

Indian Ridge Ward

January 2016 – The Atonement

Included below is a copy of a story that Elder Holland told in General Conference. I think it is a perfect story explaining the Atonement. One that your children would understand. Before the story I have a few practical tips for each of us to better enable the Atonement to help us, not only with sin – but also other emotional and physical scars that can draw us away from Christ. These are guaranteed to help and uplift you!

1. Read the Book of Mormon. Read it with your trial in mind.
2. Exercise. Some have physical restrictions in this area but do what you can. Try to walk daily.
3. Take your spouse on a date weekly or very close to weekly. If no spouse, get a friend or two and do something fun.
4. Follow your doctor's advice and do/take whatever he is asking of you.
5. Pray. And be grateful in your prayer. Do a 'thankful' only prayer.
6. Service. Help someone outside your family. All of us have been assigned as Visiting Teachers or Home Teachers. There are many who need a friend.
7. Communicate with your loved ones. Please say sorry. Please try to improve. Please don't hold a grudge. Try harder to be patient. Work on your love with your family.

Ok ... here we go with President Holland's story:

“Without safety ropes, harnesses, or climbing gear of any kind, two brothers – Jimmy, age 14, and John, age 19 (though those aren't their real names) – attempted to scale a sheer canyon wall in Snow Canyon State Park, in my native southern Utah. Near the top of their laborious climb, they discovered that a protruding ledge denied them their final few feet of ascent. They could not get over it, but neither could they now retreat from it. They were stranded. After careful maneuvering, John found enough footing to boost his younger brother to safety on top of the ledge. But there was no way to lift himself. The more he strained to find finger or foot leverage, the more his muscles began to cramp. Panic started to sweep over him, and he began to fear for his life.

Unable to hold on much longer, John decided his only option was to try to jump vertically in an effort to grab the top of the overhanging ledge. If successful, he might, by his considerable arm strength, pull himself to safety.

In his own words, he said:

“Prior to my jump I told Jimmy to go search for a tree branch strong enough to extend down to me, although I knew there was nothing of the kind on this rocky summit. It was only a desperate ruse. If my jump failed, the least I could do was make certain my little brother did not see me falling to my death.”

“Giving him enough time to be out of sight, I said my last prayer – that I wanted my family to know I loved them and that Jimmy could make it home safely on his own – then I leapt. There was enough adrenaline in my spring that the jump extended my arms above the ledge almost to my elbows. But as I slapped my hands down on the surface, I felt nothing but loose sand on flat stone. I can still remember the gritty sensation of hanging there with nothing to hold on to – no lip, no ridge, nothing to grab or grasp. I felt my fingers begin to recede slowly over the sandy surface. I knew my life was over.”

“But then suddenly, like a lightning strike in a summer storm, two hands shot out from somewhere above the edge of the cliff, grabbing my wrists with a strength and determination that belied their size. My faithful little brother had not gone looking for any fictitious tree branch. Guessing exactly what I was planning to do, he had never moved an inch. He had simply waited – silently, almost breathlessly – knowing full well I would be foolish enough to try to make that jump. When I did, he grabbed me, held me, and refused to let me fall. Those strong brotherly arms saved my life that day as I dangled helplessly above what would surely have been certain death.”

“My beloved brothers and sisters, today is Easter Sunday. Although we should always remember (we promise in our weekly sacramental prayers that we will), nevertheless this is the most sacred day of the year for special remembrance of brotherly hands and determined arms that reached into the abyss of death to save us from our fallings and our failings, from our sorrows and our sins. Against the background of this story reported by John and Jimmy’s family, I express my gratitude for the Atonement and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and acknowledge events in the divine plan of God that led up to and give meaning to ‘the love Jesus offers [us].’”

Love,
Your Bishopric

Happy Birthday!!!



January 2016

- 1 Warren Metcalf
- 4 Doris Mendenhall
- 7 Ella May Valentine
- 10 Natalie Neilson-Riep
- 12 Jared Evans
- Manette Murri
- Zander Olsen
- 14 Kendon Riep
- 15 Chyrrel Cook
- Dustin Kramer
- Brenda Rodgers
- 19 Danielle Ellis
- Lora Lee Holt
- 20 Keila Kershaw
- Warren Schmidt
- 21 Luke Hauber
- 22 Donna Strong
- 23 Tessa Ellis
- Kathy Locke
- 24 Chandler Glauser
- 25 Remy Kramer
- Rodney Ylst
- 26 Holly Miles
- 31 Mike Mitchell

February 2016

- 2 Samantha Ellis
- 3 Jay Nielsen
- 4 Darin Olsen
- Ryker Reynolds
- 5 Ruth Clegg
- 6 Ron Baker

Upcoming Welfare Assignments

Friday, February 19th - Sandy Bishops' Storehouse
(615 East 8400 South)
from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.
2 individuals needed

Tuesday, May 24th - Sandy Vegetable Farm
(9905 Poppy Lane - behind Sandy Institute bldg)
from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
12 individuals needed

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 Ron Baker at 801-572-0518 or Ron@xmission.com if you can help.



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- ~ Household
- ~ Edit

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

Primary

Yearly Theme:

I Know the Scriptures are True

January Theme:

The scriptures are at the word of God

January Scripture:

“Feast upon the words of Christ; for behold, the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do.”

(2 Nephi 32:3)

We would like to welcome Brother and Sister Robbins and also Brother and Sister Olsen to Primary. We are happy to have them and appreciate their willingness to serve. We also want to thank all of our teachers for their service and hard work.

With this years theme, “I know the scriptures are true”, we will be challenging the children to read their scriptures and will be handing out a scripture chart with stickers each month for them to keep track of when they read. They can read by themselves or with the family or with their friends. There is no better way to learn about Christ than from the scriptures.

The
Primary Presidency



I love to read
the Scriptures

Young Women

Wednesday, January 6

Favorite Things/planning activity

Wednesday, January 13

Personal Progress

Wednesday, January 20

Face to Face with Elder Rasband, Sister Oscarson (General YW Pres.), and Brother Owen (General YM Pres.) at 6 p.m.

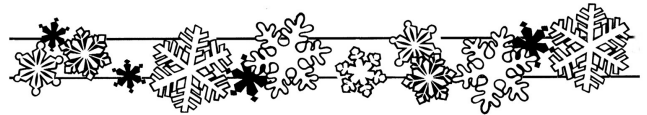
YM/YW planning/dinner

Wednesday, January 27

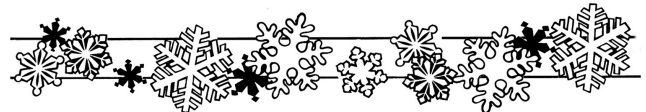
New Beginnings

Thursday, January 28

Stake Women's Conference.
Young women are invited.



Many thanks to Darrell Clegg for so kindly bringing his tractor and digging out so many of the ward members' driveways after the record snowstorm (and after subsequent ones too)!! Kudos also to every one of you who shoveled snow for one of your neighbors!!



The World is Mine

Today on a bus,
I saw a lovely girl with silken hair.
I envied her, she seemed so gay,
And I wished I was so fair.
When suddenly she rose to leave,
I saw her hobble down the isle.
O God, forgive me when I whine,
I have two legs, the world is mine.

And then I stopped to buy some sweets.
The lad who sold them had such charm.
I talked with him, he seemed so calm,
And if I were late, it would do no harm.
And as I left he said to me
"I thank you, you have been so kind.
It's nice to talk with folks like you.
You see, I'm blind."
O God forgive me when I whine,
I have two eyes, the world is mine.

Later walking down the street,
I saw a child with eyes of blue,
He stood and watched the others play;
It seemed he knew not what to do.
I stopped a moment, then I said,
"Why don't you join the others dear?"
He looked ahead without a word,
And then I knew he could not hear.
O God forgive me when I whine,
I have two ears, the world is mine.

With legs to take me where I'll go,
With eyes to see the sunset's glow,
With ears to hear what I would know,
O God forgive me when I whine,
I'm blessed, indeed, the world is mine!

~Joy Lovelet Crawford

Provident Living

Check out the Stake blog:
Plainandsimplesolutions.blogspot.com

Missionaries

Sister Sarah Jones
Welcome home!!

Hermana Samantha Josie Ellis
Welcome home!!

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
January 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Empty Nesters

Our small group of Empty Nesters, couples and singles, meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. for Family Home Evening. Currently we are reading from "The Autobiography of Parley P. Pratt." This month's meeting will be held January 11th at the home of Merrill and Ronée Scott (9681 Eastpoint Drive) at 7:00 pm. If you plan to attend or have questions, please call 801-571-4952, so we make sure that we have enough chairs.

Relief Society

Happy New Year! As we look back on 2015 we see many examples of goodness and kindness – examples of charity in big ways and also in smaller ways. We see faithful sisters enduring many hardships and yet overcoming challenges and serving others. We see obedience to inspired leaders, and growth and maturing in many ways. We've also seen heartache and sorrow and mourning. We love you sisters. You are ever in our prayers. May this coming year, 2016, be filled with those experiences that will boost your testimonies. May you have the courage to do the things you want to do. May you be filled with the knowledge that our Savior, Jesus Christ, loves you NO MATTER WHAT – that He wants you to be happy. May 2016 be the best year for you ever!

This is from our Stake Relief Society presidency:

Our Stake theme for 2016 is "What Would A Holy Woman Do?". The scripture that accompanies this statement is from D&C 46:33 "And ye must practice virtue and holiness before me continually." We have also chosen to include a quote by Elder Holland, "Believe in God and yourself. You are doing better than you think you are." What a wonderful theme to focus on! This statement applies to just about everything we do – temple covenants, scripture study, service and charity, etc. The scripture reminds us that we have to practice continually because none of us is perfect, and we are all a work in progress. Elder Holland's statement reminds us that if we have faith, we are trying, and are on the right path.

Here are some dates to be aware of as we begin the year:

January 23-24 – Stake Conference

January 28 – Women's Conference – Sister Elaine Dalton will be our keynote speaker. This is for sisters 12 and older.

We are so grateful for the gospel. We are happy to be a new ward. We thank you for your patience with us as we get to know you better. We love you all.

Vivienne, Kaylin, Kelly, and Gina



Jay and Deanna Nielsen, Deanna's mother Ruth, and sisters Judy and Marilyn Johnson, would like to thank everyone who took part in contributing to the funeral logistics at the Indian Ridge Ward for Karen Johnson. There was a lot of behind-the-scenes work involving shoveling the sidewalks, plowing the parking lot, cleaning the building, setting up and taking down of the luncheon, and preparation of food. Everyone commented on how nice everything was. Karen enjoyed being a member of the ward since July 2014. You were all so kind to her and she felt your love. She loved going to church. Thank you so much for making her day so beautiful.

Young Men



Teachers/ Priests

Thursday, January 7

Road Home Activity - Meet at Brother Glauser's home at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, January 13

YM activity - 7 p.m. at the church

Wednesday, January 20

YM/YW combined activity
6 p.m. at the church

Wednesday, January 27

YM activity - 7 p.m. at the church



Our new Teachers Quorum President is Alec Jones. Chandler Glauser is the First Counselor and Matthew Miles is the Second Counselor.

Also, welcome to Liam Ellis as our newest Teacher in the quorum!

During the Christmas break, the young men spent a long day building snowcaves and then sleeping in them overnight. The boys all worked very hard and all slept warm, 15 degrees outside, 35 degrees inside the snowcave, and 70 degrees inside their double sleeping bags.

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 February newsletter no later than January 25th to dbmahler@velvetshadow.com
All auxiliaries are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter each month.