



# WILLOW CANYON FIRST WARD

NOVEMBER 2008

FAMILY

## BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

Recently someone solicited my advice concerning marriage outside a man and a woman. As I contemplated how I was going to respond it came to me to read "The Family: A Proclamation to the World." The answer was right there in black and white: Church leaders proclaimed that "marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God and that the family is central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of His children." God's plan enables families who live the gospel and receive the necessary ordinances to be together forever with Him.

The proclamation uses very clear, simple language and is easy to understand. The proclamation stands as a perfect decree and guide for families in a world that cannot even agree on a definition of family, let alone supply the help and support parents and families need. It is important to remember that society is founded and depends on the smallest and most fundamental unit, the family. No matter who or what we are or what we do or where we live, we help ourselves when we help families.

Although the proclamation is hung on my office wall, it has been many years since I have read it. It has been thirteen years since this proclamation was issued by the First Presidency. We urge each of you to study, pray and ponder this wonderful and prophetic document to help protect and strengthen your family. Attached is a copy.

Your Bishopric

SANDY EAST STAKE INVITES YOU TO THE GOSPEL CLASS FOR SINGLES 31 AND OVER.

THEY MEET IN THE RELIEF SOCIETY ROOM OF THE ROSEBORO BUILDING FROM 7:30PM TO 9:00PM . THE STAKE PRESIDENCY ENCOURAGES ALL SINGLES OVER 31 TO COME .THE DATE THIS MONTH NOVEMBER 13TH . COME JOIN US. YOU WILL BE SPIRITUALLY FED.



### MUSIC



*This month's theme is built upon the scripture found in 2 Nephi 25:26. This verse is telling us that we need to bring Jesus Christ into our home and family, so that our children will know that they can turn to Him for forgiveness when they truly repent. Look for this theme in our November Hymns. Our Savior will be in every hymn. Also this month we will sing hymns of praise and thanksgiving.*

This last week I received a letter from Elder and Sister Kirk Arnold who are serving in Albi France. Here is part of their letter. "Life is sometimes very busy for us and we don't get to write our friends very often. We couldn't help but see the small article on music and the spirit, and we must tell you of a sister we are teaching here. She is Armenian and speaks very little French and no English so, you ask how are we teaching her? *Through the hymns of the church.* She is a music teacher and loves music, so we sing hymns with her and it is amazing she does not understand the words but she does feel the spirit. She weeps almost continually while we sing. . It is Wonderful. Please pass our love on to the ward, we love you and ask the Lords blessing on you." Elder Kirk and Sister Marie-France Arnold.

## PRIMARY



The Primary theme for the month of November is I am thankful to know that we are all children of God. The scripture is taken from D&C:7. "Thou shalt thank the Lord thy God in all things." This month the children will be working on memorizing the third AOF: "We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel."

This is a special month for the Primary. On NOVEMBER 16th the children will be presenting their annual Primary Program. This is a great time to invite friends and family to join us in our sacrament meeting. Each child has been assigned a speaking part. We encourage parents to help your child MEMORIZE their part.. November 2 and 9 we will be practicing for the program during the regular Primary time.

Achievement Days for November will be held at the Arnold's Home on November 11 and 25 at 7-7:45pm. If you have any questions, call Tiffany Arnold 571-7225. Cub Scouts will meet at the Neiswender home on Nov. 5 and 12 at 4pm. The theme for this month is "Seeds of Kindness". Pack Meeting will be at 6:30pm at the Church on November 19. There will be NO Cub Scouts on November 25. Need information? Call Terrie Neiswender at 615-4178.

The Primary service project for the month of November will be a "Primary Children Leaf Patrol". We will be meeting at 4pm at the following homes and going from there to rake leaves: November 3, Nicole Miles Home; November 10 Kaylin Nydegger Home and November 17, Nancy Williams home. If you can bring a rake and come join in the fun of service to our ward members.

We welcome new Primary workers sustained last Sunday. They are Marjan Fairclough—pianist, Adam James—9/10 Valiant Boys, Vicki Davis, Amy Clegg—Valiant Girls and Steffan Wells—11 year old Scouts. We appreciate their willingness to serve the children in this ward.

Vanessa, Matt, Lothair and Zamara Pendleton welcomed a new baby girl, Ariana into their family. She was born October 23 and weighed in at a tiny 5 lbs. and 6 oz. Congratulations!

From the Primary, we wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving. We count as one of blessings the privilege of serving in the Primary organization with such great kids and teachers..

**GO TO THE TEMPLE  
WHENEVER AND AS OF-  
TEN AS YOU CAN AND BE  
GRATEFUL THAT WE  
HAVE TEMPLES SO  
CLOSE AND CONVIE-  
NIENT TO US.**

The Temple will be closed after the 10:00am session Nov.26 , and all day Nov 27; Dec. 1 thru Dec 15th: Dec 24th & 25th and Dec 31 Dec after the 12 noon session .

## SERVICEMAN

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Remember in your  
Prayers:  
Eva Stevens  
Claudia Hanson  
Mary Bye  
Kathryn Clark

## GOSPEL DOCTRINE CLASS

Nov.2 3 Nephi 17& 19  
Nov 9 3 Nephi 16 & 20-21  
Nov 16 3 Nephi 22-26  
Nov 23 3 Nephi 27-30 & 4th  
Nephi

## FOOD STORAGE

### "Every Needful Thing"

Our next day at the Dry Pack Cannery is Friday December 5th, 5pm to 9pm We do not have an assigned day in November. If you want to go the Dry Pack Cannery in November, give them a call at 801-561-8104. They will probably be able to fit you into their schedule.

We had great response with our back packs. In January we will work on more items that need to be in our 72 hour kits..

The Welfare Square Family Canning Hotline is 241-2227. Information will be out on the hotline including product, sign-up times, cost and other important information

Questions? Call Gina Messerly  
572-3581 or Chyrrrel  
Cook 571-8371

## MISCELLANEOUS

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### Parents of Mis- sionaries :

*Please notify  
Dorothy Schmidt  
571-0616 and  
Marilyn Crapo  
571-2114 of  
any changes of  
address for your  
missionaries.*

*Many thanks*

Sister Tiffany Pasker  
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## RELIEF SOCIETY

We want to thank our outgoing Relief Society presidency: Kila Lackey, Marjan Fairclough, Charlene Farr, and Laura Woodhouse. They have spent countless hours in our behalf and have been such good examples of faith and service.

The Relief Society had a great enrichment meeting October 25th and put together quilts for the Humanitarian Center. We tied ten and added them to the bunch that Gina Messerly and Gayle Hansen did. We are so proud and the quilts are darling.

We also want to thank the sisters who pitched in at the Murray Cannery and also those who helped put together hygiene kits. Our November Enrichment is Saturday morning of the 22nd. We will be making holiday mints. Remember them from last year? They are fun to make and delicious to eat, so don't miss it.

Susan Milne has been an excellent member of the Enrichment committee, and we want to thank her for her hard work and dedication. She is the new Laurel advisor in the YW program. We have put together a ward cookbook, and if you have ordered any, please pay for them. Give your money to Lori, Debbie or Allyn.

Congratulations to Merrill Scott, Danny Frederickson, and Adrienne Nielsen on their upcoming weddings! We are collecting money for their gifts, please give it to Kila Lackey.

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



*Let a spirit of thanksgiving guide and bless your days and nights.*

*"How magnificently we are blessed! How thankful we ought to be! Cultivate the spirit of thanksgiving in your lives. Make it of the very nature of your lives. It will impart an added dimension to your character that will give depth and strength." G.B. Hinckley*

To view progress on the Draper Temple log on to [Drapertemple.blogspot.com](http://Drapertemple.blogspot.com)

PRAY ERNESTLY CONCERNING THE COMING ELECTION

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

2 Glenda Bateman—Richard Haight  
3 Sydney Eby  
5 John Mahler  
7 Monte Alexander  
11 Charles Schmitt  
12 Cierra Sullivan  
13 Kari Williams

14 Elizabeth Rawlings—Isaac Miles—  
15 Kaitlin Jensen  
16 Derek Reynolds—Annette Webster -  
17 Erick Sullivan—Mackenzie Sullivan  
19 Shannon Curtis—Amy Gerrard  
23 Cole Lloyd

29 Carolee Vincent  
30 Michele Cuburu  
31 Jackk Nydegger

December  
01 Joel Weight—Joseph Neiswender

#### Newsletter

Items are due on Dec 2nd Please e-mail them to marilyn@toplinepromotions.com. Or call it in to 571-2114. Thanks for your help!

#### EMPTY NESTERS

WILL MEET ON NOV 10TH AT 7:00PM AT TERRY AND JANE JOHNSONS HOME

## YOUNG WOMEN

Nov. 1st Baptisms for the dead

Nov. 5th Conference Center for taping of Celebration

This is celebrating the new mutual theme.

Meet at 5:10 at the church. This is a three hour taping.

Nov 9th YW in Excellence

Nov 12th Service project—tying baby quilts

Nov 19th Progressive Dinner

Thanks to Georgann Lloyd as Laurel advisor for a job well done. And we wish her well with her new assignment in the Primary. We welcome Susan Milne as new Laurel advisor.

Thanks to the YW for their sacrament meeting program. Everyone enjoyed hearing from the YW through talks and music. The Spirit was very strong and very touching. We are fortunate to have these great young women in our ward. We love them all.

As the holidays are upon us we pray all will remember to be thankful for our many blessings through the gospel.

### IN THE SHADOW OF THE MOUNTAINS A Family Temple

Fireside on Sunday evening November 16, 7:00pm. Please plan to bring your family and friends to the Stake Center for an evening of music and testimony in preparation for the upcoming Draper Temple dedication. In addition, we hope to fill the cultural hall with temple-oriented, original and commercially produced artwork from the homes of stake members. We are also looking forward for family history charts and ancestor photos to display as well as current family portraits, wedding or sealing portraits with a temple focus. Please contact your ward activities chairman (Joyce Frederickson) for details about displaying any of these items. We look forward to sharing an inspiring evening together. Stake Cultural Arts Chairman C. Rasmussen

OUR TOWN COUNCIL ( our whole ward area) MEETING IS HELD THE 4TH WEDNESDAY AT THE BUTTERCUP LIBRARY AT 7:00PM. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME AND HEAR WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE COUNTY. YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED AND WELCOME. YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO BE INVOLVED IN SERVING..PLEASE COME.

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOV 4TH FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS ALONG WITH THE NATIONAL ELECTION at Willow Canyon School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 2ND WARD CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 12TH.						1 *Stake Baptism *6:00am Temple Baptisms *Reset Clocks before going to bed.
2 *CES Fireside for Young Adults *Fast Sunday *7:30am Mission Prep Class *7:00pm Stake Adult Fireside	3 FHE	4 ELECTION DAY AT WILLOW CANYON SCHOOL 7:AM TO 8:PM Remember to also vote for Community Council	5	6 SIBA	7	8 *YM/YW REGIONAL DANCE 6:00AM *6:00am Stake Bishops' training
9 *7:00am Stake General IPriesthood Mtg. *4:15pm Missionary Correlation *YW in Excellance 6PM	10 FHE	11 VETERANS DAY	12	13 SIBA *7:30pm Scouting Rndtbl *7:30pm Single Adult Study Group	14	15
16 Mission Prep Class *7:00pm Stake Cultural Arts Fireside *YOUNG WOMEN in Excellance	17 FHE	18	19	20 SIBA	21	22
23 4:15pm Missionary Correlation	24 FHE	25	26 Willow Canyon Community Council Meeting Buttercup Library 7:30pm	27 THANKS GIVING	28	29
30	Notes: SIBA = Stake Interviews by Appointment 576-2991 ITEMS FOR THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARE DUE ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 2ND.					



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# THE FAMILY

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## A PROCLAMATION TO THE WORLD

### THE FIRST PRESIDENCY AND COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

**WE**, THE FIRST PRESIDENCY and the Council of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, solemnly proclaim that marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God and that the family is central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of His children.

ALL HUMAN BEINGS—male and female—are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents, and, as such, each has a divine nature and destiny. Gender is an essential characteristic of individual premortal, mortal, and eternal identity and purpose.

IN THE PREMORTAL REALM, spirit sons and daughters knew and worshipped God as their Eternal Father and accepted His plan by which His children could obtain a physical body and gain earthly experience to progress toward perfection and ultimately realize their divine destiny as heirs of eternal life. The divine plan of happiness enables family relationships to be perpetuated beyond the grave. Sacred ordinances and covenants available in holy temples make it possible for individuals to return to the presence of God and for families to be united eternally.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT that God gave to Adam and Eve pertained to their potential for parenthood as husband and wife. We declare that God's commandment for His children to multiply and replenish the earth remains in force. We further declare that God has commanded that the sacred powers of procreation are to be employed only between man and woman, lawfully wedded as husband and wife.

WE DECLARE the means by which mortal life is created to be divinely appointed. We affirm the sanctity of life and of its importance in God's eternal plan.

HUSBAND AND WIFE have a solemn responsibility to love and care for each other and for their children. "Children are an heritage of the Lord" (Psalm 127:3). Parents have a sacred duty to rear their children in love and righteousness,

to provide for their physical and spiritual needs, and to teach them to love and serve one another, observe the commandments of God, and be law-abiding citizens wherever they live. Husbands and wives—mothers and fathers—will be held accountable before God for the discharge of these obligations.

THE FAMILY is ordained of God. Marriage between man and woman is essential to His eternal plan. Children are entitled to birth within the bonds of matrimony, and to be reared by a father and a mother who honor marital vows with complete fidelity. Happiness in family life is most likely to be achieved when founded upon the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Successful marriages and families are established and maintained on principles of faith, prayer, repentance, forgiveness, respect, love, compassion, work, and wholesome recreational activities. By divine design, fathers are to preside over their families in love and righteousness and are responsible to provide the necessities of life and protection for their families. Mothers are primarily responsible for the nurture of their children. In these sacred responsibilities, fathers and mothers are obligated to help one another as equal partners. Disability, death, or other circumstances may necessitate individual adaptation. Extended families should lend support when needed.

WE WARN that individuals who violate covenants of chastity, who abuse spouse or offspring, or who fail to fulfill family responsibilities will one day stand accountable before God. Further, we warn that the disintegration of the family will bring upon individuals, communities, and nations the calamities foretold by ancient and modern prophets.

WE CALL UPON responsible citizens and officers of government everywhere to promote those measures designed to maintain and strengthen the family as the fundamental unit of society.

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*This proclamation was read by President Gordon B. Hinckley as part of his message at the General Relief Society Meeting held September 23, 1995, in Salt Lake City, Utah.*

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