

WILLOW CANYON FIRST WARD

DECEMBER 2008

GRATITUDE

HAVE A
MERRY
CHRISTMAS

BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

"Gratitude is a mark of a noble soul and a refined character. We like to be around those who are grateful. They tend to brighten all around them. They make others feel better about themselves. They tend to be more humble, more joyful, more likable." (Joseph B. Wirthlin)

Wise words by a wise man that we will all miss. Gratitude is a trait that makes a difference in how we view the world. It is so easy to become contrary and negative as we live in the world. We are continually exposed through the various forms of media to a heavy dose of negative news. Then we have to deal with our own personal daily problems. Whether it's any number of temporal issues, or struggling with health problems. Life's burdens can take their toll. Gratitude can help us rise above all of the previously mentioned problems and allows us an opportunity to take stock in how blessed we truly are. Lehi's family had this figured out as they journeyed in the wilderness.

1. And it came to pass that we did again take our journey in the wilderness; and we did travel nearly eastward from that time forth. And we did travel and wade through much affliction in the wilderness; and our women did bear children in the wilderness.
2. And so great were the blessings of the Lord upon us, that while we did live upon raw meat in the wilderness, our women did give plenty of suck for their children, and were strong, yea, even like unto the men; and they began to bear their journeyings without murmurings.
3. And thus we see that the commandments of God must be fulfilled. And if it so be that the children of men keep the commandments of God he doth nourish them, and strengthen them, and provide means whereby they can accomplish the thing which he has commanded them; wherefore, he did provide means for us while we did sojourn in the wilderness. (1 Nephi 17:1-3)

Though times can be difficult we can still find many reasons to be grateful and find joy as we journey through life just as Lehi's people found the good in some very hard times. Taking the time to reflect, ponder and pray are good ways to keep our perspective. When we find ourselves weighed down with life's problems let that weight push us to our knees and take the time to express to Heavenly Father how grateful we are for all of our blessings. Make sure you are on something soft, you'll be there for a while. Our Father in Heaven will renew our spirits when we come to him with a thankful heart and recognize with humility how truly blessed are.

And he who receiveth all things with thankfulness shall be made glorious; and the things of this earth shall be added unto him, even an hundred fold, yea, more. (D&C 78:19)

May we all be blessed with grateful hearts, and as a result the peace that comes from our greatest blessing—Jesus Christ as we celebrate this season. Merry Christmas

Love, Your Bishopric



MUSIC

Annette Webster

We have the wonderful blessing during the month of December to sing the beautiful Christmas Hymns Which ones are your favorites? The Ward theme for Sacrament meetings this month comes from Alma 34:38, "That we live in thanksgiving daily for the mercies and blessings we receive." Isn't the greatest blessing we have been given by our Heavenly Father, the gift of His Son? Of course it is. Shall we sing even more joyfully these weeks before Christmas? That's one way we can show our gratitude for this wondrous gift Given to us all.



PRIMARY



The Primary theme for December is I love my Savior, Jesus Christ, and His restored gospel. The scripture is from 2 Nephi 25: 26: "And we talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophesy of Christ and we write according to our prophecies." This month we will be working on the first two Articles of Faith. Hopefully by the end of the year each child will have had an opportunity to study and memorize all 13 of the Articles of Faith. #1 We believe in God, the Eternal Father and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost." #2 We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgressions."

A special thank you to all the children, teachers and leaders who participated in the Primary Program that was presented in November. We were very pleased with the way the children performed their speaking parts and also the wonderful singing. This is truly one of the best sacrament meetings that we have all year long. Way to go kids!

Achievement Days will be held on December 9 at 7:00 to 7:45 pm at the Arnold home at 9707 Eastpoint Dr. They will be having a movie night and also decorating mirrors. NO OTHER ACHIEVEMENT DAYS will be held in December. Questions call Tiffany Arnold

Den Meetings for the Cub Scouts will be held on Wednesdays, December 3rd and 10th at 4 pm at the church in the Primary room. This is where it will be held from now on. The theme for this month is "Holiday Lights." Pack Meeting will be at 6:00pm this month only on December 17th. NO CUB SCOUT MEETINGS on December 24th and 31st. We welcome Kristy Jones as a Cub Scout Leader. We are grateful for her willingness to serve in this calling. We also welcome Aaron Greenwood as a member of our Primary Board. He will be serving with the boys in Sr. Primary. Thanks to the Bishopric for continually giving us the very best people in the ward to work with your children.

Thanks to all that participated in the Primary Leaf Patrol last month. This was a greatly appreciated service. This month our service project will be helping to make decorations for the ward Christmas Party. We are all looking forward to doing this activity during sharing time.

To all of our ward members from the Primary, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We pray that the spirit of the season will be with you in your hearts and homes.

The Draper Temple open house for our ward is January 17th and 21st. Tickets are available from Scott Williams. Please volunteer to help at the Draper Temple open house on Feb 4th and 23rd. A sign up sheet is going around.

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GO TO THE TEMPLE

December 19th or whenever you can and be grateful that we have temples so close and convenient to us.

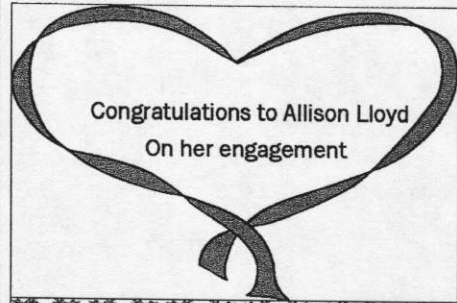
The Temple will be closed Dec. 1 thru Dec 15th: Dec 24th & 25th and Dec 31 after the 12:00 noon session.

GOSPEL DOCTRINE CLASS

Dec 7 Mormon 7-9
Dec 14 Ether 1-6
Dec 21 Ether 7-15
Dec 28 Moroni 1-6 7,8,10

FOOD STORAGE

DO IT



The Ward Christmas Party is Friday Dec.12th at 6:30pm. Contact Joyce Frederickson or sign up on the list if you are able to bring a tree or decorations for our international theme.

Our Condolences to Margie Guest as her Mother passed away. We love you Margie. We know your mother appreciated all the years you have taken such good care of her and your sister. We welcome your sister to the ward and hope she will feel at home.

SERVICEMAN Bill

Schmitt email : moonie94@hotmail.com

Bill will be deployed in a few months so either email him or write to him through his parents and they will forward it to him. Good luck Bill. Our prayers are with you.

Remember in your

Prayers:
Eva Stevens
Claudia Hanson
Mary Bye
Kathryn Clark
And any others in need

MISCELLANEOUS

Parents of Missionaries :
Please notify Dorothy Schmidt 571-0616 and Marilyn Crapo 571-2114 of any changes of address for your missionaries.
Many thanks

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RELIEF SOCIETY

The Relief Society had a great enrichment meeting November 11th and made wonderful holiday mints. Thanks so much to our fantastic enrichment committee.

The ward Cook book is here, and it is outstanding! If you have ordered any, please pay for them and pick them up from Lori Hanson or Debbie Bierman.

The Relief Society has made twenty-nine quilts. Great job ladies

(Think of all the bodies that will be warmed because of the many hours of work that went into this project)

The Relief Society is having a competition with the Primary to bring the most canned goods for the food bank. Bring in as many cans of food as you can before Christmas!

YOUNG WOMEN / YOUNG MEN

YM/YW COMBINED ACTIVITY DECEMBER 9TH TUESDAY WILL MEET AT MESSERLYS TO GO TO TEMPLE SQUARE AT 6:15P.M.

YM/YW ACTIVITY NIGHT/ WARD PROJECT DECEMBER 17TH

REMEMBER THE WARD PARTY AT 6:30PM ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 12.th. DINNER AND PROGRAM. DON'T MISS IT.

I am grateful for Christmas. I am grateful for the spirit of the day and grateful for the outreach that comes into our hearts at this season of the year. When we think a little more kindly of one another, when there is a little less of bitterness, when there is a little less of hate, when there is more of love and more of a reaching out to those in trouble and need and distress. I thank the Lord for Christmas. GBH.

GET CONNECTED WILLOW CANYON 1ST WARD WEBSITE

You will need two pieces of information to set up an account on the 1st Ward Website

1. Your membership record number. You can find it on your temple recommend or contact Scott Williams (571-8567) And he can get your number to you.
2. Your confirmation date. Again, if you do not have that date, Brother John Williams can get it for you

GETTING CONNECTED COULDN'T BE EASIER

1. Go to www.lds.org
2. You will find a link on the right side of the page called "Stake and Ward Websites" just click on this link
3. If you are new to the site click on "Obtain an Account"
4. Complete all of the information requested and click on "Submit" at the bottom of the page. Make sure you Include your most used email address so you can obtain the most up to date information as it is emailed out To the ward.
5. Once you have set up an account each time you return just log in using your username and password.

The Ward website is updated almost daily as information is submitted. This is by far the most accurate and timely way to stay in touch with news, calendars, lesson schedules, information and much more about what is going on in the Ward. If you have questions please contact Russ Messerly 572-3581 or russmesserly@msn.com

We will continue to have a hard copy of the newsletter even though you can access it on the website.

To view progress on the Draper Temple log on to DraperTemple.blogspot.com



PLEASE BE GENEROUS WITH CHRISTMAS DONATIONS, THERE ARE FAMILIES IN OUR WARD THAT NEED A LITTLE EXTRA HELP THIS YEAR. Thank you Your Bishopric

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

- 7 Marjan Fairclough
- 9 Jennifer McLain—Larry Curtis - Cristian Diaz
- 10 Amanda Messerly
- 13 Dale Hanson
- 15 Susa Mower
- 16 Yvonne Bishop—Toshina Rushton
- 17 Erik Barnhart -Adam James

- 17 John Williams
- 18 Dorothy Mahler
- 22 Marlene Baarz
- 23 Amber Williams
- 26 Lynn Jensen
- 27 Ryan Rushton
- 28 Kila Lackey
- 30 Scott Williams—Bob Thompson

January Birthdays
03 Darrell Smith



Newsletter

Items are due on Dec. 30th Please e-mail them to marilyn@toplinepromotions.com. Or call it in to 571-2114. Thanks for your help!

To everyone who has contributed information to the newsletter this year, I thank you ever so much. I appreciate your support and wish you a beautiful and happy Christmas and prosperous and healthy New year.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:	1 FHE	2	3	4	5	6 Stake Baptism
7 Fast Sunday 6:pm First Pres. Christmas Devotional 7:30 Assembly Hall Choral Concert free	8 FHE	9 6:15pm YM/YW Comb Activity Temple Square	10	11 SIBA 7:30PM Scouting Rndtbl 7:30 pm Sngl Adult Study Grp	12 Ward Christmas Party 6:30pm	13
14	15 FHE	16	17 YM/YW Activity Night	18	19 Ward Temple Day	20
21 12:15 pm Bishop Youth Council	22 FHE	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27
28 7:am Ward Council	29 FHE	30	31 New Years Eve	Notes:		