

WILLOW CANYON 1st WARD

MARCH 2013 THEME - THE ATONEMENT OF JESUS CHRIST

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"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

The greatest life ever lived on this earth was the life of Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Redeemer and the ultimate accomplishment of His life was His infinite atonement. Anyone who has ever lived, or will live, on this earth will be a recipient of this most incredible gift designed by a loving Heavenly father, fulfilled by The Saviors sacrifice. Many will live their earthly life without knowing and understanding the blessing of the atonement until they are living in the spirit world. We have the amazing privilege of knowing what the atonement is and we can benefit from its effects, constantly, throughout our mortal existence.

Stephen Robson, in his book *"Believing Christ"*, states: *"If we believe only in Christ without believing Christ, then we are like people sitting in cold, dark houses surrounded by unused lamps, and heaters, people who believe in electricity but never throw the switch to turn on the power. People like this often pretend to themselves and to others that merely believing in electricity makes them warm and gives them light, but they still shiver in the dark unless they turn on the power."*

We have the ability to turn on the power of the atonement in our own lives and we do it by faith, service, commitment, activity and adherence to the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I love this quote by David A. Bednar from a talk *"The atonement and journey of mortality"*, *"The enabling power of the atonement strengthens us to do and be good and to serve beyond our own individual desire and natural capacity."*

The power of the atonement not only lifts the weary, cleanses the repentant soul, and lightens our burdens but it moves us, in a very real way, toward the light and into the presence of our loving Heavenly Father. As we turn on the power of the atonement our lives are changed and we are blessed to help implement the atonement in other peoples lives. The atonement increases our capacity for love and selflessness but we must be willing to move beyond our present level of activity, commitment, and service. It is our *doing* that enables the power of the atonement to become an integral part of our lives.

Pres. Monson said in his Christmas message Dec. 2011, *"Because He came to earth we have a perfect example to follow. As we strive to become more like Him, we will have joy and happiness in our lives and peace each day of the year. It is His example, which if followed, stirs within us more kindness and love, more respect and concern for others."*

In my own life the power of the atonement has come from the *doing* not the saying or even just the knowing. To this I testify and express our deep and abiding love for each of you. May this Easter bring you peace and a greater understanding of the atonement. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Your Bishopric.

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PRIMARY

Yearly Theme: I am a Child of God

March Theme: Jesus Christ is Our Savior.

March Scripture: "Hearken ye to these words.

Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world." (D&C 43:34)

Congratulations to Holly Miles on her baptism last month. We are very proud of her.

This year the primary kids are working on memorizing all 13 Articles of Faith. We also issued a challenge to the kids to pass one off last month. I hope they are all working hard because once they pass them off they get a "Big 13" bar. They have all year to pass them off with their teachers.

Keep up the good work!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

In order to manage our finances we, as individuals, whether married or single all need to learn self-discipline and self-restraint in money matters. This is the third point of discussion in Elder Aston's pamphlet. One way that has helped a lot of people is to ask the question, "Do I want this?" or "Do I need this?" before you make a purchase. Elder Ashton emphasizes how easy it is in our society to become enticed in buying things on credit or on time. They never mention the high rates of interest you'll also be paying. A debt-elimination calendar chart is listed on page 5 (of Elder Aston's pamphlet) that might help those who are struggling in this area.

Our weekly preparedness goals for March are: adding \$10 cash to our 72-hour kit, 4 rolls toilet paper, 1 bar soap and stress relief factors (i.e. books, coloring books, games, etc.)

SEALINGS

We will plan on sealings the 3rd Tuesday in March which will be the 19th.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

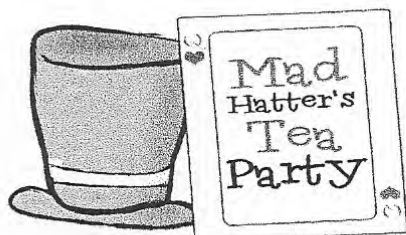
APRIL 6TH & 7TH

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS - MARCH 17TH

FAST SUNDAY IN APRIL - APRIL 14TH

RELIEF SOCIETY

THE WILLOW CANYON 1st WARD SISTERS ARE INVITED TO A



CELEBRATING THE RELIEF SOCIETY COMMEMORATION
TUESDAY, MARCH 26th

6:30 PM

VISITING TEACHING INTERVIEWS
SUNDAY, MARCH 17th

If you haven't signed up for a time, see Marilyn Crapo.

Kathy Barnhart's surgery on her hand went well; we wish her a quick recovery.

Thank you to all who helped with the Johnson funeral, our prayers are with Jane and her family.

YOUNG WOMEN

February was a fun month full of Personal Progress, New Beginnings, Mysteries, and Baptisms. We had the opportunity to be introduced to the new girls that will be joining the Young Women this year. We enjoyed seeing a slideshow of the girls and are excited to have them join us.

Upcoming Activities:

March 6: Service Project

March 13: Christmas Box House

March 20: Joint Activity/Broom Hockey

March 27: Al's Bakery

WEDDING BELLS

FOR MEGAN PASKER

JUNE 22nd TO

ZACH ROBERTSON

EMPTY NESTERS

Join with the Empty Nesters as we read *Jesus the Christ*. We will meet March 11th at 7:00 pm. Contact Ronee Scott for location 801-571-4952.

FAMILY HISTORY - INDEXING

Looking for a 50 thing to do? How about finding 50 ancestors or indexing for 50 hours? Natalie Nielson-Riep can help. [801-440-2799](tel:801-440-2799)

BIRTHDAYS



March

- 3 Erica Weight
- 7 Shauna Strong
- 13 Eliza Rigby
- 14 Susan Johnson
- 16 Charlene Farr
- 18 Robert Rawlings
Emilie Wright
- 22 Rebecca McLain
- 23 Kristy Jones
- 24 Arianah Cowgur
Kevin Pasker
- 25 Mary Visser
- 27 Elaine Shaw
- 28 Lynn Nelson
Brandon Pasker
- 29 Barbara Pasker
Susan Milne

April

- 1 Maxine Boulter
Spencer Ellis
Jim Hanson
David Jones
- 3 Dresden Curtis
Doug Jensen
- 5 Taylee Johnson
Jared Rigby
- 6 Margaret Moffitt
- 14 Bill Allen

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

DATE FOR APRIL WILL BE
APRIL 9TH.

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It is desired that all the
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newsletter.