

# WILLOW CANYON 1ST WARD NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2009

GENEALOGY

SPRING AHEAD TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ON MARCH 8TH

## BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

In "True to the Faith" it states the following:

"On April 3, 1836, the prophet Elijah came to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in the Kirtland Temple. He conferred upon them the sealing power of the priesthood, making it possible for families to be sealed throughout the generations. In conferring this power, he fulfilled the prophecy that the Lord would send him "to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the children to the fathers" (see D&C 110:14-16: see also Malachi 4:5 -6).

Through family history work we can participate in the continuing fulfillment of this prophecy. We can learn about our ancestors and increase our love for them. We can be inspired by their stories of courage and faith. We can pass that legacy on to our children. These are lasting benefits that come from family history work, but they are not the principal reasons for the Church's great effort to gather genealogical records. All of the Church's family history endeavors are directed to the need to form a "welding link—between the fathers and the children" (D&C 128:18.) This welding link is formed by the power of the priesthood, through sacred temple ordinances we receive in behalf of our ancestors.

Many of Heavenly Father's children have died without having the opportunity to receive the fullness of the gospel. In His mercy and infinite love, the Lord has prepared a way for them to gain a testimony of the gospel and receive the saving ordinances of the priesthood.

In the spirit world, the gospel is "preached to those who {have} died in their sins, without a knowledge of the truth, or in transgression, having rejected the prophets. These {are} taught faith in God, repentance from sin, vicarious baptism for the remission of sins, the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands and all other principles of the gospel that {are} necessary for them to know in order to qualify themselves that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit" (D&C 138:32-34)

Many in the spirit would embrace the gospel. However, they cannot receive priesthood ordinances for themselves because they do not have physical bodies. In holy temples, we have the privilege of receiving ordinances in their behalf. These ordinances include baptism, confirmation, Melchizedek Priesthood ordination (for men), the endowment, the marriage sealing, and the sealing of children to parents. The Lord revealed this work to the Prophet Joseph Smith, restoring a practice that had been revealed to Christians shortly after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (see 1 Corinthians 15:29)

As we receive priesthood ordinances in behalf of those who have died, we become a savior on Mount Zion for them (see Obadiah 1:21). Our effort approaches the spirit of the Savior's atoning sacrifice—we perform a saving work for others that they cannot do for themselves."

As a bishopric we encourage our ward members to be engaged in this important work and feel the Spirit of Elijah along with the promised blessings in our homes. Please contact Jerry Farr—our High Priest group leader or Merrill and Ronee Scott who serve as our ward Family History Consultants. They will be glad to help!

NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE DUE ON TUESDAY March 24 th. PLEASE E-MAIL THEM TO marilyn@toplinepromotions.com or call 571-2114. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP. SECRETARIES OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS PLEASE GET YOUR INFO TO ME.

Fast Sunday is March 29th due to General Conference on April 5th.

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- 2 Trent Hanson
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- 13 Eliza Rigby
- 14 Susan Johnson —Jamie Rigby —Becky Todd
- 16 Charlene Farr
- 18 Richard Rawlings
- 20 Debra Smith
- 21 Eddie Sagebin
- 22 Rebecca McLain
- 23 Kristy Jones
- 24 Kevin Pasker —Arianah Cowgur
- 27 Hannah Greenwood
- 28 Brandon Pasker
- 29 Susan Milne —Barbara Pasker —Stanley Simpson

"Let us truly be a temple attending and a temple loving people. We should hasten to the Temple as frequently, yet prudently, as our personal circumstances allow. We should go not only for our kindred dead but also for the personal blessing of temple worship for the sanctity and safety that are within those hallowed and consecrated walls. As we attend the temple, we learn more richly and deeply the purpose of life and the significance of the atoning sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us make the temple,...our ultimate earthly goal and supreme mortal experience "  
Pres. Howard W Hunter 2 / 95

**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 which is found on your temple recommend or from Scott Williams (571-8567)
2. Your confirmation date. Also available from Scott Williams

**GETTING CONNECTED COULD NOT BE EASIER**

1. Go to [www.lds.org](http://www.lds.org)
2. Find a link on right side of page called "Stake and Ward Websites" and click
3. If you are new to the site click on "Obtain an Account"
4. Complete all the information and click on "Submit" at bottom of 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](mailto:russmesserly@msn.com). We will continue to have a hard copy of the newsletter even though you can access it on website.

**Primary**

Yearly Theme: My Eternal Family

March Theme: Family members have important responsibilities

March Scripture: (D&C 88:119

"Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing; and establish a house, even a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God"

We are excited for our first primary activity of the year. Please join us Saturday, March 14th @ 8:30am in the multi-purpose room. We will have muffins and juice together then head to the care center to sing to the residents. Be sure to wear green for St. Patrick's Day! When we are done at the care center we will bring the children home. Teachers please plan on attending this activity with your class. We will pass out reminders as the date gets closer.

We have an exciting month ahead in primary. Along with our normal and incredible sharing times we will also get to have sharing time taught by the Stake Primary Presidency as well as by our own Brother Davis

Thank you to the CTR 8 and Valiant 11 boys for their sharing time presentations in February. We appreciate the time and effort put forth to make our sharing time fun and interesting. We also want to thank our visitors: Bruce Sullivan, Craig Fairclough and Jack Thompson who helped the Senior Primary learn more about the Priesthood on Feb. 15, 2009.

We welcome Sister Liz Milne who will be teaching with Sister Bawden in the CTR 8 class. Thank you to all of our teachers

And other leaders in Primary, we appreciate all of your hard work.

**SPRING IS ON THE WAY!**

We had a wonderful New Beginnings and thanks to parents and YW for their attendance. It is our goal this year to be a "Keeper of His light". As we work on our personal progress this year, we will all be working on the new value of virtue that has just been added this year.

March events are:

Mar 4

Mar 12 Going to Eastmont for the production of "The Wia"

Mar 18 Combined YMYW going to the food bank

Mar 28 YW General Conference at the Stake Center. 4pm service

Project and dinner and 6pm meeting. For mothers and YW.

**RELIEF SOCIETY**

The Relief Society had a wonderful visiting teaching conference in February. We heard some wonderful words of wisdom from Nancy Parsons and Andrea Marx, and were delighted with a song written by Jennifer Mitchell's daughter Mallory and sung by Kristy Jones.

This month we are looking forward to the Relief Society Birthday Party. It will be held Tuesday March 17th at 6:30pm The theme ( since it is on St Patrick's day) is "Feel lucky to be a woman." Dinner will be served. We have a service opportunity coming up. Sisters may sign up to usher at the Draper Temple Dedication on March 20th from 11:15 TO 6:30. There will be training for this on March 15th at 4:30 at the church.

Remember Ward Temple Night is Friday March 6th. Try to be there for the 6:40pm session.

Save the date for Stake Enrichment Meeting. It is Saturday April 25th from 9am to noon.

Sisters: the General Young Women Meeting is March 28th, please go with your daughters to the service project at 4:00—they are making bandanas and then view the broadcast at 6:00pm.

**EMPTY NESTERS** Will be at 7pm at Bob & Andrea Marx home on **March 9th**. We welcome any Empty Nesters to join us. We meet the 2nd Monday of each month.

**WARD TEMPLE DAY**

March 6th Friday 6:40 session \*

**FAMILY HISTORY**

The Spirit of Elijah has been moving over the area with the Open House and Dedication of the Draper Temple. Get in on the blessings. Contact your Ward Family History Consultants, Merrill and Ronee Scott for help with PAF.

There will not be a Family History Fair in our area this year, but there is an excellent one available in Bountiful on March 7th. We just found out about this, so you can't get the best price, but you can still register. If you are interested in what they are offering, go to [www.familyhistoryfair.com](http://www.familyhistoryfair.com)

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS — FOOD STORAGE**

This month we are going to focus on lighting our homes during a power outage. There is nothing as dark as night time with no electricity. We are going to offer Oil Lanterns, Liquid Candle Wax and Led Headlamps.

- Oil Lanterns will burn for 6 hours and give good light in the home.
- Liquid Candle Wax is highly refined liquid paraffin lamp fuel. It is virtually odorless and smokeless. It is the cleanest burning Lamp fuel you can buy.
- Led Headlamps are convenient and provide a source of light

These will be on display on Sunday next to the Relief Society Room. We will get the group discount price and place the order together. If you are interested contact Rex or Chyrrel Cook



**MUSIC** Singing hymns together invites the spirit of the Lord into our Sacrament meetings. Also as we sing

Together we are unified as members of the Willow Canyon 1st Ward. Thank you to everyone as you join in Adding your own small part to make each song sound beautiful. Have you ever thought that your own voice is actually Your gift to Him at that moment? Perhaps it really is. Sing with us and think about the words. Each hymn then Becomes more meaningful to us and to our Heavenly Father and His Son.



# Willow Canyon 1st Ward Calendar

## March 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Fast Sunday</li> <li>•CES Fireside for Young Adults</li> <li>•7:00 AM Stake High Priest Quorum Mtg.</li> <li>•7:30 AM Missionary Preparation Class</li> </ul>	<p><u>2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•FHE</li> </ul>	<p><u>3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Men's and YM Regional Basketball tournament - Mar. 3-14</li> <li>•6:00 AM Jordan Seminary - Morningside Devotional</li> <li>•7:00 PM 1st Ward Conf. Visits</li> </ul>	<p><u>4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•YM/YW Activity Night</li> </ul>	<p><u>5</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Stake interviews by appointment</li> <li>•7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Stk Cntr)</li> </ul>	<p><u>6</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Ward Temple Night</li> </ul>	<p><u>7</u></p>
<p><u>8</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1st Ward Conference</li> <li>•Daylight Savings Time starts</li> <li>•4:15 PM Missionary correlation</li> </ul>	<p><u>9</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•FHE</li> </ul>	<p><u>10</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•9:00 AM Conference Center Cleaning - RS</li> </ul>	<p><u>11</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•YM/YW Activity Night</li> </ul>	<p><u>12</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•7:30 PM Scouting Roundtable - Stake Center</li> <li>•7:30 PM Single Adult Study Group</li> </ul>	<p><u>13</u></p>	<p><u>14</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Draper Temple Open House ends</li> <li>•Scouting College of Commissioner Science - Training</li> </ul>
<p><u>15</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•High Council speakers</li> <li>•7:00 AM Stake Bishops' Mtg. w/ Counselors</li> <li>•7:30 AM Missionary Preparation Class</li> <li>•2:15 PM Bishop's Youth Council</li> </ul>	<p><u>16</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•FHE</li> </ul>	<p><u>17</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•St. Patrick's Day</li> </ul>	<p><u>18</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•YM/YW Combined Activity - Food Bank</li> </ul>	<p><u>19</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Stake interviews by appointment</li> <li>•7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Stk Cntr)</li> </ul>	<p><u>20</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•First Day of Spring</li> <li>•Draper Temple dedication</li> </ul>	<p><u>21</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Draper Temple dedication</li> <li>•Women's and YW's Regional Basketball tournament - Mar 21-28</li> <li>•YW/YM Regional Dance</li> </ul>
<p><u>22</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Draper Temple dedication</li> <li>•No Meetings due to Temple Dedication</li> <li>•4:15 PM Missionary correlation</li> </ul>	<p><u>23</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•FHE</li> </ul>	<p><u>24</u></p>	<p><u>25</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•YM/YW Activity Night</li> </ul>	<p><u>26</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Stake interviews by appointment</li> <li>•7:30 PM Single Adult Study Group</li> </ul>	<p><u>27</u></p>	<p><u>28</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Stake Baptism</li> <li>•9:00 AM Scouting for Food</li> <li>•6:00 PM MT General Young Women Meeting</li> </ul>
<p><u>29</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Fast Sunday</li> <li>•8:30 AM Ward Council Mtg.</li> </ul>	<p><u>30</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•FHE</li> </ul>	<p><u>31</u></p>				