



## *Bishopric Message—Brad Schreck*

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter holiday and general conference sessions this past month of April. Spring is such a wonderful time of year as it reminds me that no matter how harsh, cold, and long the winter is, spring always comes—with its hope of greenery, warmth, and longer days. This comparison between winter and spring is like the Lord's love for us and how he's always willing to reach for us to lift us and draw us closer to him. No matter how much we've fallen or failed or sinned, the Lord's forgiveness always comes (just like spring after winter) if we are willing to turn to him, repent, and try again.



We all make mistakes in this life. We know that no one is perfect and that everyone falls short at one time or another. And yet, even knowing and recognizing this universal truth, we often must humble ourselves to ask for forgiveness from the Lord and others.

One of the ways that we often hurt people the most are with our words. We have heard many times how the words we use and the tone we deliver them in can be the difference between amnesty and contention.

One of the talks that resonated with me during this past conference was Elder Ronald A. Rasband's address titled "Words Matter." One part of his talk stood out to me the most when he stated: "Our words can be supportive or angry, joyful or mean, compassionate or tossed aside. In the heat of the moment, words can sting and sink painfully deep into the soul—and stay there. Our words on the internet, texting, social media, or tweets take on a life of their own. So be careful what you say and how you say it. In our families, especially with husbands, wives, and children, our words can bring us together or drive a wedge between us."

"Let me suggest three simple phrases that we can use to take the sting out of difficulties and differences, lift, and reassure each other:

"Thank you."

"I'm sorry."

And "I love you."

Do not save these humble phrases for a special event or catastrophe. Use them often and sincerely, for they show regard for others."

What struck me about this portion of Elder Rasband's talk was how simple these phrases are and how much emotion and sincerity he used in delivering his message. It reminded me of how powerful it is to use these phrases to defuse, deescalate, and mitigate a contentious or argumentative situation.

In our current society, it is so easy to do the opposite by refusing to back down, by elevating our voices to be heard, and by never, ever admitting wrongdoing. Why is it that so many of us naturally default to talking louder, more aggressively, and with more unwavering certainty to get our point across? How much better would we be as disciples and followers of Jesus Christ to instead say, "I'm sorry" or "I love you" or "I want to help you"? Elder Rasband's simple reminder that simple, Christlike phrases can do more to help lift others than any amount of study, research, supporting documentation, strong opinion, or certainty can ever do.

I truly believe that happiness comes from following the example of Jesus Christ by loving others, accepting them despite our disagreements, and being more willing to walk back from any argument or disagreement instead of being "right." The Savior showed us the way. He forgave those that wronged him. He is always there for us when we fall short. My hope is that we can all look for ways to use our words in more uplifting and positive ways and to take the opportunities we are presented each day to help others feel our love for them as the Savior loves them. By doing so, we can find joy and peace in this life.

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## What's Happening in May

### Callings

Crystal McMillan Primary Days leader  
Alyssa LaFortune Primary music leader

Joey Horne Young Single Adult leader  
Whitney Young Young Women assistant camp director

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## *Happy Birthday*

1	Sagers, Terumi	15	Eggleston, Sadie
3	Kizerian, Bruce	16	Kiley, Sarah
3	Lynner, Anita	18	Bullough, Grace
3	Sagers, Jacob	18	McMillan, Crystal
4	Hansen, Treyton	19	Mackay, Keli
6	Brown, Peter	19	Murray, Stanton
6	Ockey, Lorrie	22	Nelson, Diane
6	Simmons, Rebecca	23	Hillock, Joe
8	Young, Cora	24	Lane, Shonale
9	Grant, Bob	24	Storey, Aileen
9	Hardman, Cooper	27	Brown, LeAuna
11	Hackley, Eryannah	28	Furner, Susan
11	Hansen, Stockton	28	Pond, Rexanne
12	Seiger, Katelyn	29	Panas, Brandon
13	Richardson, Alisha	29	Squires, Jeff
13	Sagers, Jon	31	Andrade, Sandra
14	Kirkham, Robin	31	Barton, Peter
14	Nelson, Shauna	31	Richardson, Sierra
14	Rindlisbacher, Lorenz		

## Primary

April was a great month in Primary. We worked on memorizing the fourth article of faith. Many of the children memorized and passed it off.

Linda Horne was released as a music leader. She did an incredible job and always brought the Spirit to primary. We are really going to miss her in primary. We are excited to have Alyssa LaFortune as our new music



leader and Crystal McMillen as a new Activity Days leader.

In May, we will be working on the fifth article of faith. Just a reminder that the children can pass off an article of faith in the primary room after the second hour.

For parents of children in Activity Days, mark your calendars for a day camp at Camp Tracy on June 20 from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m.



## Young Women

The young women have been busy this past month with activities, including the Taylorville, Utah Temple celebration and enjoying the talents of some of our young women in the Hillcrest Junior High play.

But the highlight of the month was hosting the VIM dinner April 24. Very important members of our ward shared a night of food, fun, and

great conversation with the youth. The youth learned dances from the 1960s and prepared a special dance to the tune of Tangled. Cheyenne Frank played Clair de Lune, a piece from her senior recital.

It was a great opportunity to bridge the gap between the youth and other members of our ward. Good friendships were forged during the VIM dinner.





More Young Women Pictures





## Relief Society

A huge thank you to the activities committee for a lovely Relief Society birthday dinner on March 26. The Relief Society sisters enjoyed the dinner and visiting with one another.



## Attending the Temple

The Relief Society mini-activity committee organized two temple outings in April. One during the day and one in the evening. This was a fun opportunity to worship together in the beautiful Jordan River Temple.

## Pickleball Playoff

The Relief Society enjoyed a pickleball night on April 23.



## Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, May 8, 7 p.m.: Bunco Night with the Young Women.

MURRAY LITTLE COTTONWOOD STAKE PRESENTS

# BASKETBALL

## 3-POINT CONTEST



**SAT MAY 11TH 6-7:30PM**  
**ANYONE CAN SIGN UP**  
**USE THE GOOGLE DOC TO REGISTER FOR A TIME**  
**PRIZES FOR WINNERS**

MORE INFO: CONTACT ENOCH MILLS 801-602-6780



Go here to register you and  
your family.





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## Things as They Really Are

*Salt Palace Convention Center*  
90 S W Temple St, SLC, UT 84101

or

attend online at [utahcoalition.org](http://utahcoalition.org)  
Sat, May 4<sup>th</sup> | 9:00<sup>am</sup> - 1:30<sup>pm</sup>



To register please go to  
[utahcoalition.org](http://utahcoalition.org)

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

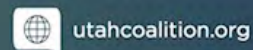
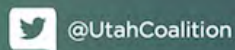
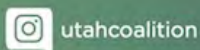
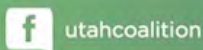


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## Where to Park for the Taylorsville Temple Open House

There has been some confusion about the Taylorsville Temple Open House which is currently going on. The open house will continue through Saturday, May 18, 2024 (excluding Sundays) from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. The address of the temple is 2603 West 4700 South, Taylorsville, Utah 84118

Reservations are recommended and can be obtained by going to

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/featured/taylorsville-utah-open-house?lang=eng>

**YOU CAN ATTEND THE OPEN HOUSE EVEN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A RESERVATION.**

The only parking on temple property will be for vehicles with a valid state-issued disabled plate or placard. Please do not park in residential areas or you risk being ticketed.

All other visitors should park at the designated parking lot and ride the shuttle to and from the temple. Shuttle Parking goes from 8:30am - 9:00pm is located at 2780 W. 4700 S. Taylorsville.



We hope that you will all take the opportunity to visit the temple before it is dedicated. Please invite your friends, family and coworkers to enjoy this unique experience. Our stake will be in the Taylorsville Temple District once it is dedicated. We are so blessed to have this beautiful temple.



18TH WARD  
RELIEF SOCIETY  
& YOUNG WOMEN

# BUNCO NIGHT

MAY  
8TH

7:00

BROWNSTONE  
BUILDING