. She was surprised and told me it was an important qualifying

race and that he had to go! I told her no that I was not going to let him go to this race. She said, "Well think about it and I'll call in the morning and see if you changed your mind." The next morning I got a call from this coach and I persisted and told her that I wasn't going to let him go. I could tell that she was also upset with me. The ski team left for Montana without Whitey. Later that night we got a call from one of the parents of a skier saying that the van that Whitey was supposed to ride in to Montana had crashed and rolled. Two of the coach's kids were killed. When Whitey heard this, he felt physically ill. Mickey and I were in shock.

Mickey, Whitey, and myself attended those teenage boys' funerals. When Whitey saw those two young boys lying in their caskets he literally passed out. He said to me "Mom, that could have been me lying there." This was a very emotional experience for us. It has taught me that when you have a prompting you better listen. There are many times when I'll have a prompting from the Holy Ghost and never find out why but this is a rare instance where my family was sent a special gift and the life of our son was spared. The funny part of this is that now any time Whitey wants to do something that is a bit risky he will call me and ask me, "Hey mom, do you feel good about me doing this?" I get a kick out of this.

One time Sidni, Jensine, and Tyler were in Hawaii and they were going skydiving. Sid called me from Hawaii and said, "Mom, were going skydiving today. Do you have any bad feeling about this or do you feel like we shouldn't go?" They just make me laugh! I am so grateful that I have had the prompting of the Holy Ghost and that one day a few years ago I listened.

From Stephen Lamb, regarding a lesson learned from Elder Oaks:

We were members of the Yalecrest 2nd Ward from 1998 to 2002. We enjoyed being in the ward for many reasons. Included among them was the chance to interact, even if only from time to time, with Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve who has resided in that ward for many years. We observed that he was greatly beloved by members of the ward, perhaps because of his ability to be the common man. He was approachable and melted well into the fabric of the neighborhood, knew the ward members by name, and was always especially gracious to the children. When attending church in the ward, he seemed comfortable sharing experiences and insights during class lessons. They were invariably enlightening. Such was the case during a High Priest Group lesson in 2001. Toward the end of the lesson, which subject was the importance of not offending others, Elder Oaks asked if he might say something. He said that he agreed with all that had been spoken of and emphasized the importance of trying to avoid giving offense. He then shared the fact that on occasion he has been approached by people who claim to have been offended by his actions in the past (perhaps when he was president of BYU or the like). In these cases, the supposed offended members want an apology so they can move forward. After hearing them out, Elder Oaks said, his direct and somewhat shocking advice on such occasions has been to simply “get over it.” He then recounted the story that Brigham Young told about the failure of the Kirtland Safety Society. Many people had become disaffected because Joseph Smith had supported the establishment of this “anti-bank.” They felt that the failure of the society was a reflection of Joseph’s failure as a prophet. Brigham Young said that he had a decision to make: do I find fault and go my own way like the others have done or

do I follow the prophet? He quickly decided that Joseph was, indeed, the prophet and that his, Brigham’s, salvation depended on believing just that. “Brigham,” he said to himself, “just get over it.” That, Elder Oaks said, is the advice he gives those who claim to have been offended and, he added, that is good advice to us if we should be in a similar situation. This is good advice. I have reflected on his counsel to “just get over it” many times when offense might have been taken. And I appreciate Elder Oaks for his friendship to me and mine during our time in the ward.

Memories of Bishop Smith:

Bishop Smith recalls a story that President Clark B. Hinckley told at the meeting of the ward council during a ward conference. He told the members of the council that Bishop Smith was not his first choice as the new bishop of the Yalecrest Second Ward. However, as he prayed about it again and again, Terry’s name kept coming into his mind. Finally, President Hinckley decided that he had better go with the Lord’s choice rather than his own.

After Bishop Smith was set apart as bishop (he had already been ordained a bishop when he was called to be the bishop of the Harvard South Ward of the Liberty Stake), he remembered something that the W. Barney Mendenhall, First Counselor in the Stake Presidency of the Liberty Stake, told him. He said, “I never served a mission because no one asked me. I decided that if I was ever a bishop, I would give everyone who could possibly serve a mission a chance to accept.” So Bishop Smith took that advice to heart.

He put this advice to the test early in his tenure as bishop. There were five young men in his ward that were not planning on going on missions. He wanted to give them the

opportunity. He prayed about who he should approach first. He started with the young man who he believed was the most influential of the group. He called him into his office and asked him if he had thought about serving a mission. This young man said that he did not want to serve a mission, that he was very interested in film-making and had the opportunity to attend a film-making school in Denver. Bishop Smith asked him to do him a favor. He said, "Please go home and start reading The Book of Mormon. Start with I Nephi and be sure to read Moroni's promise in Moroni 10:4. Pray about it. Then, if you decide not to go, I promise to leave you alone." About three weeks later, this young man asked to visit with Bishop Smith. He said, "I did what you told me to do, and I had a powerful spiritual experience. I want to serve a mission." Bishop Smith read to this young man the requirements and standards for a prospective missionary as contained in the handbook and the missionary white book. After clearing up some minor issues, Bishop Smith initiated the missionary application and eventually a call was issued.

The word got around that this young man had decided to serve a mission. Bishop Smith then invited the rest of the boys to meet with him one by one. All of the rest of them decided to serve also, even though a parent of two of the boys was against it and would not pay for their missions. However, the father eventually came around. These five young men went into the mission field as boys and came back as men. As of this writing, all are active in the Church and four of the five are married, all in the temple.

There was another young man who had lived in the ward, but had moved with his mom into a neighboring ward. A great young man in the ward was his best friend. This ward member told Bishop Smith that with a little help and encouragement he believed the non-

ward member would accept a mission call. With the permission of this young man's bishop, Bishop Smith worked with him and he did indeed accept a call. He served a great mission. His mission president wrote a wonderful letter upon his release extolling his virtues and diligence. Bishop Smith was astounded when he saw this young man upon his return from the mission field. He had grown into a mature man and had a glow about him. It was extraordinary.

Bishop Smith said it was a great blessing to have as members of the ward Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles and his wife June, and then after June's death, his wife Kristen. He believes that Elder Oaks also loved his association with the ward. At times, when he and Sister Oaks attended Sacrament Meeting after just arriving back in Salt Lake on a "red eye" flight and were very tired, Sister Oaks asked Bishop Smith to help keep Elder Oaks awake on the stand. Elder Oaks was never intimidating or dominating when he attended the ward. In quorum meetings he mostly listened to the lessons and the discussions. Once, June Oaks had a part in a silly ward play. She was so funny that Bishop Smith and Elder Oaks laughed so hard that they couldn't catch their breaths. When Elder Oaks did not have an assignment, he loved to drop in unannounced.

A great example of the Oaks' graciousness happened when a group of Saints from France came to Salt Lake City to attend General Conference. These Saints were befriended by Bishop Smith's daughter, Melinda, on her mission to Marseilles. They were staying with the Smiths. They timidly asked if it might be possible sometime during their stay to meet Elder Oaks. Sister Oaks said, "No problem." Promptly at 1:00 p.m., an hour before the beginning of the afternoon session of conference, Elder Oaks rang the Smith's doorbell and spent the next 20 minutes

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visiting with these appreciative Saints. Then,
they all left for conference.

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**Yalecrest Second Ward
Bishop James N. Lee
2011-2016**



Left to right: Craig Smith, Matthew Asay, Bishop James Lee, Calvert Cazier, Steven Elliott

Bishop: James N. Lee, sustained April 10, 2011; released August 14, 2016
First Counselor: Matthew N. Asay
Second Counselor: Calvert F. Cazier
Executive Secretary: Michael Stoker, Craig Smith
Assistant Executive Secretary:
Ward Clerk: Steven B. Elliott
Assistant Ward Clerk: Shirl G. Merrell, Marty deLannoy, Jefferey Robbins
High Priest Group Leader: Richard Creager, William Davis
Elders Quorum President: Joshua Stewart, Justin Mellen
Sunday School President: Paul Henriod, Reed Gardner, Scott Wilkey
Relief Society President: Ruth Wright, Christine Waters
Primary Presidents: Leslie Wilkey, Beck Neuner, Melissa Sanders
Young Men President: Harland Hayes, Matt Leavitt, Spencer Glende
Young Women President: Anne Crazier, Laura deLannoy, Heather Hayes

EVENTS

2011

- April 10 – YC2 Bishopric was reorganized with James N. Lee as Bishop and with Matthew N. Asay and Calvert F. Cazier as Counselors.
- April – The YM held a fund-raiser cleaning trash cans, while the YW participated in the Young Women’s General Meeting choir.
- May – The Empty Nesters’ activity featured music from the 30s-50s performed by the Lee family.
- May – The YW held a service activity for the families of Palmer Court. The YW visited the Rodizio Grill.
- June – The Relief Society had a pleasant evening activity in Jan Ferré’s garden.
- June – The YM and YW etiquette night was held at the Spaghetti Factory.
- July 14 – The High Priest’s summer party was held at Washington Park
- July 16 – Elders went on a Fathers and Sons outing featuring campfire songs led by Matt Hansen on guitar.
- July – The YW attended the Manti Miracle Pageant.
- August – Elders sponsored a golf tournament. Bishop Smith, Jamison Stark (who won the long ball contest), Dan Creer (with a chip-in for an eagle), Tom Grant, Andrew Thompson, Marty deLannoy, Steve Elliott (the head Pro), and multiple Taylors all participated.
- August – YM/YW activity was the Pioneer Trek.
- August 11 – The annual High Priests social was held at Washington Park Terrace consisting of a “Name that Tune” activity hosted by Mickey and Shari Taylor.
- September – The RS sponsored a trip to the new Deseret Industries.
- September 7 – Standards Night activity was held for the combined YM/YW organizations.
- September 23-24 – The Elders’ Fathers and Daughters outing consisted of an overnigher at Jaime Wissler’s cabin in Oakley.
- November – Laura deLannoy, Ward Family History Consultant, gave a presentation on the new Family Search internet site to the High Priest group.
- November 12 – The Primary held a service activity and got to know some of the older members of the ward.
- November 30 – A Cub Scout Pack Meeting featured an opportunity to meet some refugees living in our city and what it was like to flee from their countries to live in out country.
- December – The YM invited the YW to the annual Turkey Bowl football game on the grass in front of the ward building.
- December – The Relief Society made fleece blankets for Shriner’s Hospital, and surgery dolls for Primary Children’s Medical Center.

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- All year – An active Emergency Preparedness program included presentations, Newscrester articles and displays in the ward foyer.

2012

- February – Hygiene kits were assembled for relief of the Philippines during the February weekday Relief Society activity.
- February – YM Priest/Teacher ward basketball team was undefeated, and won the championship game of the 9-stake regional tournament.
- February 23 – The Empty Nesters activity featured Broadway and popular music performed by James Oneil Miner.
- February 29 – Dinner and skits were shared at the Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet.
- March – The YM held an amazing missionary activity to practice teaching the gospel at the home of Bishop Smith. The Smiths and Lunts provided the YM with chance to practice missionary skills.
- March 27 – Compassion for those with disabilities was the theme at the Cub Scout Pack Meeting.
- April – Scout Asay not only presented a beautiful YW lesson this month, but also bested, with her team, the prior winners at the mock trial semi-finals at the West Valley City Justice Court.
- April 17 – The Relief Society visited the Church Museum to see the international art competition.

- April – The YW participated in a service activity for the children at Palmer Court, and enjoyed an inspirational Casual Sunday Night fireside.
- May – The YM and YW attended the Salt Lake Temple to do baptisms for the dead.
- June 1 – The Empty Nesters heard from Bruce G. Stewart from the Church Education Department and remarks from our own Bill Smith regarding the history of the Bible on the 400th anniversary.
- July 19 – The High Priest's sponsored the Neighborhood Ice Cream Social at Laird Park.
- July – Activities this month for the YM and YW included temple trips for baptisms for the dead, a "Preach My Gospel" jeopardy challenge, and a Youth Conference in Ashton, Idaho, which included rope challenges and a Snake River rafting trip.
- August – The YW spent the first week of August at the Heber Valley Girls Camp.
- August 9 – The annual High Priest Social was held again at Washington Park.
- September 7 – An outside party with the theme "Circle the Wagons," cowboy poetry, and fiddle music by Mary Ann Morgan was how the Empty Nesters celebrated the end of summer.
- September 18 – The September Relief Society weekday meeting found the sisters engaged in a Neighborhood Art Gallery stroll. Featured homes included Lovinia Harmsen, Jennifer Schiel, Reenie Daines, Ruth Lundgren, and

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Susan Belliston.

- September 22 – The Ward Progressive Dinner was another success.
- September – Stake Standards Night, Casual Sunday Night Fireside presented by President and Sister Chipman on preparing for a mission, temple trips, and some special cooking classes were highlights of the YM and YW activities for the month.
- December – Young Women had a busy month participating in the Stake Nativity, visiting the Temple Square lights, and combining with the Relief Society for a special Christmas lesson. Not to be outdone in January, the Young Men enjoyed a go-kart activity, and later a special breakfast at Harland Hayes' home with lesson by Matt Asay.

2013

- January 13 – The YW and YM enjoyed a Casual Sunday Night Fireside with President and Sister John Jackson and other members of the Stake Presidency discussing temple service.
- January 15 – Kathy Torkelson discussed indexing and writing interesting family histories and Susan Belliston demonstrated how to make Valentine cream puffs at Weekday Relief Society.
- January 24 – A cannery assignment gave Scott and Leslie Wilkey, Reed Gardner, and Wes Potter the opportunity for service.
- January 23, 30 – A busy schedule for the YM and YW who celebrated a winter birthday party, followed the next week

by an outing to see the Utah Jazz play basketball. In addition, the YM's winter activity to Paul Henriod's cabin at Alta was a huge hit: dinner, movies, sundaes, and skiing the next day.

- January 27 – A Stake Open House for Primary-aged girls featured the talents and interests of each girl that were shared in an Activity Day event. Each young girl picked a talent to share or displayed something that they had created or made.
- January 28 – Beginning in January, the early rising YM and YW began a series of monthly early morning trips to the Salt Lake Temple to perform baptisms for the dead.
- January 30 – The Cub Scout's biggest event of the year, the Pinewood Derby, was held with great success.
- February 19 – The RS held a service project for the Men's Rescue Mission, creating hygiene kits. Bethany Lee Boster explained a way to "Live Green" by making your own cleaning supplies.
- February 22 – Under the direction of Margo and Boone Colegrove, the Empty Nesters enjoyed a pot luck dinner and a "Name that Tune" contest featuring some favorite songs of the Yalecrest 2nd Ward family.
- March 19 – Former Ward member Kristen Oaks spoke on the subject of "Relief Society around the world" at the Relief Society Birthday Party. The YW joined with the Relief Society for this activity.
- March – In Primary the Scouts held their annual Blue and Gold Banquet. Each

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group of Scouts created and performed skits.

- March – One of the YC2 Young Women, Annie Little, was chosen as a finalist for the prestigious statewide Sterling Scholar competition in Music from East High School. Another of our Young Women, Emma Glende, won First Place in the Middle School Math Division at the regional level School Science Fair.
- April – In April, the YW participated in a New Beginnings program, the General Young Women’s Broadcast, a Casual Sunday Night Fireside presented by Leon Bergant sharing his conversion story, as well as a bit of “secret service”.
- April – The Natural Grannies provided a presentation on preparing natural skin care products at the April Relief Society weekday activity.
- May – A special Mother’s Day open house has held mothers and their primary aged children.
- May – YM and YW activities included a May Day (May 1) service scavenger hunt, bowling at the University of Utah, and a Casual Sunday Night Fireside. The monthly temple trips for the YM and YW continued during this period.
- May 17 – Kim Woodbury of the LDS Church Public Affairs Department described the function and activities of this church department during a meeting of the Empty Nesters.
- June 8 – Family members of the YC2 Ward enjoyed the “Summer Shindig,” organized by the Primary, included a dinner and line dancing led by ward

member Ann Busico.

- June 12 – The Webelos received their Arrows of Light award at the final Cub Scout Pack meeting of the season.
- June 14-15 – The Stake Youth Conference Kickoff featuring a hike to Ensign Peak had as the theme: “Stand Ye in Holy Places.”
- June 26 – Laird Park was the location of the annual Neighborhood Ice Cream Social sponsored by the High Priests.
- July – Elise Harris (make-up), Wendy Russon (hair trends), and Lark Gali (remembering who we are) were the featured speakers at the Relief Society weekday activity.
- July – Ward member Elder Mickey Taylor was featured in an article on the web site Narratively about Mormons and Mormon missionaries in Harlem, NY.
- July 28 – An open house in Park City celebrating the July 26 birthday of Lee Paxton, the oldest member of the YC2 High Priests was held. Lee turned 100 years old.
- August 1 – The annual High Priests Social was held in Washington Park. A special tribute was made to ward members who achieved the age 90 or above. Music was provided by 99-year-old Lowell Hicks, playing his marimba.
- August – The Cub Scouts had a small lake adventure, using rowboats for the first time. The adventure soon degenerated into a massive bumper boat water fight, to the surprise of nobody.

- September – Typical of most months, the High Priests engaged in acts of service, such as cannery, temple cleaning, ward security, and Veteran Hospital assignments, etc.
- October 22 – About 20 sisters of Relief Society met for a service project in behalf of Neighborhood House, which serves young children to older adults who need care and activities. Their representative left with a car filled with blankets and rice-filled hand and leg warmers.
- November 8 – This Empty Nesters activity featured dinner and speaker with ward member Sam Brown, as he shared highlights from his book.
- November – The Relief Society sent beautiful hand-made missionary stockings to our serving missionaries: Mickey and Maggey Taylor, and Matt Leavitt.
- December 3 – Relief Society sisters were taught how to dip chocolates (Charlotte Jacobsen), how to make Christmas tags (Ida Gudmundsen), and hand-painted aprons (Ann Busico).
- December – The Primary children were thrilled to put on a Nativity at the ward Christmas party, and impressed the adults with the songs and parts they had been practicing.
- December 23 – Lowell Hicks was the second centenarian to celebrate his 100th birthday this year. An open house in his honor allowed family, friends, and ward members to congratulate him and wish him well. KSL-TV was there taping activities and later provided a feature report on the local news. A week later

the Deseret News featured him in a very nice front page article telling of his love for music and success for a long life.

MEMOIRES & TESTIMONIALS

Dawn Hopkins' Conversion Story:

My name is Dawn Hopkins, and I was asked to talk about my conversion. It all started in 2008 when we decided to move to Utah.

I started looking for a new home in October, and after a long search we found one in Salt Lake City but in another area. We were thrilled with the new home. It was newly built in an old historic neighborhood. It had a beautiful backyard and had wonderful curb-appeal. We were disappointed when it didn't pass the home inspection. Alas, I had to start all over again.

After that disappointing news, I returned to Salt Lake a week before Thanksgiving of that year to continue my search. Many people take their homes off the market that time of year. The prospects were dismal, so much so that my realtor started to drive each street hoping to find a house for sale by owner.

Luckily, we turned down Harvard Ave just off 1900 East and found our current home and it called to us. It had the identical door as our home in Colorado and the inside was just warm and friendly. The neighborhood was just what we wanted. Life was pretty good and we enjoyed getting to know the neighbors; we really enjoy them.

Things started to fall apart for me in 2010. During the late summer and early fall, we lost both of our precious dogs, Tiger and Roxie to cancer. It was during that time I

also began feeling terrible as I was tripping and falling down far too often. I was tested for neurological issues and I was diagnosed with MS. We called the University of Utah's neurological department and were informed that they didn't have an appointment for nearly six months. I booked the earliest appointment I could.

My dear friend, Deanna Lunt, suggested that I receive a blessing from her husband, Owen, and our good friend and neighbor Clark Wood. After the blessing, I had a very warm feeling that everything would be all right.

The following week, I received a call from University Hospital with the news that they had a cancellation and that they could see me the next week. Will and I arrived there to meet the doctor and she reviewed the x-rays and other tests with us. She informed us that she believes the other doctor misdiagnosed my illness and that I did not have MS. I felt such a great relief and knew I was truly blessed.

I started going to church in December and in January I asked the missionaries to start coming to my house for lessons. On February 5, 2011 I was baptized. For the past two years, I have been studying my scriptures and learning about things I've never studied before.

In January 2013, I received my first calling and was called to be the Secretary of the Young Women. What an amazing calling it is. Working with the young women, I visited the Temple for the first time to perform baptisms for the dead. Though I was asked to teach the Young Women, it was they who ended up teaching me. They know the scriptures so well and they have great testimonies. They are so wonderful and I greatly enjoy their company.

Being in YW I was also able to do my mother's baptism along with her family. I could feel her spirit with me in the font. It was a wonderful morning; nothing seemed to be as important as that moment in the font.

I also received my patriarchal blessing in March. I just couldn't believe all the blessings within it. So many of them have happened to me. It is a great comfort to me to have had it done.

In April of this year, I started to take the classes needed to attend the temple. It took a few months but I stuck with it. On November 1, I received my endowments at the Salt Lake Temple. My husband is not LDS and he was there for me as I exited with my many friends. I know this was supposed to happen to me. Our lives have changed so much. Will is so supportive of me. He comes to activities with me, is involved in Young Women. He has been the basketball coach last year and will be again this year. They love him and he enjoys being there for them.

I know now the feelings I had on the night I received the blessing was the Holy Ghost. I know He and Heavenly Father will always be with me. I am so grateful to have found this neighborhood and this church.

I know with all my heart this church is true, that the Holy Ghost is with me every day, and that we do have a living prophet. I say this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Memories of Sierra Ann Jarvis:

The church was never something I grew up with. Grandma and Grandpa always had a prayer before dinner but it was the same prayer recited every time. I never thought

much about what a prayer really was. Taking piano lessons from Kim Lee was something I was more or less bribed into, but I soon started to enjoy playing. Once I turned twelve, though, Mrs. Lee invited me to Young Women activities. I didn't accept her offer until the January after my twelfth birthday. The activity was New Beginnings.

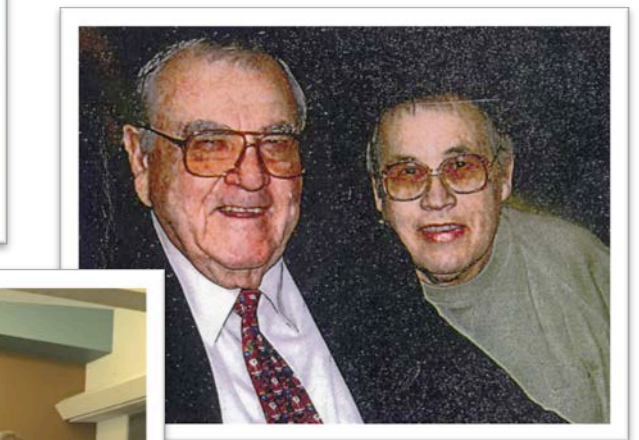
Once the hour and a half program ended I had a warm feeling inside of me. A girl in my seminary class (2014) said the spirit is a feeling of wanting to better yourself. Now I can relate to this feeling: a feeling of hope, warmth, peace, or even comfort. The spirit filled my heart after that night and I wanted more.

My conversion began with just going to Young Women's and then to Sunday School. Some Sundays I would even stay the full three hours. My family was supportive toward my decision to go to church each Sunday and even elongated our dinner prayer. Though most of my family are members of the church, they have become inactive.

By the beginning of September the missionaries began to come to my house to talk to me in more depth about the church and different doctrine principles. Along with the missionaries many ward members would make a point to come see me every so

often to give me a lesson or just see how I was doing. I've never felt so much love and support through my conversion. By October I was ready to be baptized and officially join the church. Joining the church has been by far the best decision I have made. It has been such a blessing in my life and has helped me through so many trials that I don't know what I would've done without it. It was all such a blessing to have the support system I had through it all, between the ward members and my family. It was a blessing as well to watch my knowledge of the gospel expand and see my church callings grow. To me being Young Women class president and a convert, I feel like such an example to the young women. The church has been such an important part of my life. It has helped me through so much that I honestly don't know what I would do without the knowledge that I have about going to my Heavenly Father and Savior Jesus Christ. I'm so thankful to be a part of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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IN THE BEGINNING:

Culminating an interview with Elder Boyd K. Packer, Managing Director of Military Relations for the Church, on **July 20, 1970**, Chaplain Boyd W. Winterton was set apart to succeed Emerson Curtis as L.D.S. Chaplain at the Veteran's Administration Hospital (designation would be changed to Medical Center years later). Included in his blessing were the words "I set you apart as a special missionary without power to proselytize, etc."

Part of his orientation consisted of visiting all of the Chiefs of Services. During these visits he found that several L.D.S. volunteers serving individually throughout the hospital and not organized as a group. Marie West traveled down Emigration Canyon each Sunday morning, fair or foul weather, in order to provide organ music during L.D.S and Protestant religious services. Priesthood Quorums and Groups from Salt Lake Central Stake would appear nightly at the Registrar desk, bringing good cheer and offering blessings to those in need. They came during the years of Chaplain Curtis' tour and the initial 2 years of Chaplain Winterton's tenure.

With Marie West at the organ (sometimes assisted by Michael Stevens, MD and Bonnie, his wife, as chorister), Chaplain Winterton provided weekly sermons. It soon became evident that additional volunteers were needed if new programs were to be added, including weekly Family Home Evening and Alcoholics Team Treatment. Recognizing the wealth of talent in the Bonneville Stake immediately south of the V.A. Hospital proper, Winterton visited with Stake President, Francis Gibbons, appealing for volunteers. The Chaplain was reminded that the hospital was not located in Bonneville Stake and that he should continue his quest, and search within the Salt Lake

Central Stake. However, "...should he choose to communicate with the First Presidency, requesting Bonneville Stake participation President Gibbons would forward the request with a favorable endorsement." This was done and the request was approved. The Brethren also suggested recruitment from Monument Park and Hillside Stakes.

Early in the 70's decade emphasis was being placed on alcohol and other drug dependency treatments. Chaplain Winterton had just completed Advanced Chaplains School at Jefferson Barracks, MO. He returned home enthused about detoxification treatment for the Salt Lake City VA. Chief of Staff Mark Wolcott, MD, concurred and within a few short months a treatment unit was properly staffed and established.

In 1972 President Gibbons called Walter and Evelyn Koplín as volunteers. Walter was approved to serve as Assistant to the Chaplain with special emphasis on Alcoholic Treatment through the AA Twelve Step program. Walt and Evelyn served with distinction, carrying on a program consisting of love and problem recognition. He knew where the Half-Way houses were. These were the VA's extension into the community. Walt never lost touch with patients after they left the hospital.

Another one of Walt's important accomplishments was bringing Gwen Ward on board on **June 25, 1973**. She served as Supervisor of all volunteers in the Chaplains offices for over 22 years and was an ambassador of good will for the Medical Center. She worked tirelessly, was respected and admired by all.

In the **fall of 1974** President Gibbons called John Moray to serve as a visiting Home Teacher. John served residents of the Nursing

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Home and all other medically and surgically ill patients.

Branches were organized at other area hospitals including the University, Holy Cross, and L.D.S. Hospitals. The Branches also included the Relief Society. **In late 1977**, Regional Representative Steven R. Covey met with the Stake Presidency of the University First Stake. A few months prior, the responsibility of evening visitations and Priesthood blessings had been transferred from the Salt Lake Central Stake. The meeting included discussion about having an L.D.S Branch established at the V.A. Hospital.

In the **spring of 1978**, Elder Covey called John Moray to serve as Group Leader with Chaplain Asst. Koplín and Joe P. Kelly to serve as 1st and 2nd assistants with the expectation that a Branch would be formally organized. However, a Branch organization was not to be. Hospital Director Reed L. Clegg stated respectfully it was his opinion that in a government institution, organization of an L.D.S. Branch constituted a violation of Church and State. Out of respect for his authority, organization of a branch at the Hospital was delayed. Permission was granted to the L.D.S. Group leadership to continue as an organization under the V.A. Volunteer Service umbrella.

In January 1979 Chaplain Koplín was recalled to the Bonneville Stake. No one was more dedicated nor contributed more to the sobriety of fellow veterans than Chaplain Walter Koplín. He never gave up on anyone. The reorganization retained John Moray as Group Leader and Joe Kelly and Dayle Flandro were sustained as 1st and 2nd counselors respectively. Under their leadership new ecumenical programs flourished. Cadres of VFW volunteers from

Salt Lake, Utah, Davis, and Weber Counties were organized to assist eligible (health-wise) veterans to be escorted to Catholic Mass and L.D.S. Sacrament Meetings.

Col. John Moray, of the 96th ARCOM (Army Reserve Command) served, at the invitation of the Commanding General, as Chief of Staff. He understood the language and needs of the veterans. Coupled with an inordinate amount of wisdom, civic exposure, business acumen, and blessed with a lovely supporting wife, Emma Lu, home teaching visits became a regular occurrence. Attendance at Sacrament meetings increased.

Two couples, Dr. Joe Strobbe (OB-GYN) and his wife Marie Stobbe, and Rodney and Maxine Porter were stalwarts in helping to organize and promote the Family Home Evening Program. They knew no limits in preparing special programs. Also, anyone without family ties was invited to the Stobbes' for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Their service was an example of the Savior's admonition "...I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger and ye took me in:" (Matt 25:35).

On **May 2, 1979**, Group Leader Moray was called back to Bonneville Stake. Joe Kelly was sustained and set apart as Group Leader with Dayle Flandro and Curtis Simpson as 1st and 2nd Counselor respectively.

On **August 28, 1979**, Brother Flandro was called back to the Hillside Stake. Brother Joe Kelly was retained as Group Leader; Curtis Simpson sustained as 1st Counselor and Dr. Cecil Samuelson Sr. (Ph.D.) as 2nd Counselor. They served together with oneness of purpose, with the prevailing and guiding influence of the Holy Spirit. It was during this period that a new Hospital Director,

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Robert Lindsey Jr. transferred from Grand Junction V.A.H. to Salt Lake City.

Throughout the United States name designation of V.A. Hospitals was changed to V.A. Medical Centers. A window of opportunity was opened and the time was right to enhance additional service to veterans by organizing a Branch at the V.A. Medical Center.

THE GROUP BECOMES A BRANCH

- **March 8, 1981** the first branch at the V.A. Hospital was organized as a part of the University First Stake. The branch would carry on the splendid service rendered earlier by the "Group."

Branch President: Cecil O. Samuelson set apart March 8, 1981; released April 1, 1984

First Counselor: Chaplain Boyd W. Winteron

Second Counselor: Woodrow W. Sybrowsky

Executive Secretary: Carl E. Dudley

- Meetings to be held were: Family Home Evening, the Executive Meetings, Priesthood and Gospel Doctrine Class, Sacrament Meeting, In-service Meeting, and Branch Conference.

- Family Home Evenings were held in the Recreation Room each Monday. All patients were welcome. Outstanding programs were presented. Cookies and punch were always served. They were provided by the Hospital.
- Priesthood and Gospel Doctrine Class met at 9:40 am in the Chapel starting after the Catholic service concluded. Each volunteer took their turn to prepare a lesson. It was a learning experience for most with outstanding lessons and great class participation.
- Sacrament meeting started at 10:30 am in the Chapel. Members of the Branch Presidency arranged for speakers. The wards from the University First Stake took turns in furnishing volunteers in charge of the music for a month. Patients and their families came to these very inspirational meetings. There was no dress code. Pajamas, robes, slacks, and Sunday dress could all be seen each Sunday at Sacrament Meeting.
- **April 1, 1984** the Branch Reorganized:
Branch President: Woodrow W. Sybrowsky set apart April 1, 1984; released June 2, 1987
First Counselor: Boyd W. Winteron
Second Counselor: Carl E. Dudley
Executive Secretary: James J. Ryser Jr.
- **November 4, 1984** James J. Ryser Jr. released and Rodney W. Porter set apart as Executive Secretary.
- After services volunteers enjoyed lunch in the hospital dining room where they ate with the veterans. They enjoyed the

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camaraderie with one another, discussing the patients, their families, the previous meetings and the love each one had for their calling.

- Volunteers met socially outside the hospital atmosphere about every three months. Through these activities and their church callings, life-long friendships were nurtured.

- **June 7, 1987** the Branch Reorganized:

Branch President: Richard F. Haglund set apart June 7, 1987; released August 11, 1991

First Counselor: Chaplain Boyd W. Winterton

Second Counselor: Charles Moore

Executive Secretary: J. Lynden Mather

Elders Quorum President: Clark M. Lybbert

- Operations in the little branch continued as previously. Elders from the stake helped to administer the sacrament in the meetings and to patients in their rooms if they were unable to attend the services. Volunteers continued to attend Sunday services and visit patients during the week.
- Boyd W. Winterton was released as first counselor because of his election as National Chaplain of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- **September 13, 1987** Charles Moore and Melvin Thayne were set apart as counselors along with Paul McOmie as executive secretary.

- Providing instructive and inspirational Sunday services was a principal goal for the branch.
- Music was provided either by students, by invitation to visitors, or by musicians among the volunteers. On one occasion when no musical number had been arranged, President Moore played a harmonica solo of a favorite hymn. Bonnie Winterton and Grettie Haglund often provided musical service and coordinated assignments.
- Special programs were arranged to commemorate different holidays. Royden Glade spoke on "Pilgrims, Patriots, Pioneers and Principles" and Rebecca Glade sang a solo from "Promised Valley". On September 14, the Explorer Post from Cottonwood 14th Ward presented a fine program and increased attendance to 40 persons.
- Special services were held on Sundays during Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks. For General Conference, a TV receiver was set up in the chapel so patients could view and hear the proceedings.
- An unusually impressive meeting was the one on August 23 when Karry Chlarson and his wife Patty spoke. A young Marine, he had been burned in a gasoline fire after his jeep overturned in a collision. His face was covered by a mask, except for his eyes, nose, mouth and ears. Doctors did not expect him to survive. Patti was told to prepare herself for his death but she refused to accept this, having perfect faith in a priesthood blessing he had received. Karry made light of his difficulty in turning pages in his scriptures with the burned stumps of

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his fingers. Both bore strong, fervent testimony of the gospel and of the Lord's goodness.

- To provide additional spiritual blessings to patients, a library of church books and audio cassette tapes, with music by the Tabernacle Choir and talented vocalists as well as talks by Church leaders was set up in the office. Cassette players were included. Volunteers were asked to tell patients these materials were available. The welfare of the patients continued to be at the center of all activities initiated.
- An informal training meeting and Fireside for L.D.S. volunteers was held at the Haglund home in April. Experiences were shared on how to reach out and make visits more satisfying.
- The volunteers attended in-service training provided by the VA and helped in October with the fall bazaar, put on for the benefit of the VAVS budget. President Haglund was elected vice-president of the VA Medical Center volunteer's organization, to serve for a year. In November, 1988, KSL did a press release in tribute to veterans and the volunteers who serve them at the VAMC.
- One Sunday in 1988 the meeting was attended by three veterans of World War I, who discovered that they had been deacons in the same ward nearly 80 years earlier. On another Sunday, a patient took part in the class discussion while lying prone on his gurney. Attendance in wheel chairs was always common.
- There were poignant scenes during visits to individuals on week days. An army nurse veteran, so seriously ill with cancer nonetheless bore a sweet testimony about the Lord's great goodness to her.

When she passed away, two of the volunteers who had known her for many months traveled to Idaho to attend the funeral service in her home ward.

1989

- The annual Spring Social of the VAVS and Bazaar were held with branch workers participating in good numbers. Efforts to increase fellowship with volunteers from other organizations and faiths brought this about and given much satisfaction. Also, fellowship with the University 3rd Stake is a great blessing as volunteers meet and work with the student members in conducting Sunday services and taking sacrament to the patients who can't attend meetings.
- In June, several of the volunteers attended an endowment session in the Salt Lake temple and then enjoyed supper together.
- Volunteers were encouraged to join committees in which they were interested. Several did so. Changes in student couples assigned to help with music, teaching the class and supplementing the senior couples' visits on hospital wards were made. Their assistance was much appreciated.
- **October 22, 1989**, Charles Moore was released and Kenneth Funk was set apart as 2nd Counselor.

1990

- In February, the new Primary Children's Hospital, near the University Hospital, was finished and dedicated. The University Third Stake had been in charge of priesthood work at the VAMC. This

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was transferred to the new Primary Children's Hospital. Bonneville Stake was asked to take over the assignment at the VAMC. A. Mac Little was called to work out priesthood assignments with members within Bonneville Stake to attend to preparing and passing the sacrament and giving administrations to patients in the evening and be the coordinator between the branch and Bonneville Stake.

- Early in July, Max Wheelwright was called as priesthood coordinator between the branch and the stake.
- President Haglund was nominated and elected state president of Utah Association of Hospital Auxiliaries – the first male to ever hold that office.
- It was decided to change the order of Sunday meetings. Sacrament meeting to start at 9:45 am following the Executive Meeting at 9:00 am. Gospel doctrine class will begin at 10.45 am.
- Open House at the VAMC on Veterans Day brought many visitors. A large number of LDS volunteers served as guides. Also volunteers helped with the Autumn Bazaar and in wrapping gifts for patients on December 19th.

1991

- The goal was set to have all LDS patients in building 1, 2, and 4 visited by LDS volunteers twice every week in addition to a visit when they were first admitted.
- **February 3** was proclaimed as National Prayer Day. An interfaith service was held in the auditorium in Building 8.

- A child Care Center was established in the hospital and volunteers made contributions to help equip it.

- **August 11, 1991** Branch reorganized.

Branch President: Max Wheelwright set apart August 11, 1991; released June 9, 1996

First Counselor: Kenneth Funk

Second Counselor: Wallace G. Bennett

Executive Secretary: Leland J. Paxton

Priesthood Coordinator: Gregory Hosford

- The VAMC Branch is a dependent branch of the Garden Park First Ward in Bonneville Stake. Volunteers were recruited from various stakes in the valley and were registered as volunteers with the hospital and retained their church membership in their own stakes and wards.
- As a group, the LDS volunteers continued to attend temple sessions on a quarterly schedule and to actively accept responsibilities in the VAVS organization.
- November 24, 1991 the new Bonneville Stake Presidency (President Jacobsen, President Orton and President MConkie) quickly became staunch supporters of the little branch at VAMC.

1992

- The Stake Presidency set up a schedule for the wards to furnish special musical

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numbers at the branch during sacrament meetings.

- During the year there were many service projects where youth and Relief Society groups participated. Ditty bags, lap robes, small quilts, and letters of appreciation were some of the projects completed for the benefit of our veteran patients.

1993

- Volunteers taught and discussed the qualities of a good patient visit and proper reporting of visits. Chaplain Winterton explained the new hospice program at the hospital.
- **January 31, 1993** Kenneth Funk and J. Eugene Russon were set apart as 1st and 2nd Counselors, respectively.
- Activities included a bazaar in March and October, Salute to Hospitalized Veterans in February 14 and November 11, award ceremony in April and patient gift wrapping and distribution in December.
- Max Wheelwright elected to the VAVS executive committee to serve on orientation committee.
- **August 8**, Elder Rex D. Pinegar, Executive Director of the Church Military Relations Committee attended our sacrament meeting.
- **September 12**, Gregory Hosford was released as priesthood coordinator. Robert G. Murdock was set apart as Melchizedek Priesthood coordinator and Don. W. Pihl as Aaronic Priesthood coordinator.

- A patient, D. Franklin Seady, was baptized. He had been taught by the full-time missionaries with the help of Wayne Ottley. No active proselyting is done in the VAMC nor any impression of proselyting.

1994

- It was agreed to attend the temple every month rather than every 3 or 4 months.
- William Earl Webber, a patient, was baptized. Wayne Ottley and John Stamm helped the missionaries teach and fellowship him.
- Max Wheelwright was elected vice-president of the executive committee.
- June 3, Chaplain Boyd W. Winterton retired. Carol West was the acting chief chaplain.
- Tom Pizzo, a patient, was baptized.

1995

- Continued emphasis centered on how volunteers can help the patients know that the Lord loves them.
- Prayer meeting was held each Sunday morning at 9:00 am. This allowed volunteers time to visit patients in the different wards in the hospital and help bring patients to Sacrament meeting.
- **May 2, 1995**, the new hospital wards were finished in Building 1 north tower and west wing and the patients moved. These wards are state of the art with mostly single and a few double rooms, no open

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wards. Norman Bryner came to VAMC to serve as full time LDS Chaplain.

- Hospital staff is knowledgeable, skilled and gives compassionate care to the patients. They appreciate the services rendered by all the volunteers. Steve Gish, Valerie Nibley, Chaplain Carol West, Dorthy Kuhn all helped volunteers to carry out their duties and reach their objectives.
- At the summer fireside, Bill Hodson, director of VAMC told about plans for VAMC and how the hospital will serve patients in the future.
- **December 10**, J. Eugene Russon was released as 2nd counselor because of illness. Reed G. Spjut was set apart to that position.

1996

- 1996 is the 50th Anniversary of Volunteers in VAMCs across the USA.
- At annual Branch fireside the discussion was opened up for all who wanted to tell "what I have learned from patients at VAMC." The list included humility, gratitude, patience, courage, and faith in the Lord.
- **January 18**, Kenneth Funk released from Branch Presidency.
- In early April volunteers helped with a Donor Awareness display in main lobby of hospital. Over 15,000 brochures were distributed during the week.

- **June 9, 1996** Branch reorganized

Branch President: Fredrick R. Homer, set apart June 9, 1996; released November 19, 2000

First Counselor: Don W. Pihl

Second Counselor: Reed G. Spjut

Executive Secretary: Richard B. Scoville

- Military Affairs purchased an organ from LDS Church surplus pool. Sunday, November 10, was the first use of the organ.

1997

- At the beginning of the New Year, Richard Scoville started printing programs of our Sacrament meetings to pass out to those attending.
- In February Priesthood Group was organized for the men and Relief Society was organized for the women. Carolyn DeVries was set apart as Relief Society President. Calvin Erickson was released as Aaronic Priesthood Coordinator and Richard Morris was set apart as the new Coordinator.
- March 2, 1997, our first Priesthood and Relief Society meetings were held – very exciting and a great blessing in our lives!

1998

- Mary Ellen W. Smoot, General Relief Society President, visited on February 15. She visits with sisters all over the world

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and came to our little Branch as part of these visits. Her husband, Stanley Smoot, helped pass the sacrament at Sacrament Meeting.

- On Mother's Day all women volunteers received gorgeous leis from Hawaii. Volunteer William Taylor was responsible for the lovely surprise.
- **May 17, 1998**, Reed Spjut was released as 1st Counselor. Robert DeVries and Robert Fitts were set apart as 1st and 2nd Counselors respectively.
- On November 29, we were honored to have Apostle Dallin H. Oaks visit our branch. It was a joy to have him with us and hear his remarks at the end of Fast and Testimony Meeting.
- LDS Chaplain Egbert returned to VAMC in June after serving a mission in Spain. He left again in December to be in charge of the Columbia MTC.

2000

- In March Elsie Fitts, the mother of Robert Fitts, spoke to us. She would soon turn 99 years old. Her message was "enjoy one day at a time, enjoy your families, and look for the good everywhere. "This was a very special meeting.
- Relief Society presidency was reorganized. Fern Black set apart as the new president.
- We continued to visit the patients each week. Volunteers serve in Chaplain Willard Malstrom's office. Gifts were presented to veterans on holidays such as Valentines, Veterans Day, and Christmas.

We helped with decorations and wrapping and delivering gifts at Christmastime.

- **November 2000** Branch reorganized

Branch President: Reed M. Gardner, set apart November 19, 2000; released October 10, 2004

First Counselor: Robert O. Fitts

Second Counselor: Walter A. Romney

Executive Secretary: Richard B. Scoville

- Volunteers come from all walks of life and backgrounds. Most live within the Salt Lake Bonneville Stake, but some travel greater distances to serve each week. Bill and Gwen Dowse traveled from Santaquin, Bill Taylor from Provo, and Don and Eivor Close drove from Sandy. Others have driven each week from many areas around the valley.
- Individuals who have been inactive for years have been invited and encouraged to give service at the branch a try. Almost one hundred percent have become active, have accepted callings, and have gone to the Temple.
- Yalecrest I Ward became the parent ward for the dependant branch at VAMC.

2001

- Members of other faiths are always welcomed. Frank and Esther Costello and their daughter, Colleen, visited Catholic patients each week. We became good friends and they joined us for social activities on many occasions.

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- The VAMC campus became the security headquarters for the upcoming 2002 Winter Olympics. A tall, wrought iron fence was constructed around the facility.

2002

- Church services were cancelled for two weeks during the Olympics for security reasons. The U of U was also closed during this same period.
- Each year the VA Volunteer services hold a banquet and recognition ceremony for all hospital volunteers. Branch members are recognized for the many hundreds of hours spent serving there.

2003

- A sixty bed homeless shelter known as Valor House was established on the hospital campus in conjunction with Salt Lake Housing Authority. They became part of our branch. We welcomed these men and encouraged them to attend branch services.
- Those who were church members brought their friends on many Sundays. Many struggled with alcohol and drug addictions and depression. They needed help with transportation, finding employment and sometimes, financial aid.
- Christopher Taylor, from Texas, enjoyed attending meetings at the branch. He asked for the missionary discussions, and later was baptized. He was able to get employment. He eventually moved back to Texas to be with his aging mother.

- A big Christmas party was held at the Valor House bringing dinner and gifts for each of the residents.

2004-2006

- The Veterans Administration notified all WWII Pacific Theatre veterans in Utah inviting them to come to the Medical Center to be interviewed. The interviews were videotaped and sent to the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. to be stored with important histories. It was interesting to welcome and help them through the process.

- **October 10, 2004**, Branch Reorganized

Branch President: Edwin C. Remund set apart October 10, 2004; Released: August 27, 2006

First Counselor: Walter A. Romney

Second Counselor: Milo Marsden

- One couple called to serve in the VA considered this a surprising development as the husband had rarely attended church meetings. Their first Sunday at the VA Sacrament meeting, the husband didn't know the names of the meetings he was attending. Quietly he asked his wife what each meeting was called. From first accepting the calling, he was very faithful, never missing a meeting. After 6 years his wife poured out her heart to him about attending the temple. After some serious surgery, he agreed to take the temple prep classes and has been attending the temple on a weekly basis since then.
- Many veterans were helped to find job opportunities and training with Deseret Manufacturing.

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- Many trips to the Bishops storehouse were made with those who were in need and didn't have the means or resources to help themselves after leaving the Valor House.
- Temple excursions on a monthly basis alternated between Salt Lake, Bountiful and Jordan River Temples. The group of 20 to 25 volunteers usually had dinner at a restaurant following the session.

2006-2008

- **August 27, 2006** Branch Reorganized

Branch President: Walter A. Romney set apart August 27, 2006; Released February 15, 2009

First Counselor: Milo A. Marsden

Second Counselor: Don Close

Executive Secretary: Hank Cameron

- Many special musical programs were arranged and presented by Bill and Gwen Dowse.
- A special spirit can be felt at Sacrament meetings and especially during Fast and Testimony meeting when very often the veterans share many of their problems. It is a blessing to give comfort to them and try to help make their lives a bit easier.
- During times when an LDS Chaplain is not serving we have needed to make extra efforts to befriend Chaplains of other faiths. One Chaplain, who wanted us to only visit LDS patients, asked us before he moved to a new assignment about our home teaching program and how we did it. He was impressed and said he was

going to try such a thing in his congregation in the future.

- The residents at Valor House and the volunteers especially enjoyed the Christmas party. We took in a great meal we had prepared and small gifts for everyone. We ate together, visited and ended with a short program. Three residents surprised us by presenting a wonderful musical program. Michele Dalton, a very gifted poet and actor, entertained us by presenting his own writings and thoughts.
- A television set was presented by the volunteers to the Surgical Intensive Care unit.
- A blessing of serving at VAMC is being a friend and an example. Two residents of Valor House became interested and asked to hear the missionary lessons. Michel Dalton and another fine young man, Larry Adkins, are two of those who accepted the gospel and were baptized.
- In December, 2008, Richard Morris, who had served at the branch for over 25 years and is a combat veteran of WWII received special recognition for his years of service by the Army Reserve. He was also presented a Quilt of Valor. This quilt was made by the Triple QQQs, a group of quilters mostly from Bonneville Stake.
- Randy Baker served as high council representative in 2008 – 2009.

2009

- **February 15, 2009**, Branch Reorganized

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Branch President: Stephen J. Hatch set apart February 15, 2009; Released November 18, 2012.

First Counselor: Loren D. Hennick

Second Counselor: Douglas Bunker

Executive Secretary: James S. Bennion

- A fun summer BBQ was held for all Valor House residents. This party gave volunteers and residents the opportunity to share a meal together and time to become acquainted as we visited. The residents were very responsive to the wonderful meal we provide for them.
- In November, because the space was needed for a different unit, Valor House was closed and the residents were moved to a new location at North Temple and 1900 West. This facility is known as Freedom Landing.
- In December we provided a delicious meal and small gifts we had prepared for all the residents at Freedom Landing. They were appreciative of our efforts. About 90 men are at this facility. Because of distance, their attendance at Sunday services at VAMC has diminished significantly.

2010

- In April, Kenny Dunlap, an LDS resident at Valor House and Freedom Landing passed away. Kenny had served in the branch as his health allowed and was loved by all volunteers. We helped with funeral services and provided a meal afterwards for the residents at Freedom Landing.

- A summer BBQ and a Christmas party complete with wonderful meals and were taken to all residents at Freedom landing.

2011-2012

- Each Sunday a member of the branch presidency drives to Freedom Landing to provide transportation for any of the residents wanting to attend services at the branch.
- As prayers are offered in branch meetings, it is observed that volunteers pray for the veterans. When veterans offer prayers, they pray for the volunteers.
- Michael Dowse, Samantha Goodman, Michael Raleigh, and Susan Schofield, accompanist, have become a musical tradition as they perform a trumpet trio playing *Bugler's Holiday* for our patriotic programs.
- **April 22, 2012**, Branch Presidency reorganized
- Doug Bunker released, Lyman King set apart as 2nd Counselor.
- Stephen Hatch spoke at the annual High Priest meeting October 23, 2011. His words beautifully describe service at VAMC. "I have thought many times of the Minerva Tichert painting in the High Council Room depicting the Savior holding one small lamb. This painting signifies the importance of each individual. Each one of our veterans, regardless of their past or present circumstances or activity level, deserves to be treated with great love and respect. He deserves the opportunity to receive the sacrament, a priesthood blessing and to

attend church services.”

Every Sunday Aaronic Priesthood members and leaders from our stake pass the sacrament to member veterans in their rooms. 365 days a year, priesthood holders are on call to give blessings. For many, it might be the first blessing they have ever received. Many miracles of healing have come from your blessings and I am certain there have been as many spiritual healings as well.

One young man who was in the addiction unit for several weeks told me he was addicted to “just about everything”. One fast meeting he brought his father with him. This young man bore his testimony for the very first time. He told his father how much he loved him and how he hoped he would be there for him during his difficult recovery period. He also expressed his love for the Savior. His father then got up and bore his testimony and expressed his love for his son. He told him he would stand by him. Today, this young man is active in his ward and has baptized his own son.

The patients are always grateful we are there for them in a place where things can be so uncertain. They take great comfort in being able to attend church and to latch onto something that is a true and sure thing.”

Hospital stays are short so we usually see a patient only once or twice. If a person is there for several days, they will get to know Loren Hennick quite well. Loren is retired and spends a great deal of time getting to know patients and their families and blessing their lives.

Our involvement with the homeless shelter has been so meaningful. These folks have lonely lives. Smiles, hugs, visits and phone calls mean much. We have had vets at church who are literally living on the streets or in

their cars. Even when someone comes in who is unkempt or different, I see volunteers put an arm around them, visit and care about them and make them feel welcome.

Finally, I have a testimony of the way service in the kingdom of God softens men's hearts. We have had two brethren who faithfully serve at the VA receive their temple blessings recently, one for the first time and the other after a 50 year absence. The Lord blesses his servants. I refer back to the painting. I am grateful to belong to a Church that cares about the individual – the one – each child of God - a church that indeed follows the teaching of our Savior.

- **November 18, 2012**, Branch Reorganized

Branch President: Lyman King set apart November 18, 2012

First Counselor: Lloyd Tilt

Second Counselor: Gordon Scheffner

Executive Secretary: James Bennion

2013

- The Branch continued its weekly visits with members in the hospital. Brian King was the assigned High Council representative and we enjoyed his visits.
- Quilts were made by a local organization and donated to patients.
- The Branch provide dinner for residents of The Valor House on Two different occasions and a Thanksgiving dinner was provided at the Chuck-A-Rama restaurant. The members had a great time visiting with the residents at these occasions.

Veteran's Group/Branch for the Bonneville Stake

- The highlight of the year was the baptism of Jack Coleman in September. Jack, a resident of The Valor House, was taught by the sister missionaries and visited the Branch several times before his baptism. The members of the Branch welcomed and embraced him.
- Some of the speakers we enjoyed during the year were: Greg Spencer, Rick Evans, James W. Gibb, Daryl Hoole, Kathryn Fowles, Doren Taylor, David B. Wirthlin, Roger Thompson, Fred Babcock, Brad Romney and Riley Cutler.

2014

- Doug Smith was the assigned High Council representative and the branch enjoyed his great contribution of both music and the spoken word.
- The Branch had another baptism, Robert Lake, who was taught by the sister missionaries.
- The Branch served dinners at the Valor House and also arranged to have other wards in the Stake take in dinners. Again, the Branch hosted the residents to a Thanksgiving dinner at Chuck-A-Rama.
- In November, a new LDS Chaplin, Joseph Breault, was assigned, and we enjoyed getting to know him. He moved here with his family from Colorado.
- Some of the speakers we enjoyed during the year were: Jeffrey Swinton, Kevin Pinegar, Susan Pinegar, Ned L. Mangelson, Clark Campbell, Charlotte Jacobsen, William Davis, Ann Jackson, Richard Fox, Dennis Burbidge and Rick Graham.

- Chris Furr, a life-long, but inactive member of the Church, had been a captain of a fishing boat in Key West. His job was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and he found his way to Utah. He was living out of his truck and was visiting the VMAC for medical treatments. Vena Child of the Branch began working with Chris to help on his genealogical research. Through that effort, Chris became re-activated and became temple worthy.

VOLUNTEERS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

Allan and Lou Lund
Allen and Ruth Lundgren
Ann Wallace
Anne Kelly
Arch Egbert
Barbara J. Banes
Beverly Hansen
Bill and Gwen Dowse
Bill Barker
Blaine and Diane Tuttle
Blaine Quigley
Boyd W. and Bonnie Winterton
Bruce Barton
Bud Limb
Byron and Eliza Jensen
C. Glenn and Suzannah Conover
Calvin and Margaret Pond
Calvin and Myrna Erickson
Carl and Ethel Dudley
Carl and Gladys Burdett
Cecil O. and Janet Samuelson Sr.
Charles and Margaret Moore
Cidny Amdrus
Clark and Stacy Lybbert
Clifford and Vena Childs
Curtis Simpson

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Dale and Miriam Zabriskie
Daniel and Julie Garrison
Darlene Forsman
David and Arlene Kelley
David and Norma Dean
David H. Kelley
Dayle Flandro
Delos Daines
Dennie Leavitt
Don and Eivor Close
Don and Joyce Pihl
Donald and Gail Finch
Doug and Cindy Bunker
Dr. Joseph and Marie Stobbe
Duane Hansen
Earl and Iris Spafford
Ed and Margene Remund
Eldred and Lillian Luck
Emerson Curtis
Eugene and Ila Mae Russon
Ferron and Donna Olson
Floyd and Fern Black
Floyd and Tammy Jensen
Fred and LeNila Homer
Fred Langeland
Gary and Helen Smith
Gary and Martha Wilmarth
Gene and Kathy Warner.
George and Maxine Hollindrake
Glenn M. Dunnigan
Gordon and Diane Sperry
Gordon and Naoma Scheffner
Grace McGraw
Greg Leavitt
Gregory and Ann Robison
Gregory Hosford
Gwen S. Ward
Harold and Darlene Johnson
Harold and Jean Shore
Helen Franklin

Henry and Grace Cameron
Howard and Blanch Cox
Hugh and Carin Bunker
Hyrum and Marjorie Dalgleish
J. Lee and Carma Eakle
James and Elizabeth Ryser
Jay Lisonbee
Jeanne Massey
Jeffrey and Brenda Reynolds
Jim and Victoria Bennion
Jim Williams
Joe Hogan
Joe Kelly
John and Evelyn Moray
John and Florence Stamm
John Garside
Joseph and Mary Lacey
Keith and Marian Lignell
Ken and Bonnie Rice
Kenneth and Geraldine Funk
Kenneth Beers
Kent and Dorothy Lytle
LaRona Dennison
Larry Fletcher
LaVar and Mildred Stayner
Leland and Zella Paxton
Len and Cheri Reynolds
Lester and Elgie Barton
Lloyd and Prilla Tilt
Loren and Anette Hennick
Lorry and Darlene Hormon
Lyla McCarty
Lyman and Michelle King
Lynden and Priscilla Mather
Lynn and Catherine Jones
Mac and June Little
Maria Lisonbee
Marie West
Marillyn King
Max and Ann Wheelwright

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Max Martinez
Melvin and Emma Lou Thayne
Michael and Renae Ferrin
Michael Stevens, MD
Milo and Jackie Marsden
Norman Bryner
Parker P. and Jean Robison
Paul and Claudia Pratt
Paul and Marjorie McOmie
Paul Thornton
Paul Toronto
Phillip and Ginda Forrest
Quinter Billings
Randy and Ronalee Baker
Ray Heidt
Reed and Jackie Gardner
Reed, Gloria and Kay B. Spjut
Rex and Mary Lowe
Rex T. Lowe
Rhoda Brown
Rhonda McMillin
Richard and Dorothy Morris
Richard and Grette Haglund
Richard and Jennifer Seegmiller
Richard and Joan Haskins
Richard and Mary Winters
Richard and Ruth Scoville
Robert A. and Bernice Gehring
Robert and Carolyn Devries
Robert and Donna Merrill
Robert and Goldie Smeltzer
Robert and Marva Fitts
Robert and Nena Schofield
Robert and Norma Rolfsen
Robert G. and Dorthea Murdock
Rodney and Maxine Porter
Ronald and Cheryl Zander
Ross and Carolyn Sherman
Scott and Cheryl Healy
Shane and Kirsten Pond

Shawn M. White
Sid and Carol Spencer
Stephen and Judy Hatch
Steven and Brenda Little
Steven Shumway
Thaddeus C. Speed
Val and Shirley Jensen
Waldo and Zola Hodson
Wallace G. and Theda Bennett
Walter and Alberta Nicholson
Walter and Evelyn Koplín
Walter and Susan Romney
Walter M. Adam
Wayne M. and Fern Bateman
Wayne W. and LaRue Ottley
Willard Malstrom
William and Barbara Taylor
William Baker
Woodrow and Marion Sybrowsky

It must be remembered that volunteers at the VAMC Branch canvass regularly the LDS patients at the facility to see if any of them would like a Priesthood Blessing. The stake has assigned on a rotating basis the responsibility and opportunity of giving these blessings to each ward in the stake. The wards usually divide up the responsibilities between the Elders Quorums and the High Priest Groups. At the end of this section is a typical list of assignments contained in the stake directory for the year 1995. Also in that list is a schedule of the wards that are assigned to administer the sacrament at the VAMC Sunday services.

TESTIMONIES, EXPERIENCES, AND THOUGHTS OF VOLUNTEERS AND VETERANS

Howard and Blanche Cox:

Some of the patients stay at the hospital for months. We especially remember Ray Martin Williams with great respect. He very seldom complained of his limitations. He read the Book of Mormon over and over. He was a very spiritual person.

We all enjoyed watching the progress of our convert volunteer, Glenn Dunigan. Glenn was so pleased to be ordained an Elder and so happy to receive the congratulations of the other volunteers.

Jim and Elizabeth Ryser:

There was a special spirit in this small branch. Sometimes there were only five present but the spirit was still there. This prepared us for working in small branches on our mission. We were blessed to have been prepared at the VA Hospital.

June K. Little:

My experience at the VAMC brought countless wonderful memories. One was that I was able to play the organ for congregational singing. I enjoyed interacting with the patients who came to meetings. Their valiant commitment humbled me. If I could choose but one church related experience as the most meaningful in my life it would be the time spent at the VA Hospital.

Alberta and Walt Nicholson:

I was an employee at the VAMC for twenty years. I had just retired when we were asked to be volunteers. Walt is very compassionate and can understand people with problems.

We would get names of patients listed as LDS, contact them to learn if they wanted to go to church. Our granddaughter is paralyzed so Walt was familiar with oxygen equipment, wheelchairs, etc. and was able to make adjustments if necessary when patients were at church.

Richard Morris:

During my time at VAMC I have found I am comfortable speaking to most patients, as we belong to the same generation and have had many of the same type of experiences. When I visit patients, I realize how many blessings are mine – not only through the “war years,” but throughout my life since then.

Kenneth and Gerri Funk:

Our hearts are full of gratitude for our opportunity of serving at the branch for nearly seven years. Our precious two year old granddaughter spent months in Primary Children's Hospital after a near fatal drowning accident. We witnessed miracle after miracle and felt we must give back. The call came to serve as volunteers at the VAMC and we were eager and ready to get started. Our testimonies were strengthened through observing faith, courage, and love of country the veteran patients have displayed. We shall always be thankful to our Heavenly Father for this very special time serving with very special people.

Gene and Ila Russon:

Special blessings and experiences came into our lives because we tried to bring hope and comfort to others. These experiences helped us to learn more about compassion and to think less of ourselves and more of others. Serving at the VA Hospital is one of the best kept secrets in the Bonneville Stake. It is a true service of compassion.

Waldo and Zola Hodson:

It was a rich spiritual experience for us to serve as volunteers at VAMC branch. We visited patients once a week as well as on Sundays. We found their attitudes to be good as they cheerfully accepted their handicaps. One man in particular was an inspiration. Wendell Best had lost both of his legs but he had the happiest attitude of any we visited.

Marillyn King:

I enjoyed my years of service at the VAMC very, very much. I so wanted to be of service and keep busy after the death of my sweetheart. The best of all was associating with so many grand couples, great people who I will always consider dear friends.

Robert and Bernice Gehring:

It was enlightening to be able to meet people outside our own little world of acquaintances, with varied backgrounds and lifestyles. All of the members of the volunteer group were extraordinarily special people. Satisfaction comes in serving others. We are so thankful for the time we spent at the hospital.

Joe and Mary Lacey:

Joe was hospitalized on two occasions at the ICU at VAMC. He received excellent care and desired to do volunteer service as repayment. We needed permission to serve because we were not members of Bonneville Stake. It has been a rich learning experience to visit those who served their country and now receive needed medical care in a facility dedicated to caring for the broken in body and spirit.

Lynn and Catherine Jones:

Being able to visit with patients and become friends with them is gratifying. We have found patients who really need someone to talk with and vent their many concerns. Lynn enjoys visiting with the patients each week and reminding them of the spiritual side of life. He especially enjoys being able to take someone to the chapel on Sunday who has not attended a Sacrament Meeting for a long time.

Lester and Elgie Barton:

It is one of the most rewarding things we have done. We have high regard for the professional help patients receive from the doctors, nurses, and other personnel. They are also friendly and helpful to volunteers. When a patient is there for several weeks they become like family and we hate to see them leave. At the same time we are glad they can go home and be with their families.

Fred Homer:

While LeNila and I have been serving at the VAMC we have relearned the value of patriotism and loyalty to country. When you see men and women who have been willing to live their all for their country, you develop a great appreciation for their personal sacrifice.

Kay Spjut:

My five years at VAMC were wonderful. I was skeptical about leaving Bonneville 1st Ward, but have loved being part of this spiritual, caring group. In Relief Society there is a closeness felt among the sisters that I will always cherish.

Wayne W. Ottley:

While serving as volunteers at the VAMC, LuRue and I enjoyed associations with many new-found friends. One day before

Sacrament meeting we were introduced to Bill. He was 6'4", slender, a well groomed black man, sitting in the left rear corner of the chapel. After the service he remained for Sunday school equipped with a Gideon Bible. During class when reference was made to Moroni, Bill promptly stood and said, "Wait a minute – where do I find about Moroni in my bible?" At once he was given a Book of Mormon. We later learned that he had attended the Catholic Mass prior to the Sacrament meeting. He had heard little of Mormons and didn't know what LDS meant but stayed for services on that first Sunday in Salt Lake. He asked for missionary discussions. We toured Temple Square. He listened intently as the Plan of Salvation and gospel of Jesus Christ was taught. When the baptismal challenge was given he accepted with enthusiasm. Bill had been raised in Denver, baptized a Presbyterian and had loving parents who taught him righteous principles. Two marriages failed. He had four children who lived with their mother. Bill was a veteran of the Viet Nam conflict and like many young men yielded to less than righteous peer pressure. With the accumulation of problems with family and self he tried to drown his sorrows in drink and at one point attempted to end his life which failed. While wondering why, his New Testament fell open to Corinthians 6:19-20 ...*What? Know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which you have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

The scripture relieved his depression but attempts to find the fulfillment came slow, but he was very determined. The poisons in his system required treatment. As an employee at the VAMC in Reno he turned to facilities available to him there, but was eventually transported to the Salt Lake VAMC for

treatment. That is when he came to our little branch. We were able to fellowship and share many experiences as he progressed in his studies. We communicated with former Temple Square missionaries in Nevada who would be waiting to greet him and introduce him to his Bishop and ward in Reno. His influence as a member missionary was felt among his fellow hospital patients. His doctors and therapists used him as an example of how the ravages of self abuse can be overcome. Bill was very excited to carry the gospel message to his parents and children as well as his former wives.

Ferron Olson:

It has been a privilege to work at the VAMC. I have been touched by the sacrifices of these veterans who gave much. A frail man from Montana, who was inactive in the Church, developed a new interest in the gospel while in this hospital. It was good to see him ask for the manual, *Brigham Young*, and then the scriptures.

Walter Romney:

Through the years, many brothers and sisters have unselfishly given of their time to serve those who have sacrificed so much to make our lives what they are today, insuring the freedom and liberty we enjoy. This service is very rewarding and much is learned by those who serve. We learn humility, gratitude, patience, courage, understanding, and above all love....love for our fellowman and love for one another. Endless blessings are bestowed upon those who accept the call.

Larry Adkins:

Luckily, I was drawn to Salt Lake City. I had no Mormon experience or family history but I felt specifically drawn here. At the VAMC I learned that I could attend church services,

including those offered by what was known as the "L.D.S. Branch."

I found a peculiar folk who accepted me as is. Although much love was obvious early on, I learned and still learn about holy levels of unconditional love and commitment for veterans by branch volunteers. This often includes unsung efforts by the gifted, smart and industrious ladies of the Relief Society. So much is prayed, made, and freely given by this branch. A high quality of teaching moved me and so much made perfect sense. I heard quite clearly the ring of truth.

On Saturday, December 13, 2008, Branch President Walt Romney baptized me and the following morning at the branch, hands of Godly men were laid on me and I received the Holy Ghost. I knew I was so very lucky and blessed by God.

Soon President Romney was released. The new leaders guided me to a place and condition God wants for His purposes. Love, prayers and the personal attentions of our Stake President, Oscar W. McConkie, benefit our branch. His visits and visage are warming and special to all and most special to me! And so it goes: on the Rock of Jesus Christ, imperfect vessels are fitted to the perfect mission.

Sid and Carol Spencer:

We are grateful for our calling (received about 2003) to serve in the Veterans Hospital Branch. Because of our association with the wonderful members there, and being of service to the patients, our testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel was nourished and as a result Carol and I were sealed in the Salt lake Temple in 2010. The branch is a place where love and acceptance is in abundance and is felt by everyone. It is a special experience to serve there and we were blessed to be called.

Ross and Carolyn Sherman:

We were called to serve in the VAMC Branch in about 2007. It has been a great spiritual growth for us. We have grown closer and more active in the gospel. Ross has received the Melchizedek Priesthood, and we plan soon to be sealed in the temple. We feel it a blessing to serve the veterans and our Father in Heaven.

Cliff and Vena Child:

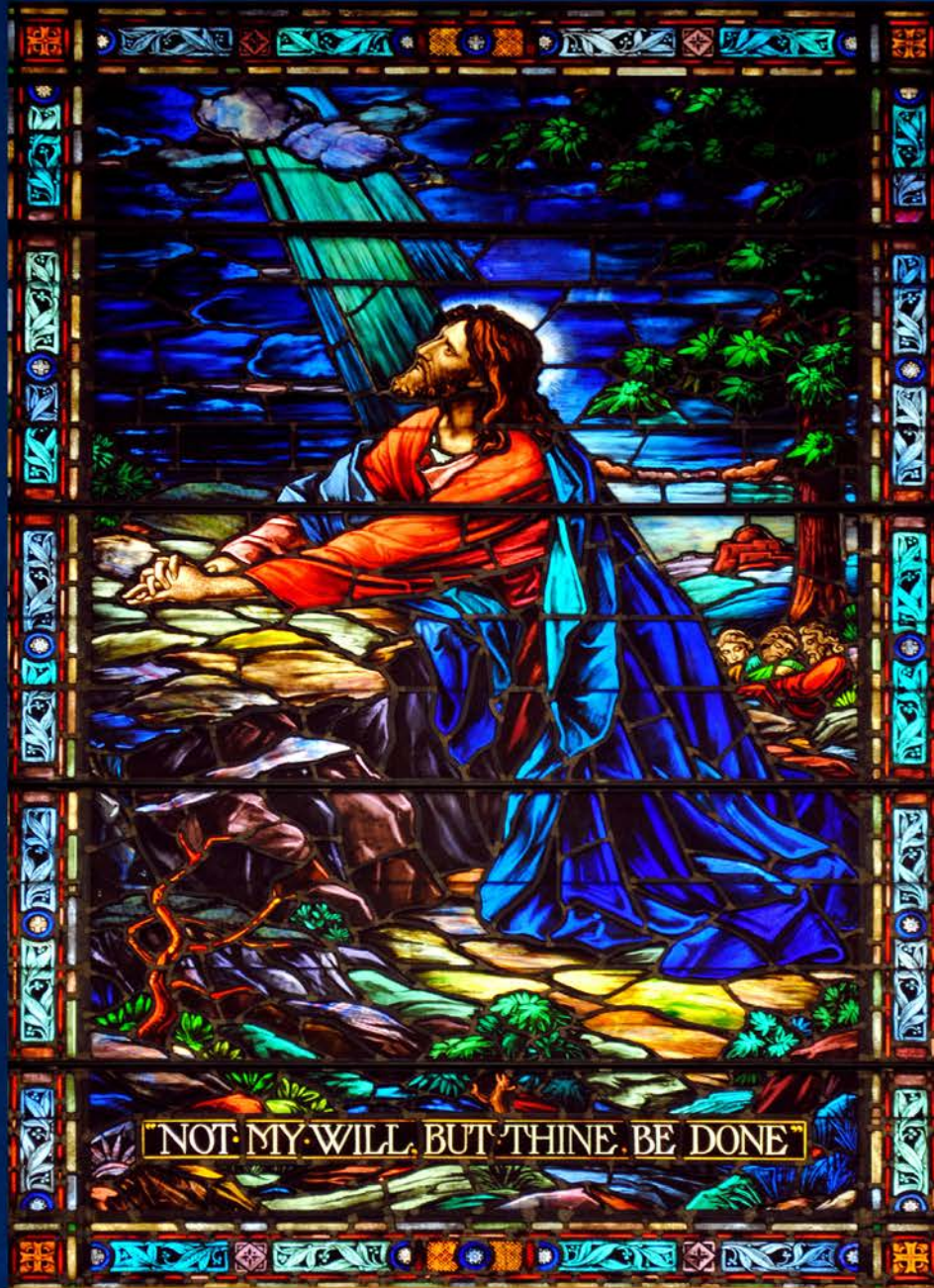
We were invited to serve at the VAMC Branch in February, 2001, by the Stake Presidency. Reed Gardner was the Branch President at that time. I was serving in the Young Women's program and as organist in the Bonneville First Ward. Cliff had been inactive for many years. President Gardner loved us, supported and encouraged us for several months, so in July, 2001, we accepted the call to serve each week at the Branch. During our thirteen years there, the many opportunities to serve individual veterans have been life-changing for us. We have made friendships that will last forever. Also, our knowledge and our testimonies of the Gospel have grown weekly. Serving as the VAMC is one of our choicest blessings, and we are very grateful for this call to serve.

Schedule for Administration of Priesthood Blessings at VAMC

<u>Month</u>	<u>Ward</u>
January	Yalecrest 2
February	Bonneville 2
March	Garden Park 2
April	Yale 2
May	Yalecrest 1
June	Bonneville 1
July	Yale 1
August	Garden Park 1
September	Yalecrest 2
October	Bonneville 2
November	Garden Park 2
December	Yale 2
January 1996	Yalecrest 1

Schedule for Administration of the Sacrament and Sacrament Meeting Musical Numbers at VAMC

<u>Month</u>	<u>Ward</u>
January	Bonneville 1
February	Garden Park 1
March	Yale 1
April	Yalecrest 1
May	Bonneville 1
June	Garden Park 1
July	Yale 1
August	Yalecrest 1
September	Bonneville 1
October	Garden Park 1
November	Yale 1
December	Yalecrest 1
January 1996	Bonneville 2



NOT MY WILL, BUT THINE, BE DONE