

Willow Canyon First Ward

November 2015 – Self-Reliance

While addressing the priesthood brethren at General Conference in October of 1998, President Gordon B. Hinckley counseled: “I wish to speak to you about temporal matters.

“Now, brethren, I want to make it very clear that I am not prophesying, that I am not predicting years of famine in the future. But I am suggesting that the time has come to get our houses in order.

“So many of our people are living on the very edge of their incomes. In fact, some are living on borrowings.

“We have witnessed in recent weeks wide and fearsome swings in the markets of the world. The economy is a fragile thing. A stumble in the economy in Jakarta or Moscow can immediately affect the entire world. It can eventually reach down to each of us as individuals. There is a portent of stormy weather ahead to which we had better give heed.

“I hope with all my heart that we shall never slip into a depression.”

President Hinckley then went on to talk about some of the things that gave him concern regarding the self-reliance of some members: huge consumer installment debt, high credit card balances, bankruptcy rates, and enticing advertisements.

Today, as we look back at the counsel given by President Hinckley that October evening, and events that have occurred in the intervening years, we easily recognize that his words of warning was more prophecy than concerned advice. President Hinckley’s counsel gave members of the Church ten years to make necessary changes and to put their “house” in order. For those who heeded his counsel, the financial sting of the Great Recession of 2008 was less and easier to handle. And while we’ve seen a modest recovery over the darkest days of the recession, President Hinckley’s warning is as pertinent today as it was seventeen years ago.

“We are carrying a message of self-reliance throughout the Church. Self-reliance cannot be obtained when there is serious debt hanging over a household. One has neither independence nor freedom from bondage when he is obligated to others.

“I urge you, brethren, to look to the condition of your finances. I urge you to be modest in your expenditures; discipline yourselves in your purchases to avoid debt to the extent possible. Pay off debt as quickly as you can, and free yourselves from bondage.

“This is a part of the temporal gospel in which we believe. May the Lord bless you, my beloved brethren, to set your houses in order. If you have paid your debts, if you have a reserve, even though it be small, then should storms howl about your head, you will have shelter for your wives and children and peace in your hearts. That’s all I have to say about it, but I wish to say it with all the emphasis of which I am capable.”

–Your Bishopric

Happy Birthday!!!



November 2015

- 2 Richard Haight
- 3 Sydney Eby
- 5 Debra Hawkins
John Mahler
- 7 Meg Henderson
- 9 Bonnie Ellis
- 11 Charles Schmitt
- 14 Karen Johnson
Isaac Miles
Elizabeth Rawlings
- 16 Morgan Miller
Annette Webster
- 19 Shannon Curtis
- 21 Michael Stevens
- 23 Cyndi Ann Grayson
Cole Lloyd
- 29 Brooklyn Glauser
- 30 Carol Buchmiller
Michele Cuburu
Jack Nydegger

December 2015

- 1 Joel Weight
- 4 Mackenzie Glauser
- 4 Matthew Miller
- 5 Rita Kelly
Allyn Thompson

Relief Society

We invite you to welcome the holidays at a Relief Society activity on the 14th from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Stake Center. You've probably seen the lists going around, but in case you missed them and want to sign up for a project you may call Shelly Glauser at 801-571-8600. She has several fun ideas at a minimal cost. Please feel free to bring your own project to work on and just come to socialize. Or you are welcome to just join us for a light lunch to be served at 11:30 a.m.

For those interested in finding a worthy cause to support for your Christmas charity donations, Susan Johnson is collecting for the Inner City Branch they work with. The funds will go to the necessities of life for the families in need. Money can be given to any member of the Presidency or to Susan herself.

Thank you for the prayers and support you extend to each other. We know you each carry your own private burdens. We love you. We pray for you.

Love,
Vivienne, Kaylin, Kelly, Gina

Upcoming Welfare Assignments

Thursday, November 5th - Deseret Dairy
from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

5 individuals needed to do packaging
Please contact Mike Jones if you can help.

Employment

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

Young Women

Wednesday, November 4

YW in Excellence 7 pm

Sunday, November 8

YW Sacrament meeting program

Thursday, November 12

Baptisms for the Dead at
the Draper Temple 7 pm YM/YW

Wednesday, November 18

YM/YW Combined activity

Wednesday, November 26

No activity due to the
Thanksgiving holiday

Wednesday, December 2

Babysitting service

Missionary Addresses

Sister Sarah Jones

(Texas Houston South Mission)

215 Mechanic Street, Apt L104

Galveston, TX 77550

Sarah's missionary blog address:

findingthepointe.blogspot.com

(remember to put a "e" on the end of
pointe like a ballet pointe shoe)

Hermana Samantha Josie Ellis

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apartado postal 249-2010

zapote

san jose, costa rica

Elder Jared Rigby

(Mississippi Jackson Mission)

1875 Burnham Road

Brandon, MS 39042

Young Men

Teachers/ Priests

November 4 - Service

November 10 - Stake Venture activity

November 12 - Baptisms for the Dead at
the Draper Temple 7 pm YM/YW

November 18 - YM/YW Combined
activity

November 26 - Turkey Bowl!

Huge thanks to Matt Pendleton for
helping the scouts with the Bird merit
badge. The boys loved the night-time
observation of barn owls at Farmington
Bay. They also now know the difference
between a crow and a raven.



Cub Scouts

Pack meeting Nov 18th at 6:30 p.m.
It is a week earlier than usual because
of Thanksgiving. Families welcome.

Empty Nesters

Family Home Evening will be held

November 9th at 7:00 pm.

Marilyn Crapo 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.

Choir

The Ward Choir sings on the third Sunday of every month.

Please come to our only practice on that day from 10:15 am to 10:50 am in the chapel. The performance will be on Sunday, November 15th.

Please come to the practice before church! We really need the support of every member!

Thank you for your willingness to share your voices with the Ward members, but most importantly you are sharing your testimony through music to our Savior.

Donna Strong
Ward Choir Director



Newsletter Submissions

Please submit your contributions for the November newsletter no later than November 30th to dbmahler@velvetshadow.com

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

Primary



Yearly Theme:
I Know
my Savior Lives.

November Theme:
When we serve others,
We serve God

November Scripture: "When ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God" (Mosiah 2:17)

We would like to thank Kelly Ellis for her service in the Primary and wish her well in her new calling. We would like to welcome Kim Leshner and Shannon Curtis to Primary and thank them for their willingness to serve.

Just a reminder to the children, since we are talking about service this month, you can perform small acts of service and then come to Primary and write what you did on a hand so we can fill up our wall with hands. We can be the Lord's hands by serving others.

Thanks,
The Primary Presidency