

Indian Ridge Ward

April 2016 – Tithing and Fast Offerings

Tithing and Fast Offerings. Quite often questions arise about these sacred funds. Here are some thoughts and I hope it answers some common questions.

1. Church funds are sacred and must be carefully accounted for and protected. These funds may be used only by authorized members for authorized Church purposes. Church leaders must protect against the embezzlement and any other misuse of Church funds. These funds may not be used for personal purposes or “borrowed.” Nor may Church funds be mixed with personal funds or deposited into the account of an individual.

2. Definition of Tithing.

The First Presidency has written: “The simplest statement we know of is the statement of the Lord himself, namely, that the members of the Church should pay ‘one-tenth of all their interest annually,’ which is understood to mean income. No one is justified in making any other statement than this.” (First Presidency letter, Mar. 19, 1970)

3. When and How to Pay Tithing.

Leaders encourage members to pay tithing as they receive their income. However, members who wish to pay annually may do so. Members give their tithing and a completed Tithing and Other Offerings form to the bishop or one of his counselors.

4. Use of Tithing Funds.

Bishops may not use tithing funds for any purpose. All tithing funds must be remitted to Church headquarters or the assigned administrative office (see D&C 120).

5. Tithing Settlement.

The bishop holds tithing settlement near the end of each year. In urgent cases when the bishop is absent, the stake president may authorize one of the bishop’s counselors to conduct tithing settlement. However, such a need would be rare. All members should attend tithing settlement to make sure their contribution records are correct and to declare to the bishop their status as tithe payers. If possible, all members of a family should attend tithing settlement.

6. Fast Offerings.

Church leaders encourage members to live the law of the fast. Typically this includes (1) fasting each fast Sunday for two consecutive meals and (2) giving a fast offering that is at least the equivalent value of the meals not eaten. Members are encouraged to be generous and give much more than the value of two meals if they are able.

7. Collecting Fast Offerings.

Where a ward is geographically concentrated and where safety conditions permit, the bishop may direct Aaronic Priesthood holders, especially Deacons, to contact member households each month to give members the opportunity to contribute fast offerings. Even if members do not contribute, priesthood holders should continue to give them the opportunity to do so. If distances or other circumstances make it necessary, the bishop may limit or eliminate fast-offering collections from homes.

Priesthood holders should go in pairs when gathering fast offerings. Melchizedek Priesthood holders may accompany Aaronic Priesthood holders if necessary. Members should not give other contributions, such as tithing, to those who collect fast offerings. Those who gather fast offerings deliver them promptly to a member of the bishopric. Some members may choose to contribute fast offerings by using the envelopes for tithing and other offerings and giving them directly to the bishopric.

I have a strong testimony of tithing. I am grateful to Heavenly Father for all he has blessed our ward with, and for every blessing that you have.

Love,
Your Bishopric

2016 Monthly Sacrament Themes

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

What a wonderful Conference we have had!! My heart has been touched by so many of the talks. I was especially overcome with love when I heard about the call for “encouraging Mormon women of all ages to assist refugees in their own communities.” I hope we will all go to the website iwasastranger.lds.org and become familiar with ways we can help and truly give charitable, Christ-like service. This will be a pivotal point in the world-wide sisterhood of the Relief Society, Young Women, and Primary when we join together to truly help others, one by one, feel the Savior’s love.

Our ward sisters already do so much to help others. I would like to thank all of you for your goodness and kindness and loving care that you so freely give. I’d like to thank again the “meeting” committee for the wonderful Birthday Party and Dinner. Thanks to Joyce Walkenhorst for all the crocheted dish clothes. Thanks to those who decorated and cooked and planned and cleaned up. It was such an enjoyable evening!

We also want to thank those that helped with the temple cleaning assignment.

We thank our teachers Kara, Janis, and Lori for their wonderful lessons each month, and also thanks to Annette and Kelly for handling the music every week. Thanks to Terri Williams for all she does for us. And also Nancy Williams and the VT coordinators, and to you all that visit teach and are visit taught.

We want to say a HUGE congratulations to Iffer Mitchell for her work on the amazing costumes for the new Saturday’s Warrior movie. It’s a great movie, and wait for the credits to see Iffer’s name in lights.

I also want to say thanks to my counselors and my secretary for all their hard work and inspiration and wisdom and insights.

But most of all, thanks to the Lord for giving me this opportunity to serve you, get to know you, love you and learn from you.

The sisters in this ward are AWESOME.

Love,
Vivienne

Employment

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

Newsletter Submissions

Please submit your contributions for the May newsletter no later than April 26th to dbmahler@velvetshadow.com
All auxiliaries are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter each month.

Primary

Yearly Theme:

I know the Scriptures are True

April Theme:

Jesus Christ is my Savior
and Redeemer

April Scripture:

"We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel." (Articles of Faith 1:3)



We would like to thank Sister Diane Clark for her service in the Primary as the pianist. Diane has served faithfully and has done a great job teaching the children. We would also like to thank Sister Nicole Miles for her service as a teacher. She will be moving on to Cub Scouts as a Den Leader and we know she will do a wonderful job there.

We would like to welcome Sister Manette Murri as our new pianist in the Primary. We have seen the wonderful job she does with the choir and are grateful to have her in Primary. We also welcome Sister Keila Kershaw to the Primary and are very excited to have her as a teacher. We want to thank all of our teachers for the great jobs they do in the Primary.

Just a reminder to the children: Don't forget to read your scriptures and bring your charts back to Primary so that you can put a page on the board.

The Primary Presidency

Young Women

Wednesday, April 13

Baptisms for the dead
Draper Temple - 6 p.m.
Meet at 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20

YW/YM Combined Activity

Wednesday, April 27

Personal Progress

Young Men

Deacons:

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Wednesday, April 20

YW/YM Combined Activity

Friday, April 22

Camping at Crystal Hot Springs.
We usually invite scouts ages
11 to 14 to these camp-outs.
Leave at 3:30 p.m. Back by noon.

Wednesday, April 27

Planning meeting for all current
Scouts and boys turning 12 this
summer. We will plan the next
five months of scouts, including
Scout Camp.

Teachers/Priests:

Welcome to our two newest Teachers -
Spencer Ellis and Dresden Curtis.

Don't forget we are working on
finishing our reading of The Book of
Mormon by the end of April.

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BBQ at the Bishop's home

Our Ward Missionaries

Elder Jared Rigby

(Mississippi Jackson Mission)
1875 Burnham Road
Brandon, MS 39042

Gary and Susan Johnson

Inner City Mission, Columbus Branch

Bob and Marie Thompson

Service Missionaries
at the Bishops' Storehouse

Robert and Andrea Marx

Guest Service Missionaries
at Temple Square

Bruce & Vivienne Sullivan

They will leave on May 17th for the
Helsinki Finland Temple Mission.

Coleman Lloyd

He will leave on June 22nd for the
Argentina Comodoro Rivadavia
Mission.



Cub Scouts

Pinewood Derby
on April 27th
at 6:30 p.m.
in the
Stake Center gym





P R E S S
FORWARD

A BOOK OF MORMON FAMILY MUSICAL

PRESENTED BY THE SANDY EAST STAKE
PERFORMED IN THE LDS CONFERENCE CENTER THEATER

APRIL 28,29,30 7:00 PM, AND MATINEE APRIL 30, 2:00 PM

TO RESERVE TICKETS, GO TO: WWW.LDS.ORG/EVENTS, OR CALL 801-570-0800



Choir



The choir is singing next on April 17th. We meet most Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Relief Society Room. More voices are always wanted, but we especially need sopranos and men.

April 10th- 9:45 a.m.
April 17th - 9:45 a.m.
April 24th - No Choir

Here is some information on the upcoming stake play:

"Press Forward: A Book of Mormon Family Musical."

An original full-length musical, based on the Book of Mormon, written for the Sandy East Stake, in Sandy, Utah. The musical follows the life of the prophets Lehi and Nephi, from Nephi's early teens to his senior years. The musical shows the prophetic calling of Lehi in Jerusalem; the 8-year wilderness journey of their family; Nephi's growth as a prophet in his own right; and the establishment of two unique civilizations in the New World.

The personal struggles, family dramas, triumphs and heartaches of the men and women of this family are also shown, giving strength to faithful souls in our time, seeking to "press forward" through our own unique challenges.

The musical will be performed on **April 28-30**, at the beautiful **LDS Conference Center Little Theater**, in Salt Lake City, Utah. We encourage you to mark your calendar, invite your friends, neighbors and family to come enjoy this musical. The show will begin at 7:00 p.m. nightly with a 3:00 p.m. matinee on Saturday the 30th.

Please contact your ward representative for further information:
Chris Mounter: chrismounteer@yahoo.com

Tickets will be available beginning Tuesday, March 22, at 10 a.m.

You can get them:

- 1) In person, at the Box Office of the Conference Center (Door 4)
- 2) By calling **801-570-0800**, M-F, 10-6 MST.

Tickets ordered over the phone will be sent to you by mail or email.

- 3) By ordering online at www.lds.org/events
(Online purchase costs \$1.50 more per ticket)

Please see www.lds.org/events for more information about tickets, seating options, and the production. Tickets are now on sale and we encourage stake members who want to see the show in April to purchase sooner rather than later.

Happy Birthday!!!



April 2016

- 1 Spencer Ellis
- Jim Hanson
- Isabelle Hauber
- David Jones
- 3 Dresden Curtis
- Doug Jensen
- 4 Vivienne Taylor
- 5 Taylee Johnson
- Jared Rigby
- 9 Brian Olsen
- 13 Tim Pickett
- 14 Bill Allen
- 15 Matthew Miles
- 16 Tamara Olsen
- 18 Logan Curtis
- Craig Maxwell
- Ronee Scott
- Jason Sullivan
- 22 David Glauser
- 23 Nina Hauber
- 24 Lance Eby
- Shelly Ylst
- 27 Sallie Schmitt
- Jana Tucker
- 28 Debra Bierman
- Eric Schmidt
- 29 Virginia Timmons
- Darren Pendleton

High Priests

Tuesday April 19th at 6:50 p.m. we have Ward Temple sealings. This is for the entire ward. Bring your own family names or help others with theirs.

Saturday, April 23rd from 6-8 p.m. will be an open house for the **High Priests**, their **wives** and all the **single sisters** in the ward.

Come eat refreshments, mingle and get to know one another better.

Kenneth & Kathy Plumb's home,
1603 Ridgemark Drive
385-226-4758

Empty Nesters

Empty Nesters will meet on April 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Manette Murri. We are still reading "The Autobiography of Parley P. Pratt".

All Empty Nesters are welcome, but give Manette a call so we have enough seats.

Please Update and Add Photos

Please put your email address, phone numbers, and photos if possible, 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, photos, and phone numbers (cell phones too).

It will help us get to know each other better, especially since so many of us are still trying to figure out just which names go with which people in our newly-combined Ward! Thank you!