

Tahquitz Ward Express

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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 loose!!

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 coordinator is Keoni Buenavista (951-391-3007). Please contact him for help with rides. Give him as much notice as possible.

FHE Assignments:

1st Monday - Gray

2nd - Stange

3rd - Van Jindelt

4th - Hartvigson

5th - Frosties & Fries

CFM

Gray, Stange, Diaz, Casper—(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 —

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FHE

12/11 YSA Christmas Party at stake center (white elephant gifts and cookie exchange) Any high school seniors are especially invited!

12/18 Nativity Night 12/25 No FHE Christmas 1/1 No FHE New Year's

1/8 Battleship Volleyball 1/15 No FHE MLK Day

1/22 Snowman Competition 1/29 Pickleball at stake center/Frosties and Fries

COME FOLLOW ME

12/7 at Gray's 12/14 No CFM/Temple baptisms

12/21 at Stange's 12/28 at Diaz's 1/4 at Casper's

TEMPLE DATES

12/14 (Thurs) 6:30 pm Baptisms 1/19 (Fri) 6:30 pm Baptisms 2/16 (Fri) 6:30 pm Baptisms

OTHER DATES

12/12 Relief Society activity at Gray's 6 pm. Make and deliver Christmas cookies.

12/15 Deseret Industries service opportunity in Calimesa

12/15 Bishops's Storehouse food distribution 10:30-1:30

12/16 Church Cleaning 7:00 pm

12/17 EQ tie exchange and RS Christmas sock exchange

1/27 (Changed) Winter Ball, sponsored by Hemet YSA

12/30 Merry Christmas Dance 8-11 pm, Murrieta (see flyer)

WEEKLY RELIEF SOCIETY MINISTERING CHALLENGE

Invite someone to go for a walk.

Upcoming Relief Society lesson talks for our ward can be found on the home page of your Gospel Library App. If you can't locate it ask a member of the RS presidency for help.

QUOTES—The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!—Buddy the Elf

This Christmas, mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust. Write a letter. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. Keep a promise. Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Apologize. Try to understand. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Be kind. Be gentle. Laugh a little more. Express your gratitude. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love and then speak it again.—Anonymous, quoted by Howard W Hunter in 2002 First Presidency Christmas Devotional

Spotlight: Isaac Smith

I was born in Hayward California but I have lived in San Jacinto my whole life. Same town, two houses. The reason why I was born in Northern California was because my parents were visiting my grandparents at the time when I was born. Fun fact: I was born in the same hospital as my Mom.



Isaac Smith There are 7 people in my family; My Mom and Dad and my four siblings. I am the middle child. the order is as follows, my oldest sister Kayla, my older brother Dallin, Me, My younger brother Evan, and my youngest sister Elle.

I was born in the church and have attended church almost every Sunday of my life. If you did the math it's probably like a 99% attendance rate for church. That doesn't mean I've always had the strongest testimony though. It took time. It took effort. I think the growth of my testimony really began when I was in seminary and it was the year for the Book of Mormon. That's when I read it for the first time all the way through. Near the end of the school year I finished and that's when I decided to follow the guidelines given by Moroni and pray to know if it was true. That night, I was laying in bed and prayed to know the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon. The Spirit told me in a feeling in my heart, "You won't get an answer this way." It wasn't until I got out of bed and prayed sincerely that the Spirit touched my heart and let me know it was true. Since then I have been trying my best to follow the gospel and keep that testimony.

I served in the Florida Orlando mission. The FOM. It was as they say, "The Best Two Years". I grew closer to my Savior and learned more about his gospel and who he is to me personally.

Currently I am just working but in the first week of January I will be heading to BYU Provo to study mechanical engineering with an aerospace emphasis. Sounds complex but simply its just airplane and rocket mechanics. You could say it's simply rocket science so hopefully it's not that bad.

I love volleyball and outdoors sports. Me and my brothers love to go rock climbing--two things I can no longer do because of my current recovery.

What am I passionate about? Jesus

My favorite hymn is number 29, "A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief". This is because one time in church we learned about how it was sung moments before the prophet Joseph and his brother Hyrum were martyred. If you read the lyrics, especially the last verse, you can see why this song must have given them comfort. It gives me comfort as I think about how I may fit into this hymn

This week Sister Robinson & her mother stopped by. She was in Hemet for a long time and spent a good amount of time in our apartment when Miracle Meetings, etc were going on. She's a great lady and missionary!

Due to the fact that she's no longer a missionary, I allowed her to hug me. I like the picture on the left far better than the one on the right. There is just something about the pic on the right that bothers me. I spent a couple hours studying them this week and I'll be darned if I can tell what the difference is! We zoomed her missionary homecoming. She was awesome!



Sunday:

Ethan Collett spoke to us about his mission. One of the friends he taught said, "Make every moment one to always remember." We can do this by holding up our light for everyone to see. This light can bring others closer to Jesus Christ. More than at any time of the year, this season is about the Savior, "our everything," according to our high council speaker, Brother Bradshaw. Recently one of the temple recommend questions was modified to include our faith in Christ, not just as THE Savior and Redeemer, but as OUR personal Savior and Redeemer. This is a good time to think about and renew our relationship with our Savior. Brother Bradshaw said, "I'm not living the gospel to get blessings later. I want them right now." He invited us to "Light the World."

That theme was continued by Elder Gary E Stevenson and his wife Lesa in a YSA fireside in Escondido. Sometimes we don't recognize the true value of what we have, as evidenced by a cool rock that his father found as a little boy. It was actually a Native American arrow-head. We can know about the reality of Jesus Christ by studying His word. This season is a time to Love, Share and Invite. Times Square became a "holy place" for one night when all the screens lit up with magical images of Christ's birth and glorious strains of Silent Night were heard. What can we do to share His light within the next 2 weeks before Christmas? Elder Stevenson, who is a "special witness of Jesus Christ" gave those in attendance an apostolic blessing that we would find Christ in a deeper measure in our hearts. We are so grateful for him and others like him who devote their lives to witnessing of Him.

We gave several girls a ride to Escondido. I must be losing my mind! When we started getting in the car, I got mixed up like Biden and started climbing in the black and silver rig instead of the red van.

