

WILLOW CANYON 1st WARD

JULY 2011

FAITH

Our theme for the month is faith:

From Elder Boyd K Packer in 1999.

"Years ago I served on a stake high council with Emery Wight. For 10 years Emery had served as bishop of rural Harper Ward. His wife, Lucille, became our stake Relief Society president.

"Lucille told me that one spring morning a neighbor called at her door and asked for Emery. She told him that he was out plowing. The neighbor then spoke with great concern. Earlier that morning he had passed the field and noticed Emery's team of horses standing in a half-finished furrow with the reins draped over the plow. Emery was nowhere in sight. The neighbor thought nothing of it until much later when he passed the field again, and the team had not moved. He climbed the fence and crossed the field to the horses. Emery was nowhere to be found. He hurried to the house to check with Lucille.

"Lucille calmly replied, 'Oh, don't be alarmed. No doubt someone is in trouble and came to get the bishop.'

"The image of that team of horses standing for hours in the field symbolizes the dedication of the bishops in the Church and of the counselors who stand by their side. Every bishop and every counselor, figuratively speaking, leaves his team standing in an unfinished furrow when someone needs help." 3

I had never before used that experience in a talk—never thought of it.

I wanted to fix it in my mind before speaking of it in conference, so I located a daughter of Emery Wight. She agreed to meet me at their old home and show me the field her father would have been plowing that day.

One of my sons took me there early one Sunday morning. He took a number of pictures.

It was a beautiful spring morning. The field was newly plowed, just as it had been those many years before. Seagulls were feeding in the newly turned soil.

That quickened memory, remembering that conversation, is not uncommon to me. It reaffirms the truth of the scripture—one, incidentally, I memorized in my youth—

"Neither take ye thought beforehand what ye shall say; but treasure up in your minds continually the words of life, and it shall be given you in the very hour that portion that shall be meted unto every man."

This is from Russell Nelson's April, 2011 talk.

All that the future holds in store for each sacred child of God will be shaped by his or her parents, family, friends, and teachers. Thus, our faith now becomes part of our posterity's faith later.

Each individual will make his or her way in a constantly changing world—a world of competing ideologies. The forces of evil will ever be in opposition to the forces of good. Satan constantly strives to influence us to follow his ways and make us miserable, even as he is. And the normal risks of life, such as illness, injury, and accident, will ever be present.

We live in a time of turmoil. Earthquakes and tsunamis wreak devastation, governments collapse, economic stresses are severe, the family is under attack, and divorce rates are rising. We have great cause for concern. But we do not need to let our fears displace our faith. We can combat those fears by strengthening our faith.

Start with your children. You parents bear the primary responsibility to strengthen their faith. Let them feel your faith, even when sore trials come upon you. Let your faith be focused on our loving Heavenly Father and His Beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Teach that faith with deep conviction. Teach each precious boy or girl that he or she is a child of God, created in His image, with a sacred purpose and potential. Each is born with challenges to overcome and faith to be developed.

Love,

Your Bishopric

EMPTY NESTERS

Will meet July 11th at 7 pm at Manette Murri's home. We are studying JESUS THE CHRIST. Please come

New participants are always welcome

YOUNG WOMEN

- July 3 Combined YW
- July 6 Making pretzels with Tori and Crystal Weight
- July 12 Camp Preparation Tye dying shirts
- July 19 - 22 Girls Camp
- July 27 Housekeeping camp activities
- July 31 Combined YMYW

Happy birthday Jenni Milne on July 2 and happy birthday Monica Jensen on July 29.

We want to wish everyone a happy and safe 4th of July as we celebrate Independence Day. Also to remember with love and appreciation our pioneer ancestors on the 24th of July.

We just completed our Stake Youth Conference "We Believe". What a wonderful time we had. We even had visits from

some prophets of old; Lehi, King Benjamin—our own Bro. Sagebin, and Moroni. With a few battles, boat making, a service project to name just a few activities. We want to also thank Russ and Gina Messerly and Rex and Chyrrel Cook for coming to youth conference and feeding over 200 wonderful lunches. Thank you so much. We truly came home with a stronger testimony of our Savior, the Book of Mormon, and Joseph Smith. Thank you to everyone that made this possible.

RELIEF SOCIETY

Can you believe that the year is half over. We have had a lot of fun times so far. We have lots of fun things planned for the rest of the year also. On Tuesday July 12, the Relief Sociey is going to the Draper Temple to do Initiatory. We are going at either 8:00 AM or 7:00 PM. There are sign up sheets on the clip board that are sent around or let one of the presidency know which group you would like to go with.

August 3rd, 6:00pm we will be having our annual Ward reunion family party. It will be pot luck. Meat will be provided. Address is Hidden Valley Park, 11700So. Wasatch Blvd. Please invite family, and neighbors. Sign up sheets are also on the clip boards.

July is a wonderful month. We get to celebrate our nation's birthday and also the arrival of the pioneers in the valley. They both give the opportunity to celebrate the freedoms we have been blessed with. It is also a great time to remember the sacrifices made to give us those freedoms. We can also contimplate our actions and wonder what kind of legacy we as Relief Society sisters will leave for those who come after us. Will they think of the sacrifice and service we provide? Will they want to know the stories we have to tell of the times we spend in the service of others as we do of those who came before? Remember, we can be remember for the small and simple things that we do each day. We do not alway have to something big and grand to be remembered. May the Lord bless all of efforts to become more Christlike one day at a time.

MISSIONARIES

Elder Edwardo Sagebin WELCOME HOME	Elder Clayton Williams Mexico	Elder Kenneth Milne Paraguay Ascencion
Elder George Parker Lloyd WELCOME HOME	Elder Richard Rawlings Ohio Columbus	Elder Kirk & Sister Marie France Arnold Tahiti

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jennifer Milne—Sawyer Glauser
- 5 Lothair Pendleton
- 6 Richard Clegg —Mariah Wells
- 7 Florence Petersen
- 11 Jaxon Olsen —Nancy Williams
- 12 Vicki Loveless
- 13 Carson Clegg
- 15 Robbie Morris
- 16 Kent Nunley
- 17 Marilyn Crapo
- 18 Larry Kershaw
- 19 Margie Guest
- 25 Robert Rawlings
- 26 Jerry Farr
- 27 Craig Fritzsche — Brent Gardner
- 29 Gerry Visser — Monica Jensen
- 30 Brooke Tuft —Robert Reynolds

ALL WARD MEMBERS

Open house for Clayton Williams July 9th, 6:30 @ Scott Williams home 9578 Shoshone Cir. prior to his going on a mission

PRIMARY

Yearly Theme: I Know the Scriptures are True

July Theme: The Temple is the House of God

July Scripture: "Sacred ordinances and covenants available in the holy temples make it possible for individuals to return to the presence of God and for our families to be united eternally." ("A Family: A Proclamation to the World"; paragraph 3)

Our annual "School's Out" activity in June was so much fun. Thank you for coming and participating. Hope you all love this traditional activity as much as we do. It is fun to see all the kids riding around on decorated bikes and scooters. We really have a great bunch of primary kids.

We also had two awesome visitors to Primary in June. Thank you Joseph Smith- Ryan Laukat and John the Baptist- Micheal Mc Leskey for coming to Primary to share your stories with us.

Crystal

NON EMERGENCY NUMBER AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 801-743-7000

WARD SEALING SESSION at the Draper Utah Temple on Tuesday July 19th 6:00pm. Please arrive by 5:30 to be ready by 6:00pm.

Visit the temple for Endowment or Initiatory work sometime this month. Some one is waiting for you to come.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Congratulations to the McLeskeys on the birth of their new baby boy

Condolences to the Fairclough Family. Marjan's father William Thorup, passed away a week ago

Kathy Barnhart's Mother passed away several weeks ago. Our love goes out to these our friends.

FAMILY HISTORY

LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE MONTH OF JULY>

THE NEXT DRY PACK CANNERY DATE IS on JULY 12TH TUESDAY