



# WILLOW CANYON

## FIRST WARD

### GRATITUDE



#### BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

NOVEMBER 2006

Last month on a trip to Grand Junction, a young couple with a year old baby sat in the opposite row from me on the plane. I noticed that the baby girl was Chinese. Prior to take off the baby started crying and did not let up until just prior to landing. I was trying to finish a book and was becoming quite annoyed by the crying. As I watched the parents they seemed unable to comfort the baby and acted like they didn't know what to do. When the plane landed the father stood up and started taking video pictures of his wife and baby, and made the comment that "we finally made it" - which I was in total agreement. I then asked the father where they had traveled from. He responded that they had been flying for the last 25 hours from China where they had just adopted their baby girl. Boy, did I feel so small. However, it did bring gratitude into my heart that I was so blessed to have four beautiful daughters.

Later that day I took our Chief Inspector and several of our construction crew including the office assistant to lunch. During lunch I discovered that Angela, the office assistant, was from New Orleans. So naturally I inquired about her experiences during hurricane Katrina. She was not there during the storm but asked if I remembered the rest home that was abandoned by its owners where most of the elderly people drowned. She then asked me if I remembered the mother and daughter that were rescued from the roof of the rest home. It was Angela's 80 year old mother and sister. Her sister had decided to spend the night with her mother and brought an air mattress which ended up saving their lives. Angela said that her mother and sister lost everything and when

she went home it looked like a war zone. Gratitude again filled my soul for everything that God has blessed me with.

When my father was a young boy life on the small family farm was challenging. I recall him telling me that Christmas was often an orange and banana in his stocking. The rest-room facility was connected by a long path that required some advance planning and toilet paper was nonexistent. Sometimes his worn shirt had more buttonholes than buttons, his pants more patches than you could patch, and his one pair of shoes needed to last until the next growing season. The straw thatched bed where he and his brothers slept in the unheated building next to the house. The Saturday night bath in front of a warm stove, which was usually shared, where your body experienced both extremes in temperature, was a luxury. When I think of my Dad, I think of Gratitude. My Dad was always grateful for everything that he was blessed with.

This is a wonderful time to be living here on earth. Our opportunities are limitless. While there are some things wrong in the world today, there are many things to be grateful for. We should be grateful for our mothers; we should be grateful for our fathers; we should be grateful for our teachers; we should be grateful for our friends; we should be grateful for this great country; we should be grateful for our most cherished friend, our partner in marriage; and finally, we should be grateful for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We pray that each of us may find gratitude in our hearts for all the many blessings that we have.

Love, Your Bishopric.

#### Gospel Doctrine

- Nov 5 Isaiah 50-53
- Nov 12 Isaiah 54-56; 63-65
- Nov 19 Jeremiah 1-2; 20: 26; 36-38
- Nov 26 Jeremiah 16; 23; 29; 31
- Dec 3 Ezekiel 18; 34; 37

#### PARENTS OF ALL BOYS OVER 8 YEARS OLD

*Boy's Life magazine reflects the values based programs of the Boy Scouts of America through a mix of news, nature, sports, history, fiction, science, comics and Scouting. Boy's Life encourages boys to stay in Scouting longer—usually more than twice as long as non subscribing Scouts. Boy's Life costs just \$12 a year for 12 issues (checks should be made out to BSA) — this includes more than 800 pages of interesting and educational reading matter that helps our sons learn and grow in reading and in life. For more information contact Ryan Easton YM Secretary at 419-8745.*

**RELIEF SOCIETY**

Our Relief Society time at the Care Center will be in November every Wednesday at 10am. We would appreciate any help you sister's are able to give. We need Prayers, Musical Numbers, and any one able to help lead music. Thanks for helping us with these wonderful sisters.

We hope everyone enjoyed our Super Saturday on November 4th . These are always fun times to be creative and to have the opportunity to visit with our Ward Sisters. Thanks to Lori and her Enrichment Committee for all their hard work, we all know they work harder than we actually see.

Thank you to Allyn Thompson for being our Guest Teacher for the Month. We appreciate the spirit you brought to Relief Society.

**ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES**

Saturday Nov. 4th Super Saturday. I'm sure this went great. Thanks to all of you for your support. \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Nov 9th Rice Cooking Class 7:30pm at Vilma Sagebin's home, Brazilian rice, and "Café Rio Rice."

Please sign up or let someone on the Enrichment Committee know you are coming so they know how many are attending. Everyone is invited!! \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Nov 11th Fernwood Mint Class 10:00am Church Multi-purpose room. \$8.00/order. Money must be paid by Nov. 4th. We will be picking up all the ingredients from the people who came last year and it must be paid for when picked up. Please pick up a list of the things that you need to bring at Super Saturday event. There are 3 flavors available: mint, cherry & orange. Chyrrel Cook and Susan Milne will be teaching the class. Sign up paper will be at Super Saturday. Questions: call Lori, Chyrrel or Susan \_\_\_\_\_

Waterford School is having a free lectures series for their 25th anniversary that anyone can attend. The speaker on Nov. 13th at 8:00 am is John Meham. You can get more details and register by logging on to

Waterfordschool.org \_\_\_\_\_

December: We have checked into getting tickets for Scrooge at the Hale Center Theater the 2nd week of December for a ladies night out. The tickets are \$23.00-\$25.00 for a 5:30pm showing and \$25.00-\$27.00 for a 7:30pm showing. Groups of 20 or more get a \$2.00 discount. If you are interested in going to Scrooge, please contact Debbie Bierman or one of the Enrichment Committee. We will also have a sign up on Sunday. We have not chosen a specific day yet. We would like your input on which day would work for the majority. \_\_\_\_\_

We have received a request for people who would like to get together and go to lunch once a month. If you are interested contact the Enrichment Committee and sign up on Sunday. \_\_\_\_\_

The book for the Book Club is "1776". You have two months to read or listen to it. Book Club will be held again in January. Many miracles occurred during the time of the revolutionary war that made it possible for us to have a free country. It has been suggested that if you don't have time to read the entire book, that you could read a section that occurred in a geographic area, and then when we get together, you can comment on that area. Everyone is invited. \_\_\_\_\_

Just for your information: The Enrichment Committee right now is: *Lori Hanson*—Crafts *Debbie Bierman*—Cultural (books, clubs, outings etc.) *Susan Milne*—Physical (walking, exercising, hiking, etc.) *Chyrrel Cook*—R.S. Counselor—Sewing *Laura Woodhouse*—Genealogy—Family Histories and Cooking. If you have suggestions or need information, we welcome your input!!

**SINGLE ADULTS:** WELCOME HOME KYLE GET-TOGETHER SUNDAY NOV 5TH AT SAGEBINS 7PM.

FYI Robert & Andrea Marx telephone number has been disconnected. To reach Charity Wilcox call 870-9137, Brooke 898-0889

**NEWSLETTER:**

- Get all information to Marilyn by November 28th.

E-mail address is marilyn@toplinepromotions.com or call at 571-2114. Remember the Date Tuesday the 28th **HAVE A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING I'M THANKFUL FOR ALL THIS INFORMATION AND FOR EVERYONE WHO SO WILLINGLY SENT IT TO ME. THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!**





**PRIMARY**

The Primary theme for the month of November is: I am thankful for the promises of Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ — Their promises are sure. The scripture for the month is “Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.” (Psalm 100:4)

Families are encouraged to help their children memorize these scriptures. As they do this, their testimonies are strengthened. Children, remember to bring your scriptures to Primary.

This month the Primary children are practicing for and presenting a sacrament meeting program. The final practice will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5th during the regular Primary schedule and the performance will be the next week Nov. 12th. We encourage all children to have their parts memorized. They will be talking about the gospel principles that they have learned during the year and also singing the beautiful Primary songs. We are grateful to Diane Clark and Manette Murri for their efforts to teach the children these songs. Also a special thanks to Manette for her help with program. She was recently released from her calling as Primary Pianist but continues to help us until a new pianist can be called. We will certainly miss her smiling face and expertise in our Primary and wish her well in her new calling as choir pianist.

In this Thanksgiving month when we are Especially aware of our blessings, we are grateful for all of the Primary children. Thank you for sending your wonderful children to us to be taught. We love them! Our Primary has an outstanding staff of teachers who come prepared each week with great lessons for them to learn. It has been said that “it takes a village to raise a child” and we are grateful for our callings which permits us to help with your children as you in turn help us by teaching our children.

**YOUNG WOMEN**

Parents please mark your calendars for November 5th at 6:00pm and plan to attend a wonderful evening with your daughter at our “Young Women in Excellence”. Our young women have spent a lot of time and effort to prepare for this event. So please plan on attending so you can observe our Young Women’s many talents. Also this month the Young Women will be doing the Sacrament program at the Alta Ridge Care Center on November 19th. We appreciate all the Young Women that volunteered to participate at the care center and have the opportunity to serve and grow their testimony. The Young Women’s Sacrament program in October was a great success. We received many compliments and appreciation for the many sweet testimonies that were shared with our ward. It was so wonderful to hear all the strong testimonies of our Young Women. Parents remind your Young Women to look at their calendars so they will be ready to participate in our upcoming activities during November. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Empty Nesters will be meeting at November 13th at the

The time is 7:00pm. We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

ALL MUSIC PURCHASED WITH CHURCH FUNDS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE STAKE MUSIC LIBRARY, NOT KEPT IN WARDS.

WARD ACTIVITY IS A TRIP TO SEE THE JOSEPH SMITH MOVIE ON NOV. 16TH. SHOW TIME IS 7:30PM. MEET AT THEATRE IN JOSEPH SMITH BLDG.

**MISSIONARIES**

**Elder Steven Leshar**  
4801 Oakwood #1706  
Odessa, TX 79761 (New)

**Elder Mark Fairclough**  
PMB 157  
P.O.BOX 439056  
San Diego CA.  
92143-9056

**Elder Leonardo Sagebin**  
Minnesota Minneapolis Mission  
5931 W. 96th St  
Bloomington, Minnesota  
55438-1715

**SERVICEMAN**

**William Schmitt**  
430 Phantom Ave. #8092  
Room 307A  
Mountain Home AFB,  
ID. 83648-8092

*Reminder: Going to the temple often, will make your life happier and increase your spirituality. Ward Temple day is the first Friday of the month., in December that will be the 7th. Try to go during the day as evenings are very busy. But go whenever and as often as you can.*

**Daniel Frederickson** is playing in the stage production of *PAJAMA GAME*, through Nov 10th, at the Rodgers Memorial Theatre in Centerville. For more info E-Mail: ivan @desnews.com

**NOVEMBER Birthdays**

**Happy Birthday**

5 John Mahler  
7 Monte Alexander  
9 Kyson Wilcox  
11 Charles Schmitt  
12 Stephen Baker—  
Stephanie  
Thompson—

Cierra Sullivan]  
13 Abigail Easton —  
14 Elizabeth Rawlings  
Kaitlin Jensen  
15 Derek Reynolds—  
16 Annette Webster—

Leonardo Sage-  
bin  
17 Erick Sullivan—  
Mackenzie Mor-  
row  
19 Shannon Curtis

29 Carolee Vin-  
cent  
30 Michele  
Cuburu  
31 Jack Nydegger

**DECEMBER**

1 Joel Weight—Joseph  
Neiswender

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SIBA =Stake interviews by appointment 576-2991	Single adults party to welcome home Kyle Guest at the Sagebin home Nov.5 7pm		1  CARE CENTER 10:AM	2  SIBA	3  Temple Day	4  SUPER SATURDAY 8:00AM-11:30 AM STAKE BAPTISM
5 Stake Priesthood leadership mtg. 7am YW in excellence 6pm SIBA	6 Welfare Assignment Deseret Dairy 1 to 5 pm FHE	7	8  CARE CENTER 10:AM	9  SIBA	10	11
12 Primary Presentation	13 FHE	14	15 CARE CENTER 10AM Court of Honor for Nathaniel Wells 6:15pm	16 Activities committee outing to Joseph Smith Bldg to see the movie. 7:30 p. SIBA	17	18
19 SIBA	20 FHE	21 YM/YW JOINT ACTIVITY	22 Care Center Relief Society 10am.	23 HAPPY THANKS-GIVING	24	25 One month to Christmas
26 SIBA	27 FHE	28 Newsletter information due today	29	30 SIBA		Dec.2 Ward Christmas Party Breakfast 9am.