

WILLOW CANYON 1ST WARD

MAY 2010

ADVERSITY

Bishopric Message – May 2010

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During our Ward Conference I had the opportunity to talk with our wonderful Stake Presidency. I told President Dahl that I didn't understand why so many of our outstanding faithful ward members were facing such serious health challenges and adversity in their lives. President Dahl reminded me that President Benson had faced numerous health challenges during his life time. President Dahl's comment caught my curiosity so I decided to research some of our past church presidents.

During the final years of his life, President Ezra Taft Benson's once-powerful physical body steadily weakened. President Benson suffered poor health in the last years of his life from the effects of blood clots in the brain, dementia, strokes, and heart attacks, and was rarely seen publicly in his final years. He was hospitalized in 1992 and 1993 with pneumonia. President Benson died of congestive heart failure at the age of 94.

Beginning in 1980, after twenty years as an apostle, many health problems began to plague President Howard W. Hunter. He suffered a massive heart attack followed by surgery to remove a benign tumor. In 1986 he underwent a quadruple bypass operation to clear his arteries of blockage. Within just a few months of this operation, he was hospitalized twice more-once for surgery on a bleeding ulcer and once for back surgery. After the back surgery, the nerves in his legs deteriorated due to diabetes, and he was confined to a wheel chair. For many years Elder Hunter's wife, Claire, was an invalid, afflicted with a form of Alzheimer's disease, unable to dress and feed herself. She died in 1983, leaving Elder Hunter a widower for seven years, until 1990 when he remarried. In January 1995, the Church announced that President Hunter had prostate cancer, which had spread to the bones. Just three months later, at the age of eighty-seven, he passed away in his home. President Hunter understood suffering and adversity.

At the age of ten President Spenser W. Kimball suffered paralysis of his face. That same year he nearly drowned while attending a picnic with his family. When he was eleven, his mother died, leaving eight children. Two years later the motherless boy was stricken with typhoid fever and lay ill for many weeks. Upon the trail of this illness came small pox, from which he was also able to recover, miraculously escaping death. President Kimball's struggles with physical afflictions returned as he shouldered the responsibilities of the apostleship. In 1948 he suffered a series of heart attacks. Three years later he lost his voice through a serious throat ailment. His throat was again afflicted in 1957-this time surgery for malignancy was required. Still more difficulties arose in 1972 when he underwent open-heart surgery performed by a world-renowned physician, Dr. Russell M. Nelson.

When we want to say: "How could this happen" or "this is unfair", remember that even our beloved Prophets are not exempt from adversity. We all must deal with adversity. However, when we face adversity, let us always remember to turn our hearts to our Heavenly Father to find his love, peace and comfort in knowing that our adversity will help prepare us to receive the greatest of all gifts... which is eternal life.

With Love, Your Bishopric

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NEWSLETTER

Please submit your organizations information to
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On June 1st. TUESDAY.
Thank you for your help and support of this newsletter.
Please let me know of any new neighbors or happenings in the neighborhood.
Lets keep in touch.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jeffrey Beal
- 2 Ron Hansen
- 3 Russ Messerly, Terri Williams
- 4 Rick Morris—Steven Riep—Derek Bawden
- 5 Tom Nunley—Kaylin Nydegger—David Smith—Stefen Wells
- 6 Jennifer Mitchell
- 8 Dorothy Schmidt— Luke Weight
- 10 Jane Johnson
- 12 Tammie Dusoe
- 13 Janis Kershaw
- 14 Ruth Higgenbotham— Pearl Kirk
- 15 John Davis
- 19 Rachel Bierman
- 22 Parker Arnold
- 23 Robert Reynolds
- 24 Sharon Peterson
- 25 Sharon Allen
- 26 Taylor James
- 27 Diane Clark
- 28 Todd Lloyd—Kelly Ellis—
- 29 Ray Bierman
- 30 Evah McMullin

PRIMARY

Yearly Theme: I know my Savior lives

April Theme: Principles and Ordinances of the Gospel Lead Me to Jesus Christ

April Scripture: "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." (A of F 1:4)

We had a great time with our stake primary leaders during ward conference. It was so fun to have them present our sharing and singing times!

Keep memorizing and passing off the Articles of Faith. We are still earning Book of Mormon money so we can send more scriptures to families in Chile.

Remember to read your friend! Sister Friendly will be coming to share with us and give you some questions to answer. Once you have an answer come to a member of the presidency for a treat.

Also note that when you are assigned a talk this year we will give you the theme for the month. If you can give a talk that focuses on the theme that will help us when choosing talks for the primary program in the fall.

Congratulations to Dresden Curtis, and Spencer Ellis on being baptized on Saturday. We welcome them into membership in the Church

FAMILY HISTORY

The Family History classes are going the main Family History Library downtown on Friday evening, May 14th. We guarantee you will come away excited about what you can do there and at home. Any ward members who are interested may come along. Call Ronee Scott 801-571-4942 if you would like to come and we can carpool. If you want, make it a "Date Night", you are free to meet us there. Let us know either way. We are arranging a tour, but you are free to just browse or research if you prefer.

Remember Family History is one of the main reasons the internet was "revealed to the mind of man."

IF YOU SEE ANY UNUSUAL OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY GOING ON AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLEASE CALL THIS NON EMERGENCY NUMBER AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND REPORT IT. BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY BE AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON AROUND YOU. 801-743-7000

EMPTY NESTERS WILL BE HOSTED BY GARY and SUSAN JOHNSON ON MONDAY, MAY 10 AT 7:00PM. COME JOIN US IN OUR STUDY OF JESUS THE CHRIST.

RELIEF SOCIETY

Another month is gone and so is the winter? It is hard to tell with all of the flowers trying to show through the snow,. Those warm days seem very fleeting. Just in case you can't think of anything positive as you look out your windows at all the white stuff on the ground, here are some fun things to look forward to. Thursday May 20, there will be a bread making class. On Sunday May 16th and 23rd there will be Visiting Teaching Interviews. Signup sheets will be in the folders on Sundays or you may contact Elizabeth Rawlings at 801-608-4600 to make an appointment.

In life there are always challenges that we get to go through. Everyone will have the opportunity to experience difficult times. We may think at times that life is just too hard and it would be easy to just give up. Just remember that we never have to walk through the valley alone. There is One that is always there to lift our burdens and help. All we have to do is reach out and accept His help. He will never just step in but will wait to be invited. The hard part sometimes is letting go once we have turned the problem over to the Savior and letting Him take care of it. We must listen and do what He says for He will never lead us wrong or ignore us. Life's difficulties are there to help us grow and learn to be more like Him. May we always look on the positive side and know that "this too will pass."

News around the Neighborhood:

Our love goes out to Yvonne Bishop who is undergoing Chemo Therapy and it is not being kind to her. Remember her in your prayers

Mary Deming fell and fractured her hip. She was operated on this week and will be going to Health South for two weeks for therapy. We hope she will heal quickly.

Carinne James delievered her baby boy on Thursday. His name will be Asher

Jennifer Johnson delievered her baby girl on Wednesday. Jennifer lives in the former Sandersons home. Congratulations to these families.

FYI June 24-26 Youth Conference
July 7-10 Deacons camp - Bear Lake
July 12-17 Teachers camp- Millhollow
July 13-17 Priests camp-Bryce
July 27-30 Girls Camp- Red Spur



YOUNG WOMEN

May 1 YW Futsol Region Tournament
May 1-8
May 2 Combined YW
May 5 Dancing with the Sagebin's
May 8 YM/YW Baptism for the Dead
7:00 pm
May 12 Camp Kick Off
May 15 YM/YW Regional Dance
May 16 BYC 4:10
May 19 YM/YW Combined
May 22 Temple "Road Trip" to Mt. Timpanogos Temple
Leave at 4:45 am
May 23 Seminary Graduation 6:00 pm
May 25 Laurel Graduation
May 26 Jordan Seminary Senior Banquet/
Testimony Meeting 7:00 pm
May 26 Activity
May 30 Lesson combined with adults

Happy birthday to Rachel Bierman on May 19th

This year Girl's Camp will be at Red Spur, our stake property

. Cost for camp will be \$50.00.

We looking forward to sharing time with your daughters at camp.

It really is a wonderful experience.

We are excited to have Bro. & Sis. Arnold helping us with camp also. It will be great!

Happy Mothers Day to all the wonderful mothers in the Willow Canyon 1st ward who so lovingly and graciously serve each other and each one of us.



MUSIC



Hymns can move us in many ways. When adversity comes into our lives in one way or another, the beautiful hymns can console and inspire us. "Where can I turn for peace, Where is my solace? He answers privately, gentle the peace He finds, Love without end."

May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<u>1</u> •Stake Baptism •Stake Cultural Arts Event •YW Futsal Region Tournament May 1-8 •9:00 AM Scout-O-Rama
<u>2</u> •Fast Sunday •CES Fireside for Young Adults •7:00 AM Stake General Priesthood Mtg.	<u>3</u> •FHE	<u>4</u> •4:00 PM Draper Temple Baptisms - Stake	<u>5</u> •YM/YW Activity Night	<u>6</u> •Stake interviews by appointment	<u>7</u> •5:00 PM Sandy Home Storage	<u>8</u> •Draper Temple Baptisms - Stake •7:00 PM YM/YW Baptism for Dead
<u>9</u> •Mother's Day	<u>10</u> •FHE	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> •YM/YW Activity Night •7:30 PM Young Single Adults Relief Society	<u>13</u> •Scouting Zone Meeting •Stake interviews by appointment •7:30 PM Scouting Roundtable - Stake Center	<u>14</u> •Venture Scout Cowboy Action Shoot	<u>15</u> •Venture Scout Cowboy Action Shoot •Sandy Pride Day •YM & YW Regional Dance
<u>16</u> •High Council Speakers •7:00 AM Stake Bishops' Mtg. w/ Counselors •7:30 AM Missionary Preparation Class •4:15 PM Bishop's Youth Council •4:15 PM Visiting Teaching Interviews	<u>17</u> •FHE	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> •YM/YW Combined Activity	<u>20</u> •RS Bread Making Class •Stake interviews by appointment •6:00 PM Scouting Outdoor Skill Leadership Training	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u> •11:00 AM Ward Council Mtg. •4:15 PM Missionary Correlation •4:15 PM Visiting Teaching Interviews •4:30 PM HP Group Leaders Roundtable •6:00 PM Seminary Graduation	<u>24</u> •FHE	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> •YM/YW Activity Night •7:00 PM Jordan Seminary Senior Banquet / Testimony Meeting	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u> •3:15 PM 5th Sunday Lesson - Adults and Youth	<u>31</u> •Memorial Day •FHE					

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