

WILLOW CANYON 1<sup>ST</sup> WARD  
SANDY UTAH EAST STAKE  
2006

This year begins with Jack Nydegger bishop, counselors Rex Cook and Kevin Pasker. Over the past year the Bishop challenged us to reading the scriptures and other church books. A survey was taken to see how many accepted this challenge and these are the results. Forty nine people responded; 41% read the Doctrine & Covenants: 25% read the and Miracle of Forgiveness: 69% read the Book of Mormon as challenged by the Bishop and 86% read the Book of Mormon as challenged by President Hinckley

Clay Williams, Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade Student was named Patriot of the month of December.

The ward has an Empty Nesters group who meet once a month to study Church History. There are about 12 people who attend. It is held in homes of those who attend and they provide a light refreshment after the gospel discussion.

The Relief Society Presidency consisting of Gina Messerly president, Debra Beirman and Kristy Jones as counselors and Crystal Weight secretary. The Presidency organizes a Relief Society temple day each month and those wishing to go carpool together. The secretary prints up a weekly information sheet which is very informative concerning Birthdays of the sisters in that month, the weekly agenda for Relief Society, Enrichment activities and any other announcements of interest to the sisters and sometimes a recipe.

There is a ward Newsletter published each month which contains a message from the Bishopric, the theme for the month, announcements from the Stake, a schedule of the Gospel Doctrine lessons for the month, a brief write up from each of the auxillary organizations as to what is happening there, a ward/stake calendar, birthdays in that month and missionary and service men addresses and a quote from the Prophet.

In January there were 3 missionaries from the church killed and it was a sad time for members of the church worldwide. We mourned for the parents and families of these missionaries.

..In the ward boundries is the Alta Ridge Assisted Care Center. The wards in the stake take turns holding Sacrament meeting and Relief Society for the residents there. It gives many people in the stake opportunity for leadership positions plus music positions.

The ward has the opportunity to go to the Sandy Dry Pack Cannery once a month and can food for their families. There are some who have built up their food storage with the dry pack program. Others still need to converted to the program. The food is high quality, good price and easy to pack. It is a great opportunity.

In the primary Sister Clegg in the presidency made scripture bags for each child in the primary to help them remember to bring their scriptures to church each Sunday.

In February at the Ward Conference the bishopric was changed. Todd Lloyd was called as Bishop with counselors John Davis and Doug Milne. Executive Secretary, Joel Weight remained and the ward clerks remained the same.

In March the Relief Society celebrated the organization of the society. It was called "Girls Night Out". A nice dinner was served and everyone was invited to wear pajamas or loungewear.

In April a single sister in the ward (Beverly Parry) was moving to a condo and five sisters in the Relief Society helped her each day for five days to pack up everything and the Priesthood packed it into trucks to be taken to her new residence in West Jordan. She was very appreciative and grateful for the help, as there was no way she could have done it alone.

In April, the stake presented an original production: "OUT OF SMALL THINGS" A celebration of the Restoration. This was a musical production, the script, music and direction by Carrie Wrigley of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward. Members of the 1<sup>st</sup> ward who were involved in this were; Russell Messerly who played Father Smith. His daughter Amanda helped with the choreography, and his wife Gina made costumes along with Jennifer Mitchell and Becky Easton. This was a very well done production and a display of the great talent in the Stake.

In May the Relief society was reorganized and Kila Lackey was called to be President with Marjan Fairclough and Chyrrrel Cook her counselors. Crystal Weight remained as secretary.

The ward always give a shower for the girls getting married and then all go in on a gift for the couple for their wedding. The going rate is \$5.00 but many give more than that. The same is true when a member of the ward loses a parent. We pool our donations and either get a nice remembrance for the family or just give them the money to help with funeral expenses.

In September Joel Weight was released and Greg Miles was called as Executive Secretary.

Sister Margie Guest planned a trip to the Philippines to meet her son Kyle at the end of his mission. She organized a service project for the people of the Philippines to collect Sunday clothes (white shirts for men, dresses for women and clothing for children. She had great response and took a lot of clothing for those people.

Ward Youth Conference was held at Bear Lake July 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. It was called "Journey of Faith.

In August the Empty nesters and any other interested people traveled up to Harrisville, Utah to attend the Martin Harris Pagent. They enjoyed a good roast beef dinner and then the Pagent which was very well done.

A ward Fathers and Sons outing was held May 19 & 20<sup>th</sup> ..

Each year the members of each ward are given the opportunity to go work at the Sandy Vegetable Farm which is located just west of our ward in the neighboring stake (Sandy Utah Central Stake). There we plant vegetables or do any gardening that is necessary. The Vegetables are grown for the Bishops Store house. It is a great opportunity to get to know people and serve others.

A great activity comes up every June as the Elders quorum, along with the activities committee sponsor a Fun Run Walk. Other members of the stake are invited to participate. Each runner/walker is given a number and is kept track of and given a status by an accurate group of timekeepers and judges. Top three are given certificates and ribbons. They have water and Gatorade, oranges and bananas for all participants. Next year they will open it up as a Stake Fun/run.

In June the Bishop issued a challenge to read the Book of Mormon in 60 days. This would require reading 9 pages a day every day for 60 days.

The Stake organized an Emergency Program and suggested that everyone have an FRS emergency radio so that in the event of an emergency we have a means of communicating. We were also given a card to put in our window indicating green if everything was alright and red if we needed help. This is comforting to the older or single people in the ward.

The Relief Society had a summer social in August and it was held in the Faircloughs back yard. All the people residing in the ward boundaries were invited, members or not and was well attended (about 160 people). The Chinese Artist Association from China came to perform for us. This is a group of very talented professionals, ranging in age from 6 to 45. They put on a very nice program and they were housed by members of the ward for two days. They were taken on a tour of Church sites in the City and many were touched spiritually as they went to Temple Square and saw different presentations there. Seeds of the gospel were planted in many of these people who have no spiritual roots.

In November Crystal Weight was released as Relief Society secretary and Sharon Allen was called..

In November the Relief Society Enrichment Committee put on a Super Saturday. The Sisters bought dishes and then personalized them with sand blasted names and decorations, jewelry was made as were wall plaques and family home evening boards. There was a good turn out and they served different kinds of soup. Three former members of the ward came and demonstrated and helped the sisters with these projects, Diane Clegg Tolman and Elizabeth Crapo Francom and Connie Zarbock.

The Christmas party this year was a breakfast. The food was delicious and there was a good turnout even at 9:00 am. The primary children sang and a video, "Joy to the World" was shown and a few ward members talked about memorable Christmases..

Daniel Frederickson is a member of the ward and is a good actor and has had leading parts in different theatres in the valley this year. He played the part of Chauvelin in "The Scarlet Pimpernel" at the Sandy Amphitheater .

Gayle Visser Hansen made the front page of the ARTS section of the Deseret News on July 30<sup>th</sup> to announce that Gayles quilt titled "2002 Times and Seasons" won Best of Show award at the Springville 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Quilt Show. Gayle worked on it for 2 ½ years. It was not only pieced together and quilted but she added ribbon embroidery, beads and decorative stitchery to enhance it. It truly was a labor of love and proved her love for a challenge..

The following people died during the year. Bruce D. Wagstaff 50, died of Lung Cancer.

Kenneth J. Richards 85, died July 14<sup>th</sup> of old age and loneliness for his wife Vera.

Anna Newton 82, died October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Alta Ridge Assisted Living Center.

Luke Laputka died in June of innerVascular Lymphoma.

Those who were married this year are:

m Amanda Morris and Ryan Richard Abraham on February 9<sup>th</sup> in the Salt Lake Temple.

Jaclyn Johnson and Christopher John Cottrell on May 5<sup>th</sup> in the Salt Lake Temple.

Alicia Jean Baker and Sean Andrew Bott on August 8<sup>th</sup> in the Salt Lake Temple.

Bonnie Jean Cook and Daniel Marvin Norris on August 16<sup>th</sup> in the Salt Lake Temple

Stephanie Ann Oldroyd and Patrick Ryan Hansen on August 19<sup>th</sup> in the Salt Lake Temple.

Jacob Todd Lloyd and Holli Ann Watkins on August 25<sup>th</sup> in the San Diego Temple

Cindy Leshar Greenwood and Aaron Greenwood went through the Salt Lake Temple and were sealed on January 6<sup>th</sup>.