

WILLOW CANYON 1ST WARD NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2009 TITHING, FASTING AND FAST OFFERINGS

BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

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3 Nephi 24:10

Depending on how money is used, it can represent very different things. For example, it can represent material possessions, power, greed, or the simple necessities of life. If money is used in a certain way, even in small amounts, it can represent our desire to help build the kingdom of God. It can represent our concern for others. And it can represent our faith, obedience, and love for the Lord.

We should pay tithing because we love the Lord and have faith in Him, not just because we need blessings. Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin of the Quorum of the Twelve said that *“the payment of tithing has less to do with money, but more to do with faith”*

Many welfare challenges could be prevented by proper adherence to the law of the fast. President Spencer W. Kimball taught that *“upon practicing the law of the fast, one finds a personal well-spring of power to overcome self-indulgence and selfishness”*

Giving a generous fast offering blesses both the giver and the receiver. *“Think . . . of what would happen if the principles of fast day and the fast offering were observed throughout the world. The hungry would be fed, the naked clothed, the homeless sheltered. . . . The giver would not suffer but would be blessed by his small abstinence. A new measure of concern and unselfishness would grow in the hearts of people everywhere”* (Gordon B. Hinckley).

“The longer I live, the more impressed I am with the Lord's system of caring for the poor and needy. Surely no man would think of such a simple yet profound way of satisfying human needs—to grow spiritually and temporally through periodic fasting and then donating the amount saved from refraining from partaking of those meals to the bishop to be used to administer to the needs of the poor, the ill, the downtrodden, who need help and support to make their way through life.”(L. Tom Perry).

*“Let me promise you here today that if the Latter-day Saints will honestly and conscientiously from this day forth, as a people, keep the monthly fast . . . and if in addition to that they will pay their honest tithing, it will solve all of the problems in connection with taking care of the Latter-day Saints. . . .”*Every living soul among the Latter-day Saints that fasts two meals once a month will be benefited spiritually and be built up in the faith of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ—benefited spiritually in a wonderful way—and sufficient means will be in the hands of the bishops to take care of all the poor” (Heber J. Grant).

Love, Your Bishopric



MUSIC



Can music and singing help us feel the spirit as we fast? A song can turn a heavy heart into a glad heart. Try singing or humming a hymn when you are fasting. It will surprise you how your attitude will be lighter and happier. You won't know until you actually put it to the test. Music can be heavenly!

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August BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Greg Miles
- 5 Gayle Hansen --Joseph Day
- 6 Al Walkenhorst-- Nancy Cook
- 7 Claudia Hanson
- 8 Rex Cook
- 9 Darrell Clegg-- John Strong
- 10 Crystal Weight-- Sean Bott
- 17 Nicole Miles-- Alicia Bott
- 18 Marie Rawlings
- 19 Glayde Wells
- 20 Chris Arnold
- 21 Zarah Trujillo
- 22 Florence Nunley
- 25 Teri Rousseau
- 26 Lori Hanson

- 30 Erica Diaz-- Haylee Greenwood
- 31 Nancy Parsons - Brayden Ellis

September birthdays

- 3 Alex Diaz
- 5 Angela Trujillo

Happy Birthday to all these people and any others I may have missed. Sorry! Please let me know if I missed you.

Empty nesters will meet this month at the home of Merrill and Ronee Scott. August 10th at 7:00pm

Help! If any of you have taken pictures of any events in the ward in 2008-09 please contact Diane Clark. She needs them for the ward history....571-7857

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOOD STORAGE

This month instead of offering you something to buy for your emergency preparedness we are encouraging you to come to the Food & Power Preparedness Expo .Saturday, Aug. 15th 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Sandy Stake Center
Here are the program preparation topics:

Food Storage The 5 Step Program

1. What to Store & What to Buy
 2. Storing and Canning all meats
 3. "90 Days of Meals" The Complete 90 Day Plan
- Learn how to store sweets, butter, nuts, cheese, chocolate and more

Lighting, Fuel, Power Systems and Back up Systems

1. Lighting Equipment and Systems
 2. Fuel: Food Preparation, Heat and Energy: Use & Storage
 3. Power Systems: Short & Long Term Sustainability
- The Future of Power Generation and Storage

Plus displays from the Dry Pack Cannery, Bottling Fruit, Sprouting, and Water Storage.

Community Events: Those ward members living in unincorporated Sal Lake county are invited to participate in Willow Canyon Community activities. Watch for fliers with details. Involvement will bring members and non-members together in a cooperative effort.

August 6 7-10pm Picnic & swimming party (8:30) at Alta Canyon Recreation Center

August 26th S.L.County Mayor Peter Carroon will be attending our monthly meeting at Sandy Library

August 29th Southeast Communities Activity at Bear Park, including a car show. Games and Fun for all.

September 12 Willow Canyon Community night at SLReal.

Our deepest sympathies go out to two faithful members of our ward: Vickie Davis' father passed away on July 25th and Jack Nydegger's mother passed away on July 27th. We pray for their comfort and peace and express our love for these two special families.

RELIEF SOCIETY

We would like to thank Tara Lynn Tanner for all of her hard work as secretary and wish her the best in their new home and ward. She will be missed. We would like to welcome Elizabeth Rawlings as the new secretary and know that she will do equally as well as Tara did.

Please remember to do your visiting teaching. This is a very important calling as it helps ease the burden of our wonderful Bishop. As we serve each other we are also drawing closer to the Savior and learning to be more like Him. We also learn and grow from those we serve.

The summer is almost over and mothers are looking forward to the start of a new school year in August. The children will be happily enjoying school and mothers can relax and accomplish everything they wanted to do during the summer but couldn't with children under foot. (We all have to dream good dreams once in a while)

YW/YM

Aug. 5 Camp Preparation

Aug. 11 - 14 Girls Camp in Heber

Aug. 16 BYC

Aug. 26 Water Fun

We are getting excited for Girls camp coming soon. Kaylin and Vanessa have been working hard to make this a wonderful camp. Our theme is "**Know your heart**"

Please remember to pay the \$50.00 as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please let us know.

Happy Birthday to Zarah Trujillo on Aug. 21

School starts Aug. 26th.

Our personal progress goal this month is Choice and Accountability.

Our youth have just experienced TREK. What a wonderful experience to have the opportunity to "walk and work together" as our pioneer ancestors. How thankful we are for their legacy to all of us and for this beautiful valley we live in and enjoy the blessings of the gospel. We are thankful for those Ma's and Pa's from our ward for their love and devotion in this service. We thank you and love you

DRAPER TEMPLE IS CLOSED UNTIL THE 10TH OF AUGUST.

PLAN TO VISIT ANOTHER TEMPLE UNTIL THEN..

Newsletter information Please submit to marilyn@toplinepromotions.com by **TUESDAY August 28th**. Thank you for your cooperation and input.

Family History

After the July vacation, the Buttercup Family History Center will again be open. See the schedule in your Stake directory.

Brother and Sister Scott will be glad to come to your home and do a Family History Home Evening. Call 801-571-4952 for an appointment. For best results, an internet connection would help. They and Joyce Frederickson can also come to your home at other times.

Primary

Yearly Theme: My Eternal Family

July Theme: Temple blessings unite families.

July Scripture: Matthew 16:19

"I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Congratulations to all of you who participated in the Bishop's Book of Mormon challenge!

We have had a fun summer full of great lessons and lots of visitors. Before our summer winds down and we start to look forward to the upcoming school year we have a fun primary activity planned. August 12th at 7:00pm we will have an organized cleanup for Willow Canyon elementary. Please join us for fun cleanup activities as well as games treats. We hope that you will all join us for our last activity of the summer.

As always we are so grateful to our teachers and substitutes who help primary run so smoothly. We also want to recognize and thank all of the kids who participate during primary by giving talks, saying prayers, reciting scriptures and helping with sharing times. We appreciate your willingness to contribute!

High Priests and Wives and widows of High Priests: Don't miss the summer party on August 22nd. There will be good food and entertainment. It will be held within walking distance at 6:00pm. At the Crapo home back yard.: 9530 Indian Ridge Dr. Go down the stairs or ramp on the south side of the house. Bring your own plates, glasses and eating utensils and be sure to sign up Sunday for a food assignment.

Please try to go to the Temple on August 28th. Any time during the day. No formal gathering after... Watch for September special dinner and session at the Jordan River Temple to be announced later.

Willow Canyon 1st Ward Calendar

August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<u>1</u> •Stake Youth Conference (Trek) •Draper Temple Closed •Multi-Stake YSA Summer Activity •Stake Baptism
<u>2</u> •Fast Sunday •7:30 AM Missionary Preparation Class	<u>3</u> •Draper Temple Closed •FHE	<u>4</u> •Draper Temple Closed	<u>5</u> •Draper Temple Closed •YM/YW Activity Night	<u>6</u> •Draper Temple Closed	<u>7</u> •Draper Temple Closed	<u>8</u> •Draper Temple Closed
<u>9</u> •4:15 PM Missionary correlation •4:30 PM Elders Quorum Roundtable	<u>10</u> •FHE	<u>11</u> •Girls Camp	<u>12</u> •Girls Camp •Stake Laurel/Priest Luau •YM Activity Night	<u>13</u> •Girls Camp •Stake interviews by appointment •7:30 PM Scouting Roundtable - Stake Center	<u>14</u> •Girls Camp	<u>15</u> •9:00 AM Food and Fuel Expo
<u>16</u> •High Council speakers •7:00 AM Stake Bishops' Mtg. w/ Counselors •7:30 AM Missionary Preparation Class •8:30 AM Ward Council Mtg. •2:15 PM Bishop's Youth Council	<u>17</u> •FHE	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> •YM/YW Activity Night	<u>20</u> •Stake interviews by appointment	<u>21</u> •Murray Cannery assignment (corn) •12:00 PM Murray Cannery - HP	<u>22</u> •High Priest Social
<u>23</u> •Oquirrh Temple Dedication (no ward block mtgs)	<u>24</u> •FHE	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> •YM/YW Activity Night	<u>27</u> •Stake interviews by appointment	<u>28</u> •Ward Temple Day	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u> •5th Sunday Combined Priesthoos/RS	<u>31</u> •FHE					

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