

WILLOW CANYON 1st WARD

MAY 2014 THEME - PROPHETS AND REVELATION

My first remembrance of choosing between my standards as a Mormon and temptation came, not surprisingly, in middle school. I got invited to a party with the 'popular' kids who were all my neighbors and friends. There was a girl I liked and she was there. Suddenly we were downstairs and then this bottle appeared and started spinning on the floor. What the heck was going on! The next thing I remember was the girl I liked holding my hand and leading me somewhere to kiss me. Augh! I fled. It wasn't easy to flee either. We were downstairs and I was unfamiliar with the house. I really wish I had a video of this now. I remember people laughing and I remember not being able to find the right door. I can't really say if my standards kicked in, or if I was just confused and scared or just afraid? But I left and that ended my entire career in the popular group. The humiliation was great. It's funny to think about it now - but it set a precedent for me. The next moment came near the end of High School. My 4 good friends and I were being recruited by fraternites at the U. A couple of my friends had high connections and were really being recruited. I remember being asked if I was a Mormon. The minute I said yes, I was no longer invited. It all ended. So while they were going to parties at the University to join a fraternity. I was preparing to serve a mission in Australia. After 5 years of spending every moment together with these guys - it all ended because of my choice to serve the Lord. Even a couple of years ago I was asked if I wanted playoff tickets to a Green Bay Packer playoff game in famed Lambeau Field! It was on a Sunday. That was easy to say no - I had the faith and the courage to not even hesitate. When we pray as a family I always ask the Lord to bless my kids with faith AND courage to choose the right. I think it takes both.

I love the following story by President Monson:

I believe my first experience in having the courage of my convictions took place when I served in the United States Navy near the end of World War II. Navy boot camp was not an easy experience for me, nor for anyone who endured it. For the first three weeks I was convinced my life was in jeopardy. The navy wasn't trying to train me; it was trying to kill me. I shall ever remember when Sunday rolled around after the first week. We received welcome news from the chief petty officer. Standing at attention on the drill ground in a brisk California breeze, we heard his command: "Today everybody goes to church—everybody, that is, except for me. I am going to relax!" Then he shouted, "All of you Catholics, you meet in Camp Decatur—and don't come back until three o'clock. Forward, march!" A rather sizeable contingent moved out. Then he barked out his next command: "Those of you who are Jewish, you meet in Camp Henry—and don't come back until three o'clock. Forward, march!" A somewhat smaller contingent marched out. Then he said, "The rest of you Protestants, you meet in the theaters at Camp Farragut—and don't come back until three o'clock. Forward, march!" Instantly there flashed through my mind the thought, "Monson, you are not a Catholic; you are not a Jew; you are not a Protestant. You are a Mormon, so you just stand here!" I can assure you that I felt completely alone. Courageous and determined, yes—but alone. And then I heard the sweetest words I ever heard that chief petty officer utter. He looked in my direction and asked, "And just what do you guys call yourselves?" Until that very moment I had not realized that anyone was standing beside me or behind me on the drill ground. Almost in unison, each of us replied, "Mormons!" It is difficult to describe the joy that filled my heart as I turned around and saw a handful of other sailors.

The chief petty officer scratched his head in an expression of puzzlement but finally said, "Well, you guys go find somewhere to meet. And don't come back until three o'clock. Forward, march!"

As we marched away, I thought of the words of a rhyme I had learned in Primary years before:

Dare to be a Mormon;

Dare to stand alone.

Dare to have a purpose firm;

Dare to make it known.

Although the experience turned out differently from what I had expected, I had been willing to stand alone, had such been necessary.

Have a great week!

The Bishopric.



RELIEF SOCIETY

Our activities day last week went very well as we learned some crocheting techniques and made Jingle boxes for the Hearts Knit Together project. We have some very accomplished Crochet professionals in the ward as Reiko Hilton, Terri and Amber Williams were the teachers.

Coming up on May 18th at 7pm. is an adult fireside featuring Dr. Matt Townsend. Matt will be speaking on "Relationships" and all adults are invited to attend. We all have relationships with our spouses, children, inlaws, parents, co-workers siblings etc. This subject will relate to every adult so please arrange your time to attend. He is entertaining and humorous. It will be at the Stake Center.

We would like to remind all the sisters that Marion and Marilyn go to the temple every Thursday morning and would like to invite any of you who would like to go to call either one of us and we will pick you up at 9:00am Thursday morning. We are home by about 12:20pm. We would love your company and we have names from Dorothy Mahler to do the proxy work for.

May 11th is Mother's Day and we want to wish all the Mothers in the Ward a very happy Mother's Day. You are all just the best and we love you.

Willow Canyon 1st Ward Relief Society Board Members

Please mark your calendars for this special date:

You are invited to a dinner honoring your service to our sisters In Relief Society. Place: Donna Strong's Date: Wednesday, May 21st Time: 6:30

BIRTHDAYS



May

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

CUB SCOUTS

PACK MEETING MAY 28
6:30 PM in the primary room
of the stake center.

MISSIONARY ADDRESSES

Elder Bruce and Sister Vivienne Sullivan
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Elder Zach Rigby
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Elder Nelson and Sister Kim Leshner & Elder Jerry and Sister Charlene Farr
Ensign Ranch Mission
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Missionaries Called:

Sister Sarah Jones, MTC 7/2/14
Texan Houston South Mission

Sister Samantha Ellis, MTC 7/9/14
Costa Rica San Jose Mission

PRIMARY

Yearly Theme: Families are Forever

May Theme: Families are blessed when they follow the Prophet

May Scripture: "Be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets" (2 Peter 3:2)

We would like to welcome Kelly Ellis to primary as a teacher. We would also like to thank all of our teachers and workers for their time and service in the primary. It is such a wonderful experience to work with the children in the ward.

YOUNG WOMEN

March Activities

May 7: Baptisms for the dead (leave at 5:15)

May 14: Movie night at the Weights'

May 21: Picnic/games at park with YM

May 28: Temple walk

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For employment opportunities and information please contact

Lane Clark info@SmashCRM.com or call at home [801-571-7857](tel:801-571-7857)

YOUNG MEN

Book of Mormon Challenge - The Priests and Teachers quorums are reading the Book of Mormon over the next 60 days.

The Deacons quorum will be reading the New Testament.

Help encourage our young men to accomplish these goals!

CHOIR

Come join us. We will meet each Sunday at Mary Bye's at 1:00 pm except for the Sundays we perform. All ages and skill

WEDDING BELLS

Congrats to Lindsey Nielsen and Kim Tillie who will be married on July 1st.

EMPTY NESTERS

We will be meeting May 12th at 7:00 pm. Marion Stoof is hosting. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month and welcome any Empty Nesters to join with us.

Attend the Messiah Community Sing-in is this evening, May 4

The Stake is presenting a Handel's Messiah Community Sing-in is this evening, Sunday, May 4 at 7 p.m. in the Stake Center. The hour-long performance includes a choir, orchestra and soloists. Bring your own copy of the music to join in on some of the choir selections.

This is a great event to share with your friends and neighbors of other faiths--bring them along!

SEALINGS

WE have scheduled Tuesday May 20th from 7 - 8 PM at Draper Temple to do sealings as a ward. We have plenty of names (individuals) to do work for. This is a wonderful opportunity to attend the temple, and to relax and enjoy the spirit that comes from serving those who are waiting to be sealed.

WELCOME TO THE WARD

Gwen Brant who is Nelson Leshner's sister.

Kristen Kelly, Niece to Georgann Lloyd. She will be living at the Lloyds.

FAMILY HISTORY - INDEXING

Contact Natalie Nielson-Riep for help with Family History. [801-440-2799](tel:801-440-2799).

WARD AND STAKE EVENTS AND NEWS

Messiah Sing-In May 4 6:00 PM

Mother's Day - May 11, 2014

Stake Priest/Venture Activity May 14, 6:00 PM

Stake Adult Fireside - May 18th 7:00 PM at the Stake Center - Speaker Matt Townsend

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

DATE FOR JUNE WILL BE MAY 27th.
PLEASE FORWARD YOUR AUXILIARY INFORMATION TO ANDREA MARX AT:
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