

Indian Ridge Ward

October 2016 – The Priesthood

Part of our theme this month is the Priesthood. Here are some excerpts from a talk by Elder Oaks regarding doctrine that perhaps isn't emphasized enough:

In an address to the Relief Society, President Joseph Fielding Smith, then President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, said this: "While the sisters have not been given the Priesthood, it has not been conferred upon them, that does not mean that the Lord has not given unto them authority. A person may have authority given to him, or a sister to her, to do certain things in the Church that are binding and absolutely necessary for our salvation, such as the work that our sisters do in the House of the Lord. They have authority given unto them to do some great and wonderful things, sacred unto the Lord, and binding just as thoroughly as are the blessings that are given by the men who hold the Priesthood."

In that notable address, President Smith said again and again that women have been given authority. To the women he said, "You can speak with authority, because the Lord has placed authority upon you." He also said that the Relief Society "[has] been given power and authority to do a great many things. The work which they do is done by divine authority." And, of course, the Church work done by women or men, whether in the temple or in the wards or branches, is done under the direction of those who hold priesthood keys. Thus, speaking of the Relief Society, President Smith explained, "[The Lord] has given to them this great organization where they have authority to serve under the directions of the bishops of the wards, looking after the interest of our people both spiritually and temporally." Thus, it is truly said that Relief Society is not just a class for women but something they belong to, a divinely established appendage to the priesthood.

We are not accustomed to speaking of women having the authority of the priesthood in their Church callings, but what other authority can it be? When a woman—young or old—is set apart to preach the gospel as a full-time missionary, she is given priesthood authority to perform a priesthood function. The same is true when a woman is set apart to function as an officer or teacher in a Church organization under the direction of one who holds the keys of the priesthood. Whoever functions in an office or calling received from one who holds priesthood keys exercises priesthood authority in performing her or his assigned duties.

The greatest power God has given to His sons cannot be exercised without the companionship of one of His daughters, because only to His daughters has God given the power "to be a creator of bodies, so that God's design and the Great Plan

might meet fruition." Those are the words of President J. Reuben Clark. He continued: "This is the place of our wives and of our mothers in the Eternal Plan. They are not bearers of the Priesthood; they are not charged with carrying out the duties and functions of the Priesthood; nor are they laden with its responsibilities; they are builders and organizers under its power, and partakers of its blessings, possessing the complement of the Priesthood powers and possessing a function as divinely called, as eternally important in its place as the Priesthood itself."

In those inspired words, President Clark was speaking of the family. As stated in the Family Proclamation, the father presides in the family and he and the mother have separate responsibilities, but they are "obligated to help one another as equal partners."

Some years before the Family Proclamation, President Spencer W. Kimball gave this inspired explanation: "When we speak of marriage as a partnership, let us speak of marriage as a full partnership. We do not want our LDS women to be silent partners or limited partners in that eternal assignment! Please be a contributing and full partner." In the eyes of God, whether in the Church or in the family, women and men are equal, with different responsibilities.

I close with some truths about the blessings of the priesthood. Unlike priesthood keys and priesthood ordinations, the blessings of the priesthood are available to women and to men on the same terms. The gift of the Holy Ghost and the blessings of the temple are familiar illustrations of this truth. In his insightful talk at BYU Education Week last summer, Elder M. Russell Ballard gave these teachings: "Our Church doctrine places women equal to and yet different from men. God does not regard either gender as better or more important than the other. When men and women go to the temple, they are both endowed with the same power, which is priesthood power. Access to the power and the blessings of the priesthood is available to all of God's children."

I testify of the power and blessings of the priesthood of God, available for His sons and daughters alike. I testify of the authority of the priesthood, which functions throughout all of the offices and activities of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I testify of the divinely-directed function of the keys of the priesthood, held and exercised in their fulness by our prophet and president, Thomas S. Monson. Finally and most important, I testify of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whose priesthood this is, and whose servants we are, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

The Bishopric

Relief Society

How thankful we are for this past weekend's General Conference messages. How blessed we are to hear from our leaders and our dear Prophet, President Monson as they teach us and bless us and give us courage, strength and spiritual guidance.

We want to welcome Alan, Kathleen and Reggie Harris to our ward family. They live on Indian Ridge Circle. We look forward to getting to know you better.

Upcoming dates to save:

October 6: Favorite Recipes Fall Social - 7:00 p.m.

We will meet in the Primary Room.

October 18: Stake Relief Society Gathering - 7:00 p.m.,

this will be in the Chapel. Please wear Sunday best.

November 12: Super Saturday - 9:00-noon. Lunch provided.

Watch for the different classes that will be available and sign ups

December 2: Ward Christmas Dinner

December 10: Relief Society Waffle Breakfast at Rosboro Building.

A special treat for you!

Thank you for your support attending the Visiting Teaching interviews and for your willingness to make necessary changes. President Monson has said, "We are surrounded by those in need of our attention, our encouragement, our support, our comfort, our kindness. We are the Lord's hands here upon the earth, with the mandate to serve and to lift His children. He is dependent upon each of us."

In the month of November it is our blessing to have Relief Society with our dear ones at Alta Ridge. We will have sign ups for the upcoming month this Sunday. A "heads up" for any pianists who can help us on Wed, Nov 30th. This is the fifth Wednesday and since it is after Thanksgiving, we would love to have a Christmas sing-along to help kick off the holiday season. The residents love to sing and love music. It really brightens their day and lifts their spirits as they hear and recognize these beloved tunes. What better way to start our holiday off than by music and our dear friends at the Care Center?

We thank you for all your love and service. We love you!

Love, Kim, Kathi, Shelly, and Charlene

Primary

Yearly Theme:

I know the Scriptures are True

October Theme:

Prayer is Reverent Communication
between God and Me



October Scripture: “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him” (James 1:5)

Our primary program this year will be on November 13th. We should be handing out the parts soon, and as always you can help your children with the songs by making sure that they know the words. Some of the songs we will be singing are:

1. “If I Listen With My Heart”
2. “I Will Follow God’s Plan”
3. “Stand For The Right”
4. “Praise To The Man”
5. “I Love To See The Temple”
6. “The Lord Gave Me A Temple”



The Primary Presidency



Choir



Practice resumes on October 16th at 9:45 a.m. in the Relief Society Room.
We're practicing for Christmas!

Young Women

Wednesday, October 12
Personal Progress, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19
Face to Face with Studio C, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26
YM/YW Progressive Dinner

Thursday, October 27
Volleyball, 7 p.m.

Young Men

Teachers/Priests:

Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15
Overnight Camping Trip

Wednesday, October 19
Young Men Activity – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26
YM/YW Progressive Dinner

Tuesday, November 1 or

Wednesday, November 2
Stake Venture Activity.

“Friends of Scouting” is going throughout the month of October. Donations can be given to David Glauser.

Happy Birthday!!!



October 2016

1 Mike Killpack
2 Sandy Gao
3 Oriana Reyes
4 Brodee Crump
10 Dennis Duffy
11 Stephen
Horstmanshoff
14 Lars Johnson
15 Elva Hofeling
17 Josh Alfaro
Marvon Holdaway
18 Leroy Lee
J J Rigby
Bruce Sullivan

19 Caleb Banks
Doug Milne
Elinor Williams
20 Xander
Zitzelsberger
21 Scott Anderson
22 Jennifer Anderson
Brent Parsons
25 Ole Anderson
26 Sherri True
27 Larry Casey
Donna Petersen
28 Darlene Visser
29 Georgann Lloyd
30 Shauna Evans
Ashley Thompson
31 Nelson Leshner

November 2016

1 Brooke Edmonds
2 Richard Haight
3 Sydney Eby
5 Debra Hawkins
John Mahler



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.

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SullivansinFinland.blogspot.com

Bob and Marie Thompson
Service Missionaries
at the Bishops' Storehouse

Joshua Ellis
Leaves December 7th for the
Dominican Republic
Santo Domingo West Mission

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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!

Cub Scouts



Pack Meeting is on Wednesday the 26th at 6:30 pm. It will be a carnival and Halloween costumes are welcome (no weapons or masks). Siblings and families are also welcome to come!

Empty Nesters

Empty Nesters will meet on Monday, October 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Marilyn Crapo, 9530 South 1335 East.

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

All Empty Nesters are welcome, but please give Marilyn a call at 801-571-2114 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 November newsletter no later than October 27th to dbmahler@velvetshadow.com

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