

CHAMPAIGN ILLINOIS STAKE

UNIT NO. 504076

The General Authorities of the Church, the Area Seventies, and the officers of the stake are to be presented for sustaining in the first stake conference of each year (or the second conference, if the first is a broadcast). Only new stake officers are to be sustained during the second stake conference.

A member of the stake presidency is to present the full names of officers for sustaining. He should present only the officers listed on this form. The stake clerk should prepare this form in time for careful review by the stake presidency to make sure it is accurate.

After the conference, the stake clerk should include this form in the Annual History for Stakes and Districts (32299).

The conference of the Champaign Illinois Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, held at Champaign and Mattoon, on 23 May 2010.

It is proposed that we sustain as General Authorities of the Church:

Thomas S. Monson as prophet, seer, and revelator and President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Henry B. Eyring as First Counselor in the First Presidency; and Dieter F. Uchtdorf as Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

Those in favor may manifest it by the uplifted hand. Any opposed may so manifest it.

Boyd K. Packer as President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles; and as members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles: Boyd K. Packer, L. Tom Perry, Russell M. Nelson, Dallin H. Oaks, M. Russell Ballard, Richard G. Scott, Robert D. Hales, Jeffrey R. Holland, David A. Bednar, Quentin L. Cook, D. Todd Christofferson, and Neil L. Andersen.

The counselors in the First Presidency and the Twelve Apostles as prophets, seers, and revelators.

Those in favor manifest it.
 Any opposed manifest it.

All other General Authorities, Area Seventies, and general officers of the Church as presently constituted.

Those in favor manifest it.
 Any opposed manifest it.

It is proposed that we sustain:

T. Ned Lunt as president of the Champaign Illinois Stake of Zion, with Stephen D. Newman as first counselor and Kingsley M. Allan as second counselor.

Those in favor manifest it.
 Any opposed manifest it.

As members of the high council:

1. Donald B. Shepard II
2. Robert E. Tonkinson Jr
3. Timothy J. Fulton
4. Samuel L. Hunter
5. Kirk W. Swensen
6. Quinn P. Peterson
7. Gary T. Bucey
8. Paul A. McNabb
9. Ronald L. Bryant
10. Rick J. Taylor
11. Glenn E. Overby II
12. Arthur C. Jackson Jr

As stake clerk:

Daniel J. Laxman

As stake executive secretary:

Robert E. Tonkinson Jr

As assistant stake clerk(s):

William R. Evans
 Larry J. Millet
 Zachary M. Sellers

As stake patriarch(s):

Raymond L. Price

Those in favor manifest it.

Any opposed manifest it.

It is proposed that we sustain:

As the presidency of the stake Relief Society:

Dianne Shepard, president; Anna B. McClure, first counselor; and Susan M. Bundy, second counselor; with Jennifer M. Scott, secretary.

As the presidency of the stake Primary:

Carolyn A. Newman, president; Erika D. Jones, first counselor; and Jenny M. Kohler, second counselor; with Alison A. Taylor, secretary.

As the presidency of the stake Sunday School:

Jeremy J. Hatch, president; Ronald E. McConaha, first counselor; and Jeffrey E. Wheatley, second counselor; with _____, secretary.

As the presidency of the stake Young Men:

Steven D. Smith, president; Adam L. Washburn, first counselor; and Emerson T. Warnick, second counselor; with _____, secretary.

As the presidency of the stake Young Women:

Amy E. Koester, president; Rebecca A. Anderson, first counselor; and Alysa Stewart, second counselor; with Melinda Hoffman, secretary.

All other stake officers as now constituted.

Those in favor manifest it.

Any opposed manifest it.

For the information of stake members, the number of members of the stake serving full-time missions is 7.*

* As appropriate and approved by the presiding authority, the number of members serving in the military may be added.

CHAMPAIGN WARD

UNIT NO. 124656

Officers Sustained—Ward

The General Authorities of the Church, the Area Seventies, and the officers of the stake and ward are to be presented for sustaining at the annual ward conference.

A member of the stake presidency or an assigned high counselor is to present the full names of officers for sustaining. He should present only the officers listed on this form. The ward clerk should complete this form, insofar as positions have been filled, in time for careful review by the priesthood leader who will use it.

After the conference, the ward clerk should give this form to the stake clerk to be included in the Annual History for Stakes and Districts (32299).

The annual conference of the Champaign Ward of the Champaign Illinois Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, held at Champaign, Illinois, on 14 Mar 2010.

It is proposed that we sustain as General Authorities of the Church:

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The counselors in the First Presidency and the Twelve Apostles as prophets, seers, and revelators.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

All other General Authorities, Area Seventies, and general officers of the Church as presently constituted.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

It is proposed that we sustain:

T. Ned Lunt as president of the Champaign Illinois Stake of Zion, with Stephen Delmont Newman as first counselor and Kingsley M. Allan as second counselor.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

All other stake officers as now constituted.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

It is proposed that we sustain:

Fabian Gerardo Fernandez as bishop of the Champaign Ward, with Edward Allen Burton as first counselor and Nathan Daniel Price as second counselor.

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

As ward clerk:

Aaron Foster Zimbelman

As ward executive secretary:

Thomas Michael Anderson

As assistant ward clerk(s):

Aaron Kirk Knowlton
Gary Lee Anderson

Those in favor manifest it. Any opposed manifest it.

It is proposed that we sustain:

As president of the priests quorum:

Fabian Gerardo Fernandez, bishop; with Nathaniel James Anderson, first assistant; _____, second assistant; and _____, secretary.

As the presidency of the teachers quorum:

_____, president; _____, first counselor; and _____, second counselor; with _____, secretary.

As the presidency of the deacons quorum:

_____, president; _____, first counselor; and _____, second counselor; with _____, secretary.

Those in favor manifest it.

Any opposed manifest it.

As the presidency of the Relief Society:

Joanne Alynne Broadbent, president; Tiffany Kaye Peterson, first counselor; and Linda Ruth Hobson, second counselor; with Nancy Jean McNabb, secretary.

As the presidency of the Primary:

Jennifer Lynn Hill, president; Cynthia Sue Burton, first counselor; and Sarah Beth Millet, second counselor; with Holly Anne Hart, secretary.

As the presidency of the Sunday School:

George Wilson McConkie, president; Thomas Walter Cuppernell, first counselor; and Michael Stephen Bresnahan, second counselor; with _____, secretary.

As the presidency of the Young Men:

Timothy Ray Ellsworth, president; Kenneth Wayne Goode, first counselor; and Jonathan David Young, second counselor; with James William Keller, secretary.

As the presidency of the Young Women:

Karin Sue Hendricks, president; Jennifer Anne Ellsworth, first counselor; and Alison Marie Johnson, second counselor; with Lisa Marie Washburn, secretary.

As the ward mission leader:

Lance Packer Ferrell

All other ward officers and teachers as now constituted.

Those in favor manifest it.

Any opposed manifest it.

For your information, the following have been sustained or will be presented for a sustaining vote in their group, quorum, or class:*

As the leaders of the ward group of the stake high priests quorum:

Gentzy Hems Franz, group leader; Jessen Law Hobson, first assistant; and William Morgan Reger IV, second assistant; with Jonathan Walter Stone, secretary.

As the presidency of the elders quorum located in the Champaign Ward:

Christopher David Nye, president; Aaron Thomas Hill, first counselor; and Neal Edwin Davis, second counselor; with Cole W Anderson, secretary.

As the presidency of the Laurel class:

Emily Anne Ellsworth, president; Joanna Broadbent, first counselor; and Kalina Izetta Reger, second counselor; with Leslie Gabriela Angie Del Carpio Rosas, secretary.

As the presidency of the Mia Maid class:

Jessica Lynne' Goode, president;
_____, first counselor; and
_____, second counselor; with
_____, secretary.

As the presidency of the Beehive class:

Danalou Nicole Robinson, president;
_____, first counselor; and
_____, second counselor; with
_____, secretary.

For the information of ward members, the number of members of the ward serving full-time missions is 0.

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* The high priests group leaders, elders quorum presidency, and Young Women class presidencies should be sustained in their respective group, quorum, or class on ward conference Sunday.

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CHAMPAIGN WARD HISTORY FOR THE YEAR 2010 CHAMPAIGN ILLINOIS STAKE

Neither the members of the Champaign Ward bishopric nor the Ward boundaries were changed during the year 2010. Bishop Fabian Fernandez and his Counselors Ed Burton and Nathan Price have grown in their positions. However, there were changes in many of the other leadership positions in the Ward.

(See the Official Sustained List for those now holding leadership positions in the Champaign Ward.)

Champaign Ward Relief Society History 2010 1st Quarter

Relief Society Callings

Relief Society President: JoAnne Broadbent

Relief Society 1st Counselor: Tiffany Peterson

Relief Society 2nd Counselor: Linda Hobson

Relief Society Secretary: Nancy McNabb

Assistant Secretary: Isabel Jurado

Compassionate Service Leader: Linda Bucey

Enrichment Leader: Terry Goode

Enrichment Board Members: Kristi Laxman, Kristyn Anderson, Jennifer Scott, LouJean Ferrell, Tina Stone

Instructors: Kiersten Davis, Sherri Kiska, Orlene McConkie, Tina Stone (substitute)

Pianist: Kristin Evans, Sheila Jackson

Chorister: Sue Carlson

Visiting Teaching Coordinator: Jackie Kitchen

Visiting Teaching District Supervisors: Mary Dyson, Marilyn Grandberry, Tepa Mostert

R.S. Goals

1. To make sure each sister is contacted each month
2. Complete the preparedness book
3. Provide a motivator for preparedness and scripture reading

Dinner Groups

The Relief Society organized dinner groups with ward members who were interested in getting together once a month in each others' homes. The groups were composed of seven to eight members, who rotated each month to a different home within their group. The host of the month organized the meal, with each member bringing part of the meal.

Ongoing Enrichment Groups

Play Group: Every Thursday from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Hessel Park on Kirby. In case of rain or extreme cold, the location was at the FCC indoor playground on Curtis and Staley.

Book Group: Every third Tuesday at 7:30 pm. The location varied.

Aerobics Class: Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 to 9:30 am at the stake center.

Quarterly Activities

Aloha Birthday Party—March 11, 2010 7:00-8:30 pm

Our sisters were simply delighted with this Hawaiian Relief Society celebration at the end of a long, cold winter. Bedecked with festive leis, sisters enjoyed such tropical treats as fruit kabobs, quava punch, rainbow sherbet, and a tropical birthday cake topped with fresh flowers and ribboned with leis. The sisters shared a real aloha spirit at their tables as they chatted warmly and even played some fun games. Centerpieces at the tables were live goldfish swimming in glass vases with blue glass beads. As part of the evening fun, these fish were given away as door prizes. An appreciation of sisterhood was experienced by all.

Monthly Activities

Cent\$ible Chic Boutique & Fashion Show—February 18, 2010 7:00-8:30 pm

In the spirit of provident living, sisters cleaned out their closets and donated gently used clothing that no longer fit any family members to a ward boutique. Some sisters also volunteered to model outfits they had procured for less than \$25. Outfits could be handmade, recycled, borrowed, purchased used, or bought new on clearance. On the night of the event, sisters were entertained and instructed simultaneously as our models proved thrift can be affordable, fun and fashionable. We had some really creative ideas and narratives from our sisters and everyone came away with new ideas for expanding their wardrobe on a shoestring budget. Afterwards all the sisters enjoyed shopping for free and were invited to take anything they could use. While they “shopped”, sisters enjoyed sampling refreshments made from home storage foods with recipes provided.

2nd Quarter

Relief Society Callings and Goals

No changes.

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Aerobics Class: Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 to 9:30 am at the stake center.

Quarterly Activities:

On April 1st, 2010, we served lunch to the missionaries for their Zone Conference. There were 46 people. We served pulled Italian Beef on rolls, green salad, chips, apples, and cupcakes for dessert. We used about 15 pounds of bottom round roast for the meat (3 recipes): 24 loaves of bread from Jimmy John's, each cut into 4 pieces: 2 large bags of salad from Sam's Club, with grape tomatoes and cucumbers, and 3 bottles of salad dressing: 1 package of 48 individual servings of chips; 24 apples and 72 cupcakes. We came out perfectly on the meat, several missionaries came back for a second sandwich, and a few had 3; we had a small amount of salad left, no chips, a few apples, and a few cupcakes left over. Since it was April Fool's Day, we decided to decorate the cupcakes to look like mashed potatoes and peas & carrots. It took a little longer to decorate them, but it was a lot of fun. For the peas & carrots we used green M&Ms and orange Starbursts cut up. For the mashed potatoes we used white frosting, yellow Starbursts for the butter, and caramel sauce for the gravy. We put the extra candy on the tables. Jackie Kitchen and Lisa Washburn planned the menu and did the shopping. That morning they prepared the food and Anahi Fernandez set the tables and helped decorate the cupcakes. Linda Bucey helped clean up the kitchen after the luncheon was over. The missionaries seemed to really enjoy the meal, which was nice and easy to prepare.

Pulled Italian Beef

4-5 pounds top or bottom round roast
1 pkg au jus mix
2 pkgs Good Season's Italian dressing mix (pwdr, can also use generic brand)
1 Tablespoon beef base
garlic powder to taste, (a few crushed cloves of fresh garlic if available)
salt and pepper to taste (may leave out salt)
oregano (just sprinkle some, a teaspoon or two)
2 cups of water

Put all ingredients in a crock pot on low for 10-12 hours. Shred with a fork and serve on rolls.

You can get day old bread from Jimmy John's. You want to make sure that it is a good bread that won't go soggy within seconds of putting on the meat. Hamburger buns are not a good choice.

3rd Quarter

Relief Society Callings

Relief Society President: Orlene McConkie
Relief Society 1st Couns. Ashley Miyasaki
Relief Society 2nd Couns. Sheila Jackson

Relief Society Secretary Lisa Washburn
Assistant Secretary Isabel Jurado
Compassionate Service Leader: Linda Bucey
Relief Society Meeting Coordinator: Terry Goode
Enrichment Board Members: Kristi Laxman, Kristyn Anderson, LouJean Ferrell,
Tina Stone
Instructors: Kiersten Davis, Sherri Kiska
Pianist: Kristin Evans
Chorister: Sue Carlson
Visiting Teaching Coordinator: Louise Dunn
Visiting Teaching District Supervisors: Mary Dyson, Marilyn Grandberry

Goals

Each Sister have a contact each month (ideally from Visiting Teachers)
Preparedness
Daily scripture study, temple attendance

Relief Society Weekly Meetings Ongoing Relief Society Activities

Play Group: Every Thursday from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Hessel Park on Kirby. In case of rain or extreme cold, the location was at the FCC indoor playground on Curtis and Staley.

Book Group: Every third Tuesday at 7:30 pm. The location varied.

Aerobics Class: Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 to 9:30 am at the stake center.

Evening Relief Society Activities:

November 18—Testimony Meeting, Card-writing, and Pie Night

This activity had a smaller turnout, but all who came enjoyed a spirit-filled testimony meeting/gospel discussion, with comments ranging from how to teach our children to how to maintain the spirit of Christmas despite the pull of commercialism. Afterward the sisters enjoyed sampling a variety of pies as they wrote Christmas cards to sisters in outlying branches.

Champaign Ward High Priest Group History 2010

The leadership consisted of: Gentz Franz, HPG Leader, Jessen Hobson, 1st Assistant, William Reger, 2nd Assistant, and Jon Stone, Secretary until they were released in September and Gary Anderson was called as High Priest Group Leader. He named as his Assistants

The following members of the Group served outside the boundaries of the Ward at times

during the year:

- Gary Bucey: High Council
- Tim Fulton: High Council (released during the year to become Scoutmaster)
- Quinn Peterson: High Council
- Paul McNabb: High Council
- Steve Newman: Stake Presidency
- Jerry Call: Rantoul Branch support
- John Bagby: St. Louis Temple worker
- Henry Gerlach: St. Louis Temple worker
- Fred Lincicome: Tuscola Branch support with wife
- Joe Stucki: St. Louis Temple Presidency

We have 20 companionships who do a wonderful job of home teaching families in the Ward. During this year it was our privilege of administering to these families in the following ways:

- monthly visits
- blessing those who were sick or otherwise afflicted
- cleaning out gutters
- raking yards
- moving
- giving rides to Church
- teaching missionary discussions
- providing meals
- giving rides to seminary age children
- giving rides to school age children
- monthly letters to those who do not attend Church on a regular basis

Notable activities include:

5th Annual HPG summertime meatfest at the Fultons

Temple trip

2nd Annual Rake n' Steak

Frequent setting up/taking down chairs/tables at various Ward activities/services

We look forward to strengthening the Group's faith, unity, and families through worship (both collective and individual), service, and activities in 2011.

Champaign Ward Elder's Quorum History 2010

Under the direction of President Chris Nye, with Aaron Hill as his Counselor and Cole Anderson as Secretary, the Elders continued their vast amount of service, including helping many families move in and out of the ward. The Quorum also held several activities to help members get acquainted.

Auxilliaries

The **Primary**, led by President Jenny Hill, had a large number of young, but an even larger number of very young children. So many in fact that it was necessary to maintain two Nursery groups.

Baptisms:

Children of Record -- Our first baptism of the year was for 8 year old Sebastian Fernandez. He was baptized and confirmed by his father, Bishop Fabian Fernandez, on Saturday, March 6th at the stake center. Christina Scott was baptized by her father, Jared Scott, and confirmed on Monday, September 6th. Harold Jackson, son of Sheila Jackson was baptized and confirmed on Saturday, November 6th. Kimberly Hatch was baptized by her father, Jeremy Hatch, and confirmed on Saturday, December 4th. Also, Brennan Franz (son of Genty and Lori Franz) & Camille Price (daughter of Nathan and Brenda Price) were baptized in 2010, but at locations away from our stake building.

Convert Baptisms -- Joshua Sturkey (age 11), son of Venia Sturkey, was baptized in August. Kyerica Allen (also age 11), daughter of Mary Allen, was baptized in October. These baptismal services were coordinated by the missionaries and Ward Mission Leader (Jacob Stewart).

Advancements:

Two boys turned 12 during the first quarter. Brice Robinson turned 12 on January 11th and Malik Griffin (son of Shelia Jackson) turned 12 on February 16th. Both boys have continued to be active as they entered the Young Men's program. Katelyn Sturkey turned 12 in July and has entered the YW program.

Activities:

We had our first Primary activity on Saturday morning, February 13th. We called it our "Preparedness Olympics" and the kids all earned a gold medal by completing "stations" about the following topics: 72 hour kits, First-aid at home, and food storage & wheat grinding. About 30 kids attended; many teachers and parents also participated.

We also had an evening activity for our teachers on Tuesday, January 26th. We provided dinner, as well as some materials (CD with the 2010 Primary music, an information booklet for our Primary, and some teaching articles). About half of our teachers were able to attend.

We had three other activities in 2010:

April 17th: We had an activity that we titled, "Scripture Heroes."

September 18: We combined with the children and leaders of the Urbana Ward to enjoy some outdoor games and water activities.

October 23: We had an activity to rehearse our Sacrament Meeting Presentation (presented on Sunday, October 24th).

Sunday School had to deal with a large turnover of instructors. George McConkie continued as President of the Sunday School with Tom Cuppernell and Michael Bresnahan serving as his counselors.

Mike also took over the task of Ward Employment Specialist.

Alan Broadbent and Alan Knight shared the year as Ward Librarians (Ward Resource Specialists).

Champaign Ward Young Women History

2010

Young Women Callings

- President: Linda Hobson
- 1st Counselor: Nancy McNabb
- 2nd Counselor: Alison Johnson
- Secretary: Rachel Luke
- Laurel Adviser: Caristyn Drollette
- Mia Maid Adviser: Ruth Gerlach
- Beehive Adviser: Marquette Ferrel

- Camp Specialist: Patty Roy
- Personal Progress Coordinator: Mary Young
- Laurel Class President: Leslie Del Carpio
- Mia Maid Class President: Alice Anderson
- Beehive Class President: Katelynn Sturkey

Goals

- Focus on Christ- in lessons, interactions, and all we do
- Emphasize Personal Progress
- Make the temple a goal for each young woman (baptisms for the dead)

Changes in Leadership

In May 2010, a new YW presidency was called. Karin Hendricks (President), Jennifer Ellsworth (1st Counselor), Alison Johnson (2nd Counselor), and Lisa Washburn (Secretary) were released after faithfully serving in their callings. New class presidents were also called and Emily Ellsworth (Laurels), Jessica Goode (Mia Maids), and Alice Anderson (Beehives) were all released as class presidents.

Graduating Young Women

We had a few girls leave us this year to move onto Relief Society. Kalina Reger and Joanna Broadbent both turned 18 in 2010. Not only did Kalina Reger graduate from Young Women's this year, but she also earned her Young Womanhood Recognition Award. Way to go Kalina!

Girls' Camp and Fundraiser 08/02/10

We had a very successful fundraiser to support our Girls' Camp where we created Valentine gift boxes with balloons and ward member's were able to order them and have them delivered to a recipient of their choice. Young women read a friendship or love poem as requested and delivered packages full of cake balls, toffee, and other sweets. It was so successful, we are doing it again for 2011.

Camp was a great experience for our girls in long suffering and patience! We reached record highs this week and the girls were troopers for sticking it out. Some of our tents broke and Kalina Reger's tent actually flooded. Despite the less than ideal conditions, the girls learned, enjoyed being with others in the stake, and grew in their testimonies.

Mutual

Service Oriented

The Young Women had many opportunities to serve in 2010. A few of our favorite mutuals with a theme of service are as follows:

Secret Grandmothers 07/10- We paired up the young women and gave them a secret grandmother in the ward who they did secret acts of service for throughout the month. We dipped strawberries in chocolate for mutual on the 21st of July and secretly dropped them off keeping our "grandmothers" in suspense until the 28th where we had a wonderful dinner at Nancy McNabb's home where we ate, played games, and the girls revealed who they had been serving. Our secret grandmothers were Sue Carlson, Mary Dyson, and Louise Dunn.

Unsung Heroes 08/11/10- We wanted to focus on a few of the unsung heroes of our ward who may not be given much appreciation for all they do for our ward. The girls assembled hearts with notes of thanks on them, along with a treat package. We then pasted the hearts on the doors of those we wished to thank and put the treats on their doorstops. We then knocked on the doors and ran away leaving the recipients to enjoy their surprises. Some of our unsung heroes were Patty Roy, our camp specialist, and Alan Knight, the ward librarian.

Christmas Cheer Boxes 12/08/10- We assembled goodie boxes and delivered them to people who may have been in need of a little Christmas cheer this year. This was a great activity allowed the girls to give of themselves and find joy in Christ-like acts.

Combined Mutuals

Some of our favorite mutuals with the young men included ice skating at the campus ice rink, playing "Minute to Win it", and having the young men cook and cater a dinner for the women in the ward. Minute to Win it is a game based on a popular game show series which involves completing random tasks within one minute. We had activities such as keeping a balloon in the air for one minute, putting penne pasta onto a spaghetti noodle using only your mouth, and transferring cotton balls from bowl to bowl with vaseline on your nose. The youth really enjoyed active, fun, and challenging activities for our combined mutuals!

Favorite Mutuals

Some of our favorite activities this year:

Progressive Dinner 09/29/10- We had a lovely evening this night. The girls and leaders were encouraged to wear as much of one value color as possible and we progressively ate dinner at several different locations. We started at the Anderson's home where we had amazing appetizers that Alice and her mother had prepared and then went to Alison Johnson's home for a fantastic main course of salad and lasagna and finished at Rachel Luke's home for a dessert of homemade pie and ice cream.

Stargazing 11/10/10- During our mutual planning, the girls suggested going stargazing. We located a campground at D&W Lake where we could have a campfire and enjoy the outdoors. The girls loved just relaxing by the fire, toasting marshmallows, and drinking hot chocolate under the stars. Alison Johnson gave a great spiritual thought on the closeness we can feel with the Lord as we enjoy the world and the natural beauty that surrounds us.

Craft Night 12/15/10- We gathered at Linda Hobson's home and learned to make different decorative flowers. The girls loved experimenting and coming up with their own take on different methods that we showed them.

Temple Trips

The youth had many great opportunities to attend the temple this year. Most notably, we went to the Nauvoo temple and were able to partake in baptisms for the dead in this wonderfully historic location.

Stake Conference with Elder Bednar 11/20/10

A truly amazing experience this year happened during Stake Conference. Elder Bednar of the Twelve Apostles was visiting the area and offered to do a special Question and Answer session with our youth in the Institute Building on Saturday morning. Many of our young women were able to ask Elder Bednar questions and receive his counsel. It was truly an uplifting and testimony building experience for all those that were able to attend.

YW In Excellence- "Witnesses of His Love" 11/03/10

We had a great evening celebrating the progress of our Young Women over the year at this year's Young Women's in Excellence. The spirit was invited with many wonderful musical numbers sung by Cindy Naeka, Danalou Robinson, Jessica Goode, the sister missionaries, and all the young women with their leaders. The young women bore testimony of the things they have learned this year and their experiences with the Personal Progress program.

Young Men Callings

- President: Tim Ellsworth
- 1st Counselor: Genty Franz
- 2nd Counselor: Jonathan Young
- Secretary: Cory Funk
- Scoutmaster: Tim Fulton
- Assistant Scoutmaster: Vance Johnson
- Assistant Scoutmaster: Nathaniel Anderson
- Teacher's Quorum President: Jonas Reger
- Deacon's Quorum President: Brandon Del Carpio

Changes in Young Men Leadership

In August 2010, Vance Johnson was released as Scoutmaster and Tim Fulton was called to that position. At that same time, Genty Franz and Cory Funk joined the YM Presidency and James Keller was released as Secretary and Assistant Scoutmaster.

Scouting Activities

We attended the Scout Council's Klondike Derby in January, enjoying the snow and cold! It was a bonding experience, especially as the two patrols competed trying to start fires without matches. The next big event was the holy Cross Merit Badge Clinic in early March, with 7 scouts in attendance. This was a great opportunity for the boys. Then we started our Papa John's fundraiser campaign which provided needed monies for the troop to go to Scout camp. Six boys and two leaders attended Ma-Ka-Ja-Wa Scout Reservation in northern Wisconsin for 8 days. We had a fantastic experience fishing, hiking, camping, exploring and learning new skills. Nathaniel Anderson caught the most great northern pike! We also had a scout or two attend the Space Jam Rantoul Merit Badge Clinic in August. Most of our boys participated in the Champaign Stake Merit Badge Clinic in the Fall. Several Courts of Honor were held to acknowledge progress and reward the boys for their diligence. We also had a couple of fall campouts.

Priesthood Activities

Temple Trips

The Aaronic Priesthood participated in several temple trips to St. Louis as well as a trip to Nauvoo to perform baptisms for the dead. One of the favorite activities on the return trip home has been to stop for dinner at Red Robin restaurant.

Service Projects

In addition to our Temple trips, we had several very meaningful service projects this year, including helping ward members with yard work, roof construction at the Jurado's, and serving the Young Women of the ward a delicious pasta dinner.

The Highlight of the Year

This had to be the two hour question and answer session with an apostle (Elder Bednar) of the Lord in November. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for our Young Men to ask questions of, and listen to, an apostle within the small confines of a chapel. It was a totally amazing event.

The **Ward Mission**, directed by Jared Stewart, with a rotating group of ward missionaries, worked in close harmony with our full-time Elders and Sisters. The members did a wonderful job sharing meals with the full-time missionaries.

We had six convert baptisms this year. We were happy to see Tamela Baskin, Alana and Treton Fuller, Josh and DeShawn Sturkey, and Kyerica Allen all enter the waters of baptism.

Activity Committee members planned and successfully held a flock of wonderful, fun activities welcoming new incoming and farewelling old outgoing members. There was the patriotic Fourth of July program and potluck and the End of the Summer Welcome Back to School blast. Halloween featured the Ward's Chili Cook-off along with the annual Trunk or Treat. This year they planned a Ward Christmas "Breakfast".

CHAMPAIGN WARD GOALS

Family Priorities

"Fathers and mothers are needed who will rise and stand upon their feet to make of their homes sanctuaries...If our society is coming apart at the seams it is because the tailor and the seamstress in the home are not producing the kind of stitching that will hold under stress." *Gordon B. Hinckley*

Unity

"With increased unity, the Lord will be able to perform what the world will deem miraculous. Indeed, church members can accomplish any purpose of the Lord when fully united in righteousness."

Henry B. Eyring

Develop Faith in Christ

"As pertaining to Jesus Christ, I testify that He is the Son of the Living God and was crucified for the sins of the world. He is our Lord, our God, and our King. This I know of myself independent of any other person."

Bruce R. McConkie

DANVILLE WARD

UNIT NO. 41327

(NO HISTORY SUBMITTED FOR 2010.)

EFFINGHAM BRANCH

UNIT NO. 172251

For the year 2010 the following occurred at the Effingham, IL, branch . Unit Number 17251. In the Champaign, Illinois Stake # 504076. Stake President Ned Lunt, 1st counselor Stephen Neuman, 2nd counselor Kingsley Allan.

State scripture is Matthew 25:40 ;"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethen, ye have done it unto me."

By Stake Presidency; Actively worship in the Temple. It is part of being active in the Church. Doing my personal best to help God's children receive the blessings of baptism and the temple.

We had the blessing of One of the twelve Apostles David A. Bednar come to visit our General Stake Conference on May 22nd and 23rd at the Champaign, IL. Stake Center.

We had one missionary Elder Andrew S. Barker serving in Peru Lima East Mission, He left Sept 9, 2009 and came back in Jan 2010. He came home early because his mother Jane was very ill. She did pass away.

Our Missionarys serving here were Elder Hansen, Elder Cardinet, Elder Hawks, Elder Speakman, Elder Arnold, Elder Marshall, Elder Vickers.

Seminary ; Graduating were Michael Gadberry, Kevin Jones and Brianna Bruin.

The branch President Gary W. Packer with Steven Jones as 1st counselor and Clifford Koester II as 2nd counselor. On 17 Oct 2010 Erick Somodi was 2nd Counselor. Sunday School President Bro. Mike Bruin , Relief Society President Cindy Gadberry.

Those baptized were Jesse Shoot, Sasha Hudson, Nancy Reed on Jan 23, 2010 , Joyce Read, Doug Roy Schwenker. Andy Soviak in California . Floyd Ray Bolyard .

Those who passed away were Jeanette Boone & Clifford Koester 1st. Married, Nancy Martinez and William Reed on Jan 16, 2010. Sis Sandy Webb received a school scholarship from "The Ray, Mary and Tim Niebrugge Scholarship Fund.

Relief Society Service Project Nov. 30 th helping the F.I.S.H. Store and catholic charities get ready for their Christmas give aways over the Holidays.

In the fourth quarter there were 157 members average attendance 63. Home teaching was 25.3% and visiting teaching 85.5%

Eagle Scout awards were presented to Kevin Jones, Jaron Allred and Michael Gadberry on Aug 8, 2011.

Kevin Jones to get his Eagle in Boy Scouts was making kits for SWAN in . The initials means Stop Women Abuse Now. Jarod Allred for restriping the church parking lot. Michael Gadberry put on a blood drive.

The primary theme was " I know that my Savior lives." the children had a great year learning about the life of Jesus

Christ. There were no baptism or children graduating from primary.

The dates of these callings may be off as I recorded them the day they were announced in church.

- January 24 Garrett Allen advanced to the office of teacher.
31 Confirmed Sis. Nancy Reed as a member by Bro. Jones
Released Bro. Chris Shetler as gospel doctrine teacher.
and music accompanist
Released Sis Rocio Shetler as Primary 2nd Counselor.
Released Sis. Theila Shetler as 2nd Counselor in Primary.
confirmed Bro. Douglas Roy Schwenker
Confirmed Sis. Joyce Read
Confirmed Sis. Nancy Reed
- February 18 Elder Jared Cardinet and Elder Kurt Hansen a "Civilian Service Award," in recognition of their quick actions, which prevented a fire from spreading at the property located at 404 W. Edgar Ave in Effingham, IL.
20 Youth temple baptism day.
28 Released Sis. Jimmielyn Castella as a primary teacher.
Called Sis. Amy Packer as a primary teacher
Released Sis. Amy Packer as a Relief Society teacher.
- March 4 Bro. Andy Soviak baptized in California
7 Released Sis Loralee Allen in the Nursery
Released Sis. Helen Chambers as a visiting teaching supervisor.
Called Sis. Jimmielyn Castella as visiting teaching supervisor.
21 Effingham Granch Conference Pres. Neuman sustaining the Prophet Pres. Thomas Monson and all others in the church.
27 Bro. Andy Soviak welcomed as a member.
- April 11 Bro. Andy Soviak be ordained to the Aaronic priesthood to the office of Priest.
Sis. Sasha Hudson confirmation.
- July 11 Welcomed the Shawn Morgan family to the branch.
called Kevin Jones to deacon quorum advisor.
called Michael Gadberry ---Advisor
- August 25 Attended Mattoon Church because of Mold in our church.
1 Sustained Bro. Shawn Morgan as 2nd counselor in the Young Mens Presidency
22 Branch enrichment program stoped. Released Sis. Amy Packer, Sis Inge Sovack and Sis Michelle Bruin.
Released Sis Amy Koester as Stake Young Womens President.
29 Released Sis Carla Jewett as Music in primary.
Released Bro Eric Webb as sunday school teacher.
Called Sis Jessica Morgan as Relief Society Activity leader and a sunday teacher.
Called Sis Carla Jewett as Adult Sunday School teacher and Ward Organist.
Called Bro Eric Webb as Teacher in Elders Quorum.
Called Sis Laura Somodi as Music in Primary and pianoist in sacrament.
- September 26 Bro. Jesse Norman Shoot confirmed Baptized 25th.
- October 10 Called Sis Pat Jewett as a teacher in Relief Society.
24 Released Bro. Cliff Koester II as 2nd counselor om the branch presidency.
- November 14 Jacob Gadberry ordained to the office of Teacher

MAHOMET WARD

UNIT NO. 257664

(NO HISTORY SUBMITTED FOR 2010.)

MATTOON WARD

UNIT NO. 41343

Mattoon Ward History 2010

The Mattoon Ward went through 2010 with consistent experiences from previous years. Overall, there were no major catastrophes within the ward boundary, or with neighboring units, that required service. The service within the ward was to the members of the Mattoon Ward and to the friends and families located within the area. The ward continues to have a great relationship with friends of other faiths, as can be seen by the many non-members who attend the seasonal functions. Additionally, many members of the Mattoon Ward serve the community in other ways, such as: teachers, professors, public speakers, firefighters, members of the Habitat for Humanity home-building crew, and as visiting and home teachers. It is not uncommon for members of the ward to be asked to help those who have no one else to turn to, and the members step up to the request cheerfully.

The ward was led through the year by John D. (Jake) Emmett as Bishop, with Allan N. Newman, and David Pottle as first and second counselors, respectively. Together, they helped the members become better with their daily lives, and find ways to reach out to those around them, as is evident with the relatively large number of baptisms that the ward accomplished. The members are taught in a consistent and caring manner, and all look to the leadership for guidance and support for challenges that they don't feel completely comfortable with. There are plenty of opportunities to serve, and members are increasingly becoming more self-reliant as a whole, with thanks due in part to the regular canning activities and provident living teachings.

Other leaders in the ward at the close of 2010 include:

- Lawrence Bates: High Priest Group Leader
- Jon (Tony) Oliver: Elder's Quorum President
- Paula Randall: Relief Society President
- Laura Hawk: Primary President
- Jeff Stowell: Young Men President
- Julie Gosnell: Young Women President
- Richard Miller: Sunday School President
- Jeff Willardson: Ward Mission Leader

The youth continue to be some of the greatest this world has seen. They are an awesome force of faith, and they regularly bring their friends with to activities and to church services. The youth temple trips are well-attended and are the highlight of activities for the youth. They work hard to prepare for the trip, and get everything

possible they can from it. Like their parents, the youth are very good at volunteering their time and talents to serve those in the area. They also serve as leaders within their schools in student government and athletics. They create a wonderful name for the church by being who they are.

The service and friendship that the ward provides is part of the reason why the ward enjoys regular and frequent convert baptisms. The members, including the youth, can be found regularly working side-by-side with the full-time missionaries assigned to the ward to help the work progress in this area. Members are excellent teachers and build lasting and positive relationships with investigators as they work with the missionaries. During 2010, the following individuals were baptized:

- Ashley Dawn Harris
- Louis Joseph Jahnssen
- Maria Jahnssen
- John Robert Kent
- Miles Richard Landen
- Cynthia Yvonne Stewart
- Margaret Hogg Ezerski

The ward averaged just under 400 members, and around 225 families for 2010. Attendance at ward functions was typically very good. Popular functions include: the Ward Talent Show, Chili Cookoff, Trunk-or-Treat, the Ward Christmas Party, Priesthood dinner between the Saturday afternoon General Conference session and the Priesthood session, and especially the Sunday Linger-Longers. Many non-members and investigators could also be found attending these activities, which has built a great spirit of trust and friendship between those in this area. It was also common for regular basketball games to bring together men in the area for exercise and friendship.

Members who passed away during the year include:

- Constance Grayson
- Leona Nichols

The Mattoon Ward is poised for another great year in 2011, and continues to build upon the lessons and faith gained in 2010.

PARIS BRANCH
UNIT NO. 163295

**HISTORY OF THE PARIS BRANCH OF THE
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINT
2010**

PRESIDENT Tom Haws - released 24 January
David Melton - sustained 24 January
1st Counselor James Strait - released 29 August
Rick Ford - sustained 29 August
2nd Counselor Rick Ford - released 19 September
Kevin Olsen - sustained 19 September

ELDERS QUORUM

Melchizedek Group Leader John Ritchey
1st Counselor Robert Randolph
2nd Counselor Ronald Ellington
Home Teaching Supervisor Fredrick Hayes

RELIEF SOCIETY

President Connie Cooley - released 7 November
Bessie Rigdon - sustained 7 November
1st Counselor Shanie Ford - released 7 November
Malinda Wells - sustained 7 November
2nd Counselor Bessie Rigdon - called 22 August
- released 7 November
Melinda Randolph - sustained 7 November
Secretary Ruth Henry - released 22 August
Jackie Hayes - sustained 22

YOUNG MEN

President James Wells
1st Counselor Kevin Olsen

YOUNG WOMEN

President Melina Haws - released 14 February
Melinda Randolph - sustained 14 February
- released 7 November
Megan Randolph - called 7
1st Counselor Megan Randolph - sustained 21 February
- released 7 November

PRIMARY

President Malinda Wells - released 7 November
Mayo Melton - called 7 November
1st Counselor Mayo Melton - called 7 March
- released 7 November

2nd Counselor Connie Cooley - called 7 November
Brenda Ellington - released 7 November
Hallie Olsen - called 7 November
Secretary Reba Fulk

OTHER CALLINGS

Organist Malinda Wells
Chorister Skye Ford
Family History Consultant Barbara Hammond
Activities Committee Chair Rhonda Claypool - released 8 August
Della Ritchey - called 8 August
Gospel Doctrine Instructor Barbara Hammond
Seminary Teacher Marcia Strait
Rick Ford
Temple Prep Instructor Barbara Hammond - called 18 July
Thelma Sturgeon - called 18 July

OUT OF UNIT CALLINGS

Temple Ordinance Worker Thelma Sturgeon
Reba Fulk

RELIEF SOCIETY

Relief Society sisters were very busy as usual. Some Sunday morning meetings were with only a few sisters as others were serving as leaders in other departments. There were week evening mini-classes for other activities for the sisters. Examples are Sister Ford demonstrating making sugar based cleanser with each sister making a number of jars to take home. Halle Olsen sharing ideas on gift wrapping. The sisters participated in the Stake Temple trip, returning to Effingham to share in a dinner prepared by that unit, serving several Sunday Linger Longer lunches, giving the members a time to socialize.

Visiting Teaching Conference was held in January with messages on the importance of V.T. by Sandy Step, reporting and coordinating with your companion by Bessie Rigdon, scheduling visits Malinda Wells, how to give the message by Melinda Randolph, blessings you bring to your sister by Thelma Sturgeon, & blessings you receive, Jackie Hayes.

Other activities – helping in Clean-up Day, sponsoring “Trunk or Treat” in October at the Randolph’s Annual Hayride and Wiener Roast, Christmas Brunch and Talent Show. Early in December they had a Relief Christmas Activity which included cookie recipe exchange and caroling.

PRIMARY

The Primary Theme for the year is "I Know My Savior Lives." This theme is church wide and is the basis for gospel instruction during Sharing Time, the focus of the yearly Primary Sacrament Program, and the theme around which many of our activities will be planned during the year.

Cassie Randolph and Ashley Farris are the Nursery Leaders. Della Jones and Garrett Rigdon are the children actively attending nursery as January 2010. Children enter nursery when they turn 18 months. The nursery children are taught from the manual, "Behold Your Little Ones." By the end of the year, Grant Hoover and Aksel Randolph will also join nursery. Ella, Richard and Charles Black are also on the Nursery Roll.

Brenda Ellington also serves as the Sunbeam Teacher. Felicity Hoover and Robert Wells are the Sunbeams. The Sunbeam Class follows the course of study "I Am A Child of God".

Brother John Rigdon teaches the CTR class. Emily and Sarah Wells, Calvin and Lia Rigdon, and Leo Hoover are the members of this class. The CTR class is using the Choose the Right Manual. The focus of this class is to help primary children prepare to make and keep baptismal covenants by learning to choose the right. Luke Cofax was set apart Sunday, January 3rd to be a Primary Teacher. His specific responsibility is to assist Leo Hoover and to aid Brother Rigdon. The Sunbeams and CTR's are considered Junior Primary.

The Senior Primary children are divided in two Valiant Classes. The Valiant course of study is the Old Testament. Brother David Farris teaches the Valiant A class. Lisa Ford, Jaryn Haws, Niles Hoover, Gillian Littleton, Abby Wells and Brianna Bange are in this class. The Valiant B class is taught by Sister Peggy Howell. Derek Ford, Leha Ford, Ben Randolph and Jacob Randolph are in this class.

The Senior Primary children work on earning the Faith in God Award. The Faith God program is to help the boys and girls ages 8-11 live gospel principles, develop testimonies, build friendships, and prepare to receive the Aaronic Priesthood or become righteous Young Women. Children who fulfill the Faith in God requirements which include: daily prayer, regular scripture study, living "My Gospel Standards," honoring their parents, paying tithing and attending tithing settlement, attending sacrament meeting and primary, memorizing the Articles of Faith, writing their testimony, and completing the required activities in the Faith in God guidebook.

Brother Farris is the Eleven Year Old Scout Leader. Ben Randolph is currently our Eleven Year Old Scout. Ben will graduate from Primary in May. In July, Jaryn Haws will become an Eleven Year Scout and in August, Derek Ford will join him.

Brother Ron Ellington is the Cub Master and Den Leader. Jaryn Haws and Derek Ford start the year off as Webelos. Jacob Randolph and Niles Hoover are currently Bears.

Brenda Ellington serves as the Activity Day Leader. Activity Days are held twice a month for girls 8-11. This provides a chance for the girls to prepare for Young Women's work on the Faith in God program and have wholesome activities and associations with other girls. Abby Wells,

Lisa and Leha Ford actively participate in Activity Days. In February, Sarah Wells will become a member of this group. We would love to see Brianna Bange actively participate also.

Primary holds at least four quarterly activities throughout the year in which all of the primary children are invited to attend. Wednesday, January 6 was the first activity of 2010. The theme was "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus." The opening song was "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" led by Sarah Wells. Leha Ford gave the opening prayer. The children were divided into three groups in which they rotated through the activities. First was a matching game on the life of Christ, hosted by Brother Farris; second was a craft area, led by Sister Howell, where they made a scripture scroll, bookmark, a maze and looked for lost lambs, third area, taught by Sister Wells, the children shared stories of Jesus from the Gospel Art kit, discussed how they could serve others like Jesus did in the stories, played charades enacting service opportunities, and played a New Testament ABC game. Closing song was "I know my Savior Loves Me." The closing prayer and blessing on the refreshments was offered by Lia Rigdon. Refreshments were homemade bread and cheese (foods Jesus could have eaten.) All children were in attendance except Leo Hoover who was sick. Derek Ford brought a friend named Jeffrey.

Sunday, January 17, a Primary Teacher Training Meeting followed church. All Primary Teachers, Nursery Leaders, Cub Scout Leaders, Primary Presidency, and Branch Presidency were invited to attend. The theme of our training was "Teaching Helps Save Lives" based on a General Conference Talk give by Brother Russell Osguthorpe, the General Sunday School President. Hopefully the Primary teachers were inspired to be more committed and better teachers by realizing that they play an important role in saving the spiritual lives of the Primary children.

January 24, President Tom Haws was released as Branch President and the family was released from their callings to serve in the Paris Branch. President Haws was a wonderful Branch President and always had an open door policy for the Primary leaders and children. We will miss him, his family and his ten year son, Jaryn. We look forward to learning from and loving our new Branch President, President Melton.

Sunday, January 24, John Phipps 6 years old, from Chrisman attended primary for the first time. We are excited to have him in our Branch Primary!

Sarah Wells was baptized and confirmed a member of the church on Saturday, February 13.

Lia Phipps began attending Nursery on Sunday, February 21.

Sister Peggy Howell passed away on Sunday, February 21. She was a dedicated and devoted Counselor. She loved the children especially those with special needs. She will be greatly missed but are all blessed for having known her.

Upon the death of Sister Howell, the two Senior classes were combined. Brother Farris now teaches all of the Senior children.

Sister Mayo Melton was called as First Counselor of Sunday, March 7. She will be a great asset to Primary.

Sunday, April 18, the Branch Presidency conducted a Priesthood Preview for Ben Randolph who will be 12 on May 5. It was a very nice "Family Home Evening" type setting in which the Branch Presidency and Deacon's Quorum instructed Ben on the importance of the Aaronic Priesthood. The Randolph family, the Branch Presidency, the Young Men's President, the Primary Presidency, Mike Wells and Brother Ron Ellington were in attendance. A light lunch followed.

Noah Randolph was sustained as a Primary Teacher and Reba Fulk was sustained as Primary Secretary on Sunday, April 25. Both will be welcome additions to our board!

Cassie Randolph was released as a Nursery Worker on Sunday, May 2. Her service with the nursery was greatly appreciated. Kristin Phipps was sustained as a Nursery Worker on Sunday, May 2. We are excited to have her serve in the Nursery. Lindsey Hoover was also called to serve as a Nursery Worker on Sunday, May 9. We are glad to have Lindsey helping in the Nursery as well!

The Primary children sang to the mothers in Sacrament Meeting on Sunday, May 9 for Mother's Day. They sang a medley of songs: "Dearest Names, When We're Helping, and Quickly I'll Obey." The children were very cute in their performance!

Wednesday, 19 was our second quarterly activity. The theme was "I'm Glad That I Live in This Beautiful World Heavenly Father Created for Me!" The children enjoyed a hotdog and marshmallow roast in the branch fire pit. They participated in organized activities such as a nature scavenger hunt, making prayer rocks and planting a grassapiller. Many of the Senior Children participated in a baseball game while others played basketball. The Junior Children had fun drawing with sidewalk chalk, tossing bean bags at targets, and playing in a sand table. The evening ended with a tug-a-war. We were very appreciative of the Young Women who helped the children participate in the many activities. The children had a fun time and Leha Ford remarked, "I hope we can do this one more time before I go to Young Women's!" We were very happy to have several visitors and less active members attending. Carolyn (friend of Lia Rigdon, both Gillian Faith Littletons and Emmalyn and Elizabeth (daughters of Ragen Kennedy) joined us for the activity along with our active regulars.

Sunday, June 13, Brother Ellington was released as the Cub Scout Leader. He was serving as Den Leader, Cub Master, and something else. He held all of the Primary Cub Scout callings in the Branch. He gave great service to the young boys and he will be missed. President Melton has asked that Sister Mayo Melton and Sister Wells take over the Cub Scout responsibilities as members of the Primary Presidency.

During the week of June 14 – 18 the Cub Scouts attended Day Camp in Casey, IL. The camp went from 9 am until 3 pm each day. The boys worked on Webelos requirements, went swimming, participated in Arts and Crafts, made-up a skit and enjoyed outdoor activities. Sister Mayo Melton and Sister Shanie Ford spent the entire week with Derek Ford, Niles Hoover and

Jacob Randolph at the camp. Sister Melinda Randolph spent Wednesday with the boys and Sister Lindsey Hoover was able to go on Thursday. Friday the boys had a Cub Scout Mini Olympics with a hotdog/pot-luck luncheon. Sister Malinda Wells and Brother Rick Ford were also able to join the boys on their fun last day. The high light of the last day was a presentation made by a drag car racer. The boys were each able to take a test run on his simulator.

Our third quarterly activity for the year was held on Wednesday, August 18 at 6:30pm at the Church. Our theme was an end of summer water party. We had fun playing water games on the lawn at the church. We played "Splish, Splish, Splash" (Duck, Duck, Goose with water.) Marco Polo, water relays, tug of war over a sprinkler, water balloon games and water baseball. All of our active children attended. The Ford's brought a friend and missionaries brought 3 young boys whose mother, Kim, is investigating the church. We all had a good time being together and getting wet!

Sunday, August 22, the Reyes family moved into our Branch. Their 10 year old daughter, Mayli, is a welcome addition to our Primary!

Our fourth quarterly activity for the year was held on Wednesday, October 13. It was our annual "You Sing, I sing, We All Sing for Ice Cream". The children practiced their songs for the Primary program and then enjoyed building delicious ice cream sundaes. It was fun to see the children enjoying their ice cream creations but it was especially rewarding to see how much fun they had just talking with one another and being together.

The Sacrament Meeting Program was held on Sunday, October 17. The theme for this year's program was "I Know That My Savior Lives." The children bore testimony of the Savior through music and the spoken word. Following the Sacrament Meeting Program, we presented the program to the residents of Brookstone Estates. We were very well received. The children then distributed pictures of the Savior. One woman was especially touched. She had been looking for a picture of the Savior to paint and could not locate a depiction to model after her work after. The picture the children presented was exactly what she was looking for.

Leha Ford's last day of Primary was October 17. She is turning 12 on the 19th and entering Young Women's.

Dora Reyes was called and set apart to be a Primary Teacher on Sunday, October 17. We are excited to have her experience and knowledge. She loves Primary and served in Primary for many years.

Sunday, October 24, we made some changes in Primary. We returned to having separate sharing times for the Junior and Senior Primaries. We feel this change will help us to reach the varying age groups and ability levels of the children more successfully.

Sunday, November 7, Malinda Wells was released as Primary President, Mayo Melton was released as 1st Counselor and Brenda Ellington was released as 2nd Counselor. Sister Mayo Melton was sustained as Primary President, Sister Connie Cooley as 1st Counselor and Sister

Hallee Olsen as 2nd Counselor. Sister Shalie Ford was called as the Music Leader and Sister Brenda Ellington as a Primary Worker.

Also on November 7, Abby Wells received her Faith in God Award and graduated from Primary.

YOUNG MEN & YOUNG WOMEN

The YM/YW met regularly on Wednesday Night with lessons taught by the leaders and the YM/YW.

January meeting included Raylee Haws showing how to make pizza crescents and working on Personal Progress.

On Saturday (30th) the YM and YW attended the Youth Stake Dance.

In February another joint meeting with each one bringing a family story from their family history.

On February 20, the YM/YW – Served at the St. Louis Temple.

In March, YW performed a service project, ironed the Relief Society table cloths, designed logos for camp shirts. These were turned in to Stake for best shirt. They held a joint meeting for “Movie Night” . Also attended Worldwide Broadcast for YW in Champaign.

May was a very active month with the Pinewood Derby, attending the Paris High School honors night to support Natalie Wells and Luke Randolph.

The YW attended a Primary Activity and the High School “May Fete” with “Miss Natalie Wells”. The YW. sang “As Sisters in Zion” in sacrament meeting on May 9 and attended Relief Society.

Natalie Wells and Wesley Shumaker graduated Paris High School

In June YM & YW. attended eagle Court of Honor for Luke Randolph with a potluck meal following.

Bro. Wells with the YM. & Sis. Melinda Randolph with the YW. attended the Sunday Evening Discussion at Mattoon.

July 7 was Natalie’s last YW meeting. The other YW. presented her with farewell gifts. It was a joint meeting with a cookout at the church. Bro. Wells was the grill master.

Sis. Melinda Randolph and Skye Ford attended a girl’s camp meeting at the Stake Center July 10. The next meeting was preparing for camp. The girls also made jean aprons as “Secret Sister Gifts“ for camp. Skye was in charge. The next meeting was cancelled because Skye Ford

attended a Cub Scout meeting at Della Ritchey's in Isabel, Illinois. She assisted her brother Derek Ford, Jacob Randolph and Niles Hoover. Also the 4-H Fair was going on and the Randolphs had livestock in the auction.

In August, both groups attended Tri-Stake Youth Activity in Peoria.

On the 15th Sis. Melinda Randolph (YW Pres.), Sis. Megan Randolph (Counselor), and Sis. Skye Ford, (Laurel Pres.) gave talks at Sacrament Meeting.

YM & YW had the primary activity "get wet" on the 18th.

On the 25th attended together the Court of Honor with potluck following.

September – The YM assisted with Dustin Farris's Eagle Project. They repaired and painted bleachers at the Soccer Field. The Randolph, Wells, Farris, & Ford families plus Bro. Strait, Eslinger and President Melton attended on Saturday and returned on Wednesday night to complete the project.

In October, Skye Ford planned the activity for the time in between session of General Conference. Skye Ford, Leiloni Reyes and Taylor Rigdon plus Sis. Megan and Melinda Randolph supervised the activities.

Sunday evening they attended the SED in Mattoon.

Sis. Melinda and Megan Randolph were released.

DAILY & ONLINE SEMINARY

Three students were enrolled in Daily (6:00 am) Seminary 2009-10: Natalie Wells, a Senior and Seminary Pianist; Luke Randolph, a Junior and Matthew Randolph, a Sophomore and Seminary Class President. Marcia Strait was their instructor. They studied the Book of Mormon.

On Fridays Skye Ford, an Online Seminary student, attended the class. Usually the students worked on learning Scripture Mastery of Book of Mormon scriptures. Dustin Farris, another Online Student, had the blessing of having his father, David Farris, for his "face-to-face" teacher on Fridays.

All three of the Daily Students made an A+ grade and earned lettering awards for the following: Reading the entire Book of Mormon, reading for over 200 consecutive days for ten minutes or more, memorizing twenty-five Mastery Scriptures, knowing the books of the Book of Mormon in order, memorizing the current First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve in order and completing seminary with full credit.

Natalie Wells graduated from seminary and high school. She began attending BYU Idaho in the summer.

In the fall the students began the study of the Doctrine and Covenants and the Church History. Four new students joined the class: Jayman Cloward, a Sophomore from Joplin, Missouri; Jesse Randolph, Michael Well, both of Paris, Illinois; Jared Reyes, from Chillicothe, Missouri, whose family just moved into the Paris Branch. All are Freshmen.

Luke Randolph, a Senior, became Class President: Matthew Wells, a Junior, is in charge of choosing and playing the music, Michael Wells is Vice-president and Jesse Randolph is Secretary and Keeper of the Seminary Memory Book. In January the positions will be rotated.

On Fridays the Online Seminary Students will continue to meet with Daily Seminary. This fall Skye Ford, a Senior, and her brother, John Ford, a Freshman, add color and inspiration to the class. Dustin Farris, now a Senior, continues to have Online Seminary with his father, David Farris as his "face-to-face" teacher on Fridays.

BOY SCOUTS

Scoutmaster - Robert Randolph

Camp was held June 28 – July 2 at the Randolph's farm, 3 miles east of Paris. Attending were Jesse and Ben Randolph, John Ford, Matt and Mike Wells, Dustin Farris from Paris and several from Mattoon. Leaders: Robert Randolph, James Wells, Rick Ford, David Farris, Mel Ferguson, & Sam Stowell.

All together eighty-nine merit badges were earned and seven advancements.

In the fall, Luke Randolph met with the Eagle Board of Review and Dustin Farris met with the board December 28.

BAPTISMS

There were nine baptisms in 2010.

Sandra Step was baptized on February 10 by her uncle, Bill Harrison Eslinger with witnesses Counselors James Strait and Rick Ford. She was confirmed Sunday, February 14 by Bill Eslinger with the circle including Pres. Melton, Rick Ford, James Strait, David Farris and Elders Sainz and Sonderegger.

Sarah Wells, reaching eight years, was baptized and confirmed on February 13, with her mother and father, Malinda and James Wells, sisters Natalie and Abby, brothers Matt and Mike Wells, cousins, Hannah, Elizabeth and Laura Moye & Carol McKenzie participating.

Shirley Boots was baptized by Elder Noel on April 14. President Melton conducting, chorister Sis. Strait, Bro. Strait gave opening prayer, talk on baptism, Pres. Melton, closing prayer by Luke Cofax.

Mary (Maddy) Stirek was baptized on June 12 with Pres. Melton conducting. Sis. Strait was accompanist, chorister Mayo Melton, Maddy's daughter Tara Slinger gave invocation, sister Ellen Braden was a speaker, baptized by Elder O'Neil, benediction by Elder Fenton.

Josh Jewell was baptized August 14, with Pres. Melton conducting (and chorister), Bro. Eslinger gave invocation, talk on baptism Bro. Strait, talk on Holy Ghost by Elder Fenlon, benediction by Sis. Step.

Alice Weaver and Jesse Talbot were both baptized on October 23 by Elder Hansen with witnesses Bro Strait and Bill Eslinger. Elder Skinner gave talk on the Holy Ghost, Brandon Lyon gave benediction.

Bill Jones, baptized November 13. Presiding: Pres. Melton, conducting Bill Eslinger, chorister, Skye Ford, organist Malinda Wells, invocation by Christiana Jones, talk by his wife, Dawn Jones, baptism by his father-in-law John Ritchey, witness's Bro. Rick Ford and Bill Eslinger. Special musical number by the Ford children, talk on the Holy Ghost by Shanie Ford, benediction by Mika Karbassioon. (All of the participants except Wells, Eslinger and Melton, were relatives of Bill.)

Courtne Jewell was baptized December 18 with Bill Eslinger conducting, Pres. Melton presiding, invocation by James Strait, baptismal talk by Elder Hansen, baptized by Elder Fenlon, talk on Holy Ghost by Elder Smith, benediction by Sandy Step.

SERVING IN THE TEMPLE

Branch members visited the temple on the first Tuesday each month and also participated in the Stake Temple Day.

Two members of the Paris branch continued to serve as ordinance workers at the St. Louis Temple. Thelma Sturgeon served Wednesday, second shift, the third week each month and Reba Fulk also served that time except when she was a volunteer at Ensign Ranch in Washington State May thru September.

NEW FAMILY MOVED INTO THE BRANCH

Mahonri and Dora Reyes and three children were welcomed into the branch in the fall. They were quickly given callings and soon were fitting right into the branch.

RANDOLPH'S ANNUAL FALL COOKOUT AND HAYRIDE TRUNK OR TREAT

The annual trip to the Randolph farm was held October 23 with eighty-five branch families and friends attending. Luke Randolph brought several youth. The hosts furnished hot dogs, buns and drink with everyone bringing a vegetable or dessert.

The hayride was so popular, Bro. Randolph made three trips into the pasture, for fun, long, scary rides.

The Relief Society sisters sponsored Trunk or Treat. The members decorated their car trunks for the Primary Children and enjoyed the candy and activities planned for them. This replaced the activity at the church parking lot in the past.

RUNNING THE RACE

Mother Reba Fulk and daughter Bessie Rigdon ran the Indianapolis 500 Festival Mini Marathon on May 8th. Reba (age 64) ran the 13.1 miles in 2 hrs, 34 min. while Bessie (age 32) ran it in 2hrs. 03 min. Starting at 70 a.m. began downtown proceeded to the Indy 500 tract, around the track and back down-town. A cool (no higher than 50 degrees), windy (35mph) race. This was Reba's fifth race and Bessie's second. This was a family affair. Reba's sister, Susan Northquist (67), Susan's son, Tim and two of his son's Will and Jack joined in the race. Reba commented that she was disappointed that there were no missionaries manning the break stations this year; in years past she had always looked forward to the boost it gave her to see and get encouragement from them.

LOSS OF TWO MEMBERS

Peggy Ann Howell, 62, passed away on Sunday, February 21, 2010 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, Illinois. Peggy was a devoted member of the Church and served wherever she was called, for several years in Primary. Peggy was diagnosed with cancer only a short time before her death which was unexpected. She left a daughter, four grandchildren, two sisters, three step-grandchildren, five nephews and two nieces. She is greatly missed by all family and friends.

Ronald Ellington, 63, was killed in an automobile accident November 12, 2010. He was a devoted member of the Church, serving as Scout cub master and always there in all projects when anyone needed help.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda, his mother, Eileen Ellington, a daughter, Wendy Jo Delp, son Jeremy Ellington, and three grand-children.

A very cheerful, giving person, he was always helping friends and strangers.

A letter to the editor from a person who needed a ride out of town see a doctor stated how grateful he was to Ron, although Ron, who was not available at that time, found another member of the LDS Church to make the trip.

Both Peggy and Ron are greatly missed.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY

December 11 -- The Branch members gathered at 10:00 a.m. for a Christmas Brunch & Talent Show. Program was by children and adults showing their talents in many ways with emphasis on the Christmas Season.

RANTOUL BRANCH

UNIT NO. 41815

Officers Sustained—Branch in Stake

The General Authorities of the Church, the Area Seventies, and the officers of the stake and branch are to be presented for sustaining at the annual branch conference.

A member of the stake presidency or an assigned high councilor is to present the full names of officers for sustaining. He should present only the officers listed on this form. The branch clerk should complete this form, insofar as positions have been filled, in time for careful review by the priesthood leader who will use it.

After the conference, the branch clerk should give this form to the stake clerk to be included in the Annual History for Stakes and Districts (32299).

The annual conference of the Rantoul Branch of the Champaign Illinois Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, held at Rantoul, Illinois, on 28 Mar 2010.

It is proposed that we sustain as General Authorities of the Church:

Thomas S. Monson as prophet, seer, and revelator and President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Henry B. Eyring as First Counselor in the First Presidency; and Dieter F. Uchtdorf as Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

Those in favor may manifest it by the uplifted hand. Any opposed may so manifest it.

Boyd K. Packer as President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles; and as members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles: Boyd K. Packer, L. Tom Perry, Russell M. Nelson, Dallin H. Oaks, M. Russell Ballard, Richard G. Scott, Robert D. Hales, Jeffrey R. Holland, David A. Bednar, Quentin L. Cook, D. Todd Christofferson, and Neil L. Andersen.

The counselors in the First Presidency and the Twelve Apostles as prophets, seers, and revelators.

Those in favor manifest it.
Any opposed manifest it.

All other General Authorities, Area Seventies, and general officers of the Church as presently constituted.

Those in favor manifest it.
Any opposed manifest it.

It is proposed that we sustain:

T. Ned Lunt as president of the Champaign Illinois Stake of Zion, with Stephen D. Newman as first counselor and Kingsley M. Allan as second counselor.

Those in favor manifest it.
Any opposed manifest it.

All other stake officers as now constituted.

Those in favor manifest it.
Any opposed manifest it.

It is proposed that we sustain:

Gregory A. George as president of the Rantoul Branch, with L. Eugene Miller as first counselor and Scott P. Schaumann as second counselor.

Those in favor manifest it.
Any opposed manifest it.

As branch clerk:
Ronald G, Edwards

As branch executive secretary:
Jerry M. Call

As assistant branch clerk(s):

Those in favor manifest it.
Any opposed manifest it.

It is proposed that we sustain:

As president of the priests quorum:

Gregory A. George, branch president; with _____, first assistant; Kevin E. Smith, second assistant; and _____, secretary.

As the presidency of the teachers quorum:

Da'Dreon B. Carter, president; _____, first counselor; and _____, second counselor; with _____, secretary.

As the presidency of the deacons quorum:

Reid E. Bundy, president; R Tyson C. Snyder, first counselor; and _____, second counselor; with _____, secretary.

Those in favor manifest it.
Any opposed manifest it.

As the presidency of the Relief Society:

Beth C. Barnes, president; Andrea L. Rice, first counselor; and Syndi L. Jones, second counselor; with Deketa M. Williams, secretary.

As the presidency of the Primary:

Camille K. George, president; Marissa Swearingen, first counselor; and Kari A. Stachura, second counselor; with _____, secretary.

As the presidency of the Sunday School:

_____, president; _____, first counselor; and _____, second counselor; with _____, secretary.

As the presidency of the Young Men:

Corben C. Rice, president; Glen C. Barnes, first counselor; and J. Wayne Swearingen, second counselor; with _____, secretary.

As the presidency of the Young Women:

Kelly J. Snyder, president; Aidee I. Steele, first counselor; and _____, second counselor; with _____, secretary.

As the branch mission leader:

Ross E. Bundy

All other branch officers and teachers as now constituted.

Those in favor manifest it.
Any opposed manifest it.

For your information, the following have been sustained or will be presented for a sustaining vote in their group, quorum, or class:*

As the leaders of the branch group of the stake high priests quorum:

Gary W. Slater, group leader; Scott T. Christensen, first assistant; and _____, second assistant; with Gary D. Kleckner, secretary.

As the presidency of the elders quorum located in the Rantoul Branch:

_____, president;
_____, first counselor; and
_____, second counselor; with
_____, secretary.

As the presidency of the Laurel class:

_____, president;
_____, first counselor; and
_____, second counselor; with
_____, secretary.

As the presidency of the Mia Maid class:

Rachael R. Bundy, president; Ashlyn N. Snyder, first counselor; and _____, second counselor; with _____, secretary.

As the presidency of the Beehive class:

_____, president;
_____, first counselor; and
_____, second counselor; with
_____, secretary.

For the information of branch members, the number of members of the branch serving full-time missions is 0.†

* The high priests group leaders, elders quorum presidency, and Young Women class presidencies should be sustained in their respective group, quorum, or class on branch conference Sunday.

† As appropriate and approved by the presiding authority, the number of members serving in the military may be added.

Rantoul Branch History: 2010

Ordinances

Dennis Lea Amdor was baptized on March 6th. Dennis was a long-time neighbor of Ramona Wickner and his health had been going steadily downhill for some time. Sister Wickner was caring for him in addition to sharing the gospel with him, and Dennis ended up staying at her house under hospice care for the last weeks of his life. Sadly, Dennis passed away within weeks of his baptism.

Alex Weise entered the waters of baptism on October 9th. Alex is married to Alicia Weise, who is a member of the Church. They have two children, Cheryl and Ryan, and Cheryl is now taking the missionary lessons with the plan to be baptized.

Marie Kent was baptized on May 22nd but moved to the Mattoon area shortly thereafter. Marie had had some exposure to the missionaries in the past, and ended up flagging down the Elders in Rantoul one day and asked to be taught. We were sad to see Marie and her husband John leave (John had also started to show interest in the church), but hope that their faith will continue to grow in their new home and ward.

The Rantoul branch lost a dear sister, Eleanor Reder, on July 11th. Sister Reder was a long-time member of the branch who in recent years was not able to attend meetings much due to her health, but who always welcomed visitors from the church and gospel messages in her home. Sister Reder was buried in Bement after a simple graveside service. She will be missed.

Three sweet children who attended the Rantoul Branch Primary entered the waters of baptism in 2010. On March 27th, Paige Bundy was baptized and confirmed by her father, Ross. On June 20th, Parker Swearingen was baptized and confirmed by her father, Wayne. Then on November 6th, Alyson Rice was baptized by her grandfather and confirmed by her father, Corbin. All 3 children are blessed with faithful, supportive parents who will help them to continue to learn and progress in the gospel.

Comings and Goings

Sadly, two of the families of the children who were baptized, the Bundys and Swearingens, moved from the branch boundaries in 2010. The Bundys moved to Mahomet, Illinois while the Swearingens moved to Idaho. These two families brought strength and energy to the branch and will surely be missed for their service and their friendship. The branch was also sad to see Sister Cheryl Blackburn, who had long served as the Sunday School teacher and music chair, move to Arizona, as well as to see two fairly recent converts to the Church, Deketa Williams and Chelly Stafford, move away (to St. Louis and Mahomet, respectively). We also said goodbye to the Schaumann family, who had moved to Mahomet in 2009 but continued to serve in Rantoul by assignment for a year. Their contribution to the branch and its members was significant, and they will be missed.

The Rantoul Branch was excited and blessed to welcome some families into our fold during 2010. Among them were Lance and LouJean Ferrell, who moved into the branch boundaries from Champaign, and Schon and Lowen Roberts, who moved from Utah for Schon to attend medical school.

Activities, Ministering Efforts, etc.

The branch continued to have good attendance at our branch-wide activities; in addition to active members of the Church, the activities often bring less-active members and part-member families out to the building. In March we held a Game Night, which included karaoke singing. People seemed to have a good time and enjoyed the casual atmosphere. In June we had a cookout at the church where the priesthood brethren (mainly Brother Slater and Brother Rice) cooked hamburgers, and where we played some games. On Pioneer Day—Saturday July 24th—we had a Pioneer Day pancake breakfast and activity. The branch presidency cooked the breakfast,

and Brother Stachura gave a pioneer-themed spiritual thought/ presentation. We then played pioneer-themed games (tug-of-war, gunnysack races, etc.), which were led by Brother and Sister Stachura. We had our Fall Festival/ Trunk 'r Treat activity at the end of October. Once again, this was a very popular activity that brought a lot of people to the church. We had a chili cookoff and a 'gratitude tree' where people could write down things they were thankful for on leaves and attach them to the tree. In December we held our annual Christmas Dinner and Activity. We enjoyed a turkey dinner and entertainment (songs and readings) by members of the branch. There were crafts for children and photos taken of individuals and families against a festive backdrop.

Two sisters in the branch who had been less active for a long time, Karen Lind and Jennifer Jordan, began regularly participating in the Church during the year. It was a wonderful experience to see these sisters make changes in their lives to make the Church a priority and to see them progress in their understanding of the gospel. They have been warmly welcomed by the branch and each now holds a calling. We are hopeful that 2011 will see them receiving their temple endowments.

In September the priesthood conducted a 'visiting blitz' to try to track down members on our records with whom we had little or no contact, or hadn't contacted in a long time. We were able to better ascertain the wishes of several members through doing this, and had learned of some additional people who were willing to accept home teachers.

Primary

The Primary Presidency was changed early in the year. Camille George was called as president, Marissa Swearingen was called as 1st counselor, and Kari Stachura was called as 2nd counselor. After Sister Swearingen moved at the end of September, Kari Stachura was called as 1st counselor and LouJean Ferrell was called as 2nd counselor.

The Primary held four activities through the year. The activities were very well attended, sometimes getting children to the church that we have had a hard time reaching otherwise. In April the Primary held an Easter Activity with a message about the Resurrection, a small activity, and an Easter egg hunt. In July the Primary hosted "B.E.A.R.S." – Be Excited About Reading Scriptures. This activity was kicked off with Brother Stachura dressed in a bear costume trying to get the kids interested in the stories in the scriptures, followed by three different stations that the children rotated through to participate in activities and learn about scripture stories. In September the Primary had a Carnival with the theme "Follow in Jesus' Footsteps." The children rotated through different circus-type events in which they learned about a story of Jesus and then played a game that was based on the story. Finally in October a service project/sacrament presentation practice was held. The children put together 30 school kits to send to Humanitarian Services in Salt Lake, then practiced for the Sacrament meeting presentation. The children did a wonderful job with their presentation!

Andrea Rice volunteered for and then was called as the Activity Days leader during 2010. The Activity Days girls have been meeting twice a month at the church on Wednesdays. Sarah Nelson was called as the assistant Activity Days leader. Both of these sisters have daughters in the program, and it is wonderful to see them invested in helping the 8-12-year old girls be blessed by the learning, social interaction, and fun that accompanies these activities.

Youth

Youth from the Rantoul branch attended the temple to do baptisms for the dead in February, August, and December. The branch presidency presented Sunday Evening Discussions on the proper language of prayer, love and dating, and the Personal Progress and Duty to God programs. Da'Dreon Carter and Ashlyn Snyder attended the Stake Youth Conference in June. In October the youth and youth leaders had a unique experience in learning how to dance the 'Thriller' dance for a combined activity.

Kelly Snyder, Rantoul Young Women President, recounted, "My most memorable moment for this year would

have to be.... playing Fear Factory during mutual. The best part was the food challenge, which was a Happy Meal with everything blended up into a mixer and the kids had to drink it! The looks on their faces were priceless. My other best moment is when the missionaries came and helped the youth understand the heritage of the church and the progression of how it came to Joseph Smith. What a great learning night it was for our youth.”

The Young Men of the Rantoul Branch had a busy year participating in scouting and other activities. Here is a recap of their adventures.

- **January:** Da’Dreon Carter, Tyson Snyder, and Reid Bundy worked on learning about winter camping and then attended the Klondike Derby. The high that Saturday was in the teens and the temperature at night was in the single digits Fahrenheit. In the morning Reid starting showing symptoms of frostbite on his fingers so we administered a water bath and there were no complications. Reid was also called as the Patrol leader for the Rantoul Patrol.
- **February:** The Young Men set up a new portable basketball pole outside in the parking lot and later attended the stake basketball play day.
- **March:** The Young Men went to Forest Glen and hiked in and camped. Brother Rice became ill and Brother Barns hiked a shorter route out. The rest hiked out the harder route a little later. Tyson and Da’Dreon attended. Reid had recently had his appendix burst so he could not attend. Reid was weakened by his burst appendix, fully recovered later. The scouts created their Patrol Flag and named the patrol “The Ninja Monkeys.”
- **April:** The Young men went to Middle fork Forest County Park and fished. Reid was still not fully recovered so only Tyson and Da’Dreon were able to attend. They went on a 3-mile hike and went fishing. They also buried people on the sandy beach but weather was still too cool to do any swimming. Also in April, Brother Allen Barnes taught the scouts proper handling and safety practices for using knives, fire starting and chainsaws.
- **May:** The Young Men had a day activity at Kickapoo canoeing down the Middle fork river. Tyson and Reid attended, as did Corbin Snyder, who came with his father. The father and son campout was the next weekend and was surprisingly cold for May. The campout was held at Brother Mickleson’s and there was a presentation that night about the pioneer history close to where we were camping. The scouts worked on their physical fitness requirements during May and played “scripture basketball” with the young women for the combined activity.
- **June:** Reid, Tyson and Da’Dreon all attended summer camp at Camp Drake.
- **July:** Tyson, Reid, and Tyson's two non-member friends (CJ, and Anthony) went to Kickapoo and fished. They cleaned and cooked the fish they caught and had them for lunch.
- **August:** The scouts learned CPR and did swimming rescues. Reid and his family moved out of the Rantoul Branch. Da'Dreon attended an electronic campout where the youth camped but were able to watch shows and play video games.
- **September:** Tyson was called to be the Deacons quorum president. The Young Men attended the stake campout at Camp Drake, including a devotional at night scout skills the next morning. They cooked chicken on cast iron and though it turned out “blackened,” the other troops were jealous of the dinner.
- **October:** The Young Men started working on the hiking merit badge and CJ and Tyson attended a merit badge clinic in Champaign.
- **November:** CJ, Anthony, Tyson, and Da’Dreon back packed into Forest Glen and backed out, which was about a 13 mile hike. They ate dehydrated meals that they had created themselves.

TUSCOLA BRANCH

UNIT. NO. 260657

(NO HISTORY SUBMITTED FOR 2010.)

URBANA WARD

UNIT NO. 38768

URBANA WARD HISTORY 2010

The Urbana ward entered 2010 on firm footing after making the necessary adjustments from the realignment of the wards in this area in 2009. For the duration of the year, the Bishopric was composed of Bishop Kevin Johnson, 1st Counselor Harold Rose and 2nd Counselor Albert Jarvi. Sister Becky Naisbitt was Relief Society president at the start of the year and then Sister Ashley Burton was called to serve after Sister Naisbitt was released.

The makeup of the ward was largely graduate students attending the University of Illinois along with some "permanent" families and a few senior citizens. Average Sacrament meeting attendance hovered around 150 all year long with some increase in these figures showing toward the end of the year.

Without question, the highlight of the year involved Stake conference in November. Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles presided. Elder Bednar made himself very available by conducting meetings over the entire weekend which were directed to long-time members, new converts, leaders and the youth as well as investigators. All who attended these meetings were spiritually touched by Elder Bednar.

As the Urbana ward shares our building with the Champaign and Mahomet wards, the ward membership was impacted (due to the relatively high number of small children in our ward) to a small degree by the decision from Salt Lake that our move from the 1:00 – 4:00 timeframe to the 9:00 – 12:00 timeframe would not happen until Jan 1st, in lieu of the original Sept 1st, change date.

Of interest and excitement in the ward at the close of the year was the information a temple will be built in Indianapolis. Many in the ward hope this temple will be in our area as it would be a closer commute than our current St. Louis temple.

The Urbana ward looks forward to growth and prosperity in 2011.

Written and submitted by Ward Clerk, Andrew R. Facer

URBANA UNIVERSITY WARD

UNIT NO. 234400

Urbana University Ward – History 2010

WARD

**Many young saints meet on the plain
That bears the name: Land of Lincoln.
Each a link in the living chain
Unbroken since the First Vision.
Together they declare without guilt:
In Illinois Zion's been built.**

The Urbana University Ward saw a great many changes take place throughout the year. There was the constant change in membership as students moved in and out with passing of each semester. Other members moved out to the conventional wards in the area after starting their own families or deciding their needs could be better met elsewhere. However, the biggest change of all was the calling of a new Bishopric. On August 8, 2010 Bishop Michael Bartlett, Brother Patrick Duda, and Brother David Pike were released and Bishop Steven D. Smith, Brother Mark Richards, and Brother Aaron Zimbelman were called as the Bishop, First Counselor, and Second Counselor, respectively. The outgoing bishopric bore their testimonies expressing their love for the ward members and gratitude for the opportunity they had to serve in this ward. The new bishopric expressed their excitement to get to know the ward and serve the Lord. RK Giles and Ben Bascom continued to serve as Ward Clerk and Executive Secretary with the new bishopric. Mathew Thorum and Shaun Fulton both served as Assistant Ward Clerk for Finances with Shaun taking over for Matt in May.

What did not change in the ward were the facts that 1) our ward experienced no births or deaths (despite Daniel Nephi Baker falling out of a tree at the stake center where he suffered only minor injuries and a concussion while sparking an interest in revising the Ward Emergency Plan that has laid dormant for a few years) 2) there were a good number of weddings over the course of the year. The weddings of ward, or former ward members, were as follows:

- Shanon Cope to Matthew Thorum in May 2010 at the Manti, UT Temple
- Krysta Hanson to Phil Dimick in June 2010 in Sandwich, IL
- Marianne Michael to Ryan Jackson in July 2010 at the Nauvoo, IL Temple
- Emily Selen to Cole Isenbarger in August 2010 at the Nauvoo, IL Temple
- Elizabeth Dastrup to Andrew Mills in September 2010 at the Mt. Timpanogas, UT Temple
- Amanda Loveless to John Braun in January 2011 at the Bountiful, UT Temple

In addition, Charles King became engaged to Rachel Flint of the Quad Cities and moved to be closer to her in late 2010. Their wedding is scheduled for May 2011 in the Anchorage, AK Temple.

Regardless of the changes that took place, the Urbana University Ward continued in its mission to serve the spiritual needs of the single student members living in the Champaign-Urbana area, who attend the University of Illinois, Parkland College, or are otherwise enrolled in Urbana Institute of Religion classes

RELIEF SOCIETY

**In the World it's a rarity
To find women who love the Lord
Full of faith, hope, and charity.
Through these blessed vessels God has poured,
With shoulders that no duty shirks,
Countless blessings and good works**

In January of 2010, Shannon Cope was serving as Relief Society president, with Tina Laughlin and Emily Selen as counselors and Brianne Bokish as secretary. Spring was cold and dark, but the sisters received a lot of quality Sabbath instruction from teachers Bridget Benton, Amanda Loveless, and Ashley Lamb. Eventually, it was summer, when Shannon and Emily opted to excuse themselves from their callings by getting married. Melissa Clark, Stacy Fosu, and Brianne were called as the new presidency, and Joanna Allan was the secretary. Several new sisters arrived in the summer and fall. They were all stellar; in particular, Kara Moss was welcomed with joy due to her piano skills.

Relief Society activities during 2010 included an annual Elder Appreciation BBQ and monthly Relief Society meetings. Memorable meetings for Relief Society members were a cooking night during which Emily Selen taught everyone to make German pancakes, a class on car maintenance taught by Brother Pike, and a relaxing spa night (a spiritually uplifting activity, as washing one another's feet does receive favorable mention in the standard works). The General Relief Society Broadcast and stake Relief Society meeting in September also provided opportunities for Urbana University Ward Relief Society members to enjoy being part of a worldwide sisterhood.

ELDERS QUORUM

**Men of God met in shirts of white,
Blessed by the strength of the priesthood.
They served the Lord, teaching what's right,
Being an influence for good.
As quorum members pondered their fates,
They asked some ward Sisters for dates.**

January was the first full month that the new EQ Presidency which included Nick Prince, Josh Kacher, and Andrew Mills. The first major activity initiated by the new EQ Presidency was an EQ blitz. The EQ went out to track down the lost sheep of the ward. From our efforts we were able to get updated information on some people in our ward, and to confirm that many others are no longer in the area.

Throughout the year our elders did a great job on their home teaching. In June, we lost our EQ secretary, Ryan Jackson, when he got married. Andrew Mills moved over from 1st counselor to secretary, and Tom Butler took over as 1st counselor until September. In September the EQ Presidency got shuffled around again. Josh Kacher moved to 1st counselor, Dan Simon was called as the 2nd counselor, and Hales Swift took over as secretary.

The two main social activities that the EQ hosted for the year took place in February and October. The sister's appreciation dinner was the February activity and was enjoyed by all. In October the elders held a chili cook-off that was elders only. This year we also tried to get the entire ward involved in indexing.

WARD MISSION

**A marvelous work and wonder,
Teaching those numbered as the sand
Brought from the World's corners under
The guidance of the Lord's command,
To here learn of the Lord's desire:
Baptism by water and of fire.**

Under the direction of Bishops Bartlett and Smith, the ward mission leader John Braun sought to follow the counsel of the Brethren to apply Preach My Gospel in the proper formation and execution of the ward mission plan and to enable and encourage every member to become and succeed as member missionaries to find the Lord's elect. The members here, however, did not need any help—only opportunities. They were all so awesome already. Whether it was giving rides, teaching with the Elders, attending baptismal services, or inviting others into their homes for dinner and games, the members were always there for our investigators, recent converts, the full-time missionaries, and each other. This tangible sense of faith, unity, and dedication to the Lord's work provided an atmosphere in which the Lord could and did bless our ward with new converts to shepherd and minister to. After being taught by a crew of remarkable full-time missionaries (including Elders Naegle, Thurman, Seabolt, Dulan, and Eschiet of the Illinois Peoria Mission and Elders Lyman, Adam, Call, and Hinton of the Missouri St. Louis Mission—due to the dissolution of the southern portion of the Peoria Mission into the St. Louis Mission) and being helped and guided every step of the way by the genuine love and care of the entire ward, five new converts were brought into the ward family: Donna (Zhiwen) Zhang, Alexis Byrd, Ted (Yu-Chung) Liu, Julien (Hsiaohsin) Chen, and Sarah Phillips—each of which hit the ground running and immediately began to make great contributions back to the ward following their confirmations. Other noteworthy contributions came from the stellar support of the ward missionaries (Holli Mennenga, Ashley Lamb, Alexis Byrd, and Christian Howard) and Relief Society and Elders Quorum Presidents who really did most of the work behind the great success of the ward mission in 2010.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**From Genesis to Isaiah
With Kings and Chronicles between,
And even from slight Hosea
Precious wisdom we all did glean.
This year the Old Testament did reveal
Its saga and lessons true and surreal.**

Kalan Pike served as Sunday School President. Tom Butler, Shaun Fulton, and Kara Moss taught the Old Testament as Gospel Doctrine Instructors. Each instructor will be remembered for different reasons: Tom led a wonderful discussion about post-menstrual Hebrew cleansing rituals, Shaun had a football analogy ready for every lesson, and Kara had the ward clerk break out the speakers that most of the ward did not know we had for one of her lessons. (The activities committee took advantage of the equipment for the Christmas Dinner once they knew it existed.) Deanna Lunt served as the Gospel Principles instructor.

WARD ACTIVITIES

**We record in this history
The marriages of our members.
Yet for some it's a mystery
How to kindle passion's embers.
For them the ward sponsors activities
Keenly aware of their proclivities.**

In the beginning of the year the ward was exceedingly active with not official activities. Ward members were invited to gather together weekly on Thursdays for lunch. The ward was also very active in attending and supporting fellow ward members at performances, and sporting events.

In March the ward had a field day and picnic. Ward members gathered for a football and Frisbee. In between games they enjoyed a sandwiches and the company of one another, around a bond fire at the Stake Center.

In April the activities committee provided food during the breaks of General Conference. In between Saturday sessions the several ward members participated in a ward sponsored Easter Egg Hunt. The eggs were filled with candy and hidden around the perimeter of the Institute building. In late April the Ward hosted a Scavenger Hunt. Those who attended were divided into groups and provided with a list of items to find and a one hour time limit. The teams were very creative and some great photographs were taken during this event

In July the ward visited a local state park to have a fun day at the beach. Those who attended swam, and played outdoor games.

In August, the activities committee kicked off the new semester with a Back to School Ward Activity. Ward members attended the classes of yesteryear including math, spelling, and craft time. They had show and tell, and even recess. They were served, by a bishop with a hairnet, cafeteria style lunch complete with a choice of Sloppy Joe's or chicken nuggets and, of course, tater tots.

In September, the ward was encouraged to attend the YSA conference in Nauvoo...so they did, which resulted in at least one engagement (which is what these things are all about right?!)

In October, the activities committee planned the best Ward Halloween Costume Dance Party ever. Complete with games, shrunken apple heads, and a scary story reading room, the members and friends danced the night away. Julien won scariest costume (thanks in part to Ben Bascom), Dan Simon won funniest costume (due to the fact that he is Canadian...and that just calls for laughing), and Tina Laughlin won best costume (she's the only one who could pull off that Avatar spandex unitard).

In November, the activities committee kicked off a canned food drive to help fill the shelves at the Eastern Illinois Food Bank. It was a competition between the Relief Society and Elder's Quorum. When the competition officially ended before church on fast Sunday in December, the RS had the lead, but the EQ insisted that they didn't know when the competition ended and added to their box after church....what really matters is that we donated 118 lbs of food to hungry families in the area.

In December, we ended the semester with a festive Christmas dinner and dance. Ward members looked fabulous as they were encouraged to dress up. Everyone enjoyed a holiday meal cooked by volunteer chefs in the ward. After dinner, most of the crowd took to the dance floor while others decorated cookies. In spite of the protests, we ended the party early due to an impending ice storm and treacherous weather...but I believe everyone got home safe.

The activities committee was lead by the ever fearless and strong Bridget Benton and Susan Seibert. In August, Bridget was joined by a new co-chair, Tiffany Giles, and they eventually got a committee: Ernest Freeman, the brave; Ashley Curfew, the cheerful; and Lili Tian, the conqueror.

FAMILY HOME EVENING
Family home evening is for
Everyone, Elder Faust once said.
Each Monday we met in groups more
Casual and yet always led
By the Spirit of the Lord and desires
To obey all that the Prophet requires.

Paul Simonson was the FHE coordinator for the entire year. This year we had a great time in the ward family home evening (FHE) program. In the spring, we had four small groups, and approximately once per month we had a “large group” family home evening. During the summer, our numbers were rather small, so we had large group every week. We played a lot of games and took advantage of the nice summer evenings. In the fall, we had three small groups: Champaign, Campus, and Urbana; and we also had a large turnover in our group leaders. The groups began meeting at the bishopric members’ houses on the first Monday of each month. We had large group FHE on the third Mondays of the month, and the groups made their own plans for the other Mondays of the month. We saw an increase in attendance this fall, setting what we think is a ward record for young single adults attending FHE in a single Monday night: 38 (at which we had a lesson and painted pumpkins). Some of our memorable activities this year included delivering valentines that were made in small groups to residents at a nursing home, soccer, the Hardy Reindeer Ranch corn maze, capture the flag, geocaching (but we could not seem to find the caches!), nature walks north of Crystal Lake Park, volleyball, grounds beautification at the Institute Building, campfires at the stake center, touch football, dodge ball, a “turkey hunt,” water balloon volleyball, square dancing, caroling (by cell phone since it was waaay too cold to go outside) and many others. We had excellent lessons and spiritual thoughts taught by the members of the ward. Later in the year, the FHE group leaders started asking members to think of at least two questions to ask the group when they gave lessons, to encourage participation by the group. This seemed very good, and we rarely had a lack in participation. We also found that members enjoyed inviting people who are not members of the Church—it was not uncommon to have a few friends of members attend FHE. Several members were able to teach their first FHE lessons ever this year, which was fantastic!

I also invited members of the ward to share comments about FHE for the ward history:

Haha, Brother Paul, count me in! I like all the FHE activities, although normally if people do not push my back, I didn't get involved. But I promise, even if I was an onlooker most of the time, I think all the activities you chose in the past year looked fun and had covered a wide variety which was very hard for a FHE coordinator! The activity that impressed me most was probably the farm dancing one. You know

all people were involved in that event with music and joy. You did a wonderful job the last year with the spirit's help. I am sure you will do well again this year!

I think [small group FHE] went really well. I think small groups have been successful and in talking to a few other people, they like small groups as well. I think it would be smart to continue them.

Hey Paul; it's Kalan. I've always liked scavenger hunts or something that entails a little pursuit or trivia...something along those lines...

Playing so many fun games (psychiatrist, phone caroling, etc...).