

# WILLOW CANYON 1ST WARD

NOVEMBER 2011

PRIESTHOOD BLESSINGS

## Bishopric Message

Our ward theme for the month of November is Priesthood Blessings. In April 2010 Conference, Elder Dallin H. Oaks spoke about 'Healing The Sick', referencing 5 points regarding a priesthood blessing for the sick.

Anointing: "The Old Testament frequently mentions anointing with oil as part of a blessing conferred by priesthood authority. Anointing were declared to be for sanctification and perhaps can also be seen as symbolic of the blessings to be poured out from heaven as a result of this sacred act."

Sealing the Anointing: "To seal something means to affirm it, to make it binding for its intended purpose. When elders anoint a sick person and seal the anointing, they open the windows of heaven for the Lord to pour forth the blessing He wills for the person afflicted."

Faith: "President Spencer W. Kimball said: 'The need of faith is often underestimated. The ill one and the family often seem to depend wholly on the power of the priesthood and the gift of healing that they hope the administering brethren may have, whereas the greater responsibility is with him who is blessed.'"

Words of Blessing: "Ideally, the elder who officiates will be so in tune with the Spirit of the Lord that he will know and declare the will of the Lord in the words of the blessing. ... Fortunately, the words spoken in a healing blessing are not essential to its healing effect. If faith is sufficient and if the Lord wills it, the afflicted person will be healed or blessed whether the officiator speaks those words or not. Conversely, if the officiator yields to personal desire or inexperience and gives commands or words of blessing in excess of what the Lord chooses to bestow according to the faith of the individual, those words will not be fulfilled. Consequently, brethren, no elder should ever hesitate to participate in a healing blessing because of fear that he will not know what to say. The words spoken in a healing blessing can edify and energize the faith of those who hear them, but the effect of the blessing is dependent upon faith and the Lord's will, not upon the words spoken by the elder who officiated."

Will of the Lord: "As we exercise the undoubted power of the priesthood of God and as we treasure His promise that He will hear and answer the prayer of faith, we must always remember that faith and the healing power of the priesthood cannot produce a result contrary to the will of Him whose priesthood it is."

While anointing and sealing the anointing are specific to blessings of healing, the other points are equally applicable to every other blessing given by priesthood authority. Faith is still required by the priesthood holder and the recipient. When the Savior healed two blind men, He "touched their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you." (Matt. 9:29). The words of the blessing can still edify and energize faith, but "the effect of the blessing is still dependent upon faith and the Lord's will."

As bearers of the priesthood, let us be empowered by "[Reading] the owners manual", "[Seeking] the revelations of the Spirit", and "[Finding] joy in priesthood service" as instructed by President Uchtdorf at our most recent conference.

As a ward, the Lord has blessed us many times in accordance with our faith. Let us continue to have faith in the blessing and healing power of the priesthood.

## YOUNG WOMEN

- Nov. 2 Relief Society Service 5:30  
 Nov. 9 Missionary Service Project  
 Nov. 16 Combined YMYW Planning Meeting  
 Nov. 23 Help mom get ready for Thanksgiving  
 Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day  
 Nov. 30 YW In Excellence

At this time of the year we want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and remember our many blessings.

What a blessing we feel to serve with the Young Women in

our ward. They are awesome.

We want to express our love and support to Donna in her new calling as Relief Society President. She will do a wonderful job. We will miss her wonderful lessons and example.

Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley

"I have great confidence in our young people as a whole. I regard you as the finest generation in the history of the church. I compliment you, and I have in my heart a feeling of love and respect and appreciation for you."

## RELIEF SOCIETY

As a new Presidency we wish to thank Andrea Marx, Allyn Thompson, Deanna Nielsen and Elizabeth Rawlings for the excellent Example they set for all of us and for their dedication to Relief Society sisters in this ward. They were always there for us Whatever and whenever we needed them. Thank you dear sisters. We have a challenge now to do as well as they did. Our activity in October with Bishop Schwendimam was really an eye opener. He is the Technology Expert for the Church and he really knows what is going on with I phones, I pods, blackberries, computers, etc.etc.etc.

And he warned us to be very careful in what we allow our children to have, and be very aware of what they are doing and where They are going with technology. It can be life altering and sometimes that is bad. He warned us that after 8:30 at night bad things are on the internet. If you get another chance to hear him talk don't miss that opportunity.

The activity for November will be on November 19th at 9:00am. Be sure to sign up and get your money to Nicole, Kaylin or Shelly by Nov. 18th or sooner. It will be \$9.00 a batch for the mints.

The new Relief Society Presidency are Donna Strong President 801-523-9439; 1st Counselor Jane Johnson 801-571-6355; 2nd Counselor Nicole Miles 801-568-7097; Secretary Marilyn Crapo 801-571-2114. We are anxious to serve and we ask you to call us with your concerns, suggestions, or news of activity or needs within the ward.

Our Stake Woman's Service project on Wednesday was a huge success. We were able to complete Womens Hygiene kits, New born Kits, School Kits, Dolls for Children's Hospitals, and many Quilts. The message we heard from the Sisters from Women without Borders made us very grateful for the blessings we have in living here where we have so so much.

We hope you all have a month of gratitude and love for your many blessings and have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your Families.

## FAMILY HISTORY

Natalie Nielson-Riep is the new ward **Family History Coordinator**. Please call her if you would like help with indexing, re-searching your history or figuring out New Family Search. 801-440-2799.

**Change in inevitable** and the time has come to change Editors of this newsletter. After eight years I am moving on to do the newsletter for the Relief Society. It has been a very learning experience for me and I am grateful for all I have learned both on the computer and about people. I am grateful to everyone who has helped me along the way and monthly contributed information to fill the newsletter. A new Editor has been called and I hope you will support her and make this an enjoyable experience for her. **Carinne James** will be working on the December newsletter. Email her at [carinneandadam@comcast.net](mailto:carinneandadam@comcast.net)

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## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday

- 2 Richard Haight
- 3 Sydney Eby
- 5 John Mahler— Debra Hawkins
- 9 Kyson Wilcox
- 11 Charles Schmitt
- 14 Elizabeth Rawlings—Isaac Miles
- 15 Janna Hook
- 16 Annette Webster
- 17 Betty Thomas
- 19 Shannon Curtis
- 22 Evelyn Farnsworth
- 23 Cole Lloyd
- 29 Carolee Vincent—Brooklyn Glauser
- 30 Michelle Cuburu — Jack Nydegger

### December

- 1 Joel Weight

### NON EMERGENCY NUMBER AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

801-743-7000

**WARD SEALING SESSION** at the Draper Utah Temple on Tuesday **Nov 15th @ 6:00pm**. Please arrive by 5:30 to be ready by 6:00pm.

Visit the temple for Endowment or Iniatory work sometime this month.

**THE NEXT DRY PACK CANNERY DATES ARE TUESDAY NOV. 1ST FROM 5PM TO 9PM, and DEC 10TH 1:00 TO 5:00PM.**

### EMPTY NESTERS:

Will meet this month on November 14th at 7:00pm at the home of Annette Webster. All Empty nesters are welcome!

## PRIMARY

Yearly Theme: I Know the Scriptures are True

November Theme: Reverence is love and respect for God

November Scripture: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." (Matthew 22:37)

Our Primary Activity in October was so much fun, such a huge success. Thanks so much to all who helped Brother Messerly, Brother Rigby, Sister Tiffany Pasker and the full time missionaries Elder Mead and Elder Reed. Also, all the teachers who came to help. It was so fun to see all our little primary missionaries and to experience some new countries and cultures. Hope you all enjoyed it as well.

This month is our Primary Sacrament meeting program on November 13th. If you haven't received your part you should soon. We will be practicing the 2 Sundays before the program. Please try to be there for practice and the program. We have a part for every child and love to hear from each one of them.

Thanks to Nicole for being a great primary teacher. We appreciate your service in our primary.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

We are sorry to report that Connie Baker's Mother passed away and Susan Milne's Father passed away in October. Our love goes out to these two families. Those wishing to contribute for a remembrance to Connie may give the money to Annette Webster, and those wishing to contribute for Susan give your money to Georgann Lloyd.