

WILLOW CANYON 1st WARD

SEPTEMBER 2013 THEME - COMMANDMENTS

COMMANDMENTS

We can learn fundamental truths from our primary songs and one that gives a clear message is simply titled, "Keep the Commandments". Verse 1 states: "Keep the commandments: keep the commandments! In this there is safety: in this there is peace". I love the reminder of the blessings that will come to each of us when we keep our Father In Heavens commandments.

Adam and Eve were given commandments to guide them and bless their lives, Gen. 1:28, "And God blessed them and God said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth,...." Then gave further commandments in Gen. 2:17, "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." The generations of the earth have had commandments to guide them from the very beginnings of the earth's creation. Adam was also commanded to perform sacrifices and his example of complete obedience is recorded in Moses 5:6, "And after many days an angel of the Lord appeared unto Adam, saying: why dost thou offer sacrifices unto the Lord? And Adam said unto him: I know not, save The Lord commanded me.

Obedience to the commandments keeps us safe from Satan's power and influence. The blessing of obedience has eternal consequences that make it possible to return to the presence of our Father In Heaven and dwell with Him throughout eternity. In The Gospel Of Jesus Christ, we obey commandments and go a step further by making covenants with our Father In Heaven. When we participate in the ordinances of baptism, partake of the sacrament and participate in the temple, we make specific covenants (promises) associated with each of those ordinances. There are also specific promises and blessings the Lord gives to us as His part of the covenants we make. We need to study, pray and live righteously, to keep those covenants, so that our Father In Heaven can bestow those blessings on us.

Elder Robert B. Hales gave a talk in April conference in 1996 titled "If Thou Wilt Enter Into Life Keep The Commandments". He stated "Some may ask , Why did the Lord give us commandments? In premortal councils, He determined that we, His spirit children, would be given commandments by which to live our mortal lives,". "These commandments are loving instructions provided by God our father for our physical and spiritual well-being and happiness while in mortality. Commandments allow us to know the mind and will of God regarding our eternal progression. And they test our willingness to be obedient to His will. The commandments are not a burden or restriction. Every commandment of the Lord is given for our development, progress, and growth. The prophet Joseph Smith taught. "God has designed our happiness. ...He never will institute an ordinance or give a commandment to His people that is not calculated in its nature to promote that happiness which He has designed" (Teachings of the prophet Joseph Smith, sel. Joseph fielding Smith [1976], 256). Elder Hales further states, " As you know keeping the commandments is a lifetime effort! Let us be faithful and courageous in keeping His commandments as we have covenanted to do."

Brothers and sisters, may we find the peace that comes, as the primary song teaches, that comes from keeping the commandments.

Mos. 2:41, "And moreover, I would desire that ye should consider on the blessed and happy state of those that keep the commandments of God."

Your bishopric

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PRIMARY

Yearly Theme: I am a Child of God

September Theme: I will serve God with all
my Heart, Might, Mind, and Strength

September Scripture: "Thou shalt love the
Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy
might, mind, and strength; and in the name
of Jesus Christ thou shalt serve him" (D&C
59:5)

We would like to thank Sister Brook Tuft for
her service in the primary. It was great
having her as a teacher for the older
children.

Parents, please remember that our primary
program will be on November 10th and any
help that you can give the children with
learning the songs would be greatly
appreciated.

September 7th at 10:00 AM will be our big
primary party. This will be at Jane and Kelly
Johnson's home. This will be a lot of fun and
the children will be doing challenges where
they will be getting dirty so please make sure
that they wear their old clothes. We would
love to see all of your children there so
please mark it on your calendar.

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.

SEALINGS

Our Ward Temple night for sealings will be
Tuesday, September 16th. The session will start
at 6:00 PM.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

After listening to reports of those affected by the Rockport fires, we can't help but ask ourselves if we are prepared for an emergency, be it fire, earthquake, etc. One area in which we need to be prepared is discussed in the following scenario:

Emergency Document Storage and Safekeeping

Why Protect Documents Imagine your door bell rings in the middle of the night and an officer says you have 5 minutes to evacuate because a large wildfire is heading your way. You and your family grab your 72 hour kits and safely evacuate. Later you realize you left your phone and don't have the phone numbers of family and friends memorized to ask for assistance. Your wallet was also left sitting on your dresser. Your bank won't let you access your money without identification. If you could even find the phone number of your insurance agent you would have a hard time proving what you once owned since all of your belongings and carefully saved receipts have been reduced to ash. Similar events happened last summer to people in Utah and a fire or other disaster could happen here too.

A failure to effectively document your assets and protect important documents could result in a denial of your insurance claim in the aftermath of a personal or community disaster. Storing important contact information in a place you can easily take with you such as bank contact numbers, insurance agent numbers, etc will make it much easier for you to reestablish your life in the aftermath of a disaster and get back on your feet. To do this we suggest that you:

- * Take a digital photo inventory of all of the assets in your home and property and store them in a safe location or possibly multiple locations, with at least one being at an off-site location (internet cloud, home of family member, etc).
- * Copy and store all important documents so that you can easily grab them in an emergency or store them off-site.
- * Keep a list of important contact numbers in your emergency kit so that this information is readily available to you after a disaster.

RELIEF SOCIETY

The Visiting Teaching message for this month has been on Welfare. It states that Relief Society has a worldwide reach as sisters extend charity, the pure love of Christ. Moroni 7:46 - 47 ".....if ye have not charity, ye are nothing, for charity never faileth. Wherefore, cleave unto charity which is the greatest of all, for all things must fail---- but charity is the pure love of Christ, and it endureth "forever and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with him."

The mini classes this month have taught us much about canning and emergency preparedness. We thank the sisters who presented these classes for our benefit and learning.

A reminder to all sisters of the upcoming General Relief Society Meeting on the 28th of September beginning at 4:00pm where we will listen to counsel from our General Relief Society Presidency and have dinner together and work together on a service project. More details will follow but mark the date on your calendar and plan to be there.

Stake Conference will be September 15th at 10:00am

Fast Sunday will be September 1st and September 29th due to General Conference on October 5th and 6th.

Super Saturday is scheduled for October.

Annual Mint making is scheduled for November.

The Bishopric is asking for an emphasis on donating to the Ward Missionary fund. If you are donating to the Perpetual Education Fund or General Missionary fund-please change to the Ward Missionary fund as the need is extremely needed for the next few months.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Friends of Scouting campaign is going on. The scouts and scout leader will be out on Saturday, September 7th collecting donations. We encourage you to donate generously to a worthy organization that helps boys become men and gives them an opportunity of learn skills and knowledge that will last a lifetime.

WARD AND STAKE EVENTS

STAKE CONFERENCE IS SEPTEMBER 14TH (BROADCAST) AND
15TH (BROADCAST)

STAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL FIRESIDE IS SEPTEMBER 22ND

GENERAL RELIEF SOCIETY MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 28TH

FAST SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 29TH

GENERAL CONFERENCE IS OCTOBER 5TH AND 6TH

CHOIR

Check with Ronee Scott for times and locations in September.

EMPTY NESTERS

Empty Nesters will be on Monday, September 16th at Jane Johnson's home at 7:00 PM. We are reading from Talmage's "Jesus The Christ". Any empty nesters may join us.

BIRTHDAYS



September

- 5 Angela Trujillo
- 6 Reiko Hilton
- 7 Edwin Mc Lain
Sandy Reynolds
Joseph Viehweg
Alexander Hof
- 8 Veronica Trujillo
- 9 Merrill Scott
Tori Weight
Kyle Nydegger
- 10 Michael Jones
Robert Marx
- 11 Lane Clark
- 12 Perry Tucker
- 13 Andrea Marx
- 15 Daniel Huerta
- 16 Zamara Pendleton
- 19 Paul Visser
Michael Mc Leskey
Dave Hilton
- 20 Seth Wells
- 22 Mary Deming
Suzanne Morris
- 23 Danielle Fritzsche
- 28 Adam Jones
Rachelle Wells
- 29 Jordan Wright
Georgann Lloyd
- 30 Roger Sullivan

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

DATE FOR OCTOBER WILL BE SEPTEMBER 24TH

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