

Indian Ridge Ward

August 2017 – Repentance

In his letter to John Wentworth, the Prophet Joseph Smith penned for the first time the fundamental and characteristic doctrines of the Gospel as taught by the Church. Published in the March 1st, 1842 edition of the “Times and Seasons,” these doctrines have become known as the Articles of Faith of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In the 4th Article of Faith, the Prophet decreed that “. . . the first principles . . . of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; . . .”

Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is fundamental to the Gospel. The Prophet Joseph Smith taught that faith is a principle of power that motivates our day-to-day activities. It is faith that gives each of us confidence to act. And when acted upon, faith grows; line upon line, precept upon precept. Our faith needs to continue to grow until it is sufficient unto salvation.

Faith in Jesus Christ naturally leads to repentance. We came to earth to grow and progress. However, except for Christ, everyone who has lived upon the earth has sinned. Therefore, we all have a need to repent. In First John, we read, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” (1 John 1:8). Sometimes we sin because of our weaknesses, and sometimes because of willful disobedience. “Repentance is a result of contrition of soul, which springs from a deep sense of humility and this in turn is dependent upon the exercise of an abiding faith in God. Repentance, therefore properly ranks as the second principle of the Gospel, closely associated with and immediately following faith.” (Articles of Faith, Talmage, page 109)

Repentance is the way provided for us to become free from our sins and receive forgiveness for them. Sin slows our spiritual progression and can even stop it. Repentance makes it possible for us to grow and develop spiritually again. Repentance is made possible through the atonement of Jesus Christ.

The first step of repentance is to admit to ourselves that we have sinned. If we do not admit this, we cannot repent. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9) In addition to recognizing our sins, we must feel sincere sorrow for what we have done wrong, forsake our sins, confess them to the Lord (and for those that might

affect our standing in the Church, to the proper priesthood authority), and, as much as possible, make right any wrong we have done.

In addition, if we hope to obtain forgiveness, we must forgive those who may have sinned against us. Repentance is not complete if our hearts are not fully cleansed of all hatred, bitterness, and bad feelings against other people.

“Wherefore, I say unto you, that ye ought to forgive one another; for he that forgiveth not his brother of his trespasses standeth condemned before the Lord; for there remaineth in him the greater sin.” (D&C 64:9)

Finally, a crucial step in the repentance process is to show confidence in Christ’s atoning sacrifice. This means that we must do our best to keep the commandments of God. “For I the Lord cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance; Nevertheless, he that repents and does the commandments of the Lord shall be forgiven.” (D&C 1: 31-32) We are not fully repentant if we do not pay tithes or keep the Sabbath day holy or obey the Word of Wisdom. If we do not pray and are unkind to others, we are surely not repentant. When we have truly repented, our life changes.

Repentance is essential to our salvation. God has promised forgiveness unto those who truly repent. It is unto such that the advantages of individual salvation, through the atonement of Christ, are extended. “Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.” (Isaiah 55: 6-7).

All our love,
The Bishopric

Cub Scouts

For information about
the August Pack
Meeting, contact
Brother Paul Wightman
at pwightma@comcast.net



Choir

We are doing
an impromptu choir
in August
and September



Relief Society

Summer is quickly slipping by and soon the school bells will ring. We wish a wonderful school year to all the students in our ward family, with many learning opportunities and with safety and care in all that they do.

Congratulations to Kathleen and Alan Harris on the birth of their son, Jude. As most of you know, baby Jude is fighting each day for survival with his very early delivery. He is a real fighter and our constant prayers are with the Harris family as well as with baby Maggie and the Fullmer family. How precious new these babies are! Please continue to pray for these sweet babies.

Thank you to Kristy Jones for being our chorister in Relief Society. We really appreciate your service. Kristy has been called to serve in the Primary. We welcome Sallie Schmitt as our new chorister.

Lessons for August:

August 6 - Presidency Message - Kathi Roberts

August 13 - Chapter 15: The Holy Priesthood - Kara McLeskey

August 20 - Chapter 16: The Power of the Book of Mormon - Janis Kershaw

August 27 - "Perfect Love Casteth Out Fear" - Lori Hanson

Conference talk by President Uchtdorf

Please save Saturday, August 12 for our Summer Breakfast at Alta Canyon Pavilion at 9:00 a.m. Watch for food sign-ups Sunday, August 6. Come and enjoy a yummy breakfast with friends and neighbors. Please use the flyers at the end of this newsletter to invite a couple of your neighbors to the breakfast.

We send our love to all. We appreciate all you do with your willing hearts and hands to serve. Many are quiet deeds of love, and burdens are lightened.

Thank you! You are amazing.

Love from Kim, Kathi, Shelly, and Charlene

Young Men

Teachers/Priests

Tuesday, August 8

Young Men Activity

Tuesday, August 15

YM/YW Combined Activity
Dinner and Talent Show
at the Bishop's home.

Thursday, August 24

Baptisms at Draper Temple 7 p.m.

Sunday, August 27

Post Stake Trek Fireside for those
who went on Trek or for those who
want to hear about it
7 p.m. at the Stake Center

Tuesday, August 29

Young Men Activity

The ward history website

<http://www.indianridgewardhistory.com>

can now be accessed.

Much of the information found

on it will likely predate

many current ward members,

but you might still find it interesting.

More information will be added

as it becomes available.

Any additional photos or corrected

information will be welcomed.

(send any info to dbmahler@gmail.com)

Young Women

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Service Project

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Cooking Lesson

We would like to thank Nina Hauber for her service as a counselor in the Young Women's Presidency. We will miss her but wish her well in her new calling. We would like to welcome Analisa Edmonds as her replacement. She was the camp director but will now be a counselor in the Young Women's.

High Priests

Our Ward Temple Sealings time is the second Friday of each month at 7 p.m. This month it will be on August 11th. Call Garry True for additional information at 801-572-0171.

Primary

Yearly Theme: Choose the Right

August Theme: I choose to fill my life with things that invite the spirit.

August Scripture: "If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report, or praiseworthy we seek after these things." (Articles of Faith 13)



Our Primary Sacrament Meeting program will be held on September 24th. Last Sunday we gave CDs to the oldest child in each family that have all the songs on it for the program. If you did not get one, we will be passing them out again this Sunday. Please help your child listen to these songs frequently so he will know them well by program time.

We would like to thank Sallie Schmitt for her dedicated service in the Primary. We want to welcome Kristy Jones as a new Primary teacher.

The Primary Presidency



Happy Birthday!



August 2017

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| 2 Sara Hansen | 15 Cary Archibald | 25 Teri Rousseau |
| 3 Greg Miles | 16 Caroline Hobson | 26 Lori Hanson |
| Maria North | 17 Nicole Miles | Pricilla Trask |
| 5 Gayle Hansen | 18 Marie Rawlings | 27 Tom Hook |
| 6 Ellynore Banks | 21 Keven Eby | 29 Justin Hatton |
| Al Walkenhorst | Phillip Heiner | Gertrude Tiede |
| 7 Penelope Munteer | Amanda Rich | 31 Brayden Ellis |
| 8 Rex Cook | 22 Aimee Allen | Nancy Parsons |
| 9 Darrell Clegg | James Christensen | |
| John Strong | Jocelyn Hauber | |
| 10 Karissa Hatton | Christian McLeskey | |
| Crystal Weight | Florence Nunley | |
| 12 Mike Christensen | 25 Richard Hackett | |

September 2017

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| 2 Bryan Benson |
| Maxwell Wilson |
| 3 Jordan North |



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Adult Decades Party and Dance

**Saturday, October 7th
7- 9 p.m.**

It's a Sandy East Stake
"Celebration"
and we want to party
like it's "1999."

It's time to get "Footloose"
and "Play That Funky Music"
down "At The Hop"

You can dance
the Mashed Potato,
Mosh or "Whip It."

Just be sure to bring your date
because you know
"Girls Just Wanna Have Fun."



Our Ward Missionaries

Elder David Coleman Lloyd

Argentina Comodoro Rivadavia Mission
Av. Fray Luis Beltran 75
Comodoro Rivadavia
Chubut, 9000
Argentina

Gary and Susan Johnson

Inner City Mission, Columbus Branch

Robert and Andrea Marx

Guest Service Missionaries
at Temple Square

Bruce and Vivienne Sullivan

Helsinki Finland Temple Mission
Leppäsillantie 3,
FI-02620 Espoo, Finland
Check out their missionary blog at:
SullivansinFinland.blogspot.com

Bob and Marie Thompson

Service Missionaries
at the Bishops' Storehouse

Joshua Ellis

Dominican Republic
Santo Domingo West Mission

Ward Missionaries:

Robert and Carrie Burnett
Jim and Myrna Christensen
Richard and Linda Hackett
Ryan and Allison Terry