



# WILLOW CANYON FIRST WARD

OCTOBER 2008

STEADFAST

## BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

When you travel to go on vacation are you firmly fixed in the direction you are going? When you go about your daily life of work, Raising your family, your day to day chores; are you firm as to your purpose? Are you established as a person who keeps the word of wisdom, as a family who prays together? Are you firmly fixed in place or position? King Benjamin would phrase it and ask if you are "steadfast and immovable". If you are steadfast then you will be "brought to heaven, that ye may have everlasting salvation and eternal life, through the wisdom, and the power, and justice, and mercy of him who created all things". ( Mosiah 5:15)

Remember, being steadfast is not being perfect. That's why Benjamin reminded us that it is only through the wisdom, power, justice and mercy of Christ that an eternal life is possible.

Nephi taught that there is a gate that you must enter that puts you on this path that leads you to eternal life. The gate is "repentance and baptism". Nephi says that after you go through this gate "then are ye in this strait and narrow path which leads to eternal life; yea, ye have entered in by the gate..."

So...I picture myself opening this gate because of my repentance and baptism and there lies before me a path going straight to eternal life. As I envision this scene in my mind, it is always July and a perfect morning. My kids are small and happy. We have plenty of water and goodies and everyone is happy to be starting out. This is the picture I have as I start out on this path. Then Nephi asks the question: "after ye have gotten into this strait and narrow path, I would ask if all is done:?" Darn. What a question! And unfortunately for us the answer by Nephi is "nay"! This then is our first clue that the nice July hike might have rain or snow.

All of us could probably follow a straight path. But I wonder if the narrowness might be a problem. Remember the path/trail back to our loving Father is straight but it is also narrow. You can't stay on this path and get back to our Father without Christ, without His help. Nephi advises us that we need to "press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope...and endure to the end". (2 Nephi 31) These phrases that Nephi chooses to use; press forward, hope and endure to the end don't conjure up thoughts of an easy trail. It sounds like our straight path might have some up-hill climbs, or have a stream or two to cross. Maybe it will have some loose gravel or sand we have to trudge through. There might be a boulder or a tree in the path,. Maybe since it is narrow we might get squished as we share it with others, who we may or may not get along with.

It is impossible to stay on the path and get back to our Father, without Christ. It is impossible, no matter how steadfast and how we endure, to keep on the straight and narrow trail without the Savior. This is why Nephi gives us 4 perfect ideas to help us stay on the path. He says that it is only through 1."unshaken faith" in Christ, 2. following the promptings of the Holy Ghost which "will show unto you all things what ye should do". 3. to "feast upon the words of Christ" and 4. pray always, and not faint".

In summary, Nephi and others always state that our only hope is to do the following "Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men...ye shall have eternal life". (2 Nephi 31:20) Follow the 4 pieces of advice by Nephi and we know that you will have a perfect brightness of hope in all aspects of your life.

Your Bishopric

## MUSIC



*Singing Hymns invites the spirit of the Lord and creates a feeling of reverence. It also unifies us as members. Our determination to be steadfast as individuals is strengthened as we sing together about standing strong. Now especially we need courage and determination to stay close to the Lord. Lets us join our voices to this end.*

AGE IS MORE A MATTER OF HOW YOU FEEL, HOW YOU THINK, AND WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR HEAD THAN WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR FEET. GBHinckley

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 DATES THIS MONTH ARE OCTOBER 9 TH AND 23RD. COME JOIN US. YOU WILL BE SPIRITUALLY FED.

### DO NOT DESPAIR

" All these things shall give thee experience, and shall be for thy good." D & C.122:7

We are in a period of stress across the world. There are hard days for each of us. **Do not despair. Do not give up.** Look for the sunlight through the clouds. Opportunities will eventually open to you. Do not let the prophets of gloom endanger your possibilities.

GBHinckley

## PRIMARY



The Primary theme for the month of October is **Because I am His child, I will serve God with all my heart, might, mind and strength.** The scripture for the month is taken from D&C 4: 2:

"Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve Him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day."

We will be reviewing the Fourth Article of Faith which is: "We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost."

We will be practicing the songs for the Primary Program. Be sure to play the CD of songs given to you in February so your children will be able to review them at home. The Sacrament Meeting Program will be held on November 14th. This is always a special time for the children and a good time to invite family and friends to attend.

Achievement Days for October will be held at the Arnold's home on October 14th and 28th at 7-7:45pm. If you have questions, call Tiffany Arnold

Cub Scouts will be at the Neiswender home on October 15th.

Pack Meeting will be held on October 22 at the Church at 6:30pm. No Cub Meeting on the 29th of October. If you have questions call Terrie Neiswender.

Change is in the air and several of our Primary workers have been call to positions in other organizations. Donna Strong will be serving in YW Presidency and Deanna Nielsen will be in the RS Presidency. They have done an outstanding job with the Primary music, Tara Tanner and Allyn Thompson will also be serving in the RS Presidency. Lara has been teaching the older girls and Allyn has been working with the Cub Scouts. We will certainly miss all of them and want to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedicated service in the Primary. Georgann Lloyd and Lynn Jensen have been called as Primary teachers. They will be teaching the CTR 5 class. Some of our other teachers have been moved to new classes. We are grateful to each of them for being willing to change and take on new responsibilities.

The Primary is starting a new program of service this month that will continue on throughout the rest of this year and the coming year. This month the focus will be on collecting food for the Utah Food Bank. This will be in conjunction with the RS. Remind the children to bring a can of food to put into the Primary Food basket. This will also be a good reminder for Mom's to bring something to donate to the RS drive.

**Ward Temple Day: is October 24. Go any time during the day.**

"Everything that occurs in the Temples is uplifting and ennobling. It speaks of life here and life beyond the grave. It speaks of the importance of the individual as a child of God. It speaks of the importance of the family and the eternity of the marriage relationship."

Gordon B. Hinckley

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Remember in your

Prayers:

Eva Stevens  
Claudia Hanson  
Mary Bye  
Kathryn Clark

## GOSPEL DOCTRINE CLASS

OCT 5 General Conference  
Oct 12 3rd Nephi 1-7  
Oct 19 3rd Nephi 8-11  
Oct 26 3rd Nephi 12-15

## FOOD STORAGE

### "Every Needful Thing"

Our next day at the Dry Pack Cannery is Friday October 24, 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

We do not have an assigned day in November. If you want to give food storage as Christmas presents, don't miss the day in October.

**A Big "High-Five" to all those who put their 72 hour kits together!**

Do you need back packs to put your 72-hour kits in? Look for the display and sign-up sheet this month. (Questions? Call Gina Messerly)

572-3581

## MISCELLANEOUS

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### 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

We are a newly reorganized Presidency and wish to thank the previous presidency for their dedication and love as they have served. Kila Lackey, Marjan Fairclough, Charlene Farr, and Laura Woodhouse.

Our new presidency is Andrea Marx, Allyn Thompson, Deanna Nielsen and Tara Tanner.

We would like to ask you as ward members to be your Brothers Keeper. Be aware of your neighbors and what is happening in their lives. Please notify us if there is sickness, births, deaths, marriages new move ins or move outs, or any problems. We would also like to know of any good news, promotions, advancements etc. We are here to serve you, but we need your help in knowing where we are needed.

The Women's conference was a tremendous success and we thank all who helped in any way. The sisters tied 8 quilts, extracted 2000 names, made school bags, laminated books for local schools and had an enjoyable dinner and a very spiritual meeting from the General R.S.Presidency and Pres. Uchtdorf.

We want to thank Gina Messerly and Chyrrel Cook for helping many in the ward with their 72 hour kits.

Remember Oct 25th we will be Quilting the baby quilts at the church. 10 to 2 pm. or till the quilts are done We still need JoAnn's coupons. If you have a quilt top at home bring them in. asap. We need baby quilt frames. Sign up for Cookbooks They will be \$5.50. Watch for Lunch bunch sign up sheet

### INTERFAITH FAST

There will be an interfaith fast on Sunday, Oct. 12th. People from all over the United States and from all faiths will be joining together to fast for the 'building block of society,' **The FAMILY**

Religious fasting involves both prayer and fasting (abstaining from food and drink for a period of time).

Please pray for a positive outcome for California Proposition B. that hearts may be softened, that understanding and wisdom will prevail, and that marriage will continue to be defined as between a man and a woman to protect families.

Isaiah 58:6,8-9

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that that ye break every yoke? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily, and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, *Here I am.*"

## YOUNG WOMEN

As a recently reorganized Young Women's presidency we are excited to be working with the Young Women. We are looking forward to getting to know them better.

Thank you to the past presidency for their service and love. They have certainly set a wonderful example for us to follow.

Coming activities: Oct. 15th Combined YM/YW planning meeting and dinner. Oct. 22 Pennies by the Inch, please be looking for us that evening. Oct. 26 YW Sacrament program. Nov. 1 Baptisms for the Dead at 2:00pm.

We wish all a safe Halloween and a Happy Birthday to Emily Lloyd.

Laura Woodhouse

Ileana Burrup

Donna Strong

Kim Leshar

**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

**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. Willow Canyon School**

**PRAY ERNESTLY CONCERNING THE COMING ELECTION**

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

7 River Tanner  
10 Tara Tanner -Korina Rushton  
11 Stephen Horstmahoff  
18 Bruce Sullivan-Monte Bye-  
J.J. Rigby

19 Doug Milne  
21 Amy Clegg  
22 Brent Parsons  
28 Darlene Visser-  
  
30 Ashley Thompson  
31 Nelson Leshar-Emily Lloyd

NOVEMBER:  
02 Glenda Bateman  
-Richard Haight

#### Newsletter

Items are due on **Oct 28th** Please e-mail them to marilyn @toplinepromotions.com. Or call it in to 571-2114. Thanks for your help!

#### EMPTY NESTERS

WILL MEET ON Oct 14th AT 7:00PM AT GARY AND SUSAN JOHNSONS HOME

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## STEADFAST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SIBA = STAKE INTERVIEWS BY APPOINTMENT 576- Notes: 2991			1	2 YW Volleyball	3 9:A.M. Dry Pack Canning	4 10:00 AM General Conference 6:00P.M. General Priesthood Meeting
5 10:00A.M. General Conference	6 FHE	7	8	9 SIBA YW Volleyball 7:30p.m. Scouting RndTbl. 7:30p.m. Single Adult Study Group	10	11 Stake Baptism YW/YM Regional Dance
12 Fast Sunday 4:15pm Missionary Correlation	13 FHE Columbus Day	14 5:30AM Stake Priesthood Temple Session	15	16 Humanitarian Assgnmt. SIBA	17 Humanitarian Assgnmt. U E A	18
19 7PM Stake Bishops Mtg w/ Counselors 7:30 AM Miss.Pre Class 4:30pm H.P. Grp Ldrshp Roundtbl	20 FHE	21	22 Stake Blood Drive 3:00pm Buttercup *Community Council Mtg. 7pm Buttercup Library	23 YW Volleyball 7:00PM Stke Auxillary Training 7:30PM Single Adult Study Group	24 Ward Temple Day	25 Quilting at Church 10am til quilts are done
26 4:15 PM Missionary Correlation	FHE	28 News letter items are due <u>today</u>	29	30 SIBA	31 Halloween	Notes: