

WILLOW CANYON 1st WARD

MARCH 2014 THEME - THE ATONEMENT OF JESUS CHRIST

Moroni 7:41 *"And what is it ye shall have hope for? I say unto you that ye shall have hope through the atonement of Christ and the power of his resurrection..."*

This scripture is a wonderful opening statement for a message regarding the Atonement of our Savior Jesus Christ. The Atonement, universal and a free gift to everyone, is unique to each individual. We all have personal experiences and deep feelings of love and gratitude as we experience the effects of the Atonement and develop a personal relationship with our Savior. Jesus Christ was the only one who could provide this saving experience but it is our responsibility to make the Atonement personal and real in our life.

In my studies of the Book Of Mormon, this year, I have focused on the teachings related to the Saviors life and The Atonement and would like to share a few of those teachings by those inspired prophets. In Lehi's first recorded vision Nephi states in 1 Nephi 1:9, *"And it came to pass that he saw One descending out of the midst of heaven, and he beheld that his luster was above that of the sun at noon-day"*. In 1 Nephi 10:6 Nephi shares a specific purpose for having a Savior on the earth. *"wherefore all mankind were in a lost and fallen state, and ever would be save they should rely on this Redeemer."* The hope of the atonement is discussed in 1 Nephi 22:28,30 *"But, behold all nations kindreds, tongues, and people shall dwell safely in the Holy One Of Israel if it so be that they will repent. ...they testify that a man must be obedient to the commandments of God."* Alma the younger and the sons of Mosiah had a profound experience and received firsthand knowledge of the effects of the Atonement which motivated them to have an everlasting change of heart. Mosiah 29:27, *"My soul hath been redeemed from the gall of bitterness and bonds of iniquity. I was in the darkest abyss; but now I behold the marvelous light of God. My soul was racked with eternal torment; but I am snatched, and my soul is pained no more."* All who follow the counsel of the Lord and look to Him as their Redeemer and Savior, will receive a great hope and be cleansed by His atoning blood to live with Him forever.

When I reflect on the blessings and promises associated with the Plan of Salvation, through the Atonement, I find the promises of the oath and covenant of the priesthood found in D&C 84:33-38 to be the greatest of all gifts. Verse 38 states *"...all that my Father hath shall be given him"*.

Elder David A. Bednar, in an article titled *"The Atonement and Journey Of Mortality"*, made the following statement: *"The gospel of the Savior is not simply about avoiding bad in our lives; it also is essentially about doing and becoming good. And the Atonement provides help for us to overcome and avoid bad and to do and become good. Help from the Savior is available for the entire journey of mortality-from bad to good to better to change our very nature."* (Ensign April 2012).

My dear brothers and sisters, it is my greatest hope that each of us will know the reality of the divine nature of Jesus Christ and return to the Father by partaking of the supernal blessings through the Atonement of Jesus Christ. I know that it is only through the Atonement that we can find true happiness and reach our divine purpose to live with our Father In Heaven and His Son Jesus Christ throughout eternity.

We express our love to each of you and testify to the truthfulness of the teachings of the Atonement.

Your bishopric

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FAMILY HISTORY - INDEXING

Don't go to the temple alone. Take a family member. Contact Natalie Nielson-Riep for help with Family History.
[801-440-2799](tel:801-440-2799).

PRIMARY

Yearly Theme: Families are Forever

Monthly Theme for March: Jesus Christ is our Savior

Scripture for March: "We have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world"

(1John 4:14)

The children have been doing great learning the scriptures so far and we hope that they will continue this. We appreciate all the help and support you as parents give in helping the children with this.

Young Girls Activity Days:

March 11th - "Getting to know you"

March 25th - Service Project

YOUNG WOMEN

March Activities:

March 5 - To be announced

March 12 - Personal Progress

March 19 - Etiquette dinner. YW in charge

March 26 - Skin spa

Girls camp - June 10th-13th.

Please make payments by writing "girls camp" under "other" on a tithing slip. The cost is \$80.00.

We have encouraged the girls to participate in earning a portion of this cost, and if additional financial assistance is needed, please talk with Bishop Milne.

SEALINGS

March 18th: Contact Lee Guest for time.

RELIEF SOCIETY

Connecting with Sisters through Service

"We are the Lord's hands here upon the earth, with the mandate to serve and to lift His Children. He is dependent upon each of us." --- President Thomas S. Monson

Relief Society Commemoration

Be anxiously engaged in service

Tuesday, March 11th

6:30 pm Dinner

Guest Speaker:

Sister Simmons with **Hearts Knit Together**
Service Project-tying fleece blankets

Donated Items Needed:

School Bags - pastels

Jingle Boxes

Baby Head Bands

Flower Clips

Donated items are needed all year.

We would like to thank Jennifer Johnson for her service to the Relief Society. Welcome Shelly Glauser to the Relief Society Board.

BIRTHDAYS



March

- 3 Erika Weight
- 7 Shauna Strong
- 13 Eliza Rigby
- 14 Susan Johnson
- 16 Charlene Farr
- 22 Rebecca Mc Lain
- 23 Kristy Jones
- 24 Kevin Pasker
Arianah Cowgur
- 25 Mary Visser
- 26 Eliana Riep
- 28 Brandon Pasker
- 29 Susan Milne
Barbara Pasker

CHOIR

We will meet each Sunday at Mary Bye's at 1:00 pm. We perform an arrangement of "I am a Child of God" at Ward Conference on March 16. Our number includes a children's chorus and a men's and women's chorus. We will practice that day at 8:30 and no 1:00 practice. All ages and skill levels welcome.

Messiah Orchestra Rehearsals Underway

As part of the Stake Handel's Messiah Community Sing-in, we're looking for instrumentalists to play in the orchestra. Rehearsals will be held during March and April at the Roseboro chapel on Saturdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. (except General Conference Saturday). The performance is on Sunday, May 4.

If you have questions or need more information about the orchestra, please call Chelsea Madsen at (801) 572-6326.

Mark your calendars and plan to be part of this year's Messiah Community Sing-in.

EMPTY NESTERS

Our March meeting will be the 10th at 7:00 pm with Jane Johnson hosting. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month and welcome any Empty Nesters to join with us.

WARD AND STAKE EVENTS AND NEWS

CES Devotional for Young Adults - March 2, 2014

First Ward Conference - March 13, 2014

Combined Women's Conference - March 29, 2014,
6:00 PM

Fast Sunday - March 31, 2014

General Conference - April 5th & 6th

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

DATE FOR APRIL WILL BE MARCH 25th
PLEASE FORWARD YOUR AUXILIARY INFORMATION TO ANDREA MARX AT:
sistermarx@gmail.com

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

THE DAY TO SPRING FORWARD FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS IS
MARCH 9, 2014.

SPRING IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON
MARCH 20TH AT 12:57 P.M. EDT

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January 29, 2014

Dear Sandy East Stake Ward Members:

The Sandy East Stake is participating in a blood drive with ARUP Blood Services on Thursday, March 20th from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the cultural hall located at 1600 E. Buttercup Road, Sandy, UT 84092.

Your gift of life can benefit patients at University of Utah Hospital, Huntsman Cancer Hospital, Primary Children's Hospital, Shriners Hospital for Children, and the South Jordan Health Center.

ARUP Blood Services is a non-profit blood collection center and serves the only two children's hospitals in Utah. Blood used for babies cannot be more than five days old. This creates an ongoing need for fresh donations. Your commitment to donate on Thursday, March 20th can make a big difference in someone's life.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, please contact

Kirk ARNOLD at 801 571 7225 OR 385-242-9908
Ward Representative Phone

Be sure to bring a picture I.D. when you go to donate.

Also, if you have any questions regarding donating blood, please call 1-800-242-2787 ext. 2485. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,



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