



## President's Message

### "O Lord...We Are The Work Of Thy Hands"

Dear Elders and Sisters,

We know we are spiritual children of our Father in Heaven created in His image. Mormon tells us we "are in the hands of God." When we listen to the counsel of the prophet and our priesthood leaders, God will protect us, guide and direct us, especially as we serve Him **AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**. This is His work and it will not fail. It will continue to roll forth until the entire earth receives His word. You are part of the greatest missionary force ever assembled. You are a part of something really big!

You have been called with a holy calling to bear witness of Jesus Christ. **YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED OF GOD**, by those who are in authority to preach the gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof. A missionary's calling carries many responsibilities, but also brings countless blessings into your lives.

We come to love and cherish the people we serve and teach. We want them to obtain and realize the blessings of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We know the knowledge of Christ and His gospel brings true joy. When discouragement and disappointment come into our lives, we must remember that Jesus Christ suffered for us and then be willing to bear without murmuring our trials. Elder Neal A. Maxwell put it this way: "since the most innocent suffered the most, our own cries of why? cannot match His. But we can utter the same, submissive word, nevertheless..." (Matthew 26:38) We are

all familiar with the phrase "freedom isn't free". Neither is the price of discipleship without its cost.

This past month, we have seen and felt the hand of the Lord and His angels protecting many of you. We give thanks and express our gratitude for these blessings. Thank you for the good works you have performed in His name. We pray that you will "neglect not the gift that is in thee which was given with the laying on of hands..." (1st Timothy 4:14) We have each been sent here to the Utah Ogden Mission to do a special work for specific people. Therefore, we must reach out to everyone so that we may bring the Lord's blessings to all. You have a great responsibility placed in your hands. **REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE!** Be that instrument in the hands of the Lord. Continue to extend yourself every day through prayer and faith showing forth a great desire to work. "Lift up your hearts and be glad for I am in your midst...whatsoever thing you shall ask in faith, being united in prayer according to my command, ye shall receive." (D&C 29:5,6)

We pray that the work which goes forth in this mission will stand as a testimony of our love for our Savior and as a witness of our desire to serve Him with all of our might, mind and strength. May your hearts... "be filled with the songs of everlasting joy." We thank all of you and ask God to bless and protect you every day, that you will continue to find joy in your labors.

We Love You  
President And Sister Jones

Elders and Sisters,

#### ASSISTANT'S MESSAGE

Many great promises are extended to the servants of the Lord. So great are these promises, that they almost seem unbelievable. Do we believe them? Often we give everything we have in our labors here, and it seems to us as if we are doing nothing. Our areas might be slow, our investigators not progressing, and everything else that could go wrong, seems to do just that. What do we do when we feel like this? Do we sit back and tell ourselves that "this too shall pass over", and wait for better days? We hope not! Serving the Lord is not complicated. This is the work of the Lord, so let's involve Him as much as we can. He wants us to succeed. He will intercede. All we need is to work and to plead! "Ask and ye shall receive. Knock and it shall be opened unto you". We have heard this many times. Do we take it literally? Let's take the Lord at His word. He says He will help us, and if

we put ourselves in a position to be blessed by Him. The windows of heaven will be opened immediately. We know this to be true. We have seen the simple prayers be answered. The honest quest to bless another's life fulfilled. God truly is over us here, and will make up the difference. Let us all reverence prayer, and use our communication with our Eternal Father to bless the lives of all we are called to serve. The future looks very bright for us all here. The work is moving forward at an ever-increasing pace. We are lucky to be here at this great time in the history of this world. You know how it is...people to teach, souls to save! We love y'all.

Your secret admirers,  
Elders Allred and Fletcher



## CONVERSION STORY

"THE COMBINED EFFORT WORKS!"

Dear President Jones,

It has been two months since my baptism and confirmation back into the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and I have been remiss in not writing to you. The missionaries in your mission are a very special group of young men and women sent to do the work of the Lord. I have had the great privilege to have been taught by two of them - Elders Hubler and Joulie. I have been in the Ogden Jackson Ward since the first of the month, and was sad to see they had been transferred to other areas. Yet, I am also pleased at the same time, because I know of their testimonies and the depth of their commitment to our Savior. Wherever they are serving, the people there are especially privileged to be in contact with such strong missionaries.

The Lord has been extremely merciful to me by allowing me to be associated with many converted members of His church over the past year, including those who have been born in the covenant and later converted. These missionaries and members have shown me an increase of love, have nourished my budding testimony, have given me opportunities to serve in the work, and have been faithful examples to me of what it means to take upon us the name of Jesus Christ.

The teachers and missionaries in the Jackson Ward Gospel Essentials Sunday School class have kept the challenge of keeping the commandments, prayer, reading the scriptures daily, and service ever present in my mind. My heart is filled to the point of overflowing in tears each time I ponder the tremendous love I have received from the Lord and the members of His church who live within the boundaries of the mission you preside over. Bishop Crabtree is truly a man called of God, even as Elders Hubler and Joulie, for they have only given me righteous counsel, priesthood blessings and spiritual challenges so my relationship with my Heavenly Father and His Son has grown ever more precious to me.

I know you are engaged in the Lord's work and my prayers are always for the success of the missionaries, here and throughout the world. I feel the Lord's hand in my life every day. I am almost finished reading the Book of Mormon, after which I shall purchase another copy and read it again and again throughout my life.

I want to express my gratitude toward you, your wife, and all the Elders and Sisters in this mission of the church.

Sincerely

Sister Julia K. Saxton

## POEM

The Staff of Life

by

Elder Kenneth M. See

Sometimes I wonder if the staff of life still grows or whether it started dying while I've been growing old?

Oh, Lord please help me, help me understand.

'Cause you know I just don't comprehend. Then your sweet spirit whispers to me, "You already know the answer do I have to tell you again?"

And I say, "Oh, please have pity on me because I can't seem to recall the words you spoke to my feeble heart. So, would you please tell me again?"

Then you whisper, "Listen, The Staff of Life will forever grow and has grown even before you were born. And remember, remember the reason it won't die because Christ, our Savior, died to save us all."

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So that's it. I'll Write the story of the Staff of Life and now I know that it will forever and ever grow.

This was a dream Elder See had one night in answer to a humble prayer. At the end of the dream he was commanded to write it down. He did write it and has shared it with us, The Utah Ogden Mission.



Art by Elder Gardner







## New Zone Leader



Elder Vargas



Elder Johnson



Elder Hess

### July Birthdays

Elder Jared Lawson	1 Jul
Elder Kenneth Davis	2 Jul
Elder Glen Martin	2 Jul
Elder Adam Palmer	6 Jul
Elder James Keating	8 Jul
Elder Timothy Coolack	9 Jul
Elder Luca Boi	10 Jul
Elder Jon Hayes	10 Jul
Elder Bryce Roberts	10 Jul
Elder Paul Behan	11 Jul
Elder Jared Fasteson	12 Jul
Sister Joy Becker	18 Jul
Elder Brad Buckman	18 Jul
Elder Josh Hutson	20 Jul
Elder Nathan Nelson	24 Jul
Elder Ryan Pedersen	28 Jul

Reminder  
Baptism Records are  
**DUE** by the 3rd of  
the following month.

All Dates  
16 Jul 1989

Line 3 **Must** be  
**Completely** filled in.

## New District Leaders



Elder Huber



Elder Gratiot



Elder Roberts



Elder Denninghoff



Elder Pedersen



Elder Cusick



Elder Soderholm



Elder Myers



Elder Waggoner



Elder Holmes



Elder Carling



Elder Holdcraft



Elder Shuman



Elder Wagner

## MAY DEPARTURES



## June Arrivals



Elder Kenneth Ellsworth	St. Louis, MO
Elder William Freeman	Vacaville, CA
Elder Eddie Grace	Gainesville, GA
Elder Brandon Hall	Raymond, AB Can
Elder Adam Hornung	Anoka, MN
Elder Andrew Marshall	Waterloo, ON Can
Elder Adam Palmer	Cherry Hill, AR
Elder Micah Smith	Paso Robles, CA

## Trainers

Elder Chadwick Rorie
Elder Robert Holdcraft
Elder Jason Cook
Elder Steven O'Neal
Elder Ryan Begin
Elder Cristian Laurens
Elder William Schulz
Elder Phillip Gratiot

Elder Brian Adair	Sugar City, ID
Elder Jason Anderson	Papillion, NE
Elder Brian Buck	Louisville, KY
Elder Jason Burd	Great Falls, VA
Elder Vaughn Clayton	Holly Springs, NC
Elder Sebastian Ferro	Calgary, AB Can
Sister Jewel Gisa	Rialto, CA
Elder Jason Hoke	Pleasant Grove, UT
Sister Katie Hoover	Fairfax, VA
Elder Rodney Jaco	Friendswood, TX
Sister Tilane Lawlor	Calgary, AB CAN
Elder Richard Wheatley Parker	AZ



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

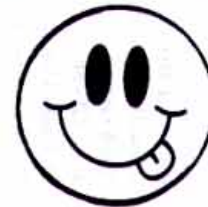


**ACTION OF THE MONTH**

# TRUST IN THE LORD

**REMINDERS:**

- SEND IN POEMS AND CONVERSION STORIES FOR THE NEWSLETTER.
- *CALL SISTER CLARKE ON ALL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED, SHE WILL CALL APPOINTED PEOPLE FOR CLEARANCE, ETC.*
- LOCK YOUR APARTMENT DOOR AT **ALL** TIMES!!!
- COMPANIONSHIPS SHOULD BE TEACHING AT LEAST THREE LESS ACTIVE FAMILIES A WEEK AND MORE IF YOU'RE NOT TEACHING MANY PERSPECTIVES.
- ***DREAMS DON'T COME TRUE BY SLEEPING IN!!!***
- ***BE BOLD & SMILE***
- **OBEDIENCE IS THE COOLEST !!!!**



**LET'S GET SPECIFIC:**

- **LOCK YOUR HEART!!!!**
- *FACE CARDS & BOARD GAMES ARE NOT ALLOWED!*
- **ARCADES ARE OFF LIMITS!!!!!!**
- PALM PLANNERS ARE TO BE USED FOR NOTES, PLANNING, PHONE NUMBERS AND SUCH. DO NOT USE FOR E-MAIL, GAMES OR INTERNET CONNECTION OR PALM PLANNERS WILL BE BARRED FROM USE IN MISSION.
- **GET OFF THE G-TRAIN, IT ONLY HURTS YOU & THE OTHER MISSIONARIES.**
- NO HAND HELD PC's ARE ALLOWED IN THE MISSION!!

**ATTABOYS - ATTAGIRLS**

- ***WOW - ANOTHER NEW RECORD FOR JUNE OF AT LEAST 152 BAPTISMS!!***
- *INCREDIBLE!! FIRST SIX MONTHS OF AT LEAST 1095 SOULS COMING UNTO CHRIST.*
- **CONGRATULATIONS - ELDERS HAYES AND WRIGHT FOR OBTAINING THE HIGH TEACHING CAR!!**

**STATISTICS**

(at least)

Mission baptisms for	June 99 = 152	June 98 = 131	Last Mo. = 201
Mission baptisms	YTD 1999 = 1095	YTD 1998 = 915	
Discussions taught	June 99 = 1287	Discussions taught last month	1500

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

**MEMORIZATION:** John 14:15

**HYMN**

Come, Come Ye Saints #30

# **Baptismal Recommends Received Through June 28, 1999**

Shauna Ahlborn  
 Jessica Allred  
 Todd Anderson  
 Chad Anderson  
 Patsy Archuleta  
 Mario Arras  
 Casandra Atkin  
 Bobby Balding  
 Alexis Bardsley  
 Rogelio Barucio  
 Vincent Batres  
 Jack Bell  
 Charles Bersamin  
 Jacob Black  
 Linda Black  
 Lec Bottila  
 Nicole Bottila  
 Terra Brobeck  
 Troy Brown  
 Brittani Brown  
 Sara Brown  
 Joshua Buist  
 James Butler  
 Michael Cadieux  
 Megan Call  
 Marie Carpenter  
 Michael Carpenter  
 Corey Chapman  
 Christopher Chapman  
 Derik Christensen  
 Tamra Clements  
 Ashley Cottle  
 Lynn Curtis  
 Danielle Curtis  
 Walter Damian  
 Angie Dandoy  
 Scott Davis  
 Daniel Dean  
 Meccala Engelke  
 Tracy Erskine  
 Shannon Estepp  
 Jessica Fletcher  
 Felix Fuentes  
 Allison Galloway  
 Daniel Garcia  
 Miguelangel Garcia

Megan Goddard  
 Nakisha Goeckeritz  
 Janet Goff  
 Mason Goldsberry  
 Kaylee Grove  
 Matthew Grove  
 Randy Grove  
 Carl Gudme  
 Chelsea Guzman  
 Angelique Hamilton  
 Angela Harris  
 Clifford Hatch  
 Brett Hattori  
 Amanda Henderson  
 Casey Hennessy  
 Jessica Hess  
 Jennifer Houston  
 Ashley Howard  
 Staci Howard  
 Ryan Hoyt  
 Robert Huffman  
 Mallory Hunter  
 Darrell Ingram  
 April Jeppson  
 Danielle Johnson  
 Charles Jorgensen  
 Bryce Kautzman  
 Baillie King  
 Susan Kinnmont  
 Michael Knoll  
 Stephen Knoll  
 Rae Larsen  
 Cybrena Linne  
 Duane Little  
 Lydia Logan  
 Kevin Lutz  
 Jessica Matern  
 Leslie Matias  
 Michael May  
 John McBride  
 Michelle McDonald  
 Charles McHenry  
 Nancy McHenry  
 Logan McIver  
 Shay-lynn McLaughlin  
 Jared Miller

Alicia Miller  
 Erin Monson  
 Kimberly Monson  
 Riley Montgomery  
 Tanyee Mooney  
 Adam Noice  
 Robert O'Brien  
 Michelle Odekirk  
 April Oliver  
 Jesse Oliver  
 Melynda Oliver  
 Blake Olorenshaw  
 Phillip Openshaw  
 Jose Orosco  
 Jesus Orosco  
 Jorge Orosco  
 Anna Orton  
 Kyrie Palmer  
 Jacob Parkhurst  
 Mikell Pattillo  
 Fernando Paz  
 James Pence  
 Kody Perrin  
 Jared Peterson  
 Crystal Pierce  
 Dennis Poppinga  
 Kimberly Progeess  
 Alex Purser  
 Robert Rea  
 Evelia Rea  
 Joseph Reffitt  
 Richard Reish  
 William Richards  
 Skylia Rickcetts  
 Joseph Robinson  
 Mitchell Robinson  
 Chad Rounds  
 Bonnie Roundy  
 Angela Royster  
 Katrena Schmidt  
 Stephen Scott  
 Sean Sessions  
 Kevin Sessions  
 Amber Shelton  
 Gregg Shimada  
 Cindy Smart

Dallin Smith  
 Joshua Smith  
 Whitney Smith  
 Robert Speciman  
 Lindsay Speelman  
 Rayna Stepanyan  
 Lloyd Stephens  
 Ashley Stettler  
 Jessica Stimpson  
 Jamie Stimpson  
 Tara Stoll  
 Kelli Summerall  
 Dusty Swenson  
 Zachary Tanner  
 Ramon Tezanos  
 Jacob Thoma  
 Lacy Thompson  
 Sherry Thueson  
 Gregory Thurheimer  
 Amie Torman  
 Loc Tran  
 Jasmine Varble  
 Shawn Vaughn  
 Anthony Vierra  
 Tanna Vigil  
 Lin Wang  
 Cherie Warberg  
 Benjamin Webb  
 Jeremiah West  
 Adam West  
 Jasmine Wharton  
 Morgan Whitty  
 Howard Williams  
 Timothy Williams  
 Skye Wood  
 Tyler Workman  
 Antonio Wright  
 Yen-Fang Wu  
 Ericka Yocom  
 Nathan Younger