

# Indian Ridge Ward

December 2017 – The Atonement

As we are now full swing into the holiday season, a scripture comes to mind out of the Old Testament in Isaiah, “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6) Who is this child that we were given? It is of course our Savior, Jesus Christ. Over 2,000 years ago, our eldest brother came to earth in the humblest of circumstances in the city of Bethlehem as we read in Luke 2:6-7, “And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that [Mary] should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.” Now, fast forward 2,000 years, and this question arises, do we have room for the Savior in our inn? In other words, have we let Him into our lives?

One way that we are able to allow Jesus Christ into our lives is through His atonement. “Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness; and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is his grace sufficient for you, that by his grace ye may be perfect in Christ.” (Moroni 10:32) Through the atonement of Jesus Christ we are able to work towards perfection. He came to earth because He loves us. He knows each one of us personally. Our Savior wants us to come unto Him. The atonement is for everyone, but as we allow room for Jesus Christ in our lives, the atonement becomes very personal. King Benjamin taught us in The Book Mormon, “And lo, he shall suffer temptations, and pain of body, hunger, thirst, and fatigue, even more than man can suffer, except it be unto death.” (Mosiah 3:7) Not only does the atonement allow us to repent, but it is also available for us to turn to Him in times of sorrow, struggles, pain, sickness, or in other times of trial. Jesus Christ has suffered it all, He knows what each of us is going through individually.

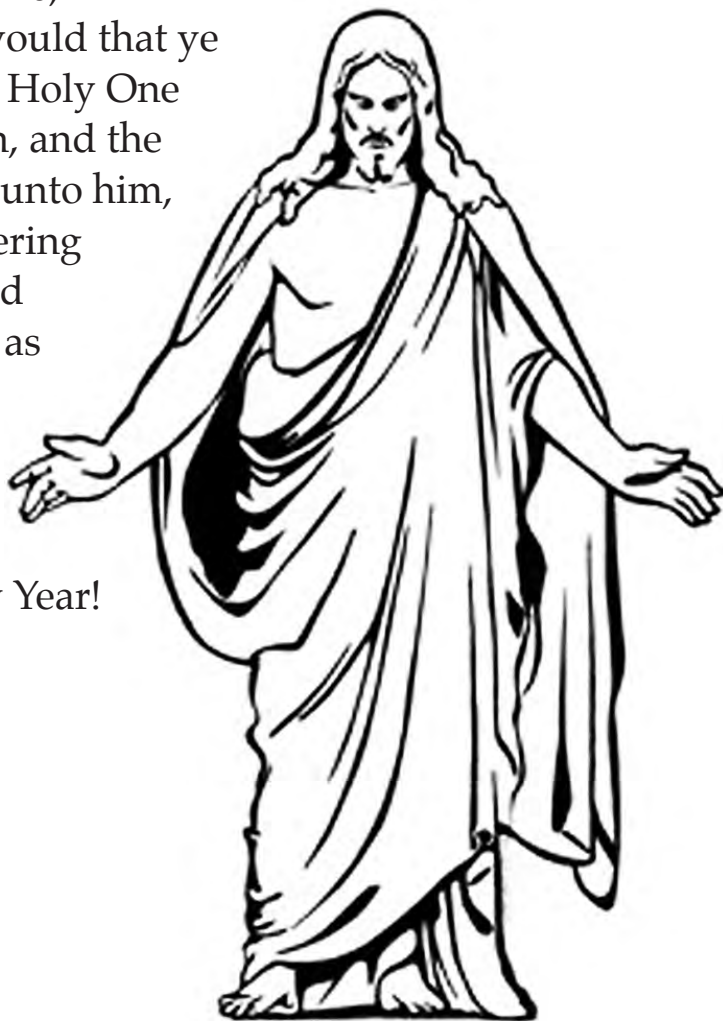
In Alma 7:11-12 we are also taught, "And he shall go forth, suffering pains and afflictions and temptations of every kind; and this that the word might be fulfilled which saith he will take upon him the pains and the sicknesses of his people. And he will take upon him death, that he may loose the bands of death which bind his people; and he will take upon him their infirmities, that his bowels may be filled with mercy, according to the flesh, that he may know according to the flesh how to succor his people according to their infirmities."

As the Christmas season is here, let each one of us make room for the Savior in our lives. All He asks of us is to turn to Him in prayer and use the atonement. The atonement is one of the greatest gifts that our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ have given to us. Use the atonement as you strive to be more like Christ every day. Jesus Christ lives. He loves us. The atonement is real. As Amaleki taught in Omni 1:26,

"And now, my beloved brethren, I would that ye should come unto Christ, who is the Holy One of Israel, and partake of his salvation, and the power of his redemption. Yea, come unto him, and offer your whole souls as an offering unto him, and continue in fasting and praying, and endure to the end; and as the Lord liveth ye will be saved."

We love each one of you.  
May each of you have a wonderful  
Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

Love,  
The Indian Ridge Ward Bishopric



# Relief Society

What a special time of year as we celebrate the birth and life of our Savior, Jesus Christ. How wonderful also to continue #LightTheWorld. Through this video we are once again encouraged to share the example of Christ's service and now put His teachings into action each day leading to Christmas. We encourage all to "Celebrate the Savior" this Christmas season with us.

We want to welcome Lynn Jensen as our new teacher in Relief Society. We look forward to her lessons and sweet spirit as she teaches.

We want to thank our Relief Society Committee for our successful Christmas service project for our dear friends at Alta Ridge. How lovely their homes will look with these beautiful pinecone swags hanging at each of their doors.

Looking ahead in January, our ward will have the opportunity to provide the Sunday meetings and Relief Society for the month. We will have sign-ups going around to volunteer for those Wednesdays. Please remember, the residents love to see and have the children come. That really puts a smile on their faces and hearts.

## **December Lessons:**

**December 3** - Chapter 24: The Atonement of Jesus Christ - Vast in Its Reach,  
Intimate in Its Effort - Lynn Jensen

**December 10** - Chapter 25: Move Forward with Faith - Janis Kershaw

**December 17** - Review Stake 2017 Goals, Ward 2017 Mission Goals - Lori Hanson  
Also an overview on the "New Direction" for Relief Society Sunday Meetings  
and Visiting Teaching.

**December 24** - Sacrament Meeting only

**December 31** - Combined Relief Society and Priesthood - Mormons and the Gays,  
with the Miller Family

We know this is a very busy time of year so we encourage you to make your visits early in the month and then report to your VT supervisor.

We love you all dearly and appreciate all your many hours of service and love. May the Lord continue to bless you and your families through this wondrous Christmas season.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Love from Kim, Kathi, Shelly, and Charlene

## Young Men

“The way for a young man to rise is to improve himself in every way he can, never suspecting that anybody wishes to hinder him.” - Abraham Lincoln

**Tuesday, December 5**  
Quarterly Planning Party

**Tuesday, December 12**  
Top Golf!

**Tuesday, December 19**  
YW/YM Combined Activity  
(Christmas baskets)

**Tuesday, December 26**  
No activity - Merry Christmas

Our Young Men are valiant, steadfast brethren in the priesthood!



## Young Women

**Tuesday, December 5**  
Personal Progress

**Tuesday, December 12**  
Missionary Care Packages

**Tuesday, December 19**  
YW/YM Combined Activity  
(Christmas baskets)

**Tuesday, December 26**  
No activity - enjoy time with  
your family

We would like to express our thanks to Crystal Weight and Georgann Lloyd for their service in the Young Women's Presidency. We appreciate all they did and will miss them greatly. We would like to welcome Shawna Zitzelsberger and Donna Strong and Analisa Edmonds to the Presidency and appreciate their willingness to serve.

## Choir

The choir will be rehearsing each Sunday at 12:30 p.m.  
in the Burnett's home on Ridgemark.

If you have a desire to sing with us you're invited to join us  
whenever you're able to do so.

This is a guilt-free choir, so come when you can and rejoice  
in the hymns of the Lord.



# Primary

**Yearly Theme:** Choose the Right

**December Theme:**

Jesus Christ is the Son of God

**December Scripture:**

“Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God.  
I am the life and the light of the world”

Each Christmas, we celebrate the life of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. By following his teachings we let his light shine in our lives and the lives of others.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has put out a wonderful program to help bring our focus to the Savior. It is called “Light the World”. For 25 days you can read a scripture about the Savior and have your little ones help think of ways they can serve others, just as the Savior did! You can find a copy in the Friend or Online at [Mormon.org](http://Mormon.org)

We’d like to thank Donna Strong for her service in the Primary.

The Primary Presidency



## Our Ward Missionaries

### **Elder David Coleman Lloyd**

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

### **Lane and Diane Clark**

Guest Service Missionaries  
at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building

### **Gary and Susan Johnson**

Inner City Mission, Columbus Branch

### **Robert and Andrea Marx**

Guest Service Missionaries  
at Temple Square

### **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

## Happy Birthday!



### **December 2017**

- 1 Joel Weight  
Barbara Wightman
- 2 Luc West
- 4 Mackenzie Glauser  
Matthew Miller
- 5 Jeanene Clayton  
Richard Cruser  
Rita Kelly  
Allyn Thompson
- 8 Steven Peterson  
Larry Curtis
- 10 Amanda Messerly  
Hannah North
- 11 Scarlett North  
Marie West
- 13 Dale Hanson
- 16 Alan Harris
- 18 Dorothy Mahler
- 19 Logan McLeskey
- 20 Sue Johnson
- 22 Marlene Baarz
- 23 Amber Williams
- 24 Liam Ellis
- 26 Lynn Jensen
- 27 Kenie Hughes
- 29 Nick Taylor  
Kurt Young
- 30 Joseph Olsen  
Scott Williams
- 31 Bob Thompson

### **January 2018**

- 1 Clare Zitzelsberger

Dear Brothers & Sisters, Friends & Neighbors,

We hope this holiday season finds you well and full of the Spirit for whom we celebrate it.

As many of you know the LDS Church has started a yearly holiday tradition known as "Light the World". It is a fantastic opportunity to immerse yourself and your family in the holiday spirit. If you are not familiar with this tradition please go to the link below to learn what its all about.

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As a stake presidency we encourage you and your families to participate in "Light the World" and see how it will draw the Savior's Light into your life during this special time of year. We would be interested to get your feedback on how "Light the World" made a difference in your Christmas celebration this year.

We have established an email account for this purpose. Your feedback may be a blessing for many as we look to the coming year in anticipation of how we will draw closer to the Savior, personally and collectively.

Please send your experiences in response to this email ([sandyutaheaststake@gmail.com](mailto:sandyutaheaststake@gmail.com)).

Please know that if you choose to share your thoughts at this email address it may be used publicly at a later date.

**Merry Christmas!**

Sandy Utah East Stake Presidency