

Indian Ridge Ward

June 2016 – Gifts of the Spirit are Awesome

From beginning to end, the Book of Mormon testifies of the gifts of the Spirit. It would be interesting to know the number of times the concept of gifts of the Spirit is portrayed in the Book of Mormon. A computer search of the word “spirit” shows it appears 234 times in the Book of Mormon, and 880 times in the Standard Works. Without doubt Heavenly Father wants church members to be informed about things of the Spirit.

Whenever a manifestation of the Spirit occurs it can be considered a gift from God. We’re taught that the gifts of the Spirit come through the Holy Ghost to men and women as they seek to follow Christ.

The following verses explain how the four sons of Mosiah were able to acquire the gifts of the Spirit:

“They had searched the scriptures diligently, that they might know the word of God. But this is not all; they had given themselves to much prayer, and fasting; therefore they had the spirit of prophecy, and the spirit of revelation, and when they taught, they taught with power and authority of God.” Alma 17:2-3

What did they do to acquire the gifts of the Spirit?

1. Searched the scriptures diligently
2. Much prayer and fasting

What gifts of the Spirit did they acquire?

1. Spirit of prophecy
2. Spirit of revelation
3. Taught with the power and authority of God

The four sons of Mosiah taught the gospel to the Lamanites. They had great success. Many thousands of the Lamanites joined the church and became stalwart examples to the Nephites.

It is important to understand, that even with the marvelous gifts of the Spirit they acquired, things didn't always go smoothly. Consider this exchange between Aaron and an Amalekite:

"Aaron entered into one of their synagogues to preach unto the people, and as he was speaking unto them, behold there arose an Amalekite and began to contend with him, saying: What is that thou hast testified? Hast thou seen an angel? Why do not angels appear unto us? Behold are not this people as good as thy people?

Thou also sayest, except we repent we shall perish. How knowest thou the thought and intent of our hearts? How knowest thou that we have cause to repent? How knowest thou that we are not a righteous people? Behold, we have built sanctuaries, and we do assemble ourselves together to worship God. We do believe that God will save all men." Alma 21:5-6

Aaron even related his conversion experience, explaining that an angel appeared to him and his brothers. The sons of Mosiah and Alma didn't hesitate to bear testimony of their conversion experience. It didn't always go over well, but they testified nonetheless. (Mosiah 27:32-35).

Aaron's experience teaches that obtaining the gifts of the Spirit doesn't guarantee success. The Amalekite was hard-hearted and rejected the Spirit of the Lord that accompanied Aaron's teachings.

There are other aspects of the gifts of the Spirit to consider:

Question: In the Indian Ridge Ward meetings how often do you observe or experience gifts of the Spirit? **A. Often B. Rarely C. Not Sure**

Question: Do you consistently search the scriptures diligently, and offer much prayer and fasting? **A. Yes B. No C. Not Concerned**

Our bodies need food to sustain health and well being. Likewise, our spirits need nourishment as well, otherwise we will suffer spiritual anemia.

The spirit is nurtured by eternal truths we learn at church and by searching the scriptures and much prayer and fasting, just like the four sons of Mosiah.

"For what doth it profit a man if a gift is bestowed upon him, and he receive not the gift?" D&C 88:33

Moroni could have closed the last chapter of the Book of Mormon focusing on any number of important gospel topics. He determined the most important topic he could pass on to the followers of Christ in our day was the gifts of the Spirit.

He cautions those in our day: *“deny not the gifts of God”*.

“If the day cometh that the power and gifts of God shall be done away among you, it shall be because of unbelief...I would exhort you that ye would come unto Christ, and lay hold upon every good gift.” Moroni 10:24, 30

We learn from the Nephite experience that church members seek God’s blessings in times of trouble and difficulty. But when things are going well, in prosperous times, they begin to dwindle in unbelief because of the easiness of the way.

Somewhere along the line, each church member needs to become grounded and rooted in the gospel. Gifts of the Spirit can bless our lives in manifold ways that will ground and root our testimonies, and we never will fall away.

The good news about acquiring the gifts of the Spirit is that we don’t have to be perfect or hold high office in the church.

Robert Millet, former Dean of BYU Religion Department wrote:

“Such gifts are of almost infinite worth. They bless our lives in myriad ways. Certain gifts come to us more naturally than others, perhaps because these gifts were developed in our first estate (McConkie, New Witness, 359). Nevertheless, they must be received and developed in this life as well, in order for them to prove a blessing to the Saints. Though we must strive to be worthy of such gifts, they come to us almost in spite of ourselves. Because the Lord desires to bless the people of the covenant, he works his mysterious wonders through fallible, mortal creatures.” The Miracle of Spiritual Rebirth by Robert L. Millet, p. 58

Church members attend fast and testimony meetings. Why? Because we testify of our experiences with the gifts of the Spirit. Our testimonies, answers to prayer, healings, support in our trials and afflictions, come to us through the Holy Ghost and are gifts of the Spirit.

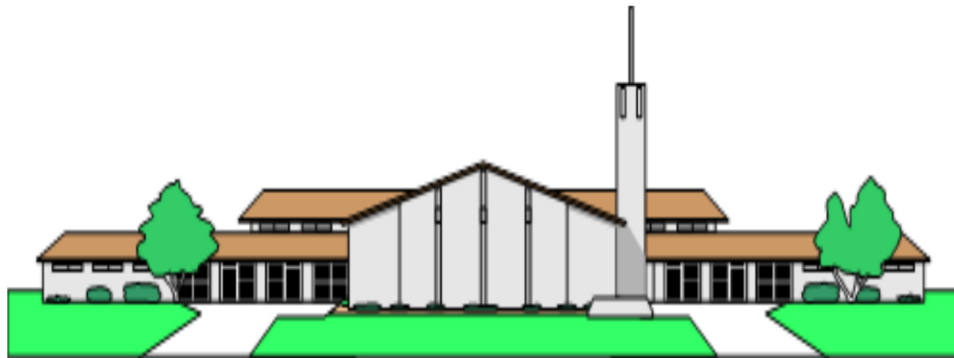
When the saints gather together to bear testimony, Brigham Young offered his thoughts on what he liked best:

“It is always peculiarly interesting to me to hear the Saints tell their experience. It is to me one of the best of sermons to hear men and women relate to each other how the Lord has wrought upon their understanding, and brought them into the path of truth, life, and salvation. I would rather hear men tell their own experience, and testify that Joseph was a Prophet of the Lord, and that the Book of Mormon, the Bible, and other revelations of God, are true; that they know it by the gift and power of God; that they have conversed with angels, have had the power of the Holy Ghost upon them giving them visions and revelations, than hear any other kind of preaching that ever saluted my ears.” Brigham Young, JD 1:90-91

Our lives can be rich in things of the Spirit if we will follow the example set by the sons of Mosiah. God bless us in our efforts to draw near to our Father in Heaven.

Love,
Your Bishopric

Sandy Utah East Stake Conference



Stake Temple Week June 5-11

Temple recommend holders are invited to participate in temple ordinances throughout the week at the Draper Temple.

Stake Priesthood Leadership Session

Sunday, June 12, 2016
7:00 am – 8:30 am

Invited: Stake Presidency, Stake Patriarch, High Council, Bishoprics, High Priests Group Leadership, Elders Quorum Presidencies, Ward Mission Leaders, Stake and Ward Young Men Presidencies and advisors, Stake and Ward Clerks, Stake and Ward Executive Secretaries,

1st General Session

Saturday, June 11, 2016
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Invited: all 18 and over

2nd General Session

Sunday, June 12, 2016
10:00 am - noon

Invited: everyone

Sandy Utah East Stake – 9636 South 1700 East – Sandy, Utah

Relief Society

We want to give everyone a huge "thank you" for all your service at the "Days for Girls" service project. There was much to do and we had many helping hands. We traced patterns, sewed strips of fabric together, put drawstrings in the bags, ironed fabric into sections, serged around a thousand strips of fabric then sewed their tailings down, cut fabric into strips to be sewn, to name just a few of the projects needed for the kits. This is truly a giving project that will bless the lives of many sweet girls in Africa. Thank you also for the many donations that will help this wonderful project continue on. For those who were unable to attend this year, we will continue helping with this project next Spring and hope you will make plans to join us then. Thank you also to the YW for your support that evening. Thank you Debbie Bierman and your wonderful committee: Kathy Plumb, Natalie Pickett, Kim Evans, and Shawna Zitzelsberger for the wonderful evening. We also want to welcome Tristy Mirci to the Enrichment Committee.

Thank you also for helping with the meal for Wesley Withers's family. Wesley lived at Alta Ridge. His family was so appreciative and thankful for the delicious meal. We have had many opportunities for service within our Ward Family and we appreciate your support and love.

Congratulations to Ryan and Allie Lloyd Terry on the birth of their sweet baby boy, Collin. And welcome to the ward. They are living in the apartment in the Sullivan's home.

Welcome Carroll Hamilton to our Ward Family also. Carroll is Bruce Sullivan's cousin who is living in the Sullivan's home, and also taking care of sidekick, Gertie, her aunt. We know they are keeping busy.

Welcome Jackie Johnson Cottrell who is staying with her mom, Jane, through July with her two cute little sons awaiting the arrival of their baby girl in the coming week. Welcome home.

Congratulations to Carrie Biggers-Burnett for her award from "The State of Utah Gala". She was presented a medallion in the category: Event Cakes and Confections. This is just one of several awards she has received. How awesome!

Congratulations to our graduating high school seniors: Jennifer Milne, Josh Ellis, and Coleman Lloyd. We wish you success with your future plans, and good luck. Cole will be leaving this month for his mission in Argentina.

Again thank you for all your support and service to each other. We have an awesome Ward Family.

Love, Kim, Kathi, Shelly, and Charlene

Young Men

Deacons:

Scout Camp will be held
Monday, July 11 to Thursday, July 14
at Palisades State Park near Manti.

Teachers/Priests:

Wednesday, June 8
Young Men Activity – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 15
Young Men Activity – 7 p.m.

Monday - Wednesday, June 20 - 22
Grand Teton High Adventure
Camp (Please have medical forms
to Brother Glauser by Sunday,
June 19)

Wednesday, June 29
Young Men Activity – 7 p.m.

Young Women

Wednesday, June 8
End of School Party at Georgann's

Monday - Friday, June 13 - 17
Girls' Camp!!!

Wednesday, June 22
Personal Progress

Wednesday, June 29
Zumba

Monday -Friday, July 25 - 29
Brighton Beehive Camp

Friday - Saturday, August 12 - 13
Youth Conference

Empty Nesters

Empty Nesters will meet
on June 13th at 7:00 p.m.
at the home of Annette Webster,
9466 South 1350 East.

We are still reading
"The Autobiography
of Parley P. Pratt".

All Empty Nesters are welcome,
but please give Annette a call at
801-572-2126 if you plan to come,
just so we have enough seats.

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 July newsletter
no later than June 27th
to dbmahler@velvetshadow.com

**Thank you to each person who takes the
time to contribute their information
for this newsletter every month!**

Family History



Need help finding ancestors
to take to the temple?

Want to get started on
Family History
but don't know where to start?

Visit our stake's
FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

Location: Buttercup Building
(1600 East Buttercup Drive),
NW entrance

Open:
Tuesdays 1-4 p.m.
Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
and 7-9 p.m.

Indian Ridge Ward
Family History Consultant
Chris Duffy 801-661-2140

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
Helsinki Finland Temple Mission.

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



Cub Scouts

No Cub Pack Meetings
until August.
Enjoy your summer!



Choir

Hello Summer!
The ward choir will not be
rehearsing during June.
We'll resume in July.

Primary

Yearly Theme:

I know the Scriptures are True

June Theme:

The first principles and ordinances of the Gospel make it possible for me to live with God again.



June Scripture: “We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.”
(Articles of Faith 1:4).

We will be having a Neighborhood African Festival for children 12 and under on June 7th from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. It will be at the ward house on 17th East. It will be a fun activity with drums and dancing and other activities. Bring your neighbors and any other friends you would like to bring. It will be loads of fun!

Parents, we would like to remind you of our theme in Primary this year which is “I know the scriptures are true”. We are sending monthly scripture charts home with the children to remind them to read their scriptures. They are to fill them out and then return them so that they can put their name on our scripture board. We would love to see all of the children read their scriptures, even if it just a couple of scriptures. If you could please help support them in this we would appreciate it.

Children, please remember to read your scriptures and fill out your charts and bring them back to primary for a treat, and then you can also put your name on the board. The Lord has given us the scriptures for our benefit and we can learn more about Him and the Savior by reading them.

The Primary Presidency

Happy Birthday!!!



June 2016

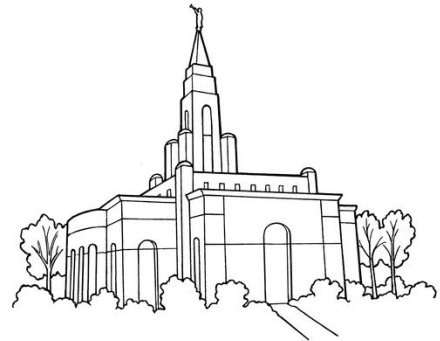
- 2 Bob Schildmeyer
- 3 Amber Weight
- 4 Mary Bye
 - Daphne Mounter
 - David Thorne
 - Joyce Walkenhorst
- 6 Kelly McCarthy
 - Gina Messerly
- 10 Kim Evans
 - Kim Leshar
 - Mason Miles
- 11 Kaleigh Glauser
 - Kessley Johnson
- 12 Dallas Fullmer
 - Deanna Nielsen
 - Shawna Zitzelsberger
- 14 Andrew West
- 15 Linda Packard
- 16 Elizabeth Fullmer
- 19 Aiden Potter
 - Jack Thompson
- 20 Darlene Curtis
- 21 Craig Roberts
- 23 Shelly Glauser
 - Parker McLeskey
- 25 Jane Ellen Solomon
- 26 Ronald Baarz
 - Chloe Glauser

- 26 Linda Hackett
 - Neil Smith
- 27 Mary Ann Ebmeyer
- 28 Connie Baker
 - Gary Johnson
 - Jennifer Johnson
 - Tanner Murphy
 - Vivienne Sullivan
- 29 Vanessa Pendleton
- 30 Laneta Perry

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- 2 Shauna Finley
 - Sawyer Glauser
 - Jennifer Milne

Ward Temple Sealings will be on Tuesday, June 21st at the Draper Temple 6:50 p.m. We only have two more opportunities to do sealings as a Ward this year. The Temple will be closed on Tuesday nights starting in August.



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Please put your email address, phone numbers, and photos if possible, in the Online Directory.

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~ Stake and Ward Directory

~ Household

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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!