

Green Meadows Ward Newsletter - March 2021

Bishopric

I suspect that most of you in the ward haven't really had much of a chance to get to know either myself or my wife DeeAnn. This coming March 21st will be our 40th wedding anniversary. We were sealed in the Washington, DC temple in 1981. We have three grown children, 2 daughters and a son and 7 grandkids at this point. We are delighted to be here in Green Meadows Ward and having the opportunity to be of service to each of you.

We moved to Logan in 2005 from Fairfax, VA. For many years there I had served as a coach of two sports. I first spent many years coaching girls soccer in the community leagues in the area and had a great time doing that. It was my "golf". What I did for my brain and body. I grew to love the kids I worked with and enjoyed two seasons a year for almost 10 years. I'm self-employed so I was able to make the time available. In fall of 1999 I was approached by the girl's lacrosse coach at our neighborhood high school, Robinson Secondary School. I knew Gary from the spring before when my daughter Cristin played on his JV lacrosse team. Gary had been elevated to varsity coach and he asked that I serve as his JV coach and a varsity assistant. I was stunned. I told him I really knew next to nothing about lax.....he asked me, "You're a licensed soccer coach aren't you?" I responded that I was and then he told me that lax was just soccer with an attitude and a stick! I never thought I'd ever get to coach at a high school level and yet here I was.....so I spent the next few months prior to our season learning the sport and attending clinics and such. Well, I enjoyed 5 seasons with the Rams prior to our moving west. In that time I learned a great deal of things about not only coaching but I was able to constantly see Gospel principles coming up regularly in all that the teams were doing.

I had two particular teams that I want to mention. My squad from the spring of 2002 was quite interesting. I had only four really qualified players on that team. I made those four my leaders and they constantly set good examples for the rest of the team. I had 24 girls on the squad and without exception everyone came to practice focused and all worked hard each and every day. We truly became a "team". The better players did not lord that over the others....in fact they went out of their way to take extra time to help less experienced girls learn the details of the game. Without a doubt this was the hardest working and most dedicated group I ever coached at Robinson. At the end of the season they had gone 10-1, set JV team records in goals scored and goals allowed and just absolutely shined all season. My job of coaching was made easy by their desire to get better and succeed and help one another.

The second team was the group from the following year, spring of 2003. I received an influx of amazing freshman players and that team had something like 15 well qualified players. They simply destroyed everyone we played. They went undefeated and broke both the scoring record and goals allowed record by high double digits! They outscored the varsity team for the year and won 17 games and the state title! In every way they were superior to the 2002 squad! Except.....they were not coachable. As a group they pretty much discounted everything that I tried to teach them. They, in a sense, already knew it all. It was interesting that the varsity team this same year was loaded with girls that had been on my first three JV squads at Robinson. With the goal in mind that Gary gave me, I was to produce varsity players that knew how to win on the JV. So that's what we focused on. That group won the state championship. And with experienced players that would be moving up the following year you'd think that consecutive titles were possible. But.....

In gospel terms....the 2002 team came to the season with needing to learn. They had to make the effort. They would have guidance and help but would have to earn their success. They and the two teams preceding them did just that and went on to win State in 2003. I liken this to the Plan of Salvation. We have to work for ourselves, give our best, pick ourselves up when we fail and stay on the path to success. In the gospel we rely on the Savior and strive to follow and be like him. We must be humble and willing to learn.

In gospel terms....the 2003 team seemed to show me that they already knew it all. They just had to play. No need to practice and learn anything new....their natural talent would suffice. Yet they never went on any further to high levels of success after the State championship in 2003 which was won mostly by the girls older than they. I liken this situation to Satan's suggestion that he would save us all with virtually no effort on our part. No need to work hard ourselves, no purpose in trying our best, no need to pick ourselves up because we can't fail and no reason to stay the course as we are already confirmed champions. These girls were not humble and they lost their chances for further success down the road.

May we all, recognize the value the Plan of Salvation gives to us to grow and learn, to be and to do, to strive to become like our Savior.....and be Champions.

Bro. McKoy

Notes:

- Our sympathies and prayers go out to all those who have lost family recently.
 - Brother Jarvis had his father pass away unexpectedly on Saturday.

- Brother Lee Cecil passed away this morning. He had been diagnosed with late stage mesothelioma and was recovering from some fluid around his lungs. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jan Cecil.
- Brother Butlers father passed away last night.
- On March 28th @6:30 the youth will have the opportunity to hear from Katie Bastian, music manager, with the Tabernacle Choir. Parents are encouraged to come with their youth to hear from this special guest.
- **Temple Prep Class** - We will have a temple preparation class that begins next Sunday, March 14th, at 3pm via Zoom. If you are preparing to go to the temple for the first time or hoping to return after an absence or if you just think you and your spouse would be benefited by this class reach out to Bishop Paull [385-232-5824] to sign up. Bishop and Sister Anderson will be teaching the class.
- Our ward website contains zoom links for all meetings, church links, and meeting times. www.logangreenmeadows.org
- Recent callings and releases
 - Matt & Britney Dayley were called and set apart as Temple and Family History Specialists.
 - Sister Firth was released as the Building Scheduler. Brother Graf was call as the new Building Scheduler
 - Sister Reynolds was called as the Young Womens Camp Director

Elders Quorum

Brethren,

The last three weeks have been interesting as we have had Covid in our household. On the bright side, things are now looking up as that darkness is now behind us. As the symptoms of covid continue to endure in us, it reminds me of the many trials that each of us face in these latter days. Participating in Ward Council shows there are many families within our ward unit that have problems in one manner or another, some being very serious. What it shows is that life is much shorter than we realize and that life itself can change in a moments notice! As we prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, I would hope that each of you do all you can to honor your priesthood, with a focus on honoring your wife and family.

One way we can do that is by fulfilling our duties to each other through Ministering. Frankly Brethren, things are not getting done in spite of the process made easier for each of us! Also, we need all brethren, capable of using a cell phone, to be involved with EQ meetings currently being held bi-weekly. Now is not the time to let go of the Iron Rod- there has been no greater time than now for righteousness to reign- and that responsibility is not someone else's duty- it is yours. As a presidency, we love each of you and want only the best for you. Contact any one of us at any time if you need to talk, vent or provide comments for improvement.

All the best,
Brothers Jess, Moore, Ercanbrack, and Merrell

- EQ classes are on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:45. Find the link on the ward website at www.logangreenmeadows.org
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Relief Society

Announcements

March Activity – Relief Society Birthday! Date and details TBA

Relief Society via Zoom @ 12:30pm

Logan Home Storage

- Mondays CLOSED
- Tuesday 12-6
- Wednesday 10-4
- Thursday 12-6
- Friday 10-4
- Saturday 10-2

Quote from President Nelson

“ To help another human being reach one’s celestial potential is part of the divine mission of woman. As mother, teacher, or nurturing saint, she molds living clay to the shape of her hopes. In partnership with God, her divine mission is to help spirits live and souls be lifted. This is the measure of her creation. It is ennobling, edifying, and exalting. Her saintly calling is opposed by Satan. He would shatter the family unit and demean the worth of woman. He would triumph if one man would offend or fail to honor her, or if one woman would deny her infinite worth and behave beneath her dignity. The vulgar portrayal of her beauty as an object of lust, the vile invasion of her private purity, should provoke righteous indignation from all caring people.

Woman – Of Infinite Worth. Oct. 1989

Lesson Schedule (Sundays via Zoom @ 12:30)

3/7 – Gospel Doctrine

3/14 – “Watch Ye Therefore, and Pray Always” – M. Russell Ballard

3/21 – Gospel Doctrine

3/28 – “Let God Prevail” – Russell M. Nelson

Birthdays

9 th – Angela Andersen

9 th – Jen Jensen

9 th – Tricia Stuart

9 th – Talissa Adams
10 th – Sara Jess
11 th – Tiana Nield
12 th – Chelsea Bloxham
13 th – Tammy Firth
17 th – Maxine Bouchard
18 th – Holly Rowley
19 th – Maren Gentile
19 th – Myrna McKinnon
20 th – Dayna McKinnon
21 st – Janae Butler
25 th – Marcy Roberts
25 th – Sara Roberts
28 th – Ruth Warby

Young Men

Hi YM and Parents!

All YM activities, unless announced otherwise, will be starting at 6:30pm on Tuesdays in person at the church. We will practice social distancing guidelines and please wear a mask.

This week 03/09 we will be putting our bridges to the test to see how much weight they will hold.

Thanks,

Bro Spackman

Young Women:

Birthdays:

Addison Cherington March 8th

Maren Gentile March 19th

Activities:

March 2nd- Combined YW: Charades

March 9th- Ages 11-13: Candle Making. Ages 14-18: Blind drawing/Telestration

March 16th- Combined YW/YM. YM in charge

March 23rd- Combined YW: Favorite Book Chat

March 30th- Ages 11-13: Rollerblading. Ages 14-18: 21 Days to Christ.

Lessons every 2nd and 4th Sundays on Zoom:

March 14th: How do the divine roles of men and women complement one another? Taught by Jamie.

March 28th: Why do I need the Atonement of Jesus Christ? Taught by Marlene and TBA

You can join by clicking the link on the ward website.

<https://logangreenmeadows.org>

Meetings/Fireside:

March 14th- Ward Youth Council for class presidents at the church at 10:00

March 14th- Preach My Gospel at the Stake Center at 3:00

March 21st- Leadership training for all YW class presidencies at the church at 2:30.

March 28th- Fireside at 6:30 at the church for all YW/YM. Katie Bastian of the Tabernacle Choir will come sing and share life as a choir member, but also talk about her job for the church as music manager.

Notes:

We've been given permission to use Remind, as well as the Gospel Living app to communicate more effectively with the girls and parents. Please (PRETTY PLEASE) download one of them. Our class code for Remind is @greenyw20. We send multiple messages out each month, so if you're not on either app, you're missing out! Come join us! We're a hoot!

Primary

Dear friends,

This year Palm Sunday is on the last Sunday in March. That's when we celebrate the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. People waved palm leaves and shouted "Hosanna!" A few days later, Jesus suffered and died for us. Then He was resurrected!

We hope you'll enjoy this special time to remember what Heavenly Father and Jesus have done for us (see John 3:16). Because of Them, we can all live again!

Announcements:

- **Exciting news:** Virtual Primary classes have been authorized by the Utah Area Presidency! We are moving forward with pre-recorded videos which will be shared with families. If you would like the video links emailed directly to you, please let Sister Hadsell know.
- **Primary lesson for March 7:**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bz_vBR8J-uo
- **Singing time for March 14:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFhgSloooDo>
- **More exciting news:** We have also been given permission to start meeting in person for activities associated with the Children & Youth Program. Activities will include appropriate social distancing, wearing of masks, sanitization of surfaces, etc. We anticipate that the first activity will take place in mid March. More details to come...
- **March 20:** Feed Utah Food Drive (door hangers with additional information will be delivered in the week leading up to the event)
- **Baptisms:** Elyse Bailey, Hallie Clayburn, Aaron Richards, & Jack Nelson
- **Birthdays:** Jack Nelson (March 1), Lydia Hirschi (March 4), Wren Wahler (March 7), Memphis Rambo (March 8), Teddy Morris (March 9), Beckett Spackman (March 9), Aly Jorgensen (March 13), Brad Arey (March 24), Samantha Richards (March. 26), Adaline Halverson (March 28)
- **Helping Hands Challenge:** "I can comfort others." Look for a chance to help someone who is sick or sad. Say a prayer and make a plan to comfort them.
- **Friend to Friend Broadcast:** [Watch it here](#) and [read a Church News article about it](#)
- **Printable Coloring Page:** [I Like to Go to Church](#)
- **Friend Magazine:** [Get Ready for Easter!](#)
- **Singing Time:** [2021 music list](#)
- [Printable reading chart for 2021](#)
- Doctrine & Covenants Reading Challenge: [These verses](#) go along with the *Come, Follow Me* lessons each week in 2021. The list is great because it's tailored specifically for Primary and it only focuses on a few verses a week.
- [The Children Section](#) of the Gospel Library app
- [Doctrine & Covenants coloring book](#) (printable pages)
- For anyone interested, the Friend magazine is inviting children to participate in learning the [Articles of Faith](#) this year.

