

# Willow Canyon First Ward

June 2015 – The Priesthood

The theme for the month of June is priesthood and priesthood keys.

In considering the passing of Elder L. Tom Perry, I thought I would spend some time studying his teachings regarding the priesthood. Following are a few of the gems from Elder Perry found on lds.org:

“The priesthood gives mankind the power to act as agents for the Lord on earth in performing His sacred ordinances, leading His Church... It establishes policy, procedure, and has the authority to perform the sacred ordinances of our Father in Heaven’s kingdom. It has always existed and will always exist.”

“When the Lord makes an oath He puts His own reputation and feeling on that oath to be correct, and He’ll live up to that oath. Now, a covenant is strictly an agreement between two parties, the Lord on one side and man on the other side. So the oath comes by His putting His full weight behind it, His whole being, His whole power, and a covenant is that agreement between the two.”

“One of the greatest responsibilities [of quorums] is teaching fathers their duty and responsibility as presiding officer in the home and how [to] handle that particular assignment and do it with the most sacredness, the greatest spirit, the greatest encouragement, and the greatest enthusiasm they can possibly have in building that home in the proper way,”

“The family will be presided over by the father, the priesthood bearer. And he will tie generations together as we go forward. . . . Can you think of a more glorious opportunity than being led by your own father in the eternities to come, and having the opportunity as a father in leading your children as they go forward?”

“Any priesthood bearer that doesn’t respect motherhood doesn’t honor his priesthood, and I think it should be taken away from him. The respect and honor we give our sweet companions is one of the great responsibilities we have as a priesthood bearer... He should be certain the children are taught to honor and respect their mother”

“The Lord gave [mothers] the greatest assignment on earth. He entrusted unto women the opportunity of bringing forth His children to the earth. They have more influence on that life than anyone else... The Lord distinguished between [fathers and mothers] so that the two would work in concert one with another, so

the blessings of the priesthood, in oneness, in unity, and harmony apply to both.”

“No man leads this Church. It is the Savior’s Church, and He leads through priesthood authority by delegating to one person [the President of the Church] that power and authority, and he [the President] delegates to others the operation of the Church here on earth.”

“All confusion is taken out of the doctrines and teachings because it all comes back to one head to interpret the doctrines in a way that is for the benefit [of the Saints] and the way that the Savior would want it.”

“We have this great article of faith, the fifth article of faith. ‘We believe [that] a man must be called of God’ . . . that’s the way He governs those who are called. They’re not called [at] random, they are called by inspiration and prophesy by those who are in authority to ‘preach the gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.’ So it’s a direct line that comes to the people through inspiration by the Lord on those called to exercise the priesthood.”

Each of these quotes and more may be found in a four-part article, including video excerpts, entitled “Elder Perry on the Priesthood” on lds.org.

I was about seven when my home lost our faithful priesthood holder as my parents divorced. While my own father has been loving and attentive at fulfilling his duties as a father and now grandfather, he would not do so as a priesthood holder. Thanks to faithful home teachers, a good bishop, and faithful extended family members, we were never denied the blessings of priesthood power in our home.

My grandfather baptized me and later conferred the Aaronic priesthood. He would give us blessings every year before school. My brother was able to confer the Melchizedek priesthood upon me. Our home teacher, who was busy as our stake patriarch, even helped me with a pinewood derby car one year. I was then able to serve a mission and learn from good companions and other mission leaders how to better magnify my own calling in the priesthood.

As it is for everyone, getting married was a new adventure. I felt keenly insecure about my duties as a husband, father, and patriarch. I was looking for an example of that role that I could emulate. Again, the Lord blessed me with everything I needed as I served in callings with a faithful bishopric, including a cousin that was a great example of a patient, loving, kind patriarch that is in an equal partnership with his wife.

The pattern continues and I'm constantly grateful and humbled to be able to serve with, and especially learn from, some of the noble and great ones. Occasionally overcoming the static friction of the natural man and becoming anxiously engaged is difficult, but it never fails that the reward is orders of magnitude greater than the effort required to engage in priesthood service.

I'm grateful for the wisdom of our Father in allowing mankind to exercise "the power of God delegated to man by which man can act in the earth for the salvation of the human family." (Joseph F. Smith) In the April 2012 Conference President Monson said, "The priesthood is not so much a gift as it is a commission to serve, a privilege to lift, and an opportunity to bless the lives of others." I believe that in so doing, as we lose ourselves in that service, we find the true meaning of our lives. "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." (Matt. 16:25)

Lest women feel ignored, I include this quote from Elder Oaks from April 2014, "We are not accustomed to speaking of women having the authority of the priesthood in their Church callings, but what other authority can it be? When a woman—young or old—is set apart to preach the gospel as a full-time missionary, she is given priesthood authority to perform a priesthood function. The same is true when a woman is set apart to function as an officer or teacher in a Church organization under the direction of one who holds the keys of the priesthood. Whoever functions in an office or calling, received from one who holds priesthood keys, exercises priesthood authority in performing her or his assigned duties."

When I think back to how the Lord has filled in the gaps of example and access to a faithful priesthood holder in my life, I can only go forward with hope and faith that the same will happen in the eternities. To those that feel they do not have access to a faithful priesthood holder in their home or situation, or perhaps worry about the status of their family in the eternities based on faithfulness, I testify that the Lord knows our needs and will always fill in the gaps. We can trust and move forward in faithfulness relying alone on the merits of Him who is mighty to save.

To those who are called and chosen to serve (all of us!), let us be the ones to fill in the gaps. Let us lose our lives in the service of the Savior and magnify and respect our priesthood authority in whatever capacity we can, and truly find our best selves.

- Your Bishopric

## Happy Birthday!!!



### June 2015

- 2 Bob Schildmeyer
- 3 Amber Weight
- 4 Mary Bye  
Joyce Walkenhorst
- 6 Gina Messerly  
Kelly McCarthy
- 10 Kim Leshner  
Mason Miles
- 11 Kaleigh Glauser
- 12 Deanna Nielsen
- 14 Cameron Clegg
- 19 Jack Thompson
- 20 Darlene Curtis
- 23 Shelly Glauser  
Parker McLeskey
- 24 Kathryn Valentine
- 26 Ronald Baarz  
Chloe Glauser  
Neil Matthew Smith
- 27 Mary Ann Ebmeyer
- 28 Connie Baker  
Gary Johnson  
Vivienne Sullivan  
Jennifer Johnson  
Kyle Riches
- 29 Sophie Clegg  
Vanessa Pendleton

### July 2015

- 2 Jennifer Milne  
Sawyer Glauser
- 4 Hattie Ellis

## Relief Society

We sincerely love each and every one of you! We think you are amazing! You are kind and compassionate! You are strong and beautiful!! This past month you've had many opportunities to care for others and also made our service project a huge success amid your already busy schedules. We are truly amazed and grateful for all you do. There is so much good happening within our little circle of influence. We hope you feel blessed! Thank you!!

Love, The Relief Society Presidency

## Family History

If anyone would like help with Family History, I will be happy to come into your home and help you with your personal genealogy needs. I have recently taken a six-week class from the Riverton Family History Center and learned a lot about Family Tree, the current program the Church uses for its Family History program. If anyone would like to learn more about how to navigate that site and its capabilities, please call me (Gwen Brandt) at 435-770-3410. I would also be happy to help you start writing your personal history. I have pages of questions that will get you started and ideas on how to format it. I have written several histories and can give you examples of ways to proceed and options on formatting and bindings. If any of you would like to learn to index, I can teach you to do that as well. It is easy and very rewarding.

Please feel free to call me -- I would love to help you! If I don't have the answers, I will find someone who does.

## Upcoming Welfare Assignments

**Thursday, June 18th - Deseret Dairy**

784 West 700 South (Packaging)

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm - 5 people needed

**Wednesday, August 5th - Welfare Square Cannery**

730 West 800 South (Packaging)

11:30 am to 3:30 pm - 4 people needed

Please contact Mike Jones if you can help.

## Young Men

### Priests/ Teachers

Priests/ Teachers camp will be June 15 - 19. We will be going to the Ferron Reservoir Campground and to Manti.

### Deacons

The Deacon's have finished reading Dale Carnegie's "How to Win Friend and Influence People". You should see us smiling more often and asking you how you are doing... :)

We have begun the 60-day ward Book of Mormon challenge and will be working to complete the Cooking merit badge in June.

## Provident Living Ideas from the Stake Specialist

May and June's Provident Living focus is

### Marriage and Families

Go to **LDS.org**, click on **Families and Individuals**, and then click on **Home and Family**. There are a number of great brochures, articles, and videos to help you strengthen your family.

The stake blog also has some great ideas: **Plainandsimplesolutions.blogspot.com**  
Click on **Home**.

### Emergency Preparedness:

This month think about one thing that you can do to be prepared for a power outage. It wasn't long ago that we experienced a power outage. Were you prepared? What can you do to be better prepared for the next one?

## Missionary Addresses

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## 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.

## Young Women

June 3 - School's Out  
June 10 - Camp certifications  
June 17 - Camp t-shirts  
June 23-26 - Girl's Camp



## Cub Scouts

Remember that Cub Scout Day Camp is **June 22nd and 23rd**. Meet at the back parking lot of the church at 7:45 am each morning. Bring a backpack with a lunch, a filled water bottle, a jacket, and optional money for the trading post. We should be home between 3:00-3:30 pm. Wear Scout shirts, athletic-type shoes and sun screen. No pack meeting in June.

## Empty Nesters

FHE will be held June 8th at 7:00 pm. Mary Bye will be hosting. We are enjoying reading the "Autobiography of Parley P. Pratt." We welcome all Empty Nesters to join us on the second Monday of each month.

## News from the Stake

Our Stake is preparing for a Stake Book of Mormon musical in 2016. This will be an amazing production and will be performed in the Conference Center Theater. If you are interested in being a part of this production in any way, contact Bruce Sullivan at 801-834-5397.

## Primary

**Yearly Theme:** I Know My Savior Lives

**June Theme:** The Holy Ghost Testifies of the Truth of all Things

**June Scripture:** "By the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things" (Moroni 10:5)

We would like to congratulate Luke Weight on his baptism. We welcome him as our Ward's newest member of the Church, and are proud of him for his decision to be baptized. It is a blessing to have the Holy Ghost in our lives.

We are emphasizing the need to be reverent during church and especially in Primary. We learned that Reverence is the way we show our love to Heavenly Father. Parents, if you could please help us reinforce this we would appreciate it. We would like the children to know that it is a privilege to come to Primary and to be able to learn about Jesus Christ and the Gospel, and it is our responsibility to show respect for our teachers and leaders by being reverent.

The Church has started a "Give us a Hand" campaign this year by encouraging the children to serve others. We have challenged the children to do an act of service during the week and then when they come to primary they can write what they did on a handprint and put it on the wall. It is so awesome to see that our children are so willing to serve others and help out in so many ways. The Church is asking children to take a picture of themselves and send it to the Friend magazine with a handprint stating what they did as an act of service. We would love to get all of the primary children together and take a picture of them with our wall of hands in the background and then send it to the Friend magazine. In order to do this we will have to have the parents sign a permission slip stating that it is all right for us to take a picture of your child, and give permission to send it to the Church. We will have permission slips available in Primary or you can write one of your own and give it to a member of the Primary Presidency. We would like to thank you in advance for your help with this. It would be great to see if the Church will publish our picture in the Friend magazine.

Thanks,  
The Primary Presidency

## Choir

Sunday June 21st - Practice before  
Sacrament Meeting - 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.  
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" pg 72  
See you on the 21st!



### WE NEED MORE VOICES!

For Stake Conference on June 14th,  
Steve Reip will be directing a Stake Choir.

Practices will be on

Sunday, June 7, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, 13th, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 14, 8:45 - 9:30 a.m.

If you are interested in participating,  
please let Donna Strong know.

The future is in your hands.

The outcome is up to you.

You are responsible

for the choices that you make.

You have the ability to choose happiness,  
no matter what your circumstances are.

You are responsible for developing

the abilities and talents

that have been given to you.

You are accountable for what you do with  
those abilities and how you spend your time.

Each day is a day of decision,  
and our decisions determine our destiny.

Life is never what you thought it was going to  
be. Plans never work out exactly like you want  
them to. And if you dwell too long on the  
disappointments, they will crush you.

Better to go on, keep moving, don't think about  
them too much, don't dwell on them.

Enjoy what is good, and give the rest to God.

## Newsletter Submissions

Please submit your contributions for the

July newsletter no later than June 29th

to [dbmahler@velvetshadow.com](mailto:dbmahler@velvetshadow.com)

**All auxiliaries are encouraged  
to contribute to the newsletter each month.**

The bishopric has extended a  
**Book of Mormon reading challenge**  
to all Ward members.

See if you can completely read  
the Book of Mormon  
during the months of June and July.

