

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 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 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

12/4 Christmas cards for missionaries

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

12/9 7 pm Please come help clean our church building. Many hands make light work.

12/10 Devotional with Elder Gary E. Stevenson, 7 pm Escondido Stake Center, 2255 Felecita Rd.

Meet at stake center at 4:30 for carpool to Escondido

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

12/15 Deseret Industries service opportunity in Calimesa

12/17 Canceled--Church in Idyllwild

1/20 Winter Ball, sponsored by Hemet YSA

BIRTHDAYS — It's a big week for BIRTHDAYS!

12/5 Gladys Ponce 12/6 Raegyne Gemo, Gio Baez

12/9 Cole Phipps 12/10 Brian Hartvigson

WEEKLY RELIEF SOCIETY MINISTERING CHALLENGE

Invite your sisters to Relief Society this week and to next week's Relief Society activity on 12/12.

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QUOTES—The definition of adulthood is that you contribute more than you consume.—Aislyn Dyer, Follow Him podcast NT Ep 49

I set a goal to always serve when asked. You never know when you will be the answer to someone's prayer.—Isaac Smith, Tahquitz Ward Sunday School

New callings! Emma Johnson, Social Media Specialist, Dawson Hoover, FHE committee

Good News! Congratulations to Madalynn Phipps and Brigham Hartvigson on their recent engagement!

Spotlight: Isaac Collett

I was born in Riverside California. I have grown up in Hemet all of my life.

I have a big family, I have eight brothers and three sisters. I have been a member all of my life.

Currently, I am working on getting prepared to leave on a mission and going to serve his children

My future goal is to go on a mission.

One of my hobbies is playing pickleball.

I am happy I asked Brother Baez aka Michal to come to church.

My favorite Hymn is A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief, I feel the spirit so strongly when I sing that song!!

Editor's note: Issac is a man of few words and even fewer pictures. He has been a bright light in the ward ever since he started attending (prematurely) last spring.

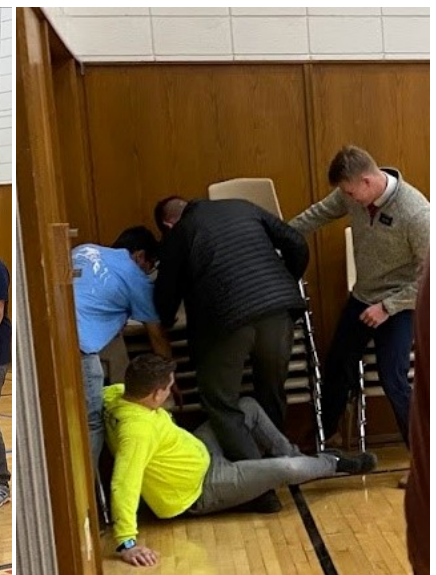
When I found out it was through his invitation to Michael Baez that Michael joined the church, I was impressed. He did this while still in high school. We can all use his example to invite others to check out the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the all the blessings available in it!





Another Sunday night
Miracle Meeting zooming
missionaries experiences
throughout the Riverside
California mission.

Chair soccer for FHE. It's
amazing there weren't at
least a couple of broken
bones by the end of the
night. It was a blast!





This week has been full and eventful! We're working on helping a brother in an assisted living center wade through red tape and bureaucracy just so he can come to church! The Shaw's pictured above have been super helpful as we try to get members' records to the wards where they have moved. We had a blast having lunch with them this week! The guy is almost as colorful as I and a heck of a lot smarter.



While we were having lunch, I noticed a cat getting ready to jump up in the warm engine compartment of a truck. In our history, we've cut down on the cat population more than once when we've started the car to go to church on a cold winter's morning. Not sure what happened with this kitty as we left before ignition.



For several months, I've been riding 8-16 miles a day. I found a chain on the freeway last fall. It has set a record for the heaviest bike chain in history. It's doing its job. I still have my bike.

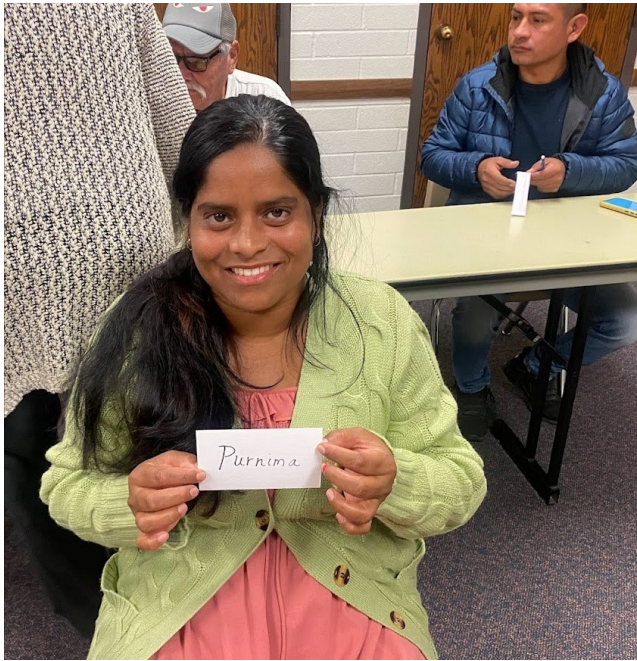
I often ride at night & decided to get a headlight that would counteract all the people that blast



me with their high beams. It's more like a 480-volt spotlight than a bike headlight.



This is where I ran out of carbs at 10 o'clock one night and had to lay down on the sidewalk as a few homeless folks walked by. I was about 7 miles from home. I called Michele to come get me. 45 minutes later, I ended up slowly pedaling home.



We started teaching an English Connect class this week. It was a sweet experience. The gentleman in the back is 85 years old. He had an accident a few years ago and now has a metal rod for a femur and a fake hip and knee socket. He moves around better than I. He came to the stake center on the wrong evening to get a temple recommend. Since he was there and I had a hard time understanding what he wanted, I drug him into the English class. The younger fellow has little English but a big spirit. The sister in front is from India. Both of the younger ones are taking the missionary lessons. We seriously had a wonderful evening with them and the missionaries that were there!





We had zone conference this week. Here we are shown taking a breather and digesting the vittles after lunch. We love the missionaries and older couples we get to serve with! The paper bag next to me is filled with the cash I went around and collected from the younger missionaries for their lunch. I lucked into finding out they didn't know the lunch is free. This is the very reason I am hoping we get an extension for a few more conference lunches. (Actually, it had just a few oranges another couple gave me. They said they were for people that looked like they were down on their luck.) The oranges tasted good.



We had Come Follow Me at our apartment this week.

The Elder behind Sister Brady is Elder Juncker. He claimed the other day that Elder Soderborg (far right) got bit by a dog and was in bad shape.

I went through several actions to solve the serious situation and worried all night about what I was convinced was nasty blood poisoning from the dog. The next day I saw Elder Soderborg. He looked fine. I asked to see his finger the bog bit. It looked more like the dog licked him than bit him.



I told him to tell his companion to go memorize

2nd Nephi 9:34. It's too bad Elder Juncker is going home in a couple of weeks. That doesn't give me much time to pay him back.



Food distribution again this week. The Tibbeits are in charge and great people. Right after this picture, I called for everyone to listen up. I announced Sister Casper and I had been married almost 45 years and this last week has been the best week of our marriage. Brother Tibbitts then said he and his wife have also been married 45 years. They were married in January of '79 and we married in February of that year. He asked what day and I said the 15th. I asked him what day they married? He started fumbling around and couldn't remember. Sister Tibbitts stormed by and said "The 9th!" and didn't break her stride. It was pretty funny! Figured Bill was in trouble.

Later I kidded her about it and she said "You don't stop a 71 year old lady when she has to use the restroom!"

Brother Robert Morris has been showing up for each distribution. He is a better worker than I and he's ten years older. I don't know if you remember but he got baptized this spring. I helped teach him after we figured out that both of us lived in Philadelphia back in the 70s. He was the instantaneous

answer to a prayer I offered. It was really a cool experience!

The Hartvigson's service is invaluable to our ward. So many great people here in Hemet!



Saturday we had a couple of great experiences finding members. We ran into a family that seemed to need our visit. What a wonderful family they are! The dad said when we pulled up and got out, we looked like we were angels. It was a choice experience! Sunday, the oldest son Nate showed up at church!



In our travels of searching, we ended up at the place below. You would think they would have at least a little of the Christmas spirit, wouldn't you?



That, my friends, is erroneous thinking!

As we walked away at their behest, I looked without success for their mailbox that I was sure would say "Grinch".