

Indian Ridge Ward

March 2016 – “I Don’t Think I Believe in the Church Anymore”

President Heber C. Kimball, known for his gift of prophecy, urged church members to be prepared for a day such as we are living in now. He said:

"The time is coming when we will be mixed up in these now peaceful valleys to that extent that it will be difficult to tell the face of a Saint from the face of an enemy to the people of God. Then, brethren, look out for the great sieve, for there will be a great sifting time, and many will fall; for I say unto you there is a test, a TEST, a TEST coming, and who will be able to stand? . . . this Church has before it many close places through which it will have to pass before the work of God is crowned with victory. To meet the difficulties that are coming, it will be necessary for you to have a knowledge of the truth of this work for yourselves. The difficulties will be of such a character that the man or woman who does not possess this personal knowledge or witness will fall. If you have not got the testimony, live right and call upon the Lord, and cease not till you obtain it. If you do not you will not stand." Quoted from Elder Harold B. Lee, *Watch! Be Ye Therefore Ready*, General Conference address, Oct 1965.

Elder Kimball’s prophecy reminds Latter-day Saints of the necessity of having a deep, and living testimony of Jesus Christ calling Joseph Smith to restore the gospel before the Second Coming.

Not long ago, I read an account written by Blaine M. Yorgason in his book, *I Need Thee Every Hour*, p. 83-85. He was serving as a Bishop at the time and relates the following experience. It illustrates what can happen to any member of the church who is active in the church but not so active in the gospel, resulting in an anemic or failing testimony.

“A little over six months into my [calling as a Bishop], I visited one evening with one of the brethren in my ward who suffered from what turned out, unfortunately, to be a fairly common problem. He was a good man, very active and serving in a leadership position. A returned missionary, he had been married in the temple to an outstanding woman. They had some great kids, and to every appearance they had it ‘all together’ spiritually speaking. Yet he was obviously troubled as he sat down across from me, and it didn’t take long to discover why.

“‘I don’t think I believe in the Church anymore’, he said abruptly, ‘and I guess maybe I ought to be released.’

“This brother had the courage to confront his feelings and tell his Bishop how he really felt. I wonder how many, seemingly active, men and women in the church today harbor the same unspoken concern? The story continues: Bishop Yorgason listened as this brother told his story and soon realized the source of the problem.

“He unveiled a series of sad events and circumstances, mostly economic though also marital, that had occurred, he said bitterly, ‘even though I always paid a full tithing!’

“At length I began to ask him questions pertaining to such things as his personal and family prayer habits, his temple attendance, his feelings about Family Home Evening, and so forth. Neither did it take me long to recognize that he was one of that significant number of individuals (for a good portion of my adult life, myself included) who have relatively-firm testimonies of the truthfulness of the Church and the gospel, who serve willingly and have enjoyed the blessings of the temple, but who are not yet committed enough to focus on keeping all the commandments or giving their lives wholly to the Lord. When I pointed this out to him, however, and suggested that the source of his difficulties might be not only spiritual but related directly to his own behavior, he was not only upset but deeply hurt. ‘How can you say that?’ he demanded. ‘I have always been active in the Church, and so has my family!’ ‘Yes, you have,’ I responded, ‘if active means merely attending meetings, doing your home teaching, and serving in your calling.’

“‘What else could it mean?’

“Well according to what you have told me tonight, your personal prayers are dictated by your schedule, you never pray with your wife before you go to bed or when you arise, you never study the scriptures except during Church classes, you use your temple recommend two or three times a year but find the experience boring and tedious, and you stopped holding Family Home Evening at least two years ago because they always turned into family brawls. Now correct me if I am wrong, but I believe each of these things has been commanded, daily or at least regularly, by the Lord...

“‘So, you’re saying I’m not really active?’

“He was stunned by my question, and his belligerence had completely evaporated. He smiled a little sadly. ‘I guess the truth does hurt, doesn’t it.’”

This experience illustrates how anyone of us can get caught up in spiritual slothfulness, “because of the easiness of the way” that Alma warned his son about (Alma 37:46).

In order to have the companionship of the Spirit, the Lord has given his followers a “To Do list”. When we fail to follow the relatively easy to-do list, we leave ourselves open to the fiery darts of the adversary and the natural man. We then can become prey to a host of spiritual viruses that assault our Spiritual immune system and weaken us to the point where we find ourselves, though “active”, one day saying, “I don’t think I believe in the Church anymore.”

“If you have not got the testimony, live right and call upon the Lord, and cease not till you obtain it.”

Love,
Your Bishopric

2016 Monthly Sacrament Themes

January	Atonement, Keep Sabbath Day Holy
February	Marriage, Family, Love your Neighbor
March	Restoration of the Gospel, 3 Nephi, Alma, 2 Nephi 2 & 9
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

Happy Birthday!!!



March 2016

- 3 Peri Eby
- Erika Weight
- 5 Charee Haislip
- 6 Emmett Fullmer
- 7 Shauna Francom
- 8 Lucia Kershaw
- 9 Wade Mauer
- 12 Barbara Bybee
- 13 Eliza Rigby
- Sarah Terry
- 14 Susan Johnson
- 16 Charlene Farr
- 19 Taylor Eby
- 21 Kathie Hancock
- 22 Rebecca McLain
- Landon Mirci
- Kris Robbins
- Dallas Sturdivant
- 23 Kristy Jones
- Tristy Lyn Mirci
- 24 Arianah Cowgur
- Emma Hatton
- Kevin Pasker
- 25 Mary Visser
- 26 Eliana Riep
- Matt Smith
- 27 Elaine Shaw
- 28 Garry True
- 29 Susan Milne
- Barbara Pasker
- 30 Alan Taylor
- 31 Marcie Little

April 2016

- 1 Spencer Ellis
- Jim Hanson
- Isabelle Hauber
- David Jones

Upcoming Welfare Assignments

Our Ward 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.



Choir



Our Choir is working on Easter music. We meet first in the Relief Society Room and part way switch to the Chapel.

See you there!

March 6th~ 9:45 am

March 13th~ 9:45 am

March 20th~ No rehearsal due to the Provo Temple dedication.
March 27th~ Easter Sunday, 9:45 am

If you need a printout of your 2015 donations for tax purposes, please contact Jack Thompson (801-571-6833) or Michael Jones (801-580-7075) and we'll get one for you.

Also, let us know if you would like a Ward directory.



Funeral services for Jack Williams will be held Monday, March 7, 2016, at the Indian Ridge Ward, 9636 South 1700 East, Sandy, UT at 11:00 a.m. A viewing will be held at the church Sunday evening 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and before the funeral services 10:00 to 10:45 a.m..

Primary

Yearly Theme:
I know the Scriptures are True

March Theme:
Heavenly Father Speaks to us through His Prophets

March Scripture: "What I the Lord have spoken,
I have spoken,...whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the
same" (D&C 1: 38)



For children who are seven-years-old and turning eight this year,
and also their parents, please come to the:

Indian Ridge Ward Baptism Preview

Sunday March 13th - 6:30 PM
Primary Room at the Church

To follow along with our yearly theme, we are sending a scripture-reading chart home with the children so they can keep track of when they have read or listened to the scriptures. They can then color in each day when they have completed this, and then at the end of the month, if they have reached their goal, they can put a sticker on the page and bring it back to Primary. We will then let them add a scripture page, with their name on it to our giant scriptures on the wall. We hope this helps them to establish a habit of regular scripture study, and also helps them learn to love the stories our Heavenly Father wants us to know.

We would also like to thank Debbie Bierman for her service as Primary Chorister and all the hard work she put into it. She did a wonderful job teaching songs to the children. We would like to thank Jennifer Johnson for accepting the call as our new Chorister and are very happy to have her in Primary. She will bring lots of fun and energy to the songs we will be learning.

The Primary Presidency

Young Men

Wednesday, March 9

Young Men activity
7 p.m. at the church

Wednesday, March 16

YM/YW Combined activity
7 p.m. at the church

Wednesday, March 23

Young Men activity
7 p.m. at the church

Wednesday, March 30

Young Men activity
7 p.m. at the church

Congratulations to Coleman Lloyd on his mission call to the Argentina, Comodoro Rivadavia Mission! He leaves on June 22.

Young Women

Wednesday, March 9

Care Center
Meeting time and location TBD

Wednesday, March 16

YM/YW Combined activity
7 p.m. at the church

Wednesday, March 23

Young Men activity
7 p.m. at the church

Saturday, March 26

General Women's Conference
6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 30

TBD

Our Ward Missionaries

Elder Jared Rigby

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

Gary and Susan Johnson

(Inner City Mission, Columbus Branch)

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

Cub Scout Pack meeting is the fourth Wednesday, the 23rd of March.

Unfortunately, it does conflict with the Relief Society birthday celebration... :(

Please submit your contributions for the April newsletter by March 28th, or earlier, to dbmahler@velvetshadow.com

Employment

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

Relief Society

Thank you to all those who took the opportunity to feed the missionaries. It is not only an opportunity to serve, but a reminder for all of us to expand our own missionary efforts and invite our non-member or inactive friends and neighbors to these dinners.

Remember to **SAVE THE DATE** for our **Relief Society Birthday Celebration** on March 23rd. We have fun things in store and look forward to getting to know each other a little better and on a more personal level.

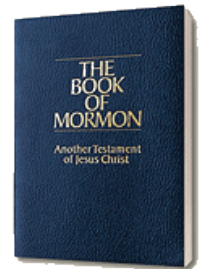
We are thankful to have Sister Yang Min in our ward and grateful to those that have taken the time to speak with her and get to know her as she becomes more familiar with the English language.

As we have celebrated the past month of Love, in 1 John 4:20-21 we read,
20 *"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"*
21 *"And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also."*

Love Vivienne, Kaylin, Kelly, Gina

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

This is 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. Shows will begin at 7:00 p.m. nightly with a 3:00 p.m. matinee on Saturday the 30th.

Please contact your ward representative, Chris Munteer, 1474 Winterwood Circle, phone: 602-295-7196, for further information.