

WILLOW CANYON 1st WARD

MAY 2011

PARENTING/FAMILY

BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

We, the First Presidency and the Council of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, solemnly proclaim that marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God and that the family is central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of His children... Husband and wife have a solemn responsibility to love and care for each other and for their children... Parents have a sacred duty to rear their children in love and righteousness, to provide for their physical and spiritual needs, to teach them to love and serve one another, to observe the commandments of God and to be law-abiding citizens wherever they live. Husbands and wives—mothers and fathers—will be held accountable before God for the discharge of these obligations... We warn that individuals who violate covenants of chastity, who abuse spouse or offspring, or who fail to fulfill family responsibilities will one day stand accountable before God. Further, we warn that the disintegration of the family will bring upon individuals, communities, and nations the calamities foretold by ancient and modern prophets."

The above is taken from "The Family: A Proclamation to the World" which was presented by president Gordon B. Hinckley in September of 1995. In evidence of the prophetic nature of this proclamation, consider how much greater the adversary's assault on the family has become in the 16 years since. This proclamation warns of many solemn responsibilities and obligations, but it also notes the following: "Disability, death, or other circumstances may necessitate individual adaptation." This point was so tenderly illustrated by our high council speaker, Brother Baird, a couple weeks ago when he spoke of the difficulties he faced even though he was leading his family in family home evening, family scripture study, and family prayer.

Rather than simply warn of obligations and consequences, the Lord instructs us as to how we can have joy in our own homes. "Happiness in family life is most likely to be achieved when founded upon the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Successful marriages and families are established and maintained on principles of faith, prayer, repentance, forgiveness, respect, love, compassion, work, and wholesome recreational activities." This promise is extended not just to parents with children, but to empty nesters, newlyweds, single parents, widows and extended families.

The theme for the month of May is Parenting and Family. In the talk "Watching with All Perseverance" by Elder David A. Bednar in April 2010 conference, he lists practices that can be used as "A spiritual early warning system [which]... can help parents in Zion to be watchful and discerning concerning their children." I would suggest that these practices are equally as valuable with a spouse, parents, siblings, grandchildren, or extended family.

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The first component is "Reading and Talking about the Book of Mormon", of which Elder Bednar states, "the discussions that occur provide crucial spiritual early warning signals. Importantly, such conversations can help parents to discern what their children are learning, thinking, and feeling about the truths contained in this sacred volume of scripture, as well as the difficulties they may be facing."

The second component is "Bearing Testimony Spontaneously." The bearing of testimony doesn't have to be restricted to family home evening or church. Take every opportunity to let your family know that you love the gospel, and share the blessings you have seen. As you share your testimony regularly, those you share it with will become more accustomed to and comfortable with discussing personal, spiritual subjects. Elder Bednar states, "Parents should be vigilant and spiritually attentive to spontaneously occurring opportunities to bear testimony to their children. Such occasions need not be programmed, scheduled, or scripted. In fact, the less regimented such testimony sharing is, the greater the likelihood for edification and lasting impact."

Elder Bednar's final component is "Inviting Children to Act." When King Benjamin had completed his address found in the early chapters of Mosiah, the people had a "mighty change in us, or in our hearts" and were "willing to enter into a covenant with our God to do his will and to be obedient to his commandments in all things that he shall command us." When we testify of truth the Spirit will confirm that testimony to the hearers and their hearts will be more prepared to accept an invitation to act. Elder Bednar says, "This vital objective is best accomplished as we encourage our children to act in accordance with correct principles — as we help them to learn by doing. 'If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God' (John 7:17)"

Based on the text from the proclamation, we can safely say that simply being a spouse, parent, or child, of which all of us are at least one, brings with it sacred responsibility. Every member of a family has influence on the feelings that prevail at home. Elder Bednar shared with us some principles that will help to preserve and strengthen the family. I know that the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ can truly lead to greater happiness and peace in our homes, and invite each of you to seek to strengthen your family through reading and talking about the Book of Mormon, bearing spontaneous testimony, and acting and inviting others in your family to act on spiritual promptings.

Love, Your Bishopric.

Joel Weight

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NEWSLETTER
Please submit your organizations information to marilyn.crapo@gmail.com On TUESDAY, MAY 31ST PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF ANY NEW MOVE INS OR OUTS OR ANY EVENTS HAPPENING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

MAY BIRTHDAYS
2 Ron Hansen 3 Russ Messerly—Terri Williams 4 Rick Morris—Steven Riep—Matt Baker 5 Tom Nunley—Kaylin Nydegger—David Smith—Stefan Wells 6 Jennifer Mitchell 8 Dorothy Schmidt—Luke Weight] 10 Jane Johnson 12 Tammie Dusoe 13 Janis Kershaw 14 Pearl Kirk 19 Rachel Bierman 23 Robert Reynolds 25 Sharon Allen 26 Taylor James—Annie Clegg 27 Diane Clark 28 Todd Lloyd—Kelly Ellis 29 Ray Bierman 30 Evah McMullin 31 Kara McLeskey

PRIMARY

Yearly Theme: I Know the Scriptures are True

May Theme: The Church of Jesus Christ has been restored

May Scripture: "I saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other--This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!" (Joseph Smith--History 1:17)

Mark your calendars for our annual "School's Out" activity on Thursday June 9th at 4 pm. It is going to be so much fun!

Thanks to Sister Amy Clegg for coming to Primary to tell the story of Mary the Saviors mother. It is so fun to have our kids have the gospel come to live for them.
Crystal

Come celebrate the life and mission of the Son of God this Easter by

attending our community

Messiah Sing-In

May 1, 2011 (Sunday after Easter)

Sandy East Stake Center (9636 S 1700 E)

6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Members of all faiths invited! You need not sing in order to attend. Come enjoy the spirit and reverence of Handel's Messiah. Bring your score, if you have one, but most importantly bring your family and friends! This will be an event you will not want to miss!

Due to the length and sacred nature of performance, Children 8 yrs and older invited to attend.

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

at the Draper Utah Temple on Tuesday May 17th 6:00pm. Please arrive by 5:30 to be ready by 6:00pm.

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

DRY PACK CANNERY DATE FOR JUNE IS THURSDAY THE 2ND FROM 5pm to 9pm.
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YOUNG WOMEN

- May 1 Combined YW Laura teaching
- May 4 Projects
- May 8 Combined YW Rachel Bierman teaching
- May 11 Recipe Taste and Trade
- May 15 Ward Conference
- May 18 Camp Meeting
- May 22 Combined YW with Patriarch Bringhurst
- May 22 BYC at 12:10
- May 24 Laurel Transition Night
- May 25 Combined YMYW

Happy 18th Birthday to Rachel Bierman on May 19.

We want to also wish all the mothers in our ward family a Happy Mother's Day and thank you for your wonderful example to all. We love working with the Young Women in our ward, what wonderful daughters you have.

Kim

EMPTY NESTERS

Will meet May 9th Monday at 7:00pm at Jane & Terry Johnson's home. We are studying JESUS THE CHRIST. New participants are always welcome

RELIEF SOCIETY

I can't believe that it is May already. A third of the year gone. Where has all of the time gone? Hopefully the weather will decide that it is Spring since the calendar says that it is. We should be grateful for all of the water though. Just think of all of the money we are saving by not having to water our lawns. Just look around when there is not snow on the ground and you will see wonderfully green grass everywhere. There are flowers everywhere also. There is a lot of things to be thankful for if we just look for them. The Lord has given us such a beautiful earth to enjoy. We need to learn to enjoy it like the little children do. Can we find the joy in the bugs on the sidewalk, the clouds in the sky, and the growing things all around us. WE can if we try. Don't forget to count all of your blessing also.

We have some fun upcoming activities to look forward to. Some of them are Freezer Meals and Media Safety. If there is something you would like to learn about or how to do something, just let us know and we will make sure to have a mini class for that. Our activities do not have to be very big. If you want to learn, we would be happy to find a way for you to learn. If our regular activity time does not work for you, we can do small classes on other days in someone's home.

Elizabeth

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL THE SISTERS IN THE WARD

Put on thy beautiful garments, O daughters of Zion. Live up to the great and magnificent inheritance which the Lord God, your Father in Heaven, has provided you. Rise above the dust of the world. Know that you are daughters of God, children with a divine birthright. Walk in the sun with your heads high. Know that you are loved and honored, that you are part of His kingdom, and that there is for you a great work to be done which cannot be left to others.

Gordon B. Hinckley

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO LOOKED FOR THE LOST RECIPE. I APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE TIME TO LOOK AND NOT FIND IT. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVAH MCMULLIN WHO RECOGNIZED IT AND FOUND IT SOMEWHERE ELSE. PEOPLE IN VEGAS LOVED THE COOKIES.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CES Fireside for Young Adults •Fast Sunday •7:00 AM Stake General Priesthood Mtg. •6:30 PM Messiah Sing-in 	<p><u>2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Family Home Evening 	<p><u>3</u></p>	<p><u>4</u></p>	<p><u>5</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Stake interviews by appointment •YW Futsal - Buttercup 	<p><u>6</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Jordan Seminary Morningside Devotional 	<p><u>7</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •YM/YW Regional Dance - Sandy Central •YW Regional Futsal Tournament begins
<p><u>8</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mother's Day 	<p><u>9</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Family Home Evening 	<p><u>10</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:00 PM YSA Stake Relief Society 	<p><u>11</u></p>	<p><u>12</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Stake interviews by appointment •7:00 PM Scouting - Zone Mtg. •7:30 PM Scouting Roundtable - Stake Center 	<p><u>13</u></p>	<p><u>14</u></p>
<p><u>15</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •High Council speakers •6:00 AM Stake Bishops Council Mtg. •7:00 AM Stake Bishops Mtg. w/ Counselors •7:30 AM Missionary Preparation Class •9:00 AM 1st Ward Conference •4:00 PM Missionary Correlation •4:30 PM HP Group Leaders Roundtable 	<p><u>16</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Family Home Evening 	<p><u>17</u></p>	<p><u>18</u></p>	<p><u>19</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Stake interviews by appointment •6:00 PM Scouting - Outdoor Skills Leadership Training 	<p><u>20</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Venture Scout Cowboy Action Shoot 	<p><u>21</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Venture Scout Cowboy Action Shoot •YSA Multi-State Activity
<p><u>22</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6:00 PM Seminary Graduation 	<p><u>23</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Family Home Evening 	<p><u>24</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Young Women Transition into Relief Society 	<p><u>25</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Jordan Seminary Senior Banquet 	<p><u>26</u></p>	<p><u>27</u></p>	<p><u>28</u></p>
<p><u>29</u></p>	<p><u>30</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Memorial Day •Family Home Evening 	<p><u>31</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1:00 PM Draper Temple - groundskeeping assignment 				

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