

Tahquitz Ward Express

YSA Weekly Invitational—The wise never skip our events!

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We chronicle the partying and worshipping, comings and goings & general memory-making moments of our **GREAT** YSA Ward in Hemet. If you are missing, you are missing out!

In other words...You snooze, You looze!!

You need us & we need you!—Do something brave today, venture out & don't be a wall flower! Go out of your way to make someone else's day better!—You have a lot to share, now's the time!

Tahquitz YSA news, future happenings & Casper's mission journal

Sunday services take place at 27020 Meridian St.

Sunday School/Priesthood at 12 pm
Sacrament meeting at 1 pm.

All FHEs —Park Hill Building at 7 pm, unless otherwise noted 1151 Park Ave, San Jacinto.

RIDES

Our ride coordinators are Doug Jindra (951-438-3117) and Keoni Buenavista (951-391-3007). Please contact them for help with rides. Give them as much notice as possible.

FHE Assignments:

1st Monday - Gray

2nd - Stange

3rd - Van Jindelt

4th - Hartvigson

5th - Frosties & Fries

CFM

Stange

Casper

Diaz

Gray—(This is not week specific as we sometimes have a 5th Thursday)

Tahquitz Ward Newsletter Addresses and Info — Gray: 25355 Rockford St, Hemet—

Stange: 27077 Val Deane Way, Hemet Casper: 409 E Thornton Ave, Apt A201, Hemet—

Diaz 781 Madden St Hemet—Park Hill building: 1151 Park Ave, San Jacinto —

Meridian building: 27020 Meridian St—Hemet Stake Center: 425 N Kirby, Hemet—

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FHE

11/13 Chopped at Park Hill

11/20 Friendsgiving and Game Night at stake center

11/27

12/4 Christmas cards for missionaries

12/11 YSA Christmas Party at stake center (white elephant gifts and cookie exchange)

12/18 Nativity Night

COME FOLLOW ME

11/16 at Erik Diaz's

11/23 Thanksgiving

11/30 at Gray's

11/17 Bishop's Storehouse food distribution 10:30-1:30 Need strong bodies to lift turkeys

11/18 Thanksgiving Dance 7-11 pm, 1475 Northpark Blvd, San Bernardino

12/2 Living Nativity at Weston Park, 6 pm. Need volunteers to help with security (and other things). Contact Michael Howard

12/10 Devotional with Elder Gary E. Stevenson, 7 pm Escondido Stake Center, 2255 Felecita Rd. Meet at stake center for carpool. Watch GroupMe for meeting time.

QUOTES Live your life so that you earn the respect and enjoy the company of honorable people.—Michael Howard's father

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Please contact Sister Stange if you have ANY questions 951-692-9406

If you have any good news you'd like to share, please let us know.

WEEKLY RELIEF SOCIETY MINISTERING CHALLENGE

Give out at least 2 compliments every day this week

Next week: Start a gratitude journal. Every day this week write down 5 things you are grateful for

TEMPLE DATES

12/14 (Thurs) 6:30 pm Baptisms

1/19 (Fri) 6:30 pm Baptisms

2/16 (Fri) 6:30 pm Baptisms

New callings!

Ward Mission Leader: Ethan Kowallis

Relief Society president: Laura Hiner ,

FHE committee: Elena Carbullido, Isaac Smith, Ben Noel

1st counselor: Raegyne Gemo

Activities committee: Jaclyn Forqueran, Heather Storch

2nd counselor: Evelyne Aponte

Secretary: Bryn Drummond

Greeter: Elena Jordan

Chorister: Bryn Drummond

Sunday: Jacob Hepler learned about adversity on his mission to Cote d'Ivoire in West Africa. He saw poverty, unemployment and loss all around him. He was sick with malaria five times, each time getting progressively worse until he was reassigned to Washington DC North (French speaking). In his time of discouragement his father quoted D&C 121:7-10, the Lord's words to Joseph Smith in Liberty Jail—"thine adversity and thine afflictions shall be but a small moment . . . thy friends do stand by thee." This helped Jacob change his mind set (and so can we) to think "at least I have . . . (friends, family, etc)". In Washington DC he was able to teach people from West Africa and the Ivory Coast. He even bore us his testimony in French!

Our high council speaker was Michael Howard. He has been able to live his life surrounded by honorable people both in and out of the Church. His career in the military put him around people who love their country and have a sense of duty. His membership in the church put him around people who have faith, hope and charity. In the church we have a charge to visit and watch over the members. It has always been a concern of the church to implement this among its members. He told about William Cahoon, who was appointed "ward teacher" at age 17 and was assigned to visit Joseph Smith and his family. He completed this assignment with "trembling." Joseph and Emma welcomed him and encouraged him in this assignment. Over the years there has been block teaching, ward teaching, home teaching, visiting teaching, and now Ministering (a "newer, holier approach to caring for . . . others." Pres Nelson). We can learn to be better ministers to others by consecrating some time and effort to this cause. See This Is Ministering (churchofjesuschrist.org)

Spotlight: Bryn Drummond

I was born in Salt Lake City, Utah and lived there for the first six months of my life but I grew up in Southern California. I have lived in Riverside, Moreno Valley, Blythe, and now San Jacinto.

I have four younger siblings, two sisters and two brothers, who are 16, 13, 11, and 9. My grandparents live in West Valley Utah where my parents grew up. I have family that lives in Washington, Texas, Colorado, Utah, and North Carolina. I enjoy traveling with my family and we like traveling to national parks.

I was born into the church but as I have grown, my conversion has definitely deepened. When I was younger I went to church because my parents did. As I have gotten older though I have been able to see God's hand in my life, as well as recognizing the love that Jesus Christ has for me. I have seen how the Lord has softened my heart and how much he blesses me. Knowing of his love for me, it has deepened my desire to keep the commandments and live my life worthily. Going to the temple has also helped me in my conversion process because I work to live worthily to have a temple recommend.

Currently I am taking classes at MSJC and am working for my associates degree. I work at Dr. Formica's Dental Office pretty much doing anything they need me to. I stay pretty busy with work, school, and church which is how I like it. I am also working on my own personal growth and am trying to become a little better each day.



I plan to serve a mission after I turn 19. When I get back from my mission, I want to finish up at the community college and get my associates degree. After that I want to transfer to a four-year university, probably Southern Utah University, or BYU Provo or Hawaii. As of now I want to study psychology to become a marriage and family counselor. My goal is to be married in the temple and to raise a family with a righteous man someday.

I love playing soccer, swimming, and hiking. I enjoy reading romance books as well as mystery novels. I also enjoy watching romance movies as well as crime/mystery movies. I like to do Diamond Dots because I don't feel like I am super creative, but by doing them I still get a beautiful product in the end. I also like singing. I have since I was little and so I enjoy listening to music a lot. I also like learning new line-dances with my friends even if I am not very good at them. I also like organizing things and having clean space.

One fun thing I have done is to take a trip with my cousin during junior year to a few places in Italy and Greece. I enjoy traveling and that is probably one of the coolest things that has happened to me in my life. I am happy that I received my endowments. It was one of the most amazing experiences in my life and I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to receive them.

My favorite hymn is "Because I Have Been Given Much." I love this hymn because I think the music is beautiful but also because it reminds me that God has given me everything that I have and in turn I should use those blessings to serve others. We are all Heavenly Father's children, so spreading loving and kindness is super important and I like that this song reminds me of that.



It's been two weeks since the last newsletter. I didn't realize this newsletter was so important until yesterday. Between meetings I noticed Sister Gray was crying. I asked her what was wrong and she said (between sobs) "You missed last week's newsletter. You are a slacker."

I felt bad so I loaned her a used Kleenex from my suit pocket and apologized. I promised I would never allow that to happen again. (I am afraid when we get released that Bishop Gray is going to have to shell out some big bucks for his wife's counseling.)

The reason we missed publishing the letter last week was some of our family showed up and I felt like we shouldn't turn them away. Especially in Hemet.

So two weeks ago for FHE we had a murder mystery dinner with the Hartvigsons putting on a big feast. Again! It was a great time and I was part of the crowd that guessed Aaron was the villain. All we needed to do was scan the crowd and then look at Aaron! Below



are the Grays. I think Sister Gray was upset yesterday because she didn't think her peace sign picture would

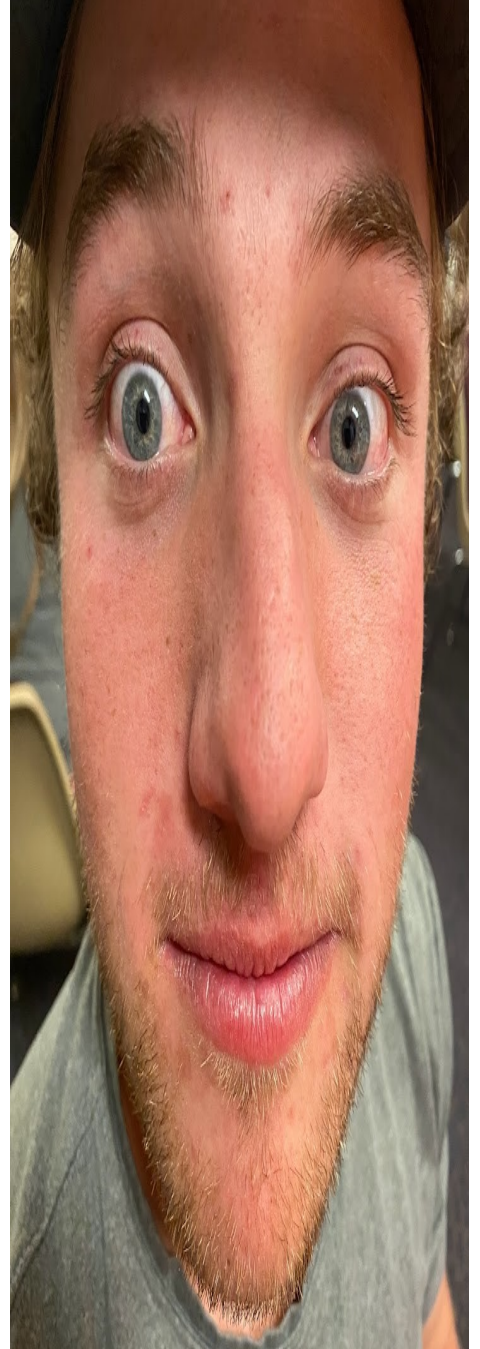


ever get published.





Like I said, Sister Hartvigson cannot be topped when hunger is addressed in a church setting! Some of the costumes made it hard to recognize people.





We can't get enough of Bryn this week. Last week she came dressed as a blackjack dealer from Camelot. A couple of times her crown fell off but the card game going on in the back kept the rubies intact.





Last week was transfers. Some went to other areas. Some went home. Some stayed. Some of us may never see each other again. We got new missionaries in and love our associations with them. They are the best! Sister Zilles and Sister McPhatter both left. I mean, they are both in the lower left. (They also...left.)

I served with Sister Zilles' uncle Gordon in PA 50 years ago. I've doubled as Sister Zilles' medical advisor over the last few months. I think she's now back up to 100%. My vast experience with Amitriptylin proved to be invaluable. She can pay me after she gets home and gets a job.

The new sisters in YSA are Sister Clawson (lower right) and Sister Brady. Back in PA, my first companion was Elder Clawson and my fourth one was Elder Brady. I think if we went back far enough, we would find that they are related! My dentist brother back home just bought a set of tires on my account. I'm lucky I noticed it in the bills I get from home.

I think when we get home I'm going to have him fix that space between my two front teeth pro bono. I just noticed I've got a problem.



So two of our daughters and some grandkids dropped in from Phoenix & VA last week. We went to Disneyland and took a couple of Elders with us. (Not really)

“Not really” is a line one of our grandkids named Sam uses all the time. He is pictured standing in the lower picture.

The picture on the right was taken while we were at Disneyland. Michele and I were sitting watching people go by when I noticed she had fallen asleep.

You can tell by the look on my face that I needed to use the men’s room but I know from past experience not to wake my wife up.

This scene remained the same for the next 45 minutes. Finally the kids came to get her to go on a ride with them. It was a nice and welcome break!





A few people from the ward showed up to help put up 1776 flags for Veteran's Day. There were more people this year but it appeared there were fewer veterans. Last year one of the guys was a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. He must have done some courageous fighting back in the day. However, all his buddies gave him such a hard time (all in jest) that I thought he was going to do some more courageous fighting.

Two weeks ago was another round at the Stake food distribution. It purred like a kitten, smooth as clockwork. What a joy to be there without "situations!"



I met a guy that muscled all the pallets up the hill to the door by himself. Usually it probably takes 45 minutes for two elders to jockey the pallets up. With Ryan, it took 15-20 minutes.

We got to talking and he mentioned he was waiting for a trucking job to open up. He mentioned it was with a guy in a propane company. I asked "Is his name Josh?"

He was shocked. It was. I was also a little surprised. He was almost as shocked as Josh was a few months ago when I started spouting off propane facts and told him I invented the YankATank that they have. This was after he told me to get lost when I approached him about the Gospel. I have tried to get back to share it with Josh but he's got all kinds of drama which has made it impossible. One of these days it's going to happen. I know the Gospel could completely change his life for the better.

In an attempt to keep the communication open, I pedal 8 miles a day through sketchy traffic to Josh's workplace. I sent Josh a picture of my new friend. He texted back a surprised heart.

We played music at Ramona Rehab last week and got a nice reception. Josie sang, only because I promised her ice cream if she would.

Sammy played the piano so I had to promise more ice cream.



Our daughter Meg accompanied us on some fiddle tunes, just like back in the old days.

Since I also promised myself some ice cream if I played, we immediately afterward visited an eatery.



Josie was not happy because she didn't get the haul that Sammy did from the ice cream machine.

I told her it is kinda like life. If you don't jump in and go for the gusto, you might end up on the short end. It's like I have on the top page: "You snooze, you looze."



I am becoming more aware all the time of the importance of taking advantage of our time and opportunities. I for one am never going to have to say at the end "I wish I would have taken more risks." I hope we all are taking advantage of our life, our ward, the Gospel and all the possibilities that are ours!

One night we played a game. Josie decided the hourglass she was operating needed to speed up a little. She popped the top off and before we could say “Wait just a half a minute”, she had enough sand dumped out that it was now a 30-second glass.



Our visitors decided they wanted to make Hemet a little more like heaven (with Grandma Michele’s help)

Every Sunday we have the Sisters over for Miracle Meeting broadcast. I’m a little outnumbered but in a good way.

Enjoy your week!



FHE Committee Presents....



CHOPPED

Come to FHE with your Gordon Ramsay skills to tonight's activity!

Don't forget to invite your friends and bring your seasoning!

Also it will be chilly outside for those that will be assigned cooking outside by their teammates, please bring a jacket!

The FHE committee can't wait to see all of your beautiful faces tonight! 🧡

Location: Park Hill Building

Time: 7 pm





FHE COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO...

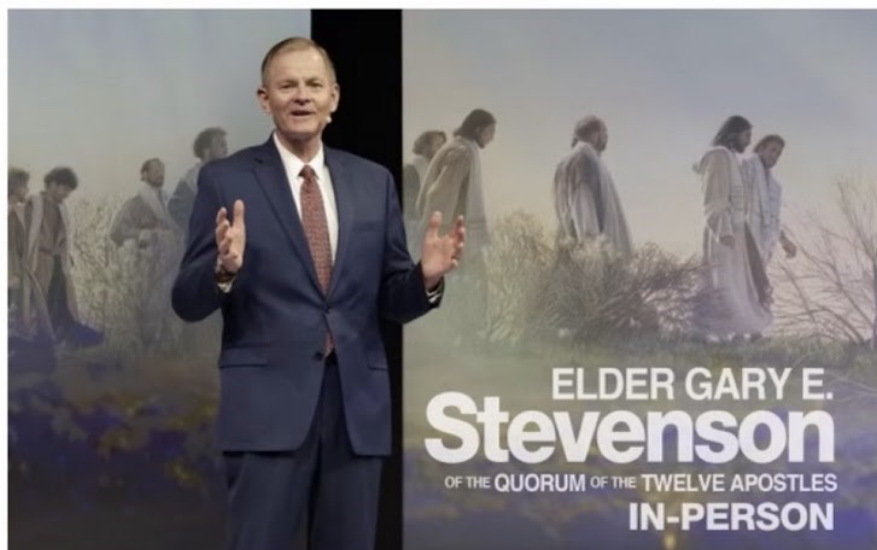
Friendsgiving Dinner

Come join us on a wonderful night filled with games and a delicious dinner!
Invite your friends as well!
Wear fall colors or a flannel to the dinner to add in the fun
We can't wait to see you all there!

NOVEMBER 20 | AT 7:00 PM

Located at the Stake Center

Any questions or concerns please contact Raegyne Gemo or Brother Stange
Thank You



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Stevenson
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IN-PERSON

southern california young adults

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sunday / december 10 / 7pm

escondido california stake center
2255 Felicita Road in Escondido

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SPECIAL WITNESS OF JESUS CHRIST

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OR TAKE A SCREENSHOT AND
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SIGN UP NOW!

NORTH PARK YSA



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**Thanks
giving**
Dance

PLEASE JOIN US

18 NOVEMBER 2023

NOVEMBER 18TH

1475 Northpark Blvd
San Bernardino

7pm-11pm

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
CASUAL DRESS

Come and see:

A Living Nativity Walkthrough Production

For the City of Hemet's Christmas Celebration

Dec. 2nd at Weston Park, starting about 6pm
(immediately following the **City Parade**)

**Free: production, desserts
petting zoo, &
kids crafts**



Join the
Taquitz YSA Relief Society in

Making Christmas Cookies

Thursday December 14th 5pm

27020 Meridian St
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Join the
Taquitz YSA Relief Society
in making

Manifestation Boards

Thursday January 4th 15pm

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Bring your goals for the upcoming year!!