

WILLOW CANYON 1st WARD

MAY 2013 THEME - PROPHETS AND REVELATION

For many people the word "Revelation" sounds mysterious, ominous, grand, or beyond reach. Fortunately, we know this is not true. Elder David A. Bednar stated:

"Revelation is communication from God to His children on the earth and one of the great blessings associated with the gift and constant companionship of the Holy Ghost. The Prophet Joseph Smith taught, 'The Holy Ghost is a revelator,' and 'no man can receive the Holy Ghost without receiving revelations' (Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith [2007], 132).

The spirit of revelation is available to every person who receives by proper priesthood authority the saving ordinances of baptism by immersion for the remission of sins and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost—and who is acting in faith to fulfill the priesthood injunction to 'receive the Holy Ghost.' This blessing is not restricted to the presiding authorities of the Church; rather, it belongs to and should be operative in the life of every man, woman, and child who reaches the age of accountability and enters into sacred covenants. Sincere desire and worthiness invite the spirit of revelation into our lives." (*The Spirit of Revelation: Ensign*, April 2011)

In a world that is continuously bombarding us with different messages, many of which are contrary to revealed truth, how can we receive and recognize revelation? Elder Bednar has also taught:

"Revelation is communication from God to His children here upon the earth. Sometimes those messages come quickly and rather dramatically. I've compared that to a light being turned on in a dark room where very suddenly the darkness is expelled and you can see everything in the room quite clearly and brilliantly. I would suggest that that pattern of receiving messages from God is more rare than common. A second pattern is when the light comes gradually, much like the rising of the sun. You can discern the increase of light on the horizon but never all at once. This pattern of revelation I would suggest is more common than rare.

Sometimes, receiving revelation is like a foggy day. There is enough light that you can tell it's not darkness anymore. It's not night, but it's not brilliantly illuminated. You can see just enough to take a few steps ahead into the cloudiness. I don't know about other people but it occurs that way for me all the time. There's enough to just take a few steps, and then the light continues to help me see just far enough ahead that I can continue to press forward." (*Patterns of Light: Part III: David A Bednar, lds.org*)

The scriptures show a multitude of ways revelation can come, including enlightening the mind (Alma 32:28), guiding and protecting from deception (D&C 45:57), recognizing and correcting sin (John 16:8), telling us what to do (2Nephi 32:1-5), carrying truth to the heart of the listener (Alma 24:8), and giving us feelings of love, joy, peace patience, meekness, gentleness, faith, and hope (Gal 5:22-23)

Alma, a prophet, spoke frankly about receiving revelation, "And how do ye suppose that I know of their surety? Behold, I say unto you they are made known unto me by the Holy Spirit of God. Behold, I have fasted and prayed many days that I might know these things of myself. And now I do know of myself that they are true; for the Lord God hath made them manifest unto me by his Holy Spirit; and this is the spirit of revelation which is in me." (Alma 5:45-46)

Elder Richard G. Scott affirmed this pattern in the latter days when he said, "Communication with our Father in Heaven is not a trivial matter. It is a sacred privilege. It is based upon eternal, unchanging principles. We receive help from our Father in Heaven in response to our faith, obedience, and the proper use of agency." (*How to Obtain Revelation and Inspiration for Your Personal Life* April 2012)

May we each live worthy of the great blessing of revelation in our own lives and listen for the still small voice that will lead us to happiness and eternal life.

Your Bishopric.

RELIEF SOCIETY

SANDY UTAH EAST STAKE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
MAY 11, 2013 9:30 TO 11:30A.M.

All Sisters are invited to this event. It will be two hours of pure enjoyment and good food.

Meg Johnson will be the Key note speaker. Meg is a quadriplegic and her accomplishments and attitude will be an inspiration to everyone. Please wear Sunday Dress as this will be in the Chapel.

Sisters please remember if you have not done your service project, to call your sister to make arrangements to give of your talent or ability to her.

There are many *Angels Among Us* so be aware of the acts of kindness and love that are being performed, then write them down and put them in the box in the hall by the Relief Society Room.

Many thanks to Nelson and his assistant Kim Leshner for their demonstration and knowledge they shared with us Tuesday on Dutch Oven Cooking. The Potatoes and Pineapple upside down cake were delicious and it helped us better understand the art of Dutch Oven Cooking. Thanks to both of you for sharing your experiences with us.

As a Presidency, we love and appreciate all of you sisters and we thank you for your support and cooperation in our callings. Without your help we could not do it.

Our love, to you, Donna, Jane, Nicole & Marilyn

WEDDING BELLS

KELLY ELLIS MAY 18th TO JARED HANSEN

SHANNON (she goes by SHAUN now) RICKS is getting married May 25th in the Draper Temple. to JEREMY TRITCHLER

MEGAN PASKER JUNE 22nd TO ZACH ROBERTSON

BIRTHDAYS



May

- 2 Ron Hansen
- 3 Russ Messerly
Terry Williams
- 4 Rick Morris
Steven Riep
Matthew Baker
- 5 Tom Nunly
Kaylin Nydegger
Stefan Wells
- 6 Jennifer Mitchell
- 7 Conner Mc Mullin
- 8 Dorothy Schmidt
Luke Weight
- 10 Jane Johnson
- 11 Cherie Keith
- 12 Tammie Dusoe
- 13 Janis Kershaw
- 14 Melanie Hof
- 17 Tomas Huerta
- 19 Rachel Bierman
- 23 Robert Reynolds
Kent Vincent
- 25 Sharon Allen
- 26 Annie Clegg
- 27 Diane Clark
- 28 Todd Lloyd
Kelly Ellis
Rene Huerta
- 29 Ray Bierman
- 30 Evah Mc Mullin
- 31 Kara Mc Leskey

EMPTY NESTERS

Will meet on Monday, May 13 at 7:00. We are reading "Jesus the Christ". Call Ronee Scott for details.

HAPPY 
MOTHER'S
Day! 
MAY 12th

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES TO THE WARD

Marion Stoof residing at
Elder Gary & Sister Susan
Johnson's home
9655 Eastpoint Drive;

Kyle and Addy Nydegger
living at the Nydegger's
home
9564 Shoshone Ave.;

Tomas & Bibiana Huerta
with children Melissa 8,
Thomas 7,
Rene 5, & Daniel 4, living
at 9434 S 1400 E.

STAKE ITEMS ON THE CALENDAR

- MAY 11 - STAKE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
- May 18 - WALLSBURG CAMP CLEANING ASSIGNMENT
- May 18 - SANDY PRIDE DAY
- MAY 24 - WELFARE ASSIGNMENT
- JUNE 2 - STAKE GENERAL PRIESTHOOD MEETING

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

May 2013

For those of you who have young children, have you begun to teach them how to work as well as how to earn money? One of the best examples for children to see where a paycheck goes is the following:

One payday the parents took the paycheck and received cash for the net pay. Then at a family home evening they put the money in a pile and wrote on a dry erase board all the bills that had to be paid up front including tithing. They would have the children count out the money and put it in the pile for that bill. When all the money was taken out for the above, they had the children count up the money that was left over (which was not very much) and discussed what they could do with it. The children learned a very important lesson that night. They realized that there isn't a money tree where you can pick money from every time you needed some. When a child is given chores to do to earn something they really want, they will value what they worked for all the more rather than just give them whatever they want whenever they want. It will also help them set goals for things they want to do in the future - like missions, college, marriage, etc. Teaching children how to work will be one of the greatest gifts a parent can ever give their child.

I hope you all were able to take advantage of the case lots sales the grocery stores had during the weeks leading up to conference and the week after. If you missed out, mark your calendars for the next time so you will be better prepared.

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PRIMARY

Yearly Theme: I am a Child of God

May Theme: Prophets Teach us to Live the Restored Gospel

May Scripture: "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." (Amos 3:7)

We had such a blast at our Primary "Pancake and Pajama Party". So glad to see so many primary children and teachers there. Thanks for making it a fun morning!

Welcome our new teachers in primary Stefan Wells, Elizabeth Rawlings and Brook Tuft.

Thanks to Charity Wilcox, Scott Williams, Zac Rigby, and Gary Johnson for serving in primary as teachers. You will all be missed.

Every family should have received a CD of the songs for the primary program. We are challenging the kids to listen to it for 8 times over the next 3 months. Don't let that be the end, continue to listen and learn those songs. The CD will be very helpful in preparation for our primary program in the fall.

Thank you, Chrystal Weight

FAMILY HISTORY - INDEXING

Summer is a great time to learn about your family history at family gatherings. It's also a great time to write your history to share with your children and grandchildren. I would love to hear about your stories in the fall.

Natalie Nielson-Riep

SEALINGS

Our ward temple night for sealings is scheduled for Tuesday May 20th at the Draper Temple. The session will start at 6:00 PM.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

DATE FOR MAY WILL BE MAY 28TH.

PLEASE FORWARD YOUR AUXILIARY INFORMATION TO ANDREA MARX AT:

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