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Grandview 9th Ward Newsletter

December 2010

Bishopric Message :

First of all, I would like to thank each of you for the wonderful examples you are to me and the way in which you serve one another.

Two of my favorite scriptures related to this time of year are:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

These verses, along with many others, teach us that our Heavenly Father provided His only begotten Son to us in order for us to be able to return to Him, through personal belief and righteous action. Why? Because He loves us – each and every one of us. Many authors have captured the essence of this joyful season, but perhaps none more simply and eloquently than O. Henry in his story “The Gift of the Maji.” Most of us may know this story, but I’d like to recount it:

A young couple, James “Jim” Young and his wife, Della, were very much in love with each other. Twenty-two year old Jim made a salary of just \$8.00/week – barely enough to provide food and shelter for the couple. Jim wanted more than anything to give Della something she really wanted for Christmas, and knew just what that was – a beautifully crafted set of combs to accent her knee-length hair that she had shown him several times in the store window.

Della had been saving for months to buy Jim a Christmas present as well – a chain for the gold pocket watch that had once belonged to his father and grandfather. It cost \$21.00, and she had managed to save exactly \$1.87 by Christmas Eve. As she considered what to do, she was discouraged, but an idea came to her; she smiled and headed out the door.

When Jim came home that night, he had a happy heart and a beautiful set of combs in his pocket. Della was anxiously awaiting his arrival, but when he came in the door, he just stared at her, his mouth hanging open. All he could manage to say is “Della, you’ve cut off your hair?” Della answered “I had my hair cut off and sold it because I couldn't have lived through Christmas without giving you a present.”

Of course, Jim had sold his watch so that Della could have the combs she longed for and Della had sold her hair so Jim could have a chain for the watch he was so attached to. They agreed to “put them up for a while, because they were just too nice to use right now.”

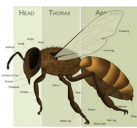
The beauty of this story is that the love Jim and Della had for each other motivated each of them to think only of the other person and to sacrifice something that was very dear to them because of that love. This is exactly what our Heavenly Father did for each of us by giving us His Son to enable us to have everlasting life and return to Him.

This Christmas season, it is my prayer that each of us will remember the story of Jim and Della as we reflect on what this wonderful season celebrates -- the **gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ**, that we will forget ourselves and that we will focus on the needs of others.

Love, Brother Mark Walton, 1st Counselor



Young Women:



The Young Women have had a wonderful **November**. We began with class activities the first of November. The Beehives had a fun night going to the Bean Museum where they viewed the “bee” exhibit and learned lots of interesting

facts about bees. The MiaMaids provided needed service for others by raking up a lot of Fall leaves. And the Laurels learned how to make a Lasagna dinner and then shared this dinner with Sister Carol Anderegg – it was so fun spending an evening with her and seeing her amazing puzzle projects!

The YM & YW had a totally groovin’ 80’s murder/mystery night – you have to love the age of leg warmers, “big” hair, stone washed jeans and Izod shirts – the youth looked great! A lot of laughs were shared as we tried to figure out ‘who done it’!

And then we had the wonderful experience of attending the “Carl Bloch: The Master’s Hand” painting exhibit at BYU. It featured five large altar paintings from churches in Denmark and Sweden – with four of the paintings being taken out of their altar settings for the first time since they were originally installed in the late 1800s, as well as several other paintings and sketches he had completed. We could definitely feel the power of Christ’s love as we viewed these paintings.



Our Evening of Excellence held on November 21st, was planned by two of our Laurels – Kendra Rife & Amber Wilcox and they did a fantastic job. The theme was “We are Thankful for our Young Women Values”. The YW shared one of their talents they have developed or highlights from the Personal Progress projects they have completed or are working on, as well as how the Young Women values influence their lives and strengthen their testimonies. We have such incredible Young Women!

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Special Thanks

We want to thank the following sisters who were recently released from the Young Women’s organization. We learned a lot from them and will definitely miss them:

Sister McKinley (went to Florida for the winter),
Sister Cherry (is now serving in Relief Society),
Sister Peterson (went to Arizona for the winter).

And we welcome Sister Porter (YW Secretary),
Sister Legas (Mia Maid Advisor),
Sister Steed (Beehive Advisor),
Sister Rife (Camp Assistant) to the Young Women’s organization!

**We wish each of you a wonderful
Christmas Season!**



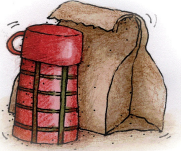
Relief Society



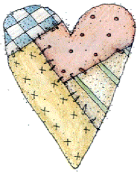
Relief Society certainly started it out well with an abundance of service given in November for the holiday season. That service put a sweet feeling into all of our hearts. We had 65 sack lunches going to the Food and Care Coalition. The Community Action food bank received 148

pounds of donated items, plus 6 little beautiful decorated Christmas trees and 6 candy filled Christmas jars cutely adorning a handmade Santa cap. Humanitarian Services of the church welcomed 1 twin quilt, 8 baby patchwork receiving blankets and 6 knitted hats. WOW!! It doesn't stop there either. Items for 6 gift baskets to be donated to women belonging to Migrant Head Start families are being gathered and will be ready for delivery after December 5. The Women and Children in Crisis program will also be receiving a variety of items including 2011 calendars and planners. Thanks to all!

To date, Relief Society has unselfishly donated : 721 sack lunches, 148+ lbs. goods, 20 quilts, 30 baby receiving blankets, 52 pairs of baby booties, 57 knit hats, 8 tropical bandages, 2 pairs of socks, 9 pairs of gloves, 60 school bags, 20 + calendars and we are still at it! Thanks to all!



In addition to the donations, many of our sister donate their time and resources in so many other ways. Many serve and give abundantly to our local schools, hospitals and service organizations with great love. Thanks to all! Within our own ward, hearts have been generous with the sweet acts of service that brought comfort and cheer to so many. Ward members have lost relatives and we mourn the loss of seven of our own. Our ward rallied around with hearts and hands eager to provide service. We also welcomed new members into our ward. Reaching out to help all was evident by those providing meals, food for funerals, hellos, notes of love and warm embraces. Thanks to all!!



Our deepest gratitude is extended to Joyce Andersen for her full and faithful service as 1st Counselor in Relief Society during this passed year. We would also like to welcome Verna Rasmussen as 1st Counselor in the Relief Society presidency. We are grateful for her dedicated service. And a big welcome to new members of our Relief Society, Sue Wright, Kenzie Strauss, Whitney Hoopes, Mariah Hill, Emily Leslie, Jodi Gaisford and Jen Fitzgerald.

May we offer our hosannas, an "expression of exultation for God's goodness and a plea for salvation", to our Savior Jesus Christ who came to the world to show us the way to know Him and become like Him. Just as the Savior went about doing good, our ward has gone about doing good this past year. We are trying to become like Him. May we continue to have this as our focus during this Christmas Season and always.

With a Merry Christmas greeting, gratitude and love to all, Sylvia Jarman, RS President

**Rulan Jensen, husband of Terri Jensen
passed away November 18th, 2010.**

**We send our love
and condolences to
the Jensen family.**



Two new babies in the ward:
A girl to the Penn and Sarah Almoney family



A boy to the Frank and Carrie McIntyre family.
Congratulations!

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Last P-day Monday night (October 4th) we went over to Vila Americana to contact. It was dark and late and we were getting denied. Then we stopped a random man (about 30 yrs old) walking down the street. We introduced ourselves and told him what we were doing here and about our message and he said things I've never heard anyone else say to us. He said: "I want to talk to you two. I think it's important to talk to you and I have a feeling like we should talk." We were pumped and made an appointment to return the next night at 6. we parted and he walked up the street and we went the opposite way. 20 seconds later we hear: "Americanos! Americanos!" and we turn around and he is running down the middle of the street to us. He said if God put you in my path tonight I'm going to talk with you tonight. We sat on the curb and taught him about a restoration of the truth--that the true church is on the earth today. He was so receptive and so excited. We went back the next day to teach more. We went in his house. it is old, small, and empty except for a bed, table, and 2 wooden chairs.

He told us his story... Paulo separated with his woman many years ago because of drugs. Paulo has 3 teenage kids and none live with him. He started smoking and then got into cocaine... He lost his family and now he has nothing. He wants a new life, but he is so addicted to cocaine. We asked him to kneel and pray after we talked to him and he said the most heartfelt prayer I've ever heard in my life.

We visited him everyday last week. We would call him every night to give him strength not to buy drugs that night. He said one night we called him when he was about to buy drugs, but since we called he was able to resist. Sunday, October 10th, was amazing. A day I'll never forget. Paulo came to church on his own. He sat through perfect lessons in priesthood and gospel principles on repentance and eternal families. He came in jeans and his jacket but brought his Book of Mormon and Bible. He was participating and answering questions. It was so good.

Then we had sacrament. fast and testimony meeting. Elder Campbell and I got up and shared our testimonies and then when we sat down he looked at me and asked if he could go up. I was shocked. An investigator, first time at church, wanted to go up. I said of course you can. I was a little worried what would happen but he got up there and shared the most amazing testimony I've heard. He shared the story of how we met him and his love for us and shared his thanks for how this is changing his life. He shared his testimony of Joseph Smith as a prophet. It touched the whole ward. When he came back everyone was going up sharing testimonies of their conversion and missionary work. Our ward mission leader (a 22 yr old returned missionary) went up and shared an emotional testimony of missionary work and how this ward could trust me and Elder Campbell. It was emotional for me. Afterward everyone said this was the most spiritual sacrament meeting they've had in years. The ward is changing. Paulo Marcello will be baptized this Sunday,

The story of Paulo is why I'm on a mission. It's why we serve missions. There are people like this man, elect, walking the streets looking for answers. We just have to find them. The ward really trusts us now and I think we can do big things here. I'm excited for a good week.

The story of Paulo Marcelo had a great ending. I had the opportunity to baptize him for my first baptism ever on October 17th. It was sooo cool and it felt so good... Paulo was so excited and felt really good. I gave him one of my ties and Elder Campbell gave him a shirt to wear to church that day. It was sweet. On Sunday, October 24th, Paulo Marcelo was confirmed. He moved from his old house last week to a new one to kinda forget his past. He has nothing though except a bed and TV. We have 3 fridges in our house so Sunday we got a member with a truck to help us haul one of them to his house. He was way excited.



MILITARY

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December Birthdays

- 2 Sherri Hafen
Brian Hendrick
Bob Martin
- 3 Paul Sjoberg
- 4 Marjorie McLaughlin
Kenzie Strauss
- 8 Boyce Fitzgerald
Reta Trimble
- 11 Taylor Cline
- 13 Deanna Bean
- 16 Christopher Laylock
- 17 Robert Blaylock
Rob Naylor
- 19 Rae Eatough
Erin Flinders
Lorna Stock
- 20 Russell Levan Leslie
- 22 Kathy Ilene Naylor
- 25 Bill Dibble
Phillip Mercer
Brad Wilcox
- 26 Cindy Hoopes
- 27 Krew Atkin
Grace Burke
Mark Jarman
- 28 Kes Legas
- 29 Cooper Legas
Carrie McIntyre
Ida McKinley
Donna Naegle
- 30 Roma Hardy
- 31 Kiefer Colton

FAMILY HISTORY

This is the time of Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of the Savior, where we give each other gifts as part of that celebration. What better way to celebrate than to follow His example and to give the gift of eternal life to our deceased ancestors, to unite them with their families. The Church spends an enormous amount of resources to help us in this effort. Most of the time we can do it in our own home.

Share your efforts with your own children and grandchildren, give them a **feeling of their heritage** this Christmas time. Have a wonderful Christmas season!

If you need any help just call me, Gerda Edmunds, or email me at gerda.edmunds@comcast.net.

Frohe Weihnachten und ein glueckliches neues Jahr.

HIGH PRIESTS

As we come to the end of 2010 and look back on the activities of our High Priest group, we remember our parties, our mixed nuts (friendship hour) socials, all those who volunteered readily whenever we had an assignment to complete; but we also must remember those High Priests or their spouses, whom we lost during 2010. Most recently of course, was Rulon Jensen.

We appreciate all in our High Priest group, because everyone is always willing to help where needed. We also know that many of you help others in our ward without having to be asked by the leadership. May we (Bros. Martin, Judd, Trimble and Price) offer all of you our **heartfelt thanks** for all of your services rendered.

As we enter into this Christmas season, when we celebrate the birth of the Savior, may all of us continue to give service to others as Christ did. May your Christmas be what you desire for your family and those around you, and may our Grandview 9th Ward be blessed in 2011, is our prayer.

The Grandview 9th High Priests Group Leadership

Ron Trimble, Second Asstant



"As we give presents for Christmas, we need to recognize that sharing our time and ourselves is such an important part of giving. The smallest gesture can mean so much to those who may need a little lift in their lives."

James E. Faust

1st Presidency Message - Dec 2002

WORDS OF WISDOM *to Build our Testimonies*



My testimony didn't begin with a single significant event; it seemed I have always known the gospel is true. I have never doubted it. In the first place my parents were devoted church members and they provided a home for me in which the gospel was the guiding motivational force. I have experienced many crises in my life and in every instance my Heavenly Father was there for me and He helped me come through the ordeal.

In elementary school I experienced two double promotions and as a result I graduated from high school at age sixteen. This was a blessing because after my freshman year at BYU I contracted polio and was out of school for five years before resuming my college education. Having already finished one year of college earlier it made it easier for me to return to complete the major I had already started. I feel I was blessed and directed in the pursuit.

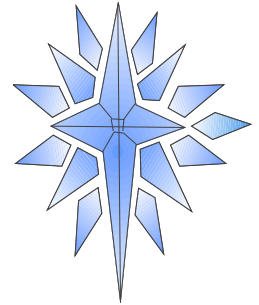
After college I married and was blessed with 4 wonderful children. Then a fatal automobile accident left me a widow at a young age. It seems strange that diversity can bring great spiritual strength and blessings. I knew that a temple marriage was binding eternally and death is only a temporary separation from loved ones. My testimony grew through my trials. My Heavenly Father guided me through years of rearing my family, sending them on missions etc. I have experienced several serious illnesses including cancer and I was blessed to overcome another crisis. Again my Heavenly Father was there for me in every instance.

When I was asked to submit this article I was asked to include my testimony of the heavenly blessing of music in my life. Great music is truly a divine gift and is heavenly inspired. It has been an integral part of my life and through it I have been truly blessed. It has provided me a career of teaching piano lessons for more than fifty years as well as

performing as a soloist and an accompanist for many fine singers, instrumentalists, and many choruses.

This has been a source of indescribable joy and blessing. It is one of Heavenly Father's great gifts and I am truly thankful for it in my life. I am also grateful for all of Heavenly Father's blessings, for the Atonement, for my membership in the true church, for my membership in the Grandview 9th ward and for all my special, loving friends here.

Carol Anderegg



ELDERS QUORUM

As many of you know, there is a new church handbook of instructions. This is available



online at www.lds.org along with a video training showing what is new (these can be found in the Worldwide Leadership Training section of the website). This is a great opportunity for everyone to get a good understanding of our responsibilities as members of the church. We are so fortunate to have modern day prophets to guide us these days. As we follow the prophet, we not only bring ourselves closer to Christ, but we also help others. Imagine the happiness that will come to you as you meet with those friends and family members that you have helped progress through the path of life.

There are many people in our ward that need help with their progression. Some are far along the way while others are near the beginning. Either way, we all need to be moving forwards. As you read through the first chapter of the new handbook, think about your responsibility as a member of the church and see what you can do to move yourself, your family, and those around you forward.

Iain Hunter, Elders Quorum President



Calendar Events

Every Sunday 10:30 am Bishopric Mtg

Sunday 5th 1st Pres. Christmas TV

9:30 am BYC Mtg
11:30 am PEC Mtg
7:00 pm Messiah Practice

Sunday 12th - High Council Speaker

8:00 am E.Q. Presidency Mtg
10:00 am Priest Presidency Mtg
11:30 am Ward Welfare Mtg
5:00 pm Stake YSA Committee
**7:00 pm Stake Messiah Sing-in
Laurel Open House**

Sunday 19th—

7:30 am Stake Welfare Mtg
8:00 am H.P. G.L. Interview
11:30 am Ward Council Mtg
4:15 pm Temple Recommends

Sunday 26th

8:00 am R.S. Pres Interview
10:00 am A.P. Committee Mtg
11:30 am PEC Mtg

ACTIVITIES EVERY MONTH:

Every Monday = Family Home Eve

1st Tues -Sack Lunches

2nd Tues -1:00 pm H.P. Friendship Hr

6:30 pm R.S. Evening Mtg

1st Wed -7:00 pm Temple Recommend

8:00 pm Stake Presidency

2nd Wed - 7:00 pm YM/YW Activity

2nd Thurs 7:00 pm District Roundtable

3rd Fri 6:00 pm Cub Pack Mtg

SPECIAL DATES TO CALENDAR:

Dec 4th 11:am Stake Baptism

6:00 Ward Christmas Party

Dec 18th 10:00 to 12:00 Primary Open House at the Walton home

Dec 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

Dec 31st NEW YEARS EVE

Stake YM/YW Activity

Ward Christmas Party

December 4th - 6:00 pm

Program | Dinner

It is always a highlight for the children to perform in the Nativity at the Ward Christmas party. We would like to thank the children who are participating and all of the parents and primary teachers who are helping to make it such a Special Event.



We would like to announce that Kristi Peterson was baptized on November 6th and want to let her know that we are so very proud of her and her choice to be baptized. She is such a special spirit and a great example to us all. We are so grateful to have her in Primary.

PRIMARY

We are sorry to see the Colton's move out of the Ward and want to thank them for their dedication and hard work; they will be missed. We would like to welcome into the Primary, Sister Emily Leslie, who was called as our new chorister and Sister Carol Harris, our new Sunbean teacher. They are both a wonderful addition to the Primary

"And now, after many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him; That he lives!" (D&C 76:22) As this year draws to a close, our thoughts turn to the Savior. The Primary theme this year has been that, "I know my Savior lives" and it is very fulfilling to see our Primary children learn of Christ and his teachings and watch their testimonies grow.

The Primary Presidency



We will be holding a Primary Open House, at the Walton's home, Saturday, December 18th, at 10:00am-12:00pm, for all the Primary children and their families to meet their new teachers for the upcoming year. Hope to see you there

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

By Keith Morgan - Ward Emergency Preparedness Committee (WEPC)



When loved ones become sick or injured, nothing is more important than providing immediate care and comfort. Even 911 cannot respond as fast as a family member reaching into an organized and well-stocked first-aid kit to provide treatment and pain relief until paramedics arrive. A basic supply of first-aid items will prepare you for that future emergency – when every second counts.

A basic first-aid kit may be purchased at the local Red Cross office, drugstore, or emergency essentials outlet. However, first-aid supplies may also be collected into any metal, wood, or plastic container with a tight-fitting cover.

In addition to your consecrated oil and required family medicines, consider placing the following supplies into your first-aid kit:

1. sterile gauze of different sizes with adhesive tape;
2. adhesive and elastic bandages with a splint;
3. acetaminophen and ibuprofen;
4. flashlight with extra batteries;
5. tweezers, sharp scissors, safety pins;
6. disposable instant cold packs;
7. thermometer and a blanket;
8. plastic non-latex gloves; numbers.
9. mouthpiece for CPR (from local Red Cross); and
10. local emergency phone
11. alcohol wipes, soap, antibiotic ointment, and Calamine lotion;
12. Hydrogen Peroxide, Hydrocortisone cream (1%), and Ethyl alcohol;

IMPORTANT: Remember to rotate your medications to stay within expiration dates, and add extra supplies to meet the needs of your own family,



Consider giving the gift of a homemade first-aid kit for Christmas.



We testify that the Brethren have counseled us to care for ourselves and our families in time of emergency; it is our prayer that we will obey that counsel by ensuring that our first-aid kits are sufficiently stocked and ready for a time of accident or illness.

