



## President's Message

### Act Upon His Word

Dear Elders and Sisters,

General Conference, as always, provides us an opportunity to feast upon the words of Christ. Twice in the 4th chapter of Mark, the Lord cautions us to not only hear but more importantly listen ... and then act upon His words. "If any man have ears to hear, then let him hear."

There seems to be a specific message not only to each of us, but to address each concern. Therefore, let us HEAR and let us ACT.

It is interesting that as we experience major success in our mission, four straight months of 150 or more converts, souls coming to Christ, the adversary has likewise increased his efforts. Read D&C 10: 20 - 27, "And he became Satan, yea, even the devil, the father of all lies, to deceive and to build men, and to lead them captive to his will, even as many as would not hearken unto my voice." (Moses 4: 4)

Let me tell you how I see the adversary attacking our work and the tools he is using. He uses discouragement, depression, illness, distractions and problems at home. Satan's most used approach is discouragement. "You can't do it", he whispers. "It's too late, you've been disobedient in the past, so why change now?" "You're no good." "What's the use?"

These are some of the comments I hear: "No one can teach here!" "Our Stake Mission is the worst! They don't know what they are doing." "My new companion is a DORK. I'll never be able to get along with him or her." "The President is only interested in numbers." Or ..... we might hear Satan suggest to our minds, "You've worked hard, you deserve a play day."

"Thus Satan thinketh to overpower your testimony in this generation, that the work may not come forth in this generation." (D&C 10: 33) HE WANTS YOU TO QUIT TRYING.

Well, guess what? You do have power over the devil, but YOU must choose to exercise it.

The Prophet Joseph Smith taught us, "All beings who have bodies have power over those who do not. The devil has no power over us, only as we permit him."

Elder Wirthlin in his conference address gave us an important quote to live by: "Our path on earth is decided by decisions we make each day." He developed this thought by suggesting our life is like a tapestry we are weaving, as yet unfinished. "We must choose correct threads as we weave the tapestry of our life."

Richard C. Edgley, 1st counselor in the Presiding Bishopric gave us great advice to follow. He asked, "Are we Christians?" Also, "How does the Savior view me?" He said we should be more concerned about our relationship with Christ. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:" (John 10:27)

We can all quote D&C 4. Will you please open your scriptures to read, ponder, study and pray about this section? It tells us "Valiant service" qualifies us for the work. We have been CHOSEN BY GOD AND HIS PROPHET TO DO HIS WORK. It tells us the Godly attributes that qualify us for the work. We all continue to improve our Christlike attributes daily as we serve the Lord. We know, we can see, the ... "FIELD IS WHITE, already to harvest." I testify to you this is just the beginning of your success and the beginning of your coming closer to Christ. It will never cease as long as you desire and seek a closer relationship with your Savior. How do we accomplish this desire? verse 7, "Ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

President Hinckley constantly reminds us ... "You are a Royal Generation." You cannot back down from doing the Lord's work and with his backing you will be successful. Love the Lord. Love one another. Love the members. Love the prospective members. We are all children of God!!"

We love you,  
President and Sister Jones

Dear Elders and Sisters,

One of the most important aspects of our labors is faith and hard work. Through our faith and hard work we have seen the fruit of our labors by having over 150 baptisms for four months straight. Way to go!!! That

deserves an attaboy and attagirl!!!! Much of the success is directly related to "Proselyting for the Elect." For the first couple of months we witnessed a dramatic increase in baptisms, but the enthusiasm has reached a plateau. It's time to rekindle the excitement and confidence in the



Lord's program. In order for us to reach the "Miracle" goal of 200 baptisms, we must show our faith and hard work in the Lord's program, **PROSELYTING FOR THE ELECT**. You are the best of the best. Have fun, be creative, and work hard because it's through hard work that we stay motivated. Remember, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." (James 2: 17)

As you set measurable and attainable goals, plan efficiently everyday, and pray for baptisms the Lord will provide a way and the means possible to accomplish this great and loyal task of bringing souls to Christ. We love you and know that we can do it. Remember that we are on the Lord's side and we will not fail if we are faithful and motivated to baptize. **GET UP TO BAPTIZE!!!**

Love,  
Elders Hall and Chilton

## A PROMISE FULFILLED

One and one-half years ago Christine Stevens came out of the waters of baptism. After fifteen missionaries had approached her, she finally decided to take the discussions. In the confirmation prayer the Lord made it known that her daughters would follow her into the gospel. Her daughters, Katie and Carrie were there and stated "Mother this is good for you, but there is no way we're going to follow, you've gone off the deep end."

Six months later Elder Jasso was involved in the conversion of Elaine Reynolds, a professional cello player. She was a key instrument in this conversion story. Shortly after joining the Church she became a stake missionary. A year later we received a phone call from Sister Reynolds telling us that a sweet lady named Carrie Stevens wanted to hear the discussions. We taught Carrie a first discussion. She was extremely well versed in the Bible, and we had a great spiritual experience. As we were

teaching other discussions and praying with her she was reluctant to set a baptism date. She told us she knew that she needed to take the step to baptism, but somehow we knew she had a hidden concern. We

prayed that we would be able to discover and discuss her concern. Finally we found out she was a Sunday School teacher in her church.

Carrie asked her pastor to release her, and now he became worried that he was going to lose her. She wanted to tell him she had found the true church of Jesus Christ. Each week for three weeks, Carrie told her pastor the next week was going to be the last one she would be teaching. The following Sunday, she prayed before going to church intending to confront her pastor with her final resignation. Surprisingly, she found that her pastor was in Denver with his car broken down. Now she would have to wait until the following week.

As usual, she taught her class, as a class in which no one ever asked questions or shared feelings. This particular day however, one of the girls asked Carrie questions about the Mormon Church. She asked, "Why do Mormons have more meaningful marriages?" Carrie told them it was because of the strong covenants a man and woman make between each other and to God to remain faithful. She told them that these covenants were made in the sacred temples of God. These questions were honest and sincere, so for the next two weeks, Carrie taught Mormon doctrine. Their souls were feasting on the truths that they did not know they longed for. Carrie hoped the parents of the girls didn't get too upset.

Her pastor ignored her, but finally he came to her home to try to talk her out of getting baptized. After an unsuccessful attempt he stormed out of the house. Carrie held to what she knew was true even though it was hard for her. She was baptized and thus fulfilled part of the promise given to her from the Lord.

Carrie fulfilled all the reading assignments in the Book of Mormon. She would not have joined the church without the strength that comes from reading the Book of Mormon. Her baptism was powerful and peaceful at the same time. The Book of Mormon is true and "a man (will) get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book."

Elders Tippetts and Heyworth

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**3 DAYS SINCE  
THE LAST  
PREVENTABLE  
ACCIDENT**

**Action Of The Month**  
**We are Family!!**  
**We Help One Another!!**

### Study Schedule

Week 17 April 19 - Obedience  
Week 18 April 26 - Humility  
Week 19 May 3 - Own Choice  
Week 20 May 10 - Source of Truth





**Memorization Scripture**

"And, as it is written - Whatsoever ye shall ask in faith, being united in prayer according to my command, ye shall receive.

And ye are called to bring to pass the gathering of mine elect; for mine elect hear my voice and harden not their hearts."

- D&C 29: 6-7

**"100 Hour Proselyting Week"**

Before we explain the marvelous blessings our area received, we should first explain what a "100 Hour" proselyting week is, and why we had been lacking the very basic things of why missionaries are there, that being elect spirits to teach. Therefore we decided to sacrifice everything for this righteous cause.

We decided that we were going to bind the Lord (D&C 82: 10), and do everything in our power to reach our original goal of teaching 20 discussions and baptizing 8 souls. We had been praying and working diligently all month, but it came down to this last week in February. The "100 Hour" proselyting week schedule is as follows:

5:30 - Arise  
6:40 - Begin Proselyting  
12:00 - Lunch  
12:24 - Proselyting  
5:00 - Dinner  
5:30 - Proselyting  
10:15 - End Proselyting  
10:30 - Retire

(Allow 3 hours preparation on P-day)

We followed this schedule precisely for one week. The blessings that followed were amazing. In the previous weeks we were struggling to teach 1-3 discussions, during this week we were able to teach 6 prospective discussions. We realized that our goal of teaching 20 discussions wasn't accomplished. Yet we came away with a strong testimony that perfect obedience and pure diligence in the Lord's name does produce blessings that are unimaginable. Our original goal was to baptize 8 people. Again, we were not able to accomplish it. With the Lord's help, though, we saw a beautiful family of 3 enter into the Church. All who were in attendance at this wonderful event felt the spirit of the Lord as a Father, Mother and Daughter entered into a covenant with God to take Christ's name upon them. We look back on this week with fond memories. It was a great opportunity to grow closer together as a companionship and grow closer to Heavenly Father. This is Christ's Church, we are his representatives. Let us show the Lord how much we love him as we serve "With an eye single to the glory of God."

Love,

Elders Kingrey and Barnum

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

<b>Highest Baptizing Stake</b>	Thyane Wyoming Stake	7
<b>ZONES</b>		
Highest Baptizing:	Willard Bay	24
Highest Teaching:	Willard Bay	174
Most BOM's Placed:	Ogden	298
Most Adds:	Bountiful, Layton	45
<b>Companionships</b>		
Highest Baptizing:	Elders Stradling, Beste	8
Highest Teaching:	Elders Anderson, Chantry	40
Most BOM's Placed:	Elders Hinton, Enfield	74
Most Adds:	Elders Buckner, Camp	12
<b>Companionships baptizing 4 or more in March</b>		
Elders Nitchman, Scruggs		6
Elders Bradley, White		5
Elders Elton, Sisco, Worthington		5
Elders Anderson, Chantry		5
Elders Baker, Rice, B. Roberts		5
Elders Heyworth, Tippetts, Davis		5
Elders Elton, Johnston, Pacific		5
Sister Watton, Banister		4
Elders Fultz, Bullock		4
Elders Morris, Chick		4
Elders Bohanan, Whipple		4
Sisters Busby, Adams, Minns		4
Elders Buckner, Camp		4
Elders Burgess, von Harten		4

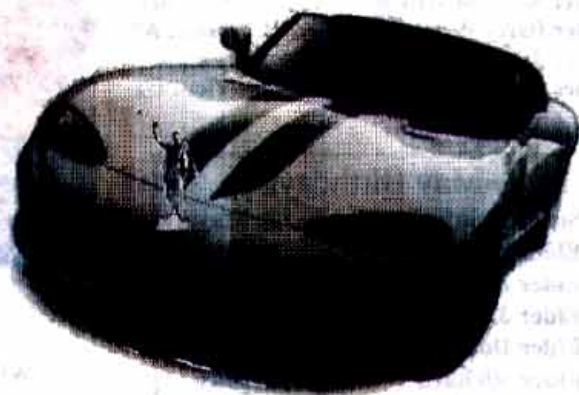
**Memorization Hymn:**

"Choose The Right" Hymn # 239

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

**"The Lord doesn't ask about our inability's or abilities. He only asked about our availability. If we show our dependability, he will help us in our capabilities."**

- Elder Neil A. Maxwell



**SISTERS GRIMMES AND LAWLOR  
LEAVE ELDERS IN THE DUST!**



"You are the Lords  
representative..."



**BE AN EXAMPLE TO ALL!**

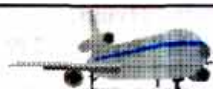
**ARRIVALS  
APRIL 1998**



Elder Owen Ala	Soldotna, Ak
Elder James Earl	Lethbridge, AB
Elder LaMar Ethington	Gulfport, MS
Elder Braden Huber	Glenwood, MD
Sister Troy Wilde	Bourbonnais, IL
Sister Rosalie Clarke	Taylor, UT
Elder Don Clarke	Taylor, UT

**TRAVELERS APRIL 1998**

Elder Jason Anderson  
Elder Robert Fultz  
Elder Jeremy Rausch  
Elder Bradley Roberts  
Elder Lawrance Snowden



**DEPARTURES  
APRIL 1998**

Sister Kerri Banister	Springport, MI
Elder Jason Chantry	Lomita, CA
Sister Alicia Cooper	Bronx, NY
Elder Scott DeVore	Stewart, FL
Elder Mark Hinton	Calgary, AB
Sister Maureen Miller	Arlington Heights, IL
Elder Richard Roberts	Greenwood, MS
Sister Kristen Walter	Collingswood, NJ
Sister Amanda Wilson	Canton, MI
Elder Darcy Wright	Cardston, AB
Sister June Forsyth	Pleasant View, UT
Elder Bryce Forsyth	Pleasant View, UT

**May Birthdays**

Sister Heather A. Puett	3, May
Elder Jeremy C. Rice	5, May
Elder Aaron Frick	8, May
Elder Jeff E. Jensen	8, May
Elder Doug Wodffinden	12, May
Elder Richard Woodruff	14, May
Elder Philip Isernhagen	20, May
Sister Jared K. Baker	29, May

**NEW  
TRAVELING ELDER**

**Elder  
John Kingrey**



**New District Leaders**

**Elder  
Russell Hales**



**Elder  
Ronald Ruiz**



**Elder  
Jason Sisco**



**Elder  
Jason Yeagly**



**NEW  
ZONAL  
LEADERS**

**Elder  
Reed Butterfield**



**Elder  
Jeremy Gook**



**"President Rules!"**

Winning entry of the First Annual Ogden Zone Conference Jell-O Competition. Elders Thurber and Huffstetler used red Jell-O, tuna fish, and mustard to win this competition.



## **PRESIDENTS REMINDERS**

**ONWARD & UPWARD**

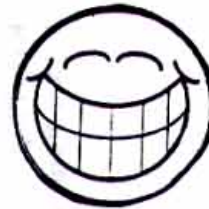


### **ACTION OF THE MONTH**

**WE ARE FAMILY!!! WE HELP  
ONE ANOTHER!!!**

#### **REMINDERS:**

- DO NOT USE ST. JOHN'S WORT—BAD REACTION TO CERTAIN FOODS.
- IF YOU MUST BE LATE TO SACRAMENT MEETING, DON'T WALK UP AND SIT ON STAND, SIT IN BACK.
- MEMBERS WHO'S NAMES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM RECORD MUST HAVE BAPTISMAL INTERVIEW BY BISHOP, THEY ARE NOT CONVERT BAPTISMS.
- ON P-DAY, PLAN AHEAD, STICK TO YOUR SCHEDULE—COMPLAINTS FROM MEMBERS SUPPLYING RIDES.
- WHEN TRANSFERRED INTO NEW AREA, BE SURE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO WML, BISHOP AND STAKE PRESIDENT.
- **DREAMS DON'T COME TRUE BY SLEEPING IN!!!**
- **BE BOLD**
- **SMILE**
- **OBEDIENCE IS COOL**



#### **LET'S GET SPECIFIC:**

### **• LOCK YOUR HEART !!!!!**

- NEW WORLD ORDER IS NOT APPROVED READING—GET RID OF IT!!
- DO NOT DRIVE YOUR CARS ON P-DAY.
- NO SHAVED HEADS OR VERY SHORT HAIR CUTS. NO FACIAL HAIR AND REMEMBER THE CORRECT LENGTH OF YOUR SIDEBURNS.
- DON'T COME TO TRANSFERS UNLESS YOUR COMPANION OR YOURSELF IS BEING TRANSFERRED.

#### **ATTABOYS - ATTAGIRLS**

- **GREAT** comments by Stake Presidents about you..
- **WOW...** Record 49 baptisms in one week!!
- **BIG** month for baptisms. Not a record but fourth month in a row over 150 baptisms. It's a trend.
- **SISTERS** Smoke Elders - High Teach - Receive Car

#### **STATS:**

Mission baptisms for    Mar 98 = 158    Mar 97 = 174    Last Mo. = 152  
Mission baptisms since Dec 1997 = 621    YTD since Dec 1996 = 566  
Discussions taught -    Mar 98 = 1,182    Discussions taught last month 1,196

### **WHAT WILL YOU ADD THIS MONTH???**

MEMORIZATION:

PURPOSE OF MISSIONARY WORK

D&C 29:6&7

HYMN: CHOOSE THE RIGHT #239

## Baptismal Recommends Received Through April 10, 1998-6

Lorena Alarcon	Peter Gilchrist	Edward Kopecky	Dawn Preece	Aaron Smith
Michael Alvares	Shangchia Graham	Marie LaChance	Mark Preece	Tai Smith
Trent Anderson	James Grasse	Casey Layton	Christine Prisbrey	Carrie Stevens
Page Balaich	Anthony Haar	Lacey Long	Ryan Quinton	Andrew Surette
Clayton Barney	Shane Hall	Robert Long	Brock Rallison	Dawn Tanner
Clay Black	Travis Hall	Carrie Longhurst	Dustin Rallison	Morris Timmreck
Karen Black	Scott Hammer	Bryan Lopez	Tyler Rallison	Susan Vargo
Alesha Blakeley	Magen Haroni	Barbara MacDonald	Michelle Remo	Omar Villarreal
Ellen Bristow	Justin Harrop	Tegan MacDonald	Nickalaus Renteria	Alexa Warren
Johnnie Bristow	Lacie Heinz	Sarah Marciano	Constance Rhoades	Jan Warren
Zachary Burton	John Hofer	Kara Marsh	Mark Ritchie	Kevin Weatherspoon
Alma Calleja	Shawndell Hoyt	Tammy Miller	Roberto Rodriguez	Jimmy West
Amanda Carpenter	Douglas Irwin	Tyler Miller	Torri Sant	Cody Wilkerson
Jacob Cox	Adriana Jarquin	Elizabeth Mueller	Whitney Sant	Adam Williams
John Crowden	Edgar Jarquin	Lee Owen	Steven Schafer	Jason Wirey
George Cummings	Chris Jensen	Yancie Parsons	Cameron Scamons	Jose Zermeno
Brooke Dockstader	Amanda Jensen	Cameron Perry	Whitney Seifert	Monica Zermeno
Stephany Empey	Jason Jerman	Sandra Perry	Nancy Sellers	
Robert Eskridge	Rachel Johnson	Monique Phillips	Christopher Simpson	
Daniel Gellis	Cody Jones	Kyle Phipps	Zachary Simpson	
Alan Geraghty	Sunja Kim	Parker Phipps	Shaun Slaney	