

WILLOW CANYON 1st WARD

FEBRUARY 2013

THEME - PLAN OF SALVATION

The youth spent January learning about the Godhead. While talking about the savior, one of the questions posed in our quorum was "What has Jesus Christ done for you?" Understanding the Savior's role in the Plan of Salvation as taught in "Preach My Gospel" can help answer this question.

Because of their choice to partake of the forbidden fruit, Adam and Eve "were cast from the garden and out of God's physical presence. This event is called the Fall. Separation from God's presence is spiritual death. Adam and Eve became mortal—subject to physical death, or separation of the body and spirit... This made it possible for them to learn and progress. It also made it possible for them to make wrong choices and to sin. In addition, they could now have children, so the rest of God's spirit children could come to earth, obtain physical bodies, and be tested. Only in this way could God's children progress and become like Him."

"Because of the Fall of Adam and Eve, every person on earth has an imperfect, mortal body and will eventually die. If not for the Savior Jesus Christ, death would end all hope for a future existence with Heavenly Father."

"Along with physical death, sin is a major obstacle that keeps us from becoming like our Father in Heaven and returning to His presence... During our life on earth each of us makes mistakes... Because of our sins, we are unable to return to live with Heavenly Father unless we are first forgiven and cleansed... As with physical death, we cannot overcome the effects of sin by ourselves. We are helpless without the Atonement of Jesus Christ."

These are two major obstacles that we are powerless to remove in our efforts to return to live with our Heavenly Father, and yet "God's whole purpose—His work and His glory—is to enable each of us to enjoy all His blessings." To that end, "He has provided a perfect plan to accomplish His purpose."

"Before the world was organized, our Heavenly Father chose Jesus Christ to be our Savior and Redeemer. The atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ made it possible for us to overcome the effects of the Fall... Because of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we will all be resurrected regardless of whether we have done good or evil in this life."

"To fulfill the plan of salvation, Christ paid the penalty for our sins. He alone was able to do that. He was called and prepared in pre-earth life. He was the literal Son of God in the flesh. He was sinless and completely obedient to His Father."

"The Atonement included His suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane and His suffering and death on the cross, and it ended with His Resurrection. Though He suffered beyond comprehension—so much so that He bled from every pore and asked whether it were possible that this burden be lifted from Him—He submitted to the Father's will in a supreme expression of love for His Father and for us. This triumph of Jesus Christ over spiritual death by His suffering and over physical death by His Resurrection is called the Atonement."

What a blessing that our Heavenly Father provided a perfect plan of happiness and that we can have hope through the atonement of Jesus Christ.

The Bishopric's Message

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PRIMARY

Yearly Theme: I am a Child of God

February Theme: The Earth was Created for Heavenly Father's Children.

February Scripture: "We will make a earth whereon these may dwell; and we will provide them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them." (Abraham 3:24-25)

Thank you to Debbi Bierman for serving so many years in primary. We hope you enjoy the scouts.

We want to welcome Manette Murri and Deana Nielson as our two newest primary teachers.

NEW FAMILY IN WARD

Welcome to the Alexander and Melanie HOF family. The children are Jacob (7), Melissa (5), and Winona (3). Congratulations to the Primary. The family is living in the Sullivan's home on Eastpoint Circle.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The second point Elder Ashton talks about in the pamphlet "One for the Money" deals with managing money before it manages you. Pertinent questions asked in the beginning are made by a prospective bride. However the 2 most important questions should be discussed together as a couple, for after all, finances should be "mutual between husband and wife." If you as a couple are having struggles with this concept, there is a budget chart on page 7 you can refer to. Many studies have concluded that finances are one of the top reasons for divorce or unhappiness in a marriage. Our goal should be to work towards financial peace of mind.

If you haven't received a copy of this pamphlet, please contact Sister Deanna Nielsen for one. For those who are working on their weekly preparedness goals you're almost half way through. January's goals include: 72-hour kit container (backpack, etc.), checking batteries in your smoke detector, place a flashlight next to your bed and another location (check batteries), and add 1 ½ gallons water/person to the 72-hour kit. After this month, you're halfway there!

SEALINGS

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

RELIEF SOCIETY

RELIEF SOCIETY ACTIVITY
PLANNING MEALS
GIVEN BY CRYSTAL WEIGHT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
7:00 pm
AT THE CHURCH



Love, The Relief Society Presidency

The STAKE'S "Give 50 Challenge"

The Stake Presidency encourages you to place your "Give 50 Challenge" on the stake website with an email to sandyeaststake@gmail.com. You may also read the challenges given by other stake members and offer additional ideas for challenges at that site.

EMPTY NESTERS

Join with the Empty Nesters as we read *Jesus the Christ*. Tamalge gives many revealing insights into the life of Christ. We will meet February 11th at 7:00 pm at the home of *Merrill and Ronee Scott*. All are welcome.



WILLOW CANYON 1st WARD CONFERENCE
will be held Sunday, February 17, 2013

FAMILY HISTORY - INDEXING

Contact Natalie Nielson-Riep [801-440-2799](tel:801-440-2799) for ideas and help.

BIRTHDAYS



February

- 3 Olivia Ann Bawden
Samantha Ellis
Jay Nielsen
 - 4 Darin Olsen
Julie Ann Bawden
Ryker Reynolds
 - 5 Ruth Clegg
 - 6 Ron Baker
 - 7 Harry Mills
 - 9 Taralynn Thompson
 - 10 Donna Rose
 - 12 Joshua Ellis
 - 13 Priscilla Trujillo
 - 14 Mont Bishop
Sophia Larson
 - 15 Elizabeth Morrison
Matt Pendleton
 - 16 Brenda Miller
 - 17 Ralph Tolman
 - 19 Ryker Olsen
 - 20 Jill Rigby
Klarissa Wells
 - 21 Marie Thompson
Clay Williams
 - 26 Strider Curtis
 - 27 Glen Ebmeyer
Lee Guest
Alec Jones
 - 28 Kyle Anderton
- March**
- 3 Erika Weight

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

DATE FOR MARCH WILL BE
FEBRUARY 26TH.

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