

WILLOW CANYON 1ST WARD

MAY 2012

THE HOLY TEMPLE

Bishopric Message

"Naaman, a Syrian war hero, 'a mighty man in valour,' traveled from his native country to Israel and approached the king, Jehoram, to be healed of leprosy. Naaman was directed to the prophet Elisha. 'And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, ... and thou shalt be clean.'

Despite this prophetic promise to be cured, Naaman was offended that Elisha did not greet him in person and even more insulted with the prophet's direction to wash seven times in the small and muddy Jordan River. His pride demanded something more noteworthy and grand, something matching his stature and place in the community and nation. Fortunately for Naaman, his servants convinced him that regardless of what the prophet asked him to do, if obeyed, it would bring the Lord's blessings. Naaman washed himself in the Jordan River as directed and, as a result of his obedience, was cured of his leprosy.

Obedience to the Lord's commands, in spite of how trivial or unimportant we believe them to be, will surely bring His promised blessings."^[1]

Earlier in this dispensation many saints were asked to sacrifice much in order to build temples. Of the Kirtland temple, Heber C. Kimball wrote, "The Lord only knows the scenes of poverty, tribulation and distress which we passed through to accomplish it." Likewise, the story is told of John Moyle who worked as a stone mason on the Salt Lake temple through its entire construction, walking 20 miles every Monday from Alpine to Salt Lake City, and then back home on Friday. Even after an accident that required the amputation of his leg brother Moyle continued to make this journey on a home-made wooden leg.

President Thomas S. Monson said of these early sacrifices, "Why are so many willing to give so much in order to receive the blessings of the temple? Those who understand the eternal blessings which come from the temple know that no sacrifice is too great, no price too heavy, no struggle too difficult in order to receive those blessings. There are never too many miles to travel, too many obstacles to overcome, or too much discomfort to endure."^[2]

From a good vantage point in our neighborhood we can see two, or even three temples illuminated at night. Like Naaman, our commandment is simple. We aren't required to walk 20 miles to the temple, nor are we required to subsist on cornmeal while working in the temple. There is much work to be done in the temple and we merely have to make the time to show up. It is possibly even simpler than washing seven times in a muddy little river. For many, the sacrifice is in "making", not "finding" the time to attend.

President Monson continues, "Until you have entered the house of the Lord and have received all the blessings which await you there, you have not obtained everything the Church has to offer. The all-important and crowning blessings of membership in the Church are those blessings which we receive in the temples of God."^[2]

For those that currently have a temple recommend we challenge you to attend the temple every WEEK in the month of May, and to commit to regular temple attendance thereafter. For those that have let their recommend lapse or have not received their own endowment we challenge you to do whatever is necessary for you to receive a recommend. Joy will be found in the service of the Lord within the walls of His house. As we serve within the temple we will better "understand that the saving ordinances received in the temple that permit us to someday return to our Heavenly Father in an eternal family relationship and to be endowed with blessings and power from on high are worth every sacrifice and every effort."^[2]

Your Bishopric

References:

1 When the Lord Commands, Bruce A. Carlson, April 2010 Conference

2 The Holy Temple - A Beacon To The World, President Thomas S. Monson, April 2011 Conference

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PRIMARY

Yearly Theme: Choose the Right

May Theme: I Choose the Right When I am Baptized
and Confirmed a Member of the Church

May Scripture: "Repent, and be baptized every one of
you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of
sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy
Ghost." (Acts 2:38)

As you can see that warm weather really is coming,
meaning Summer and the end of School is just around
the corner. Keep in mind the "School's out Parade and
Picnic" it will be on Wed. June 6th at 4pm. We will be
starting in Eastpoint Circle to decorate our bikes and
ending at the Rigby's house for Hot Dogs and Rootbeer
floats.

Welcome to Laura Woodhouse as our new Primary
Music Leader. We want to thank her for accepting this
call and she has been wonderful. Also welcome Lars
Johnson as a primary teacher.

If any family did not get a Primary music CD, let us
know. We gave them out to the oldest child in the
family at the beginning of the month. There is one per
family. Hope you are all enjoying listening, singing
along and getting ready to sing these songs for our
Primary program.

WEDDINGS

Kyle & Adrienne (Gifford) Nydegger --- May 4th

Brian Morris & Ashley Jones --- May 12th

Allison Milne & Cameron Caviness --- May 25th

Stephanie Thompson & Jake Mangum --- June 27th

Elizabeth Milne & Mark Truman --- July 7th

Taralynn Thompson & Chris --- August 31st

EMPTY NESTERS

The Empty Nesters will meet Monday, May 7th at
7:00 PM at the home of Annette Webster. They will
continue the exciting studies of Elder Talmage's "Jesus
the Christ".

YOUNG WOMEN

All YW activities are held on Wednesdays at the church at 7:00 p.m.,
unless otherwise indicated.

May 2: Tea Party at Emily Lloyd's house. Come Dressed up for the
occasion!

May 9: "The Grammy's" Award Night Dinner with our "grandmas"

May 16: Combined YM/YW hike/dinner

May 23: Stake YW Transition Night for graduating YW. Activity for
non-graduating YW to be announced

May 30: Spa Night

We adore your girls and are grateful for what they each contribute
to the YW program and to our lives personally. They are incredibly
strong and valiant young women.

Parents, please look over your daughters' Personal Progress
requirements. Assist them in working toward and completing these
valuable goals.

Looking Ahead: Youth Conference is coming up next month. It will
be held at Snow college this year June 29th & 30th.

CONGRATULATIONS

Bruce and Vivienne Sullivan have received their
mission call to the Spain Madrid Mission.

They will leave October 8th. Thanks for your willingness
to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

MOTHERS DAY

Upon the shoulders of you mothers rests, in a great measure, the responsibility of correctly developing the mental and moral powers of the rising generation....I have often said it is the mother who forms the mind of the child. Take men anywhere, at sea, sinking with their ship, dying in battle, lying down in death almost under any circumstances, and the last thing they think of, the last word they say, is "mother". Such is the influence of woman.

- Wilford Woodruff



MOTHERHOOD

. . . IS THE HIGHEST, HOLIEST SERVICE TO BE ASSUMED BY MANKIND. IT PLACES HER WHO HONORS ITS HOLY CALLING AND SERVICE NEXT TO THE ANGELS.

- David O. McKay

BIRTHDAYS



Jennifer Mitchell	May 6
Dorothy Schmidt	8
Luke Weight	8
Jane Johnson	10
Tammie Dusoe	12
Janis Kershaw	13
Robert Reynolds	23
Bryan Kent Vincent	23
Sharon Allen	25
Annie Clegg	26
Diane Clark	27
Todd Lloyd	28
Kelly Ellis	28
Ray Bierman	29
Evah McMullin	30
Kara McLesky	31
Bob Schildmeyer	June 2
Amber Weight	3

**NEWSLETTER
SUBMISSION
DATE FOR JUNE WILL BE
MAY 29TH.**

**PLEASE FORWARD YOUR
AUXILIARY INFORMATION
TO ANDREA MARX AT:**

sistermarx.@hotmail.com

**It is desired that all the
auxiliaries contribute
information to the
newsletter.**

My name is Deanna Nielsen and I have recently been called as the Emergency Preparedness Specialist for our ward. I personally have appreciated all that our former specialist, Charlene Farr, has done and hope to be able to provide you with the "bare necessities" to prepare you in times of emergencies.

The biggest necessity to life is water. I'll never forget a statement from a person in a flooded region- "I'm surrounded by all this water and I don't have a drop to drink!" The human body is made up of more than 50% water. You continue to lose water even at rest. This is why it's essential to have water replacement within 3 days in order to survive. It is recommended to have 1 gallon/person/day and to have at least a 3-day supply.

Things that contribute to loss of water are: perspiration, physical activity, altitude, stress, illness, injury, consuming foods high in fat, protein and salt, and drinking carbonated beverages and caffeine drinks.

How to conserve water in an emergency:

1. STAY out of the sun.
2. WALK and work only at night, or at dusk and dawn, staying still and covered during the day.
3. DON'T RATION water. Drink it as you need it; reducing consumption DOES NOT cut the body's need, or the rate at which it consumes water.
4. DON'T DRINK urine or water contaminated by minerals. Use unpotable water to cool the skin.
5. KEEP your clothes on. Stripping them off invites sunburn and speeds dehydration by allowing sweat to freely leave the body.
6. STAY OUT of the wind. Breezes increase evaporation and thus dehydration.
7. DON'T EAT. Digestion requires water, stealing it from elsewhere in the body.

GOOD Sources of Water

Fresh-flowing streams. Purify
Freshwater lakes. Purify
Dew. Pure when it condenses.
Rain. Pure before it hits the ground
Snow and Ice. Boil first
Groundwater. Purify
Water stored in vines, barrel cactus,
and other plants. Pure from plants.

BAD Sources of Water

Urine- contains harmful
body wastes. Increases
dehydration.
Blood. May carry diseases.
Contains salt.
Seawater. Increases
dehydration.
Water holes that have a
chemical shine or smell
Water from lakes that do not
drain.

Even with good sources of water, the water needs to be purified through one of the following processes and/or a combination of: commercial filters, chlorine solution, iodine tablets or drops, and boiling.

A new product is out on the market that is compact and treats up to 300 gallons of water. You can also test your "treated" water to make sure it's drinkable. The kit costs \$29.95. Once you treat your water with this product it's good for 5+ years. If you have your water stored and treated properly, it can be good up to 20 years.

Use food-grade Polyethylene plastic water storage containers from supply stores to use for your water storage. NEVER use milk or fruit juice containers- the protein and sugars cling to these, offering bacteria a nice place to grow.

I will be providing an order list for the product mentioned above outside the Relief Society Room beginning May 6. When everyone has had an opportunity to place their order, I will then collect your money and make the purchase. I might be able to get a discount pending the quantity ordered.