

WILLOW CANYON 1st WARD SANDY UTAH EAST STAKE HISTORY 2009

The year 2009 Bishopric was Todd Lloyd-Bishop, John Davis and Doug Milne as counselors.

Draper Temple Open House

The Willow Canyon 1st Ward was asked to volunteer their time and service for the Draper Temple open house. They were called upon to man the temple for 2 days which was done successfully.

The positions filled were: Security-16 people, Ushers- 68 people, Audio Visual-8 people, Hosting-20 people, Member Missionary-4 people, Parking-16 people, Building Cleaning-15 people, Physical Facilities- 4 people

High Priest

Group leader- Jerry Farr, Mont Deming and John Strong as Assistants, Bill Allen secretary
Instructor

Summer Social party was held on July 19th at the home of Marilyn Crapo.

Quorum member Ray Bye passed away.

New Family Search Internet program was introduced by the Church and members of the quorum participated in genealogy work. Also the quorum participated in Welfare assignments, conference meetings and Draper temple dedication.

Elders Quorum president- President Stefan Wells (replaced by Richard Clegg), Counselors Robert Rawlings (replaced by Ben Nieswender) and Michael Jones (replaced by Larry y Curtis) Adam James and Darin Olsen as secretary (replaced by Adam Alexander), (Adam Alexander replaced by Adam James), Darin Olsen, (released) replaced by Derek Bawden.

-This past year in the elders' quorum of the Willow Canyon 1st ward had several significant events occurred. The Elders quorum were faithful in fulfilling all assignments and callings throughout the year including: snow removal, parking duty during conferences and temple dedications, building lock up, bishops store house assignments, building clean up, conference center clean up, and other specific assignments during the Draper Temple dedication.

-We organized several quorum activities including movie nights and service projects throughout the year. Our basketball team tied for first place in the stake and was able to go to the region tournament where we won one game and lost in the semifinal round of the region tournament. We also played a significant role in organizing the stake 5K fun run and walk. We were in charge of registration of participants, promotion, t-shirt sells, providing refreshments, and worked as timekeepers during the event.

-The Elders quorum also had several quorum members and their families move out of the ward and several move into the ward. Javen Tanner who served as a quorum instructor and home teacher moved out of the ward with his wife and two children, Ryan Rushton who served in young Mens and as a home teacher moved out of the ward with his wife and children. We also had brief visits from Jason Lambourne and his family and Drew and Sabrina Forbes before they moved out after only a couple of months in our ward. Chris Arnold who still lives in the ward received a new calling as a quorum instructor and has done a wonderful job. Eric and Kristin Sullivan also became proud parents of another baby boy this year.

-We have had some solemn and sad news recently as well as brother Darrell Smith was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) or Lou Gehrig's disease. Our thoughts and prayers will be with him and his family.

-Missionaries who have left and returned home to us include Kyle Nydegger called to the Everett Washington Mission, Eddie Sagebin called to the Lisbon Portugal Mission, Nathan Wells called Germany, and Parker Lloyd called to Taiwan. Brian Morris happily returned home after serving in the Washington Everett Mission. Roger Sullivan also received his Eagle Scout award this past year.

-It has been a wonderful 2009 and we are looking forward to 2010.

Relief Society President- Andrea Marx, Deanna Nielsen and Chyrel Cook Allyn Thompson as counselors, Tara Tanner replaced by Elizabeth Rawlings as secretary.

The sisters in the Willow Canyon First Ward have had many opportunities to learn and grow both spiritually and temporally. We have had wonderful weekly lessons, we have shared experiences and talents, and we have learned about, and participated in personal and family preparedness. Some of the Relief Society activities we have had are:

January Ward cookbooks were handed out, we all enjoyed the new recipes.

The sisters continued with the quilts we were to do. We sewed together quilt blocks into rows 'stitched the rows together, put a batt and a back together, and then tied them together. A special thanks to Gayle Hanson who put many of the quilts together herself. Lunch -Bunch will start up again the month.

February Relief Society Visiting teaching Workshop was held Feb. 11. "The theme was putting your heart into visiting teaching." A Murray Cannery assignment was fulfilled. The sisters were also asked to help clean up the conference center,

March-The Relief Society birthday party was held this month. Since it fell on St. Patrick's Day. We thought it fitting to have the theme "Feel Lucky to be a Woman." Dinner was served. We had a nice dinner and wonderful music by bagpipe players.

April— A stake enrichment Back to Basics “What Grandma Knew” Enrichment Classes taught were Basis Nutrition, Basis Budgeting and Basic gardening. We were then issued a service challenge. We could choose from eight projects for yourself, your family, friends, Relief Society Young Women, Primary. We were asked to see what we could accomplish as a Stake between April 25 - Sept. 26th.

May- Ward trek to Nauvoo begins. Each organization records the hours they spent walking, biking, swimming or any other type of physical activities. The Race is on! Continue to work on and complete the project you took home.

June- Super Saturday . We had many projects to work on some, of which were wall clocks, picture frames. Vinyl lettering-wood projects, fabric well hanging Thank you Charlene Farr, Christy Butler, Lori Hanson, Bebbie Bierman, Allyn Thompson and those ladies that help finish the humanitarian quilt. We had an excellent presentation by Margie Guest on Emergency Food preparation. It was wonderful. The sisters went home with many new ideas for dinner that would be simple as well as tasty

June – August: “Fun Run or Walk,” to help keep us fit and healthy

October- The 1st annual Relief Society R.S. Party Get ready the Season by Relaxing and Socializing with the Really Super Radical Sisters in our Ward. We had a light Supper of Rolled Sandwiches, Soup and Relishes. We were asked to bring a R or S treat to share. We were to wear something that started with R or S. Such as Robe and Slippers, Red and Silk, Rollers and Socks. Games were played and we all had a Relaxing Socializing Time.

November- We had a Mint making demonstration and then attempted to make our own. Margie Guest gave as another Emergency Preparedness demonstration. We made our traditional layered mints, and learned to cook with food storage.

There have also been many opportunities for service: Draper Temple open house ushering, Conference Center cleaning, temple cleaning, Temple attendance, volunteering at the Care Center, helping at the Murray Cannery, weddings, funerals, births, and illnesses.

The sisters in our ward have shown love and compassion as they have served, and love and gratitude as they have been recipients of service. We have truly found that, as the Relief Society motto says, “Charity Never Faileth.”

Young Men- Russell Messerly president, Jay Nielsen (replaced by Rex Cook) and Greg Miles as counselors, Ryan Rushton as secretary.

The Deacons Quorum had a great year even though there were a few changes. They added Glade Wells, Coleman Lloyd and Addison Day and Joey Day (who both later move away with their family). Although the Deacons Quorum is small they have a great time. 2009 Deacons were Jared Rigby, Glade Wells, and Coleman Lloyd. The Deacons participated in the annual scout camp and Smith and Morehouse along with the Teacher’s Quorum. Many merit badges were earned and a lot of fun experiences were had. One of the most notable experiences was that they learned how to not only catch fish but also clean them. Most were a little hesitant to do the work of gutting a fish. There were also several overnight camps throughout the year. One in particular was held at camp Buena venture near Ogden Utah. Being close to the railroad tracks not much sleeping happened when the big freight trains rolled through. One notable activity was held in the Arnold’s back yard where the boys were taught how to start a fire without matches. Leading the Deacon’s Quorum in 2009 was Greg Miles, 2nd Counselor YM Presidency and Chris Arnold, Scoutmaster

The Teacher’s Quorum grew this year with the addition of Jaxon Olsen to the group. The 2009 Teacher’s Quorum consisted of Seth Wells, Spencer Bierman, Brandon Pasker and Zach Rigby. They had a wonderful scout camp in June when they went to Smith and Morehouse reservoir for a week. As you can expect they enjoyed working on their merit badges and of course their fair share of swimming and hiking. Of course the food was awesome – maybe a little over or undercooked at times but eatable nonetheless. Seth Wells, Brandon Pasker, Spencer Bierman and Zach Rigby all achieved the Life rank in scouts and are all well on their way to earning their Eagle Scout award. During the year the Teachers performed some service projects at the Stake Center with fulfilling our ward assignments of cleaning the parking lot and surrounding areas. Among the many service and scout related activities there was a few fishing and shooting activities that were enjoyed by all. Leading the Teacher’s Quorum in 2009 was Jay Nielsen, 1st Counselor YM Presidency and Ray Bierman, Varsity Coach.

The Priest Quorum went through some mighty changes in 2009. Three of our Priests turned nineteen and left on missions leaving the Priest Quorum consisting of Kenneth Milne, Clay Williams and Richard Rawlings. We will also miss Isaac Day who moved out of the ward with his family. Kyle Nydegger was called to Washington State, Parker Lloyd called to Taiwan and Eddie Sagebin was called to Brazil. Both Kyle and Parker completed and earned their Eagle scout award and also their Duty to God awards. Each of these YM was eager and prepared to serve the Lord in the mission field. The Priest Quorum high adventure activity was at Flaming Gorge Reservoir. A great time was had in hiking, floating the Green River and of course partaking of fabulous food. Unfortunately the last two days were stay in your tent kind of days because it rained each day. The Priest’s had several service activities during the year that were both community and ward oriented. Of course there were the periodic volleyball and movie nights that everyone enjoy. Kenneth Milne and Richard Rawlings worked hard to complete their Eagle award requirements and should finish early in 2010. Advising the Priest Quorum in 2009 were Russ Messerly, YM President and Joel Weight, Venture Leader.

-All of the YM had a special opportunity to participate the Stake Trek experience. Those who attended had a life changing experience and realized that the pioneers of old had tremendous faith and courage. Each of the YM that participated had a wonderful time. To add to the 2009 experience, the Church, in conjunction with the Draper Temple opening, held a special Temple Celebration called “Come to the Mountain of the Lord”. This celebration included all of the Stakes in the Draper Temple District. The celebration was held and the downtown Conference Center. Our YM and YW participated in special

theme dances and also sang in the celebration choir. Each of the YM put in many hours of practice but it was all worth it when they performed for a Conference Center full of people, which

Young Woman -Lynn Jensen president ,(replaced by Laura Woodhouse), Amy Clegg., (replaced by Ileana Burrup) (Ileana Burrup replaced by Vanessa Pendleton).and Jill Rigby (replaced by Donna Strong)as counselors, Vicki Davis (replaced by Kim Leshner) as secretary

2009 Young Women History

April -We are working hard on the Draper Temple Dedication Celebration. We are learning the Farmer Dance along with the Canyon View Stake. Dancers are Sarah Jones, Klarissa Wells and Alex Diaz. A special musical number has been written just for this celebration. Singers are Monica Jensen, Maren Schmitt, Emily Lloyd, Rachel Bierman, Sammi Ellis and Megan Pasker. This has been our activity night every week . For combined YM YW we had pizza and root beer floats and played dodge ball before a practice. We are all wearing a white wristband to help us remember our temple commitment. We have been asked to "Offer a Sacrifice" ex. give up bad habit, be more thoughtful, prayer, scripture study, temple attendance etc. We are having fun together. Our value for the month is Devine Nature. We enjoyed blueberry muffins and blueberry pie on Easter after hearing a special Easter Lesson.

May - was an exciting month for the youth. We worked hard all month to prepare for the Draper Temple Dedication Celebration May 29,2009. The youth leaders had an amazing experience as we all came together to perform for Pres. Monson and family and friends With 7,000 youth the power of the spirit was strong. What an amazing blessing for all. When the Temple rose up from the mountain there were many tears. Our Stake (Sandy East Stake) danced with the Canyon View Stake the Farmer Dance. We had a great time. Dancers were: Sarah Jones, Alex Diaz, Klarrissa Wells, Kenny Milne, Addison Isaac and Joes Day, Zech and Jared Rigby. and Richard Rawlings (our stake choir was awesome also. The song was specially written for the celebration. "Come up to the mountain of the Lord" was just beautiful. We were all learning the words so we could sing along also. The singers were: Monica Jensen, Emily Lloyd, Marin Schmitt, Megan Pasker, Samantha Ellis, Seth Wells, Rachel and Spencer Bierman. After the performance we headed back to turn in our costumes and then had a huge cast party. We had Pizza, root beer, and ice cream. What a night!

We realize that this is something we will never be a part of again, and know how blessed we have been.

June - we went to the D.I. and gave service. We learned how to sort shoes by color and arrange them attractively on the shoe racks. It was humbling to see the many people severing you and shopping there with excitement.

We have Megan Pasker and Monica Jensen graduate from Seminary and High School.

June 17th Amanda Messerly and Rachel Bierman taught us how to knit hats on those round hat peg rings. Some want to make the hats and donate them. Rachel Bierman has made and is still making several newborn hats to donate at Primary Children's neonatal unit. Father's Day we wrote our dads letters to express love and appreciation.

June 24 - Mother Daughter sleep over at Donna Strong's home. We watch the temple lights go out at the Jordan River Temple at 11:20 and then lights at the Oquirrah Mountain Temple a few minutes later. Taught the Fast Sunday lesson on making and keeping covenants and ordinances also tying in camp theme "Know your heart", virtue and giving out journals

July - 7/1 We went to the family History library to read about pioneer stories that could be used at Trek. We had a great time there with Merrill and Ronee'

7/8 We dyed our shirts for camp so we will all have matching shirt

July 22 we tied a quilt; for the Stake Relief Society service project to be completed by Sep. We also worked on certification - first aid - for camp. We also enjoyed lime sherbet parfaits at Kim's home in her back yard. The girls are getting very excited for camp. Our value for the month is knowledge and we find are constantly boring.

We enjoyed the Stake TREK. What an awesome experience. We went to Desert Land and Live Stock.

Ma's & Pa's were Amy and Richard Clegg, Debbie and Ray Bierman, Greg and Nicole Miles, Bishop and Georgann Lloyd, Laura Woodhouse also served.

Youth - Sarah Jones, Klarissa Wells, Maren Schmitt, Emily Lloyd, Samantha Ellis, Spencer Bierman, Seth Wells, Kenny Milne, Clay Williams, Isaac day, Brandon Pasker, Jaxon Olsen

What a blessed legacy we have and need to pass on.

August 9-Sister Barbara Pasker- recently returned missionary taught our lesson on testimony and the ingredients it takes to make a testimony or have a testimony.

Girls Camp "Know Your Heart" Directors were Kaylin Nydegger and Vanessa Pendleton.

Scriptures around the heart were presented. Much fun, water, and games. A wonderful sisterhood was present at camp Camp was held at Aspen Lakes in Hebert Valley.

August 19 - We finished tying a fleece blanket for Amanda Messerly.

August 26 - First day of school. We used Milne's backyard to fill water balloons and we played water balloon volleyball, after we enjoyed ice cream

September - Sept.2 Everyone brought a treat to share. We also enjoyed "purple cows" grape juice mixed with vanilla ice cream for an integrity trust," purple"

We are also worked on personal progress.

Sept. 9 Pennies by the inch Service canvassing the ward for donations.

Sept. 16 Combined YM-YW Tin foil dinners at storm mountain & volleyball

Sept 23 Sunset at Draper Temple Took pictures of each YW for Stake YW in Excellence to be framed and displayed the night. We sat on a blanket and bore testimony of the importance of service in the temple. The sunset was beautiful and enjoyed small white d0At Kim's we enjoyed learning to cook Mexican, Vanessa Pendleton taught homemade tortellini and Cindy Greenwood taught us how to make homemade salsa. We really enjoyed our cooking.

October Oct. 7 the YW started the Halloween Phantom to five families in our ward. So fun. We took them plates of homemade caramel popcorn.

Oct. 14 The YW used the night of prepare for our stake yw in Excellence and our sacrament meeting program Our theme is based on the stake theme "Return to Virtue"

Oct. 18 Stake YW in Excellence. Sister Cook pictures taken at the Draper temple in frames and they also shared scriptures, journals pertaining to the virtue value. Emily Lloyd, Rachael Bierman, Alex Diaz, Sarah Jones and Kim Leshner completed the virtue value also and received a gold chain to wear with personal progress necklace when the girls complete in the other values.

Oct. 21 Combined YW-YM planning meeting for the next years activities. We enjoyed a lasagna dinner also.

Oct.23 YW presented the Sacrament meeting also "Return to Virtue". The girls did a wonderful job. We also sang "I Love To See "The Temple" and "Mountain of the Lord".

Oct. 28 We watched "Rear Window for a scary movie night at Laura's house with treats. We had a busy October.

November Nov. 4 appetizers at Kelly Johnson's and games the girls made pumpkin chocolate chip cookies also

Nov. 11 We did the 12 days of Christmas for the missionaries. Each item was wrapped and included a scripture reference.

Nov. 18 /combined YW-Y combined activity Dodge ball= always a favorite -at least for the boys!

December Dec.12 Dorothy Schmidt showed how to make Christmas Wrap. We also learned how to make "frizzes". Thanks to Donna Strong. We were at Vanessa's home.

Dec. 9 combined YM-YW activity- Temple Square. Very cold night, but very enjoyed. We also enjoyed hot chocolate and doughnuts.

Dec. 16 caroling to the widow's in the ward.

Dec. 20 The YW presidency each read a talk or told a story as a Christmas lesson. We enjoyed treats also. We gave YW a tree ornament of an angel and a warm pair of

December 6 Kim taught the combined lesson on hearts and the Word of Wisdom.

Sunday School Lane Clark president, Monte Bye and Al Walkenhorst counselors, Roger Schmidt secretary

Course of Study

Adult and Older Youth Classes studied the Doctrine and Covenants and Pearl of Great Price.

Younger Youth Classes study Presidents of the Church.

Mother's Day

-The mothers of the ward and visitors receive a token our appreciation of a yummy chocolate Bar. The young men passed them out after the Sacrament Meeting.

-Our teachers are dedicated and prepared. We have good attendance and participation. We look forward to a great year in 2010.

Teachers: Gospel Doctrine -Natalie Nielson-Riep, Craig Fairclough, Yvette Diaz (released)

Young Single Adult -Jamie & Jill Rigby

Course 16-17 -Larry & Shannon Curtis

Course 14-15 -Darin Olsen

Course 12-13 -Crystal Weight

Our staff did a great job in teaching. Preparation was well done and students were taught the principles of the gospel.

The Sunday school staff was given a thank you in the form of bakery delights from Al Walkenhorst's bakery.

Primary Kaylin Nydegger president (replaced by Connie Baker), Nicole Miles and Vanessa Pendleton (replaced by Kristy Jones and Sharon Allen as counselors) Nancy Williams (replaced by Terrie Neiswender) as secretary

We have had great Primary Sundays and we have had the Bishopric come one Sunday a month and give the kids a short sharing time. They love getting acquainted with the Bishop and his counselors.

We have spot lighted every family in our Primary (the children in Primary's families). That has been fun and challenging. We had the parent/s give information on a paper to Sharon Allen and then on Sunday we would read the items mentioned on the paper to the kids and have them guess who this person or family was. I think they liked this. Our theme this year has been on Eternal Families. We have had a great time with this.

Quarterly Activities:

March 14 - Met at multi-purpose room. Children made crepe paper flowers and practiced primary songs to sing for residents at Alta Ridge Center. Good turnout. Residents seemed very pleased.

June 5 - Out-of-school celebration primary parade. Met at the Baker house. Children and parents decorated bikes, wagons, strollers with crepe paper and pipe cleaners. Larry Kershaw and Mont Deming blocked off the street so the children could parade to Amy Clegg's home where we had hot dogs and root beer floats in her back yard. Wonderful turnout. We ran out of food!

Aug 12 - Service Activity. Willow Canyon School playground cleanup followed by water activities and games.

Nov 24 - Strengthen Family Activity - cancelled due to illness.

Baptisms

Matthew Miles- May

Rain Tanner - June

Mariah Wells - July

Marie Rawlings - Sept.

Lucy Lamborn (Darlene Visser's granddaughter) October

Cierra Sullivan November

Graduated:

Addison Day
Glade Wells
Coleman Lloyd
River Tanner
Alexandria Diaz

Activities Committee Joyce Frederickson

The ward summer social reunion was on July 15th and was held at Hidden Valley Park. There were approx. 250 people that attended. We barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs and everyone brought salads and desserts to share.

The activities committee was

Bob & Joyce Frederickson, Dorothy Mahler, Charlene Farr, Terri Williams
Robert Rawlings, Sean Bott, Tami Olsen, Fabio Sagbin

Many others helped with cooking and getting tables and chairs from the ward house.

On December 12th we had a ward Christmas breakfast. The theme for the party was "White Christmas." The cultural hall was decorated with Christmas trees, white poinsettias, and lighted yard reindeer. The committee was Fabio Sagebin, Charlene Farr, Dorothy Mahler and Tammy Olsen, with lots of additional help from Bob and Joyce Frederickson. We had about 153 ward family members in attendance. We served scrambled eggs, sausages, pancakes, fruit, muffins, milk and orange juice. Everyone seemed to have had plenty to eat and enjoyed the meal. Brother Sagebin was in charge of the program. He put up a tent made out cloth and blankets with lots of pillows spread out all over the floor of the tent. It really resembled a Bedouin tent. He had an artificial campfire glowing just outside of the tent and the lights in the cultural hall we turned off so it looked like nighttime. He introduced himself as a shepherd who had been living in Bethlehem at the time of our Saviors birth. He invited the children of the ward to come up on stage into his tent so he could share his story with them. When the children were all settled comfortably on the big pillows he told them of his experience that night in Bethlehem and how he felt when he saw the baby Jesus and what that birth meant to all of us. The children were mesmerized and I think they will always remember this experience and how they felt. We ended the program by singing "Silent Night." and then Bishop Lloyd expressed his feelings about our Savior and His role in our lives and thanked the members of our ward for their dedication and service to each other. We received many positive comments about the party.

Ward Staff

Alta Ridge Center coordinator- Ron Baker, Rick Morris and Darrell Smith as assistants.

Alta Ridge Center Relief Society Coordinator – Manette Muri and Audrey Haight (replaced by Gayle Hansen) as assistants
In the ward boundaries 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.

Ward Newsletter – compiled by Marilyn Crapo

A Ward Newsletter is passed out each month by the deacons as they collect fast offerings The newsletter contains a message from the Bishopric, the theme for the month, announcements from the Stake, a schedule for the Gospel Doctrine lessons for the month, a brief write up from each of the auxiliary 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.

Ward Historian – Diane Clark

Willow Canyon 1st Ward Theme of the Month for 2009

January – Faith/Happiness
February - Keys of the Priesthood
March – Genealogy
April- Humility
May- Restoration of the Gospel
June- Testimony
July- Sacrifice and Obedience
August- Tithing, Fasting and Fast Offering
September- Resurrection and Atonement
October- Spiritual Gifts
November- Forgiveness

December – Miracle

Missionaries 2009

Jim Hanson and Nelson Leshner – ward Missionaries
Kirk and Marie-France Arnold - France Toulouse Mission
Tiffany Pasker - Santiago Chile North Mission - released June 22
Brian Morris - Washington Everett Mission-released
Nathaniel Wells - Germany, Berlin Mission
Parker Lloyd-Taiwan Tiachung Mission
Kyle – Nydeggar–Washington Everett Mission
Eddie Sagebin-Lisbon Portugal Mission
Robert and Marie Thompson- general service
Bruce and Vivienne Sullivan- Tabernacle Choir – Bruce released April 26.2009
Terry and Jane Johnson– South Salt Lake Mission
Warren and Dorothy Schmidt – Temple Square Mission
Darrell Clegg – Preparedness warehous
Wally and Eva Stevens – Church Service (released)

Servicemen

Sr. A. William Schmitt

Marriages 2009

Kyla to Jay Mickelsen – January 10
Allison Lloyd to Ryan Kirk Terry - May 2
Adrienne Nielson to Jason Daniel Dixon - July 8
Richard Kimball Sanderson – August 8
Kenny Fredrickson – Sept 8

Births

Kristen and Eric Sullivan - boy

Deaths

Joseph Tucker - August 6
Audrey Haight - May 20
Ray Bye - Oct.15