

# Indian Ridge Ward

December 2015 – Our Gift to the Savior

In a few days, Christians around the world will remember the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As I thought about what to write for December's Ward Newsletter, I made a list of topics. As I studied the list, I asked myself a question: which topic would be the Savior's favorite?

The following scriptures came to mind.

"... my blood shall not cleanse them if they hear me not." D&C 29:17

"Thou shalt declare repentance and faith on the Savior." D&C 19:31

"Thou art angry, O Lord, with this people, because they will not understand thy mercies which thou hast bestowed upon them because of thy Son." Alma 33:16

"Say nothing but repentance unto this generation." D&C 11:9

The Savior died so that you and I can repent of sin (sins of commission and omission). His atoning sacrifice is his gift to us, repentance is our gift to Him.

One of my favorite scriptures on repentance emphasizes how often the Lord is willing to forgive; this verse also makes an important clarification what the Savior expects from those who repent.

"As oft as they repented and sought forgiveness, with real intent, they were forgiven."  
Moroni 6:8

As oft as you and I repent with real intent we are forgiven (I'm referring to sin that won't affect our standing in the church). No wonder the Lord said, "Say nothing but repentance unto this generation."

When we properly repent we are free from sin in the eyes of the Lord. In other words, we are justified or pardoned from punishment we would otherwise receive.

Two questions:

1. How often do we need to repent?
2. How often will the Lord apply His atoning blood for our sins?

Both of these questions can be answered by how often the emblems of the sacrament are offered Church members (almost weekly). The Atonement is continuous, our repentance should be continuous as well.

Hugh Nibley, a Church scholar writing about the need for continuous repentance, offered the following insight:

"Who is righteous? Anyone who is repenting. No matter how bad he has been, if he is repenting he is a righteous man. There is hope for him. And no matter how good he has been all his life, if he is not repenting, he is a wicked man. The difference is which way you are facing. The man on the top of the stairs facing down is much worse off than the man on the bottom step who is facing up. The direction we are facing, that is repentance; and that is what determines whether we are good or bad." Hugh Nibley, *Approaching Zion*, pg. 301-302

Followers of Christ need to understand and utilize the mercies which have been bestowed upon them because of the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Those who do will one day hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

Merry Christmas!

-Your Bishopric

## 2016 Monthly Sacrament Themes

January	Atonement, Keep Sabbath Day Holy
February	Marriage, Family, Love your Neighbor
March	Restoration of the Gospel, 3 Nephi, Alma, 2 Nephi 2 & 9
April	Charity, Tithing, Fast Offerings
May	General Conference Talks
June	Freedom in America (one Sunday), Missionary Work
July	Book of Mormon (2 Nephi 2 & 9)
August	Service, Faith, Keep Sabbath Day Holy
September	Teaching of the Prophets
October	Temple, Priesthood Ordinances
November	The Great Plan of Happiness
December	Life of Christ

# Relief Society

A very warm welcome to each of our Relief Society Sisters. It has been so exciting to meet all of you and want to get to know each of you on a more personal level. We hope to have a picture and a few pieces of information about each of us that we can add to our get-to-know you directory in the near future. We appreciate everyone that has accepted visiting teaching assignments and we pray this opportunity will bless each of us as we get to know each other.

Our Relief Society Activity in November was a success and want to give a special thanks to Shelly Glauser for her time and talents that were put forth in making this activity a success. It was fun to see each of you and appreciate all those that helped with the luncheon.

We are excited to have two Sister missionaries returning this month. Sister Sarah Jones will be returning from the Texas Houston South Mission and Hermana Samantha Ellis will be returning from the Costa Rica, San Jose East Mission. We are grateful for their service and look forward to hearing about their wonderful experiences. Thank you to those who have provided meals for our area missionaries. If you haven't had the chance and are able to take the opportunity to get to know and feed our area missionaries when sign-ups come around, it is a wonderful service.

This Christmas season we want to express a BIG THANK YOU to all those that have donated to the Sub for Santa for the Burmese Refugees in the Inner City Columbus Branch. If you would still like to contribute, this is such a worthy cause and money can be given to Gary or Susan Johnson.

As we enter this holiday season, it is important to remember that not everyone is surrounded by large wonderful families. Some have problems during the holidays, financial, emotional, physical or spiritual and are overcome with great sadness. Some may be remembering those they love most who are no longer with us and many are besieged with loneliness. Let us not forget our Care Center ward members and we all need caring, loving, serving minds and hearts to support and lift one another's burdens. We are so grateful to you for the prayers and the continuous service you extend to each other. May we each pray and ask specifically to know how we can be an answer to someone's prayer and when we receive promptings that we will respond with our actions.

We love you and we pray for you!

Love Vivienne, Kaylin, Kelly, Gina

# Primary



Yearly Theme:

I know my Savior lives

December Theme:

I know my Redeemer lives

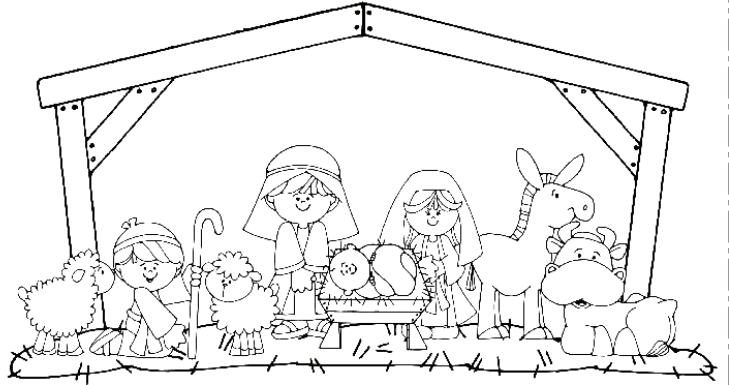
December Scripture: “And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony last of all, which we give of him:

That he lives!” (D&C 76:22)

We are excited to now be the Indian Ridge Ward and are happy to see that our Primary has grown. We look forward to getting to know each other and are glad for the opportunity of working with your children.

We would like to thank all of the children for being so willing to serve this month. They had the opportunity to help with a Sacrament meeting at the Care Center and also made little gifts and cards for them to help them enjoy the holidays. The children also made the ornaments that will be used to decorate the trees for our Christmas party. Our theme for November was “When we serve others, we serve God.” We love to watch the willingness of the children and the wonderful examples they set for us all.

The Primary Presidency



And Santa whispered, “**Teach the children the true meaning of Christmas.**”

**The Star:** A heavenly sign of prophesy fulfilled long, long ages ago — the shining hope of mankind.

**Red:** The first color of Christmas symbolizing the Savior’s sacrifice for all.

**The Fir Tree (Evergreen):** The second color of Christmas shows everlasting life. The needles point heavenward.

**The Bell:** Rings out to guide lost sheep back to the fold — signifying that all are precious in the eyes of the Lord.

**The Candle:** A mirror of starlight reflecting our thanks for the Star of Bethlehem.

**The Gift Bow:** Tied as we should all be tied together in bonds of goodwill forever.

**The Candy Cane:** The shepherd’s crook used to bring lambs back into the fold — a reminder that we are all our brother’s keeper. The shape is also a “J” to represent Jesus’ name. The color white stands for the pureness of Jesus. The color red represents the blood Jesus shed for us.

**The Wreath:** A symbol of the never-ending eternal nature of love . . . having no beginning and no end.

## Young Men

### Teachers/ Priests

#### Wednesday, December 9

Temple Square - Meet at Brother Glauser's home at 6:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, December 16

YM/YW Combined activity  
7 p.m. at the church

No activities on December 23 and 30

**Have a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!!!**

Just a reminder that we need to set up chairs each Sunday morning at **10:30 a.m.** through the end of the year.

## Young Women

#### Wednesday, December 9

Temple Square Christmas Lights

#### Wednesday, December 16

YW/YM Combined Activity  
Distributing fruit baskets

#### December 23 and 30

No activities

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Enjoy your Christmas break and time with your families. We are so grateful for all the Young Women. We love you!

## Provident Living

Check out the Stake blog:  
[Plainandsimplesolutions.blogspot.com](http://Plainandsimplesolutions.blogspot.com)

## Missionary Addresses

### Sister Sarah Jones

comes home December 18th

### Hermana Samantha Josie Ellis

comes home this month

### Elder Jared Rigby

(Mississippi Jackson Mission)

1875 Burnham Road

Brandon, MS 39042

### Gary and Susan Johnson

(Inner City Mission, Columbus Branch)



## Cub Scouts

Pack meeting will be on Dec 9th at 4:00 p.m. We will be singing Christmas carols at the Care Center. The den leaders will be arranging rides. No parents or families at this pack meeting. Please make sure that the boys wear their scout shirts. Merry Christmas from the Cub Scouts!

## Empty Nesters

Family Home Evening will be our annual Christmas Potluck and held on December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Gary and Susan Johnson  
(801-432-8475) will be hosting.  
We welcome all Empty Nesters to join us on the second Monday of each month.

## Happy Birthday!!!



### December 2015

- 1 Joel Weight  
Barbara Wightman
- 2 Luc West
- 4 Mackenzie Glauser
- 4 Matthew Miller
- 5 Jeanene Clayton  
Rita Kelly  
Allyn Thompson
- 9 Larry Curtis  
Jennifer McLain
- 10 Amanda Messerly  
Hannah Marie North
- 11 Scarlett Mila North  
Marie West
- 13 Dale Hanson
- 17 Chloe Smith  
John Williams
- 18 Dorothy Mahler
- 19 Logan McLeskey
- 22 Marlene Baarz
- 23 Amber Williams
- 24 Liam Ellis
- 26 Lynn Jensen
- 28 Kristina Ellis
- 29 Nick Taylor  
Kurt Young
- 30 Joseph Leo Olsen  
Scott Williams
- 31 Bob Thompson

### January 2016

- 1 Warren Metcalf
- 4 Doris Mendenhall

## Upcoming Welfare Assignments

**Thursday, January 14th - Deseret Dairy**  
from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
5 individuals needed to do packaging

**Friday, February 19th - Sandy Bishops' Storehouse**  
from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Our Ward also has assignments to help **clean the Draper Temple** on Tuesday, March 22nd, and Friday, March 25th, from 10:00 p.m. to Midnight. We need 9 members on each evening.

**Please contact Michael Jones at 801-580-7075 or [jeastpoint@msn.com](mailto:jeastpoint@msn.com) if you can help.**

A big thanks to all who contributed to the

### Sub for Santa

for the Burmese Refugees in the Columbus Branch.  
If you would still like to donate, please give your money to Gary or Susan Johnson.

The Bishop is also handling a local Sub for Santa family if you would like to donate for that.

Just put "Sub for Santa" in the "Other" spot on the donation slip.

### Please Update

your email address and phone numbers in the Online Directory.

Go to **LDS.org**

- ~ Sign in with your Username and Password
- ~ Stake and Ward Directory
- ~ Household
- ~ Edit

Put in email addresses and phone numbers (cell phones too) Thank you!



## AN INVITATION TO ALL THOSE WHO LOVE TO SING

We practice on the third Sunday of each month, the day of our performance.

The practices are in the chapel  
from 10:15 am to 10:50 am.

For the most part we sing from the hymn book,  
using a more advanced piano arrangement.

This makes our practices and performances simple and painless  
but still enjoyable for the choir members and the congregation.

December 20th will be our ward Christmas performance.

We will be singing two hymns “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by  
Night” page 211 and “Angels We Have Heard on High” page 203, both from  
the hymn book.

We have invited the Primary children to sing a Christmas medley as well. The  
chapel will be available on the 20th so we can have an extra fifteen minutes  
for practicing our two songs, so come at 10 a.m.

Please come join our ward choir.

PRACTICE TIME: Sunday December 20th, 10:00 a.m.

PERFORMANCE: Sunday December 20th, 11:00 a.m.

### Employment

For employment opportunities  
and information, please contact  
Lane Clark at: [info@SmashCRM.com](mailto:info@SmashCRM.com)  
or call him at his home at:  
801-571-7857.

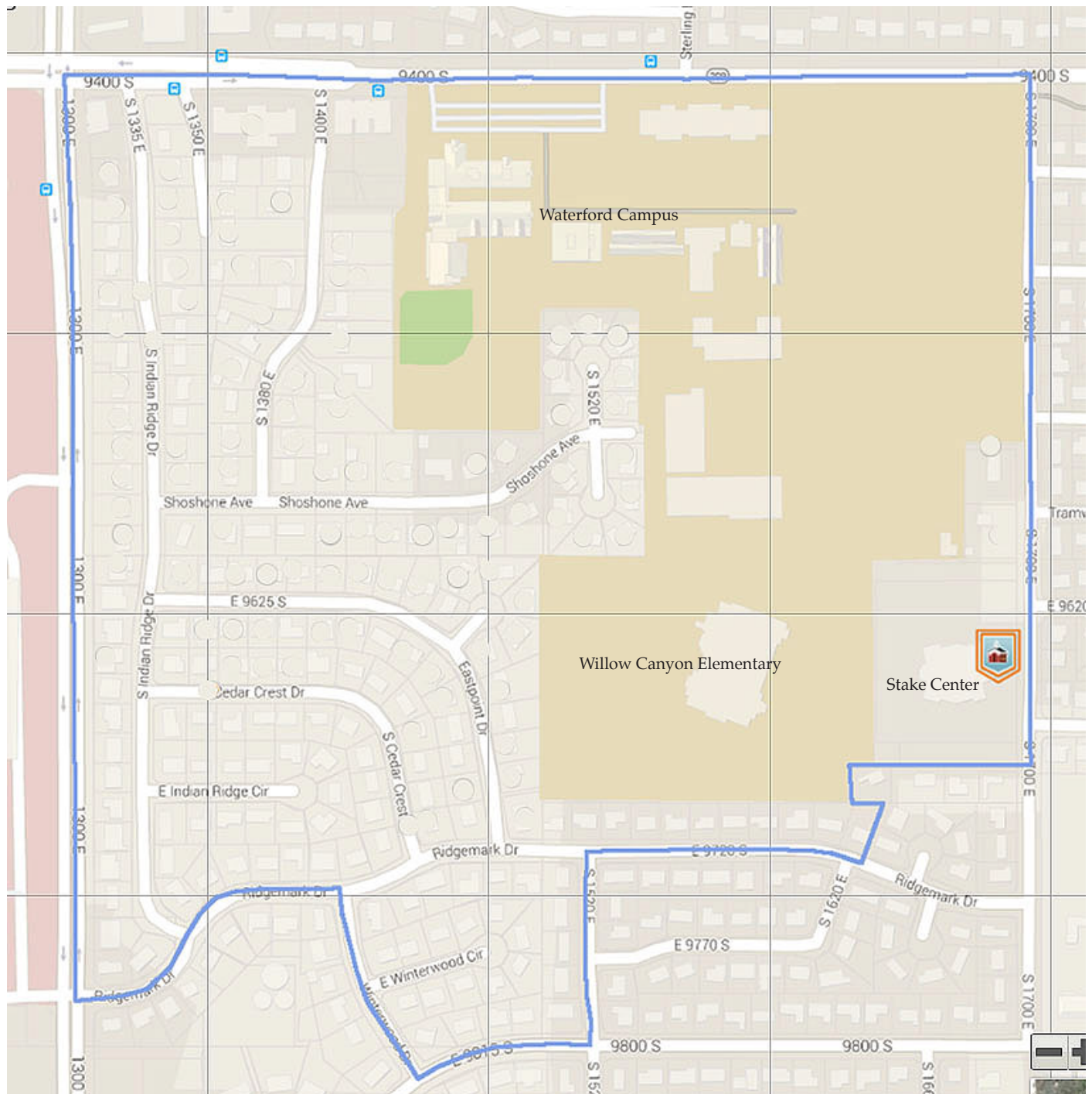
### Newsletter Submissions

Please submit your contributions  
for the January newsletter  
no later than December 28th  
to [dbmahler@velvetshadow.com](mailto:dbmahler@velvetshadow.com)  
**All auxiliaries are encouraged  
to contribute to the newsletter each month.**

# Indian Ridge Ward

Just in case there were some ward members unable to attend the stake meeting when the newly-named Indian Ridge Ward boundaries were identified, here is a map that should help define it.

What a great opportunity this change has been to bring more wonderful people into our ward family!







**Jennifer Milne is representing Jordan High School and collecting Boxes of Cereal and your spare Winter Coats.**

**Leave your coats and/or a box of cereal on your doorstep for me to collect on Monday evening December 7**

***These items will be used to help those in need at Midvale Middle and Midvale Elementary School this Christmas Season. These will be Christmas gifts for many families.***