

Tahquitz Ward Express

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

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 Keoni Buenavista (951-391-3007) and Eric Diaz (951-492-8202) Please contact either for help with rides. Give 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

3/11 Cake Wars

3/18 Spring Bash (bocce ball, corn hole, backyard games)

3/25 European Handball at McSweeney Park

4/1 Hoedown Night

Know anybody sitting at home? Please invite your friends!

COME FOLLOW ME

3/14 at Casper's

3/21 at Gray's

3/28 at Stange's

4/4 at Diaz's

OTHER DATES

3/17 Worldwide Relief Society Devotional, 5 pm at stake center

3/31 Easter and Casper's farewell talk 1:00 pm (no other meetings)

4/6-7 General Conference

4/14 Fast Sunday and Break the Fast

TEMPLE DATES

5/17 (Fri) 6:30 pm Baptisms. Carpool meets at stake center at 5 pm.

6/7 (Fri) 6:30 pm Baptisms

BIRTHDAYS!

3/18 Stephen Tadlock

RELIEF SOCIETY

3/17 Worldwide Relief Society Devotional, 5 pm at stake center

Look for your new ministering assignments on tools.

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.

From our ward mission leader—Invite YSA age friends from your home ward to come to church on Sunday! They are out there. They just need an invitation and a friend to make them feel welcome.

Sunday:

We welcomed two new sister missionaries into our ward—Sister Moeller, from Twin Falls, ID and Sister Sellers, from Provo, UT. Sister Moeller is a brand new missionary and a convert to the church. She shared a scripture from 1 Nephi 21. Christ will never forget us because we are “graven ... upon the palms of [His} hands.” Sister Sellers shared her testimony that the answer is always Jesus Christ.

Our speakers were Stephen Rex from the San Jacinto ward, and his son Connor Rex who serves on the high council. Brother Stephen Rex served in the YSA in 2019-2022. His topic was the power of prayer and he gave many great examples of the importance of prayer in our lives. Our prayers should be sincere and respectful. We can constantly have a prayer in our hearts by living in thanksgiving for the “steady stream of tender mercies” we receive.

Brother Connor Rex shared that of all the topics the stake presidency and high council talked over, the one they felt would be the most beneficial to the members of the stake was the doctrine of the sacrament. The purpose of the sacrament each week is 1) renew covenants 2) retain a remission of sins 3) recommit ourselves to following Jesus Christ. God’s work and glory is to bring to pass our immortality and eternal life. The sacrament is crucial to this work. We live in a lone and dreary, fallen world. The Holy Ghost helps us discern between truth and error. Weekly partaking of the sacrament allows the Holy Ghost to be with us.

QUOTES

“Whatever questions or problems you have, the answer is always found in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Learn more about His Atonement, His love, His mercy, His doctrine, and His restored gospel of healing and progression. Turn to Him! Follow Him!”—Russell M Nelson

FHE found us (collectively, not individually) scrambling in the dark trying to catch glowing & ultimate Frisbees. I got a standing ovation for celebrating another undeserved birthday. If someone would have told me 30 years ago that I would live to see 69, I would have put big money against the odds.



Spotlight:

**Brian & Polly
Hartvigson**

**These two are
the best!!**



We have attended over 40 temples



**What we have most in common is We
Love Food, and hard work!!!**





Sister Hartvigson was born in Ogden and spent her first 7 years in Clearfield, Utah. She also lived in Seattle, WA (was baptized there), Portland, OR, and Lakewood, CO. She was #3 of 4 children. Her only brother passed away in a car accident at 21. She is very close to her two sisters.

She attended Ricks College (aka BYU) and BYU Hawaii, then on to the "University of Hard Knocks." lol

"While attending BYU I had several roommates who didn't attend church or live the standards of the church. This made me think why I lived the church standards and realized what a strong testimony I have of the gospel. It was extremely important to me to marry in the temple so I would have those temple covenants to strengthen my testimony."

Currently, Sister H is "recovering from 40 years of raising and home schooling 8 children- 4 boys and 4 girls, while living on and maintaining a 5 acre farm. 5 have served missions and 4 Eagle Scouts. I also catered for 30 years and taught painting - all while serving faithfully in many callings in the church, and I am just tired. lol. We have 14 grandchildren which keeps me busy traveling for all of their special occasions."



Her future goals are to “Play, play, play, and serve in the gospel.”

Hobbies and interests: “Painting, which I do every day but never on the Sabbath. Creativity came with my brain so I love all creative outlet.” She went to college to become a “famous” bronze and stone sculptor, but has had very little time for that these past 42 years.

She’s passionate about: “Holding my family together and wanting most for them that they hold onto the iron rod.” She also says that leading music brings her more joy than almost anything.

At 14 Sister H was told she would never be able to have children. “When I met Brian in a SINGLES WARD, he was excited to tell me that on his mission he had taught English in an orphanage and really would like to adopt the three Watanabe sisters. That was the answer to my prayers. With our 8 children that we were blessed with we have had many answers to prayers and tender mercies.”

As far as a favorite hymn goes, there are “far too many to list. Music is my light. One favorite hymn is ‘There Is A Green Hill Far Away.’ It was my mother’s favorite and always made me think of her.”

Brother Hartvigson was born in Hood River OR. He grew up in the Willamette Valley, OR and Denver, CO. His father was a mathematics professor at the University of Colorado at Denver. He has an older brother and sister and a younger brother.

His conversion to the gospel was gradual— “over a lifetime.”

Mission: “I served from 1979-1981 in the Japan Tokyo North Mission. One of the most spiritual experiences of my mission was the dedication of the Tokyo Temple in 1980. It was the first temple in Asia and President Kimball's last trip abroad. 5 of our children have served missions and 3 have gone to Japan. Brigham served at the rededication of the Tokyo Temple. One served in Florida and Alabama and Jewellia is in Kentucky Louisville Spanish speaking.

Currently, Brother H works as an Environmental, Health and Safety Manager. His future goal is to retire!

Some of his hobbies are blacksmithing and gardening. He’s passionate about “eradicating ground squirrels, gophers, and rabbits that eat my garden!”

Something we don’t know about Brother H: “I was a shy introvert until my mission.” One of the great experiences in his life was having the privilege to serve as the bishop of a family ward for 5 ½ years

His favorite hymn is “I Need Thee Every Hour.” “It helps me when I am happy and when I am down.”

From the Hartvigsons: “Last but not least we LOVE serving in the Tahquitz ward. All 8 of our children attended it in their day!!”

Brother Hartvigson is our ward executive secretary and Sister Hartvigson is the stake choir director. Their unofficial title is the ward dinner caterers and they do a fabulous job creating, decorating for, serving and cleaning up after every wonderful meal we share together as a ward. Thank you, Hartvigsons. We love you!

Monday we drove to Idyllwild to have lunch with the Jensens. It's kind of a funny place. Elder Jensen can sleep standing up. Their squirrels are huge and their fire hydrants are mini-sized.

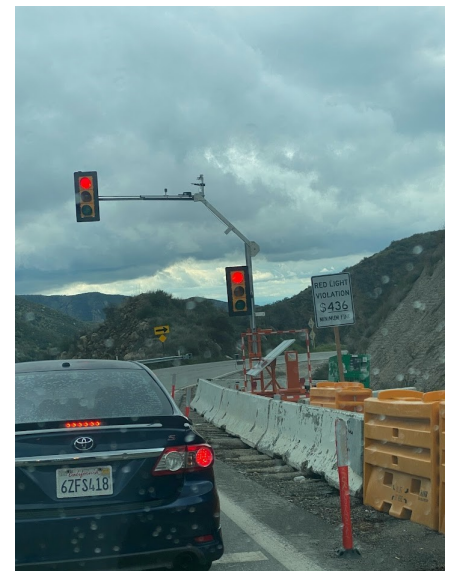
It's a beautiful place to visit unless the roads are washed out and the road is a one way affair.

About a month ago we went up for church and after waiting for 10 or 15 minutes, I went through the red light. There was no sign around warning of a high-priced ticket. After a bit of traveling on the one-way, I noticed we had a parade of wrong way drivers heading for us.

Luckily, I found a place to turn off and missed the oncoming traffic.

After seeing the sign, we're starting to worry about getting a delayed ticket in the mail.

If they can just hold off sending it for another couple of weeks we'll be fleeing out of state.



Tuesday found us at another district and zone meeting. After this last transfer we are trying to remember a bunch of new names of missionaries. Saturday we had the transfer breakfast. This is going to be our last



transfer breakfast. They sang "God be with you till we meet again" and we got a bunch of cool notes from all the missionaries we knew and even a few of the new ones.

The missionaries here always seem to be on fire and motivated. We love them and are always impressed with their spirit and desire to serve!



We had another great English Connect evening and the next night we went to a discussion to a couple's place that were filing for divorce for the second time. It was a sweet evening and by the time we left, they decided that they were going to stay together.

I called the brother a few days later and he said things were much better. As soon as they are sure they've turned the corner, I'm going to invite them over to help us with our marital issues.

Pictured below is Sister Hartvigson showing me how much she thinks I've grown since we arrived here. A lot of her great cooking can be at least partially blamed for the increase in my belt size.

Sunday we had another Break the Fast. I think this might be our last experience with this festivity.

The theme this month was Mexican food.

The missionary work seems to be going strong. There are lots of referrals and lessons being taught!



For the the third time since we've been on this mission, our neighbor Marshall Benson took us out to tour the sights. The guy is such a nice, thoughtful and kind person.

We went to the Midway and toured it. The tour about wore me out but at least I stayed awake. Michele and Marshall's son Cole are lightweights and soon collapsed in the back seat.

We went to the point west of San Diego with the intention of touring the tide pools. My leg started hurting so I sat on a rock and enjoyed the view while the rest of the crew explored.



We ended up at Hodad's and I had a single burger that was way too big. The carrier Midway was really cool. We spent a little time talking to old salty veterans who served as pilots in the Navy.

By nightfall, we were tuckered out. Sister MacArther was just released from her mission. She and her family stopped in and we had dinner and a nice visit.

Very nice people. I didn't have much for dinner as I was still working on digesting lunch from Hodad's. Plus my jaw is no longer functional.





Academic Calendar

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EVENT	WINTER 2024 (JAN.– APR.)	SPRING 2024 (APR.– JUL.)	FALL 2024 (SEPT.– DEC.)
Priority Application Deadline	Dec. 20	Apr. 2	Aug. 27
Last Day to Complete an Application	Jan. 3	Apr. 17	Sept. 11
Courses Start	Jan. 8	Apr. 22	Sept. 16

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