

PRIMARY SPOTLIGHTS

January – June, 2020

Beckham Easton Spotlight

Beckham brings so much fun, joy and entertainment to our family. He is intense and does well at whatever he puts his mind to. He excels at anything that has to do with math. He loves sports, especially playing soccer. He is also taking and excelling at piano. When Beckham says that he is going to do something you can count on it being done right. I'm often stopped by other parents while at sporting events or at the school. They tell me how kind Beckham is to their child. He tries to be a friend to everyone and treat others as our Savior would. If he makes a mistake he apologizes quickly and tries to do better. He is excited to get baptized, We love you Beckham and are so proud of you for making the decision to follow your Savior and get baptized.

James Griffee Spotlight

James is such an amazing kid. Ever since he was little he has had a great sense of humor. He is very quick-witted and is always saying the funniest things. He is an excellent reader. He learned to read when he was just barely 4 years old and reads at an 8th grade level. Once he sees a word, he will forever remember how it is spelled. He loves the series Land of Stories and Harry Potter. James has a very kind heart and is thoughtful of others. He is always the first to give me a hug, just because. He is smart, inquisitive, and loves learning new things. We are grateful for his desire to follow Christ's example and be baptized. We are so lucky to have James in our family and we love him very much!

Spotlight - Afton Victoria Drage

Afton is the life in our house! She makes everything exciting and fun. Being the only girl at our house makes her very special and very appreciated. She is very helpful and loves caring for her two baby brothers. Afton makes friends very easily because she is kind, funny and fun to be around. She is very smart and loves reading, math and art at school. Afton is a gifted performer. She loves to dance and tumble and always lights up on a stage. Afton is very passionate and pours her entire heart and soul into everything she does and is the hardest worker. Because of this she is great at everything she does. Afton has the ability to be friends with all people and all ages, even teenagers! She loves her family, grandparents, cousins and friends with all her heart.

Her mom and dad thank Heavenly Father everyday for sending her to them, she is a special girl that blesses their family every day with her excitement, passion, service and love.

Spotlight - Ella Macy Morgan

Ella is a fun loving girl, she's the youngest of five. She is named after her older sister, Macy, who is in heaven with Jesus. Ella loves playing with friends, riding her bike, playing basketball, arts and crafts, going to dance and hanging out with her family. She is a huge Brighton Bengal fan, so much that bengals tigers are her favorite animal! Ella has an older sister who just left for her mission this week to Puebla Mexico and is counting down the days until she's home. Ella loves her stuffed animals and snuggling. Ella has a tender and big heart. She loves to make you happy and has a fun sense of humor. Ella always wants to stay up late and hang out with the teenagers, even though her curfew is much earlier than theirs. She is a blessing in her family's life, and we are so grateful we have her in our family. We are proud of her and her desire to get baptized

Spotlight - Miles Mack Swenson

Miles is such a special gift in our family. He is the 2nd boy, sandwiched between two brothers. He has been nicknamed 'Smiles Miles' because he is the epitome of happy! He is, at heart, a super happy, joyful young man and brings joy with that amazing smile wherever he goes. Miles is also very playful. He loves to hide to scare his mom and make her mom jump - it's a constant competition between them to see who can scare the other most. And it is one of his mother's favorite games with him. He has one of the world's softest hearts. He loves to make sure everyone is taken care of. He notices when people are unhappy and is very good at cheering them up. For example, Miles has cleaned the entire house by himself to help his mom when he can see she is stressed... without being asked and with a giant smile on his face. He is excellent at doing acts of kindness and is constantly spreading love. Both mom and dad love how dedicated he gets when he wants to be good at something or when he tries something new. He works hard and is passionate, it shows in how quickly he picks up on new skills. Especially when it comes to anything athletic. He loves to go off big ski jumps or big bike jumps to give his mother heart attacks! He loves to water ski, play basketball, soccer, lacrosse and generally anything outdoors or sports related all seasons, all year round. Simply put, Miles is a joyful, soulful young man. We love him dearly and he makes his family complete. We are so grateful to have him and his big, playful, loving heart a part of our family. You are very loved, Smile Miles!

Spotlight - Henry (Hal) Dance – 7th Ward – May 23

Hal came into this world in the afternoon on May 17, 2012, a calm, serious, quiet baby with huge eyes and a love of sleeping like we'd never experienced before. He has had a serious nature from the start, and was happiest when being carried around by mom in an Ergo the first two years of his life. Hal loves his family fiercely. He and his brothers are best friends. He loves to play all sports (especially soccer), trade cards, and run around with Owen and he's a great big brother to Luke; always thinking of elaborate imaginary play games to do with him. Despite seeming quiet initially, Hal has a funny, dry sense of humor and makes us all laugh constantly. He is a peacemaker in our family. He is forgiving, good at sharing, and patient. He also knows how to make time for his own experiences while still being friendly to others. He loves being outdoors - riding bikes, skateboarding and skiing during the winter. He also loves animals and always helps take care of the family dog (and all dogs) and his favorite subject at school is math. Hal says that the thing he's most excited about being baptised is receiving the Holy Ghost. He is happy he will have the Holy Ghost as a constant companion to answer his prayers. Hal is a collector. As a toddler, he'd carry around rocks in his pockets. When he was younger, he loved pokemon cards and, now, sports cards collecting. I just want you to know, Hal, that there is something very valuable that I have collected for many years, and I think it will be helpful for you too. I have kept a record of the spiritual experiences and tender mercies I've been given by Heavenly Father through the Holy Ghost. I think your collecting nature will enjoy having a record of your own answers to prayer that come through the whisperings of the Holy Ghost. I am so grateful for Hal and his loving, calm influence in our home. From the moment he was born, he has brought peace to our family. We love him and are happy he's chosen to be baptized today.

Spotlight - Archer Finn Preece – 7th Ward – May 23

Archer is a special part of our family. He loves cracking jokes and making everyone laugh. He always has funny things to say and quotes silly lines from movies at just the right time. Archer works really hard on personal projects. If he is interested in something he has great focus and works on it until it's finished. He likes to do things his own way and doesn't let anyone push him around. He enjoys drawing, Legos, and Minecraft. He loves his primary teachers and learning about what it means to be baptized. He is excited to receive the Holy Ghost and become part of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Spotlight - Jayden James Ferguson – 3rd Ward – June 20

Jayden is a very important part of our family. He is a great example and very thoughtful of other people's feelings. He has a tender heart. It is not uncommon for Jayden to unexpectedly walk into the room and give you a hug. He wears his heart on his sleeve for better or worse. If he is

upset, you'll know it but if he's happy he'll give you a thumbs up, smile and say "Ding". He's always willing to share anything he has with others. His Halloween candy is always gone first in the family because he eats a lot but also because he doesn't think twice about sharing. If he has something and you want some, he's a great example of sharing. He is also a hard worker and very determined when he decides he wants something or wants to improve. He has made huge improvement in his schooling and it has been accomplished through hard work. For his birthday he got a new set of rollerblades and at first took many falls but as quickly as he fell, he would jump back up and say, "I'm okay" and try again. He would practice around the house going back and forth in the kitchen until he finally figured it out. If he sets his mind to something he'll get it done. We are convinced if he wanted a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and we were out of peanut butter and jelly that he would find some peanuts and strawberries and start smashing them and make his own peanut butter and jam. Jayden also has a gift for making friends quickly. Whenever we go to the park, he often sparks up a friendship with someone he has just met. Jayden also brings a funny and goofy sense of humor to our family. He is even known to make up his very own jokes. Jayden is a good brother, has a desire to do what is right and we love having him in our family.

Spotlight - Connor Jones – 1st Ward – June 6

This is a day of celebration. Connor has chosen to be baptized because he has a great desire to follow Jesus and to serve in Christ's church. Connor came into this world with a surprise and continues to surprise us almost daily with a burst of laughter, a random tantrum or a sweet hug. Connor is fun. He wants to play games all the time, ball games, board games and card games. According to Connor, he always wins at whatever game he plays. He is quite athletic and loves to swim, ride his scooter, jump on the trampoline and show off his dance moves. We feel honored and blessed to have Connor in our family and have a front row seat to his gifts and talents. John 9:1-3; One of Connor's gifts is that the works of God can be made manifest in him. Connor is extremely friendly and observant. He will say hello to anyone and almost everyone. Connor has a smile that can light up a room, change the mood in an instant and when he looks you straight in the eyes with that smile, you know you are loved. But not just loved by Connor, loved by God. He brings a joy with him that is full and transcends barriers. Connor sees you. There was a time, when he would select specific people out of the congregation, draw them a picture and deliver it to them in sacrament meeting. It never failed that the person he selected needed to be reminded that God loved them that day. I felt like Connor was a conduit for that reminder. Connor, you are special. We love and cherish you and all that you are. We are so happy you are part of our family and have chosen to be baptized.

Spotlight - Lily Anne Pohlman – 6th Ward – June 20

Lily Anne Pohlman has always had a special spirit about her. Her eyes sparkle with kindness. You can't help but smile when you see her. She thinks of others first and she is willing to sacrifice so others have joy. She is friendly and wants to include everyone. She has a mature sense of humor and plays along with her Dad's teasing. She is witty and often has us laughing. She is an example to others and strives to grow closer to her Heavenly Father through obedience. She adores her three older brothers and is always thankful when they let her play with them. She is appreciative and no small detail goes unthanked. She loves science and hopes to be a scientist that helps others when she grows up. She makes our home and neighborhood a better place and is admired by many. Family is very important to her and she has a desire to gather her immediate family often and looks forward to extended family gatherings. Lily is prayerful. She has faith her Heavenly knows who she is and has a plan for her. She is excited to make this first covenant with her Heavenly Father and looks forward to listening to the Holy Ghost.

Spotlight - Michael Peter Black – 3rd Ward – June 20

He is pure joy! He is always up for a good time and trying to make sure others are having a great time as well. He has the sweetest heart and feels so much. With his beautiful smile and infectious love of life, everyone loves to be around him. He makes everyone around him feel special. We love his enthusiasm for life, and how he is always trying to make us laugh. He loves running around, playing basketball and baseball. He loves going on bike rides and rollerblading around with friends. Most importantly, he always wants to do what is right. He knows that when something is wrong that he can pray to our Heavenly Father for guidance and comfort. He has been a Christ-like example in our home in his words and actions. We are proud of his decision to get baptized and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Spotlight - Spencer Edwin De Axzevedo – 7th Ward – June 20

Spencer was born April 19, 2012. He is our fourth child. Spencer loves to sing with his Clayton Production friends and is super punctual to his rehearsals and performances. He loves to run with his Running Club friends. He loves legos, riding his bike and jumping on the trampoline with Zak and Eliza. Spencer loves his cousins, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, and friends. Spencer is a busy kid, but loves to snuggle and settle down at night. Spencer misses his primary class and is excited to have his teacher, Brother Frandson, at his baptism. Spencer has a strong yet gentle spirit. He is fiercely loyal to his family members. Spencer's prayers are often very thoughtful and detailed, and those present are left awed at the words that he speaks. When someone is in pain or sad, Spencer always runs up and puts his arms around them and gives

words of love and comfort. Many times he has hugged me if I seemed sad, and said “I love you, mom.” We are proud of Spencer and grateful to have him in our family.

Spotlight - Emmaline Mary Roark - 1st Ward – June 6

Emmaline is a delight to have in our family. She is a spunky, inquisitive fun loving girl. She is so very caring and delightful to be around. She loves anything to do with arts and crafts. She loves to learn new things and is quite talented. She speaks Chinese so well and is very courageous. She is very thoughtful and loves to learn about her Savior, Jesus Christ. She is so happy that she can be baptized and be one step closer to living in Heaven with her Heavenly Father and Jesus. She is a very Christlike young lady. She loves reading the scriptures and learning more everyday. She always cares how people feel and she loves taking care of her little sister and spending time with her “boys”. Many times when we ask her to do something, she replies, I’d Love to. She is very generous and thoughtful and very enthusiastic. She looks forward to big events like today and gets so excited! I love her smile and hugs! She loves to dance and melt our hearts. We are so grateful to have such a bright and beautiful young lady in our eternal family. We love you Emmaline!