

## President's Message

### "Be A Little Better"

Dear Elders and Sisters,

At the conclusion of April Conference, President Hinckley repeated the now familiar phrase, asking people to resolve in their hearts to "do a little better than we have done in the past." He continued by saying "we can all be a little kinder, a little more generous, a little more thoughtful of one another. We can be a little more tolerant and friendly." ...and show more respect for others. President Hinckley then asked us to continually work to strengthen our families. He said, "let us not take one another for granted but let us consistently work to nurture a spirit of respect for each other. We must guard against fault finding, anger and disrespect for one another." As the Lord's representative serving in the Utah Ogden Mission, let us apply President Hinckley's counsel to all that we come in contact with. Companions, other missionaries, perspective members and members.

Elder Neal A. Maxwell warned us against selfishness, describing how destructive it is both personally and as a society, he called selfishness "self-destruction in slow motion." He then quoted the prophet Joseph Smith as saying that every selfish feeling should be "not only buried, but annihilated." Elder Maxwell said, "there is not room for road rage on the straight and narrow way." He noted that meekness is the real cure, for it does not merely mask selfishness but it dissolves it."

Elder L. Tom Perry said, let's teach with **GREAT POWER**. His formula is simple. 1. Follow the Savior's example. 2. Study the word of the Lord. 3. Prepare through obedience. Elder Perry recited the example of Jesus teaching in the temple at the early age of twelve. "This example from the Savior's early life shows the sense of **URGENCY** he felt about

the teaching the word of God." He explained that we must be serious in our study of the word of the Lord to be able to "impart our acquired knowledge to others."

President James E. Faust reminded us that "religion is more than a ritual; it is righteousness." He further stated that, "moral breakdowns occur as the teachings of God are separated from personal conduct." Therefore, if we can all be "a little better, guard against fault finding anger and disrespect for one another, and guard against selfishness." By being humble and meek, we can **TEACH WITH GREATER POWER**. The power formula fits into this pattern: we all know "**OBEDIENCE IS COOL**", the importance of **FAITH AND WORK** in receiving the blessings of the **SPIRIT** and the greatest **POWER** comes to us when we are willing to follow the example of the Savior and give to our Heavenly Father our willingness to serve him with all our heart, might, mind and strength.

President Hinckley stated in his concluding remarks, "let us be a people of honesty and integrity, doing the right thing at all times and in all circumstances. Great are our blessings. Tremendous is our responsibility. Let us get on our knees and plead with the Lord for direction. Then let us stand on our feet, square up our shoulders, and march forward without fear to enlarge among people everywhere the righteousness of the Lord."

To this we add our testimony, that this is the Lord's work. You are in the **RIGHT PLACE** at the **RIGHT TIME**. Let's all follow the prophet's counsel and be a little better each day. We pray for you in all things daily.

We Love You,  
President and Sister Jones

Dear Elders and Sisters,

The greatest asset for us as a personal representative of Jesus Christ is to use the Spirit in all aspects of missionary work. The Spirit is the key to conversion and it leads all to make and keep commitments. The most powerful method of inviting the Spirit can be through prayer. Many of us upon arriving here in the Utah Ogden Mission had the opportunity to watch the "Joseph Smith Pray Now Technique", demonstrated and to feel how strong the Spirit can be in such a situation. How excited we were to go out and teach using the "Pray Now Technique". The Spirit had touched us and we were determined to help others feel the same way we did that night. When we invite investigators, members, or missionaries to pray, and if they pray with full purpose of heart, it allows the Spirit a chance to communicate with

our own spirit an answer from our Father in Heaven. We are children of God, and he wants us to be happy. He wants us to know of His love for us and how we can return to live with him, and many times it takes our asking, for us to receive an answer. Throughout our lives we have concerns, even as missionaries. It is through the humility of sincere prayer we can reach a resolve. We should never underestimate the power of prayer. James E. Faust said "A fervent prayer is a two-way communication that will do much to bring the Spirit flowing like healing water to help us with trials, hardships, aches, and pains we all face." We know as you invite everyone to pray the Spirit will touch their heart.

We love Y'all,  
Elders Fletcher and Allred



# CONVERSION STORY

## AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

When I was serving in Washington Terrace with Elder Labiszak, we had a baptism set for an 11 year old girl named Robin. I was honored when she asked me to baptize her and so excited, that I rehearsed the moment over and over. When we went over to pick her up, I could tell something was wrong. Normally she was excited and jumping with joy. Then she softly said the words that seemed to tear my heart apart, "I can't be baptized!" The excitement that had been building within me for the past week had just been crushed by four words. After several seconds of total silence, I said to her, "why don't you want to be baptized?" She said that she really did want to be baptized, but her mother wouldn't let her. I couldn't believe that all of our teaching had been for nothing, but I know that a seed had been planted and one day she will be baptized. To give some comfort to her, Elder Labiszak gave her a CTR ring and we told her never to forget us and the discussions we had. As the baptism service was ready, we had to walk to the church and inform all that the baptism had been canceled. I felt impressed to say and promised them that we would have a baptism in their ward before I was transferred and that they all would be there.

That very night, we were introduced to a 9-year old girl who was not a member. We were able to teach her all the discussions and she did awesome. Remarkable enough, her baptism date was set for the 22nd of November and I would be leaving on the 25th. All my words were being fulfilled, except I wasn't assigned to baptize her. When we went to her house to fill out the baptism program and got to the person who was to perform the baptism, she said "I want you to do it Elder Hutson." My eyes began to fill with tears, knowing again that my Father in Heaven had blessed me with this gift to replace my saddened and discouraged tears of the last baptism. The night that I was honored to baptize Amanda Kathryn Hales was to be one of my most spiritual experiences. As we walked to the church, I visioned all the smiling faces and most important of all, Amanda's smiling face. As we entered the baptismal room, only the ward mission leader was there. We had told Amanda and her mother to be there 30 minutes early. As the clock struck the 7th hour, everyone began to come, but still no Amanda. Then I heard that she was with her father who was against the baptism. I kept saying to myself, "no, please God you promised me!" The thought of it happening to me twice was sending me into the depths of despair. At 7:10 we went to their home only to find a deserted house. Back to the church we went, her mother was in the parking lot, and I ran asking her where was Amanda. She shrugged her shoulders and said, "she's with her

dad!" Around 7:30 I caught a glimpse of some cars pulling into the parking lot. I saw her father exit his car with a harsh look on his face. My immediate concern was Amanda. I quickly asked her how she was doing and said, "so are you ready to get baptized?" I was on the edge of despair as I awaited her remarks. She looked up at me and said, "I'm ready to be baptized Elder Hutson!" I told her to prepare herself for the greatest experience of her life. I shook her father's hand and welcomed him to the baptism. As the service began, I noticed that the contention in the room was being taken over by the Spirit.

I entered into the font with Amanda and I'll never forget the look on her face as she breathed her first breath coming up out of the water. The Spirit was truly there. I felt so good.

After the closing prayer, I was taken aside by Amanda's father. He began crying and said, "thank you so much, thank you." He embraced me with a hug tighter than I've ever felt. The tears continued down his face as he held me for several moments. I couldn't believe that I was witnessing so great a moment. A man who had been led away by Satan's deceivings was now humbled by the Spirit through his daughter's baptism.

After the trial of my faith, I was able to receive this wonderful blessing from my Heavenly Father. It will be remembered forever!

Love,  
Elder Joshua Hutson

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## Memorization Hymn

"Because I Have  
Been Given Much."

# #219

## Thought of the Month

"There are three kinds of people in the World:  
1) Those that make things happen 2) Those that watch things happen 3) Those who Have no Idea of What Is Happening."  
Nicholas Murray Butler



# Special Recognition

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☆High Bapt. Stake	Clearfield North	11
☆Zones		
☆Highest Baptizing:	Clearfield	25
☆Highest Teaching:	Clearfield	268
☆Most BOM's Placed	Clearfield	303
☆Most Adds	Clearfield	61
☆Companionships		
☆Highest Baptizing	Elders Torrie, Haentges	11
☆Highest Teaching	Elders Habermann, Gammons	89
☆Most BOM's Placed	Elders Torrie, Haentges	112
☆Most Adds	Elders Habermann, Gammons	26
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## Companionships Baptizing 4 or more

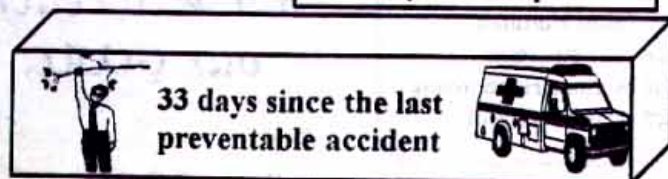
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☆Elders Lewis, Tieru-Hatu	7	☆
☆Elders Mathews, vonHarten	6	☆
☆Elders Kelly, Monita	5	☆
☆Elders Hudson, Sanchez	5	☆
☆Elders Laurens, Campos	4	☆
☆Sisters Wilde, Urry	4	☆
☆Elders Linder, Sonny	4	☆
☆Elders Johnson, Demas	4	☆
☆Elders Williams, Meyer	4	☆
☆Elders Leonheart, Hendricks	4	☆
☆Sisters Studer, Minns, Lawrence	4	☆
☆Sisters Warde, Chao	4	☆
☆Elders Henrie, Jimenez		
☆Elders Habermann, Gammons		
☆Elders Cruz, Castillo	4	☆
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## Action of The Month:

# Pray with Everyone!

### Study Schedule

Week 1 May 2	Humility
Week 2 May 9	Own Choice
Week 3 May 16	Source of Truth
Week 4 May 23	Apostasy
Week 5 May 30	Scriptures



## High Teaching Car

Elders Habermann & Gammons set new record 89!!



## Memorization Scripture

### Matthew 28:19-20

19. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Ghost:  
20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

## Classified Ads

1. Elder Cusick's Bike is missing Green & Gold Trek 6500 if found Send ads to call Office. Elder Clegg
2. Elder Ferro is selling his Bike for \$200/O.B.O for More Info. Call him At His Apartment.
3. Elder Kronqvist's Bike is Missing Green Gary Fisher Marlin. If found call the office.
4. Elder Wagner is selling his bike \$200-GT outpost. 14 1/2" frame. Call for more information.



## New Zone Leaders

Elder Gratiot



Elder Ala



Elder Von Hatten



## New District Leaders

Elder Massey E.



Elder Swenson



## April Arrivals

Sister Rhada Atkinson	Nambour, Australia
Elder Paul Behan	St. Joseph, Mo
Elder Bradley Buckman	Lebanon, KY
Elder Ryan Ebeltoft	Fisk, Mo
Elder Matt Makuakane	Naalehu, HI
Elder John Neely	Antioch, TN
Elder Jeff Pandl	Hastings, MI
Elder Commodore Rush	Inman, SC
Elder Stephen V. Williams	Lake, BC Can.
Elder David Wheeler	Peachtree City, GA

## April Departures

Elder Wesley Bullock	AB Can, Welling
Elder Jeremy Gook	BC Can, Quesnel
Elder Marcelo Moreira	Brasil, Limeria
Elder Jeremy Rausch	AB Can, Balzac
Elder Mauricio Silva	Brasil, Rio Grande
Elder Nicholas Slay	Lake Charles, LA

## New A.P.



Elder Allred

## New Traveler

Elder Matthews



## June Birthdays

Elder Thomas Holmes	2 Jun
Elder Logan Joulie	2 Jun
Elder Jason Anderson	6 Jun
Elder Jason Burd	6 Jun
Elder David Foster	6 Jun
Elder Jason Hottman	6 Jun
Elder Benjamin Nelson	7 Jun
Elder Dean Scruggs	9 Jun
Elder Don Clarke	10 Jun
Elder Ryan Fleming	10 Jun
Elder Keith Hamilton	11 Jun
Elder Brian Buck	14 Jun
Sister Ching-fen Chao	14 Jun
Elder Rodney Jaco	14 Jun
Elder David Swenson	19 Jun
Elder Stephen Wagner	19 Jun
Elder Cameron Williams	22 Jun
Elder Brad Sprayberry	24 Jun
Elder Christopher Cassell	25 Jun
Elder Jason Butler	26 Jun
Elder Sebastian Ferro	26 Jun
Elder William Mathews	26 Jun
Elder David Wach	29 Jun

## Trainers

Sister Wendy Studer  
Elder Sean Haentges  
Elder Bryce Roberts  
Elder David Vargas  
Elder Steve Brennemann  
Elder Daniel Hubler  
Elder Jason Hottman  
Elder Jon Townsend  
Elder Mathias Habermann  
Elder Matt Leonhardt

Work like a  
horse to reach  
our GOAL:

2000  
by  
2000!!!





## ASSISTING STAKE MISSIONS

### I Stake Missionaries

- A. Use all of them, all the time.
  - 1. Every appointment, tracting, member work.
  - 2. Have them teach with an aid in follow-up with investigators and members.
  - 3. Elders, have Sister missionaries meet you at appointments.  
Sisters, have the brethren meet you at appointments.
- B. Have at least five per ward.
  - 1. Elders, three brethren and two sisters.
  - 2. Sisters, three sisters and two brethren
- C. Split calendar.
  - 1. Choose nights of week for each stake to do splits each month.
  - 2. Have stake mission president assign wards to each day.
  - 3. Wards responsible for acquiring splits for nights assigned.

### II Ward Mission Leader

- A. Meet with on monthly to bi-monthly basis.
- B. Commit to hold weekly ward correlation.
  - 1. Contact stake missionaries.
    - a. Set up time and day to meet each week.
  - 2. Have stake mission presidency follow up.
- C. Commit to come to weekly stake correlation (if not coming).
  - 1. Send representative if not coming.
  - 2. Express importance of correlation.
- D. Commit to submit for five stake missionaries (if not have).

### III Stake Mission President

- A. Meet with once a month.
  - 1. Follow-up.
  - 2. Share new ideas and programs.
- B. Commit to support weekly ward correlation.
  - 1. Stake Mission President request that weekly ward correlation meetings be held with specific time and day.
  - 2. Follow-up.
- C. Commit to training.
  - 1. Once a month.
- D. Commit to holding PPI's with ward mission leaders each month.
- E. Commit to visit individual ward correlation each month.
- F. Commit to goal setting for stake.
  - 1. Number of converts.
  - 2. Number of reactivations.
  - 3. Fellowshiping.
  - 4. Bringing awareness of missionary work to wards/stake.

**IV Weekly Stake Correlation Format**

- A. Song and prayer (to bring in Spirit).
- B. Ward Mission Leaders correlate to you.
  - 1. Have them tell you what they and their stake missionaries have done that week, tell them what you and your companion have done that week.
  - 3. Show appreciation for work they have done and ask if there is any way you can help them.
- C. Spiritual thought or sharing of missionary experience.
- D. Song and prayer to close

**V. Weekly Ward Correlation Format**

- A. Song and prayer (to bring in Spirit).
- B. Discuss investigators, inactives, part-member families.
  - 1. Fellowshiping.
  - 2. Progress.
  - 3. Help needed.
- C. Discuss Ward
  - 1. How can we help the ward be more missionary minded.
  - 2. Are activities facilitating missionary work.
- D. Discuss new members.
  - 1. New member discussions.
  - 2. Active fellowshiping.
  - 3. Assigned visiting and home teachers.
  - 4. Calling.
  - 5. Interview by bishop.
  - 6. Priesthood, temple.
- E. Delegation of assignments for week.
  - 1. Follow-up mid-week.

**VI Ward Missionary Committees Format**

- A. Headed by Ward Mission Leader.
- B. Include each auxiliary leader.
- C. Meet at least once a month.
  - 1. Have day and time set each month.
- D. Discuss
  - 1. Non-members coming to activities and who knows them.
  - 2. Incorporation of inactive and non-members in activities.
  - 3. Current investigators.
    - a. How can involve.
    - b. How can fellowship.



**PRESIDENTS REMINDERS**  
**ONWARD & UPWARD**



**ACTION OF THE MONTH**

**"PRAY WITH EVERYONE"**

**REMINDERS:**

- MISSIONARIES ARE *NOT* TO PERFORM BAPTISMS IN RIVERS OR LAKES. THE BRETHREN HAVE REQUESTED ALL BAPTISMS TAKE PLACE IN FONTS.
- *ALWAYS FORGIVE OTHER MISSIONARIES FOR WHAT THEY SAY AND DO--WITHOUT THIS PROCESS, WE CAN'T BE FORGIVEN.*
- NO P-DAY DRIVING OF CAR UNTIL 6:00 P.M., UNLESS YOU HAVE A 5:00 P.M. APPOINTMENT.
- WHEN TEACHING A PERSON WHO DOES NOT LIVE IN YOUR AREA, YOU MUST HAVE A FELLOWSHIP FROM HOME WARD AT DISCUSSIONS--MUST MEET BISHOP AND ATTEND AT LEAST ONE SACRAMENT MEETING--BE CONFIRMED ALL AT HOME WARD!!!
- ***DREAMS DON'T COME TRUE BY SLEEPING IN!!!***
- ***BE BOLD & SMILE***
- ***OBEDIENCE IS COOL !!!!***



**LET'S GET SPECIFIC:**

- ***BE MORE FORMAL: ALWAYS USE ELDER & SISTER WITH LAST FULL NAME.***
- ***ELIMINATE "YOU GUYS" SLANG.***
- ***NEVER GO IN HOMES OF MEMBERS OR PERSPECTIVE MEMEBERS WHEN THEY ARE NOT HOME!***
- ***AVOID ALL TALK OR APPEARANCE OF WRONG DOING OR QUESTIONABLE BEHAVIOR. DON'T TALK TRASH ABOUT FORMER COMPANIONS. YOU ARE THE SAVIOR'S REPRESENTATIVE!!***

**ATTABOYS - ATTAGIRLS**

- ***CONTRATULATIONS TO ELDERS HABERMANN & GAMMONS, HIGH TEACHING FOR APRIL, 89.***
- ***MISSIONARIES ARE DOING GREAT WORKING WITH MEMBERS.***
- ***WOW!! NEW RECORD FOR APRIL 182 BAPTISMS.***
- ***GREAT FIRST 4 MONTHS!!!***
- ***ELDER HABERMAN'S DISTRICT TAUGHT 63 DISCUSSIONS IN ONE WEEK! (ELDERS GAMMONS, TORRIE, HAENTGES, GARDNER, WILLIAMS)***

**STATISTICS**

Mission baptisms for	Apr 99 =	182	Apr 98 =	137	Last Mo. =	165
Mission baptisms YTD 1999	=	742	YTD 1998 =	608		
Discussions taught	Apr 99 =	1872	Discussions taught last month	1643		

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

**MEMORIZATION: MATT 28:19&20**

**HYMN BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN GIVEN MUCH #219**



# Baptismal Recommends Received Through April 30, 1999

Aracely Adams  
 Jamie Aga  
 John Alanis  
 Juan Alanis  
 Paulina Alanis  
 Fernando Aldave  
 Nicholas Arismendi  
 Gregory Atencio  
 Louis Bader  
 Eden Baker  
 Brady Bennett  
 Susan Bernal  
 Tim Bernal  
 Paul Berry  
 John Bertrand  
 Joshua Boettner  
 James Brannan  
 Erik Brockhoff  
 David Brooks  
 Ryan Brunell  
 Bryan Brunell  
 Jerry Burnett  
 Kathie Burningham  
 Reba Cambell  
 Benjamin Carter  
 Eduardo Cesar  
 Sebastian Chavez  
 Becky Checketts  
 Braxton Christensen  
 Tyler Christiansen  
 Todd Clifford  
 Marissa Combes  
 Joshua Cortez  
 Mandi Cox  
 Jensen Cox  
 Luis Cruz  
 Calvert Cruz  
 Colten Davis  
 James Decker  
 Jessica Delgado  
 Kristi Dennett  
 Jessica Dettmann  
 Zachary Dettmann  
 Daniel DeVries  
 Ty DeVries  
 Jared Dille

Stevie Dillree  
 Alexander Ely  
 Thomas Epp  
 Kimberly Epps  
 Ryan Finley  
 Kory FirstRaised  
 Jean Fisher  
 Stacie Foulger  
 Nathaniel Garcia  
 Troy Garcia  
 Trevor Gardner  
 April Garong  
 Tristan Garrett  
 Kolby George  
 Miriam Gliddon  
 Kiera Gomm  
 Timothy Green  
 Tyler Greenhalgh  
 Alexis Harris  
 George Hartog  
 Mary Hass  
 Steven Hepner  
 Adelaida Higbee  
 Clifford Hill  
 Robert Hinchcliffe  
 Laura Hoff  
 Richard Holbert  
 Travis Holmberg  
 Brittney Hopkins  
 Diane Hutchinson  
 Joaquin Iazetti  
 Stephanie James  
 Joshua Jones  
 Brandon Jones  
 Sharon Judkins  
 Andrew Juergens  
 Gordon Kelson  
 Makinzee Kemp  
 Cori Kerr  
 Kyle Knoll  
 Collin Lancy  
 Kara Larson  
 Jesse Layland  
 Norma Layland  
 Jennaca Lindgren  
 Stephan Lindsey

Zach Locke  
 Ian Longfellow  
 Nicholas Luthi  
 Christopher Lyons  
 Lindsay Maestas  
 Alicia Marble  
 Torrey Marshall  
 Judy Martin  
 Daniel Martin  
 KelseiRae Martinez  
 Syc Matua  
 Kirsten McCollum  
 Catherine McCullough  
 Lyndsay McCullough  
 Omar McDade  
 Karli McGahn  
 Sean McGahn  
 Jacey McGregor  
 Brittney McLaughlyn  
 Madison Mills  
 James Mills  
 Scott Mitchell  
 Cody Mitchell  
 Michael Montognese  
 Lydia Mora  
 Rogelio Mora  
 Monty Morris  
 Katrina Mulvey  
 Tyson Murphy  
 Brandon Murphy  
 Amanda Murray  
 Shayanne Murray  
 Joshua Nattress  
 Rechael Nebeker  
 Corey Nelson  
 Jamie Nicol  
 Blake Noseworthy  
 Seth Noseworthy  
 Sylvia Pacheco  
 Kamilyn Patrick  
 Sylvia Peay  
 John Peters  
 Brooke Pilkington  
 William Plato  
 Hua Qiao  
 Patricia Ray

James Richards  
 Jennifer Richards  
 John Richards  
 Lizette Richards  
 Kassandra Rigby  
 Jacob Robertson  
 Rehanna Robinson  
 Carrie Rogers  
 Nicholas Rowley  
 Tricia Schmidt  
 Ashley Schneider  
 Kirk Shepard  
 Robert Sherwood  
 Taisha Shields  
 Wesley Sibert  
 Laura Smith  
 Brooke Smith  
 Gabrielle Sneddon  
 Orlin Southwick  
 Christopher Spearing  
 Jessica Stinson  
 Scott Stinson  
 Erik Stoeckle  
 Marte Susasnavas  
 Troy Swan  
 William Sykes  
 Aaron Teel  
 Sunny Thompson  
 Briana Thompson  
 Diana Trafny  
 Pamela Trujillo  
 Austin Truscott  
 Shirley Valdez  
 Alfred Valdez  
 Chet VanderStappen  
 Natasha Vincent  
 Tracy Vorwaller  
 Joseph Wales  
 Juntin Warr  
 Dorna Wells  
 Travis Whitaker  
 Lynda Wilson  
 Kimberly Woodyatt  
 Patti Wright  
 Jessica Yeckle  
 John Young