

WILLOW CANYON 1st WARD

DECEMBER 2012

THEME - GRACE

BISHOPRIC MESSAGE THE PRINCIPLE OF GRACE

Grace is one of the great mysteries and miracles of our Father In Heavens Plan. We cannot return to live with Him without His intervention on our behalf because we, as imperfect beings, fall short of perfection and require this saving principle to prepare us to live in the presence of God The Eternal Father and His Son Jesus Christ. It requires study and faith to understand and comprehend the supernal nature of this divine principle and its effect in our lives.

Nephi explains its significance in 2 Nephi, 25:23 "For we labor diligently to write to persuade our children, and also our brethren, to believe in Christ, and to be reconciled to God; for we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all we can do".

Our Eternal Salvation depends on this greatest of gifts bestowed on us by our loving Father In Heaven through our Redeemer even Jesus Christ His Only Begotten Son. The Bible Dictionary states, " This grace is an enabling power that allows men and women to lay hold on Eternal Life and exaltation after they have expended their own best efforts".

In order for Grace to be effective in our lives we must understand that we are totally dependent on divine intervention to receive the benefits of this divine, enabling power. Pres. Uchtdorf , in his Oct. 2011 general conference address, titled "You Matter To Him", discussed the importance of understanding our own nothingness compared to the greatness of God. He states, "But even though man is nothing, it fills me with wonder and awe to think that "The worth of souls is great in the sight of God".

For us to benefit from the "enabling power" of grace, in this life as well as participate in the blessings of a celestial Glory throughout eternity, we must acknowledge our dependence on our Father In Heaven and Savior Jesus Christ. Only they can bestow the gift of grace on us. We must do all that we can do. We must serve Him, love Him, repent, and live a life centered on His principles and commandments.

Pres. Uchtdorf further states, "Be assured that if you but hold on, believe in Him, and remain faithful in keeping the commandments, one day you will experience for yourselves the promises revealed to the apostle Paul: " Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him". (1 Cor. 2:9)

I don't know how the principle of grace works but I know that if I do all I can do, in this life, He will make up the difference, through the saving power of grace, so that I will be able to live with Him in a Celestial Glory. May all of us reflect on the birth of our Savior, even Jesus Christ, at this wonderful time of year. May your hearts and homes be filled with love and happiness together with your loved ones. "Oh Come Let Us Adore Him".

I testify that He was born in a lowly stable, lived to Exalt His Heavenly Father, then provided an atonement so that each of us may return to live with Him in His kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

With love, from your bishopric

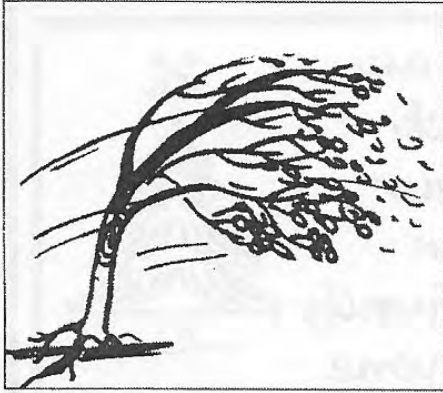
THEMES FOR WILLOW CANYON 1st IN 2013

- January - The Godhead
- February - The Plan of Salvation
- March - The Atonement of Jesus Christ
- April - The Apostasy and the Restoration
- May - Prophets and Revelation
- June - Priesthood and Priesthood Keys
- July - Ordinances and Covenants
- August - Marriage and Family
- September - Commandments
- October - Becoming More Christlike
- November - Spiritual and Temporal Self-Reliance
- December - Building the Kingdom of God in the Latter Days

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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*“Can you Sleep
when the
Wind Blows?”*



In light of the recent events and aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, we once again have a reminder to take mental and physical inventory of our personal and family preparedness level.

Ask yourself the following questions.

What can I do to be more prepared;

- **Physically?**
- **Financially?**
- **Spiritually?**

1 Nephi 3: 7, 16

“I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, . . . Wherefore, let us be faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord”.

- **Do I have a first aid kit ready and accessible?**
- **Do I have water stored, enough, easily, and safely accessible?**
- **Do I have fuel storage (heating and cooking)?**
- **Do I have food, ready to eat, enough to sustain for at least a week (without needing to cook)?**
- **Do I have cash, in small denomination and coin?**
- **Do I have LED lanterns, flashlights, candles, matches at the ready?**
- **Do I have tools (hammer, saw, screwdrivers, etc.)**
- **Do I have important medications available?**

Christmas is around the corner. This is an excellent time to visit the Sandy Dry Pack Cannery and stock up. Can extra for your married children as gifts (or bring your children with you). Make gift bags for family that contain emergency items that everyone needs.



Resources available:

- www.lds.org - go to resources then provident living.
- www.bereadyutah.gov.
- Emergency Essentials.
- The Ready Store.
- Grandmas Country Kitchen.
- Many other stores and web sites.

If you need help or have questions you can contact your Ward Preparedness Specialist or the Stake Preparedness Specialist, Annette Holdsworth (WC 8th ward—801-572-4567).

Our prophets have counseled us for many years to work on our physical, financial and spiritual preparedness. All around us are news events that are in the forefront. Let us take this time to add to our preparedness. Our prophet, President Thomas S. Mosen has counseled us not to despair “but be of good cheer with a brightness of hope”. Make this a matter of prayer and make a plan of action so that we we “Can sleep when the wind blows”

Can you sleep when the wind blows?

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EMPTY NESTERS

Join with the Empty Nesters as we read *Jesus the Christ*. Tamalge gives many revealing insights into the life of Christ. The activity will be dinner on December 10th at 6:00pm at the home of Terry and Jane Johnson. All are welcome.

SEALINGS

For your information, Sealings will be at 6:00pm the third Tuesday of each month unless otherwise notified.

YOUNG WOMEN

We'd like to thank the Young Women for their participation in the Young Women in Excellence program. The program was based around a courtroom drama. The girls were all found guilty for Standing As A Witness of Christ.

We are going to miss having Kira in our Young Women's. We love you and know that good things are in store for you!

We are also happy that Sophia has returned home from the hospital. We wish her recovery to continue to go well and we want you to know that we all love you and are praying for you!

Upcoming Activities:

Wednesday, Dec. 5 Combined with YM -Planning activity- Navajo tacos and scones.

Sunday, Dec. 9 YW Sacrament Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 12 PP with Julie

Wednesday, Dec. 19 Live Nativity

Wednesday, Dec. 26 No activity - enjoy your break

PRIMARY

Yearly Theme: Choose the Right

December Theme: Jesus Christ is the Son of God

November Scripture: "Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I am the life and the light of the world" (D&C 11:28)

We want to welcome Kaylin Nydegger to Primary as our new Chorister. We are so happy to have her and are excited to learn from her. Also, welcome Zach Rigby as a primary teacher.

Thank you to Micheal Jones for serving in the primary for so many years. We appreciate your dedication and work.

Congratulations to the recently baptized Zamara Pendleton, Kyson Wilcox and Brooklyn Glauser!

RELIEF SOCIETY

We have had many changes in the Relief Society this past month, and want to give a sincere thanks to all those sisters who have served us with their love and testimonies of the gospel. We also want to thank Jenn Johnson for putting together the mints class and for Ruth Clegg for allowing us to use her beautiful home.

As Christmas approaches, we want to wish each sister a Very Merry Christmas. We hope it will bring joy and happiness, as you share it with family and friends.

Remember "It isn't about presents, it's about His presence"

Love, The Relief Society Presidency

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

One of the major means of emergency preparedness is financial management. President Hinkley counseled the members often as did many other prophets in the past about getting and staying out of debt. As we approach the holiday season let us remember this wise counsel from our beloved prophets.

In the pamphlet "One for the Money-Guide to Family Finance" by Elder Marvin J. Ashton he stated. "Peace, contentment, love, and security in the home are not possible when financial anxieties and bickerings prevail."

Let's put forth our best efforts this holiday season by living within our means so that we may feel an abundance of gladness in our hearts by doing what is asked of us.

WEDDING

Laura Woodhouse and Floid Gilbert --- Dec. 15th.

CHOIR

Choir Practice will be at 9:30 am each Sunday until Christmas. If you will not be attending on December 23, join us anyway after we move to the Chapel. will be practicing for November at that time. See you there.

FAMILY HISTORY

Contact Natalie Nielson-Riep at [801-440-2799](tel:801-440-2799). She is also available for help with indexing.

BIRTHDAYS



December

- 1 Joel Weight
- 4 Matthew Miller
- 5 Allyn Thompson
Rita Kelly
- 9 Larry Curtis
Cristian Diaz
Jennifer McLain
- 10 Amanda Messerly
- 13 Dale Hanson
- 17 Erik Barnhart
John Williams
- 18 Dorothy Mahler
- 22 Marlene Baarz
- 23 Amber Williams
- 26 Lynn Jensen
- 28 Jean Lewis
- 29 Kurt Young
- 30 Scott Williams
- 31 Bob Thompson

January

- 3 Kaylee Whiteside
- 4 Doris Mendenhall

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

DATE FOR JANUARY
WILL BE

DECEMBER 22nd.

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auxiliaries contribute to
the newsletter.